

This is a wee addition to the game report for December 10th 2006.

Just have to go back to the Wednesday night Independence Day of December 6th 2006. At this celebration I was made an honorary member of the Finnish Society. tremendous thing this for me cos it says thank you to me for work done in the area of pesapallo. Well I want to tell you all something. My inspiration to be associated with the game is Susanna. Without the driving dedication from Susanna I wouldn't be here today. I carry the honour of being awarded an Honorary Member of the Finnish Society for Susanna. Thank you Susanna you have made me look good. But this doesnt stop there.

I am in awe of Telle. Her dedication to the sport. To the players. To the Finnish Society and its membership here is above inspiration. There aren't words to describe my feelings for what Telle has given me. Cant say more about Telle because I cant transfer my thoughts about her into words. Here is something that really tells me that we as a people are doing something right. Two names come to me right now. Jasmine and Chriselle. Yup two young ladies. I have spoken about both before and believe me if these two can keep coming to games you will hear more about them. These two girls at the age of 14 and 11 are what I consider the future for this game. After the game today these two along with Tanja and Jounit spent half an hour or so with Ian going over batting skills. They worked hard and made progress.

Both Jasmine and Chriselle are held in high regard by me. Because they put in the work to try to be part of pesapallo. Gotta remember both are playing every week on adult teams. That isnt the easiest task for any young person. These two make it easy because they contribute to the team they are on. I have so far kept both on the same team and together they show no fear they just do what is asked of them and keep smiling all the way. I have to ask why the heck we cant get two groups of youth players just like Jasmine and Chriselle together to play pesapallo. Can you imagine having the young ladies and young gentlemen coming each Sunday and playing competitive pesapallo. How proud do you think I would feel to see this happen. How proud do you think a Finn would be to see their game being played by youth players thousands of miles from Finland. This wee additional chat by me here is all about the people I have mentioned above.

It isnt about me. I got lucky and brought an idea to the table. I was lucky that someone at that table saw the chance to get a wee piece of Finland growing here in a game we call pesapallo. So I have to go now. When you read through this please think about supporting Susanna and Telle in progressing this game. And just as important think about two young ladies who show no fear at being part of the pesapallo family. Jasmine and Chriselle. The future of pesapallo starts with both of them.