

LOS ANGELES PETANQUE CLUB  
TOURNAMENT CALENDAR  
2006

FEBRUARY 11 (Sat) Panache DOUBLET [CREPE FÊTE]

MARCH 12 OAKHURST PANACHE TRIPLETTE (\*HERE)  
POT LUCK - EVERYONE BRING A DISH - DRINKS PROVIDED

APRIL 9 SAN PEDRO OPEN SELECT TRIPLETTE

MAY 13 (SAT) PANACHE DOUBLETTE [CINCO DE MAYO]

JUNE 11 SELECT/MÉLÉE DOUBLETTE

JULY 15 PANACHE TRIPLETTE [BASTILLE DAY]

AUGUST 12 PANACHE DOUBLETTE [CHOUROUTE FÊTE]

SEPTEMBER 2 NATIONAL SELECT MIXED DOUBLETTE  
SEPTEMBER 3 NATIONAL TÊTÈ-À-TÊTÈ

OCTOBER 15 BELGIAN BUSINESS CLUB PANACHE  
[CASSOULET + POTLUCK FÊTE]

NOVEMBER 12 2 SELECT + 1 MÉLÉE TRIPLETTE

DECEMBER 9 PANACHE TRIPLETTE  
DECEMBER 10 HOLIDAY PARTY

(ALL GAMES ON SUNDAYS EXCEPT WHEN INDICATED)

(\$ INDICATES MONEY GAME - \$20 ENTRY CASH PRIZES)

Saturday all day - casual games  
Mondays and Thursday evenings

Games are played on our lighted courts. People begin arriving 4 in the afternoon and play until 9 in the evening. There are sometimes 10 to 15 players and there's plenty of room for more. Come on down. The more you play the better you get.

**REMINDER: Any memberships paid after February 28 will cost \$5.00 more per person.**

**Make your dues payable to the LAPC and send to LAPC, P.O. Box 641595, Los Angeles, CA 90064**

**Please include your email address and any change to your home address**



We were shocked and saddened to learn of *Bien Jouer* **George Kulkin** injuries. George fell and broke his collar bone and is resting at home and fortunately, for George, the fall didn't cause even more serious injuries and, so, with that, we say, "*Bien tomber, George.*" Get well soon and come out and play. Speaking of getting well, **Emil Hug** is doing all he can to improve his health. He has even gone so far as to travel to **Hungary**, along with his brother **Josef Hug** and his (and our) good friend, **Rudy Hertig**. The three boys are having one helluva great bachelor journey to the land of milk and honey and, more importantly, healing waters. Yes, we hear from Emil's **Violeta** that the three musketeers are dipping into mineral waters, then submitting (unwillingly of course) to a series of body "manipulations" known in the west as massages. Hurry home, Emil. And let Rudy and Josef know that we MISS THEM too!

Member **Robert Pierre** needs a little well-wishing, too. He's had some medical work done in France and he says all is well. So, good for you, Robert. Heal up and come back soon.

**Edith Bonneville** has been away to **El Salvador** visiting and bringing much needed love and care to her ailing mother. When she returns, **Sandra Bonneville** will be making the journey to Central America to be with her grandmother, perhaps for the last time. We wish them all the best.

**Oakhurst** is coming down from "dem dere hills" in **March** to join us in a little "kiss the pig" on our home courts. The **Saturday night** before the tournament (**Sun 12th**) there will be a festive dinner at the **26th Beach Café in Venice** and for only \$25 per person you can have your choice of Salmon, Chicken or Pasta, appetizer and dessert and we're working on getting wine tossed in, too. In any case, for \$25 it's a steal.

Speaking of "**Kiss the Pig**," A club by that name has been accepted into the national organization **FPUSA**, down in Miami, Florida. Welcome.

**David Jacobs** has taken a sabbatical from the Board of Directors of LAPC and his wife, **Diana Jacobs** has graciously agreed to take his place. The board says thanks to David and gives a big welcome to Diana - who though tiny in stature, will fill David's shoes quite well.

Looking forward to the return of San Pedro. This year on **April 9**, **Steve Bush** will see to it that new grounds for the **San Pedro Open** (yes, that means everyone is invited to participate) will be as fabulous as the former tournaments by the sea. The games are to be played on new grounds on the Promenade at harborside.



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# L.A. Pétanque Reporter

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## MANY VIE FOR CASH IN YEAR'S FIRST \$SELECT Tide Turns. More Select Players than Panache Hit the Dirt



Select Players about to go for the money - photo includes the few Panache players who played concurrently

**Jan. 15** At a time when fewer and fewer club members were showing up for tournament participation, a surprising 28 members registered for the Select cash games (\$20 entry fee) This first challenge of the year, a Doublet Select, caught organizers off guard; only 10 members signed up for the Panache. The low participation of the past year has been a key subject of the club committee resulting in the drawing-up of annual games heavy on Panache, low on Select and hardly any Mélées.

Interestingly, the Méléé is the preferred game in the villages of the South of France but is unpopular here in the States, at least here in L.A.. Méléés games take each entrant, assign them a numbered token which are stirred into a hat and drawn at random. Teams can then consist of any sort of player, skilled, unskilled novice, etc.. Though it seems unfair at times, one never knows the kind of team one will be drawn into it and that in itself becomes a sort of gamble - and you do your best.

Panache, as we all know, switch players, forming new

teams for every game and each player's score is tallied individually and the scores, games won and lost, and the difference between the total points accumulated by wins and losses determine the tournament victors. Select, as the name implies, is all about bringing your team of doubles or triples to compete against other all ready formed teams. These games resemble all the national and international championship tourneys like the *Mondial* or the *Marseillaise* or our own national qualifying games (to be played this summer in Sonoma - so start practicing).



Brothers Karamazov, Art and Nikki, tried to used their Russian to stump the competition.

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Fourteen doubles teams competed in the Select games and ten individuals formed doubles Panache teams. There were some interesting upsets in the Select rounds and by the afternoon, four doubles team finalists fought their way to the top: **Thuan (Tom) Nguyen and Pascal Corcia, Max Legrand and Robert Pierre, Mai and Ly Nguyen,** and two newcomers, one from Holland and this friend (the editor apologizes - not knowing their names at press time).

Winning the big prize (this should come as no surprise) Mai and Ly who played against Thuan and Pascal. Third place was taken by Max and Robert.

Winners in the Panache were **Dolores Bush** in 1st place, **Hoa Nguyen** (Mai’s wife) in 2nd, **Vito Cascio** 3rd, **Violeta Hug** 4th, **Lucy Nguyen** in 5th and **Gordon Waxman** in 6th place.



Finalists in the January Select tournament



## PROFESSOR PETANQUE

### Articles 37,38

Players who are guilty of breaking rules or **showing violence** towards an official or umpire or towards another player or spectator, is liable to invite one or more of the following penalties: exclusion from the competition, withdrawal of license and confiscation of prizes.

Prof. Pétañque wonders if the **threats** of violence also constitute the same infraction and the same penalties. Certainly attempting to, and being successful at intimidating an umpire at a world class match constitutes an infraction of Rule 37 because in Rule 38, it is the umpire who is charged with maintaining order on the playing courts and seeing to it that all competitors play in even in controlled games; that no advantages are allowed to one team or the other. If the umpire is afraid of a member of a team, then that team has secured an advantage.



### LOVE LETTER TO THE BUSHES

To our dear friends, Dolores and Steve. On this Valentine’s Day we wish you all the best. There is no question that our club is better for having you as members, both in the games, and on the Committee. You both work tirelessly to make our experience more pleasurable with your coffees and sweets, your welcoming onlookers into our terrain to try playing *boules*, your construction of benches and toolsheds. Everything you do. We love you!

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 9TH STEVE BUSH
- 14TH BRIAN PETERS
- 16TH TREVOR VAN PATTEN
- 17TH DAVID BLITZ
- 20TH JUERGEN LADENBURGER
- 22ND NIKITA FEDEROV
- 26TH CAMILLE CROCHET
- 27TH NATASHA GERDAU
- 27TH GISELE LEGRAND

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1ST LAURA JOSSO
- 2ND DAVID PAULSEN
- 3RD EDITH BONNEVILLE
- 4TH ISABELLE CARRATALA
- 11TH ELENA CHARDONNAY
- 13TH MARIA CASCIO
- 18TH PETER BULCKE
- 19TH MAI NGUYEN
- 22ND GERARD COHEN
- 24TH SYLVIE ROTHENBERG

### NEXT TOURNAMENTS



#### FEBRUARY 11th

**Panache Doublet  
Crêpe Fête**

Bring Picnic - the Crêpes are dessert  
\$10 entry pp

Please Picnic - Bring Your Own Food

#### MARCH 12th

**Oakhurst Games  
Panache Triplet**

Pot Luck - Everybody Brings Something  
Beverages Will be Provided  
\$10 Entry pp

#### APRIL 9th

**SAN PEDRO OPEN  
SELECT TRIPLETTE**

Bring Picnic - the Crêpes are dessert  
\$10 entry pp  
Registration 9 AM ~ Play begins 9:30  
(Unless Otherwise Stipulated)

### L.A.P.C. Committee

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