**Royal Wootton Bassett Pétanque Club. Issue 2 - 2021**

The last newsletter was some 6 weeks ago and I wanted to pass on some items and also say thank you to some on behalf of the club.

Firstly, thank you to …

Andy G for preparing the terrain each week

Andrew A for the booking system.

Paul S, Andy B and Andy G for painting the shed ( and Colin S for touching up)

Roger S for the anti-slip painting

Marion for arranging a protective barrier

Lee for his work with the juniors

**Site Development**

As a result of the above work the only outstanding items are ..

1. Install the external light.
2. Purchase a gazebo for shelter in competitions. (one has been donated but may take time to erect.)
3. Tidy the inside of the shed

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

Under the roadmap out of lockdown rules the next change will be May 17th when the bar and coffee should be available indoors.

**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 have now settled into a slightly different routine giving plenty of opportunity to play and the sessions are..

Tuesday 10:00 and 19:00

Wednesday 17:00 Junior coaching

Friday 10:00

Saturday 10:00

On Saturday 15th May there is a GWR junior coaching event being held at the club so no club session that day. Please encourage any juniors in the family to come along that day.

**Competitions**

Thank you to those who turned up to play Bath Grand Cru last night. It was enjoyable despite the weather and we have a friendly with Wanborough on Friday as they want to gain some experience. I am awaiting announcements as to when/if the Cotswold League will recommence and when Regional competitions will be held but one date for the diary is Sherston on 10th July.

**Fundraising**

Our largest source of income is from membership fees so please encourage people to come along and have a go. We are one of the lowest risk sports and as you are all aware the game is very sociable and fun.

From the end of this year we will have an annual ground rent to pay.

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.

**RWBSA**

Obviously, circumstances have meant that all events within the Sports Association have been cancelled but they have taken steps to ensure that the facilities are as safe as possible. Please use them as much as possible when available.

Coffee is available and can be taken inside from 17th May.

Also Katie is running a marathon to raise money for a defibrillator so please sponsor her at ….

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sa-defibrillator?utm\_id=2&utm\_term=azyVW9p93](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.justgiving.com%2Fcrowdfunding%2Fsa-defibrillator%3Futm_id%3D2%26utm_term%3DazyVW9p93&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ca397330e594b4c980df008d909891386%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637551306603007897%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=xvlCIsUIV4SPousZ8eug6bLAdFPaDryL2gJnssP33WQ%3D&reserved=0)

**Club Clothing**

Quite a few people purchased club clothing and I am placing an order over the weekend if anyone wants to order an item please let me know urgently. I have agreed prices for this year and they 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.

I am sorry to say that Malcolm White has informed me that he has decided to step down from the committee and as club treasurer. Bill Perkins has volunteered to take over as treasurer and as no one else has come forwarded he will be taking the role with immediate effect.

I would like to pass on a clean membership to him but there are some outstanding fees due for 2021 please can those who are yet to renew arrange to make the payment.

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.

Alan

Alan Mc Innes

President/Chairman RWB Pétanque Club.

28th April 2021