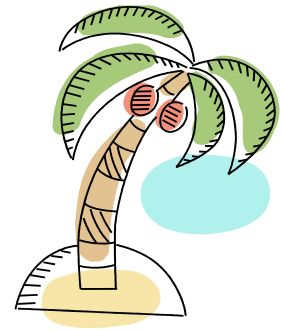


PALM READER

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We welcome our new president Barry McCann; who has chosen the Rainbow Centre as his charity for the year. The Rainbow Centre supports children with Cerebral Palsy and adults with a stroke, MS, Parkinson's, adult Cerebral Palsy, as well as their families. The Rainbow Centre's aim is help the children / participants to take an active role in their own development and inspire each of them to reach their full potential.

Barry hopes members will help to raise as much money as possible by joining in any friendly charity games and activities.



WELCOME TO ALL THE LADIES PLAYERS FOR THIS SEASON

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE LADIES THIS YEAR, WHETHER RETURNING PLAYERS OR NEW PLAYERS TO THE CLUB, WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR SEASON AT PALMERSTON.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING THE CLUB BY PLAYING IN THE COMPETITIVE MATCHES, PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST IN THE LADIES CHANGING ROOM FOR A LADIES PRACTICE ON FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER AT 2.00 P.M.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AND A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

MAUREEN HOLLOWAY, LADIES CAPTAIN

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Our Website



Have you checked out our “new” website? If so you will have been surprised to find it looks nothing like the site, you are used to. I created the “old” version about 3 years ago based on an original design by the Scottish firm who originally designed it back in 200? (probably about 5 years previous). It took a couple of years to add meat to the bones and include information about leagues, competitions, Palmerston Cup, etc. About a year ago member Steve Ellis came forward and offered to take over running it. I gratefully accepted his help and he has done a sterling job requiring very little input from me. But he also said he had ideas for a new design. Well here it is.

We have now a much more professional and modern appearance. When you look at the first page (see picture above) notice how the bowl moves! Although perhaps just a nice fun item, it illustrates just one part of the many weeks of work which has gone in to this design. Incidentally this moving image was created by Steve from scratch and has not been copied from elsewhere. So if you see it on some other site in the future let Steve know and he'll don his uniform and pull them over (he is a full time policeman!).

But it's not just about looks. First you will see that all the information which was on the old site is also here and some of it (such as travelling directions for visitors) is enhanced. But also a lot of work was required to now be able to display the site on a small screen such as a tablet or smartphone. Previously trying to look at the full web page to see league results on a phone was nigh impossible for the younger eyes here, never mind mine. But now you will be able to see league tables, and all the other competition results, honours board, etc.

So have a look and please give any feedback to Steve who will welcome your input favourable or otherwise – you will see how to do this on the site. It is always a work in progress, nothing in modern life stays the same for long.

Russell Gadd

Out Going Presidents End of Year Speech

Our outgoing President Daphne thanked members for their support and in helping her to have such an enjoyable year, and in raising £3483.70 for her charity Parkinson's UK.

A large amount of the money had been raised by abseiling down the Spinnaker tower earlier in the year.

Daphne particularly mentioned Barry her Vice President, and Tony Jennings for dealing with the electric score board, also Bruce Bedford for supplying so many plants for sale and also Janet and Roy Mudd for their help and guidance.

Daphne said that it was with pride and a little sadness that she now passed the chain of office to Barry and hoped that he would get the same level of support from members as she had enjoyed.

Hampshire Patrons Section.

Welcome back to the start of the 2016/17 indoor season, hope you all had success during the summer.

Palmerston has been asked to supply a rink for the Hampshire Indoor Bowls Association Patrons Section fixtures.

We have suggested the following fixtures that Palmerston would like to be considered for: -

Sat 29th Oct	Loddon Vale I.B.C.	2pm at Loddon Vale
Sun 13th Nov	Atherley B.C.	2pm at Atherley
Sat 28th Jan	Palmerston I.B.A.	2pm at Palmerston I.B.C
Sat 11th Feb	Victory I.B.C.	2pm at Victory I.B.C
Sun 5th Mar	Riverside I.B.C	2pm at Riverside I.B.C
Sat 18th Mar	Basingstoke & District B.A.	2pm at Loddon Vale I.B.C

Once confirmation has been received from the Patron's Secretary, signup sheets will be posted on the Friendly Notice Board or on the green board in the men's changing rooms.

The Patron's play Clubs and Associations throughout Hampshire and give financial support to assist the County. However, their main aim is to have friendly enjoyable matches where bowls is always the winner.

Please see the notices on the Friendly Notice Board for more information and details on how to join the Hampshire Patron's.

Brian Hopkins – Palmerston Patrons Delegate.
01329 319436

SUMMER LEAGUE WINNERS 2016

Monday	9.30am	Drifters	D. Hiddleston
Tuesday	9.30am	Pirates	R. Hellyer
Tuesday	11.30am	Jacks Five	M. Williamson
Wednesday	9.30am	Bowler Hats	M. Williamson
Thursday	9.30am	The Gardeners	J. McFaul
Friday	9.30am	Fryday	R. Jasper

LEAGUE RESULTS.

Would team skips please make sure that they record the result of their game on the score sheet next to the bar.

If this is not done, then the member who updates the league results sheets has to go into the office, find the relevant card(s), and put the result on to the sheet before the league can be brought up to date.

The recoding of the result on the sheet is the responsibility of the two skips involved in the game.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SUMMER COMPETITION.

After suggestions from members, the summer committee has decided to run a summer competition for the summer bowler's

It will take the form of a DRAWN TRIPLES played probably on a Wednesday afternoon over 12 ends.

Members will be able to opt for playing Lead, Two. or Skip, and then the names will be drawn.

This is just for information, and the list for playing names will appear at the beginning of the summer season next year.

Roy Mudd

NOTES AND REMINDERS

The defibrillator: has been installed next to the bar. This has been purchased with a bequest from the estate of Ian F Dobson a founder member of our club. It is hoped to arrange a training session for all interested members in October, dates to follow.

Please take part in the Bonus Ball Lottery which is on the desk outside the committee room. It only costs £1 and you could win £40. The club benefits by £19 and this will help to build up funds again.

When playing in friendly matches against other clubs please remember that ladies must wear either a club waistcoat or cardigan. Non club ones are not acceptable.

A member has said that he has noticed some members wearing incorrect shoes on the rink. Please ensure that you are wearing bowling shoes with smooth soles.

Ladies, please continue to bring in your unwanted bras in bags for the Air Ambulance.

Dress Standards

Just a quick reminder that the club standard dress for leagues / drives / roll ups is

Women

White blouse or tee shirt with collar, grey trousers or skirt and if required light blue waistcoat / cardigan (can be obtained from club) with authorised shoes.

Men

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

Please be aware that you are not supposed to go from the lounge area to the rink area to bowl until the previous players have completely left the rink area.

Have you changed your phone number or address? If so, please can you inform Lesley Howell to enable her to keep her records up to date?

CAR PARK



Reflections on the Circuit

Bill Jackson once again competed on the Open Singles Circuit. On reflection, the highlight was at Clarrie Dunbar where Jamie Chestney (ranked 14 on World Bowls Tour) was the winner, but the only person to win a set against him, in that competition, was Bill in the third round.

Another match which proved exciting was at Bristol. After beating Michael Knight, a current England international, in the first round, Bill progressed to the third round. There he met Mark Burdett, who this year won the Welford OSC event. The match could not have been closer, one set each, then one tie break end each. Mark sent up a minimum length jack. After 3 bowls each Bill was holding shot with a bowl short left three inches away and had a bowl covering right and long, as the jack looked like going that way. Mark fired and somehow the jack finished up in the far left hand corner in the ditch. Bill only had to draw to within 5 feet of the corner to qualify for the quarter final, but the bowl went too far and dropped into the ditch to lose the match. Martin Timms was the eventual winner of the Bristol OSC event.

Bill's best tournament was at Worthing Pavilion where he reached the quarter final and lost to Chris Young, the eventual winner. On the way Bill beat Martin Shepherd who is ranked number 8 on the OS Circuit.

Bill played in 12 of the 29 events, the best 7 events to count. One quarter final, 4 third rounds, one second round, one first round counted. A total of 750 players participated on the OSC with 500 playing in more than one event.

The top 48 in the rankings are invited to a Grand Prix event at Northampton on October 29. After 3 years of trying, this is the first time that Bill has qualified with his ranking this season of 43. He will play Martin Timms in the first round.

Bill also plays in the PBA qualifiers for World Bowls championships. His best result this season was to reach the semi-final of the qualifier for the Scottish Open at Dolphin, Poole. There he was holding match lie with a bowl six inches behind the jack against Damian Doubler (Welsh International) but Damian drew inside it with his third bowl which proved decisive in the third tie break end. Damian then won the final to qualify to play against Greg Harlow at Perth, Scotland in November.



On The Lighter Side

Did you hear about the catering student who was tap dancing? He broke his ankle when he fell into the sink.

Ice is no longer available in the drinks at cafeterias in the Catering College. The student who knew the recipe graduated.

Palmerston Cup

"The Palmerston Cup goes from strength to strength as it becomes recognised as a top bowls competition in this part of the bowling world. This year the number of teams entering has increased to fifteen and they have been drawn into three leagues. This is an Open triples competition for outdoor bowling clubs to compete against each other on the carpet at Palmerston. Each team provides nine players to play on three rinks. They will play all the other teams in their league just once and twelve points are awarded for each game (six points for the overall win and two points for each winning rink). A league table is kept and at the conclusion of all the league games, the top two teams in each league will go through to the knockout Quarter-Final stages. They will be joined by the next two best performing teams from the three leagues, based firstly on points scored and then shot difference and finally if necessary on the number of rinks won.

All the games are played on Sunday evenings starting at 6.30 p.m. and run from 2nd October 2016 right up to the Final on 26th February 2017. The fixture list can be found on the noticeboard and spectators and supporters are welcome on these evenings where the bowling definitely has a competitive edge."

Keith Fleming

Competition Secretary.

PALMERSTON CUP TEAMS FOR 2016/17

LEAGUE A.

BANISTER PARK GOLD

FAREHAM TIGERS

ROWNER HOT SHOTS

MILTON PARK

BRIDGEMARY BLUE

LEAGUE B.

FAREHAM PANTHERS

BRIDGEMARY RED

BANISTER PARK BLUE

LOCKSWOOD B

MEON VALLEY

LEAGUE C.

LEE ON THE SOLENT

ROWNER ACES

FAREHAM CHEETAHS

LOCKSWOOD A

EASTLEIGH RAILWAY

Bowler Story. -

By a Palmerston player.

I had always been good at ball games and although I say it myself I had excelled at both darts and snooker. It seemed that I had a good brain to hand coordination so when my pal asked me if I would like to join Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club I thought, `Why not`!

My training went off quite well I thought as numerous people were complimenting me on my accuracy. Upon completion of my training I was invited to join an Open Triples Team headed by a chap who I later learned was considered to be one of our best players as he had competed in numerous national competitions.

Even I was surprised by my form in our first match, as on numerous occasions I rolled right up the jack. We won that game quite easily by 21: 3.

Two days after this match my phone rang and it was our Team Leader who was telling me in a highly excited voice that his co-player in a doubles match had just had a little bounce in his car on the way to meet him and although unhurt was too shocked to play and could I take his place!

I would have to meet him at Tesco's car park Winnall in 45 mins latest.

I said my woods and shoes are in the locker at Palmerston!

"No problem" was the reply, "what is your locker number - I will get the master key and pick everything up, just bring your whites, club tie and blazer"

I have never had a shower so quickly, I can tell you, as my wife got all my cloths ready and even made a sandwich for me to eat on the way. I drove as though my life depended on it and I am sure that even Lewis Hamilton would have been impressed. I made it precisely 45 mins after that call and there was my Team leader sitting in his car waiting for me. I parked up and jumped into his car that was moving even before I had closed the door.

I then learned that we were playing in the National Championships in Birmingham!

I must say that I was somewhat dumbstruck by the whole situation and could not really believe that this was really happening.

As I delivered my first wood my hand was wet with perspiration and shaking violently so you can imagine how delighted I was when my wood gently knocked the opponent's wood off the jack and left mine laying against it!

It was a tight match though and when we reached the final end we were 16:17 down. As I came up to deliver the last wood of the match our opponents were holding 2 shots. My wood left my hand with a perfect line and weight as I was aiming to remove both of their woods from the head leaving us holding 3 shots to win the game.

As my wood reached the head someone push a cup of coffee into my hand and there stood my wife saying, "Have you fallen asleep in your arm chair dreaming about your blinking Bowls again".

The End

CLOSURE WEEK (the tale of work done by 5 men and a woman)

Andrew, Ted, Brian, Ian, Roy and Janet for most of the week, plus Janet and Lesley later.

On Monday the trees were taken out to the car park and sprayed and cleaned to remove the layers of dust on the leaves. It did not help that there was a strong wind which made the job more difficult. The carpet around the bowling area was cleaned and the carpet itself where the flooding had left a stain.

The lockers were moved from one end of the changing rooms to the other to enable the carpet tiles to be laid, and then moved back for the other half to be done.

The next job was to unpack the six flat pack seating units and move the pieces into the changing rooms. It was helpful to be able to use the skip for all the cardboard. Each unit was carefully assembled making sure that the slats were the right side up and that all screws and bolts were fitted and tightened. It took over an hour for each unit and would have cost £90 per unit for the firm to do the work!

Cupboards and files were sorted out in the committee room and tables and chairs moved into the new area for the J.M.C. Meeting on Thursday. Some items were transferred to the new storage area.

The positioning of the lockers and seats was relatively easy in the Men's changing room because the numbering had been done in a logical way. This was not the case in the Ladies room where they had been done in no understandable way! Some had been numbered horizontally, others vertically, some in no order at all, it was a complete nightmare! However, we managed to sort them and then finally they all had to be bolted together.

The end result is that all members and visitors should be able to sit down whilst changing shoes etc. in changing areas that are second to none. The plans for these extensions were first drawn up over ten years ago, but money was not then available.

How pleasing it is that we now have such first class facilities to use.



On The Lighter Side

Bowls: A mysterious and ancient game played by people old enough to know better, using balls carefully designed to go in the wrong direction!

Mr Douglas Crabb

Last April along with other members of the bowling club, Marie and I were invited to attend the presentation ceremony at which the “Chevalier de la Legion d’Honour medal was presented by the French Ambassador to Duggie Crabb (One of our founder members) and five other gentlemen at the D-Day museum Southsea

The ceremony started with a short speech about their exploits during the war given either by themselves or a member of their family.

The Ambassador then presented each of them with their medal, after which he gave a speech in which he praised all of them for their efforts in helping with the liberation of France at the D-Day landings, he ended by saying that they would never be forgotten by the French people

I felt proud and privileged to have been invited to attend this event.

D H Mac G



THE COMPETITION SECRETARY.

The Men's and Mixed Competition Secretary is that chap who organises the competitions, sorts out the dates for the Finals and makes sure the cups are presented to the right people isn't he?

Well, yes he does, but then again he does a lot more than just that. For starters he is a member of the Joint Management Committee for the Club and attends the monthly meetings. He is an unbiased member of the club who tries to sort out differences between competitors, using the judgement of Solomon and at the same time cracks the whip on those who are falling behind on their play by dates. It should also be noted this is not a job just for the winter months, although that is when it is the busiest, but an all year commitment. So I will give you a taste of what really goes on.

In March, notices go up inviting members to take part in the National Competitions. Monies are collected and details of the competitors are sent to E.I.B.A IN April.

Around June/July time, entry forms for the internal club competitions are prepared and notices are put up on the noticeboard. At the same time e-mails are sent to the Club Secretaries of all the outdoor bowling clubs in both Portsmouth and Southampton Districts, inviting them to participate in the Palmerston Cup competition.

In August once replies have been received and the entry fees obtained, the draw for the Palmerston Cup is made and the clubs involved are informed. Press releases are made to both the Southampton Echo and Portsmouth News. Liaison is made within the club to ensure the rinks are booked, the bar is opened when matches are played and the catering arranged for the finals night of the competition. Weekly reports of the competition are given to the local Press once the competition starts, thus raising the standing of Palmerston I.B.C. This continues until Finals night, usually the end of February or beginning of March, when the President presents the trophies and prize monies.

September sees a surge in entries for the club competitions and details of competitors are recorded and entrance monies are checked. At the end of September, the draw for the competitions is made. Thank you Russell Gadd for programming the draw on computer, it saves an awful amount of time. The draw for the various competitions are posted on the noticeboard and it is then a question of keeping an eye on the progress of the competitions and updating them on computer on a regular basis. The Men's competitions need to have completed the semi-final stages by Christmas, as information will be required by H.I.B.A. early in the New Year.

In January, details of the Men's finalists will be forwarded to H.I.B.A. for the County competitions and once the draw has been made, the club competition secretary is the conduit between the County and the individual club members.

At the end of March, arrangements are made for the club Finals, with the provision of Umpires and Markers where appropriate. Cups are checked and prize monies organised for presentation by the club President. Once the finals have been played it is time to arrange for the trophies to be engraved and cleaned and then the whole lot starts all over again.

(PTO)

But then again, I expect most of you knew that anyway – or did you?

You may wonder why I have gone into such detail about the job. The fact of the matter is that I am now in my sixth year of office and will be stepping down in March 2017. This club will need someone to take over at that point and we are looking for a volunteer. Now is the time for such a person to work alongside me to learn the ropes. This is a job with peaks and troughs on the demands of your time, but a lot of the burden is taken by the use of computers. If you are interested in the role, then please contact me or any member of the JMC. Remember, I will give the new post holder every assistance in their first year of office.

IF NO ONE IS WILLING TO TAKE ON THE ROLE, THERE COULD BE NO COMPETITIONS HELD IN THIS CLUB AND THAT WOULD BE DISASTEROUS FOR ALL CONCERNED. TIME FOR SOMEONE TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE.

Keith Fleming

Current Competition Secretary

NB: At present the roles of Mixed Competition Secretary and The Palmerston Cup is done by one person these roles could be split into two different roles.



On The Lighter Side

BEER:

Two blokes decided to open a real ale brewery in the foothills.

After several months of careful work, they produced a product with a golden straw-like colour and a good strong flavour of hops.

They sent it to the chemical lab at the MAFF for testing, and after waiting impatiently for three weeks, the lab analysis came back it read, "Dear Sirs, Our analysis of the sample sent to us indicates that your horse is unfit for work."

A blond was trying to put together a jigsaw puzzle. She got very frustrated so she decided to ask her husband for help. "It's supposed to be a tiger! She cried. "Honey", said her husband, "put the Frosties back in the box!"

A blond was strolling down the avenue when she saw a student wearing a sandwich board saying "Free Big Mac." She went up to him and asked: Why? What did he do.

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