**Royal Wootton Bassett Pétanque Club. Issue 5 - 2021**

For those who are not on our club Facebook firstly a report on the GWR over 50’s competition from yesterday.

RWBPC had 4 teams out of 20 in the regional over 50's and after the morning games we were 1st, 5th, 8th and 9th. The top 8 went into the gold competition whilst the 9th into the silver. In the silver progress was based on points difference and although the team won (Jacquii and myself) our points were not good enough.

In the gold quarterfinals Allan and Andrew won through to the semi-finals but then lost to the eventual winners. In another quarterfinal our 2 other teams played each other and although Andrew and Roger had finished 1st in the morning they were beaten by Colin and Marion. Colin and Marion went on to win their semi-final but unfortunately lost in the final.

We gave a good showing and comments were made by other clubs on how well our club was represented, so well done all.

**Site Development**

Several tasks have been carried out …

1. Door to area behind the council compound has been fitted.
2. New scoreboard holders fitted
3. Fridge freezer obtained and installed

Items to action….

1. Install external light on shed
2. Complete area behind new gate
3. Tidy up area behind club hut
4. Purchase flags to advertise club (apply for PE funding)

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

**Club Development**

Lee has been working very hard to arrange a Petanque’ trip to North Devon starting on Sunday 10th October and the basic itinerary is…

**Sunday**, travel down and play against a local club **Pig on The Hill PC Devon Champions** and have Roast lunch/ Devon tea (Cream 1st)

**Monday**, again play against a local club **New Westward HO! PC** at Royal North Devon Golf Club Terrain for lunch the best line caught Cod & Chips followed by award winning Hockings Vanilla Ice cream Cornet

**Tuesday**, play amongst ourselves at **Village Inn Petanque Club** or possibly play their U3A Team

Accommodation would either be cottages for 4 or hotels in the Appledore/Northam area.

Obviously, there is the option to travel on the Saturday and extend the trip beyond Tuesday if you wish.

**Please let me know if you are interested and we can then sort out the details.**

**Competitions**

The Cotswold League has started with both teams being successful but both teams play each other this wee.

Ladies open doubles was a success but unfortunately was won by Cricklade teams.

Future club competitions planned are ..

Club melee – 19th Sept (provisional date) and Mens doubles on 3rd October.

For outside competitions please check the calendar that Marion has drawn up.

**Fundraising**

Fundraising is progressing…

1. Wine draw on Friday is averaging about £10 each week – don’t forget your £1
2. Easy fundraising raises money whenever you place an online order with a contributing company and currently is at over £20. There is no cost to the individual and is an easy income stream so please sign up.
3. Quiz night in the autumn
4. 100 club is very near to being up and running

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.

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 funds for nominated charities.

**RWBSA**

Please use them as much as possible when available.

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

**Club Clothing**

I am about to place an order for club clothing and so if you want anything please let me know asap. 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

If anyone would like any clothing, please let me know.

**Other Business**

Any club can only run with a team of volunteers and I would just like to thank everyone who has been involved recently and taken on some responsibility as it makes my job much easier.

Watching our play in the recent competitions I feel that some training / coaching is needed (myself included) if we are going to come away with the trophies. I hope to arrange some sessions in September / October for anyone who may be interested, so please let me know.

Alan

Alan Mc Innes

President/Chairman RWB Pétanque Club.

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