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Melbourne January 2009,

Dear Members,

Best wishes to all and I hope that you all had a safe and happy start to 2009.

Back into Playing Petanque with Tournaments being held around the country.

All those events leading to our 3rd National Triple Championships in WA and further down the track our International Easter Triple Petanque Open in Newcastle.

PFA Board has accepted with regret the resignation of Richard Tarlinton for professional reasons. Richard will assist the Board to complete the projects in which he is involved i.e. Australian Masters Games in Geelong Victoria in February and our on going negotiations with Bowls Australia.

The Board has appointed 2 new Directors to assist with the day to day work and wish to welcome Lesley Murray from Victoria in her new role as Assistant Treasurer, and Mico Charlot from QLD to assist the Board with competition formats and all issues relating to the game.

The 2 new Directors have been appointed until our next AGM when an election for a new Board will be held.

The Board has requested a review of both National Coaching and Selection Policies. The review led by our National Director of Coaching Jean François Veysiere, will be discussed at the next PFA Board Meeting.

A new National Umpires and Coaches Register will be published on our website. Congratulations once again for all the work done by those involved. New Umpires have followed the appropriate courses and have been appointed by PFA Board, thanks to our National Director of Umpiring Ray Beaumont and his State Directors.

The PFA Board has received from the Umpire and Coaching Commissions a recommendation on timed games, it has been accepted by PFA Board and timed games will be used for our Annual Interstate Challenge Competition in November. Our National Triples and International Easter Petanque Triple Open will be played to 13 points without time limit.

Our Umpire Commission has reviewed the new FIPJP rules adopted at the last FIPJP Congress in Dakar. The Board will publish a resume of the changes; there is no need to publish a new rule book! I wish to remind all of our Members that the FIPJP new rules of the game adopted by the PFA board will only apply as from the 1st July 2009 start of our new Petanque year.



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All registrations forms and format for our National Triples and International Easter Petanque Triples Open have now been circulated to all Members.

Accommodation details have also been distributed so we expect to see you in large numbers and we will have again this year some overseas teams (NZ in particular) making it an attractive Petanque Tournament.

In the International Easter Petanque Triples Open, we have clarified a few rules on ranking in groups (Games won, score +/- difference and score between 2 teams on equal wins and score difference to differentiate them).

No Shooting Competition will be held at the Easter event as a National Shooting Competition and Titles will be conducted during our National Triples Championships in Perth 2009.

I did address in my last December 2008 report the difficulties encountered by the Board in dealing with some unsavoury events, dealing with this has come at a cost in dollars.

Each PFA Director was served with an individual summons putting at risk our own assets thus forcing us to seek legal advice. The rejection at our AGM in April 2008 of our proposed constitution has left PFA future Board Members in a vulnerable position, still open to a similar problem by which a Member, Club or individual can create this sort of problem again and again.

We have to date spent the following amounts:

April – May	1435.50 (Dispute with WHRPC)
May – June	<u>1320.00</u> (Dispute with WHRPC)
Paid to date	\$ <u>2755.50</u>

We are now discussing with the Legal firm the amount charged in preparation of our defence with WHRPC

Outstanding accounts with MooresLegal

June – July	\$ 3,033.80 (Dispute with WHRPC)
July – August	\$ 2,819.30 (Dispute with WHRPC)
August – Sept	\$ <u>2,142.80</u> (Dispute with WHRPC)

Total \$ 7995.90

Further legal costs of approximately \$15 000-20 000 for the Lawyers and Barrister representing PFA in the Federal Court were covered by our insurers.



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The Board would have much preferred to spend these funds on developing Juniors, and running Coaching and Umpiring Clinics.

Closing this sad chapter I look forward to see the best of what Petanque has to offer at our 3rd National Triple Championships in Subiaco – WA on the 21-22 February 2009.

Yours in petanque,

Andre Deramond

President
Petanque Federation Australia