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LEASE UPDATE AND THE FUTURE AT LSC

It was with great pleasure that I was able to announce recently that a new rolling lease with LSC has now been fully signed.

I see this as just the start of rebuilding the relationship between the two clubs by working closely together.

I hope we become one big family, enjoying the wonderful place that we all enjoy playing our sports. I also believe that it will become a hub for socialising again for both clubs.

Chair of CoBPC
Bryan Huish

PLAYING MATTERS

Although we're in the depths of the winter months, thoughts are already turning to the coming playing season. Both PE and GWR have now published their events programmes for the year and our Playing Group will be meeting shortly to discuss our own Club competitions, which will of course include the Bath Open and the Friendship Games which we are hosting this year. The GWR Playing Calendar is attached for your information.

The aim will be to run our usual Club Championship events, which overall were well supported last year, but if anyone has any ideas on how to improve or change their format then now's the time to speak to us!

Turning now to summer leagues. The Brunel League AGM is in early February and we will be entering a team again for the coming season. As always, this is an opportunity to play for our club in a more competitive environment, so watch out for more information in the coming newsletters. We will again be running the Thursday League and I hope those Club teams who played last year will be entering again this year –team captains will be contacted shortly, so watch out for Mike's email. There's no limit on the numbers of teams in the league, so if you'd like to enter a team, or join an existing team, then contact Mike Woodward mike@bathboules.co.uk for more information.

I appreciate the summer is a busy time for everyone and it's easy to miss what's coming up, so we will endeavor to publicise Regional and Club events in the monthly newsletter, and also before our weekly club sessions on Tuesday and Saturday mornings, so you've no excuse for missing those entry deadlines!

IWD - Ladies, please note the GWR calendar shows two possible dates (Sunday 7th and 14th April) for the Regional International Women's Day Doubles competition. The final setting of date and venue will be decided by whoever volunteers, and is chosen to run this event. We held it at LSC last year, and it's to our advantage to do so again this year, so please contact Sue McKechnie susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to volunteer to mastermind this on behalf of the region.

2ND ROUND OF THE EURO CUP

COBPC were drawn away to Honiton in the 2nd round of the Euro Cup. They managed to agree an early date for the tie to avoid the Christmas festivities. Fielding the same team as in the first round they played the fixture on a very wet Sunday 10th December. Fortunately, the weather improved during the match and COBPC managed to achieve an emphatic 5 – 0 victory. The Honiton team proved to be a very friendly and hospitable crowd and were perhaps a little unfortunate to lose by such a clear margin.

In the third round COBPC now have a home tie against Nomades Berbers who are based in Kenilworth, Warwickshire. The third round has a completion date of May 12th.

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.

SANTA SUSANNA, BARCELONA COMPETITION 29 SEPT – 4 OCT 2024

Just in case you didn't know about the above competition and you'd like to join a group heading off to Barcelona for a game or two of boules, sun and sangria, then contact Steve Charman stevecharman171@gmail.com for more information regarding costs. Below is an outline of the competition details.

There are a couple of things not covered by the price:
1. Flights from Bristol to Barcelona and Barcelona to Bristol.
2. Transfer from Barcelona to the hotel in Santa Susanna.

- The teams are triples plus one and can be made up of 3 players plus 1 reserve player.
- Teams can be all men; all women; or mixed.
- There is no age limit, team members can be older than 55 or younger than 20.
- The price includes per person full board accommodation. Both water and wine are included with the meals.
- Sports facilities: in the annex of the Don Angel Hotel.
- There is the possibility of arriving two days earlier to visit Barcelona. The prices include entrance to the Sagrada Familia and the tourist bus, as well as the bus transfer to Santa Susanna. It should be noted that, for this extension in Barcelona, the accommodation will be with breakfast included, but meals are not covered.

- **PROMOTIONAL VIDEO:** Click here

BRUNEL

A big 'thank you' to all of the people who volunteered to play last year and a reminder that we are always looking for extra players for this year. The only commitment you make as a squad member is to receive an email with match details each week during the season and then let me know if you'd like to play!
trevor.glenton@gmail.com

GWR 2024 PLAYING CALENDAR

See attached documents with this month's Newsletter or look at https://petanque-england.sport80.com/public/events.
to view the calendars.

PETANQUE ENGLAND – AGM 2024

To nominate a member to be a Director use the form that can be downloaded from their web site at:

https://www.petanque-england.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Director-Nomination.pdf

Information on the role of Director can be found at …..

https://www.petanque-england.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Company-Director.pdf

To propose a resolution simply submit in the form "It is proposed that ……."

If your resolution involves a change of rule be sure to include appropriate references.

Send your resolution to David Baxter;-

by post to 28 Ingress Park Avenue, Greenhithe, DA9 9XJ
or
by email to admin@petanque-england.uk

Note that the closing date for the receipt of nominations and resolutions is 2pm on Monday 29th January 2024. For your information the timetable leading to the AGM is now as follows.

17th Jan Call for nominations and Resolutions
29th Jan Closing date for receipt of nominations and resolutions
31st Jan Issue of Final Agenda and Proxy Forms for voting
8th Feb Closing date for receipt of Proxies.

Best wishes, David Baxter, PE

NEXT OF KIN INFORMATION

The medical emergency last year highlighted the importance of having 'Next of Kin' information available to organisers should the need arise. This was discussed at the AGM and the EC have been looking at options to deliver a solution which is both effective and easy to administer.

The legal ramifications of holding and providing timely access to personal data are myriad and we will be implementing a simple system where responsibility rests wholly with you. The intention will be for members to record 'Next of Kin' details in a laminated envelope which will be kept in their boule bag. Should an emergency arise the session/event organiser will know immediately where to look for this information. Information cards and laminated envelopes will shortly be available from the club shed, please ask the session organiser for a set. This could be a life saver, so please help us to help you!

RECLAIM OR GIFT

Please see attached a form to reclaim part of the money that you have spent when buying the new club kit. It may be that you have also bought kit for another member - if so that can be claimed as well. Please leave your completed form in the clubhouse, or email it to jenny@bathboules.co.uk

QUEEN SQUARE XMAS DINNER 13 DECEMBER

After a game of boule, 13 regular players at Queen Square celebrated an early 3 course Xmas lunch at the The Bird Hotel, in Bath. The room was very festive but as always, the company was the best!

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

CLUB HABERDASHERY

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.

100 Club

The winner for December Cary Bush and January Clive Burge. 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.

GWR MINUTES FROM DEC 2022

Incase you have not seen a copy of these minutes; they are attached with this newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS

Your club is run by volunteers which means they give up a lot of their personal time to make sure we can all play at a well-established, friendly and inclusive club. Your elected committee and a small band of volunteers, maintain the pistes, organise events and competitions, open up for club sessions, buy tea/coffee/biscuits which we all enjoy after a game.

If you can volunteer your name to help out in any way, that would be much appreciated. Sharing the load is always much easier than carrying it yourself! Give your name to any committee member.

CITY OF BATH WEBSITE

We are starting the process of rebuilding the club's website and will be holding a get together to discuss ideas as to how this should be structured and what members and non-members would be looking for when visiting the site. Before we start the process, we would like members to provide us with their ideas and suggestions. Additionally, if anyone would like to join the project team, please feel free to come forward and let us know. These may be given to one of either Mike Woodward mike@bathboules.co.uk , Cary Bush cary@bathboules.co.uk or Trevor Glenton trevor.glenton@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 uptodate 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/

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/

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Melee Sat 3 Feb, LSC £3 entry
- Jersey Open 3 – 6 May 2024
- Trip, PE Southern Region, Dorset and Hampshire, 9 – 13 May 2024
- Santa Susanna Cup, Barcelona, 29 Sept – 4 Oct 2024

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.

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