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Oceania Championships

PFA is pleased to provide you with the reports from both the Coach and the PFA Delegate to these championships. (you can view the reports under Oceania-what's new on the home page)

As you can see from the comments from both our officials, we will be suggesting changes to the 2012 qualifications for the 2014 World Championships.

Your Secretary has been appointed to the position of Vice- President of the Oceania Confederation.

He, on behalf of PFA, has already raised the question of WMC qualifications with the Oceania Congress. The Congress has agreed to receive comments and suggestions from all member countries of the Oceania Confederation on the qualifications format, by the end of February next year.

Should there be enough votes for a change; the Oceania Committee will call a meeting to discuss the submissions.

PFA would like your comments on the subject. Please keep those comments as brief as possible.

As FIPJP has placed Australia in the Oceania region, we will be working towards strengthening our link with the group, having one of us on the Board; will allow us to take a leading role in the region.

We do not intend to take over or revolutionize the organization. We only want our voice to be heard at the highest level and work with the **President Jean-Christian Lerandy**, who is doing a tremendous job in developing the game/sport in the region.

Interstate Challenge-2010

Please read the attachment which contains vital information on accommodation, transport and other arrangements for your information and action. Please pass this on to your players.

In addition, the same information will be posted on the PFA website for anyone to see.

PFA wish to apologize for the delay in providing these final details. Contrary to the belief of some, we are keen to have all of you participate in these popular championships.

Renewals of licenses 2010/2011

To ensuring the majority of players get to renew their licenses in a timely fashion, and appreciating the difficulties that our Club management team face yearly with the collecting of all affiliation fees

PFA extended the closing date to the 31 July to help facilitate the process.

We are pleased to say that 90% of our licensees have renewed their licenses. This action and the confidence placed in your Board by this big majority, is comforting and very well appreciated.

On the negative side, it is unfortunate, that a small number of people, for reasons only known to them, are promoting a negative attitude amongst the community.

The PFA Board encourages these "leaders" to express their reasons for purportedly giving the advice of not to renew the player's license with PFA.

However, the Board is currently investigating a new license structure. We will be seeking your thoughts on the matter soon..

We wish to express our gratitude to all the Clubs that have renewed their membership with PFA in particular, the Flinder's Petanque Club, Vic., who have renewed the licenses of all their 103 "over 60" members for the years 2010/2011.

A big "thank you" on behalf of the Pétanque community for your support to the sport of Pétanque.

45th Men's World Championships 2010

PFA can now confirm that it has endorsed a men's triples team to Izmir, Turkey from 7 to 10 October 2010.

PFA is pleased to announce the names of our representative team to these Championships. They are;

Pierrot Lubin (VIC)

Kevin Wright (VIC)

Pierre Bomarito (VIC)

These guys should be applauded for their dedication to the sport. They are paying their own way to the venue.

The delegate for the Federation, will of course, be the PFA President, Sylvio Jolicoeur, Sylvio will also be assisting our team during their stay in that part of the world. As usual, our best wishes go to our worthy representatives.

Coaches

Attention State Leagues Secretary

You would be aware that PFA continues to work towards the implementation of a Coaching structure.

We feel that it has become imperative that a strategy be worked out to prepare and select our best players for overseas representation. Our recent experience at the Oceania's support this action.

We see the involvement of Leagues/Clubs and coaches working in unison to come up with a plan to achieve these goals. The Coach's structure has now become high on the list of priorities for the PFA Board. Whatever we tried in the past to achieve this goal has failed. We have decided to change tactics.

We are now asking the leagues to nominate their choice of a "State Director of Coaches" for their State. Your nomination should be sent to the PFA Secretary by the end of September.

You will find a Coach's Policy "on the web site which would guide you in your decision to select your Coach. Of course, PFA will be happy to help with any other questions on the matter.

We are calling on Leagues/Clubs/players to help us lift the skills of our players to a standard that would equal or better the performance of our friends in the Oceania region.

Asian Championships

As previously advised, the 2010 Asian Championships will be held in Laos from 4 December to 7 December 2010. At this stage, and as previously advised, PFA has endorsed the winning women's team of the last Easter Championships as Australian representatives to these championships.

We have tried to get more details, number of teams, accommodation arrangements etc, however, the only reply received has been from Nong, the Vice president Asia/Oceania.

I quote "I just came back from Laos and I asked them to fill in the details for me

Now I could say that the event will be

1. 4th dec. welcome and annual meeting, drawing the lot

5th dec opening ceremony and competition

6th dec competition

7th dec final and farewell

8th APSBC leave

then the Confederation cup will begin on the 10th to 12th dec.

Regards

Nong"

More details as soon as I get them from the Asian Federation.

Trans Tasman 2011.

You may be aware that the next Trans Tasman Championships will be held in Australia in 2011.

The PFA Board has decided that the venue for these championships will be in the state of the winning "all ages" ISC team 2010.

More on these championships in the next Newsletter.

Policies and by-laws review

As previously announced, the review of PFA Policies and By-Laws will start in October.

The review will be conducted by a team of suitably skilled volunteers. The reviewed documents will be circulated to the Clubs/Leagues as required by protocol.

Catch up with you soon on a petanque piste.

Sincerely yours

Marcel