



PETANQUE IN CANBERRA & THE LOCAL REGION NEWSLETTER



Elton John visits Weston Park -
CPC Club stalwart and lovely person but deadly on the piste - Jean getting into the Christmas spirit on our last full Sunday of the year - Sunday 18th Dec.

Mini Boulesheet Issue, *Merry Christmas!*

11 teams for Wollongong plus one spare

person for 2017! This matches the 2016 effort where we had the same number of teams playing. Once again a great effort by the CPC and will no doubt impress our friends in Wollongong. It's a mini invasion of blue, white and gold hitting Wollongong, **HARD!** Here is the roll of honour;

MENS

Seb - Mark S
Ivo - Ahmed
Jim - Richard
Storm - Gary
Adeline - Franck
Barry - Mike
Mark C - Lois

WOMENS

Catherine - Annette
Heike - Robyn
Jean - Jillian
Jennifer - Judith

We have one spare player, **Kim**. A quality player who needs a partner and I have not given up hope of finding one for her. The worst case scenario is that she may have to play with a Wollongong player. But there is still time to remedy this problem. Come on boys and girls lets make that 12th team a reality. A round dozen!

28 on parade;

A staggering turnout on our last full Sunday of the year (Sun. 18th Dec. 2016) Let's do the math, we have officially 43 members which = 100%. That means with 28 persons on the piste we have 65% of the club playing. OK, 3 persons were not members '**yet**', but you see where I am going with this. That is an incredible turnout for a small club and one of the best we have had on any Social Sunday I recall. The other impressive thing is that most folks wore their club shirts. A sea of blue gold and white, a sea I love to drown in!

Crowd control issues.....I don't think so!



Storm about to deliver another strike package. A full piste but with plenty more capacity for growth in 2017. What a wonderful sight to see so many playing in the one location, at the one time. A dream come true!

Now hear this.....

1. For those people in Canberra who don't have a better offer, the CPC **Waifs and Strays** Sub-Committee are holding their Xmas lunch and festive boules throwing event on Xmas Day, at Weston Park starting at about noon, as they did so successfully last year. Let Catherine Alexander know if you intend to come along - everybody brings their own everything! Sure to be under-catered that one.....
2. Given where Xmas and New Year land this season, the Committee has determined that the First Sunday in the Month (FSM - Pennant) competition in January will occur on the second Sunday - that is 8 January. For anybody around on 1 January, you are sure to find some people staggering about the piste at 5pm on New Year's Day.
3. People wanting YET more petanque should note that CPC members sometimes play down at Tuggeranong on Saturday afternoons in a beautiful spot by the lake, just around from the swimming pool. If you want to play, contact your friends and organise a time that suits. Two of our regulars, Antoine and Pierre, are often there around 3pm most Saturdays and are always good for a game.

Season's greetings to all.

Dr. Seb. (CPC Secretary)

G'day members:

We are rapidly heading to the end of what has been a very good year for our club. We have enjoyed growth in membership, good numbers turning up to play (on week days as well as on weekends), good representation at interstate competitions, and most of all lots of fun times. I feel lucky to belong to a club with such a lovely bunch of people. One thing I would like to ask all members is to turn-up at least 10 minutes before play starts on Sundays, so that a draw can be done and we can start playing on time (5pm in the summer months). To finish up the year from me, I would like to wish all our club members and your families a very happy festive season, and let us all have another great year on the piste in 2017.

Cheers
Jim (CPC President)

Ahmed's way;

CPC Superstar, Ahmed, proposes that we all participate in a full day event where we replicate competition conditions as close as possible. This is aimed at those going to Wollongong but also to anyone who is interested. We will lay out the ropes for marked out pistes, apply the dead boule line rule and generally apply a real tournament feel to the whole thing. Get your partners organised and let battle commence. Ahmed suggests that you come and play as long as you want, a few games or the whole day, maybe some of the more experienced players can give pointers to the novice teams. The whole purpose being to prepare ourselves as best we can for Wollongong. I am sure such a thing will benefit us all and may well pay dividends on the piste.

When and where, you ask?

Saturday 21st January 2017, Weston Park, starting from 10:30am till about 4:00pm

Pick of pics;

There have been some stunning images taken over the last year or so concerning our activities, people and venues played etc. I thank all those who have contributed images including our friends from overseas, Diane and Tom. Catherine, Smitty, Ahmed, Bill, Annette, Robyn and Mark and others have all contributed images regularly, mostly done through the clever use of I phones. This technology has grown in leaps and bounds with high pixilation and quality possible. For me, this images nails it for 2016. It was taken by Catherine late one afternoon at our beloved bouledrome at Weston Park. But look carefully at the image and see how beautifully the afternoon light plays on the trees and vegetation. It has to be the Garden of Eden, paradise, heaven on earth. If Van Gogh had been there I am sure he would have placed his easel at this spot and painted the scene. A magic moment shot.

