Heart of England Pétanque Association

Newslettes (July 2022)

Bouletin

Welcome to our fourth newsletter for the Heart of England region.

HoE Results

Over 50's Pairs was won by Geoff Phillips (Hampton) and Neil Muddeman. (Whitnash)

Closed Triples was won by Melanie Williams, Trevor Allen and Alistair Rabbage. (Hereford)

Closed Pairs was won by Ross and Darren Woodward.(Whitnash)

All winners plus losing finalists will go forward to play in their respective Champion of Champions later in the year.

HoE Success

A massive congratulations to Hannah Griffin (Whitnash) representing England Ladies. She travelled to Torrevelaga in Spain earlier in June. The Ladies Triples played extremely well and won the Nations Cup.

Hannah has now been selected to play for England in the European Pairs Championships in early July in the Netherlands. I am sure we will wish her the best of luck.

Well done to Jane Geddes (Coventry). Selected for England Juniors to play in Valence (France). She played triples games against French and German teams.

A great ambassador for English Junior Petanque.

Hannah Griffin, Glen Woodward and Carol Woodward (Whitnash) qualified to represent England in the Home Nations later in the year. To be played at Troon in Scotland. They will play teams from Scotland, Wales and Jersey.

Other News

Other regional updates. After a successful coaching session at Solihull back in April. The coaching team are looking at holding a session in Hereford and then up at John Street/ Penkridge. Dates to be arranged.

On Tuesday 26th July. Hampton in Arden will host a key Baton changeover leading up to the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. The TV cameras will be present.

To celebrate the arrival of the Baton The sports club will host a festival of

sport including Hockey, Cricket, Tennis, Squash, and Petanque.
Geoff is planning to hold a series of games throughout the day. It's a great opportunity to show the world what Petanque is. Obviously, we are trying to reach out to new members, so there will also be a come and try sessions.

Well done to both Hereford and Solihull Swifts on reaching the semi-final stages of the Euro Cup. To be played on the 10th July.

After the West Midlands Summer League has ended, there will be a Summer Triples. Barry Cox is in the process of organising the Competition.

On the 9/10th July, Coventry War Memorial Park are celebrating their centenary. Tony Thompson is organising demonstrations of our sport. He is still looking for volunteers to help him out. Contact Tony if you can oblige. (tony.thompson489@tiscali.co.uk)

The region is still looking for a Junior Development Officer, and someone to run the website. If you are interested in any of the above positions, please speak to Geoff Phillips.

If you would like to Join the HoE What's App, just let me know and I will get you signed up. We now have over 38 members. It's the best way to gain information from the region.

News from the clubs

Coventry.

On the 26th June. We held the Alexandra Mixed Pairs. Eight teams attended, and it was won by Brian Stote/ Sheila Eburn. Well done both of you .
On Tuesday 19th July, we are holding the Over 60's Pairs. If you are interested in taking part, then contact Tony Thompson.

Hampton in Arden.

Our Summer League is well under way. The league is made up of 18 teams. Games are two pairs v two pairs. We have around 120 registered to play.

We are hoping to get some sessions going with the local cub/scout groups. No firm dates yet. The tennis coaches run a sports camp during the summer holidays. We shall be running some Petanque sessions there.

Hereford

Singles and Shooting 11th September.

We are delighted that four teams will be representing the Inter Regional Qualifiers at Lowestoft. 3 in the main, and one in the challenge. Some members have travelled further afield to Leicester, Nottingham and Gravesend to play in some bigger competitions. Recently there have been a lot of Petanque miles travelled from this region.

John Street

We are holding a weekend of Petanque on the 16th/17th July. On the 16th it will be a Triples comp. £10 per player. Restricted to 32 teams. Winners will receive 30% of entrance fee +£300 from sponsor. On 17th we will hold a doubles comp. Again £10 per player, with the winners receiving 30% of

entrance fee +£200 sponsored. Registration by 9am, with food provided all day.

There are still some places left for the Triples on Sunday.

Penkridge

www.penkridgepetanque.co.uk. Not much to report from here. We have put a poster on to the HoE Facebook page. Detailing our club sessions.

Solihull

Due to a busy schedule, our closed events have been put off until the Autumn. Our closed Summer League is nearing completion.

On the 17th May, 12 members visited Wilton Bridge, and enjoyed a 3-round melee with our hosts providing lunch.
On the weekend of 18/19th June.13 members travelled to Cricklade Petanque club (Great Western Region). We enjoyed some competitive play. Our hosts came out on top over the two days. A reversal off fortunes after we beat them in the Euro Cup back in November.

On the 13th August, we are visiting Bath Grand Cru for a friendly match.

We are delighted to have another Solihull Pair representing the region in the IWD final at Whitnash. Gill Mathews/ Rosemarie Hughes.

We held an Open day on 11th June, when we had about a dozen potentials turn up. So far, we have signed 3 new members, and are hopeful of a couple more.

Stockton

Our open pairs on Easter Saturday was very successful, raising £112 jointly for David Kimpton's charity and Dianne Scott cancer charity.

We also held a very successful Jubilee melee and BBQ on 4th June.

Dave Hancox holds weekly coaching sessions for our newer members, some of who are developing by leaps and bounds.

We have ambitious plans for developing our playing facilities, but the priority for our host club (Stockton Football & Cricket Club) is the building of changing rooms for our Netball teams and disabled toilet facilities.

Whitnash Windmill

Thanks to our successful RUCIS grants, the work on our terrain is now complete. Two new wooden shelters have been constructed to further enhance our facilities.

We are organizing a Whitnash Weekender on 3rd/4th September, where we will be holding a Ladies Pairs on Saturday, and a Mixed Pairs on Sunday. There will be some top players in attendance, so if you are interested, please contact Hannah for the Ladies Pairs and Glen for the Mixed.

Wilton Bridge

We completed the sleeper frame for 5 further pistes, bringing our total to 11. We researched the best grit to put down, and settled on Horticultural grit. There was a great deal of Barrowing and spreading, but the result is good.

We have arranged friendlies with Abergavenny, Peterchurch and Solihull, but our members don't appear to be motivated to commit themselves to more regular competitions, either locally or regionally at the moment. Perhaps we will feel the need in the future.

Finally thank you for looking at our Newsletter.