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PALM READER

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1.

The finals of the club competitions will be held between 27th March and 3rd April 2011. This amends the dates shown in the Club Year Book. It is hoped that the majority of the finals will take place on the April dates, but by extending the dates this will allow flexibility for those who are in multiple finals and avoid the necessity of playing two games in one day.

2.

The mixed pairs competition is proving popular with members and requests have been made for a mixed triples competition which we currently do not run. Whilst it is too late to arrange such a competition this year, this is something that could be considered in future years. Before embarking on such a venture I would like to seek the views of the members to gauge the level of support for this competition. It would assist if members could complete the following questionnaire and place replies in the "Competitions Box" in reception.

Keith Fleming

Men's and Mixed Competitions Secretary

1. There should be a mixed triples competition.
AGREE / DISAGREE *
2. I would be willing to play in a mixed triples competition.
(This is not binding upon you to play on future dates).
YES / NO *

* Delete as applicable.

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RINK NEWS

CARPET SPEED

The usual carpet stretch was carried out by Dales in the August maintenance week. For those who take an interest in the speed I can tell you that it was measured at 18.1 seconds. In my time looking after the rink I don't recall the speed getting up to this level – the Dale's team were asked to repeat the measurement a couple of times just to confirm this (I thought it must be a mistake) and these came out at 18 and 18.2 seconds so I think we can say, certainly at that stage, that this was an accurate time. The speed has certainly got a little slower since August but this is the normal pattern as the carpet "settles down". As we did in Jan 2010, the carpet was only stretched one way - sideways towards the ditches running along rinks 1 and 8. Incidentally, the 2 people from Dales who did this work had earlier been to India to lay the rinks used for the Commonwealth Games. I'm mighty glad we don't have a rink that bowls that slowly!

I wonder how many readers will know how the speed is measured? When I first saw this carried out, it seemed unbelievable that such antiquated equipment was used when you consider the technology that's available today. I have retrieved a past picture of this being carried out at the club (Aug 2007) and **this is shown on page 3**. A jack is placed 27 metres from the base of the wooden "shoot", measured precisely with a tape measure and positioned in the centre of the rink as in a normal game, and it is then a question of trial and error in releasing a bowl from the rig until it comes to rest on or within a couple of inches of the jack. A person standing behind the jack will be using a stop watch to measure the time from when the bowl reaches the end of the shoot (when it first starts to roll on the carpet) to the time it stops rolling on reaching the jack. Of course the person releasing the bowl (as in the photo) will have marked the shoot from where the bowl is released so that he can accurately repeat the process once the required accuracy has been achieved. I also wonder how many people will find it hard to grasp that the longer the bowl takes to reach the jack then the faster the rink is – this always seemed illogical to me!

LIGHTING

During the Aug maintenance week we also attended to the rink lights. Many failed tubes were replaced, new styrene covers installed to replace broken and discoloured ones, and new light trays installed, where the original single ballast units had failed. We were fortunate to have the services of Fred Hall who carried out the installation work, and a team of helpers – Roy Mudd, Bruce Bedford and Dave Croad joining myself – to do the humping of the tower and encourage Fred from below! This was the first time we had used a tower that the club has bought and it proved a great success – the amount we would have paid to an electrical contractor would have been quite significant (in the order of £500 to £600) and this saving alone more than covered the outlay for the tower. Many thanks to Fred, not forgetting the supporting team.

You may also have noticed the brighter lighting in the toilets and changing rooms where replacement tubes and covers were fitted.

CARPET CLEANING

This year we have lost the services of 4 people from the team who Hoover the rink carpet each week. It's not an onerous job – we have lighter weight hoovers now (the green machines stored by the side of rink 1) and the job takes about 75 to 90 minutes. We normally do this on a Saturday morning (8am start) but it can be arranged for any other day of the week if necessary. Each member of the present team will carry out 4 cleans during the whole of the winter season. It is worth pointing out that the method normally employed is to have one person manipulating the cable whilst the other person uses the Hoover. Whilst I wouldn't ask a lady to push a Hoover for 2.9 kilometres (that's the distance walked believe it or not) managing the cable is something that can be done by all, as my wife can testify. So, please may I have some volunteers – just think of the exercise you'll get from walking almost 2 miles! Sincere thanks to the dedicated team who ensure that the carpet is kept in good condition for the benefit of the rest of the membership.

RINK CLEARANCE

A few complaints have been received about the congestion on the rink walkway on the changeover of league games. This mainly stems from the incoming team being eager to take up residence before the finishing game has had enough time to pick up their bits and pieces. May I ask everyone to observe the notice already displayed that you should allow the finishing game to leave the rink (and the walkway) **BEFORE** you place woods, clothing etc at the end of the rink. May I also remind members that, on completion of the game, tables should be completely cleared of all items. So, in particular, please remove your coffee cups, glasses and plastic mugs to the appropriate place and leave the tables clear for the next users.

Andrew Miller Rink Manager

THE LIGHTING TEAM



Fred indicates success or was it a response to comments from below!



Another light almost finished.



From left to right - Bruce Bedford, Fred Hall, Dave Croad, Andrew Miller, Roy Mudd

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

An additional Treasurer is now in place and helping with the additional workload at this time of year. The telephone has now been installed with an answer-phone facility.

EIBA yearbooks and draw books for individual competitors passed to officials and competitors.

Procedure for reporting results of inter-club competitions to the EIBA passed to the Ladies and Men's Captains.

List of London and Southern Counties fixtures received for member's interest.

The financial situation is still very healthy and subscriptions are being received, although there are still 126 outstanding. A clearer picture will be known by the end of September regarding membership renewals and the number of social members

The Open Day on the 11th September attracted a very good response of 54 people interested in bowling and the first 2 sessions of coaching are now full. A vote of thanks was expressed to all the coaches and those who helped on the day.

The dates of finals of club competitions was considered by the Competition Secretaries after consultation with various members, and it is hoped to hold the finals primarily over the weekend of 2nd (p.m.) and 3rd April with evening dates also being used if required, depending on the finalists.

Competition entries are still quite low although there is still a week until the final closing date.

First Winners and Novices competitions to be reviewed, once all entries are received.

A lot of work was done during the close-down week and congratulations and appreciation expressed to Fred Hall, who coped extremely well on the tower with replacing strip lights.

Electricity readings have been producing discrepancies, but these have now been tracked down to the complicated programme on the car park light, and also using sufficient light at different times.

A very successful summer season of bowling was enjoyed.

Proposed to write of letter of thanks to Margaret Carey, who has represented our interests on the EIBA extremely well, since the formation of Palmerston Bowls Club.

The President expressed his apologies for not being able to attend the Open Day and thanked everyone for their hard work on the day.



ARE YOU "IN THE PINK"?

We would really like you to be "In the Pink" and help Palmerston Bowls Club support the Breast Cancer Campaign next year on Wednesday 2nd March 2011.

We are holding a charity event to try and gain a Bronze award from the amount of money we raise for this very worthwhile charity. This will consist of an internal triples game at 2.00 p.m., there will be banners, balloons, collecting tins and a donated raffle, so please come along and support.



The Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham will be supporting this event by bowling the first wood of a "spider" to kick-start the afternoon. Please make sure you wear something pink and look out for notices nearer the time.

*Maureen Holloway
Lady Captain*

Answers to crossword 14

	H	A	P	P	Y		B	L	A	M	E
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Please take note

When using the drinks vending machine could members **refrain from putting the cup holders in the bin** with the plastic cup. These are rapidly dwindling in numbers and cost **40p** each to replace!!

Measuring Carpet speed



Congratulations to Matthew Sweetenham for being selected for the under 25's trial for the county.

LIGHTER SIDE

Bill's senior moments

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement home were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Fred, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'

Fred says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'
 'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?'
 'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old friend:

'So I hear you're getting married?'
 'Yep!'
 'Do I know her?'
 'Nope!'
 'This woman, is she good looking?'
 'Not really.'
 'Is she a good cook?'
 'Naw, she can't cook too well.'
 'Does she have lots of money?'
 'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'
 'Well, then, is she good in bed?'
 'I don't know.'
 'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'
 'Because she can still drive!'

Three old friends are out walking. First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?' Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!' Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer..'

A man was telling his neighbour, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me two thousand pounds, but it's state of the art.. It's perfect.'
 'Really,' answered the neighbour. 'What kind is it?'
 'Twelve thirty..'

Having edited the Palmreader for three years, I have decided that it might be a good idea to let someone else have a go at this job. If you are interested please let me know. I will give you all the assistance you need to get started. BH

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great.. I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'
 The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know.... The one that's red and has thorns.'
 'Do you mean a rose?'
 'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

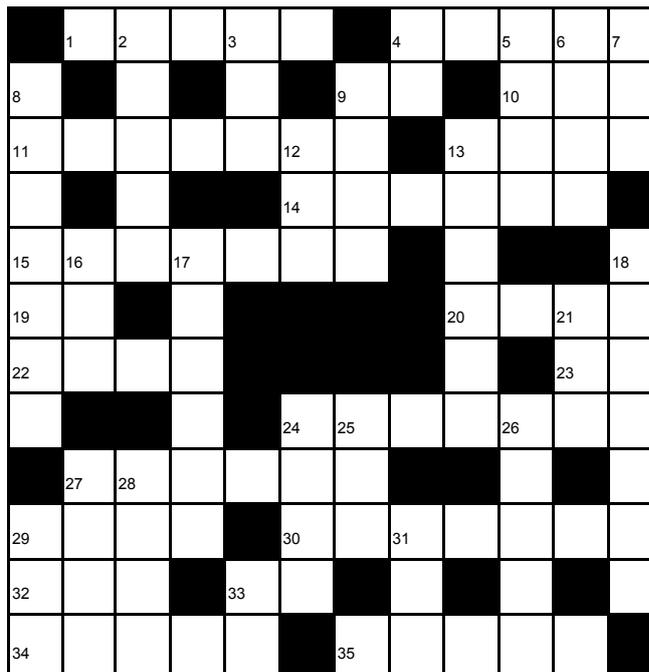
*An elderly gentleman.... Had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%
 The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect.. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'
 The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'*

- 1 Grind (one's teeth)
- 4 All 7 tiles used in Scrabble
- 9 Possessive determinate
- 10 ERA
- 11 Famous tennis player
- 13 My French friend
- 14 U.S. state
- 15 Go in again
- 19 That's fine!
- 20 Tide
- 22 Not detached?
- 23 Abbr. U.S. state
- 24 Old Moores?
- 27 Retailate
- 29 Evenings
- 30 Beautify
- 32 Garland
- 33 Year of our Lord
- 34 Material
- 35 Pigs



Crossword 15

- 2 Be brave: have ——
- 3 Type of holiday
- 4 Next to
- 5 Nobody
- 6 Enter (2,2)
- 7 Indivisible number
- 8 Musician
- 9 Queen
- 12 Neither
- 16 Share out
- 17 Sounds
- 18 Indians
- 21 Cooker
- 24 Old
- 25 Hutton or
- 26 Dress material
- 27 Confirm
- 28 Cover
- 29 Band
- 31 Question?



Articles, comments, letters are always welcome and can be put in my pigeon hole or sent by email to b.hayles@ntlworld.com