**Royal Wootton Bassett Pétanque Club. Issue 1 - 2022**

This is first newsletter of 2022 and following the AGM I thought it was time to update the members.

**Site Development**

The wind break has been installed and was provided by RWBSA but installed by club members and seem to provide some wind protection.

We have applied for funding for -

1. Making the surface alongside piste 1 hard standing and covering the area to provide protection from rain.
2. To provide flags for use during competitions.

**Club Development**

I have completed the training sessions that I committed to, and I think that enough members know how to set up the piste for training such that it can continue on Saturday mornings.

We have an external coach coming to run fortnightly coaching sessions beginning Tuesday 22nd March. There is a limit of 6 persons per session and I will have a sign-up sheet available for anyone interested. The sessions will be 2.00, 3.30 and 5.00 pm.

Lee will be commencing junior coaching soon on Wednesday evenings at 5.00pm and alternate Saturday mornings.

**Competitions**

Thank for replying to the survey regarding expectations and I hope you will enter the leagues and competitions that are planned.

The calendar is available on the website and notice board, but the immediate future is –

1. Match against Monkstone PC from Cardiff on 9th March and thank you to those who put their names forward. If anyone has changed their mind please let me know urgently.
2. There will be return match to Monkstone on Thursday 24th or 31st March for anyone interested. Let me know.
3. The first Club melee will be held on Saturday 9th April and more details will follow.
4. The club has a PE Eurocup match against Solihull at home on Saturday 2nd April and if we win this will place us in the top 16.

We have 4 teams in the Winter doubles and one team could win the overall competition.

Details of the Cotswold League should be available shortly.

**Fundraising**

Fundraising is progressing…

1. Wine draw on Friday is averaging about £10/12 each week – don’t forget your £1
2. Easy fundraising raises money whenever you place an online order with a contributing company and currently is at over £100. There is no cost to the individual and is an easy income stream so please sign up.
3. 100 club is up and running and has generated almost £300. Please see Andrew S, Jacquii or Jan B to join.
4. The club (Andy G) is organising a quiz at RWBSA on Friday 25th March to raise money for Dementia care, our charity for 2022. Please enter a team and information is on the notice board.

**RWBSA**

Please use them as much as possible when available.

Can I remind everyone to follow the correct traffic flow and not to drive round the cones or the wrong way.

**Club Clothing**

I have recently chased an order placed a month ago and if anyone is willing to source an alternative supplier. Please let me know.

I would like someone to take on responsibility for this role in the future. It is only a once or twice a year job.

**Other Business**

When the club moved to RWB we had to complete a development plan as part of the funding commitment. This plan was for 3 years and although interrupted by COVID was almost completed. There is now a club development plan for the next 3 -5 years which will need everyone’s commitment to be successful

The main goals are below

* To increase membership and participation
* To develop player performance
* To develop a youth programme
* To improve the site facilities and members satisfaction
* To improve the club structure and financial strength

Also, a big thank you to all those members just getting on with things, it really makes for a great club.

The committee have also had a shuffle around and their main roles are.

Alan Mc – President/Chairman

Mike D - Secretary/ Competitions Secretary

Andrew A - Treasurer/ Membership Secretary/ Webmaster

Marion – Team Captain CPL / RWBSA REP

Jacquii - Team Captain CPL/ Fundraising rep

Colin S – Rotary Rep

Mike E – Deputy CPL team Captain

Doreen – member without portfolio

Lastly, I need to make an appeal for some raffle prizes for the quiz night, please.

That’s all for now folks but if you want to volunteer or just have a question let me know.

Alan

Alan Mc Innes

President/Chairman RWB Pétanque Club.

3rd March 2022