



September 2017 Newsletter

Winter is Over (Nearly!)

With winter 2017 drawing to a close and warm spring weather not too far away (please!), your club has a heap of events and activities to keep you engaged in petanque as we get close to and embark on the 2017-2018 Summer Season.

Echuca Murray Maul

The 12th running of this very successful event was blessed with some magnificent early spring sunshine despite the days running up to Saturday 19 August dumping huge quantities of rain in the Echuca-Moama district. The rain held off until early Sunday evening – how lucky were we?

Numbers down a bit this year but the usual Melee Triples with 36 players again proved a popular format, and congratulations to the eventual winner, June Hunter. 12 individual winners over 12 years shows this is a difficult crown to achieve.

Thanks once again to Cathy Cohen for her wonderful organisation and MC-ing the whole event, and to our local hosts, as usual, The Star Hotel.



Some happy players at the Murray Maul this year!

Late News

The WHRPC Committee has been working hard for many months to ensure the piste area has a defibrillator available in case of an emergency – and not just for petanque players.

After a lot of hard work by many, but particularly Louise Potter, we have just been informed that ‘we’ are on the list to get a defibrillator at the shelter, with the process commencing in February 2018.

Forthcoming Events and Activities

First, we have to congratulate Chinka for initiating the Player Development Program. We have received lots of positive comments on this so we are now looking for players to put their new found (or dusted-off) knowledge to good use over the next few months.

This program will continue and you will be notified on new dates as the Summer Social Season kicks in, but also keep an eye on the www.mypetanque.com website to see all the other events around the state – that’s the best way to get better; play against reasonable opposition!

23 September – Working Bee – Choice 1

The local marsupials (plus other more exotic vermin) have found that our Hanging Rock Shelter provides just that. The place needs a good clean out. It also needs some better protection against little creatures getting in through some roof areas. So, we are asking for some help on 23 September to give the shelter a good spring clean plus install some remedial wire netting.

We need help from about 9.30 am onwards, and the more that come along the sooner the job will be completed.

30 September – President’s Cup

This sounds awfully pompous but it is really the ideal chance to see if the hard work of the Player Development Program is paying top dividends (unlike Telstra!).

We invite all club members to this event; a Doubles Tournament of 4 Rounds where we ask you to be in attendance by 9.45 am for a prompt 10.00 am start to proceedings. But there is a small twist!

First, the organiser (the President, obviously) will allocate players to teams – so you don’t get a say in your partner. Second, we are asking for a volunteer (or 2, after all it is a Doubles event!) to run a 4-Round Swiss System (manually, not using a computer) in order for the club to develop some expertise outside of David Shaw and Peter Wells in running and scoring an event. Third, the scorer(s) also have to play.

Now it may all sound far too difficult, but the volunteers will get all the help they need, plus no doubt lots of advice, from David and Peter, plus a small memento for their efforts. What could be fairer than that?

Fourth, the club is asking all players who attend to bring a plate to share for lunch.

Cost: absolutely nothing. Venue: to be advised.

Timing:

9.45 am: Register	10.00 am: Round 1
11.00 am: Round 2	12:00 noon: Lunch
13.00 pm: Round 3	14.00 pm: Round 4
15.00 pm: Presentation of the President's Cup	

5 October – Opening of 17-18 Summer Season

We are starting these Summer Social Season (SSS) activities a little earlier in the day this time round; with the first game kicking off at approximately 3.00 pm (not 5.00 pm as in past years). As we have done previously, the opening event of the SSS is free, BBQ and all included.

7 October – Smythesdale Open Triples

OK – “Where is Smythesdale?” – you ask. Not far from Ballarat – in fact about 20 minutes SW of Ballarat on the Glenelg Highway.

Not too far away and a good place to practice some of those new-found skills, and at a small rural club that needs to see more players from other rural clubs. So how about it?

15 October – Mt Macedon Open Triples

A fair bit closer to home, and we always have a pretty good turnout there. So, let's not disappoint this year.

12 November – Rockers vs Rooters

This is the annual grudge match between our club and the Rootes Group Car Club. As usual, this Triples Tournament will be held at Hanging Rock and we need as many of our own members there as possible.

More about this in a later Newsletter, but put this date in your diary and strive to attend, please.

19-20 November – Pyrenees Open Triples

This is about the best rural tournament going around and we always try to support our friends at Avoca each year.

Another one for the diary and more information a bit later on.

26 November – Petanque At The Rock, 2+1

Our club's annual Victorian Calendar event, this year with a small twist. It is still a Triples Tournament, but this year the teams must be of mixed genders – hence the use of the term 2 + 1. Again, more about this in a later Newsletter.



The Apollo Bay tournament in February this year. Many WHRPC players supported this event.

WHRPC Club Photos

You can view and freely download event photos at: <https://snapper3442.smugmug.com/Events/Petanque/n-TgPXF>

The Echuca Murray Maul 2017 photos are at: <https://snapper3442.smugmug.com/Events/Petanque/n-TgPXF/Echuca-2017>

If anyone has pictures they would like to contribute please let David Shaw know at scooter@shaw.id.au

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June, Jill, Terry and Mary at Echuca this year.