

Wednesday 17th December 2008

To all EDPL members,

WINTER SEASON 2009 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION !

The EDPL Office will be closed from 4:30pm Thurs 18th Dec, & re-opening Tue 13th Jan 2009.

The usual EDPL Office hours are Tues, Thurs & Fri 10:30am - 4:30pm, & Weds 1:30 - 4:30pm

Here's some important information clubs need to be aware of now.

1) Following the election of new office bearers to the EDPL Executive Committee at the EDPL AGM on Monday 8th December, details of the 2009 EDPL Executive Committee are as follows –

<u>President</u>	– John Treimanis	(re-elected)
<u>1st Vice Pres.</u>	– Claude Welson	(1 year of term remaining)
<u>2nd Vice Pres.</u>	– Bert Klubal	(re-elected)
<u>Treasurer</u>	– Scott Adams	(1 year of term remaining)
<u>Secretary</u>	– Dorothy Healy	(re-elected)
<u>Administrator</u>	– Ruth Pieronczik	(1 year of term remaining)
<u>Assistant Admin.</u>	– Richard Benneker	(re-elected)
<u>Statistician</u>	– Sally Keast	(1 year of term remaining)

In addition, we have several active Life Members serving on the EDPL Executive Committee, including Lance & Lauri Sheen, David Loughhead, Martin Hawkins, Brian McCouid, Karen Urquhart, Ken Woodhouse

2) A meeting for all **Club Presidents** will be held on **Monday 12th January 2009**, 7:00pm at EDPL office.

3) The next **Delegates Meeting** will be held on **Monday 16th February 2009**, 7:00pm at the EDPL office. A full list of meeting dates will be issued to clubs soon, and will also appear in the new 2009 Handbook. Clubs are reminded that their Delegate must be a member of their Club Executive Committee.

4) The Winter Season for all divisions will commence on **Tuesday 10th March 2009**. There will be a weeks break for Easter so no match scheduled for Tuesday 14th April 2009 (unless needed!) Copies of the draw will be forwarded to all clubs shortly, and will also appear in the 2009 Handbook.

5) The four-division structure may change from the previous winter season, due to team applications. Some clubs have applied for less teams than they had previously, while some clubs have applied for more. The Executive committee will allocate teams accordingly, depending on a number of factors.. how many teams the clubs has applied for, where club/team finished up at the end of winter 2008, etc.

Could all clubs please ensure that they are able to fill the number of teams that they have applied for, as it makes it very difficult and frustrating for everyone if teams pull out at the last minute, causing byes!

At the Club Presidents meeting on Mon 12th Jan '09, all clubs must provide confirmation of team numbers.

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6) The number of players in each team:

1st Div – 12 singles players plus provision for 4 substitute players

2nd Div – 12 singles players plus provision for 4 substitute players

3rd Div – 10 singles players and 2 doubles pairs – total 14 players

4th Div – 10 singles players and 2 doubles pairs – total 14 players

7) The current Summer Season has brought several areas of concern to the Executive's notice not the least of which has been late starts, dress code breeches, lack of required equipment, poor umpiring standards and general disruption and bad sportsmanship on match nights.

The forthcoming Winter Season will see a major crack down in these and other areas. Clubs will suffer fines or other disciplinary action for failure to comply with the By-laws governing these areas.

8) All clubs are reminded that there is a requirement for each club to have a certain number of qualified umpires registered through their club. Details of this are noted in each year's Handbook.

The majority of clubs will find their minimum number is 30% of members.

Also remember the By-law requiring all team Captains to be accredited umpires!

To assist in this area the league will be undertaking both umpire training and testing sessions at the EDPL office, with the first session being held either before, or within the first four weeks of the Winter Season.

Clubs are required to phone the EDPL Office with names of members to be put on a waiting list for umpire accreditation, until a date is scheduled.

9) Now is the time for all clubs to ensure they have sufficient stocks of rests, balls, red-dot cue balls, working stopwatches, white-board pens, etc for the new season. If not, contact the League's office so that sufficient stock can be obtained prior to the start of the season.

New 2009 Scorebooks will be available from the office in the new year, the cost will be invoiced to clubs. Clubs are asked to ensure their scoreboards are in order and cleaned prior to the season starting.

10) All clubs are reminded to lodge their office bearers lists (if not already done) as a matter of urgency.

You must indicate your club's "Public Officer". The forms are required by end of Feb 2009 (by-law 18.2.11).

It is important that correspondence is directed to the correct people especially in the lead up to the start of a new season. You must nominate which two members from your club's Executive Committee will receive all correspondence (ladders, letters, invoices, notices, meeting minutes).

11) 2009 Player Registration Forms and Clearance Forms are now available at the office.

Do not use previous years forms as they are NOT acceptable.

- **Winter registration fee is \$30.00 per player**

Registrations Processing Forms for bulk lodgments are also available & clubs are required to use them.

REGO FORMS MUST BE LISTED & LODGED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY SURNAME.

Don't forget there is a discount for the early lodgment of registration forms by **Friday 27th Feb 2009.**

Ensure forms are complete in all areas. Incorrect or incomplete forms will be returned unprocessed.

Forms with any stupid and unnecessary comments will be rejected as invalid!!

Any re-submission's will be left until last for processing.

Beware the unregistered player problem that is so prevalent at the start of the season.

DON'T WAIT TILL THE LAST DAY TO LODGE FORMS AND EXPECT THEM TO BE PROCESSED ON THE SPOT. GET THEM IN EARLY! START LODGING FORMS NOW!

12) Any queries should be referred to the EDPL Office as they arise.

HAPPY POOL PLAYING!!