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'94 Season Kick-off

French Team Gives Lessons

The 1994 season got off to an exciting start on March 27, as 17 teams competed in a select mixed triplets match at the newly up-graded VOMPC courts.

The competition was won handily by the impressive French team of Paul Richaud, Mireille Richaud and René DiMasse.

They defeated a strong Willits team in the final round.

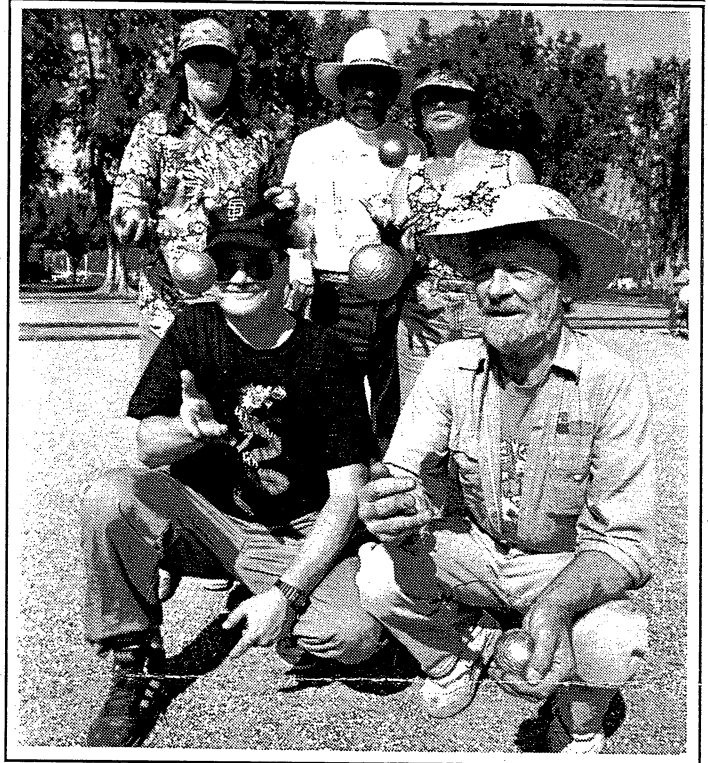
The Willits trio consisting of Raul Chavez, Dion Stahl, and Mike Stahl put up a good fight but were no match for one of the leading teams of France.

Third place went to the team of Leon Galea, Maryse Joske and Marcell Parnell, a Marin/Sonoma combo.

VOMPC members were shut out of the top prizes but the Garrick Clayton, Susan Blue and Bill Carter team won the consolation round to take the left overs.

A total of 51 players competed in the event. Normally this number of competitors makes for a long day, but the new playing system devised by Mike Norton, kept things moving swiftly.

As a side note, after the final match in a gesture of goodwill, the winning French team donated half their winnings back to the club. Now that's class.



Willits Challenge

Those wild and wacky Willits folks have challenged the Sonoma club to a showdown. The smell of victory will be in the air, as well as the smell of something else, on Sunday April 17th. As five of the best teams Willits has to offer will hold forth and attempt to defeat a far superior group of Sonoma Boules players.

The event will take place on the Willits home turf.

This was quite an affair last year according to defending champ John Bouldt.

If you think you are up for the challenge call John Bouldt, at 938-8395.

What exactly is a willit anyway? And why would anyone want two of them.

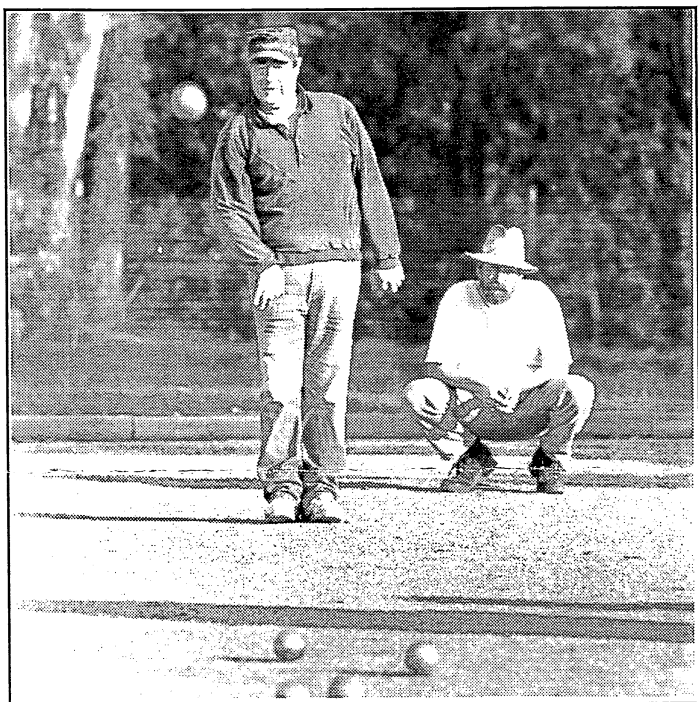
Your 1994 dues are needed
Please send yours today!

New date for Newcomers Tourney.

Because of the National Doubles tournament in San Rafael, on April 24th, the date for the newcomers tournament has been changed to May 22nd.

This random triplets contest features at least one newcomer to the sport and is one of the most enjoyable contests of the year .

So mark your calendars and come prepared to have fun.



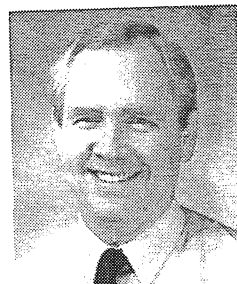
VOMPC GETS NEW ADDRESS

The Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club has a new permanent address. Now instead of changing addresses with each new board of directors, you can always reach the powers that be by mailing to:

VOMPC
PO Box 863
Sonoma, Ca. 95476

Please use this new address for all correspondence, paying your dues or sending your news items for this newsletter.

Presidents Message:



I wish to express a very special thank you to Renato Sottile and his staff at Pasta Nostra restaurant (especially Don Lambert and Bryan Martinez) for providing an outstanding dinner and warm hospitable surroundings for our "season kick-off" event. The 25 members attending thoroughly enjoyed the event. Remember, VOMPC members can receive a 10% discount at Pasta Nostra throughout 1994, thanks to Renato's generosity and support of our club.

A belated thank you to Yves Cassabonne, for his on-going donation of time and equipment for court maintenance and upgrades. An added thanks for the opportunity to have our board meetings at Little Switzerland.

Remember these meetings are open to the membership, occurring on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 P.M.

Our tournament guidelines committee has successfully developed a new set of guidelines for conducting our monthly tournaments. In addition, these guidelines were provided to all northern California clubs in attendance at a special meeting held Feb. 13th in Marin.

We are fortunate that one of our members, Steve Katz, is helping us submit the necessary paperwork that will allow VOMPC to achieve non-profit corporation status.

Please renew your membership as soon as possible. We need your support as we continue to improve our tournaments, build upon our successful social events, improve communication to the membership and gradually upgrade our facilities. I look forward to seeing you in Marin for the National Doublets Tournament or at our Newcomer's Tournament in May. In the meantime, Happy pétanquing.

National Doubles at Marin

Some of the best pétanque players in America can be seen in action April 23-24, when La Pétanque Marinere, host the 1994 Federation of Pétanque/USA National Select Doubles Championships.

Men and women will play in separate divisions during the two day match.

Entries have been received from as far away as New York and Los Angeles according to Louis Toulon.

As of yet, no VOMPC members have confirmed they would compete. But several VOMPC members have reported they plan to be in the gallery to watch the stars perform.

Writers Wanted

If You have a story you think belongs in the Pétanque Times or if You have ever had the secret wish to see your name in print (other than in the police report) send your story or story idea to Tom Noonan at PO Box 863, Sonoma, Ca, 95476.

It could be a hint on better play, shooting tips a new recipe for soufflé or just a report on how you beat John Bouldt 13-0. Send to ? today.

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Have you joined?

If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 1994, this is a friendly reminder to send your dues today.

It is your dues that allows us to organize tournaments, maintain and improve our courts and support such activities as the annual dinner.

Help keep VOMPC a healthy, thriving organization, send your check today.

The cost is \$20 for an individual membership or \$30 for a family.

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Reminders for April:

Membership renewals are now due.

April 17th Willits Challenge.

April 23-24 National Doubles in Marin.

May 22nd VOMPC

Newcomers Tournament

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