

You are Invited to:

Winston-Salem's Silly Social Petanque Tournament

Our Silly Social Petanque Tournament is a day to celebrate friends and make new ones. Music, talk, food, petanque, and skill games will be the order of the day. Everyone wins a prize... silly to serious prizes will be had. We have high hopes that Carolina Petanque players from every playing location (Greensboro, Charlotte, Raleigh, Asheville, Hickory, and from parts in between, as well as outlying) will join us. Folks from other clubs are invited too.



When: Saturday, July 12th, 2025, 9 am until 5 pm

Where [Miller Park Petanque Boules Court](#)

2500 Queen St, Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Plan of the Day:

4 Games of Silly Rules Petanque (3 in the morning, lunch, and 1 in the afternoon). Games will be 50 minutes. At the end of 50 minutes, games still playing will finish the round they are on (no plus one). Teams will be randomly selected for each round and may have either 2 or 3 players on the team, depending on the turnout. A player does not have to play every game. They can play 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4 games. This allows players with time constraints, or those for whom 4 games are too much on a summer day, to still compete and have fun.

Tickets towards prizes can be earned in many ways. Not just by being on a winning team. Winning team members of each game will get ticket(s) towards picking a prize. Also, participants in any 'Silly Feats of Skill' who win will get ticket(s) towards prizes. Just showing up will get you 2 tickets. Who knows, there may be even more ways to earn a ticket here and there.

Prizes awarded will be determined by a random draw involving each ticket holder. Prizes will be distributed similar to the "Dirty Santa" method used at Christmas ("Grubby Petanque" method). The ticket holder who has the least number of tickets at the end of the day will draw first. The person with the next lowest can either steal the prize that the first person drew or randomly draw for another prize. If the second person steals a previously drawn prize, then the person losing the prize will draw again from the random pool of prizes. This will continue sequentially until the last person, who has the most tickets, steals or draws the last prize. Anyone can steal from anyone who has previously drawn a prize. Ticket holders having the same number of tickets will roll a die against each other, with the lowest number rolled picking first. Snide remarks and sarcastic banter will be expected of the crowd while the prizes are being distributed.

Our goal is to be finished by 5 pm. Those wanting to play serious petanque can stay later. We even have lights if it gets out of hand.

Lunch

For lunch, bring a side dish or dessert to share and your beverage(s). We will be supplying grilled beef hot dogs. Donations towards the hot dogs will be gladly accepted, although they are not required. The plan is 90 minutes for lunch. Plenty of time to eat and get a few 'Silly Feats of Skill' tickets added to your stash.

So, what exactly makes our gathering "Silly"?

Silly Rules make for Silly Games

Game 1 - Two pigs are thrown each end, with scoring determined upon each pig.

Game 2 - Every other round, you have to play with your non-dominant hand. Winning team members get 3 tickets each.

Game 3- The team not tossing the jack places a circle anywhere on the court. If a team's boule ends up in the circle, that team draws cards to determine extra tickets (for each of their players) or extra points towards the game (sometimes extra for the opponent).

Game 4- After every opponent throws, your team must compliment the other team. Each team's members will have 5 tickets they can give to whomever on the other team gives an exceptional compliment (sincere, insincere, or sarcastic... it's up to you who gets the ticket).

Doing Silly Feats of Skill to earn more tickets

Skill 1 -Herd the Pigs'. Multiple pigs will be set out on a line and in depth. You will get a ticket for every pig you move into a further distant square using your 3 boules.

Skill 2 -Shooting or Pointing over a silly and distracting object. If you end up in the right spot without hitting the silly object, then you get a ticket.

Skill 3- A pig will be hidden under one of three cups. The player will then select the cup they think has the pig and point. If they are correct and point within 300 mm (approximately 12 in), they will win 2 tickets.

Skill 4 – Answer 'Trivial Pursuit' type questions related to the FPUSA Rules of Petanque to earn tickets.

Skill 5- Players will point into a bullseye pattern. You will earn points depending on how close you get to the center of the bullseye.

Summary

Please come out. The more the merrier, and we are more likely not to talk about you if you are present. Our goal is to get everyone into silly games of petanque or try silly feats of skill. Having fun and enjoying a summer day is paramount. RSVP is not required, but would be very helpful. Otherwise, a crystal ball will be used to estimate the number of prizes needed, as well as hot dogs, which may be consumed. We really want to have everyone covered on each count.

Donations of Prizes (silly ones and/or good ones) or cash towards the prizes and hot dogs would be greatly appreciated... again, donations are not required to participate or to join us for the day. You being there is the most important thing to us.

Rain make-up date will be Saturday, July 19th, 2025

Special Thanks

The planning crew for Winston-Salem's Silly Social Petanque Tournament includes Tracie, Rom, Barb, Gail, Frank, Shirley, Gary, and myself. Anyone interested in helping with the prizes, set up, running, and tear down, before and during the event, please contact me. All help appreciated.

Contact me directly with RSVP, questions, or about volunteer positions. Looking forward to seeing you in Winston-Salem, Saturday, July 12th!

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