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## **EPA CONGRESS**

This year's EPA congress will be held at **Luton** on **1st July**. Details will be mailed out to all registered clubs, regions and leagues shortly.

Any motions from clubs, regions or leagues must be sent to the EPA National Secretary by the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2006. The Agenda and Motions will then be sent out by the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

## EPA TRIPLES

The first EPA event of 2006 was held at Cascades Sports Centre, Gravesend in Kent on 30th April.

As well as being the main English Titles event it is also the qualifier to find the top 8 teams to represent England at the forthcoming Home Nations Championships. The event was further enhanced by an invitation from France for the winners to represent the EPA at a top event in France later this year (see page 2 for further details).

46 teams travelled to sunny Kent, which was a slight improvement on last year's attendance. After the league stage the knockout eventually whittled the teams down to the final two. The Plough & Chequers (Kent) team of Bruno Bove, Moez Ayadi and Rashid Hannache took the title beating the Eastern/West Midlands team of Vanessa Webb, Chris Allen and Jerome Rousseau in the final.

As well as the finalists the following 6 teams also qualified to represent England at the forthcoming Home Nations tournament in Wales on 12-13<sup>th</sup> August (subject to availability):

**Steve Zimmerman, Adrian Emson & Alan Newland**

**Anthony Hiscocks, Kevin Gifford & Simon Gifford**  
**Phil Winston, Miles Gooda & L Glading**  
**Simon Bird, Sofiane Lachani & Ashley Jamieson**  
**Martin Pennell, Jes Paine, Ron & Alex James**  
**Joe Sheffield, Ian Johns & Stone Williams**

**For current news from the EPA make sure you visit the EPA web site regularly**  
**[www.englishpetanque.org.uk](http://www.englishpetanque.org.uk)**

# INTERNATIONAL INVITES

The English Pétanque Association have accepted invitations to send teams to top events in France this year.

The 2005 winners and runners up of the EPA Triples took part in a weekend festival of pétanque at the La Tamarissiere Club in AGDE, France over the May bank holiday weekend.

The 2006 winners of the EPA Triples have been invited by the U.S. Dunkerque Pétanque Club, as part of that club's 50th anniversary celebrations, to attend the Dunkerquoise competition over the weekend of 19th-20th August. The invitation is for the "Triplette Champions of England" and a coach to attend the competition and take part in the celebrations. The invitation includes meals and accommodation for the team and their manager.



## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to the following new and returning pétanque clubs and members who have affiliated with the English Pétanque Association in 2006:

**Amities Boules Club (Southern)**  
**Bargemans Rest (Isle of Wight)**  
**Boyne Hill Bozos (Thames Valley)**  
**Jolly Farmer (Thames Valley)**  
**N.H.I.A. (Chiltern)**  
**Sandown Shanklin RFC (Isle of Wight)**  
**Vale Tavern (Kent)**

## CRB Checking



The EPA has now received the first batch of CRB Screening forms. Initially these will be for each Regional Youth Development Officer and Regional Coach and these checks will be paid for by the EPA. Additional screening forms will be made available to regions and clubs at cost and can be purchased by writing to the EPA National Secretary. Instructions on what to do will be sent to Regional Secretaries and Presidents.

Also the EPA Junior and Vulnerable Members Protection Policy, Procedures and Code of Conduct has been issued and is available from the EPA website or by writing to the EPA Secretary.

**Kevin Moss,**  
**National Secretary**

## BEHIND THE SCENES

As well as the obvious tasks, like setting the English playing calendar, organising events, issuing membership, setting budgets, keeping the web site updated, etc the EPA Management Committee also does a great deal of work behind the scenes in order that the rest of us can get on and play. A small sample of this work is detailed below:

**Calendar Setting** – You would expect the EPA Management Committee to set the calendar for English events but this year they had the added burden of setting the BPF Calendar as well. You would think that one of the prime objectives of the BPF Executive would be to set the National Playing Calendar as early as possible. Unfortunately they did not have enough time to discuss this at their annual congress in November and so this thankless task fell on the shoulders of the two EPA Executive Delegates, Mike Pegg and Adrian Thomas. With the aid of the EPA Officers they managed to squeeze a pint into a quart pot and allocated dates and venues within the short timescale confines available to them. Subsequent problems with venues plus the BPF's late decision to include a Ladies Doubles event unfortunately meant some late changes to the calendar but by and large the impossible was achieved.

**Constitution** – The EPA Constitution is undergoing an extensive review to ensure that it is fit for purpose with a number of changes being proposed. The Committee also reviewed the old BPA Standing Orders and By Laws.

**Future Plans** – Committee members David Baxter (Kent) and Richard Baker (Southern Counties) have been tasked to draft 4 and 10 year plans for the Association. This involves a consultation process with members

**Insurance** – Through intense negotiations the EPA Management Committee managed to secure an excellent deal for our members by obtaining insurance at around 90p per member. This compared favourably to the £1.20 per member that the BPF were quoted, thus saving the EPA around £840.

**Job Descriptions** – Specifications have been drawn up and agreed for the appointed posts of National Coach, National Umpire and Youth Development Officer. This led to the appointments of John Thatcher and David Lavelle for the two vacant positions.

**Young Persons and Vulnerable Members Policy** – A great deal of work has gone into producing the necessary documentation required to assist in protecting our young and vulnerable members. This included the setting of policy for CRB checking.

## SEASON OPENER

For as long as I can remember (and I'm getting on now) Towerlands at Braintree has hosted the traditional "season opener" so it was a sad day when our friends in Eastern Counties Region could no longer host the event due to spiralling costs. Fortunately where one door closes another one opens and a new large indoor venue (affectionately known as the freezer) was found in Kent at the County Showground, Detling.

Of course we now have Whittlesey running through the winter months and most County/Regional Associations now hold winter leagues and events so it's not truly a "season opener" but it was nice to see so many friends from around the country this early in the year.

As well as representatives from most regions of England there were also teams from Wales along with a high quality team from Spain.

Despite a typical English winter doing it's best to put the Spaniards at a disadvantage they rose to the challenge and clearly mastered the difficult terrains. Spain were rarely troubled conceding just 21 points in 8 games on their way to taking the title and the top cash prize. They beat the local Plough & Chequers team of Rowland Jones, Kevin Wood, Trevor Gordon and Greg Davenport in the final.

Details of the other winners and full results are available on the KPA's web pages:

([www.kentpetanque.org](http://www.kentpetanque.org))

## INDOOR SEASON

Winners of the Boulodrome Indoor Grand Prix Series 2005/6 Season were as follows:

**Round 1** Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – Engine B (Phil Winston, Mat Eversden, Miles Gooda)

**Round 2** Dec 4<sup>th</sup> – Pikies (Jonathan Sewell, Ben Gallimore, Tom Hutchings)

**Round 3** Jan 8<sup>th</sup> – L'Equipe (Simon Bird, Sofiane Lachani, Phil Claydon)

**Round 4** Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - L'Equipe (Simon Bird, Sofiane Lachani, Phil Claydon)

**Round 5** Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – Ann Robinsons Rejects (Stone Williams, Andy Rees, Joe Sheffield)

**Final** March 6<sup>th</sup> –

Winners L'Equipe; (Simon Bird, Sofiane Lachani, Phil Claydon)

Runners-up Crème Fraiche (Patrick Dennis, Nic Baxter, A.N.Other)

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Pictured above – Whittlesey Grand Prix Winners  
Simon Bird, Sofiane Lachani & Phil Claydon

In the 2005/6 Season the Indoor Grand Prix series paid out £2,200 in prize money with £840 at stake in the final on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

All five qualifying rounds were over subscribed and there was a waiting list of teams wanting to play in this prestigious competition.

The Boulodrome continues to provide the UK's most skilful players with a challenging and demanding playing surface, a surface that rewards good boule control and aggressive tactics.

The Boulodrome also played host to two weekend inter-club competitions, each won by the impressive Manchester-based team the Young Ones captained by Phil Claydon.

The two mixed doubles competitions at the Boulodrome are always oversubscribed; these are more social events – this season so social that the organiser is unable to recall the winning teams!

During the 2005/6 winter season the Boulodrome also hosted a couple of inter-regional competitions and the popular Junior Coaching weekend – this alongside a programme of closed to club events and a winter-long mid-week league programme.

Despite being the UK's only permanent indoor facility the future of the Boulodrome is precarious, the club is a registered charity, and as those who have played at the Boulodrome will know the facility includes both bowls and Pétanque. The centre is run by a voluntary team, comprised mainly of bowls players, who run the bar and the kitchen – the clubs main areas of income.

The future of the Boulodrome depends on the continued support of Pétanque players from around the UK. In addition to supporting the competitions at the Boulodrome the centre is available for hire, for more information contact Peter Ward, e-mail:

[peter.ward80@ntlworld.com](mailto:peter.ward80@ntlworld.com)

*Peter Ward* (Bouledrome PC)

# BRACKLESHAM BAY

The annual pétanque competition took place at Bracklesham Bay over the weekend of 25 and 26 March 2006. Numbers were up this year with 56 teams competing for the main competition on Saturday who played a five-round Swiss system.

The weather held for the first three rounds but promptly at 2pm after lunch the heavens opened and the remainder of the afternoon was very wet and miserable, although generally mild. After the fifth round, two teams were left with five wins, with the Hartley Elephants just being edged out on points by the Poole Pirates.

The first six (prize-money) places on Saturday were:

- 1 - Poole Pirates (Flight Refuelling PC)
- 2 - Elephants (Hartley)
- 3 - Regimental (Flight Refuelling PC)
- 4 - Crocodiles (Hartley)
- 5 - Edgis & Co (Canterbury)
- 6 - CJD (?)

On Sunday the weather had held off enough so only 25% of the pistes resembled swimming pools. A field of 50 teams competed in the four-round Swiss system with the results as follows:

- 1 - Canterbury Crusaders (Canterbury)
- 2 - Cool as Ice (Guernsey)
- 3 - Henry 12 (Hartley)
- 4 - CJD (?)
- 5 - Henry 7 (Hartley)

The entertainment was up to the usual standard (although this writer would have preferred a better comedian) and the food was acceptable, plentiful and regular. The chalet looked more like a ski-lodge drying room after Saturday night but I am sure that 170+ of us will be venturing down to the south coast again on 23 to 25 March next year.

*Martyn Fribbens (Hartley P.C.)*

## LATE NOTICE

Despite being pushed for several months to make a decision the BPF left it extremely late to notify the National Associations of their intention to enter the European Cup. This left the EPA with just a few weeks (in an already over-crowded calendar) to notify all it's clubs and come up with a fair means of qualification. Faced with this impossible task it was felt prudent to concentrate on a fair means of qualification for the 2007 event. The EPA Management committee are currently working on a format which will be proposed to the BPF soon.

## COACHING (THE STORY SO FAR)

As you may be aware I was appointed National Coach in February this year for a 2 year period. Since taking up the post I have spent most of my time identifying what needs to be done. Over the last couple of months the following tasks have been identified and progress made:

**Transition our coaching structure from the BPA to the EPA** - Now that the EPA has existed for over a year it is time to transfer all the BPA qualified Coaches to EPA recognised Coaches. The transition will see the introduction of an EPA Coaching Licence. To obtain a coaching licence all existing Coaches will require CRB checking before a licence is issued to an individual. The licence will show the Coaches membership details and a photo of them along with a statement confirming that they have been CRB checked. This can then be used as a coaching ID card when working with schools or vulnerable adults. The licence will be valid for three years. At the end of the 3 years evidence that Coaches are still active will be required to maintain their coaching status. The cost of the CRB checks for Regional Coaches will be paid for by the EPA while all other Coaches will need to be paid for by Regions.

**Review and update the Grade 3 Coaching Course and Examinations** - The BPA Grade 3 has now been reviewed and updated to reflect the EPA and to make the course delivery easier for Grade 2 Coaches running the courses.

**Arrange the Junior Weekend of Excellence for 2006** - The Junior Weekend has been arranged for the weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Any Grade 2 Coaches that would like to be involved with this weekend should let me know and I will try and accommodate these requests subject to all Coaches having been CRB checked by November.

**Review and update the Grade 2 Coaching Course and Examinations** - I am now about to start reviewing this and hope to have a final pack available soon.

**Set up a coaching Commission Meeting** - This meeting will be open to all Regional Coaches.

**Requests from Region/Associations** - Since coming into post I have also received requests for coaching, and Grade 3 coaching course/examinations to be run in Chiltern, Kent, Northern, Southern and Jersey Associations/Regions.

*David Lavelle*  
EPA National Coach

# ROUND THE REGIONS

*Our round-up of news snippets from around some of the EPA Regions:*

**Anglia Region** – The Region has been welcoming back a lot of old members this year. By the end of March around 12% of the current membership is made up of previously lapsed members rejoining.

**Chiltern Region** – A suitable indoor venue is being sought in which to hold a large tournament. It is also hoped to run a large tournament in the St Albans area sometime during this season.

Source: [www.p.etanque.tripod.com/Chiltern](http://www.p.etanque.tripod.com/Chiltern)

**Devon Region** – Dartmouth, the oldest club in Devon have had notice to quit at their venue in Woodlands Leisure Park. The club re currently looking for a new venue in the Torbay area.

**Eastern Counties Region** – The Eastern Counties Regional Triples tournament took place on 19th March at Victorians PC, Theydon Bois and was won by the Great Britain trio of Chris Allen, Simon Bird and Sofiane Lachani. Runners-up were NFK, ‘Nessie’ Webb, Frank Britt and Kim Lachani. Despite some excellent shooting by Webb they could not stop the unrelenting Allen, Bird and Lachani winning 13-8.

Source: [www.ecrpetanque.co.uk](http://www.ecrpetanque.co.uk)

**East Midlands P.A.** - John and Valerie (Lewis) became proud grandparents on the 29th January 2006. Amy came into the world weighing in at six and half pounds. Katherine Lewis the proud mum was reported to have said that the birth was as easy as shooting a boule at 6 meters. (ONLY JOKING). We all wish them well including Damien and we hope every nappy change that the grandparents undertake is a right smelly affair. Welcome to the world of being Parents and Grandparents.

Source: <http://beehive.thisisleicestershire.co.uk>

**Isle of Wight Region** – As well as playing hosts to the EPA’s Champion of Champions events and the EPA Junior Doubles and Triples the island are also hosting the first “Tri-Island” competition in July between teams from Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Wight.

**Kent P.A.** - Lordswood Pétanque Club has obtained funding from Medway Sports and Development Fund in the sum of £2000 and a lottery grant of £5000 from Awards for All. The grants are contributions towards the production of promotional material for distribution to schools and clubs and for repair and expansion of the playing facilities. Work has already commenced to develop the terrains to an international standard. Source [www.kentpetanque.org](http://www.kentpetanque.org)

**Kernow P.A.** – Having lain dormant for a couple of years the County Associations web site is undergoing an update thanks to web mistress Karen Lynas. Check it out for yourselves at:

[www.cornawallpetanque.co.nr](http://www.cornawallpetanque.co.nr)

**London P.A.** – Nick Goodheart, Simon Adamsdale and Mike Quaia won the London P.A. Triples title at Croydon on 19<sup>th</sup> March. The newly named London Pétanque Association now have a striking new logo (pictured right) and their own dedicated web site, c/o Andrew Prince, at:



[www.harrowpetanque.fsnet.co.uk/petanque\\_london.htm](http://www.harrowpetanque.fsnet.co.uk/petanque_london.htm)

**Northern Region** - Mistral Pétanque Club opened their new terrain in Eccles Park. Leeds Pétanque Club held their inaugural meeting at the end of February and hopes to have its terrain available by April. Fifteen teams turned out for the first Triples event of the season on April 2nd at Bridlington. Following their earlier successes at doubles events Debbie and Ray Gatenby, with partner Pat Rowlands, took the honours.

Source: [www.northernpetanque.co.uk](http://www.northernpetanque.co.uk)

**Southern Counties P.A.** - The SPCA committee is pleased to announce that sponsorship has been agreed with Options Travel Insurance. They have provided full team strip for the main regional squad for this season’s Inter-regional championship. This is a fantastic boost to the fortunes of the SPCA and they look forward to continuing the partnership.

Source: [www.southerncountiespetanque.org.uk](http://www.southerncountiespetanque.org.uk)

**West Midlands Region** – Eighteen teams have so far registered for the Qualifiers for the Inter Regional Championships that will be held in June.

Source: [www.westmidlandspetanque.co.uk](http://www.westmidlandspetanque.co.uk)

**Non Regional** – On the break-up of the BPA all 3 affiliated pétanque clubs in the Channel Islands (Guernsey, Jersey and Carrefour) opted to affiliate through the EPA rather than creating their own Channel Islands Association and registering with the BPF direct. Two competitions in particular are very popular with players from the mainland - the Jersey Open (that this year was held on 29th April) and the Guernsey Open (15-17<sup>th</sup> September).



## CALLING ALL REGIONS

If you would like to inform the rest of the EPA what you’re doing in your region then write to the Editor at the address on the back page.

# BPF EVENTS



## GRAND PRIX SERIES

The first British Grand Prix, to establish which teams will represent Great Britain in the World Championships, North Sea Championships and other invitation events, was held at Detling in Kent on 12th March. On the very “challenging” pistes just two of the 49 competing teams managed to win the maximum six games – London Pride (Nick Goodheart, Rob Morton and Ravi Shanker Ballgobin) and 4BN (Nic Baxter, Kevin Spillett and Pat Dennis) from Kent/Eastern Counties.

Four weeks later the event moved outdoors with Grand Prix’s 2 and 3 being held at Oldbury on Severn and Inverleith on 9th April.

55 teams registered for the popular Oldbury venue. Another evenly contested tournament saw just 3 teams – L’Equipe (Simon Bird, Sofiane Lachani & Phil Claydon) from Eastern/Chiltern, HLJ (Luke Howard, Hassan Suleiman & James Hart) from Northern and Lescargot (Mark Robertshaw, Graham Elcome & Richard Patterson) from Southern - finish on maximum points.

Meanwhile just 7 teams registered for the Inverleith event, however this was a vast improvement on the single team that ventured north of the border last year. This was just enough teams to allow for the six round snake. The Champignons team of C.Montgomerie, M.Montgomerie & J.Watson led the field with 5 wins closely followed by 3 other teams on 4 wins.

Two weeks further on and 51 teams met up at Bury St Edmunds on 23<sup>rd</sup> April for GP4. Once again just three teams finished on the maximum 6 wins – L’Equipe, 4BN and the predominantly Welsh team Monkstone (Paul Bond, Neil Dobbins and Marcus Hilton).

With the best three results counting the top four teams in the series so far – L’Equipe, 4BN, London Pride and HLJ – have all guaranteed their places in the top 16.

We’ll bring you an update on the final Grand Prix at Cardiff and how the teams fair in the Top 16 in the next edition of **PÉTANQUE QUARTERLY**.

## SOUTHERN DOMINATION AT JUNIORS



Team from **Southern Counties** dominated the **BPF Junior Doubles** competition that was held on a wet and windswept Kenilworth on Saturday 1st April. Southern teams made up over a third of the 16 competing. After the five round snake four of them emerged at the top to play off the semi’s and finals. The team of Graham Galton and Ryan Dickson (Southampton City) emerged victorious beating the Worthing duo of Charlotte Dennis and Sonja Borozan in the final to take the title and the cup back to Southern Counties.

A day later and there was no improvement in the weather for the **BPF Junior Triples**. Eleven teams was a minor increase on last year’s attendance but still disappointing. Southern teams didn’t have quite the same domination with **just** two teams making the semi-finals after another 5 round snake. Graham Galton, Shane King and Rob Padwick went on to make it a double celebration for Southern Counties, Southampton City P.C. and for Graham Galton in particular when they beat the No.1 seeds Clare Brooks, Dean Seville, Jennifer Cooter and Robert Cooter (from West Midlands, East Midlands and Kent) in a closely fought final.

Full results on BPF events are linked from the “Latest News” section of the EPA web site - [www.englishpetanque.org.uk](http://www.englishpetanque.org.uk)

### JUNIOR SELECTION

Following the two BPF Junior Championships the following were invited to a selection day:

Sonja Borozan, Charlotte Dennis, Ryan Dickson, Graham Galton, Shane King, Robert Padwick (all Southern Counties), Jennifer Cooter, Robert Cooter (Kent), Jack Barrington, Andrew Willis, Richard Marston (Northern Region), Dean Seville, Lori Seville (East Midlands) and Clare Brooks (West Midlands). Based on their performances at the Junior Championships and at the selection day Dean Seville, Clare Brooks, Jennifer Cooter and Graham Galton were selected to represent Great Britain at the North Sea Championships.

Lori Seville, Robert Cooter, Richard Marston and Andrew Willis were all short listed to represent Great Britain at one of France’s biggest tournaments – La Marseillaise (subject to invitation and funding). The team for the European Championships is yet to be announced.

## **BPF EVENTS CONTINUED...**

### **LADIES GRAND PRIX SERIES**

Seventeen teams competed in the first BPF Ladies Grand Prix that was, appropriately enough, held on Mothering Sunday (26th March) at the Swan, Rayne in Essex. Pre-tournament favourites were Diz Murray, Vanessa Webb, Kath Lewis and Angie Jamieson. A cosmopolitan team from Kent, Eastern, Southern and East Midlands Regions. They lived up to their star billing and won 6 out of 6 to finish on a maximum 12 points.

Just behind them on 5 wins were two sides - Jennifer Cooter, Kim Lachani and Sarah Elliott (Kent/Eastern Counties) and Tracey Turner, Toni Gates, Sarah Huntley and Myra Huntley (Kent/Chiltern).

The second Grand Prix was held at a very sunny Bury St Edmunds on Saturday 22nd April. The 16 competing teams played another 6 round snake with the scores from both events determining the top 8 teams that would go onto the next phase.

Once again Diz, 'Ness, Kath and Angie won all 6 games to see them finish as No.1 seeds while two other sides, Chris Rand, Kath & Clare Brooks from the West Midlands and a Welsh team, Sheepless, won 5 games apiece to both finish in the top 8.

The Top 8 now go forward to Cardiff on 6th May where they will play in a rolling barrage event to determine who will represent Great Britain at the forthcoming North Sea and Ladies World Championships.

### **BPF LADIES DOUBLES**

This late addition to the calendar saw 15 teams register at Luton for the BPF Ladies Doubles Championships.

For the second year running the championship was taken by a mother and daughter pairing. This year it was the turn of Kath and Clare Brooks (West Midlands) to take the title. They beat the London pairing of Mary McDonald and Merle Sullivan in a close fought final by 13 points to 11.

The winners will go on to represent Great Britain at the Blangy International invitation event in June. The title rounded off a great week for Clare who earlier in the week had also been selected to represent Great Britain at the North Sea Tournament.

Make a date in your diary for the forthcoming EPA Titles weekend.



**ENGLISH SINGLES  
SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**ENGLISH DOUBLES  
SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**ENGLISH MIXED DOUBLES  
MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Will all be held at:  
**British Sugar, Hollow Road  
Bury St Edmunds  
Suffolk IP32 7BB**

Registration is from 09:00 – 09:45 each day

**Entry fees are:**

Pre Registration (by 22/5)  
£5 singles, £10 Doubles & Mixed Doubles

On the Day (space permitting)  
£6 singles, £12 Doubles & Mixed Doubles

**Players must present their valid  
EPA Membership Card at registration  
All teams are required to be in matching  
tops.**

Please note that any teams failing to comply with the standard of dress will be disqualified.

**For a copy of the entry form  
and full playing rules visit:**

**[www.englishpetanque.org.uk](http://www.englishpetanque.org.uk)**

### **JUNIOR WEEKEND OF EXCELLENCE**

The Junior Weekend of Excellence will be held on 19/20 November 2006. This will once again be held at Whittlesey Boulodrome. This is a highly recommended event where not just the attending juniors but also their chaperones will benefit. Attendance is arranged via your County/Regional Youth Development Officer.

# ROUND THE WORLD



## NEW FEDERATION



Turkey became the latest country to affiliate with the sport's International Governing body, the Fédération Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal, which now covers 67 national federations.

## NORTH SEA INTERNATIONAL

I am looking forward to welcoming the players representing Great Britain to this year's North Sea Tournament in Fredrikstad in Norway and, further ahead, to the 2007 Tournament to be held at Travemunde on Germany's Baltic coast. This is one of the World's major tournaments and is a useful challenge in preparation for the various World Championships.

Having been Head of the GB delegation on several occasions, I was delighted to be elected to the position of President of the Tournament Committee which is otherwise formed of the Presidents of the participating National Federations.

Over the ten years that I have been involved in the Tournament, I have seen a growth in the standard of competitive play in several of the nations, largely through the effective use of coaching and support and a greater commitment and determination amongst players to give of their very best. It is those aspects that I wish to further develop during my period in office and it is my aim to make the Tournament a centre of excellence in Pétanque.

To find out more about the North Sea Tournament, please visit our website: [www.northseapetanque.com](http://www.northseapetanque.com)

*Andrew Lloyd*  
President INSPT

See next column for news on the 2006 & 2007 events.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our friends in the Scottish Pétanque Association (SPA). The SPA is 21 years old this year having been established in 1985.



## 27th International North Sea Pétanque Tournament 2006

The Organising Committee of the North Sea Tournament met at the Tournament's venue at Fredrikstad in Norway, to plan the 2006 tournament.

Rules of Play include the application of the regulations of the World Anti Doping Agency which cover various substances including alcohol which will not be sold at the playing venue or allowed to be consumed by players during play. WADA rules also state there must be zero alcohol in the player's blood at the start of play each day.

The teams will arrive on Wednesday 21st June and the Opening Ceremony is at 9 am on Thursday. The banquet and presentations will be at the hotel on Saturday evening.

Fredrikstad is about two hours' coach ride from the main airport at Oslo. The hotel is the only hotel in the town and has been fully booked by the organisers who will give priority to the teams, so any supporters looking to stay in Fredrikstad should contact the BPF office as early as possible and we will maintain a list of people looking for accommodation and liaise with the Norwegian organisers to see if they can be accommodated. We suggest you check with the BPF before booking flights.

### The 2007 Tournament:

The Committee was given a pre-view of the 2007 Tournament which takes place in Travemunde in Germany between 21st – 23rd June, 2007. The town is situated on the Baltic with fine beaches and is about 80 kms from Hamburg.

Source: [www.britishpetanquefederation.com](http://www.britishpetanquefederation.com)

## TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Germany and Denmark have just announced their squads for this year's International North Sea Pétanque Tournament, further details of this event can be found on the official website [www.northseapetanque.com](http://www.northseapetanque.com)

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP VENUES

The following venues have been announced for forthcoming World Championships:

#### 2007:

Senior World Championship – Pattaya, Thailand  
Junior World Championship – Suwa, Japan

#### 2008:

Senior World Championship – Dakar, Senegal  
Ladies World Championship – Tahiti, Italy or China

#### 2009:

Senior World Championship Maastricht, Netherlands  
Junior World Championship – No Candidates

# JUNIOR NEWS



## AWARD SCHEME SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following juniors who have achieved success in the following categories of the award scheme:

### White

Callum Robertson, Jessica Saunders, George Fullelove-Carter (all Elm Grove School), Christian Waller (Worthing Juniors), Wayne Webster, Shane King, David Plumhoff, Rob Padwick and Mike Padwick (all Southampton City PC).

### Green

Christian Waller, Martin Brooks, Clare Berghorst (Worthing Juniors), Wayne Webster, Shane King, David Plumhoff, Rob Padwick and Mike Padwick (Southampton City PC).

### Green Plus

Wayne Webster, Shane King, David Plumhoff, Rob Padwick and Mike Padwick (Southampton City PC), Daniel Stanley and Michael Priest (Worthing Juniors).

### Red

Daniel Stanley and Michael Priest (Worthing Juniors).

### Red Plus

Graham Galton (Southampton City PC).

### Blue

Graham Galton (Southampton City PC).

## PÉTANQUE PRESENTATION

On Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, at Elm Grove School, Worthing, the annual presentation of school, club, regional and national awards took place. The Mayor of Worthing, Councillor Nick John presented the school, Worthing and regional trophies and Mr Mike Pegg, EPA President, presented the national trophies. Guests also included Councillor Peter Galton, representing Southampton City Council and Mr Richard Baker, Southern Counties President. Besides all the School Club juniors and the Worthing Juniors and their parents, were Southampton City PC junior players who shared the presentation on this occasion.

## NEW SCHOOL CLUB

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, Kath and Mike Knight, ably assisted by Kevin Moss, ran 4 taster sessions for pupils at Westgate Primary School, Burt St Edmunds. Over 100 children from Years 3 and 4 learnt the basics of the game. The children were very enthusiastic, as was the headmaster Mr Howard Lee! Many of the children were keen for an after-school pétanque club to be set up. Kevin is now in the process of doing this.

## HELP WANTED

WANTED - PLAYERS WILLING TO RUN A TASTER SESSION IN LOCAL SCHOOLS AND TO HELP WITH AN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB? IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT KATH KNIGHT:

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## COMPETITION

(an easy one to start with)

Find the pétanque words in this word search. When you have found all the words there will be some letters left. Ignore the Xs. Re-arrange the letters left into a three word phrase. I heard the phrase at Luton last year and liked it!

Send in your answer to:

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Don't forget to add your name and address. Correct answers will be put in a hat and a winner drawn out.

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measure	middle	minor
north	pétanque	pointer
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## JUNIOR PAGE

All are welcome to submit news, photos, questions or comments of a junior nature for inclusion on this page to Kath Knight c/o [kath@knight1308.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:kath@knight1308.freeserve.co.uk) 44, Ripley Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 5NG. (Note - parental permission must be gained for photo of juniors to appear).

*Kath Knight*  
EPA Youth Development Officer

# Pétanque Futures

The EPA have received a fair amount of feedback on their initiative to create four and ten year plans to help develop the sport. Although there are no surprises in this list it does give us an indication of where members feel the priorities lie. These can be categorised into 5 main areas:

**Competitive Structure** (this is by far the biggest issue and most important topic), **Coaching, Venues, Promotion and Communications.**

Having gathered your initial thoughts the next phase is to consolidate the contributions and send them out for further comment during May. It is then proposed to have a set of objectives available for debate at the EPA congress in Luton on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

## EURO EVENT DELAY

The launch of a European competition for 18-23 year old players is postponed for further discussions at the European Congress later this year, the CEP board identified problem issues with the suggested format and finding venues capable of hosting such a large event.

## PÉTANQUE RULES, OK!

New Rule Book – Next year should see the introduction of a new rules book. The International Umpires Commission met in Paris during March to review the rules, in the main the work covered was to do with reorganizing the rule book but there is also a couple of new rules being proposed to the 2006 World Congress.

## Travel Insurance

The EPA's Insurance Brokers, Perkins Slade are able to offer to our members and their families a competitive Travel Insurance for both a "One Off" and an "Annual" policy.

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<http://www.englishpetanque.org.uk/TravelInsurance.html>

## OBITUARIES

**Sue Edwards**, a past member of Harriers Pétanque Club (Kent), and mother of Martin Edwards, died on the 19th April. She had been a staunch club member for more than 20 years, encouraging people and especially youngsters to be involved in pétanque. She made friends wherever she went, especially at other clubs competitions.

*Michael Gear* (Chairman, Harriers PC)

It is with sadness that I have to report that **Eric Brown** of Hartley CC Pétanque Club (Kent) died on Tuesday 4th April. I played with Eric in the Kites and the Owls for several seasons and his idiosyncratic style made every game an event. In recent times he has been very unwell but I hardly recall a week when he was not first one ticked up and ready to play whatever the opposition. His commitment to the team and club was unquestionable and he was always popular with the opposition. He was a character who will be missed by everyone in the club.

*Martyn Fribbens* (Hartley P.C.)

## CITY CENTRE RESURGENCE

2006 looks to be a good year for the sport in our City centres. The newly named London Pétanque Association has seen a number of enquiries from new groups of players around the Capital. Elsewhere pétanque in Leeds has been very popular in recent years with regular lunchtime competitions taking place in the City Centre. Despite this there has not been a club in the City - that is until now. The Leeds Pétanque Club held its inaugural meeting in February.



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## A GRANDSTAND SPORT

How much of a spectator sport is pétanque? In France, it seems quite a bit - the larger events invariably have grandstand seating for spectators and TV coverage. Even many smaller events attract quite a crowd of enthusiastic spectators who gather round the top teams to watch the matches.

In the UK, it seems, not much. At competitions, most players seem to disappear as soon as they've been eliminated. Finals often seem to be rather an anti-climax, with just the last few "unlucky" players having to play an extra game when everybody else has gone home. It would add so much to the atmosphere if we had more spectators at events. If we think it's boring to watch, what hope for any sponsorship, let alone TV coverage.

The French always create a *Carré d'honneur* for the last rounds in KOs and finals - a larger "showcase" terrain. In the UK, we often still seem to play on a narrow marked piste, even though the rest of the terrain is unused. Remember, pétanque is meant to be played on "open" terrain, allowing for greater variety in the choice of terrain and play. Marked terrains should only be a "necessary evil", if the number of teams playing means that the normally "open" terrain has to be restricted.

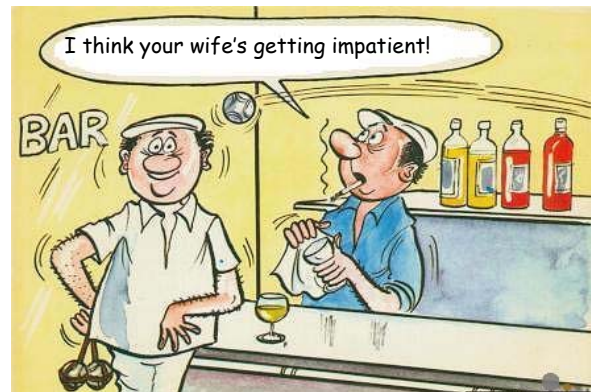
There have been a few changes to the game in last years TV coverage of the French "Masters" series: teams wear very smart matching tops and bottoms, both teams have clearly distinguished boules - silver and black - the circle is a coloured plastic ring, for greater visibility and there is a large Minute Clock in full view of players and spectators. The "one minute to play" rule is now strictly enforced, to speed up play. Before this was widely ignored by players and it seemed the norm was to walk to the jack, evaluate the head with the team, walk back to the circle, have another discussion, walk back to the jack, prepare the landing spot and - 5 minutes later! - return to the circle to finally play a shot.

All of this has been done to make pétanque "more visual" for the TV. It's nowhere near as radical as changes in cricket or indoor bowls, but I think it's improved the game.

Time for changing our image?

*Ray Ager* (Adur PC)

## SACRÉS BOULES



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## NEWS FLASH

British Sugar are pleased to announce that they have secured live entertainment for the Saturday and Sunday Night of the **EPA Titles Weekend**. Saturday night will be a Live Band and will be a £1 entry for all. Sunday will be a solo artist. Just to remind all players that the social club has adequate camping facilities and a shower block on site. Please contact Kevin Moss on 01284 705775.

## IN THE NEXT EDITION

In the next edition of **PÉTANQUE QUARTERLY** we'll bring you news EPA Titles weekend, the Ladies Triples and Over 50's and the EPA Congress. We'll also bring you news from the final rounds of the BPF Ladies and Grand Prix series as well as news on Great Britain's exploits in Norway

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EPA Titles weekend – 27-29<sup>th</sup> May  
@ Bury St Edmunds  
EPA Ladies Triples – 18<sup>th</sup> June @ Harrow  
EPA Congress - 1<sup>st</sup> July @ Luton  
EPA Over 50's - 23<sup>rd</sup> July @ Brighton  
Inter Regionals – 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Sept @ Brean Sands  
EPA Junior Doubles 23<sup>rd</sup> September @ Isle of Wight  
EPA Junior Triples 24<sup>th</sup> September @ Isle of Wight  
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