



## **September 2021 NEWSLETTER**

Hello Everyone.

I hope you're all well.

Hopefully you will have all seen the latest Covid advice from Jersey Sport. As our sport is played outside, it practically removes all restrictions applied to Pétanque. We would only have to track and trace large gatherings in the clubhouse. I know some people still have concerns being indoors, so it is your choice whether you wear a mask or not, and sanitising liquid is still available.

There are a lot of members that have still not returned to the club, we miss you, please try to get Wednesdays and Sundays back in your diaries as club days.

Check your programme as Dennis is busy running the usual competitions.

In last month's Newsletter I mentioned that Brian and his team were working hard spreading gravel and keeping our terrains up to scratch, I asked that if any members had some spare time the team would appreciate some help.

We had a reply from a member to this request stating they were "astounded" that we should be asking members to do work at the club when we had money in the bank.

I must admit to being very disappointed with this reply, I agree we have money in the bank that could pay for everything but is this what being a member of our club means. If it is then maybe, we should have called in outside caterers to put on the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party instead of our Social team and volunteers putting on a brilliant day for us. The JPC has a long history of members getting involved in all aspects of club life, we still have a great team of volunteers looking after our clubhouse and terrains. I for one would not like to see this change. We will employ professionals when the job requires it, like the planned painting of the flagpole, laying a new slab path and cutting a new outside door into the toilets, but I hope members will still feel they can "muck in" when they possibly can.

We have a new professionally created website up and running, and now we need someone to keep it updated. Is there a computer literate member hiding out there, or maybe a family member who could help please?

Another reminder to check you have the AGM in your diaries - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November at the St. Brelades Bay Hotel. Keep a lookout for all the details that will be coming your way shortly.

Hopefully look forward to seeing you all soon.

*Best wishes*

*Peter (President)*

## Captains Corner

On 08 August we held the mixed doubles competition with a total of 13 teams entering. After some very tough competition the eventual placings were as follows

- 1 Derek and Joy Hart
- 2 Peter Connor and Rosemary Renouf
- 3 Mick Cotillard and Rita Le Brocq

The 15<sup>th</sup> August saw the men's and ladies' doubles with an entry of eight ladies' teams and the same number of men. The placings in the men's competition were;

- 1 Derek Hart and Steve Foster
- 2 Gordon De Gruchy and Peter Blampied
- 3 Mike Yates and David Killip

The ladies finished as follows

- 1 Joy Hart and Judy Dove
- 2 Olive Thomas and Sue Spars
- 3 Linda Taylor and Jennie Le Marinel

The Presidents Trophy took place on 22 August with a disappointing entry of only 12 players, the results were as follows,

- 1 Ron Le Herissier and Olive Thomas
- 2 Anthony Riley and June Bastion
- 3 Doug Smith and Rosemary Renouf

In September we have three competitions these are,

Sunday 12 September Men's and Ladies Singles check in 11.45

Sunday 19 September Mixed Triples check in 09.45

Sunday 26 September Club Doubles check in 09.45

Don't forget entries will only be taken up to one week before the competition.

In addition, Sunday 05 September is the final week of the Summer Melee, prizes will be presented that afternoon.

Dennis

I have received the following message and photo from Ken Vibert.

This is the photo of the Coutances get together to celebrate what would have been our annual visit to them. They played a couple of games together before retiring to a local restaurant to eat and reminisce our friendship.

Ken

