



# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to your seventh 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

## CLUB MEMBERS SUCCESS!!

Club members Cheryl and Tony Morgan, Liv Reid, Fleur Guilmain-Beales, Jake Beales and Michael Mills all recently competed in the Anglia Petanque Region Team Qualifier's (3 separate rounds at different Club venues). Team Morgan - with their fellow team member – Les Shilling, achieved a highly creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the overall team standings. Team Beales finished tenth, and this is the first time that they have qualified. These results mean that they will all now go forward to represent the Anglia Region in the Petanque England National Championship in September. Cheryl, Tony and Les also won the Gold Competition at the beginning of August in the East Norfolk Open Triples Competition. Many congratulations go out to all these members on their achievements, and for flying the 51 PC flag.

Pos	Team Captain	Wins	BHN	IBHN	Boule Diff
1	S. Welford	13	46	213	68
2	T. Morgan	11	42	202	53
3	J. Wilcox	10	43	207	-2
4	A. Wilson	10	42	202	49
5	J. Shreeve	9	43	198	43
6	S. Raja	9	41	191	47
7	R. Jeffery	8	36	182	-7
8	P. Astle	7	42	183	1
9	P. Boarder	7	36	202	7
10	J. Beales	7	36	189	-26
11	M. Morel	7	35	192	-32
12	G. Harcourt	7	35	187	-7



## BASTILLE DAY

On 14<sup>th</sup> July 20 Club members gathered at the terrain for an all day Melee. The perfect weather even saw the lovely Pat Partridge visit for an hour or so in the afternoon. After a closely fought battle across the 4 rounds, two players emerged with 4 wins each. Chris Watering was pipped into second place on points difference by the winner Graham Beales. Well done to all those who took part, to Anna for running the barbeque, to Claudine for providing the French specialities, and to Graham for the 51 Pastis.



## CLUB SINGLES COMPETITION - 2024

The Club Singles Competition took place on 4<sup>th</sup> August this year, and was condensed into a one day event at the terrain. 16 Club members in 4 groups played each other in the morning, with the top players going forward to a knockout competition in the afternoon. The Final was played between Mark Akehurst and Graham Beales, with both players undefeated up to that point. Despite Mark taking an early lead, Graham came through to win 13-4. In the Plate final John Moores beat Billie Jackson.



## UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**AFTERNOON TEA** – to be held in the Village Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> August, starting at 2:00pm

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

**BOB BRUCE MEMORIAL PAIRS** - to be held at home on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, starting at 10:30am (Open Competition)

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

**OPEN MELEE** – to be held at home on 13<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 10:30am

**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.

## AFTERNOON TEA

The Club will be holding it's first ever Afternoon Tea on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August in the Village Hall. The event is part of the overall fundraising drive to help provide the new upgraded toilets for the Club. A Grand Raffle for those attending will also be held which includes a number of star prizes donated by local businesses - Tesco Hamper, Sainsbury's Hamper, Crown voucher for £40, Tony Perkins meat voucher, Refine Hairdressers voucher (£30), Aldercarr Hall massage, Cheese and biscuits Hamper and a Peter Beales Voucher for a rose + plus other prizes.

Please book your tickets from Mandy by close of play on 26<sup>th</sup> August so that the food order can be completed (unfortunately there will be no tickets available after this date)

## BINGO

Another successful Bingo night was held on 24<sup>th</sup> May. The event raised £247 for the Club funds. Many thanks go out to Claudine and Jean for all their efforts.

Watch out for the next Bingo night on 21<sup>st</sup> November and do come along with your friends and help support us.

## OLYMPIC MEDALS SWEEPSTAKE

Many of you kindly took part in guessing the total GB Olympic Medal count sweepstake as expertly organised by Mark Akehurst. The winners who guessed 65 medals were; Gillian & Lesley, Graham Beales, Jerry, Mandy & Anna and Jill & Pete. Each took away an equal share of £99. The sweepstake raised £99 towards the toilet fund – very many thanks Mark for all your efforts.

## CEILIDH

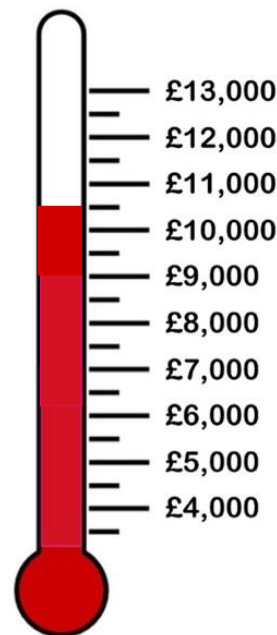
The Ceilidh on 3<sup>rd</sup> August was well attended, and saw many people on the dance floor responding well to the Caller's instructions on what steps/moves to make – there were a few "knots" but no crashes!!! The night raised another £232 towards the Toilet Project.

## 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.



As a result of the great work on fundraising by all, the money required to apply for Building Regulations Approval (£578) has now been raised, and the Application has been submitted to Breckland Council. It is hoped that we will get the approval by the end of August.

## GARAGE SALES

Jean and Dennis Leach again kindly allowed the Club to share their driveway for the annual Teddy Bear Festival Garage Sales on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Members again kindly donated a wide range of items, and the sale of these raised £105. Many thanks go out to Jean and Dennis, and to the Club members who helped on the day.