

A Month in Pétanque

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



Our Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday sessions at 1pm continue as usual. There are 2 special events in September in the boxes below. They are all free to members except where stated.

Sunday 4th September 1300	Monthly Club Mêlée (3 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 18th September 1300	Grail Trophy. This is Men v Women played over 3 rounds. A competition invented by Roy. Whatever the numbers there will be men v women and a mixture of pairs and triples. Pete & Margaret will organise.

Events around the region



Sunday 4th 1300	Yorkshire singles and shooting competition at Stockton Fox.
Weekend of 17th & 18th	Inter regionals at Lowestoft. The best 36 players in Yorkshire play against all the other regions in a monster 2 day boules fest. Very high level of competition (the best players in England). Robin & Brendan are playing for Yorkshire.
Wednesday 21st 1000	Stockton Melee. A more friendly type of all day event

Match v Rochdale

Sunday 21st we had a home fixture against Rochdale Pétanque Club. Teams of 12 arrived to play 10 games between them except for one small problem. Rochdale only brought a team of 6. That meant re-arranging the whole afternoon for both the team members and the social players and we ended up with a team of 6 from HPC playing a team of 6 from RPC. HPC won 3-2. In theory we play RPC next August 20th in Rochdale. We'll keep you informed about this as time passes.

West Yorkshire Cup Final

Wednesday 24th saw our team play in the West Yorkshire cup final. It was a close match and we finished second. Brendan & Nell won a nail-biting 13-12 victory and Paul & Julie won 13-10 but the other 3 games went to Leeds and we lost 2-3. It's good to know we can compete at this level. Next thing is winning at this level. Roy, Rita, Robin and Moira were the other squad members.

Membership hits 83

For the second time in our history we have gone over 80 members. This makes us one of the largest clubs in Yorkshire in terms of membership. Recently our regular sessions have had over 30 attending.

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Squad training

This starts in late September and will run every Thursday for some weeks alongside social play. After a winter break we'll start again in March. Anyone can join in. It will usually last 1 hour and members can join in social play afterwards. Ask for a training plan if you're interested. There's no charge and it's open to anyone who wants to improve their game. It's a higher level than boule school and is for members who want to play in league games and at other venues. A notice will be in the clubhouse when we have the dates.

Beginners Coaching

Regional Coach Day Nygaard has said he can provide a session for beginners on Saturday 8th October at 1000 lasting about 2 hours. It will be free for Yorkshire Pétanque members and £3 for others. A list will be posted in the clubhouse soon so members can sign up.

Buy a coche

We have traditional wooden coches at £1-50; we have dayglo coches at £2 or impress your friends with a Yorkshire Rose coche at £3. Anyone can buy these. There is a price list, box of coches and an honesty box in the clubhouse.

WhatsApp group

We have started a WhatsApp group for instant communication with members. It currently has 27 members. Any member can join by clicking on this link. It's free. All you need is a smartphone.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LZMIGLFKiiTCmZDwx0xuon>

How we select teams

At times usually when we have a league or Cup match or an inter club match our procedure is to ask for players who want to be involved to sign up on a list on the Clubhouse noticeboard. Once the list has filled the Club Captain Robin selects a balanced team with both shooters and pointers and posts this on the noticeboard and emails team members. We also put such games in AMiP to give everyone notice. There is no other way. If you hear stories that "last year's team will be playing this year" these are only stories. To know what's what speak to or email the club captain.

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