



December 2016 Newsletter

Season's Greetings

The WHRPC Committee wishes all club members and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BBQ Arrangements Around Christmas

We aim to meet every Thursday evening around 5.20 pm for social petanque. The BBQ arrangements are continuing as usual, apart from 2 Thursdays around Christmas.

Please note that on Thursday 22 December and Thursday 29 December there will be no BBQ meal supplied and players are asked on those 2 evenings to bring a plate of food to share. The BBQ is still available on those 2 nights if anyone wishes to use it, but the WHRPC Committee will not be supplying the usual BBQ meal.

One last note on the BBQ Roster. If you are rostered to do the BBQ can you please remember that the committee will supply all food (that's not your responsibility now), but we would ask that you set up the table with condiments and clean up the BBQ plate and surrounds after the cooking. If you can take the utensils away and wash them; thank you.

Thursday Social Petanque

The committee realises that we may have confused members (and ourselves) with the chopping and changing around of times/points for games on Thursday evening.

We have decided that for the foreseeable future we will recommend the following structure of games, and try to stick to it!

1st Game: At around 5.20 pm – 5.25 pm we will start the first game of Doubles. It will be timed (strictly) to end at 5.50 pm. In this way, you can attempt to play to 13 points, but stop (finish the end) once the bell is rung, please.

2nd Game: The second game, usually Triples, will start at 5.55 pm and be timed to end at 6.25 pm. This means that the person(s) cooking the BBQ can play this game.

3rd Game: The 3rd game, Triples, will start at 6.30 pm and players will be asked to end this shortly after the bell is rung to indicate the food is being served, at around 7.00 pm or a few minutes later.

With this new arrangement we are able to get 3 timed games in, all played to 13 points or to the time indicated, prior to the BBQ meal. After the BBQ we will arrange a 4th game for those who wish to stay on.

Hopefully this will resolve the confusion!

Play Better Petanque

Occasionally players ask for coaching on how to improve their petanque game. So we have decided, given sufficient demand, to consider running a coaching clinic (probably early in February 2017). But first we need to know if sufficient interest exists.

We would aim to have the clinic conducted by an accredited PFA coach, and maybe invite other clubs in the Region to join in if the time suits them.

So, we need to know if you are interested and if so, what aspects of the game you are particularly interested in; pointing, shooting, tactics, whatever.

We will send out a brief questionnaire on this just prior to Christmas to gauge interest.

2016 PATR

On 27 November we conducted the 2016 PATR Mixed Triples. We had 25 Teams attend for a magnificent day at the 'Rock'.



A fine sunny day for the 2016 PATR Mixed Triples

We played a 5-Round Swiss System Draw and our own Helen Lunn, ably assisted by 2 gentlemen, Warwick Paton from Main Ridge Petanque Club and Geoff Turner from St Andrew's Beach Petanque Club, won the event. They were the only team to win all 5 games, against some reasonably strong opposition.

In their last game to clinch the overall win they beat Patrick and Lynn Dufresne and Andre Deramond – a magnificent effort. Well done Helen.

Also, a very big thank you to the Louise and co. for arranging the raffle prizes, and all the other club members who put up marquees, raked the pistes and painted the lines. All this takes time and effort and we really appreciate that.



The happy winners with David Shaw at the presentation

2017 WHRPC Event Reminders

Social Season

The 2016-2017 Social Season on Thursday evenings continues through until at least the end of Daylight saving time, and if the weather is still fine we will continue the season for a few more weeks. We will keep you posted. And remember to keep filling in the game scores to compete for the Summer Star Award to be presented at the 2017 AGM in July next year.

Lightning Premiership

Occasionally we hold a slightly more formal series of games on a Thursday evening. A Lightning Premiership event is scheduled (weather permitting) on Thursday 2 February. More on this nearer the time, but we will be asking you to form teams to play at least 4 timed games in quick succession before the BBQ for some modest prizes.

Probus Visit

We will be having a visit from the Kyneton Probus Club on Thursday 6 March. This has become an annual event and we look forward to catching up with friends from Kyneton for a few games of petanque.

Ian Castle Memorial Day

This is scheduled for Sunday 2 April, 2017. The event brings together club members and the family and friends of Ian Castle. Always a day of great fun and friendship – so please put this in your diary.

2017 Victorian Event Reminders

Here are a few tournaments that may also be of interest to some of our players early in 2017. For all these tournaments you can see Flyers (a few weeks prior to the event) and register on line at www.mypetanque.com

Mt Macedon Open Triples on 15 January

This event in November 2016 was washed out during that very wet spell, and has been re-scheduled for mid-January. It's a time to catch up with our colleagues next to the BP Service station in Gisborne.

Victorian Shooting Competition on 29 January

Every year VPCI (Petanque Victoria) conduct a state-wide Shooting Competition. It will be held at the Caulfield Park

Petanque Club in 2017, and run by the State Umpires and State Coaches.

Apollo Bay Open Triples on 11-12 February

Yes, it's a long way to go but it's great fun and set in a magnificent spot virtually on the shore looking out over the great Southern Ocean.

Victorian Championship Triples on 5 March

This is a real test of petanque skills, and for the first time is being held at a rural club; at St Andrews Beach on the Rye ocean beach side of Mornington Peninsula. This continues the theme of playing petanque to the background sound of breaking rollers. There will separate Divisions for Men's and Women's teams.

Avoca Open Doubles on 18-19 March

Always a fantastic event, so really think about supporting our friends in the Pyrenees Petanque Club for this weekend tournament.

Club Website

In the near future the club website is due for a long-overdue make-over. We have 2 ideas in mind. First, getting the website brought up to date so that it has a more modern look and is configured so that it works seamlessly for you using desktop, laptop, tablet or phone, of any make/variety.

Second, is a suggestion to include a content management system so members especially can get the content they want, delivered automatically as new content is added, and in a way that best suits each member; website view, email, SMS, etc. More on this as we work out the best way to do it.



Congratulations to Shirley Marshall, a member of the 2nd placed team at our recent PATR tournament. Other players are Vincent Ruiz (left) and Bernie Bommarito

WHRPC Club Photos

Thanks to David Shaw, you can view event photos at <https://snapper3442.smugmug.com/Events/Petanque/n-TgPXF/PATR-Triples-2016/>

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