

Election of Management Committee members

Agenda Item 8. Management Committee – Affiliated Leagues (2 year term)

Nominations

Ken Buchan

Profile

I have been a member of the BPA/EPA for 25 years and for 15 years acted either as Secretary or Treasurer of the BPA South East / KPA regions. For 8 years I also acted as treasurer of the Kent Petanque League. I have been a member of the League Section of the EPA MC for the last 6 years. Between 2014 and 2016 I acted as the organiser of EPA club “Euro Cup” competition. I am retired but my professional experience in company investigations and enforcement matters has helped me to contribute to the development and reform of the Association’s disciplinary procedures and the implementation of the Sport and Recreation Alliance’s code of good governance. Currently I act as the Association’s Disciplinary Officer and hold the MC brief for good governance matters. As someone who is passionate about pétanque I am committed to the Association’s efforts to improve the spread and standard of the sport and would like to see our Association becoming increasingly relevant and of value to all members. I would support further efforts to ensure that the MC takes account of and is responsive to the wishes of the grass roots membership.

Agenda Item 8. Management Committee – County Region (2 year term)

Nominations

Alan Roden

Nominated by: Chiltern – Neil Stevenson (President)

Profile

“I started playing this great sport of ours in 1998 at the age of 47 and my one big regret is that I didn’t discover it earlier and therefore missing out on the opportunity of playing at the highest level. I joined Luton Petanque Club and have been a member ever since, the last 14 years as Secretary. I took on the role of Chiltern Regional Team Manager in 2001 and have held it ever since.

I retired from work as an engineering manager in 2012 and now have more time on my hands, some of which I am keen to make available for the sport I love. I am fortunate in being in a Region that is excellent in attracting and developing young players but even here they tend to be children or relatives of existing players. I believe that some regions are not doing enough to attract young people into the sport, particularly after the decision that it was not necessary to have a junior squad at the inter regionals, and would like to see the EPA take a more active role in promoting the sport at school level.”

Jim Marstin

Nominated by: Kent– Bob Gaywood (President)

Profile

Having worked in the printing industry all my working career my spare time was limited. When I retired it was a good opportunity to enjoy a sport. and I have now been playing pétanque for seven years. I believe my admin experience when working has put me in the position of being able to organise and deliver an efficient service to our EPA registered clubs in support of the national Membership Secretary. I would like make a wider useful contribution to the work of the committee..

Agenda Item 9. Election of National Officers (2 year term)

National President

Martin Eggleton

Nominated By:, Alan Roden, Robert Parker, Colin Roper

Profile

I have been involved in Pétanque for approaching 30 years, playing club, region, national and internationally. In parallel, I have also been involved in the administration side of the sport at club, regional and national level.

Outside pétanque, I was a senior manager at IBM for more than 10 years leading a diverse group of business areas, specialising in risk management, change management and corporate governance. Currently I am an independent management consultant working with businesses assisting them through cultural and business change programmes. I have extensive business and personnel management experience and a broad knowledge of the pétanque community. The last two years as National President have seen some great initiatives, particularly with the Juniors and Espoirs, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for those, and for the new programmes with our adult squads.

National Vice President

Martin Hughes

Nominated By: Cary Bush, Colin Roper, Robert Parker

Profile

Personal

I live in North London and own a public relations business that specialises in regeneration and development. I have served on the boards of two multi-million pound charities and have broad experience in running voluntary bodies.

Playing and administrative experience

I was introduced to pétanque by my ex Father in Law and have been an EPA member since 1996. I am a former Chairman and Secretary of Chiltern Region EPA. I have represented England twice at Home Nations and Chiltern Region on numerous occasions at the inter-regional tournament.

Motivation for standing

Since being elected Vice-President by EPA members in a postal ballot in 2015, my primary focus has been on playing matters and seeking to improve communications. Working with our President, National Secretary, National Treasurer and Management Committee I think we have created a much more open, inclusive and transparent national body. I would like to continue for another two years to see through new playing initiatives and improve communications further.

National Secretary

David Baxter

Nominated By: Alan Roden, Robert Parker, Colin Roper

Profile

I learnt my pétanque in the early 80s at Gravesend and now play for Hartley in the Kent League. I have served as a Regional Treasurer, Regional President and the VP Finance of the BPA, in which role I was instrumental in seeing through the reorganisation of our sport and the formation of the EPA in November 2004 when I was elected to the Management Committee on which I served through 2013. I was elected to the EPA Management Committee in 2015 but was co-opted to fill the vacant post of National Secretary.

I am not just an administrator but also an experienced organiser, e.g. the Kent Classic, and have led groups to events across Europe. I will always be working to improve the playing standards and opportunities for EPA members. While it is vital the EPA give a lead I am keen to see more activity devolved away from the centre so that we have more people doing a bit rather than a few people doing a lot.

Agenda Item 10. Election of Arbitrators (2 year term)

No nominations