

# International Police Association

by Paddy Donnelly

## *Pistol Club Ireland*



Patrick Donnelly shooting the Sig P226 X5 (you can see the empty shell being discharged)

Recently some serving and retired Gardaí got together to look into the possibility of forming a Pistol Club. After making some enquiries and receiving very positive feedback it was decided to set up a National Pistol Club under the auspices of the International Police Association Ireland Section.

The aims of the Pistol Club are to provide organised events for members of the IPA (Ireland Section) who are pistol and revolver enthusiasts and to promote and encourage interaction with like minded enthusiasts from other IPA sections around the world.

Invaluable assistance and encouragement was provided by our National Hobbies Secretary, Noel Geary. The National Executive Committee endorsed the club as a National IPA Club within this Section. It was formally launched as the International Police Association Pistol Club Ireland (IPA PCI) at the National Executive meeting on the 4th June 2008.

Recently the Pistol Club decided to organise a shooting event; in

true I.P.A. tradition to encourage friendships it was agreed to look into the feasibility of having one in another I.P.A. Regions. After some enquiries we located the "Lough Bó Gun Club", which is located twenty miles east of Sligo City and just off the N4.

Four members of the Pistol Club travelled to Lough Bó Gun Club. There we were made welcome by the owner, Gerry Conlon. Gerry gave us a guided tour of his very substantial shooting grounds and after completing our registration and safety induction we were given access to one the shooting ranges. A number of different shooting practices were carried out during the day and light refreshments were provided by Lough Bó Gun Club.

On Tuesday the 9th June 2008 the Pistol Club hosted a one day "Range Safety Event" in Region 7. This comprised of a powerpoint presentation (delivered by a qualified "Range Officer"), followed by practical demonstration and a shooting event.

Our next outing is due to take place in August/September 2008 (exact date and location to be announced on the IPA website). Members of the Club are invited to attend a half-day "Emergency First-Aid" course (delivered by a qualified First-aid Instructor). Each successful participant shall receive a certificate valid for one year. After the "Emergency First Aid" Course a shooting event shall take place.

Membership to the IPA PCI costs €50. Cheques should be crossed and made payable to the IPA Pistol Club. Cheques should then be forwarded together with a completed application form to Patrick Donnelly, 98 Ard Easmuinn, Dundalk, Co. Louth. Application forms are available on the IPA website, [www.ipaireland.com](http://www.ipaireland.com) or from the Secretary, Patrick Donnelly.

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