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# A Letter From Your President

Dear Fellow Petanque Players,  
2014 was a special year for me — and turning 60 years of age had nothing to do with it. (At least that is what I kept telling myself!)

I was fortunate enough to visit many clubs and members around the country— all through the good graces of FPUSA, the hospitality of some old and new petanque friends, a reservoir of airline miles, and a great degree of tolerance for my AAPA\* on the part of my “better half,” Gail.

From a brief “house call” to the Las Vegas Petanque Club, to playing pick up games in New York’s Bryant Park, to the newly forming clubs on the Front Range of Colorado, to the well experienced Portland Petanque Club, to the masterfully run qualification tournaments in Lafayette, California, to my first visit to the “Pine Tree State” in “Down East” Blue Hill, Maine, and of course to the ever-popular Petanque America Open, it was a pleasure to meet so many new members, or to see familiar faces in different surroundings.

No matter where I went to play, teach or promote our game, I was genuinely impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of the clubs and their volunteers. Tending to all the details of a successful event takes a lot of effort and cooperation. All of us, as players, should never lose sight of the fact that we get to enjoy tournaments and social events because of the generosity and good will of those fellow members who step up to make it all happen.

So, good petanquers, through all the ups and downs of life — both inside and outside the string lines — I hope that the year 2014 was enjoyable for you as well. I expect another good one in '15, and look forward to seeing more of you on the terrain and off.

Best wishes and enjoy petanque!

Ed Porto, President FPUSA

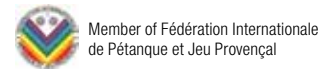


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# Promoting the Game: Helping at the Local Level

In 2014 FPUSA made a commitment to promote petanque in select locations that are good prospects for growth: Zanesfield, Ohio and Denver, Colorado. Both are isolated geographically, not only from most of our clubs in the U.S., but from other clubs within their respective regions. They also had two other important components: tireless club leaders with a proven dedication to the game and to FPUSA. The events were held on two separate weekends and were tailored to local interests and conditions.



Gary, Shirley and Ziggy: FPUSA's “boots on the ground” in Zanesfield.

On Memorial Day weekend in Zanesfield, Friday lessons for newcomers were offered by former U.S. Men’s Team member, Ayayi “Ziggy” Kessouagni, and FPUSA Regional Umpire, Gary Jones. Saturday’s *panaché* tournament was offered to give local players a chance to compete with and against more seasoned competitors. An “open” doubles tournament was held on Sunday, attracting FPUSA and non-FPUSA players from Ohio and beyond.

Zanesfield Club President, Justin “Bo” Johns and his trusty volunteers did some ‘heavy lifting’ in promoting, organizing and running this successful event. Ziggy, Gary and Shirley Jones held down the promo table all weekend long, reaching out to newcomers and spectators to explain and demonstrate the game.

As a follow-up, Bo and fellow ZPC’er Shannon Hodge, a French teacher at Bellfontaine High School near Zanesfield, organized our first ever Juniors’ Regional Tournament two weeks later. With their focus on junior development, Zanesfield is now among the largest of FPUSA’s clubs.



ZPC’s courts had not held so many juniors since Marco Foyot’s 2013 tour.

Mile High Petanque Club hosted the promotional events on the weekend of July 25-27 in Denver’s beautiful Centennial Gardens. Participants came from up and down the Front Range, as well as New Mexico, Texas and California. On Friday, umpire tests and orientations were given to MHP President and Vice President, David Keil and Stephen Lessard. MHP organizers were also given pointers on tournament management by Etienne Rijkheer throughout the weekend. Technique clinics were held on Saturday morning and featured demonstrations by a visiting former French junior team member, Loris Humbert of Gières, France.



Clinic participants take part in a “game strategy” *practicum*.

On Saturday afternoon, 19 players took part in an “open” singles tournament. To no one’s great surprise, the gentleman competitor, Loris, outlasted all players. Then, the first Central Inter-regional Doubles tourney was held on Sunday with 11 teams competing. Hospitality and ambience was top shelf all weekend long. MHPC did an excellent job as ‘hosts with the most,’ and thanks goes to all the local sponsors who contributed to making the event a great success.

We can look forward to more good things from these two fine FPUSA clubs as they share the game in their communities and grow.



The weekend ended with an exciting final, and some fond memories.

## IN GOOD HANDS: FPUSA’S EXECUTIVE TEAM

**Christine Cragg**  
 VICE PRESIDENT



Christine takes on special assignments as they come up. She is also President of La Petanque Mariniere, one of FPUSA’s longest established clubs.

**Frank Pipal**  
 SECRETARY



In addition to membership and insurance matters, Frank assists with a host of other needs, including international communications.

**John Harris**  
 TREASURER



John was elected Treasurer in 2014. He serves on the board of the Oakhurst Petanque Club and is a certified FPUSA National Umpire.

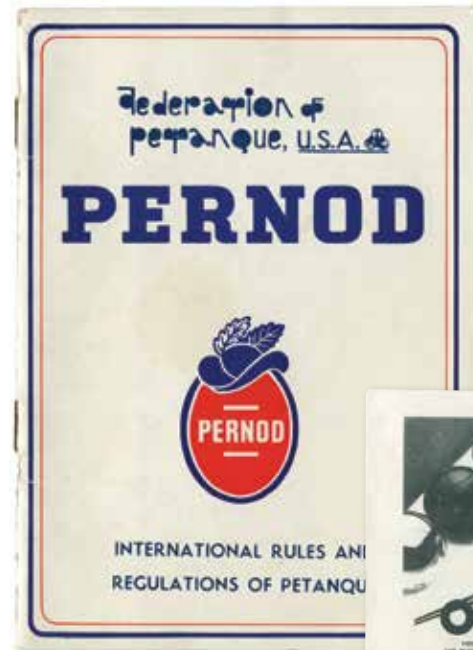
**Etienne Rijkheer**  
 NATIONAL SPORT DIRECTOR



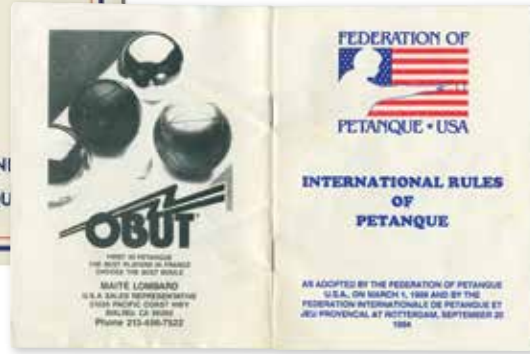
Etienne, a certified FPUSA Regional Umpire, has developed websites and online tools for tournament information and registration.

# GALLERY: The Book of Rules

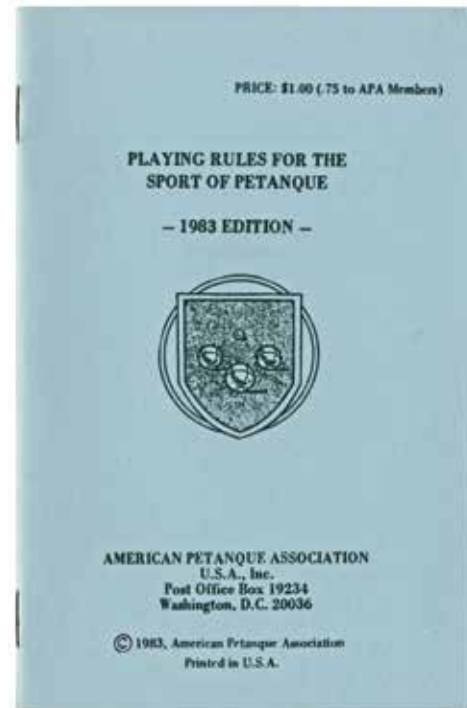
FPUSA provides printed copies of the official rules to members and distributes them through the clubs. Here are some images of rule books from the past and from around the world.



FPUSA's 1978 edition of the international rules was underwritten by Pernod. Later editions featured other sponsors, on the back cover and on inside pages. The last edition produced in this format was in 1998.



In 2007 FPUSA adopted the handy two-leaf tri-fold format. It is printed with a desktop printer then hand-stapled, making annual releases, updates and electronic distribution easy and inexpensive.



FPUSA's erstwhile rival, the APA (1976-1987), covered printing costs with a nominal charge. A bi-fold general guide to the game was also produced.



# Demographics: "We're not getting any younger..."

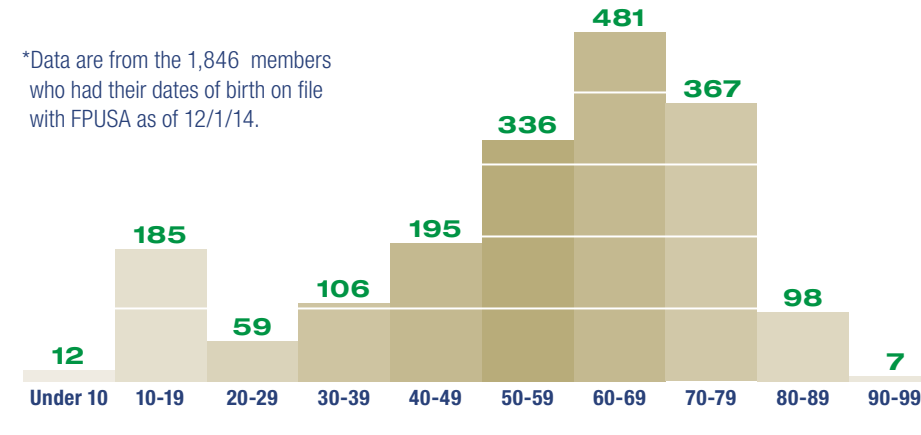
Most FPUSA members came to play petanque as adults — at least by virtue of chronological age! While many recognize the need to promote the game among young people, this remains a formidable hurdle for most clubs. Young adults generally have less free time and more job, family and activity commitments than those of longer tooth. For the very young there is limited appeal for a game that takes a lot of patience to master, and that is played mostly by those who are parents and grandparents themselves.

Despite these challenges there are pockets of success around FPUSA that point to a potential for growth among youth and young adults. High school physical education programs and French clubs are the most obvious venues for youth inclusion. The participation of European talent in "open" events like Petanque America and the New York International are slowly but surely adding to the game's appeal and profile to a growing audience.

Long term, the acceptance of the game by an increasingly younger demographic can make the game more appealing to younger and younger folks. More 40-somethings will attract more 30-somethings; more 30-somethings will attract more 20-somethings, and so on. We are not there yet but, at least in some areas, the ship is making a slow turn toward taking on a younger crew.

## FPUSA MEMBERSHIP BY AGE GROUP\*

\*Data are from the 1,846 members who had their dates of birth on file with FPUSA as of 12/1/14.

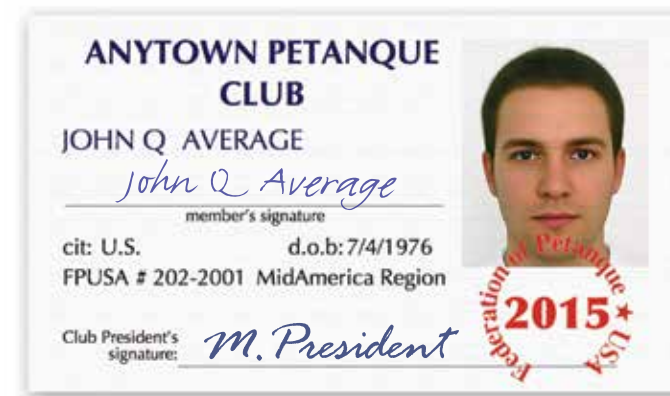


# Photo & D.O.B: Required in 2015

Recognize that man in the photo? Oh, right, he does not exist, but he was in the 2013/14 publication! The point of pointing this out is to remind members that photos and dates of birth are required for all FPUSA-issued membership cards.

If you have not yet done so, please have a photo taken of yourself and send it to your Club President — nothing fancy, a head shot (no hat or sunglasses, please).

Also, you may be notified by our Secretary to submit your date of birth. Best to keep that on file with your club as well. *Thanks!*



# Head Count: Approaching 2,000!

If current trends continue, FPUSA should be over the 2,000 member mark at some point in 2015. With increased membership comes more services and better offerings for all interest groups.

Amelia Island Boules (FL)	112
Los Angeles Petanque Club (CA)	108
Zanesfield Petanque Club (OH)	103
Fresno Petanque Club (CA)	90
Valley of the Moon Petanque Club (CA)	90
La Boule New Yorkaise (NY)	83
Portland Petanque Club (OR)	83
Eugene Petanque International Club (OR)	79
South Florida Petanque Club (FL)	71
Carolina Petanque (NC/SC)	60
Club Francais de Sacramento (CA)	55
La Petanque Mariniere (CA)	54
Ohlala Orlando Petanque Association (FL)	47
Boules de Leon (FL)	46
Heart of Texas Petanque Club (TX)	46
Maine Boules Club (ME)	45
Lamorinda Petanque Club (CA)	44
Le Club de Petanque San Diego (CA)	43
Les Boulefrogs of Church Hill (VA)	43
Oakhurst Petanque Club (CA)	41
Edmonds Petanque Club (WA)	42
Boca Petanque 2000 (FL)	37
Petaluma Valley Petanque Club (CA)	34
National Capital Club de Petanque (DC)	31
Seattle Petanque Club (WA)	31
Mile High Petanque Club (CO)	30
Jupiter Petanque Club (FL)	28
Las Vegas Petanque (NV)	28
Redwood Empire Boules Club (CA)	28
Sarasota Club de Petanque (FL)	27
La Boule d'Or (CA)	26
La Boule du Desert (CA)	24
Swamp Petanque* (LA)	23
New York Petanque Club (NY)	21
Lake Tahoe Petanque Club (CA)	20
Sunrise Petanque (CA)	20
Philadelphia Petanque Club* (PA)	18
San Antonio Petanque Club (TX)	18
Lake Oswego Petanque Club* (OR)	17
Port Townsend Petanque Alliance (WA)	17
Mill Park Petanque** (ME)	16
Dallas Petanque Club (TX)	15
Walla Walla Petanque Club (WA)	15
La Boule Cadienne de Lafayette (LA)	14
Rogue Bouligans (OR)	14
Napatanque Club (CA)	13
Boulder Petanca Club* (CO)	12
Club Tanque U** (TX)	8
Na Pua O Ko'olau* (HI)	8
Independent Members	12
<b>FPUSA Membership Total</b>	<b>1,990</b>

\* new in 2014  
\*\* coming on board 01/01/15

# Our International Parent Organization:



Claude Azema of France, President of FIPJP since 2004, also serves on the executive board of the World Confederation of Sport Boules.

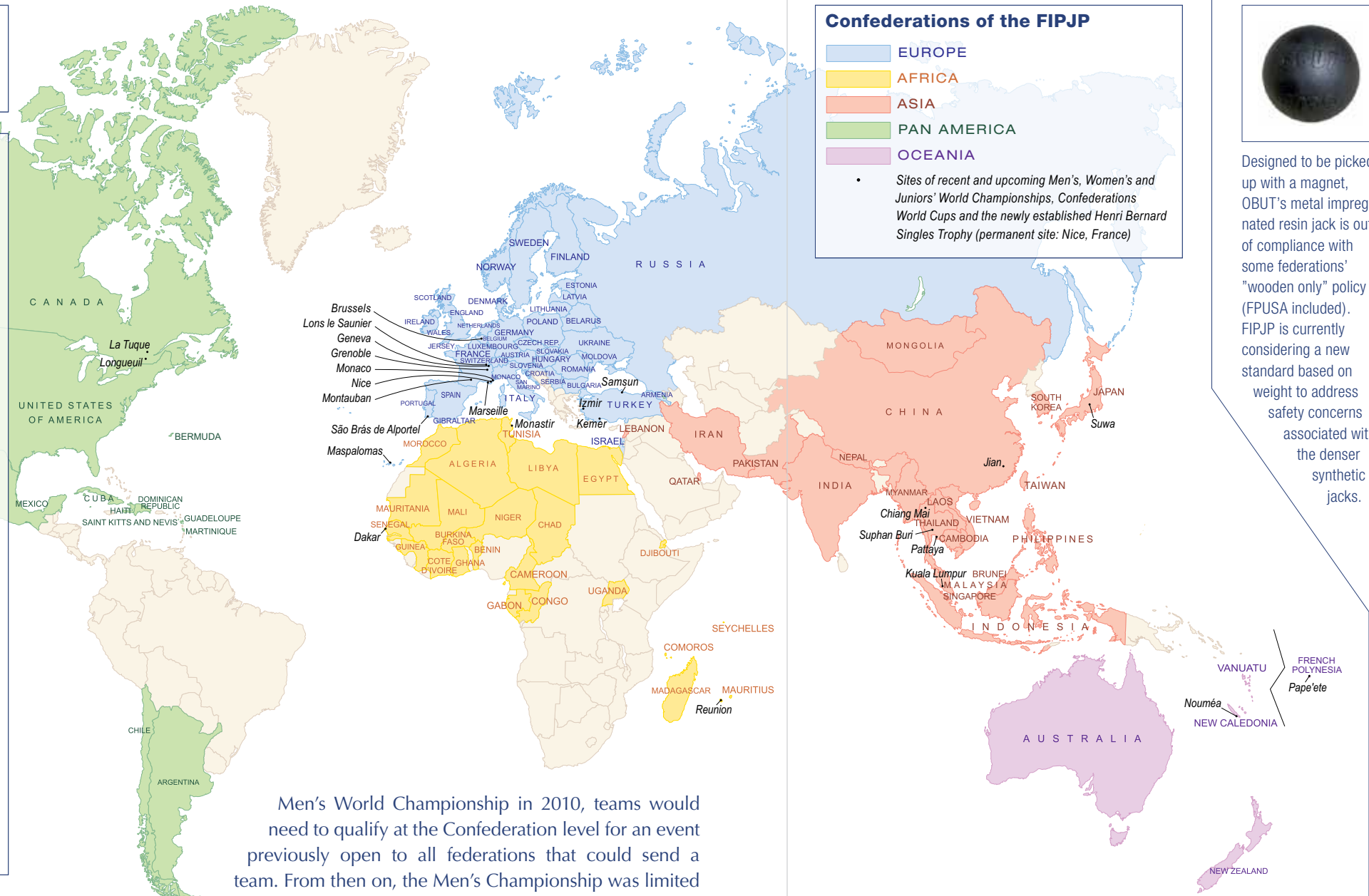
## World Championship Medal Count

Includes Men's, Women's and Juniors Triples Championships and Confederations World Cups (1959 through 2014)

	Gold	Silver	Bronze*	Total
FRANCE	45	18	27	90
THAILAND	15	10	11	36
SPAIN	8	9	13	30
BELGIUM	7	11	12	30
TUNISIA	4	8	11	23
MOROCCO	4	7	7	18
ITALY	4	1	9	14
SWITZERLAND	4	1	2	7
MADAGASCAR	3	6	7	16
MONACO	1	7		8
ALGERIA	1	3	3	7
CAMBODIA	1	2	3	6
DENMARK	1	1		2
SWEDEN	3	4	7	14
CANADA	2	5	7	14
SENEGAL	2	1	3	6
GERMANY	2	1	3	6
FRENCH POLYNESIA	1	2	3	6
BENIN	1	1	2	4
THE NETHERLANDS	1	1	2	4
ARGENTINA	1		1	2
CÔTE D'IVOIRE			2	2
ISRAEL	2		2	4
MALAYSIA	2		2	4
BURKINA FASO	1		1	2
ESTONIA	1		1	2
FINLAND	1		1	2
GREAT BRITAIN	1		1	2
LUXEMBOURG	1		1	2
POLAND	1		1	2
TURKEY	1		1	2
VIETNAM	1		1	2

\* Beginning in 2004, two nations received bronze medals at each championship.

The United States is one of nearly 70 countries who have yet to crack the medal-winners circle. Getting to the final four in an FIPJP championship is quite an achievement. Medals are generally won by those federations that are mature, well-funded and well-structured, and have a large base of highly skilled players.



## Confederations of the FIPJP

- EUROPE
- AFRICA
- ASIA
- PAN AMERICA
- OCEANIA

Sites of recent and upcoming Men's, Women's and Juniors' World Championships, Confederations World Cups and the newly established Henri Bernard Singles Trophy (permanent site: Nice, France)

Men's World Championship in 2010, teams would need to qualify at the Confederation level for an event previously open to all federations that could send a team. From then on, the Men's Championship was limited to 48 teams, with the number of teams representing each Confederation taken in rough proportion to its membership. Currently the breakdown is approximately 20+ for Europe, Asia 10, Africa 8, Pan Am 4, Oceania 3.

Prior to these limitations, some World Championships attracted more than 60 countries. The intent to limit participation was to insure a "floor" to the skill level and to make it easier to attract hosts for the event. Women's and Juniors' Championships, which attract less than 48 teams, have not yet been brought under the qualification system.

Another upshot of the partition was the establishment of a new biennial tournament, the Confederations World Cup. This is a smaller 'elite' tournament made up of the top teams from each Confederation. These are held for men and women in off-years alternating with each gender's World Championship.

There is a growing number of small federations in our Pan Am Confederation, most the size of a typical club. With

over 2,000 members, Canada is the oldest and largest of the Pan Am federations, but FPUSA is catching up in terms of numbers and organization. The skill balance is in the Canadians' favor but hopefully that gap will narrow as FPUSA gains more dedicated players and experience.

There are some anomalies in our confederation as well. France's *départements* in the Western Hemisphere are free to hold nominal memberships in the Pan Am, even though France is part of the European Confederation. The intent of this inclusion is to utilize the high skill and organizational levels in places like Martinique and Guadeloupe to help develop the game in the Americas.

As with petanque in the USA, a major hurdle for petanque in the Western Hemisphere is the vast geographic distances between members — a formidable challenge for growth, to be sure.

# International Rules vs. Conventions



Designed to be picked up with a magnet, OBUT's metal impregnated resin jack is out of compliance with some federations' "wooden only" policy (FPUSA included). FIPJP is currently considering a new standard based on weight to address safety concerns associated with the denser synthetic jacks.

Four boules singles. Closed toed-shoes. Team shirts. 15-point finals. Resin jacks. Six-boule *Vauclusien*. No jeans. No jeans? *That's right, no jeans!*

While the *International Rules of Petanque* are pretty well understood and adhered to worldwide, the above are but a few examples of things that players may come across if they play in competitions in different parts of the world.

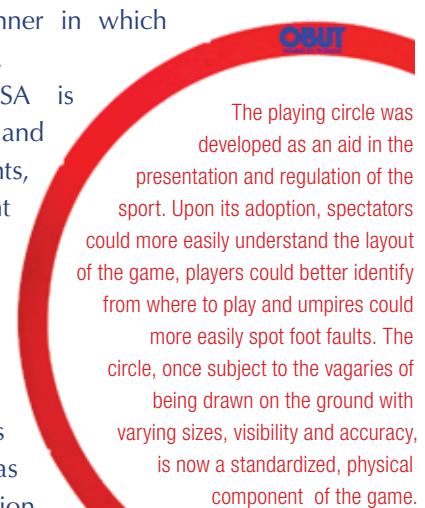
In most countries if you do not have your playing license with you, you will not be able to play in a tournament. And if you do have it with you, be prepared to turn it over to the organizers who will keep it for as long as you are in the competition. (That said, you might stump tournament organizers in France who expect a smart-card that they can scan into a computer. Even petanque is not immune to the familiar trappings of the digital age!)

If you go to New Zealand to play, don't leave unplayed boules on the terrain behind the playing circle, for the umpire may come along and declare them dead. Dropping an unplayed boules on the ground while in the circle to free up your off hand might get you a warning, or the loss of that dropped boules. Those Crocs you like to wear due to the closed-toed shoe rule may be next on the hit list for FIPJP. Standards for closed heels as well are being discussed by FIPJP (but not by FPUSA).

FPUSA has its own conventions defined in our *Single-Day Tournament Guidelines* and in the rules that govern our two-day Qualification Tournaments. These are reviewed and revised from time to time to keep up with changing conditions of play. For instance, in the past few years, timed games and playing circles, once widely scoffed at by petanque purists, are now used regularly, even expected by players, for the advantages they provide.

Many clubs adopt FPUSA guidelines, or parts of them, for use in their local events, but others have developed different ones based on what they are most comfortable with, or what locals believe is advantageous to the game and the manner in which tournaments are run.

As far as FPUSA is concerned, in club and "open" tournaments, the only requirement that must be fulfilled is the Code of Behavior. This code can be found in the FPUSA Bylaws and all our clubs agree to uphold it as a condition of affiliation.



The playing circle was developed as an aid in the presentation and regulation of the sport. Upon its adoption, spectators could more easily understand the layout of the game, players could better identify from where to play and umpires could more easily spot foot faults. The circle, once subject to the vagaries of being drawn on the ground with varying sizes, visibility and accuracy, is now a standardized, physical component of the game.

FIRST ANNUAL HENRI BERNARD TROPHY



FPUSA was represented by Joseph Hassoune of La Boule New Yorkaise and by Coach Xavier Thibaud of the New York Petanque Club.



Joseph takes a shot in one of the qualifying rounds.



Making friends: Joseph poses with his opponent from Russia.

In late 2013 FIPJP announced the creation of a new international singles championship tournament, *Le Trophée Henri Bernard*, in honor of the longtime FIPJP President Henri Bernard who passed away that year at the age of 93. Mr. Bernard served as president of FIPJP from 1978 until 2004. In its inaugural edition, this event was open only to men but, going forward, there will be separate men's and women's tournaments sharing the same venue in Nice, France on the last weekend of January.

This development came as a bit of a surprise to FPUSA. In order to send a player, our Sport Committee established criteria to select among the top finishers in our National tournaments. After a brief vetting process, Joseph Hassoune of La Boule New Yorkaise was awarded the position as FPUSA player representative. At Joseph's request, his good friend, Xavier Thibaud (one of our top players who coached the Mexican National Team at the 2012 Men's World Championship), generously volunteered to accompany Joseph and guide him through a challenging field of opponents in the toughest and most unforgiving of all the game's formats — three-boules singles.



The late Henri Bernard

The mid-winter dates were not advantageous to our man Joseph. During one of New York's coldest winters on record, he employed some innovative training techniques to get himself ready for the competition. We can be proud that he gave it his all against some very tough opponents, most notably Diego Rizzi of Italy and former World Champion Claudy Weibel of Belgium in back-to-back games!

The tournament was eventually won by reigning FIPJP World Champion Dylan Rocher of France who maintained a perfect record throughout, and finished with a 13-1 win in the final match.

USA SCORES & RESULTS	
<b>HENRI BERNARD TROPHY: Group Play (U.S. Results)</b> 01.31.2014	
U.S.A. vs. Thailand	9 - 12
U.S.A. vs. Wales	13 - 11
U.S.A. vs. Italy	3 - 13
U.S.A. vs. Belgium	11 - 13
U.S.A. vs. Russia	10 - 13
<b>NATIONS CUP Semifinals (Single Elimination)</b> 02.01.2014	
U.S.A. vs. Estonia	7 - 13

A TRIP TO MALAYSIA — by Mary Jane Campbell-Mann



Team USA poses with Vietnam before their opening match. Left to right: Team Captain Mary Jane Campbell-Mann (Oakhurst Petanque Club), Shannon Bowman and Holly Sammons (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club), loyal supporter Patrick Sammons and Vietnam's coach with team.

The experience of this event was non-stop for the days leading up to the tournament in Kuala Lumpur. The hospitality of Malaysian Petanque Federation was amazingly positive, friendly and immediately helpful on so many levels during our entire stay.

The Third Women's Confederations World Cup was a gathering of eight teams representing the various Confederations of FIPJP, formidable opponents all.



The President of the Malaysian Petanque Federation was especially welcoming to Team USA, even driving us personally in his car to our practice day at the courts in the afternoon before the tournament.

Playing against some of the best teams in the world, the tournament was very challenging and, no doubt, a learning experience for us. Our team was drawn into a pool that included Vietnam, France and Malaysia. We played them in that order on the first day. The highlight of our play had to be scoring 9 points against Team France, the highest total scored against them except for the tournament runner-up, Thailand.

After the Tournament, there was an awards dinner and the presentation of the medals. It was fun meeting players from all over the world, as well as the members of the Malaysian Petanque Federation and the Organizing Committees.

All of us on Team USA would like to thank the members of FPUSA for the honor of representing our country and for the support that was given to us.



Our team was proud to have hung 9 points on the eventual champs, France.

SCORES & RESULTS	
<b>CONFEDERATIONS WORLD CUP: Group Play (U.S. Results)</b> 09.13.2014	
U.S.A. vs. Vietnam	3 - 13
U.S.A. vs. France	9 - 13
U.S.A. vs. Malaysia	0 - 13
<b>Championship Playoff: Semifinals (Single Elimination)</b> 09.14.2014	
France vs. Sweden	13 - 1
Thailand vs. Malaysia	13 - 9
<b>Championship Playoff: Final</b> 09.14.2014	
France vs. Thailand	13 - 10
<b>Championship Playoff: Third Place</b> 9.14.2014	
Malaysia vs. Sweden	13 - 11
<b>NATIONS CUP Semifinals (Single Elimination)</b> 09.14.2014	
U.S.A. vs. Canada	0 - 13
Vietnam vs. Australia	13 - 7
<b>NATIONS CUP Final</b> 09.14.2014	
Vietnam vs. Canada	13 - 1



The 2014 edition of our Men's National Triples Championship attracted 14 teams to Lamorinda Petanque Club in Lafayette (CA) from nearly every region in the FPUSA. Five qualifying games were played on Saturday with eight teams advancing to Sunday's pools. The balance of the teams competed in the Federation Cup.

Emerging from Sunday's pools, and entering the semifinals, were teams that featured players from California, Oregon and Illinois. The semifinals were uneven affairs, going 13-11 and 13-1. Former U.S. Champion Pascal Corchia of Palm Desert with Bob and Joe Cortright of Portland Petanque Club played tough but were eventually out gunned in a well-played final in front of an appreciative *gallerie*.

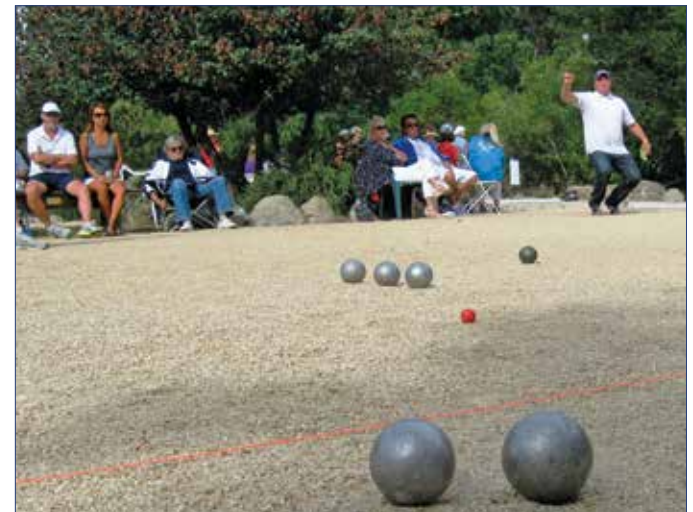
*Congratulations to the winners, and to all participants!*

\* Winners will represent the FPUSA in the FIPJP 2015 Men's Confederations World Cup, or other international tournament to be determined.

**CHAMPIONS!** Pointer John Harris of Oakhurst (CA) is flanked by shooter, By Vang (l.) and *millieur* Thomas Moua (r.) of Fresno. They took care of business in the final match, leading practically the entire way en route to a 13-9 victory.



Mickey Coughlin, Ziggy Kessouagni and Paul Yang discuss strategy during a qualifying game. They ultimately lost a tough semifinal to the eventual champs.



Pascal Corchia plays for the point during Sunday's final match. After two long days of intense competition, stamina was tested for both teams.



*Team Seattle* gets ready to rumble. Lee Harris, Greg Conyers and John Hunt warm up for one of Saturday's qualifying games.



As Sunday's shadows grew longer, John, Thomas and By got stronger, prevailing in a hard-fought game over their worthy opponents.

As women's petanque continues to grow in both skill level and number of players, the annual qualification tournament serves as FPUSA's greatest measure of female competitive achievement. In the triples format, both team dynamics and individual ability are put to the test, and teams possessing both have the best chance of success.

In a format that mirrored the men's tournament, all teams played five qualifying games on Saturday. The top eight teams split into two Sunday pools. (Two teams entered the Federation Cup.) After the pools, two close semifinals took place: the team of Mary Campbell-Mann (Oakhurst, CA), Teri Sirico (Petaluma, CA), Chia Vang (Fresno, CA) lost to the eventual champs; and Shannon Bowman, Holly Sammons (both of Sonoma, CA) and Nicole Coughlin (Ukiah, CA) lost in a nail-biter to the eventual runners-up.

*Thanks to all competitors for their good sportswomanship!*



**GOLD!** (l. to r.) Gina Dejoy of the South Florida Petanque Club, Diana Jacobs of Los Angeles Petanque Club and Tish Harris of the Oakhurst Petanque Club reigned supreme in the playoff, finishing with a 13-2 victory in the final match.



*Group shot.* A record ten teams competed in the 2014 Women's Qualifier. Contestants came from California, Oregon, Washington, Maine, Florida, North and South Carolina and Ohio.



Fresno's May Lis Yang was one of many first-time qualifier contestants.



Time out for a measurement. 2012 Champions (l. to r. in orange) Erin McTaggart, Barbara Hall and Narin Garrett played well but ran into a buzz saw in the final match.



Crunching numbers: Tournament Director Etienne Rijkheer had some help at the control table from FPUSA Vice President Christine Cragg.

## SOUTHWEST REGIONALS

### SW Inter-regional Men's Doubles April 26, 2014 (20 teams)

Host: Fresno Petanque Club

Gold: Ly Van Nguyen, Tom Nguyen (Los Angeles Petanque Club)

Silver: Ziggy Kessouagni (PVPC), Peter Mathis (VOMPC)

Bronze: Kue Lee, Phominik Lee (Club Francais de Sacramento)

### SW Inter-regional Women's Doubles April 26, 2014 (10 teams)

Host: Fresno Petanque Club

Gold: Holly Sammons (VOMPC), Teri Sirico (PVPC)

Silver: Chue Thao, Chia Vang (Fresno Petanque Club)

Bronze: Janice Bissonnette, Mae Lis Yang (Fresno Petanque Club)

### SW Inter-regional Mixed Doubles April 27, 2014 (30 teams)

Host: Fresno Petanque Club

Gold: Chue Thao, Jer Thao (Fresno Petanque Club)

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

Bronze: Fue Vang, May Vang (Fresno Petanque Club)

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONALS

### NorCal Inter-regional "60 and Over" Doubles April 27, 2014 (10 teams)

Host: Le Club Francais de Sacramento

Gold: Ed Porto, Bleys Rose (Petaluma Valley Petanque Club)

Silver: Mike Cooper, Peter Wellington (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Bronze: Barbara Howard, Eldon Moilanen (Redwood Empire Boules Club)

### NorCal Inter-regional Men's Singles May 18, 2014 (31 players)

Host: Lamorinda Petanque Club

Gold: Peter Mathis (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Silver: Jer Thao (Fresno Petanque Club)

Bronze: Mickey Coughlin (Redwood Empire Boules Club)

### NorCal Inter-regional Women's Singles May 18, 2014 (11 players)

Host: Lamorinda Petanque Club

Gold: Narin Garrett (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Silver: Erin McTaggart (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Bronze: Colette van der Meulen (La Petanque Marinere)

### NorCal Inter-regional Mixed Triples June 8, 2014 (13 teams)

Host: Le Club Francais de Sacramento

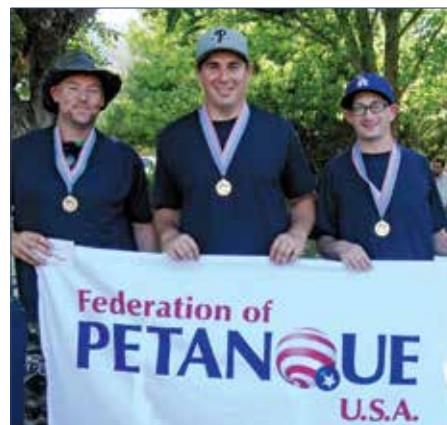
Gold: Mickey Coughlin (REBC) Peter Mathis, Holly Sammons (VOMPC)

Silver: Narin Garrett, Barbara Hall, Peter Wellington (VOMPC)

Bronze: May Lee, Thomas Moua, By Vang (Fresno Petanque Club)



Southwest Inter-regional Mixed Doubles medalists



NorCal Inter-regional Triples Gold Medalists



NW Inter-regional Women's Doubles Gold Medalists

## NORTHWEST REGIONALS

### NW Inter-regional Mixed Doubles July 26, 2014 (16 teams)

Hosts: Seattle Petanque Club and Edmonds Petanque Club

Gold: Michelle Healy (San Antonio PC), John Hunt (Seattle PC)

Silver: Philippe Agnesse, Janet Kirtland (Portland Petanque Club)

Bronze: Jeed Chaiboonruang, Ray Peterson (Eugene International Petanque Club)

### NW Inter-regional Men's Doubles July 27, 2014 (18 teams)

Hosts: Seattle Petanque Club and Edmonds Petanque Club

Gold: Al Guarisco (Swamp Petanque), John Hunt (Seattle PC)

Silver: Philippe Agnesse, David Johnstone (Portland Petanque Club)

Bronze: Jerry Fireman, David Rockwell (Edmonds Petanque Club)

### NW Inter-regional Women's Doubles July 27, 2014 (8 teams)

Hosts: Seattle Petanque Club and Edmonds Petanque Club

Gold: Celia Crittenden, Janet Kirtland (Portland Petanque Club)

Silver: Linda Ferguson (Seattle PC), Nan Walter (Portland PC)

### NorCal Regional Doubles June 22, 2014 (26 teams)

Hosted by: Valley of the Moon Petanque Club

Gold: Mickey Coughlin (REBC), Wolfie Kurz (VOMPC)

Silver: Bill Miller, Stephen Paulsen (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Bronze: Kevin Evoy, P.J. Mallette (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

### NorCal Inter-regional "65 Over/Under" Mixed Doubles August 10, 2014 (18 teams)

Host: La Petanque Marinere

Gold: Holly Sammons, Patrick Vaslet (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Silver: Jean-Claude Etallaz & Colette Van Der Meulen (La Petanque Marinere)

Bronze: Mike Cooper, Narin Garrett (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

### NorCal Inter-regional Triples August 16, 2014 (16 teams)

Host: Redwood Empire Boules Club

Gold: Mickey Coughlin, John Coughlin, Trevor Fisher (Redwood Empire Boules Club)

Silver: Mike Cooper, Hans Kurz, Wolfie Kurz (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Bronze: Peter Mathis (VOMPC), Tom Parkinson, Brian Williams (REBC)

### NorCal Inter-regional Mixed Doubles October 4, 2014 (7 teams)

Host: La Boule d'Or

Gold: Brendan Cohen, Holly Sammons (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Silver: Kevin Evoy, Barbara Hall (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)

Bronze: Carolina Jones, (Lamorinda Petanque Club), Ed Porto (PVPC)

# Tournaments Results

## MID-AMERICA REGIONALS

### Mid-America Inter-regional "Open" Doubles May 25, 2014 (18 teams)

Host: Zanesfield Petanque Club

Gold: Driss Darhnaj, Ahmed Chafi (Zanesfield Petanque Club)

Silver: Bo Johns (ZPC), Ziggy Kessouagni (Petaluma Valley Petanque Club)

Bronze: Gary & Shirley Jones (Carolina Petanque)

## CENTRAL REGIONALS

### Central Inter-regional "Open" Singles July 26, 2014 (19 players)

Host: Miie High Petanque Club

Gold: Loris Humbert (Petite boule de Gières, France)

Silver: Skip Montoya (Independent - La Mesa Petanque Club)

Bronze: Andre Pelissier (Mile High Petanque Club)

### Mid-America Inter-regional Junior Doubles June 7, 2014 (16 teams)

Hosts: Zanesfield Petanque Club

Gold: Taylor Hodge, Monica Martz (Zanesfield Petanque Club)

Silver: Matt Beasley, Ryan Penny (Zanesfield Petanque Club)

Bronze: Nick Holoman, Wesley McClain (Zanesfield Petanque Club)

### Central Inter-regional Doubles July 27, 2014 (11 teams)

Host: Miie High Petanque Club

Gold: Boris Devi, Andre Pelissier (Mile High Petanque Club)

Silver: Ed Porto (PVPC), Jim Schwobel (Heart of Texas Petanque Club)

Bronze: Jeff Bradshaw, Dave Carter (Mile High Petanque Club)

## NORTHEAST REGIONALS

### NE Inter-regional Singles May 17, 2014 (28 players)

Hosts: La Boule New Yorkaise and New York Petanque Club

Gold: Philippe Menier (New York Petanque Club)

Silver: Steve Ginsberg (La Boule New Yorkaise)

Bronze: Joseph Hassoune (La Boule New Yorkaise)

### NE Inter-regional Doubles May 18, 2014 (20 teams)

Hosts: La Boule New Yorkaise and New York Petanque Club

Gold: Malek Hfaiedh (NYPC), Ernesto Santos (LBNY)

Silver: Eric Bertin, Philippe Menier (New York Petanque Club)

Bronze: Emile Boujeke, Joseph Hassoune (La Boule New Yorkaise)

## SOUTHEAST REGIONALS

### SE Inter-regional Mixed Doubles January 25, 2014 (14 teams)

Host: South Florida Petanque Club

Gold: Claude Lauhle, Marieke Rolland (Boca Petanque 2000)

Silver: Yolande Goupil, Guy Labouyrie (South Florida Petanque Club)

Bronze: Jean-Claude Cortes, Pierrette Sucur (South Florida Petanque Club)

### SE Inter-regional Mixed Triples February 15, 2014 (7 teams)

Host: Sarasota Club de Petanque

Gold: Jacques Bax, Renée Bax, Gilbert Salomón (Sarasota Club de Petanque)

Silver: Claude Lauhle, Bernard Martin, Marieke Rolland (Boca Petanque 2000)

Bronze: Jean-Michel Lauhle, John Rolland (Boca), Hajasoa Bosela (Oh La La)

### SE Inter-regional Doubles January 18, 2014 (18 teams)

Host: Boca Petanque 2000

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

Silver: Roger Arpaia, Gerard Galliano (Oh La La Petanque Association)

Bronze: Gilles Canesse (Oh La La), Eric Moutard (Sarasota Club de Petanque)

### SE Inter-regional "65 Over/Under" Doubles February 23, 2014 (9 teams)

Host: South Florida Petanque Club

Gold: Roger Arpaia, Gerard Galliano (Oh La La Petanque Association)

Silver: Claude Lopez (Boca), Marc Vedrines (SFPC)

Bronze: Christian Coté (Boca), Michel Crouzillat (SFPC)

### SE Inter-regional Triples February 1, 2014 (15 teams)

Host: Boca Petanque 2000

Gold: JP Heraud, Claude Lauhle, Bernard Martin (Boca Petanque 2000)

Silver: Roger Arpaia, Gerard Galliano, Philippe Tripoul (Oh La La Petanque Assoc.)

Bronze: Claude Lopez, Gilles Lachance, Michel Robichaud (Boca Petanque 2000)

### SE Inter-regional Men's Singles October 5, 2014 (28 players)

Host: Boules de Leon Petanque Club

Gold: Gilles Canesse (Oh La La Petanque Association)

Silver: Philippe Tripoul (Oh La La Petanque Association)

Bronze: Bernard Martin (Boca Petanque 2000)

### SE Inter-regional Women's Singles October 5, 2014 (12 players)

Host: Boules de Leon Petanque Club

Gold: Joella Manalan (South Florida Petanque Club)

Silver: Gina Dejoy (South Florida Petanque Club)

Bronze: Suzanne Lee Corson Rouland (Boules de Leon)



Mid-America Junior Inter-regional medal winners



SE Inter-regional Men's and Women's Singles medalists

### NATIONALS

#### National Men's Singles June 28, 2014 (36 players)

Host: Portland Petanque Club  
**Gold:** Artem Zuev (Los Angeles Petanque Club)\*  
 Silver: Jean-Pierre Subrenat (New York Petanque Club)  
 Bronze: Daniel Smith (Boules de Leon)

#### National Women's Singles June 28, 2014 (17 players)

Host: Portland Petanque Club  
**Gold:** Celia Crittenden (Portland Petanque Club)\*  
 Silver: Jeed Chaiboonruang (Eugene Petanque International Club)  
 Bronze: Shannon Bowman (Valley of the Moon Club)

#### National Mixed Triples June 29, 2014 (17 teams)

Host: Portland Petanque Club  
**Gold:** John & Tish Harris (Oakhurst Petanque Club), Diana Jacobs (LAPC)  
 Silver: Joe Cortright, Celia Crittenden (PPC), Van Woolfe (Walla Walla PC)  
 Bronze: Daniel Smith (Boules de Leon), Karina Morgenstein, Artem Zuev (LAPC)

\* Winners will represent the USA at the Henri Bernard Trophy, International Singles Championship, January 24-25, 2015 in Nice France.



Federation Cup winners! (l. to r.) Lamorinda's Gilbert and Noah Sonnet and Pascal Gravier carried the day!

#### Men's Confederations World Cup Qualification Tournament

August 3, 2014 (14 teams) Host: Lamorinda Petanque Club  
**Gold:** John Harris (Oakhurst PC) Thomas Moua, By Vang (Fresno PC)  
 Silver: Pascal Corchia (La Boule du Desert), Bob and Joe Cortright (Portland PC)  
 Bronze: Mickey Coughlin (REBC), Ziggy Kessouagni (PVPC), Paul Yang (FPC)  
 Bronze: Philippe and Pierre Agnesse, David Johnstone (Portland Petanque Club)

#### Women's World Championship Qualification Tournament

August 3, 2014 (10 teams) Host: Lamorinda Petanque Club  
**Gold:** Gina Dejoy (SFPC), Tish Harris (Oakhurst PC), Diana Jacobs (LAPC)  
 Silver: Narin Garret, Barbara all, Erin McTaggart (Valley of the Moon Petanque Club)  
 Bronze: Mary Campbell-Mann (OPC), Teri Sirico (PVPC), Chia Vang (FPC)  
 Bronze: Shannon Bowman, Holly Sammons (VOMP), Nicole Coughlin (REBC)

#### Federation Cup August 3, 2014 (10 teams)

Host: Lamorinda Petanque Club  
**Gold:** Pascal Gravier, Gilbert and Noah Sonnet (Lamorinda Petanque Club)  
 Silver: Jean-Claude Etallaz (LPM), Felix Legrand (LAPC), Didier Pellerud (San Diego)  
 Bronze: Phominik Lee, Pao Ly, Chan Xiong (Club Francais de Sacramento)

#### National Men's Doubles September 13, 2014 (14 teams)

Host: Maine Boules Club  
**Gold:** Max Mattes (Maine BC), Ed Porto (Petaluma Valley Petanque Club)  
 Silver: John Harris (Oakhurst PC), Carl Motschieder (Fresno Petanque Club)  
 Bronze: Jean-Pierre Subrenat, Eric Bertin (New York Petanque Club)

#### National Women's Doubles September 13, 2014 (11 teams)

Host: Maine Boules Club  
**Gold:** Julie Jo Ferhle (Maine Boules Club), Tish Harris (Oakhurst Petanque Club)  
 Silver: Paula Hogan, Mia Kanazawa (Maine Boules Club)  
 Bronze: Susan Shaw, Cynthia Stroud (Maine Boules Club)

#### National Mixed Doubles September 14, 2014 (23 teams)

Host: Maine Boules Club  
**Gold:** Julie Jo Ferhle (Maine BC), Joseph Hassoune (La Boule New Yorkaise)  
 Silver: Paula Hogan (Maine BC), Jean-Pierre Subrenat (NYPC)  
 Bronze: Mark Kindschi, Mia Kanazawa (Maine Boules Club)

## 2015 FPUSA National Calendar of Events

### June 13, Portland, Oregon

**National Men's Doubles Championship**  
**National Women's Doubles Championship**  
 Hosted by Portland Petanque Club

### June 14, Portland, Oregon

**National Mixed Doubles Championship**  
 Hosted by Portland Petanque Club

### July 25, New York, New York

**National Men's Singles Championship**  
**National Women's Singles Championship**  
 Hosted by La Boule New Yorkaise & New York Petanque Club

### July 26, New York, New York

**National Mixed Triples Championship**  
 Hosted by La Boule New Yorkaise & New York Petanque Club

### September 12-13, Fresno, California

**National Men's Triples Championship/**  
**World Championship Qualification Tournament**  
 Hosted by Fresno Petanque Club

### September 12-13, Fresno, California

**National Women's Triples Championship/**  
**International Qualification Tournament**  
 Hosted by Fresno Petanque Club

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### THE RABBIT HOLE — by Joe Martin, FPUSA National Umpire



Most of the time players know what to do when a questionable situation arises during play. When there is agreement among players, the problem vanishes. Oh, but other times there are either blank looks or players at odds with each other. Then, most go to the FPUSA International Rules of Petanque for an answer. But sometimes they find that they are led down a rabbit hole.

Our umpires are there to plug this hole and get things back on track. Even if not all are happy with the ruling, the game resumes and tournament play is restored.

Here are two instances that occurred in a recent game. The names have been changed to protect those who disturbed the rabbit!

#### 1. Team "Confident Shooters" is playing Team "Precision Pointers" in a triples game, when...

In a new end, one of the Confident Shooters points first.



The Precision Pointers then play their first boule, and it cozies up so tightly to the Confident Shooter's boule that the distance from each boule to the jack is deemed the same by measurement and agreement by both teams. So, tied boules.

The Confident Shooters' captain says "Everyone knows when there is a tie, the team that played the last boule plays again and we alternate". (Spoiler alert: Article 28, Paragraph 3.)

There is much nodding and murmuring in agreement, so the Precision Pointers play again and get a boule closer to the jack than the tied boules.

Now the tie is broken and Confident Shooter steps into the circle, unleashes a shot and both boules end up farther away than the two tied boules. With a look of supreme confidence he looks over at the Precision Pointers and says, "OK, I played, now you guys go."

Is this the correct call?

Well, no, it is not. A Confident Shooter has to play again. Alternating play ceased because the Confident Shooters' shot caused the tie to reappear, in effect, causing a new tie. So the Confident Shooters have to play again. If their next boule is closer to the jack than the tied boules, the tie is broken and the Precision Pointers will then have to play. If

the Confident Shooters do not get the point, the Precision Pointers will have to play anyway because the tie remained. Play alternates until one of the teams gets the point. If neither team ends up with a boule closer than the tied boules, then there is no score for that end.

#### 2. Later on in the game...

The Confident Shooters set the jack again. It appears to be close to the ten meter maximum distance, but the Confident Shooters want to play long and hope their point will not be so close as to tempt their opponents to contest the distance, but rather to play anyway and try to beat the first boule.

With the jack set, one of the Confident Shooters looks over at the Precision Pointers who are like the three monkeys (see no, hear no, speak no). The stare is returned which is taken for acceptance. (Oops... mistake!)



One of the Confident Shooters points right up to the jack, but as luck would have it, the boule contacts the jack and pushes it far enough so that even a "one-eyed marshal" would see that it is over ten meters. The Precision Pointers get a tape and measure the jack to be 10.8 meters. They say, "It's too long, toss it again."

With their boule resting next to the jack, the Confident Shooters echo a refrain familiar to many petanque players, "No, it was under ten meters when we set it, so it is still good. And besides, you didn't say that it was too long before we played our boule." The Precision Pointers are not having it, so they call the umpire.

You know how this ended, right? The umpire comes over, measures the jack at 10.8 meters and calls for a re-toss, telling the Confident Shooters that they have two more chances to set the jack between six and ten meters. When the Confident Shooters tried to plead their case, the Umpire simply said, "You should have marked the jack."

Article 8 of the International Rules allows for a team to contest the jack placement up until the time that it plays its first boule. Additionally, Article 11 requires that the prior position of a boule or jack be marked in order for any claim to be accepted. In this case, if the jack had been set under 10 meters and marked, then the Confident Shooters could have backed up their claim that they had set the jack to a legal distance. The new position of the jack would be valid even though it had been moved to a position over 10 meters from the playing circle. Not marking the jack hurt the Confident Shooters and helped the Precision Pointers.



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## ***Parting shot...***

*by Jeed Chaiboonruang,  
Eugene Petanque International Club*



from "Le Jouval" Tournament 2014, Seattle Petanque Club