



# PETANQUE FEDERATION AUSTRALIA LTD

## January 2011 Newsletter

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Please check the PFA website for the amended Rules of the game adopted by the Board on 11 January.

### 1. Note from the Editor

Welcome to our first 2011 Newsletter. PFA will take the following steps to make your participation in petanque events a more pleasurable one in 2011.

- Increase participation at competitions
- Foster communication rather than command
- Our goals and achievement must be common
- Synchronise our activities
- Elimination of unnecessary reporting
- Ensure independence of umpires
- Aggressive promotion of the sport
- Support of our Coaches
- Meet and exceed community standard

The above are PFA's New Year's resolutions for 2011.

*Dear members,*

*The PFA Board wish you and your family and friends a Happy New Year*

**Here are the latest news**

### **2.Coaching**

In view of the continuous non co-operations from some of the existing coaches, the PFA Board had no alternative but to find other ways to deal with the petanque coaching situation in Australia.

The PFA Board believes that our players are being penalized by the withdrawal of services by these coaches, which, we wish to add, were trained and partly financed by PFA.

As from end January 2011 the following Coaching structure will come into operation.

- PFA has appointed a "State Coach" in each State, at the recommendation of Clubs/Leagues .
- The positions of "National and State Directors of coaching" will no longer exist.
- Existing coaches will retain their accreditation but must attend a PFA refresher workshop type course to be held late January.
- The newly appointed State Coaches have been advised officially by a letter in which their roles and responsibilities and the conditions of their appointment have been clearly stated.

The following players have had their nominations ratified by the Board to fulfill the important role of State Coach in their respective States:

New South Wales- **Mathieu Boudan**  
Victoria- **Eric Leconte**  
South Australia- **Brenton Key**  
Queensland- **Marcel Pottier.**

The Board appeals to State Associations, existing coaches, and, Clubs, to provide as much help and co-operation to these coaches in this difficult task, .

The main duties of the State Coaches are

- a. Administer and co-ordinate all qualified coaches in his/her State.
- b. Liaise with the League Committee as a delegate with no voting rights..
- c. Implement and develop coaching programs.
- d. Implement a system of training for new and current coaches.
- e. Report to the State Leagues/Associations in their states.
- f. May be called to be part of a selection panel for representative players
- g. Institute a ranking system, in collaboration with the State association. To identify the best layers in their state.

A revised Coach's Policy is attached and will be posted on the web before the end of January when it will become official PFA Policy.

### **3.Coach workshop/course**

PFA intends to run a series of coach's workshop courses during the year. The first will be run late January 2011, by JF de Veyssierre, ex PFA National Coach, who has graciously accepted to act as a consultant on coaching matters.

The course is opened to all existing coaches, irrespective of levels, and any other person wishing to further a career in coaching.

At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> workshop, a PFA Coach Level 1 Certificate of attendance, will be awarded to all attendees except those ,of course who have already achieved that level or higher.

There will be another PFA Level 1 accreditation course later in the year. The place and time of the course will be determined and announced after the first course.

### **4. Trans Tasman 2011**

The 2011 Trans Tasman series against New Zealand will be held on 21/22 May 2011 at the **St Kilda Petanque Club in Victoria.**

You would be aware that teams from Victoria and South Australia, won the right to representing Australia in their respective categories at these championships.

4 extra players will be selected by the wining teams from the runner-up teams of NSW, 1 man and 3 women in each category will complete teams of 12 to play NZ in May.

Australia is currently discussing the possibility to include a Youth team in that competition.

We are looking at a team of 6 young players, 16 to 25 years of age at this stage( open to discussions).

State coaches will recommend their choice of players to PFA by the end of February 2011.

### **5. Australian Triples Championships 2011.**

**The 2011 Australian Triples Championships will be held at the Azzurri Sports Club, George street, Highfields NSW from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. As mentioned in previous Newsletter, Anzac day will fall on Easter Monday. As a consequence, Tuesday 26 April will be a public Holiday.**

**At this stage there is no plan for a separate petanque game on Monday.**

**Non the less, if there is enough support for an extra game PFA and Azzurri will reconsider.**

**Please book your flights and accommodation early to get a good deal.**

<p><b>6. Asian Championships 2010</b></p> <p>You would be aware by now, that, unfortunately Australia did not front a team to the recent Asian Confederation Cup . The original women’s team and subsequent suitable players withdrew for personal reasons. Only 3 expressions of interest from suitable men players were received. These players subsequently withdrew. Unfortunately, until PFA can finance travel expenses for our representative teams through sponsorships or other arrangements, there does not appear to have an imminent solution to this problem. Hopefully, the License structure review will find a solution to this current unsatisfactory situation. PFA has also a proposed Fund raising programme which will be sent to you in the near future</p>	
<p><b><u>7. International Tournaments 2011</u></b></p> <p>The PFA Board is keen to send representatives players to International Competitions. However, it feels that it is its responsibility to send suitably qualified players to represent Australia . Our reputation as a Nation is at stake. Remember, petanque is a teams game, consequently the Board feels that members of representative teams should be compatible. Selection of these teams will be determined by (a ) participating and winning specific tournaments (b) a PFA appointed selection panel made up of coaches and representatives of PFA/State Associations. ( more on this in a memo soon) <b>The Board is very keen to organize an International Tournament in Australia. We are proposing to hold the 1<sup>st</sup> “Australian Open” end of October. We would be pleased to hear your thoughts on the matter.</b></p>	<p>The Federation will support the following International Tournaments in 2011</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Trans Tasman 21/22 May( Victoria)</li> <li>2. Singapore Open July 2011( TBA)</li> <li>3. Asian Confederation Cup December</li> <li>4. Women’s World Championships( Date and venue TBA)</li> <li>5. Australian Open TBA</li> <li>6. Noumea Open(TBA)</li> </ol>
<p><b>8. Interstate Challenge-2011</b></p> <p>As a result of comments received over the past 2 years, the Board has decided to move the ISC to the week end 1-2 October. Monday is a public holiday in NSW/ACT and SA. One of the main reasons for the change of date is the hot weather that we seemed to have experienced the last 3 or 4 ISCs. The Board has also agreed to offer the hosting of this year’s ISC to last year’s host <b>The Eastlakes Club</b>, as a result of the many congratulatory notes received with regard to the hosting of last year’s ISC,. These early important details allows you to plan your trips to Sydney early October 2011. More details on these Championships later.</p>	<p><i>Your’s sincerely</i></p> <p><i>Marcel Philogene</i></p> <p><i>for the Petanque Federation Team</i></p>