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# PALM READER

The Palmerston Indoor Bowling Club Magazine

## Tenth anniversary celebration match on 17th November

Twenty eight teams of four, including one of EIBA members took part in the Palmerston 10th anniversary match. I think I can say that everyone enjoyed themselves and had an opportunity to meet other members of the club that they might not have met before with some new members playing in a competition for the very first time. We were treated to coffee and tea throughout the day from a dedicated team of ladies and a superb buffet lunch put on by Richard's team and funded by the club. A well supported raffle raised the magnificent total of £233 for the PA system fund.

The winners were team 10 Bob Noel, Marion Rose, Fred Voller and Norma Wheeler with team 6 Andrew Miller, Jackie Miller, Derek Arnold and Enid Arnold coming in as runners up. Congratulations to both teams and all those who took part on what was a rather damp day weather-wise.

Winners and runners up trophies were presented by the Mayor of

Fareham councillor Trott who was given a memento of her visit in the form of a carving made from Hampshire yew and a cheque for her charity, whilst the EIBA members, John Hornby EIBA President, Betty Marriott EWBA President, Liz Reed secretary World Bowls Council and Norman Evan - Rohrs Men's Hampshire County President were presented with candle holders carved from a set of bowls. All four of these gifts were cleverly made by Andrew Miller, so many thanks to him.

Congratulations to the 10th anniversary committee of Lesley Howell, Ian Chittenden, Jean Evans, Ray Morse, Roy and Janet Mudd for arranging and running such a successful event.



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## **President's charity fund raising mixed drive 10th November**



Everyone had a thoroughly pleasant afternoon at the mixed drive over sixteen ends on Saturday 10th November. With the raffle and entry fees, a grand total of £200 was raised for the Friends of the Countess Mountbatten hospice charity.

The winning team consisted of Sheila Quantrill, Bill Pennicott and Madge Bird who are seen in the photo receiving their prizes from the President.

Many thanks to all those who took part especially Lesley Howell, Roy and Janet Mudd for arranging and running the event .

### **Who am I ?**

Some of the first words I heard when joining the Board of Directors almost a year ago. Well, let me try and paint you a Rembrandt.

My name is Peter John Carter. I am almost sixty nine years of age. Being born in Wendover in Buckinghamshire on the nineteenth of December 1938. From Wendover we moved to Dulwich in London, where the second World War bombed us out to Hayes Middlesex. From there we moved to Harlow New Town in Essex. From there I 'dodged' being called up by either the Army or Airforce by volunteering for the Royal Navy, from which I retired as a Warrant Officer after a month short of thirty one years service. Having entered the catering and service trade in the navy I continued with this in civilian life as a contracts manager to the services. I retired from all this at sixty and served out my last five years of working life aboard HMS Warrior 1860 as a 'meeter and greeter'.

I joined PIBC nearly three years ago and really enjoy my time there. It is great fun and a great relaxer. One request to you dear people.....If you have a complaint about the bar and it's services, please, please make the complaint constructive, that way I can deal with it. Complaints behind peoples back are offensive and cannot be dealt with. My hobbies are; bowling indoor and outdoor. Golf, with which I am still trying to come to terms with... I am also an avid collector of postage stamps from the Island of Bermuda. {Served two years there with the RN out there}.

So that is me in a nut shell. If you still do not know who I am, you will find my ugly - mug on the board in the lobby.

Peter

### **TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP**

In order to comply with the Licensing Laws and the purchase of drinks from the Bar, the Board of Directors agreed at their meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007 that with effect from **1<sup>st</sup> January 2008**,

#### **ALL NON MEMBERS WISHING TO ENTER PALMERSTON I.B.C.**

as guests of a member to partake of the facilities, **must** become temporary members for the day at a fee of £1.00

This rule does not apply to visitors coming in with members just to see the club or to visitors attending Open Days.

This membership fee will be collected by the Duty Steward when the member signs in his or her guests.

**Temporary membership will be granted to all non members attending a Private function, as part of the fee paid by a member for the hire of the Restaurant.**

**All opponents** of our players who come into the Club to play Competitions or games will automatically be granted temporary membership as part of their Rink Fees

**Board of Directors  
Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club Ltd**

### **Christmas Card Charity**

For the last two years we have put up a large sheet of card for members to wish each other a happy Christmas. This has resulted in donations of over £100 for the President's Charity. We ask you to support this again and avoid buying cards for members but put a donation in the container supplied. This will be emptied each day and placed in the collecting box for the Friends of Countess Mountbatten Hospice.

Thank you..... Janet Mudd

# Social Events

*Social and Fundraising* – by Rene Bowshell (Social Secretary)

## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Nice to have the chance to be in touch with you again though the Social Notice Board has kept you up to date and all events have been well supported. With Christmas and New Year fully booked we are now planning events for 2008.

### **PROPOSED PROGRAMME 2008**

#### Race Nights

Next Race Night is on Saturday 26th January 2008  
First race 8:00 pm



Sat. Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – Charity Supper & Cabaret – Malcolm Chapman

Proceeds to Rainbow Centre – Tickets: Members £12.50  
Non Members £13.50



Sat. Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Dinner & Cabaret  
**Watch Notice Board for further details.**



Friday / Saturday / Sunday - 4 / 5 / 6 April - Finals weekend.  
*That brings us to the end of the winter season.*

#### **FUND RAISING**

Funds raised from our various activities help towards the cost of improving or replacing numerous facilities throughout the Club or replacing equipment in the kitchen and Restaurant. Hospitality was funded at the recent 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Time and effort put in by our volunteer workers on the '100' Club, Treasure Chest and Bonus Ball are very much appreciated.

Just a brief report but a great opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you for your support.

Rene

# New Members Page(s) (Three pages of useful info about the club)

## Did you know ??????

There is a 'Have a Go' session to attract potential new members every second Sunday in the month starting at 9:30 am and lasting about two hours. No special dress code applies for these sessions and coaches are on hand to explain the game and let you have hands on experience at bowling.



The Presidents charity for the current year is The Friends of Countess Mountbatten Hospice. There are special events throughout the year to raise funds.

*Don't forget that the notice boards are a rich source of information regarding forthcoming friendly matches, fixtures, league positions, social activities, special events, competition news / tables, requests for help, items for sale etc.. Please read them and if you have any queries regarding friendlies or special events, just ask one of the members, they don't bite.*

## The Palmerston Introductory Booklet (tbc)

### Bowling

**Club Night and Mixed Drives.** These are open to all, and are ideal for mixing with other members, since teams are drawn at random. New bowlers are always welcome.

Club Night is on Friday evening at 8:15 pm. and regular Mixed Drives are on Monday and Friday mornings at 11:30 am. Mixed Drives are also often arranged for Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon if there is no Friendly Match.

For Club Night and specially arranged Mixed Drives check the Notice Boards and enter your name on the sheet posted. For regular Mixed Drives just turn up 15 minutes before the scheduled start and register with the Drive Steward.

**Rollups.** At least one rink is not committed to Leagues throughout the day. If not required for Competitions these rinks are available to all members, "first come first served" and may be booked up to 7 days ahead. Please note the Club rule regarding friendship to members:

*All members are expected to invite other members, particularly new members, to enter a game and shall allow another upon request to enter a game in progress, except a Full Rink, Match or Competition.*

To reserve your place just enter your name and membership number on the Booking Sheet.

24 hours notice is required to cancel a reservation.

**Friendly Matches.** Palmerston plays other clubs, home and away, in friendly matches arranged for most weekends and Wednesday afternoons. Normally a meal is part of the fixture.

To register your interest, enter your name on the Fixtures Sheets on the Friendlies Notice Board. Where lists are oversubscribed, the Captains try to ensure that selection is rotated fairly, not based on ability.

**League Teams.** The teams play a league match at the same time each week – see the published Winter Season league schedule. You can join as many teams as you wish.

If you wish to join a team, add your name to the invitation open lists that the League Secretaries post on the Notice Boards. Team vacancies occur irregularly (but mainly for the next season). Team Leaders often approach new members when vacancies occur. Teams also sometimes advertise vacancies on the Notice Boards. Many leagues can accommodate new teams: you are encouraged to get together with others to form a new team (usually in January / February) for the next season.

There are also Summer leagues who play in the mornings from April to September – these are formed afresh each year from lists of names on the Notice Board around February.

**Club Competitions.** Knockout competitions are arranged each year to find the Club Champions in Singles and Team formats, open to all members.

Competition Secretaries invite entries in the Spring (see Notice Boards), for those wishing to compete in the following Winter Season.

**National Competitions.** Knockout competitions are arranged by the National Associations each year to find the National Champions in Singles and Team formats, open to all members. Early rounds are played on a local area basis.

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Competition Secretaries post entry lists on a Notice Board, before the end of the Winter Season, for members wishing to compete in the following Season.

**Inter-Club Competitions.** Palmerston competes with other clubs for the Denny Cup, Top 10, Bramley Bowl, Yetton, Vivienne, Riversmeet, Egham and other trophies. The Club Captains select the teams.

**Hampshire I.B.A. Patrons.** See Notice Boards for details.

**Tuition.** Prospective members who are new to bowls receive instruction in the playing and etiquette of bowls. Small group sessions are led by qualified Coaches and arranged for Saturday and Sunday mornings. To register just enter your name in the Tuition Log Book held at the Reception Desk. There are also occasional courses for bowlers wanting to improve. Details will be posted on a notice board.

### **Social**

**Bar.** The Bar is open at lunchtime, during the evening and for special events.

**Restaurant.** The Restaurant is open for lunch. Themed Dinner and Entertainment Evenings are arranged. See Social Notice Board to book your place.

The Restaurant is also available to members, and other organisations, for private functions. Contact the Catering Director for more information.

**Fund Raising.** Bonus Ball, Treasure Chest, 100 Club, Christmas raffle, and other events boost Club income whilst providing worthwhile prizes and fun.

**Charities.** Charities are supported with special events organised by the President and Club members.

### **Security and Safety**

**Electronic Key Fobs.** An electronic lock controls entry to the building. Each full member is provided with a serial numbered electronic fob to operate the lock. Please report any problem to the Steward in Reception.

**Car Park Stickers.** Car parking is restricted to members displaying car park stickers, guests and authorised visitors. Stickers to identify members' cars are available from the Steward in Reception.

**Lockers.** Lockers are available for annual hire. Apply to the Club Secretary. There may be a waiting list.

**Bowls racks.** There are racks at each end of the bar area for your bowls when you are waiting for a session to start. Please use them and avoid placing bowls on the floor where they may be a hazard.

**Running.** Running on the rinks causes damage to the carpet underlay, and is therefore not permitted.

**Rink End Tables.** Food must not be eaten at these tables. Drinks are permitted. Members are requested to clear away cups and glasses when the game ends.

### **Publications.**

The Club makes available several publications at the Steward's desk and at various places in the in the Reception Area. You are encouraged to read and use them.

**Rules, Constitution and Bye Laws.** This covers how the Club is organised with details of Club Officials and their duties. It also includes general conduct rules, dress codes, league and competition rules.

**Year Book.** This includes the League schedule, Friendly Match and Competition dates for the coming year.

**Laws of the Sport of Bowls.** This is essential reading and copies are available, for purchase, from Club Coaches.

**The Early Days.** This is the story of the Club's conception, formation and funding. It records the foresight, dedication and persistence of the founders.

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**Bowls Magazines** From time to time there are free bowls magazines which you may take away.

#### Other

**Subscriptions.** Annual subscriptions are due each year on 1<sup>st</sup> September. You will receive a request for payment in August.

**Management** The Club is managed a Board and Joint Management Committee of volunteer members. Other volunteer members help with running the club – e.g. stewards, security, etc. If you have some time to spare, and can consider offering to help in some voluntary capacity, please see a member of the Committee.

**Annual General Meeting** The AGM is held at the end of the Winter Season. A review of the season is made, elections are held to fill vacancies on the Board and Joint Management Committee for the next season, and amendments to Club rules and Constitution are considered. All members are encouraged to attend and vote.

### DRESS ON THE GREEN (excerpt from Rules and Constitution)

The dress on the Green, when bowling, will be that which is acceptable to the E.I.B.A. and the E.W.I.B.A. unless otherwise directed (the wearing of sandals is not permitted).

#### LEAGUES AND ROLL-UPS

As designated in the current editions of the E.I.B.A. and E.W.I.B.A. National Competition Rules. (These will be displayed in the appropriate changing rooms)

##### Men

White Shirts. Club Tie. Grey Trousers. Brown, White, or Grey Regulation Bowling Shoes. White Zip-up Jackets or White Sweaters may be worn. Ties are optional, but if one is worn, it must be a PALMERSTON CLUB TIE. When playing in National, County Competition or a Friendly Match, the Palmerston Club Tie will be worn throughout the game.

##### Ladies

White Blouses. Grey Regulation Skirts or Trousers. Light Brown Tights or Stockings, Brown or White Regulation Bowling Shoes. Club Coloured Waistcoats. As approved by the E.W.I.B.A. and E.I.B.A. lady members to be permitted to wear tailored Grey or White Trousers as an option to skirts.

#### FRIENDLIES

##### Men

White shirts. Club Tie. White Trousers. Brown, White, or Grey Regulation Bowling Shoes. White Zip-up Jackets or White sweaters may be worn.

##### Ladies.

White Blouses. White Regulation Skirts or Trousers, Light Brown Tights or Stockings, Brown or White Regulation Bowling Shoes. White zip-up Jackets or White sweaters may be worn. Club Coloured Waistcoats when appropriate.

#### CLUB COMPETITIONS

Dress for the Finals will be Full Whites with Club Tie for male competitors. (Ties may be discarded during play at the discretion of the Senior Official present). See also Appendix 4 clause 4.10.

## Wales triumph at Palmerston

A colourful match was played on the 24th November with teams from the four home nations, dressed in their national colours, competing over three matches of six ends. After several enjoyable hours Wales topped the table with England coming second and Ireland and Scotland finishing in third and fourth spot respectively.

The individual team winners were Wales 2 Carol Reed, Margaret Fowles, Gerray Thomas and Eric Brierley,



Second were England 1 George Welling, Peter Holmes, Bob Maple and Roy Mudd.

After the game everyone sat down to a very enjoyable dinner. Congratulations to the winners and all who took part and many thanks to the organisers for arranging the event.

### Have your say



### Lighter side

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Just before Christmas, an honest politician, a generous lawyer and Santa Claus were riding in the lift of a very posh hotel. Just before the doors opened they all noticed a £20 note lying on the floor. Which one picked it up?

Santa of course, because the other two don't exist!

What is the best Christmas present in the world?  
*A broken drum – you can't beat it!*

What do you call an old snowman?...Water!



What's white and goes up?  
A confused snowflake!



There was once a great czar in Russia named Rudolph the Red. He stood looking out the windows of his palace one day while his wife, the Czarina Katerina, sat nearby knitting. He turned to her and said, "Look my dear, it has begun to rain!" Without even looking up from her knitting she replied, "It's too cold to rain. It must be sleetting." The Czar shook his head and said, "I am the Czar of all the Russias, and Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!"

Three Wise Women - you know what would have happened if there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and given practical gifts.



What do you call a reindeer without any eyes?  
No eye deer!  
What do you call a reindeer without any eyes or any legs?  
STILL no idea

## New editor

Hello.....my name is Brian Hayles and I have volunteered to have a go at producing the Palm Reader with help from as many of you as possible. I have been a member of the Palmerston club (first time bowler) for nearly two years and having a regular magazine is, in my opinion, very important to our club enabling all members to raise issues, comments, etc. whilst being informed of the events and current news at the club. If you would like to contribute relevant articles, comments, letters or photos I would be very grateful to receive them. These can be placed in my 'pigeon hole' or sent to me electronically at b.hayles@ntlworld.com. I hope to produce the magazine on a monthly basis so any inputs from leagues, competitions, events, socials activities, letters, etc. would be required by the last week of the preceding month. Obviously, this as any club magazine relies on the information provided by it's officials and members.



I'm sure everyone at the club would like to thank Russell Gadd for producing the magazine for the last five years and hope that I can fulfil this role as well as he did.

## Our Club urgently needs the following officers

1. Company Secretary to serve on the board
2. Club Secretary to serve on the Joint Management Committee
3. Maintenance Co-ordinator

These are vital positions to be filled by 1st January 2008

Please consider very seriously whether you can offer your services-the Club cannot function without volunteers for these positions!

If you can help please contact either

Maureen Clever (Chairman)	023 9225 2738
Roy Mudd (Vice Chairman)	013 2923 0687
Lesley Howell (President)	013 2931 1698

## CLUB NIGHT 1997 – 2007

Club Night was the brain child of Bernard Scutt, one of our founder members who sadly was not able to participate in it because of ill health.

Having agreed to help him with the venture it was my task to carry on with it, and it has been going ever since - from strength to strength.

It operates winter and summer on a Friday evening and incorporates skills and requests not always found in an ordinary game of bowls. The session is used as a useful stepping stone from tuition to more competitive bowls.

Winning prizes are awarded every week, and an aggregate trophy is up for competition throughout the winter season with a salver being awarded to the best aggregate score at the end of the winter session in April. Last years winner was Steve Duffy, one of the regular attenders.

After ten years this session is still very popular, and long may it continue.

When Janet and I cannot be there for some reason, the organising roll is taken over very competently by the "Fuschia King" - Bruce Bedford.

Open to all members this is a good two hours fun.

**Roy and Janet Mudd**

**We wish all members and their families a happy, blessed Christmas and a prosperous, healthy New Year**