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HOLD THE DATE

Friday, 3 May, 2024 – COBPC Executive Committee will be holding their AGM and Annual Presentation Evening, at 7 p.m., at Larkhall Sports Club. This will also include a fish 'n' chip supper. Keep an eye on your emails for further details.

NEXT OF KIN FORMS

A gentle reminder that next of kin forms and plastic wallets are available from the shed. If you've not collected and completed yours yet, then please pick one up when you're next at the club.

Members who play at Queen Square on a Wednesday, see Anne Knight before play on these days for the forms and pouches.

This could be a life saver, so please help us to help you by carrying this information with you when you come to play.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT?

As a club we rely on volunteers, and the EC are grateful for the help and support we get from you to run our weekly club sessions, competitions, coaching and general club maintenance tasks. If you can help with any of these activities, then we'd love to hear from you.

There are three specific areas where we are looking for help and expertise:

1. Now we have the new lease agreed we need to move forward with improvements to our club facilities, and to manage this we have a 'Facilities Management Group'. This group reports to the EC and is responsible for the design, oversight and management of all change, improvement, and general maintenance of our Club facilities. As I'm sure you'll have noticed, the winter has taken its toll on the wooden edging which is now rotting, so the first job will be to replace this and get us ready for the new season and the 'Friendship Games'.

2. Website administration - as you will have read in previous Newsletters, we are planning to redesign and update our website. As part of this process, we are looking for someone with an interest in this area to become our Club website administrator, this could be a shared role. The role involves overseeing content and keeping the information current.

3. Publicity – anyone who is a regular user of social media could support the transformation of our current presence online.

Don't be shy, step forwards and see how you can help our club. Please contact Jenny Newman jennymnewman2@gmail.com if you would like to be involved in these exciting new initiatives. All suggestions, no matter how big or small, will be considered by the improvements group, and working parties arranged to implement chosen projects.

100 CLUB

The winner for March is Flavia Baxter. If you are interested in taking part in this monthly club run lottery, contact Chris McGinn chris@chrismcginn.com to purchase tickets. Only £2 each, with 50%of the funds received that month returned as winnings while the balance is used for projects at Larkhall and Queen Square.

CLUB HABERDASHERY

We have a wide range of club specific clothing, bags, and ancillary items for purchase via the 'Club Shop'.

https://www.michaelhope.co.uk/products/club-shops/city-of-bath-petanque-club/city-of-bath-petanque-club
Orders are generally turned around in 5 – 7 days and can be collected from the Box premises or delivered for a small fee.

SWEET PEA COMPETITION AND AFTERNOON TEA

There will be no sweet pea competition and tea this year.

PLAYING MATTERS

As you'd expect there's lots going on, so please check the GWR and PE websites and calendars for updates on competitions and events. Dates are still being finalised for our internal Club competitions and these will be published shortly.

Don't forget our next monthly melee is Saturday (April 6th), registration 9.45 am for a 10.00 start.

BRUNEL LEAGUE

We now have the schedule of games for this year's 'Brunel League', (***see attached document along with the newsletter***), and we're on the lookout for new players to join the squad. If you are interested, please email Trevor Glenton (mailto:trevor.glenton@gmail.com). There's no commitment involved other than to receive an email before each match asking about your availability and to then reply if you'd like to play!

Before each game we'll send out an email asking who's available to play and we'll then select a team of between six and nine players depending upon availability. We aim to give as many players as possible the opportunity to play and to select from across the whole squad, not just a few favoured players. In addition to seeming fairer, this has also proved surprisingly effective in terms of success in games – last year we came fourth in the league!

As last year, we will be competing in the Brunel Knockout cup, so there will be a couple of extra games to organise that are not yet in the schedule. Our Round 1 match will be at home to the Nomads (based at the Compton Inn). This must be played before the end of May.

The full schedule of upcoming matches and results can be seen in LeagueRepublic:

Once on the web page, https://brunel.leaguerepublic.com/index.html#google_vignette scroll down to **Competitions**, click on the tab labelled **'Brunel League 2024'**; and **'Brunel League 2024 KO 2024 Competition'**.

THURSDAY LEAGUE

We are now in the process of setting up this year's league. Last year's captains have been contacted and if any club members would like to set up a new team or are interested in joining an existing club team (we have teams in each of the four divisions), then please contact Mike mike@bathboules.co.uk for more information.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The day was forecast wet, when 24 doubles teams gathered at Royal Wootton Basset club for this annual competition. The event was expertly run by Alan McInnes and Jacquii Anderson of the **Royal Wootton Bassett club.**

My partner and I had a quick practise on the three different surfaced pistes; one similar to a beach; one with gravel similar to the lower pistes at LSC and one with larger pieces of gravel similar to the top pistes. There had been quite a bit of rain the day before and two of the pistes were affectionately known as "the aquatic pistes"! The weather was kind to us and stayed dry.

It was a whole day of play with a short break for our packed lunches, along with some really great cakes kindly donated by members of RWB club.

The day ran smoothly playing by the Swiss system, (winners play winners). The overall competition winners were Annette Hall and Pam McKeowan from COBPC, who beat a strong field of competitors by winning every one of their games. They now go forward, along with Christine Cox and Lesley Eastlake, to take part in the national finals.
(see photographs and results attached with the newsletter)

DON GRIMES MEMORIAL TROPHY

As many of you will know, we compete annually against the Northey Arms for the Don Grimes Memorial Trophy. This is a fun day and an opportunity to play against our friends and adversaries at the Northey in memory of Don Grimes who was one of the founding members of our club. The competition is traditionally held over the Easter weekend and this year will be on Easter Monday, ie 1st April 2024, at the Northey Arms.

We need people to play and help the club to retain this prestigious trophy, so if you'd like to play or just want more information then please contact Steve charmans171@talktalk.net or Cary cary@bathboules.co.uk

JERSEY OPEN 2024

Players travel to Jersey to participate in the annual tournament held there over the weekend of May 3rd to May 6th.

Normally players travel early on the Friday morning and return on Tuesday (again early). Usually, they stay in Premier Inns but alternative accommodation can be sourced.

Anyone interested should contact either Cary Bush cary@bathboules.co.uk or Steve Charman stevecharman171@gmail.com for details. The level of competition varies and can be enjoyed by players with 6 months + experience.

MIXED DOUBLES, TIGER TROPHIES CANCER CHARITY COMPETITION, SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER, COBPC PISTES, LARKHALL

For those of you who have not taken part in this charity event previously, now is your chance to get involved. It is a really fun day supporting an extremely hard-working charity which is generously organised by Tiger Trophies; and supported by COBPC and Larkhall Sports Club.

So, get your names down quickly to guarantee a place.

9.00 am registration, 9.30 am start. 16 team limit, £20 per team to include a £10 donation to Cancer Research UK. Payment confirms entry. Four groups of four times games, followed by gold, silver, bronze, pewter semi-finals.

Optional lunch is available at £10 per head. Choices will be emailed on receipt of entry.

Why not wear pink – a prize for best in pink given, (this is hotly contested), let your imagination go wild!!
(See poster below for full details and contacts)

GWR 2024 PLAYING CALENDAR

https://www.gwrpetanque.com/
and https://petanqueengland.sport80.com/public/events.
to view the calendars.

EXHIBITION GAMES - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please can you spare a couple of hours to help out with exhibition games. We need new faces as well as those who volunteer regularly. Contact:
stevecharman171@gmail.com
cary@bathboules.co.uk
patandgreg62@gmail.com

COBPC COMMITTEE

Just a reminder, these are your Club committee members:

- Bryan Huish, Chair

- Chris Garcia, Vice Chair
- Cary Bush, Treasurer
- Jenny Newman, Secretary
- Pam McKeown
- Peter Mills
- John Stanfield
- Mike Woodward
- Barry Smith

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Please make sure your membership and contact details are up to date so that you receive all club news and newsletters.

MANY THANKS

Many thanks to all who contributed to articles in this month's newsletter.

FACEBOOK

A big thank you to Chris Garcia for keeping the Facebook site up to date with Club News. Visit https://www.facebook.com/bathboules/

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mon, 1 April, Don Grimes Memorial Trophy
- Sat, 6 April, Melee, registration by 9.45 am; play at 10.00 am promptly
- Frid 3 May, COBPC AGM & Presentation Evening, LSC, 7 p.m.
- Frid 3 – Mon 6 May, Jersey Open
- Thurs 9 – Mon 13 May, Trip, PE Southern Region, Dorset and Hampshire
- 29 Sept –Frid 4 Oct, Santa Susanna Cup, Barcelona
- Sat, 13 Oct, Tiger Trophies Cancer Charity Competition, 9.00 am registration, 9.30 am start

WEEKLY TIMES OF PLAY

Larkhall Club - Sat 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Tues 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Queen Sq - Wed 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

GWR PETANQUE

GWR is the Great Western Region of Pétanque England who organise and promote the game of Pétanque or Boules (French bowls) in the West of England counties of Gloucestershire, North Somerset & Wiltshire.
https://www.gwrpetanque.com/

PETANQUE ENGLAND

Check out their website https://www.petanque-england.uk/

See below for Tiger Trophies match for Cancer Research poster

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TIGER TROPHIES

MIXED DOUBLES FOR CANCER RESEARCH

SATURDAY 13th OF OCTOBER

9.00AM REGISTRATION, 9.30AM START

CITY OF BATH PÉTANQUE CLUB

CHARLECOMBE LANE, BATH, BA1 6NR

16 TEAM LIMIT, £20 PER TEAM, TO INCLUDE A £10 DONATION TO CANCER RESEARCH UK
FIRST 16 TEAMS - PAYMENT CONFIRMS ENTRY

4 GROUPS OF 4, TIMED GAMES, FOLLOWED BY GOLD, SILVER BRONZE, PEWTER SEMI-FINALS

WHY NOT WEAR PINK - A PRIZE FOR BEST IN PINK

ENTRIS TO: gryhaskins@yahoo.co.uk OR 07816 561286
PAYMENT: £20 TO 20-84-58 A/C 80459585 GARYHASKINS

FREE PARKING AND USE OF CLUBHOUSE FOR LUNCH

OPTIONAL LUNCH
IS AVAILABLE
AT £10 PER HEAD
CHOICES WILL BE EMAILED
ON RECEIPT OF ENTRY

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