



# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to your eleventh 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

## TOILET PROJECT

### IT'S COMPLETE!

We are very pleased to be able to announce that the new Toilet Project is now officially complete. On the 7<sup>th</sup> May the Building Inspector visited the terrain to view all the trench backfilling, general tidying of the worksite, and the final installation of the services to the new toilets and STP. The Inspector was very pleased with all that he saw and complemented the Club on it's achievement. On his return to the Breckland Building Control Office he issued the formal Completion Certificate for the works.

The new Toilets were actually opened and first 'used in anger' on 27<sup>th</sup> March, at the friendly match with the Bob Carter Centre.

Whilst we have now cleared all of the spoil that resulted from the excavation works, we still have to finish making good the disturbed ground around the drainage field. The long spell of dry weather has delayed this activity, and we desperately need some rain so that we can seed and finish rolling this area.

A huge thank you has to go out to all those members who volunteered their help throughout the Project, without whom we could not have got to this stage. Thanks also must go out to the Village people who also offered their machinery services at preferential rates, and saved us a lot of backbreaking work.



## SPRING MELEE

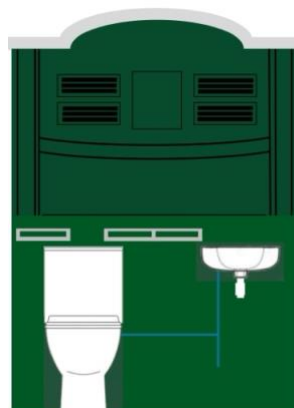
The Spring Melee was held on 4<sup>th</sup> May on a day which saw almost every season in the space of 6 hours! This was rather disappointing after the weeks of sunshine and warm temperatures leading up to the Competition.

Despite the weather there was an excellent turnout by 29 members, and a very enjoyable spirit was maintained by all.

Congratulations go out to Scott Wilson who came 1<sup>st</sup> - winning all 4 games, John Moores who came second with 3 wins, and Barry Wilkinson who came third – also with 3 wins but 2 points behind John.

## TOILETS – THE NEXT STAGE

The next stage of the Toilets improvements is to upgrade the original "Ladies/Disabled" toilet. The plan is to convert this cubicle from being a chemical "Portalo", and fit it out with a low level flushing toilet and handbasin – similar to those in the new Toilets. This Toilet will then become the official Disabled Toilet. The 51 PC Committee has now given approval for the work to commence, and it is hoped to start this very soon.



### INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

On 29<sup>th</sup> March the Club was honoured to hold the Anglia region's International Women's Day event. This was an open pairs Competition which was won by Ellie Jay and Tricia Hodgekinson from the Bob Carter Centre. 51 PC was represented in the competition by Billie Jackson and Jill Joyce, and Claudine Guilmain with Fleur Beales.



### BEETLE DRIVE

Claudine organised another successful and enjoyable Beetle Drive in the Village Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. This raised £72.27 for the Club funds – well done Claudine.

### OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES;-

(All events to be held at 51 PC Terrain)

**6<sup>th</sup> July** – APA Inter Regional Qualifiers (3<sup>rd</sup> round)

**12<sup>th</sup> July** – Bastille Day – Intra-Club Melee

**27<sup>th</sup> July** – 51 PC Singles Competition

**3<sup>rd</sup> August** – APA Pairs

**7<sup>th</sup> September** – 51 PC Autumn Intra-Club Melee

**21<sup>st</sup> September** – Bob Bruce Memorial Pairs

### 2025 PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY MATCHES

**27<sup>th</sup> March**, saw the Annual friendly match against the Bob Carter Center – this year being held at home. The Match was open to all available 51 PC team players. The Bob Carter Center were the eventual winners by the margin 13 ½ to 10 ½.

**30<sup>th</sup> March**, the friendly match against the Garnier Club was also played at home this year, with all 4 51 PC teams and both Garnier teams playing. At the end of the evening 1<sup>st</sup> place went to G2, 2<sup>nd</sup> were the Oaks, 3<sup>rd</sup> the Millers, 4<sup>th</sup> Magna, 5<sup>th</sup> Les Garnier, and 6<sup>th</sup> were the Acorns.

Both matches resulted in very successful evenings with circa 40 players and supporters attending each. After each match everyone retired to the Village Hall where Claudine had prepared a sumptuous buffet super.

### QUIZ & CHIPS

On 12<sup>th</sup> April the Club held another very well attended and successful Quiz & Chips in the Village Hall. 51 PC Chairman Graham stepped forward and compiled the questions, and acted as a very able Question Master for the evening. A total of 19 teams took part and everyone enjoyed the excellent food as prepared at half time by PAUL'S PLAICE. The evening raised £259 for the Club funds.

## **BINGO**

**Please come along to the Village Hall on;  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**for the 51 PC Bingo night**

**– lots of lovely prizes!**

**Doors open 7:00pm**

**Eyes Down 7:30pm**