

KENT PETANQUE ASSOCIATION GAZETTE

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K.P.A. MANAGEMENT MEETING Thursday 28th February

At Hartley Country Club.....a cast of thousands turned out on a cold night to attend this meeting, namely.....

M.Eggleton—D.Baxter —R.Keemer Richards—M.Weston—C.Cooter—T Turner—M.Cooter—R.King—P.Abbitt—C.Mahy—A.Mills—M.Nash—J.Nash—M.Yates—J.Carr—R.Yates.

A few notes taken that may be of interest...not minutes.

First the money. The K.P.A. account stands at £12,463 which includes some monies from the K.P.L. Winter and Summer Leagues and some £1779 Junior fund. The assets also include £227 of car stickers that are yet to see the light of day. The "Bletchley Park" list of EPA and KPA members is revealed to show membership for this year as being....135 members enrolled on line plus 18 members enrolled by post, giving a total of 153 membership to date.

Recorded that Ray Keemer-Richards is the KP.A. Membership Secretary.....who advised that this year's membership was progressing reasonably well with only a few minor problems. Recorded that where members choose to enrol using the "manual" form of application (as against on-line), the renewal forms should be passed onto Ray via Club Secretaries. All licences will be returned to Club Secretaries by Ray to minimise postage costs, some were handed over at the meeting.

Martin Eggleton (KPA Chairman) offered congratulations to the Meadow P.C. as Champions of the 21012/13 Euro-Cup and as such will be representing England in forthcoming European competitions. It was mentioned that three teams pulled out of the later stages of the Euro-Cup competition which may tempt action for rule changes for next year's competition. There is also a strong possibility that this year's Euro-Cup competition will start earlier in the year.

Recorded that there will be an E.P.A. meeting on 9th March and both M.Eggleton and D.Baxter will attend to represent the K.P.A., and will report back to the next KPA meeting.

Confirmed that the Inter-Regional Triple's Finals will be held again at Mill Rythe Holiday Village, Hayling Island. Early estimates give an increase of £8 over last year's costs.

Next meeting will be on Thursday 11th April at Vigo Village Hall at 8pm.....KPA members are very welcome to attend.



EURO-CUP COMPETITION

Finally the Meadow PC secured their fifth victory in the National EuroCup competition, but it was a long time coming having last won the event in 2007.

Having finished as runners up for the past 3 years the Meadow players came in a determined mood for the finals that were held at

Burnham PC, Buckinghamshire on a bitterly cold 24th February. This determination was evident from the very start as they recorded 13-0 and 13-1 victories in the opening triples of their first match against the talented Sport Bar from Chiltern Region. There was no let up in the doubles which the Meadow went on to win 13-5, 13-0 and 13-2 to concede just 9 points in all five games.

In the other opening match Engine beat the Ship Inn by 4 games to 1. After lunch Meadow played the Ship Inn (Southern Counties). A similar score line saw 13-7 and 13-2 wins in the triples games and 13-1, 13-3 and 13-1 victories in the doubles to concede just 14 points. A long wait then ensued before Engine completed a 4 games to 1 win over Sports Bar to set up a final 'winner takes all' encounter between Meadow and Engine in the final round. Meadow got off to a good start winning the open triples fairly comfortably 13-6. The mixed triples was a much tighter affair but Meadow eventually ground out a 13-10 win to leave them just needing to win one of the three doubles games. A poor start in one of the open doubles matches saw Engine pull back with a quick 2-13 win but a 13-2 victory in the mixed doubles saw the Meadow clinch victory.

With the match and the overall result decided in Meadow's favour and the temperature rapidly dropping the last match ended with Engine in the lead, crediting them with a 6-13 win.

The Meadow now anxiously await the draw that will be made in April to see who and where in Europe they will be playing.

Report and picture by [MARK COOTER](#)



KPA Summer Leagues

At the KPA Meeting on 28th Feb., the League Secretary MICK NASH suggested that the

following adjustments are likely to be made for the 2013 Summer Leagues.

Strong possibility of three new teams....Bat & Ball P.C. are likely to enter two teams in the Leagues and name them as "Bat & Ball 1996" and "Bat & Ball 2013". Both Seal P.C. and New Ash Green P.C. are likely to enter new teams, with the N.A.G. Club possibly welcoming the return of the "Booths" (Fred, Geoff, and Rob).

Almost certain to lose three teams from last year...."Hartley Buzzards", "Villager D" and "George Masters". The net result for the Summer leagues is expected to be a total of 68 teams which is the same number as last year.

Tovil will lose two teams who will move en-bloc to the Railway Inn at Sole Street, and the teams from the George P.H. Meopham will move en-bloc to a new Club at Istead Rise.

We await the final posting of the Leagues and Teams.



IN MEMORY OF

It is with sadness a report is made recording the loss of two Kent characters in the last month, both through ill health.



JOHN ADAM

A member of Hartley Country Club P.C., a larger than life character, a good sense of humour and fun person to be with....capable of witty and some times edgy commentary on life and the people around him. An active member of the Petanque Club, involved in parts of the organisation at Hartley.

JOHN will be remembered.....condolences go to Lois and John's family.

JEAN

Fay Golder's mum.

A regular visitor at petanque competitions in the past few years in the company of Fay and Steve Golder who cared for JEAN through a sometimes very difficult period of old age.

Nevertheless Fay, Steve, Dean and Scott were always there to care for Jean, and condolences from Kent petanque players go out to them.



Don't miss !

The KPA Winter League "Cup" and "Plate" final competitions to be held at the VILLAGER P.H.—VIGO VILLAGE on WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH at 8pm. The "CUP" final will be between HARTLEY POTTERS and LAMB INN and the "PLATE" final will be between GRFC SNOWBOULES and RAILWAY RASCALS

"shades of grey" The sun sometimes shines, however this has been a long grey winter throughout Kent. Nevertheless some cheerful Petanque players have ventured out on Wednesday nights to compete in the KPA Winter League matches. 20 Club teams formed three competitive Leagues playing throughout the winter season. By simple mathematics of 20 teams multiplied by 6 players produces a total of a very minimum of 120 players venturing out in the worst of the weather to play in a competitive petanque match. Just a few matches remain of the Winter Season and to date the three top teams are "Bat & Ball" (League A), "Lordswood Moldavians (League B), and the "Railway Rascals" (League C).

To quote a famous line from the GOON SHOW

"Insurance" - the white man's burden !

It seems that whatever beliefs you hold as an EPA/KPA member regarding insurance cover.....you will probably be wrong.

In short....the EPA Insurance does not cover you for personal injury, either costs for pain disability or loss of wages.

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It follows....that the EPA Insurance covers registered and licenced Petanque Clubs and Petanque Players.....and importantly "only" events and competitions organised by the E.P.A.

This article was tempted by current questions and answers on the EPA face-book regarding a non-EPA organised event at Mill Rythe Holiday Village.

A copy of a recent communication from Mike Pegg forwarded by Tony Mann....

"I have recently been approached by members and Regional Officers regarding what insurance cover they (or their members) have when taking part in non-EPA event such as the Hampshire Doubles. Though this event is being organised and widely advertised by EPA members this is not an EPA run event. We, the EPA, cannot be responsible for every non-Association event around the country but many people have made us aware of this specific event and expressed concerns. Some have been making the wrong assumption that the insurance enjoyed through the Association automatically covers them for this event. Working from what information I have and in response to the many enquiries I have received I contacted our brokers and insurers for clarification. I have been advised by them that our Association's policy will not extend to cover the organisers or our Association's members taking part in this specific event. We each have a duty of care towards our members, so I am therefore asking you to ensure that our Association members in your Region/Club are made aware of this. I have contacted the promoter of the Hampshire Doubles and informed him of the situation. I have advised him that it is in his and everyone involved best interests to ensure that he take out adequate insurance cover for liability . Kind regards Mike Pegg "



The E.P.A. hold around about £25,000 of members' money, left over from "Lord-Knows-When". Suggestions were sought as to what this money should be spent on. As far as we know, but not confirmed....this money would be available in the form of approved Club grants, for improvement of Petanque facilities. However the latest unconfirmed rumour is that the above is true.....in principle.....but the cash grants will be available only for "SOFT PROJECTS"whatever that means ! We await the truthand the details !



Now is the time to enrol your membership to the Kent Petanque Association and the English Petanque Association...which can be done in one relatively simple computer operation, like....go to the E.P.A. web-site—click on "MEMBERSHIP" from table in red on the left hand side—click on "online membership"—in the middle of the narrative you will see the word "renew" click on this—enter your "name" and "login", and Bob's your uncle

you are there. Membership cost of £19 (£13 EPA plus £6KPA) can be paid at the same time by using a credit/debit card. A couple of helpful tips !.....make sure that you enter the correct letters and numbers upper or lower case for you log-in—if you have any troubles contact Mike Pegg. If you do not have access to a computer....contact your Club secretary. If your enrolment is successful....you will receive an e-mail from Melbourn Australia, and your Club secretary.....don't know why !.....but you will !

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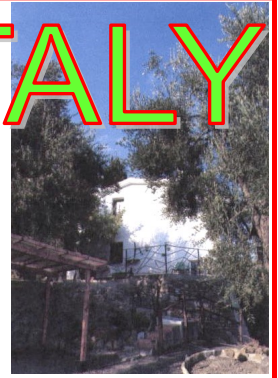
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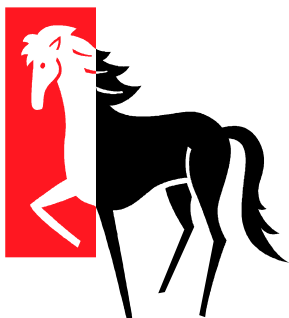


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