COBPC NEWSLETTER
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EUROCUP

The Eurocup 2nd round match between COB 2 and Grand Cru 2 has been arranged for Saturday 21 February starting at 10:00 am, at home.

Please can COB 2 members indicate their availability. If you are in the COB 1 squad you are ineligible, (a notice was put on the Club WhatsApp group on 8 January).

IRELAND

Fancy a trip to Ireland. Replacing the annual trip around England this year the club is planning a trip to Ireland around May 7th to 11th with proposed games in Dublin, Carvan and Sligo.

It is planned to set up friendlies on Friday through Monday then allowing additional sightseeing for those interested.

Initial contacts have already been made with clubs in Ireland who would be willing to host us.

We already have a number of people who have registered an interest however the trip will be open to any club member who would be would like to take part. We are planning to put together a firmer schedule by the middle of February.

Anyone who may be interested please let either Cary Bush cary@bathboules.co.uk , Chris Baross chrisbaross@gmail.com or Steve charmans71@talktalk.net know.

Plans are also underway to visit Yorkshire in 2027 where there are many Petanque Clubs.

FRIENDSHIP GAMES – AUGUST 21 – 24 2026 – NEUSIEDL AM SEE AUSTRIA

Friday, August 21:
• Arrival with a get-together in the evening and dinner together at the Hotel Wende. Those arriving
earlier will have the opportunity to throw a few balls in the arena.

Saturday, August 22:
• Tournament, followed by a visit to a wine tavern in Neusiedl am See in the evening.

Sunday, August 23:
• Tournament, followed by a gala dinner at Hotel Wende in the evening – dress code: festive and elegant (stylish, but comfortable – perfect for an enjoyable evening).

Monday, August 24:
• Departure

Our hosts have also recommended a number of hotels which vary in price from € 75 to €125 per person.

It is also proposed, for those interested to have a few days before the games visiting Bratislava in Slovakia and Ljubljana in Slovenia. Plans are being drawn up at the present time.

SANTA SUZANNA TRIP

The trip will run again next year. There may be added a couple of optional days in Barcelona either before or after the competition.

The dates for the competition next year are: Sunday September 27th to Friday October 2nd October.

COACHING

Due to a lack of general interest and the poor weather conditions, coaching has been suspended until the middle of March.

However, for those who are interested in continuing with the coaching it is proposed that those who volunteer will be teamed up with a coach on a Tuesday and / or a

Saturday to help with their play as well as hopefully appreciating the importance of game management.

QUEEN SQUARE PETANQUE

If you haven't played at Queen Square on our weekly Wednesday morning sessions, why not give it a try. It's developed into a bit of a tradition where some players go for lunch or coffee after play in central Bath.

MONTHLY MELEE

Our next monthly melee is Saturday, 7 February 2026, 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.

CARD PAYMENTS AT THE CLUB

We now have a 'sum up' machine for taking card (or phone/watch) payments. It is plugged in and located to the right of the opening hatch in the shed (on the shelf). There is a written sheet of instructions with the device. If anyone wants a quick lesson on how to use it please see Annette - it really is very easy, and the more people that can use it the better.

It has been used to charge non-members who come to the shed for a drink and who invariably do not have any cash on them. They are charged £1.50 for a drink only, which brings us into line with what the football club charge.

Some weeks it has been quite busy, so we need everyone to be able to take a payment to facilitate this. If you're playing close to the shed, it is very quick and easy to take payment and let people help themselves.

When it's been busy we have taken the opportunity to top up the water in the urn in between games.

So far it's worked well as people have been appreciative of the opportunity to buy a hot drink, it raises funds for the club and people visiting for the football are taking an interest in the Petanque club.

WHATSAPP GROUPS

We have a numerous groups on WhatsApp you can request to join, e.g. Queen Square; Message Board; Coaching; Brunel; Maintenance; etc. 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 one of the groups and wish to be included, please inform Steve Charman stevecharman171@gmail.com and Anne Knight for Queen Square anne@bathboules.co.uk
If you wish to be removed from the groups let Steve or Anne (only for Queen Square) know.

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 November draw:
1st prize winner: Mary Bush
2nd prize winner: John Carter
3rd prize winner: Pat Aveyard

Check out the Club Facebook page for the videos.
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.

GWR & PE

Please check the GWR and PE websites for playing calendars and updates on competitions and events:
https://www.gwrpetanque.com/full-calendar and https://petanqueengland.sport80.com/public/events.

COBPC COMMITTEE

After our last AGM 2025, these are your appointed Club committee members:

- Bryan Huish, Chair
- Chris Garcia, Vice Chair
- Cary Bush, Treasurer
- Jenny Newman, Secretary
- John Stanfield
- Eileen Anderton
- Wade Edwards

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.

CLUB WEBSITE

Check out our wonderful, revamped website.
https://bathboules.co.uk/

FACEBOOK

If you have some petanque news you wish to share as a member, then please send to Chris for the facebook page. Any articles received are posted at the discretion of the editor.
Thank you to Chris Garcia for doing the Facebook site and for the contributions received for posting. Visit https://www.facebook.com/bathboules/

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Melee, 7 February 2026
- Melee 7 March 2026
- Melee 4 April 2026
- Ireland, 7 – 11 May, 2026
- Friendship Games, 21 – 24 August 2026
- Santa Suzanna trip, 27 Sept – 2 Oct 2026

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

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

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