Royal Wootton Bassett Pétanque Club. Issue 2 - 2026

Thought I would send out a newsletter now that some of the competitions this year are starting to firm up. Also a welcome to the new members Bin, Eddie and Marian.

Everyone has paid their membership for 2026, so thank you.

News

The RWB Royals managed second place in the GWR winter doubles with RWB Regents 10th.

The Allsorts team played in the Eurocup plate at the weekend in Hereford but unfortunately lost 2-3 in a very close fought match.

The Royals are still in the main competition and play Arundell at home on 9th May.

The dates and times of all competitions/matches will be put on the Whatsapp meet up page so if you are able please come along and support.

We are running 4 teams in the Cotswold League this year so if you are interested in joining a squad please let one of the captains know – Jacquii A, Marion S, Mary EL, Brian C.

We have also entered 2 teams in the Western Challenge competition and details will follow when we have them.

Events

The entry list for Sherston opens at 07.00 on Sunday 29th for anyone who wishes to play and places will disappear quickly.

The club and regional calendar have been placed on the notice board and the first event is the club Spring Melee on 18th April. Please get your entries in.

There is a pudding club scheduled for Thursday 14th May, please Beryl for details.

The next competition diarised is the gender doubles on 18th July. This will be mens doubles and ladies doubles running side by side. Perhaps we could then stage a play off between the winners of each??

We have some ideas of other formats for competitions and hope that you will give them a try.

On 30th April we have 14 ladies visiting as a come and try event and I understand that a number of you have volunteer to help, so thank you.

In the next few weeks, we will have a visit for the air cadets and will be asking for volunteers.

To introduce more competitive play Tuesday session results after Easter will be recorded and a league table produced. In addition, the Saturday session will be regular and will be a full melee where teams will change for each round and again the results will be recorded. The Saturday melee will be suspended whenever any other club competition is running. Hopefully these sessions will be fun and competitive!

Club Development

The shed has been shelved and tidied, please keep that way.

The jobs that are yet to be done are painting of all the woodwork and treatment of the sleepers when the weather improves. In addition, we need to improve the drainage (I say improve because with the level of rain we will never cure it.)

Please put you bags under the new seating inside the canopy and use the coat pegs such that seating is free for sitting.

Insurance

Petanque England have expanded their insurance to include public liability for all club members including non-PE members and I have therefore cancelled our cover with insure4sport. 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) Our buildings are covered by the RWBSA insurance, but we have decided not to insure the contents as the price was prohibitive.

Fundraising

There will be a number of fundraising events for charity during the year to see if we can beat the £2200 raised in 2025. The person who organises the event gets to nominate the charity, so if you a have a favourite charity arrange a social or talk to Beryl.

RWBSA

The RWBSA has changed its constitution to enable changes to the Associations governance. Our representative are

Executive – Marion Sweet

User Group – Keith Laurance.

Alan McInnes

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The rule for this newsletter is ….

Article 28, Displacement of the boules or the jack

The team, whose player displaces or disturbs the jack or one of the contested boules, while effecting a measurement, loses the point. If, during the measurement of a point, the umpire disturbs or displaces the jack or a boule, the umpire will make an impartial decision.