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FRIENDSHIP GAMES

"I would like to thank all the people who played, helped on the weekend and those who helped to get everything ready. It was a great success, and all our guests enjoyed it. You should all be proud of this achievement. I am proud and grateful to all of you". Bryan Huish, Chair, CoBPC Executive Committee.

"I would like to add my thanks to Bryan's, to everyone who was involved with the Friendship Games. This is about thanks from both myself and the committee to each and every one of you who helped over the last eleven months. The weekend was about friendship, learning about different cultures, joining in, eating and drinking together, competition and above all re kindling old friendships and for many of you, making new ones. It has given you the experience of the comradeship that has grown between these clubs, their members and the City of Bath Petanque Club. Our thanks must go to those members who travelled to Italy and Switzerland both as players and supporters to keep the City of Bath lights burning in the last two years. Without these individuals, our participation in the friendship games would have put our future participation in serious jeopardy. We as a club have shown our overseas friends hospitality and friendship that stands the club in good stead for many years to come. This is down to all of you who volunteered for tasks, even the smallest of ones, since we started planning this tournament way back in September '23. There are too many of you to mention individually, but please be assured that your contribution, however small, has been vital to the success of the tournament. I have always felt from our first introduction to the Grande Famille that we were not fully accepted. Our hosting has dispelled all those thoughts – with the time and effort that everyone gave and the welcome given to our guests we are now truly part of the friendship games. Language may at times be a barrier, but it does not deter us from the friendship that these games give. Personally, I feel that the time and effort put in by everyone over the last 3 years to move away from the mentality of winning at all costs to developing and growing the friendships between the clubs has been well worth every minute of our time. We as a club in England are in a unique position, other clubs may play against their twin towns/cities, but no club offers the same opportunities that we do – we are the lucky ones. We have all helped develop and participate in a very unique and lasting competition. Again, I would like to thank you all for helping make these games a success." Cary Bush, Executive Committee

Below is a link to a slide show of photographs from the Friendship Games.
https://photos.app.goo.gl/MVnMFgk3Nnva49Da8.

AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ON BBC NEWS, WEST OF ENGLAND ABOUT COBPC

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4ge73l003go.amp#amp_tf=From%20%251%24s&aoh=17239251306270&csi=0&referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com

Cary was also interviewed by the BBC and local radio.

WHATSAPP GROUP

We now 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

Drop-in coaching sessions are run at the main club at Larkhall on Monday's, 16:30 – 18:30. We have an excellent team of coaches so if you've not been before and would like some support with your play, do pop along.

One question came to light recently, "where can we get boules from?". Before purchasing any, 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 August draw were:
1st prize winner Clive Burge
2nd prize winner Flavia Baxter
3rd prize winner Cary Bush

Winners for the September draw were:
1st prize winner Chris Baross
2nd prize winner Jude Wyatt
3rd prize winner Peter Johnston

There is a video of the draw on the City of Bath Petanque 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.

PLEASE NOTE: The next draw will take place at the end of October.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS – LAFC

Congratulations to Larkhall Athletic Football Club on the opening of their new ground development, which offers a new 3G pitch; all seater spectators stand and LED floodlights. This club development will enable the club to realise its 'One Club One Vision' aspiration and allow 600 young people to join the senior teams in playing and training at Plain Ham.

COBPC XMAS DINNER

To be held at the Bathwick Boatman, 4 December. Menu and times to follow. If you are interested please contact Jude on jm.wyatt@hotmail.com

PLAYING MATTERS

Please check the GWR and PE websites and calendars for updates on competitions and events.

MONTHLY MELEE

Don't forget our next monthly melee is Saturday 5 October, registration 9:15 – 9:45 am for a 10.00 start. £3 p.p. to enter. This is open to all members and non-members. All abilities welcome.

GWR TRIPLES COMPETITION

Held on 1 September at Royal Wootton Bassett. Gold finalist: Adie Williams, Ann Charman, Mary Bradridge and Mary from RWB who stepped in when one of the members fell ill. Silver finalists: Martin Britton, Cary Bush and Steve Charman. Bronze finalists: Barry Smith, Jackie Haines and Wade Edwards.

A special mention for Tony Humphries, Mary Humphries and Flavia Baxter reaching the Gold division of the knock out stage of the competition. Also Helen Stanfield and Brenda Burge, with the experienced Alan "Bondy" Bond (RWB) who kept the team playing and smiling during the competition, the team made it to the Silver division of the knockout competition.

Well done everyone! Steve Charman

CLUB MIXED DOUBLES

Held on Sunday 8 September, LAFC (Larkhall Athletic Football Club). The main rain held off, with only a brief shower which forced players to grab their coats, then out came the sun again. Silver was won by Wade and Anne K after a closely fought game against Maureen and Brian. A nail-biting Gold Final with Mike and Bryan beating Jude and Gary. A big thank you to all involved in making it such an enjoyable day and to Emma for keeping the scores and making sure everyone was where they should be at the right time.

A big thank you to Gary and Tiger Trophies for the trophies and medals.

THURSDAY LEAGUE

The playing results and standings can be viewed on League Republic: https://cobpc.leaguerepublic.com/index.html

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://petangueengland.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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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 for the 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

- Club Melee, 5 October, registration 9.15 – 9.45 a.m.
- Sun, 13 Oct, Tiger Trophies Cancer Charity Competition, LAFC, 9.00 am registration, 9.30 am start
- Club Xmas dinner 4 Dec, at the Bathwick Boatman.

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/

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