

Tuesday 20th December 2011

To all EDPL members,

WINTER SEASON 2012 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION !

EDPL Office will be closed from 4:30pm Weds 21st Dec '11, & re-open Tues 17th Jan 2012.

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 5th December 2011, details of the 2012 EDPL Executive Committee are as follows –

<u>President</u>	– Claude Welson	(1 year term remaining)
<u>1st Vice Pres.</u>	– Bert Klubal	(re-elected for 2 year term)
<u>2nd Vice Pres.</u>	– Colin Rankin	(newly elected, 1 year term remaining)
<u>Treasurer</u>	– Rob Snaza	(re-elected for 2 year term)
<u>Secretary</u>	– Dorothy Healy	(1 year term remaining)
<u>Administrator</u>	– Michael Keast	(re-elected for 2 year term)
<u>Statistician</u>	– Sally Keast	(re-elected for 2 year term)

In addition, we have several active Life Members serving on the EDPL Executive Committee.

2) A meeting for **Club Presidents** will be held on **Monday 16th January 2012**, 7:00pm at EDPL office.

3) The next **Delegates Meeting** will be held on **Monday 20th February 2012**, 7:00pm at EDPL office.

A full list of meeting dates has been issued to clubs, and will also appear in the new 2012 Handbook and website. Clubs are reminded that their Delegate must be a member of their Club Executive Committee.

4) The Winter Season will commence on **Tuesday 28th February 2012**.

Copies of the draw will be forwarded to all clubs shortly, and will also appear in the website.

5) The four-division structure may change from the previous winter season, due to team applications. Some clubs have applied for fewer teams than they had previously, while some clubs applied for more. The EDPL Executive committee will allocate teams accordingly, depending on a number of factors... eg. how many teams the clubs has applied for; where club/team finished up at the end of winter 2011; and also taking into consideration clubs preferences where possible; & number of registrations received.

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!

- **EDPL now requires 80% of all registrations** (& fees) to be lodged three (3) weeks prior to the commencement of 2012 Winter Season (so by 7th Feb). The number of teams allocated per club will be confirmed based upon registrations received. **The Fixture will be produced ONCE only!**

6) **The number of players in each team:**

- 1st Div – 8 singles players plus provision for 4 substitute players – **new playing format Winter 2012**
- 2nd Div – 12 singles players plus provision for 4 substitute players – (same as 2011)
- 3rd Div – 10 singles players and 2 doubles pairs – total 14 players – **new playing format Winter 2012**
- 4th Div – 10 singles players and 2 doubles pairs – total 14 players – (same as 2011)

7) The forthcoming Winter Season will see a major crack down in making sure all clubs & players abide by the By-Laws! Clubs will suffer fines or other disciplinary action for failure to comply with the By-laws governing areas such as dress-code, late match starts, poor umpiring, unsportsmanlike behavior, etc.

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 2012 Scorebooks will be available from the office soon, 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 must lodge their Club Executive lists (if not already done) as a matter of urgency.

You must indicate your club's "Public Officer". The forms are required by 28th Feb '12 (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 by post, (ladders, letters, invoices, notices, meeting minutes).

All registered members may also receive ladders, notices, minutes etc by email if requested.

11) 2012 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 - \$30.00 per player**
- **Winter clearance fee - \$ 5.00 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 **\$5 discount** for early lodgment of registration forms by **Tues 14th February 2012.**

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.

There is also an **extra \$5** cost per player if 'signed-up' on first week match night.

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 SIGNING YOUR PLAYERS UP NOW !

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

HAPPY POOL PLAYING!!