

# A Month in Pétanque

What's on at Huddersfield Pétanque Club and in the local area in December 2021



## Events at HPC terrain



We have bought an electric workspace heater so the clubhouse will always be warm. It means we have a Calor Gas Provence style cast iron heater to dispose of. Full price is about £400. We bought this second hand for £82. It's not perfect - the ignition doesn't work but it would be ideal for a greenhouse or conservatory. Our Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday club sessions continue as normal with one exception. Beginners and Visitors from other clubs welcome at these sessions. We have spare boules and can give you some basic tuition.

Sunday 5th Dec 1300	Monthly Club Melee (6 of 6) 3 rounds. No entry fee. No cash prizes. It'll be cold & maybe wintry but some will attend. Bring handwarmers and an extra layer or two. Kevin & Christine will be running this one. We need more volunteers to help run these monthly events. It's a good way to learn how to score an event. Contact any committee member. We'll teach you.
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## Events at other venues

Sun 12 December	Yorkshire Winter League Pairs at Brandsburton PC. Register before 0945 and 5 rounds will be played. Usually about 15 to 20 pairs of very dedicated players. £10 per pair entry fee and cash prizes. Worth going to watch for an hour if you're in the area to see some top players in action. Not worth playing in if you're still a beginner.
New Year's Eve	Melee at Bridlington PC. Wear Xmas hats, Free mulled wine & Mince Pies. 10am start and £3 per player. Probably 4 or 5 rounds. It's a long way but a very friendly club.

## Members meeting 14th November

The big item was a discussion on the terrains 11-15 which had prompted some members to complain about them as "bad" and "not enjoyable". Many members contributed to the discussion and some good ideas were put forward which the committee will look at in detail at a future committee meeting. It was pointed out that the terrains were not "bad" but merely different and those who experienced difficulty playing there might benefit from learning new techniques. There was similar dissatisfaction when lanes 8,9 &10 were changed some years ago but these are now accepted. A vote was taken and the meeting voted 20 to keep the current lane allocation system with only 4 wanting to change it.

A 2nd issue was the dislike of some members for playing in triples rather than pairs but this was dealt with quickly and all members agreed that they would not make an issue out of this. A 3rd issue was timed games. It was agreed to continue with these but keep it under review. The meeting also agreed that Roy had been a fantastic club secretary but no-one has yet stepped up to do the role which will need to be filled at the AGM. Finally Boules School was considered a success & we should offer it again in Spring.

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