



KENT PÉTANQUE GAZETTE



Plough & Chequers do Europe

Kent team represents GB in European Club competition

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Those Kent players who were at the recent Kent Regional Qualifier at the Plough and Chequers will have noticed the TV cameras.

The BBC South East News was there to record the fact that the Plough and Chequers are representing Great Britain in the European Club Cup. On Friday 25th May, at 7:30pm

they will be playing the Danish Champions *Boule Hedebo* in the Preliminary round of the competition, at home.

All spectators will be more than welcome.

The winners of this tie will have a home game against Dutch Champions - *Pétanque Union Kennemerland Haarlem* in the last 16, and the

winners of that match will have a home tie in the Quarter Finals after that.

If you want to see the BBC news report, it can be found at the following link.

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Kent Regional Qualifiers 1 and 2

The first two rounds of the Kent Qualifiers were held in very different weather conditions this year.

The first qualifier was held at the Lordswood Club on Sunday 22 April, in glorious spring weather. Spectators were sunbathing and players were glad of the shade under the trees. Two weeks later the winter seemed to have returned at the Plough and Chequers and what sun there was was beaten by the cold wind.

Team fortunes seemed to change too with many of the top 16 teams for Qualifier 1 coming unstuck and Qualifier 2 and other teams benefiting from this change in luck.

Strong performances by a variety of teams made these extremely competitive as the closing time of the Lordswood event proves. It was getting dark as the final games were played, ironically on pistes with no floodlights, finishing well after 8pm.

However, the form book was not entirely thrown

out of the window with familiar faces making the top places at the half way stage.

First place is jointly held by the Rejects (Dave Hurren, Matt Horrigan and Richard Spillett) and MNR (Nic Baxter, Rashid Hannache, Martin Baker and Bruno Bove) both with a first and second place to have 45 points.

Close behind on 39 points in third place are KP1 (Kevin Spillett, Dave Turner, Dean Ashby and Dave Lavelle) and in fourth with 34 points are Team Yellow (Jennifer Cooter, Scott Ashby and Luke Fribbens).

However, there have been some surprises.

At Lordswood, The Flumps (Sam Littley, Sean Brown, Matt Whatley) were in excellent form and came a fantastic third, gaining 20 valuable points. Despite a small setback at Plough and Chequers, they still battled to a plate final and got one point. They are close to achieving a Brean place for the first

time.

In both rounds, the Kent number one junior team (BTY- Alex Bruce, Rob Cooter, Charles Fribbens and Phil Jarrett) did well making 10th place in Round 1 and 11th in Round 2 to sit with 23 points so far.

The main concern to date has been slow play. With barrage in the morning, some teams have arrived at 8:45, been picked in a three team barrage group, played one game and won then had no game until 2:30 or later. This has led to a lot of concern among the teams that the format needs to be revised and the number of slow games in the morning especially needs to be addressed to ensure that the Qualifiers are efficient and exciting at the same time.

One team player interviewed at Lordswood said "we have excellent organisation and a top flight umpire, why are a few players allowed to spoil the event for the rest? I have played for 45 minutes and it is 3pm!"



The Rejects vs MNR in the final at the first Regional of 2007, Lordswood, 22 April



Play on the new improved Lordswood terrains



Qualifier at Plough & Chequers started off warm



Qualifier two winners, MNR., Rashid Hannache, Nic Baxter

International competitions planned

David Baxter has forwarded the following information coming from a contact in Spain, Diego Puerta Conejero

"We are preparing a very important International tournament to be held in October 21 and 22 in Granada

It will be an open competition in triple, with France, Morocco, Belgium, Tunisia, Spain, all national teams will be with us in Granada. The Tournament is called "Mundialito" a kind of World Championship open to every one.

We obviously will be very happy if you can let know this tournament among the British Petanque community. Our web page is currently under construction. I will inform you once finished in order to add in the BPA web page."

Regional Qualifier Results Round 1 - Lorsdwood 22 April 2007

Team Name	Player One	Player Two	Player Three	Player Four	Place	Games Won	Point difference	Total points
REJECTS	D HURREN	M HARRIGAN	R SPILLET		1	4	30	24
MNR	N BAXTER	R HANNACHE	M BAKER	B BOVE	2	3	9	21
FLUMPS	S LITTLE	S BROWN	M WHATLEY		3	3	29	20
KP 1	K SPILLET	D TURNER	D ASHBY		4	3	18	19
BROWN JUG	R JONES	T TURNER	P TURNER		5	3	3	18
GEORGE 3RD	M EGGLETON	D WOODMAN	A WILLIAMS		6	2	13	16
TEAM YELLOW	S ASHBY	J COOTER	L FRIBBENS		7	2	12	15
OLD G'S	D BAXTER	M BAXTER	K PINDER	H ALDRED	8	2	5	14
HARTLEY SHAW	C SENNECK	J NASH	M NASH		9	2	0	13
BTY	A BRUCE	P JARRETT	R COOTER	C FRIBBENS	10	2	-8	12
MOSSY'S BOYS	R HARVEY	J HOLBOURN	K ATKINSON	G ATKINSON	11	2	-8	11
NUFF SKILLS	G BOOTH	R BOOTH	R BREWIS		12	1	-8	9
E-DEPOT	A CREEGEN	M CREEGEN	D BLAKELY		13	1	-9	8
KENT ANGELS	F GOLDER	L SHRIMPTON	S KING		14	1	-16	7
AB FAB	C SHRIMPTON	M DENNIS	B WING	L BELCHER	15	1	-31	6
RED ALERT	S RUDDEN	R RUDDEN	T RUDDEN	D RUDDEN	16	0	-39	4
OLD SHEAF	K WOOD	K SMITH	M SHRIMPTON		17	P1		2
DEBS	D SNOOK	M THORNE	T WILLIAMS	P MOUNT	18	P2		1
BAT & BALL	J PAINE	M PENNELL	M LAWRENCE		19			0
EAGLES	J FOWERS	M YATES	R YATES	G FOWERS	20			0
FCUK	K ATKINSON	S GOLDER	J-L GUIOT		21			0
GEORGE OUS	R KING	N PHILLIPS	B KING		22			0
HARRIERS NAF	N HURREN	P KILLICK	A PUCKNELL		23			0
JOHN BOI	R PEMBERTON	C WATKINS	K MAGGS		24			0
LITTLE DEVILS	J LITTLE	B LITTLE	G SHEPPARD		25			0
MINARDOS	P HARDWICK	A DUNSTALL	L GILBERT		26			0
MJL	J BRADLEY	L BRADLEY	M FRIBBENS		27			0
P&C 4	M COOTER	C COOTER	G JOHNSTON	C WILSON	28			0
TOVILEARS	P COLLINS	J SELLING	R HILL		29			0

Regional Qualifier Results Round 2 - P&C 06 May 2007

Team Name	Place	Games Won	Point difference	Points	Reg 1 points	Total	Current place
MNR	1	4	34	24	21	45	1=
REJECTS	2	3	19	21	24	45	1=
KP 1	3	3	15	20	19	39	3
TEAM YELLOW	4	3	8	19	15	34	4
GEORGE OUS	5	3	1	18	0	18	12
OLD G'S	6	2	15	16	14	30	5
E-DEPOT	7	2	8	15	8	23	9=
OLD SHEAF	8	2	-2	14	2	16	13
MOSSY'S BOYS	9	2	-3	13	11	24	7=
JOHN BOI	10	2	-7	12	0	12	15
BTY	11	2	-9	11	12	23	9=
BROWN JUG	12	1	-7	9	18	27	6
GEORGE 3RD	13	1	-8	8	16	24	7=
DEBS	14	1	-12	7	1	8	17
MJL	15	1	-26	6	0	6	19=
LITTLE DEVILS	16	0	-26	4	0	4	21=
NUFF SKILLS	P1			2	9	11	16
FLUMPS	P2			1	20	21	11
HARTLEY SHAW					13	13	14
KENT ANGELS					7	7	18
AB FAB					6	6	19=
RED ALERT					4	4	21=
BAT & BALL					0	0	23=
EAGLES					0	0	23=
FCUK					0	0	23=
HARRIERS NAF					0	0	23=
MINARDOS					0	0	23=
P&C 4					0	0	23=
TOVILEARS					0	0	23=

Next Regional Qualifier — Hartley 3rd June 2007

The next round of the Regional Qualifiers is to be held at Hartley Country Club on Sunday 3rd June.

At present, because six of the top 16 in Round 1 failed to qualify for the main competition in Round 2 and six of the point scorers in Round 2 did not make the main competition at Lordswood, there is a very wide open field going in to the next round.

In 2007, the top 8 teams (plus a selected Junior Team) will represent Kent in Division One of the Inter-Regional

competition and the next four teams will represent Kent in the Challenge trophy. At the moment it is not clear whether the new Sussex Region will take the additional place in Division Two of the Inter-Regional or whether there will be an EPA Select Squad as in the past.

However, to reach the top 8 last year needed to get just over 42 points and to make the top 12 needed over 28 points. In 2005 the requirements were 45 for top 8 and 33 for top 12. Therefore any one of the teams could make this threshold and some 20 have a good chance.

Kent man wins first BPF Espoirs title

One of Kent's most successful ex-juniors, Kris Smith (P&C), has added to his trophy haul by winning the first ever Espoirs competition held at Crondall Pétanque Club in Hampshire on 12th May. Espoirs is the new age-grouping intended to maintain junior levels of excellence into the senior game. Espoirs have to be between 18 and 22 in the year ending 31st December. Seven teams of top quality players, numbering many ex-Junior GB representatives and titles holders came together for a round robin competition.

Kent had brothers Scott and Dean Ashby (Tovil) playing with Luke Fribbens (Hartley) whilst Kris Smith teamed up with his GB Junior World Championship team-mate Dean Seville (East Midlands) and Chris Gidlow also of East Midlands.

Fribbens and the Ashbys had a slow start in a seven round

Round-Robin. Afternoon scores improved and they were in contention with the last round to play. However, the format of seven rounds with all games starting together meant that the last games were starting very late. Some players were planning to go to the Grand Prix the next day and those teams out of contention were not really interested in playing the last round so it became a bit disrupted. Luke, Scott and Dean ended up 4th with 3 wins out of 6 games played (+1 point).

Smith and his team were a different prospect all together and with both Dean and Kris shooting aggressively and effectively they were awesome opponents. They had just one loss all day and finished by winning 5 out of 6 games (all teams had one round sitting out) with +29 points and taking the title of BPF Espoirs champions for 2007.



Espoirs in action at Crondall

EPA/World Pétanque Day venue change

Problems were encountered by the KPA playing committee when they tried to finalise plans for the EPA Triples and World Pétanque Day competition at Cascades in Gravesend.

Local residents had complained that the

gravel on the car park encouraged local joy riders to use the car park as a race-track and raised a petition to have the place swept clean afterwards. This would cost the KPA over £300. In addition there was a problem getting electricity for

laptops to the playing area.

As a consequence, the event has been moved to Crondall in Hampshire, still on 2nd June.

It is unlikely that the KPA will use Cascades again for major competitions.

Publicity note

On 18th May, Response Source, a PR resource on the internet for journalists, issued a press release for this event, another opportunity to increase public awareness of pétanque.

Crowborough Sporties Doubles

The Sporties Doubles was held at Crowborough on the 29th April. Eighteen teams from around the South East and one from Australia entered the competition which would have been twenty if a Tovil team had not been misdirected by their Trafficmaster and arrived after the competition had started.

The morning's play was divided into three leagues of six. The top two teams from each league and the next best two going forward into the Main competition. Four teams managed to win all their league games and two lost all theirs. There were

many close games finishing 13-12 and two teams were fanned.

Lunch break was taken at one thirty in lovely warm sunshine. In the Main Competition four teams continued their winning ways and went into the semi-finals without having lost a match. Then disaster struck two of the teams who were fanned leaving Half Moon (Jeff Mitchell & Mick Luciani) to meet Handcross (Nigel Sibbring & Tony Watson) in the final.

The final was a hard fought game with the teams level at 6-6 before the Half Moon surged

ahead to win 13-7. In the Plate Adur Manor (Ray Austin & John Churcher) had quite a fight to in the first round beating Ton 2 (John & Molly Booker) 13-12 then winning 13-7 to go in to the final.

The other finalists The Tees (Tilde Waldron & Glad Reed) who had had a poor start in the morning league before finding their form in their third game after which they did not lose again and beat Adur Manor 13-7.

Everybody enjoyed a good day of pétanque and it was nice to see some new faces and a pleasant return of some more familiar ones



Winners Sporties Doubles 2007
Jeff Mitchell & Mick Luciani
(Half Moon)

Report Tom Waldron

Hartley CC May Day Triples

Although perfect for the organisers it was a slightly disappointing 16 teams that presented themselves at Hartley for the annual May Day Triples event to play for the almost £200 prize money.

Sadly only 3.66 were from outside Hartley, including Jerome Rousseau and his team from West Midlands, who arrived just in time having been delayed by M25 closures, and Pen y Coed. Faye and

Steve Golder arrived in hope of finding a third and teamed up with Dennis Peareth from Hartley for the day

Eight teams made up each of the cup and plate competitions in the afternoon. The cup was won by John Fowers, Ron Yates and John Griffiths who beat Alan Rush, Peter Bryant and Diane Bryant 13-6 in the final.

The losing semi finalists were Jean-Louis

Guiot, playing with Joyce and Mick Nash who lost a long 2 hour game to the eventual winners, and Jim and Babs Carr playing with Jeni Rush. All four semi finalist teams were from Hartley.

The plate winners were Mark Dennis, Larry Belcher and Steve from Lordswood who defeated the Loose Ladies (Jean Olley, Val Ros-sall and Chris Cole) in the final.

Report Mick Nash



Fantastic "Summer"
weather at the Hartley
May Day Triples



CRB Checked qualified coach list

Following the introduction of CRB checking of all qualified coaches the following Coaches that have been CRB cleared:

Grade 2		Grade 3	
Bob Urquhart	Anglia	Paul Mazza	Kent
Richard Pratt	EM	Eric Hatfield	Kent
Tony Moulding	EM	Chris Watkins	Kent
John Lewis	EM	Richard King	Kent
David Lavelle	Kent	William Weller	Kent
John Stockton	Northern	Peter Abbitt	Kent
Brian Stote	WM	Kath Knight	SCPA
		Richard Roberts	SCPA
		Michael Tull	SCPA
		Mike Knight	SCPA
		Patricia Neville	SCPA
		Loren Butt	SCPA

The process of CRB screening coaches continues and as this is completed, the names will be added to the register held on the BPF website.

David Lavelle National Coach

No luck for Kent Juniors at BPF Triples

Five Kent Juniors went to Crondall Pétanque Club on Saturday 12th May to compete in the BPF Junior Triples. Our boys of Alex Bruce (Vale), Rob Cooter (P&C), Charles Fribbens (Hartley) and Phil Jarrett (P&C) were one of the favourites for this competition, together with teams from Northern Region and Southern Region. The fourth was Sam Littley from the Villager at Vigo who teamed up with girls from Southern.

The competition was a five round Swiss format but the draw pitted the boys against their Inter-Regional rivals from the Northern Region. Re-

cent games between these school friends from the Manchester area have generally gone the Kent team's way but have always been close. This time the Kent team were slow starters at the excellent facilities at Crondall in Hampshire and the Northern team ran out easy winners 13-6. The boys then stayed asleep for the next round to lose to 5 points. After lunch, they started to play in the way that won them the EPA title in the Isle of Wight last year, which is to say, conclusively. They only dropped 8 points in the three games in the afternoon. But it was all too

late by then and the lads came 5th, with 3 wins, and a BHN of 11.

Sam's team started well but then had mixed fortunes, mostly down when Sam was not in the team and up when she was although the worst result was against the Kent boys in the final round when she lost 13-2.

The winning team was the team that Alex, Rob, Charles and Phil beat at the Isle of Wight, the Southern team of Charlotte Dennis, Helen Manley and Stuart Floyd. They ended with 5 wins out of 5 but, as this was a Swiss system, they did not play



Kent Juniors at Crondall

the Kent boys. The Northern team of Richard Marston, Jack Barrington and Andrew Willis came second with 4 wins. The Northern boys, together with Stuart Floyd were then selected to represent Great Britain at the North Sea competition to be held at Trave-munde in Germany in June.

The boys eventually ended up 5th and Sam's team were 7th overall.

KPL— Summer Season League update

The summer league is now well under way and the divisions and Cup/Plate are starting to take shape.

In Division 1, for once, the Plough and Chequers domination has given way to the Old Sheaf Rats who sit at the top. This has been helped by Plough and Chequers 2 winning the club derby with Plough and Chequers 1.

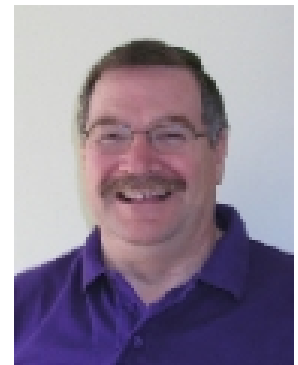
In fact, many intra-club matches have

taken place with the league sensibly arranging matches where clubs have more than one team in a division to be played early to avoid the risk or accusation of collusion later in the season.

In Division One the Plough and Chequers have three teams as do Hartley in Division Three. Lordswood have two in Division Two as do the Walnut Tree in Division Four and the Villager in Division Eight.

In the Cup and Plate, another club derby has been drawn with two Hartley teams (Eagles and Kestrals) playing each other in the Cup and two Lordswood teams (4 & 6) together in the Plate. The Cup 2nd round and Plate 1st round are to be played on 6th June.

For full details of KPL Summer League fixtures and the latest league positions, Go to the KPL website at www.kentpetanque.org



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Grands Prix 1 & 2 Round-up

The two rounds of the Grand Prix have taken place at the Kent Showground, Detling on 29th April and then at Whitnash, Leamington Spa on 13 May.

The event in Kent was attended by 46 teams in conditions quite different to the Kent Classic two months earlier. The weather was warm and sunny and an indoor venue did not seem so appropriate. However, the competition was as strong

as would be expected for an event to identify the GB representative teams for international events later in 2007.

A six round Swiss was played and top of the ranking was the Kent team of Dave Hurren, Matt Horrigan, Barry Wing and Dave Chalky who won all six rounds. Other Kent players in the top eight at Detling were Matt Shrimpton, Kris Smith and Trevor Gordon (5th with 5

wins, BHN 20, fBHN 123) and David Baxter who was in the team that came 7th with Geoff Booth (4, 24, 115)

In the second Grand Prix the weather had turned wintry again for the outdoor competition at Whitnash but still 39 teams turned out for another six round Swiss. Kent's Nic Baxter was in the winning team this time, winning six out of six. David Blakely, Tom Bruce and Marcus Hickman

were placed 4th (5, 18, 115). Martin Baker was in the team that made 7th place (4, 22, 108).

After these two rounds, the top eight teams go forward to a qualifier for the North Sea competition and the top 31 will enter a further round with a team from the Scottish Pétanque Association to determine the team for the World Championships in Pattaya, Thailand.

In the top eight are Nic Baxter, Alex Bruce, Dave Blakely, Marcus Hickman, Kevin Wood, Trevor Gordon, Kris Smith and Matt Shrimpton. The full combined result over→.

Grand Prix - results after the 2nd GP

Ranking	Team No	Player 1	Player 2	Player 3	Player 4	CUMMULATIVE		
						Wins	BHN	FBHN
1	24	GOODHEART, Nick	SILVY, Robert	MORTON, Rob		10	41	255
2	11	BAXTER, Nicolas	LACHANI, Sofiane	EVERSDEN, Matt		10	41	241
3	8	LONGSTAFF, Andrew	DAMODAR, Rohit	MODHA, Kamles		9	44	240
4	21	HICKMAN, Marcus	BLAKELEY, David	BRUCE, Alexander		9	40	229
5	15	WEBB, Vanessa	ALLEN, Chris	BAVAZZANO, Herve	ROUSSEAU, Jerome	9	38	237
6	37	SHRIMPTON, Matthew	SMITH, Kris	GORDON, Trevor	WOOD, Kevin	9	33	230
7	29	BIRA, Mehdi	BAKER, Martin	HILL, Daniel	HANNACHE, Rachid	8	45	228
8	14	PATTERSON, Richard	ROBERTSHAW, Mark	ELCOMME, Graham	INGLIS, Jon	8	40	232
9	20	WILLIAMS, Royston	SHEFFIELD, Joe	JOHNS, Ian		8	39	237
10	12	MOULDING, Tony	REES, Andrew	BONNET, Philippe		8	39	227
withdrawn	18	BROOKS, David	RAND, Jeff	STOTE, Brian		7	42	233
12	35	CREGEEN, Alan	GREGEEN, Michelle	BOOTH, Geoffrey	BAXTER, David	7	42	224
13	44	EDMONDSON, John	SEVILLE, Dean	SEVILLE, Chris		7	40	216
14	45	BLACKALL, Mark	WINKWORTH, David	WEBB, Paul		7	32	214
15	36	GALTON, Graham	HUNTLEY, Sarah	LEWIS, Graham	PLUMHOFF, David	7	30	210
16	22	GOODA, Miles	HUTCHINGS, Tom	HOWARD, Luke		6	46	232
17	9	JAMIESON, Lee	SPILLETT, Kevin	CLAYDON, Philip		6	41	214
18	1	MAYFIELD, Tansy	EVANS, Gay	MORGAN, Sylvia	BAILEY, Julie	6	40	221
19	28	BOARDER, Phil	MOSS, Mark	HALSEY, Marion		6	34	189
20	43	MOSS, Kevin	MOSS, Lee	EGGLETON, Martin		6	32	226
21	2	SPENCER, Stewart	BAILEY, Ian	MAYFIELD, Paul		6	32	214
22	13	TULL, Michael	SLATER, Matthew	ELCOMME, Deborah		6	32	180
23	42	HURREN, David	HORRIGAN, Matt	WING, Barry	CHALKLY, David	6	21	128
24	23	SEWELL, Jonathan	ZIMMERMAN, Steven	GALLIMORE, Ben		5	39	185
25	41	JONES, Rowland	DAVENPORT, Greg	TURNER, David		5	38	217
26	46	BLACKALL, Matthew	BLACKALL, Laura	BLACKALL, Alexandra		5	38	194
27	5	JENKINS, Coral	JENKINS, Don	WESTALL, Peter	HUGHES, Christine	5	35	216
28	39	HOLBOURN, John	HARVEY, Rob	THORNE, Mark		5	35	212
29	32	BARRON, Christopher	GALTON, Peter	WEBSTER, Wayne		5	34	198
30	19	HISCOCK, Anthony	GIFFORD, Simon	BROOKS, Clare		5	33	209
31	27	ASHBY, Dean	ASHBY, Scott	COOTER, Robert	WHATLEY, Matthew	4	35	209
32	7	BRADLEY, Stephen	BRADLEY, Carol	BRYAN, Jens	ALLEN, Peter	4	33	214
33	16	EMSON, Adrian	HUNTLEY, Myra	HUNTLEY, Jeremy	NORTHEND, Derek	4	33	195
34	38	BROOKS, Paul	GIDLOW, Christopher	CRITCHLEY, M		4	24	190
35	26	JAMIESON, Ashley	BRADSHAW, Phil	DOBBINS, Neil	AYADI, Moez	4	22	115
36	3	LACHANI, Kim	COOTER, Jennifer	EDMONDSON, Lisa	Rand, Chris	3	37	176
37	6	FARROW, Liz	BECKET, Julie	SHEPPARD, Mary		3	31	202
38	25	BROOKS, Kath	CRITCHLEY, Vicky	LICKORISH, Lee		3	31	201
39	33	COOK, Michael	COOK, Roy	COOK, Christopher		3	18	112
40	10	DOW, Mike	DOBLE, Simon	LECKRAJ, Tupsy		3	14	108
41	47	MASON David	WOODWARD Cavin	WOODWARD Carol	WOODWARD Ross	3	12	89
42	40	PAINE, Jes	PENNELL, Martin	COOTER, Corinne		2	17	96
43	31	GIFFORD, Kevin	TREEND, Trevor	BARRON, Andrew	TREEND, Pamela	2	16	97
44	30	LONGSTAFF, Emma	WALKER, Peter	SMITH, Richard	SUMMERS, Pat	1	30	182
45	4	STOCKBRIDGE, Heather	BARTLETT, Daniel	LICKORISH, Kirsty		1	16	96
46	17	THORNE, Amanda	STOCKBRIDGE, David	HISCOCK, Shirley		1	13	94
Withdrawn	34	KNIGHT, Kathleen	KNIGHT, Michael	STUBBS, David		-	-	-

The George Pétanque Club

This is an occasional article on the clubs in our county, large and small. If you want to see your club featured, contact the Editor.

The George Petanque Club was formed in 2003 with experienced players from clubs across Kent and many new players from Meopham.

Today the club has 28 members, the majority who live locally around Meopham, however, there are some that travel from much further afield to play at the club, the furthest living in Wokingham!

The club currently runs 3 teams in different divisions of the Kent Petanque League and in the 2006 season the 1st team won the Kent Petanque League Cup. Overall the club has a good reputation throughout Kent for the quality of its facilities and the strength of its players.

The club runs a number of competitions throughout the year including its popular open doubles which attracts teams from around the country. As well as the formal competitions the club runs many social activities from come and try days through to a lively Christmas dinner at the pub..

The club is based at the George Inn which is a beautiful oak-beamed country pub situated on the A227 Wrotham Road in the heart of Meopham village. The pub is open all day and serves a vast range of traditional home cooked food during lunch-times and evenings with much of their produce sourced locally. With a beautiful garden and ample car parking The George Inn is well worth a visit.

For further details about The George Petanque Club contact Martin or Annette Eggleton on 0208 325 2742.

Questions answered by Martin Eggleton

When was the George PH built?

I am not sure, but I believe it may well be over 200 years old.

When was the Pétanque section formed?

2003



Why was a Pétanque section formed?

The section was formed when a number of players from other clubs were looking for somewhere closer to their homes to play at. It was over a passing conversation between one of our members and the landlord that the formation came about.

Are any of the initial members still playing?

About 80-90% of the founding members are still playing.

How many teams were there initially?

We started out with 2 sides in the Kent Petanque League although the first season was a struggle on occasions. We now operate 3 teams from our broad membership base.

How has the section developed?

The Club has grown steadily since it's start attracting new players from Meopham and the local surroundings. We have tremendous support from the landlord Greg Tarrant who funded the creation of our terrain and welcomed us to his pub.

How many members in the Pétanque section?

We only operate the petanque section, but the pub also supports a successful Sunday League Football Team.

What major trophies have been won by George teams and players?

The Kent Singles Trophy seems to have found it's home at the George being won in 2004 by Martin Eggleton and in 2005 and 2006 by Trevor Glenn. The George 1st Team were successful in winning

The George PC—continued

the Kent League Cup in 2006. The club has also had success in the last few years with teams as Divisional Winners in the Maidstone & District Winter League.

What prominent players of the past and present have played at the George?

The club has a number of players that have been around the sport in Kent for many years including Dave Woodman, Trevor Glenn and Andrew Williams.

Which, if any, members have represented England/Great Britain?

In his younger days, Trevor Glenn has had national honours representing England in the Home Nations.

What is the policy towards developing women and junior members?

The club's membership is split roughly 50-50 between men and ladies with many couples playing. We only have one junior that is a member, but Gary is a very promising young player and forms a mainstay of our 2nd team with his

dad, Kevin.

What are the plans for the development of the Pétanque pistes?

We are in negotiation with our landlord at present and hope to be able to use a piece of unused land to put down a further 3 / 4 pistes.

What plans are there for developing the sport in your pub?

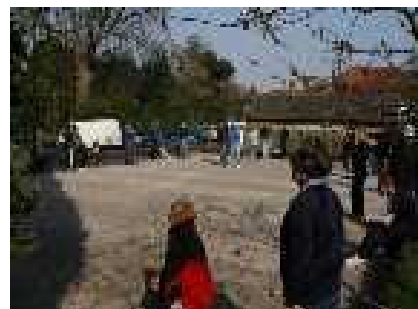
We continue to look for new members both new and experienced with a view to steadily increasing our membership and providing opportunities to play petanque across a range of skill levels and competitiveness, for those that enjoy a social game through to those that want to play at the highest level. In the mid-term we hope to twin with a petanque club from the European mainland to develop both our play and the social aspects of the club.

How do you attract new players?

As with most clubs most new players come through word of mouth and introductions from existing members, however, we also advertise in the pub itself, at other locations in the village and in local publications.



The George Terrain



The George Doubles



BHN Ranking—what does it mean?

You will see the use of BHN scores to differentiate teams in Swiss competitions. So what is the BHN and its cousin, the fBHN? Mike Pegg explains:

For the computation of the rankings, the Buchholz number (BHN) is being used.

The BHN or number of indirect points of an entry is the sum of points of all the team's opponents. It is a measure of the

strength of the opponents: a high BHN indicates that the team has played against strong opponents.

When two or more entries have the same number of matches won, the team with the higher BHN is ahead in the ranking.

The Fine-Buchholz number (fBHN) of a team is the sum of BHN of all teams opponents. It is a refinement of the BHN ranking.

Byes

When the number of entries is odd, one team has to have a bye in each round.

In the first round, the team given a bye is selected randomly out of the un-seeded entries.

The tournament organisers are asked by the software to accept this decision because the bye should be granted to one of the weaker teams.

In the following rounds one of the entries with a minimal number of points

gets the bye.

No entry gets more than one bye in the tournament!

The round for the team with the bye is rated as if the match had been won. It is assumed that the opponent would have made half of the possible points; i.e. 13:7.

The computation of the BHN is done such that the bye is treated as if it had been played against the worst team of the field, i.e. the number of points of the last player in the ranking is added to the BHN.

Your letters and emails

Your emails are very welcome and I will always publish your thoughts and comments (assuming they are publishable and you wish them to be shared). Please send your emails for publication to gazette@fribbens.co.uk Letters are also welcome at the address on Page 13.

From Martin Eggleton
KPA President regarding the Grand Prix, Detling, 29th April

I would personally like to thank David Baxter for all of his efforts in organising the set-up and preparation of the venue. I must also thank his band of volunteers for their efforts on the days leading up to and on the clear up on the Monday after.

I would also like to

thank Annette Eggleton for the catering. We as a region have to pay for the hire of Detling and we do that through the catering run by Annette, which this year made enough money to pay for the hire and provide about £150 into Kent Funds.

Without the effort and organisation that they put in the day would not happen.

On a personal front I think it was another

great success, the terrains were challenging, but so they should be for a competition to select the GB Team, terrains for the World Championships are not without their challenges and I can not imagine that the France 1 Team complains that the pistes are "too hard or too dusty"!

Once again David and Annette, thank you very much.

Martin Eggleton



EPA events

Good luck to all the Kent players making their way to the EPA Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

These are being held at British Sugar's sports ground, Bury St Edmunds over the Bank Holiday weekend of 26, 27 and 28 May. 2007.

What's on in June?

BPF - British & International Events	EPA - English National Events	KPA - Kent County Events	Kent Club Events
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June 2007			
Sat 2 nd	EPA Triples Championship / <u>World Pétanque Day</u>	Crondall	Triples
Sun 3 rd	KPA Qualifier 3	Hartley CC	Triples
Sat 9 th	BPF Ladies Top 8	Brecon RFCPC, WALES	Triples
Sun 10 th	BPF ICQS 1 (top32)	Brecon RFCPC, WALES	Triples
Sat 16 th	EPA National Congress	Lordswood	Conference
Sun 17 th	EPA Over 50s Championship	Lordswood	
Sun 17 th	NAF Cup	Harriers, Tovil WMC	Triples
16 th - 18 th	Blangy Championship	Blangy, France	Doubles
21 st - 23 rd	North Sea Championship	Travemunde, Germany	Triples
Sun 24 th	Town Trophy	Crowborough	Doubles
Fri 29 th	Kent County Singles Championship	The George, Meopham-Evening Competition	Singles

Gazette fonts, an apology

Some of the readers of the *KPA Gazette* last month complained to the editor that the fonts were not clear when the newsletter was printed out. I apologise for this. In this edition I have tried to use a single stan-

dardised font and, where possible, have kept the size large enough to read clearly. If anyone has any further problems, please email me at the address in the red box below at the bottom of this page.

Lost and Found

Does anyone have a stranger in their boule bag?

Found an 'Obut Match 710 A 04' and Lost an 'Obut Match 710 F 17'

Please contact **Bill Weller** on **07773 434354** or email abbitt@blueyonder.co.uk

New Players Wanted

Wanted :- Borstal Sandpipers are looking for new players for the coming season anyone interested please contact Ian, the Captain, at i.usmar@blueyonder.co.uk or call 07941936655.

Videos online

Videos of Marco Foyet and other professional players can be expensive and it is rare to find good pétanque videos on line.

Therefore that makes finding the following online resource so much sweeter.

Just type www.videos-petanque.fr into your web browser you will find an eclectic selection of humour, adverts and training videos as well as video from championships and exhibitions.

Many of the videos are amateur but there is plenty to satisfy everyone.

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Over 50s competition

Crowborough will be holding their Over 50s Doubles competition at Goldsmiths Leisure Centre, Crowborough on Sunday 27th May.

Registration by 9:45 for a 10am start. £10 per team.

Boules for sale

We are disposing of a large number of metal boules that are NOT competition standard however are more than suitable for practice or novice use. We are prepared to sell in bulk and will deliver.. If this is of interest please email me for more information. richard@jacksonandhow.co.uk

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