

# 2016

#  Liberation Petanque Club

# Singles Cup

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# 24 players took part in this year’s competition saw the clubs best players playing 4 rounds under the Swiss system as with all Liberations competitions.

# Round 1 saw a shock as Island & Liberation Singles Open champion Matt Buesnel lost to Cassie Stewart. 2015 champion Ross Payne just beat Mike Robinson 13 – 12. Matt Pinel handed Colin Myers a fanny certificate and Lorna Limbrick beat David Ibitson 13 – 12.

# Round 2 saw the shocks continue as Brigitte Ibitson beat Andrew Bellamy-Burt 13-11 and Matt Buesnel lost again this time 13-12 to Joey Le Clech. David Ibitson regained form to beat Brian Harris and Toby Northern won two out of two beating Alice Ibitson 13 – 6.

# Round 3 saw Paul Le Moine win three out of three handing David Ibitson a 13 – 2 defeat to guarantee a top 8 finish. Despite beating Andrew in Round 2 Brigitte could only score 1 point against Matt Pinel who conceded just 8 points in the first three rounds. 2015 Champion Ross Payne lost to Toby Northern 13-12.

# The final round saw several players still in with a chance of making the top 8. Matt Pinel again only conceded 2 points beating Alice Ibitson to finish on 4 wins BHN 7 + 42, But it was Toby Northern who finished top of the rankings beating Paul Le Moine 13 – 4, 4 wins BHN 10 + 26.

# Geoffroy Buffetrille lost 13-12 to Ellis Turmel a result that took Ellis through instead of Geoffroy.

# Despite winning his last match Andrew Bellamy-Burt could only finish 13th with two wins. Brigitte Ibitson beat Ian Foster to finish 5th on 3 wins and Alice Ibitson finished 8th, the only player on 2 wins to make it through and Cup holder Ross made it through in 4th place.

# The Quarter Finals were as follows:

# Toby Northern v Alice Ibitson

# Matt Pinel v Ellis Turmel

# Paul Le Moine v Brian Harris

# Ross Payne v Brigitte Ibitson

# In a repeat of Round 2 Toby beat Alice again, but it was much closer this time, despite Alice Alice always playing catch up. Matt Pinel continued to destroy his opponents handing Ellis a beating, but a good performance from Ellis playing in his first Liberation Singles Cup.

# Brian Harris turned the rankings upside down beating Paul Le Moine to make the semi-finals and Ross Payne just overcame Brigitte in a close match.

# The semi finals saw Toby have to play another player again in Ross Payne, but despite just beating Ross 13-12 in the Swiss Rounds, ran out a much more comfortable winner meaning out of 4 years there would be 4 different winners. Matt Pinel would not let Brian Harris stand in his way making the final.

# So the two finalists, both of who were the only players to win 4 out of 4 matches in the Swiss Rounds met in the final.

# Matt started like every other match racing into a lead before being pegged back to 10 – 10 by Toby, but it was Matt’s day in the end running out 13 – 10 winner for a well-deserved cup triumph.

# Congratulations to everyone who took part in another successful competition.

# Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for this competition and the running of it on the day which takes a great deal of time and effort. If you like to help out at future competitions please let me know.

# Kind Regards,

# Chairman

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