

WARATAH Words

Newletter for the NSW Petanque League

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April is a BIG month

Welcome to the third Waratah Words, the newsletter of the NSWPL. We aim to provide interesting and useful information but, in this edition, we are also asking for your input. Specifically as to how we should run the qualifying competition for the ISC? We'll ask you at the Triples at the 'Gong and by email.

April is a big month with the NSWPL Triples in the Gong, this year being trialled as an 'open' and also of course the Easter Carnival in Melbourne. We hope you enjoy them both!



Our National Open and Senior WINNING teams - congratulations to NSW Reps (L to R): Catherine Ayre, Harold Dercy, Haejung Jang, Kierran Clarke, Victoria O'Connor, Chantelle McGrath, Pierre Figon, Bronson Romani and Neil Kelly (Snr Coach - not in pic)

Winners are grinners!

Australia makes a clean sweep at the 2019 Trans-Tasman challenge

The Newcastle Petanque Club hosted a very successful Trans-Tasman Challenge over the weekend of 16-17 March.

For the first time in many years both the Australian Open and Seniors were victorious over the Kiwis!

The Kiwis were shattered by the tragedy in Christchurch which occurred the day prior to the competition and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Newcastle Councillor Declan Clausen led the squads through a minute silence before officially opening the tournament on Saturday morning.

As seems to be usual these days at competitions held in Newcastle, the weather threatened for most of the weekend however no playing time was lost.

Congratulations go to our NSW members of the teams with Chantelle McGrath, Cathy Ayre, Kierran Clarke, Haejung Jang, Bronson Romani, Harold Dercy (Open) and Victoria O'Connor and Pierre Figon (>60).

Players of the tournament were Annick

Masson (Aust) in the Open and Angela Maxted (NZ) in the Over 60 with both women winning 9/10 games.

An exuberant celebratory presentation dinner followed at a local bowling club attended by 100 players and supporters.

Players and officials were extremely complimentary to the Newcastle club for its organisation and success in running one of the best Trans-Tasman Challenges ever.

The next Trans-Tasman will be hosted by New Zealand around March 2020 and at this stage Christchurch is being considered as the host venue.

We have two new National Umpires

The Trans-Tasman weekend provided a good opportunity for umpires to upgrade their umpire licence. Delys Brady and Tim Stevenson took advantage of this and qualified as National Umpires - congratulations to both.

Bunnings Newcastle had to restock their colour paint cards in yellow, orange and red, so players beware!

Notice of NSWPL AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the NSW Petanque League is scheduled for Tuesday evening 25 June 2019. It will be a video conference meeting using Zoom. The AGM will be followed by a regular League meeting. This year, all positions on the League Executive will be declared vacant and subject to election at the AGM.

The positions to be vacated are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All positions on the League Executive shall hold their position for two consecutive years.

The election for the positions of President and Secretary will be by club delegates present at the AGM whilst the positions of Vice President and Treasurer will be elected from amongst delegates at the subsequent general meeting following the AGM (as per the NSWPL Constitution).

A nomination form will be emailed for the positions of President and Secretary. Nominations and any proposed motions or resolutions must be received by the outgoing Secretary (Gary Hosie) by **4 June 2019**.

The AGM agenda, reports and other papers will be sent to club delegates by **11 June 2019**.

2019 Interstate Challenge

PFA recently announced the format for a national Super 6 tournament with the finals between the states to be held over the weekend of 6-7 September 2019 at the Eastern Suburbs Petanque Club in Adelaide.

Have you visited our Website Yet?

The website hosts numerous important documents and of particular interest to players is the Competition Regulations. This explains the Ranking System and the competition systems, important for you to know. Worth a look!

<https://nswpetanqueleague.weebly.com/>

The Super 6 tournament has evolved from the Super 4 competition that has been held for the last few years in which NSW has been very successful.

The NSWPL will be organising an elimination competition for teams that wish to enter, in the Open and Over 60s divisions, with the winning teams to represent NSW in the national finals in September.

We want to propose two options and we want your opinion on which to use:

Option 1 - Team of 4

Comprising 2 men and 2 women.

Singles, doubles and triples (with a substitute).

The winning team then selects another man and a woman player to make up the six for the ISC.

Advantages: Easier to form a team. Gives the winners the option to invite players they want but who may have been tied to another team for the playoff. Could lead to a stronger team for the ISC

Disadvantage: Not the same format as the ISC.

Option 2 - Team of 6

Comprising 3 men and 3 women.

Advantages: Same format as the ISC.

Disadvantages: Harder to form a team (which may lead to less teams in the competition) and may lead to a weaker team representing the state.

Proposed PFA ISC format

In the ISC, teams consist of three women and three men and play each combination against their opposition, that is round 1 of single, double and triple and round 2 of mixed triples; the same as with the national finals.

It should also be noted that the teams winning the national ISC will be eligible for consideration to represent Australia in next year's Trans-Tasman in New Zealand.

We will confirm details of an elimination competition once entries are received however the competition will be around the end of June or in July.

Note: After clarification from PFA, the team entry fee is \$120 (or \$20 per player) payable to the NSWPL. Entry fees will be pooled and awarded to the winning team to assist with expenses of representing in the Adelaide finals.

The PFA representative team's registration fee of \$100 will be paid by the NSW Petanque League.

So, organise your teams and advise the NSWPL Secretary and pay your team's entry fee by **11 May 2019**.

The latest from PFA

The PFA AGM was held at Easter at the Caulfield Petanque Club during the Easter Championships. The AGM papers were recently circulated to member clubs.

PFA filled all four vacancies on the Board. Amongst the new directors is Rosemary Wall from the Newcastle club.

Congratulations, Rose - we know that you will be a hard-working director and a good advocate for NSW.

Good luck, Cath

Best wishes to Cath for her latest representative adventure playing the upcoming Ladies Singles and Doubles World Championships - you go, girl!



Cathy Ayre (Left) at Wollongong's NSW Triples Championship with team mates Kimberly Broadbridge and Heidi Pasqual

How to avoid the dreaded yellow card

Those of us who travelled to Caulfield in February can vouch for the need to brush up on our knowledge of the rules to avoid attracting one of the previously mentioned yellow, orange and red paint swatches.

Many of these rules are just plain courtesies, including:

Don't stand facing a player in the circle

You should be 2m either side of the cochonnet.

Don't stand beside a player in the circle

Even if you are 2m or more to the side of the player in the circle, you must be behind them.

Talking while waiting for a player to throw their boule

If you are standing the regulation distance behind and wish to chat, wait until the ball has been played - like in golf.

Don't stand between the circle and the cochonnet

Even if you are on an adjoining piste, standing in no man's land (between circle and jack) whilst the opposition is playing is likely to attract a yellow card.

Don't move the circle back if you have 11m

The circle should be placed over the jack to start the new end. If you cannot throw

a 10m end with 1m to the boundary, you may move the circle back (in line with the location of the circle in the previous end).

Don't pick up your boules or the circle until you know your team has finished playing all of their boules

You will be carded for either error of play. Any boules you pick up before the team has played all their boules or before the points have been decided by both teams are deemed dead.

If you pick up the circle, your team loses the right to play any remaining boules but the opposition can continue until all boules have been played.

Where the circle marking has been removed the umpire makes a decision on an approximate position for the team to play their remaining boules.

Mark your circle before throwing the jack

... or you will get a yellow card.

If the jack is not a legal distance

The team who throws measures. If they think it is legal, you may ask to measure after they have thrown. If not legal, you may place the jack for them to rethrow their first boule.

Unless invited, you have no right to check the distance until it is your turn to play - they own the piste.

You have 60 seconds to play a boule

Once the closest boule has been determined, you have 60 seconds to play.

Any other measuring for third or fourth, instructions, strategising, etc. must be done within the 60 seconds that your team has to throw a boule.

Once your team has the point, the other team owns the piste and has 60 seconds to throw their boule - get the heck out of Dodge as you have no right to be on the ground and you're wasting someone else's time.

Timed game, tied score on the last end

MARK THE JACK! There must be a result, so if the jack is hit off the piste, it will be replaced and remaining boules played.

Feet...circle....

No part of your foot can touch or overhang the circle. Ever. If you have your heel raised, if any part is over the circle, it's still wrong.

Do you have boules to sell?

If you are like me, you have probably blamed more than a few sets of boules for your poor form and replaced them with another set that will be 'perfect' and undoubtedly allow you to reach your potential! And now you have a number of 'reject' sets you don't want.

Perhaps you would like to sell them? If so, send details of the make, model size, weight and how much you want for them to nswplsecretary@yahoo.com and I'll inform our members.

Maybe you'll get some extra pocket money!