



PETANQUE IN CANBERRA & THE LOCAL REGION NEWSLETTER



50

Breaking News;

Its official, the CPC has 50 signed up members. I received this good news from our Treasurer yesterday so it must be true! This is a great achievement for our club, a bench mark of sorts. 50 members makes us one of the bigger clubs in Australia but also one where people like you and I prefer to go and have our own special brand of good fun. Yes, it's all about petanque but also, and maybe more importantly, about the interaction of members and the social side of the game which unites us in friendship and good sporting fun. I think we have the formula just about right, the levers have been set well in a balanced mix of competitive play and social interaction, each supporting the other and combining to make a superb and pleasant whole. This has been made clear to us by not only our own members but reinforced by others who say the same about us from without. We are a happy bunch and that attracts attention and others to our cause. We have the 'vibe'!

Let us bask in our glory for a moment and give ourselves a pat on the back for what we have achieved together so far.

So where from here?

My thinking is that we will continue to grow and that is a good thing. Unfortunately we will lose 4 key members later this year which is sad but attrition is inevitable and a fact of life. We will miss Kim, Celeste, Bruce and Storm very much but they have contributed immensely to our success and for that we are grateful and we will no doubt stay in touch. I see the club achieving 60 - 70 or more members in the coming years and our Weston Park facility can accommodate that with no real problems. Keep in mind that 50 members usually translates into 25 or so on the piste on any good day (the 50% rule applies) If we reach figures of 70 - 80, then there may be an argument for splitting the club into a Northern Canberra and Southern Canberra 'chapters' of the CPC club using the same facilities on alternate days for example? These are my thoughts only and are things for future committees to dwell and deliberate upon. Anyway let's not get ahead of ourselves, let's be joyful in achieving this magic figure of 50 for which we have worked towards for some years. It's come quicker than I thought, partly due to our superb new ground at Weston Park which continues to perform as a key element in our success story but also that beautiful thing called the club 'vibe' that permeates throughout. it's a magic thing we have at the CPC, it is about us, you and I, as individual members and our beautiful sport that brings us all together. Well done CPC, long may you live, grow and prosper. Never lose that 'vibe'....

