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GWR WINTER DOUBLES

The League is under way. The first round was at Larkhall on Sunday 3 November. We'll be hosting four of the ten rounds that run through into late February with a break for Xmas.

Check out the GWR web site for any GWR competition results. https://www.gwrpetanque.com/

PROPOSED QUEEN SQ IMPROVEMENTS

Join the discussion on proposed Queen Square public realm improvements.

There will be a drop-in session on Wednesday 4 December between 12 pm and 2 pm at which people can find out more about the proposals and have their say.

An online form to submit feedback on the proposals is available on the council website until 6 December.

https://newsroom.bathnes.gov.uk/news/join-discussion-proposed-queen-square-public-realm-improvements

Thank you to Liz Bugg for bringing this to my attention.

Terry shared news on "The Bath Walkers" visit to our club. (see photographs, visit the club's facebook page https://www.facebook.com/bathboules/?locale=en_GB)

This group walk together around Bath's stunning landscape; a social group who clearly like each other's company. They strolled today into the shadows of Solsbury Hill , on the first day of December, to try their hand at French boules. The City of Bath Pétanque Club were pleased to welcome these visitors.
Kick off commenced with two timed games in the morning – after lunch two further games.
Our pleasant landlord and staff of Larkhall Football Club opened the bar, providing both clubs with a social time to chat.
Trophies were presented for the successful - first, second. and third teams. Runners up had chocolate balls to hang on their Christmas trees
The sun shone throughout the day, our CoBPC club members who volunteered their help were certainly encouraged by their enthusiasm and friendly way the 'Walkers' got their heads around our great sport.
Happy to meet – happy to part – and happy to meet again soon!

Thank you to Terry for the article.

WHATSAPP GROUP

We 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

Coaching is held on Monday's at 2.30 pm, Larkhall and then fortnightly after that.

If you'd like advice on purchasing boules then 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 for 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

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 November draw were:
1st prize Clive Burge
2nd prize Cary Bush
3rd prize Trevor Glenton

There is a video of the draw on the City of Bath Pétanque Club Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/bathboules/

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.

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

Please check the GWR and PE websites and calendars for updates on competitions and events.

MONTHLY MELEE

Our next monthly melee is Saturday 7 December, registration 9:15 – 9:45 am for a 10.00 start. £3 p.p. to enter. Games are 4 x 25 minutes. This is open to all members and non-members. All abilities welcome.

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 articles to 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

- Club Xmas dinner 4 Dec, at the Bathwick Boatman.
- Club Melee, 7 Dec, 9.15 – 9.45 registration. £3 pp to enter.
- Cancer Charity Match, 12 October 2025. If interested give your team's name to Gary gryhaskins@yahoo.co.uk

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

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

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