



World Darts Federation Asia Pacific Cup 2008



The New Zealand Darts Council is proud to be the host for the 2008 Asia Pacific Cup in New Zealand.

The dates for the APC events are: **7th to 10th October 2008**

As well as the APC events we will also be hosting the **PUMA NZ Masters World Ranking Singles** and **PUMA NZ Open Pairs** events **11th – 12th October 2008**.

Programme of events:

Tuesday 7th October - **Welcome Reception** 6.30 pm (Teams and Officials only)

Wednesday 8th October - **Official Opening** 8.45 am - **Qualifying Rounds** start 9.30 am

Thursday - 9th October - **Knock out events** to finals starting 9.00 am

Friday - 10th October - **Finals day** (All) starting 10.00 am

Presentation & Farewell Dinner starting 7.00 pm

PUMA NZ Masters Singles - Saturday 11th October

PUMA NZ Open Pairs - Sunday 12th October

Participation: An “Expression of Interest” was sent out in May 2007 to 11 countries being Australia, Brunei, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Japan Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines and Singapore.

Each invited country is able to send 1 team made up of 4 men, 2 women along with managers and support personnel.

To date countries that have confirmed their interest in sending teams are: **India, Australia, Philippines, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, Iran & Brunei** along with New Zealand and we ask that countries make **final confirmations to us by the 25th July 2008**.

Travel: We would envisage most teams and supporters will fly in through Auckland and will then board a 1 hour connecting flight to Palmerston North. Alternative International Airports are located in Wellington (2 Hr drive to P/Nth or 35 minutes by Air) and Christchurch located in the South Island (1hr 10 minutes by Air only)

On Arrival, all teams will be met at Palmerston North Airport and taken by shuttle bus to their official Hotel or Motel Accommodation located just 10 - 15 minutes away.

Suggested Arrival Points

When flying into New Zealand, we would suggest that all teams and supporters come through either Auckland or Wellington Airports and then get an “**internal**” flight to Palmerston North. If possible these should be tagged on to your International Airfares and can be done through a travel agent in your own country or you can contact Stephen Parsons at *Stephen Parsons House of Travel* stephenp@hot.co.nz and he may be able to help you.

Individual countries are responsible for arranging any Visas that may be needed by their team to enter New Zealand. *Please do not leave this until the last minute as we do not want to see teams not turn up because they can't get Visas.*

Venue: The playing venue is **Club Palmerston**, Linton St, Palmerston North.

Club Palmerston: Club Palmerston is a combined Squash, Gym, Bowling and Workingmen's Club and boasts a modern décor and has 16 permanent dart boards in place. A separate staging area will be built for Finals and possible television and internet coverage.

Open Tournaments: The **PUMA NZ Masters Singles & PUMA NZ Open Pairs** will be played at the Manawatu Darts Club - 324 Tremaine Ave, Palmerston North and are open to all international competitors and their supporters, as well as New Zealand players.

NOTE:

Entries for the PUMA NZ Masters Singles CLOSE Friday 3rd October 2008.

Entries for the PUMA NZ Open Pairs CLOSE 7 pm Saturday 11th October 2008.

Accommodation: The recommended hotel is the **Kingsgate Hotel**.

Prices offered per night are:-

Premium rooms at \$119.00 (Bed & Breakfast for 2) or \$105.00 room only

Standard rooms at \$99.00 (Bed & Breakfast for 2) or \$90.00 room only

Each country is responsible for making their own bookings and these can be done by contacting Jackie Rogers at the Kingsgate Hotel.

Email: Jackie.Rogers@millenniumhotels.co.nz

The Kingsgate Hotel is situated on the corner of Fitzherbert Ave and Ferguson St - approx. 300 metres from Club Palmerston and takes 3 mins 30 sec to walk. (I walked and timed it myself)

Club Palmerston & the Kingsgate Hotel are located in the centre of Palmerston North within a 5 min walk to the main CBD shopping centre with many restaurants that cater for all tastes i.e. European, Chinese, Asian, Indian, Korean, Thai etc.

Transport

Palmerston North is a relatively small city and transport is easy to get. We also are in the process of trying to arrange some free transport for competitors when it comes to the Puma Pairs & NZ Masters and also pick up from the Palmerston North Airport.

Palmerston North is a provincial city centrally located in the Manawatu Region of the lower North Island of New Zealand with a population of approx 130,000 people.

I have sent out this information to all countries National Darts Bodies by both email and post. The posted packs also contain some brochures and a CD showing points of interest and our lovely country side around the Manawatu/Palmerston North districts

New Zealanders are a very friendly people and we are sure all teams and supporters will enjoy their stay.

For further information or inquires please contact

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