



PALM READER

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AGM postponed

Due to the possible risk to members from the Coronavirus outbreak, the Board has decided to postpone the AGM to Saturday 19th September. Nominations and submission of resolutions will now be required by 5th September.

For future news please see the web site (search for Palmerston Bowls). We may also email members - you can give us your email address by sending an email to emails@palmerston-bowls.club

Volunteers Needed

People have been dropping their rubbish in the car park so we are looking for volunteers to help us clean it up. If you are willing to help please contact Marie Leonard

Palmerston Business Park (Off Newgate Lane) Fareham
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Coronavirus Notice to Members

12th March 2020

Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club is implementing measures in relation to the ongoing spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) as part of our duty of care to all members, visitors and staff. It's business as usual here in the Club but with the following precautions in place:

Hand sanitisers (where possible) will be placed in the entrance foyer (on the steward's desk) with everyone encouraged to use sanitisers when entering and leaving our Club. If we are unable to provide hand sanitisers, please make sure you wash your hands thoroughly on entering and leaving the premises. We would also request that everyone refrain from handshaking and embracing at the Club.

Please assess your own health prior to visiting the Club. We kindly ask that you do not attend if you are experiencing any symptoms of the virus. Just in case you are not aware, the symptoms of coronavirus are

- a cough
- a high temperature
- shortness of breath

But these symptoms do not necessarily mean you have the illness.

The symptoms are similar to other illnesses that are much more common, such as cold and flu.

Potentially infected members, visitors and staff are advised to self-isolate immediately and call 111. See further information:

www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus

We would also request that everyone considers any risks of exposure to the virus from recent travels. Please ensure that you take into consideration the COVID-19 status of countries you may have visited and do not attend the Club for 14 days if you have travelled from affected regions. See further information and travel guidance

www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response

The safety of our members, staff and visitors is our main priority. If anything changes in terms of the safety of the Club, we will update this information, which will also be available on our website www.palmerston-bowls.club/news.html

New Lounge

Our new lounge is now up and running, why not get yourself a drink and enjoy the peace and quiet of the lounge, or have some quiet time between games.

NOTES AND REMINDERS

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.

Car Park, please observe the car park entry and exit flow as there was a very near miss when one car did not follow this and decided to exit where a car was coming in.

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.

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.

Pedestrian Walk Way, please ensure that you do not park over the lines on the walk way, park inside the lines of the parking bays only.

Overshoes, For anyone who needs to go outside of the club in their bowling shoes please get a pair of overshoes from the desk and put them on.

LOST PROPERTY BOX

We have a number of items in the lost property box, that need to be collected or they will be disposed of.

3 White Jumpers, 1 Green Cardigan, Grey Blouson, various glasses, various cloths, water bottles/containers, scarves, 1 walking stick, 1 bowls lifter, hats.

If any of these items belong to you please come and collect them.

LADIES

A big thank you to all the ladies who have taken part in the Club Competitions and who are currently playing matches.

I look forward to the 2020/2021 season where hopefully more ladies will enter the competitions.

Maggie Steward – Competition Secretary

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Club Night

The reintroduction of club night on a Friday starting at 6.15 p.m. has been a success with average number of 14. I would like to thank all members who attended who helped to make it happen. The last club night for this winter season will be on Friday 27th March.

Wednesday Night Summer Mixed Drive

Well here it is, summer. There will be a mixed drive for 12 ends on Wednesday night starting at 6.30 p.m. Members should arrive no later than 6.15. pm

All members are welcome experienced as well as new members.

The atmosphere is relaxing this enables newer members to relate to more experienced bowlers and get tips that they might want to use.

There will be a bar open from 6 p.m. and will close at 8.30 p.m.

The club will close at 8.45 p.m.

The mixed drive will start on Wednesday 8th April

If there are any queries contact Maggie or Peter at the club or
bowlsteward@gmail.com

Men Captain's Report

In the Bramley League we have 1 more game to play and are currently top of the league by 1.5 points. Our final game is against Victory on the 14th March.

Whatever the outcome the squad of players have performed magnificently this season and I would like to thank them for their support and commitment.

Over the last 2 years we have become a formidable club in the league and produced some great results. We have a strong squad of players and more players pushing for places, this is a great position to be in and to build on next season. So, look out in September for the trial dates and come along.

On behalf of myself and the players; we would like to thank the loyal supporters that turn up to our home games on a Saturday. It is great to play with people watching/supporting the team and it gives them a big lift. Thank you.

Palmerston have supplied 7 rinks for the Hampshire Men Patrons this season and won 5, lost 2. Congratulations to all the players that took part and thanks for your support to the Patrons.

Any club member can join the Patrons at a cost of £5 for the season or £25 for a life membership. These games are arranged by HIBA against various clubs in Hampshire. They are very friendly games with a slight competitive edge; why not sign up next season and play a few games; if you want any further information contact me. We would love to see some new faces.

The HIBA Friendly matches against other counties are ongoing with 3 fixtures remaining. So far Palmerston has supplied 16 rinks, winning 6, losing 9 and drawing 1. Thank you to all the players that attend these fixtures and well done.

Again, we would like to see new players sign up for these friendlies. These games are a good standard with a competitive spirit, so why not take your bowls to the next level, play at different venues and meet new players while representing Hampshire. Please contact me for further information if required. A notice will be posted on the board at the beginning of the winter season. This will be a list of HIBA friendlies for you to indicate which ones you would like to attend.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Palmerston members and committees for their help and support during the season.

Brian Hopkins

Men's Captain

PALMERSTON CUP

The Palmerston Cup Final between Eastleigh Rail and Priory and the third and fourth place play off's between Lee on the Solent and Meon Valley 2 got off to a flying start.

It was a rematch of last year's finalists with Priory hoping to get revenge over Eastleigh Rail. By halfway there was nothing between them, but a change was happening.

Eastleigh's Mike Barrett, Ben Barrett and B Love and Priory's Andy Hibbard, Steve Smith and Den Patrick were having a superb game when at half way with the score was 8 shots all, Eastleigh nudged ahead, it stayed close and going into the last end with Eastleigh leading 17 - 14, Eastleigh scored 5 shots to secure the win 22 - 14.

Priory's Mike Elliott, Andy Chadwick and Fred Hammal got off to a good start against Eastleigh's Derrick Walker, K Pearce and David Bines and was up 5 - 0 after three ends, but Eastleigh came back scoring a 6 and a 2 on the next two ends to propel them into the lead, Priory stayed in the fight until the 12th end when Eastleigh started to pull away and despite four shots from Priory on the last end it was Eastleigh's win 21 - 12.

Again, it was Priory who got off to the best start with Priory's Roly Bloy, Allbie Somerset and Colin Dixon leading Eastleigh's Stuart Rowney, Robby Bines and Richard Buggins, but by the halfway mark they were all square 9 shots all. Then what was becoming a theme Eastleigh pulled ahead and kept their nose in front to the finish, winning 18 - 14.

So, it was Eastleigh who pulled off the triple, winning 61 shots to Priory's 40 and were crowned Palmerston Cup Champions for the third consecutive year and walked away with the first Prize of £250. Priory's second place for the second consecutive year earned them a consolation cheque for £200.

The Third and Fourth place play offs it was between Lee on the Solent who were trying to better last year's fourth place and Meon Valley 2 who had battled hard to reach the finals.

Meon Valley's David Andrews, Anne Simmons and B Spake started off best against Lee's Caroline Cuerden, Jeff Passmore and Carole Reed, and were cruising 13 - 2 after eleven ends, Lee started to come back and got to within three shots, but Meon Valley stayed strong and won 16 - 12.

Lee's Brian Hopkins, Elaine Bennett and Joan Dawkins shot off to a flying start against Meon Valley's Bill Bailey, Steve Fisher and L Andrews who just could not stop Lee's charge, and it was Lee on the Solent who won 43 - 7.

It was Lee's Martin Ellis, John Pullinger and Kim Francis-Ellis who again got away at the start and was leading Meon Valley's Marian Bailey, C Batty and P Duckmanton, 13 - 1 after eight ends. Meon Valley then had a surge of shots coming back to 13 - 10 after fourteen ends but Lee finished the job with 7 and 6 shots on the last two ends to win 26 - 10.

Lee on the Solent won 81 shots to Meon Valley's 33 shots, so Lee on the Solent secured third spot and a cheque for £150 with Meon Valley 2 coming fourth and picking up a cheque for £100.

Brian Knight

The Metherell Trophy
Congratulations to the winners of the Metherell Trophy 2020,
Lee Hobson, Barry McCann & Derek Hunt.



I am not hoarding I am just redecorating my
bathroom



DJC Catering

We are delighted to continue to serve our prestigious club as the inhouse caterers

We at DJC Catering Ltd have now been in business for six years! Although I have personally been working for 20 years. We are, of course here for our Bowlers, Social Members and invited Guests and the comments and feedback are wonderful.

We are very fortunate to have the backing of the Board, with whom we have a great working relationship, many of which use the restaurant on a regular basis.

The Friendlies are well represented giving new members an opportunity to test out our catering skills – if you are a new member this a good way to get to know other bowlers have some fun and have a meal afterwards.

Many functions are organised for your enjoyment, so put your names down and indulge in the food and entertainment.

This leads me on to remind you about bookings you can make, we can accommodate just about everything (not 18th or 21st parties) so weddings, wedding anniversaries, celebrations, special bowls events (sadly funerals) and any other function.

Many of our Outdoor Bowling Clubs book their Presentation Evenings with us.

We have dates for your diary

Don't forget Mother's Day Sunday 22nd March bookings are already coming in fast.

Easter Sunday is always a sell out, so book now Sunday 12th April. Debbie is prepared to do this in two sittings in order to avoid disappointment.

Don't forget our **1st ever Open Singles Circuit 18th and 19th April** everyone is welcome and there will be an adjusted menu to cater for all tastes and eventualities.

Our Sunday service will be available as usual.



Now Christmas



Bookings are now being taken so take advantage and don't be disappointed, Sundays are booked up very quickly speak to a Team Member.

OPEN SINGLES CIRCUIT COMES TO PALMERSTON

You may have seen some information about this event and wondered what it is about and what it has to do with our club.

The Open Singles Circuit (O.S.C) is a series of tournaments that take place throughout the season. It is primarily a singles tournament open to all. "Men play women, young play more experienced players, in an open draw". Matches are played over two 7 end sets with a 3-end tie break if required. Substantial prize money is available. The events attract bowlers from all over the country, many of them international, including some who have played on televised events like the world championships at Potters and the Commonwealth games.

A small group of us decided to see if we could hold an event and I am pleased to say that the committee agreed to allowing us to go ahead providing we could obtain sponsorship. We are delighted to announce that Palmerston will be hosting one such event **over the weekend of 18th & 19th April** this year.

A small working party comprising Shirley & Roger Hunt, Tony Jennings, Debbie Chamberlain and your president have been hard at it getting sponsors etc. and I am delighted to say that the event is very much on.

There is a stellar 64 player draw for the singles event with some really top players including world 17 Scott Edwards who played at Potters this year. Although losing to Nicky Brett he has beaten him on 3 occasions this year. Welsh Commonwealth Games Skip, Martin Selway, England Internationals Donna and Mike Knight. Plus, some of the top players in the county.

There are several Palmerston players in the main draw including Bill Jackson and Dave Hill both regular participants in O.S.C events.

As well as the singles there is an open pairs event that takes place on the Sunday as well as the legendary 'Smack the Jack' competition open to all.

It promises to be a brilliant weekend. The club facilities will be open for the duration and we hope as many of you will come along to enjoy the event.

Look out for information about schedules etc. over the next few weeks. It is hoped that selected matches will be live streamed on 'You Tube' OSC facebook page so taking our club to a wider audience.

We will be requiring 8 markers for the 1st flight of matches on the Saturday morning.

Also, Tournament raffle tickets are on sale now in the club. Top prize, a set of bowls courtesy of Bowls Direct.

Neil Roderick

Changes

Changes are happening all of the time, Changes in people and changes in time,
Changes for good as well as for bad, Changes make us happy as well as sad.

Towns cram and spread to our countryside, Fields disappear to make motorways wide,
Folk are rushing here and rushing there, and it seems to many they do not care.

Should there be more profit to make cash tills ring, must we act as if money were king.
Let's take one step back and make a start, to discover greater values in our heart of hearts.

As we are pulled forward by modern trends, adjust to the new, and make new friends.
Go with the times, keep love at the fore, because changes are things, we can never ignore.

NAIRB



On the Lighter Side

Men are like fine wine. They start out as grapes, and it's a woman's job to stamp on them and keep them in the dark until they mature into something you'd eventually like to have dinner with.

Why are men like bank accounts?

- Without a lot of money, they don't generate much interest.

Why don't some men have midlife crises?

- Because they're stuck in adolescence.

Why does a man twist his wedding ring on his finger?

- He 's trying to work out the combination.

What's the only way for a woman to make sure her husband remembers their anniversary?

- Get married on his birthday.