



Minutes of KPA & KPL Joint Annual General Meeting 2019
Thursday 21st November 8pm, at Hartley Country Club

1. **Confirmation of the Date of Notice of the Meeting**

The date and place of the AGM has been published on the website since March. The call for nominations and resolutions went out to clubs and members on 26th September 2019 and the Agenda was issued on 11th November 2019.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Received from Shirley Freear, Sheila King, Brian King, Irene Gibbs, Ron Yates, Mick Weston & Richard Smith.

3. **Approval of the minutes of the previous KPA AGM**

The previous minutes were accepted and approved unanimously, proposed by Peter Bryant and seconded by Duncan Brown.

4. **KPA Chairman's Report**

Bob Gaywood:

"Good evening and welcome to the Annual General Meeting of the Kent Pétanque Association which is again being held in conjunction with the Kent Pétanque League.

As is usual, I'm going to begin this evening by reporting on this year's notable achievements by Kent members at international and national levels.

International

Scott Ashby and **Rowland Jones** are as we speak, in Cambodia in the capacity of Junior Team coach and Ladies Team coach.

Earlier in the year, **Jason White, Luke Ashford, Aston Monk and Alex Spillett** travelled to France to compete in the European Espoirs Championships. Indeed, 50% of the England Espoirs squad were Kent players. As part of the weekend programme, a shooting competition was held and I'm delighted to report that **Jason White**, having beaten the French shooting champion in the quarter finals walked away with a well-earned bronze medal. My hearty congratulations go to Jason on his great achievement.

National Rankings

Congratulations to **Rebecca Edwins** for achieving 6th place and **Carolyn Edwins** for joint 23rd in the women's ranking this year. Huge congratulations too, to **Rowland Jones** for 1st place, **Jason White** for 3rd place, **Dean Ashby** for 19th and **Tim Edwins** for joint 27th in the Men's. When you consider that there were 53 entries in the women's and 84 in the men's, these are great results for Kent.

In April, the International Women's Day Doubles Competition was held in Oxshott. There were 10 Kent entrants with the following results:

Melissa Rowley and **Debbie Capelin** won the Gold Plate final.

Becky Edwins and **Carolyn Edwins** lost in the main Silver final.

Judy Moore and **Jill Wood** won the Silver Plate final.

Ayjay Keemer-Richards and **Christine Clacey** lost in the main Bronze final.

Well done Ladies.

May saw the Women's Ranking Triples in Nottingham where **Rebecca Edwins** and her triples team achieved 3rd place.

On the very next day in Nottingham 4 Kent Teams entered the Home Nations Qualifier. By the end of the day, three of the Kent teams ended up in the top 8 and went on, in August to represent England against Wales, Scotland and Jersey in the Championship held in Wales and winning the tournament.

Congratulations to:

Dean Ashby, Jason White, Geoff Booth and Rob Booth.

Duncan Brown, Steve Brown, Gary Kelynack and Tim Edwins.

Steve Golder, Fay Golder, Margaret Eldridge and Brian Eldridge.

Again, in May, this time at Gravesend, **Becky Edwins** achieved 3rd place in the Women's Singles Championship. Well done again Becky.

On the same day we saw **Rowland Jones** win the National Men's Singles Championship and **Jason White** as Runner-up. Well done both.

The following day in Gravesend saw **Dean Ashby** and **Jason White** coming in at 6th place in the Men's Doubles Championship and now superstar **Becky Edwins** together with **Carolyn Edwins** achieving a terrific 2nd place in the Women's Doubles Championship.

Well played.

Not to be outdone, **Fay Golder** and **Dean Ashby** won the Silver Plate in the Mixed Doubles Championship on the last day.

And finally, **Dean Ashby** and **Jason White's** triples team won the Men's Triples Championship held in Worthing. Congratulations to them.

Kent also fared well in the National Champion of Champions Triples, with **Tracy and Kevin Spillett**, together with **Scott and Dean Ashby** winning for the 2nd year running. **Scott** also won the Champion of Champion shooting competition. A great achievement.

Well done also to the **Duke of Wellington** for winning the EuroCup Plate.

Kent Pétanque Region

I'll now move on to Kent Regional matters and activities within the region:

I will be presenting the trophies for our Regional Competitions champions later this evening so in the interest of brevity I won't run through the list of winners and runners-up at this stage, but their names will as usual be in the published report.

For the record:

2018 KPA Competitions

Singles

Winner - Jason White
R/up - Colin Senneck

Doubles

Winners - Tim and Becky Edwins
R's/up - Dean and Scott Ashby

Mixed Doubles

Winners - Elaine Jackson and Barry Soilleux
R's/up - Jack Dalley and Sheila King

Over 50's Doubles

Winners - Richard Wenban and Mellissa Rowley
R's/up - Mick and Mark Toulson

Triples

Winners - Kevin Spillett, Tracy Spillett, Scott Ashby
R's/up - Jurgen VDS, J-L Guiot, Steve Brown

Shooting

Winner - Scott Ashby
R/up - Dean Ashby

Andy Mills Junior Player of the Year

Sophie Rowley.

Regional Qualifiers

Support for the Regional Qualifiers this year averaged 22 teams over the 5 days, which was slightly down on the previous year.

I must thank Meadow, Hartley Country Club, Lordswood and Gravesend clubs for kindly hosting the Qualifiers again this year.

Inter-Regional Championships

Kent sent a total of 13 teams to the Inter Regional Championships at Hayling Island which, together with team Managers and a couple of extra juniors totalled 54 members.

My grateful thanks go to Duncan Brown for his hard work in organising the accommodation so well.

The results were as follows:

Kent Division 1 finished in 3rd place, compared with 4th last year. So well done for the improvement.

The Kent 5 team of Luke Ashford, Kevin Spillett and Alex Spillett were 3rd best team in Division 1.

My thanks to our Championship squad Manager Corrine Cooter.

Kent Challenge Division 1 finished in a commendable 4th place this year and my thanks to Steve Golder for his management of the Challenge squad.

It would be remiss of me not to make a very special mention of the **Kent Juniors** team of **George Martin, Sophie Rowley, Luke Thornton** and **Callum Hickman** who very nearly won their competition.

To quote from their Managers report 'they took Hayling by storm'

They won 6 out of 7 games on the Saturday and 4 out of 5 on the Sunday only dropping a game against Southern who were the eventual winners over Kent by just that 1 game.

Well done Kent Juniors – you did us proud!

My grateful thanks to Fay Golder who managed them at Hayling and to Ayjay Keemer-Richards for steering the squad during the year.

Chairman's Cup

The Chairman's Cup is in place for those teams who for whatever reason did not qualify to represent Kent in the Regional finals. The current qualification for entering is that the player must have played in at least one regional qualifier.

This year's competition was well attended and again held at Hartley with 36 players participating. Congratulations go to the Chairman's Cup winning team Daniel Rudden, Stephanie Rudden and Ryan Rudden.

My grateful thanks as ever go to Ron Yates for again running this year's competition.

Coaching

Coaching in Kent continues with several qualified club coaches who are available to all clubs in Kent as and when required. If your Club needs an attending coach, please in the first instance contact Gordon Angell who is the Kent Coaching co-ordinator.

Thank You's

My sincere thanks to the 2019 KPA Management Committee for their continued commitment and hard work.

They are:

Mike Cubitt
Tim Edwins
David Holden
Carolyn Edwins
Tracy Spillett
Sheila King
Duncan Brown
Alan Cregeen
Dan Rudden

Together with:

Gordon Angell as Kent Coaching Coordinator

My grateful thanks also to Playing Committee members:

Carolyn Edwins
Keith Atkinson
Kevin Spillett
Sheila King
Duncan Brown

Finally, my enormous thanks yet again to Annette and Martin Eggleton as our Regional Competition organisers, for their time and tireless effort looking after us at the qualifiers and KPA competitions.

Taylor Award

Finally, the Taylor Award, awarded by the Chairman each year to those who have made a significant contribution to the sport in the region.

The recipient this year is a very busy person indeed. He is heavily involved in the organisation and administration of three completely unrelated sports and gives up a massive amount of his time selflessly looking after the needs of others in order to facilitate THEIR sporting enjoyment.

For our particular sport, he has worked tirelessly, when not always in the best of health, to improve the Kent Regions playing facilities, often at his own expense. Just look at the canopy at GRFC. A shining example of what can be achieved with hard work and determination. Only today he informed me that he now has a lighting system ready to install. Then he wants to install a watering system.

Another example; he has for the last two years, arranged, organised and set up a superb playing arena for the Pétanque England Titles Weekends and I believe he has agreed to take it on again next year.

It's hugely successful and a great showcase for Kent and England Pétanque, but it's extremely hard work and we'd be very grateful for more volunteers to ease the burden. See what you can do.

Mike Cubitt - It therefore gives me the utmost pleasure to present to you this year's Taylor Award for your outstanding contribution to Pétanque in general but to the Kent Pétanque Region in particular.

Thank you all for joining us this evening."

5. **KPA Treasurer's Report**

David Holden:

"Good Evening Everybody. It has been a good year financially, and after several years of deficit, we have this year shown a small surplus, thanks mainly to the increase in the regional precept last year, and with this in mind, your committee has decided that there will be no need to increase the precept this year, and so, with your agreement, the regional cost of your licence will remain at £8.

This year saw the introduction of an incentive scheme, whereby anybody finishing in the top 15 of each of the regional qualifiers, received remuneration, be it an additional subsidy for those who qualified for Hayling Island or cash for those who did not. This is in addition to the prize fund available for the Chairman's Cup.

We accept that the amounts currently on offer is not huge, and we will keep this under review, but I am pleased to be able to tell you that your committee has agreed to a modest increase the amounts for the forthcoming year.

The Junior fund continues to help our younger players with travelling and equipment and also helping to fund the Junior Team at Hayling Island, however, you will see from the accounts that the fund is running low, and whilst your committee will continue to support the fund financially, and donations from individuals or clubs will be most welcome.

Kent are proud of the fact that we have in the region a number of players representing their country, and we will continue to assist these players financially where their costs are not met by Pétanque England."

The KPA accounts were proposed by Colin Senneck and seconded by Richard Spillett.

6. **Determination of the KPA membership fees**

The management committee have discussed the fees and decided to propose no change to the current £8 precept. This motion was unanimously carried.

7. **Election of KPA Officers**

Bob Gaywood announced that no new nominations for officers had been received and declared existing officers remain in post.

8. **Election of KPA Management Committee**

Bob Gaywood announced that no new nominations for committee members had been received and declared existing members remain in post. Bob reminded everyone that we are still looking for 1 committee member, a regional umpire and a youth development officer. If anyone is interested to see Bob or let the committee know.

9. **Handover of the Chair for KPL Business**

Mike Cubitt, KPL President, took the chair and welcomed everyone.

10. **Approval of the minutes of the previous KPL AGM**

The minutes were proposed by David Nolan and seconded by Mick Nash and unanimously approved.

11. **KPL President's Report**

Mike Cubitt:

"I would like to think that this has again been a reasonably good year for pétanque throughout the KPL summer league.

Some 59 teams took part, with one team only listing 6 players and therefore may have had a tight season, but they managed to finish second in their league, and there was one team that listed 21 players on their available list.

Eight teams scored 999 points or more, with all of them also winning more than 60 of the ninety games played.

We all know before we sign up to play in the league, that fixtures are to be played on Wednesdays throughout the season, with a couple of dates available for rearrangements. In general, this works quite well, but there has been the odd occasion that rearrangement has been difficult. Adding to this there has been a reluctance to travel to the more distance fixtures, with various reasons given. Unfortunately, this has led to a number of 5-0 65-0 results being put through to the results and has the effect of distorting the league standings of a number of teams, and can and has, changed the relegation and promotion positions. This has happened on six occasions during the season.

Another small problem that has occurred is the failure of the home team to put the result through on the e-scorecard within 48 hours of the games being played. This results in the home team getting no scores allocated to them and the away team just getting theirs, win or lose.

A reminder that players can only play up for a team from the same club but cannot play down a league. The latter would cause game losses for the team doing this.

A maximum of eight players is allowed for any fixture. Playing more than this results in a loss of a game for the offending team, whether through lack of knowledge or not this will be picked up from the result cards.

All players must have a licence or the summer leagues, with a little more flexibility during the winter, but needless to say even then players are expected to register with PE, and this will take them through the next year.

We formulated an idea to make the top leagues more competitive in the future and circulated this to all first and second division captains. Unfortunately, only five replies were received, and we have shelved this for the time being.

Some 600 plus players take part in the leagues each year but there is always room for more players and teams in the future.

Thanks to you all for turning out each week and making the KPL possibly the most successful league in the country.

Thanks to Alan, aided by Mick Nash, for running the leagues and to David for looking after the books."

12. **KPL Secretary's Report**

Alan Cregeen:

"I'd like to start by congratulating all the winners of leagues and cup/plate competitions, we had 6 divisions with 10 teams within each division which worked straight forward to setup. Unfortunately, we lost the pilot from division 6 due to lack of players. Also, during the end of the season a few teams had to change their venues and they still managed to fulfil all their fixtures. Many thanks to these teams and hopefully they will be settled for the next season.

I had to penalize 1 team for late score entry as and it took 4/5 emails to get the scores, so can I please emphasize to get your scores in within the 48 hrs in the rules, it doesn't take long to do.

Cup & Plate finals were held at the Villager PC and I would like to give thanks to the Villager for hosting these finals.

League Handicap at Meadow PC was very poorly attended with only 6 teams from Meadow, Railway, Duke of Wellington & Bat & Ball. £90 entry fee was split between winners and runner up clubs to do with as they pleased, and they also received prizes of wine on the day.

There were 2 league proposals:

1. from Mike Cubit which added a penalty -5 points for each match carried into the next season that a team doesn't turn up to play a fixture due to the fact that a number of clubs didn't turn up to a club at the end of the season which effected the clubs at the top of the league.

2. from Dean Ashby adding the ability to as in the Triples with a team of 8 plays, make substitutions in 2 of the 3 Doubles games within a match.

As my first year as League Secretary I felt it all went very smoothly with only a few issues, and a big thank you to Mick Nash for helping me create the League Fixtures and the system we use to achieve them, and to Mike Cubitt & David Holden for their support."

13. **KPL Treasurer's Report**

David Holden:

"Yes, I am afraid it is me again... The League accounts are never going to be the most interesting item of the evening, as you can see, we made a small deficit for the year, but not so much that we need to consider increasing the costs of entry.

The number of entries for the handicap Cup was disappointing, the prize money for this goes to the clubs, so it is genuinely worth supporting.

Apart from that, there is very little of note in the accounts, but if anyone has any questions...."

14. Election of KPL Officers

Mike Cubitt announced that no new nominations for officers had been received and declared existing officers remain in post.

15. KPL Resolutions notified in advance

PROPOSAL 1: Rule Change

Mike Cubitt, Chairman of the KPL

Following the disappointing number of cancellations leading to the awarding of a result of 5-0 (65-0), the league officers feel that a further penalty be added to the Playing Rules:

Current rule:

"4. If rearrangement cannot take place the team who could not fulfil the original fixture will be penalised by having a 5-0 (65-0) awarded to their opposition. Should both teams decide to cancel the games shall be void with no penalties. Knockout Cup - Rearranged cup games must be played within 48 hours of the original fixture. There will be no rearrangement of semi-finals and finals."

Change to:

"4. If rearrangement cannot take place the team who could not fulfil the original fixture will be penalised by having a 5-0 (65-0) awarded to their opposition, **and in addition to this, a -5 games won penalty will be carried forward to the following Summer League season.** Should both teams decide to cancel the games shall be void with no penalties. Knockout Cup - Rearranged cup games must be played within 48 hours of the original fixture. There will be no rearrangement of semi-finals and finals."

Unanimously carried.

PROPOSAL 2: Rule Change

Dean Ashby, The Railway Inn Pétanque Club

Current rule:

"1. Substitutions will be by international rules, that is one substitute is allowed in each triples game, no substitutions in doubles games."

Change to:

"1. One substitute is allowed in each triples game, **and one substitute is allowed in two of the doubles games.**"

An amendment was taken from the floor to add "a player may only play in 1 triple and 1 double per match".

Amendment carried. Proposal carried as amended.

16. Any other KPL business (upon which no binding vote is to be taken)

None

17. Presentation of KPL Awards

The trophies were presented to the League and Cup competitions winners and runners up by President Mike Cubitt.

Division 6	Runners Up	Harrow Percherons
	Winners	Lordswood Thunder
Division 5	Runners Up	The Bridges
	Winners	Duke of Welly Gunners
Division 4	Runners Up	Hartley Merlins
	Winners	GRFC Lions
Division 3	Runners Up	Sydney Arms PC
	Winners	Lordswood Moldavians
Division 2	Runners Up	Sidcup Reckers
	Winners	Manston PC
Division 1	Runners Up	Meadow 1
	Winners	Railway Rising
Knockout Plate	Runners Up	White House Bell
	Winners	Singleton Barn
Knockout Cup	Runners Up	Manston PC
	Winners	Meadow 1

18. Presentation of KPA Awards

The trophies were presented to KPA Winners and Runners Up by Chairman Bob Gaywood.

Singles	Runner Up	Colin Senneck
	Winner	Jason White
Shooting	Runner Up	Scott Ashby
	Winner	Dean Ashby
Doubles	Runners Up	Dean Ashby & Scott Ashby
	Winners	Becky Edwins & Tim Edwins
Triples	Runners Up	Jurgen Van Der Stufyt, Jean-Louis Guiot & Steve Brown
	Winners	Kevin Spillett, Tracy Spillett & Scott Ashby
Mixed Doubles	Runners Up	Jack Dalley & Sheila King
	Winners	Elaine Jackson & Barry Soilleux
Over 50s Doubles	Runners Up	Mick Toulson & Mark Toulson
	Winners	Richard Wenban & Melissa Rowley
Chairman's Cup	Winners	Stephanie Rudden, Ryan Rudden & Daniel Rudden
The Andy Mills Junior Player of the Year	Winner	Sophie Rowley

19. KPA Resolutions notified in advance

None.

20. Appointment of auditors

Current auditor Glynis Johnston was proposed by Bob Gaywood and seconded by Richard Spillett, and unanimously agreed.

21. Any other KPA business (upon which no binding vote is to be taken)

None.

Meeting closed 21:51.