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PALM READER

The Palmerston Indoor Bowling Club Magazine

This is a one off edition of the Palmreader intended to give news, information about the forthcoming winter season and to inform any new members or remind existing club members of some of the rules and regulations at Palmerston.

The Palmerston Cup

This is a competition for outdoor clubs to compete against each other on the indoor carpet at Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club during the winter months. Each team consists of nine players playing a triples match on three rinks. It is an Open competition so teams may be of the same gender or mixed. The matches are held on Sunday evenings starting at 6.30pm with the bar open from 6p.m. Last year a team from Banister Park Bowling Club won the competition with a team from Fareham being the runners up. A buffet was provided on the finals evening when the cup and prize monies were awarded.

In 2012/13 once again the competition has been sponsored by Kestrel Guards and teams from Atherley, Banister Park, Fareham, Hampshire Police, Lockswood and Meon Valley have entered. They have been split into two leagues and each team will play the others in the league once. There are two points for an overall win and one point for a draw. The top two teams from each league go forward to the semi-finals which are held in January. The following week is the finals week and also the play off for 3rd and 4th place. This year the JMC at Palmerston have increased the prize monies for the successful teams as follows:- 1st place receives £200, 2nd place receives £150, 3rd place receives £100 and the 4th place team receives £75.



Spectators are always welcome on match nights and based on the previous year these games proved to be very popular with all concerned. There was a good standard of bowling and one or two very tight finishes. A list of matches is displayed on the notice board, so if there is nothing you want to watch on the telly you would always be welcome at Palmerston.

Keith Fleming
Men's & Mixed Competition Secretary

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Social News

The Social Committee have arranged functions during the summer season which included celebrating the Queens Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics. We have further functions arranged during the winter season. The first one was held on the 22nd of September which was a "Swinging 60,s" night. The hot buffet provided by Richard was excellent and the entertainer made the night go with a "swing".



The next function will be a Halloween Dinner Dance on **October 27th**. The entertainer will be

Robi Lee, a Vocalist Guitarist who has been booked for previous functions at Palmerston.

On Saturday **10th November** Roy & Janet are holding a Race Night. This is a very popular event and always good fun.



Saturday the **17th of November** is the 15th anniversary of the opening of the Club. To celebrate the occasion arrangements are being made to have an afternoon of bowls followed by a Celebration Dinner. Watch for details that will be posted on the notice board. A Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday

1st December. A request for volunteers to have stalls will be posted on the notice board. A snack bar will be provided.



We will be holding a New Years Eve Party again which has been a success for the past two years.

Further details of all these events will be posted on the notice board.

Club Christmas Draw.

The sheets for the draw will be displayed in the Club foyer from the beginning of October. Selection of a number is 50p each and as the saying goes "you have to be in it to win it". Your participation and support helps to raise funds for your Club.

Lunchtime bookings

Parties of over ten people wanting to lunch in the restaurant must obtain authorization, from me, by completing a request form which are available at the desk. The maximum number allowed at the present time is 20. It has been noted that this policy is not being honoured and therefore action to control the numbers will be introduced.



Sylvia Wrightson
Director of Catering

Competitions

If you are new to the club or are unsure of what to do in relation to competitions, you should find all the answer in the blue rule book hanging on the notice board in the club. If you turn to Appendix 4 all will be revealed.



Keith Fleming
Men's & Mixed Competitions Secretary

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.

From the Chief Steward

I wish to thank all Stewards for carrying out their duties especially with the task of collecting the visitors one pounds for temporary membership. We, the stewards', main job is collecting Green Fees and putting the cash etc down the shoot, an income to the club. Another responsibility is to clear the club of all personnel in case of Fire and to check the visitors names from the visitors book which should be up to date at the reception desk. Hosts must make sure all their visitors names are entered in same. Please Ladies and Gentlemen we could badly do with more Stewards to carry out duties. When you perform the duties you receive vouchers and they are to pay for your games of bowls. So please come and join us.

Charles Livingston

Chief Steward



Ladies

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.

Men

White shirt or Tee shirt with collar, grey trousers and if required white short or long sleeved jumper or cardigan with authorised shoes.

Team coloured tops are only permitted in the leagues where all their team wear them.

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THE TALK CAN BE ARRANGED FOR A MORNING OR EVENING - OR BOTH IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT DEMAND. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED WILL YOU PLEASE ENTER YOUR NAME ON THE NOTICE BOARD WITH AN INDICATION OF WHETHER YOU PREFER A MORNING OR EVENING TALK. FOCUS IS ALSO WILLING TO COVER HOW INHERITANCE TAX LIABILITY MAY BE REDUCED OR ELIMINATED. IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE COVERED THEN PLEASE INDICATE THIS ON THE LIST. HAVING HEARD THE PRESENTATION, I AM SURE THERE WILL BE MANY PEOPLE WHO WILL FIND THE INFORMATION INFORMATIVE AND HELPFUL.

Andrew Miller
COMPANY SECRETARY

PARKING

Any member with a disability badge may use the designated parking bays,



but please display your relevant badge. During the winter sessions at the weekends the coach parking area at the front of the club may be needed for visiting teams in a coach.

Please be aware of this and park in other designated areas. When driving in to the club, please respect the one way system at all times. Keep well to the left when coming in to the car park and please do not take short cuts. **ALL MEMBERS** using a vehicle and parking should display a **PALMERSTON PARKING STICKER**. These are available free of charge from the steward on the desk.

Thanks The Board



Members are reminded that when substitutes play in leagues, they are not to skip as this is classed as an illegal player.

POSSESSION OF THE RINK

Many players forget the courtesies of possession of the rink. It may be worthwhile looking at the rule, and reflecting what should and should not be done.

Rule 41 Laws of the sport of indoor bowls First Edition

Possession of the rink shall belong to the team whose bowl is being played.

The players in possession of the rink for the time being shall not be interfered with annoyed or have their attention distracted in any way by their opponents.

As soon as each bowl shall have come to rest, possession of the rink shall be **transferred to the other team**, time being allowed for marking a toucher.

What should this mean

1. The opposing skip should not be in the head looking to see who has the shot, after his team's bowl has come to rest
2. The opposing skip should not be giving instructions / information to his team, that is the prerogative of the skip in possession of the rink
- 3 **Any player bowling should not be part way up the rink when their bowl comes to rest.** They should be behind the head or behind the jack
4. At all times, when a team is not in possession of the rink they should be clear of the head., or behind the mat
- 5 In a singles game, the marker should **only** be asked for information when a player is in possession of the rink. The marker should deny answering a question from the person who has just bowled, and whose bowl has come to rest.

N.B. Possession of the rink is the important factor, all bowlers should know when they have possession, and play accordingly.

R.L.M.

SUMMER LEAGUES 2012

This years summer leagues proved to be very competitive, with one league on a Wednesday finishing with the same number of points, and the shot difference deciding the winner.

24 games were played overall, with a break at the first week in August for general maintenance.

Club night continued on Friday nights at 7.00p.m. with an average of 36 members, and this will revert to 8.15p.m. for the winter.

Next season it is hoped to have more team places available in case any members wish to revert to indoor bowling from the wet outdoor season.

Grateful thanks to those members who undertook the stewards duties during the summer, and kept the centre open for bowling and the usual lunches.



Looking forward to the 2013 summer season indoors

Roy Mudd

Chairman Summer Leagues



SUMMER LEAGUE TEAM RESULTS 2012

Mondays	(F)	Bob Hellyer
Tuesdays	(I)	Maurice Brown
Wednesdays	(I)	Graham Newton
Thursdays	(F)	Trevor Blackshaw
Fridays	(D)	Ralph Norster

Friendly Matches

The friendly matches against other clubs are starting for the new season. These form an important part of the Palmerston culture i.e. meeting other clubs, bringing in revenue for the club and catering. Can I ask that members please support the fixtures for the 2012 / 2013 season especially with regard to the away match.

The in house friendly matches have always been very successful so can I again ask that you continue to support these noting that the "Ann Broadhurst" trophy match with a Christmas dinner is in December .

Thank you

Mobile Phones

Just a reminder that the use of mobile phones in the club generally and particularly on the rinks is not permitted.

There have been instances lately where this ruling has been ignored so please remember to turn your phones off especially when you are going to play in a match.



Dress in the Restaurant

Would members and their guests please note that the dress code when having a meal in our restaurant is smart casual.

Shorts and vests are not acceptable.

R L Mudd

Chairman - Board of Directors

JACKS

We have eight nice new shiny jacks, please look after them.

Remember, if the jack is driven out of the rink during a league game, it is re-spotted.

If, on the first cast it is put into the ditch, or out of the rink the opposing skip places the jack, and the lead may move the mat. The player who was due to play first still delivers the first bowl.

IN A MATCH, if the lead puts the jack out of the rink then the opposing lead delivers the jack. If this also goes out of the rink, then the jack is placed on the "T" and the first to bowl adjusts the mat.

Booking of the restaurant

A reminder of the conditions when booking the restaurant for a function. When completing the application form please read the conditions of hire printed on the back of the form which the member is responsible for ensuring they are adhered to. Your booking for hire is not confirmed until you receive the letter of confirmation from me.

Richard is responsible for confirming his catering arrangements for you. Any queries about a booking please contact me.



Sylvia Wrightson
Director of catering.

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 31st August 2007 that with effect from **1st 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

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.

Notes on the leagues

A couple of problems to bring to your attention

Late withdrawals of league teams

Postponed matches not notified to League Secretary or opposition

Withdrawal of Teams

It may help to understand the timeline for setting up the leagues.

It is necessary to sort out the teams for the following indoor season leagues before most people disappear at the end of March to play at outdoor clubs.

In order to accomplish this, I ask you to register your teams during the month of February. This means that we have March to see which leagues are full and where we will have capacity to accommodate new teams.

Further team registrations can be made until end of June.

During July the leagues will be run and programmes printed.

The programme sheets will be available for collection immediately after the maintenance week shutdown, which is normally the first week in August. If circumstances force a team to withdraw from the league, you must inform the league secretary before maintenance week which gives an opportunity to re-run that league before the programmes are distributed.

In exceptional circumstances for late withdrawal, the leagues could be re-run before the league starts and the amended programmes delivered to the team leaders, but this is not possible on only 24 hours notice which actually happened from one team this year.

Postponed Matches

At the start of each season there are several postponed matches due mostly to holidays and outdoor club tours.

If it proves impossible to arrange substitutes, your opponent needs to be informed and arrangements made to postpone and rearrange the match. A form obtainable from the steward needs to be completed which informs the league secretary of the situation.

If your team does not turn up to play a league match without informing the opponents, then the match is awarded to the opponent 10:0 and the offending team must pay the total rink fees to a duty steward at the earliest opportunity.

The leagues are run for your enjoyment. I hope that this information will help understanding and cooperation for the benefit of all.

Bill Jackson

League Secretary.



World Bowls

Two players from Palmerston are members of the Professional Bowls Association and recently competed in a qualifying event at Bournemouth to try to gain one place available for the World Bowls Championship, which is held at Potters and televised annually during January.

Bill Jackson won three matches on his way to the quarter finals where he met Gary Fountain from Dolphin IBC (Poole). In the first set Bill lost four on the first end. This must have spurred him into action, as Bill won the next five ends to win the first set. The second set was won comfortably by Gary which meant a three end tie break. Unfortunately Gary narrowly won the first two ends to win the contest.

I say unfortunately because the reward for success would have been a match against Russell Gadd who had another successful event by reaching the semi final. (last year, Russell reached the final only losing to Neil Smith who thus qualified for Potters)



Unfortunately is the word again, as Russell also lost to Gary Fountain after winning the first set. (Gary Fountain then lost to Scott Edwards in the final)

Bill and Russell teamed up the following day to try to qualify for the World Pairs Championship. They managed to reach the quarter finals. Despite holding three in the last end of the first set with the score at five each, the opposing Skip, Ben Pordage scuppered their hopes with a perfect running last bowl to win the set. The second set was also lost which meant the end of their involvement.

And finally.....Please remember to inform the membership secretary Lesley Howell if you change your address or telephone number.....it makes life much easier for everyone..Thanks.

If you would like to take up the mantle of the editor of the Palmreader please contact me or email b.hayles@ntlworld.com