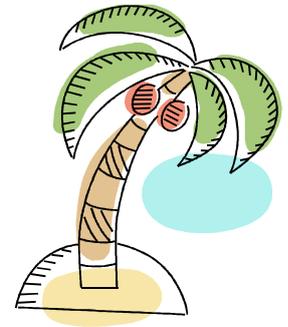


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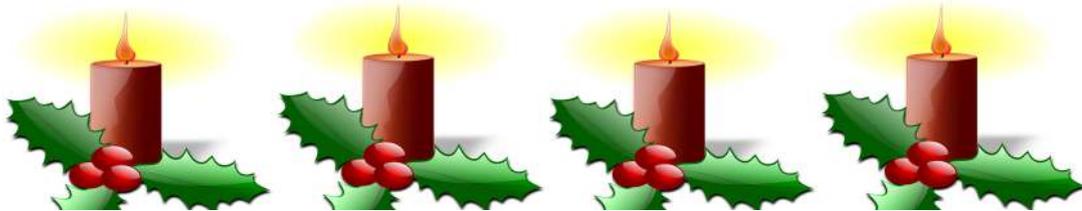
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Merry Christmas

The Board and JMC Members wish you and your families a Christmas frosted with winter magic, and peace and joy for the coming year.



Club Closure

The club will close at 8.30pm on Friday 22nd December and open again on Monday 1st January 2018 bowling as usual.

Palm Reader

The Palm Reader is produced 3 times a year, but in order for me to do this I need you to send in articles, failing to do that means I cannot produce it.

Marie Leonard

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2 Wood Open Triples

**There will be an all-day 2 wood triples open tournament on
Saturday 20th January**

**Each team is guaranteed 3 games of 6 ends, with the top 4
teams also playing in the finals**

**A ploughman's lunch of ham or cheese will be served for
lunch**

Cost per person is £8.00

Please support this tournament in our 20th Anniversary year

**Money prizes for the top 4 teams, as well as 20th
Anniversary Glasses**



SHUTTERS

Shutters in changing rooms and toilets

Please do not open the shutters in either the changing rooms or toilets, as on one occasion while opening the shutter it was wound up too tightly and broken, this cost the club over £150.00 to repair. On another occasion it was not noticed that one was left open all night. The club could have been broken into and it could invalidate our insurance.

PROXY VOTING

In the last issue of Palm Reader Barry McCann wrote an article on the Board's decision to declare a proposal, which was passed at the AGM concerning the wearing of club shirts at friendly matches, null and void. There were a couple of inaccurate statements which were made that need correction.

Before addressing these it perhaps would be helpful to set out the circumstances, particularly for those members who were unable to attend, which led to this decision.

Our own constitution states that proxy voting will not be allowed at an AGM. This has been negated by an amendment to the Companies Act which states that it must be allowed and overturns any club rule and further stipulates that this must be advertised in advance of the meeting; this is why the board display for the AGM also carries a notice to this effect. It is intended for individuals who are unable to attend the AGM and wish to take part in the voting by allowing them to nominate a full club member to vote on their behalf, either by specifically stating whether their vote is for or against the motion or allowing the person nominated as their proxy to vote as he/she wishes. The person unable to attend is expected to obtain the proxy form from the desk, complete it themselves and hand it into the Secretary before the deadline date.

Unfortunately, this procedure was not followed in the majority of cases and a group of people were actively canvassing for proxy votes, completing the forms themselves and obtaining signatures; a file of 42 proxy forms was handed to the Secretary 2 days before the AGM, each form nominating the same member as the proxy and directing voting for the proposal to allow the wearing of club shirts, which allowed little time for checking. Many would regard this as postal voting, which is not allowed under our constitution, but there was an insufficient case to declare the final outcome of voting null and void on this basis, even though perhaps the whole process seemed manipulative and against the spirit of running an AGM. For the record there were some members who did not know the proxy in person despite his name appearing on the form as their nomination; another 2 members were given membership numbers which related to other people and not themselves. On a golf course I believe you get disqualified for making such errors!

There was no time to check the proxy situation with the forms handed in so late, but I was aware in my dealings with changes that have been made to the Companies Act in recent years, that there was a section on proxy voting, which is the source of the notice put on the AGM display board in recent years. It was quite clear from this section of the Act that despite the 42 proxy votes submitted for the same named member, only 1 proxy vote could count either for or/and against the proposal. This was verified with the Breaches Department at Companies House and confirmed to me in writing. The special notice which the Board issued contained the relevant extract from the Act.

Barry refers to a “possible breach of the regulations governing proxy voting...”. There is no conjecture about this. It is enshrined in law in the Act to which we have to conform as a Company. In short, it is unlawful for multiple proxy votes to be used and, once highlighted, placed the Board in an impossible position. Should it turn a blind eye to a vote knowing that, had it been carried out lawfully, the proposal would have been lost instead of approved, mindful of the fact that if there was now a need for coloured clothing, the proposal could be raised at the next AGM – when we could ensure that voting would be carried out correctly.

Barry also suggests that there is nothing to stop a member from putting in a proxy vote and then attending the meeting to vote again. This is totally inaccurate. For the meeting in question (and despite the lateness in submission) I prepared 2 nominal roles of the members who had given consent for proxy votes. One was in membership order and the other in alphabetical order to facilitate checking by the tellers as people attended; if any member attended who was on the lists the tellers were instructed to ignore the proxy vote. I am glad to say that this did not happen. There has only been one other occasion, in the 10 years I have been associated with a secretarial service to the AGM, that there has been any significant proxy activity and the same procedure was followed (and hopefully will continue to be the case when my successor takes over).

The Board is aware of this article.

Andrew Miller

Race Night

The next Race Night will be on Saturday 3rd March. at 7.30 p.m.
Attendees will be limited to 85 with one member allowed to bring one guest.
The maximum numbers on any table is shown and this cannot be raised.
Booking arrangements, and ticket sales will be as normal.
Cost will be stated on the booking sheet and the tickets.

Roy Mudd.



NOTES AND REMINDERS

Please be aware that you are not supposed to go from the lounge area to the rink area to bowl until the previous players have completely left the rink area.

Car Park, please ensure that you enter and exit the car park in the correct manner.

Have you, changed your phone number or address? If so, please can you inform Lesley Howell to enable her to keep her records up to date.

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.

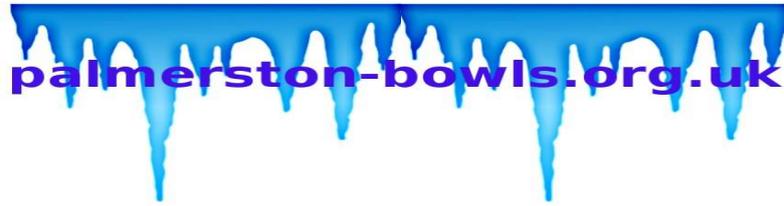
Ditches, please do not step into the ditches as this breaks off the rubber spikes. One hand on the bank and remove the bowl from the ditch with the other hand.

Chewing Gum, please refrain from chewing gum whilst bowling as gum has been found on the green and is difficult to remove and it damages the carpet.

Charity Sweets, the sweets/cakes from the various charities appear to be being misused in that the monies are not being put in the appropriate boxes, please ensure that if you buy sweets or biscuits please put the money in the box.

Canine Partners, Are currently collecting used stamps and used computer cartridges, these can be left in the ladies changing room and Molly Williams will collect them.

SNOW and ICE



Be prepared:

- 1. Give your car a Winter checkup**
- 2. Take a blanket, torch , bright vest, scraper and de-icer.**
- 3. Make sure your mobile phone is charged up.**
- 4. Before leaving check the Palmerston website for up-to-the-minute news to see if the Club is open.**

**Find the website now while you have time.
And why not have a look around at all the
useful information.**

palmerston-bowls.org.uk

**You don't need to remember this exact
address, just put "Palmerston bowls" in your
search box, we'll be there on the first page
of results.**

The Elderly Streaker

Two little old ladies, Connie & Evelyn, were sitting on a park bench outside the local town hall where a flower show was in progress. The short one, Connie, leaned over and said,

'Life is so boring. We never have any fun anymore. For £10.00 I'd take my clothes off and streak through that stupid, boring flower show!'

'You're on!' said Evelyn, holding up a £10.00 note.

So Connie slowly fumbled her way out of her clothes.

She grabbed a dried flower from a nearby display and held it between her teeth. Then, completely naked, streaked (as fast as an old lady can) through the front door of the flower show.

Waiting outside, her friend soon heard a huge commotion inside the hall, followed by loud applause and shrill whistling. Finally, the smiling Connie came through the exit door surrounded by a cheering, clapping crowd.

'What happened?' asked Evelyn.

'I won £1,000 as 1st prize for 'Best Dried Arrangement...!'