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# Pétanque England News

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## Southampton Invitational Doubles 2020

15 teams travelled to Southampton to enjoy the game we love for the first time in over 4 months. Teams travelled from Chiltern, Kent, London, Thames Valley, Sussex and the Isle of Wight to enjoy some competitive action. Guidelines were immaculately adhered too and precautions were taken from the onset. With the Quarter Finals well under way in both the Main and Plate, the heavens opened and it lashed down, nobody had prepared for such a downpour! The Semi Finals saw England Squad members Reece Gould and Sam Blakey up against David Plumhoff and Sean Prendergast; while the other side saw Glen Woodward and Hannah Griffin battling with Josh Tombleson and Dean Ashby. Both Semi Finals proved to be one sided affairs with Plumhoff and Prendergast and Tombleson and Ashby coming through their games relatively comfortably. David and Sean were inspired in the final and combined in great fashion to win the £150 top prize. In the Plate, Dean and Paul Webb were victorious against Mark Robertshaw and Hassi Leverett and both teams won some nice bottles of wine. It was a great day. All teams respected the guidelines and gave a great account of themselves throughout.



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BOARD**

## London "BIG ONE" Doubles 2020

On Saturday 1st August, London Petanque Club held its first "BIG ONE" Tournament in quite a while with 14 doubles in a very warm and sunny Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens. Congratulations to Baz Wing and his partner, international poker star Antoine Saout, who beat Monty Quaia and Bobby Welch in the main final. Losing Semi-finalists were Sammy Hamidi and Hakim Dahmani along with Fergal Hogan and Mark Hadsell. The plate winners were Ameen Miah and Christian Revill who beat Ivan Russell and Gordon Cochrane. A lovely competition with those taking part following the PE Covid Guidelines.



## National Youth Academy

July was a busy month for the NYA with the conclusion of our virtual senior v junior shooting competition and the start of our virtual pointing competition. Former squad member Jason White took the shooting crown beating Vince Wills 35 – 26. Both of the main Semi-finals were close matches Jason 13 v 12 Liam Floyd and Vince 35 v 32 Baillie Ingles. It was great to see two juniors make it this far against a strong field of senior players. The plate saw another set of great matches Jamie Brooks 29 v 26 Alex Moriarty two great scores from this all junior match and Reece Gould 40 v 33 Sean Prendergast, Reece prevailed in the final 36 v 24 Jamie. Baillie also excelled in the pointing competition missing out on the main semi-final by only 2 points (36) It was an all senior semi final in the main with Adam Sullivan beating Ollie Zimmerman and Jeremy Huntly beating Marc Hickman. Jeremy went on to win the final after strong performances in every round. The plate was dominated by juniors with Holly Nesbit beating Jane Geddes in the Semi final and Angus Hamilton beating the only senior left in at this stage Baz Wing. Angus went on to take a convincing win over Holly in the final, a good recovery for Angus after being knocked out of the main by Jeremy in the first round. It has been a difficult time for our youth players dealing with lockdown and these virtual events has given them vital interaction as well as playing opportunity. Thank you to all the senior player who have taken part.

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## CEP Lockdown Shooting

For the first time the CEP held a virtual Shooting competition. The event was hosted by the Dansk Petanque Forbund. A great thank you to all the organisers of this event. England were invited to enter two teams and they comprised of the following players.

England 1 - Reece Gould, Becky Edwins, Jason White, Jamie Brooks and Cliff Campbell.

England 2 - Jeremy Huntly, Hannah Griffin, Alex Spillett, Baillie Inglis and Graham Elcome.

Each team comprised of a male, female, espoir, junior and veteran player.

The teams were shooting every other day over a 20 day period. Both teams ended up meeting each other in the quarter final of the nations cup. England 2 came out the victors on this occasion but fell short of reaching the final after losing to a strong Dutch team.

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

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## Veterans

A huge thank you to our latest Veteran Sponsors who have provided the Veteran Squad shirts for 2021.

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## Covid-19

As we are all aware COVID-19 has hit our sport badly this year. The PE board are trying hard to get our sport up and running and are in regular contact with the UK Government planning the next stages of our comeback.

We are currently still only allowed to play in our bubbles of 6 unless the venue organisers have carried out a full COVID-19 risk assessment and are satisfied that they can comply with the UK Government and all of the PE guidelines. When the organisers are satisfied that the venue can comply, they will then be able to hold events which can have up to 30 people per day which includes players, spectators, organisers and volunteers.

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## PE Board Meeting

The next PE Board meeting will be held on Saturday 15th August via Zoom

If any member has any ideas or comments which they would like to be brought up then please do not hesitate to contact a member of the board.

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## Obituaries

It is with great regret that we have learnt of the passing within a few days of each other of two of our Life Members and former Presidents of the British Pétanque Association (BPA), **Peter Howarth** and **John Roberts**. Both worked together to promote and develop our sport.

We would like to express our sincere condolences to the friends and families of both Peter and John. Tributes to both men can be found on the PE website.





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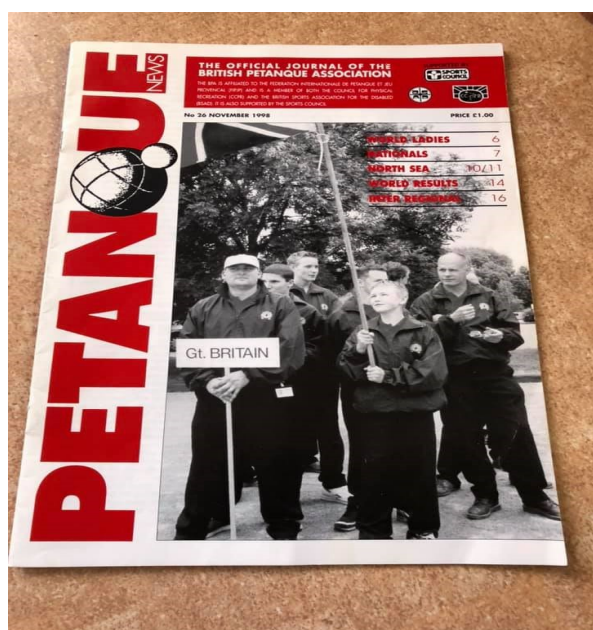
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## Blast from the Past



The North Sea International began in 1980 and Great Britain Joined in 1982.  
This was a very sociable event mixing players of all different standards and cultures.