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MEN'S COMPETITION SECRETARY

Many of you will be aware that at the AGM Andrew Miller resigned as the Men's Competition Secretary. Unfortunately there were no volunteers for the position at the AGM and subsequently the post has remained unfilled. National and Club competition entries for 2008/09 have continued to be handled by Andrew but he has made it clear that with other commitments he will be unable to continue with this over the winter season. If we are to run men's and mixed competitions this coming year we need someone to come forward! If you are tempted, why not have a quiet word with Andrew to see what a rewarding job this is.

MEN'S AND MIXED COMPETITIONS

The closing date for entries for the 2008/09 competitions is 27th July 2008. To date the number of entries received is as follows:

	Entries
Mens Singles – 4 wood	19
Mens Singles – 2 wood	14
Mens Pairs	11
Mixed Pairs	8
Triples	6
Two Wood Triples	4
Fours	4
First Winners:	
Open Singles	9
Open Pairs	3
Mixed Pairs	3



These figures are way down on the number of entries normally submitted by this stage. Clearly there is some danger that it will not be worth running a few of these competitions if no further entries are forthcoming.

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News from the Social Scene – by Rene Bowshell

July news

Palmerston is quieter during these summer months but the work of the Social Committee continues. The planning and organisation of activities have to be considered well in advance in order to ensure a successful outcome. Your support and co-operation is essential. We have your support with all events being fully booked but some members are causing problems with late collection of tickets! Using the 'payments envelopes' has proved helpful in checking late payments but in fairness to any members on reserve lists you must ensure that once your name is on the booking list, tickets must be bought at least 7 days before the event. The Committee **must be informed** of any cancellations or amendments. (Phone Malcolm 02392 581285 or Rene 01329 663967).

As you know social events, especially during summer, help to provide business for Richard when the Restaurant is very quiet. They also contribute to the all important 'Fund raising'. Results since March have been excellent. Coffee morning raised £540, Cabaret Dinner 29/3 - £177, Country & Western 1/5 £285, Swing Night 29/5 - £107, Summer Race Night £175. Amounts raised obviously depend on cost of entertainment and standard of menu but thank you for your continued support. Bar sales largely depend on income from functions. We are grateful to the bar staff for looking after the sale of tickets. Funds raised make a significant contribution to the financial success of the Club and are essential in helping to maintain the high standard of all the facilities both inside and outside. Funds are used for the upkeep of the grounds and gardens and replanting of pots. We are lucky to have some very willing members who are experienced gardeners but all the plants and other materials cost money! Repairs and renewal of equipment within the Club is another expense. Last year the carpet underlay was replaced –funded by the fund raising account.

Forthcoming events – Proposed programme:

Theatre Cabaret Dinner – Thursday 31st July 6.30 for 7.00pm
Midnight Musical Theatre Co. Part 1 Songs from the Shows
Part 2 Les Miserables
Tickets: Members £12 Guests £13



Gourmet Dinner Date – Saturday 23rd August 7.00 for 7.30pm
Richard's specially designed luxury menu - an evening of indulgence (80 only)
Background music whilst you dine – Dress for the occasion (lounge suits etc.)
Tickets: Members £17.50 Guests £18.50

Cabaret Dinner – Saturday September 20th – 7.00 for 7.30pm
'Celebrity Status' will entertain – highly recommended.
Tickets £12 or £13

Cheese & Wine Evening currently 'on hold' – may be arranged later in year

The above programme is provisional- Watch Board for further details

REMEMBER- Always get your tickets in advance!



Function Room Hire – The Restaurant is available for hire by members for all special occasions – wedding, anniversary, birthday, reunions, retirement, all family celebrations. Charges have recently been reviewed and are now inclusive of room hire, bar services, PRS fee and security services (previously charged individually). The maximum charge is £100+VAT (£117.50). Richard's menus and services are Legendary! Application forms are available from the Desk steward. Book early to reserve your chosen date.

SCORE CARDS

Bowls players are notoriously blasé about the use of score cards. In most games of bowls of any standing, a score card or cards is (are) required to keep an accurate record of the score. For many of the games, the card is left on the table or the bank at the end of the rink and whoever happens to be at that end fills in the card from the information given from the head.

In a game of ANY consequence, the score must be kept by the number two on the rink, and the card must remain in their possession on the rink at all times. THIS REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO PAIRS, TRIPLES AND FOURS as laid down in the laws of bowls, and should apply to all games above domestic league level.

At domestic level the card is still important, because this is the result of the game, not the score board. Should there be a dispute over the score, then the card or cards that are kept correctly dictates the state of play, or the result at the end of the game. The card produced for domestic play and the subsequent recording for leagues etc. must be kept correctly, with the scores recorded on the side of the card reflecting that team's score. Players MUST check that their score is down under their team, whether it be a name, letter, number or colour and at the final count it is up to the skip to check that this is correct BEFORE SIGNING THE CARD.

The expectation that a league or competition Secretary will alter the result after a card has been presented and

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FOBS

Will all full members please use their fobs as they are a record of members entering the club. This is for security reasons and if the fobs are not used they will be switched off.

Renewal letters will be sent out in August, so if you have changed your address or phone number please let me know.

Membership Secretary

Lesley Howell

Car Stickers

All members should display a Palmerston car sticker on their vehicle in the car park.

Have you got one??

Have you changed your car and need a new sticker??

Available from the duty steward.



RINK NEWS

The club will be closed for the usual annual maintenance during the week starting on 4th Aug 2008. Bowling starts again on Monday 11th Aug.

This year the bowling surface work will be carried out by Dales Sports Surfaces. If you have watched the international bowls events televised from Potters then you will have seen the results of their work – the firm provides and installs the portable rink, which is used. In fact the company now have maintenance contracts for approx 60% of all indoor clubs in England despite the majority of carpets being originally provided by Greengauge Surfaces (who have previously carried out our maintenance).

Shortly after the JMC and Board agreed to a change of maintainer, Greengauge went into administration and have since been bought out by Henselite Australia, so a change would in all probability have been necessary.

A fairly extensive amount of work is planned; the carpet will be unstitched, reversed and re-stitched, whilst the opportunity will be taken to inspect the underlay for any defects, foreign bodies etc. Who knows, we may even find a reason for some of those ***** runs which I am sure most of us have found! The surface will then be re-tensioned and cleaned using Dales semi-wet system. At the same time we will be trying to improve the gripper rod performance (and avoid the unfortunate scratches and cuts suffered by some people) by fixing the rods at the bottom of the ditches, which will be covered by 2 inch wide Velcro.

Provisional plans had been made for carpet replacement in 2009. At present prices this is estimated to cost in excess of £25,000. It is hoped that reversing the carpet will extend its life by 3 to 5 years. It is also expected that the carpet appearance will be greatly improved and that the worn areas, that are evident on closer inspection with "pilling" (loose ends) appearing, will be placed to the underside.

Andrew Miller

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signed is most unreasonable. Those of us who make these errors should be prepared to accept these mistakes with good grace, but that does not prevent a guilty skip appealing to the good nature of the opposing skip and the relevant secretary for the mistake to be rectified. The decision of the secretary has got to be final, and if you do not like the decision, perhaps you will learn something else about bowls.

So, keep your score card correctly, it is quite an important part of the game of bowls.

Roy Mudd Chairman, Summer Committee.

LIGHTER SIDE

PERKS OF BEING OVER 65

- 1 Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- 2 In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
- 3 No one expects you to run - anywhere.
- 4 People call at 9 PM and ask, "Did I wake you ????"
- 5 People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- 6 There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
- 7 Things you buy now won't wear out.
- 8 You can eat dinner at 4 PM.
- 9 You can live without sex but not your glasses.
- 10 You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
- 11 You no longer think of speed limits as challenge.
- 12 You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
- 13 You sing along with the lift music.
- 14 Your eyes won't get much worse.
- 15 Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
- 16 Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
- 17 Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- 18 Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size
- 19 You can't remember who wrote this list



Two boll weevils grew up in Cornwall. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind, drove a tractor and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.

There was the ship carrying red paint that collided with another carrying blue paint. What happened? Both crews were marooned.

These are my summer clothes. Summer paid for, summer not

One entrepreneur says to another: "I've just been in the Far East prospecting for gold."
"Japan?" asks the second entrepreneur.
"Gosh, no," he replies. "I used much more scientific methods."

There was a man who entered a local paper's pun contest. He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

A little boy came home from school with a sofa slung across his back and armchairs under his arms.
And his Dad said "I told you not to take suites from strangers!"



Two Eskimos sitting in their boat were chilly; but when they lit a fire in the boat, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

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