

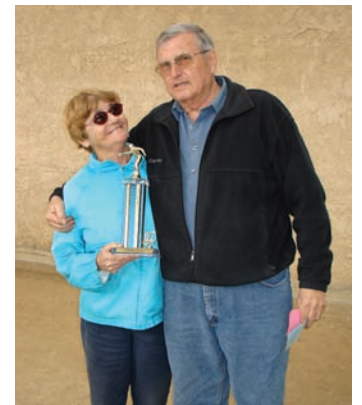
Smooth Sailing In San Pedro



The San Pedro Tournament on April 22 was a great success. There were 16 triplete teams, and some came from San Diego, Oakhurst, and Palm Desert, basking in the sunshine and fair breeze while helicopters and cruise ships came and went. The rattat-rattle of traffic above the piste on the Vincent Thomas Bridge, provided additional diversion while awaiting a chance in the circle. Steve and Dolores Bush were, again, terrific hosts, as well as diligent organizers, of this annual event. Squirring out-of-town players around San Pedro before and after the event was the ever-charming Steve, who knows all the best places in town and keeps everyone together and interested. The LAPC volunteers prepared a fine tournament that ran smoothly and without major incident in what was certainly a long but enjoyable day. After-game dinner was had at the venerable Antes Restaurant bringing participants a taste of middle-European cuisine, and great camaraderie. The predominant feedback was that the restaurant was quite good, and probably better than last year. Top rankings in the tournament went to:

- 1st Place: Max & Felix Legrand and Chuck Rapoport
- 2nd Place: Troy Allport, Charles and Antsonic Zadeyan from San Diego
- 3rd Place: Rudy Vallee, Sandra Bonneville and Diana Jacobs
- 4rd Place: Violeta Hug, Elisabeth Peters and Gordon Waxman
- Consolante 1st Place: Mary-Jane Campbell-Mann, Ed Mann and Colleen Coffman





March Turnout Light Yet Competition Was Challenging

The March 18 tournament was changed from a panache triplete to a combined panache doublette and select doublette. The event suffered a bit from a small turnout of 27 people, with fifteen in the panache and twelve in the select, but provided enough challenge on both fronts to leave the players in good spirits.

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:

- Handicapping was discussed. It was decided that if players wish to use handicaps in informal games that that is fine, but we do not wish to introduce handicaps in any of the tournaments at this time.
- Select Tournaments for \$8 with trophies instead of cash prizes was discussed. At this low price, we thought more people would participate. The first will be on May 20th, a week before the Women's Tournaments. It will be a select doublette.
- Georges Rouveyrol had agreed to do pétanque tutorials, but no dates or specifics have been determined. Bruce will talk to him about dates and detailed plans for the tutorials.
- Southwest Regional Tournaments will be held June 2nd and 3rd in Oakhurst.
- The Oakhurst Invitational will be sponsored here by the LAPC on Sunday, June 17. It will be a triplete panache. There will be a pot luck lunch. No formal dinner will be arranged.

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Thanks, David!

The success of any club comes from many sources, from membership dues to the volunteer committee that looks after the members' needs to make the game of pétanque enjoyable, not just an open field without amenities. We have many members who lend a hand above expectation with their services.

We also have a person who is not a club member but who takes an active interest in our activities and well-being. David Meyers, a member of the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department who, for as long as we can remember, has been very helpful in many ways. His latest endeavor on our behalf is to send a requisition to the Paint Department to paint the club benches and tables. So, when you wonder why the piste looks so fresh one day, we again have our guardian to thank. We salute you, David!

Player Spotlight

By Barbara Tawil and Rachel Tarses



JUDITH MERIANS

Judith grew up in New York, lived in Greenwich Village and got her BA at Brooklyn College and MA degree at New York University. After moving to California to marry, she had two sons and then returned to school to get her law degree.

Judith has had several careers. She's been a speech pathologist, an owner and COO of an Internet distance learning film school, a creator of courseware for film schools, a literary agent, and an entertainment industry attorney. She has been a film school instructor at UCLA Extension for 12 years in addition to instructing at a number of international venues. She has been a speaker at film conferences both here and abroad. She is a member of the Paris-based film group Dreamago, which holds a film writers' retreat at Château Mercier in Sierre, Switzerland every May for ten writers from a juried competition. In addition, she will be teaching at Filmakademie at Baden-Württemberg where she has been asked to design a course for women students as well as a class for the entire school.

Judith first went to Paris when she was twenty, en route to summer school in Cannes. She has always loved big cities and felt very happy in Paris. She immediately fell in love with France. Judith first saw Pétanque played on the Cote d'Azur in the hill town of St. Paul de Vence, a place which is her idea of heaven on earth. She decided that she wanted to understand and play Pétanque because it looked like fun, and it appeared to require skill. Many years later Veronique Haour, her colleague and a member of LAPC, took her to the Club on a Saturday morning. Four years later she's still an active member. She is also a member of the Amicale Sportive du Jardin Du Luxembourg, the Pétanque club in Luxembourg Gardens in Paris.

Judith now lives in Paris five months a year in an apartment in the 6th Arrondissement. She is there from the end of March through the end of June. While in Paris, Judith leads an active academic life conducting workshops and lecturing. She returns to LA to teach at UCLA Film School Summer session and then goes back to Paris for September and October.

She would be delighted to have any members visiting Paris contact her at her e-mail address: judithmerians@aol.com.





La Boule du Desert Fête

The lively bunch in the desert hosted mixed teams of players from all over Southern California in a select triplete tournament on May 6. Attended by a smattering of folks from LAPC and strong players from San Diego, amid a warm, windy, and beautifully clear day, and the expected array of astounding refreshments, the event was a howling success. Highlighted by some astounding skill displayed by veterans and youngsters alike, the morning games sorted out the days champions in agonizing precision for the mid-afternoon finale. After a few hours of recovery, about forty folks gathered at Philippe's Cafe in Palm Springs for an amazing dinner of traditional French cuisine. Hearty thanks to Gerard and all the desert rats for their warm hospitality and expert playing skills.

Au Revoir, Non, A Bientôt, Cher Amis

A former LAPC president and our good friends, Robert Breidenstein, and his wife, Fanny, have relocated from our neighborhood to the far reaches of the California High Desert. We will miss them and certainly wish them all the best. The Breidensteins can still be reached by e-mail at: rfbreidenstein@yahoo.com.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS

Two FPUSA events to bring the very best we can muster to the international *piste* will be held very soon. Now is the time to perfect your game and find compatible teammates that will help you qualify for the next world championship competition. Contact Max Legrand for more information.

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT
 LOS ANGELES PÉTANQUE CLUB
 LOS ANGELES, CA
 MAY 27, 2007

SENIOR'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT
 PORTLAND PÉTANQUE CLUB
 PORTLAND, OR
 JULY 21-22, 2007

The usual array of national and regional competitions are scheduled throughout the year, and throughout the country. For more information, visit the FPUSA web site.



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LOS ANGELES PÉTANQUE CLUB UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

NEW ADDITION – MAY 20 (SUN)

Select Doublette

MAY 26 (SAT)

Women's National Doublette
The men will cook!

MAY 27 (SUN)

Women's World Qualification
 Select Triplette

JUNE 17 (SUN)

Panache Triplette with Oakhurst
Potluck

JULY 8 (SUN)

Select Doublette+1 Mélée

AUGUST 12 (SUN)

Tête à Tête
 (separate male and female)

SEPTEMBER 15 (SAT)

Belgian Club Triplette Panache

OCTOBER 6 & 7 (SAT & SUN)

Los Angeles Open Select Triplette

NOVEMBER 11 (SUN)

Mixed Triplette Mélée

DECEMBER 8 (SAT)

Triplette 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!

HELP SEND THE JUNIOR TEAM TO JAPAN

It's a long and expensive journey that will require thousands of dollars to make a reality, but will happen with your support. The talented 2007 FPUSA Junior Team is ready to stand against the best that FIPJP countries will offer at the Junior World Championships in Suwa, Japan, July 13 to 15.

Please send your support in the form of a check payable to FPUSA to treasurer Max Legrand, P.O. Box 641595, Los Angeles, CA 90064. Mark the check as a contribution to the Junior Team Fund.