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PALM READER

The Palmerston Indoor Bowling Club Magazine

AGM

10TH APRIL 10:00AM

Please make every effort to attend your AGM.

Details of all officers to be elected and other matters will be displayed on the notice board in the entrance lobby.

There are a number of dedicated volunteers ranging from our treasurer, various secretaries, rinks management staff and stewards who work throughout the year to ensure the smooth running of our club and to whom we are extremely grateful. We rely on volunteers to keep the running costs of the club to a reasonable level so please think seriously about offering your help as an officer, a steward or possibly by joining the rink cleaning crew or by helping at the various activities throughout the year.

Thank you

From the President

Sadly this will be my last letter to you as your President, how quick the time passes.

I have enjoyed my year of office very much, it really has been a wonderful experience.

Everyone has been so kind and helpful, all of which has been very much appreciated. I hope to do a little more bowling in the summer league and look forward to seeing most of you then.

My best wishes to you all

Happy bowling

Jean - President

THE RESTAURANT

It has come to my notice that some members have been going to the restaurant at lunch time during the week, and when they get in there they see a number of "Reserved" tables. They have gone away thinking that the restaurant is "full". **THIS IS NOT THE CASE.**

These blue reserved notices are an indication to Richard that someone has said that they would like to come in to lunch, or that they are bowling and would like a lunch at 1.40 when the second session finishes. Small empty tables are there to be sat at. If an empty table is not set for a meal, then it will be set for you. At all times during the week any member of PIBC is entitled to have a meal in the restaurant - just go to the hatch and order and sit at a table where there is not any body sitting. Obviously if there is a big group of 15 - 20 in, then a table (s) has to be set aside for them. The only actual booking at Palmerston is on a Sunday but Richard

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Notes from the JMC

The loan was paid off in December. Some monies have been put in a deposit account although the interest rate is very low. The closure of the club during the bad weather resulted in approx. £7.5k loss in income, although some costs were down, we are doing better than this time last year

Full membership - 16 full members 12 social members All approved.

There is now a total of 796 full members, and 245 social members.

The list for social members is now closed to allow for full members transferring to social membership next year. The constitution to be amended to cover full social membership at a limit of 250

The selection of teams for friendly matches was discussed, it was proposed that a selection committee should be formed consisting of the two Vice-Presidents and the two Captains (they can delegate this duty to their Vice-Captain). To be co-ordinated and chaired by B. Bedford with immediate effect.

R. Mudd received an approach from another indoor bowling club to comment on their suggestion that fees to be paid to the EIBA should be by the number of rinks a club has and not by member per capita. This would eliminate any discrepancies as the amount of members can be inconsistent, whereas the size of the club is constant. The committee agreed to support this proposal to the board.

Secretary pointed out that bookings with outside organisations can create unforeseen problems and need to be fully considered in future.

EIBA notifications received of new competition areas, which are now the same as the men, the costs are the same as last year. The Ladies Secretary will continue to update the EIBA with a list of current competitors who are members at Palmerston. The Riversmeet competition will start before Christmas next season to assist with the availability of players in all clubs

The President received grateful letters of thanks from Wealden and Moonfleet bowling clubs for Palmerston hosting the area final of the Yetton Plate. Special thanks were expressed to Janet Mudd and the ladies committee for their hard work, also for the catering. Thanks expressed also for managing to accommodate this fixture at short notice.

The President received a grateful letter of thanks from her charity -the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance for a donation of £205.50.

All teams have registered and paid for next season, and there is the same total amount as last year, although maybe in different leagues.

The Sunday night league will be discontinued next season

It is strictly forbidden to take drinks on to the rink playing surface, and members are asked to please be vigilant and stop anybody they see doing this.

Palmerston club have been asked to provide a Junior Vice-President for the Hampshire County Women's Bowling Association. Proposed that Janet Mudd be put forward, bearing mind the amount of knowledge and experience she has.

The Ladies Captain was very pleased and congratulated the ladies in finishing runners-up in the Riversmeet competition. Special thanks were expressed to Jean Evans, Janet Livingston and Janet Mudd for their continued practical support with all the ladies matches.

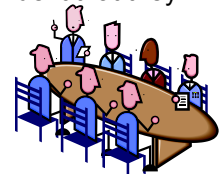
The summer leagues are looking very healthy and 2 are full already. No response so far for the afternoon league.

The Men's Captain proposed a new shirt for the men, a duplicate of the ladies shirt. This design was reviewed by the men who play in these matches, and a positive response was received. Proposed that this now be passed to the Board for approval.

Unfortunately the men were relegated from the Bramley bowl this year, but the Captain is confident that they will be promoted next year.

The Men's Captain thanked everyone for their support during the past year.

There will be a one-day internal coaching day for members to be held on the 30th October.



Letters to the Editor

The Etiquette and Courtesy of the Game of Bowls

The game of bowls, competitive or social, should be played in an atmosphere of fellowship and sociability. This atmosphere is maintained by a traditional code of behaviour with its roots in common courtesy. It is good etiquette for bowlers, at both ends of the green, to refrain from unnecessary movement and talking while the player is delivering the bowl. It is good practice to stand well behind the mat when the mat is occupied. It is also good practice to stand approximately 2 metres to the rear of the jack not right behind the jack, as the distance between the jack, the ditch and the number cannot be seen by the bowler. Nothing in the Laws prevent a lead or second from offering a timely comment on the situation at the head, or pointing to a problem shot that has been overlooked. Remember that your team consists of all the players. When crossing over from the mat to the head be careful to confine yourself to your rink and not to trespass into the adjoining rinks and so cause annoyance to other players. The deepest principle in human relations is the desire to be appreciated, so never neglect an opportunity to acknowledge a good shot, for or against. If you borrow a measure, a pen or a piece of chalk, return it to the owner. Every game whether competitive or not, should be conducted in a sporting and friendly way.

Palmerston bowler

I noticed this article and poem in the 'Todays Bowler' magazine which endorses my views on Casual Clothes for Casual Bowls - I am not alone! - Bill Jackson

People who read my column may think that I am some sort of anarchist wanting to destroy the traditions of bowls. They would be very, very wrong with that assumption. I believe very strongly, that being dressed smartly for a match, be it competitive or friendly is vital. Almost all sports have a team uniform and as I said I am 100% in favour. It's on the training ground (roll ups) that I cannot for the life of me see why we have to be dressed in any type of uniform at all. It is your shoes that are important. We talk about encouraging people into the sport! Young, old, middle aged, it doesn't really matter we are not going to do so by living in the 1950s. Ties are another bug bear, why in God's name, whether it be on a lovely sunny summer afternoon or a warm indoor arena during the winter, do some clubs insist on the wearing of ties. Is this 2010 or 1910? While I have my "bitching" boots on. Can someone please enlighten me as to why we have to change in and out of out bowling clothes? I just don't get it

It's a grey day

*Why do we have to wear grey
It's the colour of mildew and fog
No-one should have to be seen in a skirt
That's the colour of ashes and smog.
Why must we all look so dreary
When colour in sport is the norm.
Can't bowlers please wear something other
Than this awful grey school uniform?*

Tiffany Dowkes, Won Sec, Foxhill IBC



Stewards

Janet Prior and Bob Lacey are retiring from their stewards' duties i.e. Weds am and Thurs pm in the next winter season. We extend our many thanks to them for their years of stewardship which is a vital role in our club. We need volunteers to fill these positions, so if anybody is interested, please contact Charlie Livingston.
Thank you

The Joint Management Committee on behalf of all the members would like to thank Ian Mulholland and the team of Coaching Staff for the considerable amount of time and effort that they have all continued to make in enabling new members to complete the Coaching Course, in a very diligent manner.

The coaching programme is proving to be a most invaluable part of the facilities that the club offers and contributes greatly to the constant level of membership and enables us to enjoy a healthy financial position.

Again, our thanks are extended to the Coaching Team in grateful appreciation on behalf of the members.

Has anyone seen the A4 size book on Lockwood Bowling Club that was left at reception by John Duhig for Pat Duckworth?



Finals weekend

Please come and support the finals matches
Saturday 27th March starting at 9:30am and 2:00pm
Sunday 28th March starting at 9:30am and 2:00pm

Can all members remember to wait until all players from the previous session are finished before entering the rinks



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needs to know if a large group of up to 20 is likely to descend on the Restaurant. If there is a group of more than 20 then this must be done through Sylvia Wrightson on the appropriate form available at reception. **NEVER GO AWAY FROM THE RESTAURANT WITHOUT A MEAL IF YOU WANT ONE.** This is the bowls club restaurant and all members are entitled to eat there at lunch time during the week if they so wish. If at any time you as a member have been denied a meal, then I would like to know about it. It has not happened yet! The usual system of booking for Sunday lunch, and for special social events still applies, but this **does not** apply to weekdays.

Roy Mudd. (Chairman, Board of Directors)



Club Night

Once again we are nearly ending the winter club night season and once again our clubnight champion is Peter Holmes who was presented the silver salver and champagne by the President.

Second place was Mike Budgeon closely followed by John Wilson in third and Norma Bedford in fourth place.

Many thanks to everyone who attended the club nights and a special thanks to the organizer Roy Mudd, who was presented with a wonderful book about kingfishers from the members, and Janet for her support. The new summer club night season starts soon at the earlier time of 7:00pm

Summer Leagues

Please read the notices on the office window for all details of the summer leagues

ROD ANDREWS

Sadly, recently we lost a very supportive member of the Club - Rod Andrews. Many of his close friends and members of the Club were able to attend his farewell service at the Portchester Crematorium. He loved the club, its bowling, its members and its bar. Daily he would arrive with his mate Don, settle themselves at the bar with a brandy or whisky and debate football. Rod was a generous man, and this generosity was felt by the club in that he left a sum of money to PIBC Ltd to thank them for the enjoyment that he had experienced. He also left a sum of money behind the bar for his friends so that they could have a drink at his expense. This they did and at the end of the day there was still money left. I thought that it would be a very nice gesture if we purchased some special tumblers for the bar to be known as the **ROD ANDREWS TUMBLERS.**

These tumblers would be used by the members who knew Rod and would like a special tot of whisky or brandy. Anyone can ask for their drink to be served in a Rod Andrews glass so that they can give a toast to our very good friend and loyal member, the generous - ROD ANDREWS



Roy Mudd Chairman, Board of Directors.

Coffee Morning

A big thank you to stall holders who put a lot of effort into displaying a superb range of crafts, etc., helpers on the day for all their efforts and members who came to the coffee morning on 20th March on what was a fairly damp day. A very pleasant morning was enjoyed and a healthy amount was raised for club funds.

Bruce Bedford

Friendlies

There were no cancellations this season. Many thanks for all who supported these matches which were most enjoyable. Next winter season a fairly full programme with a fixtures at home most weekends and three away matches at Riverside, Lodden Vale and West Berkshire



Victorious Scottish team and best dressed interlopers from Wales and Ireland

PIBC HOME INTERNATIONAL

Almost a full house of players contested the home international 2010 with each team of 16 playing the other countries over six ends.

The result was as follows

1. Scotland
2. Ireland
- 3 = England and Wales

Colourful appropriate national dress enlivened the afternoon including a kilt, much green for Ireland and Scottish headgear.

National flags were on display and an enjoyable afternoon was had by all with £24 being added to club funds from the raffle.

R. & J. Mudd

Social Events

Can all members please ensure that when booking places at the social functions, e.g. dinner / dances, that all monies are paid asap for tickets using a cheque in the relevant envelopes. Menu requirements must also be completed early so Richard can order the food in good time for the function. Late cancellations have caused problems in the past especially when the tickets could have been sold on to people on the reserve list. Please note that any reserved ticket not paid for by one week before the function may be sold on.

Thank you

ELECTRONIC NOTICE BOARD.

If you have any need to put a message on the electronic notice board with regard to any PIBC information, requests, notifications, forthcoming events etc. you can contact Ian Chittenden (01329 236070) at the club. Ian has kindly agreed to do this after a request from the JMC. It would help avoid mistakes if the request was in writing,, and the length of time that it needs to be displayed indicated.

JMC

Deputy Treasurer Opportunity

As Janet will be unable to spend as much time as previously, dealing with our club's finances, she would like to train up someone to cover in her absences.

The ideal person would have skills in bookkeeping, spreadsheets and payroll. If you don't have all three, we would still like you to apply to help out, provided you are willing to learn.

The bulk of the work is done on Monday morning, but another morning per week will probably be necessary to keep on top of the job. Sage Accounting and Payroll software is used.

As Janet is not leaving, this is an ideal situation to train up a deputy to contribute to the club by continuing the essential work of taking care of our financial transactions.

Training to start in August / September.

Applications to Janet Gadd or Bill Jackson.

Answers to crossword 11

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LIGHTER SIDE

A Group of 40 year old friends discussed where they should meet for a re-union dinner. Finally it was agreed upon that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant, because the waitress's there had low cut blouses and were very young. 10 years later at 50 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the food there was very good and the wine selection was also good.

10 years later at 60 year of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they could eat in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view.

10 years later at 70 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant, because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and they had a lift.

10 years later at 80 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they had never been there before.

A lawyer was driving down a country road when he sees a family in a field eating grass. He pulls over and asks them why they're doing that. One of the people says, "we are so poor we can't afford food". So the lawyer says, "get in my car I'll take you to my house". "Are you sure"? asked one of the people, "there are 6 of us". "Yes, get in the car" said the lawyer. They all got in the car. When they were about to get to the lawyers house one of the people said "this is really great of you" and the lawyer "said no problem I have grass 6 feet tall".

If my body were a car.

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull. But that's not the worst of it:-

My headlights are out of focus—it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was—I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes hours to reach my maximum speed

My fuel rate burns inefficiently

But here's the worst of it:-

Almost every time I sneeze or cough or splutter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!!!!

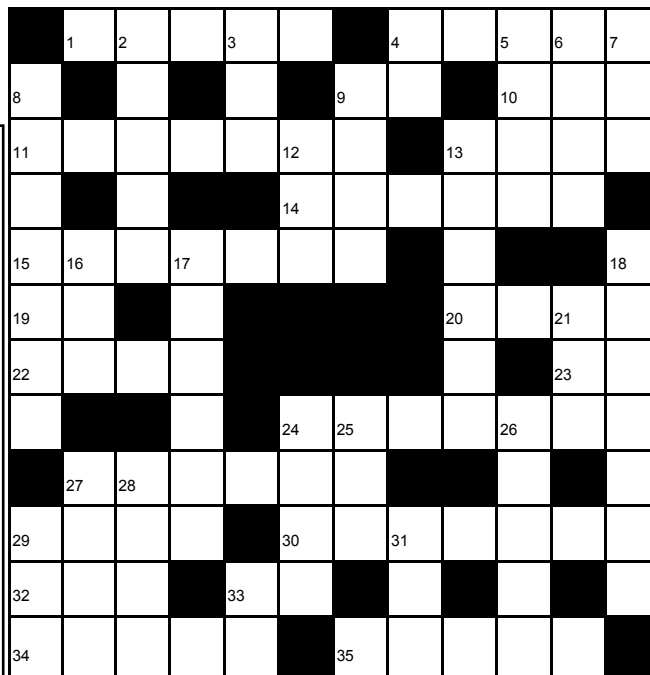
Hyman's Seafood's Motto

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our ATTITUDES.

Author of "Attitude" – Chuck Swindol

Crossword 12 from PG

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| 2 | Plays about | 1 | Coco |
| 3 | Thoroughfare | 4 | Pauline serves it |
| 4 | And behold | 9 | Leave |
| 5 | Blood | 10 | Eggs |
| 6 | Eternally | 11 | Found in the greenhouse |
| 7 | Leaves the sinking ship | 13 | Worry |
| 8 | Birds | 14 | Greasier |
| 9 | Get one from Brian Hayles | 15 | Reply |
| 12 | Years & years | 19 | Old measurement |
| 13 | Bowls keeps us this | 20 | Dictator |
| 16 | Band | 22 | Take ____ turn |
| 17 | Separated | 23 | Part of 22 |
| 18 | Pirate | 24 | Beautiful young ladies |
| 24 | Loathe | 27 | Post war house |
| 25 | abr. Obsolete | 29 | Walked |
| 26 | Foolish | 30 | Tidal wave |
| 27 | Baby carriage | 32 | Consume |
| 28 | List | 33 | Example |
| 29 | Char | 34 | Get together |
| 31 | We'd all like to see one | 35 | Blackpool? |
| 33 | Now | | |



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