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The Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club

COVID

If anyone you live with shows any signs of covid

(i.e., bad cold)

Or has covid please stay away from the club we have an elderly and vulnerable members and guests who use the club.

Please have 2 negative Covid – 19 tests before returning to the club

Marie Leonard

Company Secretary

Outdoor Bowlers

We would like to welcome back all of our bowlers who played outside in the summer, it is good to have you back we hope you have a good season indoors and away from the inclement weather.

**Palmerston Business Park (Off Newgate Lane) Fareham
Contact: 01329 232005, emails@palmerston-bowls.club**

NOTES AND REMINDERS

Please remember players may only go on to the rink when the players from the previous match have left. League matches must not begin before the bell rings, but jacks may be delivered and centred.

If the jack has been correctly cast and centred before the bell sounds the end may be completed.

There may be times when a game cannot be played and needs to be played at a later date. The game should be played within 14 days and if there is difficulty the game should be played by the end of the season, teams can only claim the points by mutual consent and if the game cannot be played.

Car Park, please observe the car park entry and exit flow

Have you, changed your phone number, address, or email? 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 shoe is 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 previously 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 steward's desk and put them on.

Mobile Phones: please switch off your phone when you come into the club or at least put it on to silent mode.

OUT GOING PRESIDENT SHIRLEY

Thank you for your support over the period of time that I have been President.

I feel that I have come to know some of you much better, a pleasure.
Time as President seems to have been a long time- so many breaks with covid.
I took over from Neil Roderick in April 2020 prior to the AGM then lockdown.

How many months we were locked down I am not sure but certainly enough.

The support I have received from you all has been overwhelming and I thank you all.

The Charity of my choice – MacMillan Cancer Support. **We have raised £1,023.23 the generosity of all has been wonderful, cash cheques, raffle prizes, I have been astounded at the generosity and am so very grateful, Thank You All.**

Now is the time for me to pass the Presidents Chain of office to my husband Roger, he is taking over from me ably supported by Vice President Debbie Mondey and Martin Johnson.

I will support Roger, as he has supported me in the role of President.
Thank you all for your support, I will now present the Chain of Office to Roger.

INCOMING PRESIDENT ROGER

Roger said he was honoured to be president and looked forward to serving you all in the coming years

As Shirley stated OSC (Open Singles Circuit) is early March so no excuses for you bowlers not to enter and test your skills.

I will keep the same charity as before MacMillan Research.

I will have assistance from both my Vice Presidents and a number of previous Presidents.

I am still the Friendlies Secretary, and this will be a great help, however some outdoor clubs have lost members so at present are in the same position as PIBC needing to recruit so Friendlies will have to be encouraged through 22/23.

As no social committee has been formed, I will not be responsible for any social activities, but as this year is PIBC's 25th year I have organised a dinner dance on the 4th of November this year so look out for details on the television and emails.

I trust we will all try and invite new members to the club, I look forward to working with you all.

Money Saving Tips

20% Discount on your Southern and Portsmouth water

If your annual household income is under £21,000 and your savings are less than £16,000 then you may be entitled to the “Essentials discount” giving you a 20% discount on your water and sewage bills.

Telephone 0330 303 0270 with your account number and details of your income.

Saving money on your tax for couples

This is for couples (married couples or in a civil partnership), where one of you are paying income tax and your partners' income is under the tax threshold.

If you were both born **after** 6th April 1935 you can claim “**marriage tax allowances**”.

If one of you or both were born **before** 6th April 1935 you can claim “**married couple's and civil partner's allowance**”.

If one of you is paying tax on your income and your partner's income is below the tax threshold, the non-taxpayer can transfer £1,260 of their tax allowance to their partner.

The non-taxpayer needs to contact HMRC to make the claim with the date of marriage / civil partnership, both of your national insurance numbers and two forms of I.D.

This can be back dated for four years, which will save you up to £252 per year.

To apply: phone 0300 200 3300 or apply on GOV.UK

Council Tax

If you know anybody that is unable to manage their financial affairs due to lacking mental capacity, they should not be liable for council tax. This is often due to dementia but does include other conditions. Apply to your local council.

Warm Homes Discount

Different energy suppliers have different rules. This discount is available to low-income households as well as people on certain benefits. You need to apply for this by contacting your energy suppliers, usually about October with your account number and household income and or benefits. If you should look at the eligible on-line make sure you scroll right to the end as that's where you will find the eligible low-income households.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MIXED DRIVE

The Wednesday night mixed drive has been successful this summer season. There have been 41 members who have attended during this period with average each week of 24. The format of 12 ends, casual dress and music has been fundamental to a relaxed environment. Also, this season there have been a number of outside bowlers who sometimes play. Once again it has been successful because of the support given it by members who get enjoyment out of this format

Peter and Maggie Steward



Calling All Ladies

The Ladies 'Competition Forms are now available. You will find them in the Ladies' changing room.

Please consider taking part.

Do not be out for by thinking that you are not good enough.

If you are on form on the day you play you can beat anyone.



Rosemary

Chess

Did you play chess previously

Are you interested in playing it again

Would you like to learn to play chess.

If so, please contact John Didymus on 02392 583135



Help Needed

Can you spare some time by joining our team of Stewards.

This can involve as little as a couple of hours a week and it is a vital role in the running of our club.

Without Stewards we will be unable to run leagues

As payment for your services, you will receive vouchers which can be redeemed against your game of bowls.

We are looking for people to do the following session.

Wednesday evening 18.00 till 21.00

League complaint and resulting rule change

Some people are a bit upset about not winning their league and want to complain. You may ask why. If they haven't won enough games, isn't it their fault, how can they complain?

I can see their point. The complaint is that they played one less game than some other teams. If they had been given the chance to play one more game, they might have won the league. Have a look at this example from the top of one league at the end of last season.

	P	W	D	L	For	Against	Diff	Points
Team A	24	17	0	7	361	234	127	34
Team B	23	16	1	6	318	191	127	33

Why does this happen? The problem is that our leagues aren't perfect leagues. In a perfect league every team plays each other once or often twice, like the football leagues. They all have an equal chance of winning the league. The problem we have at Palmerston is that we have to fit our leagues into 26 weeks. You can only do this exactly if you have a full 14 team league. Most leagues are now smaller, so they play other teams more than twice. Now this isn't really a big issue so long as there are an even number of teams in the league. Everyone still plays the same number of games. But with an odd number one team has to stand down each week and by the end of the season you find that some of the teams have played one more game than the others.

So you can see why Team B above were aggrieved that they didn't have the same opportunities as Team A.

So could we do anything about it? These ideas have been put forward:

1. Organise a playoff. Ask Team A to play another game against Team B to see if Team B can win and get 2 more points. But there is no time as the season would have finished and why should Team A agree? Also what if 3 teams are involved?
2. At the end of the season remove a score from Team A.
How do we choose the game?
 - a. Remove the last game. The problem with this is that Team A is quite likely to refuse to play the last game as they know it would not count. The team they were due to play would then play one less, making the problem of reduced games worse.
 - b. Toss a coin to pick the game to remove. It would be necessary to get the team leaders together to witness the coin tossing (difficult after the season has finished). Also, this just replaces one random piece of luck (the original league draw which gave different numbers of games) with another random piece of luck.
3. At the end of the season add a score to Team B.
How to decide how many points (a win draw or loss, so adding 2,1 or 0 points)? What about shots?
 - a. Toss coins to determine points and shots to add. Problems are the same as 2b.
 - b. Remove the element of chance by treating the extra game as a draw, which seems the fairest result. This is the same effect as each stand-down representing a drawn game against the missing Team X. The team above with 23 played games will have one more stand-down so one extra point.
4. Uplift Team B's shot difference and points by 24/23 as they only had 23 chances against Team A's 24. You would get fractions in the table. Each game won by Team B would yield 2.09 points instead of 2 points. Adjusting the computer software would be very complex. Each league would need a different adjustment factor. Most people wouldn't have the vaguest idea what was going on. Although you can see the logic, this is quite impractical.
5. Same as number 4 but avoid any change of league software, just do the calculations at the end of the season. Unfortunately, most teams wouldn't realise this was going to be done, very few people read the detailed rules. In the above example, Team B would win and Team A would be surprised and upset because the table says they are top. More complaints would be made.
6. Avoid registering an odd number of teams prior to the season. This would mean the last team to register, if it makes an odd number, won't know if they are in the league until July and they might then miss out.

This is not in the spirit of how we run Palmerston. It would be quite wrong to deny a team entry to the league just because of this possible end of season problem.

7. Do nothing but tell Team B that it is just bad luck that they were one of the teams who had an extra stand-down. There's a lot of luck in bowls and this is just the luck of the draw which can't be done any other way. Even with one less game, if they win them all they are guaranteed to win the league. And if Team B lose some games, they still had plenty of chances to overtake Team A.

(These ideas include ideas put forward by members the Joint Management Committee when the above was circulated to them.)

In past seasons we have chosen to do nothing - i.e. option 7 above, except that if the teams draw on points we declare the team playing the fewest games the winner.

As a few members have complained should we change things this season? Well, it's clear there is no perfect solution. It's just not possible to have perfect leagues where everyone plays everyone else. There is bound to be some inequality. There will have to be an element of the luck of the draw somewhere. We have been running the leagues this way for at over 10 years and it is only this season we had this complaint. I expect most league teams won't be too fussed what we do, they just want to come to Palmerston to enjoy playing the league games.

But can we adjust things without excess complications to get closer to a level playing field to make a few people happier?

Solution chosen and rule change implemented

I have discussed this with League Secretary, and I proposed solution 3b above. Add one point every week for each stand-down. It is fairer than what we do at present, it is a fairly simple concept and not difficult to implement. It ensures all teams score the same number of games where each stand-down gives 1 point and no shot difference, the same as a draw, in lieu of a match not being played that week.

The League Secretary agrees and has decided to implement this for 2022-23.

Russell Gadd



LIFE

Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets,
So, love the people who treat you right,
and forget about the ones who don't.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Why did the scarecrow win a Nobel prize? Because she was outstanding in her field

**Reminder regarding dress code
on the Green**

LADIES

**White polo shirt/Blouse, Bowls shirt which should be
75% white or club shirt**

(All the above must have a collar)

Blue Cardigan or waistcoat for women

**Grey trousers, grey skirt, Grey $\frac{3}{4}$ length trousers or
bowls manufactured shorts**

(No Jeans No Joggers)

Flat Soled Bowls manufactured shoes

(No trainers)

GENTLEMEN

**White shirt, Bowls shirt or Club shirt which should be
75% white**

(Shirts should have collar)

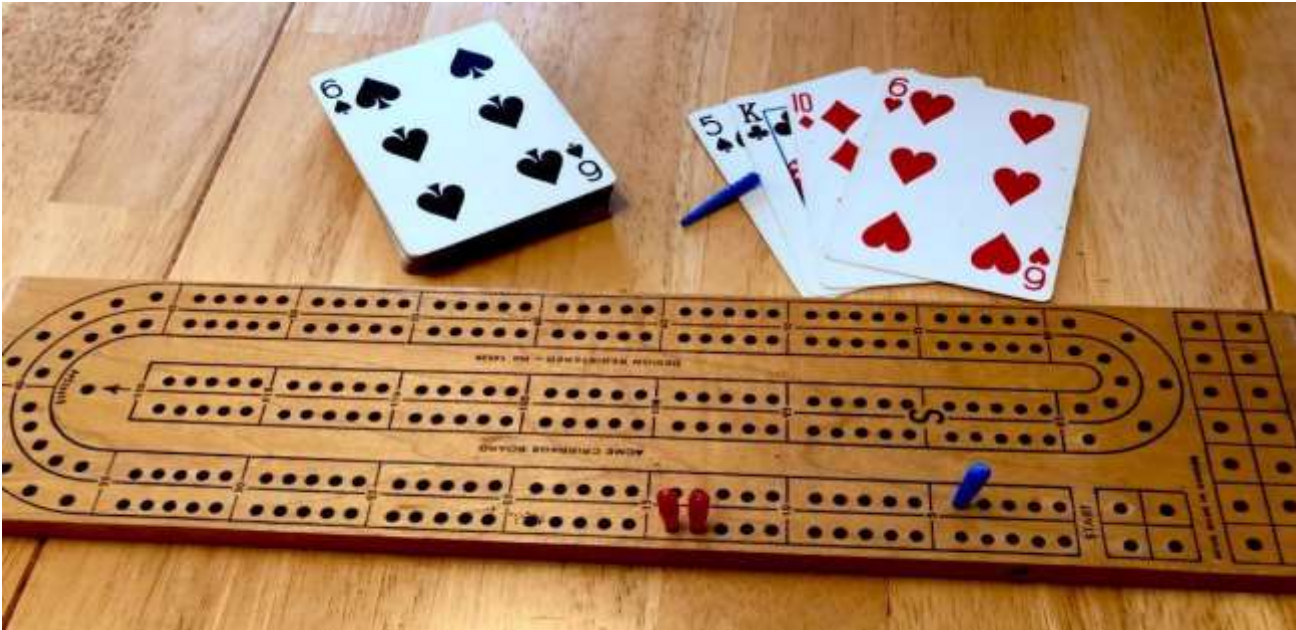
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(No Jeans No Joggers)

Flat Soled Bowls manufactured shoes

(No trainers)

CRIB



Crib Dates

Wednesdays 2pm

Wednesday 14th September

Wednesday 28th September

Wednesday 12th October

Wednesday 26th October

Wednesday 9th November

Wednesday 7th December

Wednesday 11th January

Wednesday 25th January

Wednesday 8th February

Wednesday 22nd February

Wednesday 8th March

Wednesday 22nd March

Chinese Buffet Evening with The Pop Pickers

Chinese Buffet Style - a great way to try new dishes!

Friday 23rd September

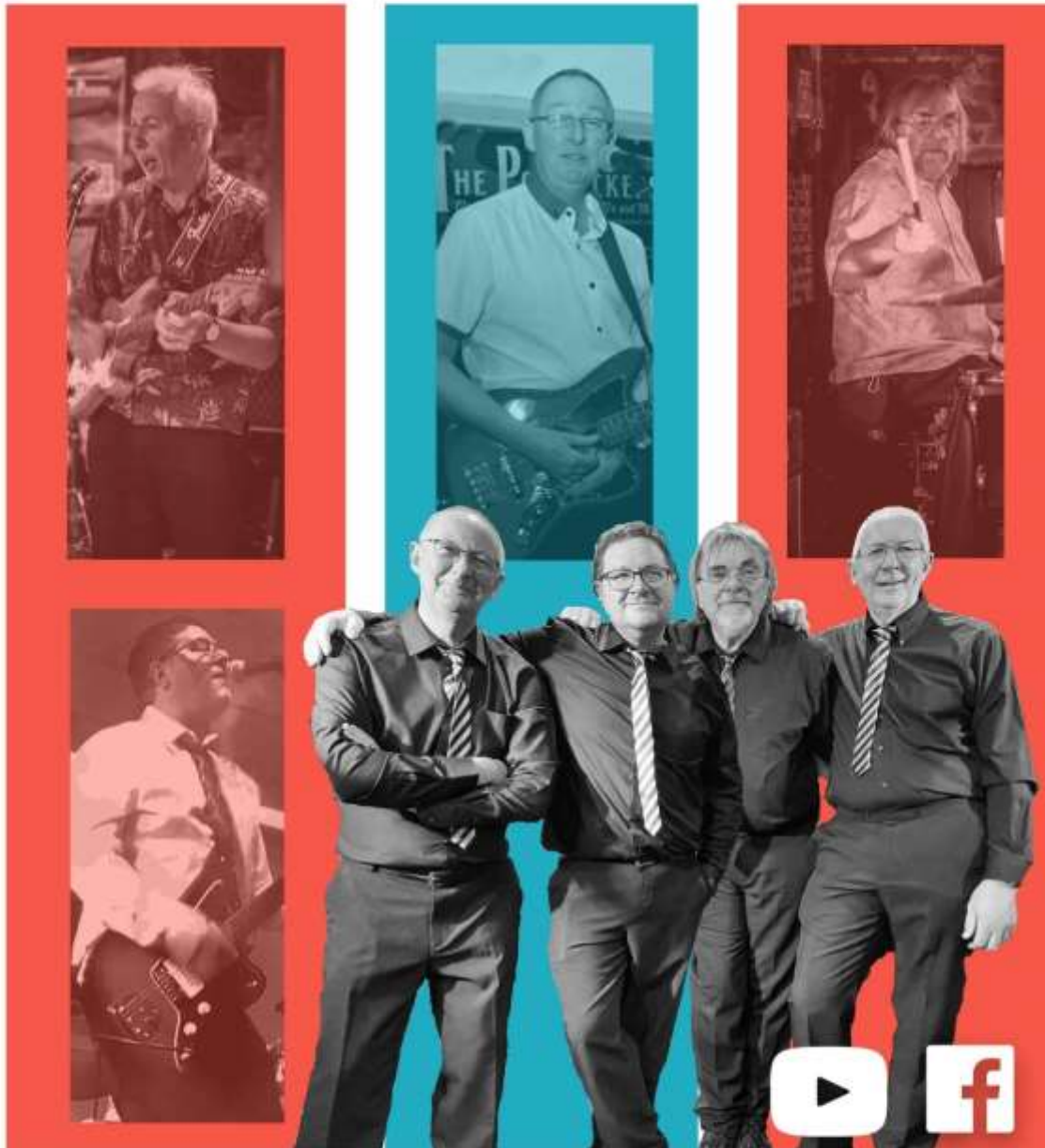
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Members £20.00 | Non Members £21.00



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