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## Need a new passion?

IF YOU TALK to the players hanging out at the **Prospect Petanque Club**, they'll tell you petanque is a game that is as seductive as Paris. After all, it started in France, where in every town you see players throwing metal balls (boules) under the shady plane trees.

One of Prospect's best kept secrets is the beautiful grounds and licensed clubrooms in Buchanan Street, Nailsworth which makes a trip there much cheaper than a trip to France.

The often-used image of players seen balancing a glass of wine in one hand and a ball in the other is a little overdone, but does capture the genial appeal and gentle physical activity that this wonderful game offers. Coffee is brewing and on Sundays lunch is provided for a few dollars. In winter, it's fun to rug up and beat the winter chills with a warming game and a glass of red. The heaters and cafe blinds mean you can still enjoy an al fresco experience.

When people were asked why they love petanque so much, there were many reasons. Some are attracted by the convivial social atmosphere and go to meet new people and make new friends; others find it a relaxing, almost meditative activity; there are those who are serious about developing their skill and are addicted to the clack of metal-on-metal as they hit an opponents ball out of the way; and some love the physical exercise and being out of doors.

"It's a great way to relax" was heard from a number of people – and in these days of hard economic times it's definitely one of the most affordable passions you can find.

It's a game for anyone and everyone. **Allan** recently returned from the Australian National Petanque Triples Championship in Perth where he won the Over 60s Shooting Competition. (In petanque, a shooter is a player who has developed the skill of throwing a ball to hit and remove an opponents ball just like the 65 metre 6 point screamer of footy).

**Cameron** at five years of age has declared himself the keeper of the jacks



### Petanque – funny name, fun game!

(cochonnets), the games small wooden target balls. He has his own set of smaller metal balls but still prefers to throw Granddad's 72 mm/680 g competition boules. He is already showing the style that could very well see him representing South Australia as a junior in a few years.

**Marie** and her daughter regularly attend the Club on Saturday afternoons, have done for the twelve years the club has been here, but play in a competition? Never!

Why not book for a free introductory lesson by phoning **Dave** on **0418 106 459**? You won't know till you expose yourself to petanque, it might ignite a new passion!

For more information about Prospect Petanque Club visit the Club's website [www.prospectpetanque.com.au](http://www.prospectpetanque.com.au) or phone **Brett** on **0404 227 926**.

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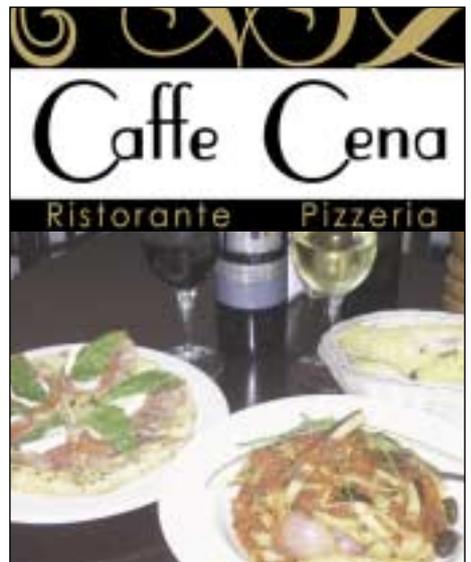
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