



NEWSLETTER

Issue 5 – February 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

MUSIC EVENING - MURPHYS LORE

Murphy's Lore

East Anglia's Premier Folk Rock Band Live

SATURDAY **16th** MARCH 2024

DOORS OPEN **7PM**
BAND 8PM - 11PM

Tickets available from 'Pats Bar' or 5IPC Members

GT ELLINGHAM RECREATION CENTRE

ADULT TICKET: **£10.00**
U16'S TICKET: **£5.00**

Proceeds from ticket sales to 51 Petanque Club

As part of the Club's endeavours to raise money for the Toilet Improvement Project, our next major activity is the holding of a social event at the Village Hall. Murphys Lore are the leading Folk Rock band in East Anglia. **We really would appreciate seeing you - and of course your friends, at this special event**, and we promise that you will not be disappointed with the entertainment that they will bring to the Village.

Tickets are available in the Clubhouse, or from any Committee member, and from the Village Shop.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

7th March 14th March

MUSIC EVENING – with "Murphys Lore", To be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th March, starting at 8:00pm.

FRIENDLY MATCHES vs GARNIER – to be held at home and away on 21st March at 7:30pm

FRIENDLY MATCHES vs GARNIER – to be held at home and away on 24th March at 10:00am

FRIENDLY MATCH vs BOB CARTER – to be held at Bob Carter Centre on 28th March at 7:00pm

APA FIXED COCHE PAIRS – to be held at home on 14th April, starting at 9:30am (open to all)

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

INTRA-CLUB SPRING MELEE – to be held at home on 5th May, starting at 10:30am

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

BASTILLE DAY MELEE (Intra-Club) – to be held at home on 14th July, starting at 10:30am

INTRA-CLUB AUTUMN MELEE – to be held at home on 8th September, starting at 10:30am

BOB BRUCE MEMORIAL PAIRS - to be held at home on 14th July, starting at 10:30am (Open Competition)

BETLE DRIVE - To be held in the Village Hall on Friday 27th September, starting at 6:30pm.

OPEN MELEE – to be held at home on 13th October, starting at 10:30am

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

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

PLAYER INSURANCE

At the AGM the subject of player insurance was discussed.

If any of you wish to have insurance cover whilst playing, a cheap way of doing this is to join Petanque England. As a member - either as a £10 **Club Player**, or a £30 **Competitor Player** level, you will receive full and comprehensive insurance cover.

For details of how to join, visit the PE website at <https://www.petanque-england.uk/join-us-2023/> and follow the instructions for membership. Full details of the cover provided can also be viewed.

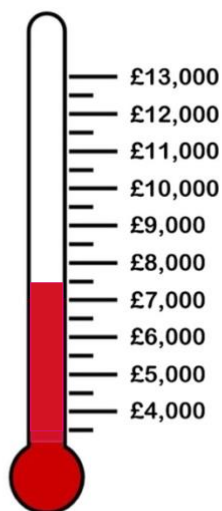
Membership runs from March to end of February. If you join now it should run until end of Feb 2025.

REPLACEMENT TOILET FUND-RAISING PROJECT

The Club is seeking to replace the existing Portaloos 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.



STORAGE SHED

We currently store all our stacking chairs in the Scorer's Hut – which consumes a lot of space and is not ideal. We would very much like to acquire a small garden shed (approx. 6ft x 4ft floor area) to solely house these chairs within the current compound.

If any member has a surplus shed, or you know of someone else who has one that they wish to get rid of (preferably free!), or you see one on "Marketplace" or similar, please let the Committee know – thank you.

HAVE YOUR COCHE REFURBISHED

Do you have any badly chipped/tatty coches?? – Keith Hilton is your man! Keith has volunteered to take your old coches and strip them, and then re-spray them free of charge (all he asks is that you make a small donation to the Toilet Project Fund). Please bring your coches along to the Club for Keith to collect.



2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES

If you have not yet paid, 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		