

A Month in Pétanque

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



With many new members recently we're updating our ways of communicating with our members.

First of all please look at and follow our blog at <http://huddersfieldpetanque.wordpress.com> and every time we update it you'll receive an email. On the News page click on follow and supply your email.

We have a Facebook page. Search for Huddersfield Petanque Club. It's invite only. Roy runs it.

Our clubhouse has noticeboards inside with details of club events, regional events and club info. Please take the time to look when you are there. They will advertise things happening in the next month and will be refreshed regularly. The outside noticeboard is primarily for attracting new members.

We are starting a WhatsApp group so messages can be delivered direct to your mobile phone. This will be rolled out in July.

Our Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday member sessions at 1pm continue as usual. There are 5 special events in June in the boxes below. They are all free to members except where stated.

Sunday 3rd July 1300	Monthly Club Mêlée (1 of 6). 3 rounds where we keep scores for 6 months & after 6 events there's a winner for the season. Rules in clubhouse.
Sunday 10th July 1000	Ladies Open Pairs. 3 round snake then knockouts after lunch. 10am start, £10 per team. Cash Prizes. You can register online at YP or talk to a committee member at the terrain. Closing date July 9th. No social play on the day.
Thursday 14th July 1300	Bastille day. Dress like a Frenchman/woman (your choice). Free French Wine.
Sunday 24th July 1300	Club Pairs Championship. Make up your own team or turn up on the day and see who's going spare. 3 rounds.
Thursday 29th July 1800	A repeat of our evening speed melee with nibbles in the clubhouse and a drink afterwards in the Junction. Last time we made it to the pub by 8-20pm.

Events around the region



Sunday 3rd	Wetherby Pairs
Sunday 17th	Yorkshire Open Mixed Triples, Heckmondwike. Leagues & Knockouts.
Wednesday 20th	Stockton Melee. A more friendly type of all day event
Sunday 24th	Molescroft Pairs
Sunday 31st	Yorkshire Day Clubs event, Heckmondwike. Teams of 7

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Raffle Prizes

The social committee is running out of raffle prizes. If you can donate something such as an old Xmas present you don't actually want or a spare bottle of something that you've had in the fridge for months and are never going to drink please bring it in. It will help to raise money for our charity.

How we run our club sessions.

We have social play on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00pm. Members should sign up to play and strike their name out if they leave. We normally play 3 games which takes between 2 and 3 hours. You don't have to play all the games. You can arrive and leave when you like to fit in with your day. We don't record scores and informal help is given to beginners. The draw for partners is done at 1pm. Our policy on late arrivals is available at <https://huddersfieldpetanque.files.wordpress.com/2022/04/late-arrivals-policy.pdf> Essentially this says for social play you may be added to an existing game but if it is a competition this cannot be done.

In between games we plan a 5 or 10 minute comfort break. No-one should have to turn around instantly to start a fresh game. Timed games will operate in the winter (BST). These will be 40 minutes. If a summer session looks like it will be affected by bad weather we may hold timed games.

We have a local rule when one game is taking a long time. This is called Crofts rule and states that if you become the last game on the terrain the next end is the last end. This only operates in social play.

Membership update

There was a good response to our reminder about subs and many of our members have rejoined. Current number of members is 71. There is a steady stream of new members thanks to our marketing. If you're having trouble with your renewal call 07977772971 for help.

Boule school

This will be repeated In July & August. Dates are being finalised. We'll email members when they're known.

History lesson

Not all you read about the game is true. This article is better than most.

https://petanque.files.wordpress.com/2022/06/petanque_a_short_history_2022-06-06.pdf

Practice

Following the coaching on Tuesday 28th we will be starting a training/practice/team tactics session of about an hour which is designed to in turn beginners into improvers alongside the social play from Tuesday 5th July. Members can choose to attend this instead of the first game of social play. When picking teams for league fixtures we will take into account attendance at training sessions.

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