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**Diffusion Petanque Australia, all States Coaches and Directors of Coaching**

Dear all,

We are in this period of the year where the boules can be too cold to play with. Hard time when we can't play as much as we would, but it's when you see the sport petanqueur still out there every night practicing when the social player prefers the sunny Sunday afternoon to show his skills. It is winter and it sounds quiet but our coaches around Australia are still working in clinics, selection or coaching.

Here is a look of the latest news:

-The Trans-Tasman Challenge for under 30 years old should be held in Auckland the first week of November. The squad will be composed of 12 players, men and women with no quota in gender. I asked Remy Ghatti and Lindsay Kinghorn to be in charge of the squad. If you are willing to play for your country, get in touch with your State Coach. Flight and accommodation are at the charge of the players and coaches.

-Nobody came back to me regarding the International Competitions from my previous letter. Like our neighbours of New Zealand and Singapore, it's unlikely we are going to send a team to Senegal.

-The international of Singapore seems very uncertain for this year. PFA still trying to get some information from them

-The World Championship women is still very uncertain. China is likely to pull out and another venue then will have to be chosen, maybe Turkey or Tunisia. Our girls are still training every week, but are anxious to know where and when they will compete.

-In the next few days, I am going to send to PFA for approval the Women and Men team going to the Asian Games. Again not a lot of players put their candidatures. You all know by now, than every International representation will be under a selection process. I asked the State Coaches to provide a list of players who are willing to represent Australia. Register your name with your State Coach to be sure you will be considered.

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-I want as much players as possible to get International exposure. This is a myth to think it's better if we compete in our region first.

-I also have a question often (always!) asked about the money paid by PFA, like airfares, hotel...We are going to send about 60 players overseas this year. I let you imagine what budget is needed for this. In our current structure it's obvious we can't subsidise the airfares. In my view, our licences are too cheap and certainly not at all in tune with most sports played in this country. I would like to see the licence at \$100 a year (\$8 a month) to degage a budget and help our international representatives. I will prepare a report to PFA who will highlight what is done in others sports in Australia and present it to the next AGM. We don't want to become a sport where only people who can afford to travel will represent Australia.

Again let me wish you a good winter and I look forward to see you on the pistes soon.

Best Regards.

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National Director of Coaching.