**Royal Wootton Bassett Pétanque Club. Issue 3 - 2021**

Although it is only 5 weeks since the last letter, I thought I should update you with some things that are planned following a committee meeting last week.

**Site Development**

Several tasks have been carried out and those planned next are…

1. Install the external light.
2. Add some gravel to the piste ( after 20th June)
3. Killing weeds
4. Put some hooks along the fence

If you know or think of others let me or other committee members know.

**Club Development**

To enter Pétanque England and Regional competitions you have to be PE members but any club members can play in the club or open competitions. In addition to this PE members are covered by a very comprehensive insurance and I would encourage everyone to join the organisation.

We are keeping the booking system in place at present until we have a clearer picture of lockdown easing.

Tuesday 10:00 and 19:00

Wednesday 17:00 Junior coaching

Friday 10:00

Saturday 10:00

Lee is considering some adult coaching sessions.

Malcolm White, Richard Everitt, Andrew Lloyd and Garry Douel have stepped down from the committee but Bill Perkins, Marion Sweet and Colin Sweet have been co-opted onto the committee in the roles of Treasurer, RWBSA Rep and Rotary rep respectively. This will be ratified at the AGM. I am still looking for club members to take on roles even if they do not want to be a committee member.

We want to promote the club locally and both increase membership and seek out sponsors, so if you have any ideas please put them forward.

Lee is doing a grand job with the juniors including a specific coaching day that went very well .We still have some funds left from the town council grant for junior development and will be directing the funds to this when a plan is available.

**Competitions**

The Cotswold League is due to go ahead and if you are interested in playing please let Jacquii Anderson or Mike Edwards know.

There will be an Inter-regional qualification competition at the club on 20th June and Sherston is on 10th July. There will be a club melee later in the summer and we are looking at other club competitions.

**Fundraising**

With any club, membership fees are an important source of income but so is alternative types of fundraising and there were a few ideas at the committee meeting. The ones we are following up this year are…

1. Purchase of a boiler for tea/coffee sales at competitions.
2. Wine draw – don’t forget your £1
3. Setting up easy fundraising. This where retail companies make a donation to the club when online purchases are made through their site. There is no cost to the individual and will be an easy income stream.
4. Purchase of a fridge/freezer for the sale of cold drinks and ice cream. (If you have one spare let me know)
5. Quiz night in the autumn
6. Set up of a 50/100 club.

With any event there is a need for someone to take responsibility to run them so if you are keen to do so please let me or Jacquii know. Any ideas for fundraising within the COVID rules would be welcome.

With any fundraising there needs to be a target for the money, I have a few ideas but would welcome more and I think we should also look to raise fund for nominated charities.

**RWBSA**

Please use them as much as possible when available. The RWBSA AGM is on Tuesday 29th June at 8.00 pm, please attend if you can.

Can I remind everyone to follow the correct traffic flow and not to drive round the cones or the wrong way at the roundabout.

The club made a donation to Kate Warren’s just giving towards the cost of a defribulator.

**Club Clothing**

I have placed the order for club clothing but I would like someone to take on responsibility for this role in the future. It is only a once or twice a year job.

Prices for this year are as follows:-

LV550 Fleece - £24.50

RG422 Softshell - £41

RG421 Waterproof - £47.50

RS214 Gilet - £22

LV370 Polo Shirt - £17.50

**Other Business**

We should have held our annual AGM by now but obviously circumstances have made this difficult. I hope to schedule an AGM and social event for late June/ early July after the RWBSA AGM.

You all know that Malcolm White has decided to step down from the committee and as club treasurer after 10 years in the role. To mark this we intend to purchase a trophy in his name and hold 2 melees a year. The other trophy is the Ross Wheeler plate.

I feel we are under-represented on the GWR committee and if any PE member would like to volunteer for the role please let me know.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for the club, I would be particularly interested to know if there are any playing sessions/ competitions / coaching etc that you think the club should arrange.

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