



11th March 2008

Hi,

Already we are nearly at the middle of March and the start of the Petanque season is just around the corner. Once more we have had another meeting of the club committee and a number of items have been discussed and I will give you the highlights in this newsletter. I have also enclosed a copy of the approved minutes from the last meeting (20th January 2008). [*I have not included copies for the committee with this letter as you already have them*]

Our new season starts on Tuesday 1st April at 7pm.

We are hoping that most of the members will be able to manage to come down to the piste for the first game of the new season and to find out all about the new things we have planned. Here are some of the items of interest

- This year we will be having coaching sessions within our club on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Friday of every month.
- A National Coaching Weekend is being planned for the weekend of 26/27th April. Perth will be hosting one of these coaching days. This is a great opportunity to find out how to improve your game.
- We are going to have another Club Open day to try and encourage the passing members of the public to give the game of Petanque a try. This is scheduled for Sunday 8th June starting at 2pm. Any volunteers for this would be most welcome.

We had a successful meeting with the council and they are going to address the requests that we have made to them. These requests are detailed in the January minutes.

We also had an excellent response from the club members to purchase polo shirts and sweatshirts and we managed to negotiate a slightly better deal. I have enclosed the details of what the cost is to you if you ordered any shirts. If you could pay for these by either sending a cheque (payable to the Perth Petanque Club) to Mabel Danraj or handing Mabel cash directly, that would be much appreciated. We are expecting the shirts to be delivered by the end of March/ beginning of April.

We are planning to have a “Spring Clean” of our clubhouse during Sunday 23rd March and you are most welcome to volunteer your services.

We now have our very own website (well actually it is a “blog”) but it means for those who have access to a computer and the Internet they can find out some of the latest activities that are on the go at the club. You can access this site by entering <http://perthpetanque.wordpress.com> into your Internet Explorer.

On the next page there is a list of all the competitions that are available for any of you to participate in. I think quite a few of you entered some of the competitions last year and had a great time therefore I’d like you to consider participating in some of these competitions this year. It gives you a great opportunity to meet some of the other clubs and quite a few of the events are held at Perth for those not keen to travel too far afield.

Well that’s all for this newsletter. Please remember to make arrangements to pay Mabel for your shirts at least by the first night of our new season.

Regards

Ed Strachan

PPC Secretary

Competition Notice

Anyone interested in any of these competitions, please contact Ed Strachan and he will be able to give you more information about the format of each competition.

- **The North vs South competition** on Sunday 6th April is being hosted by **Perth**. Everyone is welcome to play in this competition therefore come along on the Sunday and you will be most welcome.
- **Our own club Singles competition**, “The Patricia Murray Malcolm Rosebowl”, is now looking for participants. If you would like to play in this event please contact Ed Strachan and he will give you the application form and play card required for this event. The event lasts all season, costs only £1 and everyone who enters plays against everyone else. More details from Ed. This event is only open to Perth Club members.
- For those of you interested in playing in our **National competitions** here are the dates for these.
 - GP1 – 20th April
 - GP2 – 18th May
 - GP3 – 22nd June
 - Masters – 6th/7th September
 - Top8 – 28th September
 - *The above are all part of one competition*
 - SPA Scottish Superteam – 1st June
 - SPA Doubles – 15th June
 - SPA Singles/Shooting – 6th July
 - SPA Triples – 24th August
- For those interested in playing in **Open Club competitions** here are the dates for those
 - Early Birds – Stirling – 30th March
 - Fenton Quaich Doubles – **Perth** – 13th April
 - Margaret Burden Pairs – Inverleith – 25th May
 - Inverleith Quaich Melee – Inverleith – 13th July
 - Tay Doubles – **Perth** – 31st August
 - Francis Faber Pairs – Inverleith – 14th September
 - Charity Event – Stirling – 21st September
 - Waverley Vintners Doubles – **Perth** – 5th October
 - Cash Open Pairs – Inverleith – 12th October
- Our **Inter-Club match against Inverleith** is on Sunday 10th August which is being hosted by Inverleith.
- Perth has entered two teams again this year into the **Central League**. Douglas is captain of Perth 1 and Ed is captain of Perth 2. Details of the Perth squads will be displayed on the club notice board.