

What should I wear?

The only requirement is that you wear closed toe shoes. Otherwise anything goes - whatever you are comfortable in.

Political incorrectness!

Even the French now have to be more PC! Petanquistes used to claim it was the only ball game you could play with a glass of wine in your hand. Now it must be kept off the piste – but nearby is ok!

How fit do I need to be?

Not particularly is the answer. A game takes 45 – 60 minutes. We play 2 - 3 games during club social meetings. You walk up and down the piste a lot to assess the state of play. Magnetic 'lifters' can help you pick up the boules from the ground. It does not matter if you are right or left handed.

How good is your French?

It doesn't matter at all. The French mumble 'Merde' when things go wrong.

What does Clochemerle Club membership cost?

\$65.00 per year. \$35.00 of this provides Australia wide injury cover, also a player licence to play in all open competitions. Monthly Clochemerle members-only competitions have a \$2.00 entry fee. Social events are either BYO or a small fee is charged to cover costs.

Can I get training?

Yes, both 'as you play' and special training sessions are available.

CLUB DETAILS

Address: PO Box 135, Guildford WA 6835

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Playing Times: Wednesday: Mechanics Institute, Meadow St, Guildford
9am–12pm.

Sunday: Spring Reserve, Helena Street, Guildford 10am-12pm in summer,
1pm-3pm in winter.

Le Club Clochemerle de Petanque Inc





Petanque – Funny Name, Great Game!

Being French nothing sounds as it looks....

The game is Petanque = “P’tonk”, played with steel boules = “bools”, on a stony piste = “peest”, with a cochonnet = “coshonay”.

What’s so good about Petanque?

It’s great fun. It can be played by all ages, and being French, it has style! It’s quick to learn and even play well. The rough piste is a great equaliser of abilities. New players’ boules might not end close to the coche but experts’ boules can also go wrong, especially when they land badly on the stony piste. Lots of luck in this game!

How is it played?

Play is between 2 teams, each with either 2 or 3 players. Each team uses 6 boules. A coin is tossed and the winning team throws the coche between 6 to 10 metres. They then throw their first boule as close to the coche as possible. The teams then take it in turns to try to throw their boule even closer. When all 12 boules have been played the score for that ‘end’ is counted.

Would you like to have a go?

Come and play 2 or 3 times free, bring a friend. We’ll lend you the boules and pair you with a ‘buddy’. Get to know the game a little, understand the few rules. Meet us all at Clochemerle, have morning tea and find out all you want to know. Drop in on a Wednesday morning or Sunday or email us at clochemerle@iinet.net.au.

When and where do we play?

Wednesday mornings: 9am-12pm at Mechanics Institute, Meadow Street, Guildford. This is the venue for most of our social gatherings and for our monthly Club competition.

Sundays: Summer: mornings 10am-12pm, Winter: afternoons 1pm-3pm, at Spring Reserve, Helena Street, Guildford. Spring Reserve is also our major Open tournament venue for competitions open to all licensed players.

Our club organises social events for members throughout the year where we combine social petanque with lunches etc., such as our New Year’s Day, Bastille Day, Hofmann Cup and Paul Brown Competitions. There is also a Calendar of State championships and Open competitions (open to all licensed players and hosted by the various WA clubs) for those interested.