

Welcome

TO WOODEND HANGING ROCK PETANQUE CLUB



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We thank you for your interest in Petanque and our Club. This booklet has been produced to give you a little more insight into our wonderful sport and to provide you with a brief history of the club and our activities.

Welcome, we hope you enjoy it.

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Club History

Petanque in the Macedon Ranges had its beginnings when local residents Marilyn and Chinka Steel with friends Jill and Frank Webb holidayed in France in the late 1990's. Intrigued by the excited play of numerous Parisians with what seemed like a very funny game played on any available gravel surface in the city, they discovered Petanque and they were hooked!

Returning home they decided to show off this funny French sport at Chinka's annual Christmas Party. It was well received by the gathering and as the saying goes 'The rest is History'.

Before long an intrepid group of players gathered behind the Netball Courts at Buffalo Stadium every week regardless of the variable Woodend weather and so started the Club.

The Club a little later were able to move play to the Hanging Rock Reserve and formally became the Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club. Numbers grew apace due to shameless self promotion in the community and competition was starting to get a little more serious. In December 2000 WHRPC ran its first Triples Competition which has become a much looked forward to annual event on the Petanque calendar.

The Club enjoyed continued growth and respect from the Petanque world and was granted approval to host the 2006 National Triples. This was a resounding success attracting players from all over Australia, it was recognised as the most professionally run and most successful triples in the games history - a great tribute to the tireless efforts of our dedicated members.

The late 2000's saw the start of our most ambitious project - construction of our Club House at Hanging Rock Reserve. This was a real achievement by all members raising the funds and financial grants together with taking part in construction under the wonderful guidance and supervision of the late Ian Castle who made it all happen!

We are currently one of the largest and most successful Petanque Clubs in Australia and our growth continues every year. We run many successful events as listed further in the booklet, we promote our sport far and wide throughout the community and we look forward to continuing this success well into the future.

VIVA PETANQUE!!!



Petanque at the Rock

From the Club's early days we have enjoyed Thursday Evening Petanque at the Rock. With a Season running from early October to April we enjoy some very social but sometimes very competitive play.

The evenings attract at least 30 players but numbers are not restricted and all members are welcome as are their guests. Indeed we would love to see more participants so come and join us, the more the merrier, but please advise the Social Group if you are bringing guests (needed for catering numbers). The Club provides loan boules for playing guests.

A minimum of three games are played starting at 5pm. Player groups are selected by drawing from a hat for each game with no grading for skill or any other criteria.

Point scores for all games are recorded and the 'Summer Star' award is presented to the leading player at season's end.

At the end of play, approximately 7pm, we serve a simple meal which is usually a BBQ for all players, cooked by two of our rostered members. You are welcome to BYO liquid refreshments and glassware to accompany your meal. A very modest charge is made for the evening.

A BASIC GUIDE TO PLAYING

Petanque

1

A coin is tossed by either team, the winning team chooses a playing area known as a Piste and either draws a circle 35 to 50cm or places a pre-made ring in their chosen spot, if using a pre-made circle its position must be marked at front and one side and replaced in position if accidentally moved in the course of play. Play starts with a member of the toss winning team throwing the jack which must be to a position on the piste between 6 and 10 metres from the circle.

2

All players unless physically disabled must stand with both feet completely within and not touching the circle to throw either the jack or their boules, both feet must remain in contact with the ground throughout the throwing process.

3

If the jack does not fall within the prescribed distances the opposing team may place the jack in a position of their choice within the prescribed distances. The starting team then throws the first boule but this does not need to be the same team member as threw the jack.

4

When both teams have thrown their first boules it is decided which team's boule is closest to the jack - either by consensus, by measurement or by a decision made by an umpire. Play will then continue with the team being furthest from the jack throwing the next boule, continuing with the team furthest from the jack until they either place one closer to the jack or their team runs out of available boules. If a team runs out of boules the opposing team then throws their remaining boules.



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When both teams have thrown all their boules the end is finished and the score taken noting the number of balls from the winning team that are closer to the jack than any of the opposing team's. This score is to be noted on a reliable scoring device. Only then may boules be moved or removed from their position on the piste.

6

The team winning an end will now start a new end from the position of the jack at the conclusion of the previous end, the sequence following the same procedure as earlier ends.

7

There is no set number of ends in a game and ends shall continue until one team reaches a winning score which is normally 13 unless specified otherwise, or the time set for a game expires should the game be played to timed rules.

8

When a player is throwing no opposing players should be within two metres of either the jack or the throwing circle nor in the region between the circle and the jack. Players should not talk, heckle or otherwise interfere with a throwing players concentration.

9

Always congratulate the winning team and thank your team members for their contribution whether you have won or lost, custom is for the ladies to kiss on both cheeks and men to shake hands - this is not obligatory and everyone does what they are most comfortable with. Obviously close contact during times such as our recent pandemic may make these physical gestures impossible .

Club Policies, Procedures

MEMBERSHIP

Renewals occur in March of each year and subscriptions should be paid at this time. Member benefits include:

- Being Licensed with Petanque Federation Australia Ltd.
- PFA Insurance cover.
- Free entry into the Hanging Rock Reserve on Thursday Evenings for play.
- Regular Club Newsletters.
- Invitations to participate in all Club Events.
- Discounts on Boules and Club merchandise.

LICENSES

All players need to be Licensed with PFA which ensures Insurance Cover with them and provides entitlement to play at any affiliated club in Australia and throughout the World. All Licences are available online but you may also be provided with a hard copy Licence complying with the PFA rules bearing a recent photograph, date of birth and signature of the owner.

CODE RED DAYS (TOTAL FIRE BAN)

The Hanging Rock Reserve is automatically closed and therefore Thursday Night play is cancelled on these occasions.

& Activities

COMMITTEE & AGM

The committee is elected each year at the AGM held in September. The AGM is also a celebratory Dinner (under normal circumstances) and we urge Members to attend and enjoy the proceedings. Nomination forms and Notice of Meeting are distributed well beforehand and any nominations for office must be received prior to the meeting.

The Office Bearers are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, each of these positions are held for a period of one year. Other members are co-opted onto the committee.

All members are encouraged to consider joining the committee at some stage to ensure the consideration of new ideas and fresh perspectives. The committee meets monthly and if you have anything you wish the committee to discuss please email details to the Secretary for inclusion on the next agenda.

THURSDAY NIGHTS

The Club plays at the Hanging Rock Reserve from early October till late April - dependant on suitable weather. Play begins at 5pm please arrive around 4-30pm to allow pre-game organisation, some social gathering, and the Treasurer time to collect your modest fee for the evening. A BBQ cooked by rostered members will be provided at around 7pm. Please BYO your own liquid refreshments and glassware.

MONDAY NIGHTS

The Club plays, weather and statutory limitations permitting, all year at the Woodend Town Piste on Monday evenings commencing at 4.30pm till 7pm. The object of these sessions is to encourage skill development of players and for players to have some fun as well!

No refreshments or BBQ are provided and there are no fees applicable.

Events

ROOTES CAR CLUB COMPETITION

This event is held annually in October, it was originally conceived as a social outing for the Car Club with a game of Petanque as added interest for the attending members. It was so well received that it has become an event much looked forward to by members of both the Car Club and WHRPC. It is a very social day of Petanque showcasing many classic Rootes Group motor cars in the beautiful Hanging Rock Reserve.

NOVEMBER TRIPLES COMPETITION

Our signature tournament is the November Triples, it is part of Petanque Victoria's official competition calendar and therefore open to all Victorian licenced petanque players.

CELEBRATION DAY

Held in April each year this event celebrates the contribution of two good mates who made a real difference to WHRPC. Ian Castle, a tireless worker for the club, he was instrumental in having the Club Shelter built at Hanging Rock. Ken Helmore, a long term President, it was Ken who brought the 2006 National Triples Championship to WHRPC.

CIDERY EVENT

Held each year in May this mainly social event is a great way to end our Summer Season.

Held at the Daylesford Cidery we enjoy a morning of Petanque followed by lunch in the dining room. Members can enjoy a meal and perhaps a glass or two of Cider whilst discussing the challenges of playing on the Temporary Pistes in their carpark. A very enjoyable day.

BASTILLE DAY

The Annual Bastille Day event is held on the closest Sunday to Bastille Day (14th July) as practicable. The event has no fixed venue so notice is published via the WHRPC Newsletter with reasonable notice. The event is extremely social and very popular despite the weather being somewhat inclement at this time of year - Petanquers are a hardy lot, produce a Piste, some good food and wine and they will be there! We invite a circle of friendly clubs to this event.

ECHUCA MURRAY MAUL

A wonderful social weekend in Echuca every August, the Murray Maul is played on the pedestrian roadway in the historic Port Precinct, a very picturesque if very unorthodox piste (well some would call it a piste!). It's a truly convivial weekend, from Friday afternoon drinks to a fabulous lunch on Sunday.

Oh! We play Petanque as well! All day Saturday and on Sunday morning. We invite several clubs with whom we have close friendships to this event, in particular the clubs from Avoca and Nagambie.

All these events will be publicised with good notice in the WHRPC Newsletter and on the Club website. Just as we invite other clubs to our events, we also receive invitations to attend their events throughout the year, these are great fun so look out for them - we will endeavour to publicise these also in the WHRPC Newsletter and website but they can also be found on the website www.mypetanque.com

Club Code of Conduct

1. Play by the Rules.
2. Remember this is a sport and a game to be enjoyed by all players, all the time.
3. Never argue with other players or an official. If you disagree with something have our captain, coach or team manager take the matter up during a break or after competition.
4. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging of players, deliberate distraction of opponents are all totally unacceptable behaviour in Petanque.
5. Do not be selfish, work equally hard for your team and yourself. Everybody will benefit from this.
6. Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether by your team or your opponents.
7. Treat everybody as you would wish to be treated, there is no place for bullying or unfair treatment in Petanque.
8. Cooperate with the officials, your teammates and your opponents, remember without this there is no competition.
9. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please friends, parents, partners and coaches.
10. Do not mix alcohol and sport. Any player showing evidence of intoxication will be excluded from taking any part in competition.
11. Always comply with all guidelines respecting Health and Safety.
12. Do not engage in any activity or act in any manner, on or off the piste, which is likely to damage the good reputation or public perception of the sport of Petanque.
13. Promote inter-club sport as a spirited, safe and enjoyable competition to be enjoyed by all members of the sport and the community at large.
14. Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, culture, religion, or any physical or psychological disabilities.
15. Most importantly - Make sure that Petanque is Fun for all concerned including You!

Rules SIMPLIFIED & SHORTENED of Petanque

There is a link on WHRPC website to Full Rules of Petanque for all who wish to read these

COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

Triples 3 players per Team each with 2 boules
Doubles 2 players per Team each with 3 boules
Singles 1 player per Team with 3 boules

BOULES

Must be made of metal with a diameter of 7.05cm to 8cm and a weight of between 650 grams and 800 grams
Competition boules must be engraved with a trademark of manufacturer and the boule's weight, only such boules may be used in any official competition.
Competition boules may also be engraved with a player's name or initials as well as maker's marks.

JACKS

May be made of wood or approved synthetic materials with a finished diameter of 30mm
Weight must be between 10 and 18 grams
Jacks must not be capable of being picked up with a magnet.

LICENSES

Only fully Licenced players are eligible to play in Federation approved Competition.

PISTES

Any gravelly surfaced area can be deemed suitable as a piste, for National or International Comp the size must be a minimum 15m long x 4m wide, for all other competition the minimum size is 12m long x 3m wide.

GAME POINTS

Normally games are played to 13 points there are exceptions for qualifying heats in some tournaments and in social play
Timed games, these may finish prior to any team reaching 13 points, the leading points scoring team is declared the winner at the finish of the timed period. In the event of a tie in at the finish of the timed period a deciding end is played.

CIRCLES

Prefabricated circles may be used these must be rigid construction and have an internal diameter of 50cm.

Drawn circles may also be used these must be not less than 35cm and not more than 50 cm diameter.

Players must unless disabled (lower limbs) stand with both feet completely within and not touching any part of the circle, A disabled (lower limbs) player may have one foot or one wheel (non-throwing limb side) of a wheelchair outside of the circle.

PLAY

A member of one side will toss a coin opposing team to call, toss winning side will choose the piste, place the circle and a team member will throw the jack to land within the piste area a min of 6 metres and max of 10 metres from the circle internal edge. If the jack is not within the prescribed distances the opposing team may move the jack to a legal position of their choosing. Once the jack is in a legal position play will continue with any member of the toss winning side throwing the first boule. A member of the opposing team shall then throw their first boule. Play continues with the team being furthest from the jack throwing and this team shall continue to throw until they become either the nearest to the jack or they have thrown all their available boules, at this point the other team shall throw until they either become closest or use all their boules. The end continues in this manner until both teams have thrown all their boules. At this point the score is calculated with all the winning team's boules which are closer to the jack than any of the other team's counted as one point each being added to their score. The end is over when the either team reaches 13 points and that team is declared the winner.

DEAD BOULES & LINES

If Dead Boule Lines are to be enforced they must be agreed by both teams prior to start of play. Boules are declared dead if they cross Dead Ball Lines or if the boule goes off the surface of the piste. Should a boule go off the piste and roll back onto the playing surface due to any cause it remains dead and should be removed immediately.

MEASUREMENT & BOULES EQUIDISTANT FROM THE JACK

In the event that a player displaces the jack or a contested boule whilst effecting a measurement that players team shall lose the point.

In the event of equidistant boules from the jack there are three alternates:

1. If neither team has any boules available the end is dead and a new end shall commence with the jack belonging to the team who won the previous end or the toss.
2. If only one team has boules available it shall play them and score as many points as it has boules nearest the jack.
3. If both teams have boules available play shall continue as normal with the team who played the last boule to play again.

BAD AND UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR

Bad and Unsporting behaviour is not tolerated and serious penalties are imposed for this.

Correct dress and fully enclosed shoes should be worn during play, smoking is not permitted and mobile phones should not be used during play.

Opposition players should not stand within 2 metres of the player or the jack and not between the circle and the jack, neither should they talk or otherwise distract a player whilst in the circle in the process of throwing.

PROTESTS

Any actions which are considered by a Team as unfair or improper should be referred to the Umpire at the time, there should be no arguments between players, and once the game has been completed no protest or complaint shall be accepted.

Further Info

Visit these websites for further information about the rules of the game or for general information about pétanque in Australia:

- www.petanqueattherock.com.au (WHRPC, our club)
- www.petanquevictoria.com.au (VPCI, Victorian League)
- www.petanquefederationaustralia.com (PFA, National Federation)
- www.mypetanque.com (Event registrations)



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