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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR READERS**

CLUB NEWS

AGM

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on
Tuesday 24th January 2023 at the
Bournemouth Electric Club, 7.30 for 8.00 pm

President's Address

I am delighted to write a few words for the Newsletter which Boyd has put together so ably and which I hope will bring you up to date with all the exciting things that are happening at the Club.

The most obvious physical change has been the building of the extended terrain, increasing our playing capacity from eight pistes to twelve. Feedback from members who have used the new area has been very positive and I would urge anyone who has not yet experienced it to do so at the earliest opportunity. At present, we are only able to use the new area during daylight hours. However, our Lighting Sub-Committee has been active in researching options to install lights, so that we can enjoy this facility all year round. In addition we are planning to upgrade the lighting on the existing terrain. You can read more about this elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our representative teams have given their all during the 2022 seasons in the New Forest Petanque League (NFPL) and in the Southern Counties Petanque League (SCPL). Match reports can be found on the web and team reports in this newsletter.

Regarding the 2023 season, we have just started the process of establishing our team squads and I would like to encourage everyone who is interested in playing in one of our six league teams (four in the NFPL and two in the SCPL) to respond to any e-mails coming from our Club Captain – Mick Roberts – on this matter.

The date of our 2022 AGM has been fixed for 24th January 2023. It will be held at the Electric Club, located in Broadway Lane. More details will follow. The AGM provides the chance for your MPPC Committee to report back on 2022 and to set the scene for 2023.

I would like to thank every member of the current MPPC Committee for their part in managing the Club throughout 2022 on your behalf. That said, I am always happy to hear from any members who would be interested in taking up a role at the Club, either as a Committee member or in a support role.

Lastly, I would like to wish every MPPC member a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. My thoughts are with those of you have lost family or friends during the past year, or who may be experiencing health or other life-changing situations. I am aware that we are primarily a sports club, focussed on delivering much needed recreational facilities. However, we are also a group of people who come together to enjoy each other's company and, if the opportunity arises, to offer comfort and support where it is needed.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you on the terrain.....and at the forthcoming AGM.

Perry Ellis

President, MPPC



**I know the old terrain holds
water - but that's ridiculous!!**

Lighting the Terrain

The Sub-Committee's report and recommendations have been accepted by the main Committee and the tender offered by PA Electrical has been accepted, with thanks to Boyd for all his hard work. The work should be started in the next couple of weeks and be completed before Christmas.

The proposal is that the current lights be upgraded and extra lamps would be fitted to the columns adjacent to the new terrain to light the new terrain. Independent switching is being considered.

CLUB MELEE

To start the New Year with a bang the Club will be holding a Melee at the Club Terrain on

Monday 2nd January

There will **not** be an entry fee (though boxes will be available for donations on the day). Festive gear, while not mandatory, would be appreciated. Hot drinks and light refreshments will be on sale during the day. A raffle will be held and any donations of prizes will be appreciated.

Entries (limited to 48) should be sent to Boyd at boyddap@icloud.com

Closing Date - 27 December 2022

Congratulations

to **Clifton Gonsalves** on qualifying as a Petanque Club Coach

Welcome

to the following members who have joined in the past few months:

Beryl, Carole, Lynne, Rob, Shaun and Teresa, (sorry if I've missed anyone).

The building of the New Terrain



The hardy crew laying the grit on new terrain



Graham tries the wheelchair access to the new terrain.

New Terrain Opening

Members gathered at Muscliffe Park on November 6 to witness the opening of the new terrain. The terrain (12 x 14 metres) allows the Club to expand its number of piste by four, giving a total of 12 piste for future competitions. The Club would like too express their thanks to the Community Inferstructure Levy of BCP Council for their financial assistance.



Listening intently??!!



Why stand when you can be comfortable



Form a queue for tea



Jim telling Roger that he forgot to load his finger!

INAUGURAL TONY GIORDANO MEMORIAL DOUBLES



GOLD WINNERS
Mick & Clifton



RUNNERS-UP
Aimee & Chris



SILVER WINNERS
Jean & Steve



checking the results



the Giordano family enjoying the sun

Riccardo Giordano

Thank you once again. We had a great time remembering Dad with his two best things in life, family and petanque!

The Club raised £300 which was donated to the British Heart Foundation.

R.I.P. **Tony Giordano**



2022 Final League Placings

SCPA Div 1

	P	W	L	+	-	Points
River Hamble	14	13	1	61	9	74
Bordon	14	9	5	40	30	49
Handcross	14	10	4	38	32	48
Adur Leisure	14	8	6	38	32	46
Fareham Conifers	14	6	8	15	31	39
Cobbetts Ales	14	5	9	29	41	34
Muscliff Raiders	14	3	11	27	43	30
Cobbetts Bees	14	2	12	16	54	18

SCPA Div 3 W

Parley	12	9	3	38	22	47
Portchester Pumas	12	8	4	38	22	46
Southampton City Pilgrims	12	8	4	35	25	43
Racing Club Racers	12	6	6	35	25	41
Muscliff Musketeers	12	6	6	30	30	36
Cobbetts Cubs	12	4	8	22	38	26
Portchester Penguins	12	1	11	12	48	13

NFPL

	P	W	L	Games +/-		Points +/-		Diff
Marauders	18	14	4	65	25	1005	686	319
Harriers	18	13	5	55	35	962	873	89
Maniacs	18	13	5	51	39	913	861	52
Falcons	18	11	7	62	28	1012	721	291
Seahorse Flyers	18	11	7	53	37	967	814	319
Southampton City	18	10	8	52	38	971	804	167
Parley One	18	9	9	47	43	878	871	7
Monarchs	18	5	13	27	63	766	1024	-258
Magic	18	2	16	20	70	712	1065	-353
Lions	18	2	16	18	72	632	1099	-467

NB

The editor would like to thank all contributors to the Newsletter, especially the photographers

TEAM REPORTS

Southern Counties - Division 1 - Raiders

This year got off to the worst imaginable start with the sad loss of Toni Giordano on the very first day of the season. This set the team back immensely and needed the reorganisation of both Southern teams to allow some movement of players, with the agreement of Southern Counties. It took the team some time to re-adjust which meant we got off to a bad start and, with the long distances involved, organising games proved challenging. There were several matches we should have won, and indeed we were ahead in many games, only to let them slip and this seemed to be the pattern for most of the season. The team and players are definitely good enough to play in division 1 but, unfortunately having finished 2nd to bottom, it looks as if we will be in division 2 next year. We look forward to next year when we should be more prepared, and able to gain promotion to division 1 again. Less travelling next year as Parley has

Southern Counties - Division 3W - Musketeers

The 2022 Southern Counties Division 3 West was, as always, a very competitive league and represented a change of fortunes for several teams. Parley, who were third last season, won the league and were promoted to Division 2. The Musketeers, who were a very close second last year, got off to a very slow start in 2022, winning one and losing five of their opening fixtures. However, the second half of the season was a different matter and we won five of our six remaining matches, including notable wins over the two top teams in the Division, Parley and Portchester Pumas. This leaves us feeling optimistic for the 2023 season. Thanks to every member of the Musketeers Squad: Steve White (VC), Sue Godwin, Carron Bowen, Boyd Parker, Ian Huntley, JP Elena, Gilles Martin, Jim Donnelly.

New Forest Petanque League - Marauders

They did it.



With a wobbly bit earlier in the season, the Marauders were playing catch-up with those teams near the top of the table. Gradually, game by game they applied themselves and secured a string of 11 consecutive wins to storm back to take the New Forest League title with one match in hand. The eventual statistic being - played 18, won 14, points difference +319 and 65 games won, 10 more than the second placed Harriers.

Then it was off to Fawcetts Field for the final of the N.F.P.L League Cup against Harriers who they beat 3 games to two to gain the trophy and complete a clean sweep of the competitions and being declared the 'double' champions of 2022. Hip, hip hip, hooray.

The team group shows Mick, Clifton, Giles, Capt John, Stuart, Kim with Mark and JP at the front after collecting their trophies and medals at the NFPL AGM.

Unfortunately Ray and Sam couldn't make the presentation - congratulations one and all.

New Forest Petanque League - Magic

Another year passed for Magic with every team member playing to win - but it was not to be. Games played was very good and we were unlucky not to win more, a very improved team and all games played in good spirit.

New Forest Petanque League - Maniacs

The Maniacs were pleased to punch above their weight and finish 3rd (on points difference) in the league. Their downfall (if one can call it that) was an inability to master the trickier terrains in the league (ie at Flights - twice, Parley and Southampton) losing to all four by a margin. The highlights were beating title favourites - sister team Marauders (though losing the return); beating the Seahorses on their terrain (their first home defeat) and the introduction of Alex Read to adult league petanque - he was outstanding and surprised many of our opponents.

New Forest Petanque League - Monarchs

The Monarchs had an enjoyable season. We lost a couple of games we could have won but our highlight of the season was the away win against the Harriers and plate semi final win against Seahorse Flyers. We are a happy team, Carron makes great cakes and win or lose we like to socialise afterwards where possible.

Juniors Report - by Chris Chubb

The Club currently has 12 juniors: Leela, Darcy, Zyan, Shad, Khilan, Namo are the most recent to become part of our Club, they join Aimee, Alice, Beth, Tristan, Alex and Matthew who have been gracing the terrain for a while. The new guys show great potential; those more established have already achieved a lot.

In the Southern Counties Junior singles we took the top two places, Tristan first and Alex second; on the same day Matthew won the Southern Junior Shooting Championships. The three lads later teamed up with Francesca from Adur to represent Southern Counties in the Inter-Regional Championships. They were declared the unbeaten Champs.

Tristan and Alex both represented the Club in the New Forest League and Alex distinguished himself with some great performances. Aimee with partner Paula came third in the Petanque England, National Adult/Junior Competition, she was also runner up in the Tony Giordano Open Doubles beating countless adults on the way.

When you next see the Juniors on the terrain give them a fulsome greeting. If you play them, respect them, they are always open to advice but might also be able to advise you. If you know any young people who might like to try this amazing sport bring them along. We have experienced and qualified coaches and often bring in visiting coaches to share their expertise.



Tristan, Alex & Matthew back from Lowestoft where they had been playing in the PE Inter-Regionals and came to Muscliff Park where they were greeted by Club mates, who congratulated them on their fantastic performances over the weekEnd. Photo shows: Shad, Zian, Khillan, Tristan, Alex, Matthew, Leela, Alice, and Namo



The Muscliff kids, Tristan, Alex & Matthew joined up with Francesca to represent Southern Counties in the inter-regional junior championships. The highly experienced Francesca captained the team and lead them to victory. Two days of competition, eight matches, unbeaten.