

The Devon Petanque Region Team travelled to Cornwall to play the Kernow Region at The Star Inn in St Day near Redruth. After early starts and long journeys for the teams we arrived to find a very fast and bumpy terrain that tested all players. We played timed games of 1 hour that was a format not familiar to many of our teams but despite the format and the terrain all players stuck to their game with varying results. Top performing Devon teams were the Pig on the Hill team of John Violet, Chris Jeffrey and Gary Smith and the ISCA pair of Stewart Brown and Joan Dixie joined by Peter Smith from Ottery St Mary with 4 wins out of 6. Our number 4 team of Mike Carroll and Mike Newberry from Plymouth with Simon Rapsey from Westward Ho! in their first inter regional match played very well with 3 wins from 6 games, well done to a new team!

The Kernow teams were more familiar with the Star Inn terrain and our teams did take a few games to adjust to the conditions. This was borne out by the result of the first round of games going to Kernow 5-1. Our only win was in the match between both top teams with the new Devon triples champions of Ged and Ann Barton with John Phipps managing to beat the Kernow top triple of Colin 'Boot' Booth, Roy Pemberton and Graeme Kirkham 12 – 10. This was however the last success for our new champions as they were not able to repeat this form for the rest of the day. On a positive note 7 of our team were “blooded” in this match playing at this level for the first time. This will hopefully bear fruit in the future. Kernow eventually ran out worthy victors 21 – 15. The Devonians look forward to next year at one of our venues when the playing conditions will be more to our liking!

	Wins
Devon 1 - John Phipps, Ged and Ann Barton, Ian Ash	1
Devon 2 - Rob Thomas, John and Rose Thatcher	2
Devon 3 - Chris Jeffrey, John Violet and Gary Smith	4
Devon 4 - Mike Carroll, Mike Newberry and Simon Rapsey	3
Devon 5 - Stewart Brown, Joan Dixie and Peter Smith	4
Devon 6 - Mike Anderson, Ian and Sue Ramsay	1