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A New League System for September

Hopefully you'll already have read the sheet included with the annual subscription notice which is headed "IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ". If you haven't I suggest you read that now. When you have read it you will know that from September there are some significant changes to the way that the leagues are going to be administered.

Although playing league games will not change, team leaders will already have seen that the paperwork has changed. The league programmes are different. There are no team numbers and we no longer refer to the leagues themselves as League U, League AB, etc. We just refer to them by their date, time and format. For example League B is now "Tuesday 2.00pm Ladies Triples".

You'll also see that there are no rink numbers in the programmes. You can find out your rink when you come to the Club to play your game, by looking at the rink booking sheet on the Steward's desk.

The new style programme issued to team leaders has been redesigned. All your team's matches are in a single column and at the side are the actual playing dates. There is space for you to add your team members' names and telephone numbers, and mark the dates they play. Then all you have to do is to distribute photocopies of this to your team.

The biggest change for members is the league sheets displayed on the League Notice Board, where skips will need to enter their scores.

No doubt the question will be asked "Why do we need to change what was done before?" The answer is explained by (our new Men's League Secretary) Bill Jackson's aim to split the work so that it can be shared by others. Previously the League Secretaries did all the work themselves. By far the greatest burden fell to Ian Chittenden who laboured for 12 years for the benefit of all of us and did a great job. First there's all the pre-season preparation which itself is a sizeable task, including registering teams, working out the programmes and the year's rink bookings. Then there's the compilation of scores and results for 26 leagues each week for 26 weeks during the season, ending with organising prizes and presentations for the winners. What is perhaps not well known is that Ian masterminded this mammoth task using a computer system designed and operated by himself.

Attempting to use Ian's own system to share the workload was out of the question - it just wouldn't have worked. So a new system has been constructed by one of our members.



The design principles of this new system have been based on the idea of many people doing just a little, all contributing to the end results. The least is done by the many i.e. the skips spending a few seconds at the end of the game to record the scores on the league sheets, as explained in the "IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ" notice already mentioned. Even the 5 volunteer computer operators will only need to spend around 30 minutes per week on their job as the system is highly automated. Of course the Secretaries have to

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produce the programmes, rink allocations, etc. but again the computer does most of the work.

We know that change creates upheaval, and there will be confusion and mistakes in the first few weeks before everyone gets used to it. But we hope you will now understand the reasons and what we are trying to achieve. Your patient support will be appreciated whilst the system settles in, and the League Secretaries Bill Jackson and Lesley Howell welcome any constructive feedback.

If this works as it should, in future years the workload will be spread amongst the members and the role of League Secretary will be mainly organisation, coordination and communication. RG



Forthcoming Social Events

On **Saturday September 26th** there will be a Murder Mystery evening. It is some while since we held one and the committee thought it would be a welcome change. There will be a meal included and the price of tickets will be £18. We hope that you will join us and participate in an evening with a challenge.

Saturday October 31st there will be a Dinner Dance and as it will be Halloween Night the Theme will be Black & White to create an atmosphere to the evening. (Witches Hats & Broomsticks Welcome) price of tickets TBC.

Looking ahead we will be having the Club Christmas Draw again this year. Further details to follow.

There will also be a Christmas coffee fayre on **Saturday 28th November**. Further details to follow.

Sylvia Wrightson On behalf of the Social Committee

Dress in the Restaurant

Would members and their guests please note that the dress code when having a meal in our restaurant is smart casual. Shorts and vests are not acceptable.

R L Mudd

Chairman - Board of Directors

Disabled Parking Bays



Following a complaint from a disabled member who was unable to park in a designated bay when the vehicles parked were not displaying badges, more bays have been provided.

If you qualify to use these designated bays, or are transporting a member who is disabled, will you please display the necessary badge to indicate the legitimate use of a bay.

The increase in bays and re - painting cost the club £200.

Please use the bays correctly.

Roy Mudd

Bonus Ball

	June / July
30th May	C Mead
6th June	M Williams
13th June	B Lyford
20th June	J Strugnell
27th June	M Todd
4th July	M Todd
12th July	D Daish
18th July	P Carter
25th July	A Todd

Heroes Return Scheme

The **Heroes Return** scheme provides Lottery funding to help World War II veterans to take part in commemorative visits within the UK and overseas.

Palmerston members, their relatives and friends could benefit from this scheme.

Veterans who saw service overseas 1944 and 1945, and in Normandy, Dunkirk, Monte Cassino, Arnhem, Okinawa, Burma, Libya and the Far East during WWII can apply for grants towards the costs of commemorative visits.

Commemorative events in the UK can also qualify.

WWII veterans may be accompanied by a spouse and/or a carer. Widows and widowers of WWII veterans are also eligible, in most cases.

Applicants can apply for a fixed amount grant of between £150 and £5,500 depending on the number of people taking part and the destination. These amounts have been set so that there is enough money to cover the cost of travel and insurance.

For general questions on the scheme there is an application helpline 0845 0000 121.

And <http://www.heroesreturn2.org.uk/> is a useful website

However I offer to help with applications and travel for anyone interested.

Yours truly,

Derek Arnold



Friendly Matches for the 2009—2010 Season



Please note the following about friendly matches:-

They are open to all full members

Non playing partner guests are welcome and can enjoy the match meal at the end.

Don't think you are not a good enough playerwe try to get a good mix of abilities in each team.

Whites are normally required but they are not too expensive if you have none (white trousers, dark blue blazer and tie for men - ladies white skirt or trousers with white top and Palmerston blue waistcoat).

Don't forget that once purchased these will last a long time

Friendlies bring finances into the club through rink fees, bar takings and restaurant use

It is a good Sunday afternoon in the winter months

There is a meal at most matches so no cooking at home

Other clubs enjoy coming to Palmerston so it was unfortunate that we had quite a few cancelled friendlies last year therefore we need to try and fill each of the fixtures

We have a 800 full members and we generally need between 18 and 32 players for a match so please think very seriously about putting your name down.

Please have a go and put your name down for friendlies because they are just that - friendly

Date	Day	Home Away Other	Time		Visitor	No. Rinks	Match Type	Meal			Cost Home
			From	To				Yes	No	Tea	
26/09/09	Sat	H	14:00	18.00	Northampton IBA	6	Mixed Fours		x		
27/09/09	Sun	H	14:00	18.00	Totton & Eling	8	Mixed Triples	x			£7.25
04/10/09	Sun	H	14.00	18.00	Leigh Park	6	Mixed Triples	x			£7.25
11/10/09	Sun	H	14:00	18.00	Wymondham Dell	6	Mixed Fours		x		
24/10/09	Sat	H	14.00	18.00	Riverside	6	Mixed Fours	x			£7.25
08/11/09	Sun	H	14.00	18.00	Lodden Vale	8	Mixed Triples				
29/11/09	Sun	H	14.00	18.00	Hants Hogs	6	Mixed Fours	x			£7.25
06/12/09	Sun	H	14.00	18.00	Oakley	6	Mixed Triples	x			£7.25
03/01/10	Sun	H	14.00	18.00	Eastleigh Railway	6	Mixed Triples				
17/01/10	Sun	H	14.00	18.00	BTC		tbd				
24/01/10	Sun	H	14.00	18.00	Denmead		tbd				
31/01/10	Sun	H	14.00	18.00	Tongham		tbd				
07/02/10	Sun	H	14.00	18.00	County BC	6	Mixed Fours				
28/02/10	Sun	H	14.00	18.00	Christie Miller IBC	6	Mixed Fours	x			£7.25
14/03/10	Sun	H	14:00	18.00	Totton & Eling	8	Mixed Triples	x			£7.25
20/03/10	Sat	H	14.00	18.00	West Berks IBC	6	Mixed Triples	x		x	£7.25

Answers to crossword 7a



Across	Down
2 Friendly	1 Cup
6 Best	2 Friend
7 Tea	3 Enters
8 Fan	4 Lob
10 Dues	5 At Palmerston
11 Team	8 Fareham
13 Each	9 BT
15 Beer	12 Random
16 Do	14 Hit
17 Along	15 Badge
18 Bye	

Proposed Internal Matches 2009 / 2010

Bill Bowshell Trophy	Sunday 1st November 2009
Anniversary Day	Sunday 15th November 2009
Ann Broadhurst Trophy	Saturday 19th December 2009
Palmerston International	Sunday 10th January 2010
Betty Metherell Trophy	Sunday 21st February 2010

LIGHTER SIDE

1. Left home and went wild
4. Cover in soft light
9. Reserve Army
10. He ruled in 2001
11. Sultry T.V. cook
13. Divide equally
14. Unwelcome joints on the table!
15. Ike could have shopped in such a store
19. Military bridge builders.
20. Information for analysis.
22. Hop about with yeast for British drinks
23. Not the out crowd.
24. Fortunes are gathered this way.



27. Reach the end of your journey.
29. One bit of a forest.
30. Burning outrage.
32. The town crier agrees
33. A degree of skill in a hospital.
34. This bird gets the worms.
35. Charles carried these mountains.

Crossword 8 (from Peter Allwood)

2. Lord of the Greek marbles
 3. Carpenters make the point with this
 4. Britain's favourite airline
 5. Warm up the ice, John!
 6. Laughing Dutch painter
 7. Miniature magician.
 8. You won't find one in this puzzle!
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9. The long, the short and the
 12. A sheltered field?
 13. Several groups of people or insects.
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16. Eastenders favourite jelly ingredient!
 17. Guarantee.
 18. Ronnie didn't want four of these!
 21. Neckwear.
 24. Most Pompey fans are.
 25. As said by an exasperated woman!
 26. Long distance Christmas traveller.
 27. A designated space.
 28. The last man always brings it up.
 29. Initially Three young eagles would secure the old rope.
 31. Baby's bed.
 33. Used to describe ownership.



A man stumbles up to the only other patron in a bar and asks if he could buy him a drink. "Why, of course," comes the reply. The first man then asks, "Where are you from?" "I'm from Ireland," replies the second man. The first man responds, "You don't say, I'm from Ireland too! Let's have another round to Ireland." "Of course," says the second. Curious, the first asks, "Where in Ireland?" "Dublin," comes the reply. "I can't believe it, me too! Let's have another round of drinks to Dublin." "Of course." The second man can't help himself so he asks, "What school did you go to?" "Saint Mary's", replies the first man. "I graduated in '62.'" "This is becoming unbelievable!!!" the second man said. About that time, in comes one of the regulars and sits down at the bar. "What's up?" he asks the bartender. "Nothing much," replied the bartender. "The O'Malley twins are drunk again!"

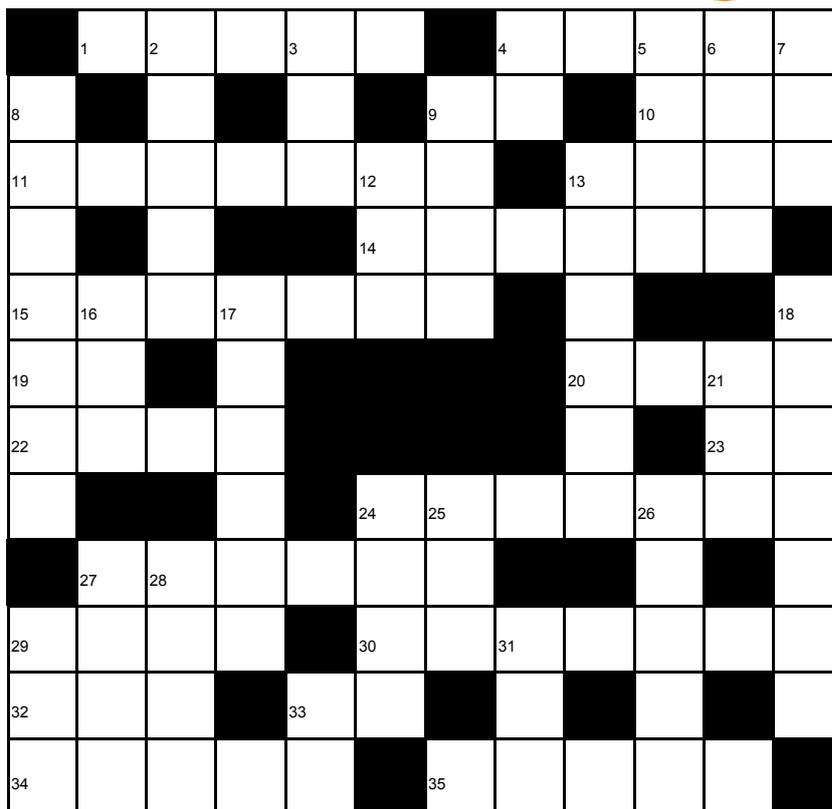
FIRST QUESTION: You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

SECOND QUESTION: If you overtake the last person, then you are...?

THIRD QUESTION: Very tricky maths. Note: This must be done in your head only. Do NOT use paper and pencil or a calculator. Take 1000 and add 40. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the total?

FOURTH QUESTION: Mary's father has five daughters: Nana, Nene, Nini, Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?

A salesman, tired of his job, gave it up to become a policeman. Several months later, a friend asked him how he liked his new role. "Well," he replied, "the pay is good and the hours aren't bad, but what I like best is that the customer is always wrong."



- Q1: If you answered that by overtaking the second person you were first, you were wrong. If you overtake the second person and take his place, you are second.
 Q2. You can't overtake the LAST person!
 Q3 I'm afraid I answered 5000 to this question: The correct answer is actually 4100. Check with your calculator.
 Q4 Nunu? Nana? Nene? Of course not. The fifth daughter's name is Mary.

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