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Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club

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Grand Concours de Pétanque, Bastille Day Bouillabaisse

***Gallic Celebration,
Sunday, July 16***

"It Doesn't Get Any Better Than This"

Sunday, July 16, the VOMPC and Ravenswood Winery present the annual Grand Concours de Pétanque random triplete tournament—combined with a bountiful Bastille Day bouillabaisse luncheon to be created by the San Francisco Culinary Academy's genial pétanquer, Marco Ilaria.

Sponsored by Ravenswood Winery, advance reservations are essential for this event. Call our VOMPC hotline by Thursday, July 13. 258-3450.

Tournament entry fee is still \$7. (Only \$4 for juniors under 16.).

The very special luncheon is \$13. (Only \$6 for juniors under 16.)

Peter Mathis of Ravenswood will serve as tournament director.

Registration closes at 10 a.m. And this is one you don't want to miss.

Bastille Day Chef in Command



VOMPC's Marco Ilaria, C.E.C., pétanque enthusiast and instructor at the famed San Francisco Culinary Academy, will preside at our Bastille Day luncheon, Sunday, July 16.

Menu:

Bouillabaisse, the noble French seafood stew. (*Red Snapper, clams, mussels, calimari and prawns in Chef Marco's own savory stock.*) Frisée salad with Jambon and egg. Sonoma French bread. Fresh summer fruit. Ripe cheeses. And a glass of fine Ravenswood wine.



THE UMPIRE'S CORNER ...

Q. My little book on International Rules of Pétanque says the game is played up to 13 points with the possibility of league and elimination games up to 11 points.

In this year's Summer League Doubles we have to play a 15-point game.

Isn't this illegal?

A. In the tradition of the game and according to the rules of the International Federation de Pétanque et jeu Provençal, the game of pétanque is played to 13 points.

Definitely.

However, if a league or a tournament is not a certified FPUSA or FIPJP event, then a local club can set the point limit at any level it wants, or its players will accept.

(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.)

Local Players Compete in Nat'l Triples

Hot Competition, Hot Sacramento

A heat-seeking gang of VOMPC pétanquers took the drive to Sacramento, May 27-28 for two days of hot competition in the FPUSA National Triplette Championships.

Locals Ed Porto and Bill Carter, along with John Krauer, grabbed a fourth place finish with a win over Frank Pipal, P.J. Mallette and Bart Zachofsky.

In the Women's Division, Karen Semerau, Marguerite Canabou and Tuan Nielsen won second place.

Karen and two lively Frenchmen also copped first place in the second day's random m  lee.

For a complete report on the FPUSA national winners, see the next quarterly issue of *The Boules Broadsheet*.

Soon!

You'll get a special issue
of the "P  tanque Times"
with full results of the

July 1-2

Sonoma National
Challenge/
Wine Country Classic

Record High VOMPC Membership

With 119 members, the Valley of the Moon P  tanque Club is now at its highest level since the start of the club. The previous record was 116 set in 1999. Let's give a warm welcome to thirteen new members:

Elizabeth Bentley
Barbara Francis
Alain Gilot
Nicole Hummer
Mary Hutchinson
Ralph Hutchinson
David Lear
Wade Mills
Michael Muscardini
Robyn Muscardini
Adrian Reyes
Marta Rich
Scott Rich

City's Maysonnave Land Under Study

Three possibilities for landscaped walkways and further development of the Maysonnave property that is adjacent to Depot Park are under study by the city.

Our Valley of the Moon p  tanque courts continue as key elements in each of the three designs submitted.

You can get a copy of the full proposal and analysis at City Hall for \$10. Several VOMPC members are attending public hearings now underway.



SUMMER LEAGUE DOUBLES 2000

Current Standings, June 26

TEAMS	WINS	LOSSES	Percentage			
INCREDIBLE DIVISION						
Canaboules	2	0	1.000			
Little Big Men	1	0	1.000			
Great Balls o' Fire	1	0	1.000			
Les Fire Boules	1	1	.500			
Northern Lights	0	1				
Guapo & D'Weas	0	1				
Folie a Deux Boulistes	0	2				
The Jammin' Fa's	0	0				
UNBELIEVABLE DIVISION						
Les Haut Rouleurs	3	0	1.000			
Swiss Misses	1	0	1.000			
A Minor Disturbance	2	1	.666			
Emperor & Kahuna	1	1	.500			
L'Espoir et La Gloire	1	2	.666			
Les Draguons	0	3				
Los Reyes de Petanca	0	1				
The Babes	0	0				



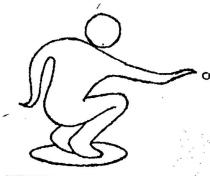
Any questions, call Frank Pipal. 833-2020



SUMMER LEAGUE SINGLES 2000

Current Standings, June 26

	Matches Won	Matches Lost	Percentage		Games Won	Games Lost
LEFT BANK						
Ed Porto	4	0	1.000		8	2
Peter Wellington	2	0	1.000		4	0
Peter Mathis	1	0	1.000		2	0
P.J. Mallette	4	2	.666		9	4
Frank Pipal	2	1	.666		5	3
Byron Mayo	3	2	.600		6	4
Jim Lavaroni	1	1	.500		2	3
Dave Rippo	0	2			0	4
Glory Glover	0	4			1	8
Claude Berthoud	0	5			1	10
RIGHT BANK						
Chuck Fleming	2	0	1.000		4	0
Jacques Mathieu	2	0	1.000		4	2
Randy Ellis	1	0	1.000		2	0
Mike Norton	1	1	.500		3	2
Bill Miller	1	1	.500		2	2
David Ogaz	0	1			0	2
Steve Sterbentz	0	1			0	2
Rob Zitzewitz	0	1			0	2
Karen Semerau	0	2			1	4
Ted Bucklin	0	0			0	0



Any questions, call Byron Mayo, 935-1069

KIDS' DAY ON THE COURTS

Fun and Games August 6. 'Picnic and Pétanque' #3

"Our 'Picnic and Pétanque' format is a perfect way to introduce smaller folk to the fun of the game—without the pressure of performing in an organized tournament," says Tom Bricca, organizer of our upcoming "Kids' Day On the Courts."

Tom will provide *Bricca Burgers*, gourmet hot dogs, chips and sodas **free** to all youngsters who attend.

For adults, lunch with wine is \$7.

There'll be prizes. The sprinklers will be going. And Tom promises more fun ideas now in the works.

Come and enjoy the day. It's our Picnic and Pétanque #3, dedicated to the kids. Call the VOMPC hotline before Friday, August 4, and let us know the total number of players you'll have attending. **Our hotline number is 258-3450.**

Time to pick your partner for August Mixed Doublette

One woman and one man on every team—that's the story for our August 27 tournament. It's our VOMPC *Mixed Doublette*. And it's not too early to start thinking about who you're going to team up with for this sprightly event. More details will be coming soon.

Summer League Action

After a slow start, Summer League play is now on the move. The insert with this issue gives you an update of current standings in all divisions, both singles and doubles. Keep it going!

"The Joy of Cooking"



VOMPC's Chef Roger Poli of *La Petite Auberge* fame, cooked a tender barbecued pork au sauce charcutier at our Picnic and Pétanque luncheon #2 on June 18. It was Father's Day. No tourney. Just VOMPC families enjoying the food, the game and the company, with Frank Pipal helping to make it all run smoothly.

Rusty Boules Back in Play

A few years ago, when Marseille-born pétanque player and VOMPC member Maurice Ebollito knew that he didn't have many months left to live, he gave a set of his boules to Frank Pipal. "Keep these, Frank, until one day you get a youngster down at the club who shows promise and could use a set of boules."

This past May, Tom Noonan partnered with VOMPC junior member Adrian Reyes at the Rusty Boule Ebollito Memorial in Menlo Park. Several older players commented on young Adrian's skill. Frank suggested that perhaps a new owner had been found for the old boules. Dolly Ebollito, Maurice's widow, didn't know about the set. She was delighted by the idea and gave her blessing as well as a carrying case for them. The set is now in Adrian's hands. May they roll true—and stay in the game.

VO MPC Pétanquers Salute Emperor Norton II



Photo by Karen Semerau

Under blazing skies, sixty-two loyal subjects of Emperor Norton II came together at the Sonoma courts May 21 for a zany day of feasting and pétanque.

With a flurry of handicap edicts and printed "carreau certificates," the emperor dispensed justice in a manner that allowed every bumbling pétanquer a chance to beat even the best. Such regal maneuvers and handicaps failed, however, to stop the determined team of Gerard and Marguerite Canabou.

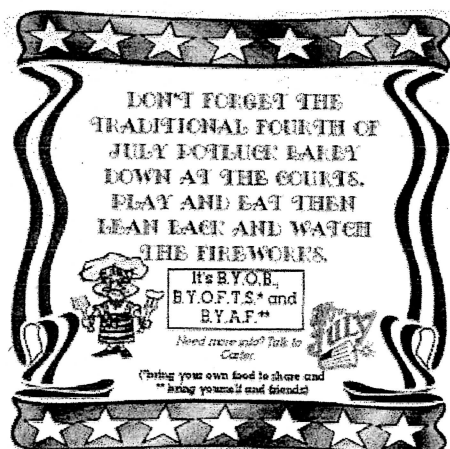
In the final match of the emperor's tournament, the Canabous over-powered the Ed Porto, David Rizzo and Alex Ogaz trio, 13-4, thereby winning the tournament and a matched set of engraved magnums filled with the emperor's finest Sonoma Valley Zinfandel.

An intriguing match for third place pitted husbands against wives. Larry Cragg and Doug Ashcraft took on Christine Cragg and Maxine Ashcraft in a family fight to the finish. The women won, 13-11.

We can all thank Susan Norton and Annick Bouldt for cooking up a spicy cassoulet feast—with loads of help on the grilling, serving and cleanup by John Bouldt and Rob Zitzewitz.

Our thanks to Bill Carter, too, for the freshly groomed courts. And a special tribute to Emperor Norton II, himself.

Mike Norton planned and produced an engaging day that will long be remembered in the annals of The Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club.



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