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CLOTHING SUBSIDY CLOSING DATE

Those of you who bought items from the range of new club clothing will have received an email in mid Jan inviting you to reclaim part of the cost, or alternatively to donate this amount to club funds. The aim will be to use the donated balance for something that will be of beneficial use to all members and to do this we need to put a finite closing date on the claims process. If you've not yet reclaimed your subsidy and wish to do so you must submit your claim by no later than 15th March 2024.

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.

CAN YOU HELP US?

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 two 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 propose to set up a Facilities Management Group. This group will report to the EC and will be 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. Their role will be to oversee content and keep the information current.

Please contact Jenny Newman jennymnewman2@gmail.com if you would like to be involved in either (or both!) of these exciting new initiatives.

CLUB COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

Congratulations go to Ade, Annette, Gary, Geoff, Mike (and Richard Savory) who all successfully undertook and passed their PE Club Coaching qualifications this month. We look forward to their help and input at our club coaching sessions, so watch out for more eagle-eyed appraisals of your style and tactics when you're playing and at training sessions.

100 CLUB

The winner for February is Chris McGinn . 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 this Saturday (2nd March), registration 9.45 am for a 10.00 start.

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.

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

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

All women pétanquers are invited to enter a women's doubles tournament to celebrate International Women's Day. Entry is **FREE** and you don't have to have a PE licence to enter.
(Should your team qualify for the national event however, any unlicensed players will need to join Pétanque England as members of the Great Western region to take part).

The event will be run by Alan McInnes and Jacquii Anderson of the **Royal Wootton Bassett club** at their terrain in Royal Wootton Bassett on **Sunday, 17th March** with 9:30am registration for a **10am start.**

The more teams that enter, the more we can take to the national event, so please enter to support the region and International Women's Day. You can enter via the Great Western Petanque website at www.gwrpetanque.com or contact Trevor trevor.glenton@gmail.com
Please note the closing date for entries is 10th March.
If you'd like to play but don't have a team mate, please contact Trevor (above); Alan or Jacquii, at email greatwestern.petanque@gmail.com and they will try to pair you up.

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 your help 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 15 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. Generously organised by Tiger Trophies; and supported by CoBPC and Larkhall Sports Club.

Entries are already down to play. 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)

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. **CLOSING DATE 17 MARCH**. 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

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.

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/

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 2 March, LSC £3 entry
- INW Day, 17 March, Royal Wootton Bassett
- Don Grimes Memorial Trophy – 1st April 2024
- 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
- Tiger Trophies Cancer Charity Competition, 15 Oct

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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TIGER TROPHIES

MIXED DOUBLES
FOR CANCER RESEARCH

SATURDAY 15TH 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

CANCER RESEARCH UK