

# VOMPC 2012 SEASON OF PLAY



**Don't forget to reserve!!!**

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www.vompc.org

Greetings Petanquers!

Join us once again as we embark on another fabulous season of play. VOMPC is once again an FPUSA affiliated allowing members access to all tournaments. We hope you take advantage of the Skills Drills, new this year (strategically scheduled with court clean-ups:))

All events start at 10:00 am unless stated otherwise. Registration is required for all tournaments & food events unless stated otherwise. Please bring your tableware (plates, glassware, utensils & napkins) as we try to "go green" & eliminate paper products (wash station available).

\* FPUSA calendar subject to change

## FEBRUARY

Sunday, 26th

Welcome back!

Season Opener Singles (tête-à-tête)

Chili & Cornbread

\$5 entry \$7 lunch

Director: Peter Wellington

Chefs: Narin Garrett & Barbara Hall

## MARCH

Winter League: Mixed Doubles

Saturday, 24

Major Court Clean-up and Skills Drills (coffee & pastries) 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Sunday, 25

Ides of March Mêlée

Clam Chowder, "Hail Caesar" Salad & Sourdough bread

\$5 entry \$8 lunch

Directors: La Torre & Silversides

Chefs: Narin Garrett & Barbara Hall

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FPUSA\* Nationals: Sarasota, FLA

Sat 10: Mixed Doubles

Sun 11: Mens/Womens Doubles

## APRIL

Saturday, 21

Mini Court Clean-up & Skills Drills

Sunday, 22

Maysonnave Member - Newcomer Picnic & Tournament  
Bring a newbie or a novice !

\$5 entry \$10 lunch

Directors: Mathis & Mosher

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FPUSA Northwest Regionals:  
Lafayette Sun 15: "65 Over/Under"  
Mixed Doubles (One player must be 65)

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FPUSA Nationals: Fresno

Sat 28: Mixed Triples

Sun 29: Mens/Womens Singles

## MAY

Spring leagues: Women's & Singles

Saturday, 26

Clean-up & Skills Drills

Sunday, 27

Wellington "Where's the Beef?" Picnic & Mêlée

VOMPC chits will be handed out (carreau-to-go, extra boule, etc) to augment or impune your game.

Directors: Wellington & Silversides

Chefs: Ryan Tatarian & Narin Garrett

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FPUSA Northwest Regionals:

Lafayette

Sun 20: Mixed Doubles

## JUNE

Saturday, 16th

Clean-up & Skills Drills

Sunday, 17th

The Sonoma Cup  
Select Triplette

9:30 am registration

\$15 per person 85% return

Directors: Bowman & Mosher

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FPUSA Northwest Regionals:

Ft. Bragg

Sun 24: Mens/Womens Doubles

## JULY

Friday, 13 : Clean-up & Skills Drills

Saturday, 14

Grand Concours de Petanque  
Mêlée Mixed Triplette

Our biggest & best-loved event! The fabulous Chef Christine Piccin will dazzle us once again with her creative cuisine. Music, song & revelry!

**ALWAYS A SELLOUT-RESERVE EARLY!**

Entry: \$5 Lunch \$20

Director: Peter Mathis

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FPUSA Northwest Regionals:

Portland, Oregon

Sat 28th: Mixed Triples

Sun 29th: Mens/Womens Singles

## AUGUST

Summer League: Doubles

Saturday, 25

Clean-up & Skills Drills

Sunday, 26

Wine Country Classic in  
Rembrance of Tino Lofaro  
Select Doublette

9:30 am registration

\$15 per person - 100% return!

Directors: Vaslet & Bowman

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FPUSA Northwest Regionals:

San Rafael

Sun 12th: Triples Melee

## SEPTEMBER

Sunday, 23

VOMPC Club Championship  
Select Mixed Triplette  
"Members only" for this end of the year traditional potluck.

\$10 per person

Saturday, 29

Clean-up & Skills Drills

Sunday, 30

VOMPC hosts the FPUSA  
Northwest Regionals "Over  
60" Select Doublette

Director: Patrick Vaslet

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FPUSA Women's Qualifier:

Blue Hill, Maine September 8-9

## OCTOBER

Sunday, 14

Annual Dinner

Sunday, 28

Oktoberfest Mêlée

Show up & be teamed up! (melee)  
Dust off your lederhosen & loosen  
your belts for this bellybuster!

Entry \$5 Lunch: \$15

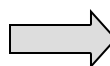
Director: Peter Mathis

Chefs: Ryan Tatarian & Narin Garrett

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FPUSA Men's Qualifier:

Boca Raton, Florida October 27-28

CATCH THE FLIPSIDE  
FOR MORE DETAILS



**NEW THIS YEAR!!!**

### MINI COURT CLEAN-UPS & SKILL DRILLS

We're trying something new this year! Instead of two major back-breaking work parties, we'll have regular, smaller clean-ups the day before our events. As the first clean-up of the season will more involved, coffee & pastries will be served for early birds.

Mini-clean-ups will be from 10:00 am-Noon. Bring a picnic lunch & the skills course will be set up by 1:00 pm.

The skills-enhancing "petanque parcours" is self-guided & based on Marco "Le Professeur" Foyot's techniques. Available to all & guaranteed to improve your pointing & shooting, especially for those who rake for an hour beforehand (karma).



Can't get enough petanque?

Check out the FPUSA & clubs in California for their scheduled play & calendars:

FPUSA (Federation of Petanque USA)  
www.usapetanque.org

Petaluma Valley Petanque Club  
www.petalumapetanque.com

La Petanque Marinier (San Rafael)  
petanque-marin.blogspot

Lamorinda Petanque Club (Lafayette)  
www.lamorindapetanque.com

La Boule d'Or, San Francisco (Golden Gate Park)  
jkrauer@aol.com

Club Francaise de Sacramento  
www.petanquesacramento.net

Redwood Empire Boules Club (Willits)  
redwoodempireboules@gmail.com

Fresno Petanque Club  
fresnopetanque@gmail.com

Oakhurst Petanque Club  
www.oakhurstpetanque.org

Los Angeles Petanque Club  
www.losangelespetanque.com

La Boule du Desert (Palm Desert)  
www.labouledudesert.net

La Club de Petanque San Diego  
www.sandiegopetanque.com

Sunrise Petanque Club (newly formed in Santa Rosa)  
skibowlbike@sbcglobal.net

## VOMPC LEAGUES

Leagues are a benefit of membership & designed to help hone your skills for tournament play. Approximately six weeks in duration, the play-offs & finals are determined by the directors. All leagues are \$10 per person with a 10% return to the club coffers.

### WINTER

#### "Mixed Doubles"

Pair up for this chilly challenge!  
(Ladies! don't be shy about asking the gents)

March 1st start / Shannon Bowman, director



### SPRING

#### "Singles League"

Test your skills going solo! The ultimate challenge for a player.

May 6th start / Barbara Hall, director

*A League of their Own: Women's Doubles*  
You asked, we listened! Team up with someone who won't keep telling you to *stay in front!!!!*

May 13th start / Holly Sammons, director

### SUMMER

The season would not be complete without the perennial "Summer Doubles" directed by the inimitable Peter Mathis.

August 5th start



## PETANQUE FRENCH 101

**Tête-à-tête:** One against one. Typically separate competitions (Tet-ah-tet) for men & women held simultaneously EXCEPT in Sonoma.

**Select Doublette or Triplette:** Two or three person teams who enter as a pre-arranged team. Teams stay together the entire tournament.

**Mêlée Doublette or Triplette:** Two or three person teams (May-lay Doo-blet/ Trip-let ) formed at the start of the tournament by drawing, choosing a player from the list of "pointers" to match with one or two players from a list of "shooters". "Mixed" teams must have at least one man & one woman. women or mixed. Teams stay together the entire tournament.

**Panache:** Partners change after each game. Individual scores (pan-uh-SHAY) are maintained to establish tournament winners.

**Piste:** The grounds on which the petanque courts are laid out. PEES-teh The piece of the overall terrain where the game will occur.



**Fanny:** Basically a shut-out, the ultimate bummer:))

13-0 score