

Wednesday 5th December 2007

To all EDPL members,

WINTER SEASON 2008 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION !

The EDPL Office will be closed from 4:30pm Wed 19th Dec, & re-opening Tue 15th Jan 2008.

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 3rd December, details of the 2008 EDPL Executive Committee are as follows –

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

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

2) A meeting for all **Club Presidents** will be held on **Monday 14th January 2008**, 7:00pm at EDPL office.

3) The next **Delegates Meeting** will be held on **Monday 18th February 2008**, 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 2008 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 11th March 2008**. There will be a weeks break for Easter, so no match scheduled for Tuesday 25th March 2008. Copies of the draw will be forwarded to all clubs shortly, and will also appear in the 2008 Handbook.

5) The four-division structure will have 10 teams per division, (which unfortunately may include Byes). Teams that won a premiership in Winter 2007 will find themselves promoted whilst those in last place will see themselves relegated. Teams in-between these extremes will remain by and large in the same divisions as 2007 winter season. The team allocation is at the discretion of the EDPL Executive Committee and exceptions to the above may have to occur. There was a special executive meeting held last week to discuss this issue.

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 years 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 2008 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 also indicate your club's "Public Officer". The forms are required preferably by end of February 2008 (refer 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) 2008 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 now \$30.00 per player** (as voted on at EDPL 2007 AGM)

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 29th Feb 2008.**

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!!