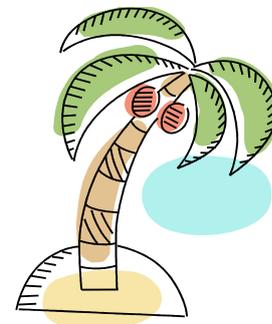


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Palmerston Club Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday the 11th April at 10am. Please support your club by attending this meeting. The Board of Directors look forward to seeing you there.

2015/16 Winter Leagues

There has been a satisfactory entry to the leagues next winter season.

We welcome new teams of Jokers, Avengers, Chad, Castoffs, Diplomats & Grumbowls to various leagues. Following their introduction, we still have a few places available in the Mixed and Mens leagues.

Monday 8:15 Open Australian Pairs	2 places
Tuesday 6:15 Open Fours	1 place
Wednesday 8:15 Open Triples	2 places
Thursday 9:30 Mixed Triples	1 place
Thursday 4:00 Mens Triples	1 place
Thursday 6:15 Open Triples	3 places
Thursday 8:15 Open Australian Pairs	3 places
Friday 4:00 Mixed Fours	4 places
Friday 6:15 Mens Pairs	2 places

If you would like to enter a team in an available place please contact Bill Jackson 01329 236275 or Lesley Howell. Your entry should be made by 15 July. This will give time for the league schedules to be prepared, ready for distribution from 17 August.

There have been some requests for Australian Pairs during the day. There is a slot on Friday at 2pm, which could be filled if there is sufficient demand. Contact Bill Jackson to register your interest.

The current season leagues are drawing to a close. There have been many well contested enjoyable games in our club leagues which are mostly full and well supported. The winners of the leagues can collect their prize money immediately following the AGM on 11 April.

Bill Jackson

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PALMERSTON LADIES ACHIEVEMENTS!

PALMERSTON LADIES WIN THE RIVERSMEET TROPHY!

YIPPEE - THE LADIES OF PALMERSTON HAVE WON THE RIVERSMEET TROPHY FOR THE 2014-15 SEASON.

THIS INTER-CLUB COMPETITION PLAYED ON A LEAGUE BASIS HAS BEEN A HUGE SUCCESS FOR THE LADIES THIS SEASON, WITH THE LADIES WINNING EVERY MATCH THEY PLAYED.

THE LADIES PUT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT IN ON A SATURDAY MORNING, SOMETIMES IN VERY WET AND FREEZING WEATHER TRAVELLING SOME DISTANCES TO REPRESENT THE CLUB IN THESE MATCHES. THIS IS MUCH APPRECIATED AND TO HAVE WON THIS TROPHY IS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL.

Maureen Holloway and Rose Beynon

Ladies Captain and Vice-Captain



A FEW REMINDERS

Have you changed your car, phone number or address? If so please can you inform Lesley Howell

Used postage stamps are collected and given to Canine Partners Charity. There is a box in the ladies changing room.

Bras are collected for the Air Ambulance Charity they should be put in bags and placed in the large bag in the ladies changing room.

Bonus Ball, you have to be in it to win it. The bag with the numbers is on the table as you come into the club. Please remember to put a pound in the tin for every number you take.

Bowls Stickers

If you are playing in a match, please ensure that you have the correct stickers on your bowls. These can be purchased from the steward's desk.

Bowls Road Show

The next road show will take place on Thursday the 2nd April.

Walking Across the Field

A small reminder that if you walk across the field please ensure that the bottom of your shoes are completely clean prior to entering the club as we have had a few instances of grass and mud being trod into the carpet. Thank you!

CUPS AND THINGS



The winter season is drawing to a close and the outdoor bowlers are looking forward to warm sunny days on their green in the fresh air, but there are still the **Palmerston Club Finals** to be contested. These are scheduled to be run during the evenings of Monday 30th March 2015 through to Friday 3rd April 2015 with an additional afternoon event on Wednesday 1st April 2015. Full details will be posted on the club notice board and the website once the arrangements have been made. Spectators are always welcome at these events and the competitors would welcome your support. The trophies will be presented to the competitors immediately prior to the AGM on Saturday 11th April 2015.

Did you know we have a **Palmerston Cup**? Although some of our members do compete in it, this is a competition for outdoor bowls clubs to compete against each other on the carpet at Palmerston during the winter months. Each club must provide nine players for each match (3 rinks of triples) and the games are played on Sunday evenings after any friendly matches. This year eleven teams entered the competition and were divided into two leagues. Each team played all the other teams in their league just once and points were awarded for overall team wins (6 points) and winning rinks (2 points). League tables were kept, but only the top two teams in each league progressed through to the semi-finals. In the semi-finals Eastleigh Railway won their tie against Banister Park Gold and Lockwood overcame Hampshire Police in the other match. The final was held on Sunday 8th March 2015 and was well supported by spectators (especially from Lockwood who were very vocal). There were new winners this year with the trophy going to Eastleigh Railway, together with a cheque for £250. The runners up were Lockwood who received a cheque for £200. The third / fourth place play off between Banister Park Gold and Hampshire Police was a roller coaster of a game with the overall lead changing hands several times, but eventually Banister Park Gold triumphed to win by just two shots and pocketed a cheque for £150. Hampshire Police had to be content with fourth place and a cheque for £100. Consolation cheques of £25 each were awarded to Banister Park Blue and Rowner who came third in their respective leagues, but did not progress further in the competition. Trophies and cheques were presented by the Palmerston President David MacGregor, but only after the players and spectators were treated to a sumptuous buffet provided by the club caterer DJC Catering.

The News at Portsmouth has been running regular reports of the competition throughout the season, as have the Southampton Echo. In addition the Echo has sent a reporter / photographer to both the semi-finals and finals and pictures have appeared in that paper showing Palmerston Bowls Club in a very good light. You can see more pictures on the club website.

It is interesting to hear the comments of visiting teams when they play in this competition. They are complimentary about the rink and also the facilities we have at Palmerston. After they have sampled the buffet, they go away with a warm glow and vow to come back again next year. I think we are extremely lucky to have a club like this that we can enjoy all year round.

Keith Fleming (Competition Secretary)

Around the Planet

Bill Jackson has been playing in many Planet Bowls events this season.

The daunting opposition in the first tournament at Taunton was World ranked No. 11 John Price.



In the first set Bill was one shot behind after 4 ends and in the second again one shot behind after 5 ends. However the match is over 2 sets of seven ends and John Price was the winner 7:3, 7:4.

Bill was beaten but not disgraced.

The Next tournament in October was in Harrow, Herga IBC. Bill played Leigh Prince and lost 0:7, 4:6. Leigh then progressed to the quarter-finals.

Worthing Pavilion was the next event. Bill was drawn to play Gary Fountain, who he has played before several times but despite close games has never beaten. This was to be repeated and Bill lost 4:10, 5:6. Gary had a great tournament and only lost in the final to Chris Young.

In December Bill played at Westlecot and again lost in the first round. This time to Vince Wilks who won another game before losing to local hero, Neil Smith.

Four first round defeats were becoming a bit depressing and he was questioning his ability to compete at this level. However onward to Barwell IBC near Leicester. This time he secured a win 6:2, 7:1 against Katy Smith. This was followed by a narrow defeat 3:6, 6:6 against Matt Wordingham.

Following Christmas in Scotland, Bill resumed the circuit at Bournemouth with a bit more success, securing wins over Jon Wilson 4:10, 6:4, 2:1 and Ken Ferguson 9:4, 8:7, before succumbing to Paul Maynard 5:6, 1:7. Bill then played pairs with Jeff Passmore and won the first round by coincidence also against Jon Wilson and his partner D Payne, a couple of young lions. Bill & Jeff then lost to the eventual finalists Shaun Jones & K Moss.

First tournament in January was at Stratford on Avon, Welford IBC. In the first round Bill beat a local player, Alan Pearson 8:2, 8:0. He followed that by a win over, also local, Simon Davies 7:2, 9:8, and another win 8:2, 9:2 against Stephen Roberts of York. The International player Andy Walters then beat Bill 10:6, 8:3.

Bill was now in a better frame of mind having some wins under his belt when he went to Guildford. However the draw was not kind, as he played Scott Edwards from Adur, one of the stars on the circuit. Sometimes it is best to face the top guys in the first rounds, before they become accustomed to the speed of the green. So it proved, as Bill took the first set 8:2. Scott took the second 7:1. After the tie break ends, the score was level at 1:1. Bill held the last bowl in his hand and only had to hit the shot bowl to secure the victory, but failed to hit the target. Scott then beat the famous Danny Denison in the next round.

A good run at Camberley reaching the quarter-finals meant that Bill secured his highest ever ranking at No32 from the 500 ranked players. In the first round he took his biggest scalp of the season by defeating Shaun Jones, the Grand Prix champion 4:8, 7:3, 2:0. He followed this by wins over Chris Wilkins 6:5, 8:5 & Chris Cranham 6:4, 5:6, 2:1. Bill then succumbed to his old adversary, Gary Fountain, but only after extra ends were required 3:11, 10:4, 0:2.

At Clarrie Dunbar IBC Bill lost to Steve Hooper from Taunton 3:8, 7:2, 0:2. Steve went on to reach the Quarter-Finals and lost to Ben Paulley.

The most recent tournament was at Cambridge Park IBC near Twickenham. Bill won the first round against Martin Shepherd 9:6, 5:3 but then, narrowly lost to a Junior International, BJ Byles 4:7, 6:6.

Further details can be found on the Planet Bowls web-site. Bill will be playing at Bristol, Poole, York & Adur to try to improve his current ranking of 44, to get back into the top 32 for entry into the Grand Prix. However there is a UK Open finals event which will be held at Boston 22-24 April and Bill has already qualified for that by winning 3 games in Area 7.

Bill Jackson

PALMERSTON MENS ACHIEVEMENTS!

The Palmerston Team finished second in the Bramley Cup. Palmerston were promoted last year into the top league where two teams get demoted each year. Last year Rushmore were promoted along with Palmerston but unfortunately relegated this year along with Victory, which means that Victory is in the second division for the first time.

RACE NIGHTS

The next Race Nights will be on
Saturday 9th of May and Saturday 29th of
August
Sale of Horses at 7.00p.m.
Members £6.50 and non members &7.50



Thank You

A huge thank you to all who have contributed to this issue of the Palm Reader, without your input I would not be able to produce it. Please let me know of any items that you would like to see in future issues, I can be contacted by my email address.

palmreader@palmerston-bowls.org.uk or leave in my pigeonhole.

The next issue of the Palm Reader will be out at the end of September.

Marie Leonard



Social News

The Social Functions during the winter season have been very well supported. We have introduced new entertainers to the Club which have proved to be a great success. The list of functions booked for this year is displayed on the notice board. The quiz night on the 4th April is always a popular and enjoyable evening. Bob Currie, the Quiz master, always adds humour and wit and makes it a fun evening.

Each function that is held we try to make it a "Themed Evening". And dressing for the occasion adds to the fun. The Halloween function was a great success as so many came in fancy dress. The couple who won the prize for best fancy dress came as Satan and a vampire. Debbie did a fantastic job decorating the restaurant and the waitresses all dressed for the occasion. A prize was awarded to the best dressed.

At the November function we had Dave Dee to entertain us. That night was a good night too. Dave's music also had you all up and dancing.

The Christmas Party and the New Year Dinner Dance were enjoyed by all who attended. Its amazing how many of you get up and dance and have fun. That what it's all about. And it proves we are all "rejuvenated teenagers"!!!

Phil Owen, the entertainer at the Valentine function had you all up dancing and having fun as always. Phil is a popular entertainer and enjoys himself as much as you do. It was a great atmosphere that night.

We thank everyone for their support and attendance at the functions. As we have said before, it is you that make these occasions a success.

It is appreciated that the booking form is being completed more promptly. But there are still "latecomers". We do need your cooperation to help us complete the paperwork, menu choices, and finalise the table plan. Also the purchasing of tickets must be bought earlier than they are now. We have put a booking procedure notice on the board. It would be appreciated if you would take note of the instructions please.

Cribbage

The crib meetings have been well supported and all who have attended have enjoyed themselves. The numbers attending have increased each month and its hoped that it will continue to do so. The meetings are usually held the last Wednesday of the month at 2pm. Cribbage cannot take place during the summer months due to the Club being closed in the afternoons. September is when the next crib meeting will be held and the booking form will be posted on the notice board in August. Dates for all crib meetings during the winter season will be displayed on the notice board when dates have been confirmed.





Porridge Bowls

Many years ago when I was much keener and fitter, I used to put my name up for the District friendly games. The away games were particularly enjoyable. Audrey usually came with me and it was a good day out.

Unlike the present time, these games were well supported and it was hard to get a game at the best of venues. Tom Bell, who was District Match Secretary at that time, knew that I was usually happy to take a game at short notice and, early on Saturday morning, he phoned to offer me a game against Aldershot & District.

We had to pick up the coach at Atherley about 10:30am. I was playing at Bannister Park at that time but on arrival I was pleased to see Claude Daish and Roger Cooper, old friends from Lockwood. When we got on the coach I asked where in Aldershot we were playing and was told the green was at Broadmoor. Audrey jokingly said it sounded like the prison and her face turned quite pale when she was told it was indeed at the high security prison in Berkshire where many of the most dangerous criminals in the country were confined. The prison staff bowling club played in the Aldershot & District league-hence the venue of the match.

On arrival at the main gate, a prison officer came on the coach to look around and we proceeded to the bowling green by way of another gate, where we were counted as we entered the more confined part of the prison.

Bernard Ledwige skipped our rink and I played at three. We were against a team from Cove who had just won the County Fours, but we had a good game and won our rink.

The bowling green was mainly provided for the recreation of the staff, but I was told that the inmates played on the grounds at certain times. One of the opposing team told us that his club had an annual 'friendly' game against the prisoners. I remarked that it must be awe-inspiring playing against these dangerous criminals. He said the game always went well but admitted he never argued over measure!

Several of the bowlers on the Aldershot rinks were prison staff. They pointed out the windows of cells where the notorious criminals were housed, particularly those of the Kray twins.

Was it my imagination- I am sure Ronnie Kray's window looked bigger than the others. Perhaps I had watched Porridge too much and was thinking of a "Groutie" like figure in a luxurious cell behind the opening, maybe taking bets on the results of our game.

After the game we were taken by coach to the Social Club for the after-match meal. This entailed being counted on board under the watchful eye of the prison officers before we could pass through the gate. We travelled some distance then the coach stopped- Claude had left his bowling shoes back in the dressing room. We returned to the green but, of course, this meant a further body count before and after the shoes were retrieved. We eventually arrived at the Staff Social Club, which was almost like a restaurant in a first class hotel. We had an excellent meal – carvery style – we lined up with our plate and were served the food of our choice by the chefs dressed in white with chefs' hats on.

When the meal was over and the formalities and speeches took place the head chef was complimented and asked "Do the prisoners have food like this?" He replied "Oh no, this is what they left over at lunchtime."

It was back in our coach for the journey home but not before another check at the gate. After the good time we had had. I wondered if they were not concerned with escape but more with us trying to stay inside.

Drakes Pride Professional Size 4 Heavy angle of delivery.

Following Russell Gad's article on the aiming point after moving up the mat I decided to calculate the angle of delivery of my woods.

I first measured how far my aiming point is from the centre line. It was 6.16 metres.

I then measured the distance from the `T` to the line of my aiming point that is normally a leg of one of the chairs. It was 36.4 metres.

Using Trigonometry tables I then said that :- Tangent of the angle is $6.15/36.4$

This turned out to be 9.6 Degrees.

I had taken into account that for a right handed player doing a Fore-Hand delivery with the mat on the `T` the apex of my triangle would be some 0.6 metres behind the `T`.

I often wonder what my aiming point should be for a Back Hand delivery with the mat on the `T`, so I decided to calculate that distance from the centre line?

The apex of my triangle would then be some 0.6 metre in front of the `T` and using the 9.6 degrees of my Bowl I calculated that as the Tangent of an angle is Perp/Base my calculation would be $0.1689 \times 35.2 = 5.94$ metres.

Therefore the difference between a Forehand and a Back Hand for my woods for a `T` to `T` delivery is some 0.22 metre or in old money about 6 inches.

So this brings me back to Russell's article on moving the mat. I decided to recalculate my aiming point when the mat is moved up just 2 spots (2 metres) and it came out to be just 13.4 inches in from my original aiming point. I will approximate this for ease to be 12 inches as that means that I can quickly judge how much I need to change my aiming point when the mat is moved up spot by spot. Which is 6 inches per spot or 3 feet for 6 spots!

Of course I have now asked myself, `Is all this theory really correct`?

So out came my drawing implements and a large piece of board onto which I proceeded to draw out very precisely a scale drawing of our rink with my aiming point marked and the triangle drawn in. And low and behold the angle was 9.5 degrees as far as I could measure on my protractor that is!

These calculations will only apply to my woods being delivered at Palmerston by me, as no doubt to change just one of those factors will change the result. Oh and will all of the 8 rinks at Palmerston produce the same results? Probably not!

So that is the answer to all my problems isn't it. I wish that it were!

Gerry Gooch



Help Requested

Oddments of wool are needed to make blankets for the Special Care Baby Unit at Princess Anne Maternity Hospital in Southampton. Any colour and any ply is acceptable as they can mix and match colours and double up on thicknesses or pass on any on for hats for the homeless. Sometimes the wool is used for jumpers for Africa or baby cardigans or hats as well as the blankets for the Baby Unit. Please leave the wool in a bag in the ladies changing room. Nothing gets wasted and it all goes to one charity or another depending on who is asking for help at the time.

Caroline Helps

