

The Pétanque Times

The newsletter of the Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club

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Board Elected

The election of ^{directors}~~officers~~ went off without a hitch thanks to the tireless efforts of Joe LaTorre, Frank Pipal and Tom Noonan. A total of 58 people voted that is about 75% of all members. Too bad we can't get that kind of turnout for school bonds or even the Presidential elections, but I digress, the results are as follows:

Byron Mayo - 56

Pierre Joske - 47

Mike Norton - 46

John Bouldt - 43

Jacques Mathieu - 42

Tom Noonan - 40

Myron ^{Reece}~~Reese~~ - 27

Paul Des Pois - 25

Garrick Clayton - 21

Bill Carter - 17

Pam Stephens - 12

Chuck Fleming - 10

Jake Martin - 10

Jim Fife - 6

Changes to Articles of Association and By-Laws are as follows:

Increase in number of directors ~~Approved~~ 52-4

Mail-in balloting approved 54-2

Increase director terms approved 38-16

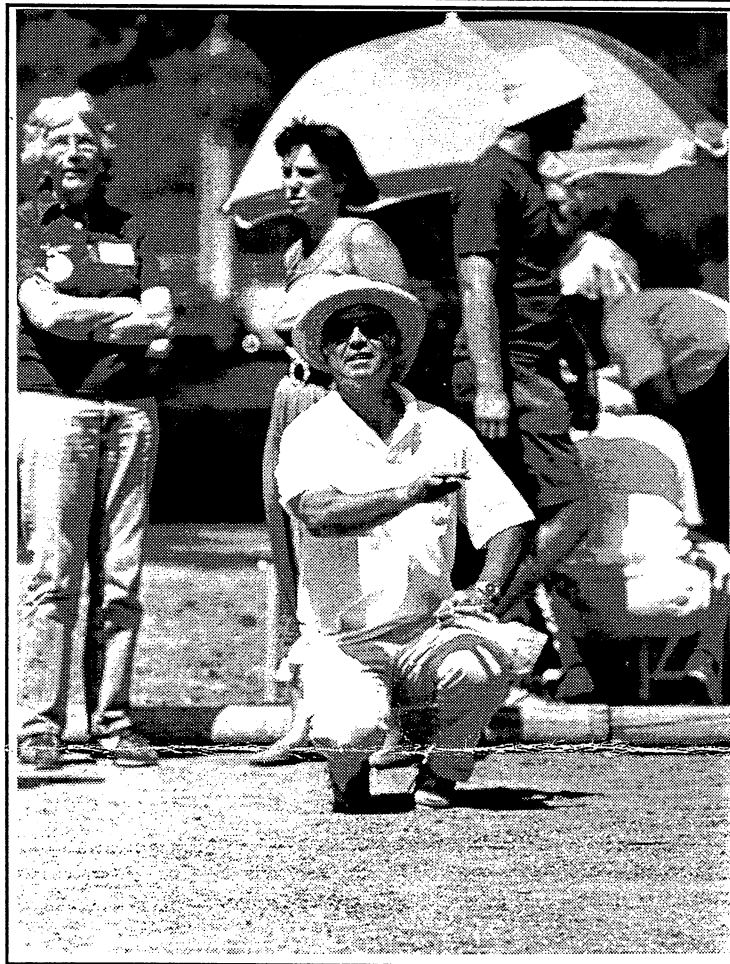
Change date of annual meeting approved 50-3

Increase dues approved 40-16

Adopt code of conduct failed 27-29

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of you who ran and all of those who voted. This kind of interest is what keeps a club like ours growing.

*The
Seven
Directors*



New Officers Named

The Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club have appointed new officers to all positions it was announced recently. At the first meeting of the new board on November 24th, the following people were named to hold office.

Mike Norton... President

Byron Mayo... Vice-President

Jacques Mathieu... Secretary

Tom Noonan... Treasurer

Pierre Joske... Director of Sports

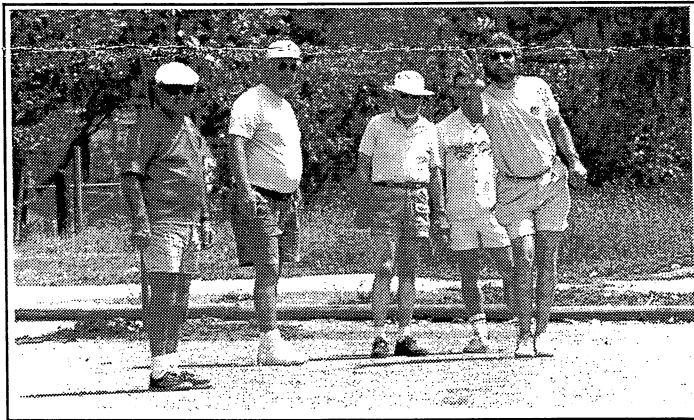
We would like to take this opportunity to thank these people for their time and dedication.

Committees formed

Two committees have been formed by the Board of Directors to help organize the workings of the club. The first committee with the job of standardizing the way all tournaments are held is headed by Mike Norton with help from John Bouldt and Pierre Joske. The second committee, chaired by Byron Mayo with able assistance from Myron Reece and Tom Noonan, is in-charge of "organizational affairs". This includes fund raising, reevaluation of the code of conduct and generally helping point the club in the right direction.

Anyone interested in providing input to these committees are invited to call the committee chairmen.

Mike Norton 938-9128 - Byron Mayo 935-1069.



Snoopy comes to Town

Snoopy, that happening hound, belonging to Sonoma County's own Charles Schulz, has joined the ranks of pétanque in a big way.

On Sunday January 16, the paunchy pooch became initiated into the pétanque brotherhood worldwide in the famous cartoon strip "Peanuts".

Schulz was introduced to the game by V.O.M.P.C. members Jake Martin, Garrick Clayton, Pamela Stephens and George Pipal at a Alliance Francais picnic at the Chateau St.

Big doings at Pasta Nostra

Mark your calendars right now for the evening of March 20th. Renato Sottile, owner of the famous Pasta Nostra Ristorante has graciously arranged for the Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club to hold it's first annual pre-season dinner at his facility.

The cost is \$25.00 per person with a \$5.00 discount for those who have renewed their membership or have joined for the first time.

The festivities start at 6:30 don't be late.

SOUPS of FRANCE **CELEBRATION**

Presented by Sonoma Sister Cities Assoc. - French Committee

February 5th 5:30pm - 9:00pm

at Roche Winery (28700 Arnold Drive)

Make your reservations early, because space will be limited for our 2nd annual celebration of the Soups of France!

Last year's event was very successful and this year's festivities will be even better. To begin the fine wines of Roche will be available for tasting.

The highlight of the evening will be our trio of delectable French soups:

Soupe de Champignons
Soupe de Lentilles
Potage de Legumes



*An Event That
You Won't
Want To Miss!*

\$25 per person

\$22.00 for SSCA Members

Benefits SSCA French Committee

PROGRAM OF EVENTS:

Wine Tasting & Hors d'Oeuvres
Les Gougeres
Soups of France
Salad & Cheese
Dessert & Coffee
Lots of Fun & Cordiality

FOR RESERVATIONS or INFORMATION:

Call Annick Bouldt (938-8395) or

Susan Norton (938-5021)

Jean winery in August of last year. Schulz apparently took to the game and the rest as they say is history. More strips are said to follow.

In order to thank Mr. Schulz, the board of directors have named Snoopy, an honorary member of the club, and has sent to Mr. Schulz, an open invitation to visit our courts. The next thing you know we will have to choose sides to see who gets to play doubles with Charlie Brown.

Presidents Message



I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and I wish you all a happy and heathful year in 1994.

This year will be very exciting for the Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club for a variety of reasons.

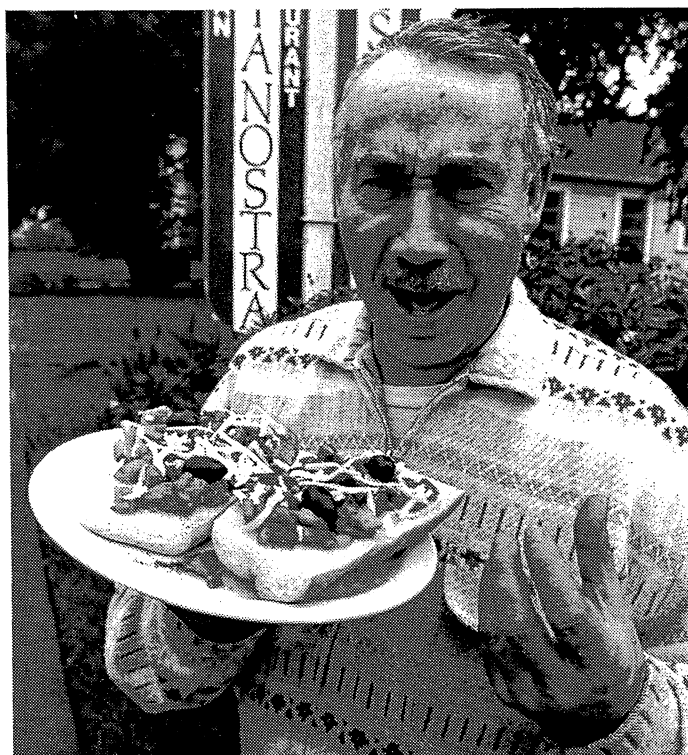
I look forward to working with a very creative and progressive group of board members. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the board Byron Mayo, Tom Noonan, Jacques Mathieu, and Myron Reece as well as returning board members Pierre Joske and John Boultd. I would also like to take the time to thank outgoing Board members Jake Martin, Pamela Stephens and Phil Leveau for their efforts in the past year. Two other members who gave tirelessly of themselves were Garrick Clayton and Bill Carter.

This year we will be publishing a newsletter every other month beginning with this issue. On behalf of the board, I wish to extend a personal invitation to each of you to increase your participation in club activities. If you are able to offer help, contact Pierre Joske or myself.

Our Board of Director meetings are open to the membership. Our next meeting will be held on February, 10th, at Little Switzerland.

Lastly if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding club activities, please let me know. My home phone number is 938-9128. Let's make 1994 a great year for pétanque.

Mike Norton, President V.O.M.P.C.



Pasta Nostra Discounts

Renato Sottile, owner of Pasta Nostra, has announced he will give a 10% discount to anyone presenting a current V.O.M.P.C. membership card.

If you haven't sampled the food at Pasta Nostra this would be a terrific opportunity. (I would like to personally recommend the spaghetti 1492 molto buono!)

Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____

☐ New member \$20 ☐ Renewal \$20

☐ Family membership \$30

Please return this form with your payment to any V.O.M.P.C. Board member.

Tentative Schedule of Events

The following is a tentative schedule and is subject to change. There may be a National doubles tournament in San Rafael, on April 24th. This would mean we would re-schedule the newcomers tourney to a later date.

Watch for updates, coming to a newsletter near you.

March 20th-Pre-season Dinner 6:30 P.M. at Pasta Nosta

March 27th-Spring Mixed triplets

April 24th-Newcomers Tourney Random triplets

May 22nd- Random triplets

June?-Travel to other clubs (location to be announced)

July 10th-6th annual Grand Concourse Random triplets

August 28th-V.O.M. Championships Select triplets

September 25th- Random doubles

October 23rd-Harvest Tournament Select triplets

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