



VALE – Jim Staader
IPSC Australia & NROI Life Member



It is with much sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Jim Staader, another of our long-time members, genuine, hardworking and giving people that has made our sport so much better for their involvement.

Jim passed away in Sydney with his family by his side on Thursday and while he had fought illness for a long time now, I am still shocked to hear he has left us. Jim's determination and strength seemed limitless and so worthy of praise.

Jim joined IPSC in 2002 and was immediately taken by IPSC, he was passionate about from the start, Jim wasn't one to just chase the competition (although he did exceptionally well in many levels of competition and across a number of disciplines) but he also got involved in helping the sport itself. Jim's efforts in working matches as a Range Official were recognised early on and he continued to put as much effort into this aspect as he did with his shooting.

Even when Jim was diagnosed, he continued to work as hard for his sport as he ever did. He championed health awareness and urged all to get regular checks and it is his advocacy that has no doubt helped others to a better health outcome.

He was never one to let his challenges get in the way of his passion for his love of his family and sport, it was great to see that Jim like a number in our sport was able to share his love for IPSC with his family and enjoyed his son shooting with him.

Jim's tireless efforts in the sports administration as NROI Section Rep for NSW for over 15 years and being an instrumental member of the IPSC NSW management team, running RO training courses in NSW and working any match he could, saw Jim nominated and ultimately awarded Life Membership. This was announced to huge support at his home Nationals in Blacktown in 2019. It was fitting tribute for his dedication and hard work for our sport and Jim did think he would slow down a bit from there.

Yes, his health did curtail how much he was able to do however it didn't curb his enthusiasm nor dent his determination to continue. Jim had, for example, intended to Officiate at this year's Nationals in Darwin and we would have been proud to see him here again in any capacity.

To say that we are poorer for our loss of such a dedicated person, loyal friend and hardworking administrator and official for IPSC just doesn't seem to cover our loss. I believe that Jim was an inspiration to so many and very sure that he will be sorely missed by all that had the privilege of knowing and sharing IPSC with him.

While we mourn our loss and we certainly poorer for losing such a great friend and member, I cannot hope to express the sense of loss that Jim's family is feeling and, at this extremely difficult time and on behalf of IPSC Australia, I pass on our sincere condolences and our thoughts to Barbara, Jeffrey, Elizabeth and family.

Rest in Peace Jim

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