



## **PETANQUE FEDERATION AUSTRALIA –May/June NEWSLETTER**

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### **1. EDITORIAL**

We had one expression of interest from one of our members to edit our future Newsletters. PFA wish to thank this member for the offer to help.

We hope that the first new format Newsletter will be published in September. From that date on, PFA expects to publish a Newsletter every three months.

Memorandum to Clubs will be sent on a regular “need to know” basis

Our web site is being reviewed regularly with the view to improve its informative value. We will bring to the attention of all players national tournaments organized all over Australia. Organisers of such tournaments should contact the Secretary should they wish to have their tournaments advertised.

We take this opportunity to thank all these people who have taken the time to provide comments on the contents of the Web site and their opinions on how to improve it. We take all your comments very seriously.

## **2. NEWSLETTER**

The last calls for (1) naming our Newsletter and (2) finding an editor for our future Newsletters were overall, reasonably successful

- (1) Here are some names that have been suggested- Boulette, Boulesletter, News Down under and a few more.,
- (2) One offer to edit a new look PFA Newsletter

Unfortunately, suggestions for a name were only received from 2 Directors, although these suggestions are welcome, the persons who have made these suggestions will not be eligible to receive a 1 year free membership for the above reasons.

**But it's not too late for you;** you still can win 1 year free membership by sending your suggestions asap to the PFA Secretary.

Should you wish to support one of the above suggested names, please let us know.

## **3. CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO JUNE 2011**

The Board of PFA has agreed to support the following Tournaments for the period ending June 2011.

- (a) Oceania Championships
- (c) World Championships ( 2010)
- (c) Interstate Challenge 2010
- (d) Asian Championships 2010
- (e) Australian Triples Championships, Easter 2011
- (h) Trans Tasman, May 2011
- (i) Pan Pacific 2011

### **3 (a) OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Oceania Championships will be held late August and early September 2010 as previously advised.

The request for nominations from suitable players ( through their Leagues) has resulted in many nominations. PFA will be appointing a Selection Panel consisting of Coaches and officials of PFA with the view to selecting our Australian contingent to these championships. The teams of 6 Men and 6 women will be announced next week

PFA is also interested to hear from people who would like to avail themselves a holiday to beautiful New Caledonia at the same time as the Oceania Championships is being held.

If there is enough interest , we could obtain a group discount on the air fares and accommodation in Noumea. Please let us know asap if you are interested.

These Championships will be held in Noumea from 31 August. to 4 September.

As previously advised, the qualifications to the 2012 World Championships will be based on the result of the Oceania Championships. We have been told that the first 3 eligible place getters will qualify for the 2012 Men,s World Championships

### **3 (b) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010**

You would be aware that Taipei has withdrawn from hosting the 2010 Petanque World Championships. So far, PFA has not received an official announcement from FIPJP as to where these championships are to be re-scheduled.

The President FIPJP, Mr. Azema, has told the petanque publication "Boulisme", that Turkey is one of the countries which could host these championships, however, no official confirmation so far.

To make the issue more confusing, I read on the following site

<http://laovoices.com/2010/06/02/petanque-world-championship-to-be-hosted-in-vientiane-end-this-year/> that the World Championships will be held in Vientiane following the Asian Cup. Again, no official confirmation so far.

All I can say to our players, hang in there!! Keep training!! FIPJP should eventually let us know of the venue.

Until PFA knows the venue, a final Australian selection is up in the air.

**STP PRESS:** PFA has now received confirmation that the next World Championships will be held in Izmir?? In Turkey in October 2010. more on this soon.

### **3 (c) INTERSTATE CHALLENGE 2010**

The decision on the venue of the 2010 Interstate Challenge should be finalized by early next week. So far Clubs who have expressed their interest in hosting these championships have been given the required criteria . Their response will decide on who gets what.

### **3 (d) ASIAN Championships- 2010**

The 2010 Asian Cup will be held in Vientiane Laos on 6-8 December 2010.

The winners of the Ladies Australian Triples Championships in Perth have indicated that they would be available to represent Australia at these Championships.

In addition, should there be no World Championships this year, our men's champions of the Australian Triples Championships have also indicated that they would be available to represent Australia at these championships.

However, going on last year's championships, we understand that Australia would be eligible to present 2 teams in each category i.e men and women at the Asians Championships.

**In view of this, Leagues should be seeking expressions of interest from suitable players and coaches who wish to attend these championships.**

**As usual, the expressions of interest should be sent to PFA Secretary . The final selection of the team rests with PFA.**

### **3 (e) . AUSTRALIAN TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011 AND ONWARDS**

**Extract from last Newsletter** "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."

**However, due to the absence of a League in Victoria ,the PFA Board has decided at its last meeting that the successful bidding host for the Easter Championships ( and the Interstate Challenge) will only be granted for only one year.**

**A review of that decision will be made after talks with Clubs in Victoria**

### **3 (f) Trans Tasman 2011**

It will be Australia's turn to host the Trans Tasman series in 2011.

The month proposed will be probably May 2011.

PFA is requesting expressions of interest from Leagues/ Clubs to host this popular championships. **Your EOI should reach PFA by the end of August 2010.**

Basic criteria for hosting these Championships is a minimum of 25/30 pistes .

The full criteria to host this event may be obtained by contacting the PFA Secretary.

PFA is currently communicating with New Zealand with the view to include a Junior Tournament to be run concurrently with the Trans Tasman..

### **3 (g) PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS -2011.**

PFA has listed these championships as one of the International competitions it would support in 2011.

More information on these championships when they come to hand.

#### **4. PETANQUE FEDERATION AUSTRALIA- APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTORS.**

We are pleased to announce that Grant Threadgate and Mike Huggett have been appointed as new PFA Directors.

Grant has now taken the portfolio of Treasurer. Mike will be assisting the Secretary with administration and other duties...

In summary, the current PFA Board consists of the following Directors;

President	Sylvio Jolicoeur
Secretary	Marcel Philogene
Vice President	Jean Paul Boudan
Treasurer	Grant Threadgate
Director	Mike Huggett

#### **5. LICENSE ISSUES**

There seem to be confusion as to the criteria for the renewal of "over 60" licenses. This is a statement to clarify this issue.

Anyone who is turning 60 before the end of December 2010 may obtain an "over 60" license.

For those reaching the age of 60 after December 2010 will require a National license.

Remember, all licenses must be renewed before 30 June 2010 and are valid to July 2011.

Any new licenses issued before 28 February will be valid to 30 June.

New licenses issued after 28 February will also be valid to end June however will only cost 50% of the initial cost of the license..

**PFA Board has agreed to discontinue the use of stickers on licenses. Instead, PFA will provide a rubber stamp with the words "expire June 2011" to each League Secretary by the end of next week. The stamp is to be used to endorse the back of each license accordingly.**

**Please note; All Clubs require to complete the documents at attachments above. These forms duly completed, together with the list of the Club's licensees. Should be forwarded to the Secretary Petanque Federation Australia before 30 June 2010.**

#### **6. SICKNESS.**

The PFA Board was saddened by the sudden illness of Chinka Steel, Secretary Woodend Hanging Rock. On behalf of the Petanque Community, we wish him a quick recovery .

#### **7. IN REQUIEM**

The PFA Board wishes to express their condolences to the family of Jacques Roussety, President of the Bayswater Petanque Club. In WA.

Our sympathy also goes to the management committee of that Club and the West Australian Petanque community at large

**Next Newsletter will be in September**