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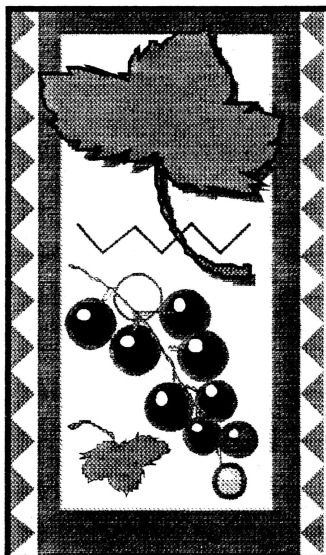
Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club

Sept.-Oct. 1997

Scene in Sonoma



Whether you're watching a tournament, playing a friendly game after work, competing in a Summer League, or picnicking on the weekend, you'll always find something going on at our Valley of the Moon pétanque courts.



Coming Sunday, September 28

Annual Harvest Tournament

A "Mixed Random Triplets" Extravaganza

One or two women on each team

Registration 9-9:45 a.m.

Entry fee \$7

Bastille Day Picnic Draws 84 Celebrants

Tight 13-12 Match Wins Grand Concours Finale

Our '97 Grand Concours de Pétanque, sponsored by Ravenswood, drew the biggest Bastille Day luncheon crowd we've had in the past three years.

It was a beautiful summer day, July 13, as eighty-four, hungry people worked their way through the picnic line.

In the finale of the annual random triplets tournament, Gerard Martin, Bruce Frigard and David Osterloh squeezed out a tight 13-12 win over Chuck Fleming, Jake Martin and Rob Zitzewitz—thereby winning the championship along with an assortment of Ravenswood's finest wines.

The winners' names go on the perpetual VOMPC trophy displayed year-round in the Ravenswood tasting room.

Pierre Joske, Jacques Gautier and Cecile Kotski easily won third place in the finals—while over in the *Consolante*, Mike Rago, Judie Zitzewitz and Vladimer Zaroudny took the top honors.

Twenty-one teams entered this year's Grand Concours tournament. Peter Mathis coordinated the entire affair, with the help of Frank and Christine Barsocchini and some efficient "Swiss System" scoring help from Tom Bricca.



Bosko Moving to Coeur d' Alene

We're really going to miss Bob and Jane Bosko.

On September 12, they're moving to Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, where they've purchased a new home near their daughter, her husband and the grandchildren.

One of our most loyal members, Bob Bosko epitomizes the courtesy, integrity and camaraderie that is the best of pétanque.

Our warmest best wishes go to Jane and Bob in their new life in the great Pacific Northwest.

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Jon Des Pois, director
Morris Katz, director.

Three Vacancies Upcoming on VOMPC Board

Election Committee Now Accepting Nominations

A strong slate of nominees for three vacancies coming up on the VOMPC board of directors has been developed by the club's election committee.

The committee includes Tom Bricca, Morris Katz and Mike Norton.

The two-year terms on the board of Frank Barsocchini and Barbara Stieper expire at the end of 1997. The one year interim term of Peter Mathis expires at the same time. However, Peter has agreed to run for a full two-year term.

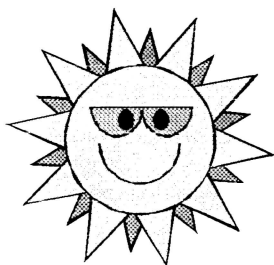
Jean Markson and Mike Norton also have agreed to accept nominations for the 1998-99 board.

The election committee emphasizes that additional nominations from members at large are welcome, too.

The committee's final nominee list, with voting instructions and ballot, will be mailed to all members well ahead of the October 18 annual election and dinner meeting.

Important:

If you'd like to nominate a member to serve on the 1998-99 VOMPC board of directors, contact Tom Bricca, Morris Katz or Mike Norton before the nomination deadline, Sept. 19.





1997 VOMPC SUMMER LEAGUE DOUBLES

As we go into the final week!

TEAM	MATCHES WON	MATCHES LOST	PERCENT W/L (Matches)	GAMES WON	GAMES LOST
Peter Mathis/ P.J. Mallette	6	1	.857	12	4
Bill Carter/ Bruce Frigard	6	1	.857	12	5
John Bouldt/ Mike Norton	6	2	.750	13	5
Chuck Fleming/ Jacques Mathieu	3	1	.750	9	3
Byron Mayo/ Claude Berthoud	5	4	.556	13	9
Tom Bricca/ Frank Barsocchini	2	2	.500	4	5
Frank Pipal/ Ken Stieper	2	3	.400	4	6
Ed Porto/ Luis Velez	1	4	.200	2	6
Bob Bosko/ Jake Martin	1	5	.167	4	11
Pierre Joske/ Maryse Joske	0	9		3	18

1997 VOMPC SUMMER LEAGUE SINGLES

As we go into the final week!

PLAYER	MATCHES WON	MATCHES LOST	PERCENT W/L	GAMES WON	GAMES LOST
 LIONS DIVISION					
Mike Norton	5	1	.833	11	3
Bill Carter	5	1	.833	10	2
Frank Pipal	4	1	.800	8	3
Jon Des Pois	4	3	.571	8	9
Byron Mayo	3	3	.500	8	8
Ed Porto	3	4	.428	7	10
Dave Riffo	0	6		4	12
Luis Velez	0	4		1	8
 TIGERS DIVISION					
Chuck Fleming	2	0	1,000	4	0
Peter Mathis	3	1	.750	7	3
John Bouldt	3	1	.750	7	3
Tom Bricca	1	1	.500	2	3
Bill Miller	1	2	.333	3	4
Tom Tetard	1	2	.333	2	5
Morris Katz	0	4		1	8



Visitors Again Win VOMPC

Championship

**\$500 Package of Prizes
—Thanks to MaTerre**

August 24, at our annual Valley of the Moon Club Championship, 48 players on 16 select triplet teams battled it out for a rich, \$500 bundle of cash prizes, thanks to the generosity of **MaTerre**, tournament sponsor for the fourth consecutive year.

Perennial winners Raymond Nielsen, John Krauer and Armand Squitieri racked up a tough 13-10 win over Frank Barsocchini and his two Los Angeles teammates, George Roulveyrol and Jeannot Ruperti.

Peter Mathis and Tom Bricca coordinated the all-day event.

Here's a complete recap of the major winners:

- 1st.** John Krauer
Raymond Nielsen
Armand Squitieri
- 2nd.** Frank Barsocchini
George Roulveyrol
Jeannot Ruperti
- 3rd.** Patrick Vaslet
Mike Rago
Albert Lucas
- Consolante:** Vladimir Zaroudny
Jean Barkoviak
Jean Leveau

Pointing Contest: Albert Lucas

VOMPC Code of Conduct Adopted by Directors

Proposed Code to be Voted Upon by Members

In response to continuing requests from members, the VOMPC board of directors, by unanimous vote, has adopted a Code of Conduct as a standard for civility on the courts and at other club functions.

The complete code, including penalties, and procedures for handling complaints about offensive behavior, will be submitted to members for approval.

In the annual election, if a majority of the voting members approve the Code, it will become an adjunct to the club's By-Laws.



Code of Conduct

The purpose of this code is to help promote and ensure a civil and genial atmosphere on the Valley of the Moon pétanque courts.

- 1.** The VOMPC membership agrees that civility, courtesy, mutual respect and integrity shall characterize the behavior of VOMPC members while at the VOM pétanque courts, VOMPC functions, or any other FPUSA club functions.
- 2.** The VOMPC membership agrees that it will not tolerate foul or abusive behavior, discourtesy, excessive arguing, belligerence, or any other offensive behavior which detracts from the civil and genial atmosphere of our club.



Frank Pipal Donates Boules

Frunk Pipal recently contributed his FPUSA national championship (doubles) prize money to the purchase of four sets of training boules for the club.

It was a generous move, to help encourage newcomers to Pétanque, especially the local youngsters.

A plan for how the boules will be stored and used is now in the works.

A warm thank-you goes to Frank from the directors, for a most thoughtful donation.

PHOTOGRAPHY IN THIS ISSUE
by Steve Bush, Bruce Frigard and
Tom Noonan.

Dinner Party, Annual Election October 18

Our annual dinner party and election of directors will be held Saturday evening, October 18. You'll hear more about this big event soon. Meanwhile, mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. This is a VOMPC evening you and your spouse or guest will thoroughly enjoy.



Summer League's Regular Season Ends Sunday!

The regular season for the VOMPC's 1997 Summer League Singles and Doubles closes next Sunday, September 7, with several top players still scrambling to make the playoffs.



In Singles, the top four players in each division move into the playoffs on Saturday, September 20.

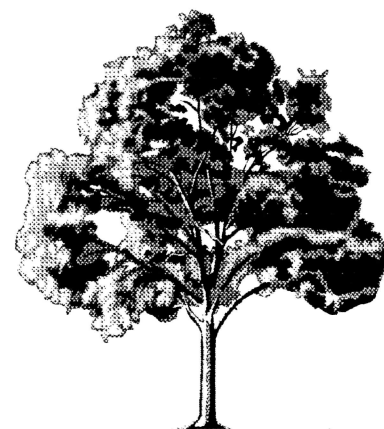
In Doubles, the top six teams go to the playoffs on Saturday, September 27.

*Latest standings for all divisions
are enclosed with this issue of the newsletter.*

New 14-ft. Tree Now in Place

The handsome, 14-foot London Plane tree on the western edge of the courts was planted July 19, as part of a Saturday work party organized by Peter Mathis.

Six volunteers spent a good part of the day scraping, hauling gravel, moving logs, digging holes and aligning the north court perimeter with the south court perimeter—making way for further landscaping and benches.



Planting the future shade tree climaxed the event.

The work gang included Frank Barsocchini, Bob Bosko, Jon Des Pois, Peter Mathis, Byron Mayo and Frank Pipal.

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