COBPC NEWSLETTER
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CLUB COMPETITION DATES
(*see 'Dates for your Diary' below*)

EUROCUP
City of Bath 2 were drawn against local rivals Grand Cru 2 in the second round of this year's
Eurocup competition, which was played in dry weather on Saturday, 21 st February. Each
match consists of two triples followed by three doubles.
The score after the triples was one all. One of the doubles was won comfortably, so everything depended upon the remaining doubles. These were tense encounters that culminated in two 13-12 victories, giving us a 4-1 win and a place in the third round.
We have been drawn to play Cricklade 1 at home in round 3 of the competition.
Greg (Captain)

The Eurocup third round match between City of Bath 2 and Cricklade 1 will take place at Larkhall on Saturday 11 April starting at 10:15 am.

INTERNATION WOMENS DAY
8 March, Sunday, LSC. Entry free. If you haven't taken part before it's doubles, timed games. There may still be some places available. Contact Pam pammckeownuk@gmail.com Trevor trevor.glenton@gmail.com Steve stevecharman171@gmail.com Cary cary@carybush.co.uk for further details.

MONTHLY MELEE
Our next monthly melee is Saturday, 7 March 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.

See 7 Feb Melee photos on our Facebook site
https://www.facebook.com/bathboules/?locale=en_GB

FRIENDSHIP GAMES – AUGUST 21 – 24 2026 – NEUSIEDL AM SEE in AUSTRIA
The games this year will be held in Neusiedl am See in Austria.
There will be a maximum of 12 players per country with a minimum 9 players required (6 men 3 women).

The rough schedule will be as follows
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

A number of hotels have been recommended by our hosts
Hotel Wende which is approximately 300 metres from the Pistes. Cost €125 per person which includes half board. We have requested 6 double rooms in advance.

Pannonia Tower Hotel – 7 minutes drive from the pistes. €125 for a double room which includes breakfast

Ibis Styles – also 7 minutes drive from the pistes. Cost €128 for a double room which also includes a buffet breakfast.

There are also a number of guest house between €55 and €75

Meal costs for those staying at Hotel Wende will be €65 and for those staying at another hotel €168.50.

For those who would be interested in joining could they please let Cary know cary@carybush.co.uk. We will also be planning some further travel before the tournament possibly covering Ljubljana in Slovenia, Vienna and Bratislava (day trip from Vienna) for those who may be interested.

SANTA SUZANNA TRIP

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

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

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

Club membership fees will be due soon. I have asked the committee for a piece about the pricing structure to explain the membership fees in more detail and what your fees cover.

Members playing at Queen Square have already been asked to pay their annual contribution towards the rent of the pistes from BANES, which grants them permission to play from 11 am – 1 pm on a Wednesday morning each week. Payment has been requested by bank transfer for the year meaning the volunteers who support the running of QS do not have to collect small amounts of money each week. Thank you to all concerned for doing this.

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.

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: Annette Hall
2nd prize winner: Cary Bush
3rd prize winner: Chris Garcia

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
- 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

- 7 March Club Melee, open to all
- 8 March IWD, LSC
- 4 April Club Melee, open to all
- 7 – 11 May Ireland
- 24 May Mens & Ladies Singles
- 14 June, Mens & Ladies Doubles
- 12 July, Mixed Doubles
- 21 – 24 August Friendship Games
- 30 August, Triples
- 27 Sept – 2 Oct Santa Suzanna trip

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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