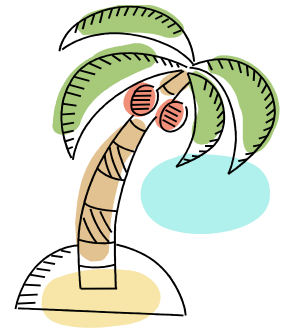


# PALM READER

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**AGM 13<sup>th</sup> April 10:00am**

**Please make every effort to attend your AGM.**

**Details of all officers to be elected and other matters  
are displayed on the notice board**

**The Board of Directors look forward to seeing you  
there.**

## **NEW FLOORING AND CARPET UPDATE**

The work on this will commence on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April and should be completed by the 12<sup>th</sup> May.

The present carpet has given the club more than 20 years of excellent bowling this is due to the care it has received by lots of members and of course Andrew Miller's work as Rink Manager.

Like all things they wear out and need replacing so it was decided to replace everything, the wooden floor the underlay and the carpet, it will be the same colour as at the moment.

This should give us another 20 years of high-class bowling. I am sure we will find things a bit different to start with. Hopefully some of the unusual runs will disappear, and the pace might be slightly different (so don't go and buy new bowls). You will soon work it out. If any member has any questions about the new carpet, I will try to answer them. I can be contacted in the club or by phone 07767480954.

*Cyril Friend* Rink Manager

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**The restaurant and bar will be open  
throughout the shutdown period**

**Debbie and her Team look forward to  
welcoming you as usual**

## **Too much cash**

**We are planning to introduce a different type of payment in the club instead of cash. Why?**  
What is it?

Let's start with some background. No doubt you will realise that the banks don't want cash. Banks give everyone little plastic cards with magnetic stripes and electronic chips in them. They prefer you to use one to pay for things instead of cash. They make "contactless" cards very easy to use in shops.

And they make getting cash harder. Where did all those local bank branches go? Only a few years ago there were four where I live in Stubbington, now there is one. None in Lee on Solent. Even if you find one, you have to use a card to withdraw your cash. But most of you probably have to get your cash from a "hole in the wall" machine.

Banks realised long ago that they can save a lot of money by phasing out cash and cheques in order to replace people with machines. You might be surprised to find they introduced some contactless cards as far back as 2007. They removed the £30 cheque guarantee 8 years ago in 2011.

They aren't just making it harder to use cash. They are charging businesses more for dealing in cash and most businesses now take cards. We can't even pay cash in over the counter to a bank clerk, it has to go through a machine. Have you tried to pay a cheque in to your local branch? Mine requires you to use a machine even though it's in the branch right next to the counter.

This squeeze will continue and it won't be long before many people will hardly use cash for anything.

So how does this affect Palmerston? Apart from the increase in bank charges, for the same reasons as banks, it takes a lot of manual work for us to process cash. We collect a lot of coins at the steward's desk. This has to be collected, and checked twice (once by the steward and again by the Treasury team). Initially it's put in little silver or red tubes and dropped down the floor safe in the office. Then the girls come in to count, reconcile and sort it. Also the amounts collected have to be manually split into different types of receipt - members green fees, visitors fees, match fees, chalk, stickers, etc. - then typed into the accounting systems, again with various checks along the way. Besides rink money, there's also the cash we take over the bar to deal with.

It's not just the work involved. Consider physically taking the money to the bank. Weighed down by coins, it's surprisingly heavy. Twice a week it is taken in a bag to the bank by one of our volunteers. Can you imagine someone lurking outside our bank to spot people regularly coming in with a heavy bag? Of course our volunteer isn't silly. She varies the times and routes. But the risk is still there. God forbid she might one day be mugged. It doesn't bear thinking about.

So what to do? We could pay a security company to take the money. And pay someone to do the cash counting and accounting work. It would be expensive.

There is a better way. Like the banks we can take advantage of the latest technology. We will issue a plastic club card to each member and use it for payments. This is how it works.

We will set up an individual club card account for each member. When you pay for drinks at the bar, instead of paying cash and receiving change, your club card will be held next to a reader by the till, which will debit the payment from your club card account. You will receive a receipt showing what you have paid and the balance remaining on your account.

Please don't confuse our club card with a credit or debit card. This has nothing to do with any bank. It is simply a means of gradually spending each £10 that you pay into your club account. It won't work anywhere else. When your club card account is running low, you will need to put in another £10 (or £20, or more, in multiples of £10) by topping it up at the bar. You choose how much to add each time. To get you started, we plan to put in the first £10 for you.

As regards bank cards, if you are already comfortable with using a credit or debit card to pay for things, you can use it instead of cash to top up your club card account as we already take bank card payments ("chip and pin" or contactless) at the bar. You won't need to carry around so much cash and it benefits us by reducing the cash we have to handle.

That's not all. Our club card is not just for bar drinks. In the same way, when a member pays for a bowls session, instead of cash they will present their card to the steward, The steward will have a special terminal with its card reader which will be able to charge the member's account. The special terminal will be set up so that it will be a simple task for the steward to take club card payments. So if you are a steward, don't worry, you will pick up the process very quickly.

There will be other benefits for the club in the future. An improved membership system and the option to use emails where members have email addresses. Also we can give a member discount at the bar so that visitors paying cash pay more for the privilege of enjoying our low prices.

I know many people don't like having to change. You might be tempted to try to ignore this - please don't - we want everyone to do their bit for the club and use their club card. If we allowed some people to use cash and others to use cards, we won't have eliminated any rink money work, we'll have created more work. Using a club card, you will find it a simple and convenient way to pay for rink fees and bar drinks and this will help the club to avoid handling a lot of small amounts of cash. After a few weeks it will become second nature.

In summary, we can take advantage of modern technology to improve efficiency, reduce our volunteers work and eliminate banking risks. The fact that we have volunteers doing most of Palmerston's work is Palmerston's great strength and consequently why we are one of the cheapest clubs to be a member of. And the easier the jobs are, the easier it will be to get the volunteers we need in the future.

We are planning to introduce this some time in the summer season to make it easier to deal with any possible teething problems before the outdoor bowlers return. And then the summer bowlers can help the rest of you in September. We will produce a leaflet with all the practical details. In the meantime, if you have questions, we will try to answer them at the AGM.

**Russell Gadd**

## Palmerston Open 2 Wood Triples



This event took place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January, and an enjoyable day's bowling was held by all.

The 14 Teams were split into 2 groups with every Team playing 3 games of 7 ends. A Ploughman's Lunch was enjoyed half way through the day.

The top Team in each group then played a further 7 ends for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the second placed Team in each group played for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place

### **The results were**

First – Bill Jackson, Russell Gadd and Debbie Chamberlain

Second – Tony Farrington, Tracy Farrington and Bill Ross

Third – Chris Doig, daphne Blackburn and Marilyn Hayles

Fourth – Andy McKain, Dave Heather and Linda Maple

All 4 Teams received prize money and the winners were presented with the Ann Broadhurst Trophy. A raffle was held and raised £40 for the Presidents Charity

Look out for Entry Forms in December for next year's event in January 2020.

We need your support for this day to be a success

*Marilyn Williamson*

## **The Nearly Man**

In the past few months Bill Jackson has had match winning positions against world class opposition.

First up was Rob Newman pictured below. Bill played Rob early in the season as Hampshire County Champion against the Berkshire County Champion in the Home Counties Championship. Bill was leading 20:19 and holding shot 10 inches behind the jack. Rob drew a bowl between Bill's shot bowl and the jack. Bill's last wood finished 6 inches left of the jack but just not shot. Rob drew another shot right up to the jack to win the match. How dangerous was that as any touch on the jack would have given Bill the match!!!



**Rob Newman, Mark Bantock and Graham Shadwell of England celebrate after winning a bronze medal in the men's Triples lawn bowls match against India at JN Sports Complex during day seven of the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games on October 10, 2010 in Delhi, India.**

On the Open Singles Circuit at Barwell in the first round, with his last bowl, Bill beat Michael Knight, who by coincidence was Rob Newman's pairs partner when they won the National pairs title.

In the second round Bill met Les Gillett who recently was on BBC at Potters reaching the semi-final of the World Bowls Championship. Bill won the first set, lost the second set, won the first tie break end. In the second tie break end Bill was holding 2 shots both 2 inches from the jack. Les had one bowl left. He fired and split Bill's two bowls off and followed through on to the jack. Now the final tie break end. Bill put his first bowl one inch off the jack. Les played his first bowl 18 inches short left, then his second bowl 18 inches short right. Bill covered the left spot with his second bowl and the right spot and back with his third bowl. Les fired and missed with his third bowl. Fired again with his last bowl and took Bill's shot clean out without touching the jack! Bill had last wood, but the two drawing lines were blocked. However Bill went in between Les's two woods but the bowl rolled a foot too far!!!

Bill's next adventure was at Clarrie Dunbar on Open Singles Circuit where he played against Graham Shadwell (pictured above) who by coincidence played with Rob Newman in the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Bill beat Fred Furlong in round 1, then Tom Warner from Five Rivers, Salisbury in round 2. Against Graham Shadwell in round 3 the match went 1<sup>st</sup> Set Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> set Graham. 1<sup>st</sup> tie break end Bill, second tie break end Graham. In the final tie break end Bill had last bowl. Graham's first bowl was 18 inches through and second bowl was 18 inches short. Bill's first bowl was a foot left and second bowl 6 inches left both jack level. Graham then fired the jack into the ditch and followed in, but one yard away. Bill's third bowl looked like stopping right on the edge, but toppled in.

Graham's last bowl was a yard short of the ditch. All Bill had to do was beat Graham's last wood. The bowl stopped alongside Graham's bowl when it needed to be just past it.

Very frustrating to have match winning lie against all three opponents of that class, but somehow these top players found a way to win. Bill is still seeking that elusive magic formula.

*Bill Jackson*



## **Palmerston International Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Your chance to sign up and play in this annual end of season event  
England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales

Each Country needs 12 players who will form 4 Triples teams for each Country

The full rules will be displayed / explained nearer the date.

You don't have to prove your qualifications to play for your chosen team.  
You can wear appropriate coloured clothing displaying National colours.  
Bowling shoes need to be worn.

There will be a post-match meal and various prizes etc, top rink and individual.

Do consider playing it's a great event

All proceeds to Presidents Charity

*Neil Roderick*

Vice President





## **GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD**

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
  - 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
  - 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
  - 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
  - 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
  - 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
  - 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.
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## **SUMMER BOWLS SESSIONS**

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED DRIVE BOWLS**

Starting on Wednesday 22<sup>Nd</sup> May there will be an evening midweek bowls session. It was a success last year and the invitation is open to everyone experienced or newer members.

The session will start between 6.15 pm and 6.30 pm and will be a mixed drive of 12 ends which will take approximately 2 hours.

We will normally be playing triples or in some cases pairs or Aussie pairs which is very popular.

As last year the bar will be open and the club will close at 8.45 p.m.

If you have any suggestions or questions please speak to Peter or Maggie Steward or email to the following address:

[steward24@virginmedia.com](mailto:steward24@virginmedia.com)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm nearing the end of my Presidential year  
And so far am relatively unscathed  
With your support it soon became clear  
I'd enjoy all the friendlies I played.

I know it's difficult to accept change  
and it's fine to keep with the old ways  
but now my club shirt no longer feels  
strange  
I'm proud to wear it, bowls days.

Thank you all for the help you have given  
For Macmillan Cancer Support.  
Throughout my year I have felt driven  
To give something back through my sport.

I can't thank them enough for pulling me  
through  
What was a difficult time.  
As I know this experience has hit some of  
you  
But now on my own I'm just fine.

Thanks also must go to the honesty box  
50p for wrong bias woods  
Surprisingly at Palmerston we've quite a  
few clots  
Even the best delivering the goods.

It's not for me to say who we are  
But Macmillan are pleased I'm sure  
With £40 plus already so far  
Will this be the wrong bias cure ?

May we continue to all have fun  
In the sport we all enjoy  
As soon I hope to be out in the sun  
With my bowls as my favourite toy

I wish you all a good summer season  
With plenty of sunshine we hope  
Good health and laughter being the reason  
We all are able to cope.

Thank you for putting up with me.

*Coleen*

## THE SENIOR CITIZEN

Just a line to say I'm living  
that I'm not among the dead,  
though I'm getting more forgetful,  
and mixed up in the head.

I got used to my arthritis,  
To my dentures I'm resigned,  
I can manage my bifocals  
But God I miss my mind,

For sometimes I can't remember,  
When I stand at the foot of the stairs,  
If I must go up for something,  
Or have just come down from there.

And before the fridge so often,  
My poor mind is filled with doubt,  
Have I just put food away?  
Or have I come to take something out?

And there's the time when it is dark  
With my nightcap on my head,  
I don't know if I'm retiring,  
Or just getting out of bed.

So, if it's my turn to write to you,  
There's no need for getting sore,  
I may think that I have written  
And don't want to be a bore.

So, remember that I love you  
And wish that you were near  
But now it's nearly mail time  
So, I must say good-bye dear,

There I stand beside the mailbox  
With face so very red,  
Instead of mailing you the letter,  
I opened it instead.



## **NOTES AND REMINDERS**

**Please be aware that you should not go from the lounge area to the rink area to bowl until the previous players have left your intended rink have and will bowlers please be courteous and leave promptly from your rink when you finish your game.**

**Car Park,** please ensure that you enter and exit the car park in the correct manner.

**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.

**Walking Across the Field,** A small reminder that if you walk across the field please ensure that the bottom of your shoes are completely clean prior to entering the club as we have had a couple of instances of grass and mud being trod into the carpet.

**Bowling Shoes,** please ensure that you do not wear bowling shoes outside of the club doors as you could be bringing dirt into the club premises and could damage the rink carpet.

**Bonus Ball,** you have to be in it to win it, the bag with the numbers is on the table as you come into the club, please remember to put a pound in the tin for every number you take.

**Ditches,** please do not step into the ditches as this breaks off the rubber spikes. One hand on the bank and remove the bowl from the ditch with the other hand.

**Chewing Gum,** please refrain from chewing gum whilst bowling as gum has been found on the green and is difficult to remove and it damages the carpet.

**Canine Partners,** are most grateful to all who sent in their used stamps one person even sent in their complete stamp album a huge thank you to you all. They are still collecting used stamps and used computer cartridges, these can be left in the ladies changing room and Molly Williams will collect them.

**Mobile Phones,** Please remember to switch your mobile phone off or at least put it on silent when you enter the club.

**Charity Sweet Box,** Please remember that if you take sweets from any of the charity sweet boxes that you put the money in the box, this month one of the boxes was £15.00 short, if this continues the charity will stop supplying us.

**Volunteers Needed,** There are a number of dedicated volunteers ranging from treasurer, various secretaries, rink management staff and stewards who work throughout the year to ensure the smooth running of our club and to whom we are extremely grateful.

Please think seriously about offering your help and volunteer as a steward or rink cleaning team.

## **AND FINALLY**

### **Do you want to join our club?**

There's no need to worry about the colour of your shirt, fig leaves are permitted.

