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A Letter From Your President



Cultivating petanque at the local level.

Dear Fellow Petanque Players,

To be sure, FPUSA's 40th year was a challenging and eventful one. A number of new initiatives were undertaken at the national, regional and local levels, all developing in front of a backdrop of continued growth and organizational change.

Petanque is certainly on the rise in the United States. We hope that recent growth trends in FPUSA membership and number of clubs portend a bright future.

While some may look to "The Federation" for answers or quick-and-ready solutions to growth and development, the most important steps toward these goals are those taken at the local club level.

It is up to members and clubs to define what their goals are: growth, competitive development, community integration and outreach, etc. Once these goals are defined, "FPUSA" can be approached as a facilitating and supportive entity.

In the meantime, as with efforts like the Marco Foyot Tour, our Club Benefits Program, and the development of online resources, "FPUSA" offers broad-based programs in order to provide benefits and opportunities to more clubs and more members. The hope is that these initiatives will be relevant to the goals of most of our clubs—and the key to success in this respect is club involvement and communication with FPUSA representatives.

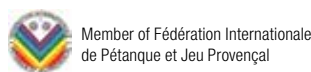
If you have ideas or want to get involved in the growth and development of the game, please get in touch with your club president and your FPUSA regional representatives. Initiatives and ideas are welcome. I promise that "FPUSA" will take earnest member input into consideration as we plan for the future.

Best wishes and enjoy petanque!

Ed Porto, President FPUSA

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Max points for his team, the winners of FPUSA's World Championship Qualifier. (San Rafael CA, 2003)

Max usually plays as *pointeur*, and has done so on a number of U.S. Men's Teams over the years.

2013 Recap: FPUSA Business as Usual, and Unusual

Well, one might ask, "What was 'FPUSA' doing all year?"

First of all, there were a lot of things that got taken care of behind the scenes — day-to-day tasks performed by our dedicated volunteers serving in the FPUSA executive group and on committees. In the beginning of the year, our Secretary was busy producing licenses for the membership, printing and distributing each member's copy of the official rules, getting signed waivers, and processing dues payments. The contact lists for Club Presidents and the Board of Directors were updated and posted on our website, along with the tournament calendar and other current information.

In January, the President prepared for the upcoming season, recruited volunteers to help in a variety of



246 engraved medals for the Regional and National tournaments were furnished to our host clubs in 2013.

capacities, and set the agenda for the first part of the year. Medals for our tournaments were engraved and distributed once the events on the 2013 tournament calendar were confirmed with the host clubs. The Sport, Discipline and Communications Committees were approved by the Board. The Treasurer also prepared a budget for the year.

Some initiatives were considered right out of the gate. A six-month extension to the popular Club Benefits Program was granted, allowing existing clubs a 'last chance' to take advantage of matching grants for petanque equipment purchases. (The program is still available to new clubs entering FPUSA.) Our annual publication was approved, as well as our *SmugMug* photo collection site for clubs to post photos of their events for wider exposure. Also approved was our new logo (in the second quarter).

The President brought these and other housekeeping items to the Board for discussion, consent and approval. While these were significant, there were other major initiatives still to take on: that of the proposed Marco Foyot Tour of the U.S. and a realignment of FPUSA's regions.

The Tour was presented to the Board for discussion in



The Marco Foyot U.S. Tour was a major initiative, the first activity of its kind undertaken by FPUSA and a fine example of cooperation and coordination at the club level.

January and approved the following month, with a budget to cover airfares between the various host clubs. The real work then ensued in presenting the opportunity to our clubs, organizing the schedule and assisting the hosting groups with logistics, communication and publicity.

In May, the annual meeting was held in Sonoma, California where a new regional realignment plan was presented. This plan was later submitted to the clubs for feedback before a final version was debated and approved by the Board in September. (See page 4.)

In summer, the U.S. Women's Team funding was also considered and approved, as was a budget for promotion at the P'tit Louis Open in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. The final production of our new promotional video was also approved prior to its release in October.



Promotion will be key to the growth of petanque in the United States. Having an info booth at petanque events, as with last September's P'tit Louis Open in New Mexico, is one step in this direction.

Autumn arrived and it was time for the 2014 tournament bids and the annual election. Parallel to this, all players who registered in our Men's and Women's Qualifiers had to be vetted for eligibility. Additionally, communications with FPIJP, umpire nominations and testing, issuing and posting tournament info and forms online, member and non-member inquiries, periodic messages to members and club presidents, insurance matters, bills-paying, new licenses issued year round, and producing the annual publication kept "FPUSA's" plate pretty full!

Anatomy of a License...

Membership in an FPUSA club connects you with a network of fellow petanquers across America, and worldwide. If you are intending to play in organized competition while visiting other countries, your playing license is your passport to local and international tournaments in the federations that make up FIPJP.

While FPUSA controls player eligibility for Regionals and Nationals from the Secretary's desk via communication with host clubs, common practice abroad, even for local events, calls for players to present and turn over their licenses to the organizers while competing. So... "don't leave home without it!"

FRONT

Your club's name.

Your name and signature.

Citizenship/residency status designation is required by FIPJP.

Your permanent member number corresponds to the sequence in which your license was issued in your first year of membership.

FIPJP regulations require a photo on every license. If your license does not contain one it is because no photo has been submitted to the Secretary. Photo submissions can be made through your Club President.

Your home region.

FIPJP regulations also require a federation seal, with year, overlaying your official photo.

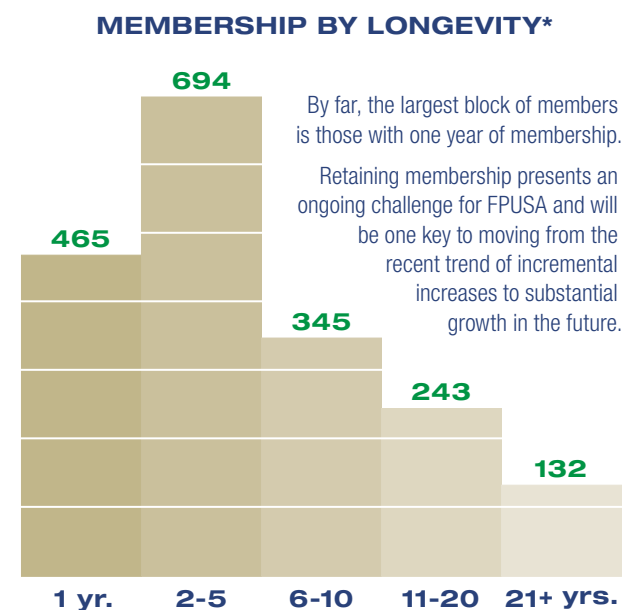
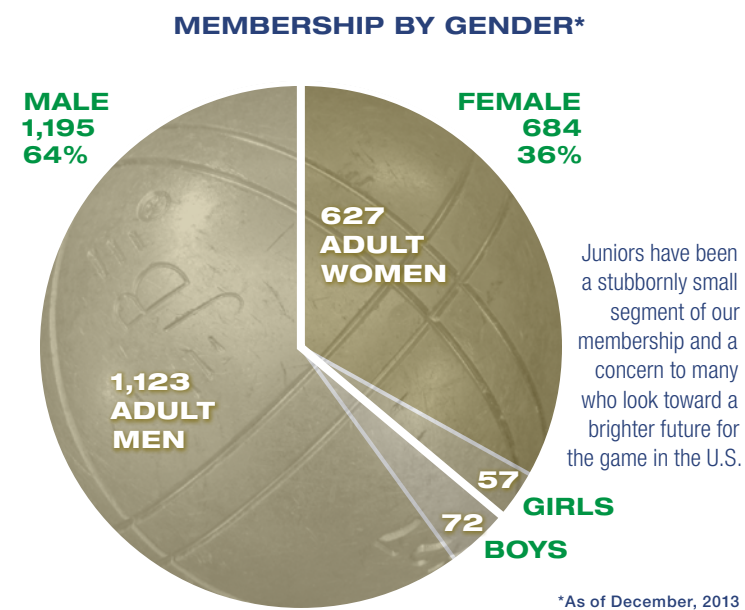
BACK

FPUSA's new logo, designed by Secretary Frank Pipal, is displayed prominently.

FPUSA is affiliated with *Federation Internationale de Petanque et Jeu Provençal*, which is based in France and has over 75 member federations.

Upon your registration with FPUSA by your club, payment of annual dues and a one-time submission of a signed insurance waiver, your card is issued by the FPUSA Secretary and sent to your club president for distribution. It is valid for one calendar year.

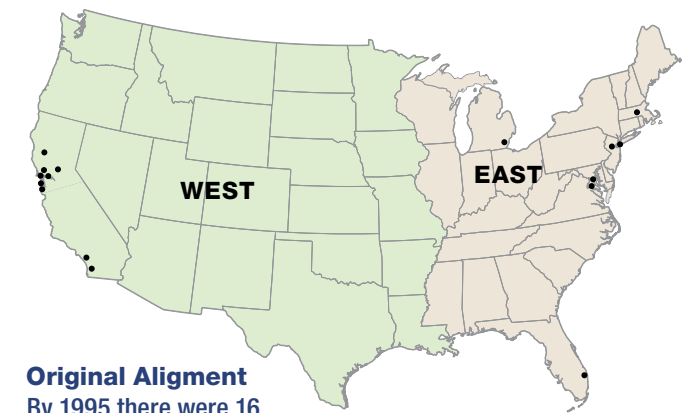
Some Membership Stats and Notes...



A New Map for FPUSA

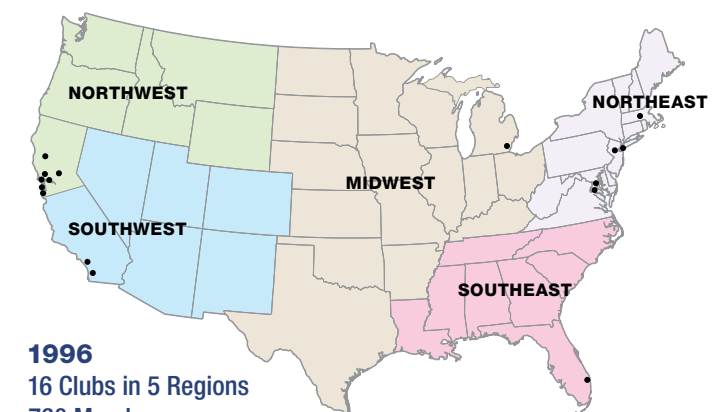
Due to recent growth trends, and anticipated growth in the future, FPUSA was "reapportioned" in 2013. Regions that had been configured when membership levels were far smaller were revised in order to give more proportional representation on the FPUSA Board of Directors and to give the (now smaller) regions more identity and autonomy.

No telling what the future growth patterns might be but they will be sure to affect our organization and its system of representative governance further down the line. The new map (lower right) should serve the membership well for the foreseeable future.



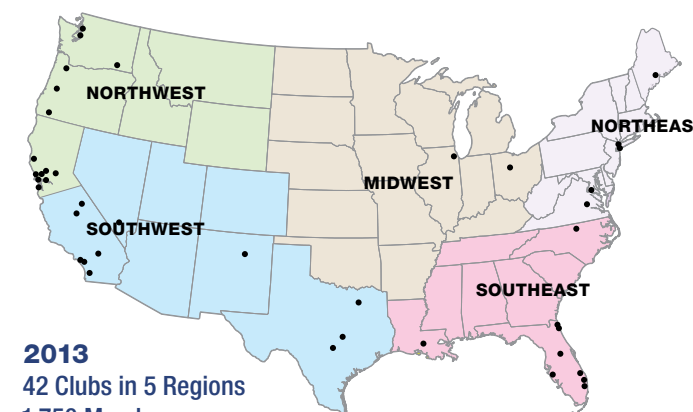
Original Alignment
By 1995 there were 16 Clubs in 2 Regions; 700 Members

Owing in part to the fact that each FIPJP Federation was allowed to send two teams to the Senior World Championship, FPUSA had been separated into two regions. One qualification tournament was held on the East Coast, the other on the West Coast, both on an annual basis.



1996
16 Clubs in 5 Regions
760 Members

As membership expanded and with growth anticipated, the FPUSA was divided into five regions with counselors assigned in rough proportion to regional membership. A maximum of four counselors per region was established in order to limit the size of a single region's representation on the Board of Directors.



2013
42 Clubs in 5 Regions
1,750 Members

With many new clubs forming outside the traditional centers of activity and with great distances between many of the clubs within the same region, regional identity became diluted. A steady rise in membership resulted in less proportional representation on the FPUSA Board of Directors, which numbered 20 in 2013. Despite this large board size, the organization had outgrown its system of proportional representation.

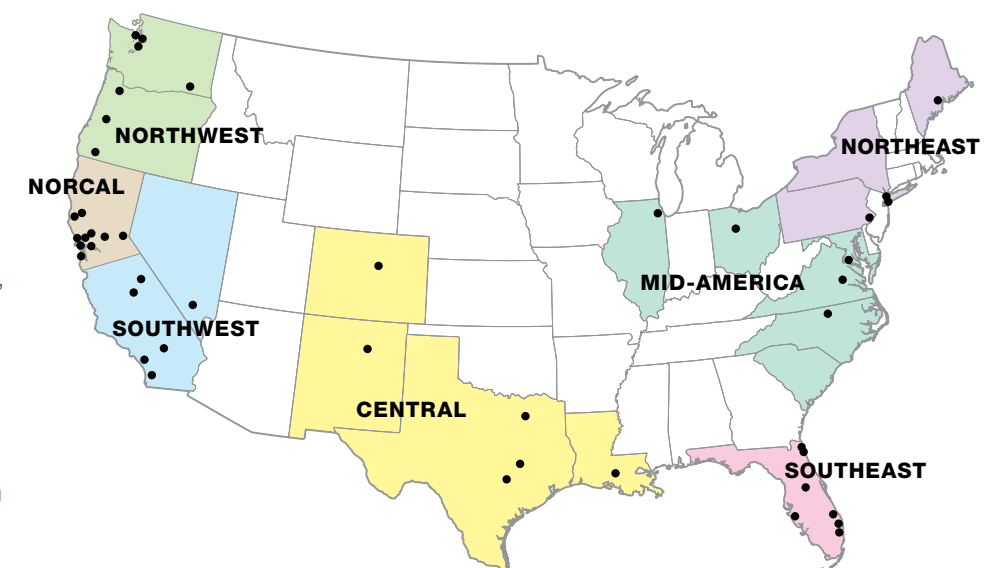
2014
45 Clubs in 7 Regions
1,879 Members*

With the delineation of the Central, Mid-America and Northern California regions, and a reduction in size of the former regions, new identities will be fostered along geographic, cultural and climatic lines.

As new clubs and states are added, regional boundaries could change to accommodate clubs' preferences and geographic logistics. With higher benchmarks for adding to the number of FPUSA Board representatives per region, board size has been slightly reduced but still has the potential to grow again over time.

Adjustments to the regional competition program have yet to be fully realized.

*As of December, 2013.



FPUSA HISTORY: A Gallery of Presidents Past

Pictured here are the dedicated men who led FPUSA through its first 38 years of existence. The decades saw growth, change and some controversy as the sport exceeded its French immigrant roots. Over time, more and more native-born Americans took to petanque.

Today, the game draws enthusiasts from society's many and diverse ethnic groups and continues to grow in both the traditional areas and in new enclaves around the country. With women making up roughly one third of FPUSA's membership, it seems only a matter of time before the first woman ascends to the post.



The late Alfred Levitt, President 1974-1987, founder and first *President of Honor* of FPUSA.



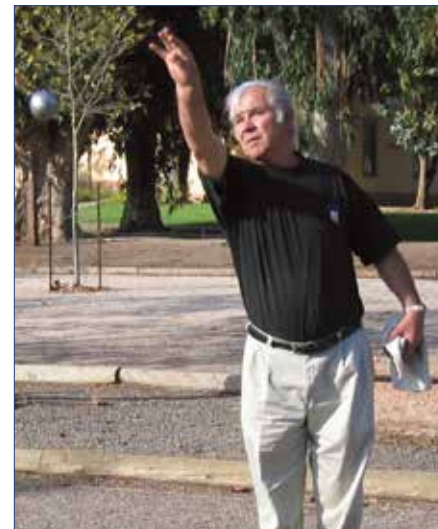
Hans Jepson, President 1987-1988, received the designation as *President of Honor* in 2001.



Gerard Canabou, President 1988-1991, was the first President from the West Coast.



Robert Morrison, President 1992-1995, had hosted a major international tournament in 1987.



Louis Toulon, President 1996-1999, prioritized spreading the game to new members.



Mike Norton, President 2000-2003, started the regional competition program and first website.



John Rolland, President 2003-2007, guided FPUSA through disciplinary and legal challenges.



Joe Martin, President 2008-2011, brought organized petanque to the Pacific Northwest.

F.I.P.J.P. Women's World Championship



A TRIP TO MONTAUBAN — by FPUSA Vice President Christine Cragg

The 14th Women's World Championship of Petanque, was held in the beautiful city of Montauban, France. The event took place in the city's large bouldrome, not far from the Tarn River and the ancient city center. The four-day event began Thursday evening with a welcoming ceremony and parade of nations. Flags from 41 countries were proudly waved as teams, coaches and representatives were greeted by the Mayor and other officials.



Team USA came into the tournament strong, ending the first day of play with two wins. Even though only two of the five qualifying games were played on Friday, it was a long day for all, as the first round of shooting competition did not begin until after the evening meal. The tournament schedule was demanding and though our women did not place, they played hard against some very intense competition.

This being my first time at a World Championship, I was inspired by the number of countries competing, the challenging field of women athletes and by the blend of sportsmanship and friendship that filled the weekend. Even though I was not a member of the team, I was honored to attend this amazing event – to support our 2013 Women's Team and serve as a representative for the FPUSA and all U.S. Women Players.

In the first round of *Le Tir de Précision* Erin ranked 17th out of 41. Her 17 points was good enough to make the *Repêchage* round where she was eliminated with a rank of 13 out of 17. The top four shooters in the *Repêchage* joined the top four from Round 1 to form the final eight contestants. Cambodia was the eventual winner of the contest. The all-time women's record is 61 points (62 for juniors, 67 for men).

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP		PRECISION SHOOTING (max score: 100)	
Preliminary Rounds (Swiss System)		Round 1 (top score: 34 Tahiti)	
U.S. vs. Latvia	13-4	Erin McTaggart	17 pts.
U.S. vs. Estonia	13-7	<i>Repêchage</i> (top score: 46 Cambodia)	
U.S. vs. Spain	0-13	Erin McTaggart	12 pts.
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U.S. vs. England	9-10		
LA COUPE DES NATIONS			
1st Round (Single Elimination)			
U.S. vs. Austria	8-9		



The *Cathédrale Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption*, one of Montauban's many historic landmarks.



Our Team (l. to r.): Cynthia Stroud (Maine Boules Club), Narin Garrett, Barbara Hall, Erin McTaggart and Coach PJ Mallette (all of Valley of the Moon Petanque Club).



Erin takes a shot vs. Estonia during the first day of competition. The terrain was a challenging surface for shooters—and for pointers as well.



1. Albuquerque and Rio Rancho, NM
Marco visits the FPUSA promotional booth at the P'tit Louis Open.



2. Zanesfield, OH
Conducting a clinic to students of French.



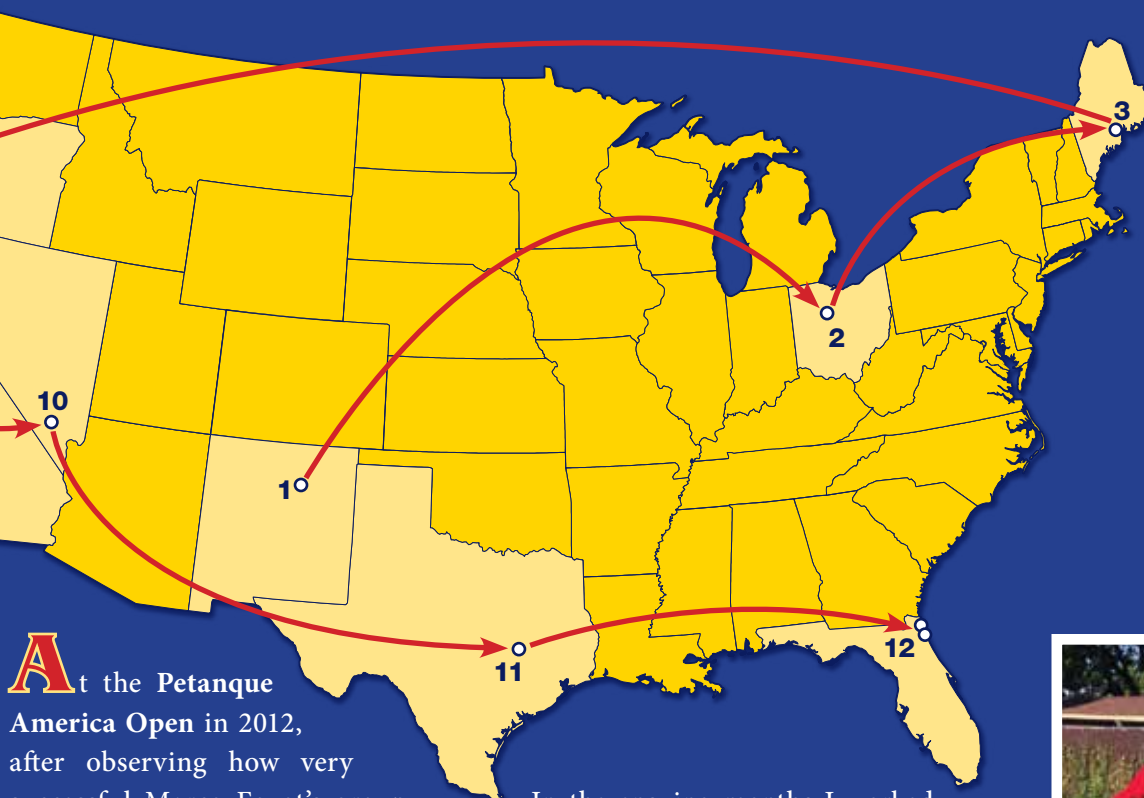
3. Blue Hill, ME
Pre-event news coverage, with Andre Strong.



4. Eugene, OR
With Ryan Baker and his high school students.



5. Portland, OR
Teaching the proper grip to Lee Harris of Seattle.



At the Petanque America Open in 2012, after observing how very successful Marco Foyot's group clinics had been, I approached him, and his longtime friend Bernard Martin, with the idea of bringing his teaching program to the membership of FPUSA nationwide. Not knowing what the end result would be, and not being able to make promises or guaranty results, I was genuinely impressed by Marco's openness to the concept and the possibilities.

In the ensuing months I worked with Marco, Bernard and interested members around FPUSA to develop what became a tour more successful than I ever imagined. Host clubs pulled out the red carpet and hundreds of members got a boost to their game through Marco's lessons and presence, as did the sport in out local communities.

Thanks to all who contributed to this effort for a job well done! — Ed Porto



6. Lafayette, CA
Bernard reviews Carolina Jones' play.



7. Napa, CA
With Napapatanque President, Bruno Bardet



8. Ukiah, CA
Showing the way in a group clinic.



9. Sonoma, CA
Going 'hands on' with Brendan Cohen. Alain Efron was taking it all in.



10. Las Vegas, NV
An impromptu meetup with Andre Agassi.



11. Austin, TX
A nice touch from Heart of Texas Petanque Club.



12. St. Augustine/Amelia Island, FL
These popular clinics inspired the tour's concept.



In this "off-year" edition of the Women's Qualifier* seven teams, hailing from the four corners of this great land, competed over two days in the sunny and friendly environs of the South Florida Petanque Club in Lake Worth.

Seasoned veterans (with World Championship experience) Marieke Rolland of Boca Petanque 2000 and Diana Jacobs of Los Angeles Petanque Club teaming up with Gina Dejoy, also of Boca, proved to be the winning combination. After defeating a strong Maine team, led by two-time Women's Team veteran Cynthia Stroud in their semifinal, Marieke, Diana and Gina prevailed against South Florida Petanque Club locals Joella Manalan and Pierrette Sucur and the effervescent Shirley Jones of Carolina Petanque who went very far in her very first Women's Qualifier. *Congratulations All!*

* Winners will represent the USA in the FIPJP 2014 Women's Confederations World Cup or other international tournament to be determined.

Just happy to be there? ...Hardly! Although the eventual Women's Team USA appeared relaxed on warm-up day, they excelled over the weekend, winning in convincing fashion throughout the Sunday playoffs.



There's always next year! Silver medalists Joella Manalan, Pierrette Sucur (South Florida Petanque Club) and Shirley Jones (Carolina Petanque Club).



Bronze medalists from Maine (l.to r.) Cynthia Stroud, Diane Bianco and Martha Dischinger pose with event host, South Florida Club President Armand Lalinec.



Diana Jacobs provided the consistent pointing needed for her team's success.



Alexandra Tisseur of Portland, Oregon played competively in her first Qualifier.



Brenda Green gives it her best shot representing Le Club de Petanque Sarasota.

The 'biggest' tournament on our men's calendar saw a smaller than usual turnout—only 11 teams—under the moss-festooned trees at Lakeview Park in Sarasota, Florida. The format allowed for some second chances and after Saturday's games eight teams played in two pools on Sunday. Two wins in three games were required to advance to the semifinals.

In one semi the eventual champs handled the pressure and the team of Emile Boujeke, Ernesto Santos, Alec Stone Sweet of La Boule New Yorkaise in an epic 13-12 battle. The other semifinal featured a less dramatic 13-7 victory by Gilles Canesse (Sarasota), Daniel Smith (St. Augustine) and Abdel Kebir Aguaouz (Boston) over Lucien Rakotojaona Jean-Pierre Subrenat and Xavier Thibaud of New York. A 13-7 win in the final punched a ticket to next November's FIPJP Men's World Championship in Tahiti for our new Men's Team USA!



Patrick Hayes, Eric Bertin and Joseph Hassoune of New York went the distance over two grueling days of competition. They won close, they won big, but most of all, they stuck together and won when it mattered most.



Felix Legrand, Malik Hfaiedh and Artem Zuev look on as Gilles Canesse ponders his team's options during one of Saturday's preliminary rounds.



The semifinalists survived Sunday's pool play and readied themselves for the toughest games of the weekend.

2014 FPUSA National Calendar of Events



May 24-26, Zanesfield, Ohio
FPUSA Mid-America "Open" Tournaments
 (Formats and events to be determined)
 Hosted by Zanesfield Petanque Club

June 28, Portland, Oregon
National Men's Singles Championship
National Women's Singles Championship
 Hosted by Portland Petanque Club

June 29, Portland, Oregon
National Mixed Triples Championship
 Hosted by Portland Petanque Club

September 13, Blue Hill, Maine
National Men's Doubles Championship
National Women's Doubles Championship
 Hosted by Maine Boules Club

September 14, Blue Hill, Maine
National Mixed Doubles Championship
 Hosted by Maine Boules Club

August 2-3, Lafayette, California
National Men's Triples Championship & International Qualifier
National Women's Triples Championship & World Championship Qualification Tournament
 Hosted by Lamorinda Petanque Club

Please check petpart.weebly.com for more details and up-to-date listings of all 2014 FPUSA Regional Tournaments.

NORTHEAST REGIONALS

NE Regional Triples April 21, 2013 (9 teams)
Hosted by: La Boule New Yorkaise

Gold: Philippe Menier, Xavier Thibaud (NYPC), Lucien Rakotojaona (LBNY)
Silver: Eric Bertin, Bill Harris, Thierry Julliard (New York Petanque Club)
Bronze: Rafik Blida, Charles Kossi, Tiana Rarivoson (La Boule New Yorkaise)

NE Regional Singles April 20, 2013 (21 players)
Hosted by: New York Petanque Club

Gold: Joseph Hassoune (LBNY)
Silver: Eric Bertin (New York Petanque Club)
Bronze: Steve Ginsberg (La Boule New Yorkaise)

NORTHWEST REGIONALS

NW Regional Melee Triples June 2, 2013 (6 teams)
Host Club: La Boule d'Or

Gold: Alain Gusella (LBD), Eva Lofaro (LPM), Holly Sammons (VOMPC)
Silver: Jean-Claude Bunand Charles Davan (La Boule d'Or) Ed Porto (PVPC)

NW Regional Triples August 11, 2013 (16 teams)
Hosted by: La Petanque Mariniere

Gold: Gilles Karpowicz (LPM), Carlos Couto, Pierre Palaneado (Lamorinda PC)
Silver: Pao Lee, Chan Yiong, Kise Lee (Club Francais de Sacramento)
Bronze: Mickey and Nicole Coughlin (REBC), Holly Sammons (VOMPC)

NW Regional Men's Doubles July 28, 2013 (22 teams)
Hosted by: Portland Petanque Club

Gold: Joe Cortright (PPC), Van Woolfe (Walla Walla Petanque Club)
Silver: Ziggy Kessouagni (PVPC), John Prince (REBC)
Bronze: Pierre and Philippe Agnesse (Portland Petanque Club)

NW Regional Women's Doubles July 28, 2013 (9 teams)
Hosted by: Portland Petanque Club

Gold: Jen Sliker, Alexandra Tisseur (Portland Petanque Club)
Silver: Jan Kirtland, Celia Crittenden (Portland Petanque Club)
Bronze: Nan Walter, Nicole Coughlin (Redwood Empire Boules Club)

NW Regional Mixed Doubles July 27, 2013 (20 teams)
Hosted by: Portland Petanque Club

Gold: Mickey and Nicole Coughlin (Redwood Empire Boules Club)
Silver: Ziggy Kessouagni, Teri Sirico (Petaluma Valley Petanque Club)
Bronze: Ray Peterson, Jeed Chaiboonruang (Eugene Petanque International Club)

NE Regional Doubles September 7, 2013 (14 teams)
Hosted by: Maine Boules Club

Gold: Mark Kindschi, Mia Kanazawa (Maine Boules Club)
Silver: Kate Brideau, Lucien Rakotojaona (La Boule New Yorkaise)
Bronze: Guy Rabarijaona, Rafik Blida (La Boule New Yorkaise)

NE Regional Mixed Triples September 8, 2013 (9 teams)
Hosted by: Maine Boules Club

Gold: Joseph Hassoune, Kasia Sliz, Rafik Blida (La Boule New Yorkaise)
Silver: Ernesto Santos, Kate Brideau, Guy Rabarijaona (La Boule New Yorkaise)
Bronze: Max Mattes, Kate Unkel, Jetsun Penkalski (Maine Boules Club)

NW Regional Mixed Triples September 29, 2013 (16 teams)
Hosted by: Valley of the Moon Petanque Club

Gold: Narin Garret, Barbara Hall, PJ Mallette (VOMPC)
Silver: Carlos Couto (Lamorinda), Frank Pipal, Holly Sammons (VOMPC)
Bronze: Pao Lee, Phominik Lee (CFS), Peggy Silversides (VOMPC)

NW Regional "65 Over/Under" Mixed Doubles April 21, 2013 (22 teams)
Hosted by: Lamorinda Petanque Club

Gold: Patrick Vaslet, Holly Sammons (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)
Silver: Mickey Coughlin (REBC), Jocelyn Krauer (LaBoule d'Or)
Bronze: Peter Mathis (VOMPC), Carolina Jones (Lamorinda Petanque Club)

NW Regional Men's Singles June 16, 2013 (20 players)
Hosted by: Lamorinda Petanque Club

Gold: Poe Lee (Club Francais de Sacramento)
Silver: Yor Lee (Club Francais de Sacramento)
Bronze: Carlos Couto (Lamorinda Petanque Club)

NW Regional Women's Singles June 16, 2013 (8 players)
Hosted by: Lamorinda Petanque Club

Gold: Barbara Hall (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)
Silver: Nicole Coughlin (Redwood Empire Boules Club)
Bronze: Teri Sirico (Petaluma Valley Petanque Club)



SW Regional Triples Gold Medalists



NW Regional Mixed Doubles Bronze Medalists



NE Regional Triples Gold Medalists

SOUTHWEST REGIONALS

SW Regional Doubles May 25, 2013 (14 teams)
Hosted by: Los Angeles Petanque Club

Gold: Felix Legrand, Karim Kamal (Los Angeles Petanque Club)
Silver: Ly Ngyuen, Mai Ngyuen (Los Angeles Petanque Club)
Bronze: Hung Van Quach, Hoa Lam (Los Angeles Petanque Club)

SW Mixed Triples April 28, 2013 (12 teams)
Hosted by: Fresno Petanque Club

Gold: Paul Yang, By Vang, Mai Lee (Fresno Petanque Club)
Silver: Nicolas Yang, Thomas Moua, Chue Thao (Fresno Petanque Club)
Bronze: Mark Greenberg, Tiare & William Widmaier (Los Angeles Petanque Club)

SW Regional "65 Over/Under" Doubles March 31, 2013 (8 teams)
Hosted by: Las Vegas Petanque Club

Gold: Ly Nguyen, Tom Nguyen (Los Angeles Petanque Club)
Silver: Roger Sembiazz, Albert Chahinian (Las Vegas Petanque Club)
Bronze: Jean Vivier, Valerie Hodson (Las Vegas Petanque Club)

SW Regional Triples May 26, 2013 (10 teams)
Hosted by: Los Angeles Petanque Club

Gold: Paul Yang, By Vang, Fue Vang (Fresno Petanque Club)
Silver: Felix Legrand, Mark Greenberg, Karim Kamal (Los Angeles Petanque Club)
Bronze: Serge Almeras, Gordon Waxman, Emil Hug (Los Angeles Petanque Club)

SOUTHEAST REGIONALS

SE Regional Melee Triples October 12, 2013 (11 teams)
Hosted by: Boules de Leon

Gold: Jim Della Penna (BdL), Eric Moutard (Sarasota), Muriel Schmidtke (SFPC)
Silver: Frederic Peneranda (Oh-la-la) Suzanne Rouland, Daniel Smith (BdL)
Bronze: Khalid Mesbah (Carolina Petanque), Faith Ann Rose, Stan Russo (BdL)

SE Regional Triples January 20, 2013 (16 teams)
Hosted by: South Florida Petanque Club

Gold: Jacques Martinez, Francis Cheru (SFPC), Elie Ohayon (Boca)
Silver: Gilles Canesse, Eric Moutard (Sarasota), Daniel Smith (Boules de Leon)
Bronze: Jean Rolland, Bernard Martin, Claude Lauhle (Boca Petanque 2000)

SE Regional "60 and Over" Doubles April 14, 2013 (16 teams)
Hosted by: Boca Petanque 2000

Gold: Claude Lauhle, Bernard Martin (Boca Petanque 2000)
Silver: Joella Manalan (SFPC), Christian Cote (Boca Petanque 2000)
Bronze: Francis Cheru, Michell Crouzillat (South Florida Petanque Club)

SE Regional Mixed Doubles January 12, 2013 (11 teams)
Hosted by: Boca Petanque 2000

Gold: Jacques Martinez (SFPC), Nicole Beloy (Boca Petanque 2000)
Silver: John & Marieke Rolland (Boca Petanque 2000)
Bronze: Roger Arpaia (Oh-la-la PC), Denise Magas (SFPC)

SE Regional Mixed Triples January 13, 2013 (10 teams)
Hosted by: Boca Petanque 2000

Gold: John & Marieke Rolland, Gilles Cleroux (Boca Petanque 2000)
Silver: Michel Robichaud, Gilles Lachance (Boca), GinaDeJoy (SFPC)
Bronze: Roger Arpaia (OLLPC), Christian Cazenave (BOCA), Denise Magas (SFPC)

SW Mixed Doubles April 27, 2013 (16 teams)
Hosted by: Fresno Petanque Club

Gold: Michel Yang, Chue Thao (Fresno Petanque Club)
Silver: By Vang, Mai Lee (Fresno Petanque Club)
Bronze: Paul Yang, Chia Vang (Fresno Petanque Club)

SW Regional "60 and Over" Mixed Doubles September 21, 2013 (10 teams)
Hosted by: Fresno Petanque Club

Gold: Irene Allen, Michel Yang (Fresno Petanque Club)
Silver: Linda Bedrosian, Bob Boro (Fresno Petanque Club)
Bronze: Diana Jacobs (LAPC), Carl Motschieder (FPC)

SW Regional Men's Singles September 22, 2013 (20 players)
Hosted by: Fresno Petanque Club

Gold: John Harris (Oakhurst Petanque Club)
Silver: Thomas Moua (Fresno Petanque Club)
Bronze: Mark Greenberg (Los Angeles Petanque Club)

SW Regional Women's Singles September 22, 2013 (8 players)
Hosted by: Fresno Petanque Club

Gold: Chia Yang (Fresno Petanque Club)
Silver: Chue Thao (Fresno Petanque Club)
Bronze: Tish Harris (Oakhurst Petanque Club)

SE Regional "65 Over/Under" Doubles March 10, 2013 (7 teams)
Host Club: Boca Petanque 2000

Gold: Gerard Galiano (Boca), Denise Magas (SFPC), Roger Arpaia (OLLPC)
Silver: Juan Garcia, Nicole Beloy (Boca), Jacques Martinez (SFPC)
Bronze: John and Marieke Rolland (Boca), Francis Cheru (SFPC)

SE Regional Men's Singles March 31, 2013 (10 players)
Hosted by: Sarasota Club de Petanque

Gold: Gilles Canesse (Sarasota Club de Petanque)
Silver: Jean Jacques Rouillon (Sarasota Club de Petanque)
Bronze: Daniel Smith (Boules de Leon)

SE Regional Women's Singles March 31, 2013 (5 players)
Hosted by: Sarasota Club de Petanque

Gold: Brenda Green (Sarasota Club de Petanque)
Silver: Monique Rouillon (Sarasota Club de Petanque)
Bronze: Gina DeJoy (South Florida Petanque Club)

SE Regional Doubles February 10, 2013 (20 teams)
Hosted by: South Florida Petanque Club

Gold: Roger Arpaia, Frederick Penaranda (Oh-La-La Petanque Club)
Silver: John & Marieke Rolland (Boca Petanque 2000)
Bronze: Aaron Kianofsky (Boca), Joella Manalan (SFPC)



SE "65 Over/Under" Gold Medalists



SE Méléé Triples Gold Medalists

NATIONALS

National Men's Singles April 6, 2013 (26 players)

Host Club: Boca Petanque 2000

Gold: Francis Cheru (South Florida Petanque Club)

Silver: Artem Zuev (Los Angeles Petanque Club)

Bronze: Claude Lauhe (Boca Petanque 2000)

National Women's Singles April 6, 2013 (5 players)

Host Club: Boca Petanque 2000

Gold: Gina DeJoy (South Florida Petanque Club)

Silver: Diana Jacobs (Los Angeles Petanque Club)

Bronze: Cynthia Stroud (Maine Boules Cub)

National Mixed Triples April 7, 2013 (16 teams)

Host Club: Boca Petanque 2000

Gold: Christian & Linda Cote (Boca Petanque 2000), Marc Vedrines (SFPC)

Silver: John and Marieke Rolland (Boca Petanque 2000), Alec Sweet (LBNY)

Bronze: Gilles Canesse (Sarasota), Gina DeJoy (SFPC), Philippe Tripoul (Boca)

National Mixed Doubles May 18, 2013 (45 teams)*

Host Club: Valley of the Moon Petanque Club

Gold: Narin Garrett (VOMPC), Ernesto Santos (LBNY)

Silver: Barbara Hall (VOMPC), Xavier Thibaud (NYPC)

Bronze: John & Tish Harris (Oakhurst Petanque Club)

National Men's Doubles May 19, 2013 (42 teams)*

Host Club: Valley of the Moon Petanque Club

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

Silver: Pierre and Philippe Agnesse (Portland Petanque Club)

Bronze: Joseph Hassoune (LBNY), Robert Dunn (NYPC)

National Women's Doubles May 19, 2013 (15 teams)

Host Club: Valley of the Moon Petanque Club

Gold: Narin Garrett (VOMPC), Cynthia Stroud (Maine Boules Club)

Silver: Shannon Bowman, Holly Sammons (VOMPC)

Bronze: Barbara Hall, Erin McTaggart (VOMPC)

* Record participation for these formats.

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"Boule devant, boule d'argent"

SOME GAME STRATEGY BASICS FOR BEGINNERS

For many beginning players the normal tendency is to try and get as close to the jack with every boule, every time, no matter what the game situation is. But beginners should observe seasoned players who place boules as one might array chess pieces on a board and sometimes take shots at opponents' boules which are not necessarily very close to the jack.

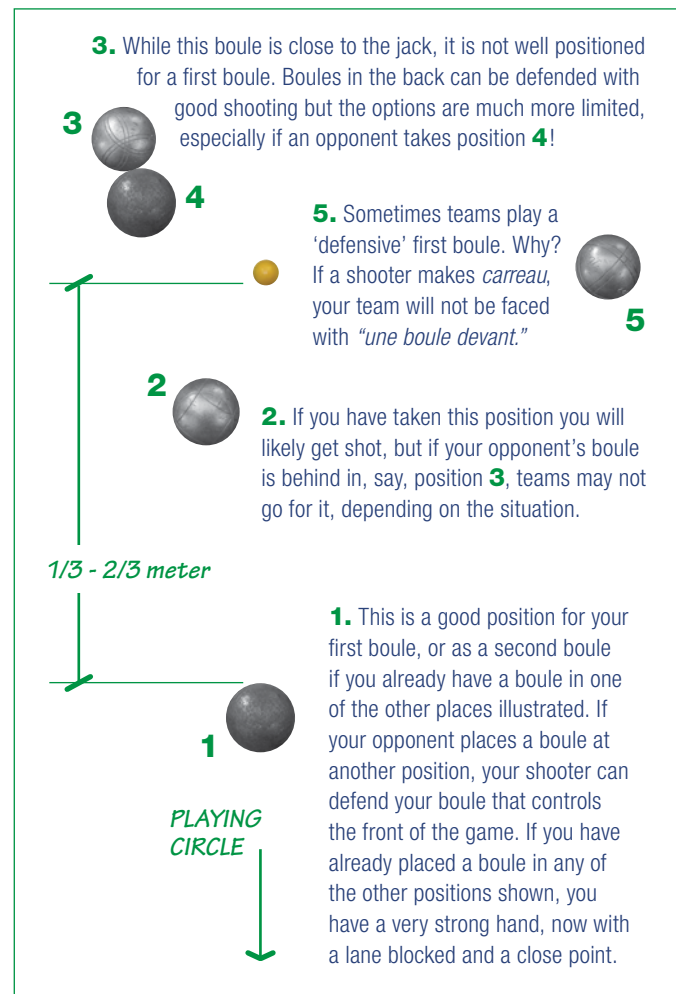
The key concept here is that, depending on which stage the round is in, boules in front of the jack are generally much more valuable to your team (and threatening to your opponent) than boules positioned behind the jack.

Early in the round, boules placed in front of the jack present several advantages for your team: your boule could get bumped closer by your opponent or by your team; each boule covers a path to the jack thereby making it more difficult for your opponent to point; if your opponent's boule is behind, shooting your boule becomes a riskier proposition; and controlling the front opens up more shooting possibilities for your team.

If your opponent holds the advantage towards the end of a round, one or more "boules devant" are important to have. These will present them with difficulties and add risk to whatever strategy they may employ. Sometimes the last thing you want to do is to actually get close to the jack, because the jack could get moved, thereby negating well-placed boules that you may have on the ground. If your last boule is too close to the jack and gets shot, the jack could go out, giving your opponents a nice reward.

So, play strategically and always remember that 12 boules make a round. A boule that may appear "short" early on can certainly end up becoming "une boule d'argent."

Why a boule in front is a "money ball..."



EXPECTATIONS

BY FPUSA UMPIRE GARY JONES

When we gather to play petanque we may each bring different expectations to the game. For it to be enjoyable and the event successful, they must all merge harmoniously on the court.

Players, particularly in social play where there is often no umpire present, expect their teammates and opponents to have a reasonable understanding of the rules and to exhibit and promote fair play and good behavior. Social play is, above and after all, supposed to be fun.

One of the great things about our sport is that it can be enjoyed at many different levels. While social play is mostly about having fun, many players enjoy challenging themselves by competing in organized tournament play. Tournament players expect their teammates and their opponents to take the game seriously and to abide by the letter and spirit of the rules.

At the tournament level, umpires are there to assist the players in making sure the competition is fair to all participants. The players expect the umpires to have a good understanding of the rules, to enforce them fairly, to assist in measurements, to keep order, and to require that all participants abide by the same code of behavior.

Umpires also have expectations that players should have a reasonable understanding of the rules and follow them during play. The umpire can and should penalize players for such easily observed rules infractions as lifting the foot while throwing, taking too much time, or standing too near the circle or jack when opponents are playing.

Furthermore, the umpire may sometimes feel the need to point out etiquette infringements that might lead to a controversy or disturbance—for example, if a player, attempting to be helpful, picks up boules that belong to the other team. This practice should be discouraged because a boule, unless its position has been marked, cannot be replaced once it has been picked up from the terrain. Imagine the scenario where a player, thinking the end to be over, picks up his opponents boule that is holding the point, only to realize that his opponent has another boule to play!

Perhaps the single most important expectation that umpires have of players is that players must adhere to the directions of the umpire. Players should expect the umpire to make decisions quickly then walk away without discussion. The ruling of the umpire is final and cannot be appealed by the player.



There are other parties to be considered in this discussion as well. For example, tournament organizers and directors expect players to show up on time, to have appropriate measuring equipment, to have appropriate membership credentials, and to abide by the tournament guidelines.

Finally, the FPUSA has expectations of all the parties involved. Obviously, the organization expects behavior that reflects well upon our game. Certain activities are expressly forbidden. Drinking or smoking while playing, intoxication, and drug use are examples of prohibitions.

The FPUSA also has defined expectations of its umpires. There are three primary documents that set forth these expectations: the players' code of behavior, the umpire regulations and the official rules of the game. The umpires are expected to put forth the effort to learn the rules, to be diplomatic and respectful of others in determining when and how to intervene, and to take decisive action when the need arises. Umpires may choose to intervene in a game whenever it is deemed necessary to ensure fair play and maintain order.

Players should expect umpires to have some discretion in the application of penalties. Most tournament players are aware that Article 34 of the rules provides general penalties for infractions, but many players do not realize that the umpire is not required to apply the penalties in the order in which they are listed. The umpire may choose to skip to a more severe penalty if the circumstances warrant, or to issue a warning or an informal suggestion before resorting to a more severe penalty. Something along the lines of, "It looks as though you may be lifting your foot before the boule hits the ground," may be enough to correct a problem.

The FPUSA also expects that umpires will enforce fairness—whether specifically spelled out in the rules or not. For instance, Article 19 of the Official Rules prescribes disqualification as the appropriate penalty for deliberately stopping a moving boule. Through oversight, or perhaps because the rules have been written with the assumption that people have a common sense understanding of their intent, there is no specific rule against deliberately stopping a moving cochonnet. Nevertheless, players should expect the effective umpire to prescribe an appropriate penalty for such an action.

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