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COBPC XMAS DINNER 4 DECEMBER

See the attached Menu choices and booking form. Please note when you need to send in your forms and money.

If you have any questions regarding the above then contact Jude jm.wyatt@hotmail.co.uk

THURSDAY LEAGUE DINNER

The finale of this season's league was the annual dinner and presentation evening at the Bathwick Boatman where, as always, Rosy and her team did a fantastic job in looking after us. It was good to have players from so many of the teams attending and a great evening was had by all.

A big thank you to all of you who took part in the league and made it another successful year for the club, even though the weather gods did their best to dampen proceedings.

Congratulations go to this year's divisional winners:
Division 1 - The Fanny Club
Division 2 - Bath Sporting Cocks
Division 3 - Shambolics
Division 4 - BBC1

I know several new members have expressed an interest in the league and I'll be sending out details in the new year.

And finally, a big thank you to the organising committee for their support.

Mike Woodward

CANCER CHARITY MATCH

32 teams took part in the Cancer Research UK mixed doubles on 13th October. CoBPC pistes were in the pink with many brilliant costumes, pink bees, ducks, etc., and the Woodwards in regular weekend wear!!

The overall winners were the charity. Thank you to everyone for your contributions, we raised £1,200 smashing our target. Thanks also for refreshments, cake stall, books, hats, raffle tickets and entries.
Every penny goes to the charity.

The actual winners of the Gold tournament were Thierry and Corrine from Grand Cru. Our own Geoff and Jude were Gold runners up.

Many thanks to Larkhall Athletic F.C. and COBPC. Emma Pople was brilliant as always.

Next year, following several requests we will be supporting Breast Cancer and Prostrate Cancer research. We hope you all enjoyed a good day. Everyone reached at least a semi-final and received a special medal.

Please save the date or request a provisional spot. We already have 12 teams on the list. 12th October '25.

Gary & Tracey, Tiger trophies.

On behalf of CoBPC, we'd like to give a big "thank you" to Tiger Trophies for organising the event at Larkhall and for all the trophies and medals which they kindly donate every year.

SANTA SUSANNAH TOURNAMENT

What can I say about our visit to Santa Susanna and Barcelona? You've probably heard that people came home with various bugs and took time to recover. But this is only part of the story!

There were 21 players and 2 supporters from Bath making 7 teams of triples. In all there were 126 teams from 14 countries speaking many different languages.

Each morning at 9 am we found our designated piste and started games of 70 minutes.
We played three games in the morning, then joined the queues in the dining room for lunch. By 4 pm we were outside again playing two further games before queuing again for dinner. This went on for four days.
The queues were long, for the lifts, then to enter the dining room and then to queue to access the buffet. You needed to be fit to play 5 games each day, but even fitter to to cope with the queueing!
But it was lovely to enjoy the sunshine and to make friends with so many different players. Even the petanque was fun - to see our perfectly placed boule knocked out with perfect shooting again and again by our opponents. One had to applaud - or cry!
Our opponents' skills were so excellent I came away knowing that I must practise my shooting!

And then we reached the final games. My team was lucky enough to reach the finals, but as you can imagine it was four French teams in the semi-finals, and we watched these games with envy at the skills displayed.

And later that evening came the awards ceremony. What a ceremony! Each team went up to receive their medals accompanied by appropriate thumping music while the audience clapped. Our club went up in our turn carrying our club flag, but the music that accompanied us was not Queen's "We are the Champions" - sadly that was reserved for those who won the cup.

The next day we went off to Barcelona - a lovely hotel had been booked and we enjoyed exploring the city on foot and by tourist bus. The atmosphere was vibrant and friendly and the cafes served delicious, varied food. A special treat was to Gaudi's unfinished masterpiece La Sagrada Familia - and the day was capped by seeing a wedding taking place in the Crypt during our visit.

A holiday to remember in so many ways!

Jenny Newman

GWR WINTER DOUBLES

The League is just kicking off with the first round 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.

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

The next coaching session is on Monday, 4 November, 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 October draw were:
1st prize Roy Hatch
2nd prize Mel Grosvenor
3rd prize Annette Hall

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:
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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 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

- Coaching, Larkhall, 4 Nov, 2.30 pm
- Coaching, Larkhall, 18 Nov, 2.30 pm
- Coaching, Larkhall, 2 Dec, 2.30 pm
- Winter Doubles League starts, 3 Dec.
- Club Xmas dinner 4 Dec, at the Bathwick Boatman.
- Club Melee, 7 Dec, 9.15 – 9.45 registration. £3 pp to enter.

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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