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PALM READER

The Palmerston Indoor Bowling Club Magazine

A Message from your club President Bruce Bedford

Firstly I would like to thank you for electing me as your President for the coming year and whilst I am looking forward to a successful year I hope I can count on your help and support to achieve this.

I have three main points to mention at this stage: -

My chosen charity for the year is "The Countess Mountbatten Hospice Charity" (Registered Charity 1123304), which provides funds to help run the Countess Mountbatten Hospice at West End in Southampton.

As many of you know the hospice itself provides services to enhance the quality of life of people with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses and their motto is "Because you care, we can".

More details can be found on their website www.cmhcharity.org.uk.

Palmerston is an excellent club but it was disappointing to see so few members at the Annual General Meeting this year, especially as this is your opportunity to have input in to how the club is run. We have a very good and hard working committee who spend a lot of time keeping the club running so successfully. So please do try and come to the AGM next year. Finally dates of friendly matches are always announced on the notice board so please watch out for further details and put your names down to play as "We Need You" as the saying goes. The friendlies raise income for the club and we don't like cancelling them due to lack of players.

Here's to a successful 2010.

SAFER VENUE AWARD

Your President and Chairman of the Board on behalf of PIBC went to Fernham Hall on Tuesday 25 May to receive a Safer Venue Award. This scheme enables licensed premises to receive recognition for being a safe and well managed organisation over the course of a year. We received a "Safer Venue Certificate" for 2009-10 which will be displayed at the bar. This is as a result of cooperation between the Police and the Fareham Borough Council to encourage good management in Clubs, Pubs, Hotels and other licensed premises, to avoid vandalism and unsocial behaviour. We were amongst some 40 venues recognised which included Fareham Bowls Club, Lee Golf Club, the Golden Bowler pub and Crofton Social Club. The certificates were presented by Clr. Mandry who chairs the Environmental Committee for Community Safety and Public Protection, and Cllr. Mrs. Harrison who leads the licensing committee.

Roy Mudd

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Notes from the AGM (see full minutes on notice board)

The total number of members present was 84.

FINANCE. In overall terms, this has been the best year since 2002. During December we have paid off all the loans, and the club is now debt free.

Special thanks were expressed to Janet Gadd. During the foreseeable future she will not be so freely available due to family commitments, although she is still continuing. We are seeking an additional Treasurer in this regard, to help with the workload. This will need to be somebody with bookkeeping experience who can be trained up in the financial system and can take over when she is unavailable.

Pleased to confirm that the bar has made a **profit this year of £5.3k.**

Overheads are down which has helped to pay off the loan. Also the reduced costs on fuel and maintenance has helped. Special thanks expressed to Andrew Miller who has negotiated successfully with suppliers on our behalf. Social activities and increased support this year for friendly matches has also contributed greatly.

It is essential that membership levels are kept constant, and thanks again are expressed to the coaches. To further this initiative, propose a joining fee of £50 per couple to encourage new membership. Propose that membership fees and rink fees remain the same for this year..

AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND RESOLUTIONS

Amendments to Rules:

Proposed amendment to Notice of business:

13.3 to be 14 days, to comply with the convening of the AGM in 13.2.

Proposed amendment to rule on Social Members:

6.13.3 Such membership shall not exceed two hundred and fifty members.

Proposed amendment to rules of Novices Competitions: 1.12.8 Open to members who have been bowling for a maximum of 3 years. That games up to an including quarter finals will be played to the 'bell'. Semi- finals and finals will be played to 21 or 18 ends, as appropriate. All the above amendments were passed unanimously.

Proposal that the Joining Fee for a couple living at the same address be reduced to £50 for the pair.

This proposal was passed by a majority.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

P. Carter was re-elected to the Board for a further 3 years. The Board of Directors for 2010/11 is made up of the following members: **R. Mudd, A. Miller, L. Howell, W. Jackson, P. Carter, S. Wrightson.**

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

The President expressed her pleasure at being in office for the past year, and thanked the members of the Joint Management Committee for their support. Thanks expressed to all members for their support of her charity - the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, which raised a total of **£895.61.**

ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS

The President was very pleased to present Life Membership to the following 5 members as an expression of gratitude and recognition for the amount of time and work that they have given to the club over a great number of years: **Roy Mudd, Ian Chittenden, Ray Morse, Frank McAully and Ron Weale** This proposal was ratified by the members unanimously.

ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

The following Club Officers were elected for 2010/11:

B. Bedford	President
M. Williamson	Ladies Vice-President
P. Carter	Men's Vice-President
R. Beynon	Secretary
J. Gadd	Treasurer
B. Grinaway	Men's Captain
M. Ellis	Men's Vice-Captain
B. Jackson	Men's and Mixed League Secretary
R. Mudd	Men's Committee Secretary and Summer League Rep.
M. Holloway	Ladies Captain
R. Benyon	Ladies Vice - Captain
J. Livingston	Ladies Competition Secretary
L. Howell	Asst. Treasurer and Ladies League Secretary
J. Mudd	Ladies Committee Secretary
B. Hayles	Match Secretary
A. Miller	Rink Manager
C. Livingston	Chief Steward

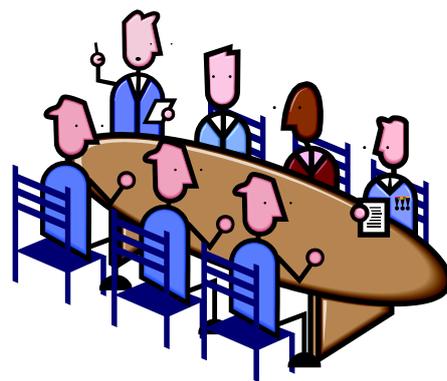
The vacant position of Men's and Mixed Comp Secretary will be the responsibility of the JMC

Supporting Committees and members were elected as follows:

Social M. Brown, C. Stray, M. Chapman, S. Wrightson, S. Quantrill, S. Clarke, J. Evans.

Maintenance: F. McAully

Security: F. McAully, T. Grant, R. Mudd, P. Cook, T. Howell.



Social Events

The coffee morning held on the 20th March was a great success and raised £410 for Club Funds. Thank you to all those who participated by having stalls and all those who came along and supported them.

The race night on 3rd April was enjoyed by all who attended and was as always well supported and helped to raise funds for the Club.

On Saturday 22nd May there was a Dinner & Magic Evening which was entertaining.



Looking ahead to future dates for Club Functions.

We have booked the Opus Blue Jazz Band to entertain us on **Saturday the 26th June**. They are really good entertainers and well worth supporting. The evening will also include a Dinner.

Saturday 24th July. A Race Night which is always good fun.



On **Saturday 14th August** we are hoping to have a Dinner and speaker.

We will be having a Halloween Function on the **30th October** and to add interest suggested that the ladies wear masks. Something for you ladies to think about.



The Club Christmas Draw will be held in the evening on the **16th December** and will include a Christmas Songs & Carols sing-a-long. A fun evening. Refreshments will be available.

The committee are in the process of arranging a New Years Eve party. Entertainment is currently being sought. Members have always supported this function and we hope that you will continue to do so as we have taken this event over from Richard.

Further functions during the summer months may be arranged which we hope you will support as you have done in the past and helped to raise funds for the Club. Watch the notice board for further details.

The Social Committee appreciate all the support that has been given to the Social functions held, which have helped to raise funds for the club.

Sylvia Wrightson

On behalf of the Social Committee.

Have you moved?

If you have please let the membership secretary Lesley Howell know your new address.

Answers to crossword 12

SUMMER LEAGUE COMMITTEE

There is a vacancy on the Summer League Committee for an interested member to help run the summer programme. Anyone interested would join the committee and help formulate the programme for the year. They may be asked to do some desk duties, and possibly cover for other members who are on holiday. Anyone interested contact **Roy Mudd**. It is not an onerous job, but well worthwhile.

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LIGHTER SIDE

What is a water otter A kettle.

There was a Scottish painter named Smokey Macgregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further.

As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the Baptist Church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings.

Smokey put in a bid, and, because his price was so low, he got the job.

So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine..

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened, and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint..

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried: "Oh, God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?" And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke..

"Repaint! Repaint! and thin no more!"

One day a Viking named Leif returned after a long sea voyage and found that during his absence his name had been removed from the town register. He sent his wife to the town hall make a complaint to the mayor.

'I'm sorry,' said the mayor, 'I must have taken Leif off my census.'

While sitting at your table make clockwise circles with your right foot. While doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

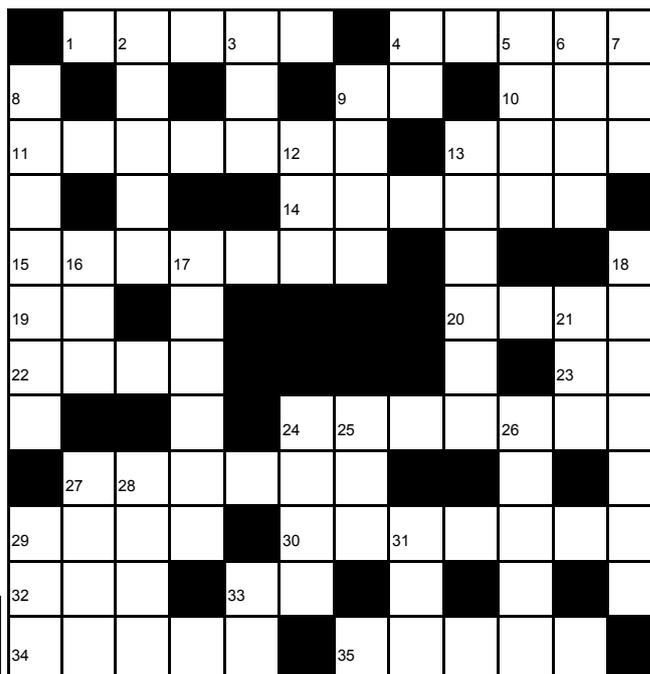
I used to dress off the peg, but now my neighbours take in their washing at night

Bowls (from Cynthia Lea)

On bowling days on various greens
 Peculiar sounds and sometimes screams
 To passers by it must sound strange
 To hear the remarks we bowlers exchange
 Where do you want it? Tickle it here
 To the unseen listener this must sound queer
 I like it, I like it, then a feminine scream
 You've too much weight, but try it again
 This bowling lingo to me is quite plain
 You're not up dear, try it again
 But the listeners can be excused if they giggle
 When the skip says I'd like one right up the middle
 Don't touch the kitty, Oh, Oh, you've got the Jack
 It just shows what happens on the Mat
 A voice is heard, you're making it rough
 Put a bit on and be sure you're up
 Bad luck, you missed, but your weight was right
 Ho, ho, you're right – it's not too tight
 Now follow him up, but don't kill the end
 I like your style - all the way - now bend
 The skipper moves out to show the track
 Now give me one around the back
 Be sure you're there, don't touch the head
 These are the phrases so often said
 For it's all too true as you will find
 But what must people think of us
 When our lingo arouses no fuss
 They probably think this tale is tall
 But be assured, it's all on the ball.
 Anon

Members car park stickers are available at the front desk if you have not already got one or have changed your car.

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