



# RESCOM COMMUNIQUE

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PETANQUE (BOULES) at Broadacres

Dear Fellow Residents,

Thank you all of you that have completed the survey, sent out about three weeks ago. I am in the process of collating your responses as the basis of a year plan for 2021, which I will be sending out before the end of this year.

In the meantime, I have received a proposal from Henning Brandt ( Unit 122 ), which in the light of the fact that Henning has offered to launch the initiative, I see no reason not to find out whether there is sufficient interest to launch the game of Petanque at Evergreen Broadacres.

According to Henning, Petanque is an easy game to learn and play for people of ALL ages; it requires no specific skills or level of fitness and most important: it is FUN!

Petanque is well suited for the situation and conditions in our village for many reasons:

- It is played outdoors in our lovely climate.
- It does not need much space.
- It can be played on almost all surfaces.
- It needs little outlay or investment.
- The individual games are short - about half an hour.
- No special outfit or shoes are required.
- No or very little maintenance required for the playing field.
- The atmosphere is very sociable and casual. Most people enjoy a drink while playing or waiting for a game.

As far as we know, Petanque is already being played in other Evergreen Villages.

Henning has provided some basic rules of the game so you can get an idea of what it entails. "Petanque" or "Boules" (as it is often called) is an originally French game played by 2 opposing teams, trying to throw metal balls - boules - as close as possible to a small ball (cochonnete), about an inch in diameter, which is placed 6 to 10 m from a marked starting point. The boules weigh about 700 grams. A team consists of 1 player using 3 boules, 2 players using 3 boules each, or 3 players using 2 boules each. The team scoring 13 points first wins the game. The points are won in individual ends by having 1 (1 point) or more boules (more points) closest to the cochonnete (same as lawn bowls).

Much more information can be found on Google.

The purpose of this note is therefore to find out, how many people may be interested in playing the game.

There is a set of boules kept at reception and any resident, who would like to borrow the set can sign them out at reception. The bats and balls for table tennis and the croquet set are also available at reception on the same basis. If you are interested in finding out more about the game or even learning to play, please let me know so that we can arrange a meeting with Henning for you to find out more and sign up for this exciting new activity.

Please just drop me a note in my post box or at my house (unit 77) or phone me on 1077 or send me an email at [laurain@iafrica.com](mailto:laurain@iafrica.com).

Best wishes,

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