

SA State Interclub Competition2017/18 Season**Round 6** at *Eastern Suburbs Petanque Club* **24 June, 2018**

	Team	Club	Ch'ship points	Games
1 st	Alexi Alexi, Wendy Bensen & Nick Armstrong	ESP	30	5
2 nd	Jonathan Giddings, Jean May & Jean-Luc Gonnet	NGP	24	4
3 rd	Kenny May, Sue Lefevre & Toivo Kangur	NGP	21	3
4 th	Tony Stojsic, Louis Oltarczy & Adrian Clements	CPA	18	4
5 th	Heike Whitehorn, John Whitehorn & Allan Sanderson	PP	15	3
6 th	Lianne Healey, Quentin Jones & Anthony Pietsch	AHP	15	4
7 th	Anna O'Connor, Deb Rodda & Selina Dally	ESP	12	3
8 th	Ernie Palmer, Phil Pollard & Wayne Twigden	CPA	12	3
9 th	Jill Morrell, Robin Austin & Brian Tuckfield	AHP	9	2
10 th	Ray Drummond, Dave Ward & Naz Saunders	ESP	(9)	3
11 th	Michael Frodyma, Janet Jenkin, & Martin Verdonk	PP	6	2
12 th	Melissa Scott, Gavin Scott & Brett Williams	PP	6	2
13 th	Glenis Head, Belinda Kopania & John Gejas	GP	3	1
14 th	Stan Wilson, Roland Pye & Mark Reardon	GP	3	2
15 th	Sandy Tilburgs, Dee Greenslade & Garry Karklins	ESP	-	2
16 th	Marcus Marendaz, Harry Rice & John Hanlon	ESP	-	2
17 th	Roland Peik, Deric Oehlers & David Howard	NGP	-	1
18 th	Rod Sandercock, Peter Matthews & Peter Johnston	NGP	-	2
19 th	Ian Puccini, Sue Matthews & Barry Rodgers	NGP	-	0

CLUB POINTS**Round 6****Season Total**

Adelaide (CPA)	30	243
Prospect (PP)	21	192
Eastern Suburbs (ESP)	42	174
Adelaide Hills (AHP)	24	126
Gawler (GP)	6	67
Novar Gardens (NGP)	45	66
Port Noarlunga (PNP)	-	24
Feral Aussie Boulistes (FAB)	-	2

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Conditions were cool but fine for the final round of the 2017/18 season at ESP. The turnout was good for this time of year, when so many of our number head north to warmer climes.

In terms of the premiership table, this season has been somewhat lacking in drama. Indeed, apart from one switch between second and third, the top five positions established in Round 1 did not change throughout the entire season. Coming into Round 6, the margins between each position were so wide that it would take something quite extraordinary for any of them to change. (Little did we know how close it would come.) The only spot still in close contention was sixth, with Port Noarlunga holding a three point advantage over Novar Gardens. Yet, even this small battle became anticlimactic when the sole PNP team was a late withdrawal due to injury, whereas NGP maximised their chances by fielding five teams.

But the SuperNovars did a bit more than just take sixth place in the championship. In a breakout performance for this fledgling club, Kenny May, Sue Lefevre & Toivo Kangur defeated several strong opponents to put themselves in a position where they were assured of bringing home the club's first League medals. They had to settle for bronze in the end, at the hands of Alexi Alexi, Wendy Bensen & Nick Armstrong, but it was an admirable performance nonetheless.

Not to be outdone, Jonathan Giddings, Jean May & Jean-Luc Gonnet, also from Novar Gardens, decided to join the party. Having also qualified strongly, they backed up with two wins in the afternoon to go one better and claim the silver medals (and bragging rights in the May household). These results are a fitting reward for the club that dived into the deep end, starting from scratch, and have breathed new life into the competition along the way. Congratulations to all, particularly Jean-Luc for such a fine result in his first appearance.

*Obviously the battle for sixth turned out to be a walkover, but the surprise was that it became a battle for fifth. Gawler, on **61** pts and 37 clear of their nearest rival, could have been excused for feeling fairly safe in that position, prior to Rd 6. However, the huge haul of 45 points that comes from 2nd and 3rd took Novar Gdns up to **66**! But it was a case of 'just is enough' for Gawler, whose two teams managed to claim the last two points-scoring positions, earning 6 points between them and holding on to their position by one solitary point.*

Finally, congratulations must go to the Club d'Adelaide, whose outstanding performances over the first three rounds gave them a commanding lead, which they held for the rest of the season to reclaim their accustomed position as Interclub champions.

The entire season has been played in the best of spirits and long may that continue. It's been good to see so many new faces coming into the competition and, as we have just seen, things are likely to hot up as these new players gain experience. Thanks to all who have participated and to ESP for hosting the final round.