

SA State Interclub Competition

2020/21 Season

**Round 3** at *Adelaide Hills Pétanque Club* **31 Jan, 2021**

After the unfortunate cancellation of our November round due to a brief COVID-19 outbreak, we have at least struck it very lucky with the weather this season. For this round, we had mild temperatures to offset the mid-summer sun and a gentle breeze kept everyone comfortable – about as good as it gets in January. On the previous Sunday, we would have encountered temperatures over 40C and a massive smoke plume from the large bushfire raging within a few kilometres of the Stirling venue.

The competition itself was very tight. Only 4 teams won all three of their prelim games and only 5 won both of the afternoon games. Just one team managed to do both and that was the winning combination of Alexi Alexi, Craig Stewart & Maurice Belz, from Eastern Suburbs.

*Last season, 2019/20, was notable as the first time in **ten** years that Alexi didn't win at least one Interclub gold medal, but he's more than made up for it this season. This makes it three wins in a row for Alexi and Maurice – a remarkable feat not seen since 2013. On that occasion, it was also a team featuring Alexi, playing with George Lainas and Arwed Turon. (Prior to that, the only others to achieve it were the awesome world-class trio of Suki, Ken and Raja, also from ESP, who many will remember.) The big question now, as we are only half-way through the season, is "how far can they take this?" History beckons.*

A potential streak is also emerging for the silver medallists, as Adelaide's Rada Pierre, Alain Rouse & Dominique Pierre took this honour for the second time in a row. The bronze medals went to Melissa Scott, Gavin Scott & Brett Williams, from Prospect.

In terms of the club points, it was mostly a case of maintaining the status quo in Round 3. The first five placings on the day went to five different clubs. The host club had 4 teams in the top ten, but none in the top four. Hence, the top three clubs on the premiership ladder all recorded a fairly similar number of points, while the three clubs jostling for fourth place also put in comparable performances. The only movement in the pecking order was that FAB moved up from being equal fifth with Novar Gardens, just behind Prospect, to being equal fourth with Prospect, just ahead of Novar Gardens. It's shaping up to be a very competitive season for these three clubs in particular.

Thanks to the Adelaide Hills club and volunteers for your part in making it such an excellent day for all.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS**Round 3****Season**

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|------------------------------|----|-----|
| Eastern Suburbs (ESP) | 36 | 141 |
| Adelaide (CPA) | 32 | 104 |
| Adelaide Hills (AHP) | 33 | 84 |
| Prospect (PP) | 24 | 63 |
| Feral Aussie Boulistes (FAB) | 27 | 63 |
| Novar Gardens (NGP) | 21 | 57 |
| Gawler (GP) | 0 | 3 |
| Port Noarlunga (PNP) | - | - |

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| | Team | Club | Ch'ship points | Games |
|------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 st | Alexi Alexi, Maurice Belz & Craig Stewart | ESP | 30 | 5 |
| 2 nd | Rada Pierre, Dominique Pierre & Alain Rousse | CPA | 24 | 4 |
| 3 rd | Melissa Scott, Gavin Scott & Brett Williams | PP | 21 | 4 |
| 4 th | Susan Krieg, Rae Grierson & Ken Medhurst | FAB | 18 | 4 |
| 5 th | Neil Maslin, Rob Mawson & Robin Austin | AHP | 18 | 4 |
| 6 th | Greg Anderson, Ross Coleman & Quentin Jones | AHP | 15 | 3 |
| 7 th | Jonathan Giddings, Jean-Luc Gonnet & Darren Stewart | NGP | 15 | 3 |
| 8 th | Brian Tuckfield, Ralph Foster & Anthony Pietsch | AHP | (12) | 3 |
| 9 th | Jenny Key, Alan Johnston & Annie Hambour | CPA/FAB | 8/(4) | 3 |
| 10 th | Mike Read, Ashton Claridge & Mal Bedson | AHP | (9) | 3 |
| 11 th | Penny Lyons, Steve Hambour & Terry Hall | FAB | 9 | 3 |
| 12 th | Roland Peik, Miriam Peik & Iliano Puccini | NGP | 6 | 2 |
| 13 th | David Ellery, Ken Hull & Thomas Shillabeer | AHP | (6) | 3 |
| 14 th | Deb Rodda & Wendy Bensen | ESP | 6 | 2 |
| 15 th | Tory McBride, Lionel Pujol & Ray Drummond | ESP | (6) | 3 |
| 16 th | Louis Oltarczy, Jean-Paul Bouyer & Tina Stockley | CPA | (3) | 2 |
| 17 th | Janet Jenkin, Michael Frodyma & Martin Verdonk | PP | 3 | 2 |
| 18 th | Jill Morrell, Deb Coleman & Peter Davies | AHP | (3) | 2 |
| 19 th | Steve Cadman, Dave Watson & Denise Steinborn | PP | (3) | 2 |
| 20 th | Peter Matthews, Sue Matthews & Lesley Davis | NGP | - | 2 |
| 21 st | Axel Monneron, John Nowland & Paula Puleston | FAB | - | 2 |
| 22 nd | Allan Sanderson, David Jones & Jane Marshall | PP | - | 2 |
| 23 rd | Anna Phillips, Richard Huntley & Kym Wilson | PP | - | 2 |
| 24 th | Ernie Palmer, Wayne Twigden & Adrian Clements | CPA | - | 2 |
| 25 th | Kenny May, Jean May & Kendy Attenborough | NGP | - | 1 |
| 26 th | Stan Wilson, Glenis Head & Mark Reardon | GP | - | 1 |
| 27 th | Sandy Tilburgs, Dee Greenslade & Judith Brown | ESP/CPA | - | 1 |
| 28 th | Ross Williams, Jan Parkinson & Robert Parkinson | PP | - | 0 |