City of Bath Pétanque Club Newsletter

May 2026

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Chair's Update to Members

I'm pleased to share a brief update on our recent activities I would like to welcome our four new members to the Committee, Di Baross, Dominic Singleton, Terry Basson and Tony Humphries. That now makes us nine strong on the Committee. You will see that we have a new format for the newsletter, due to increased usage of Facebook, WhatsApp and our website we will be cutting down the newsletter to quarterly editions. We hope you enjoy this new style newsletter and also welcome feedback on the new format and any ideas going forward. May has seen the start of the Thursday league, and I wish all of our club's teams success. I also hope you enjoy your summer season of Club events and not only support these but also support LSC by using the bar, as a club we are lucky to have such great facilities.

Bryan Huish

Chair of City of Bath Pétanque Club

Who am I – WHO AM I !!!!

Well I am certainty not Jean Valjean. I am Terry, newly chosen as **'The Roaming Reporter' .**
What do I offer to the club's quarterly Newsletter. A club library – pictures of great moments - great thoughts and noble deeds, past and present. My pen is at your disposal as I sit on my reporter's stump listening to the Health and Safety address. The game is on, my camera is in hand, my sensuous ink begins to flow. I belong to all you readers and the game far and wide.

CoBPC AGM 2026

If you build a Pétanque club- management will come. Us members need good management who are responsible for developing and inviting new ideas, managing the clubs finances & maintaining and increasing further membership. To this extent our recent well attended meeting in our comfortable clubhouse with a bar open was perfect in every way - so well managed by the club officers and those who helped set the scene.

Paper of Business. Cash at bank - in the blue!, Membership healthy and growing.
A come and try yearlong advertisement taken out in 'Local Look' magazine.
New floodlights planned to extend playing during darker months.
Election of new members of the committee.

Club Trip to Ireland

It was with trepidation that 15 members of the City of Bath Club left at the beginning of May for the annual trip to visit and play with and against other Petanque Clubs. Why the trepidation? Our spring trips had always based in England for the first time we looked overseas and discovered a number of new and established clubs in Ireland. Where better to go for the warmth and hospitality of the Irish and particularly if you are a fan of the genuine Guinness in its homeland.

The 6 day tour took us to 5 different clubs located in Dublin, Cavan and Belfast where we were met with great hospitality, food often provided as well as great games of Petanque. Scores on the day, who knows, some you lose, some you win but the games were always played in a great atmosphere, gifts exchanged and all together a great craic with our newly found Irish Friends. Here, I could go into detail of each of the clubs but this would take forever however you can find details each day on our clubs Facebook page with accompanying photos.

In between we were able to experience some of the nightlife in Dublin, scenes from the Game of Thrones, the magnificence of the Giants Causeway and the enormity of building an Ocean Liner – the Titanic and of course the wonderful scenery that is of Ireland itself.

Would I recommend a trip to Ireland. You bet, the clubs were most accommodating, the pistes varied and the people most hospitable.

Offers to visit Bath were extended to all the clubs and return visits are anticipated to not only visit us but to play other clubs in the region.

Future tours are now in the planning stage and if you would be interested in joining please let a member of the committee know.

May
24th Club Men's & Ladies Singles
30th & 31st Gorilla26 Triples &
Doubles Competition, Biddestone Boules Club

June
6th Open Melee £3 to enter
14th Club Men's & Ladies Doubles

July
4th Open Melee £3 to enter
12th Club Mixed Doubles

August
1st Open Melee £3 to enter
2nd The Bath Open
21st – 24th Friendship Games in Austria
30th Club Triples

September
5th & 6th Inter Regionals at Sand Bay
12th Open Melee £3 to enter
27th Sept – 2nd Oct Santa Suzanna trip

October
3rd Open Melee £3 to enter

November
7th Open Melee £3 to enter

December
5th Open Melee £3 to enter

Who are your opponents in Pétanque?

The Lavenda Hill Mob, No Vices, Pick yer own Scabs all great teams among many others. So, how do you overcome the mighty in our sport.

I have a suggestion.

Attend as many coaching Monday's listen to professional advice from those PE approved coaches. This is how you touch up your skills. Then you need to accept that Boules only go how you throw them.

Do you know you are the master of your own game? It begins with Self-Belief that you can out play the best in your club.

Watch those shooters who destroy your holding boules, their confidence is obvious. "The world stands aside for the person who knows where they are throwing"

Stand in the ring - visualise your boule going where you would like it to go, like a golf player for a hole in one.

Let self-belief show in your throw, talk it towards success.

Remember that the YOU are your opponent not those playing against you.

The Bath Open

Last year we attracted 40 teams to participate in the Bath Open, a record number of teams. Thanks also go to the number of volunteers who not only helped on the day but also prepared the Terrains for the day.

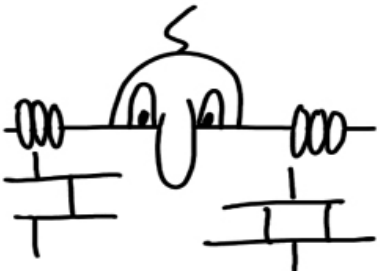
This year we are a hoping to attract the same number of teams and as a member of the City of Bath Club you will, along with last years entrants, have priority entry until May 30th when the list will be opened up.

If you would like to play and do not have any partners let Cary or Steve know and we will work on teaming you up.

We will also need a number of volunteers and if you are not planning on playing and would like to help during the day, please contact Cary Bush or Steve Charman. Tasks such as welcoming teams, setting up and maintaining the refreshment table during the day, collecting glasses, selling raffle tickets, helping with the prize giving etc. will be of great help.

The Bath Open will be on **August 2nd 2026** at **Larkhall Sports Club.**

Click here for entry form



What No - This slot is an invitation for members to express what is missing to make our social game more attractive?

What No Refreshments!
After the game it was custom to share a table full of food and drinks.

What Ain't We Got

We got sunlight on the Piste
We got moonlight over little Solsbury Hill
We got football going on and a lot social fun!

What ain't we got?
We ain't got dames!

Beg to disagree, the 'City of Bath Pétanque Club' have 50 – 50 Gender split, out of a number of 100 plus active members.

Blessed are we to have them, that so engaged in all aspects of our sport.

The Big Family Pétanque

Six years ago, the CoBPC were invited to become one of the most successful hands across the sea clubs by joining 6 European nations over La Manche.

Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Luxemburg & Germany.

The plan - to play over a term of six years.

The organisers have now decided to extend the games for another six years. What an opportunity to get to know so many European pétanque players.

This year 2026 the CoBPC teams will arrive in Austria to challenge the other nations in

“The Big Family Pétanque”

If you are tempted, then get in touch with our treasurer Cary Bush.

Health and Safety

This warning is given to the start of all our Pétanque matches.

Wet grass can cause a fall around the Pistes..Tripping on the strings is to be seen as a reason of many a fall.

Dropping a ball on the foot, especially if you are wearing open top sandals.

Boules in the air can be very dangerous; so watch out to avoid them. I noticed only in the last week - a player walked forward unaware that the game was not over.

Our club has insurance cover - but with common sense and awareness we can be free of causing our own damage.

Club Information

Club Sessions

10am every Saturday at Larkhall Sports Club
10am every Tuesday at Larkhall Sports Club
Join our weekly Wednesday morning session at Queen Square—then stay for coffee or lunch in central Bath.11 a.m. - 1 p.m., £1.50 to play

CoBPC Committee

Bryan Huish, Chair
Cary Bush, Treasurer
Jenny Newman, Secretary
Eileen Anderton
Terry Basson
Di Baross
Wade Edward
Tony Humphries
Dominic Singleton

Club Haberdashery

There is a a wide range of club specific clothing, bags, and ancillary items for purchase via the **Club Shop**
Orders are generally turned around in 5 – 7 days and can be collected from the Box premises or delivered for a small fee.

What's App Groups

Join one of our WhatsApp groups for quick club updates. Used for competitions, events and notices
To be added, contact Steve Charman:
stevecharman171@gmail.com
or ask a Queen Square session volunteer

Facebook needs you

Please send articles and photos to either
Facebook@bathboules.co.uk
or to the editor
Emma.pople@btinternet.com
Articles received are posted at the discretion of the editor. Link to page is at top of newsletter don't forget to press "follow"

100 Club

There are now three cash prize winners every month. If you haven't already purchased your tickets, remember you've got to be in it to win it.
To buy tickets, increase your holdings, request a form from the clubhouse or contact Annette
annetteh40@yahoo.co.uk

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