

A Month in Pétanque



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Thursday March 2nd 13:00	St Davids Day doubles. 3 round snake with prizes for the winning couple. Prompt start at 1.pm Sign in by 12:50 please. The draw is out of the hat.
Sunday March 5th 12:30 Sunday March 5th 13:00	Club Charity. Cheque presentation to Ruth Triggs of Prostate Cancer UK. Monthly Club Melee. (Round 3 of 6). Amanda and Margaret C to organise.
Thursday March 16th 13:00	St Patricks day Melee. Celebrate in style with some traditional Irish Fayre .Refreshments and beverage provided.
Thursday March 23rd 13:00	Return of the £1 Melee. Pay a pound , win some cash.
Sunday March 26th 12:00	Club AGM followed by members Q & A session in the clubhouse

Spring Forward:

Just a reminder the clocks go forward on Sunday March 26th at 01:00 and this year the 1st day of spring is Monday March 20th. Social play timed games are still a controversial topic so we will continue with them until the AGM Q & A session when we will have a members vote to decide the bi-annual changeover dates.



A Warm sunny afternoon saw 14 teams compete in the annual Valentines Day competition Pictured here are our Winners Brendan and Nell and runners up Jane G and Julie.

Events around the region



Sunday March 5th.	Yorkshire Pairs winter League competition at Bridlington. Sign in at 9:00am Entry £10 per team.
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Tuesday March 14th	New Fixture. Midweek Petanque Heckmondwike Entry £5 per team, See Clubhouse notice board for further details
Sunday March 19th.	Yorkshire Pairs winter League competition at Stockton Fox Entry £10 per team. 10:00 start.

Book Fair

Week commencing Sunday May 14th A book fair will be held to raise funds for the club. Empty boxes are to be provided in the clubhouse for members to start donating their unwanted books from this weekend. This promises to be a large event and will tie in with "Bring a Friend Week" to maximise the resale potential

Please do not be tempted to rummage through the books ahead of the sales date as we will be categorising them as we collect and there is no provision to buy ahead.

Small shed.

As you will have seen on WhatsApp the small shed is currently having a makeover. When it is completed it will provide easier access to equipment and tools and hopefully it will help avoid further damage to them. In the meantime please store all equipment carefully whilst we complete the work.

Photographs

There appears to be some confusion over the permissions given by members to have photos taken for club use. The terms of membership provides for the handling of data necessary for the running of the club to be permissible unless specifically denied by the individual member. As no records of restriction are in evidence at this time we suggest anyone wishing to restrict either photographs or written items notify the club secretary (Claire) in writing of this decision and it can then be placed on record. It may be necessary to inform individuals intending to photograph or produce written commentary that you are on file as having denied the clubs authority for this to occur.

Signing in procedure

Signing in for other members or even not signing in, is causing confusion when the numbers are drawn. It is the responsibility of the individual player to ensure they are signed in, in time for the organiser to start the draw and out before the draw for the game they do not intend to play in. Members are (quite rightly) becoming frustrated having to wait for a redraw before play can commence and it's a nightmare for the game organiser.

Housekeeping

On two occasions recently the clubhouse has been left in a condition falling far short of acceptable. The upkeep and cleaning is not the responsibility of one. It is everyones job to ensure the clubhouse is cleaned after use. With the new addition of Midweek Petanque we will be having outside competition players potentially from anywhere in the North of England visiting and using our clubhouse. Is this the best image we can portray ? Please follow the lead of those already cleaning up before they get fed up and stop.

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