

**Petanque-England Nomination statement for President.
November 2022.**



Occupation History.

My primary background is from within environmental engineering, with specialist knowledge in ambient filtration and in-door air quality. An occupation that led to becoming a regional manager with a major manufacturer established in both the UK, and Europe.

After 23 years of service, I departed to become a Company Secretary to a limited company established in the UK, till I reached retirement after 18 years of service.

Sporting History.

My sporting history extends back to senior football level which encompassed not only playing but due to injury and age, extended to becoming a Trainer and Coach over the course of time.

During 1983 I was introduced to the sport of Petanque. A sport which gave the opportunity of further challenges not only as an individual player, but also to that of being part of a club or regional team.

That interest in the sport continued to grow with being elected as the Vice President for the Eastern Counties Region, a post held from 1988 till 1993. In addition to taking the then BPA coaching 3 and 2 grades.

From 2016, I became the elected Eastern Counties Petanque Regional President, a post held until late 2021.

In 2011 having renewed my UK coaching vows, I become the appointed EPA Chair of Coaching Commission in 2013. The role also meant becoming a member of the EPA Management Committee with a remit, to establish a new national coaching structure that would totally enhance and improve our national coaching standards. To date that has now grown expediently and developing.

In 2018 when the association/ organisation incorporated as a company and renamed as Petanque – England, it required the addressing of various challenges. One of those challenges developed in 2021, requiring taking on the role as interim National President, until the member nominated appointment of a new President.

Unfortunately, due to continuing health issues during this year, the elected President has had to stand down, thus as the board appointed Vice-President, I have again been required to act as the interim President.

It could be looked upon, that I have now served an apprenticeship for the role and therefore best placed to take on the role fully. There are still many challenges that we face, but if all pull-together they can be eventually overcome.

Thank you for your time reading my profile statement.

Colin Roper.