

Keystone Petanque Finals Day 2022

With a grey start and a few spots of rain, Lightning and thunder in the forecast, we were not looking forward to the day ahead, but turned out at 9pm for setting up. The first arrivals caught us unaware being half an hour early, but one of their opponents was late on parade. Games got underway without great delay and were closely fought from start to finish. The Youth Club kindly provided tea, coffee and bar for the day.

The first three games, being the play off between the top of the two leagues was won by the Tisbury Tigers, with Lee's Lobbers as runners up.



The fourth game was the obligatory play off for the wooden spoon, but is the winner the loser or vice versa for that one?

During a rolling BBQ lunch, of burgers, sausages, salad and curry coleslaw, with a variety of sauces, play got underway for the three-way doubles final. Martin & Jan took the first game, followed by a closely fought second against Ian & Shannon where Martin ripped his way to a 13/11 finish with his last boule stealing four points. After 7+ years in the Keystone league and a few runners up trophies, Shaftesbury can now lay claim to a Doubles trophy to add to the Triples in 2018. Ian & Shannon took silver with Damon & Terry picking up bronze.

The Final play off being the triples, best of three to ten was won by Tisbury Tigers, with Lee's Lobbers runners up. Elsewhere on the piste multiple short games of Nearest The Coche were taking place and the glass of Cochonet needed to be re-filled.

Many thanks to www.keystonebrewery.co.uk for continuing to sponsor the league and trophies again this year. Nick Browne for yet again chairing the League and enabling the fourteen teams to get together in social matches throughout the year. Peter & Heather Sanger for making the Youth Club Hall, bar and kitchen facilities available to us. Thank you also to the Shaftesbury Twinning Team for hosting the event and providing the BBQ. £52 raised on the BBQ will go to Shaftesbury Town Twinning Association funds.



The Keystone Petanque League is a relaxed and social league for players to enjoy a regular afternoon or evening out at alternative venues. Most matches are within 5 or 10 miles of home. A team requires only 4 players (one car) and we welcome players of all standards. Even if you don't wish to join a league, many of us are happy to just come and play or host a casual match. Contact whsmoore@talktak.net or Nick Browne keystonepetanque@gmail.com