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PALM READER

The Palmerston Indoor Bowling Club Magazine

My last edition of Palmreader

I volunteered four years ago to have a go at producing the Palm Reader with help from as many of you as possible. A regular magazine is, in my opinion, very important to our club enabling all members to raise issues, comments, etc. whilst informing others of the events and current news at the club. It relies on the contribution of relevant articles, comments, letters or photos which I have always been very grateful to receive. I hoped to produce the magazine on a monthly basis and any inputs from leagues, competitions, events, socials activities, letters, etc. were important. Obviously this as any club magazine relies on the information provided by it's officials and members.

As you may have noticed lately the Palmreader has been very thin and published every two months or so. This was mainly due to the lack of articles / news that have come into my 'in tray' save for the few regular contributors.

Time has come to breathe new life into the magazine, so if you are interested in having a go at being the editor I will give you all the help that I can to get you started.

Brian Hayles

Editor

The Bonus Ball competition is up and running again.
When entering the competition please write your name legibly.
Winners so far have been Charles Livingston, Alan Baker, Helen Francis and Jackie Miller
with £30 to the winner and £19 to the club each week.
The first winners of the 100 club draw were Fred Hall (B) and Bill Coker (A)

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PALMERSTON CUP NEWS

The opening games of the Palmerston Cup took place on the 2nd October 2011. Both matches were close affairs and entertaining to watch. In League A, Hampshire Police were competing against a strong Atherley Red team and throughout the game there was never much in it, with both teams taking the lead at different times. On the final end all three Police rinks managed to pick up points and the Police ran out the winners by 7 shots (57 -50). In the other match Fareham B were competing against Atherley Blue. Fareham were slow to get going and were some way behind Atherley in the first quarter of the match, but gradually Fareham came back into it and by the halfway stage there was only 1 shot in it. The match remained a close run thing, but eventually Atherley Blue ran out the winners 52 - 47. The first League B matches took place the following Sunday 9th October 2011, but these were not the close run affairs we saw the previous week. Fareham A were playing Meon Valley and at the half way stage all three Fareham rinks were in front. However one Meon Valley rink made a come back to win, but it was not enough with Fareham winning 57 - 44. The other match saw the two teams from Banister Park competing against each other. It was a rather one sided affair and ended in a victory for the stronger B team by 62 shots. However one of the A team rinks managed to hold on for a win, so it was not quite a whitewash. Final score was a 95 - 33 shots victory for the B team.

On 23rd October 2011 a further round of the Palmerston Cup took place, which saw Atherley Stripes defeat an inexperienced team from the Triple T's Gosport 85 - 33 shots and winning on all rinks.

In the other match that evening Fareham B took on Hampshire Police. This was a very close encounter on all three rinks and the match was determined on the very last wood bowled, The lead changed hands many times both on the individual rinks and overall, with neither team being able to pull away from the other. After the completion of 17 ends, Fareham B were leading 47 - 43. As in their previous match, the Police side showed their resilience and on the final end picked up shots on all three rinks to win the match 48 shots to 47. Each side won a rink, lost a rink and one rink was tied. This was an exciting match to watch and both teams came off the rink buzzing with the performance they had put up. Congratulations to the Police for winning, but well done to Fareham B for putting up such a splendid performance.

On 6th November 2011, Lee on the Solent played their first match in the competition. Their opponents were Meon Valley, who quickly settled into their stride on all three rinks. Although Lee tried to make a comeback, Meon Valley ran out winners on all three rinks by 72 shots to 37.

The other match saw Fareham 'A' playing Banister Park 'A'. Banister got off to the better start on all three rinks, but gradually Fareham came back into it on one rink, picking up seven shots on one end. Although Banister maintained their grip on two rinks, Fareham applied the pressure on the third rink and continued to pick up shots enough to carry the team to victory. Final score, Fareham 'A' 55 shots, Banister Park 'A' 51 shots.

Keith Fleming

Social News

November 19th sees Roy holding another of his popular Race Nights.

On **Saturday 3rd December** at 11am we will be having a Christmas get together when the Club Christmas Draw will take place. We are considering ideas for some light entertainment. Your continued support is necessary to make it a success and it also raises funds for the Club. "The more numbers you buy, the more chance you have to win." There will be a variation on the selection of prizes this year.

We will be putting the Christmas decorations up on **Saturday 26th November**. As always we would welcome some help with this task and volunteers will be appreciated.

The club's Christmas Dinner Dance will be held on **Saturday 17th December**.

We will be arranging a New Years Eve party with an entertainer to provide the music.

Watch the notice board for further details of all functions.

It has been necessary for the Social Committee to adopt the policy of entry to a Club Social Function will be by TICKET ONLY. We have had to introduce this policy as it is proof of payment, so "please" always remember to bring your tickets with you. Also we respectfully remind you that the dress code for functions is "smart". No t-shirts, jeans, or trainers. Your co-operation to adhere to these policies will be appreciated.

The Social committee are aware that a statement was made referring to an entry on the booking list for a Social Function. If anyone has a query concerning a Function, please contact or write to the Social Committee (anonymously is acceptable). The members of staff in the kitchen are not responsible to answer queries referring to a Function.

Sylvia Wrightson

Social Committee



Notes from the JMC

(see full minutes on notice board)



Andrew Miller advised that installation of the thermistors had been successful but has resulted in increase in costs. To alleviate the impact the temperature is to be set at 20° instead of the current 21°. Temperature variation has

Andrew stated the structural survey for the installation of solar panels had been completed with no problems arising. The saving is estimated at about £2,000 per year once the installation is completed. This figure could be higher as our current contract with the supplier expires in 2012 and this will no doubt result in a significant increase on current costs.

Keith Fleming advised that the closing date for the Novice competitions is end of October. Currently only 2 entries received for the Novice Triples. If this remains unchanged the competition will not run.

Confusion over the envelopes posted in the competition box for entries into the Men's and Ladies' competitions remains. In future Ladies will be asked to use a different style of envelope in order to eliminate this problem.

Keith advised that the Palmerston Cup is up and running and the feedback has been good with competitors appreciating all the facilities offered by the club. Those who witnessed the first round of this competition gave positive feedback. Keith asked that a buffet be provided for the Presentation. This was agreed. Revenue for the competition should total £1,350. Keith Matthews will present the Cup and our President will present the Cheques. Leagues are progressing well.

Roy Mudd expressed congratulations to Keith on a well organised event in the Palmerston Cup.

The friendly against Leigh Park caused upset partly due some of the language on the green but mostly because of the jokes told by one member at the meal after the event. Letter to be sent explaining the problems.

The restaurant menu board has been moved to inside the restaurant as it was obstructing access to the bowls rack. The legs were also a Health and safety issue and this action should alleviate the problem.

Bonus Ball is up and running. Currently it is running fortnightly but if all the numbers are sold in sufficient time it will run weekly.

Janet Gadd advised that she still had no permanent help. It was not possible to recruit anyone at present as she did not have sufficient time to train them.

MEN'S COMPETITIONS

Competitors in the Men's Club competitions need to be aware that the semi finals must be completed by 8th January 2012. The reason for this is that the names of the finalists have to be forwarded to the County Indoor Competitions Secretary and there is no extension granted for being late.

Although I have set dates for the completion of various rounds, competitors should make every effort to play their matches as soon as possible. This is particularly relevant in view of the latest media reports of wintry conditions likely to affect the country from November onwards. There is very little leeway built in for completion dates, if the club is closed due to adverse weather conditions.

Keith Fleming

Men's and Mixed Competitions Secretary

Reminders

Ladies are reminded that **only** tops with collars and club regulation blue waistcoats and / or cardigans may be worn. This also applies to friendly matches.

Trousers / culottes / cropped trousers (rule 6.1 in the National Handbook) or skirts should be worn.

Jeans, tracksuit bottoms and outside club shirts are **not** acceptable.

Don't forget to bring your old bras for the air ambulance campaign.

The Bill Bowshell Trophy

Palmerston regained the Bill Bowshell trophy from Crofton at the annual match on

Sunday 23rd October.

The match, as always, was played in a very friendly manner finishing with an after match meal. Rene Bowshell was in attendance to present Marilyn, our president with the trophy, making it three wins for Crofton and two to Palmerston.

Many thanks to all who supported the match.

LIGHTER SIDE

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine, they were exhausted and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend.

"Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Holmes said Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that The lord is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have, a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes was silent for a minute; then spoke. "Watson, you idiot, somebody has stolen our tent."

During a recent publicity outing, Jennifer sneaked off to visit a fortune teller of some local repute. In a dark and hazy room, peering into a crystal ball, the mystic delivered grave news. "There's no easy way to say this, so I'll just be blunt: Prepare yourself to be a widow. Your husband will die a violent and horrible death this year." Visibly shaken, Jennifer stared at the woman's lined face, then at the single flickering candle, then down at her hands. She took a few deep breaths to compose herself. She simply had to know. She met the fortune teller's gaze, steadied her voice, and asked her question. "Will I be acquitted?"

Hmmm

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?

What is the speed of darkness?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?

Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Did you ever stop and wonder.....

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, 'I think I'll squeeze these pink dangly things here and drink whatever comes out?'

Who was the first person to say, 'See that chicken there... I'm going to eat the next thing that comes out of its bum.'

Why do toasters always have a setting so high that could burn the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?

Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their bum when they ask where the bathroom is?

Why does your Obstetrician, Gynaecologist leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look up there anyway?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours?

They're both dogs!

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Why do the Alphabet Song and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Stop singing and read on.....

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?

A tour bus driver is driving with a bus full of old aged pensioners when he is tapped on his shoulder by a little old lady. She offers him a handful of peanuts, which he gratefully munches up. After about 15 minutes, she taps him on the shoulder again and she hands the driver another handful of peanuts.

When she is about to hand him another batch again, he asks her "Why don't you eat the peanuts?"

"We can't chew them because we have no teeth", she replied. "We just love the chocolate around them."

While sitting make clockwise circles with your right foot. While doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.



Answers to crossword 19

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