

A Month in Pétanque

All the news and what's on at HPC and in the local area in January 2023



To all our readers

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

Sunday 8th January 1300	Monthly Club Mêlée. (1 of 6). 3 rounds. Played over the next 6 months. Christine and Steve P will be organising.
Thursday 19th January	The re-introduction of the £1 Melee. (Pay a pound to play the session and win a cash prize)

Events around the region



Sunday January 15th	Yorkshire Pairs winter League competition at Brandesburton. Bacon Butties from 9:00 Entry £10.
Saturday January 21st	Yorkshire Regional Meetup at Hollicars 10:00 start. Yorkshire Calendar to be discussed.
Sunday January 29th	Yorkshire Winter League at Mirfield

2022 Champion of Champions

The calculation of results for this club competition have now been completed and so the presentation of this award will go ahead later this month. Exact date to be confirmed.



Annual Dinner.

We are currently compiling names of attendees for this event (list on notice board). If we can get sufficient numbers we plan to hold it sometime in February. If you are unable to get to the clubhouse to sign up use the Group WhatsApp to register your interest.

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Timed Games

A number of people have questioned the need for the timed 3rd game in social play and prefer to play out the game until it is finished. This rule exists to ensure the volunteer who is responsible for locking down the premises having finished their game is not waiting around beyond the 40 minute playing time and able to leave at a reasonable hour.

Club Melee Winner.



Jane is the December's melee champion. Seen here receiving the club trophy. A great result for a player whose pétanque career only began in May this year. Congratulations.

New Members.

Remember we are always on the lookout for new members. Most people will have started playing Pétanque in some form or another on their annual holiday to France or Spain where it has an enormous following and is played from a very early age. Here in the UK it is a relatively new sport attracting interest from observers or just passershere in the park. Why not give out a few business cards from the clubhouse desk to family and friends. Word of mouth recommendation is very effective.

WhatsApp group

We are continuing to grow our WhatsApp group for instant communication with members. It currently has 49 active members. Any member can join.

Mince Pie and Mulled wine Melee

Sunday 18th December saw us celebrate and enjoy our festive fayre and warm mulled wine. Not hot! Fourteen brave souls put themselves forward for a very chilly, wet at times, two games of Pétanque on a particularly frozen terrain where boules, once thrown did completely their own thing. It made the games great fun and we all had a good laugh. The afternoon was enjoyed by all in spite of two of our players falling on the ice en-route to the park. Thankfully no major injuries.



Helpers.

A big thank you for responding in numbers to last month's appeal for help. Setting the terrains, the clock for timed games, assisting with the lane draw were just some of the responsibilities undertaken by our Helpers.

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Less active members

We are anxious to look after the interests of our less active members and respect their choice to visit the club and play less frequently than others. We hope that by sending out more of our communications direct to you that you still feel involved and part of our group.

There may be some who, although not playing regularly, would enjoy joining our helper volunteers and assist in the running of the club behind the scenes or perhaps you may prefer to come along to spectate and enjoy a free tea or coffee with old friends. You would be made most welcome.

Club Events Calendar

You should by now all have received your email copy of the events calendar for Jan-Jun 2023 We have included many of your theme suggestions. So please keep them coming the more inventive the better. If you haven't yet received yours talk to a committee member or pick one up from the clubhouse rack.

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