



Come and Enjoy!



"Petanque - 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 ('coche') = 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.
New players' might not get 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, with either 2 or 3 players. Each team only ever has 6 boules.
A toss decides which team starts and they throw the cosh between 6 & 10 ms.
That team then throws their first boule as close to the coche as possible. The other team throw their boules until they get one closer. The first team then has to get closer still.
This continues until all 12 boules have been played and that 'end' is scored..



Would you like to have a go?

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 Peter on 0428 148 786 and just say "Can I have a go at P'tonk!"



When do we play?

Social games at our Club are played two days a week every week of the year

- Wednesdays the Club opens at 10.30 for 3 games between 11.00 and 3.00
- Saturdays the Club opens at 12.00 for 3 games between 1.00 and 4.30

Almost every weekend there are competitions at clubs all around Victoria.

Country games can make for very enjoyable weekends away.

There's a social side of the Club too!

It's not just about petanque It's the social side too, we enjoy company!
Our weekly social games are drawn 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 social occasions from time to time, Xmas dinner is a great event.



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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 50-60 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?

\$105 a year membership. \$35 of this provides you with personal injury cover.
Saturdays Games have a \$5 player fee and there are prizes for that day.
Wednesday play is more casually structured and there is no fee to play

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).
Visit our website, check us out: www.camberwellpetanqueclub.org.au
The Club is run by a Committee and current office bearers are
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