

Marches Petanque Club

Invitation for entry to the

11th Hereford Open 2009 Triples Competition

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2009

THE SWAN INN, LETTON, HEREFORDSHIRE

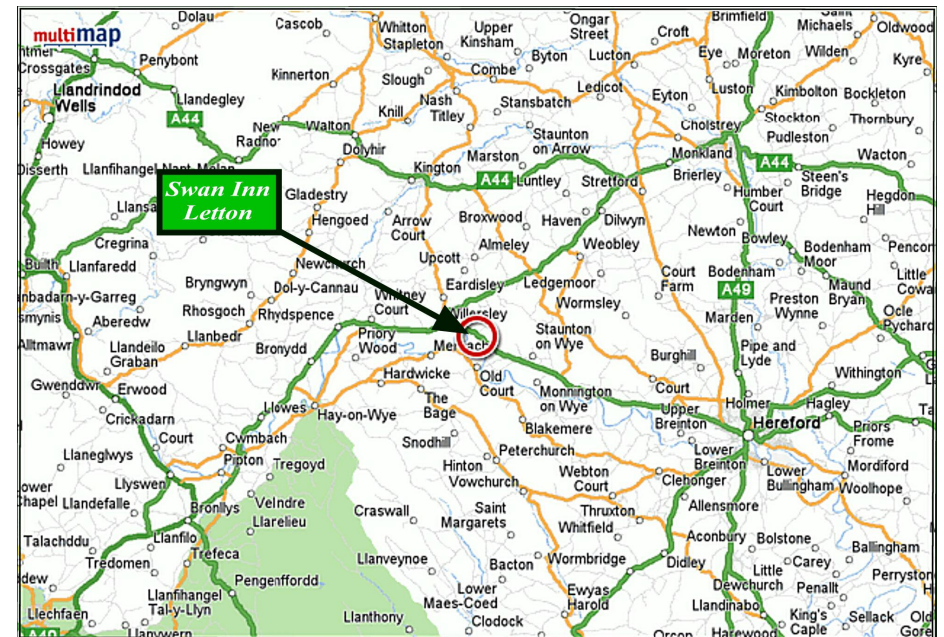
*All proceeds from this event
will go to
County Air Ambulance Charity*

The Hereford Open committee of Marches Petanque Club are delighted to return to our new venue for this years' event.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jennie & Ian Robertson at The Swan Inn, Letton for their support and enthusiasm in hosting the 11th Hereford Open.

This family run country pub offers home cooked food and real ales for you to enjoy. There will be a bar menu available on the day and facilities available for those teams who wish to camp overnight on site.

We are also pleased to advise that we will be repeating the Pairs event on Saturday 27th June (Entry on the day) Registration from 11am - Play at 1pm



To enter this competition, please complete the attached entry form and return by 23th May 2009 with a cheque made payable to: *MPC Hereford Open A/C* - then post to:

Joanie Roberts (Secretary Hereford Open)
5 Orchard Close
Dilwyn
Herefordshire HR4 8HQ

Format of Play - Starting at 9.45am

Morning

All 64 teams play 3 games each against three different opponents drawn at random. Games are played to 13 points as per EPA rules but time is limited to 45 minutes with time warnings at 35 & 40 minutes. Unfinished games at the end of 45 minutes will complete the end in play and use the resulting score as the recorded result. The team with the higher score will be awarded a win of 2 points & losing team 0. If scores are level, each team will be awarded 1 point for a draw.

There will be 10 minute breaks between each round of matches. Teams are not to start matches until instructed by the organisers. Based on the number of match points gained in the morning rounds, the teams will be divided into 4 pools for the afternoon competition - the top 16 into pool 1, the next 16 into pool 2 and so forth. Ranking will be decided by match points, game points difference and game points scored, in that order. In the event of 2 teams having exactly the same score, their ranking will be determined by the toss of a coin, unless they have played each other in the morning rounds, in which case the winner of that game will be ranked the higher of the two.

Afternoon

The pools of 16 teams will be seeded into groups of 4. The teams will play a round robin with each match limited to 45 minutes. Unfinished games at the end of 45 minutes will complete the end in play and the using the resulting score as the recorded result. In the event that the scores are level, the team winning the last end will throw the cochonnet and 1 player from each team will throw 1 boule each (normal order of play) to decide the match. The team holding shot will gain the extra point. Match points awarded will simply be 1 point for a win. The 4 group winners in each pool will qualify for the semi-finals. These matches will be played to 13 points and not subject to a time limit. Winners of the semi's to play the final, losers will play off for 3rd place, again, no time limit.

NOTE: The captains of BOTH teams to hand in their results to the organisers, TOGETHER. Thank you

Registration 9am - 9.30am Play to commence 9.45am
Lunch 12.30pm - 1.30pm

The number of teams entered into the Hereford Open will be restricted to 64. Early entry is advisable.

For assistance concerning accommodation or any other query please contact Joanie Roberts 07973 919811
E-mail: joanieroberts@fireflyuk.net

Varied refreshments and Bar will be available throughout the day and you are encouraged to use the venues facilities

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And with your support
we will achieve in excess of £1000 worth of prizes

Winners of Pool 1 will win £300 cash prize

Your entry to the Hereford Open will be confirmed in writing

See you on the Piste!

