

Election of Management Committee members

Management Committee – Affiliated Leagues (2 vacancies)

Each Affiliated League can nominate candidates, who must have been members of the EPA for not less than 2 years at the closing date for nomination. This post is a two year term of office.

Candidate: **Kenneth Buchan**

Nominated by: Kent Petanque League – Mike Cubitt (President)

Profile Statement

“As someone who is passionate about pétanque I am committed to the Association's efforts to improve the spread and standard of the sport. I have been a member of the BPA/EPA for 23 years and for the last 14 years I have acted either as Secretary or Treasurer of the BPA South East / KPA regions. For the last 7 years I have 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 4 years. I am retired but my professional career was spent mainly in company investigations and enforcement. This experience has enabled 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. I have assisted with the organisation of some of the Association's events and during the last year I have organised the club team tournament. As a nominee of an affiliated league I view the MC from the perspective of a grass roots club member / league participant and would like to see our Association becoming increasingly relevant and of value to our grass roots members.”

Management Committee – County Region (4 vacancies)

Each County Region can nominate candidates, who must have been members of the EPA for not less than 2 years at the closing date for nomination. This post is a two year term of office.

Candidate: **David Baxter**

Nominated by: Kent Petanque Association – Corinne Cooter (Acting President)

Profile Statement

“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 am currently Secretary of the Kent Region. I am looking to return to the MC to support the new President in what

will be a time of change now that Mike Pegg has decided to stand down and take on the leadership role in the CEP.

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. "

Candidate: Alan Roden

Nominated by: Chiltern Region – Neil Stevenson (President)

Profile Statement

"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 join Luton Petanque Club and have been a member ever since, the last 12 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."

Election of National Officers

National President

Candidates, who must have been members of the EPA for not less than 4 years at the closing date for nomination and nominated by at least 3 members. This post is a two year term of office.

Candidate: Martin Eggleton

Nominated by: David Baxter, Robert Gaywood, Sheila King

Profile Statement

"I have been involved in Pétanque for more than 25 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. I was the Regional President of the Kent Pétanque Association for 10 years, National Director of Playing for some time and have been a team manager for a number of EPA national teams over the years. 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. All of which I will bring to the role of National President to take our organisation forward over the coming years with the delivery of our Association's 5 Year Plan."

National Secretary

Candidates, who must have been members of the EPA for not less than 2 years at the closing date for nomination and nominated by at least 3 members. This post is a two year term of office.

Candidate: ***no candidate***

National Vice President

Candidates, who must have been members of the EPA for not less than 2 years at the closing date for nomination and nominated by at least 3 members. This post is a two 2 year term of office.

Candidate: **Martin Hughes**

Nominated by: Richard Powell, Neil Dilley, Jack Blows

Profile Statement

“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. I was the Over 50's National Doubles Champion with my playing partner Adrian Emson in 2013. For the past five years I have organised the Whittlesey Indoor series (6 competitions during the winter). I have attended several international FIPJP tournaments and regularly play abroad, including at an annual 'twinning' competition in Holland which has been going 15 years since I helped set it up.

Motivation for standing

My primary interest is to promote and improve EPA competitions and help our top level players succeed at national and international level. I would also like to apply my business experience to make the EPA more efficient and improve communications with the membership."

Candidate: Neil Stevenson

Nominated by: Gareth Sullivan, Sean Prendergast, David Dent

Profile Statement

"I have been involved in league committees since 2002 and the Regional Committee since 2010. I am a grade 3 Umpire and have built several Pistes & Clubs.

I have a degree in Quantity Surveying and for the last 31 years I have worked in the Construction Industry, this mixes a need for a thorough understanding of Contract Law and the practicalities of bringing complex projects in on time and under budget. I am very used to attending meeting and discussing matters and achieving resolutions, I am equally at home dealing with board room meetings or situations on sites, I mix with all types of people from all walks of life, often with radically different views. In 1996 I became self-employed

Prior to Petanque I was involved in running Ten Pin Bowling, Rotaract, Squash and Sports Clubs. I have been involved in organising things. My father ingrained in me "to either put up or shut up" I therefore find myself involved in where "less busy people" do not.

Outside of Petanque I still play Squash, Dance Ceroc, Ski, cycle, read and listen to music. Recently I re-married and I have the full support of Bev in applying for this post."

National Membership Secretary

Candidates, who must have been members of the EPA for not less than 2 years at the closing date for nomination and nominated by at least 3 members. This post is a one year term of office due to vacancy.

Candidate: Ray Keemer-Richards

Nominated by: Peter Clarke, Jenny Clarke, Ray Keemer-Richards

Profile Statement

"Although I have only been playing Petanque for 5 years I have had a great deal of experience in sports management.

For a number of years I was League and Membership Secretary for the Dorset Golf Union and League.

I am into my third year as Kent Regional Membership Secretary and have also worked with Richard Baker on the Club registration side of EPA Membership.

I have also attended one of Mike Pegg`s Database Days. I therefore consider I have the knowledge and experience of working with the EPA database and membership

software to enable me to do a swift and efficient job of the position of National Membership Secretary."

Director of Promotions

Candidates, who must have been members of the EPA for not less than 2 years at the closing date for nomination and nominated by at least 3 members. This post is a one year term of office due to vacancy.

Candidate: ***no candidate***

Election of Arbitrators

Arbitrator

Candidates, who must have been members of the EPA for not less than 5 years at the closing date for nomination and nominated by at least 3 members.

Candidate: **Gerald Barton**

Nominated by: Ann Barton, Tony Mann, Mike Pegg

Profile Statement

"I have been a member of the EPA and its predecessors since 1985. Since joining I have held many positions in the local league and region, as well as National positions as President, Director of Finance and Treasurer. I was also honoured to receive Life Membership in 1996.

In recent years I have been an elected Arbitrator as well as the Associations auditor. I believe in upholding the views of the Members of the Association, as laid down in its constitution and rules, together with taking a common sense approach to any problems presented to me.

By holding the above mentioned positions I have a good working knowledge of the EPA. This has proved to be beneficial to me in my position as an Arbitrator over the past 6+ years.

I look forward to receiving your support in my application to be re-elected as an Arbitrator and my hope for the next term of office is that the well-being of the Association is reflected by the Disciplinary and Arbitrators panel not being called upon."

Candidate: Robert Herrick

Nominated by: Peter Lynas, Graeme Kirkham, Susan Williamson

Profile Statement

"I feel that by putting myself forward as an Arbitrator I can give something back to the game and ensure that the sport's good reputation for fairness and friendliness can be maintained.

I have played pétanque at local, regional and inter-regional level for the best part of thirty years. As a former member, National Officer and Regional President of the BPA and a current member and Regional Officer of the EPA I have an in depth knowledge and experience of pétanque in the UK, which I can bring to any matter which may come before the Arbitration Panel."

Appointment of an Auditor

Auditor

The EPA Management Committee nominate the following candidate.

Candidate: Gerald Barton

Profile Statement – can be found in Election of Arbitrators above.