



# Press Release

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## Home team narrowly edged out in Petanque Triples Final

*Photo (L to R): Richard Burrow, Yvonne Wickham, Alastair Cowper*



The Thorner Petanque Club team of Richard Burrow, Yvonne Wickham, and Alastair Cowper gained a narrow victory over Charles Stewart, Sue Couture and Nigel Clay from Harrogate Montpellier Petanque Club by 13 points to 11 in the annual, CNG Invitational Triples Final last Saturday (11<sup>th</sup>).

The former winning trio from Harrogate were leading until the very last end, where three points secured victory for the CNG Trophy by the Thorner team in their first appearance in the competition.

Eight teams took part in a day of very variable weather, and representing clubs from Leeds, and Huddesfield as well as Harrogate and Thorner.

The Harrogate Club chairman, Nigel Clay commented, "Despite the occasional very heavy downpour and being 'pipped at the post', it was a very enjoyable day's play. The town centre location provides a very good showcase for the sport, and the skillful and exciting matches drew a lot of interest from passers-by.

We are delighted that the Harroagte club has prospered since its formation in 2012 and has now got to the point where we will need an additional, bigger venue to accommodate full Club sessions and host inter Club events – plus some indoor space for cover when it pours! We hope to have this in operation for Spring 2020, and create the scope for broader community involvement in an activity which is so inclusive and sociable for all ages and abilities.

Anybody is welcome to come along for a 'taster' at Club sessions. Details can be found on the noticeboard at The Pierhead and at the 'Bettys' end, behind the bus shelter, or on line by visiting our website: [www.harrogatetanque.com](http://www.harrogatetanque.com)".