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FRIENDSHIP GAMES

We are now 4 weeks away from the Friendship Games.

The games will run from Friday 16 August in the evening at LSC when all the teams will get together, and conclude on Sunday evening, 18 August.

Information on dining

We have focused on a local theme for the meals and will be providing the following

- Friday Evening - Fish and Chips
- Saturday Lunch - Ploughman's with options
- Saturday Evening - Hog Roast
- Sunday Lunch - Ploughman's with options

Meals will also include starters / desserts and a bottle of wine between 4. Cake coffee and Tea will be available throughout the day.

- Sunday Dinner - This will be hosted at the Hilton Hotel and will be open to all players and volunteers at no cost. Any other members who would be interested in attending would be welcome at the cost of £35 per head

Team Selection

A number of you have already volunteered to play and I will be addressing each of you with more details. There will be a maximum of 10 games over the weekend. Lunches and dinners together with wine will also be provided. Club Kit will be required. As in line with our visits to other countries there will be a contribution of £80 per person to cover the cost of the food and wine. The final dinner at the Hilton is hosted by the club.

Help Required

Some of you have already volunteered to help by baking cakes which will be available throughout the day. A number of people will also be required to help serve meals and clear up afterwards. Additionally, a number of people will be required to pick up Fish from Robbies on Friday night.
We already have volunteers to help scoring and photography.

If anyone speaks French, Italian or German and would like to help with translation would be most welcome.

I would like to acknowledge the work that has been put in by the committee in helping put these games together as well as the small number of volunteers who have helped repair and upgrade the pistes and surrounds.

Finally, I would like to specifically thank Peter Mills who was able to obtain a substantial donation to cover the additional costs incurred by the club to put on these games.

Bryan Huish
Chair of City of Bath Pétanque club

AS IT IS OUR CLUB'S TURN TO HOST 'THE FRIENDSHIP GAMES' THIS YEAR PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT TO THIS EVENT. EVEN A LITTLE BIT OF YOUR TIME WILL HELP THE STEADFAST COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS, WHO ARE WORKING EXTREMELY HARD BEHIND THE SCENES TO MAKE IT SUCH A SUCCESS. SO COME ON, STEP FORWARD AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP, EVEN A LITTLE BIT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. LET'S MAKE THIS UK HOSTING THE BEST IT CAN BE, AND WILL BE, WITH YOUR SUPPORT. GIVE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS TO ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Anne Knight
Editor

WHATSAPP GROUP

We now have a 'CoBPC Message Board' on WhatsApp. Its purpose is to be an instant avenue for communication to all members of

CoBPC. Its use will be to inform members of competitions, club events, updates and such like. It is not a platform for general chit chat. If you are not already in the group and wish to be included, please inform Steve Charman stevecharman171@gmail.com
also, if you wish to be removed from the group let Steve know.

COACHING – LARKHALL

Drop-in coaching sessions are run at the main club at Larkhall on Monday's, 16:30 – 18:30. We have an excellent team of coaches so if you've not been before and would like some support with your play, do pop along.

One question came to light recently, "where can we get boules from?". Before purchasing any, please speak to one of the coaches who will be happy to give you advice on size and weight.

https://www.dcpetanque.net

NEXT OF KIN FORMS

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.

1. 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.

2. 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

Annette Hall has taken over the running of the 100 Club which has a slight change in format. There are 3 cash prize winners every month now! So, if you've not already bought your tickets…. you've got to be in it to win it!

Winners for the June draw were:
1st prize Tony & Mary Humphries
2nd prize Bryan Huish
3rd prize Steve Charman

Winners for the July draw were:
1st prize Richard Hall
2nd prize Amelia Edwards
3rd prize Chris McGinn

There is a video of the draw on the City of Bath Petanque Club facebook page (see link below).

There are still tickets available and as ticket numbers increase, then the prize pot increases, and the funds raised for the club

increase – it's win win all round! Please see Annette, or email her on annetteh40@yahoo.co.uk if you wish to buy tickets, increase your holdings or ask for a form from the clubhouse.

Many thanks go to Chris McGinn for running the 100 Club so successfully for so many years.

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.

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.

MONTHLY MELEE

Don't forget our next monthly melee is Saturday 3 August, registration 9:15 – 9:45 am for a 10.00 start. £3 p.p. to enter. Tiger Trophies have sponsored trophies for the competition.

SINGLES COMPETITION 13 JULY

It was another lovely day at the club as 11 men and women gathered to take part in the 'Singles Competition'.

Congratulations to Jude winning the Ladies Singles and Geoff winning the Men's competition . Congratulations also to Mary Bradridge and Chris Baross who were the worthy runners up.

Well done to Mike, Cary, Mary H and Flavia who were knocked out in the semis.

The Ladies Silver competition was won by Jenny, with Sally and Di Baross causing much hilarity (which they were totally unaware of) by stopping in the middle of a timed match for a good chat and catch up!

Our thanks to Steve for organising a successful competition and to the wonderful Emma for keeping the scores, and everyone in order, throughout the day.

If you've never taken part in any of the club competitions, I'd strongly recommend you have a go. Apart from a fun day it's also a chance to improve your play and to practise your pointing and shooting skills.

MIXED DOUBLES SUNDAY 21 JULY

A great day of Pétanque at LSC.

Congratulations to Alex and Dalene winners of the 2024 Mixed Doubles competition and to Barry and Jackie runners up.

The top seeded team after the morning qualifiers went on to win the competition.

As an organiser it was great to see that every competitor that played in the competition, that didn't make the final stayed and watched the hard-fought final.

Thanks to all, making it a lovely day.

Steve Charman

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

Please make a note in your diaries of this year's Club Championship events.

This year these events will all be held on a Sunday.

4th August Bath Open
8th September Doubles

If you have any questions or want further information, please contact, Steve, Mike or Cary. stevecharman171@gmail.com
mike@bathboules.co.uk
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BRUNEL LEAGUE

At about halfway through the season we are halfway down the table, in 7th place of 13 teams. We have however three matches in hand, which sounds encouraging but is in fact a logistical nightmare, trying to fit them in before the end of the season!

On the plus side, our new system of using WhatsApp to communicate within the squad and WhatsApp polls to indicate player availability for games is working really well – thanks again to Annette for suggesting this.
We are always on the lookout for new players to join the squad and we try to give a game to anyone who is available and willing to play so if you'd like more information or to join please just contact Steve Charman or Trevor Glenton

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!

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

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 into the second half of the season and the action is hotting up for our club teams in both the promotion and relegation zones! There are still quite a number of postponed games to be rearranged so things may well change dramatically as we get into the closing weeks of the league.

For teams who are struggling with numbers, don't forget you can 'borrow' players from other team(s). Only Div 1 players are ring fenced, so do ask your fellow captains if you're short of players for a match. Games don't have to be played on a Thursday, so please work with your opposing captain to find mutually convenient dates for catch-up games.

It's good to see so many of our newer members joining in and adding strength and depth to club teams. The league is a great way to get some match experience against like-minded teams and players, so please contact Mike if you're interested mike@bathboules.co.uk

The playing schedule, results and standings can be viewed on League Republic: https://cobpc.leaguerepublic.com/index.html

MIXED DOUBLES, TIGER TROPHIES CANCER CHARITY COMPETITION, SUNDAY 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.

There may still be some places available. If you don't have a partner, speak to Gary and he may have some names to pass on to you.

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!!

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:
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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

Thank you to Chris Garcia for doing the Facebook site and for contributions received for posting. Visit https://www.facebook.com/bathboules/

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sat 3 August monthly Melee
- Sun 4 August, Bath Open
- FRIENDSHIP GAMES 16 – 18 August 2024
- Sun 8 Sept, Club Doubles
- 29 Sept – Frid 4 Oct, Santa Susanna Cup, Barcelona
- Sun, 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., £1.50p to play

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

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