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PALM READER

The Palmerston Indoor Bowling Club Magazine

Open Day

Saturday September 13th 10am — 4pm

**Know of anyone who would like to try the game of bowls?
Just ask them to turn up or bring them along**

Coaches will be on hand

Refreshments will be available

The come and try sessions will begin on the second Sunday of October

RINK NEWS

In the last edition of Palm Reader an outline was given of the work that Dales would be carrying out in the maintenance week. As this was produced in the summer period there may be a number of outdoor bowlers who did not see the contents so I will briefly outline the work package. The carpet was unstitched, reversed and re-stitched followed by tensioning and cleaning. New gripper rods were supplied and fixed at the bottom of all 4 ditches and the top and bottom ditches were fitted with raised platforms to hide the gripper rods (and provide greater strength for the tensioning process). Whilst each carpet section was lifted the underlay was inspected in some detail for signs of wear or "foreign bodies"; no visible sign of damage etc was found.

Many people have commented on the improved appearance of the rinks and the way in which they

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are bowling. The physical state of the weave also gives some confidence that one of the objectives of extending the carpet life has been met.

The carpet speed was timed at 17 seconds.

MEN'S COMPETITION SECRETARY

At the time of going to press I am delighted to say that a volunteer has come forward to fill this vacant position. Once contracts have been exchanged an announcement will be made!

MEN'S AND MIXED COMPETITIONS

The number of entries received is as follows:

	Entries
Mens Singles – 4 wood	27
Mens Singles – 2 wood	23
Mens Pairs	20
Mixed Pairs	14
Triples	13
Two Wood Triples	5
Fours	7
First Winners:	
Open Singles	16
Open Pairs	5
Mixed Pairs	10



The figures for the 2 wood triples, fours and First Winners open pairs are particularly disappointing. The draws will be taking place very shortly and you might just have enough time to get an entry in. What we want is the sort of enthusiasm shown by one person who entered the 4 wood singles, 2 wood singles, pairs and triples - twice - but unfortunately with different partners in the pairs and triples!

The JMC has decided to continue with the format of running competitions over a weekend. The finals will take place on Sat 3rd and Sun 4th April 2009, with Fri 2nd April held in reserve as an additional day, in case of scheduling difficulties.

Andrew Miller

September News on the Social Side – by Rene Bowshell

Summer is nearly gone (if it ever arrived) and we shall soon be welcoming back members who have been bowling at outdoor clubs since April. Hope you have done well and earned a few trophies but above all, enjoyed your games.

Meanwhile you will appreciate that the 200/300 members who continue at Palmerston throughout the summer help to keep the Club financially sound and well looked after while you are elsewhere. The Summer Committee work tirelessly organising leagues and drives and even a few friendlies.

Some outdoor members may have supported and enjoyed the numerous successful social events organised by the Social Committee. As well as providing essential business for Richard we ensure that these events raise considerable amounts towards Club funds. In the 6 months since the Coffee Morning in March, £2133 has been raised. In addition, your continued support of the weekly 'bonus ball' draw will have raised about £200 during the summer season. Keep up the good work!

A proposed programme for September to December is in preparation but events are limited as they have to fit in with the bowling programme. Proposed events so far are:

Sat Sept 20th - Cabaret Dinner with entertainment by 'Celebrity Status'
(Confirmed: See Board for Booking list and details)

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YOUNGSTERS BOWLING



Comments are made very frequently that we should be getting more youngsters interested in bowling. HOW?

Our National games are Association Football, Rugby Union Football, Netball and to some extent Hockey. Bowls does not figure, although it is played by a lot of people. Youngsters want to be like Rooney or Beckham or Lampard. Who has heard of Marshall or Allcock or Margaret Johnson ?

Psychologically, the image of bowls is that it is a pastime for old men and ladies to enjoy their twilight years. This does not appeal to the young person, even though granddad or grandma or parents play.

The source of the young player is threefold

1. Grand parent encouraging them to try the game. This is quite successful for a while
2. Peer group friends trying to get their mates involved. Some success, but not much
3. Schools using it as part of the curriculum. A dead duck because there is no take up, and therefore it dies.

In any child's eyes, there is no excitement in bowls. There is no physical contact, no running, no explosive movements, but a lot of standing about while other people do things. For a child to be interested in bowls he/she has GOT to have a bowl in their hand, and be rolling it down the rink. Standing and listening to some old fellow talk about bias and weight and line is a recipe for boredom. If you want children interested in bowls, they have to be doing it, not watching it.

If one is fortunate enough to find an interested child, or children, they should only be playing singles or pairs.

That way they are involved in playing most of the time - albeit in singles, all of the

time. I watched six youngsters at Loddon Vale playing a "Triples game". The two Skips were quite interested, but when the two leads had finished delivering their bowls they were off playing with the wheel chairs, or off to the bar for a drink, any where but on the green taking part in the game, and watching their friends bowl. Why not let children bowl on half a rink, from both ends until they

are old enough to use the whole rink. There must be sufficient small bowls for them - large bowls that they cannot handle makes them disheartened. If you want children to bowl then it has got to be made enjoyable. Sadly, things are not helped by the child protection act, and the necessity of a child protection officer in every club. If legislation is in place that actively discourages a child from being taught a game then no organisation is going to get involved with the complexities of political correctness, and possible litigation. It is much easier to deal with the keen, interested adult in a tuition programme, than having to deal with children. Where do we go from here? Children must be accompanied by their grand parent or parent perhaps - what a waste of their time.

To sum up -- let children do whatever sport / activity that they want, not what we want them to do. As long as they exercise, obesity will disappear but only if you close McDonalds.

An Observer.

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Sat Oct 4th - Race Night (with Ploughmans) – Roy + Team will organise
(Last one raised £175)

Sat – late Oct or Nov - Quiz Night (with Ploughmans or similar)
(To be organised by some experienced volunteers)

Sat Dec 6th - Club Christmas Party – Watch Board for details
Entertainment already booked – Phil Owen (great favourite)

Sat Dec 13th - Christmas Bazaar & Coffee Morning – (provisional)
Possibly 10.00am-2.00pm. Xmas Draw to be picked.

Details and booking lists for all the events will be displayed at least 3 weeks in advance. When you have booked you must buy tickets from the bar *in advance* using envelopes provided. Tickets unclaimed 7 days before will be allocated to 'reserves'. When there is a 'multi choice' menu you must select on Restaurant Board. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Christmas Draw will be re-introduced this year. The Board have agreed that 25% of ticket sales will go to Club Funds. Numbered sheets will be displayed in October – 50p per number. Prizes will only be in the form of vouchers, hampers, bottles and other Xmas fare. Draw will be made at the Coffee Morning on December 13th. Lots of help will be needed on this very busy occasion and we shall be asking for some volunteers.

Bonus Ball As from October, the draw will be run twice weekly – Wednesday and Saturday.

Treasure Chest Will probably commence prior to Club Night on Friday October 3rd

100 Club – contributions must be received before 24th October for inclusion in the first draw on Friday October 31st.

Wishing you all a successful and enjoyable winter season at Palmerston with good health and good friends. Thank you again for your support.

SUMMER LEAGUES AT PALMERSTON

From the stance of the summer league committee, the programme provided for you seems to have been enjoyed by all concerned. Whilst we do not aim to provide bowling of a highly competitive nature, our philosophy of enjoyable bowls loosely organised on a league basis appears to suit those members who now find it too strenuous, wet, blowy and generally unpleasant to bowl outdoors.

All standards are catered for including organised roll-ups, leagues, a Club Night on a Friday and casual booking of rinks together with the odd friendly with Loddon Vale. The programme remained the same as last year and there did not seem to be any need to extend it to provide more bowling.



Bear in mind that if we open more sessions, then we are looking for more stewards and more people to lock the premises when we have finished'

I am grateful to all the committee for taking on the duties above and the help from Debbie in the kitchen, Richard, Janet Gadd, Lesley and Bernard Spall who all helped with unlocking and locking the premises. Bruce Bedford is a valuable ally in running the Club Night if I am not able to be there.

You know where the problems arise with the general play, so if you have any comments to improve things, then the committee would like to know.

Our one disappointment is the fall off in players for the Sunday morning session. At one time we ran a small triples league, but this has dwindled into a small pairs league. The participants are enthusiastic, but they are looking for more support. To help you, your summer committee is - Roy Mudd - chairman, Marge Ramson, Andrew Miller, Bob Lacy, Rita Grant, Pam Haward. and Ida Headey. So if you have any helpful comments, let us have them and we will see what we can do to progress.

When you read this, the indoor summer season will be almost over and I thank you for your support.

Roy Mudd.

Chairman, Summer Committee

LADY CAPTAINS' REPORT

*This is my first report in Palm Reader as the Captain of the Ladies Section. I am looking forward to the year with apprehension. A new season approaches and new ideas are in the offing but to implement these ideas I will need your support. Firstly in the interclub matches such as the Vivienne, Yetton and Mason and you can do this by putting your name forward for the trials. **There is a notice on the board so put your name up!!** The second step is by supporting the friendly matches, particularly those away from home. By playing in these matches you will gain the experience necessary to play in the interclub matches. I, in my turn, will try to support each of you. I will play as many matches as limited time allows, I will be available to discuss any problems you may have and I will also be around to try to ensure that each and everyone enjoys the game of bowls. We cannot play well if we are not enjoying ourselves. My best wishes to you all for the season ahead may it be successful but most important may it be enjoyable.*

Pam Lambshead – Ladies Captain

Dear Member

It's that time of year again when annual membership fees become due (1st September) and letters are currently being sent out to you all stating the appropriate fee.

Please note that any 100 Club membership payments must be made separate from annual subscriptions. Envelopes will be available for your use.

This year we are appealing for volunteers (please see separate details in your letters) and would be very grateful if you would complete the section on the left hand side of the tear off slip below before returning it to the Club with your payment.

The Club opens for the winter season on Monday 15th September and the League programme starts on the same day. A Club Year Book will be available for members containing the weekly rink programme, the schedule of Friendly matches, National and County team competition dates and other general information.

We hope you have had a good summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kindest regards

Lesley Howell

Membership Secretary

How did they rejuvenate our Green?



A scientific approach is used to reverse the carpet - holding on to the corners, they count to three and run like hell to the other end of the rink



The clean up

LIGHTER SIDE



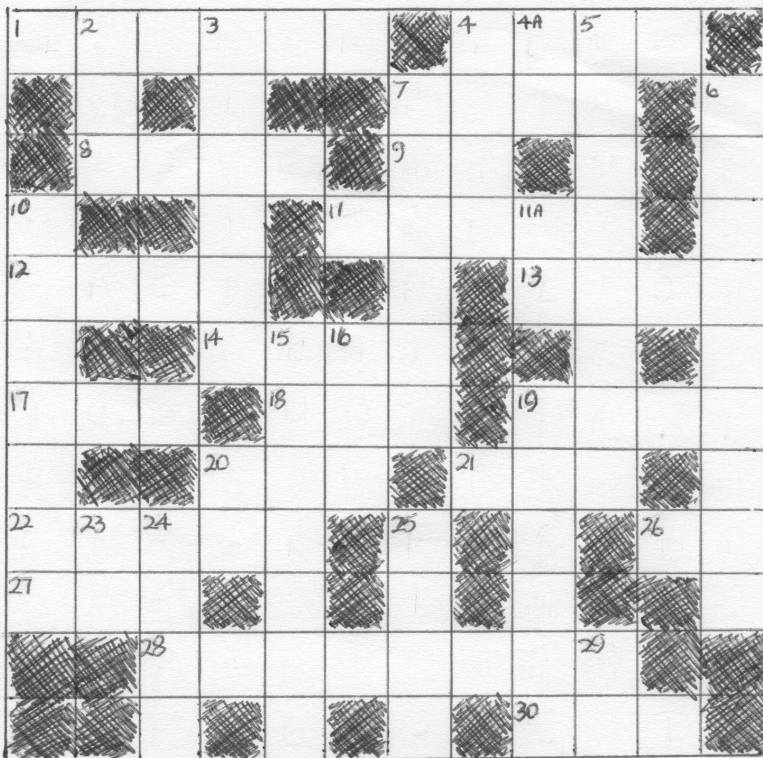
What do you call a woman who goes into a bar and starts to juggle with the drinks?
Beatrix (beer tricks).

Notice in an office
We the unwilling, led by the unqualified, are doing the impossible for the ungrateful.

Any Stamp Collectors
I am an avid collector of BERMUDA stamps, but do have a fair selection of other countries.
Anyone of a like ilk, please contact Peter Carter 023 9235 3638 or at the club

I halve a spelling chequer, It came with my pea see. It plainly marks four my revue Mistakes I dew knot sea. Eye strike a key and type a word And weight four it two say Weather eye am wrong oar write It shows me strait aweigh. As soon as a mist ache is maid It nose bee fore two long And eye can put the era rite Its rarely ever wrong. I've scent this massage threw it, And I'm shore your pleased too no Its letter prefect in every weigh; My checker tolled me sew.

Three tourists were driving through Wales. As they were approaching Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town's name. They argued back and forth until they stopped for lunch. As they stood at the counter one asked the blonde employee, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are... very slowly?" The girl leaned over the counter and said, "Burrrrrr, gerrrrr, Kiiiiing."



A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the supermarket, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a assistant, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The assistant replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

ACROSS

1. Nicki shouts out.
4. Drive one off.
7. Phonetic Parent.
8. Makes the world go round.
9. Not P.M.
11. Surprise present.
12. I fear it.
13. Just a pussy cat?
14. I have heard this before.
17. Far from the beginning.
18. Not cold yet.
19. Home in James' car.
20. Hurtful cry.
21. Comes from old timber.
22. Go on in.
26. E.T. uses them?
27. Oh, deer?
28. Get the fire going again?
30. Drunken wretch.



DOWN

2. He is a hoot.
3. Share out.
4. Spotlight at last.
- 4a. Our friend from afar.
5. Jack Tar could be called this.
6. To speak words perfectly.
7. Colourful bird.
10. Probably stuck to it.
- 11a. Shorter than Alan?
15. Bit of a giggle.
16. Something to cook on.
19. Could be used to hold up?
20. Spanish. yes?
23. Negative.
24. Schools time at work.
25. You could be palmed off with these fruits.
26. Could be construed as a needle pulling . thread



"Who was that lady I seen you with last night?"
"You mean 'I saw.'"
"Ok, who was that eyesore I seen you with last night?"

Teacher: Where was Magna Carta signed?
Pupil: At the bottom.

E&OE on 7 across. It was the only way I could get it to work. Not bad for a first try. Very difficult to work out.

P.J.C. 11/08/08 Answers next month

Articles, comments, letters are always welcome and can be put in my pigeon hole or sent by email to b.hayles@ntlworld.com