



Minutes of KPA & KPL Joint Annual General Meeting 2016
Thursday 17th 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 went out to clubs and members on 5th October 2016 and the Agenda was issued on 5th November 2016.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Received from Babette Carr, Jim Carr, Martin Eggleton, Annette Eggleton, Irene Gibbs, Colin Gibbs, Sue Wallace & Peter Bryant. There were 104 members present from 18 clubs and 1 independent member.

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

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

4. **KPA Chairman's Report**

Bob Gaywood:

"Welcome to the Annual General Meeting of the Kent Pétanque Association which, as is now the usual practice, being held in conjunction with the Kent Pétanque League. Kent Region members have again had an outstanding year at National and International levels as follows:

National Championships Men's Singles

Winner – Dean Seville

Women's Singles

Winner – Sarah Huntley

Mixed Doubles

Winners – Sarah Huntley & Jack Blows

Over 50's Doubles

Winner – Nic Baxter (*with Simon Bird*)

Men's Triples

Winner – Dean Seville (*with Ross Jones, Sam Blakey and Simon Plumhoff*)

Runners up - Kevin Spillett, Rowland Jones, Jack Blows and Scott Ashby

Overall, Kent had 10 players in the Top 8

Women's Triples

Winners - Tracy Turner and Sarah Huntley (*with Emma Longstaff and Sabrina Seville*)

Veterans Triples

Winners - Jean-Louis Guiot, Lee and Angie Jamieson (*with Robert Silvy*)

National Junior Squad

We currently have three Kent players in the National Junior Squad, who are: Alex Spillett, Jason White and Luke Ashford

International Achievements:

Bronze medal winner in Women's Shooting European Championship – Sarah Huntley

9th place in Ladies European Triples Championships - Tracy Turner and Sarah Huntley (*with Emma Longstaff and Sabrina Seville*)

Nations Cup Winners at European Veterans Championship, Monaco – Jean-Louis Guiot, Lee and Angie Jamieson (*with Robert Silvy*)

I would also like to wish the best of luck to England Men's Triples Team Kevin Spillett, Rowland Jones, Scott Ashby and Jack Blows, who are travelling to Madagascar later this month to compete in the World Championships.

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

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

2016 KPA Competitions Results:

Singles

Winner – Rowland Jones

R/up – Jack Blows

Doubles

Winners – David Turner and David Chalkly

R's/up - Chris Watkins and Gary Atkinson

Mixed Doubles

Winners - Sarah Huntley and Scott Ashby

R's/up - Steve and Becci Brown

Over 50's Doubles

Winners – Lee and Angie Jamieson

R's/up – Richard Wemban and David Snook

Triples

Winners – Kevin Spillett, Rowland Jones, Scott Ashby Jack Blows

R's/up – Tracy Turner, David Turner, David Chalkly, Greg Davenport

Shooting

Winner – Rowland Jones

R/up – Jack Blows

Regional Qualifiers

Support for the Regional Qualifiers this year averaged at 24 teams over the 5 days, which was down by 3 teams on last year but more worryingly down by 8 compared with 2014. The KPA MC will make it a priority to establish the reasons for this and to put into place measures in an attempt to reverse the trend.

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

Inter-Regional Championships

Although down in numbers and despite having several Kent players away on International duty, we sent 16 teams plus an extra Junior, George Martin, to play in the Junior Combined team, to the Inter Regional Championships at Hayling Island which, together with team managers and chaperones, totalled some 70 members.

The enormous challenge of organising and booking the accommodation for our members this year was taken up by Ray Keemer-Richards and I thank him very much indeed for all his hard work.

Details of the Kent 1st Division, Challenge, Combined and Junior team's results are all contained in the individual Squad Managers reports which are published online.

For expediency, I won't read out their reports now but I thank Tim and Becky Edwins and Steve and Fay Golder for taking on the managers' roles and doing such a wonderful job. My grateful thanks also to the Management and the Playing Committee for all their hard work in organising the Regional weekend.

Chairman's Cup

The Chairman's Cup is in place for those teams who unfortunately did not qualify to represent Kent in the Regional finals. This year the only proviso for entering was that the player must have played in at least two qualifiers. Despite there being some ten qualified teams plus £210 on offer as prize money, only four teams entered. The Playing Committee has been tasked to examine ways of enticing more players to enter next year. Watch this space!

Congratulations though to Chairman's Cup winners, Mags Yates, Eileen and John Fowers, from Hartley.

Thank you also to Ken Buchan and the Villager's Club for running and hosting.

The KPA MC are always looking for ways to improve and further the enjoyment of the sport we all love so much. There are several ideas in the pipeline at the moment but to whet your appetite a little I am delighted to inform you that it is our intention to have a presence at the Kent County show next year. This initiative is being spearheaded by Sheila King and Mike Capelin. We will of course be looking for volunteers to assist in the running of the playing area and information desk.

We are also acutely aware that two way communication plays a vital part of any organisation and that of course includes the KPA and its membership. As a means of trying to identify what our membership want or indeed expects from the KPA, Carolyn Edwins has kindly agreed to put together a survey which will be sent in the New Year to all members.

Thank You

Firstly, many thanks to Gravesend RFC PC for hosting us and especially to Mike Cubitt for his organisation.

My thanks also to the 2015/16 KPA Management Committee for the massive amount of work and their time commitment on our behalf.

They are: Mike Cubitt Tim Edwins David Holden Mike Capelin Ray Keemer-Richards Annette Eggleton Tracy Turner Sheila King Bryan Yates Carolyn Edwins David Baxter

And to Playing Committee members: Keith Atkinson Kevin Spillett Scott Ashby

Unfortunately, Annette Eggleton has decided to stand down this year but I am delighted to say she has agreed to continue to run the KPA competitions. My grateful thanks therefore to Annette for her committee work over the years and to all the Playing Committee members.

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. It has not been an easy decision this year as there are so many people in our Region who contribute so much. This of course includes running and organising clubs, running teams, and administration. And indeed all of the above.

This year's recipient is actively involved in the sport and its organisation and administration for many years now. In summer and winter he is tirelessly working to keep the competitive side of our sport in Kent running smoothly.

In recognition of his fantastic work running the largest summer and winter leagues in the UK I would like to present the Taylor Award to the hard-working Secretary of the Kent Pétanque League, Mick Nash."

5. KPA Treasurer's Report

David Holden:

"This year we have been somewhat victims of our own success, our victory at Hayling Island in 2015 meant that we sent more teams there in 2016, and this saw an increase in our net cost for this event from £2,824 to £4,171. This was not helped by a fall in the number of players taking part in the qualifiers which, of course reduced our available income.

Overall there was a deficit for the year of £1,512 which has reduced our reserves to £7,085, Hopefully we will begin to make this back in 2016/2017.

The junior Fund received a welcome boost with the proceeds of the John Middleton Cup which meant that the Association was able to offer junior members a grant of £60 towards the cost of new boules. At the end of the year the fund stood at £1,555.

No clubs applied for grants during the year, so the grant reserve stands at £500."

6. Determination of the KPA Membership Fees

The KPA management committee recommended that the KPA keep the same precepts. This was proposed by David Baxter and unanimously agreed.

7. Election of KPA Officers

There have been no new nominations for KPA officers received, therefore chairman Bob Gaywood declared all current officers in place.

8. Election of KPA Management Committee

There was a nomination from the floor of Duncan Brown (Railway Inn PC). Chairman Bob Gaywood announced he was happy to accept this nomination and also declared all current committee members in place.

9. Handover of the chair for KPL business

Mike Cubitt took the chair and welcomed everyone.

10. Approval of the minutes of the previous KPL AGM

Mike Cubitt noted that this year the KPL has had an EGM since last year's AGM. All minutes have been published online and all in the room agreed them as a correct record.

11. KPL President's Report

Mike Cubitt:

"It has been another great year for the Kent Pétanque League.

The trial during the summer season seems to have been accepted well, and it has been my experience that when playing, even at a two piste club, that our games have finished no later than the previous reverse triples season, in fact many times we had finished earlier.

Four of our league winners scored over 1000 points, with one of these (div 7) losing just four of their eighty games. This suggests that they were in a league that was not appropriate for their experience but hopefully this will not have put too many newcomers off persevering with the game.

The winter league is well under way, with ten more league playing weeks to go. As most of you know, this has been a way of introducing new players to the game and to the league. And this is used as the taster sessions, but after a maximum of three games all new players are expected to then take up an EPA licence, which covers them until the end of December the following year. The Kent League officers rely on this being policed by the clubs and team captains. Any team found to be playing the same unlicensed player more than three times will forfeit any fixture that the unlicensed person has played in.

I must thank Mick on behalf of us all, for all the work and time he spends administrating both Summer and Winter leagues, and David for keeping control of our finances. Finally, our thanks go to you the players for helping to ensure our task is made easier than it perhaps could be."

12. **KPL Secretary's Report**

Mick Nash:

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

Those winners will be announced later during the presentations.

We lost one team this year from the league – Istead Jacques. On the positive side I welcomed a second Sidcup team Sidcup Rollers to join a renamed Sidcup Reckers (was Sidcup), two new Railway teams Railway Rising and Railway Rockets, and a new team at Meadow club who are known as Star Meadow 2 (Star Meadow became Star Meadow 1).

Duke of Welly Fighting Cocks moved to Railway and became Railway Roosters. Whitstable Nomads became Whitstable Natives, Villager 1 became Villager Idiots, Villager 2 became Villager Legends and Villager 3 became Villager Vikings.

This year we had 6 divisions of 10 teams each, plus one division of 9 teams.

Sadly, during the season Whitstable Natives and Duke of Edinburgh were unable to continue to raise teams regularly and reluctantly resigned from the league.

The league cup and plate semi-finals and finals took place in June and July again this year. Some very close matches featured. We will hear the names of the winners and runners up shortly.

The league handicap competition took place in October again attracting 18 teams from 9 clubs, with 10 teams from 6 clubs picking up prizes amounting to £285 with 27 bottles of wine. The prize cheques will be presented tonight.

We have a number of proposals tonight for your consideration including one that allows us to review the triples and doubles format we used for our matches this year. Remember there is one vote per team, plus individual votes for the league officers.

Finally, many thanks to my fellow committee members Mike Cubitt and David Holden and the web masters David Baxter and Alan Cregeen for their support during the year."

13. **KPL Treasurer's Report**

David Holden:

"Firstly, my apologies that there are no comparative figures for last year, but unfortunately there were no accounts in the papers handed over to me.

The league made a small surplus this year, and now holds funds of £3,889. This money can be made available for grants to clubs if any additional work is required to pistes or lights should the new playing format be adopted permanently later this evening."

The accounts were adopted as true and accurate and all were in agreement.

14. **Election of KPL Officers**

Mike Cubitt – President
Mick Nash – Secretary
David Holden – Treasurer

All were approved unanimously.

15. **League Tri-way Competition**

Ron Yates announced that this competition has been running for two years and is between Kent, Chiltern and Essex leagues. Last year the Kent squad was only made up of players from 2 or 3 teams. Next year it is Kent's turn to host and is like to be at Hartley, Ron would like to see representatives from more teams to represent the KPL. Mike Cubitt announced that the KPL would send out more information to clubs in due course.

16. **KPL Resolutions Notified in Advance**

PROPOSAL 1:

Meadow Pétanque Club

That the current playing format is adopted permanently. i.e. Each match consists of five games, two triples and three doubles.

Carried by 40 votes to 9 against.

PROPOSAL 2: (Subject to Proposal 1 being accepted)

Meadow Pétanque Club

Rule 6.6 is amended as follows:

"One substitute is allowed in each triples game and each doubles game."

Administration & Format

Point 5. Second sentence be amended to read:

"Up to **9** players may take part in each match."

Rejected by 15 votes to 30 against.

PROPOSAL 3:

Meadow Pétanque Club

That the League Administrators are allowed to use their discretion when placing new teams in the league. i.e. New teams consisting of several experienced players may be placed in a higher division subject to vacancies arising.

Rejected by 15 votes to 30 against.

PROPOSAL 4: New rule (Subject to Proposal 1 being accepted)

Under Administration & Format paragraph 5.

Tovil PC – Barbara Middleton

'In order to assist with time management, any home team which has the facility to play the three doubles games simultaneously should do so upon the request of the away team. For

the avoidance of doubt, this will apply when one match is being played at any venue with three or more pitches; two matches are being played at a venue with six or more pitches; three matches are being played at a venue with nine or more pitches and so on. Any home team that fails to comply with this request may be penalised by having the third doubles game awarded 13-0 against them by the League Officers.

Carried by 35 votes to 7 against.

PROPOSAL 5: New rule (Subject to Proposal 1 being accepted)

Crown Jewels PC, Chislehurst - Peter Connell

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If a team requires a 7.30pm start they must declare it at the start of the season. Games will be played on a Wednesday at 7.30pm. Any triple or double which is absent from the pitch may be penalised one point which is awarded to their opponents. After this they will forfeit one point for every 2 minutes continued absence. Any triple or double not present after half an hour (by 8pm) will forfeit their game. If no player from a team has arrived by 8pm the team may be penalised by having a 5-0 (65-0) result awarded to their opposition. Only 4 players need to be present for the 7.30pm start. At least 6 players will need to be available to play by 8pm.

Overwhelmingly rejected.

PROPOSAL 6: New rule
Hartley Country Club

In all KENT PÉTANQUE LEAGUE MATCHES only one attempt to throw the COCHENET (Jack) IS ALLOWED. If an attempt is illegal, the opposition is given the ability to place the JACK in any legal place on the piste that they wish.

Rejected by 20 votes to 27 against.

PROPOSAL 7: (Subject to Proposal 1 being accepted)

Hartley Country Club

To KPL CONSTITUTION and RULES "Rearrangements – Section 3.4 the following Amendment is proposed if a team fails to play a fixture...

If a team does not fulfil the fixture, it will be penalised by the deduction of 5 games and 65 points. Their opposition is awarded the match 3 – 0 and 39 points (13-0, 13-0 and 13-0)

Overwhelmingly rejected.

PROPOSAL 8: (Subject to Proposal 1 being rejected)

Hartley Country Club

To KPL CONSTITUTION and RULES "Rearrangements – Section 3.4 the following Amendment is proposed if a team fails to play a fixture...

If a team does not fulfil the fixture, it will be penalised by the deduction of 4 games and 52 points. The opposition is awarded the match 3-0 and 39 points (13-0, 13-0, and 13-0)

Withdrawn.

**PROPOSAL 9:
Istead Rise PC – Sheila King**

The use of Electronic Cigarettes is banned while playing League Matches.

Carried by 31 votes to 9 against.

17. Any other KPL business

None

18. 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	Star Meadow 2
	Winners	Railway Rising
Division 6	Runners Up	Harrow Shires
	Winners	Bat & Ball 2013
Division 5	Runners Up	Singleton Barn
	Winners	Sherwood Oak
Division 4	Runners Up	Villager Idiots
	Winners	Lordswood Sirocco
Division 3	Runners Up	White House Lions
	Winners	Borstal Mudlarks
Division 2	Runners Up	Seal Blues
	Winners	Sidcup Reckers
Division 1	Runners Up	Meadow 1
	Winners	Railway Rogues
Knockout Plate	Runners Up	Hartley Eagles
	Winners	Seal Blues
Knockout Cup	Runners Up	Railway Rogues
	Winners	Lordswood Lightning

19. Presentation of KPA Awards

Trophies were presented to the KPA Champions and Runners Up, as detailed below, by Chairman Bob Gaywood.

Singles	Runner Up	Jack Blows
	Winner	Rowland Jones
Shooting	Runner Up	Jack Blows
	Winner	Rowland Jones
Doubles	Runners Up	Chris Watkins & Gary Atkinson
	Winners	David Turner & David Chalkly

Triples	Runners Up	Tracy Turner, David Turner, David Chalkly & Greg Davenport
	Winners	Kevin Spillett, Rowland Jones, Jack Blows & Scott Ashby
Mixed Doubles	Runners Up	Steve Brown & Rebecca Brown
	Winners	Sarah Huntley & Scott Ashby
Over 50's Doubles	Runners Up	Richard Wemban & David Snook
	Winners	Lee Jamieson & Angie Jamieson
Chairman's Cup	Winners	Mags Yates, Eileen Fowers & John Fowers
The Andy Mills Junior Player of the Year	Winner	Luke Ashford

20. KPA Resolutions Notified in Advance

PROPOSAL 1:

Hartley PC

In all KENT PÉTANQUE ASSOCIATION MATCHES only one attempt to throw the COCHENET (Jack) IS ALLOWED. If an attempt is illegal, the opposition is given the ability to place the JACK in any legal place on the piste that they wish.

Proposal failed with 44 votes in favour and 45 votes against.

21. Appointment of Auditors

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

22. Any other KPA Business

None

Meeting closed at 22:40