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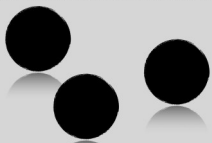
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Next Games

- January 18
- February 1
- February 15

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Around The Piste

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NEWS

On the 7th of December 2025 after a couple of friendly games on the St Brigid's pistes the Maldon Petanque Club held its annual presentation day this year at the Maldon Golf Club. President, Geoff McLennan, started the proceedings with a brief resumé of the year's events.

"During 2025 we were fortunate not to lose many play days due to the weather and generally we do not play if it is too hot or the rain is too heavy.

Our annual Triples Tournament attracted a capacity number of entrants, 72. It was overseen by Sue Ackland to whom we are grateful.

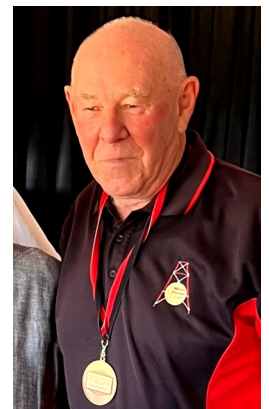
We again competed in the Golden Boule round robin tournament with 6 other clubs, we finished in the middle of the field, thanks to those who competed.

During the season we have continued to attract new members, many from Maldon.

We have developed a great friendship with the Bendigo Petanque Club and are pleased to share a lot of our activities with them.

At the start of the season, it was decided to amend the criteria for the awarding the player of the year trophy. Many of our members play in regular tournaments or travel and are not available to play in our fortnightly games, so it was decided the aggregate scores on their best 13 days (we normally play over 20) will only be considered, to make more players eligible."

Geoff then presented the McLennan Shield, for the year's most improved player. This year we had several newcomers, one in particular has shown great enthusiasm for the game by not only competing regularly but also coming to our practice sessions on Thursdays and has very much improved her game. Karen Milner received the most improved player medal and has had her name engraved on the perpetual trophy. Best Player 2025 trophies were then presented by Beverley Forsyth who has recently been elected to the committee of Petanque Victoria : 3rd place, Phil Hopley, 2nd place, Andrew Leckie, first place and Club Champion, Geoff McLennan.



L to R, Karen and Geoff, Geoff, Phil, Beverley with Geoff and Andrew.



2026 Club games begin on January 18th at 1:00pm.

To Club Members

MALDON PETANQUE CLUB					Days
AGGREGATE SCORES PER PLAYER - 2025					Played
Surname	PLAYER	Total Delta	Total Games	Rank	During Year
McLennan	Geoff	74	23	1	13
Leckie	Andrew	60	20	2	10
Hopley	Phil	21	19	3	12
Westhorpe	Colin W	38	18	4	9
Droney	Barry D	16	16	5	10
Marthe	Gerry	41	15	6	9
Przygoda	Chris	36	13	7	8
Noble	Sandy	-47	13	8	11
Leach	Richard	-59	13	9	12
Markham	Viv	-6	12	10	9
McHugh	Maxine	-23	12	11	8
Forster	Susan	37	11	12	6
Curham	Bronwyn	-31	10	13	9
Ackland	Bruce	8	9	14	5
Forsyth	Beverley	-11	9	15	7
Boulger	Esther	9	8	16	6
Grech	Laurie	-20	8	17	7
Johnson	Lynette	-20	8	17	7
Hunter	Terry	32	7	19	3
Haddon	Kevin	-16	7	20	4
Ackland	Sue	-51	7	21	7
Kinghorn	Lindsay K	34	6	22	3
Forster	George	6	6	24	8
Haddon	Jenny	-10	6	25	4
Hicks	Debbie	25	5	26	3
Bell	Heather	20	5	27	2
Kinghorn	Allison	6	5	28	3
Hunter	Avis	-3	5	29	3
Hunter	Sandra	2	4	30	3
Close	Elizabeth	0	5	31	4
Milner	Karen	-42	4	32	5
Stacey	JJ	27	3	33	1
Slattery	Sue S	12	3	34	1
Ryan	Mick	11	3	35	2
Hicks	Doug	0	4	36	2
Sheppard	Memphis	0	4	36	3
Nielsen	Sue N	-8	3	38	2
Hunter	June H	-21	3	39	3
Bell	John Bell	3	2	40	1
McHugh	Scott	-11	2	42	2
Ryan	Wendy	-26	2	43	3
Garrett	Terence	-1	1	44	1
Garrett	Mary	-2	1	45	1
Slattery	Tom	-6	1	46	1
Phillips	Suzette	-7	1	47	1
Loake	Matt	-8	1	48	1
Shaw	David	-30	1	49	2
Marshall	Shirley	-19	0	50	1

Our Club received a grant last year from Petanque Australia to purchase a competition Shooting Kit. The kit has arrived and will be used by Club Members to practise and improve their shooting skills. We will also now have the equipment to run shooting competitions when we decide to do so.



Sunday 14th December 2025, six of our Club members manned the gates at the Maldon Market. This short notice fund raising opportunity came about because the Maldon Golf Club was looking for a local organisation to take on gate collections while they ran the BBQ. The takings from gate collections and BBQ were added together and each Club received half, which in this case came to \$634.00, a welcome addition to our bank balance.

Our Club at its Committee meeting on the 8th of January decided to look into purchasing a Public Address System and a couple of "teardrop" banners - to be used for promotion at tournaments and other events. Andrew Leckie has designed the banners and is investigating their cost.



Now that we are into the hottest part of the year, it is pertinent to remind you of our Club's heat policy. **"If the temperature forecast on the ABC News for Bendigo is 35 degrees or higher on any of our playing days, play on that day will be abandoned".**