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BATH OPEN COMPETITION SUNDAY 6 AUGUST

Someone must be smiling on us as once again the weather for the day was good!

We had a full complement of teams both young and old, experienced and novices. For the first time we introduced timed games in the morning which proved to be successful allowing an earlier start in the afternoon and a finish before 6.00 p.m.

After a number of round robins in the morning the competitions were split into 4 levels with the Open (Gold) being won by Bath Grand Cru, (comprising Dave and Sam Ramplin and John Randall) after an epic final against Les Phimars, (Mark Gay, Phil Bradshaw and Lesley Eastlake), 13 -11. Grand Cru teams took the Silver and Bronze while City of Baths own team "Phoenix" won the Pewter.

Thanks must go to Emma Pople who help was invaluable with the scoring, Steve Charman, who with his team of volunteers, ensured the pistes and the surrounds were in tip top condition, Liz Bugg who acted as our official photographer and to Ann Charman, Anne Knight and Mary Bradridge who organised the raffle.

All together a very successful day for the club in hosting a competitive but social competition.

Volunteers will be needed for next year particularly in promoting the competition as we would like to increase the number of teams from 32 to 40.

If you are interested in helping, please let the committee know.

FRIENDSHIP GAMES 19 – 20 AUGUST

A mixed group of ability players, (16), from COBPC set off across Switzerland to play in the pétanque 'Friendship Games'. We stopped off for a bit of sightseeing at Luzerne and Chur before finally arriving in Martigny for the games. The club hosts were extremely generous with their friendship, food and introducing us to the local grape!

The countries that took part were UK, Italy, Austria, Luxembourg, Germany and the hosts, Switzerland. The competition was fierce, the weather even more so! We played our best despite some of our team members being struck down with illness, effects of the heat and injuries. We came sixth in competition overall.

What I brought away from the 2-day competition was despite the language barrier, six teams, mixed abilities, from six different countries could all play together in a sport and still make themselves understood. It was fun, competitive with a high standard of play.

I really must learn to shoot…..effectively!

Next year we are the hosts and will be looking for a lot of support from our club members to host the best 2 days of games we can!

THURSDAY LEAGUE

The league is now almost complete and we are into the second of the two allocated catch-up weeks. All divisions, apart from Division 3, still have matches outstanding so it's premature to announce the winners of these divisions yet, but congratulations go to Di and her Phoenix team who are this year's Division 3 runners-up.

We are now finalising details for the Thursday League Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening, which will be held at

the Bathwick Boatman on Thursday 19th October. Details and booking arrangements will be emailed to all team captains shortly, so if you're interested in attending, please get the date into your calendars.

There are 4 divisions and you can check the league fixtures and results in League Republic to see how our teams are doing: https://cobpc.leaguerepublic.com/index.html

BRUNEL

With our final game of this season played on Wednesday, 6 Sept, we have finished the league in a very creditable fourth place – not at all bad for a team based on the principle of playing anyone who wants a game rather than playing the strongest possible team each week.

A big 'thank you' to all of the people who have volunteered to play this year and a reminder that we are always looking for extra players. 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

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.

September 16th, Saturday

Larkhall Football Club have been drawn at home against Bath City in the FA cup and they are expecting in excess of one thousand fans for the game.

LSC are looking for volunteers to help out during the day (possibly from around 12.00). they will be using our shed to serve drinks / food but will still need a number of volunteers.

As a number of the committee members will be away playing in the Inter Regionals this is the opportunity for a number of other club members to stand up and help out Larkhall Sports Club, (LSC).

Steve Charman should be your contact who will liaise with LSC.
stevecharman171@gmail.com

September 20th, Wednesday

Around 45 NHS staff are holding a team building day at LSC and they have asked us to provide a petanque session from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

This is an excellent opportunity to promote the club and we need between 6-8 volunteers to help manage the individual games. You do not need to be an experienced player just have a basic understanding of the game to support the teams.

Please let Steve Charman or Cary Bush know that you would be available.
stevecharman171@gmail.com
cary@bathboules.co.uk

COACHING – A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

The club will be hosting a national coach to help prepare candidates to take on the role of a club coach.

This will involve one day of training – both practical and theoretical followed by the second day will be a practical and theoretical assessment to pass them as a club coach.

This is a great opportunity to improve, learn the art of coaching and help bring along new and existing members in the club. If anyone is interested, please contact either Cary Bush, Steve Charman or Greg Haynes
stevecharman171@gmail.com
cary@bathboules.co.uk
patandgreg62@gmail.com

CANCER RESEARCH UK CHARITY MATCH

"To City of Bath P. C.

Suddenly 15th October Cancer research UK mixed doubles, doesn't seem too far away. Once again, many thanks to the club for hosting this event.

We have a full complement of 32 teams, quite a few from Bath, Filton. Northey, Wellow, Grand Cru, Bournemouth.
From novices to national standard, all hopefully wanting to enjoy friendly competition and raise money for the Charity.

Any raffle prizes gratefully received. You can drop them off at the COBPC hut before the day, (please mark your donations 'Cancer Charity Match') or bring them along on 15 October. If anyone fancies making cakes, we will sell them again for the Charity.

Thank you all for your support.

Gary and Tracy, Pink Tigers
Tiger Trophies

Ps don't forget Pink is the colour of the day!"

NEW KIT

The committee hopes you will all like the smart new club strip which is now available to buy. As well as a change in colour, a brighter blue, it incorporates our new City of Bath logo, which the Council have allowed us the honour of using. If you would like to buy any of the kit, please visit their website: https://www.michaelhope.co.uk/products/club-shops/city-of-bath-petanque-club/city-of-bath-petanque-club where you will find the choices available. Orders are generally turned around in 5 – 7 days and can be collected from the Box premises or delivered by post for a small fee.

100 Club

The winner for August was Jenny Newman.

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 hardworking 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/

PETANQUE ENGLAND

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- LFC v Bath City, FA Cup, 16th Sept.
- NHS team building day, LSC, 20th Sept, volunteers needed, 2 – 4 pm
- Melee, 7 October,
- Mixed Doubles in aid of Cancer Research, 15th October, reg. 9 am, start 9.30 am.
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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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