

MONKSTONE PÉTANQUE CLUB

Summer 2015



"This summer has illustrated the continued development of both the playing and social aspect of Monkstone Pétanque Club. The former culminating in the Home Nations 2015 and the latter resulting in a club trip to France in early September. I'm particularly happy with the ever-growing social side of the sport, and believe we should all be proud of our club's efforts to include every member in our social club events! This newsletter details some of the information regarding events and successes we've had this year."

- Liam Milton

HOME NATIONS 2015



Monkstone Pétanque Club hosted the English, Scottish and Welsh Pétanque associations for the Home Nations competition 2015, within which a huge number of MPC club members and their families contributed over many months to make the weekend the successful and competitive event that it turned out to be. The feedback from our guests has been 100% positive with regard to our facilities and our personal hospitality. Congratulations must also go to Paul, Pere, Keith and Barney, the Monkstone International Team who took part in the competition itself and did us proud.



FRANCE - ABJAT TRIP

We counted eleven members of the club out from Bristol to Limoges on Monday 31st August and we counted eleven back again on the 4th of September from the inaugural French Boule trip with Monkstone Pétanque Club. Wiggy carefully organised Petanque matches over three of the 5 days with local teams and our club performance was described very generously as 'an honourable draw' (we lost really)...

We stayed in the picturesque village of Abjat sur Bandiat in a 5 room gite with swimming pool which we had to ourselves and sampled the local cuisine and drank copious amounts of wine. Without exception everyone we met welcomed us wholeheartedly and made our Petanque games fun if a bit challenging! Thank you to all our fellow french boulers. Undoubtedly the greatest highlight of the trip was the evening hosted by Wiggy and his wife Yvonne at their luxurious home, where we sat in the light of the setting sun around their swimming pool and experienced the mouth watering home cooking of Yvonne (something to behold). The hard work and generosity you both put in to make our stay stimulating and memorable will remain with us all for some considerable time! Thank you so much...

Our thanks too go to Jim for all the hard work in making the trip possible for us, you did a wonderful job! Yet we must also thank Jim for the hard work he has put in, with the help of the Mark Frary at the Sunday Times, in retrieving our confiscated boule from Limoges airport after our return journey. Jim has already managed to secure the return of three sets and is hopeful he will find the other two soon enough! A link to the Sunday Times article will be posted on our website shortly.


THE SUNDAY TIMES



LEAGUE PERFORMANCE

Division 1

Team	Matches				Games		Points		Diff.	Match Points
	Pld.	W	D	L	+	-	+	-		
Monkstone Inn Rouges	19	16	1	2	59	17	893	532	361	49
Monkstone Inn Dau	20	11	4	5	46	34	818	739	79	37
Monkstone Monarchs	20	8	9	3	45	35	821	699	122	33
Wheatsheaf A	20	9	5	6	48	32	846	668	178	32
Wenvoe Warriors	20	7	7	6	40	39	725	773	-48	28
Isca Romans	20	7	7	6	40	40	781	838	-57	28
Monkstone Minotaurs	20	8	3	9	36	44	732	775	-43	27
Penarth Pendragons	20	5	5	10	32	48	694	872	-178	20
Wenvoe Raiders	20	5	3	12	32	48	699	837	-138	18
Wenvoe Dragons	20	3	5	12	31	49	721	881	-160	14
Pontyclun Badgers	19	3	5	11	27	49	690	826	-136	14

Division 2

Team	Matches				Games		Points		Diff.	Match Points
	Pld.	W	D	L	+	-	+	-		
Wheatsheaf Too	20	10	5	5	47	33	858	728	130	35
Monkstone Inn Youth	20	9	8	3	47	33	824	728	96	35
Monkstone Musketeers	20	7	9	4	44	37	836	772	64	30
Pontyclun Les Blaireaux	20	7	8	5	43	37	804	747	57	29
Creigiau Casuals	20	7	6	7	40	40	812	797	15	27
Penarth Panthers	20	5	9	6	38	42	768	845	-77	24
Cwins	20	5	8	7	38	42	789	836	-47	23
Penarth Predators	20	6	5	9	36	43	774	845	-71	23
Monkstone Marauders	20	3	12	5	36	44	782	806	-24	21
Creigiau Jacques	20	3	11	6	37	43	798	835	-37	20
Barns Wallace	20	3	9	8	35	45	788	886	-98	18

The 2014/2015 Welsh Pétanque League season witnessed another successful year for Monkstone Pétanque teams. The Monarchs finished two places off the top, the Musketeers one place off first division promotion, the Minotaurs holding solid in their new division and the Marauders one win off of the top half of Division two. The Marauders were especially unlucky in this regard as they held a record number of 12 draws!

We hope this success continues into next season.



Welsh Pétanque Association
Cymdeithas Pétanque Cymru

Other Events 2015

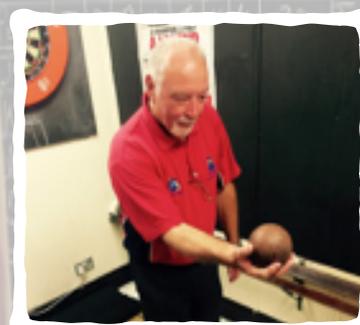
LADIES DOUBLES

Congrats to the first Ladies Doubles champions, Rose Fiera & Vickie Adshead of the Monkstone Petanque Club, who secured a narrow victory on points after there were 3 teams each having 5 wins out of 7. The club fielded two teams, the second being Heather and Carol who enjoyed fantastic success in the morning beating one of the top teams. Congratulations to both teams!!



SKITTLES SOCIAL

Thanks go to William for organising a fantastic night in October at the Albany playing Skittles. With a record 26 people attending, the club had an enjoyable (yet competitive!!) evening knocking over pins and drinking plenty whilst socialising and shaping the future of our ever growing Pétanque club! Let's hope we can continue this tradition of great social evenings!



GRASS TO GRAVEL

This September the club once again hosted its yearly grass to gravel competition which was a great success. Thanks again to William for the organisation but also thank you to everyone who participated and brought food. It really is a great social event and a good opportunity to socialise with the bowlers! In the words of William himself: -

- " - Good weather
- Good company
- Good beer
- And excellent food!!!"



UPCOMING QUIZ

Bernard and Judith are putting on another club quiz on Friday, 6 November. Cost will be £6.50 to include supper. We need to ensure that this will be a success and so need to raise as much interest as possible. Therefore, your mission, should you choose to accept, is for each club member to bring along one non-club member in their team. This will ensure a packed house!



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