

YEAR ENDS WITH PANACHE

One of the pleasures of Southern California living is playing pétanque in Winter. Rain clouds taunted for a while and then opened to provide a beautiful day for the year-end panache triplete on December 9. A good-sized field of players in interesting combinations enhanced the already spirited play ending with trophies awarded in this ranking: (1) Felix Legrand, (2) Edith Bonneville, (3) Elena Chardonnay, (4) Raymond Fouquet, (5) Violeta Hug, (6) Veronique Haour, (7) Ben Bull, (8) Max Legrand, (9) Bruce Marcus, (10) Jay Tarses.

Happy Hanukkah, Joyeux Noël, et Bonne Année!

The annual LAPC holiday banquet gives the club members a chance to dress up bit, contribute to and share a wonderful feast, and take a shot a winning some terrific door prizes while raising a few dollars to keep the club afloat. This year was no exception as many folks generously provided food, drink, and items for the drawing on December 10. Adding to the event was the presentation of awards for the previous-day tournament, awards for the highest participation point-earners of the year went to Dolores Bush and Felix Legrand, and special awards were presented to Giselle Legrand and Nancy Legrand for their unwavering and continued support and special efforts for the club. The party began with a vast *continued on page 2*

Light Turnout Makes For Challenging Play In November Mélée+1



In an attempt to bring a bit more challenge to competition and offer a bit of variety in the kind of team formations used, the LAPC chose to have the November tournament follow the format of a mélé plus one. This triplete brings together a random mix of players who will remain as a team for the entire day. Also, the LAPC board attempted to introduce a time limit on each game played, keeping each to one hour maximum, despite the standings of the end in play. The team format was a welcome change, but the announcement of an arbitrary time limit brought a rather loud outcry from members who felt the idea contrary to the basic spirit of pétanque, and who felt it wasn't in compliance with FPUSA and FIPJP rules. The LAPC board listened to the concerns and lifted the limit in time for the event to proceed. A short but pleasant day of competition was had, with a rather tiny slate of players. Victorious in play and winning some handsome prizes were:

1. Felix Legrand, Robert Piere, Nathan Doster
2. Michel Cardon, Dolores Bush, Violeta Hug
3. Carol Marcus, David Jacobs, Sylvie Rothenberg



DU PRÉSIDENT

Dear Fellow Club Members,

The 2006 pétanque season has come to an end. This year marked some significant changes for our club as new directions were taken, and new ideas were implemented. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president over the past year. The Executive Committee and I have worked hard to bring you a great selection of activities and events this past year. We have tried hard to incorporate suggestions from all club members and to incorporate them into a cohesive plan to keep the club strong, growing, and interesting.

I am proud to be a member of the LAPC. In my years of membership, I have spent all of them on the Committee. I am involved because I love the sport and want to see it grow in the US. This club offers a place where players of all skill levels can come together, enjoy the game, and be part of something greater.

I hope you had a healthy and happy holiday season. With your continued support and help, we will continue to prosper, and have fun. I look forward to a terrific year ahead.

Cheers!

Max Legrand



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webmaster@losangelespetanque.com

Banquet, from page 1 assortment of pot-luck *hors d'oeuvre*, coordinated by (and many prepared by) Carol, and gradually moved toward the luscious roast beef feast under the culinary expertise of Serge and Rudy. Emil's scrumptious tarts and Felix's famous salad completed the meal. A lively raffle for abundant and fantastic prizes, some donated and many gathered by Elisabeth, Diana, Max and Giselle, brought oohs and ahs, friendly jabs at multiple-winners, and an overall light hearted and convivial way to end the year. Thanks to everyone for contributing time, money, prizes, and personality to the great event!

Vallee Shifts Gears and Shares The Joy!

Bon vivant, Rudy Vallee, has joined the ranks of the retired, and held a party at the club. Here's one account: "The day was a glorious LA SoCal one, which they have not all been much lately. I was unaware that there was to be a party, and I doubt that many others were either, but it was quite a turn out. Rudy arrived with a huge sheet cake, yellow layers with chocolate mousse filling, *saucisson*, cheese, a *pâté avec truffes*, red and white wine, as well as the obligatory Ricard. At 11:45, I went to the cabana to see what was going on. Rudy and I put the feast together. I had brought cheese and salamis as well and olives and cornichons. Rudy told me that it was his birthday, the "retirement" one. We put a table out under the rubber tree and covered it with goodies, Max boomed "Déjeuner." We sang to Rudy who was savoring every moment and all the kisses and hugs. Later in the afternoon, while we were playing, Rudy came around with chocolates shaped like little bottles. Each had a different liqueur. He was beaming! What a day. That is pretty much what went on. Minus the juicy gossip, astounding pointing and shooting and general *joie de vivre*. It was an extraordinary day at the *piste*." —Diana Jacobs

COMMITTEE NOTES...

The LAPC committee keeps the business side of the club functioning appropriately and efficiently to ensure we continue to grow, prosper, and most of all, have fun. Recent discussions and actions include:

- The court maintenance plan seems to be working. Payment will not be made for days the gardener fails to appear.
- The LAPC executive committee has been established for 2007. Most positions have alternate members in place to assist with tasks. The list is posted in this newsletter. Anyone wishing to help with committees and projects is encouraged to do so by contacting any board member.
- Competitions for 2007 will mostly be held on Sundays. This schedule allows more casual play on Saturdays. Variety of playing formats will be established to keep everyone interested and participating.
- LAPC will host two FPUSA national women's competitions in May. This will be an important weekend for the club. Plan now to lend a hand.

LAPC COMMITTEE

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Belgian Club Panache: *Un Bon Fête!*



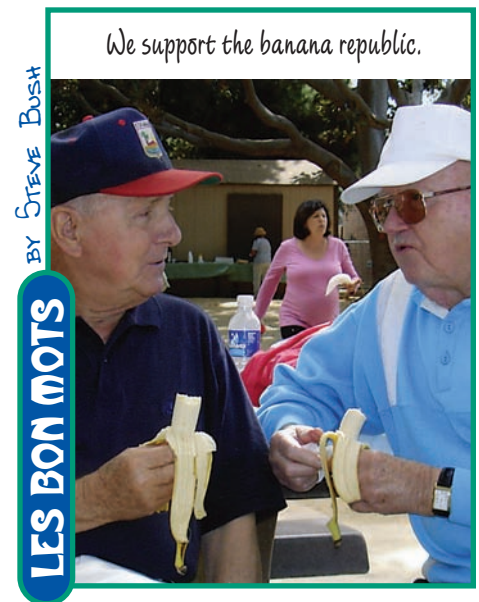
Good friends, great food, and terrific fun, were the cornerstones of the annual Belgian Club panache tournament and feast. Ranging from seasoned champions to first-time players, the teams soldiered on through a day of strong competition and challenging moments. I was fun to spend the day with such a delightful group of people, from kids to oldsters. The magnificent lunch, prepared under the expert eyes of Serge Almeras, Jean Bonnardot, and Rudy Vallee, helped fuel the action and keep the spirits lively. Results of the competition were:

- 1 - Andrew Loi
- 2 - Isabelle Caratella
- 3 - Gordon Waxman
- 4 - Dakota Van Petten
- 5 - Serge Le Franc
- 6 - Sandra Bonneville
- 7 - Chrissy Lion
- 8 - Lucy Nguyen
- 9 - Romano Zihla
- 10 - Pascal Dropsey



DISCOVERING OURSELVES

When you get a call or e-mail from Rachel Tarses or Barbara Tawil, please feel free to share your thoughts and experiences with them. The intrepid reporters plan to compile an updated collection of LAPC member profiles for the archives and publication in the newsletter. Our thanks go to everyone for your efforts on this project.



We support the banana republic.



LAPC Makes Good Showing In Oakhurst Oktoberfest

A contingent of players and family members from the LAPC journeyed to Oakhurst for the annual Oktoberfest and panache triplete competition. The Bonneville, Legrand, and Rapoport clans were represented along with members Bull, Bush and Yates; each made respectable showings with some folks appearing in the top spots. Players from all parts of California joined the fray with these individual results: Nathan Doster, San Luis Obispo, first place, Max Legrand, LAPC, second place, Richard Starkey, Oakhurst, third place, Tish Harris, Oakhurst, fourth place, and Ben Bull, LAPC, fifth place. The Oakhurst club welcomed the group from the south with their characteristic warm hospitality and great spirits, sending home the players with high hopes for a rematch next year.



Premiere Tournament a Huge Success

Dozens of players from around the country arrived early on a balmy October morning to kick off the first-ever La Boule du Desert Pétanque Tournament. The two-day event began with a triplete mélé and brought together seasoned and novice players in groupings that ensured excitement and challenges lasting well into the evening. As is the nature of mélé and pétanque, some teams worked well together, and some teams disintegrated before the event concluded; diverse playing styles and personalities meshed and clashed all over the piste. The second day saw exciting select triplete play. Great food, good friends, and ample refreshments bolstered the experience. Capped by a well-attended closing award ceremony and a feast at the delightful Café des Beaux-Arts, this was clearly a successful adventure.

LA BOULE DU DESERT
1st Pétanque
Tournament
Saturday & Sunday
October 28, 29 2006
Palm Desert Civic Center Park

LOS ANGELES PÉTANQUE CLUB TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 2007

JANUARY 14 (SUN)

Panache Doublette

FEBRUARY 11 (SUN)

Select Doublette

Desert Crêpes Bar

MARCH 18 (SUN)

Panache Triplete

APRIL 22 (SUN)

San Pedro Select Triplete

MAY 26 (SAT)

Women's National Doublette

The men will cook!

MAY 27 (SUN)

Women's World Qualification

Select Triplete

JUNE 17 (SUN)

Panache Triplete with Oakhurst

Potluck

JULY 8 (SUN)

Select Doublette+1 Mélé

AUGUST 12 (SUN)

Tête à Tête

(separate male and female)

SEPTEMBER 15 (SAT)

Belgian Club Triplete Panache

OCTOBER 6 & 7 (SAT & SUN)

Los Angeles Open Select Triplete

NOVEMBER 11 (SUN)

Mixed Triplete Mélé

DECEMBER 8 (SAT)

Triplete Panache

DECEMBER 9 (SUN)

Holiday Banquet

Registration is typically 8:30-9:00 a.m.
with play beginning at 9:30 a.m. Entry
fees and prizes vary by type of event.

Casual games all day on
non-tournament Saturdays and
Monday and Thursday evenings on the
lighted courts.

Bring a friend!



Bienvenue au monde

Max and Giselle Legrand are again proud grandparents with the arrival of twins, Alicia and David Gonzalez, born December 20. Audrey Rothenberg made her debut on January 3 to proud parents, Sylvie and Eric. Congratulations and best wishes to everyone!