

PALM READER



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A message from the President

First of all, I would like to introduce myself. Coleen Money

I am a founder member of Palmerston indoor bowls club, but for 14 years of the 21 I spent the winters bowling in Spain.

The amount of years I have been a bowler, you would think that I would be good at it by now, but sadly never played for England. I first started after my late husband Dan had taken the game up and I found myself a bowls widow, it was very much a man's sport in those days and women were only in the club to make teas Ha! Not me! if you can't beat them, join them, so my first club just starting up was Milton Park ladies, I was there for about 19 years and as they had a men's section Dan joined them as well so we could be together, his first club having been Vosper's. I still find I have strong ties to my first club and wish it were a bit nearer to where I live now, which is Locks Heath. We spent a few years at Lee on Solent and then because Crofton was getting a bit thin on the ground with members and we didn't want more clubs having to close, we decided to go there for a few summers. Before Palmerston opened, I also enjoyed my indoor bowls at Banister Park, so as you can see I am well-travelled.

I will do my best not to ruffle any feathers but as you know one can't please everyone, but I will try.

If you have any problems or grievances please come and see me and we may be able to sort them together.

I'm looking forward to working with you and representing the club this year.

Here's to a good Winter Season.

With Best Wishes for you all. Coleen.

My Charity for the year is

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Summer League Winners 2018

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| Monday | 9.30am | Drifters | D. Hiddleston |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | Sunrise | G. Cooper |
| Tuesday | 11.30am | Hopefuls | J. Grant |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | Drawbacks | G. Newton |
| Thursday | 9.30am | Posh Club | T. Mc Alear |
| Friday | 9.30am | Fryday | R. Hellyer |

SUMMER LEAGUES 2019

Team leaders wishing to enter a team for the 2019 Summer leagues, will have to collect a team sheet from the desk, fill in the 5/6/7 names of their team and submit it with the necessary £1.00 per player registration payment.

Team sheets will appear in February.

Teams who played in the 2018 season will be given preference for the 2019 season. This is similar to the winter format.

Leagues and teams will be displayed as previously.

Results will be put into the league sheets as for the winter.

The summer leagues will not start until Monday May 12 because of the replacement of the carpet.

Rules for the summer will be as for 2018.

The Wednesday evening drive at 6.00 p.m. will continue.

Club Night at 7.00 p.m. on a Friday will probably continue, but in a different format.

The Monday, and Friday roll-up sessions at 11.30 a.m. will continue.

Members may be asked to help with the stewarding.

Marilyn Williamson will be responsible for the summer league programme.

Roy Mudd

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU

As most of you will be aware the club carpet is cleaned once per week in the winter, by a rota of club members. Unfortunately, we have lost the services of several people for the coming year and we need to find some more volunteers.

Cleaning is carried out by members working in pairs and a clean takes approximately an hour and a quarter. Minimal effort is needed to operate the cleaner

If you feel that you are able to offer your services please contact me Cyril Friend by leaving a note for me at the steward's desk.

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.

Coloured Shirts, Players are reminded that if wearing a coloured shirt or club shirt that the whole team needs to be wearing the same design.

Car Park, the car park has just recently been re painted please ensure that you enter and exit the car park in the correct manner.

Parking Bays, there are a number of bays designated for **Blue Badge Holders**, please ensure that if you park in one of these that you display your badge.

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.

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 couple of instances of grass and mud being trod into the carpet. Thank you!

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.

Canine Partners, are most grateful to all who sent in their used stamps one person even sent in their complete stamp album a huge thank you to you all. They are still collecting used stamps and used computer cartridges, these can be left in the ladies changing room and Molly Williams will collect them.

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.

Mobile Phones, please remember to switch your mobile phone off or at least put it on silent when you enter the club.

Summer Wednesday evening bowls sessions.

The idea for this came from people who wanted the club open in the evening for a variety of reasons during the summer. The board of directors and joint management committee gave their approval on the understanding that there were at least 16 players with playing fees collected by a desk steward, unlocking and locking up procedures followed. After 4 weeks the bar was to be opened if the session was successful thus giving a social element to the evening.

The plan was to have a session starting at approximately 6.15 with a mixed drive of 12 ends which allowed about 2 hours for bowls; also new members were encouraged to come along; the session was to be friendly and relaxing for people to meet with old and make new friends.

The mixed drive is normally triples and pairs if needed – some of the pair's games are Aussie pairs which people enjoy.

The first Wednesday evening started in June and throughout the summer the numbers have been between 24 and 30 all weeks apart from when England played in the World Cup when it went down to 18.

The real success has not been the organisation but the fact that members of the club wanted this and have made it successful – every week see one or two new faces they may not come again but have experienced something that is a bit different. This is surely one way to

develop the club by listening to groups that have fresh ideas and allowing at least trials to see whether it will take off It is proposed to run the Wednesday night summer session in 2019. Maggie and Peter Steward

On the Lighter Side

True Kindness?

The Irish never hesitate to come to the aid of their fellow man (fellow air passengers, in this case)!

Shortly after take-off on an outbound, evening Aer Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the lead flight attendant nervously made the following painful announcement in her lovely Irish brogue: "Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry, but it appears that there has been a terrible mix-up by our catering service. I don't know how this has happened, but we have 103 passengers on board, and unfortunately, we received only 40 dinner meals. I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience."

When the muttering of the passengers had died down, she continued, "Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat, will receive free and unlimited drinks for the duration of our 10-hour flight."

Her next announcement came about 2 hours later: "If anyone is hungry, we still have 40 dinners available."

Green Etiquette.

1. Be conversant with the Laws of the Game and Observe them.
2. Respect the decision of the umpire.
3. Be punctual to commence play at all matches, and come to each match correctly attired.
4. Keep quiet and refrain from moving when players are on the mat.
5. Stand behind the mat whilst your opponent bowls.
6. **Always stand still at the head, when a player is about to bowl. Movement at the head, or talking at the mat, is very distracting.**
7. Always allow your opponent the right to the head as spelled out in the laws of the game.
8. Walk close to the centre of the rink, with minimum delay when changing ends.
9. Do not delay play. Always play your bowl with minimum delay.
10. Never deliver your bowl before the previous bowl has come to rest.
11. Keep track of play and be ready to bowl when it is your turn.
12. Every player at the mat end should assist collecting the bowls when the end is completed.
13. **Always pay your skip respect by waiting for their decision. Do not step onto the mat and indicate which way you intend to play. Wait for the Skips instructions.**
14. Never applaud lucky bowls, - accept them graciously.
15. Never complain about lucky bowls, they tend to equal each other out over the season.
16. **Respect the greens surface at all times: -**

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| Do Not | a/ DROP BOWLS ON THE GREEN |
| | b/ STAND ON THE EDGE OF THE GREEN |
| | c/ STAND ON THE EDGE OF THE BANK |
| | d/ WALK IN THE DITCHES |
17. Always inform your opponent if you wish to leave the green.
18. If you lose, be a good loser, and do not blame your loss on; other people, the green or weather conditions.
19. **Win or lose, always shake hands with your opponents and thank them for the game.**
Do not be taken with your win today, because the position could be reversed tomorrow.
20. Offer your opponents a drink after the game.
21. Always be polite to Markers and Umpires, they have given their time to assist you in your game.

ABOVE ALL, ENJOY THE GAME OF BOWLS FOR, IT'S PLEASURE AND FOR LASTING FRIENDSHIP

Hampshire News

Palmerston had three teams contesting the Hampshire Finals and the two finalists in the singles

The 2 wood triples was a close match after 10 ends, the Banister team, Pete Conway, Chris Cummins and Pete Cummins, were 3 shots ahead. Eleven shots scored in the next three ends put Palmerston eight shots clear and the Palmerston team of Tony Farrington, Jeff Passmore and Bill Ross ran out winners 23:13.

Match of the day was the singles between Bill Jackson and Russell Gadd which lasted for 3 hours and 29 ends. Russell was 3 ahead after 4 ends, 9 ends, and 16 ends. Bill kept coming back and in fact took the lead after 20 ends. The score was level 17:17 after 25 ends. Bill won 3 of the last 4 ends to take the title 21:19.

High scores was the story of the afternoon matches.

The Loddon Vale Fours team of Duncan Rogers, Dave Rice, Steve Shaw and Trevor Morgan dominated the match against a Palmerston team of Adrian Dadd, Daniel Palmer, Peter Gentry and Andy Dawson running out winners by 24:7.

In the mixed pairs, Mo Browne and Cyril Friend of Palmerston were winning all the way to the 15th end 15:12 when they dropped a 7 to fall behind. Alice Lovett and Gary Lovett of Loddon Vale never looked back and managed to win 24:16.

Great to see Palmerston making their mark in the county competitions.

There was a further bonus for PIBC when Tracy Farrington won the Hampshire Ladies singles title by beating Jackie Watts in the final.

We also will have representatives on the County Executive this season with Bill Jackson as President, Brian Hopkins as Match Secretary and Marilyn Williamson as Ladies Vice President.

Club Closure

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED FOR BOWLING FROM THE 12TH APRIL 2019 UNTIL 13TH MAY 2019 DUE TO A NEW CARPET AND FLOORING BEING LAID.

THE RESTAURANT WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL DURING THAT TIME PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR SUNDAY LUNCHES.

Out Going President

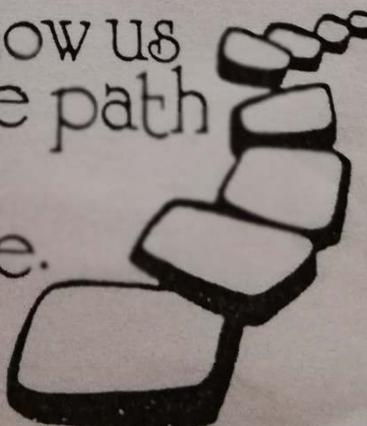
Just a short note to say a huge thank you to all of you who supported me in my year as President, by joining in the Friendly's on a Sunday, donating gifts, buying raffle tickets and collecting your loose change for me. My charity for the year was the Hampshire Air Ambulance and with all your support I raised £2,079.25 pounds. I could not have done that without your support, once again thank you. Marie Leonard

ONE CHANCE

We only have one chance at life,
Too short to enter into strife,
Long enough to learn to love each other,
Too short to fight against your Brother,
Long enough to help the old and ill,
Too short to glorify the kill,
Long enough to give your valuable time,
Too short to take a chance on crime,
Long enough to practise what you preach,
Too short to covert things out of reach,
Long enough to thank our Maker,
Too short to be known as just a taker,
So start anew with opportunities rife,
We only have one chance at life,

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Show us
the path
of
life.

A hand-drawn illustration of a path made of stones leading upwards and to the right. The path starts with a large, flat stone at the bottom left and consists of several smaller, rounded stones that ascend and curve towards the top right corner of the page.