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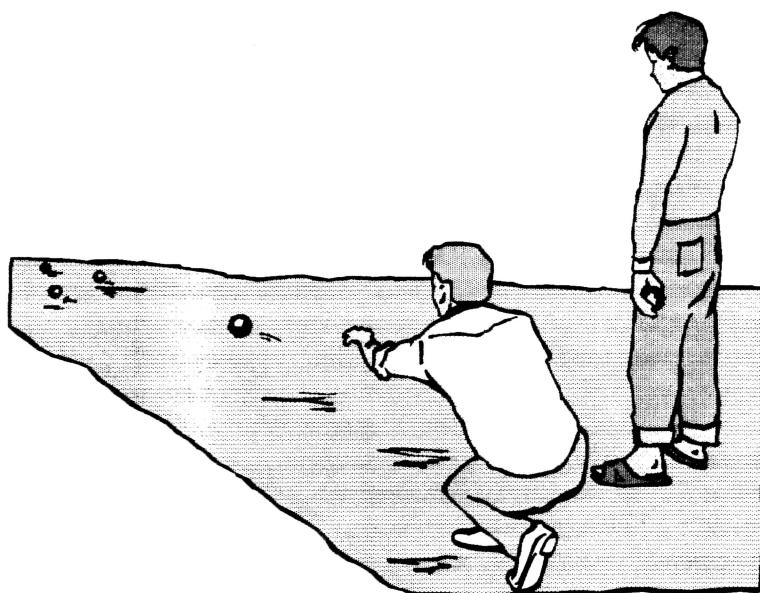
## **PREVIEW!**

### **1999**

## **TOURNAMENT**

## **SCHEDULE**

*Here's an advance look at what's coming up in 1999. You'll get the full story, including some surprises, in the next issue of The Pétanque Times*



# Michael Norton Elected FPUSA Vice-President

## Tom Bricca Takes Secretarial Post

**T**wo stalwart members of the Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club won key national jobs in the FPUSA elections last month.

Mike Norton, current VOMPC treasurer, now takes on the additional post of vice president, Federation of Pétanque/USA—a job he held previously in 1997.

Tom Bricca, 1998 VOMPC president, becomes FPUSA secretary.

Mary Albright of the Lamorinda Pétanque Club joins Gerard Canabou and Bart Zachofsky as Northwest Counselors.

*(A little known fact: All FPUSA clubs in the US get to vote on each of the regional counselors—a questionable approach that makes no sense to many FPUSA members. Time to change?)*

Under the 1999 lineup of FPUSA officers, VOMPC associate members Louis Toulon and John Krauer continue in their current posts: Louis is FPUSA president and Jon is FPUSA Director of Sport.

Also, the VOMPC's Frank Pipal continues in his job as national editor and publisher of the FPUSA's quarterly newsletter, *The Boules Broadsheet*.

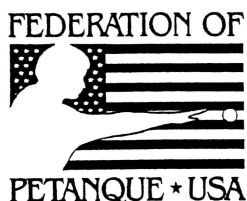


Mike Norton, our new  
FPUSA Vice President

## Federation of Pétanque /USA 1999 Officers & Directors

President, Louis Toulon  
Vice President, Michael Norton  
Treasurer, Max Legrand  
Secretary, Tom Bricca  
Director of Sport, John Krauer  
NW Counselor, Mary Albright  
NW Counselor, Gerard Canabou  
NW Counselor, Bart Zachofsky  
SW Counselor, John Flanders  
Midwest Counselor, M. Dechape  
NE Counselor, Yngve Biltstad  
SE Counselor, Cris Dreher  
SE Counselor, Jean Rolland

National Editor, Frank Pipal  
Internet Web Editor, Stuart Harris



## THE UMPIRE'S CORNER ...

**Q.** We had a hot game on a cold day in December. The game was *tête-à-tête*. Singles. Final round.

My opponent tossed his last boule. It landed just four inches from the cochonnet. I then stepped in the circle and tossed my last boule. It also ended up four inches from the cochonnet. We measured twice. No doubt about it, the boules were exactly the same distance from the target! And there were no boules left to play.

Whose point was it?

**A.** Nobody's point! In a tie situation as you describe it, with no boules left to play, the round is void. You start the round over.

In starting over, the cochonnet is tossed by the team or player who won the previous round.

*(Got a pétanque question? Write to The Umpire, PO Box 863, Sonoma, CA 95476. All answers are certified by our FPUSA Umpire Pierre Joske.)*



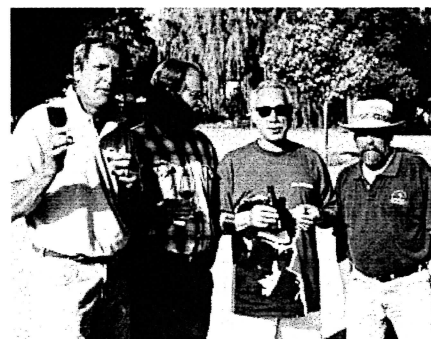
# 1999 SCHEDULE

Revised

Sunday March 21	Spring Season Opener	<i>Tête à Tête</i> (Singles)
Sunday April 25	Member-Guest Tournament	Select Doubles, or Select Triples
Saturday May 1	Potluck Picnic & Club Gathering	Pétanque Social
Sat.-Sun. May 29-30	Wine Country Classic FPUSA National Championship	Select Doubles
Sunday June 27	Emperor Norton Handicap Tournament & Picnic	Doubles/Triples
Sunday July 11	Grand Concours de Pétanque & Bastille Day Picnic	Random Triples
Sunday August 22	MaTerre Club Picnic	Panaché
Sunday Sept. 19	VOMPC Club Championship	Select Triples
Sunday Oct. 24	Fin de Siècle Tournament	Select Doubles
	Casual play nightly, all season long 4-8 p.m.—at the courts	

*Note: 10 a.m. deadline for registration at 1999 VOMPC tournaments*

For any updated information, call VOMPC hotline, 258-3450



# The Making and Dedication of the Maysonnave Memorial Bench

A Gallery of Photographs by Bruce Frigard





Dear Friends and Fellow Club Members,

The coming year promises to be full of fun and excitement for our Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club. There's something for everyone in this season's schedule—from tough competitions to picnic events emphasizing the more social side of pétanque.

While the '99 calendar schedule is sure to be one of the best ever, it's just the beginning.

The real heart of the VOMPC is the camaraderie among our membership. The good-natured inclusiveness, fellowship, and the sharing of food, drink and laughter is what makes our group unique. All of this is a *daily* event at our VOMPC courts. So come and join the fun.

As president of the VOMPC, my hope for 1999 is that our club's sense of community will continue to strengthen. Let's take every opportunity to invite passersby and friends to join us in this most enjoyable pastime.

Please feel welcome to attend the VOMPC board meetings, normally held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Your opinions and ideas about our club are valued.

Sincerely,

PAM Mathis

Peter Mathis  
VOMPC President

# 98 in '98

*You read it right.* We ended the year 1998 with a total of exactly 98 members in our club. So it was another good, healthy year for Sonoma's Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club.

Now let's go for a minimum of 99 in '99. If you haven't yet paid your dues, just send your check to the VOMPC, PO Box 863, Sonoma, CA 95476.

## *Win a Free Trip To Boulefestival In Stockholm*

**F**or you web crawlers, here's a free chance to enter a big pétanque lottery, and win a trip for you and your partner to the World Wide Boulefestival in Stockholm, Sweden, this coming July 25.

All you do is register, then email the winning scores of your local doubles matches to the Stockholm Boule Festival.

Sound intriguing? Check it out at this address:  
<http://www.boulefestival>.

## Annual Willits Challenge Set For This Saturday, Jan. 16

**Y**es, it is short notice. But you can do it if you try. Just grab a doubles partner and make plans now for the big, annual battle between teams from the Willits Boules Club and our own Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club, this coming Saturday, January 16.

This annual shootout is called the Willits Challenge. And the winners take home the proud *George Pipal Memorial Trophy*.

It all starts when the gates open at 10 a.m. at the beautiful Preston Winery up in Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley.

For further information and good input on how to get there, call Frank Pipal at 833-2020.

This rough and ready get-together is always good for a lot of laughs and a lot of fun. And if you've never played at the Preston Winery, you're in for a luxurious treat.

## Welcome New Members

It's a good start for the New Year in the Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club. We have already signed up two very active new members.

One is **Patrick Vaslet** from Petaluma, one of the best known competitors in the Bay Area. The other is **Steve Sterbentz** of Sonoma, a newcomer who loves the game.

Let's extend both of these enthusiastic players a warm welcome to the club.

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Rob Zitzewitz, director

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