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PFA NEWS December 2011

➤ **Great news for all players** – More to play for in coming months

Mr. Claude Azema attending the SEA Games indicated that some Asian and African countries would not participate due to lack of financial means.

PFA Director Andre Deramond has received a commitment from Mr Claude Azema FIPJP President that AUSTRALIA will be considered as the first reserve team for the World championships to be held in Marseille – France in October 2012

- **PFA is in the process** of finalising the hosting of the Pan Pacific games the tournament to be held in Sydney - Australia as per the sponsor request. This will be our first truly International event in Australia including teams from Asia. More news on the subject in coming weeks.
- **Our Calendar** has been updated accordingly and Warren Sowter will be informing all coaches and players of the guidelines for Selection for the coming international events.
- **Australian National Open Triple** flyer to be distributed to all for information.
The event will be held at The Azurri Petanque club in Newcastle on the 24 – 25 march 2012.
The Azurri club will be providing PFA with all information regarding accommodation in coming days.
- **The Floreal Petanque Club** intend to organise a major International Triple Open with the participation of invited overseas teams to be held in September 2012 at the Floreal Club in NSW – more information to follow from the Floreal Petanque club
- **PFA Sport Director** to release a new rule of the game on line testing system addressed to all members this will help us improve the knowledge of the rules for our members.
- This will entice hopefully some members to become umpire
 - Make it easier for our umpires as players will have a better understanding of the rules.
 - Committee members (League and clubs) will be able to improve their knowledge, thus improving the quality of our tournaments

➤ **PFA Board request Expression of Interest from State Leagues or Clubs** to host the ISC 2012

- **PFA** would prefer 2 separate Interstate competitions
 - The Open Interstate challenge
 - The Over 60 Interstate challenge
- ISC Open to be held at a venue in November 2012
- ISC Over 60 to be held at a different venue at a date TBA

The main reason to have 2 separate ISC is to scale down the event; it is too difficult and expensive to manage for a club with the demand on accommodation, transport and food. PFA Board believes that it would allow smaller clubs to bid for the event – 10 to 12 pistes are sufficient for hosting the event.

Open ISC or Over 60 ISC would have a maximum of 36 players + coaches and delegates.

Some players may participate in both competitions if selected by their state league.

A state league or a club may want to host both, PFA Board happy to consider.

Please consider and send your comment to Andre Deramond PFA Sport Director at andre.13@bigpond.net.au

➤ **PFA Website** should be operating shortly Sylvio Jolicoeur' PFA President loading all relevant documents on the site.

Please provide all info on your clubs

- Committee members, club address, website, phone numbers etc.

To our President Sylvio Jolicoeur srjaccounting@bigpond.com

➤ **PFA Board** would like to clarify that the cost of travelling and all expenses for Andre Deramond as an International umpire is totally covered by the FIPJP PFA has not contributed a single dollar to the cost.

Jean Paul Boudan
PFA Secretary