



The New Committee

The new committee has hit the ground running and has a good mix of experienced and new members. President David Collins and Vice Judy Whiteaker have already met with the Council to discuss the piste management and the proposed demolition of the current toilet and maintenance block.

We will be preparing a submission to ask if the maintenance block can be repurposed rather than demolished as it would provide a more convenient location for equipment storage in addition to other possible uses. There is no guarantee that this will be considered but it is worth asking the question. In the meantime, it would be helpful if members used the Hobart City portal to comment on the proposed plans particularly with the placement of the gym <https://yoursay.hobartcity.com.au>

Social Events

Angela would like to hear from anyone who would be prepared to be part of a sub-committee to help organise social events. If you have any suggestions for social events that you'd like the Club to organise please let Angela know. She is currently looking at venues for our Christmas function.

After Sunday competition get togethers will be held on the last Sunday of every month. The first of these will be held at Beach House on Sunday October 27th.

Summer Starting Times

Sundays will remain at a 1pm.

Thursday twilight games commencing from 4pm will begin on the 5th of December.

Petanque Federation Australia Membership

Further to the member's decision at the recent AGM to reaffiliate with the PFA for those members wishing to become licensed players, our application has been accepted so please let the Secretary know if you wish to become a PFA licensed player at sharyn.copp@gmail.com.

Hobart Petanque Club ... a potted history

Hobart Petanque Club was the first official club developed in Tasmania, but the idea was germinated in New Caledonia. A group of friends who played the game when travelling were impressed by the seeming simplicity of the sport - which belies the complexity of skill that top players develop! They introduced it to friends in Tasmania and for several years they enjoyed the odd social game around Hobart. Interest grew and the idea of a club was floated, with Hobart Petanque Club inaugurated on September 8, 1996. By 1998, there were 20 members and President Peter Rose and his committee worked with the Hobart City Council to develop a terrain for these stalwarts of the game at Long Beach, Sandy Bay.

Given the sport's French origin, funding was gained through a cultural grant. In 1999, the 20x20-metre terrain became the permanent home of the Club. Growth quickly ramped up.

In 2000, a Tasmanian team travelled to Avoca to learn and develop their skills through competitive play. By 2004, the Club was strong enough to form a Tasmanian team to compete in a national championship in Adelaide. In the same year, in conjunction with the Hobart City Council and the Department of Sport and Recreation - who contributed \$3000 and \$5000 respectively with an additional \$2000 from Hobart Petanque Club - the terrain was extended to its current size of 52x20 metres. The extension put the club in a position to be able to host interstate competitions.

In the early days of the Club most members were working so the season was restricted to Thursday evenings during summer. As the general skill level improved the Sunday competition was introduced but only for experienced players. When more members reached retirement age a group began playing on a Monday afternoon.

The first interstate mixed doubles, conducted over the long weekend in March 2012, was such a success it was decided to make it a biennial event. In 2013 a small group of members decided to form a second club, Bayside Boules.

As the Club grew a number of social activities were added with members travelling to play in locations outside Hobart. More ambitious social events included a group hiring two boats to travel along the Murray River for a week. Following this a trip was organised to travel on the Canal de Nivernais in France.

2021 will be the 25th anniversary of the Hobart Petanque Club - let's celebrate this achievement in style.

Rules

With our singles, doubles and triples championship dates being discussed it is important that members know the current rules. Many people have asked about the placement of the circle

- 1st end at the start of the game the circle must be placed at 2 metres from all others circles in use and 1 metre inside the back-Dead Boule Line.
- From the second end onwards the correct position for the circle is to place it around the jack where it finished in previous end.
- The team about to throw the jack may move the circle back in line with the previous line of play but only up to 10metres + 1 metre from the Dead Boule Line and no further.
- The location/position of the prefabricated circles must be marked in the case of accidental movement, for the repositioning of the circle.
- Prior to the agreement of points the circle should not be removed until all have agreed.