



January 2016 Newsletter

Welcome to 2016

The WHRPC committee wishes all members and friends a very happy new year, and with lots of petanque!

New Members

We extend a very warm welcome to 2 new members: Cheryl Birch and Gary Richardson. They have been to play with us a couple of times previously and have now joined the club, so please make them feel very welcome.

There are a range of petanque event listed for 2016. These will be expanded upon as we get more details.

Summer Star Award

We have been asked what events contribute to the Summer Star Award. This award is specifically designed to keep track of player performance (or lack of it!) in the Thursday evening events during daylight saving time. Only draws put up on the 'magnetic' board on Thursday evening by a Committee Member after the commencement of play at 5.30 are counted towards this 'prestigious' trophy.

The Summer Star Award will be presented at the 2016 AGM (date/venue to be announced in the next Newsletter).

Victorian Petanque Calendar

While only a few current members regularly compete in Victoria Calendar events we do encourage you to consider entering 1 or 2 in 2016. While they are formal tournaments generally they are also great fun – and we particularly encourage our members to support tournaments run by other clubs in our N-W Region, particularly those run by the Mt Macedon Petanque club, the Pyrenees (Avoca) Petanque Club and the Nagambie Petanque Club. And of course our own PATR (Petanque at the rock) Triples.

The full Victorian Calendar can be viewed on the VPCI website, www.petanquevictoria.com.au, and online registration for these events and full details are available on www.mypetanque.com

So here are few of the tournaments coming up in the near future you might consider participating in.

Saturday-Sunday 6-7 February – Apollo Bay

This is an Open Triples event and hosted by a relatively new club, and with an amazing backdrop of the Southern Ocean.

Saturday-Sunday 13-14 February – Coonawarra

The Coonawarra Classic Open Triples sponsored by the vigneron of Coonawarra is, in my opinion, about the best petanque event on the Calendar. Usually host to about 200 players amid the brilliant vineyards of the red limestone soil, this sets up a magic ambience.

Saturday-Sunday 19-20 March – Avoca Doubles

This Open Doubles event organised by our great friends at the Pyrenees Petanque Club in Avoca, is an event not to be missed for its friendly atmosphere and challenging pistes.

WHPRC Club Calendar

2015-2016 Summer social Season

This continues every Thursday evening through to early April, with players encouraged to be there for a 5.30 start.

Thursday 11 February Special

Cathy Cohen will start this Thursday session with some guidelines on playing petanque under competition rules.

Thursday 18 February Special

A Mixed Triples Lightning Premiership evening. Starting at 5.30 with short timed games and teams that must include both genders – referred to as a 'ménage à trois' format!

Saturday 9 April – Ian Castle Memorial Event

Put this in your diary and support this magnificent event in memory of a keen player and friend to many at the club.

Sunday 17 April – N-W Regional Event

Victoria Petanque Clubs Inc. (VPCI, or simply 'Petanque Victoria') is attempting to resurrect an event like the original Victorian Rural Country Challenge Cup. More about this next Newsletter.

October – Rootes Car Club Challenge

More about this in later WHRPC Newsletters.

Sunday 27 November – PATR Mixed 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 future Newsletters

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