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PFA NEWS February 2012

- **PFA Director Marcel Philogene** is back in Australia after a long holiday, welcome back Marcel.
- **President Sylvio Jolicoeur** will be attending an important meeting in Vanuatu regarding the Oceania Confederation; meeting will address all qualifications issue to the world championships, Confederation structures (Coaches, Umpires), Constitution and bylaws.
- **Vice President Jean Paul Boudan** is finalising a presentation to the Australian sport commission with the view to have Petanque recognised as a Sport.
- **Reminder** that registration for the **Australian Triple Open championships** closing date is the 12 March 2012, return your registration and payment to PFA Secretary.
- **PFA has now finalised the right to host the Pan Pacific Games** the tournament will be held in Sydney - Australia as per the sponsor request. Brunei, New Caledonia, Singapore, Thailand and Japan have confirmed their participation.
- **Australia will be represented by 2 teams of 4 players**, teams selected upon recommendation by Warren Sowter and our state coaches.
- **State training Squad** Warren Sowter has now published a list of around 50 players who have registered and paid their bond for our training squad; coaches in each state will follow Warren Sowter instruction and set up training clinics in coming days.
- **Juniors as per my request** have now been added to the squad, juniors are not required to pay the \$150 registration bond. Each State league and Clubs need to support the juniors. 50 juniors Australia wide right now.
- **Australian National Teams for the Trans Tasman** have now been finalised, Warren Sowter and Selection panel have had to deal with late withdrawal making their task difficult.
- **PFA Interstate 2012** the board is considering different options for the coming Interstate a communiqué will be issued to all leagues and clubs after PFA Board next meeting in March 2012.
- **Grant Threadgate** will be conducting a review of the Over 60 competitions please assist Grant Threadgate if consulted.
Grant Threadgate has participated in a number of "Masters Competitions" and will share his views and experiences with us, putting forward some recommendations to the PFA Sport Director.