



## MORNINGTON PENINSULA PETANQUE CLUB Inc. 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Annual Report of the Committee

### Introduction

Another very successful year of petanque with our membership growing from 37 to 53 members. We now have a firm proposal for our Mornington Peninsula Petanque Centre at Moorooduc Recreation Reserve, and it is expected that our terrain will be completed and ready for use in August/September 2016.

There have been several very enjoyable and successful fund-raising events, including the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Trivia Night, Fun and Games Night and Theme Dinners.

### Membership and Promotions

Our "Come and Try Petanque" promotion at Mornington Park (15<sup>th</sup> November 2015) was not as successful as the 2014 event being held too late in the year. Although attendance was good we did not gain many new members. Our 2016 "Come and Try Petanque Day" will be held in October.

### Committee Meetings

During the year 6 Committee Meetings, including a Special Committee Meeting to discuss Fund-raising, were held. These were all well attended.

Due to on-going surgery our Treasurer, Martin, resigned from his portfolio, and from the Committee. Eve took over the Treasurer role for the rest of the Financial Year. The Committee decided to reduce the work-load on the treasurer and appointed Neil Franks, to handle the book-keeping aspect. Thank you for all of your hard work Martin and Eve.

### Development of MPPC

In line with our membership growth the following developments have been achieved for our Club

- We have at last received a proposal from the Shire for building of our "home" at the Moorooduc Recreation Reserve.
- Development of MPPC Website, together with Terry Cantwell and students from the Mt. Eliza Secondary College. We need to further populate the website with Content. A big thanks to Jim, Di, and Vicki.
- The Strategy Plan initially developed by Chris Nelms and me, with refinements by other Members, has been updated – for consideration of the new Committee. This is a "living document", and it is recommended that it be continuously updated as the Club develops.
- An A-Frame has been purchased for use at Club Events.

Thank you Eve for continued building our Club image

## **Mornington Peninsula Petanque Centre**

Last year we had been negotiating with the Shire's Recreation and Leisure Group for the building of our Terrain at Citation Reserve. During June the R&L Group were disbanded and it took us some months before we could determine who we would be working with within the Shire. With some careful sleuthing and calling on his many contacts, Jim was able to identify that we would be talking with the Buildings Group. They offered us the option of building our terrain over a double tennis court at the Moorooduc Recreation Reserve.

A Request for Quotations has been issued for the building of 7 pistes and a storage shed, and it is expected that the work should be completed in the August/September.

## **Game Days and Tournaments**

Our Game Days have been held on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday afternoons at various interesting locations across the Peninsula, with the Rose Gardens being most popular. Club tournaments have been held on our Peninsula sister-clubs pistes, normally on the first Sunday of each month. High achievers were Michael Harrisson, Neil McKenzie, John Clark, Carol Powell and Judy Clark.

Our Club Champion for 2015 was Michael.

A big thanks to Mic Thomas and Mens' Shed for the design and construction of a very fine Perpetual Trophy.

The outgoing Committee recommends to the new Committee that, in case of inclement weather, the Game Co-ordinator e-mails all members advising if the Game-Day is cancelled.

Geoff Turner has offered to drive the Game-Day Programme on advice from the Committee.

## **Tournaments with Other Clubs**

MPPC performed well in the three Peninsula Cup tournaments with St. Andrews Beach and Portsea Clubs. Performances of note were by Jan Fay, Chris Holman, Chris Nelms, Elizabeth Robinson, Gill Wright, and Neil McKenzie.

A social game was held with Main Ridge Club, on their new terrain. This proved very popular.

Members attended competitions at Main Ridge, St. Andrews Beach, Caulfield, Echuca, Nagambie and Hobart.

## **Training and Coaching**

Our VPCi Regional Coach, Guy Bahler, conducted a Regional coaching session at Flinders. We all enjoyed the coaching to improve our skills.

It is recommended that Internal Skills Training recommence when we move to Moorooduc.

Michael and Colin attended an Umpire Training Course at Camberwell.

## **Fund-raising for the Mornington Peninsula Petanque Centre**

Several successful fund-raising events were held during the year – See Carol's Report

## **Social Events**

Several events were held this year, all of which were very well attended – See Barb and Di's Report.

## **Appreciation**

On behalf of Club Members I thank Eve for her secretarial work, and development of our Club image, to Martin for his tireless work during his time as Treasurer, and to all the other members who have helped in so many ways. We have a solid Club with a great spirit. I am looking forward to working together with you all next year, in whatever capacity, to continue to build our Club in accordance with our Strategy Plan.

Michael Harrisson

President - MPPC