



Palm Reader

The newsletter of Palmerston Indoor Bowling Club

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AGM

Saturday 25th March 10am

It is AGM time again and I urge YOU to give up a little time on Saturday, 25th March to support the Officers and Committees of the Club. This is the forum where the decisions are made which will affect you as a member for the next twelve months and there will be some items which will need your vote.

Your attendance will show your appreciation of the members who give so much of their time to provide you with a comfortable, well run club. Remember this is a club of which we all have the right to feel proud. Please don't treat Palmerston IBC as a leisure centre run by paid staff and where decisions are made without you having the opportunity to express your opinion.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM.

Norman Evans-Rohrs

Chairman Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club Ltd.

Men's Captain's Report

The first thing as Captain I must do is to thank everyone who have supported me throughout the year in whatever capacity it was.

Our first club competition was the Denny Cup in which we went through to the fourth round, further than any previous season we have competed in, an excellent effort.

Honda Top Ten, this was the second season of entering and we finished by being third in the league section just short of getting to the finals but with 63pts as against 27pts the previous season a great improvement in results.

The London & Southern Counties single rink did not fare as well, going in the first round. The Challenge Shield was given over to players who did not play regularly in the other competitions and did very well by getting to the second round, a good effort by them. The other national competition, the over 60s double rink, were unable to get through the first round - this

was a disappointment.

The County Presidents' games were well supported and enjoyed with members qualifying getting their badges.

Congratulations to the members who played in the Liberty and Home Counties games.

The highlight of the season for me was the club winning the Bramley Bowl and becoming County Club Champions for 2005/06 this being the third time in our short history.

Club friendlies have progressed reasonably well with most matches now only requiring 6 rinks, this seems to be the right format.

I wish everybody a successful summer whether inside or out and see you next season.

Ian Chittenden - Men's Captain

Sunday Evening Triples

- Names Required

I know what you're thinking. What's this about triples? There isn't a Sunday evening triples! Yes, you are right. There's a fours league 6:15pm to 8:15pm. However there is a problem. Some teams have dropped out and some of the remaining teams are now wondering if it's worth carrying on next year.

As yet nothing has been decided, but the Committee want to know who might be interested, if we could re-jig this league into a mixed triples league. We all know triples are more popular - 3 woods instead of 2.

We could perhaps have a drawn league, similar to the ladies. They found this formula successful this season. I'm sure the draw would be 'seeded' somehow to avoid very strong or very weak teams. Or if you prefer, just an ordinary league with chosen teams.

The other thought is - do husband/wife pairs want to avoid one playing while the other is stand-down? I know this has been a perennial problem amongst some couples. There is a possible solution. When teams are chosen we just make sure they play in different teams (a side benefit is less arguments!). We would need to ask the team leaders to co-ordinate the schedules so they always play on the same weeks.

I don't suppose everyone already in this 4's league would agree to change things, but if the existing league is in danger of folding, we ought to try to do something.

If you are interested in playing in this league as a mixed triples league from September, please put your name down on the list on the Stewards desk - and do it now please before the AGM, so we can discuss it at the AGM. We'd have to move quickly to organise this (with the forbearance of the league secretaries) as we're very close to the end of this season. And tell your friends who might be interested - unfortunately a number of members don't notice the Palm Reader when it's published!

Competitions

COMPETITIONS 2005/06

Finals Week

We will soon know who all the finalists are for the matches in "Finals Week". In case you haven't made a note in your diaries this will take place over 4 days from the 4th to 7th April, with games being played in the evening starting at 6.15pm. A schedule will shortly be appearing on the Competition Board giving all the details – why not come and give your support to your friends, league team members, partners, fellow competitors or whatever!

Presentation night will have the same format as last year and will take place on Sat 8th April in the restaurant. The actual presentations will take place at 8pm preceded by a cheese/pate buffet starting at 7pm. Tickets for this are now available at the bar for £2.50.

COMPETITIONS 2006/07

Club

It may seem strange to be talking about next year when we haven't finished this year's competitions! However, we don't have much time left before most of you finish with the indoor game for this year – something like 3 weeks. The calling notice has been on the Competitions Board for some days now; to date I have received 3 entries for next year! Come on, get talking and arrange your teams and get those entries in.

It's perhaps worth highlighting 2 points in relation to next year's competitions: -

Mixed Pairs There will be no separate calling notice for entries - in the past these have been asked for in Sept/Oct when we start the new season. The entry forms now available (next to the competition box) include this competition. I hope none of you will be caught out by this change of routine.

Open Two Wood Singles A new competition is being proposed for 2 wood singles which will be played

over 21 ends and open to men and women (may seem obvious from the title but I have been asked whether both sexes can enter!). It is felt that such games can be easily completed within a 2 hour session. I hope that you will give this your full support. No 3rd or 4th wood to get you out of jail, men versus women – this could be very interesting! Give it a shot.

Nationals

A reminder to the men that the calling notice for the 2006/07 competitions is now on the Competition Board. The closing date for entries is 8th April 2006.

Andrew Miller

Men's Competition Secretary

LADIES COMPETITIONS

The new format for the competitions has proved to be popular, on the whole, and is working well.

Congratulations are due to Linda Maple and Jill Cook on reaching the singles final. Also to the Pairs finalists where Eileen Duhig and June Weale will play Carole Ashley and Margaret Fowles.

The triples matches are still in progress.

Finals will be held between the 4th and the 7th April, why not make a note in your diaries and come and watch some good bowling and support our lady competitors.

The drawn competitions will be repeated in this current form next season, however, it has been decided to add a two wood triple or two wood pairs competition, in which competitors may make up their own teams. We would be pleased to receive your opinions concerning this proposed new venture.

Jill Rowe

Ladies Competition Secretary

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Personally I wholeheartedly endorse the "New Member Friend" idea. (Bowls Buddy?!)

By helping new members along is the only way, I feel,

a) to remove their reservations of league play. Doesn't it sound daunting when mentioned to a first timer.

Also possibly,

b) we could help introduce the reception desk system

c) drives etc...

I love the idea of a "Bowls Buddy"! I'm in (if required!) as soon as possible.

Marje Ramson

30 Cards Missing!

I have just reordered and collected the money for the cards. 30 cards have been taken without being paid for since the last order. Someone is taking advantage of this service and depriving their club of needy funds. Please think carefully and search your conscience if you are guilty.

Marion Rose

Editor: I really find it impossible to believe that someone has taken 30 cards deliberately without paying. That's a lot of cards. Surely someone has an explanation - probably they forgot to pay. I know it sounds incredible, but I would believe this rather than that it was intentional. If you read this and suddenly realise that it was you, the simple thing to do is to put the money in the box now. It would be nice to let us know, but the main thing is to correct the error. If there's some simple explanation, I'd be pleased to put it in the next newsletter to let people know we don't have a petty criminal in our ranks.

Committee Notes

A copy of the existing New Members Introductory Booklet has been passed to a new member for his comments before reprinting. (Editor: I understand he has now passed this back and it is in the process of being produced)

Quotations are being sought for securing both the Men's and Ladies' changing rooms. A notice is to be displayed requesting members not to leave any valuables in the changing rooms other than in their lockers.

A proposal is to be presented at the AGM stating that All Club Competitions will be in accordance with current EIBA Rules, i.e.: Singles - 21 shots, Pairs - 21 Ends, Triples - 18 Ends and Rinks - 21 Ends. There will only be a 4 hour maximum limit for all matches.

It is proposed that the Indoor Season for 2006/2007 should start on 18th September 2006.

It was suggested that it would be more convenient if the Club AGM was moved to a date in April each year. This would allow the incumbent President to present the prizes during Finals Week. The matter to be discussed at the next Director's Meeting.

A suggestion was made that during a game if the jack becomes dead it should be re-spotted at a predetermined position and the end completed. Further discussion is required.

Editorial

I hope you enjoyed your bowling season this year and have the opportunity for a bit of R&R before the outdoor season starts in earnest. And even for those of us who don't play outdoors, let's look forward to some warmer weather!

Also if you don't normally bowl at all in the summer, you can always pop in to Palmerston for a roll-up on odd occasions. I'd suggest avoiding Tuesday or Thursday and remember it's a 10am start, but closed on Saturday.

See you at the AGM and also hopefully, at the end-of-season Presentation Evening.

Russell Gadd - Editor

You can contribute to the newsletter either by writing an article or a letter to the editor. If you use a computer please email it to russellgadd@fastmail.fm and I'll acknowledge receipt of emails. Or put it on a floppy disc (either plain text or a .doc file). Otherwise hand items in to the office addressed to Palm Editor.

All issues will be produced monthly during the winter season with the deadline at the end of the previous month. This is the last issue for this Winter Season, next issue September.

Did you know?

Palmerston Catering's not here just for tasty meals and great value Sunday lunches

*Friend or relative getting married?
Ask for a quote*

Special birthday coming up?

Want the special occasion without the hard work? - We'll deliver!

Silver or Gold? We can do any colour anniversary

Buffet or four-course meal, hot or cold, the choice is yours!
Contact Richard for further details

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Social and Fundraising

by Rene Bowshell - Social Secretary

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Recent Events

Race Night was its usual success. Winners and losers enjoyed the horse racing and the tasty Ploughmans Supper. £208 was raised for Club Funds.

Cheese and Wine / Fun & Games evening gave 65 Members and friends another memorable evening and I understand that the selection of food provided by Richard was much appreciated by everyone. My thanks to all the ladies who presented the food and to the men who supervised the games. I really miss not being there!! The proceeds were about £180 to Club Funds. Well done!

Charity Cabaret Dinner organised by Malcolm Chapman on February 18th in aid of the Rainbow Trust was very successful. Over 100 people attended and with the help of raffles, auctions etc the magnificent sum of £800 was raised for the new Rainbow Centre in Fareham. I understand the Cabaret was top class although costly!

Friday March 3rd – Supper and Quiz Night in aid of Macmillan was fully booked and thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. The evening raised £540 for this worthy cause. Some of our members are working hard and giving valuable support to several charities bringing to Palmerston the respect of the local community.

Saturday 11th March - Coffee Morning has come and gone!! I understand we raised £326 for Club Funds. There were plenty of bargains for sale including prize fuchsia plants (thanks to Bruce Bedford) and some expert wood carving items (thanks to Andrew Miller). The attendance was disappointing especially for the Ladies (and some men) who work hard serving coffee and manning stalls. This is one of our most lucrative events as far as fund raising is concerned as it is all down to the generous efforts of you – the Members! Please come next year! Incidentally Bruce will be happy to give an evening demonstration on Fuchsia propagation from cuttings, pest control, fertilisation and any other advice –he may even have a few more plants for sale! Watch the Notice Board and list your name.

Upcoming Events

Friday 17th March – Mayor of Fareham (Leslie Keeble) – Dinner & Quiz Evening. In aid of the Mayor's local Charities. I'm sure it will be as successful as the last one!

Saturday 25th March – Cabaret Dinner The return visit of the Brookfield School Jazz Band seems to have been very popular- the table list was filled up in only two days!! If you were lucky enough to get in please get your tickets

(£11.50) from the Bar as soon as possible and mark your name off on the list. Don't forget to select your menu! Should be another enjoyable evening.

Saturday April 29th 2006 - Murder Mystery Dinner. You will see from the Poster that all arrangements are well in hand. Table List is on the Board. Please book in Tables of 6 or 7 or 8 wherever possible. Take a Booking List(s) from the envelope. When completed return it in a sealed envelope with your remittance to the Bar. It will be passed to the Treasurer who will issue a receipt and leave it in the alphabetical mailbox. Remember the Winter season ends early April after which the Club only opens in the mornings. Early booking advised.

SUMMER PROGRAMME (Proposed)

Make a note of the following dates in your Diary:- Watch Notice Board for changes.

Saturday 20th May – Cabaret Dinner

Saturday 17th June - Cabaret Dinner

Saturday 8th July - Race Night

Saturday 22nd July - Cabaret Dinner

Saturday 19th August – Cabaret Dinner

Saturday 30th September – Cabaret Dinner

FUND RAISING

Treasure Chest – Tickets are on sale every Friday evening from 5.30pm (£1 strip of 5). Draw is made at 8.00pm. If you have the lucky number you will win £5 and also have the chance to choose from the remaining keys to open the 'Treasure Chest'. Currently the Chest holds £135 – will be over £150 on Friday (17th) Try your luck on St. Patrick's Day!! My thanks to Bruce & Ray for taking over while I am unable to get there. Only a few more Fridays before start of summer season.

100 Club – List of your allocated numbers is displayed on the Notice Board. Winners in February were Gary Lloyd and Clive Lamshead who each won £40. The final draw for this season will be on 31st March.

Bonus Ball - From the end of March there will only be one bonus ball draw – probably Saturdays.

Whether you are bowling inside or outside during the Summer – just enjoy it!!

Keep your eye on the Social Notice Board for details of our special events.