



August 2015 Newsletter

Your New Committee

Following the recent 2015 AGM the Committee Members

are: President: David Shaw
Vice-President: Cathy Cohen
Treasurer: Carol Richards
Secretary: Peter Wells
Members: Helen Cottew
Louise Potter
Helen Lunn
Jill Shaw

2015 Echuca Murray Maul

The 10th Murray Maul was held at the Port of Echuca on the weekend of 22-23 August. Compared to the Woodend district and Macedon Ranges generally the weather was wonderful – sunny and 20°C for the 2 days, what bliss!

This year's recipient of the Murray Maul Challenge Shield is Chinka Steel who won all 8 of his matches, and duly thanked his 16 team players and 24 opponents that joined him over the weekend.

The format, the super melee system, where no-one plays with or against another player more than once, is quite a challenge for all. The proof of this is that in the 10 years to date there has never been a repeat winner of this event.



Cathy presenting Chinka with the Murray Maul Shield

The complete list of players and their final rankings are shown on the following page.

Murray Maul and Sleeping Lions

For regulars at the Murray Maul you are well aware that Cathy often gets players to do outrageous things – all in the name of good fun (of course).

This year apart from making players dress up and act like clowns (not difficult for most of us!), Cathy corralled a group from Avoca and Nagambie to present an original song of their own making to match the music of “The Lion Sleeps Tonight”. It turned out to be both brilliant and moving and the words dreamt up very quickly by Deb Hicks and company are reproduced here.

Murray Maul Anthem

On the Murray, the mighty Murray,
Petanquers come to play,
On the Murray, the Mighty Murray,
Petanquers' come to play
Wee eee eee eee
From Nagambie & Avoca,
They Travel to the Port,
From Nagambie & Avoca,
They travel to the Port.

Chorus

Boules & Banter,
Draught horses canter,
When you're at the Port,
Boules & Banter,
Draught horses canter,
When you're at the Port
Verbal bullshit is Cathay's forte
So we're here to say,
We love your laughter, your jokes are smarter,
Than anyone we know.

The WHRPC Newsletter

This newsletter is intended to go to all WHRPC Members. Club members with the same email address will only get one email message (hopefully).

If you wish not to receive this by email, or you get repeats at the one email address, please let me know.

If you wish to suggest any items for a future Newsletter simply send me the details in an email.

2015 Murray Maul Results

Results for those players who completed all 8 games.

Full Results: Games won, delta and names					
8	36	Chinka Steel	4	-5	Ken Field
7	42	Michael Barker	4	-5	Michael Harrison
7	40	Terry Murphy	4	-11	Lyn Connolly
6	35	Jill Shaw	3	-4	Eve Harrison
6	34	Wally Grinpukel	3	-4	Carole Mee
6	30	Grahame Marshall	3	-5	Lawrence Grech
6	28	Anne Burge	3	-8	Robyn Akers
6	26	Peter Wells	3	-9	Don Smith
6	26	Jessie Smith	3	-10	Billie Wright
6	19	Jenny Large	3	-15	Deb Hicks
6	15	Wayne Mee	3	-15	Kevin O'Neill
5	21	John Berry	3	-16	Rod Baillie
5	15	Jackie Berry	3	-19	Anita Harrison
5	12	Joy Field	3	-19	Lynette Johnson
5	8	John Swain	3	-24	Jean Aitken
5	7	Jorja Mattys	3	-26	Audrey Baillie
5	5	Claire Sampson	2	-12	Tony Corbett
5	-4	Martin Connolly	2	-15	Yvonne Dacey
5	-4	Carol Richards	2	-20	Marilyn Steel
4	10	Deb Walker	2	-20	Ruth Giddings
4	8	Graham Richards	2	-22	Jim Hunter
4	8	Geoff Higgins	2	-28	Shirley Marshall
4	8	Jane Scheggia	2	-31	Ken Helmore
4	2	Fred Cowie	1	-36	Gloria Higgins
4	0	Glenys Chessells	1	-38	Peta Mattys
4	-1	Lynne Pearce	1	-53	David Shaw

Membership

Our membership now stands at 66 licensed players, plus a few 'friends' who hold a social membership with WHRPC but hold their PFA license with another club.

One thing we will be looking to improve is how we get information more efficiently to our members, so in the near future we will contact you about how you would like to receive information; website, SMS (on smart mobile phones), email or normal mail.

Club Petanque Diary

Friday 4 September – Shelter Clean Up

Our shelter at Hanging Rock needs a good clean out. We intend removing the 2 old fridges and replacing them with a new one in the very near future. We also have to sort through the chairs and tables as some need replacing.

But most importantly the place is long overdue for a thorough sweep out and clean. We are calling volunteers to come with brooms and cleaning equipment from about 10.00 am onwards.

Saturday 5 September – Woodend Market Demo

We have the opportunity to run some demonstration games and invite people at the Woodend Farmer's Market to join in a friendly game of petanque between the hours of 9.00 am and 1.00 pm. If you are free for about an hour in this time frame please come along with you boules to the graveled area behind the Woodend Library/Community Hall complex.

Sunday 13 September – Nagambie Event

The Nagambie Petanque Club are intending to hold an Open Triples petanque tournament on this day. It was originally intended to be a 2-day event but will now almost certainly be restricted to just the Sunday. We'll keep you posted. The event will be held at the Mitchelton Winery.

This is the first tournament Nagambie Petanque club are running that is open to all Victorian Players so they need a good showing – and as supporters of Nagambie from their very early days, let's try and provide a few teams to ensure this event is a great success.

Details will be on the VPCI website next Monday, and also on www.mypetanque.com where you can register online.

Sunday 20 September – Doubles Championship

The Victorian Doubles Championship is on at Weird Entertainers & Petanque Club on Sunday 20 September. This is the showcase Doubles Tournament of the Victorian Calendar and there are separate divisions for both Men and Women.

Thursday 1 October – Summer Social Season

This is the 1st Thursday in October and is traditionally the start of our Summer Social Season. We will be starting play at 5.15 pm (or thereabouts) so please rock up anytime from around 5.00 for Doubles game and a couple of Triples games and then one of our splendid BBQs. As usual all for the miserly sum of \$5.

Sunday 18 October – Rooters vs Rockers

This is the date for the annual social competition that we have with the members of the Rootes Group Car Club. They are indicating about 40 players plus a line-up of about 2 dozen spectacular vintage and veteran cars. We need to have a heap of keen club players to win back the trophy we didn't win last year!

A 9.30 am start, 3 games and then a gorgeous 2-course lunch to follow. For catering purposes please let a club committee member know well in advance if you are coming. More about this in the next Newsletter.

Sunday 29 November – PATR Triples

This is the premier event that your club conducts every year. Please put this in your Calendar and support the club. More about this in the next Newsletter.

Sponsors

Over the years the WHRPC has been very fortunate to have some very generous sponsors. So please 'give back', for example, by patronising the Hanging Rock Café.

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