

# PFA – April 2010 Newsletter

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## 1. EDITORIAL

To those members who have concerns about the graphics in my emails, please be patient, I am setting up a new email account to reduce the said graphics.

I hope this newsletter reaches you minus graphics. Please take the time to read the message contained in this Newsletter as we, at PFA, are very much interested in a two way dialogue with all of you. Your comments and participation in this Forum will help us improve our relationship with you, the members. Effective communication is the key.

## 2. NEWSLETTER

**You will note that I have listed the contents of this letter in an Index at the start of the Newsletter. I hope this helps.**

**HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A YEAR'S FREE PLAYERS LICENSE. PFA IS SEEKING YOUR HELP WITH THE Following**

1. Naming our Newsletter
2. Finding someone to produce a quarterly NEWSLETTER. The person we are seeking would ideally possess good computer skills, a good command of written English and, importantly, has the time available to be able to commit to the task.

Please send details and suggestions and interested parties to me by May 17. A panel of judges will make the final decision.

## 3. INTERSTATE CHALLENGE 2010 AND ONWARDS

This is a gentle reminder to the request in PFA's Newsletter sent to you in January this year, excerpt of which is below;  
**"INTERSTATE CHALLENGE 2010.**

**If we get the right to host the Asian Championships, we will require to change the dates of the ISC 2010. Some players have suggested that these championships should be held in cooler months. PFA wish to leave this decision open and requires for your input on the following;**

- (a) Expressions of Interest from Leagues and Clubs to host the 2010 Interstate Challenge.**
- (b) These suggestions should also include suggestion for a date/month for holding the ISC.**
- (c) Please forward your expressions of interest to the PFA Secretary by the end of February"**

We are now middle of April, so far no expressions of interest have been forthcoming. Please talk to your members, the Clubs in your State and let us know your thoughts by the 17 May 2010. This would allow PFA to give ample time for the winning bid to prepare for this important Tournament.

The following are suggestions of the topics you should address in your bid

- Expressions of interest from Leagues and/or Clubs ( the latter should send their bid through their Leagues) or maybe a joint venture by a group of Clubs.
- Date for holding the venue should be late September, early October 2010
- Criteria,( flexible) the Board will be happy to discuss the criteria with prospective hosts.

PFA would be sympathetic to a proposal that the winning bid would get the right to host the ISC for 3 years running.

## 4. AUSTRALIAN TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

for more details of this Championships go to [www.petanque.federationaustralia.com](http://www.petanque.federationaustralia.com), official website of the Federation.

## 5. AUSTRALIAN TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011 AND ONWARDS

You would be aware that it has been customary that this traditional Easter Festival is awarded to States on a rotational basis.

However, the Board is sympathetic to an idea put forward by one of our members at the last AGM (Azzuri Club), that the event should be awarded to the best bidder for a 3 to 5 years successive period.

The obvious reasons in support of this initiative would be

1. The cost associated to host such an event would be spread over a longer time period
2. This arrangement may be seen more attractive for prospective sponsors
3. Will facilitate travel planning for prospective participants

PFA believes that the above agreement will make it more attractive to prospective hosts, consequently, PFA is anxious to hear from Leagues and/or Clubs about putting their bids for the hosting of our highest ranked Championship. Once PFA receives expressions of interest, we will make available the criteria to hold the Championships..PFA would be happy to hear your thoughts on the matter.

Please send your expressions of interest to the Secretary by end MAY 2010.

The PFA Board will discuss aspects of each bid with bidders as we get them.

## **6. PETANQUE FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010**

We are pleased to announce that the AGM was held in a very friendly atmosphere.

The minutes of that AGM will be available , together with the President's report on the web site soon.

In summary, the following people have been re-appointed to the PFA Board for a period of 2 years;

President	Sylvio Jolicoeur
Secretary	Marcel Philogene
Vice President	Jean Paul Boudan
Director	Mathieu Boudan

The Board of Management wish to thank the members for its re-appointment. The members of the Board are grateful to be given this extra time to action our plan for the future of Petanque in this country. Our 5 year plan is being finalised and will be populated to all members by the end of June 2010.

We are also looking for prospective candidates to fill 2 more vacancies on the Board or anyone else who would be interested to be part of sub-committees. rest assured that your expressions of interest will be kept private.

### **STP Press.**

**The PFA Board wish to advise that Mathieu Boudan has resigned as PFA Director, effective immediately. We thank Mathieu for his help and wish him the very best for the future .**

**The Board has appointed two new Directors to its rank, namely Mike Huggett and Grant Threadgate.**

**Responsibilities for the new Directors will be decided at the next Board Meeting.**

**I have also attached answers to a query raised at the AGM by the member from Boules Artistes**

## **7. World Men's Championships 2010**

As you would be aware, the winning team of Gerard Berton, Kevin Wright and Pierrot Lubin will be representing Australia at the Men's World Championship of Petanque in Taipei from 30 September to 3 October.October this year.

The PFA Board, after some talks with the team, have agreed to appoint Jean- Francois Veysierre as their Coach. Jean-Francois has accepted to coach the team and will be paying his own way to Taiwan. One question remains, is that to select a fourth player to complete the team.

The Board would like expressions of interest from suitably qualified players to fill that important team member role. Jean-Francois has indicated that the fourth player is indeed part of the team, and as such, will be playing an important role in the coach's strategy.

**I have attached a form for the candidate to fill in, it's like a CV of their experiences and past record of achievement in the field of the sport.**

The fourth player will be selected after consultation with the Coach and the other members of the team.

**World Championships Umpire.** .The PFA Board wish to congratulate Andre Deramond for his appointment as one of the 3 Umpires to officiate at the Championships in Taipei.Andre, as you know, is a PFA accredited umpire in addition to being an FIPJP In ternational Umpire.

Lastly, Sylvio Jolicoeur, President PFA, has been appointed to be our Delegate to the congress to be held at the same time as the World Championships.

## **8. Oceans 2010**

PFA has just received details of the Oceans Championships .

This Championships will be held in Noumea from 31 August. to 4 September. In addition, we are told that the first 3 place getters will qualify for the 2012 Men,s World Championhsips

More on these Championships in my next Newsletter.

## **9. License issues**

The PFA Secretary will be contacting Clubs next month with details of the new License fees structure.

## **10. Trans Tasman 2010**

Our Australian teams to the Trans Tasman are currently busily preparing their trip to Auckland early May ( 8/9 May ).We are keen to bring back this trophy back with us on their return.

**On behalf of the whole petanque community in Australia, the PFA Board wishes our players every success in their noble venture.**

**More in May, Au Revoir**