


# A Month in Pétanque

What's on at Huddersfield Pétanque Club and in the local area in February 2022



Our Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday club sessions at 1pm continue as usual. There are two special events for members in February in the box below. Both are free to members.

Sunday 6th February 1300	Monthly Club Melee (2 of 6). No entry fee. No cash prizes. 3 rounds where we keep scores for 6 months and after 6 events we have a winner for the season. Rules in the clubhouse. Robin and Rita are the February organisers.
Tuesday 15th February 1300	 Valentine's Pairs. Go 3 rounds with your husband/wife/partner or find a partner on the day. Chocolates for the top couples.

## Events around the region.

There are two Winter Pairs in February at Hollicarrs and Stockton on the Forest the other side of York. Usually about 15 to 20 pairs of very dedicated players. £10 per pair entry fee & cash prizes. Not for beginners. Worth a look if you're nearby. Ask a committee member for more information if you're interested.

## John Whitefield

We were saddened to hear at the end of 2021 about the John's death. He was one of the founder members in the early years. He and Sandie played regularly until he was forced to give up due to poor health.

## Charity donations

Two handsome donations have been made recently by the club and its members. The social team raised over £350 last year with special events and raffles for Age UK (Calderdale & Kirklees branch) and many club members attended a benefit concert at Thorpe Green club where club member Pete Cowley played with the band Quarterpounder and raised over £285 for Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

## Fundraising event

Kevin's granddaughter Beau needs to raise money to fly to New York for cancer treatment. HPC will be holding a Pairs competition in March to help this appeal. All money raised will go directly to the appeal. See and join in if you can or consider donating if you can't play. We will be advertising this outside HPC later in January. A list will be opened in the clubhouse first. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/beauscampaign>  
The social committee is also putting together a hamper to raffle for this appeal.

## Regional and national organisations.



There is a regional body which oversees the game in Yorkshire. It has a regional calendar which is a mixture of club events and regional events. It also helps administer local leagues and selects players to represent Yorkshire in competitions and has qualified coaches and umpires to help clubs develop. Individuals can join Yorkshire Pétanque. This costs £8. The benefits are:-



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- Individuals can use the YP online booking system to enter events in the calendar
- Individuals can input league results to YP website.
- Associate members can also attend regional coaching sessions without charge.
- To join Yorkshire Pétanque go to [www.yorkshirepetanque.co.uk](http://www.yorkshirepetanque.co.uk) for more information.

Individuals can also join Pétanque England - the national governing body. This costs £33 a year. £25 goes to PE & £8 to YP. You receive an international playing licence & personal insurance while playing pétanque and automatically join Yorkshire Pétanque. For more information go <https://www.petanque-england.uk>.

If you want to know more about regional and national bodies ask a committee member.

### Business Cards



The club has bought another stock of these updated from the first batch that were ordered nearly 10 years ago. As part of our marketing in 2022 we'd like members to slip half a dozen of these in their purse/wallet so when you're telling someone how great the game is you can hand them a card. Ask at a regular session.

### A long weekend in Bordeaux

We have been in contact with a club in Bordeaux (where Didier plays) and have agreed to spend a long weekend there from May 20th to May 23rd. We will play two fixtures - one competitive and one social - and also take in the sights and sample the local food and drink. It's a big commitment and will cost more than a trip to Heckmondwike and not everyone will want to take part but we are opening a list for those interested. A meeting will be called for those interested to supply more information.

All this does depend on the covid situation at the time and having enough people who want to go. List will go on noticeboard.

### They only have 6 bullets...

A short article on tactics. This one is to make you think before you throw and start to learn to manage a game and build an advantage. There's only 12 boules in an end. Make them count. <https://huddersfieldpetanque.files.wordpress.com/2022/01/they-only-have-6-bullets.pdf>



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