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*Celebrating each and every member upon
the conclusion of a memorable 2012 ...*



*... and in anticipation of a
promising 40th Anniversary
year of friendly competition,
cameraderie and growth ...*

*... with a souvenir record of good
times on the terrain this past
season from across the spectrum
of clubs, players and activities
that make up FPUSA ...*



... in appreciation of everyone's support!

A Letter From Your President



Dear Fellow Petanque Players,

It has been a pleasure serving in my first year as FPUSA President. I am proud to report that your 2012 Board of Directors were able to accomplish some things that will provide added value to your membership in an FPUSA-affiliated club.

It is important to remember that our membership includes a variety of interest groups — from avid competitors to purely social players, and others in between. Therefore, it has been a goal

of FPUSA to develop a *something-for-everyone* approach to our offerings. Pursuing this path has resulted in slow but steady growth and holds much promise for a future in which all interest groups can be better served.

What is very encouraging is the level of volunteer support for FPUSA at all levels — club, regional and national. I would like to thank and congratulate all those cited in this publication, and many others who may not have been mentioned, for their hard work and achievement — whether on the terrain, on the “business side” of the control table, or behind the scenes in clubs, with FPUSA and in local communities.

As a small organization spread out so thinly across the country and staffed solely by volunteers, there are many challenges that face us in developing and expanding the sport that we all love. Member involvement is critical, so I invite you to contact your club officials and FPUSA representatives if you are able to help. As many volunteers already know, the ‘payoff’ for your efforts will be personal, but with the relationships that you establish, the rewards and friendships can last a long time.

I would like to salute Mary Albright of the Lamorinda Petanque Club. After serving for two terms as NW Counselor, Mary served for five years as our Vice President, taking a keen interest in women’s and juniors’ petanque.

On a final and personal note, if you are reading this publication, and are not yet an FPUSA member, please consider joining FPUSA through one of our local clubs. There are good times to be had and good people to meet and play with... And we would love to see you in the mix!

’Looking forward to another great year in 2013 and to seeing many of you on the terrain!

Best Wishes and Enjoy Petanque!



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250 words about FPUSA

From the FPUSA Constitution...

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of this nonprofit sports organization is to build a national body of FPUSA-affiliated clubs and individuals dedicated to spreading, practicing and enjoying Petanque, a worldwide outdoor bowling game of modern French derivation via ancient Greece and Rome. A primary objective of the Federation's endeavors is to foster local, regional and national, as well as United States participation in International tournaments and championships of this widespread amateur sport.

Founded in 1973, FPUSA is governed by a Board of Directors who are elected by the clubs each year. Business is conducted via email and at one annual meeting usually held on the weekend of a National Tournament.

FPUSA's authority is derived from its dues-paying members and their clubs through their elected representatives on the Board of Directors. Select authority is granted to various appointees (like umpires and committee members) who perform specific functions in service to the membership.

The Board sets policy and approves expenditures for various activities and uses. FPUSA also has a Sport Committee which oversees and develops the sport program, tournament regulations, event calendar and the umpire corps.

The Discipline Committee is appointed annually and convenes (via email) if a need arises to address complaints about player conduct. The Communications Committee is in charge of our web presence and for general communications with the membership and clubs. Other committees are established from time to time to perform tasks or to generate proposals for potential policy consideration and implementation.

FPUSA 2012 Business Recap

We saw some interesting and valuable initiatives from FPUSA in 2012. Your Board approved a plan to assist clubs in promoting the sport at the local level. Under the "Club Benefits Program" matching grants of up to \$200 were provided to clubs for purchases of petanque equipment or for goods or services used in promotion by our clubs. Special thanks goes to SW Counselor John Harris of the Oakhurst Petanque Club and Treasurer, Max Legrand of the Los Angeles Petanque Club for administering the program all year long. The program is set to continue in future years for new clubs upon their affiliation.

The Board also saw fit to fund this annual publication and a promotional video has been commissioned. We are subscribed to an email service in order to communicate directly with the membership, providing announcements about programs and events and easier access to tournament registration and information. A free photo-posting website for clubs is under development. On a less visible level, we are working towards obtaining a Group Exemption program from the IRS which will enable clubs to acquire tax exempt nonprofit 501(c)(7) status easily and at no cost.

In Sport administration, the Sport Director, President, Secretary and Treasurer were busy keeping up with the ever-changing conditions around FIPJP's international competitions. These conditions present ongoing challenges in planning and scheduling our qualification tournaments and for our eventual representatives. We are also working to improve our program and make it easier for our teams to represent us at FIPJP Championships. While the majority of members are not hugely affected by developments at the international level, this segment of FPUSA's mission provides an important incentive for our competitive members, new players and emerging talent, and is a source of pride for all in the FPUSA as well.

More pertinent to the average player are our Regional and National Tournament programs which have seen steady, if uneven, increases in interest and participation. Ten different regional formats are offered with many designed to give more members a fair shot at winning an FPUSA medal. And as national tournaments rotate around the country, local players get to experience a higher level of competition and meet fellow members who travel from other areas.

For any sustained competitive program, reliable officiating is needed. With a corps of over 50 umpires, members can expect an ever-improving knowledge base and officiating expertise. Our umpires' services are most appreciated by all who compete and expect fairness on the terrain. Our improved standards for tournament direction and player conduct benefit all the membership and help set the table for future growth.

More work is needed with regard to promotion, youth development, US team funding and sponsorship and more progress is needed to be made in these areas in 2013 — *so stay tuned!*

GROWTH: The Most Common of Goals

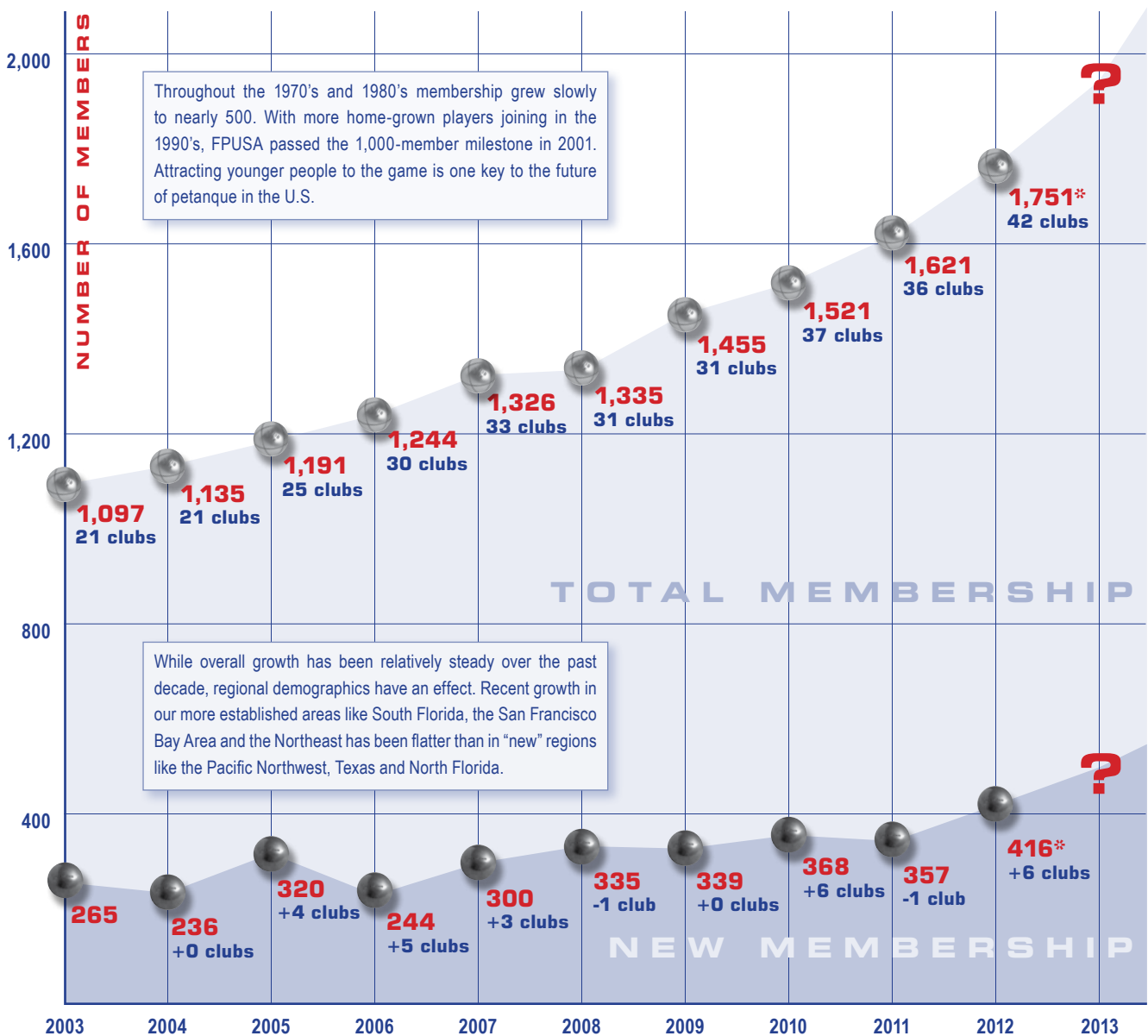
You don't have to be a rocket scientist or a business analyst to know that the key for most small organizations is growth. A look at this membership chart of the past ten years shows three things. The first one is obvious: slow but steady growth in membership. The others are a bit more subtle.

Although our membership is increasing at faster rates in recent years, the relatively flat growth path for "New Membership" indicates that attracting new members is an ongoing challenge for most clubs. And while membership levels are increasing, member attrition (that is, those who do not renew) erodes the gains that are made by our recruiting efforts.

FPUSA's true potential depends upon our organization's

future growth. While member retention is very important, attracting more and more new members is essential for the type of growth that is needed — for FPUSA to make the transition from a small and challenged organization to a more advanced one, with more and better services for our members and their clubs.

Therefore, developing a promotional strategy and supporting promotional efforts by our clubs are ever-present goals for FPUSA. Much work is needed in this regard, at all levels — local, regional and national. So, the more skills that members and volunteers can bring to the table, the more progress (spelled "G-R-O-W-T-H") can be made.



SOURCE: FPUSA RECORDS AND ARCHIVES

*as of 12.15.12

FPUSA

HOT SPOTS

Here is a short list of FPUSA clubs who have been making strides in developing the game and their programs with notable success. Congratulations to them! Their hard work and dedication has paid off for their members and for FPUSA.

Much thanks to all FPUSA clubs for promoting our game in their communities.

Redwood Empire Boules Club

Mendocino County, California
31 Members; Affiliated: 2009
Mickey Coughlin, President

Formerly known as the Willits Boules Club, REBC formed in 2011 to unite players and develop venues, programs and events in the towns of Willits, Fort Bragg, Mendocino and Ukiah. The first major event under the REBC banner was held in Fort Bragg last June 23-24 when over 60 players from Northern California and Southern Oregon showed up to play in the NW Regional Doubles and the Skip Wollenberg Memorial Open which was hosted in fine style and included local community involvement.

Edmonds Petanque Club

Edmonds, Washington
29 Members; Affiliated: 2011
Michelle Martin, President

Although only in existence for a couple of years, this group has been busy building a playing area, recruiting members and local sponsors and developing an interesting calendar of events which includes tournaments, women's groups, French classes, charity benefits and community outreach. With clubs nearby in the Pacific Northwest, the EPC is sure to make its presence more well-known to more petanque players in the near future.

Heart of Texas Petanque Club

Austin, Texas
61 Members; Affiliated: 2008
Arsene Dupin, President

With four venues to play petanque, including a retired airplane hangar for its major tournaments, HOT offers its members a wide variety of experiences. The club is leading a growing group of Texas clubs, as petanque develops in this populated and diverse region of the country — with perfect weather for the game year-round.

Fresno Petanque Club

Fresno, California
103 Members; Affiliated: 2007
Carl Motschieder, President

FPC has given much "TLC" to FPUSA members throughout the United States. The club hosted FIPJP Teacher Training session in 2010 and, with two successful Nationals weekends in 2011 and 2012 and a number of regionals under its belt, it is poised to do even more for petanque in California and the U.S. Junior petanque development is also very strong at FPC. The club will provide our 2013 team for the FIPJP Junior World Championship.

Amelia Island Boules

Amelia Island, Florida
109 Members; Affiliated: 2010
Jimmy Weinsier, President

Boules de Leon

Saint Augustine, Florida
34 Licensees; Affiliated: 2010
Daniel Smith, President

Now the largest club in the FPUSA, Amelia Island Boules has seen a meteoric rise in membership, helps host the ever-popular Petanque America Open every November and held a goodwill tourney with the crews of two French navy schooners last April. Boules de Leon will have a full 2013 calendar and hosted its first FPUSA Regional last season.

Maine Boules Club

Blue Hill, Maine
67 Members; Affiliated: 1998
Mia Kanazawa, President

Long established and well represented on the U.S. tournament circuit over the years, MBC hosted its first FPUSA Qualification Tournament last September at its new and scenic court. With over half its membership of the fairer gender, the club has become a magnet for women's petanque in the Northeast.

Membership figures are as of 12/15/2012 and do not include associate members.

1975: FPUSA sends its first teams to the World Championship

The World Championship of Petanque comes to Quebec City and the USA sends two teams to the 11-country, 24-team games: La Boule New Yorkaise fields USA Team A, California's La Boule Joyeuse USA-B. The excitement of the new US federation is tempered by reminders of the long road ahead for petanque in this country.

The first match is a worst of times, best of times affair. On Friday night, their shooter ill, USA-A is dealt a fanny in five rounds by France-C. At the same time USA-B fannies Great Britain-A, the only U.S. win in the tournament.

Since then FPUSA has always sent a team (or two) to the Seniors Championship wherever it was held. The high-water mark for a U.S. team was in 1999 when a team from LBNY stayed in the chase until the eighth-finals, finishing in the ninth-place group.

1987: Petanque on the National Mall

On the weekend before Bastille Day, Washington D.C. hosts the *Championnat International de Petanque U.S.A.* For the first time, players from both coasts meet for a chance to mix it up with top European and Canadian players.

The idea is to introduce international petanque to the public, played against the unforgettable backdrop of our nation's most treasured monuments. This dream started with Robert Morrison (National Capital Club de Petanque), who persuades the rest of the U.S. petanque community to join with him and make it a reality.

Fifty triples teams come from France, Switzerland, Canada and all over the United States. The final sees 1985 World Champions Lopeze-Bideau-Choupay beat Canada's Boisselier-Brunette-Fenoll. The special guest of honor is Henri Bernard, president of the international federation. He is there to deliver his endorsement for the future of petanque in the U.S.A.

1987: FPUSA reborn

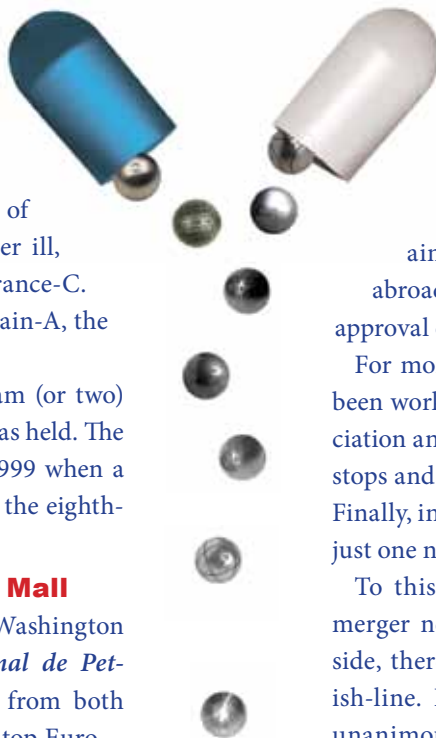
FIPJP President Henri Bernard attends the *Championnat International de Petanque U.S.A.* It is not a coincidence. The event aims to include teams from the APA, FPUSA and abroad. Its success depends on FPUSA and FIPJP approval of all players, regardless of affiliation.

For more than a decade, dedicated individuals have been working to reunite the American Petanque Association and the Federation of Petanque, USA. There are stops and starts. The baton is dropped more than once. Finally, in 1986 the time is right to try again to establish just one national body.

To this end, organizer Robert Morrison joins the merger negotiation group. Despite goodwill on each side, there are bumps in the road right up to the finish-line. Finally terms are agreed, the "Yes" vote is unanimous. That winter the announcement goes out

that the 14 clubs of the American Petanque Association and the eight clubs of FPUSA are now part of one new federation. Unification complete, President Pro Tem Hans Jepson of La Boule New Yorkaise steps down, and Joseph Ardagna of Club de Petanque of Portsmouth, Virginia

is elected the first president of the new FPUSA — the one that you belong to today.



Time Capsules

by FRANK PIPAL



A simpler time? Picnic at *La Pétanque Marinier*, San Rafael CA, circa 1977.



1982 banquet invitation from *La Boule d'Or*, FPUSA's longest standing club.

What shape is YOUR court in?



Lawton Chiles Park, Delray Beach, FL



Oak Hill Park, Petaluma, CA



Pease Park, Austin, TX



Lafayette Community Park, Lafayette, CA



Dubois Park, Jupiter, FL

Most of us play on surfaces with a particular character or set of nuances. When we visit other clubs we pay close attention to these things, and the way that they differ from our home terrain. These are usually the things you get used to — or remember in frustration — about the various surfaces on which you play petanque.

As human beings we have a natural tendency to adapt to our environs and to repeat whatever it is that brings success. So, whether you play on an uneven path in a park and negotiate trees and other obstacles, or on a rectilinear competition-style court, your home surface can really affect and shape the ways in which you play.

By trying out new places to play, playing *au sauvage*, or amending some areas at your home terrain that will add variety to your playing experience, you can expand your repertoire of techniques and thereby improve your game.

Less obvious, and having more subtle effects, is the overall shape of your playing area. As apparent from these Google® satellite images, playing area dimensions vary greatly from club to club. In tournament play, direction and variety can be limited for practical reasons. But in casual games, try playing in all directions and using all areas of your terrain. If possible, play in some areas outside its boundaries. This can help you develop more techniques — *and have even more fun!*



Mather Sports Center, Rancho Cordova, CA



Westmoreland Park, Portland, OR



John Prince Park, Lake Worth, FL



Washington Square Park, New York, NY



Cal Anderson Park, Seattle, WA



Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA



U.S. Team members Ziggy Kessouagni (Chicago IL), Pascal Corchia (Denton TX), Peter Mathis (Sonoma CA) and Juan Garcia (Miami FL) strike a pose prior to their match vs. Germany.



Official poster of the event.



They ate... They played... They were merry!



Philippe Boets of Petanque America was our one-man cheering section!



Portrait of Juan and Pascal by Joseph Sanchez, Sainte Geneviève des Bois, France.

Our 2012 Men's Team USA were selected by virtue of their performance in the biannual FPUSA Men's World Championship Qualification Tournament, a two-day event that was held in Lafayette, California back in June of 2011.

The FIPJP Men's Petanque World Championship was a unique experience for our team. First, they traveled to Istres, France a week in advance for the Pan American Confederation Selection Tournament. Along with Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and Argentina, our team vied for the three places allotted to our hemisphere at the Worlds. After placing second to Canada, Coach Didier Bloch came up with some creative solutions that allowed for team practice and preparation in the days leading up to the World Championship.

The city of Marseille, recognized as the world capital of petanque, offered its urban charms to all participants. The tournament schedule was grueling and the competition intense. Our guys played as a team of four; always ready to substitute out when called for; never giving less than their all; never giving up. We were well represented by such a team.



Marseille's old port was a picturesque backdrop for the event.



Our delegation queues up for the parade of nations.



Peter looks on as Pascal plays vs. Israel.



TV camera records eventual winners France play an elimination game vs. Spain.



Pascal prepares for a shot in the Pan American Championship.



Ziggy points vs. Ukraine in La Coupe des Nations.



It looks like everyone was getting along just fine.



A nice touch from a gracious host club.

(September 8-9, 2012) Six teams — three from the East and three from the West — enjoyed a late summer weekend in the idyllic setting of Blue Hill, Maine. Their mission was to become the US representatives at the 2013 Women's World Championship.

There were some newcomers to this competitors' rite of passage, as well as some familiar faces, but the weekend belonged to a team who had come so close before and was well-tuned to go the distance in this very tight field.

Four of the six teams qualified on Saturday for Sunday's double elimination playoff. The final match was a see-saw battle between the Valley of the Moon team of Barbara Hall, Narin Garrett and Erin McTaggart and Maine Boules Club's Cynthia Stroud and Susan Shaw playing with Joella Manalan of the South Florida Petanque Club.



Kate Unkel points for her team.

Eventually, the Sonoma team came from behind, turning a 9-11 deficit into a 13-11 win in the final end.

Bronze medals were awarded to Tish Harris (Oakhurst Petanque Club), Carolina Jones (Lamorinda Petanque Club) and Lisa Vaughan (Club Francais de Sacramento) and Mia Kanazawa, Gina DeJoy and Kate Unkel, all of the Maine Boules Club.

The winning team later selected two-time World Championship competitor Cynthia Stroud to be the fourth player on the 2013 US Women's team.

The event was cordially hosted by the Maine Boules Club who provided the travelling players with top notch hospitality complete with lobster dinner. Side tournaments were held on Saturday and Sunday giving more locals a chance to participate and meet fellow players from far away.



An attentive Tish Harris surveys the terrain.



Overcast but balmy weather made for ideal playing conditions.



Erin, Narin and Barbara — finally wearing that elusive Gold!

INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

(October 27-28, 2012) There was a fair degree of ambiguity from FIPJP about the 2013 Men's Confederations World Cup. Because this was potentially the final destination for the eventual winners of this tournament, turnout was light for the FPUSA National Men's Triples Championship and International Qualification Tournament, hosted by Boca Petanque 2000. Despite justifiable misgivings, five teams from the great state of Florida and one team from the Pacific Northwest competed over two days to decide who would become FPUSA's next Men's Team USA.

The format was exactly the same as for the women's qualifier held seven weeks earlier, with all teams playing each other in a Saturday round robin. On Sunday, the top four teams competed in a double-elimination playoff.

The final featured veteran lineups in which Roger Arpaia, Christian Cazenave (Boca Petanque 2000) and Jerome Nicolas (South Florida Petanque Club) bested Guy Labouyrie, Francis Cheru (South Florida) and Michel Robichaud (Boca) by a score of 13-9.

The team of Joe Cortwright, Thai Nguyen (Portland Petanque Club) and Van Woolfe (Walla Walla Petanque Club) took home bronze medals.



Top o' the heap: Jerome, Christian and Roger show off their Gold.



It was red against white in the all-Florida final.



Together to the end: Silver medalists Michel, Francis and Guy.



Michel prepares to work some magic for his team.



Bronze medalists Van, Thai and Joe made a strong showing for the West Coast.

Qualifier results on previous pages.

NATIONALS

National Men Singles April 29, 2012 (30 players)

Host Club: Fresno Petanque Club

Gold: By Vang (Fresno Petanque Club)

Silver: Artem Zuev (Los Angeles Petanque Club)

Bronze: Jer Thao (Fresno Petanque Club)

National Women Singles April 29, 2012 (20 players)

Host Club: Fresno Petanque Club

Gold: Nicole Coughlin (Redwood Empire Boules Club)

Silver: Karen Petryna (Fresno Petanque Club)

Bronze: Barbara Howard (Redwood Empire Boules Club)

National Mixed Triples April 28, 2012 (26 teams)

Host Club: Fresno Petanque Club

Gold: Colette van der Meulen, David Rizzo (La Petanque Marinere), Frank Pipal (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Silver: Thomas Moua, Jer Thao, Chue Thao (Fresno Petanque Club)

Bronze: Diana Jacobs, Artem Zuev (Los Angeles Petanque Club), Ed Porto (Petaluma Valley Petanque Club)

National Mixed Doubles March 10, 2012 (13 teams)

Host Club: Sarasota Club de Petanque

Gold: Gilles Canesse, Monique Rouillon (Sarasota Club de Petanque)

Silver: Marcel Kallanian, Brenda Green (Sarasota Club de Petanque)

Bronze: Michel Robichaud (Boca Petanque 2000), Joella Manalan (South Florida Petanque Club)

National Men's Doubles March 11, 2012 (9 teams)

Host Club: Sarasota Club de Petanque

Gold: Claude Laulhe, Bernard Martin (Boca Petanque 2000)

Silver: Gilles Canesse, Eric Moutard (Sarasota Club de Petanque)

Bronze: Peter Mathis (Valley of the Moon), Juan Garcia (Boca Petanque 2000)

National Women's Doubles March 11, 2012 (4 teams)

Host Club: Sarasota Club de Petanque

Gold: Brenda Green, Pat Griffin (Sarasota Club de Petanque)

Silver: Marieke Rolland, Raquel Diaz (Boca Petanque 2000)

Bronze: Cynthia Stroud (Maine Boules Club), Joella Manalan (South Florida Petanque Club)

SOUTHEAST REGIONALS

SE Regional Melee Triples March 25, 2012 (6 teams)

Host Club: Boca Petanque 2000

Gold: Michel Robichaud, Gilles Lachance, Pierre Garcia (Boca Petanque 2000)

Silver: Jean-Michel Laulhe (Boca Petanque 2000), Stephane Soilleux, (Jupiter Petanque Club) John Wildner (South Florida Petanque Club)

Bronze: Jacques Martinez, Sonia Laulhe, Herb Diamond (Boca Petanque 2000)

SE Regional Triples January 8, 2012 (8 teams)

Host Club: Boca Petanque 2000

Gold: Claude Lopez, Claude Laulhe, Bernard Martin (Boca Petanque 2000)

Silver: Juan Garcia, Mario Olivieri, Raquel Diaz (Boca Petanque 2000)

Bronze: Roger Arpaia, John Rolland (Boca Petanque 2000), Mark Vedrine (South Florida Petanque Club)

SE Regional "60 and Over" Doubles November 18, 2012 (16 teams)

Host Club: South Florida Petanque Club

Gold: Roger Arpaia, Gerard Gallian (Boca Petanque 2000)

Silver: Elie Ohayon, Jacky Martinez (Boca Petanque 2000)

Bronze: Jean Rolland, Claude Laulhe (Boca Petanque 2000)

SE Regional Mixed Doubles February 26, 2012 (10 teams)

Host Club: South Florida Petanque Club

Gold: Guy Labouyrie (Boca Petanque 2000), Joella Manalan (South Florida Petanque Club)

Silver: Juan Garcia, Raquel Diaz (Boca Petanque 2000)

Bronze: Roger Arpaia, Nicole Belloy (Boca Petanque 2000)

SE Regional Mixed Triples January 15, 2012 (12 teams)

Host Club: South Florida Petanque Club

Gold: Gilles Canesse (Sarasota Club de Petanque), Juan Garcia, Raquel Diaz (Boca Petanque 2000)

Silver: Claude Lopez, Christian Cote, Linda Cote (Boca Petanque 2000)

Bronze: Roger Arpaia, Jean Rolland, Marieke Rolland (Boca Petanque 2000)

SE Regional "65 Over/Under" Doubles March 4, 2012 (16 teams)

Host Club: Boca Petanque 2000

Gold: Place Roger Arpaia, Claude Laulhe (Boca Petanque 2000)

Silver: Christian Cote and Nicole Belloy (Boca Petanque 2000)

Bronze: John Rolland, Phillippe Tripoul (Boca Petanque 2000)

SE Regional Men's Singles April 1, 2012 (12 players)

Host Club: Boules de Leon

Gold: Philippe Tripoul (Boca Petanque 2000)

Silver: Gilles Canesse (Sarasota Club de Petanque)

Bronze: Roger Arpaia (Boca Petanque 2000)

SE Regional Women's Singles April 1, 2012 (5 players)

Host Club: Boules de Leon

Gold: Joan Soilleux (Jupiter Petanque Club)

Silver: Debbie Barry (Boules de Leon)

SE Regional Doubles February 5, 2012 (16 teams)

Host Club: Boca Petanque 2000

Gold: Claude Laulhe, Bernard Martin (Boca Petanque 2000)

Silver: Guy Labouyrie, Francis Cheru (Boca Petanque 2000)

Bronze: Christian Cazenave, Axel Cazenave (Boca Petanque 2000)



Thanks to all of our host clubs and to all who participated. Congratulations to all our medal winners!

SOUTHWEST REGIONALS

SW Regional Doubles May 26, 2012 (18 teams)

Host Club: Los Angeles Petanque Club

Gold: Tom Nguyen (Los Angeles Petanque Club), Thom Thai (La Boule du Desert)

Silver: Artem Zuev, Karim Kamal (Los Angeles Petanque Club)

Bronze: Paul Yang, By Vang (Fresno Petanque Club)

SW Mixed Triples September 30, 2012 (10 teams)

Host Club: Fresno Petanque Club

Gold: May Lee, By Vang, Paul Yang (Fresno Petanque Club)

Silver: Mary-Jane Mann (Oakhurst Petanque Club), Ted Haynish, Patrick Bourell (Fresno Petanque Club)

Bronze: Cathy Halley (Los Angeles Petanque Club), George Lewis, Ron Lotton (Oakhurst Petanque Club)

SW Regional "65 Over/Under" Triples October 13, 2012 (10 teams)

Host Club: Oakhurst Petanque Club

Gold: Fue Vang, Diane Haynes, Michelle Yang, Fresno Petanque Club

Silver: Patrick Bourrel, Ted Haynish, Deb Lapp, Fresno Petanque Club

Bronze: Greg Lapp, Linda & Carl Motschieder, Fresno Petanque Club

SW Mixed Doubles September 29, 2012 (12 teams)

Host Club: Fresno Petanque Club

Gold: May Lee, By Vang (Fresno Petanque Club)

Silver: Xua Xiong, Chong Xiong (Fresno Petanque Club)

Bronze: Chia Yang, Paul Yang (Fresno Petanque Club)

SW Regional Triples May 27, 2012 (14 teams)

Host Club: Los Angeles Petanque Club

Gold: Didier Pellerud, Michel Ribet, Eric Vigouroux (Le Club de Petanque-San Diego)

Silver: Paul Yang, By Vang, Nicolas Yang (Fresno Petanque Club)

Bronze: Tom Nguyen, Karim Kamal (Los Angeles Petanque Club), Thom Thai (La Boule du Desert)



NORTHWEST REGIONALS

NW Regional Melee Triples August 12, 2012 (18 teams)

Host Club: La Petanque Mariniere

Gold: Kevin Evoy (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club), Phim Nielsen (La Boule d'Or), Tamara Efron (La Petanque Mariniere)

Silver: Paul Moua, Pierre Bremont (Club Francis de Sacramento), Christine Cragg (La Petanque Mariniere)

Bronze: Steve Jones (Petaluma Valley Petanque Club), Jean-Michel Poulnot (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club), Simone Furlan (Club Francais de Sacramento)

NW Regional Triples June 3, 2012 (16 teams)

Host Club: Club Francais de Sacramento

Gold: Mickey Coughlin, Nicole Coughlin (Redwood Empire Boules Club), Peter Mathis (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Silver: Narin Garret, Erin McTaggart (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club), Gilles Karpowicz (La Petanque Mariniere)

Bronze: Bee Moua, Pao Ly, Mone Lee (Club Francais de Sacramento)

NW Regional Men's Doubles June 24, 2012 (18 teams)

Host Club: Redwood Empire Boules Club

Gold: Mickey Coughlin, Dan Feaster (Redwood Empire Boules Club)

Silver: Peter Mathis, Steve Paulsen (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Bronze: Bleys Rose (Petaluma Valley Petanque Club), Tom Parkinson (Redwood Empire Boules Club)

NW Regional Women's Doubles June 24, 2012 (9 teams)

Host Club: Redwood Empire Boules Club

Gold: Holly Sammons, Shannon Bowman (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Silver: Antonia Paulsen, Verena Rytter (La Petanque Mariniere)

Bronze: Christine Cragg (La Petanque Mariniere), Teri Sirico (Petaluma Valley Petanque Club)

NW Regional Mixed Doubles May 20, 2012 (22 teams)

Host Club: Lamorinda Petanque Club

Gold: Mickey Coughlin, Nicole Coughlin (Redwood Empire Boules Club)

Silver: Narin Garrett, Peter Mathis (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Bronze: Holly Sammons and Peter Wellington (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

NW Regional Mixed Triples July 28, 2012 (14 teams)

Host Club: Portland Petanque Club

Gold: Mickey and Nicole Coughlin, Doug Colleton (Redwood Empire Boules Club)

Silver: Joe Martin, Jen Sliker, Wally Peppel (Portland Petanque Club)

Bronze: Pierre, Isabelle and Philippe Agnesse (Portland Petanque Club)

NW Regional "60 and Over" Doubles September 30, 2012 (18 teams)

Host Club: Valley of the Moon Petanque Club

Gold: Antonia Paulsen (La Petanque Mariniere), Steve Paulsen (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Silver: Joe Latorre, Bill Miller (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Bronze: Sabine Mattei (Petaluma Valley Petanque Club), Rene DeMaio (La Petanque Mariniere)

NW Regional "65 Over/Under" Mixed Doubles April 15, 2012 (19 teams)

Host Club: Lamorinda Petanque Club

Gold: Brendan O'Brien, Mary Albright (Lamorinda Petanque Club)

Silver: Shannon Bowman, Mike Cooper (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Bronze: Ed Porto (Petaluma Valley Petanque Club), Denyse Haney (Club Francais de Sacramento)

NW Regional Men's Singles July 29, 2012 (24 players)

Host Club: Portland Petanque Club

Gold: Thai Nguyen (Portland Petanque Club)

Silver: Joe Martin (Portland Petanque Club)

Bronze: Mickey Coughlin (Redwood Empire Boules Club)

NW Regional Women's Singles July 29, 2012 (8 players)

Host Club: Portland Petanque Club

Gold: Celia Crittenden (Portland Petanque Club)

Silver: Jeed Chaiboonruang (Eugene Petanque International Club)

Bronze: Nicole Coughlin (Redwood Empire Boules Club)



Leo Vasquez, Pengsu Normen-Yang, Gaoyen Normen-Yang, Hai Normen-Yang

INTRODUCING OUR JUNIORS TEAM USA 2013!

Coach Paul Yang of the Fresno Petanque Club has put together a nice group of young players to represent us at the FIPJP Juniors Petanque World Championship in France this summer. This event will provide a great international experience for them and their supporters who can make the trip. The foursome pictured here could be good role models for all FPUSA members — good students, respectful sportsmen, and focused players. They are sure to make fine representatives for their club, for FPUSA and for their country.

Bolstered by support from the FPC and from many quarters in the FPUSA community, they will be coached up and ready to go this summer. *Good luck, Kids!*

Rules & Rulings

by Joe Martin, FPUSA National Umpire

Think all the answers are in the rules?

QUESTION 1: The jack gets shot out and the end is now over. From where does the next end begin?

QUESTION 2: There are still boules in hand, but the unmarked circle or an unmarked boule in the game gets picked up by a player thinking the end is done. Now what? (ref: Article 26)

QUESTION 3: A boule goes out but bounces back in bounds, then another boule is played with the resultant striking of that boule and other boules. Is the dead boule like the Grim Reaper spreading death to whatever touches it? (ref: Articles 7, 9, 18)

What do these three questions have in common?

You can look all day in the *Official Rules of Petanque* and not find a good answer to them.

Our rules are a faithful translation from the Official ones which are written in French. As much as we might wish for a “go to” set of rules to cover all the possible situations that can come up in a game, and what is to be done for each case, we find ourselves improvising with inserted guidance to the rules; depending on mutual agreement of the players; or having to call the umpire for his/her best call.

For Question 1, when a jack is shot out of bounds, a case can be made for either dropping the circle about where it was when hit, or at the point where it left the playing area.

For Question 2, when the circle is picked up prematurely, players can mutually agree on its approximate location and replace it or, failing that, the umpire can be called over to adjudicate whether the end is over and what to do about points on the ground and boules still not played.

And in the case of a boule being picked up, it is commonly ruled dead. But what about complications that might ensue if the picked-up boule belongs to the other team and the offending team now benefits from that dead boule being out of the game? What if they have the next 3 or 4 points?

As for Question 3, the so-called “contagion of death” scenario, FPUSA guidance has been inserted at the end of Article 18 to help with the “now what?” question.

A handful of FPUSA umpires are in active discussion about how to arrive at fair rulings in cases like these and still be consistent with what is thought to be the intent of the Official Rules. When teams cannot agree on what to do, the umpire can be called. The umpire is there to make rulings, but even if the wisdom of Solomon is applied, be prepared that the ruling may not be consistent with what you might assume — *for lack of an official rule!*

2013 NATIONALS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2-3, Sarasota, Florida

National Men's Triples Championship &
World Championship Qualification Tournament
Hosted by Sarasota Club de Petanque

NOVEMBER 2-3, Lake Worth, Florida

National Women's Triples Championship &
International Qualification Tournament
Hosted by South Florida Petanque Club

APRIL 6, Boca Raton, Florida

National Men's Singles Championship
National Women's Singles Championship
Hosted by Boca Petanque 2000

APRIL 7, Boca Raton, Florida

National Mixed Triples Championship
Hosted by Boca Petanque 2000

MAY 18, Sonoma, California

National Mixed Doubles Championship
Hosted by Valley of the Moon Petanque Club

MAY 19, Sonoma, California

National Men's Doubles Championship
National Women's Doubles Championship
Hosted by Valley of the Moon Petanque Club

Please check www.fpusa.blogspot.com for up-to-date listings of all 2013 FPUSA Regional Tournaments.

Helpful Hints



Tournament Etiquette & Regulations

If you are new to structured competition, or to petanque tournament play, here are a few things that may prove helpful to you, and make the tournament experience more rewarding — for yourself and your team mates.

For most players, playing habits and game etiquette (for better or for worse) are acquired early on, in pick-up games with groups of friends and at their local clubs. When new players enter a tournament, many are surprised that there seems to be an unwritten 'code' that is expected of all players, similar to other structured sports like golf, bowling, even billiards.

Here is a short list of basic *do's & don'ts* that will put you "in the know" no matter in what tournament you play:

- 1.) Be sure to shake hands before and after your games, and wish your opponents good luck in your match. Once the game begins, be cordial, but keep small talk to a minimum. Be mindful when a conversation with either your team mates or spectators may be disrupting the game.
- 2.) While your opponents are playing, or preparing to play, stand still and quietly with your team mates at least two meters to the side of the jack, and just beyond it. If you wish to stand near the circle, be at least two meters to the side and behind the player in it. Above all,

avoid standing anywhere in between, or in line with, the circle and the jack.

NOTE: *Standing near the circle, while common in social games, will put you at a disadvantage compared to standing in the vicinity of the jack and watching as the round develops.*

- 3.) Avoid moving into the playing area to check who might have the point as boules are played by your opponent; and this goes double when your team has no more boules to play. Allow your opponents the full use of the court until they declare that they have won the point, or ask you to confirm a measurement. To keep things simple, designate a team captain and let he or she interact with your opponents, or with the umpire if called upon.
- 4.) It is always the responsibility of the players to know the regulations of the day. Pay attention to the morning and afternoon

announcements. Observe the Code of Behavior and other regulations that the Tournament Director has put into place. At club tournaments the only FPUSA regulations that are mandatory are those found in the Code of Behavior. These are there to ensure a baseline of proper conduct no matter where the tournament is being held. For FPUSA Title Tournaments, there are some additional regulations that apply.



Best Wishes from Everyone...



Petanque America Open participants, November 10, 2012

at FPUSA!

FPUSA MEMBER CLUBS • 2012

NORTHWEST REGION

- Club Francais De Sacramento
 Rancho Cordova CA
- Edmonds Petanque Club
 Edmonds WA
- Eugene Petanque International Club
 Eugene OR
- La Boule d'Or
 San Francisco CA
- La Petanque Mariniere
 San Rafael CA
- Lamorinda Petanque Club
 Lafayette CA
- Napatanque Club
 Napa CA
- Petaluma Valley Petanque Club
 Petaluma CA
- Portland Petanque Club
 Portland OR
- Redwood Empire Boules Club
 Mendocino County CA
- Rogue Bouligans
 Williams OR
- Seattle Petanque Club
 Seattle WA
- Valley of the Moon Petanque Club
 Sonoma CA
- Walla Walla Petanque Club
 Walla Walla WA

NORTHEAST REGION

- Boston Petanque Club
 Boston MA
- La Boule New Yorkaise
 New York NY
- Les Boulefrogs of Church Hill
 Richmond VA
- Maine Boules Club
 Blue Hill ME
- National Capital Club de Petanque
 Washington DC
- New York Petanque Club
 Brooklyn NY

MIDWEST REGION

- Chicago Petanque Club
 Chicago IL
- Zanesfield Petanque Club
 Zanesfield OH

SOUTHEAST REGION

- Amelia Island Boules
 Fernandina Beach FL
- Boca Petanque 2000
 Boca Raton FL
- Boules De Leon
 St. Augustine FL
- Carolina Petanque
 North and South Carolina
- Jupiter Petanque Club
 Jupiter FL
- La Boule Cadienne de Lafayette
 Lafayette LA
- Oh La La Petanque
 Orlando FL
- Sarasota Club de Petanque
 Sarasota FL
- South Florida Petanque Club
 Lake Worth FL

SOUTHWEST REGION

- Dallas Petanque Club
 Dallas TX
- Fresno Petanque Club
 Fresno CA
- Heart of Texas Petanque Club
 Austin TX
- La Boule du Desert
 Palm Desert CA
- La Mesa Petanque Club
 Santa Fe NM
- Las Vegas Petanque
 Las Vegas NV
- Le Club de Petanque - San Diego
 San Diego CA
- Los Angeles Petanque Club
 Los Angeles CA
- Oakhurst Petanque Club
 Oakhurst CA
- San Antonio Petanque Club
 San Antonio TX
- Santa Monica Petanque Club
 Santa Monica CA



*FPUSA National Singles Championship
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