

## PE National Singles and Shooting Competition – June 28th, 2025

*Hosted at Leicester Petanque Club*

On a scorching summer day in Leicester, 23 dedicated junior pétanque players braved the heat and testing terrains for the **PE National Singles and Shooting Competition**. The event, filled with exceptional talent and fierce determination, saw competitors play up to seven games throughout the day, with league matches in the morning followed by knockout stages in the afternoon.



### Singles Competitions



#### Gold Final

After six intense games, the Gold Final brought together two top-tier competitors: **George Partridge** (Heart of England) and **Alex Warren** (Mercia). In a nail-biting match that kept spectators on edge, both players showcased outstanding pointing and shooting skills. The score reached a tense 12-12 before Alex clinched victory in the final end, winning 13-12 in what was widely regarded as a high-quality display of competitive pétanque.

#### Gold Consolage Final

The Gold Consolage Final saw a comeback for the ages. **Nathan Huntley** (Chiltern) surged ahead to a 10-3 lead against **Aimee Rickman** (Southern), but Aimee's resilience shone through. Digging deep, she mounted an impressive comeback to win 13-12, overcoming the challenging terrain and intense pressure with poise and determination.



#### Silver Final



The Silver Competition, also comprised of six games, concluded with a **Whitnash** showdown between teammates **Evie Dickens** and **Erica Bennett**. Both players had demonstrated superb pointing throughout the day, but it was Erica who took control of the final, emerging victorious with a commanding 13-5 win.

#### Silver Consolage Final

The Silver Consolage Final featured two rising stars of the sport: **Harry O'Reilly** (Heart of England) and **Zac Kelly-Lord** (Southern). Both players have only recently started competing but showed exceptional sportsmanship and determination. Harry secured a 13-6 win, rounding off an impressive day of play for the young athletes.



---

## Shooting Competition

This year's shooting competition welcomed participation from 21 of the 23 players—many of whom were new to the discipline. Despite nerves and the pressure of a watching crowd, the juniors gave it their all in the preliminary round.

Four players progressed to the semi-finals: **Alex Warren, George Partridge, Jayden Davies, and Cole Fortesque**, with all four completing all five rounds. The final came down to George and Cole, where George delivered a composed and accurate performance, scoring **11 points** to take the win. Interestingly, semi-final scores were higher—perhaps the final's intensity and audience presence added extra pressure!



---

## A Day of Growth and Gratitude

This event was more than a competition—it was a celebration of skill, resilience, and community. The positive spirit among players, coaches, and supporters was evident throughout, and every junior who participated can be proud of their performance and attitude.

**A huge thank you** goes out to everyone who made the day a success:

- To the juniors, for their effort and sportsmanship.
- To parents, carers, and coaches, for their ongoing support.
- To the **Leicester Petanque Club** team—**Michelle, Allan, John G, Drew, Jane, and Charlie**—for their hard work behind the scenes.
- And to **John Edmondson**, who expertly umpired the event and organised the day's running order.

The PE National Singles and Shooting Competition 2025 was a testament to the future of English pétanque: bright, bold, and brimming with talent. So Proud of all involved today, Well done.

Claire Geddes

National Junior Lead.