



Kent Pétanque League AGM held at Hartley Country Club on 25th November 2010

1. Present and Apologies

Apologies Bob Gaywood HCC, Ron Yates HCC, Mags Yates HCC, Mike Gear Harriers, Denise Williams Harriers, Mike Cubitt GRFC, Emma Walpole Ightham, Rob Sheridan Share and Coulter.

Present: Colin Senneck President, Mick Nash Secretary, Ken Buchan Treasurer, A Sawyer Meadow, P R Connell Crown, C Mahy Crown, R Feltham Ditton, J Coomeur Ditton, J Nash HCC, J Middleton Tovil, B Middleton Yovil, J Hines Tovil, P West Share and Coulter, P Bradley Villager, J Rixon Villager, P Rixon Villager, M Hopper Villager, A Brewer Villager, C Abbitt White House, P Abbitt White House, A Mills Crown, K Atkinson George, Mick Toulson Bat and Ball, J Payne Bat and Ball, Mark Toulson Bat and Ball, Shane Dickman Bat and Ball, T Hart Lordswood, A Williams Lordswood, T Turner Meadow, R Spillett Meadow, M Lizius Meadow, M Cooter Meadow, C Cooter Meadow, D de Valmency Sherwood Oak, C Grantham Sherwood Oak, M Farrant Sherwood Oak, C Skingley Sherwood Oak, J Skingley Sherwood Oak, B Parlett New Ash Green, J Rayden Borstal, D Rayden Borstal, D Jones Borstal, A Hatfield Lordswood, E Hatfield Lordswood, M Maxey Lordswood, J Carr HCC, P Bryant HCC, D Bryant HCC, I Gibbs HCC, C Gibbs HCC, J-L Guiot HCC, J Friend HCC, K Pinder Duke of Wellington, D Baxter HCC.

2. Chairman's Report

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I would firstly like us to remember William Bunting of Seal who sadly passed away this month and all other members of the pétanque family no longer with us.

William was a stalwart of Seal and he was probably upset more than anyone when the oldest KPL club still playing had to leave their long time venue – The Crown. These are challenging times for pubs and this puts pressure on our clubs as playing areas come under threat. Perhaps players should seek more energetically than previously venues other than licensed premises. The game doesn't have to be pub one. As less people use pubs, inevitably less people see our game being played. However, it is a responsibility of players to support their landlords who are providing the facility to play the game. I implore teams to bolster clubs nights and support competitions to help make our game viable. As a side effect to this their game is sure to improve. Funnily enough, the more you practice the better you tend to get.

Some are seeking to freshen up or revise the way the league is conducted and we have some proposals to vote on.

These proposals also cast light on the spirit of the game. Winning at all costs is not appropriate to amateur sport and just because a club can't get the best team out is not a reason for postponing a match. Manipulation of players' availability is unfair on honest clubs and does not produce a proper reflection of club strength or of a team's position in the table. The league management always attempts to be reasonable but this attitude must not be taken advantage of. In my experience whenever rules have been relaxed to help clubs out, advantage is immediately taken of the new position.

Congratulations to all those teams who achieved success this year. Meadow has resumed their usual top position but Lordswood must surely be the club of the year by managing to get four of their teams promoted.

The League seemed to run pretty smoothly this year and this is thanks entirely to all the hard work that Mick Nash puts in on our behalf. He has been innovative with the electronic reporting of scores and, with the help of Alan Cregeen, has devised a really modern recording system which makes everything an awful lot simpler.

Ken Buchan keeps our accounts in order for which we are all grateful and makes sure that we have enough in the kitty to buy prizes etc.

Personally I am already looking forward to next season but would like to see player and club numbers increase. Let us all put extra energy into our efforts to spread the Pétanque word far and wide throughout the county.

Colin Senneck

President KPL.

3. Secretary's Report

Mick Nash spoke on the electronic system for recording scores giving specific thanks to Alan Cregeen for his help in providing the software. He encouraged everyone to look at the Winter League website to see the system in operation with results and unplayed matches included. This system will be used for the next summer leagues.

4. Treasurer's Report

Ken Buchan introduced a report on the funds which stand at £2325.29 a deficit of £1.88 from last year. Eric Hatfield Lordswood proposed adoption of the accounts, and Jim Carr seconded. **Carried** unanimously.

Ken also proposed a change to the entry fees for the league teams from £20 to £25. The fees had not changed in memory of anyone at the meeting, and the additional money would be available for the League to fulfil its purposes. An alternative of a change to £30 was rejected and the raise to £25 was **carried**.

5. Proposals Received in advance of the meeting

P1. Jean Louis Guiot Hartley Country Club

It is proposed that the scoring for games in the league will change so that a team winning 4 games will score 5 points, winning 3 games will score 4 points, winning 1 game will score 1 point and winning 0 games will score 0 points.

If the result is 2 games each, then the team scoring more points will score 3 points and the other team will score 2 points.

Where the game scores are tied, the away team will score 3 points and the home team 2 points.

Proposal **rejected**.

P2. Duke of Wellington Pétanque Club

The Problem: KPL Playing Rule 6.2 states that "There may be no sideways movement ie team 1 to team 2 in the same league". In the case where a club has two teams in the same

league and no team in a league below those two that rule results in the two teams having to have much larger squads than usual in order to be sure of fulfilling their fixtures and thus fewer opportunities for squad members to play. The lack of flexibility of this arrangement places a priority on getting one team out of that league which in turn leads to greatly reduced playing opportunities for new and less experienced players in particular. This is to the detriment of the club and the game at large.

Agreed Action: To propose to KPL that the rules regarding substitutions be amended to the effect that a club in the circumstances described above may, before the start of the season, nominate to KPL one of its two teams in the same league as the higher ranked, in which case it will be regarded as if it were in a higher league. Rule 6.2 will then cease to apply for substitutions between those two teams and Rules 6.1 and 6.3 apply instead ie the higher ranked team may draw any player from the lower ranked team for up to 2 matches, no substitutions from higher to lower.

Proposal **rejected**.

P3. Bat and Ball Pétanque Club

We would favour increasing substitutes to 4 AND playing by national rules which allow substitutions during games.

Increase in number of substitutes **rejected**.

Change to using substitutes according to national rules **adopted**.

This latter was clarified for the meeting as meaning that up to 8 players could take part in one team in a league or cup/plate match. The team would start with two triples and up to two substitutes. A substitute could be introduced once between ends of a game and at that point those 4 players would remain together for the evening. Any 3 of these 4 could start the second game and the fourth could still be introduced as a substitute during the second of their games. The other triple with an optional fourth would partake in the same way.

P4. Bat and Ball Pétanque Club

We would also propose abolishing the rule that allows teams to promote players to a higher division team for a maximum of two games. The present rule discriminates against clubs with only one team. If teams have insufficient players on a given week, then they should rearrange games like most clubs have to do.

Proposal **rejected**.

P5. David Baxter Hartley Country Club

"That Playing Rule 3.1 be amended as follows..

Except in respect of exceptional circumstances designated by the League Secretary, rearrangement of fixtures will not be allowed.

That Playing Rule 3.2 be amended as follows.

Any team failing to arrive for an arranged fixture without giving adequate notice (more than 48 hours' notice i.e. 8pm on the preceding Monday evening.) to the club contact of their opponents and League Officers will be fined £10.00. Failure to pay the fine will result in it being added onto the offending clubs registration fee for the following season. Should the

team still fail to pay they will be expelled from the league. The money will be returned to the non-offenders as a contribution to their food or travel costs. Teams should make a note on the scorecard if they are not given sufficient notice.

That Playing Rule 3.3 be deleted.

Proposal **rejected**.

P6. Mick Nash Kent Pétanque League Committee

SCORECARDS

1. The official scorecard will be in such format as the League Secretary may from time to time determine.
2. The home team will submit the official score card to the League Secretary **using the Kent League eScorecard on the web site.**
3. Each team **captain** is responsible for ensuring the correct details are on the card ~~before signing~~ **when they receive their email copy of the score.**
4. Score cards must be with the League Secretary within seven days of the fixture played and non-receipt of scorecards within the required timescale will result in the home team not receiving any score. The away team will receive their score where this can be established.
5. The League Secretary accepts no responsibility for ~~cards lost or delayed in the post~~ non receipt of eScorecards.

Proposal **adopted**.

6. Presentation Of Prizes

Prizes and certificates for the League Handicapped competition were presented.

Prizes for the Cup and plate winners, and league divisions' winners and runners up were presented.

7. Close of Meeting

The meeting was closed with John Middleton thanking the committee for their work in the past year.