

Kettleburgh Pétanque Club

Report 2015

In 2014 the Kettleburgh Pétanque Team participated in two leagues, the summer Suffolk Coastal Pétanque Alliance which runs from March to September, and the Suffolk Winter League which runs from October to April.

The 2014-2015 season was our most successful yet. In the Suffolk Coastal Pétanque Alliance league the team won their division without losing a game, and progressed through to the last sixteen where we beat the Kings Head from Stutton before facing the Crown Inn from Snape in the last 8. A close fought game was eventually won 3-2, which meant for the first time Kettleburgh were playing on the Finals Weekend. Following some hard fought games, we ended up coming 4th, narrowly missing out on the trophies. In the Suffolk Coastal Pétanque Alliance Knockout, we progressed to the 3rd round before losing to the Dolphin Inn at Thorpeness.

The Winter League was bolstered with some new teams this year, including the Railway Inn Framlingham, bringing the total teams up to 7. Despite finishing 5th this year, we had some notable victories against some of the best players and teams in Suffolk, and we continue to improve and learn from these matches.

Following the Race Night in March 2014, we continued to look at funding to build a second piste at the Chequers. In March 2015 we were pleased to be awarded £1150 from the Suffolk Coastal Council's Enabling Communities Budget. A second Race Night was run in at the end of March 2015, and again the proceeds were split with the KGT. This allowed us to proceed with the project and following some hard work from the volunteers we completed the piste at the end of April. Part of this process was the forming of the Kettleburgh Pétanque Club, whose aim 'shall be to foster and to encourage the playing of the sport of, and community participation in, Pétanque.'

We are currently planning a Grand Opening event, and look forward to welcoming potential new players with events to be run through the year.