



EXCITING START TO THE NEW SEASON

Friday the 5th of March saw the flick-off of the second Panorama Table Football Club league season. This year will be divided into two seasons, with the first season from March to May and the second season from July to October. The following categories will catered for: Under 11 (played on specially designed smaller sized tables with six players and no block or off-side rule), Under 15, Premier (Seniors) and Championship (Seniors). There will be promotion and relegation between the Premier and Championship leagues. The juniors will also be afforded the opportunity to move up the respective leagues at the end of each season, namely the Under 11 Champion moving up to the Under 15 league and the Under 15 Champion moving up to the Championship (Senior) league. The full calendar for the whole year will appear later in this newsletter.

In the Under 11 category Daygin Prescott and Dylan Joannou got their respective seasons off to a flyer by claiming four points from a maximum of six in their first two games. Both boys showed some impressive touches and shared the spoils in an exciting score draw. Michael Joannou, younger brother of Dylan deserves a special mention as he is only six years old and already is competing with boys much older than him.

The Under 15 category has three Under 11 boys who have progressed to the full size tables, namely Slade Livesey, Anthony Davis and Alex Rodrigues. Josh Bouch (playing table football for the first time) has also entered the league. After the opening games Alex leads the pack with Anthony and Slade in hot pursuit.

Recent winner of the New Year's Tournament, Martin Plascott, was firing on all cylinders in the Championship League and has chalked up 4 consecutive wins and scored 16 goals to secure top spot. Newcomers to the league, John and Caren Joannou, held their own against fellow players Russel and Angie Davis and Sean L.

The Premier League also got off to an exciting start, and current League Champion, Clifford Graaff leads his younger son, Richard Graaff and Jason Kennedy on goal difference. Roger Livesey is only three points behind with Nando Rodrigues and Derek Oxley yet to open their account. In the highlighted match of the day, Jason defeated his best friend, Roger by 4 goals to one, after conceding an early goal to Roger that was greeted with unbelievable applause from all present. Jason, however, fought back strongly and scored four goals without further reply from Roger to secure bragging rights for the month of March.

Please see below for all league ladders.

The draw for the Johannesburg Challenge Cup along with the first round games, will take place on the 9th of April 2010. There will be a Johannesburg Challenge Cup for Seniors and Under 15.

A great evening of table football fun was enjoyed by all. Great goals and exciting games was the order of the night. It was also pleasing to see so many new faces joining in the fun and having a flicking good time. **Please note that any additional members – and we hope to see many more new faces - attending our next club evening will be allocated in the respective leagues and also be eligible to compete in the Johannesburg Challenge Cup.**

Under 11 League Ladder as at 06/03/10

Name	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals	Points
Daygin Prescott	2	1	1	0	3-1	4
Dylan Joannou	2	1	1	0	2-1	4
Michael Joannou	2	0	0	2	0-3	0

Under 15 League Ladder as at 06/03/10

Name	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals	Points
Alex Rodrigues	3	1	2	0	1-0	5
Anthony Davis	3	1	1	1	2-1	4
Slade Livesey	2	0	2	0	0-0	2
Josh Bouch	2	0	1	1	0-2	1

Championship League Ladder as at 06/03/10

Name	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals	Points
M.Plascott	4	4	0	0	16-0	12
C.Joannou (F)	3	0	3	0	0-0	3
Sean L	4	0	3	1	1-5	3
R.Davis	3	0	2	1	1-3	2
J.Joannou	3	0	2	1	2-7	2
A.Davis (F)	3	0	2	1	0-5	2

Premier League Ladder as at 06/03/10

Name	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals	Points
C.Graaff	2	2	0	0	5-1	6
J.Kennedy	3	2	0	1	7-4	6
R.Graaff	2	2	0	0	2-0	6
R.Livesey	3	1	0	2	2-5	3
N.Rodrigues	3	0	0	3	0-5	0

What is table football (or Subbuteo)????

Table football (or Subbuteo) was founded by Peter Adolph (a staunch QPR supporter) at the end of World War 2 (1947) in the United Kingdom. The game proved to be an instant success and in the late 70's and early 80's it was estimated that more than three million youngsters played this great game. One of the major attractions of this great game was all unlimited accessories you could purchase to transform your playing field from an ordinary club field to the new 2010 FNB World Cup Final Stadium with fully operational floodlights, scoreboard, grandstands (with spectators) to TV crews and officials. **The most popular accessory was undoubtedly the unlimited number of pre-painted teams you could purchase – this basically meant that each player had his own individual team according to the team he supported,** and many club leagues were contested with the major teams of the day – not only English teams but European and South American teams as well. The popularity of the game in South Africa also prompted the manufacturers in the UK to include South African teams in their catalogue. Teams from the old National Football League (NFL) like Durban City, Cape Town City, Hellenic, Southern Suburbs, Jewish Guild, Berea Park, Durban United and our national team were included in all the catalogues and sold locally (yours truly had the Hellenic, Cape Town City and Durban United teams). Local leagues flourished and thousands of local boys spent endless hours playing the game which was distinctly recognizable by the famous catch phrase 'flick to kick'.

Unfortunately the game locally was never formalized to the extent of our counterparts in Europe, America and Australia where National Championships, World Cups, European Cups and European Club Competitions were held at regular intervals. Unfortunately with the advent of computer generated computer games the interest in Subbuteo started to wane and the UK manufacture ceased production of this famous game. However, all was not lost, and a number of new manufacturers took over the mantle and table football is once again thriving with the biggest manufacturers now being Subbuteoworld (UK), Astrobase (Italy), Stefan Corda (UK, Italy & Germany) amongst others.

Table football was once again re-invented in South Africa where a small group of diehard Subbuteo followers organized the first competition after a hiatus of many, many years. The **Johannesburg Open** was held on the **10th of February 2007** and was contested between 4 seniors and 4 juniors. This small but successful tournament prompted the formation of the Johannesburg Table Football Club which led to the formation of the **South African Table Football Association (SATFA)**.

At the start of 2009 the Johannesburg Table Football Club moved to Panorama Sports Club and was renamed the Panorama Table Football Club, this move has resulted in substantial growth in table football.

SATFA has also become a 'partner nation' of the Federation International Sports Table Football (FISTF) organization. Since becoming a 'partner nation' of FISTF, SATFA has organized many FISTF-approved tournaments with the coup de grace being the first **African Continental Cup –AFCON Cup – held on the 24TH of June 2009** (to coincide with the FIFA Confederations Cup). The recent AFCON Cup was a huge success with a record of 32 participants. SATFA has also held an annual National Championship since 2007, and last year's SA Championships, at Panorama Sports Club, broke all local participation records with a total entry of 35 players. This year will once again see the annual AFCON Cup on the 16th of June with the annual SA Championships scheduled for the 4th and 5th of December 2010.

The Johannesburg Challenge Cup (JCC).

The Johannesburg Challenge Cup is an annual unseeded knock-out cup competition based on the famous FA Cup competition where anybody in the country (irrespective if you are a member of Panorama Table Football Club or not) may enter.

This year will be the third season that this prestigious competition is held.

Last season was the first time (and with great success) that a Junior JCC (Under 15) was held in conjunction with the senior JCC.

The draw for the above will take place at our next Panorama Table Football evening on the 9th of April 2010. **Everybody is welcome to enter.**

Local Table Football Star injured in a double accident

Panorama Table Football Club member and perennial star of all local table football tournaments, Sean Morgan, was involved in a car accident early in November and spent almost two months in hospital. After a swift recovery, bad luck struck again and he fell through a pool decking and broke his arm, hand and wrist. He also fractured his back. However, Sean's steely resolve has seen a remarkable recovery and he hopes his cast will be removed later this month. He plans to start flicking again early in April. **We all wish Sean a very speedy recovery and hope to see him flicking around the tables in the near future.**

**Please see below for the provisional
SATFA calendar of events for 2010:**

SATFA Calendar 2010

Month	Event	Venue	Hosted by
January			
22 January 2010	New Year's Tournament	Panorama SC	Panorama TFC

March			
5 March 2010	Panorama Club Evening	Panorama SC	Panorama TFC
19 - 21 March 2010	Gauteng Circuit		

April			
9 April 2010	Panorama Club Evening	Panorama SC	Panorama TFC

May			
8 May 2010	Panorama Challenge	Panorama SC	Panorama TFC
21 - 23 May 2010	Gauteng Circuit		

June			
4 June 2010	Panorama Club Evening	Panorama SC	Panorama TFC
16 June 2010	AFCON CUP 2010	Panorama SC	Panorama TFC

July			
2 July 2010	Panorama Club Evening	Panorama SC	Panorama TFC
16 - 18 July 2010	Gauteng Circuit		

August			
6 August 2010	Panorama Club Evening	Panorama SC	Panorama TFC

September			
3 September 2010	Panorama Club Evening	Panorama SC	Panorama TFC
17 - 19 Sep 2010	Gauteng Circuit		

October			
1 October 2010	Panorama Club Evening	Panorama SC	Panorama TFC

November

5 November 2010

Panorama Club Evening

Panorama SC

Panorama TFC

December

4/5 December 2010

SA Table Football Championships

Panorama SC

Panorama TFC

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS @ PANORAMA !!!!!!!

9 April 2010: Panorama TFC evening – league & JCC (from 18h30)

8 May 2010: Panorama Challenge Tournament

NEWS FROM THE EDITOR

I trust that you have enjoyed our second issue of our bi-monthly 'News from the Football Tables' and if there are any suggestions/remarks – good or bad, please drop me a mail on cgraaff@skyegroup.co.za.

If anybody wants to make a contribution to this Newsletter, on any topic, especially relating to our members, their respective teams and any sporting, scholastic achievements please forward the relevant news to my above mail address.

Before I blow the full time whistle, I would like to wish all our members a happy Easter and if you are travelling, go safely and see you all back at our next table football evening.

That's all football folks – have a flicking good month and see you all on Friday the 9th of April 2010 and remember: WE DO IT ON THE TABLES !!!!!



