



Minutes of KPA & KPL Joint Annual General Meeting 2018
Thursday 15th November 8pm, at Gravesend Rugby 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 April. The call for nominations and resolutions went out to clubs and members on 13th October 2018 and the Agenda was issued on 9th November 2018.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Received from Duncan Brown, Deborah Capelin, Mike Capelin, John Lucas, Lynn Lucas & Alan Cregeen. There were 65 members present from 13 clubs, with 24 KPL teams represented.

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

The previous minutes were accepted and approved unanimously, proposed by Bryan Yates and seconded by Ray Keemer-Richards.

4. **KPA Chairman's Report**

Bob Gaywood:

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

I'm going to begin this evening by reporting on this year's member's notable achievements at national and international level.

International

Scott Ashby together with **Coach Rowland Jones** representing England at the world championships in Canada.

Jason White, Luke Ashford, Alex Spillett together with **Coach Scott Ashby** representing England in the Espoirs championships in Spain.

National Rankings

Rebecca Edwins – 5th place in the women's

Scott Ashby – 2nd place and **Rowland Jones** – 5th place in the men's

Scott Ashby – 2nd in the National Shooting, joint 3rd in the National singles and in the National mixed doubles.

Scott Ashby and Rowland Jones – National doubles champions, joint 3rd in the national ranking doubles and national triples ranking.

Chris Watkins and Gary Atkinson – joint 3rd in the national doubles championship.

Rebecca Edwins – joint 3rd in the national singles ranking, 4th in the national shooting, national singles champion and joint 3rd in the national triples ranking.

Tracy and Alex Spillett – joint 3rd in the national ladies doubles and in national triples ranking.

Tracy Spillett and Jason White – joint 3rd in the national mixed doubles championships.

Champion of Champions

Keith Atkinson and Richard Wenban – joint 3rd in the over 50's

Greg Davenport and Kevin Spillett – runners up in the doubles.

Tracy Spillett, Kevin Spillett and Scott Ashby – triples winners.

Other notable achievements

Jason White finished 5th in the Espoirs shooting competition in Spain

Greg Davenport and Jason White were runners up in the Hedebo Open in Denmark where over 100 teams competed.

Alex Spillett – reached the semi-finals in the espoirs ladies in the Nations Cup.

Kent Pétanque Region

And now moving on to Kent Regional matters and activities within the region:

I will be presenting the trophies for our Regional Competitions 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 - Colin Senneck
R's/up - Geoff Booth

Doubles

Winners - Greg Davenport and Kevin Spillett
R's/up - Chris Watkins and Gary Atkinson

Mixed Doubles

Winners - Corrine and Mark Cooter
R's/up - Lois Adam and Colin Senneck

Over 50's Doubles

Winners - Richard Wenban and Keith Atkinson
R's/up - Duncan Brown and Bob Gaywood

Triples

Winners - Kevin Spillett, Tracy Spillett, Scott Ashby
R's/up - Matt Horrigan, Greg Davenport and Richard Spillett

Shooting

Winner - Jason White
R/up - Scott Ashby

Andy Mills Junior Player of the Year

George Martin

Regional Qualifiers

Support for the Regional Qualifiers this year averaged 26 teams over the 5 days, which was the same as 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 14 teams to the Inter Regional Championships at Hayling Island which, together with team Managers, totalled 62 members.

Again, my grateful thanks go to Ray Keemer-Richards for his hard work in making all the arrangements and organising the accommodation.

The results were as follows:

Kent Division 1 finished in 4th place, narrowly missing 3rd by one game. There were only ten games between 1st and 4th positions.

The Kent 3 team of Chris Watkins, Mark Dennis, Gary Atkinson and Kevin Atkinson were 3rd best team.

Kent Challenge Division 1 finished in 3rd place where only two games separated 1st and 3rd positions.

The Kent 3 team of, Jason Bradley, Martin Eggleton, Jurgen van de Stuyft and Bob Gaywood were 3rd best team.

Kent Juniors team of George Martin, Tegan Finley, Luke Thornton and Frankie Muldoon were 4th on day one and 5th on day 2, finishing in a very commendable 4th place overall with 5 out of 9 wins. The same number of games as 2nd and 3rd positions but narrowly missing out on points.

Considering that three of the junior team members were complete novices at the beginning of the year, I think they performed very well indeed.

My thanks go to team managers Howard Sandon, Melissa Rowley and Jamie Finley.

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 qualification for entering is that the player must have played in at least one regional qualifier.

This year's competition was the best attended so far and was held at Hartley with 45 players participating. Congratulations go to the Chairman's Cup winning team Jan and Dennis Greenland and Reg Dobson and runners-up, Barry Soilleux, Chris Clacey and Ayjay Keemer-Richards.

My grateful thanks 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.

My sincere thanks to the 2018 KPA Management Committee for their continued commitment and hard work.

They are:

Mike Cubitt, Tim Edwins, David Holden, Ray Keemer-Richards, Tracy Spillett, Sheila King, Bryan Yates, Carolyn Edwins and Duncan Brown

Together with:

Ayjay Keemer-Richards – as Youth Development Officer and Safeguarding Officer
Gordon Angell as Coaching Coordinator and
Alan Cregeen as Webmaster.

Bryan Yates is standing down this year and my gratitude goes to him for his time and assistance over the past three years.

My thanks also to Playing Committee members:

Keith Atkinson, Kevin Spillett, Scott Ashby, Carolyn Edwins and Sheila King.

Finally, my enormous thanks to Annette Eggleton and her assistant Martin as our Regional Competition organiser for the 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.

Despite being on the Board of Directors of Pétanque England in a very important and time-consuming role, he has repeatedly demonstrated his total dedication to the sport I know he loves by not only playing in and for Kent but serving on the KPA committee in an equally important role.

In recognition of his very hard work for the benefit of every member, it gives me great pleasure in naming Ray Keemer-Richards as the 2018 Taylor Award recipient.

Besides controlling the membership base for Kent, Ray has for the past three years had the unenviable task of organising the accommodation at Hayling Island for the Regional Championships. Believe you me, it is not an easy task at all and I hope this award goes a small way towards all our gratitude for his efforts.

Thank you all for your attendance this evening.”

5. KPA Treasurer’s Report

David Holden:

“It has been another interesting year, and although the accounts show a slightly better position than last year, but you have to take into account the one-off cost of the Kent Show which came in at around £900.

As usual the biggest expense is the cost of part funding the accommodation and kit for those representing the region at Hayling Island, which continues to cost around £2,000 per year. Generally, now, costs are static, the cost of accommodation and kit were slightly up, but this was offset by better receipts from the KPA competitions.

Whilst year on year the deficits may be small, we cannot continue to spend more than we earn, and for that reason, we must look at ways to increase our income and, if possible, reduce our costs. For this reason, Bob will be asking you to approve an increase in the Kent precept to the cost of your playing licences for next year.

The Junior fund continues to prosper, and I am grateful to those of you who play Winter League for your donation to the fund this year. The £314 that you donated covered the cost of kit for a Junior team at Hayling Island this year.

As you can see from the Notes, the Club Grant Fund has been closed, and should we receive any funding requests from clubs, these will be met from general income."

The accounts were proposed by Tracy Spillett and seconded by Colin Senneck and unanimously agreed to be adopted.

6. Determination of the KPA membership fees

Bob announced there was a deficit this year which needs to be addressed. The management committee have discussed the fees and decided to propose a £2 increase in the KPA membership fee. This would be the first increase since 2008. The motion was seconded by Tracy Spillett and voted upon. 64 votes for and 1 against, the motion was 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 also thanked Bryan Yates for his service, as he is stepping down from the committee.

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 Bryan Yates and seconded by Mick Nash and unanimously approved.

11. KPL President's Report

Mike Cubitt:

"Another good year for the teams in the leagues with just a handful of cancellations resulting in 5-0 results. The sad thing about this is that they not only affect the teams involved but have an impact on other teams in the league and can and do reflect on the promotions and relegations of other teams.

I think this is said every year at the AGM, when you sign up to play in the league, you commit to Wednesday evening fixtures.

Some teams have played a number of their fixtures with just five players and even then, have come away with a 3-2 win.

There was a good turnout for KPA regional qualifiers with teams including players from division 7 through to division 1 taking part, a great way to improve your game.

As you may well know, at last year's AGM, Mick Nash informed the meeting that after 11 years in the post, he would be standing down. In light of that I think we should register our thanks to Mick for his diligent and consistent running of the Kent Pétanque League, both

Summer and Winter seasons, and also convey our thanks to his wife Joyce for the support she has given him during these years.

This year Meadow & Railway have dominated division 1, both scoring more than 1,000 points for and with around a 400 points difference. An 8-win difference between them at the end of the season.

Duke of Wellington in division 2 put 1,000 points on the board with more than 200 points difference and a 9-win gap to second place Hartley Kestrels.

Division 3 winners Hartley Hawks managed to keep ahead of the pack and ended the season with a 2-win margin from Vigo Legends.

Sydney Arms emerged from the pack closely followed by Seal with the late run seeing Sydney Arms going over the 1,000 points score, the best of division 4.

Hartley Owls and Meadow Larks fought for the honours of division 5 with the former just staying 1 win ahead.

Sidcup Rollers were 4 in front at the finish in division 6 while new team on the block Lordswood Thunder ran away with a 16-win margin and 1,000 points scored in division 7."

Mike then presented Mick Nash and Joyce Nash with gifts of appreciation from the KPA and KPL.

12. **KPL Secretary's Report**

Mick Nash:

"Firstly, congratulations to the winners of the Leagues and the Cup and Plate this year.

Those winners and the runners up will be announced later during the presentations.

Tovilers dropped out of the league because of various reasons including the continuing uncertainty over the Tovil WMC. Tovil Miners stayed put to weather the brewing storm. The Tovilers players were seen during the season at various other league clubs. The White House found themselves too stretched to field the Pilot team, so White House Pilot dropped out of the league.

Harrow Shires amongst the change of ownership of their pub were not able to complete their fixtures last season. They have managed to regroup and appeared in division 6. Welcome back. Another team to lose their venue is Sherwood Oak. They played their matches this season at Lordswood and were known as Lordswood Oak. Seal Whites are now simply Seal.

On a positive note we welcome a new team to Division 7, Lordswood Thunder.

Sydney Small Arms dropped out of the league before the season started because of lack of numbers.

As a result of all these changes, this year we had 5 divisions of 10 teams each, plus two divisions of 6 teams each. By the use of crossover games, I was able to ensure all teams had a full fixture list.

Unfortunately, Luddesdown Cocks had an issue with their lighting and as the pistes were across the road, would have had a difficult time gaining the correct permissions and considerable expense doing the necessary work. They pulled out of the league after a couple of games.

On the subject of league teams New Ash Green are seeking new players as they have lost a few players this close season.

The league cup and plate semi-finals took place in June again this year. Unusually the matches had to be played at different neutral venues because the original date for the event, 11th July, turned out to be the date for a vital England match in the football World Cup. I thank the teams involved and the various venue providers for their good spirit in ensuring this disruption to the schedule had no real impact.

The league cup and plate finals took place on 26th July this year. We will hear the names of the winners and runners up shortly. Thanks to Hartley Country Club for providing the venue.

The league handicap competition took place in October again, attracting 18 teams from 8 different clubs, with 9 teams from 5 clubs picking up prizes amounting to £300 plus 27 bottles of wine. The prize cheques will be presented tonight. Many thanks to Gordon Angell and Val Rossall for running the BBQ as they have done for this competition many times in the past 11 years, and Hartley providing the venue.

We have two League proposals tonight. One from our president Mike Cubitt, and another from Ray Keemer Richards for your consideration. Remember there is one vote per team, plus individual votes for the league officers.

Finally, and this really is finally this year as I am stepping down from the position of Secretary of the league. Many thanks to my fellow committee members Mike Cubitt and David Holden, and the past committee members Colin Senneck and Ken Buchan for their support during the 11 years I have been secretary.

And I would also like to mention David Baxter and Tim Edwins and thank them for redirecting emails to me. Also, Andy Mills, sadly no longer with us, and Alan Creegen for looking after the website and the software which now makes running the leagues so much easier.

I have enjoyed being League Secretary, but now feel it is time for others to take on the role."

13. KPL Treasurer's Report

David Holden:

"This is going to be really boring, but as you can see from the accounts, there is very little difference between this year's accounts and last years.

Overall income is down by £25 and expenses are down by £300 resulting in a small surplus for the year.

Grants to clubs this year stood at £300, but we still have sufficient funds to help any club that needs assistance with improving their terrains, and whilst not everybody can qualify, we do go out of our way to help when we can. Drop an email to Alan, Mike or myself, and we will ensure that you get a claim form so that we can consider your request."

14. **Election of KPL Officers**

Mike announced that Alan Cregeen has volunteered to take over as the KPL Secretary from Mick Nash but would take nominations from the floor – there were none. Alan Cregeen was unanimously voted in as the new KPL Secretary. Mike Cubitt & David Holden as incumbents were also unanimously voted to continue in their roles.

15. **KPL Resolutions notified in advance**

PROPOSAL 1: Wording Changes

Mike Cubitt, Vice Chairman of the KPL

1. Table of contents under playing rules, change 8. From EPA Rules to 8. Pétanque England Rules.
2. Constitution: Change all references within the constitution, from English Pétanque Association and EPA, to Pétanque England.
3. Playing Rules: Change all references within the Playing Rules, from English Pétanque Association and EPA, to Pétanque England.

Unanimously carried.

PROPOSAL 2: New Rule

Ray Keemer-Richards, Railway Inn PC

With a declining number of players and teams competing in the Kent Pétanque League I would like to propose a new rule in an effort to increase both team and player numbers.

“A new player may play up to three trial matches in the league before needing a licence. After three trial matches a full Pétanque England licence must be applied for.”

Mike Cubitt announced that this proposal would be in direct conflict of other existing rules and therefore cannot be voted upon without a proposal to amend the other existing rules. An informal vote was held with the result being 12-7 in favour of this proposal.

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

Colin Gibbs of Hartley PC raised again the issue of matches being incomplete and the great effects it can have on the other teams in that league. There was a suggestion of adding another catch-up week into the fixtures calendar. This was discussed informally with various opinions.

***** There was then a short interval for refreshments *****

17. **Presentation of KPL Awards**

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

Division 7	Runners Up	Hartley Kites
	Winners	Lordswood Thunder
Division 6	Runners Up	New Ash Green 2
	Winners	Sidcup Rollers
Division 5	Runners Up	Meadow Larks
	Winners	Hartley Owls
Division 4	Runners Up	Seal
	Winners	Sydney Arms PC
Division 3	Runners Up	Villager Legends
	Winners	Hartley Hawks
Division 2	Runners Up	Hartley Kestrels
	Winners	Duke of Wellington Campaigners
Division 1	Runners Up	Meadow 1
	Winners	Railway Rising
Knockout Plate	Runners Up	Lordswood Oak
	Winners	Meadow Starlings
Knockout Cup	Runners Up	Lordswood Lightning
	Winners	Railway Rising

18. Presentation of KPA Awards

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

Singles	Runner Up	Geoff Booth
	Winner	Colin Senneck
Shooting	Runner Up	Scott Ashby
	Winner	Jason White
Doubles	Runners Up	Chris Watkins & Gary Atkinson
	Winners	Greg Davenport & Kevin Spillett
Triples	Runners Up	Greg Davenport, Richard Spillett & Matt Horrigan
	Winners	Kevin Spillett, Tracy Spillett & Scott Ashby
Mixed Doubles	Runners Up	Colin Senneck & Lois Adam
	Winners	Corinne Cooter & Mark Cooter
Over 50s Doubles	Runners Up	Bob Gaywood & Duncan Brown
	Winners	Richard Wenban & Keith Atkinson
Chairman's Cup	Winners	Jan Greenland, Dennis Greenland & Reg Dobson
The Andy Mills Junior Player of the Year	Winner	George Martin

19. KPA Resolutions notified in advance

PROPOSAL 1: Wording Changes

Mike Cubitt, Vice Chairman of the KPA

1. Kent Pétanque Association CONSTITUTION: Change all references from EPA or English Pétanque Association to Pétanque England.

Unanimously carried.

20. Appointment of auditors

Current auditor Glynis Johnston was proposed by Tracy Spillett and seconded by Colin Senneck, and unanimously agreed.

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

Bob Gaywood wanted to place on record his thanks to Paul Reilly and Meadow PC for hosting and running a Sunday tournament for teams from the KPL division 4 and below. The event was a success and enjoyed by many people.

Meeting closed 22:06.