

# Pétanque England Youth Newsletter January 2024



**Pétanque  
ENGLAND**

## Happy New Year.

It's been a busy year of Pétanque for all our Juniors. Back in September Ella, Jane, Alex M and Aimee R were selected to represent England at the Invitation Junior Tournament in Saarbrücken, Germany. Although the team many not have been as successful as they had hoped, it was an incredible opportunity and they came home learning lots, and with a better understanding and respect for the quality of junior players from across Europe.

Also in September it was wonderful to see so many of our Juniors taking part in the Inter-Regional Championships at Pakefield. Huge congratulations to Kent who took the title this year. The competition was fierce, and there was some brilliant pétanque on show from juniors across all the regions. It was also a joy to see the juniors all socialising together and building some great friendships which I know will continue in the years to come and which can only be positive for the future of the junior game.

We would also like to congratulate the Juniors who won Pétanque England Junior titles in 2023.

**Doubles**—Held at Oxshott—Ella and Jane  
**Singles**—Held at Leicester—Alex M  
**Shooting**—Held at Leicester—Alex M  
Well done to you all.

2024 also sees Ella and Jane leave the junior squad, thank you for your commitment over the years and we wish you every success as you move on in your game.

## Junior Skills Award

We are pleased to announce that Samueljacks Teamwear have taken on the sponsorship of the Junior Skills Award. PE Juniors have now published the requirements for our young players to achieve their PE Skills Awards at White, Green, Red and Blue level, and we would encourage coaches to use the scheme. The kids like it too!



**The 2023 Pétanque England Junior team Ella, Jane, Alex M and Aimee R at the Invitation Junior Tournament in Saarbrücken, Germany.**

## Welcome to our first Newsletter

We hope to provide a Newsletter once a quarter. Please send any of your juniors achievements, photos from training or competition, any dates of competitions you would like shared to [clairerickman@gmx.com](mailto:clairerickman@gmx.com)

**PE Membership renewal date is 31st March 2024, please make sure your Juniors membership is renewed so you can take part in competitions for another year.**

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## Dates for your Diary

Southern Coaching Day  
17th March – Worthing

North/Mid Coaching Day  
23rd March – Hampton in Arden

PE Adult/Junior Competition  
20th April – Oxshott

Weekend of Pétanque  
5th–7th May – Worthing

PE Championships to include PE Junior Singles, Doubles and Triples  
25th–27th May – Venue TBC

London Pétanque Championships  
15th–16th June–Crystal Palace

Inter-Regionals  
14th–15th September – Pakefield

European Championships  
3rd -6th October – Spain

**Please speak to your coaches for more information.**

## A message from the PE Junior Lead

We have two issues with juniors - recruitment; and then keeping them engaged, both tough.

The best recruiting officer is **YOU**, our PE members and our current juniors. Can each of our junior players take on the challenge of bringing one other youngsters along to try our sport? If you do that it is then up to us, the coaches, to make it fun and keep them coming!

A busy year approaches, we want to keep you improving and enjoying pétanque. So play a lot. Enter local tournaments, either with other juniors or grab an adult. Get your Regions to run events for juniors including Adult/Juniors tournaments so you can show the oldies how to do it. But most of all, enjoy and have fun.

*Chris*



Whitnash Windmill PC hosted a Pétanque England Junior Coaching day which the Leamington sunshine helped make a great success. Fourteen juniors, ten brave coaches and mentors, had a great day.

## A huge thank you

Thank you to all our coaches who dedicate their time to developing our talented Juniors. Providing them with opportunity to play, learn more and grow their game.

We must also say a big thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who give up their time to take their juniors to training and competitions rain or shine.



**PE Junior Lead Chris Chubb, and Umpire John Edmondson with the Juniors following the PE Junior Singles Championship in Leicester.**