



February 2017 Newsletter

Thursday Evening Arrangements for 2017

The WHRPC Committee wishes all club members a Happy and Rewarding 2017. There have been a few changes at Hanging Rock of late and there are few issues we need to re-think for Thursday evenings.

Parking

WHRPC and the Macedon Ranges Shire have agreed broadly to have club members' park their cars close to the piste area on the left-hand side as you drive down the road to the playing area. Usually there will be a 'Road Closed' sign erected here; please drive past the sign and down the slope to the top end of the pistes, turn left through the wooden bollards and immediately turn right. Please do not drive across the cricket ground. Please do not park on the road at the top end of the pistes where the 'Road Closed' sign is.

Closing Time

The WHRPC Committee has decided that at least for the remainder of this Summer Season the lights will be turned off (if relevant) and the petanque shelter garage will be locked at 8.30 pm. Could we ask all players to bring in the buckets and rings as they come back to the shelter for the BBQ about 7.00 pm. If you wish to play from about 7.45 – 8.30 pm you are very welcome, but only take a plastic ring for your own game and return it before the shelter is locked. Any games after the BBQ should be arranged between players; please do not rely on games being organised after the BBQ by the Committee.

Playing Times

We have decided to start a little earlier to still fit in 3 games before the BBQ, but to allow a little more time to relax, chat and drink between games. The shelter will now be unlocked each Thursday at around 4.30 pm. We will then aim to have 3 games organised, played to 13 points if time allows, with teams indicated by players' names up on the magnetic board, as follows:

4.45 pm: Game 1 – 13 points but Timed to 35 minutes

5.30 pm: Game 2 – 13 points but Timed to 35 minutes

6.15 pm: Game 3 – 13 points but Timed to 45 minutes

7.00 pm BBQ ready for serving

7.45 pm: Game 4 – Arrangement at players' discretion.

Let's give this a try and see how we go, please.

Paying To Play

As you all know by now, the BBQ is free, but we have decided that anyone who turns up to play pays the club \$5.00. This is regardless of how long you come for and whether you partake of the BBQ or not. And talking of the BBQ, if you do have any special food you wish to have put on the BBQ please give it to the 'cooks' around 6.15 pm before Game 3.

So, we are going to ask you when you arrive to put your \$5.00 into a tin on the servery at the same time as you put your name up on the magnetic board. The plates for the BBQ food will be placed on a table near the BBQ just before 7.00 pm. We hope this is a little simpler than the current situation, and less onerous for Carol.

Lightning Premiership

Weather permitting, we intend running a Lightning Premiership event on Thursday 16 February. This will involve Doubles Teams (so come with a playing partner, or have one allocated as you arrive). The idea is to play 4 games in quick succession, but starting at the conclusion of the 4.45 pm Game 1 indicated opposite. And this Game 1, if you like for those who get to Hanging Rock early, can be a sort of practice Doubles game for the Lightning event. The Lightning Premiership will comprise 4 game of 20 minutes each (plus 5 minutes changeover) starting promptly at 5.20 pm. We will run a so-called Swiss System, so after the 1st round it will be winners-against-winners to find the best team on the night. And as for any such prestigious tournament, that befits our club, there will a magnificent prize for the winning pair!

Committee Meeting Minutes

Your WHRPC Committee, comprising David Shaw (President), Helen Cottew (Vice President), Carol Richards (Treasurer), Peter Wells (Secretary), and Jill Shaw, Louise Potter and Marilyn Steel generally meet on the 1st or 2nd Monday of each month. At the last Meeting on Monday 6 February, we approved a motion to make the Minutes of Committee Meetings available to all club members. Minutes were never really intended to be kept secret, but as a Committee we felt it was important that all members knew exactly what their Committee was up to.

In future WHRPC Minutes will be available on the PATR website - about 2 weeks following a meeting. This will hopefully encourage members to read and comment upon, and make further suggestions to improve the club's activities.



WHRPC: What a great place to play petanque

Upcoming Hanging Rock Events Reminder Probus Visit

We will be having a visit from the Kyneton Probus Club on Thursday 16 March (not 6 March as originally stated!). 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. A formal notice will come out in a week or so. Cost will be \$10 per player and we will be running a \$2.00 sausage sizzle on the day.

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

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. Good to see 3 teams from the club members and friends registered.

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. The Flyer and registration particulars are now available on www.mypetanque.com

WHRPC Club Photos

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

Petanque Victoria (VPCI)

While not directly affecting the WHRPC, there have been a few 'rumblings' at Victoria Petanque Clubs Inc. In mid-January, the 4 office bearers of the Committee resigned.

In order to resolve the issues that caused some of these resignations, and to elect a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer and a Secretary, there is a VPCI SGM (Special General Meeting) to be held at the Camberwell Petanque Club rooms on Saturday 18 February commencing at 1.00 am.

Peter Wells has been selected to be the authorised delegate for your club at this meeting, but any licenced players are welcome to attend. In the next Newsletter we will inform you as to what transpired – but in the meantime the Victorian State Calendar of events is still current and can be viewed on the VPCI website at www.petanquevictoria.com.au

WHRPC Club Membership Fees

At the 6 February Committee Meeting, we resolved to retain, unchanged, \$20 of the Full Annual Membership for the club.

Thus, the Full Annual Membership fee that we will be asking you to pay by the end of March (you'll get another reminder in about 6 weeks' time) will be \$50 per person (or \$100 per family) assuming the PFA Licence fee stays the same at \$30 per person. The Social Annual Membership fee stays the same at \$10 per person.



Hanging Rock in afternoon sunshine

WHRPC Committee Contact Details

Email: secretary@petanqueattherock.com

or peter_wells@fastmail.com.au

Mail: PO Box 229, Woodend, 3442

Phone: 0407 302 308 or 5420 7595

Web: <http://www.petanqueattherock.com.au/>