**Wellington Petanque Association**

**Regional Coaches Annual Report for 2021**

For the second year in a row Covid-19 caused the postponement of the annual Chanticleer match with Auckland.

However, the Tri-Star was able to be played. This was hosted by the Naenae Petanque Club on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December 2021.

Wellington was represented by two teams as is the normal for the host association.

The two Wellington Teams were:

Wellington Black:

Claire Bradburn (Silverstream), Dave Gatchell (Horowhenua), Tony Gatford (Kapiti),

Ann Hogg (Horowhenua), Vaughan Husband (Manawatu) and Michelle Maxwell (Kapiti).

Wellington Gold:

Debby Butler (Kapiti), Christine Daykin (Manawatu), Ngaire Eriksen (Horowhenua),

Yvonne Futcher (Wanganui East), Dave Gwerder (Upper Hutt), Tony Simpson (Wanganui East).

Coaches:

Graeme Morris (Masterton), Assistant Coach Shirley MacDonald (Otaki).

Umpires:

Michael Rocks (Khandallah), Clive Williams (Naenae).

It was a slow start for the Wellington Black team who had only two wins and a draw on day one. The Gold team performed much better and finished day one with six wins and a draw to be in second place.

On day two (doubles) the Black team combinations played much better and ended up with 8 wins. The Gold team finished with six wins and a draw.

Wellington Black helped to decide the eventual winner (Southern) by winning all 3 of their last round games against Canterbury.

Final Scores:

Southern 47½, Canterbury 40½, Wellington Gold 32½, Wellington Black 23½.

Seven Training/Selection days were held with a squad of 22 players.

The annual match against Hawkes Bay was not played for the second year in a row.

Graeme Morris (Regional Coach)