

What should I wear?

The only requirement is that you wear closed toe shoes.
Otherwise anything goes, whatever you are comfortable in.
Club uniform shirts, caps and jumpers are available to buy.

Political incorrectness!

Even the French are now having to be more P.C.! Petanquistes used to claim it was the only ball game you could play with a glass of wine in your hand. Now it must be kept off the piste - but nearby is OK!

How fit do I need to be?

Not particularly is the answer. A game takes 45-60 minutes.
We play between 2 and 4 games during club social meetings.
You walk up and down the piste a lot to assess the state of play.
Magnetic 'lifters' can help you pick up the boules from the ground.
Nor does it matter if you are right or left handed.

How good is your French?

It doesn't matter at all. The French mumble 'Merde' when things go wrong!

What does membership cost?

\$100 a year membership. \$35 of this provides you with Australia wide injury cover.
Winter format Saturdays have a \$5 charge which funds the wine prizes for that day's play.
Summer evenings have a \$10 charge for a takeaway dinner. Or BYO food free.

Can I get training?

Yes both 'as you play' and special training sessions are available.

Club details

Lynden Park, Melway 60 F4, 64-66 Through Rd (opp. Garden Rd).

The Club is run by a Committee of eight and current office bearers are
Guy Mercier, President, 0408 700 550. Chris Butler, Secretary, 0432 039 598
Peter Barker, V.P. 0428 148 786. Keven Diggins, Treasurer, 0410 578 568



Come and Enjoy!



"Pétanque - Funny Name, Great Game"

Being French nothing sounds as it looks!

The game is Petanque = P'tonk

Played with steel boules = boul

On a stony piste = peest

With a cochonnet ('cosh') = coshonay (cosh)

What's so good about Petanque?

It's great fun, it can be played by all ages, and being French, it has style!

It's quick to learn and even play well. The rough piste we play on is a great equaliser of abilities. New players' boules might not end close to the coche but experts' boules can also go very wrong especially when they land badly on the stoney piste. There's lots of luck in this game!



How is it played?

Play is between 2 teams, each with either 2 or 3 players. Each team plays with 6 boules in total. A toss decides the starting team and one of their players throws the cosh between 6 & 10 ms. That player then throws their first boule as close to the coche as possible. Their opponents then throw as many boules as it takes to get one closer. The first team then has to get closer still. This continues until all 12 boules have been played and the score for that 'end' is counted.

Would you like to have a go?

Come and play a few times, bring a friend. There's no charge, we'll lend you the boules and pair you with a 'buddy'. Get to know the game a little, understand the few rules, meet us all, have a glass of wine and find out all you want to know.

Call Guy on 0408 700 550 or Chris on 0432039598 and just say "Can I have a go at P'tonk!"



When do we play?

Social games at our Club are played each week of the year to two main formats -

December - March, "Summer", we play on Friday evenings from 4.30-7.30+

April - November, "Winter", we play on Saturday from 12.00-5.00

Almost every week there are also competition or tournament games.

Country games can make for great weekends away, there's one most months.

There's a social side of the Club too!

It's not just about petanque The social side is important, we think we're nice people!

Our weekly social games teams are created at random so you mix with everyone.

For other competitions and tournaments you make up your own teams.

There's time to sit, chat and have a quick meal before all social games.

We have various social occasions throughout the year, Xmas dinner is a fun time.



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