

Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque Club Inc.

New Members Welcome Pack

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OUR CLUB TODAY



MEMBERSHIP

There are two forms of membership available at WHRPC, Full and Social. Membership forms are attached to this document on page 15.

Full Membership

The annual cost of full membership is \$50 for individuals, \$100 for families. Renewals are sought in March and request for payment made by 30 April each year.

- All members become fully licenced Pétanque Federation Australia Ltd players and receive PFA insurance cover.
- They have free entry into the Hanging Rock Reserve on Thursday evenings.
- They have the right to participate in all Club events.
- They receive a regular Club newsletter which gives information on recent doings, forthcoming events and other general items of interest.
- They receive discounts on boules and Club merchandise.

Social Membership

Social membership is only available to PFA-licenced players whose 'home' club is not WHRPC. The annual cost of social membership is \$10 per person. Renewals occur in June each year.

LICENCES

All players need to be licensed with PFA and any player who is licensed can play at any affiliated club in Australia and worldwide. All PFA licences must comply with the Administrative Rules of the Federation and, in particular, it must bear a stamped recent photograph, date of birth (to establish the category) and the signature of the licenced player.

THE COMMITTEE

The office bearers are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These positions are held for a period of one year and elected at the AGM. Other members of the committee are also elected at the AGM. The AGM is normally held in July each year.

All Club members are encouraged to consider joining the committee at some stage. New blood will keep the committee energised and open to fresh perspectives and ideas. The committee usually meets every six to eight weeks. If you want anything put on the agenda for discussion, please email details to the Secretary.

AGM

We hold an AGM dinner each July at which the office-bearer positions and other committee member positions are put up for election. Nomination forms are distributed to all members well beforehand and nominations must be received ahead of the meeting. The AGM is also often the occasion for bestowing Club Awards - the Best Male Player, Best Female, Most Improved and so on - even the Wooden Spoon!

HOW THE GAME OF PETANQUE IS PLAYED



1. A coin is tossed by either one of the teams. The winning team chooses the piste, draws a circle of between 35 cm and 50 cm in diameter (or uses a 50 cm diameter plastic circle provided), and then throws the coche and the first boule.
2. The coche must come to rest between 6 and 10 metres from the front edge of the throwing circle, and be no closer than certain specified distances from the boundaries of the piste.
3. The person who throws the coche does not have to throw the first boule; another team member may do that.
4. Players must stand in the circle to throw the coche and their boules. Both feet must be entirely within the circle (not even touching the perimeter) and both feet must remain on the ground at all times until the boule has landed.
5. Both teams are responsible for confirming the distance of the coche. If it is too long or too short, the player should always ask the opposing team's permission before picking it up.
6. In untimed games, the starting team has one attempt at throwing the coche and if it not within the 6 to 10 metres, the opposing team then has the right to place it. But the first team still retains the right to throw the first boule.
7. In timed games if the coche is not with 6 to 10 m then the opposing team places the coche at any legal position on the piste.
8. The opposing team is entitled to measure the distance of the coche after the first boule has been thrown to check the 6 m and 10 m limits. This is particularly likely if a good shot has been thrown!
9. After the first team has thrown the first boule, the opposing team throws their first boule. From then one, after each throw the team not closest to the coche throws the next boule. This continues until one team has no more boules to throw; the other team then throws its remaining boules.
10. If there is doubt as to whose boule is closest to the coche, measure it. This isn't being pedantic; it's a perfectly legitimate part of play. Having said that, where possible a consensus approach is best. An Umpire is best used to make a decision in a tournament.
11. If measuring hasn't resolved it and both teams agree the boules are the same distance from the coche, the team who threw the last boule throws again.



12. When all the boules have been thrown, the end is finished and the number of winning points needs to be agreed to by both teams. Only then can the boules be picked up. The losing team announces that the other team has won the end and by how many points (that is the winning team is granted their points by the losing team - they do not claim them!)
13. After each end, it is a good idea for the progressive score to be verified before starting the next end. This avoids the possibility of a dispute.
14. The team who won the last end starts the next end, beginning where the previous end finished (although there are variations allowed on this in certain circumstances).
15. The first team to attain the required number of points wins the game. This is always 13 points in a tournament, but may be less for social games.
16. Always congratulate the winners. It is customary for the men to shake hands with each other and for the women to kiss all players, but anyone who is uncomfortable with this practice can take the initiative and put out their hand to shake instead.
17. As a general rule, when a player is throwing their boule, members of the opposing team should be no closer than two metres from the coche, nor in the region between the circle and the coche.

Please note: the above is a reasonable summary of the rules, but as always the official Rules of Petanque should be familiar with players who wish to play in tournaments on a regular basis.



GENERAL RULES OF THE GAME



PISTES

Pétanque can be played on any surface (although not usually grass). And the less flat the surface, the better it can be because it challenges and develops the skills of the players. When pistes are formally marked out, the playing area is usually about 4 metres wide by 15 metres long, but for social games can be played on somewhat smaller areas.

TEAMS

Games are played between two teams, which can be:

Singles: two players, one against one using three boules each

Doubles: four players, two against two using three boules each

Triples: six players, three against three using two boules each

NUMBER OF POINTS PLAYED TO

Social games are sometimes played to 9 or 11 points, but competition games always to 13 points. The number of ends played in a game is dependent on how long it takes one of the teams to attain the number of points required for Game.

BASIC AIMS OF PLAY

The basic aim is to place as many boules as possible nearer to the coche than your opponents' boules. Each team aims to hold back as many of their boules as possible until the opposing team has thrown all of theirs. They do this by 'holding' the coche, that is, by having at least one boule closer than any of the opposition boules.

DEAD BOULE LINE

If they are being enforced, dead boule lines must be agreed to by both teams before start of play. In some cases, any boule that pass over a dead boule line takes no further part in the game and cannot contribute to the score.

POINTING AND SHOOTING

Pointing aims to place the boule nearest to the coche.

Shooting aims to remove the opponent's leading boule from play while at the same time leaving the shooter's boule in the holding position.

The ultimate shooting action is the carreau where the opponent's boule is removed from the vicinity of the coche and the thrower's boule remains stationary at that position of impact.



FOOTWEAR

Fully enclosed footwear must be worn whilst playing.

High-heel shoes or open sandals will not be permitted. For competition games, closed footwear must be worn. For social boules, players can suit themselves but it's sensible to wear closed footwear as protection from those very heavy wayward boules! And to prevent tripping.

BOULES

There are social boules available at the club for use on Thursday nights but most members eventually purchase a set of competition boules. These are heavier than social boules, weighing between 650 and 800 grams. If you want to buy a set from the Club, speak to a committee member. Competition boules for a player are identical in weight, diameter and surface markings. If you use social boules try to pick ones that match in terms of surface markings as they are easier to identify as yours during play.

CARING FOR YOUR BOULES

During play your boules should be dry and clean in order to avoid the risk of slipping as they leave your hand. Many players carry a small cloth for this purpose. When storing your boules for any period of time, clean and dry them, then store them in a dry place above ground level.

Generally competition boules will not rust, but social boules most certainly will!



THURSDAY NIGHTS IN DAYLIGHT SAVING



We meet every Thursday evening during the daylight saving period, so from early October to late March or early April, depending on how soon the weather turns cold.

Members gather from about 5.00 pm and play usually starts around 5.30 pm. We have a BBQ at about 7.00 pm, then more play until around 8.30 pm. We charge \$5 per person each Thursday evening to take part in this playing activity.

TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS

Play is automatically cancelled on Total Fire Ban days in the Central District.

NAME TAGS

There is a name tag for every member, and spares for guests. When you arrive, please put on your name tag. It helps everyone get to know each other more quickly, and is really important for our newer members.

THE DRAW FOR PLAY

The tournament director and/or a committee member arranges the draws during the evening. Every member (and guest) has a magnetic name tag on the board, so you can easily see which team you are in. A new draw is arranged after each game.

When you arrive, check that the tournament director knows you are available for the next draw. And when you leave for the night, move your magnetic tag off the left hand board so it is clear you are then unavailable for the next draw.

SCORING

Even though our Thursday games are very social and relaxed, scoring can add a little extra frisson to the play. And its nice to reward achievement at the end of the season.

Winning teams record their scores on the scoring sheets that are kept in a box on the bench next to the player board. These scores determine the Awards that are announced at the AGM.

The scoring sheets are easy to fill in: put in the date, the names of the winning team on the left, the names of the losing team on the right, and the score below.

ALCOHOL

Please BYO your own drinks and glasses. There is a fridge available to keep drinks cold.

Please note also that no glassware is allowed on the playing pistes.

TEA AND COFFEE

Tea, coffee, milk and sugar are available. We ask for a gold coin donation to fund the replenishment of stocks.



CHAIRS

Help yourself to a chair from the shelter and after dinner please take your chair back and put it on the hanging racks. If everyone does their own chair, it is not left to one or two people to clear everything away at the end of the evening.

THE BBQ

There is a roster for the BBQs and all members are expected to take at least one turn during the playing season.

The meals range from sausages and hamburgers with salad and bread, to more sophisticated meals. The food each Thursday is provided by the club - the object is to keep it simple and easy so there's no stress attached to being on the roster.

There is a copy of the BBQ roster with the names and mobile numbers for each night. If the person rostered for next week finds out during the week that they cannot do the BBQ after all, they need to contact the next person on the list to see if they can do it. If they can't, try the next person on the list and so on until something has been arranged.

Please let the Secretary know if assistance is needed.

ANNUAL EVENTS



We hold several special events throughout the year.

Our signature tournament is the **NOVEMBER TRIPLES**, which is part of Pétanque Victoria's (VPCI) official calendar and therefore open to all Victorian pétanque clubs. All players must be licensed, and licences must be brought on the day as they may need to be shown to the official Umpire. This event of ours is often referred to as the PATR Mixed Triples (PATR = Petanque at the Rock)

We have a wonderful social weekend at Echuca every August for the **PORT OF ECHUCA MURRAY MAUL**, where we play on the pedestrian roadway in the historic Port Precinct, a very picturesque if unorthodox piste. The weekend is a very convivial affair, starting with drinks on Friday afternoon and finishing with a fabulous lunch on Sunday at The Star Hotel. We do play pétanque as well! We play all day Saturday and again on Sunday morning. This event is not only open to our own Club members: we also invite several clubs with whom we have a close friendship, in particular Pyrenees (Avoca), Maldon and Nagambie.

Our **BASTILLE DAY** event is held on a Sunday in July as close to 14th July as is practicable, and it is a very popular day despite often being cold or wet. Pétanquers are a hardy lot when it comes to getting together over food and wine. We also invite our circle of friendly clubs to this event.

In 2011 we held our first **IAN CASTLE DAY** at Andersons Mill near Smeaton. We had been keen to organise a social day away from The Rock so Ian, Chinka Steel and Ken Helmore spent several enjoyable days scouring the countryside for suitable venues within a few hours of home. They came upon the wonderful historic Andersons Mill site, which Ian fell in love with. However, shortly afterwards both he and Chinka became seriously ill and the event was put on the backburner.

After Ian died, we decided to hold the Ian Castle Memorial Day at Anderson's Mill in his honour, and invited many of his wide circle of friends and colleagues to the event in October 2011, six month's after his death. It was a great success and was held again the following year.

However, it was logistically complicated to organise, so in 2013 we decided to move it back to "The Rock" and to hold it in April 2014. We combined it with a dedication of the Shelter as Ian was so integral to its construction. The Ian Castle Day is now a permanent fixture on our autumn calendar at Hanging Rock. We also invite our friendly clubs and continue to include Ian's family members and personal friends.

There are also other events over the winter period that we will keep you well informed about using the Club's occasional Newsletter.



EVENTS AT OTHER CLUBS



Just as we invite **AVOCA** and **NAGAMBIE** to our events, we are invited to attend their special events each year. These are great fun, very social and with a happy competitive atmosphere.

WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

During the months between May and September when we don't have normal Thursday night activities, we have the occasional Sunday game at the homes of some of our members who either have real pistes or have areas that can be adapted. We usually play before and after lunch. We charge a small fee for the day which includes a light lunch

Details of our full calendar of events can be found on our website.



PLAYERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR



- ④ Play by the rules.
- ④ Never argue with an official. If you disagree with something that has occurred, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- ④ Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in Pétanque.
- ④ Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- ④ Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays, whether your team or the opposition makes them.
- ④ Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- ④ Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- ④ Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please friends, parents, partners and coaches.
- ④ Do not mix alcohol with sport. (No player will be permitted to take part in any competition where there is any indication of intoxication.)
- ④ Comply with the safety guidelines as outlined.
- ④ Do not behave in any manner, or engage in any activity, whether on or off the field, that is likely to impair positive public perception as to the orderly and professional conduct of the sport of Pétanque.
- ④ Promote inter-club sport as a spirited, safe and enjoyable competition to be enjoyed by players, spectators, officials and administrators.
- ④ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion or of their physical or psychological disabilities.

FURTHER INFORMATION



Visit these websites for further information about the rules of the game or for general information about pétanque in Australia:

www.petanqueattherock.com.au (WHRPC)

www.petanquevictoria.com.au - (VPCI)

www.petanquefederationaustralia.com (PFA)

The PFA website is the official site of **Pétanque Federation Australia** which is the peak sporting body for the sport of pétanque in Australia.



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On the following 2 pages you will find membership forms.

Please note that Woodend Hanging Rock Club Membership extends over the financial year from 1 July to 30 June the following year, but payment for the next financial year is requested in March, to be paid by the 30 April. The AGM is usually held in July each year.

WOODEND HANGING ROCK PETANQUE CLUB INC
FULL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



1 JULY 2016 to 30 JUNE 2017

MEMBERSHIP FEE - \$50 PER PERSON OR \$100 PER FAMILY

FAMILY NAME	
FIRST NAME	
HOME ADDRESS	
PHONE CONTACT (1)	
PHONE CONTACT (2)	
E-MAIL ADDRESS (1)	
EMAIL ADDRESS (2)	
MEMBER SIGNATURE	
DATE OF APPLICATION	

Cheque/cash enclosed \$ _____

Please check this box if would like a receipt

Please mail this form to WHRPC, PO Box 229, Woodend, Victoria, 3442

If you are a new member please also complete a Petanque Federation Australia Ltd form, available from our website at <http://petanqueattherock.com.au> from the Membership link under Our Club, and enclose a colour passport-sized photo.

WOODEND HANGING ROCK PETANQUE CLUB INC
SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



1 JULY 2016 to 30 JUNE 2017

MEMBERSHIP FEE - \$10 PER PERSON

FAMILY NAME	
FIRST NAME	
HOME ADDRESS	
HOME PETANQUE CLUB*	
PFA LICENCE NUMBER*	
PHONE CONTACT	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
MEMBER SIGNATURE	
DATE OF APPLICATION	

Cheque/cash enclosed \$ _____

Please check this box if would like a receipt

Please mail this form to WHRPC, PO Box 229, Woodend, Victoria, 3442

*Please note that this type of membership is only available to players who hold a PFA licence and are members of another affiliated petanque Club.

WOODEND HANGING ROCK PETANQUE CLUB INC

A POTTED HISTORY



Pétanque in the Macedon Ranges had its beginnings when Woodend locals Marilyn and Chinka Steel and Jill and Frank Webb holidayed in France in the late 1990's. They were intrigued by the number of people playing this funny game with steel balls in parks and driveways throughout Paris. With a combination of observation and enquiries, they determined that this in fact was the French game of Pétanque, a sport a little like English Lawn Bowls but far more environmentally friendly.

The foursome decided to test the waters with the sport by using pétanque as a theme for Chinka's annual Christmas party. It was very well received and soon a dedicated group began playing on a Sunday morning behind the outdoor Netball Courts at Buffalo Stadium. We say dedicated because every Sunday the wind invariably would be gale force and the temperatures variable.

In time, we transitioned to playing regularly in the eastern car parks at the Hanging Rock Reserve.

By this time, using shameless self-promotion, our numbers had increased and we staged our first annual Triples competition in December 2000.

As we continued to grow and gain recognition in the pétanque world as a Club that got things right, we were granted approval to host the 2006 National Easter Triples tournament. With hundreds of players from all over Australia and abroad, we staged what has been described as the most professional and successful triples event in the game's history in Australia. It goes without saying that the outcome reflected over twelve month's tireless work by dedicated club members.

Over the years, we continued developing innovative initiatives including our annual trip to Echuca for the Murray Maul, events on Bastille Day, off-season events at members' homes, fund raisers, public and school demonstrations of our sport, uniforms, hats, background music at events to name but a few.

In the late 2000's we embarked on our most ambitious project to date, the construction of our own Club House at the Reserve. The Club as a whole set about raising grants and other sources of revenue to fund our dream, and a team of enthusiastic volunteers under the direction and supervision of the late Ian Castle provided the grunt to make it happen. And it did!

We are currently one of the largest clubs in Australia and continue to grow and prosper by participating in and promoting the sport of Pétanque within this country.

VIVE PETANQUE!!

