

# *Valley of the Moon Petanque Club*

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## *2009 Calendar of Events*

### **Wednesday February 15:**      *Spring Singles League Commences*

Email invitation coming: \$10.00 pp 100% generous payout of entry fees Champions receive keepsake medals and attendant bragging rights for a full year! Director: Barbara Hall

### **Saturday February 28:**      *Spring Cleaning Work Party      10am to mid afternoon*

Plant the Wall Of Flowers. Club House re-organization. Free Lunch for workers. Casual play after work. Rain date: March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Saturday March 28:**      *Season Opener 4-Boules Soup Bowl Singles*

We're opening the season with a blast of an event! No excuses here folks. Head to head competition and no partners to blame. Remember, if 100 players show up today, 99 of us will be losers. It's a long shot for everyone. Wasn't it Shakespeare that said, "It's better to have played...than not to have played at all?"

Tourney: \$6.00 Lunch: \$5.00 Hearty Spring Thai Flavors Soup (Narin). Sign up closes at 10:00 am. Reservations required. Rain date: Sunday March 29 (Directors Tom and Lee)

### **Saturday April 25:**      *Sadie Hawkins Spring Fling      Select Mixed Doubles*

Girls ask the boys on this one! This event masquerades as a casual day in the park with the Pot Luck Picnic ambience. And yet we're certain you've seen it before... the competitive drive shows through the veneer of an otherwise smiling face. Friendly competition at its best!

Tourney: \$10.00 Lunch: Pot Luck Picnic. Sign up closes at 10:00am. Rain date: Sunday April 26. (Directors: Patrick Vaslet & Shannon Bowman)

### **Sunday May 17:**      *FPUSA Regional Mixed Doubles*

Tourney: \$20.00 Lunch: TBD Sign-up TBD Reservations: TBD

### **Sunday June 7:**      *BBQ Lamb Picnic Party & Petanque*

This is an all out hoot focused on what has been called Sonoma's finest picnic. Casual play with friends, serious wine, demonstrations of petanque magic, navy blue table cloths with center-pieces, an optional mini-tournament, and...did we say... fun? We bring everything for you. Not to miss!

Clinics: 11:00am 12:30 Lunch: \$15. Wine, Music, Casual play, and Mini Tournament after lunch. Reservations required. (Directors Tom & Bill)

### **Wednesday June 24:**      *Summer Doubles League Commences*

Everyone's a winner in this VOMPC staple. Camaraderie, Drama, and Competition is yours for the taking! We will find a team for you if you're not already booked. You will be contacted with all the details. Director: Peter Mathis

### **Sunday June 28:**      *The Sonoma Cup Select Open Triples*

Many have tried to have their names permanently engraved on the prestigious Sonoma Cup. And many are still chasing the dream. Most disturbingly, we have repeat winners suggesting some kind of impossible barrier, an impenetrable obstacle to fame and fortune. For cryin' out loud...It's an easy game!

Tourney \$25 per Team Lunch: 7\$ Broadway Sandwich, chips, soda/beer. Sign up closes at 10:00am. (Directors PJ and TBA)

### **Sunday July 12:**      *Ravenswood Bastille Day Grand Concours de Petanque Random Triples*

This is a grand event celebrating the French heritage of the game. People come from miles around the Bay Area to attend this event because the cuisine is so remarkable. The club goes all out for this shining gem of a day. Ravenswood is the perennial sponsor of this elegant date of camaraderie. Wine comes with your lunch.

Tourney: \$6.00 Lunch: \$20.00. Sign up closes at 10:00am. Reservations required. (Director Peter Mathis of Ravenswood)

***RESERVATIONS: 707-258-3450 – or – [www.vompc.org](http://www.vompc.org)***

**Saturday July 25: Wine Makers Picnic & Petanque**

Come and meet Sonoma's amateur wine makers and taste their amazing achievements. Sample their labor of love which, in many cases, ranks with the very best that Sonoma has to offer!

Casual Play: 11am 12:30 Lunch: \$30. Cornish Game Hens & Wild Rice. Live Auction.

Mini Tournament after lunch. Reservations Required.

**Sunday Sept. 27: VOMPC Open Championship Select Triples**

You gotta be a member to play today. Bowman, Bricca and Kurz won this last year. Proof that any blind pig can find a truffle. The game is on!

Tourney \$10.00. Lunch: \$10 Pizza, sodas, salads, and wine. Sign up closes at 10:00 am.

(Directors Dave and TBA)

**Sunday October 4: Sonoma Oktoberfest**

So many people came last year. We will expand our generous offerings to our City residents. Lagunitas Brewery, Succulent smoked pork chops, Real Sauerkraut, More music, More picnic, and More petanque!

Casual Play: 11am Lunch: 12:30. Bratwurst and Beer: \$15.00. Casual Play and Optional Mini Tournament after lunch. Music and Sponsored Breweries. Reservations required.

(Directors Hans and Tom)

**Sat. & Sun. October 17 & 18: Wine Country Open Select doubles**

Big hitters vs. all comers. There will be some National sharks hunting for Sonoma glory in this straight-up contest but the hometown advantage figures large in this heavy metal melee. Don't miss this chance to play against America's best! Your game will never be the same again.

Tourney: \$50. 100% Payout Lunch both days: Included. Qualify on Saturday and finals and Consolante on Sunday. (Directors Narin Garrett and PJ Mallette)

**Sunday November 1: Annual Meeting at the Courts**

Casual Play 11:00am Lunch: \$5.00 Meeting at 3:30

**Saturday Nov. 7: George Pipal Memorial Random Tourney.**

**VOMPC vs. Willits**

Tourney: TBD Lunch: Potluck Rain Date: Sunday November 8 Details: TBA

**Saturday November 28: Post Thanksgiving Potluck**

**Random doubles**

Lunch: Bring your leftovers for sandwiches. Stay tuned for details.

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## **Valley of the Moon Petanque Club**

### **OFFICIAL 2009 Schedule of Events**

**Greetings VOMPC Members!**

The Incoming 2009 Board of Directors wants to take a moment and celebrate the accomplishments of the 2008 Board and their innovative contributions. Over 275 lunches were served at the Picnic & Petanque and the Oktoberfest events, something never before achieved. A list of improvements as long as your arm by the Facilities Committee has set a new standard of Club Excellence. The eye-popping vompc.org Website, with its reservation wizardry and untold bells and whistles, was created by Treasurer Bill Thomson and places VOMPC on the highest platform within the USA rostrum of Petanque Clubs.

And the volunteers! To them the Club owes its 2008 success. The 2009 board is looking forward to the ensuing challenge. "Season 2009" promises to be extraordinary.

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
OPEN PLAY**

A long standing tradition here at VOMPC is the open play of Wednesday nights.

Absolutely no-one sits out on Wednesday Nights. Don't have boules? We'll get them for you. Don't have wine...don't push your luck!

To celebrate **Open Play Wednesday**, the club will be lighting the BBQ for a cook your own steaks, burgers or veggies. Every Wednesday from June through September.

Remember, the club provides the fire, you provide the sizzle.

**Guaranteed Play**

The Club's goal is to fill our courts up with people having fun. To that end we want to make it easier for our members to play in more tournaments.

We know that for triples events it's tough to get a team together. If you are a single player or even 2 people looking for a third, come to the courts at 9:30am on tournament day and your Board will guarantee that you will play.

You'll be able to pick-up a team and if there is an uneven number, Board members will be standing by to fill up your team!

**RESERVATIONS**

REMEMBER: If it's catered, you will need to make a reservation.

Vompc has the best reservation system around.

**HOTLINE 258-3450  
&  
www.vompc.org**

PLEASE: No later than the Thursday before the event!

**LEAGUES**

**Spring Singles**  
February 11 – Mid May  
Director: Barbra Hall

**Summer Doubles**  
August - September  
Director: Peter Mathis

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**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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**CLUB DUES**

Avoid FPUSA \$5 late fee.  
Join through the website or mail your check to the address listed below.

\$40 Single  
\$55 2 Adults same Home  
\$10 Junior each per Home  
\$15 Junior Independent  
\$20 Associate

**VOLUNTEER!**

***Many Hands Make Light Work***

You *are* needed. Please consider volunteering some of your time to the many events sponsored by the VOMPC this year. Contact the event Director or President Mike Cooper. Just say, "I'll be there to help!"

**BOARD MEETINGS**

Come one, Come all. If you are interested in attending or have a concern, please contact a board member.

Your board works hard to represent the membership's interests.

**IMPORTANT DATE**

If you would like to serve on the 2010 Board of Directors, please make it known to any of your current board members by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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