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PALM READER

The Palmerston Indoor Bowling Club Magazine

Message from your club President Bruce Bedford

It's been a great honour being president of this club for the past year. I would like to thank the committee and volunteers for all the help and support they have given me. Without them we would not have such a successful bowling club.

The friendly games were a great success, as I mentioned in the previous newsletter, we only cancelled one for lack of players and a second one due to the bad weather.

Thank you all for your generous financial donations for my chosen charity – The Countess Mountbatten Hospice. My target was £1,000 but as at the time of writing we have currently raised £1,500 which is amazing and more than I could have hoped for.

Finally I would like to wish Marilyn a happy and successful year, in her term of office, and I hope you will give her as much support as you have given me.

Annual General Meeting

**The Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club AGM is on
the 2nd April 2011 starting at 10:00am**

**Will all members make every effort to attend
this very important meeting for your club.**

**(See notice board for all relevant information and list of
officers to be elected)**

Palmerston Business Park (off Newgate Lane, Fareham) Tel 013 2923 2005

www.palmerston-indoorbowls.co.uk

Race Night
At the Palmerston Race
Track!!

Sat 9th April
£5 members
£6 guests
Including food

See notice board for details



Club Night



The Club night Trophy is part of the Club night session held every Friday night at the club. Some 90 members came along at some time, with the top thirty attending most of the sessions.

The trophy is about being there and accumulating an aggregate score.

The winner this year was **STEVE DUFFY**
 Second **HELEN FRANCIS**
 Third **TED HOWELL**

The trophy was presented to the winner by the President Bruce Bedford, and a light buffet supper was enjoyed by those present for the last winter session.

The summer sessions begin on 8 April commencing at 7.00 p.m. playing 12 ends.

All members interested are welcome to come along to these friendly sessions, and it never rains on the bowlers.

Roy Mudd

VOLUNTEERS

Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club has been very fortunate in the last fourteen years to have club members who have volunteered to fill positions of office in the club. We rely on these volunteers for the smooth running of the club and dedication to the position they fill.

Some clubs have to pay for staff to fulfil certain roles with the subsequent cost of their salaries reflecting in the membership fees. Can I therefore ask members to think very hard about what they can offer when volunteers are required and positions **need to be filled**. Thank you.

The coffee morning held on the 12th March raised the grand sum of **£443**. As always your support made the event a great success. Thank you all for your contributions, generosity and participation on the day. A lot of you have spent time baking cakes, making chutney, making items to sell. Plus a plant and wood turning stall. It's with your help that we are able to raise funds for the Club which is greatly appreciated by the Social Committee.

The Club Function held on the 19th March was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. The theme was the "Forties". The committee extend a "thank you" to all those who dressed for the occasion. We had the ladies in their 40's fashions, the men in service uniforms and the air warden! It added to the success of the evening. Thank you to the "air warden" for blowing his whistle as a signal for everyone to go into the restaurant!! Everyone also enjoyed the "Forties" meal - simple but nice. Watch the notice board for forthcoming Dinners and Functions.

Sylvia Wrightson

Social Committee.

Breast Cancer Campaign Event
Wednesday 2nd March

Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club would like to thank all members for their very generous support in really getting into the spirit of the day, also other club members who helped to support this event by buying raffle tickets the week before.

We raised a very commendable amount of **£1,138.70** and would like to thank you most wholeheartedly in helping raise this amount by playing on the afternoon, buying tickets, making cakes, donating raffle prizes, and not forgetting all the helpers.

Maureen Holloway
 Ladies Captain

And members of the Joint Management Committee



Answers to
 crossword 17

Please
remember
that
no food
is allowed
in the rink
area

	G	R	A	D	E		T	O	A	S	T
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O	V	E	R	A	W	E		B	E	T	A
N		I			H	O	T	E	L	S	
J	A	C	K	S	O	N		L			C
O	R		I					I	N	F	O
I	C	E	D					E			I
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Notes from the JMC

(see full minutes on notice)

Ian Mulholland outlined a proposal to the committee of recruiting juniors within the "Return to Sport" campaign, funded by the government. Bowls is now a GCSE subject and this would be in conjunction with Gosport Borough Council and local secondary schools. It would involve a 2 hour session covering possibly 20 interested students, it will need 6 coaches and would be supervised by teachers. The JMC agreed this was a good idea and Ian will make enquiries on the procedures.

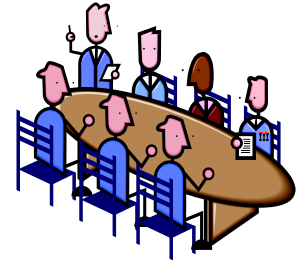
Four members of the JMC attended the EIBA meeting to discuss primarily the Affiliation Fee options. A circular has also been received from the EIBA for the club's views to be put forward in writing, and it was agreed that our support should be for option 3. Subscription Fee. This is a banding system based on the number of declared members, our club will fall into the 601-800 members category. It was felt this was the fairest and most open system for all sizes of clubs

Replacement ditch linings have now been installed. **It was noted that players should not be stepping in the ditches.**

Forms for registration for next season are now available, and confirmed that the 6.10 p.m. Friday league will now be a Men's Pairs league.

Confirmed that an 'improvers' Mixed Triples league will run alongside the Ladies league at 6.10 p.m. on Thurs. A measuring device has been running now for about 2 weeks in monitoring the fluctuations during different times of the day. Andrew Miller produced a graph that this device produces which has helped in managing the start time to maintain an even temperature, and also with regard to the humidity. New digital thermometers are now displayed in the rink area. Further consultations with the suppliers of the heating system has pinpointed the next step required to monitor and control the system.

Stickers will be displayed in the club and changing rooms to remind members to switch-off mobile phones.



Notification of a new National Competition to be run in the summer called 'Fantastic Fives'. This was discussed and noted the restriction on playing members. Agreed to display this for members' interest and response by the next meeting.

There is still a healthy sum in the savings account although not accruing much interest. The figures have fluctuated due to adverse weather conditions in different months year-on-year.

The EIBA have now issued up-to-date rule books at a cost of £2.50 each. Agreed to obtain 10 of these for the Captains, Head Coach and reception, the rest to be for sale.

A reminder to members that no food is allowed in the rink area.

A reminder to turn lights off especially on a Saturday p.m. even though the Catering Manager may still be in the kitchen.

Palmerston cup rules relating to an extra end will be amended when final entry forms are distributed .

Suggested that the Men's Fours competition is played on a set date to assist with organisation and encourage more entries, if not convenient then the players can re-arrange.

A new sample competition form for next season was distributed to clarify those eligible for entry.

It was confirmed that if a substitute is required for a competition that they can play as Skip, but not if substituted during a match.

The electronic name Scoreboard is being reviewed while the overall financial commitments are considered.

A fairly full programme for friendly matches for next season has been arranged. Agreed to provide a coach for a long-distance away match, some of the cost to be incorporated into the match fee.

Tokens to be amended to redeem a 2-hour bowls session. Would like to extend their use for Inter-club matches. Men's and Ladies' Captains use a system appropriate to their matches and locations .

Notice to be displayed on the electronic notice board congratulating Bill Jackson on reaching the National Finals of the Over 60s singles at Melton Mowbray.

A reminder to members that when coloured shirts are worn, the whole team should wear them.

National Championship competition forms received for 2011/12, passed to Ladies and Competition secretaries, with a list of areas.

Club Secretary thanked everyone for their support during her time in office and wished Marilyn Williamson a very good year as President.

One of the stones at the entrance to the building has to be removed to observe Health & Safety regulations.

The ladies team finished 4th in the Riversmeet competition, with much appreciation to those who were nervous in playing these matches.

The Summer League will start at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 28th March and finish on 9th September. 200+ members have signed up

9 teams have registered for the Men's Pairs winter league on Friday at 6.15 p.m. and club night will revert back to 8:15pm from September

LIGHTER SIDE

Actually said in an American court 

Oldies *Young at heart. Slightly older in other places. I'm speeding because I have to get there before I forget where I am going.*

*I don't exercise – it makes me spill my coffee
I'm retired. I was tired yesterday and I'm tired again today.
Goodbye tension. Hello Pension
Live each day like it's your last. One day, you'll get it right!
The only trouble with retirement, you never get a day off!*

Attorney: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse? **Witness:** No.

Attorney: Did you check for blood pressure?

Witness: No.

Attorney: Did you check for breathing? **Witness:** No.

Attorney: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy? **Witness:** No.

Attorney: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

Witness: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

Attorney: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

Witness: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law

A man went to the dentist to have his wisdom tooth out. He asked can if he could drive afterwards? The dentist replied, "of course you can". "Excellent" the man said "I couldn't before"

A duck goes into the chemist and says "can i have a lip salve please" the chemist says "that will be 42p please" the duck replies "can you put it on my bill"

Two snakes in a zoo. One asks the other "Are we poisonous?" The other replies "No were not, why?" "Oh thank goodness for that, I just bit my tongue!"

In a recent survey 6 out of 7 dwarfs said they weren't 'Happy'

- 1 Nearly brings together a nation
- 4 Offer reasons
- 9 How acidic?
- 10 Silly donkey?
- 11 Very jellyish Chinese fruit
- 13 Generally one at a time
- 14 Changes often
- 15 Circular flower arrangement
- 19 Out for the count
- 20 Heads or tails?
- 22 Neat mix up to blow it's top
- 23 Where it's is
- 24 Going to where the sun shines?
- 27 Going down and down
- 29 Lots and lots
- 30 RC prayer
- 32 This is the finish
- 33 Single with vowel
- 34 Animals refuge
- 35 Funny fella

One liners

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.
What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway.)
Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.
A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under.
He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.



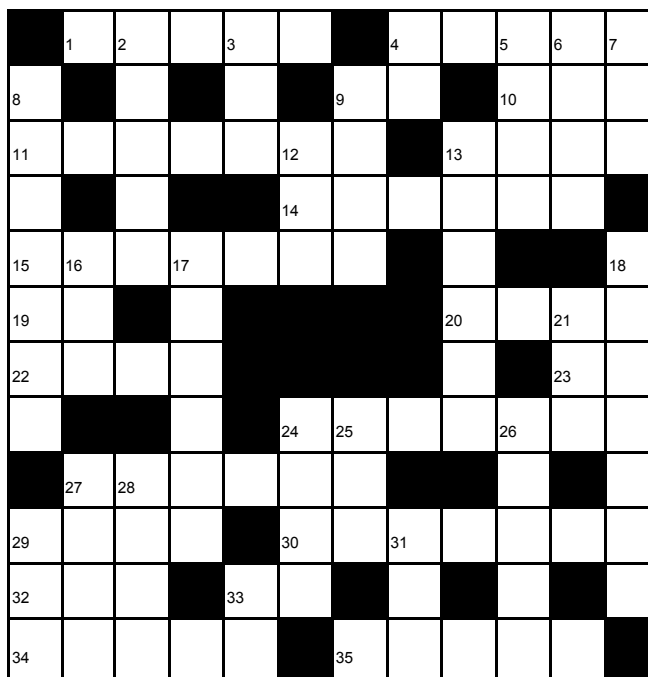
*What's orange and sounds like a parrot?
A carrot*

Having edited the Palmreader for three years, I have decided that it might be a good idea to let someone else have a go at this job. If you are interested please let me know. I will give you all the assistance you need to get started.
BH

- 2 Queen had a night there
- 3 Preceded humbug
- 4 First I see.....
- 5 Point of entry?
- 6 Have their purposes
- 7 More of this through the senses (abbr.)
- 8 Darkly defame
- 9 Decayed vegetation
- 12 Adam's fruit giver
- 16 Cold it's not
- 17 Log spike
- 18 Genteel irony
- 21 Got the weight off your feet
- 24 Arithmetical average
- 25 Watering hole?
- 26 Let
- 27 One of the Germanic tribes
- 28 The faster you are, the more of these you will play
- 29 From XY?
- 31 Let's all stick together
- 33 Our ancestors? (abbr.)



Crossword 18



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