



# Pétanque Times

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Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club

May-June, 2000

## MAY 21, THE EMPEROR REIGNS

*A Majestic Tournament & Feast  
With Point Handicaps & Hi Jinks*

### At the Sonoma Court of Emperor Norton II

Sunday, May 21, is that zany day when Emperor Norton II presides over what some call "our most entertaining tournament of the year." *For all skill levels.*

The Emperor takes over the courts. He evens the playing field for all skill levels with point handicaps and whimsical edicts during play. He distributes a plethora of prizes. And he puts on a feast designed to satisfy every loyal subject of the land.

You can enter this playful tournament as part of a triplette, or a doublette, or as a single (to be matched with partners by the Emperor).

You play two matches before lunch, two matches after lunch. Tournament fee is \$5 per person. Registration closes at 10 a.m. sharp. *Why not bring newcomers and introduce them to the fun of pétanque on a sunny day?*



**Mike Norton**, seen here in his royal regalia as Emperor Norton II, plans a wide array of prizes and surprises for the May 21 Emperor Norton Handicap Tournament and picnic luncheon..

### French Country Luncheon Planned by the Emperor

Advance reservations are required for the Emperor's May 21 luncheon—for sure. The deadline for reservations is Friday, May 19. Luncheon cost is \$8 per person. Call our VOMPC hotline: (707) 258-3450.

#### MENU

Classic French Cassoulet with Beans, Chicken Sausage

Green Salad  
with Champagne Dressing

Selected Ripe Cheeses

Fresh Artisan's Bakery Bread

A Glass of the Emperor's  
Finest Wine

Fruit Pie Dessert

### The Emperor's May 21 Procedures and Prizes

At the end of regular play, the top four teams play a semi-finals round. Then, winners play for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Losers play for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Each player in the tournament gets a prize ticket. Each player in the final four gets additional prize tickets. There will be a big drawing at the end of the day for a profusion of minor prizes and one grand prize—**Two "Charter Seat" tickets to a SF Giants game at the new Pac Bell Park.**



## THE UMPIRE'S CORNER ...

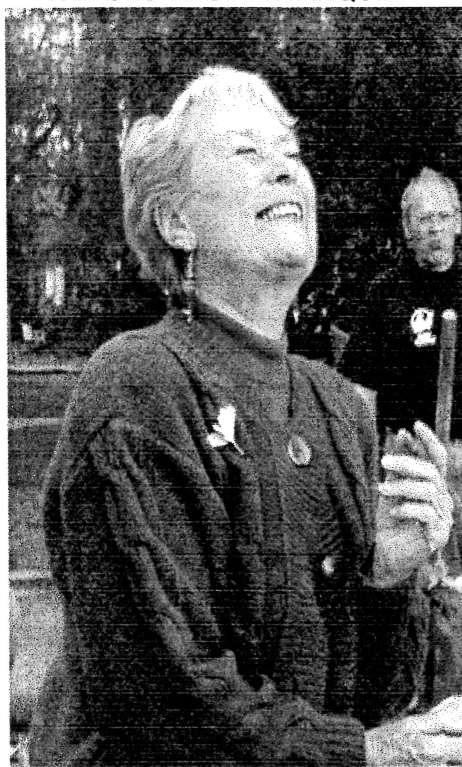
**Q.** Last month in San Rafael, a woman on the opposing team tossed one of my boules instead of her own. Is there a penalty for this kind of mistake?

**A.** Not usually. Mix-ups like this do happen. In a social game, you replace the wrong boule with the correct boule and get on with your game. It's no big problem.

In a key tournament, however, it would be more serious. After the boule is replaced, the offending player would get an official warning. And if it happened again, the offending player's boule would be disqualified and anything it moved would be put back in place.

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

## THE GLORY OF PÉTANQUE



Glory Glover is part of the new wave of women in our Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club. More women are playing on the courts than ever before. A delightful trend.

*'Singing in the Rain'*

... at the 'Maysonnave' Member-Guest Tourney

The tournament was a wash out. But that didn't dampen the spirits of 52 members and guests who turned out Sunday, April 16, for a full morning of pétanque, followed by an absolutely delicious barbecued chicken luncheon that had 'em singing in the rain.

Fine wines donated by Marco Ilaria and Dave Rizzo added to the spirited event.

In the afternoon, when the misty rain turned into a downpour, most folks called it a day. But as they left the courts, members and guests alike seemed to agree—they had a rollicking good time.

A bunch of hardworking VOMPC members helped Ed Porto pull this one off. That cheerful crew included Tom Bricca, Bill Carter, Randy Ellis, Marco Ilaria, Jacques Mathieu, Montana Mathieu, Alex Ogaz, Dave Ogaz, Sara Ogaz, Frank Pipal, Dave Rizzo, Karen Semerau, Doug Taylor and Bart Zachofsky.

The day was a good demonstration of today's very special VOMPC spirit.

## welcome!

### Seven New Members

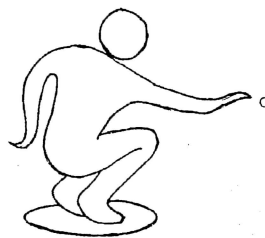
Lisa Hoxie  
Jim Lavaroni  
Elizabeth Meyers  
Chris Plexico  
Gail St. Clair  
Cameron Stuckey  
Blaise West

... Blaise—welcome back!

WINE COUNTRY CLASSIC/SONOMA NATIONAL CHALLENGE

Coming Sat. & Sun., July 1-2      Select Doublette

# SUMMER LEAGUE SINGLES 2000



**You are invited to sign-up  
for a summer of fun  
and adventure**

## **SUMMER LEAGUE SINGLES 2000**

- \* One on One, *Tête à Tête*
- \* For VOMPC members only
- \* Two divisions, by random draw
- \* Play anytime you want, by mutual agreement
- \* Entry fee: \$12—for a full summer of fun
- \* Generous cash prizes And extra surprises
- \* All matches best 2 out of 3 games
- \* Start date, May 24 Regular Season End date, Sept. 1
- \* Mid-season checkpoint, July 14
- \* No. 1 & No. 2 from each division go into the playoffs
- \* Two wild card draws from each division go into the playoffs
- \* Playoffs anytime Sept. 7-13
- \* Final championship matches, Saturday, Sept. 16
- \* Informational packet sent when you sign up
- \* **DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP IS TUESDAY, MAY 16**
- \* Any questions, call Byron Mayo, Coordinator (935-1069)

**Send in this  
entry form now.  
Deadline is Tues.,  
May 16.**

TO: Summer League Singles  
880 Oak Lane  
Sonoma, CA 95476

*Here's my \$12 entry fee.  
Sign me up and send me  
all the details.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Winter-Spring Mixed Doubles

## FINAL DIVISIONAL STANDINGS

Mixed Double Teams                      W/L                      Pct.

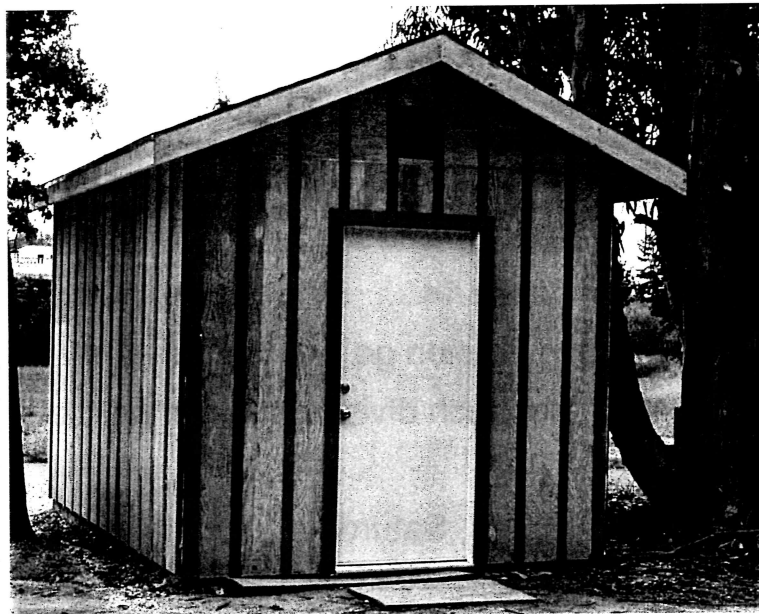
### SYRAH DIVISION

Gerry Canabou, Marguerite Canabou	5/2	.714
Ed Porto, Glory Glover	5/2	.714
Bill Carter, Robyn Zitzewitz	5/2	.714
Randy Ellis, Gail Ellis	3/4	.428
Tom Bricca, Pauline Bricca	1/6	.142

### ZINFANDEL DIVISION

Peter Mathis, Karen Semerau	4/3	.571
Dave Ogaz, Gail St. Clair	4/4	.500
Dave Rizzo, Theresa Tops	4/4	.500
Tom Noonan, Pamela Hawken	3/4	.428
Peter Wellington, Jane Wellington	2/6	.286
Jacques Mathieu, Jennifer Mathieu	1/6	.142

## STORAGE SHED BUILT IN TWO DAYS



**Jacques Mathieu** and **Bill Carter** spent two ten-hour workdays building our handsome new storage shed—with the help of Rafael Echeveria and Chino Benitez who did the roofing, Tom Bricca and Frank Barsocchini who chased after supplies, and Jake Martin who provided lunch on the final day. It was an astonishing two-day job—well-handled.

## Semerau-Mathis, Mixed Doubles Champions—

### Zitzewitz-Carter, Second

**T**he extended Winter-Spring Mixed Doubles League came to a close last weekend with a slam-bang 13-8 championship victory for Karen Semerau and Peter Mathis over Robyn Zitzewitz and Bill Carter.

Both teams ended up on top in a wild April 29 playoff barrage that aced out the Syrah Division champions Marguerite Canabou and Gerry Canabou, plus Glory Glover and Ed Porto.

## Mexican Primroses Newly Planted

**Frank Pipal** is responsible for the newly planted *Mexican Primroses* around the base of our flourishing Sycamore trees. For a beautiful summer ahead. *Our Thanks, Frank.*

## Picnic, Pétanque On Father's Day

No tournament. Instead, we're celebrating Fathers' Day with an easy-going social for family and friends, with plenty of good food and pétanque.

A special picnic luncheon will be served at the courts. Reservations will be required.

Mark your calendar now for Sunday, June 18. Enjoy Fathers' Day at the VOMPC.



# *Get an extra measure of Pétanque*



## *Please join us for a Summer of good boules sport in Summer League Doubles*

**FILL IN THE COUPON BELOW AND MAIL IT ALONG WITH YOUR  
CHECK (MADE OUT TO V.O.M.P.C.) TO: Frank Pipal, PO Box 180,  
Kenwood, CA 95452**

**REMEMBER: SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS MAY 19th.**

**Enclosed is a check for \$20 made out to V.O.M.P.C. to enroll our  
team in the Summer League Doubles.**

**Our team name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(use your imagination)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Teammate #1, preferred contact person**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact phone #**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Teammate #2**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Alt. phone #**

**Both team members must be Y2000 members of V.O.M.P.C.**

*Please review the league rules on the reverse side before signing up for the league.*



# Summer League Doubles 2000

## Welcome to Summer League Doubles for the year 2000

As this year's director of the league I would be delighted to see a broader cross-section of V.O.M.P.C. membership get involved in the league. This is not a "men's league", it is open to everyone. With this in mind I encourage hardened veterans of leagues past to seek new partnerships and shake up the status quo.

To make it easier for all club members to participate, matches will be one game only - to be played one a week. Once team sign-ups are complete, random assignments will be made to a round-robin style playsheet. According to the number of teams signed up, there will be either one or two divisions. **The best part is that instead of wondering which team on your list to call, your week by week adversaries will be pre-arranged, and you will only have to set up a rendezvous that both teams can keep. It's that easy!**

**Entry Fee:** \$10 per player = \$20 per team. Both players must be V.O.M.P.C. members.

**Sign-ups:** Sign-up Deadline is May 19th. Play will begin the week of June 4th.

**Matches:** Each match will be played to 13 points under F.P.U.S.A. (International) rules.

**Timing:** Your match may take place any mutually agreeable time from Sunday through the following Saturday of the assigned week.

**Withdrawals:** A team which withdraws from the league for any reason will not receive a refund. Their matches will be voided and the standings adjusted.

**Make-up weeks:** The schedule includes a make-up week every fourth week. This will allow for re-scheduling of matches missed for illness or other unforeseen circumstances. Known absences (e.g. vacations) may be accomodated this way - or by playing ahead of the schedule if the opposing team is willing.

**Checkpoints:** At the end of the make-up week, the three matches for that period must be completed and the scores reported. Unplayed matches will be recorded as losses for both teams.

**Final Standings:** Final Standings will be based on Matches Won/Lost percentages. In the event of a tie, first recourse will be to the result of the match between the two during regular divisional play, with points for/against as a last resort.

**League Rules, reporting forms, playoff and consolante details will be included in the playlist mailing you will receive when you're signed up for the league.**

*Frank Pipal, Summer League Doubles Coordinator*



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## Four-boules, Favored on Opening Day

*First Place Match Pits  
Porto Against Nielsen*

Everybody seemed to enjoy the unusual, four-boule format at our VOMPC Opening Day singles event, March 26.

And in the afternoon playoffs, taking advantage of that fourth boule, Ed Porto seemed invincible up and down the line.

One after another, he defeated top-flight Bay Area pétanque players such as Patrick Vaslet, Robert Pierre and even Mike Norton.

Then, in the final match of the day, competing for first place, he came smack up against a hefty, immovable force, Raymond Nielsen.

Final score, 13-2. And the winner... Raymond.

Mike Norton took third place with a stylish 13-9 win over Albert Lucas from Marin.

Francois Bugue captured the *Consolante* with a decisive 13-5 win over John Etcheverry, another Marin entry.

A total turnout of 41 players plus several sideline fans added up to a grand start for the Y2K season, all smoothly coordinated by Rob Zitzewitz and Dave Ogaz.

The courts were in superb shape, too, thanks to Bill Carter and a few helpers.

## Karen Semerau Wins Mar. 26 Women's Tête à Tête Tourney

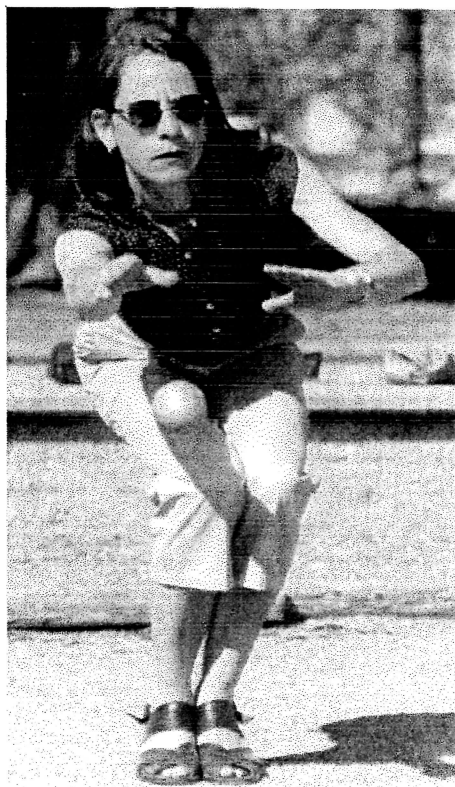


Photo by Tom Noonan

**Karen Semerau**, Tête à Tête winner  
at the VOMPC Pétanque Courts

**K**aren Semerau came from behind to edge out Eva Lofaro, 13-12, in a tight, closely-watched final at the women's Tête à Tête on opening day, March 26..

It was a thriller that came down to a 12-12 tie going into the last round. Then, with her final toss, Karen nestled a boule close to the cochonnet and snatched the victory from Eva, who had led through most of the match.

Both ladies played a smart, competitive game.

In the *Consolante*, Glory Glover defeated Gail St. Clair in another close one, 13-11.

Nine women entered the event, a first for the Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club.

## P.J.'s Team Wins Triplette in Marin

P.J. Mallette and a couple of endearing French ladies handily took first place in La Pétanque Marinière's annual Member-Newcomer Triplette à la Mêlée April 9.

Another VOMPC member, Karen Semerau, was on the team that won the *Consolante*.

VOMPC members were well represented at this Marin affair which got underway with a leisurely sausage and lentils luncheon. The tournament, itself, started about 1:30 p.m. and drifted on until after dark.

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**Call our VOMPC hotline  
For May 21  
Luncheon Reservations  
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# Select Triplette Champions Win A Cliff Hanger

**Final Match Score 15-12**

It was a hard-fought match. But in the end, Ed Porto, Bill Carter and Louis Toulon prevailed, 15-12, over Robert Pierre, P.J. Mallette and Peter Mathis in the VOMPC PetanCA Select Triplette Tournament, April 30.

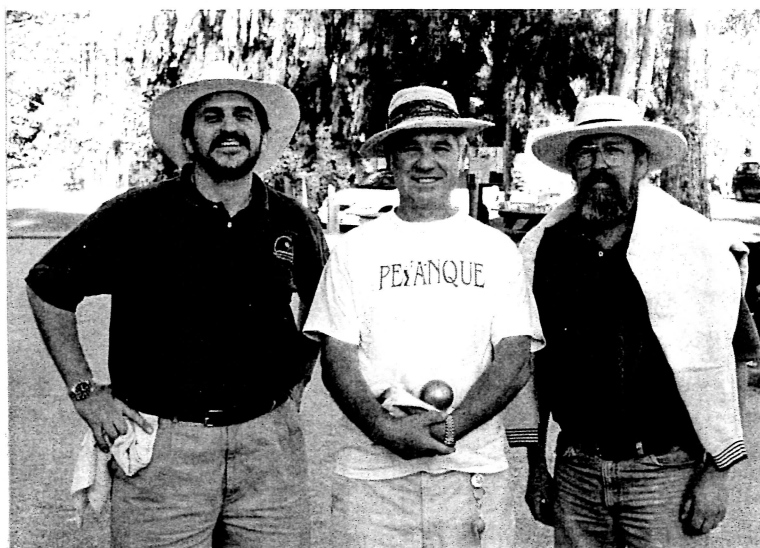
Third place went to Mike Norton, John Bouldt and Frank Barsocchini.

Frank Pipal, Michel Saga and Joe Pipal captured the *Consolante*.

And Dave Rizzo and Theresa Tope won the appreciation of all players for the delicious barbecue, handled with style from beginning to end.

Twenty triplette teams turned out for this big PetanCA event, held on a sunny spring Sunday in Sonoma. Frank Pipal and Ed Porto did a great job of coordinating what was a very busy day for the VOMPC.

## THREE HAPPY TRIPLETTE WINNERS



**Ed Porto, Louis Toulon and Bill Carter** were three tired but triumphant winners at the VOMPC's April 30 PetanCA Select Triplette tournament in Sonoma.

**Check out our new VOMPC website!**

**[www.sonomapetanque.com](http://www.sonomapetanque.com)**

Webmaster Randy Ellis recently inaugurated our new VOMPC website, with links to our Schedule 2000, directions to the Sonoma courts, League updates, and soon—the Pétanque Times newsletter.

## SOME KEY DATES COMING UP

**May 16**—Sign-up Deadline for  
Summer League Singles

**May 19**—Sign-up Deadline for  
Summer League Doubles

**May 21**—Emperor Norton Handicap  
and Royal Picnic Luncheon

**June 18**—VOMPC Picnic and Pétanque #1

**July 1-2**—Wine Country Classic/  
Sonoma National Challenge

**July 4**—VOMPC Picnic and Pétanque #2

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