



## **JERSEY PETANQUE ASSOCIATION INVITATION COMPETITION – 26/27 JUNE 2010**

A makeshift Irish team of 12, comprising some seasoned International players and a fair number of less experienced ‘social’ players, took part in a competition in Jersey over the weekend of 26/27 June 2010. Jersey Petanque Association fielded 2 teams and a Scottish team of experienced Celtic Challenge players completed the line up.

The competition was played in beautiful weather over 2 complete days. The terrain was flat, compact sand provided by the Council in the Weighbridge area of St. Helier. It is not used by Jersey club players, but accommodates a ‘lunchtime’ league of 3 Divisions, approximately 180 players from local offices, banks etc.

Predictably, the Irish team struggled against the more experienced opposition, however, the less experienced players in particular on the Irish side, deserve great credit for firstly, stepping outside their comfort zone to provide sufficient numbers to take part in the competition and secondly to ‘play above themselves’ for the cause.

Jersey 1 was victorious with 33 wins, including a maximum 12 wins for their youngest team. Jersey 2 was second with 24 wins, Scotland were third with 23 wins and Ireland finished ‘just outside the top three’, with 16 wins.

In the event that Ireland is invited to such a competition again, it’s clear that only something close to our best side could hope to really compete. It remains to be seen if we will be invited again and if so, whether or not a strong side would be available.

Most of the Irish team stayed in Jersey for a week, enjoying ‘wall to wall’ sunshine, visits to various attractions, beautiful coastal walks and camaraderie at breakfast and dinner times.

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