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Dear Members,

It has been a great weekend of Petanque in Camberwell – VIC during the National Double Championships 2012.

Camberwell Petanque club has set up a new bench mark in the organisation of a National event. The army of voluntaries was very impressive from the Kitchen staff, bar staff, piste maintenance staff rubbish collection and their magnificent clubhouse, and it was very pleasant and enjoyable for all participants.

Camberwell have shown to all participants "how to do it" as a club they provided and answered all PFA request:

- Computer and printers with a good operator**
- Scoring staff manning the scoring table during all weekend**
- Maintenance staff for the piste, preparing pistes as requested by PFA**

tournament director.

- Sound system**
- Correctly marked pistes of the right size and dimensions (15X4) metres.**

Tournament format and general organisation:

There was a slight issue with the number of rounds advertised for Saturday qualification, 5 rounds were played for both category and based on the number of entries it was a correct number of rounds.

Pistes:

Pistes were lay in February and haven't had the time to fully settle, the rain during the night didn't help further and the pistes were "slow and soft" slowing down the game and not allowing for quick scoring in the game.

My recommendation to the Camberwell petanque club is to arrange to have different type of playing surfaces as we need more challenging surfaces for our best players. Harder base running faster and more difficult to play on is a must, Pistes settling trough the winter might answer part of this recommendation.

Draw and Format:

The OK software used by PFA and Camberwell for the national double championships was excellent with no issues or disputes during the weekend.

John Paul Ernst from the Camberwell Petanque club did a tremendous job preparing coloured score card, pistes lay out (map) and had all competitions running correctly during all weekend, john was assisted by Graham Knight another Camberwell member. Thanks to both of them as they made my job a lot easier.

The attribution of pistes for each game by the control table made the event fair for all participants as they all have to play on different pistes during all weekend.

Elaine Chanloup (St Kilda club) and Renee Ober did a great job at the scoring table, thank you to both.

I strongly recommend that all large clubs should purchase the software for running your club or state tournaments, the program can run anything from 16 entries (individuals or teams) in any format Poule, groups, knock out and round robin tournaments. (Contact me if you like to purchase a program, PFA discount applies).

Playing format:

Format used for our Triple and Double this year is I believe the correct one for the number of participants.

- Qualification games on the first day played as Time games to 13 points 1 hour + 2 ends and a final end in case of both team on equal score represent 1 hour 30 minutes per round. (World championships uses 1 hour and 15") representing 2 hours per round.

- I believe that we should play in our National Championships as close to the FIPJP rules as possible, so that our players when representing Australia overseas are not surprised by the system used.

- Second day Poule system is giving our players extra playing games, knock out phase at this stage of last 8 would be too drastic and with the numbers of entries it is a fair way of playing through to the finals.

Umpires:

- Ray Beaumont (National director of Umpiring) and Danny Green (State Umpire VIC) had a busy weekend and on behalf of all participants and PFA Board thanks them for their great contribution and presence for the 2 days.

Players:

- It seems that the clarity of the organisation and playing format has taken away issues and that players are now concentrating on playing with a full understanding of the format and organisation of the event.

- Congratulations for your behaviour on the weekend and thank you for your participation.

Coaches and Coaching:

- 3 teams had coaches for the weekend.

I like to commend Warren Sowter dedication as our National administrative director of Coaching for his presence during the weekend. Warren took the opportunity to see and assess our registered squad players, approaches new ones inviting them to join the Train on squad.

Warren Sowter does it on a voluntary base and I must say thank you Warren on behalf of all our petanque members and PFA Board for your great contribution to our sport.

PFA Board:

- Thank you for our board members (Marcel Philogene, Jean Paul Boudan, Robert Boudan and Sylvio Jolicoeur') present during the weekend for their availability to speak to our members and for organising "Trophies, Medals and cash prizes).

Next:

- PFA will advertise soon for Expression of interest for our National Competitions and I believe for all of you present at Camberwell – (VIC) on the weekend you know that the bar has been placed quite high and I like to encourage you in your clubs to think about it.

- It has to be a team effort and requires the commitment and participation of a large number of members.

On a personal note I have enjoyed the weekend always nice to catch up with interstate players and friends, please encourage your members to participate in PFA National events (National Licence).

For our Over 60 players we will have new tournaments and formats to be announced for the coming season as we want you to enjoy a great weekend of petanque amongst your fellow competitors.

Kind regards,

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