



# NEWSLETTER

Issue 2 – October 2023

Welcome to your second 51 Petanque Club Newsletter - in which we wish to bring you the latest news about the Club and provide details of upcoming events. Subsequent Club Newsletters will be published as and when necessary but normally no less frequent than bi-monthly

## INTRA CLUB MELEE

The Autumn Intra Club Mele was held on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. and was well supported with 22 Club Members enjoying good weather throughout the day. The eventual winner – and only person to score 4 wins out of 4, was Kelvin Cross with a total of 50pts for and only 18pts against. In second place was Claudine Guilman with 3 wins, 45pts for and 21pts against.

The participants enjoyed bacon rolls to kick the day off, and yet more tasty food from the barbeque at lunchtime, courtesy of head cook Ed Andrews.

The proceeds from the entry fees, food and drink sales, and profit from the 51 Club Draw Card that was run on the day, resulted in an income before costs of £288 for the Club funds.

Very grateful thanks go out again to Mark Akehurst for his excellent organisation of the event.



## CLUB SINGLES COMPETITION

The Club Singles Competition for 2023 reached it's climax on 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, with the Final being played between Ed Andrews and Jerry Wright in front of approximately 15 supporters. The eventual winner was Jerry with a score of 13 - 7. Jerry was presented with the winner's trophy and a cash prize of £10 by Club Chairman Graham Beales. Ed received the runner's up prize of £5, and Mandy Seabrook won £5 for being the highest placed non-league player. Grateful thanks go out to all the participants for getting on with the arranging of their individual matches, and special thanks have to go out to Mark Akehurst for his overall organisation and scorekeeping throughout the Competition – THANK YOU MARK.



## NCPA SUMMER LEAGUE

The NCPA Summer League has now concluded and has resulted in mixed fortunes for the 51PC Teams.

In Division 1 The Millers had a number of close run matches, but struggled to get the wins in the bag. They did however round off the season with a win to ensure they didn't end up bottom of the Division. Unfortunately however, this win did not extricate them from the "drop zone", so next Season will see them playing in Division 2.

By contrast in Division 2, The Oaks had their most successful season ever, and ended up Runners Up to the League Champions Norwich Mustard. This result ensures the Team's promotion to Division 1 for the 2024 Season.

In their second season since their formation, the Acorns demonstrated another steady performance throughout the year, and this was borne out by their 4<sup>th</sup> place position at the end of the Season.

## WINTER LEAGUE

The Sunday (every other) League commences this year on 5<sup>th</sup> November. 51 PC has again got 3 Teams entered, but sadly - due to other pressing commitments on a number of team members, this does not include JARMAN for the 2023/24 season.

The good news however is that we have a new team entered that comprise 80% new 51PC members who have not played league format before – they are calling themselves SNOWBOULES 51. We wish them every success with their new venture. The other 51 PC Teams playing this year will be PAXSO and SOCIAL 51.

## 51 PC END OF SEASON OPEN MELEE

The End of Season Open Melee was held on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

A total of 32 entrants from across Norfolk, Suffolk and 51 PC members took part on a gloriously sunny day.

The winner was Vic Leslie from Diss, and the runner-up was Kevin Cumming from Suffolk. Both players achieved 4 wins out of 4 games, but Vic had a better points for/diff at the end of the day.

After totalling up the entrance fees, together with the food and drinks sales, a profit of £224 was made for the Club.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Beetle Drive 27<sup>th</sup> October** – Doors open for the next Beetle Drive at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start at the Great Ellingham Recreation Centre, with the bar and refreshments available (**contact Claudine for a table**) – good fun for old and young alike!

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Bingo. Do come along to the Village Hall for an evening of good fun and excellent prizes. Doors open at 18:45hrs and eyes down at 19:30hrs. "Pat's Bar" will also be open for this event.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Christmas Party. Following the great success of the last two years we will again be holding our Club Christmas Party in the Village Hall. Claudine and her team of ladies will cooking up another self-serve gourmet selection of foods, and there will be bottles of wine on your tables. Please make sure you have this important date in your diaries, and get your names in to Claudine/Mandy to secure your tables.

## COMMITTEE POSITIONS

As advised at the Club's last AGM, the current Secretary and Treasurer will be retiring at the next AGM. We wish to extend our most grateful thanks to Claudine and Andy for their invaluable contribution over their years of service to the Club.

We are therefore looking for volunteers to put themselves forward for election to these important positions on the Club's Committee for 2024 onwards. Please give your serious consideration to this request – this is a great opportunity to become a member of the Management Team of our thriving and widely respected Club. A brief Job Description/Terms of Reference for both positions will be published shortly.

Please put your name/s forward asap to the Secretary by email at;- [petanqueclub51@outlook.com](mailto:petanqueclub51@outlook.com)

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