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# PALM READER

**The Palmerston Indoor Bowling Club Magazine**

## New Winter Season

*As I can't be here for the start of the winter season I just wanted to welcome you all and wish you **happy bowling**.*

*The committee has been working very hard during the summer, as you will already be aware of the leagues new format, which has been derived by Bill Jackson. It might seem a little complicated at the start but I'm sure it will all work out well.*

*Brian has been busy to arranging friendlies and fun afternoons and the programme is looking very encouraging. All I ask is that you give these matches your full support as these are the time to enjoy 'team bowls', make new and meet 'old friends'.*

*I would also ask you to support those playing in County Competitions etc., it makes such a difference to the players. Playing in an empty club is NO fun.*

*There is a lot planned for this season so please make sure you read the notice boards.*

*We have a wonderful club so please support it.*

Thank you

*Jean*

President

## RINK NEWS

### Carpet Speed

The carpet stretch carried out in the last week of July increased the speed by almost a second and was measured at 17.3 seconds – at the start the speed was 16.4 seconds. One of the pleasing aspects is that, almost 2 months later, the speed seems to be holding very well. Our previous experience suggested that the speed would have decreased much more in this time. I believe that one of the main reasons for this is the re-positioning of the gripper rods to the bottom of the ditches – but it certainly helps when you notice the way in which the new maintainer (Dales) take care to prevent damage to the gripper tacks when fixing the carpet!

### Care of the Rink

We have a very valuable asset in the carpet and underlay which will cost approx £30K to replace.

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The fact that the carpet is now 12 years old is a testament to the care and maintenance carried out by many people over these years and the vast majority of members who treat it with respect. Unfortunately there are a few who do not.

During Maintenance week there were 3 areas (near "T"s) that were cleaned due to liquid spillage. It had the appearance of a glycerin and rosewater stain - yes, this will stain the carpet. There is nothing wrong in using this to improve grip so long as it is used on the side walk but please, **DO NOT TAKE LIQUIDS ONTO THE RINK.**

In the photograph to the right you will see 3 broken markers. We have now "lost" something like 8 markers in this way – in fact it only took 2 days into the new winter season for yet another marker to be snapped in half! These were all hand made on my wood lathe so I am fully aware of the strength needed to break them - and this is considerable. Once again may I make a plea – if a marker becomes wedged below the raised ditch platform, please do not try to retrieve it with such heavy-handed force that you snap it. Borrow a marker from the next rink if needed and report the trapped marker to the duty steward – there are ways to recover them using the right tools.



The photograph on the left shows something which I found hard to accept when it was reported and, in case you haven't guessed, they are in fact finger nail cuttings found on the rinks, on more than one occasion. Need one say any more? It must have been a hell of a game that so captivated someone that they thought they were still in the bathroom!

May I ask for your co-operation regarding one last item – drinking during a game. If you bring drinks to the tables on the side walks, would you please ensure that you remove cups, bottles etc at the end of the game and not leave them for someone else to clean up. It would also

be helpful in the event of a spillage (particularly coffee and cordials) if the area was immediately sponged with water (the bar or cleaners room can provide cloths/water) just as I'm sure we would all do in our own homes.

### Helpers

Many thanks for the team who carried out carpet cleaning every week last year that have all signed up for this year. We could still use more volunteers and if you would like to help, please let me know. For information we work in pairs with one person managing the cable whilst the other operates the hoover – it takes just over an hour for one team to clean the carpet and with the number of people we currently have, each person does 3 cleans in the season. This is the current team:-

John Evans and John Sartain, Laurie Clark and Ian Tolputt, Richard Dixon and Henry Neill, Fred Hall and Ted Jukes, Ron Dollery and Ron Hellyer, Gary Howells and Gordon Jeffery, Andrew Miller and Eddie Machin, Charlie Livingston and Stephen Thomas  
Reserves – Carole Pullin, Jackie Miller

*Andrew Miller*

Rink Manager

## **HALLOWEEN NIGHT DINNER AND DANCE**

31st October 6:45 for 7:15

With *Stevie John* entertaining

**Tickets - Members £12 Guests £13**

**3 course dinner and coffee**



## Some items from the last JMC meeting

The new score sheets are being completed and the system is working well, and the 5 volunteers have been entering the results daily.

An invitation has been received from HM Revenue & Customs to find out if we would be interested in holding their National Indoor Two Wood Pairs Championship 2010-2011, midweek over 2 days in March 2011. The Secretary responded to say that the club would like to be considered and could offer all the facilities that would be required. This event may or may not happen mainly depending on the dates required.



The meeting were informed that the club is in such a good financial position that the overdraft facilities were not used during the summer, also that the loan may shortly be paid off.

30 people came for the 'Come and Try' day, and 20 have applied for the coaching course.

The graffiti on the white-board in the car park has now been dealt with by the police and can be cleaned off.

Summer leagues are played for 23 weeks involving about 240 members. It has proved very successful and next year will be offering a league in the afternoon finishing at 2.30 p.m.

## Looking Forward

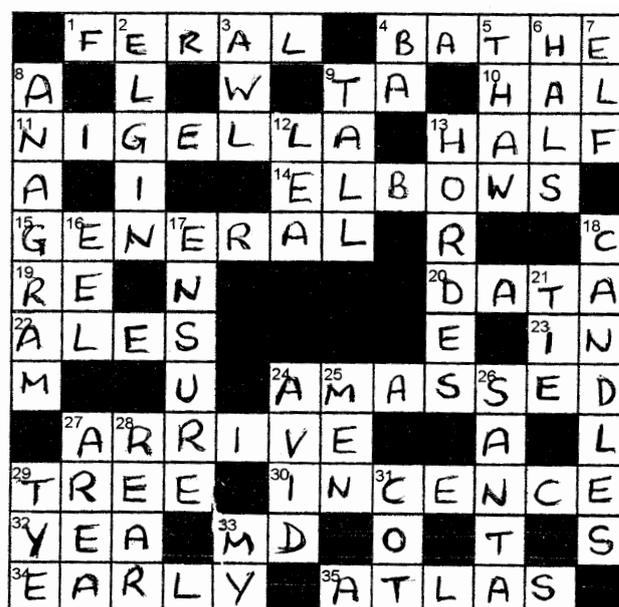
The Christmas coffee fayre will be on Saturday 28th November so please think how you can help to make this a successful event.

Please sign up for the friendly matches details of which are on the notice board:-  
 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 player .....we 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

## Rules regarding league matches

Would members please note that all score cards and entries on to the score sheets should have the 25% deducted before signing by both skips, if your team is playing with one less player. The final score is rounded-up.

Also you cannot substitute for a team if you play in that same league for another team.



Answers to  
crossword 8

# LIGHTER SIDE

A little girl asked her father, 'do all fairy tales begin with "Once upon a time"?'  
The father replied, 'No, some begin with - If I am elected.'

I married Miss Right.  
The trouble was that I didn't know that her first name was Always

*Did you hear about the kidnapping?*  
**He woke up.**

Did you hear about the man who went to a fancy dress party with a woman draped over his shoulder and told everyone he had come as a tortoise?  
When asked who was the woman on his back, he replied, "that's Michelle."

Listed below are customer responses taken from a Survey of Foreign Holidays. You'll be glad you weren't part of any of the groups!  
*"I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."*  
*"It's lazy of the local shopkeepers to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time - this should be banned."*  
*"On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food at all."*  
*"We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our swimming costumes and towels."*  
*A tourist at a top African game lodge overlooking a waterhole, who spotted a visibly aroused elephant, complained that the sight of this rampant beast ruined his honeymoon by making him feel "inadequate".*

**Why did the king go to the dentist?**  
He wanted to have his teeth crowned.

What do you call a convict who dresses up as a clown?  
**Silicon.**

What is the opposite of woe?  
**Gee-up!**

*Old Teachers never die, they just lose their class.*



## Crossword 9 from Marje

### ACROSS

1. Late Foreign Office Defector
4. Fairly old
9. Chemical element: Molybdenum
10. Organ of hearing and balance
11. Letters and symbols (mathematics)
13. Showing caution from danger
14. Acting as an assistant surgeon
15. Mediaeval chemistry
19. Express powerful emotion
20. Fine open fabric
22. So be it
23. Either
24. Wealthiest
27. Irish or Scottish
29. Unconventional
30. Streaks of light
32. Japanese statesman 1841 - 1909
33. Exist
34. Old coinage
35. Drugs (methamphetamine)

### DOWN

2. Reasoning
3. Bonus point in cribbage
4. Act
5. Rip
6. Obtain money for labour or service
7. Dull
8. Noblest of King Arthurs knights
9. Large number
12. Outer ring of wheel
13. Riches
16. Beat or hit
17. Where to row in season
18. Pierced with holes
21. Lettuce
24. Frost
25. Frozen water
26. Eldest son of Cain
27. Hinged barrier
28. See you .....?
29. Energy / vigour
31. Draw
33. Chemical symbol beryllium



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