

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PETANQUE LEAGUE

SA State Interclub Competition

Season 2015/2016



Round 5 held at *Gawler Petanque Club* **17 April, 2016**

	Team	Club	Club pts	Games
1 st	Luke Randall, John Gejas & John Rex	GP	30	5
2 nd	Rada Pierre, Dominique Pierre & Mark Coy	CPA	24	4
3 rd	Heike Whitehorn, John Whitehorn & Dave Watson	PP	21	3
4 th	Phil Pollard, Nick Armstrong & Tony Venning	CPA	18	4
5 th	Lianne Healey, Selina Dally & Greg Anderson	AHP	12	2
6 th	Alain Rousse, Tony Stojsic & Louis Oltarczy	CPA	(12)	4
7 th	Martin Verdonk, Trevor Palmer & Michael Frodyma	PP	9	2
8 th	Grant Ashmeade, Brett Williams & Allan Sanderson	PP	(9)	3
9 th	Quentin Jones, Brian Tuckfield & Anthony Pietsch	AHP	6	3
10 th	Stan Wilson, Roland Pye & David McKinnon	GP	6	2
11 th	Shirley Cuthbertson, Dee Greenslade & Naz Saunders	ESP	3	2
12 th	Lionel Pujol, Tory McBride & Dave Ward	PP	(3)	3
13 th	Wendy Bensen, Ray Drummond & Derek Sullens	ESP	-	1
14 th	John Luttrell, Shelley Li & Wayne Twigden	CPA	-	2
15 th	Glenis Head, Helen Martin & Pam Moreland	GP	-	1
16 th	Raymond Beaumont, Bill Pilmore & Brenda Richter	PNP	-	1

CLUB POINTS

Round 5

Season Total

Adelaide (CPA)	42	228
Prospect (PP)	30	168
Eastern Suburbs (ESP)	3	105
Adelaide Hills (AHP)	18	72
Gawler (GP)	36	51
Feral Aussie Boulistes (FAB)	-	33
Port Noarlunga (PNP)	0	18

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Those who ventured to Gawler for Round 5 were rewarded with some idyllic weather. On the pistes, the rewards also came for some but were a little elusive for others.

Just to recap, last season it was Allan Sanderson, Brett Williams and Mike Mulvihill, from Prospect, who were gunning for the 'three-peat' of consecutive gold medals. They got within a whisker of pulling it off but, in the third leg, they fell at the last hurdle and had to settle for silver.

Now it was Dom and Rada Pierre's turn. Having won Rounds 3 and 4 (with Tomas Heredia), they too were in a position to have a crack at this elusive feat (this time playing with Mark Coy). Like their predecessors, they were perfectly positioned after the penultimate game, once again cantering into the final undefeated. One more win and league immortality would be theirs...

The other finalists were the local team of Luke Randall, John Gejas and John Rex. For them, the stakes were also high. They'd tasted silver before but a win would bring not only a personal best result but also the distinction of the first ever gold medal for the Gawler club. Unlike their top-seeded opponents, this team had to work its way up from the bottom, which meant they were drawn against some of the more formidable teams in the competition. Nevertheless, all had been duly dispatched, quite convincingly, and the signs were ominous. These guys meant business and they were at the top of their game. The scene was set and, one way or another, history was going to be made...

The final did not disappoint. It was hotly contested, of the highest standard, and went down to the wire. However, it was the Gawler team that ultimately prevailed. Congratulations to Luke, John & John -- a sterling performance! As for Dom and Rada, they'll have to console themselves with at least having set a new league record of winning *sixteen* consecutive games, beating the previous mark of fifteen (set last year by the aforementioned Prospect team). Meanwhile, the three-peat remains as a peak yet to be conquered.

Not surprisingly, the big movers on the premiership ladder were the Gawler club. Taking home more than twice as many championship points as they had accrued over the first four rounds was enough to comfortably lift them two places, into fifth. At the top of the table there was no change -- it was more a case of consolidation.

A final point of interest in this round was the extraordinary pattern of results that came out of the preliminaries. Check it out. In Pool A, we had the unique situation that six of the eight teams had one win apiece from their three games. In other words, two teams got into the second group of finalists (playing off for 3rd) with just the one win, and there was only *points difference* separating third from eighth!

I doubt whether any of us have seen that before. I certainly haven't. In contrast, the other pool had a team ranked sixth with *two* wins. Consequently, the correlation between final ranking and number of games won was not as close as it usually is under the 'snakes and ladders' system. That's the way it goes, sometimes.

Preliminary Rounds

	Team	Club	Game 1		Game 2		Game 3		Games won	Points			Prelim Rank
			v	score...	v	score...	v	score...		+	-	Net	
1	Dominique, Rada & Mark	CPA	17	13 6	11	13 7	9	13 4	3	39	17	+22	A 1
4	Wendy, Ray & Derek	ESP	15	9 13	13	13 12	5	8 13	1	30	38	-8	A 6
5	Raymond, Bill & Brenda	PNP	13	2 13	15	10 13	4	13 8	1	25	34	-9	A 7
9	Axel, Margaret & Anders	FAB	11	5 13	17	13 12	1	4 13	1	22	38	-16	A 8
11	Heike, John & Dave	PP	9	13 5	1	7 13	17	10 13	1	30	31	-1	A 4
13	Lianne, Selina & Greg	AHP	5	13 2	4	12 13	15	7 13	1	32	28	+4	A 3
15	Phil, Nick & Tony	CPA	4	13 9	5	13 10	13	13 7	3	39	26	+13	A 2
17	Stan, Roland & David	GP	1	6 13	9	12 13	11	13 10	1	31	36	-5	A 5
2	Alain, Tony & Louis	CPA	16	13 4	14	5 13	8	13 10	2	31	27	+4	B 6
3	Quentin, Brian & Anthony	AHP	10	13 7	Bye	13 7	7	8 13	2	34	27	+7	B 5
6	Shirley, Dee & Naz	ESP	12	11 13	8	13 6	16	13 11	2	37	30	+7	B 3
7	Grant, Brett & Allan	PP	14	9 13	12	13 7	3	13 8	2	35	28	+7	B 4
8	Tory, Lionel & Dave	PP	Bye	13 7	6	6 13	2	10 13	1	29	33	-4	B 7
10	Martin, Trevor & Michael	PP	3	7 13	16	13 3	12	13 4	2	33	20	+13	B 2
12	Shelley, John & Wayne	CPA	6	13 11	7	7 13	10	4 13	1	24	37	-13	B 8
14	Luke, John & John	GP	7	13 9	2	13 5	Bye	13 7	3	39	21	+18	B 1
16	Glenis, Helen & Pam	GP	2	4 13	10	3 13	6	11 13	0	18	39	-21	B 9

Note: Teams 3, 6, and 7 were ranked on the basis of (+) total points scored.

<u>Game 4</u>			<u>Game 5</u>			<u>Final Rankings</u>			<u>Club</u>	<u>Pts</u>
A1	Dominique, Rada & Mark	13	w L	Dominique, Rada & Mark	11	w L	1	Luke, John & John	GP	30
B2	Martin, Trevor & Michael	5		Luke, John & John	13		2	Dominique, Rada & Mark	CPA	24
B1	Luke, John & John	13	w L	Martin, Trevor & Michael	8	w L	3	Heike, John & Dave	PP	21
A2	Phil, Nick & Tony	2		Phil, Nick & Tony	13		4	Phil, Nick & Tony	CPA	18
A3	Lianne, Selina & Greg	13	w L	Lianne, Selina & Greg	7	w L	5	Lianne, Selina & Greg	AHP	12
B4	Grant, Brett & Allan	8		Heike, John & Dave	13		6	Alain, Tony & Louis	CPA	12
B3	Shirley, Dee & Naz	0	w L	Grant, Brett & Allan	13	w L	7	Martin, Trevor & Michael	PP	9
A4	Heike, John & Dave	13		Shirley, Dee & Naz	5		8	Grant, Brett & Allan	PP	9
A5	Stan, Roland & David	4	w L	Alain, Tony & Louis	13	w L	9	Quentin, Brian & Anthony	AHP	6
B6	Alain, Tony & Louis	13		Quentin, Brian & Anthony	0		10	Stan, Roland & David	GP	6
B5	Quentin, Brian & Anthony	13	w L	Stan, Roland & David	13	w L	11	Shirley, Dee & Naz	ESP	3
A6	Wendy, Ray & Derek	6		Wendy, Ray & Derek	12		12	Tory, Lionel & Dave	PP	3
A7	Raymond, Bill & Brenda	0	w L	Shelley, John & Wayne	7	w L	13	Wendy, Ray & Derek	ESP	-
B8	Shelley, John & Wayne	13		Tory, Lionel & Dave	13		14	Shelley, John & Wayne	CPA	-
B7*	Tory, Lionel & Dave	13	w L	Raymond, Bill & Brenda	12	w L	15	Glenis, Helen & Pam	GP	-
B9*	Glenis, Helen & Pam	0		Glenis, Helen & Pam	13		16	Raymond, Bill & Brenda	PNP	-
A8*										

*Note: Team 9 (->A8) withdrew after Game 3 for personal reasons. This necessitated some improvisation at the bottom of the draw.

<u>Club</u>		<u>Team</u>
Adelaide Hills	AHP	Lianne Healey, Selina Dally & Greg Anderson
	AHP	Quentin Jones, Brian Tuckfield & Anthony Pietsch
Club de Petanque d'Adelaide	CPA	Alain Rousse, Tony Stojsic & Louis Oltarczy
	CPA	John Luttrell, Shelley Li & Wayne Twigden
	CPA	Phil Pollard, Nick Armstrong & Tony Venning
	CPA	Rada Pierre, Dominique Pierre & Mark Coy
Eastern Suburbs	ESP	Shirley Cuthbertson, Dee Greenslade & Naz Saunders
	ESP	Wendy Bensen, Ray Drummond & Derek Sullens
Feral Aussie Boulistes Gawler	FAB	Axel Monneron, Margaret Monneron, Anders Holmdahl
	GP	Glenis Head, Helen Martin & Pam Moreland
	GP	Luke Randall, John Gejas & John Rex
	GP	Stan Wilson, Roland Pye & David McKinnon
Port Noarlunga Prospect	PNP	Raymond Beaumont, Bill Pilmore & Brenda Richter
	PP	Grant Ashmeade, Brett Williams & Allan Sanderson
	PP	Heike Whitehorn, John Whitehorn & Dave Watson
	PP	Lionel Pujol, Tory McBride & Dave Ward
	PP	Martin Verdonk, Trevor Palmer & Michael Frodyma