



# NEWSLETTER

Issue 4 – January 2024

Welcome to your third 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 frequently than bi-monthly

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024, and was very well attended with 37 members present – well done to all! It is very encouraging for the Committee to see such a good level of support like this, and it also goes to show that somewhere along the line we - as a Club, must be getting the administration pretty near right. However, there will still be room for further improvement and we will always be grateful for members constructive feedback.

The Meeting was notable in as much as there were two key officer changes; Claudine Guilmain retired as Secretary, and Andy Naden retired as Treasurer. Prior Nominations had been received for both roles in the form of Mandy Seabrook and John Brierley, and in the absence of any other nominations they were elected unopposed.

Andy Naden gave his final Financial Report which reflected a healthy end of year position for the Club. This was due in part to the specific fundraising activities (Beetle Drive, Bingo, Fish & Chip Quiz etc.) held through the year, and the food & drink profits made from the events held on the terrain.

Other key topics covered at the Meeting included (but not exclusively);

Membership Fees – to remain the same for 2024 (£20/player, £5/Social), but the registration fee for League players has risen to £2.50.

With the growing number of regularly active players it has also been possible to form a fourth Summer League Team – to be known as Ellingham Magna.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**INDOOR PETANQUE** – To be held in the Village Hall starting at 7:30pm (boules provided by 51 PC)

18<sup>th</sup> January  
1<sup>st</sup> February  
8<sup>th</sup> ditto  
15<sup>th</sup> ditto  
22<sup>nd</sup> ditto  
7<sup>th</sup> March  
14<sup>th</sup> ditto

**BEETLE DRIVE** - To be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 2:30pm.

**MUSIC EVENING** – with “Murphys Lore”, To be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 8:00pm.

**FISH & CHIP QUIZ** - To be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 7:30pm.

**BINGO** - To be held in the Village Hall on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 7:30pm.

**BEETLE DRIVE** - To be held in the Village Hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 6:30pm.

**BINGO** - To be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, starting at 7:30pm.

**51 PC CHRISTMAS PARTY** - To be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 7:30pm.

Whilst the fundraising events in the Village Hall are open to anyone, we wish to strongly encourage as many Club Members as possible to come along and support these important events.

## 51 PETANQUE CLUB COMMITTEE FOR 2024

Following the AGM held on 11<sup>th</sup> January, and for the benefit of those members who were unable to attend, the Committee for the coming year is as follows;-

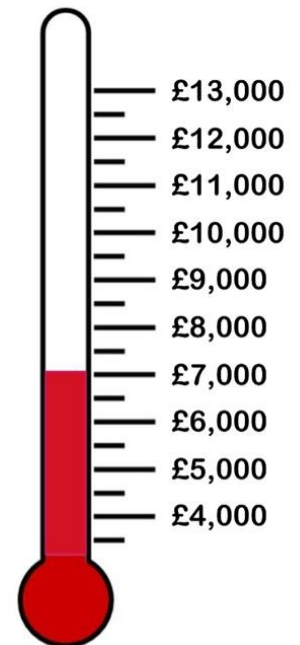
CHAIRMAN	Graham Beales
VICE CHAIRMAN	Ed Andrews
SECRETARY	Mandy Seabrook
TREASURER	John Brierley
FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR/ CLUBHOUSE MANAGER	Claudine Guilmain
OAKS CAPTAIN/REPRESENTATIVE	Keith Hilton
MILLERS CAPTAIN/REPRESENTATIVE	Jake Beales
ACORNS CAPTAIN/REPRESENTATIVE	Barry Wilkinson
MAGNA CAPTAIN/REPRESENTATIVE	Roger Jackson
SOCIAL MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVE	Mandy Seabrook
MAINTENANCE MANAGER	Peter Joyce

## REPLACEMENT TOILET FUND-RAISING PROJECT

The Club is seeking to replace the existing Portaloo's with a modern plumbed-in toilet block.

The replacement block has already been purchased, but the Club still has to complete the installation – total estimate - £13,000.

Please help support our efforts towards raising the rest of the funds required.



## 51 PC WEBSITE

Please spend a moment and take a look at the Club website – <https://51petanque.co.uk> where you will also find lots of useful information about the Club. The Committee wishes to extend it's most grateful appreciation for all the efforts of Michael Mills, who created and regularly updates this site.

If you have any requests for additions to the website please send your requests to Michael at;-

[michael-bowen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:michael-bowen@hotmail.co.uk)

## 2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Can we please request that you pay your Membership Fees for the 2024 year as soon as possible to the Club Treasurer – John Brierley. You can pay by cheque or in cash direct to John or any other Committee Member at the Clubhouse, or you can pay via banking online using the following account details;- Account Name "51 Petanque Club", Sort Code 30-98-97, Account 70096560.

The Fees due are as follows;-

Full Membership	£20.00	Social Membership (non playing)	£ 5.00
Registration for League Players	£ 2.50	League Players Handbook	£ 1.00
Juniors	£10.00		