



# Palm Reader

The newsletter of Palmerston Indoor Bowling Club

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Photo by David Lolley

**A proud moment for 12 young bowlers from Palmerston, as they pose for the team photograph, to celebrate their success in winning the Hampshire Junior Inter-Club Championship.**

The official presentation by Hampshire County Presidents Josie Munday and Bob Kirton of the "Ted Morris Shield", took place on Sunday 25th September, watched by proud Mums, Dads and Grandparents. Congratulations to all who played in these games (unfortunately not all of the youngsters could attend the presentation).

The photograph shows winning team members (middle row, left to right) Sam Cullen, Laura Jones, Alice Settle, Georgina Bailey, Ellis Sweetenham, Abbey Rosam, Matthew Sweetenham and (front row, left to right) Ian Buckland, Erin Fulford, Ben Settle, Gemma Weston and Ben Cope.

I am sure you know the other 'faces' in the back row, but here they are (left to right) - Tony Grant (Youth Development Officer and Advanced Coach), Graham Clapham (Coach), Norman Evans-Rohrs (Palmerston Board Chairman), Madge Bird (Palmerston President), Josie Munday, Bob Kirton, Audrey Packman (Coach) and Terry Putrell (Coach). If you've ever been at the Club on a Sunday morning when a junior match is being played, or a coaching session is in progress, you'll appreciate the tremendous work the coaches put in and they have every reason to beam with pride on this auspicious occasion.

Proudest of all perhaps is the man at top left. Youth Development Officer, Advanced Coach and Presentation Master of Ceremonies doesn't say it all. Without Tony's enthusiasm, commitment, organisation, problem solving, you name it he did it, this would not have been possible. Palmerston records its thanks to Tony.

## Junior Inter Club League

The league was formed in 1997-8. In the 1999-2000 season the then President of Hampshire IBA, Ted Morris, put up a shield for the "Junior League Championship". Banister Park were the winners in the first 3 years (2000-02), Atherley in 2003 and Loddon Vale in 2004. The name of Palmerston is now engraved on the trophy for 2005. Other clubs taking part were Havant (since dropped out) and newcomers Chawton Park.

Teams are boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 17, playing in two mixed rinks for 15 ends or 2 hours. Although only 8 bowlers are required substitutes are used and match organisers ensure that all the reserves play after the first 8 ends. There are home and away fixtures with each club, so 8 matches are scheduled through the season on Sunday mornings.

The first Palmerston fixture, when our bowlers defend their title, is at home to Chawton Park on Sunday 16th October 10am. Your support would be most welcome. And if you know of any young people who would like to try this wonderful game, speak to Tony Grant or one of the other coaches - they would be very happy to give them and their parents full details.

# Committee Notes

*These notes were culled from the minutes of the Joint Management Committee in the months from March to September.*

A bar chart was supplied by Andrew Miller, which compares Palmerston IBC with a number of (around a dozen) other Clubs for membership and fees. Overall Palmerston have above average membership numbers and more expensive joining fees but were significantly cheaper than average for green fees and match fees.

Following a review of existing Bar Prices the Board of Directors has agreed that no increase to prices will be necessary at this time. The practice of Dual Pricing of Bar Prices has been considered by the Board and it was agreed that it would not be implemented at present. (See separate article on Dual Pricing).

The sum of £29760 shown in the account balances is the outstanding amount of the original bank loan that the Club had in order to open the Club in 1997. The loan will be paid approximately 2 years early. This indicates that the Club is still a viable concern and is able to support all its commitments on schedule.

Fareham Borough Council have approved our application for an extension to the building in order to enlarge the changing rooms. The approval allows the Club 5 years to commence the work. Financial arrangements have not yet been discussed by the Board of Directors.

Desk stewards have been asked to close the entrance door if it is found to be open. The air conditioning is adversely affected if the door is left open. Members are asked to close the door behind them - please take note.

The display of new plants around the green and in the restaurant is thanks to Janet and Roy Mudd and the Summer Bowlers. Very impressive they look too.

Janet Livingston was elected Ladies Captain.

It has been decided to hold a competition, for ladies only, for the Ann Broadhurst Trophy on 14th December 2005.

A Mixed Drive will be held on Wednesday afternoons when the schedule permits.

Some members have asked for the Club to hold another Coaching Day. The suggested date is the 18th December 2005.

The "Taster Sessions" were well supported by members of the public, in excess of 40 people visited (see separate article on Open Day). A number of new members are expected to join as a result of this initiative.

50 new bowlers undertook tuition last season.

Entries for the Club Competitions are down by 50% from last year.

Some members have suggested that more members may be willing to play in Friendly Matches if matches could be played in "greys" and not "whites". After some discussion the committee decided to stay with "whites". However a Friendly Match against North West Essex Tourists was played in greys on 17th September 2005 (Ed: I understand this was at the Tourists request).

A number of lady members informed the league secretary that they will not be available to play their league matches during the first week of the new season due to holidays and winding down of the outdoor season. The committee discussed the possibility of having a 2 week break between the end of the outdoor season and the start of the indoor season. No solution was forthcoming. However at a later meeting this issue was raised again as a number of members had requested that the Club allow a 2 week break. It was agreed that a discussion group should look at this possibility and report back to the JMC. The group will consist of: Vice President, Ladies' Captain, Men's Captain, Ladies' League Secretary, Men's League Secretary.

All subscription letters included a request for the members to indicate their preference about smoking in the Club. Only around half of members have returned their forms (please return yours if you haven't done so yet). Early results indicate a small majority for a ban on smoking (it is hoped to give you a full report in the next newsletter).

2 Roadshows have been arranged:- City Sports on 6th October and Bowlsweat Direct on 17th November.

The EIBA Presidents Team will play Palmerston IBC on Friday 7th October at 2pm on all 8 rinks. Spectators will be most welcome.

A letter was received from the EIBA asking if Palmerston would like to be considered to host the EIBA National Championship over a 9 day period. After some discussion the committee voted overwhelmingly not to host the Championships.

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## Palmerston Catering

*by Rene Bowshell - Catering Director*

**Looking for a Venue for a Family Celebration??** Perhaps a Birthday, Anniversary, Wedding or other Special Occasion. Why not hire Palmerston Restaurant?? Charges are reasonable and you have the services of our excellent Chef Richard and his team to look after your every need. Bar prices are reasonable as well.

I have a host of complimentary letters from Members expressing their gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful reception given to them and their Guests at their Ruby/Golden and even Diamond occasion. Ask Richard for further details or give me a ring on 01329 663967.

Palmerston Restaurant and the services of Richard are considered second to none - an essential compliment to the social and friendly atmosphere of the Club

Reduction in the number and size of Friendly Matches last season, together with increased cost of wages, food, fuel etc. had a detrimental effect on income. This season will be equally hard on Richard. Standards were still maintained and even improved - just as they always have been over the past 8 years. Every effort must be made to support these services which we all value so highly.

Lunchtime menus are varied and tempting - a leisurely lunch is a welcome break after a hard game or even a busy morning at home!! The Social Committee are busy organising several functions and your support is appreciated. Any Member can book the Room for a Special occasion or maybe to raise funds for a favourite Charity.

We look forward to a good and successful season ahead and a very busy one for Palmerston Catering.

### Sandwiches

For the last 2 seasons we have experimented with the provision of freshly made prepacked sandwiches left in the cold cabinet. Many more were wasted than were eaten! A loss to the Club and to Richard!

Fresh sandwiches will always be prepared in advance as long as they are ordered before 11.30am. Just ring up the Restaurant on 01329 232214 or leave a note and details a day or two before. Equally - hungry evening bowlers can place advance orders - they can be collected from the Bar.

## Membership Check

### TO ALL MEMBERS

Ladies & Gentlemen,

At a recent Joint Management Committee meeting it was decided that we must conserve the position of Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club as a private, members only, club.

In the past I have instructed my winter stewards to make spot checks on members entering the Club, to see if they are carrying their membership cards.

This has not always gone down favourably with some members, but you must realise it is something we can and must do to ensure the privacy of the Club.

The last thing we want is persons entering the Club illegally; if this happens and we are checked by the police or council members it could affect our licences.

To this end we are to impose a full week of checking membership cards ON ENTRY. A member of the Management Team will be at the door requesting to see your card before you can enter the Club. The week concerned will be from:-

0900 MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

to 1800 SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

I must emphasise that we do not take this decision lightly; we are not doing it for any other reason than to protect the privacy and facilities of YOUR Club.

*John Vicary - Chief Steward*

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Palm Reader

I was dismayed to learn that the opening session of the Winter Programme starts on 12th September 2005. Most outdoor clubs are open until the 19th and therefore are unable to participate indoors until after that date. Also I know a number of clubs will be on tour that week so another reason to postpone the opening date. One suggestion would be to close Palmerston for 2 weeks at the beginning of September for cleaning, maintenance etc instead of August to enable both outdoor and indoor bowlers to have a complete break, and then open for roll-ups/practice games for one week before opening later in September, when no doubt we will all be raring to start. I hope that a proposal to open later will be put forward at the next AGM, I am sure that most members would welcome it.

Mary Lowe

Dear Editor

Issue No 10, October 2004 of the Palm Reader, contained an article detailing the new rule (Law 19) and its application.

May I suggest that future issues of this publication includes articles of the rules of the game, to inform those new to the

game and update established players on changes as they occur; where possible the main thrust of the rule rather than a word for word copy being given.

Len Clark

A Suggestion

### LAW 20 PLACING THE MAT

The mat must be placed with its centre on the centre line of the rink, no closer than 2 metres and no further than 25 metres from the front ditch. Measurements are taken from the front of the mat (so the longest jack length is obtained by placing the **front** of the mat on the T). If the mat is displaced during play it should be replaced in its original position.

### LAW 35 LINE BOWLS

A bowl is not dead unless the **whole** of the bowl is over the rink boundary.

Ed: Thanks Len. Any more articles from any members on this these will be welcomed. So get your copy of the rule book and let me know of any rules you think some bowlers might be ignorant of and we can put them in the newsletter.

## Dual Pricing

For some time now your Board of Directors have been considering the ramifications of dual pricing for drinks from the Bar. That is club members will pay one price and visitors will pay a different price (higher).

The implementation of such a scheme is more complicated than it first appears. Each club member will need to be given a Fob. At present Social Members do not have Fobs. The cost of supplying Social Members with Fobs will be approximately £1100.

The Fobs will register on the bar tills. Each member will need to have their entrance Fob with them to take advantage of the lower prices for drinks. The existing computing system will need to be evaluated to see if it is capable of taking the additional Fob data. The suppliers of the system will need to be consulted.

The dual system is used in other organisations where they ask their members to place a sum of money on their card and top it up when it gets low. Saves bar staff handling monies except for non-members.

Some people feel that the dual system may be abused by members passing their fob to guests to buy a round of drinks.

After some serious debate the Board decided that Palmerston IBC would not implement such a dual pricing regime at this time.

## Coaching

The Palmerston coaching team would like to record its grateful thanks to Greengauge Sports for assistance and encouragement which has been provided for our Junior Section.

In response to the favourable comments following the coaching day we held earlier this year and several requests for another, we will be putting a programme together for a coaching day on the 18th December 2005. Watch the notice board for details.

*Palmerston IBC Coaching Team*

## Hampshire Patrons

In the face of increasing work load and yet another birthday, I have reluctantly had to step down as Patrons Delegate for Palmerston IBC. As many members will know I have been running the Patrons for Palmerston IBC since the Club was opened. Ray Morse has agreed to take over from me for which I am grateful to him. This Club has earned a good reputation in the County and beyond and this has been helped by the magnificent response from members to the Patrons scheme, a look at the HIBA Year Book will show how well the Palmerston men have supported the HIBA.

I would like to thank all the Patrons at Palmerston for the way they have supported me during the past 8 years and I am sure that Ray will receive the same support. There are however a few members who have paid to be life members but have stopped putting their name down for games. Please play, even if it is only once or twice in a season. If you haven't joined yet, why not? You are missing out on some good games and the opportunity to make new friends around the County.

According to the natural progression within Hampshire IBA I should be Chairman of the Patrons in the 2006/7 season and I look forward to your support at that busy time.

I would like to give a sincere thank you to all the Patrons for making my time as your delegate so pleasurable and I wish you all well.

*Norman Evans-Rohrs*

## Treasurer

Despite every member, both Full and Social, receiving a notice with their Subscription Renewal letters about the vacancy for Club Treasurer there has been no response whatsoever, even from anyone enquiring what the job involves.

The role of Treasurer is a very important one within the Club organisation.

This position is open to both Full and Social Members, so please let's have a volunteer. I'm sure there is someone within the Club who is willing to fill this very important position.

I'm in the Club every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 to 12 to give you any information.

*Ray Morse - Club Treasurer*

## Social and Fundraising

*by Rene Bowshell - Social Secretary*

### SOCIAL PROGRAMME

First of all a big welcome to all new members. We hope you will be able to join us for some of the social events which are advertised on the Social Notice Board (near the Greeting Card Stand). You can be sure of an enjoyable evening. Events for the remainder of 2005 are already displayed – details as follows:

**Sat. Oct 15th** – Autumn Race Night – Tickets £3.50 (including Supper) List names – Buy Tickets from Bar – Doors open 7pm. The Raffle in aid of 'Natalie Porter Fund' will be drawn at the Meeting

**Sat. Nov 12th** – Cabaret Dinner - Look out for details after Race Night. We are hoping to engage a Youth Band from Brookfield School to entertain us – they have performed at Ferneham Hall and the Rose Bowl

**Sat. Dec 3rd** – Club's Christmas Event – not yet finalised but probably a festive Hot & Cold Buffet followed by Musical Entertainment. Watch for details.

**Sat Dec 17th** – Addition to Programme – Richard and his staff will organise another Christmas Evening with a Special Dinner in case any of you were unable get booked in for the Special Xmas Sundays. More details from Richard.

**Sat Dec 31st** – Yes, another surprise addition. Richard and ALL his Family will organise a New Years Eve Party including festive fare and seasonal music to help you welcome in 2006 in style (our own Von Trapp Family!) Richard will be publishing details shortly so that you can make an early booking.

### Proposed Programme for 2006

As usual the Bowling Programme is pretty busy at this time of year so Social events must be limited.

**Sat Jan 28th** – Winter Race Night – List and Tickets will be available in good time

**Sat Feb 25th** – Quiz, Bingo, Fun & Games Evening – possibly combined with Cheese & Wine Party. Many of you will remember these evenings previously when we organised the food ourselves. We would have to enlist Richard to cover it now with some help from us.

**Coffee Morning** – One Saturday morning in March. Will check on the Ladies Bowling Calendar

**Murder Mystery Dinner** - No, we haven't

forgotten about it! It is impracticable to organise in the Winter as the 'Actors' have to prepare during the day ready for the evening. We are trying to get a provisional booking for late April – early May. We then need you to confirm your interest before we go ahead.

### FUND RAISING

**Treasure Chest** – Tickets are on sale every Friday evening from 5.30pm (£1 strip of 5). Draw is made at 8.00pm. If you have the lucky number you will win £5 and also have the chance to choose from 13 keys to open the 'Treasure Chest' which holds the Funds! 2 weeks have gone already so now there are only 11 keys left to choose from. Meanwhile the amount of the 'Treasure' grows. Make sure you have the chance of winning it next Friday.

**Bonus Ball** – Now operating for both Wednesdays and Fridays National Lottery Draw. Look for the 'Magic Bag' on the table as you come into the Club. Incidentally there have been some shortages in the cash recently when all the numbers have been sold. Make sure you put £1 (not 1p) in the box for each number taken. The Club is always the loser!

**100 Club** – The total number of participants will not be known until the end of this month but it should be about 200. It will be run in 2 Sections 'A' & 'B'. List of your allocated numbers will be displayed on the Notice Board. First draw will be on Friday 28th October - £40 for the Winner of each Section.

**Xmas Draw** – Sheets will be on display at the end of this month. Considerable thought has been given to the purchase of suitable Prizes. Some will be on display shortly – other purchases are being delayed to allow maximum 'guarantee' period after purchase. 75-80% of income will be used for Prizes.

Most of you will be aware that all monies raised by the above Projects goes into the Fund Raising account and is used for the improvement and maintenance of Club facilities such as the outside gardens and surrounds, additional equipment for the Restaurant as well as many other expenses which would otherwise come from Club Funds. We take this opportunity of thanking you for your support. Enjoy the forthcoming season.

## EIBA Press Release (Bowls Stamping)

PRESS RELEASE issued by the English Indoor Bowling Association

Additional English Variation to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Third Edition

The following English Variation has recently been agreed by World Bowls (WB) and the World Indoor Bowls Council (WIBC) at the request of the English Indoor Bowling Association:

Law 12(ii)

"EIBA - with effect from the 2005/6 Season, competitors reaching the Final Stages of any National Championships will be required to use Bowls bearing an expiry date of 2011 or later. In addition, Law 9(b)(Indoor Version) will not apply to such competitors."

By making this amendment, the EIBA Executive Committee consider that they have overcome the problems caused by the additional wording included under Law 12 ... "Either the I.B.B. or W.B.B. stamp on a bowl will remain valid until the existing stamp expires".

With this wording and the previous English variation of Law 12 (ii), competitors reaching the Final Stages of all EIBA National Championships can currently still use Bowls bearing three types of stamps - IBB, WBB or WB.

In the opinion of the EIBA Executive Committee, competitors at the Final Stages should only use Bowls bearing the WB stamp.

12th August 2005

**Editor:** What does this mean in practice? It is clear about what bowls you can play with if you reach the final stages of Nationals (men). These must be stamped 2011 or later but the stamp can be the old IBB or WBB stamp (hexagonal) or the new World Bowls stamp (oval). Last season it would have simply been enough to have a stamp which had not expired i.e. a date of 2005 or later.

However it is interesting that the Executive Committee felt under pressure to allow the old stamp as they say they are of the opinion that you should only use bowls with the new WB oval stamp. I expect that if they had insisted on the new stamp there would have been a lot of bowls left on the shelves which couldn't be sold.

## Ladies Club Competitions

### 2005 - 2006 SEASON

It has been decided to introduce a new arrangement for playing the club competitions, for a trial period, during the 2005 - 2006 season. Following the draw in the usual manner, "Play By" dates will be given. It will then be the responsibility of the "challenging team" to agree a date with their opponents to play the match and in good time to be able to report the result before the date promulgated. Each round will be allocated a date by which the match should be played and the result reported.

Allowing members to arrange their own dates and times of matches, will enable those who cannot play in the afternoons due to work or other commitments to play at times suitable to them.

We hope that these arrangements will meet with members approval and that this will be reflected in an increase in the number of ladies taking part in the club competitions.

*Jill Rowe*

*Ladies Competition Secretary*

## Stewards required

Ladies and Gentleman

As you may, or may not, have noticed there are spaces for Stewards for, at the moment:-

One weekday session MONDAY 12.30-15.45,

and numerous SUNDAY sessions 12.30-15.45 and 15.45 - 19.00.

These are listed on the OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD opposite the stewards desk. Acting as a Steward is not an onerous task: personally, I find it quite rewarding. I meet a lot of nice people - we have friendly repartee even though I don't know them all by name. It also gives me a sense of satisfaction by doing something for the Club.

Anyone who is interested can contact me by phone on 01329 283881 or leave a note at the Stewards desk. Introduction to the various tasks will be given and I would be with the person for their first session, so there should not be any difficulty for a newcomer.

I look forward to hearing from you: remember it's YOUR Club.

*John Vicary - Chief Steward*

## Editorial

Welcome to the new season at Palmerston.

First a plug for the Mixed Singles Ladder. This got off to a flying start last February when it was launched within weeks of the end of the season. Now we have a full season ahead of us, many of you have perhaps overlooked this new opportunity to play singles without the pressure of a knockout competition.

What a good way to build up your indoor game again, after the exertions of summer bowling on heavier outdoor greens. No-one to blame but yourself. Nothing to lose except maybe a little pride (not necessarily a bad thing). Solid practice drawing to the jack and perhaps the excitement of a tie-break. What, forgotten about the sets format? Refresh your memory by taking a copy of the rules.

The ladder is permanently positioned on the notice board opposite the stewards desk. Give it a go (no formal application necessary).

An issue troubling bowlers at this time of year is raised in the Letters to the Editor and is mentioned in Committee Notes - more and more people are complaining about the overlap between summer and winter bowling. I wonder if Palmerston opens one week later would the outdoor clubs be prepared to close one week earlier? Something must be done.

See you on the green.

*Russell Gadd - Editor*

*You can contribute to the newsletter either by writing an article or a letter to the editor. If you use a computer please email it to russellgadd@fastmail.fm and I'll acknowledge receipt of emails. Or put it on a floppy disc (either plain text or a .doc file). Otherwise hand items in to the office addressed to Palm Editor.*

**All issues will be produced monthly during the winter season with the deadline at the end of the previous month (next issue November 2005).**

# Open Day

On Saturday 30th July the club was open to the public to come and have a go at bowling. Between 0900 and 1600, 45 people of all ages came to try their hand at our sport. All of the Club's Coaches were present, some for part of the day and some for the entire day but the important thing is that they all took part and stayed for as long as they could. Roy and Janet Mudd provided tea and coffee throughout the day and Rita Grant was on hand to take the telephone calls, answer questions and chat to people.

Each coach was occupied on the rinks for most of the time and found the level of interest shown by the visitors very rewarding. By the end of the day the first beginners course due to start on October 1st was nearly fully subscribed and a few people had taken application forms home with them.

Thanks to Ray Gregory for publicising the event so well, to those people I have already mentioned who helped on the day and to the club members who brought friends and family along to have a go. Let us hope that that the effort of all will result in an increase in membership numbers and some new friends to share our splendid facilities.

*Norman Evans-Rohrs*

## Did you know?

Palmerston Catering's not  
here just for tasty meals and  
great value Sunday lunches

Friend or relative  
getting married?  
Ask for a quote

Special birthday  
coming up?

Want the special  
occasion without the hard  
work? - We'll deliver!

Silver or Gold? We  
can do any colour  
anniversary

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cold, the choice is yours!  
Contact Richard for further details

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