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PALM READER

The Palmerston Indoor Bowling Club Magazine

Have you checked out the new website for the club that Russell Gadd and team have produced, as below

Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club



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Welcome to Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club

Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club, situated just outside the town of Fareham on the road to Lee-On-Solent has approximately 1000 playing and social members and offers excellent bowling and social facilities. The club was built as recently as 1997 and is one of the finest indoor bowling clubs in the country with 8 rinks an excellent restaurant and viewing area. The efficient temperature control system ensures warmth in the winter and air conditioning in the summer.

Extensive free parking facilities and easy access.



Hampshire Match - Saturday 11th October 2pm

The Hampshire team are to play the British Isles Civil Service at Palmerston on Saturday 11th October. The visitors are from various parts of the UK and are expected to be a strong team including several internationals, so Hampshire are putting out a strong side. This is a useful season starter for our county team before they begin their inter county championship campaign. Expect a high standard of bowling with a good atmosphere. Spectators are welcome - entry is free. The match is expected to finish around 5.30 - 6pm. Refreshments will be available.

www.palmerston-indoorbowls.co.uk

Palmerston Business Park (off Newgate Lane, Fareham) Tel 013 2923 2005

October news from the Social Committee

The 2008/2009 bowling programme is now well underway. The 'Year Book' will give you dates of all national, county and club competitions as well as leagues and friendly matches. Watch Notice boards for up to date details and give your support to all these events.

On the social side the Cabaret Dinner on 20th September proved very popular. Richard excelled with a 1st class choice of menu and the varied entertainment by 'Celebrity Status' completed the evening.



The booking list for the Race Night on October 25th (revised date) is almost full. If you have to - list your name as a 'reserve' and you will be favourably considered. Make sure you get your tickets before October 20th.

A 'Curry & Fun Quiz' has been arranged for Nov 1st. Curries will be 'mild' or 'hot & spicy'. For those non-lovers of curry an alternative will be offered. Booking list on social notice board will give further details.

Final social event for 2008 will be Christmas Party on December 6th but meanwhile the social committee are busy making plans for a Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday December 13th which will commence at 10.00am. Richard will be offering snack lunches from 12.00 to 2.00pm and it is hoped that sales from the stalls will continue until then.



Two local shops have offered to set up their stalls. We also need members to organise a small variety of stalls selling new products suitable for gifts etc. Home made cakes, pies, biscuits and other Xmas goodies will be our speciality – with help and contributions from the many highly skilled cooks amongst our members The 'Bottle Stall' is always great fun as long as we can collect at least 40 suitable bottles to make it worth while! (Collection box will be made available). Small collection of books, jigsaws / DVDs / CDs as well as boxed games or toys - will always be popular. There will be raffles of course. If you have any other ideas or suggestions, please make them known in the November Palmreader.



Christmas Draw sheets are already displayed – 50p per number. The draw will be made at the Coffee morning on December 13th. Apart from some hampers, bottles and Christmas sweets etc. prizes will be mainly in the form of cash or vouchers to spend on your personal needs. Just fill up the sheets – you have to be 'in it' to 'win it'

100 club – For £6 you can still join and be included in the monthly draw. There are usually two sections (A & B) and your allocated number will be prominently listed on the notice board. Prize money (for each section) is £40 every month except in December when 1st prize is £100, 2nd prize £60. Draw is usually made on last Friday of each month (first on October 31st). The December draw for £100 and £60 for each section will be made at the Coffee morning. Make sure you are in with a chance.

Bonus ball - should now be running on Wednesday and Saturday.



Treasure Chest - is now operating on Friday evenings. For £1 you can buy 5 tickets to give you the chance of winning whatever is in the Chest! Have a go!

Rene Bowshell

Terrible Teasers No.1

1. As an anagram. Another name for a dirty room?
 2. What do a lizard, a pig, a red nose, pepper and a caterpillar all have in common?
 3. As an anagram what does an Evangelist become?
 4. Where was H.M.S. Pickle built and from what wood?
 5. Which product was the first to carry a Bar Code?
- Answers next month

Reference to your item in the September issue from 'An Observer'.

Was this a joke or a device to stir up interest and elicit responses from people who have a better understanding of bowling matters? Clearly, the completely negative comments about young bowlers portrayed in the article require a positive response.



To say that bowls is seen as a pastime for old people is incorrect as Bowls is officially recognised as a sport by Sport England. You don't have pastimes in the Commonwealth Games! I don't suppose that 'An Observer' was at the club on the 10th and 11th of January 2004 when Palmerston had the honour of hosting the British Isles Under 25 International Series; or bothered to go to Banister Park IBC last season to watch the games when they were played there. If so he/she would have gained some insight into the tremendous response, skill and enthusiasm demonstrated by the young people taking part.

Young people are taking part in bowls at all levels of the sport. If you could take the trouble to look at the Juniors Honour Board at Palmerston you would see the names of some very keen and promising young bowlers. The fact that you do not see them at Palmerston as often as they used to be is because of influences in their lives such as education. Ben Settle is a good example of a Junior Champion who has curtailed his bowling activity because of the demands of his college work. However Ben is still playing bowls and is a valued member of one of our local outdoor clubs. Another of our younger bowlers has recently won the Hampshire Women's County Bowling Association Under 25 Championship. She also plays for a local outdoor club and still plays indoors when time permits. 'An Observer' may have heard of Mathew Marchant who plays at Victory IBC. Mathew was taught properly from an early age. He made the Hampshire Indoor BA Under 25 team as soon as he was eligible. He was part of the England Under 25 team continuously from the age of 16 to 25. He was the team captain and still holds the record for the highest number of England Caps at U25 level. When he became 25 years old he was immediately part of the National Senior Team and is still playing for his country. I could go on but space is limited.

I am delighted that 'An Observer' has visited Lodden Vale IBC, that is more than the majority of Palmerston Members will have done. But are you saying that older bowlers refrain from visiting the bar or the toilet during a league game or do not speak to bowlers on the next rink from time to time?

I am advised that there are six sets of mall woods available at Palmerston for young hands that cannot hold a double 0 wood. To suggest that children should bowl from both ends of a rink at the same time is both patronising and downright silly.

The comment about the Child Protection Act just continues to demonstrate the lack of understanding shown by 'An Observer'. It serves to protect children, are you suggesting that is a bad thing? The way that children are protected in bowls shows an admirable awareness of children's rights. Other sports, notably swimming and tennis have a record of abuse and inappropriate behaviour which is shameful. Bowls has thankfully been free of any complaints of that nature.

Some of the young bowlers who have to leave the game because of education, career, or family demands will, when they are looking for a sport that the whole family can play together, remember how much they enjoyed playing bowls and return to the sport. I have heard people with a similar attitude to 'An Observer' say that it is a waste of time teaching children because they go off and do other things. But it is much better to see the time and effort put in by coaches as an investment for the future and when these youngsters come back in their 30's or 40's they will keep the sport alive. If we don't make that investment, the sport will die when we do.

For goodness sake take your blinkers off because if we all had your attitude and lack of awareness, bowls will in time, surely die.

'An Observer who knows what he is talking about'

LIGHTER SIDE



Last night police were called to a branch of Pizza Hut after a body of a member of staff was found covered in mushrooms, onions ham and cheese. The police spokesman said that there was a strong possibility that the man had topped himself.

A woman commissioned an artist to paint her portrait for a fee of £300. She immediately wrote out a cheque and handed it to him.
Artist "I thought we had agreed a fee of £300 but you have made the cheque out for £400".
Woman "Yes I know; but I find it a bit embarrassing. Would you have any objection to painting me in the nude?"
Artist "None whatsoever provided I can keep my socks on as I must have somewhere to put my brushes!!!"
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A man was passing a country estate and saw a sign on the gate. It read: "Please ring bell for the caretaker." He rang the bell and an old man appeared.
 "Are you the caretaker?" the fellow asked.
 "Yes, I am," replied the old man. "What do you want?"
 "I'd just like to know why you can't ring the bell yourself."

Old Lady: Do you always play by ear?
 Street Musician: Yes, lady, 'ere or 'ereabouts.

Why is there only one monopolies commission?

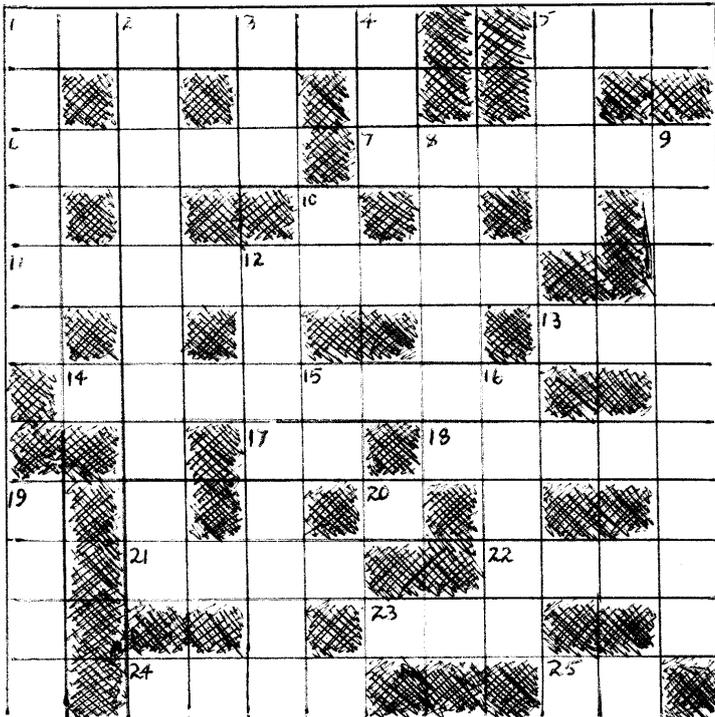
ACROSS

1. Get down to it. 7
5. Weasel's Father. 3
6. Wilbur has capital missing. 5
7. Lasting. 5
9. From here to there. 9
13. It is mine. 3
14. Asked firmly. 8
17. Conjunctive. 2
18. Very high circles. 5
20. Last of 26. 1
21. Wee Scottish Lass. 4
22. Put on weight. 4
23. Humbug! 3
24. It is not off. 2



DOWN

1. Could be a way of getting the chop? 6
2. Miserable attitude. 10
3. It is in the sailor's bag. 3
4. Human failing to. 3
5. Look at him closely as royalty. 4
8. Predecessor. 6
9. Heavenly starlight. 9
10. Short medical cure. 2
12. Ideal flat utensils. 8
15. Not an affirmative. 2
16. Making money out of flour and water. 5
- 19 / 24a. Navy in mourning. 5.4



Answers from last month	
Across	Down
1 Louder	2 Owl
4 Fend	3 Divide
7 Pata	4 Fame
8 Love	4a ET
9 AM	5 Nautical
11 Treat	6 Enunciate
12 Dred	7 Parrot
13 Lion	10 Adhered
14 Echo	11a Al
17 End	15 Chortle
18 Hot	16 Hob
19 Taxi	19 Tights
20 Sob	20 Se
21 Oil	23 No
22 Enter	24 Term
26 BT	25 Figs
27 Doe	26 So
28 Relights	
30 Sot	

I think we're in for a bad spell of wether.

Once upon a time there was a famous sea captain. This captain was very successful at what he did; for years he guided merchant ships all over the world. Never did stormy seas or pirates get the best of him. He was admired by his crew and fellow captains.
 However, there was one thing different about this captain. Every morning he went through a strange ritual. He would lock himself in his captain's quarters and open a small safe. In the safe was an envelope with a piece of paper inside. He would stare at the paper for a minute, then lock it back up. After, he would go about his daily duties. For years this went on, and his crew became very curious. Was it a treasure map? Was it a letter from a long lost love? Everyone speculated the contents of the strange envelope.
 One day the captain died at sea. After laying the captain's body to rest, the first mate led the entire crew into the captain's quarters. He opened the safe, got the envelope, opened it and...
 The first mate turned pale and showed the paper to the others. Four words were on the paper, two on two lines:
 `` Port Left Starboard Right''

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