

# PROSPECT PÉTANQUE



## Carol Sewer

**Winner of State**

**Singles Title**

8-9 December '07

Carol defeated Jenny Key

from

Adelaide Hills Club

After a long absence from the duties of secretary I have returned briefly (more on that later) to write a very overdue newsletter. Having been completely out of the pétanque loop for so long I feel ill equipped to undertake this task.

Firstly the postponement of the Snake Cup in early January this year was a disappointment for many of us, it is hoped that a new date can be found to continue with our tradition of remembering our very special friend Jake McKee.

On a brighter note the Melee organised by Alan Matthews has been a great success. Winners were announced on March 5th, see winners and photos below. Approximately 30 players turned up for the final night including a large number from the Gawler Club, our thanks to them for their support.

The next Melee will be a three month event, again on the first Wednesday of every month, 7.00pm registration for a 7.30pm start. Details will be on the website but the next Melee is scheduled to commence on April 2.

Members from Prospect Pétanque attended the SAFM Family Expo held on the long weekend in March. All clubs in SA took turns in rotation at the pétanque booth in an endeavour to promote the game. Unfortunately searing temperatures inhibited large numbers participating. Maggie, Trudy, Alan Matthews, Mike and Valmai attended. The cohort for this event, mainly very young kids, does not seem to be the most productive demographic for promoting the sport and attracting new players.

**Valmai Nicoll (Secretary)**

### *Melee Inaugural winners*

1st Dave Ward  
2nd Grant Ashmeade  
3rd Toni Stojic

*Equal top aggregate awards  
went to Matty Lindner &  
Sebastien Ross  
(pictures below)*

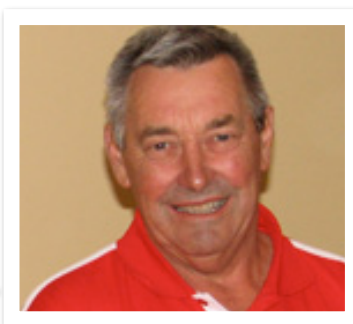
*Alan Matthews thanks everyone who patronised this FUN event*



## Interstate Challenge

*Sydney, November 2007*

Prospect Pétanque members, Brett Williams, Allan Sanderson, Mike Mulvihill and Dave Ward along with John Wright (Adelaide Club) formed the Veteran men's team for this competition. There were no prospect members in the women's team due to the withdrawal of Valmai, the women competing in the Veteran's team were Claudia Wright, Judith Brown and Glenys Head. The SA Veteran's team performed admirably to take second place losing to NSW on a count back.



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well we can't say that we don't have an interesting life – in a petanque sense at least! We have a new set of guidelines/rules which have been pushed on us from the Petanque Australia board: these have caused some controversy with respect to Club Cups and our more fun based competitions. Some points that your committee has been struggling with include the need to have an umpire present at all these functions, a tournament director to run each day and the need to have licensed players competing. As a policy we have decided to go along with these recommendations, as the alternative was not tenable.

The National triples championships in Melbourne was held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of January and our club was ably represented by Valmai Nicoll, Richard Voskamp, Dave Ward and Brett Williams. Dave and Brett were teamed with John Wright and we came an almost satisfactory second in the over 60 division. Since then Valmai, Mike, Dave and Brett have been asked to join the Australian team to compete against the over 60 New Zealand side in Christchurch on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> of April. Lets hope the weather is much kinder than last time we were there (and that we bring back the silverware).

I sincerely welcome Valmai back to full working order following her grease and oil change and indeed hope she goes from strength to strength. Also on the sick list is our Monique who has been and will be further hospitalised in early April. I wish her well. My old (sorry Al for the old) partner Allan Sanderson has had a dramatic knee repair procedure and says that with continuing therapy he will be able kick my 'something' very soon. Get better quickly Allan – I miss your shooting and some of those droll comments. We all missed Alan Elliot our BBQ chef and Wednesday night pal - we must be getting old as this list seems to be growing all too fast. Great to have you back on deck Alan. To Carol S also, eyes are awfully precious and I hope that yours improve dramatically really soon.

Congratulations to the Melee organisers (particularly Alan Matthews and his support staff) for the melee series just concluded and to the prize winners - Dave Ward 1<sup>st</sup> and Grant Ashmeade 2<sup>nd</sup>. A new Melee series began on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March and we were delighted to welcome a contingent from Gawler who managed to arrive about one hour ahead of expectation. (The Gawler club will be organising the Chateau Dorrien competition and I wish them well. Please endeavour to patronise this non-cup as it will be a SOCIAL EVENT.)

We are having a good round of functions at the club and it is thanks particularly to our 'die-hards' Carol S, Richard, Susan, Monique, Maggie, Chris and newest almost committee member Shane that we are able to provide personnel to cover these events. I know that I could have missed thanking some and if so I apologise. There is a BUT..... we are desperately in need of additional volunteers to cover club functions and I appeal to all club members to assist in any way they can. Please talk to Carol or Brett for details because we NEED you!

Web-master Dave continues to provide Prospect with the BEST web-site in town or probably the best in Australia. It is my understanding that he is ably assisted by Grant and Shane. My thanks to Dave both on and off the piste, and to Grant and Shane for their quality input.

There is currently a new State Selection process up for discussion and I will ask Dave to put what he can on the web-site so we can all be involved. On this topic, Grant has been asked to again be a State Selector and I congratulate him: I wish him well as this is a very onerous task which he carried out to his and Prospect's credit in 2007.

**Brett Williams (President)**

## New Players

As always, the club welcomes new players - so we extend a warm welcome to Marilyn Blyth who has been attending Wednesday evening sessions.

## Coming Events

- March 22-23: National Easter Open - Beresford NSW  
April 2: Super Melee commences - Prospect  
April 6: Barossa Vintage Cup - Barossa  
April 13 : State League Round 6 - ESP  
May 4: Georges Piron Cup - Prospect  
May 18: President's Cup - Prospect

## Around the Club

Prospect Council have agreed to replace the old water pipes and at the same time connect mains gas to the club room allowing us to purchase a new gas stove and hot water service. Council will also repair perimeter fencing and remove the old tennis club shelter. The club will make a small financial contribution to this work but the majority of the funding is being found by Council.

Members may be interested to know that Council have signed a new five year lease

As most members appreciate, Brett works hard for the club, he has recently been kept very busy with the numerous functions taking place, plus keeping the trees watered in this scorching heat and of course there is much more to the role of president some of it unseen. So remember to acknowledge him from time to time.

Thanks too to Mike for mowing the lawns and trimming the edges, including on club hire occasions and for organising the alcohol requests for those hiring the facility.

## Situation Vacant

After 9 years of holding the office of secretary I am stepping down from this position at the AGM in July 2008. I hope that someone else will see themselves in this role and come forward to take up the position and continue to support the president and the club.

It is preferable for the secretary to be online as a great deal of the information comes through email. The duties are:

- Minutes and Agendas
- Receiving and sending correspondence - most of this is electronic
- Conduit for information from PA and SAPL
- Keeping members informed - forwarding emails and hard copies to Monique of key events
- Receiving club subscriptions forms - keeping a data base of members
- Managing the process of annual PA licence renewals (apart from collecting the money)
- Writing occasional submissions
- Newsletters
- Preparation of Flyers

I am happy to assist the new person as much as possible to get established in the role.

## Website

For information as it happens..... go to [www.prospectpetanque.com.au](http://www.prospectpetanque.com.au)