Royal Wootton Bassett Pétanque Club. Issue 1 - 2025

This is the first newsletter of 2025 and there is a lot of information to pass on both previous and forthcoming. I would first though like to say thank you to all our members for paying the annual subscription so promptly. Also welcome to the new members David Harrow, Laurence Turder and Sue Slucock.

I may have some of the past events incorrect as I have left it too long before issuing a newsletter. Apologies for that and I hope you find the new format more readable. If there is any other information that you would like please let me know.

First 4 months

Ganges meal	Another very success full meal organised by Colin and Marion and quiz by Andy.
IWD	The regional IWD was wone by Mary and Claire who now go on to represent the region in the final later in the year
Tuesday Pairs	Thanks to Jan and Phil for this, it was a very well attended event over a number of weeks. Congratulations to the winner Keith and Ali Sealy.
Over 50 Grand Prix	Held for the first time in this area and attended by the most teams of the series. We hope to host this event again next year. It involved 16 pistes and is held in 4 different areas through the winter with the final being in Leicester.
Spring Melee	Internal club competition and won this year by Rod Elliott
Veterans SSE	**National 'Squad Selection Events'** are held to find the top teams to represent 'England' to play in the World finals in Europe - a RWBPC team of 3 club members and Mark Gay were placed 2nd Behind a team that had represented England Vets in the past.
IRQ	This was held at Larkhall and RWB over 2 weekends and 9 club members qualified. They form 2 teams and part of another plus Marion and Coloin will be going again this year as Squad Managers
Eurocup	We entered 2 teams this year but unfortunately both teams have been knock out of the main and plate competions.
Western Challenge	This is a new competition running in the GWR region and again we have entered 2 teams, both are still in one in the plate and one in the main.
Cornwall Trip	Some of our players ventured into dark side and cross the Tamar for a competition indoors which was good experience for them.
Projects	Screens have been installed on the canopy thanks to sponsorship. Base of the new canopy has been laid.

Future Events

Build of the canopy	Planned for late May
	EU25 17th May RWBPC. Still time to get your entries in although there are a number of club teams already playing. Imagine Cruising via the club are sponsoring the plate and highest ranked club team.
Families day	Sunday 18th May at Lime Kiln – **volunteers needed** see Marion
CPL	This is now getting underway with the first matches being arranged
Scouts	7-9pm on Monday 14th July and Friday 18th July about 20 scouts each time and then the possibility of some matches between the scout groups – **volunteers needed**
RWB Academy	Tuesday 15th July - **volunteers needed**
M4	New local competition being considered that would be teams of 4 with 2 rounds doubles and then triples and single. More details to follow.
Monkstone	TBC
Weston Super Mare	TBC
Chilli evening and Quiz and raffle	Tuesday evening 17th June. The plan is a short pétanque session and then Chilli in the sports club. Cost £10 per person. Please let Beryl know if you are coming.

Club Development

The site developments will be the canopy by pistes 11/12 and this will be built in late May or early June. Later in the year we hope to build a further 4 pistes by the entrance to the football AGP pitch ready for next year.

In terms of player development Jan is carrying on with ladies coaching and we are planning to have adult and junior coaching to capitalise on the youth visits planned.

Insurance

Petanque England have expanded their insurance to include public liability for all club members including non-PE members. Officials and Coaches are also covered for professional indemnity. This does not cover personal accident insurance and non-PE members should ensure that they have this cover or join Petanque England for comprehensive cover either as a club player (£10) or competitor member. (£25)

Contacts details in event of emergency

We are improving our safety measures at the club and we will be asking for emergency contact details. There will also be a request for some personal information which may be considered private and you are under no obligation to supply this.

Fundraising

Marion has been very successful in obtaining funding for the canopy by pistes 11/12 and also to buy some equipment to help with junior coaching. Thanks to the Area Board and to Johnson and Daltrey.

We will be running the MacMillan fundraiser and some raffles this year but major fundraising will be put on hold.

The 100 club continues to slowly build and will be providing funding towards some benches, if you are interested in joining, please see Jacquii or Jan Bird.

Easyfunding continues to contribute to club funds.

RWBSA

Can I remind everyone to follow the correct traffic flow and not to drive round the cones or the wrong way and also that dogs are not allowed on site.

Club Clothing

If you would like any club clothing, please let Keith Laurance know.

Social

Please see the list of forthcoming events and a note for the diary that the annual meal is booked for Friday 12th December.

On a final note, can I please ask that whenever the club is used that all items are stored away and that the hut is left clean and tidy especially now that we have made improvements.

That's all for now folks but if you want to volunteer or just have a question let me know.

Alan

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