



Palm Reader

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Club Night Trophy

The result of the 2005/6 Club Night trophy was decided on Friday 14th April with a two bowl play off which went in favour of Bruce Bedford seen here accepting the salver from President Ray Rowe. Runner up Ted Howell is on the left.

The trophy is awarded to the member who amasses the highest total of points throughout the season. After every Club Night, the members with the highest scores get 30 points, the next 29 and so on down as far as the last playing member for that night. The total was calculated over 25 playing evenings, and administered by Gerry Thomas, who initiated the idea, and provided the trophy. When he was away on holiday, Ian and Janice Tolputt continued the calculations.

Bruce Bedford, and Ted Howell both ended the season with 566 points, third was Steve Duffy, fourth Peter Holmes, and fifth Gordon Davies.

After the play off the Club Night members present agreed that they would like the aggregate score trophy to continue next season.

This trophy is not a competition as such, but a measure of support for the Club, because it is mainly influenced by the number of

times that a member is able to attend the Club Night on a Friday evening combined with a little bit of luck as to who you draw to play with on the night. The trophy is recognition and some small reward for valuable support of Palmerston IBC. Over the playing period of the 2005-2006 season the top eight players only missed a few nights of play each, and were therefore able to figure at the top of the list.

Well over 100 members at some time or other have supported this Friday night session, and players appear to enjoy the variety of the evenings' play. Well done to all those who attend and keep it going.

It has proved to be a good starting point for the players who have just graduated from the tuition programme, and puts them gently into a team situation without too much stress. The Club night continues throughout the summer, but at the earlier time of 7.00 pm (8.15 pm in the Winter Season). New members, whatever their ability, are always welcome - just turn up at least 20 minutes early and be prepared to enjoy yourself and meet some new friends.

Roy Mudd

Chairman Summer Committee

Summer Social Summary

Many of you have enjoyed the **Cabaret Dinners** held so far during the Summer as well as the **Race Night** and **Murder Mystery Evening** and all have been well supported. Entertainment has been varied (thanks to Malcolm's efforts). Richard has excelled in his multiple choice menus always trying to please everyone - his staff have served efficiently and politely. The income he receives from these events and the private functions is essential during the summer period and we thank you for your continued support.

Bar sales are also important to the Club - thanks to the staff for their co-operation.

Cabaret Dinner on 22nd August is detailed on Notice Board. **Race Night** was held on 5th August - thanks to Janet & Roy for taking over the complex organisation of this popular event.

The final event of Summer Programme is **Cabaret Dinner on Sept 30th** very soon after the 2 week closure of the Club (4th to 17th). Poster, Booking list and tickets will be ready around mid August - watch Notice Board. Make your booking before Club closes on 4th September to avoid disappointment. Entertainment will be provided by "Keith" - an Irish & Country Singer - sounds promising. Start time will be 6.45 for 7.15 - with 90/100 people attending, the meal takes longer to serve!

Social Committee is currently looking into a **Winter Programme**. Most Saturdays are booked for Friendlies but there will be a Race Night and Cabaret Suppers with limited set menu. Christmas event will be Dec 2nd.

If you have any other ideas let us know. An "in house" variety show has been suggested such as we successfully staged a few years ago. A few volunteers have come forward but we need more "talent" from you the members before we can go ahead!. Singers, instrument players, monologue or poetry tellers, short sketches - rehearsals will start as soon as we have your offers!

Fund Raising will resume on Sept 18th - Treasure Chest, Bonus ball, 100 Club etc.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer.

Rene Bowshell

Ladies Captain

Hello Ladies & Gentlemen welcome to P.I.B.C. Season 2006 - 2007.

Firstly we would like to wish the gentlemen great success in all their competitions this season.

Ladies trials: we will be placing the lists on the notice board in the changing room, everyone is welcome so please append as many names as possible. The selection committee will then be able to choose teams fairly, however if you have any suggestions please contact the vice captain or myself. Here's hoping we have a good season!

Please note: On Thursday afternoons The **Yetton** and The **Vivienne** are played, On Sunday mornings The **Egham Trophy** is played (mixed 2 male 2 female per rink).

The **Mason over 60s double rink**, will be played when convenient to both teams.

The **Riversmeet** games will take place on Saturday mornings.

Please support these matches by entering your names on the lists for selection.

Janet Livingston

Mens Captain

Welcome to the new season. It is time to prepare for the various competitions and leagues where Palmerston has continued to improve its performances over the past years. Palmerston has many good bowlers – some play in the competitive teams for the club. Some feel it is too much of a commitment to play for several hours on a Saturday or Sunday. Okay, what about the occasional match –there are several competitions. Maybe some people feel overbowed whilst others would like the opportunity to try their skills against the top bowlers in the County. I will therefore be asking, at the trials in September, for you to indicate whether you are willing to play on Saturday or Sunday, either or both. I also feel that it is quite a commitment but the buzz of good hard competitive bowling is the reward.

Palmerston has entered the following events

Folkstone Top Ten - (4 Disciplines) - Sundays

Denny Cup (4 Rinks) Saturdays

Bramley Bowl (4 Rinks) Saturdays

London & Southern Challenge Shield (4 Rinks) Saturdays

London & Southern Single Rink

London & Southern Double Rink (Over 60's) 2 teams (= 4 rinks)

Folkstone Top Ten is played as a Regional League(7-8 games) with each top 2 regional teams going to National Finals around Easter.

The Denny Cup is a National Knockout competition(Minimum 2 games)

Bramley Bowl – Hampshire League(10 games)

London & Southern Challenge Shield, Single and Double Rink – Knockout Competitions

All these events are important to the club and I hope we will perform to the best of our abilities. However, I do not think that the same players can play in every one of these events.

I would therefore propose that wherever possible a squad of 16+ players will be chosen for the Denny Cup. Also the "Top Ten" players will be chosen from this squad. Those 6 not playing in the Top Ten will then form the Bramley team with another 10+ players from outside the Denny squad. I hope this will allow some bowlers who in the past have only been selected for one or two matches to be able now to have a regular team place in one of these competitions.

Confused ? Don't forget, this is the theory. In practice it will depend on the availability and form of everyone.

I look forward to see every keen, competitive bowler at the trials on SATURDAY 24th September at 9.30am.

The Club opens on the 18th September. You have ONE WEEK to practice, so use it well.

I wish you all a good and successful season. Help me to make it a good season for Palmerston

Eric Brierley

Closing / Opening Dates

Summer Closing - Monday 4th September to Sunday 17th September

Winter Season starts Monday 18th September

Winter Leagues start Monday 18th September

Extended Closing Date for Mixed Competitions

HCWIBA Patrons

A notice will be placed on the ladies notice board inviting lady members to become County Patrons. An annual charge of £1 is made (or £5 for 5 years). This helps the County Association and enables you to play in any of the Patrons matches or the Patrons Fun Day. Money will be collected by me by the end of September.

Janet Mudd

The closing date for entries for the 2006/07 competitions was 30th July. The response was perhaps a little disappointing; competition entries for the men's singles and pairs and the mixed pairs are down on last year by as much as 24%. In the case of the new competition introduced for next year – an open 2 wood singles event – the number of competitors is currently 24 but THIS ONLY INCLUDES 2 WOMEN ENTRANTS!

There is less flexibility to extend deadlines for most of the competitions because finalists go on into the County competitions. As this does not apply to the Mixed Pairs or the 2 Wood Singles, it has been decided to extend the closing date for these events. This is now going to be SUNDAY 27th AUG 2006. Please try and support these competitions. In particular may I make a plea for more ladies to enter the 2 Wood Singles so that it does become a more balanced open competition.

Andrew Miller - Men's Competition Secretary