



# Petanque England News

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### National Titles 2020

Congratulations to all the winners of our National Titles in 2020. A special mention must go to Becky Edwins who completed the Triple winning the Ladies Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Titles. A huge thank you also goes to Gravesend PC and the Plough at Langford for ensuring that the venues were COVID-19 secure and ensuring that all the pistes were ready to play for all the events.

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**SOFIANE LACHANI**  
National Men's Singles Champion 2020



**BAILLIE INGLIS & J J INKLEY**  
2020 NATIONAL YOUTH ACADEMY DOUBLES CHAMPIONS



**BECKY EDWINS**  
National Women's Singles Champion 2020



**JEREMY HUNTLEY & JASON WHITE**  
2020 NATIONAL MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONS



**BECKY EDWINS & SARAH HUNTLEY**  
2020 NATIONAL WOMEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONS



**BECKY EDWINS & JEREMY HUNTLEY**  
2020 NATIONAL MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

### Insurance Scenario

There has been some questions regarding Insurance and who is covered after an incident. This is one scenario which you should be aware of.

A club is hosting an event which has PE members and non-members at a venue. An incident happens and an individual is to blame. If the individual at fault is a PE member then they will be covered on the PE Insurance. If the person is not a PE member then they are not covered by PE Insurance and the insurance companies will pursue not only the individual involved but also the venue / club / committee / individual which allowed that person to play.

It is vitally important that you have the correct amount of insurance at your club and venue to cover any possible incident that might be caused by a non-member of Petanque England playing at your club and venue.

If the playing of petanque or petanque activities are not specifically listed on the venues insurance policy then the playing of petanque or other petanque activities will not be covered by the venues insurance.

If you would like further information regarding insurance then please contact Cary Bush

## Around the Clubs

**Totham Swan PC** (Eastern Counties Region) held a floodlit doubles competition through the month of September in an attempt to get people back playing, the competition was the brainchild of club Vice President Steve Read & it turned out to be a great success. 16 doubles teams, 7 provided by the home club & 9 invited guest teams participated in the event. The home club selected their teams by a random independent draw & by complete chance this paired the 2008 National Doubles Champions Dean Little & Keith Flack together with the pair instantly installed as tournament favourites. With COVID-19 regulations in place throughout the tournament was held over 3 Weeks.

Main Final- Totham Swan (Dean Little & Keith Flack) v Feering Bell (Ian Barnes, Dave Pearse & Carl).

Plate Final- Totham Swan (Simon Walker & Jake Watson) v Feering Bell (Chris Parr & Eleanor Parr)

In the main the Feering Bell were weakened by the unavailability of Ian Barnes, despite this the Feering Bell pair put up a strong display of resilience holding Little / Flack in both games to the mid way point but in both games the Swan team pulled away to secure a 2-0 victory to claim the coveted cup & living up to pre tournament predictions.

The Plate final was where the drama was to be found. Father & Daughter pairing of Chis & Eleanor Parr had made the final in the most entertaining of fashions with a number of dramatic comebacks one of which involved a “super end” victory. Having lost the 1st game narrowly after a comeback the Parr’s were again looking down the barrel of the gun as the Swan team of Walker & Watson looked to close out a 2-0 win & a competition clean sweep for The Swan. Eleanor had other ideas & with an array of fantastic pointing backed up by some crucial shots by dad Chris victory was snatched from the jaws of defeat! leading to a “super end” to decide the final. Swan took the advantage in the “super end” but The Bell turned the end & Swan had no answer leaving the Parr’s victorious, a great end to a fantastic 3 weeks play.



## Huddersfield Pétanque club – a brief history in time!

The club was founded in 2013 playing in Huddersfield’s Greenhead Park.

Our initial 10 pistes were extended to 15 in 2019. 2015 saw the arrival of a storage shed and we acquired our Log Cabin clubhouse and a Mediterranean Garden in 2018. Electricity to the clubhouse was installed in 2020.

The initial terrain was built by the local authority, but all our other improvements have been self-funded.

We hold members only competitions, take part in 2 local leagues and enter Northern Regional events.

Members have competed in France 2017, Crystal Palace 2019, Guernsey 2019, La British Open 2017/19 and Hayling Island 2017/19.

Further information from our Secretary, Roy Henstock [huddersfieldpetanque@outlook.com](mailto:huddersfieldpetanque@outlook.com)

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## Around the Clubs

**Whitnash Windmill Petanque Club** - Over a decade ago, seventeen members of the Whitnash Windmill Petanque Club, near Leamington Spa, together with a contractor, turned a piece of waste land at the Whitnash Sports & Social Club into a purpose-built petanque terrain, with excellent flood lighting, in a matter of five days. Since then, the facility is continually being improved and upgraded, and their current membership embraces all ages, from 9 to 88. The terrain comprises 12 pistes, but there is also room for a further 4-6 pistes on an adjacent car park. The Club is fortunate to have fantastic facilities in the form of the Sports & Social Club, which has recently been refurbished. There is a fully licensed bar and clubhouse, and free car parking is available adjacent to the terrain.

Around eleven years ago, the Club took the initiative to set up an After-School Club for 10-11 year olds, out of which transpired a few England junior and espoirs representatives in the form of Connie Bell, Aimee Colley and Rachel Kelly. Since then, Hannah Griffin has qualified for the Ladies' England squad, and Hannah, Glen Woodward and Carol Woodward have earned their England strips playing in the Home Nations on the last two occasions. Whilst many of their members are social players, several play in the regional Summer and Winter leagues, and several have qualified for the Inter-Regional squad, representing the Heart of England. The Club itself provides competition for its members including four quarterly Club Leagues, each spanning 13 weeks, Club Handicaps, and Club Championships events for Singles, Pairs, Triples, Shooting and Pointing.

The hard-working committee is passionate about promoting the sport to the local community, and their members. The Club is also honoured to have been invited to host various PE events over the years and hopefully the Club can continue its successes and promotion of the sport in the years ahead.



## Rainworth PC

The club was used last year as one of the PE Veteran Qualifiers and provided excellent facilities and hospitality to everyone involved in the event.

They have 24 pistes with disabled access and nine floodlight pistes. The hope is to have floodlights for 9 more in the near future.

Facilities include a small conference room, first aid room (complete with defibrillator) and even a trained paramedic for major competitions.

The club also provides toilets with disabled access on site. In addition, they have a small walk through wood with picnic area, not forgetting the child safe area and duck pond complete with fish. There is parking on site for 50 cars and a further 30 on our approach lane.

Morris Goodman is a qualified umpire and the club provide coaching on Thursday evenings from 6 - 9pm in addition to our 3 club sessions each week.



## National Youth Academy

### 2020/21 National Youth Girls Squad Coaching weekend.

Francesca Evans-Jones, Sophie Rowley, Ella Slade and Jane Geddes put in some tremendous efforts with their training despite awful weather condition in preparation for the 2021 Girls European Championships. Working with coaches Scott Ashby and Toni Gates the girls developed further their ability to select landing spots and effectively hit them on a tough terrain, high lobbing, teamwork and tactics.

The commitment and team spirit from the girls continue to grow, they face a tough few months ahead training through the winter to give themselves the very best chance at next year's championship event.

Ella, at just turned 14 is the most experienced player. Ella has made the final of PE's Ladies doubles two years in a row. Francesca, less known on the national circuit is very well known in SCPA, for her calm and friendly manner and consistent pointing skills. Sophie (Kent) and Jane (H of E) are both relatively new to the sport, what they lack in years they certainly make up for in dedication and determination. The girls are on an incredible journey and are well on track for meeting the standards required for next June's event.



## Moving Forward

To start the "boule" rolling PE are looking for volunteers to join our team. We are looking for eager and forward thinking members to take up the following positions in each region :-

Regional Development Manager

Regional Junior Development Manager

Regional Umpiring Manager

Regional Safe Guarding Manager

Regional Disability in Petanque Manager

Please contact your regional committee if you are interested in one of these as the position may currently be vacant within your region as a committee or non-committee post.

These managers will be the contact between the PE Board and the Regions for their particular discipline and will be responsible for developing their region with the help of PE.

## Disability in Petanque

PE is looking for a member to take up the role of

### National Disability in Petanque Manager

This role will include reporting to the PE Board and being the link between PE and any organisation dealing with disability in Petanque.

The member will work closely with PE in the development of disability in petanque

Please contact our president for further details



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## PE Area Liaison / Development Managers

PE has a vision of including all aspects of Petanque in its development and to do this we are looking for five (5) Area Liaison / Development Managers. The 16 regions have been split into 5 areas and each person will be the manager of their allocated regions. They will be the direct link with the regional development managers and PE and will help them in the development of their region. These positions are currently in development so if you would like more information then please contact our President for more details. The regions have been split as follows:-

North - Northern, Mercia and East Midlands

East - Chiltern, Anglia and Eastern

South East - London, Kent and Sussex

South - Southern Counties, IOW and Thames Valley

South West - Heart of England, GWR, Devon and Kernow

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## PE Board Meeting

The next PE Board meeting will be held on **Saturday 21st November** via Zoom

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

All the Board Member details can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

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## 2021 Regional Tour

2021 will see a new initiative in which each region will be asked to nominate or hold a Triples competition in their region which will count towards the PE Regional Tour.

These tour events will be aimed towards the club player who wants to develop their game and improve their competitive play. Entry fees will go towards the club or region to improve their facilities or towards an activity which the region or club wish to hold.

These events are a perfect opportunity for players to ask a more experienced player to play with them and help them in their development. Prizes for these events will be up to the individual region to organise for the day.

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## National Rankings League 2021

2021 will see the addition of the National Rankings League. This league will not only show the rankings of the players in our Gold events but also in the Silver, Bronze and Pewter events.

The top 2 players of the Gold, Silver and Bronze Leagues will be invited to participate in an International Tournament in 2022.

This initiative will open up international playing opportunities to all the membership who participate in our National events.

These leagues will also be used to give other opportunities to players both at home and abroad.

More details will follow over the next few months

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## NYS Award 2020

Congratulations to Sam Rattue for being awarded the NYS Team Player of the Year 2020. A prime example of his team attitude is that he went and set up his own gofundme page to help the junior team attend the 2021 European Championships. Well done Sam for raising £590 so far through your fantastic team efforts.

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/petanque-england-youth-squad-help-raise-funds>

A special mention must also go to Simon Fletcher and the Suffolk Coastal Petanque Alliance who have also set up a gofundme page to help the juniors achieve their goals. So far they have raised £585

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/scpa-funding-for-national-youth-petanque>



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## Presidents Medal

There is so much hard work that goes on behind the scenes at Regional and Club level. Therefore, the PE President is introducing this award to honour the hard work which is undertaken by these individuals outside of the PE Board.

If you know anyone who deserves this award then please send your nominations and reasons why to our President.

The best nominations will then be considered for the award.

Please email them to [president@petanque-england.uk](mailto:president@petanque-england.uk)



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## Media Team

Petanque England is going to set up a dedicated media team for the future development of our sport within England and abroad. We are looking for around 4 people to take up this opportunity.

If you are interested then please contact Martin Hughes for more information.

The promotion of our sport in newspapers, TV and social media will be a huge step forward in getting our sport recognised as a major sport.

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## Boot Camps

The Events and Coaching team in 2021 will be planning to organise various Boot Camps which will be aimed towards players who want to improve their game.

These camps will be held around the country and will also include some special guests from around the world

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## 2020/21 PE Calendar

The draft 2021 calendar was issued to Regions on 30th August to enable them to start their planning process.

It is now available to view via our website, please follow this link.

<https://www.petanque-england.uk/national-calendar/>

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## Benefits of Petanque for the elderly

I have something to say about this cos I am one that falls (not literally) into this category – so what better advice could you get than from the coal face. Petanque Benefits are a lot to mention but here goes. When I first saw the game, it was when my friend started playing with a Bath Boules club on their historic Queen Square. We had both previously been involved in sport in our younger days, the latest was golf, where I badly pulled something in my back. Wanting to see my friend playing, I stood outside the railings of the square when a lady left her boules on the side and came over to talk to me “Are you Terry whose friend has just joined our club? why don't you join in?”. I replied, Sorry I have damaged my back and cannot Bend . Terry, there is something wrong with all us oldies. In pain I reached out my hand and signed up . Best days work for many a year. I took this idea to our local doctors suggesting they give out our club card as a social prescription, because Boules and the social friendships made since playing all over Europe has cured me from so many aches you would not believe. - Terry Basson (City of Bath PC)

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## Each Letter has a Meaning - Rainworth Petanque Club

BULLET POINTS <i>By Avice Slater</i>	
R.	RELAXING
A.	APPEALING
I.	IDYLLIC
N.	NATIONWIDE
W.	WORTHWHILE
O.	OASIS
R.	RESOUNDING
T.	THERAPEUTIC
H.	HEARTFELT
P.	POSITIVE
E.	ENTERTAINING
T.	TRANQUIL
A.	ACTIVITY
N.	NEIGHBOURLY
Q.	QUALITY
U.	UNIQUE
E.	EXCITING
C.	CARING
L.	LIVELY
U.	UNBIASED
B.	BONHOMIE



BULLET POINTS <i>By Morris Goodman</i>	
R.	Rules ----- know them
A.	Aptitude ----- for the game
I.	Innovation ---- try new shots
N.	Never ----- gamesmanship
W.	Watch ----- fall and run
O.	Observation - be aware at all times
R.	Resilience --- heads up always
T.	Talk ----- to your partner(s)
H.	Hard ----- but play fair
P.	Protocol ----- be still, be silent
E.	Encourage --- your partner(s)
T.	Think ----- before acting
A.	Attitude ----- personal conduct
N.	Never ----- talk down to anyone
Q.	Question ---- accept decisions
U.	Uniform ----- always dress correctly
E.	Etiquette ---- at all times
C.	Clock ----- timing important
L.	Listen ----- to all briefings
U.	Understand -- all aspects of the game
B.	Believe ----- in your own ability



<b>R. Rules</b>	Knowing and understanding the rules avoids opponents taking advantage.
<b>A. Aptitude</b>	This is your overall approach to the game.
<b>I. Innovation</b>	Your willingness to try new shots, pending on the situation.
<b>N. Never</b>	Resort to gamesmanship to win games, this leaves a bad taste in the mouth.
<b>W. Watch</b>	Observe your opponent fall of the shot and note the run of the piste.
<b>O. Observation</b>	Always be aware of your surroundings and the position of other when shooting, Be careful of trip hazards, Be safe.
<b>R. Resilience</b>	Keep your head up and be relaxed at all times, The easy way to loose a game is to get wound up and tense.
<b>T. Talk</b>	Always talk to your partner(s).
<b>H. Hard</b>	Play hard but play fair.
<b>P. Protocol</b>	Be still and silent when opponents are in play, remember to stand in the recommended position.
<b>E. Encourage</b>	Your partner(s) and talk, may be even praise, after a rogue shot or point.
<b>T. Think</b>	Your shot through before taking it.
<b>A. Attitude</b>	This is your approach to the game and personal conduct.
<b>N. Never</b>	Ridicule or talk down to anyone.
<b>Q. Question</b>	Never question a decision made to you by competition organisers or match officials.
<b>U. Uniform</b>	Always dress correctly for each competition, always wear suitable footwear, enclosed toes and heels, no sandals or flipflops.
<b>E. Etiquette</b>	At all times, please remember that you are a representative of RPC and as such your conduct reflects on your club.
<b>C. Clock</b>	Never be late for the start of a competition, this also applies to the restart of a game after an interval for whatever reason, remember that arriving late could cost you loss of boules, hence points.
<b>L. Listen</b>	Closely to all briefings relating to your competition, safety and local rules will be included particularly on times games.
<b>U. Understand</b>	All aspects of the game including tactics.
<b>B. Believe</b>	In your own ability and that of your partner(s), above all enjoy your game.



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## Blast from the Past



Now that's a huge trophy - It is called the Hand of Friendship Trophy

Richard Patterson and Graham Elcome are seen here with the award which was played at the Half Moon pub near Crowborough. Can anyone guess the year?