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PETANQUE FEDERATION AUSTRALIA WEB SITE

We are pleased to announce the publishing of our new look Petanque Federation Australia web site. Go to <http://www.petanquefederationaustralia.com> and browse through it. It is a work in progress. Your comments about anything about the web would be appreciated. (Thank you to all those people who have already sent their comments. Your comments will help us build a better website and indeed a better organization for all of us)

Please let me assure you that this is NOT a criticism of the old web site. The new PFA wanted more interaction and involvement with you.

In addition, certain areas of the site have been restricted to affiliated Clubs only. Your Club will need to "Register" with the web site administrator by clicking on "**register**" on the menu. This is to protect outsiders from accessing certain information reserved for member Clubs of PFA.

All of you can access "**Forum**" on the menu, where players and others can have discussions of anything to do with petanque. However, be warned that any inappropriate language or offensive material will not be tolerated. They will be automatically deleted and, the writer banned from future participation. Good clean and positive debates are most welcome.

AUSTRALIAN TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

By now you would have received the first round of information for the coming Australian Triples Championships at Easter at Lake Monger in WA.

Go to the web site, further details of the Championships are now available (accommodation, travel, etc) to be viewed by all.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

Leagues and Clubs are urged to send their Calendar of events to the Secretary PFA as soon as possible. We would like to advertise each State events on the web site under "Events".

Listed below are Tournaments and competitions the PFA Board has agreed to be involved with in 2010.

1. Australian Triples Championships- Easter 2010 in WA
2. Trans Tasman Championships- Herne bay 8/9 May 2010
3. Men's World Championships- Taipei Taiwan, September 2010
4. Interstate Challenge (date to be confirmed)
5. Asian Championships- ????? date in November to be confirmed
6. Proposed "Australian International Open" date in November to be confirmed

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7. Oceania Championships- Noumea, New Caledonia –December?? date to be confirmed
PFA has no objections that our players participate in other International Tournaments, However the teams will not be endorsed as Australian representative teams.

CALENDAR OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Please go to the PFA web site and link to the FIPJP web site for the International and Regional Calendars.

TRANS TASMAN

This year's Trans Tasman will be held at Herne Bay 9 near Auckland) New Zealand ON 8/9 May 2010. Please see attachment with information on these Championships.

SANCTIONED PFA EVENTS

PFA wish to remind tournament directors and organizers (and Umpires in some cases) that they must abide by PFA approved rules and criterias for these tournaments if they wish to keep their "Sanctioned Events" status. These criterias are clearly detailed in :

1. PFA/FIPJP Rules of the game and Local rules adopted by the Board in January 2009
2. PFA Sanctioned Events Policy
3. These rules and policies can be viewed on the PFA web site.

Club Tournament Directors/Organisers and Umpires are responsible to enforce these rules during competitions/ training ,so that insurance cover for the participants is not jeopardized. . Should a player refuse to abide by these rules, he or she must be subject of a report that must be sent to the National Director of Umpires as prescribed by PFA Rules.

ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010.

We are pleased to announce that Petanque Federation Australia has sent a BID to the relevant administrations to host this year's Asian Championships.

We have also agreed, in principle, to organize an "International Australian Open" competition which will be run a week before the Asian Championships scheduled dates, which should be around the middle of November.

INTERSTATE CHALLENGE 2010.

If we get the right to host the Asian Championships, we will require to change the dates of the ISC 2010. Here's the conundrum!! Some players have suggested that these championships should be held in cooler months.

PFA wish to leave this decision open and ask for your input on the following.

- (a) Expressions of interest from Leagues and Clubs to host the 2010 Interstate Challenge.
- (b) These expression of interest could also include suggestions for a proposed date/month for holding the ISC,
- (c) Please forward your expressions of Interest to the PFA Secretary by the end of February 2010.

COACHING

The PFA Board has approved a Coaching Policy which can be viewed on the PFA web site.

This Policy will form the basis of the Coaching Commission structure. Mathieu Boudan, our Sports Director, will get in touch with the relevant parties soon.

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The PFA Team