

# PÉTANQUE TIMES

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## Big Events—Big Favorites—Coming Up!

CLUB CHEFS TO TOW THE LINE—LOTS OF FOOD & FUN IN STORE FOR ALL

**Saturday, MAY 17**

### Maysonnave Memorial Member/Guest Tourney Chef Rizzo to Please All Comers

This is your chance to do your part to grow the game of pétanque—and have some fun in the process! Bring a new-comer to the game and enjoy a great lunch served up by **Dave Rizzo**. There will be lots of prizes and fun for you and your guest. Here's the menu:

*Soupe à l'Ail* (Garlic Soup)

*Salade Verte*

*Pan Bagnat au Thon*

(Picnic Sandwich w/ Tuna & Veggies)

*Diable de Pommes de Terre*

(Garlic & Potato Casserole)

*Fromage et Fruits*

*Vins sélectionnés de la maison Rizzo*

**TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE: \$5.00**

**SUMPTUOUS LUNCH: \$10.00**

**TOURNEY DIRECTOR: Barbara Hall**

**RAINDATE: Sunday, May 18**

**Sunday, JUNE 1**

### Annual Member's Picnic Couscous Royale Lunch Traditional Fare by Chef Roger

Members will come together to celebrate another great season of pétanque and **Roger Poli** will prepare a classic *couscous royale* for all to enjoy.

This event is **FREE** to all current members **BUT RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**. Play some casual games before and after lunch. Here's the bill o' goods:

Appetizer

Couscous Royale

Mixed Vegetables

Garden Salad

Dessert

**MEMBERS: free**

**GUESTS: \$10.00**

**EVENT COORDINATOR:**

**Frank Pipal**

**Sunday, JULY 13**

### Annual Bastille Day Grand Concours de Pétanque Chef Marco's Bouillabaisse Again!

This event needs no introduction—and neither does **Marco Ilaria**, who will pull together an authentic French *bouillabaisse*. Our friends at **Ravenswood Winery** will supply the *vino veritas*. The tourney format, random triplete (*à la melée*), promises to be full of surprises. And to eat:

Appetizer

Bouillabaisse

Green Salad

French Bread and Rouie

Fresh Fruit & Cheese

Glass of Ravenswood Wine

**ENTRY FEE: \$7.00**

**Bouillabaisse: \$15.00**

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:**

**Tom Noonan, Barbara Hall**

Sign up before 10 AM.  
Reservations Required  
by **THURS, MAY 15** on  
the **HOTLINE: 258-3450**.

LUNCH SERVED AT 1PM.  
Reservations Required  
by **THURS, MAY 29** on  
the **HOTLINE: 258-3450**.

Sign up before 10 AM.  
Reservations Required  
by **SUNDAY, JULY 6** on  
the **HOTLINE: 258-3450**.

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## MORE EVENTS: Kids' Tourney, Evening Tourney *à la Melée*

**KIDS' DAY: Saturday, JUNE 7**

Pétanque and hot dogs—as American as, well....Sonoma! This is a free event for juniors. **IMPORTANT: ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED**. Call the hotline for info.

**EVENT COORDINATOR: Holly Sammons**

Sign up by 10 AM. Reservations by Thurs, June 5

**SOLSTICE MELÉE: Saturday, JUNE 21**

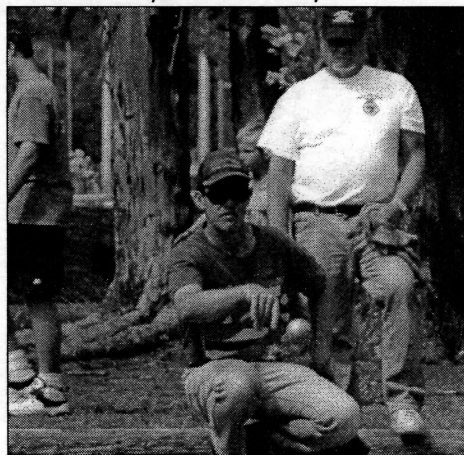
Beat the summer heat with a friendly late afternoon-evening competition on the longest day of the year. *Bring your own picnic and enjoy a complimentary aperitif!*

**ENTRY FEE: \$5.00** **TOURNEY DIRECTOR: Ed Porto**

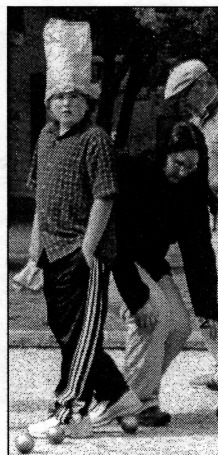
Sign up by 3 PM. No Reservations Required.

# Big Dogs Go Down to the Wire in Sonoma Cup

## Bouldt, Toulon, Moilanen Win with Close Victories in Semis & Finals



Eldon Moilanen observes as Frank Pipal places a point in the early going of their semifinal match.



Who sez you can't win—AND—make a fashion statement?



Jean-Michel Poulnot vexed the competition all day long with his uncanny pointing. Here, in the semifinal, his opponents played well but came up short against "the Devil of Dijon" and his team.

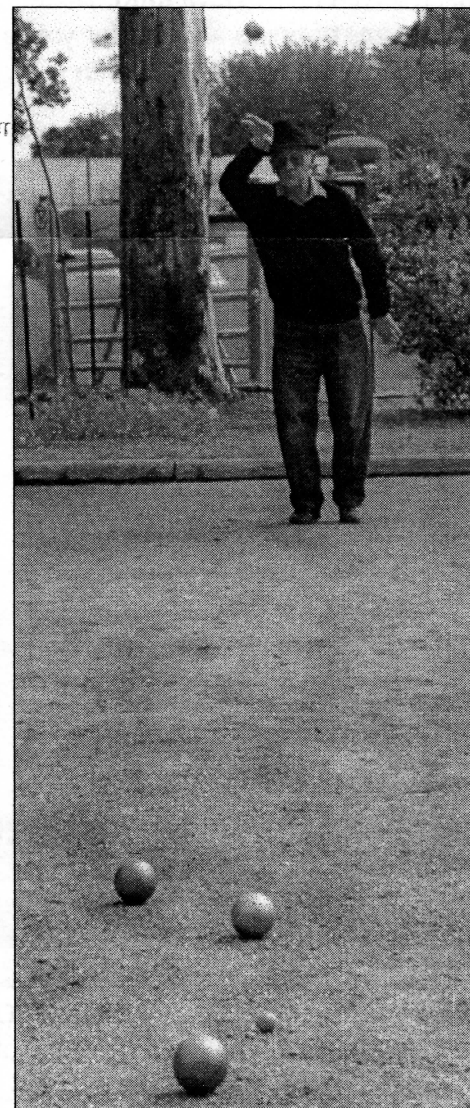
(Apr. 27) A troika of northern California pétanque club leaders combined for a winning combination in the third annual Sonoma Cup. John Bouldt, Louis Toulon and Eldon Moilanen survived the field, eking out a 13-11 victory in their semifinal over Frank Pipal, Antonio and Tino Lofaro and a still-closer 13-12 final win over Gerard Canabou, Jacques Avedissian (Menlo Park) and the fun-loving Jean Michel Poulnot.

Competition was keen all day for the sixteen tripllettes who threw their hats in the ring for this popular tourney.

In the balance hung the coveted perpetual trophy and accompanying plaques, generously donated by **Bart Zachofsky**. On board for lunch was **Lonchera Santa Clara**, a virtual taqueria on wheels, which served up hot food to the hungry players.

Third place went to the Pipal/Lofaros team. Patrick Vaslet, and Lamorinda's Pascal Gravier and Eric Thiebault came in fourth. In the consolante, it was Steve Sterbentz, Hans Kurz and Andrew Loi coming in first, Charlotte Noonan and Hallie and Brendan Cohen second and Alain Gusella and John and Joss Krauer mopping up for third.

Smooth running of the event was provided by **Tom Noonan**, **Holly Sammons** and **Frank Pipal**.



Gerard Canabou uses the *plombé* to get the point in his semifinal match.

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### "Mustard" Funds in the Bank!

The **Napa Valley Mustard Festival** fund raiser, for which 17 VOMPers volunteered on February 1st, netted **\$841** for the club. It was a fun time and a great way to raise money for future projects!

*Special thanks goes to **Annick** and **John Bouldt** for coordinating the effort and to **Patsy Summers** and **Connie McCann** for offering us this unique opportunity.*



# Warm Day a Delight for Season Opener

## Cliffhanger Final in Open Division, Joss Krauer Tops in Women's

(Feb. 22) A summer-like day was quite a treat for the forty-three contestants who participated in the annual Season Opener singles tournament. A delicious chili and cornbread lunch was donated, prepared and served by **Tom Noonan**, with proceeds going to the club.

There were some new faces in the concours as well as many familiar ones. In the open division, up and coming Marco "Meech" Ilaria made the cut, as did journeymen Rob Zitzewitz, Andre Sanchou and Mark Olivier who finished fourth overall.

But the surprise player of the day was Jean-Michel Poulnot. The amiable *Dijonais* put on an impressive pointing exhibition and surprised a number of veteran players. Poulnot took third place and won all his games save one (the semifinal).

As evening approached, Patrick Vaslet and Ed Porto faced off in front of the gallerie for a final match characterized by some brilliant moments—and some inconsistent play. Neither contestant was particularly thrilled with his performance but, to the crowd's pleasure, it was hard-fought, see-saw battle. Despite Vaslet's late game comeback to tie it at 14, "Air" Porto took the match, 15-14.

Louis Toulon won the *bonus round*, which was made up of the players eliminated in the eighth finals. Alain Gusella prevailed over John Krauer in the consolante final. Peter Wellington took third in that bracket.

In the women's division, Joss Krauer started her day with a loss but never looked back as she marched to the championship, capping her performance with an impressive 15-8 victory over Holly Sammons in the final match. In the consolante final, Judy Olivier bested junior player, Olivia Sammons in a well-played game.

Tourney directors **Ed Porto** and **Teri Sirico** "gave 'em their money's worth," as did Chef Noonan. **Glory Glover** also pitched in, working the registration table.

'Twas a great way to kick off the season—though this Editor's opinion may be slightly biased!

### FPUSA Western Singles in LA on June 7

Feelin' yer oats? Well then, take your act on the road for some friendly out of town competition. The LAPC always puts on quality events. Ask a board member or FPUSA representative for more details.

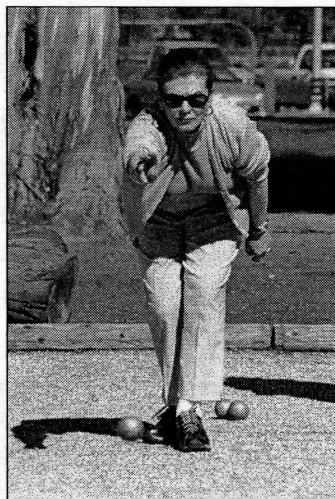


photo by Tom Noonan

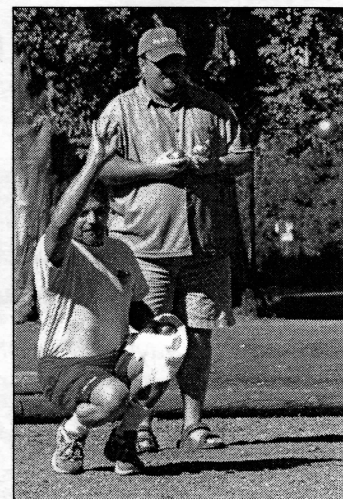
Jean-Michel Poulnot, Ed Porto and Patrick Vaslet relaxed after enjoying a long day of good competition.



A well-played final match left Joss Krauer and Holly Sammons all smiles.



Newby Natalia Vicino enjoyed playing in her first tournament.



Not-so-newby, Club Prez John Bouldt, salutes the cochonnet.

# MARCH "MIXED DOUBLES" MADNESS!

Well, if it's March it's **MIXED DOUBLES** in Bay Area pétanque. And the VOMPC certainly embraced this budding tradition.

In the **Winter Mixed Doubles League**, Tom and Charlotte Noonan went the distance, laying waste to defending champions Holly Sammons and Peter Mathis in the semifinal, then taking down veterans John and Joss Krauer in the final by a score of 15-12. Patrick Vaslet and Shannon Bowman took third place by virtue of a 15-7 well-played victory over the ex-champs.

In the consolante, it was PJ Mallette and Barbara Hall grabbing the top prize in a close final over John Bouldt and Deane Carr. Big Thanks to League Directors **Teri Sirico** and **Frank Pipal** for running the show.

(March 9) In San Rafael, the annual **Northern California Commemorative Cup** was populated by many VOMPC teams and there was plenty of good action in the late rounds.

Louis Toulon and Claudie Chourre waltzed to the final, playing magnificently all day long. Bart Zachofsky and Karen Semerau proved tenacious in their semifinal against PJ Mallette and Barbara Hall, surviving as 13-12 winners.

The final was a real crowd-pleaser. Down 9-1 and seemingly about to fold, Bart and Karen came alive and made a run for top honors. Despite their valiant comeback, Louis and Claudie prevailed in a well-played final 13-11, in front of a well-entertained gallerie.

(March 22) The **VOMPC Mixed Doubles** tourney featured 15 teams who braved chilly and cloudy weather to play in an amiable tourney and partook of a potluck lunch.

Again Louis Toulon, this time with Barbara Hall, came away with the top prize by virtue of a 13-6 win over Teri Sirico and San Rafael's Tino Lofaro. In a repeat of their league match-up, Patrick Vaslet and Shannon Bowman took on Peter Mathis and Holly Sammons. This time Peter and Holly got "ray-vahnsh," and third place overall.

In the consolante, the duo of Erin McTaggart (of Murphy's Pub trivia reknown) and sleeping giant Dave Riffo, sporting color-coordinated outfits, manhandled what was left of the field en route to first prize in that bracket.

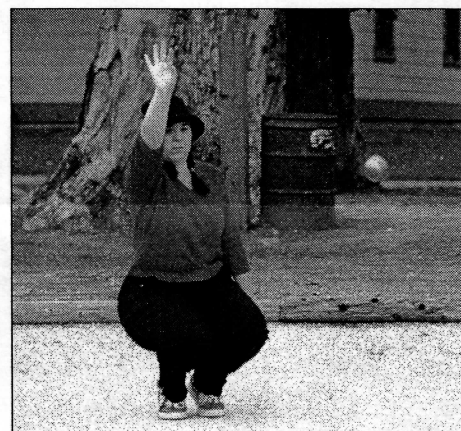
**Frank Pipal** was tourney director and ran a great event. **Holly Sammons** helped as well and the rest of us, well, we just had a great time!

## ***And the madness will continue...in Central Park!***

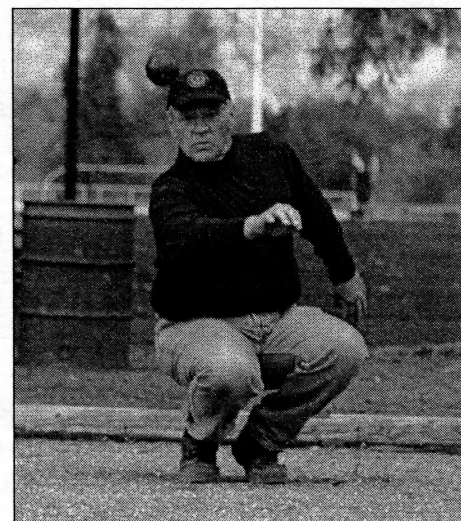
A group of wayfaring VOMPC *boulists* will participate in the **FPUSA National Mixed Doubles Championship** to be held in Central Park in the heart of New York City on May 24. Teaming up (as of press time) will be Barbara Hall and PJ Mallette, Peter Mathis and Holly Sammons, Ed Porto and Erin McTaggart and Teri Sirico and Yngve Biltsted of LaBoule New Yorkaise. *Let's wish all our competitors the best of luck!*



Charlotte Noonan poured on the points in the Winter League's final match.



The stylish Colleen Chistiansen was *muy competitivo* in sundry events.



Herr Noonan was not to be denied his second league title in four months.



# Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club Phone List

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## VOMPC 2003 Summer Singles, 2-out-of-3 Doubles & Thursday Night Doubles Leagues

~ Please contact your friendly League Directors to register, or for more information. ~

### SUMMER SINGLES

**DIRECTOR:** Barbara Hall  
**SEASON:** Jun 4 – Aug 27  
**PLAYOFF:** Sept 2 – 10  
**FINALS:** Sept 13  
**FEE:** \$10/player

### THURS. NITE DOUBLES

**DIRECTORS:** Tom Noonan &  
 Colleen Christiansen  
**SEASON:** June 5 – July 31  
**PLAYOFF:** Aug 7  
**FINALS:** Aug 14  
**FEE:** \$10/player

### 2-OUT-OF-3 DOUBLES

**DIRECTOR:** Peter Mathis  
**SEASON:** to be announced  
**PLAYOFF:** to be announced  
**FINALS:** Sept 20  
**FEE:** \$10/player

**All Entries Must be Received by WEDNESDAY, MAY 28!**



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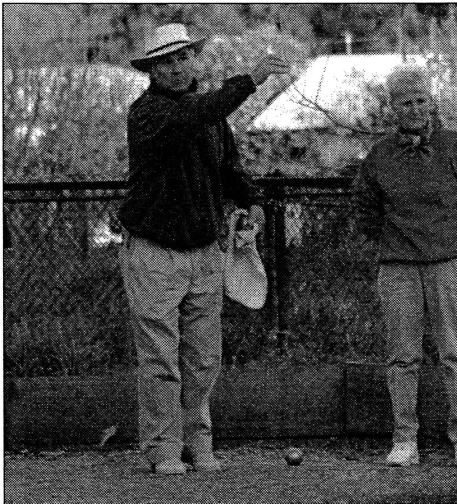
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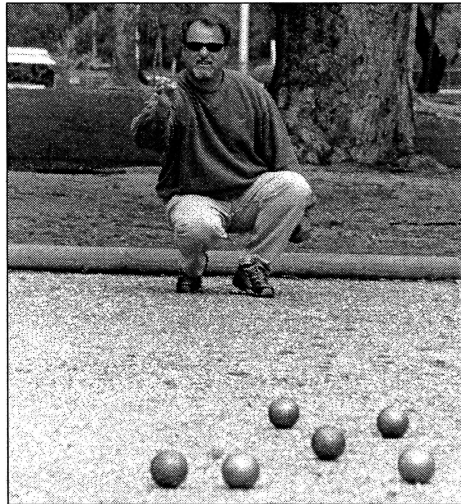
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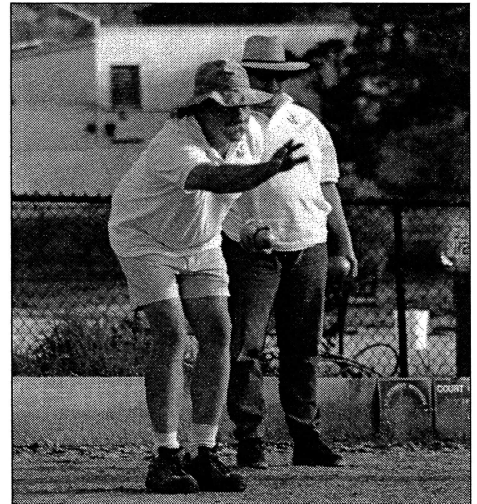
# New League Champs, Tourneys Belong to Toulon



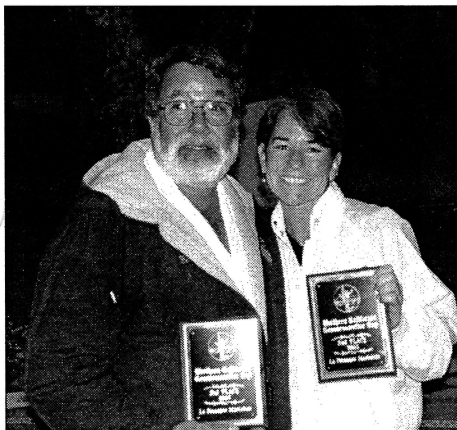
Louis Toulon gets serious in the final as partner Claudie Chourre looks on.



Dave Rizzo came out of semi-retirement to take the consolation in Sonoma.



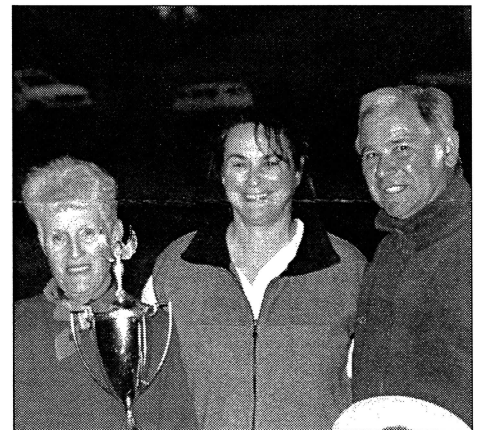
Road master Lawrence Cragg puts in a point in the Marin tourney.



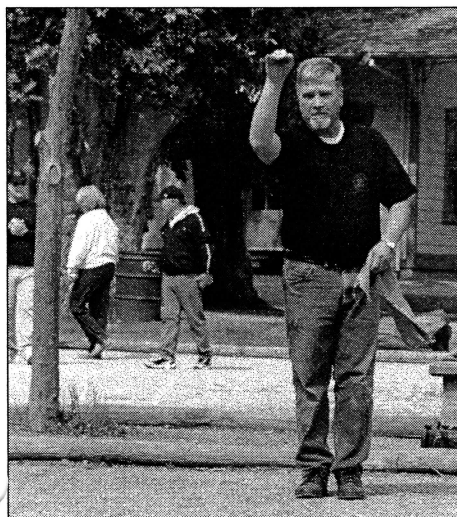
Dynamic duo Bart Zachofsky and Karen Semerau got second place in Marin.



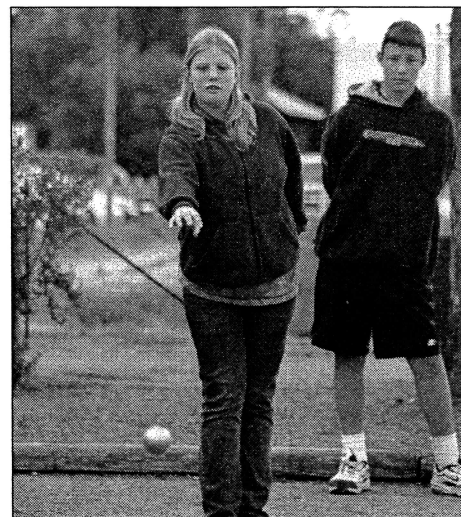
John and Joss Krauer are two of the most gracious competitors around.



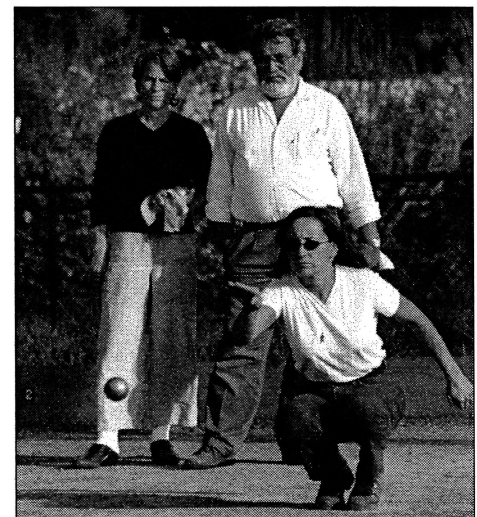
Marin Prez Christine Cragg was pleased to present the champions with their award.



Concentration rules as Willits *Boulemeister* Eldon Moilanen finesses a point.



*Wunderkinder* Olivia and Patrick Sammons compete regularly in tournaments.



Karen and Bart look on as Barbara Hall delivers a point in their semifinal match.

## The Umpire's Corner . . .



**Q.** In a game last Wednesday night, some clown on the other team held a boule in each hand and tossed both boules at once. One of his boules took the point. His other boule landed in third position.

*He put on a good show. But tell me, Ump, was it legal to toss two boules at once?*

**A.** That's a good question. And the answer is, "No, it's not legal."

Tossing two boules at once may be a playful diversion, but it isn't pétanque. The toss was invalid. Both boules that he tossed should have been disqualified for that round. They should have been taken out of play and removed from the court.

### *Do you have a pétanque question?*

Write to: **The Umpire**

P.O. Box 863, Sonoma, CA 95476

Answers are certified by FPUSA Umpire  
Pierre Joske

## Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

**David Artson**

**Anne-Marie Bakker**

**Doug & Elizabeth Brodie**

**Steve Durand**

**Len Fregosi**

**Monique Milochau**

**Steve Smith**

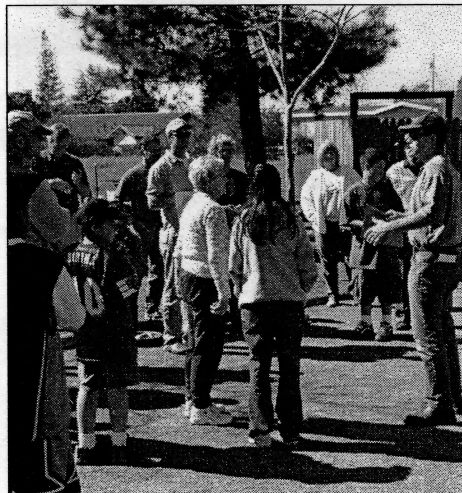
**Franco & Natalia Vicino**

**Jenny & Jim Witous**

*...and welcome back*

**Jane Wellington**

## Club's Outreach Ongoing Stand-by-Me, Vintage House, Special Olys Bocce Participate



Frank Pipal (r.) gives a brief introduction to the game to mentors and mentees.

(Mar 15) The VOMPC hosted a pétanque clinic and lunch for the good folks at **Stand-by-Me Mentors**. Participants jumped right in and played a couple of games. Afterwards, they were treated to a hot dog lunch, prepared by club *mensh* **Bart Zachofsky**. Also on hand to assist were **Colleen Christensen**, **Tom Noonan**, **Frank Pipal**, **Ed Porto**, **Teri Sirico** and program coordinator **John Bouldt**. Some follow-up sessions are planned in the near future.

(Apr. 30) Next up was a nice group from the **Vintage House** who enjoyed a couple hours of play hosted by **John Bouldt**, **Glory Glover**, **Gerry Haney**, **Pierre Joske**, **Diane Juen**, **James Lavaroni**, **Byron Mayo**, **Edith Nazworthy**, **Frank Pipal**, **Ed Porto**, **Cynthia Scarborough**, and **Bart Zachofsky**.

We hope to see our new friends from these fine groups at the courts very soon. If you'd like to get involved, just contact a board member.

The **Special Olympics** bocce program is moving along as well. **Colleen Christiansen**, **Deane Carr**, **Frank Pipal**, **Ed Porto** and **Teri Sirico** are doing a great job coaching the group and having some fun in the bargain.

## Impt. Changes at Courts New City and State Edicts

The State of California is now enforcing regulations on its land adjacent to our courts—in particular, those to do with parking and open alcoholic beverages. (Please note: the northern boundary of the state park land encompassing the Casa Grande parking lot, runs along our south court boundary and through the clubhouse!)

Meanwhile, a new city ordinance now prohibits the use of herbicides in parks. While environmentally sound, this new restriction has increased the work load for Facilities Director **Frank Pipal** and our volunteer crew. Club funds were used in February to clear the first of the winter weed crop. More recently, twenty club members applied themselves for a second go-round.

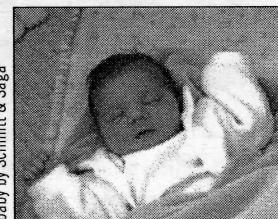
Club members may be asked to help with the ongoing maintenance (*more hands make light work*). When duty calls, if you can spare a little time, it's good exercise and a good time, too.

Please ask Frank Pipal for more details and watch the bulletin board for the next work party. See you there!

## It's a Girl!—for Erika & Michel

Well, we can all be proud (*maybe even take a little credit!*) now that Erika Schmitt and Michel Saga are the happy parents of **Luna Madeleine**, born this past March 29th.

Recall that Erika and Michel met through the good old VOMPC. Always a pleasure to see them at the courts, we hope that they can come and visit once and awhile to show us their pride and joy!



baby by Schmitt & Saga

Luna rests up for the annual Wine Country Classic  
—2019!



## WWCQT in Sonoma: Big Step for VOM Women's Pétanque

This coming Labor Day, the VOMPC will host the **FPUSA Women's World Championship Qualification Tournament**. The winners of the event will represent the USA at the FIPJP Women's World Championship of Pétanque in 2004.

A number of VOMPC teams have already formed, playing together in local tourneys and practicing for the big event. Our club stands a very good chance of putting a team or two in the chase and hopefully going abroad as our country's representatives.

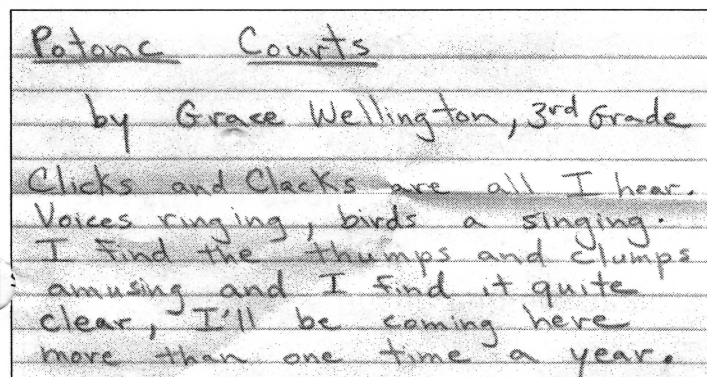
It is important to realize that formal women's programs have existed in this club for less than three years. Starting in the fall of 2000, the VOMPC's first women's league drew nine pioneering competitors. The following year saw women's divisions in the singles and doubles tournaments and an expansion of the women's league to a doubles format with twelve participants and the first woman in a league director's role. In 2002, the season opener singles tournament fielded eighteen women's players. And last fall, twenty women paired up for the women's league which drew a nice crowd of club members on its playoff day.

In addition to the women's programs, there has been a commitment on the part of the club to mixed doubles leagues and tournaments. The 2003 VOMPC Club Championship will be a mixed triples format for the third straight year.

There has also been great achievements so far with VOMPC women players winning the 2002 FPUSA National Women's Doubles, playing on the US team in the 2002 World Championship in Latuque, Quebec and winning on successive days at last year's annual Ebollito Memorial Tournament in Menlo Park.

The combination of league offerings, women's divisions in tournaments, inspiring individual achievement and a true sportsman-like atmosphere has made women's pétanque in Sonoma successful and rewarding for all those who play and watch.

Let's wish all our women players the very best for the 2003 season—and not just in the won-lost columns, for the camaraderie they find at our courts ensures that a victory for one is a win for all.



Thank you, Grace!

## VOMPC Board Notes

02.10.03

Community outreach; Mentoring Program, Vintage House, Native Sons, Special Olympics, La Luz Foundation

Hall steps down as chair of Code of Conduct complaint committee. Bouldt appoints Porto to chair.

Salute to the Arts Coordinators assignment for this summer: Hall, Porto coordinators.

Tournament Book: New material submitted by Porto.

\$200 approved for purchase boule of new club boules.

**03.20.03 – Determination on Code of Conduct Complaint** (*publication of this determination in the newsletter is required by club's bylaws.*)

The Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club Board of Directors, a volunteer group, is charged with the responsibility of overseeing the business and conduct of the Valley of the Moon Pétanque Club (VOMPC). According to our Bylaw I, Section B. Rights and Obligations, No. 3. Obligations, Item a. "Members are obligated to conduct themselves in a manner befitting the pétanque tradition of camaraderie, courtesy and respect in accord with the VOMPC Code of Conduct."

The VOMPC Board of Directors acted in a good-faith effort to uphold the club's bylaws and Code of Conduct when it issued the complaint against Bill Carter on January 28, 2003. "Courtesy, civility, respect and integrity shall characterize the behavior of VOMPC members, in accord with the camaraderie and esprit of Pétanque." However, through the examination of the proceedings, this Board has determined that the Bylaws have failed to give adequate direction in this case in which the Board of Directors initiated the complaint (refer to Code of Conduct, Item D1).

The VOMPC Board of Directors will not pursue further action on the complaint against [member]. The Board wishes to thank [member] for the apology (STATEMENT BY [member] CONCERNING MY SD.1 EMAIL) which he read at the hearing on March 13, 2003 and herein made part of this document.

The VOMPC Board of Directors looks forward to [member] exhibiting the sincerity he expressed in his apology and also looks forward to many seasons of camaraderie, courtesy and respect for all.

AYES: Hall, Noonan, Sammons, Sirico

NAYS: Bouldt, Pipal, Porto (minority opinion submitted 04.14.03)

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Mustard Festival fundraiser: raised \$841 for the club.

Winter League: 4 members who had played have not paid their dues.

Oakhurst cookbook (Sirico): Club contribution to the effort completed.

Community Outreach (Bouldt): Vintage House April 24th. Club member volunteers to host. Follow-up day for Stand-By-Me TBD.

Review of code of conduct w.r.t. recent proceeding tabled.

Court prep: Purchase of the necessary equipment for chalk lines is authorized due to the trip hazard that strings represent.

Apparel: Rick Bagel to develop club T-shirt. Board approves purchase of 42 carved magnums. Magnum prize policies to be reviewed.

Facilities (Pipal): Bouldt and Pipal to go to the City Council with the "annual report" and lease renewal. Restroom Key still to be organized for availability. Work party to be on April 19. \$7 per volunteer approved for evening meal at the courts.

Summer Leagues: Hall to direct Singles. Others TBD.

June 21 event: Due to travel commitments, picnic portion is cancelled, Porto to direct tourney. Club will offer aperitif.

# Twenty Turn up for Short Notice "Hoe" Down



With the east courts about wrapped up, our all-volunteer crew takes a break to pose for the camera in the late afternoon.

**Communications News:** Also on Work Party Day, a bit of late afternoon photo-journalism took place as France Ruffenaud, former VOMPC member and new photographer for *Via* magazine came up from San Francisco on assignment for a future article on the local happenings in Sonoma.

The VOMPC was also featured in a story called "Sonoma's Sporting Ways" in the *Sunday Magazine* section of the *San Francisco Chronicle* this past April 20th.

(Apr. 19) Now that herbicides are off-limits (see page 6), the club needs to rely on old fashion elbow grease to rid the courts of weeds. Twenty hearty clubbers rose to the challenge and worked all afternoon to complete the job –and just in time for the Sonoma Cup tournament.

When the work was done most of the group was able to stick around for a delicious steak dinner at the courts and a few evening pétanque antics. *Thanks to these volunteers, we all get to choose our favorite terrain!*

**Richard Bagel**

**John Bouldt**

**Shannon Bowman**

**Colleen Christensen**

**Chuck Fleming**

**Glory Glover**

**Hans Kurz**

**Pierre Mallette**

**Toni Mallette**

**Erin McTaggart**

**Tom Noonan**

**Frank Pipal**

**Ed Porto**

**David Riffo**

**Holly Sammons**

**Olivia Sammons**

**Patrick Sammons**

**Teri Sirico**

**Patrick Vaslet**

**Rob Zitzewitz**

## VOMPC to Host Secretary of French Youth Federation

If you haven't been at the courts on a Wednesday lately, **May 7th** could just be your day. The club will hold an **(FREE)** informal tournament and members are asked to bring a **potluck snack** or **hors d'oeuvre**.

Our guest of honor will be **Maurice and Jacqueline Lajeune** who are visiting from France. The couple became friends of **Pierre, Toni and PJ Mallette** at last year's Junior World Championship.

Be at the courts at **4pm** to sign up. If you can't make it by then, come anyway to partake of the festivities. *It'll be a great time!*



photo by PJ Mallette

Maurice (far left) will be the personal guest of Toni & Pierre Mallette (right) during his stay.

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**SUMMER LEAGUES — ALREADY?! REGISTRATION INFO ENCLOSED**

**DON'T FORGET:** It's a ways off but mark your calendars to play pétanque and watch the Sonoma fireworks this **Fourth of July**. Bring your picnic, your Webber, your family and your friends for a great evening of fun and games!

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