

Pétanque Club are crowned champions

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Wellington Pétanque Club have made a triumphant return to the Devon Pétanque League this year, winning the championship.

They first played in the league five years ago when they came bottom. Their return after a two-year absence showed how much the club's standard of play has improved.

Two teams were entered – Wellington (men) and Monument, the only women's team in the league.

Monument played well but it was Wellington who came second in their division and reached the semi-finals, which were played at ISCA in Exeter.

Both of Wellington's matches were played against the division leaders. They took the semi-final against Plymouth Mayflower 4–0 and a hard-fought battle against Ottery St Mary saw them take the title 3–1.

Congratulations go to the team members (*pictured above*) – Eddie Gozna (captain), Derrick Tron, Michael Wheatley and Geoff Sully.

Wellington Pétanque Club, which is based adjacent to the Basins, are keen to promote the sport in the local area.

The club's Patricia Fleming said: "Pétanque (or boules) is a fun, friendly, addictive game which can be played by all ages and abilities together.

"It looks deceptively simple and with a quick introduction you can be playing. But it takes practice to throw steel boules, weighing around 700 grams, accurately between six and ten metres while standing in a small circle.

"We have around 50 members, play on two afternoons a week and would very much welcome new members to join us on Thursdays.

"Membership also includes social membership of Wellington Bowling Club which hosts a full programme of events.

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"If you would like to come along to try the game, please contact us via our website – wellingtonpetanque.club – so that we have boules available for you to borrow and ensure that you have an enjoyable experience."


