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From the president:

Your board of directors recognizes that one of our most important jobs is to keep you fully informed -- with the latest club news on what's happened and what's coming up. That's why our Pétanque Times newsletter is so important to all of us. And we are grateful to **Tom Noonan** for his efforts this year in trying to provide us with a lively, visual publication. Unfortunately, Tom reports that because of computer breakdown and other problems, he simply is unable to keep up with the newsletter schedule which our tournaments and other coverage require.

Under the circumstances, we are giving up the format seen earlier this year. Instead, we are returning to a simple, uncomplicated approach that will enable us to provide you with all of the club news -- on-time and up-to-date.

Byron Mayo has agreed to serve as interim editor. This July-August issue is the first edition in our new format.

Mike Norton

VOMPC CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT SET FOR AUGUST 28.

Our 2nd annual Valley of the Moon Petanque Club Championship tournament is scheduled for Sunday, August 28, at the Sonoma petanque courts. This is a select triplets competition. Participants on each team must be current members of the Federation of Petanque/USA. (VOMPC members automatically qualify.) **J. Mathieu** is coordinator of the tournament. And the event this year will be sponsored by MaTerre Systems, Int'l., Sonoma-based design and building firm that specializes in rammed-earth construction. More details will be available soon.

A WARM WELCOME TO FOUR NEW VOMPC MEMBERS.

Jane and Bob Bosko and **Judie and Rob Zitzewitz** recently joined our Valley of the Moon Petanque Club. You'll be seeing them regularly on the courts. This brings our total 1994 membership count now up to 67 members.

COST DROPS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIPS DURING SECOND-HALF 1994.

Any new members who join the club between now and the end of the year are eligible for reduced 1994 membership dues. Reaffirmed by your board of directors at the July 14th board meeting, individual memberships are \$10 and family memberships \$15 until the end of December.

THE NEWCOMER TOURNAMENT THAT STARTED THE SUMMER.

From total novice to Gallic "experts," everybody had a good time at our VOMPC Newcomers Tournament, June 22. The balmy weather helped, along with **Pierre Joske's** smooth job of coordination. One newcomer was placed on each team in this random triplets event. The winning team included **Eldon Moilanen, Ken Stieper** and newcomer **Scott Eddington**. Second place went to **Bill Carter, Renato Sotillo** and newcomer **Lee Spencer**. The winning Consolante team included **John Des Pois, Pierre Miramont** and newcomer **Cecile Kotski**. There were 48 people on 16 separate teams. All newcomers on the top winning teams are now members of the Valley of the Moon Petanque Club.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO BE NAMED FOR BOARD ELECTIONS.

Later this month, President **Mike Norton** will name a three-member nominating committee for the upcoming October board elections. Under the club's by-laws, the nominating committee will be responsible for developing a slate of potential 1995-96 directors to fill what will be four vacancies on the board. The current terms of **John Bouldt, J. Mathieu, Tom Noonan** and **Myron Reece** expire at the end of the year. (The two-year terms of **Byron Mayo, Mike Norton** and **Pierre Joske** do not expire until the end of 1995.)

The committee also will determine which outgoing directors are interested in serving another term. And the committee will be accepting board nominations from the membership at large. The full committee report will be available in September, well-ahead of the October election and annual meeting.

VOMPC MEMBERS STAR IN SAN FRANCISCO AND MARIN.

June was travel month for the VOMPC. Several of our members were among the winners at other club events in both San Francisco and Marin. At the Boule D'Or random triplets tournament in Golden Gate Park, June 5, the winning team was **Mike Norton** of VOMPC and **Jean Bartko**. One week later at the Petanque Marinieres random triplets tournament in Marin, June 12, the 1st place team included **Louis Toulon** of VOMPC and Marin, along with **Stanis Buiek** and **Susan Blue**. Second place went to the team of **Ken Stieper** of VOMPC and Marin along with **Leon Galea** and **Jeannete Krauer**. Consolante winners were **John Bouldt** and **Frank Pipal** of VOMPC along with **John McCabe**.

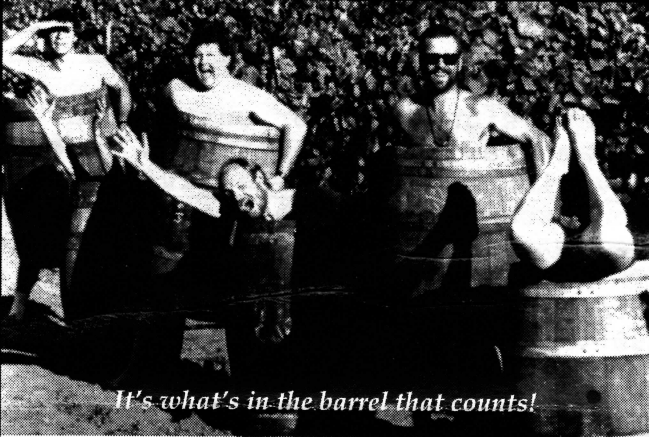
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VOMPC SALUTES THE ARTS.


Your club played an interesting part in the celebrated Salute to the Arts festival in the Sonoma Plaza, July 17. **Mike Norton** and **John Bouldt** conducted "cultural" petanque exhibitions during the two-day event, assisted at varying times by **Chuck Fleming, Myron Reece, Ken Stieper** and **J. Mathieu**. Anonymous sources reported our VOMPC petanque group added some class to the place.

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IT WAS A GRAND "GRAND CONCOURS DE PETANQUE"

More than 100 people gathered at our Sonoma petanque courts on Sunday, July 10, for the 6th annual VOMPC "Grand Concours de Petanque" and Bastille Day barbecue, sponsored by our friends at Ravenswood Winery. Ninety-five out of the 100 feasted on beef and sausage brochettes and other delights. And 69 players on 23 random, triplet teams competed in the all-day tournament, for cash prizes, bottles of fine Ravenswood wines and the chance to get their names on the perpetual trophy displayed in the Ravenswood tasting room.

Sal Troia, Pamela Stephens and Janet Troussieux won the tournament in a close final match with **Jon Des Pois, Kathy Leveau and Lucien Troussieux**. Third place was captured by **Craig Yates, Yvette Chione and Pierce Le Bihan**.

The "Consolante" round ended in another hard-fought match when **John Bouldt, Josette Neils and Maryse Joske** won out over **Chuck Fleming, Michelle Leonard and Michel Diago**.

The courts were in excellent condition for this biggest event of the year, thanks to **Pierre Joske** with the help of **Yves Casabonne, Chuck Fleming** and other VOMPC club members. **Mike Norton** and **Byron Mayo** coordinated the affair, with the help of **Susan Norton** and **Annick Bouldt**.

WILLITS WINS AGAIN!

Stage II of the 1994 "Willits Challenge" took place on the VOMPC's home turf, June 26. But it all resulted in a repeat victory for the powerhouse Willits team of **Bill Braneau, Louis Rohlicek AND Jeff Crawford**. In the finals, they edged out the strong VOMPC team of **Peter Mathis, Claude Berthoud and Sal Troia**. Five teams from Willits and five teams from Sonoma competed. Already, the cry is "Wait 'till next year!"

'SUMMER LEAGUE' RACE HEATS UP.

Twenty-three VOMPC members signed up for our popular, head-to-head summer league. By random drawing, the entrants were divided into two divisions: the Red Division and the Blue Division. At the half-way mark in this summer-long competition, the action is hot and tough and a lot of fun. We've seen some superb matches. And there's more to come.

These latest 'Summer League' standings are based on reports received through Monday, July 25:

	MATCHES WON	MATCHES LOST	PERCENT W/L	GAMES WON	GAMES LOST
<u>Red Division</u>					
Tom Noonan	5	1	.833	10	3
Peter Mathis	4	1	.800	9	3
Chuck Fleming	3	1	.750	7	2
Jon Des Pois	5	2	.714	10	7
Eldon Moilanen	5	4	.556	11	11
Frank Pipal	2	2	.500	4	4
J. Mathieu	1	1	.500	3	3
Phil Leveau	1	1	.500	2	2
Sal Troia	1	3	.250	4	6
Yves Casabonne	2	7	.222	7	15
Bruce Frigard	0	6	.000	1	12
<u>Blue Division</u>					
Mike Norton	4	0	1.000	8	2
Byron Mayo	8	1	.889	17	5
Louis Toulon	4	1	.800	8	3
John Bouldt-	2	1	.666	5	3
Renato Sotille	1	1	.500	2	2
Paul Verdone	2	3	.400	5	7
Myron Reece	1	2	.333	3	4
George Pipal	1	3	.250	2	7
Steve Katz	1	5	.167	4	10
Morris Katz	0	6	.000	2	12
Roger Poli	0	1	.000	1	2