COBPC NEWSLETTER
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AGM 2024

Friday, 3 May, 2024 – COBPC Executive Committee at 7 p.m., at Larkhall Sports Club.

This years AGM was well supported wth 36 members in attendance. Cary Bush was the only Officer due for re-election and was unanimously re-elected for a further period of two years as our Club Treasurer.

The AGM was followed by the presentation of awards for the 2023 season.

Congratulations go to this year's award and championship winners:

Club Doubles – Geoff Wyatt and Ade Williams

Mixed Doubles – Mary Bradridge and Cary Bush

Club Triples – Barry Smith, Jacqui Haynes and Geoff Heaven.

Most improved player – Annette Hall

Club Person of the Year – Jointly awarded to Greg Haynes and Bryan Huish.

FUN IN DORSET

Di Greenaway planned a Regional four night tour for COBPC members, visiting three local clubs in Dorset. New Milton & Muscliff Park & Parley Petanque clubs all welcomed our members warmly.

Our thanks to Tom Wilson (vice president of PE) for identifying these three Dorset clubs. Tom was very encouraging that clubs should consider getting out more visiting other regional Boules clubs.

COBPC members went to play WITH their members not against them!

Teams were mixed from both sides.
Spending four nights on tour listening to bits of shared laughter stories is the catalyst of lifetime friendships.
(Terry's full article and photographs can be viewed on the COPBC facebook page.)

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.

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 May is John Stanfield.

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.

Don't forget our next monthly melee is Saturday 1st June, registration 9.45 am for a 10.00 start.

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.

9th June Singles (see form attached)
30th June Triples
21st July Mixed Doubles
4th August Bath Open
8th September Doubles

The first of these is the Club Singles which is scheduled for the 9th June. Please help us to make these championship events a success and get your entry forms in.

If you have any questions or want further information, please contact, Steve, Mike or Cary.

BRUNEL LEAGUE

We now have the schedule of games for this year's 'Brunel League', (***see attachment)*** 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!

The struggle to field teams has highlighted once again the need to recruit new players to join the squad. If you are interested, please email Trevor Glenton (mailto:trevor.glenton@gmail.com).

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

The league started on Thursday 16th May and the playing schedule, results and standings can be viewed on League Republic:
https://cobpc.leaguerepublic.com/index.html
It's not too late to play, if you're interested in joining one of our teams, please contact me on mike@bathboules.co.uk

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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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

- Sat, 1 June, Melee, registration by 9.45 am; play at 10.00 am promptly
- Sun, 9 June, Club Singles Comp
- Sun 30 June, Club Triples
- Sun 21 July, Club Mixed Doubles
- Sun 4 August, Bath Open
- 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.

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/

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