



# NEWSLETTER

## Winter 2022

### WINTER IS HERE!

After what seems like quite a short autumn, we are definitely into the throes of winter weather now, with many days turning out cold and wet, and sometimes not a lot of sunshine. However, it is pleasing to see so many intrepid players turning out, even in this inhospitable weather. So far there has been only one day when no-one was brave enough to venture out. The umbrellas have certainly been put to good use!

### REPORT ON OUR SOLAR PANELS

It's now well over twelve months since we had the solar panels installed, and although this wintry weather is preventing them from generating a lot of power at present, over the year we have accumulated enough credit to not let it concern us. In fact, we have not had to pay for electricity since they were put in, and our credit balance for the first four quarters is now large enough, at \$262, to easily carry us through the winter months. Thank you, Dave!

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The end of the financial year is approaching fast. This year's AGM will be on Sunday 21 August. As before it will be held after the morning's play. The club does not run itself, and everything that happens is the responsibility of your hard-working committee. Fresh outlooks and new ideas are always welcome, so we encourage members to consider standing for committee and have a say in what goes on. A number of our long standing members have served in previous years, so newer members are particularly invited to put themselves forward. More details will be sent out in a few weeks, but do speak to any committee members if you are interested.

### 25th ANNIVERSARY - 30 OCTOBER 2022

The club's Covid delayed 25th anniversary celebration will be on Sunday 30 October, with good food, great company, some social petanque (of course!) and a few formalities. All past and present members are invited. Invitations will be sent out to those past members we have current contact details for. But please pass the word on to anyone you know who used to play, whether two or twenty years ago. We hope to see you all there. More information nearer the time.

## CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOMES!

Dave Ellery recently celebrated a significant birthday. We hope you enjoyed the day, Dave.

And Quentin Jones will be doing the same very soon - all the best, Q!

We have not signed up any new members recently, but have been pleased to welcome several of Ian Marsden's family for visits: his son, David, was here for some weeks; and both of his daughters have also joined us on occasion, as well as his grandson Joe, just back from the USA.

### WINNERS & RUNNERS UP - DAY GAMES

Most session wins from the 3rd April up to and including 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

Over this quarter the wine was won by 30 different players which was great to see.

First place with 4 wins each was shared by Jill Morrell, Dirk Seret and Paul Mullane.

Second place with 3 wins went to Chris Mullane and third place with 2 wins each was shared between Brian Tuckfield, Vic Manley, Mal Bedson, Moira McPhail and Roger Porter.

The moral of the story? If you want your name on the top of this list try playing more often! You'll still have to be good, but if you come along Sunday morning AND Wednesday morning AND Friday morning you'll get to enjoy more petanque and more good company, too.

### SA PÉTANQUE NEWS

#### State Mixed Doubles

Three teams of club members entered the mixed doubles championships on 1 May. While none of our members blitzed the field, Colleen Holy and Dirk Seret did very well to win the afternoon's Knockout Challenge, which put them top of the middle third of a field of 25 teams. Congratulations.

### MORE SA PÉTANQUE NEWS

#### SA League

After the March round, reported in the last newsletter, the club was in a very good position, lying second on the ladder, just behind the leaders, Eastern Suburbs.

The next round at Prospect saw mixed results for the AHPC, though Mike Read, Rob Mawson and Brian Tuckfield performed brilliantly, reaching the playoff game for top spot. Unfortunately they just lost that last game, leaving them in fourth position out of 29 teams. The teams of Ralph Foster, Anthony Pietsch & Dirk Seret and Robin Austin, Chris Harnett & Patrick Jelk finished in the middle of the field, with Ralph, Anthony and Dirk picking up extra points for the club. That left the AHPC equal third for the season, close behind second place with everything still to play for in the final round.

In that round, at Novar Gardens, we again had two teams in the points, Mike Read, Peter Davies & Brian Tuckfield (7<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams), and Ralph Foster, Anthony Pietsch & Dirk Seret (12<sup>th</sup>). Unfortunately a surging Novar Gardens Club blitzed the field on their home pistes, leapfrogging the AHPC, leaving us in fourth place for the season.

The new season kicks off on 24 July.

## BEST WISHES

We are pleased to see that the members who have recently not been the best appear to be recovering well.

Paul Mullane, who struggled with physical issues for a while, is back to playing regularly.

It is good to see Bryan Dahlsen on the pistes again, and although he is not back to full health since his bout of Covid, he is playing as well as usual.

The latest member we have heard to have caught the COVID virus is Patrick Jelk, who apparently brought it back from Sydney. But fortunately he has already fully recovered.

## COVID19 UPDATE

As you should all know, government restrictions have now been so eased that there are no longer any Covid-19 requirements for clubs such as ours. So your committee removed all club guidelines a few weeks ago. Hopefully this is our LAST Covid update!

Please remember that the virus is still very widespread, and in fact another peak in infections is expected in SA sometime in July, So do all be very mindful of your own and others' health, especially at petanque, where we have some particularly vulnerable members.

## SHELTERS

You will all have seen the great progress in recent weeks, very capably project managed by Dave Ellery. To avoid the schedule slipping, it even included the concreters arriving at 5.30am one morning and pouring the foundations in the dark!

The metal framework is now up and we are awaiting the delivery of the curved colorbond sheeting. So the shelters should be completed before the end of July.

Thank you again to Dave and those who have helped him with the assembly to date, He will need more help when the sheeting arrives.

## PETANQUE PODCAST

Some of our keenest players may be interested in a regular monthly podcast put together in Victoria, covering stories from across Australia and the world.

Search

[www.listennotes.com/podcasts/petanque-points/](http://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/petanque-points/) or simply Google Petanque Points.

Lots of interesting content. Average length 30 minutes, 20 episodes so far.

## KITCHEN UPGRADE

This was put on hold through winter because of Covid and the effort going into the shelters. A sub-committee is now working to have the renovation completed by mid spring.

That's all for now  
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## Recent action on the pistes.....



Stage one of the shelter project completed



Two of our keenest members - Baz and Brian Tuckfield





Mick Phillips, one of our newer members in action watched by John Hoepner & Moira McPhail



Dieter Loebel, master of the smooth pistes and also our resident gardener