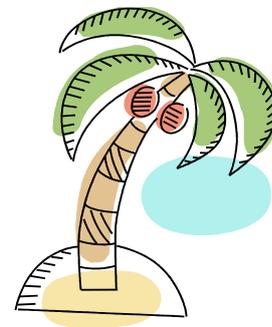


PALM READER

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Christmas Message

The Board of Directors and the JMC wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.



Christmas Closure

The club will be closed for bowling between the following dates.

Monday 21st December 2015 to Sunday 3rd January inclusive

The exception to this will be:

A mixed drive being arranged for Friday 1st January 2016 at 2pm

Over the Christmas period the restaurant will be open for lunches on:

Sunday 20th December 2015 (last day)

and then re – open on Monday 4th January 2016

Palmerston Business Park (Off Newgate Lane) Fareham.
Tel No 01329 232005 website: palmerston-bowls.org.uk

SNOW and ICE

palmerston-bowls.org.uk

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.

GENTLEMEN'S TOILET.

Over the past few months, it has been necessary to replace three toilet seats in the gentlemen's washroom.

Could we ask all gentlemen who use these toilets to treat them as if they were installed in their own homes

It seemed to the Board of Directors that it was unreasonable to have to replace this number of seats in such a short time.

Many thanks
Chairman - Board of Directors.

SPARE FLUORESCENT TUBES

We still have a quantity of fluorescent T8 tubes available which are free to members and may be obtained from the duty steward. These are mostly used (but with many hours of life left) but there are a few unused tubes. There are two types – T8 36W which are 4 feet long and T8 18W which are 2 feet long.

The offer will be open until the Christmas break – any tubes then left will go for disposal.

GLYCERIN AND ROSE WATER CARPET STAINING

Many of you will have noticed the relatively large stain on the rink carpet in front of the “T” at the bar end of rink 7. It is strongly suspected that this is glycerin and rose water which some bowlers use to improve grip. We know that this occurred on the change-over of league games at approx. 8.15pm on the 5th Nov so it is highly likely that someone witnessed this “accident”. Despite enquiries, the principle of the 3 wise monkeys seems to prevail.

This is the third time that this type of staining has occurred and clearly the person(s) responsible needs to be reminded that is against club rules to carry food or liquid onto the rinks. **IT IS YOUR CLUB AND IT WILL BE YOUR MONEY** that will be used to try and remedy the situation so if you see someone ignoring the rules then please **CHALLENGE THEM**. If you feel unable to do this then at least inform a club official.

Having been in touch with an expert on rink cleaning, who Dales Sports use frequently, the news is not good. As it was put to me in an email “R &G is a *** to remove as you can create more of a problem in trying to remove it and create more of a staining issue”. He went on to say that he had conducted trials, in collaboration with Dales, in using a solvent based stain remover. Whilst this removed the stain it attacked the rubber based underlay “with disastrous results...so don’t go down that route”.

We are probably left then with an unsightly stain on a rink that is frequently used for County and National games. What a pity that someone does not have the pride and social awareness to show the club facilities to the best effect - in the same manner that the number of carpet cleaner volunteers show every week in providing a cleaned bowling surface.

Andrew Miller

Rink Manager



PALMERSTON CUP

Fourteen teams have entered the Palmerston Cup competition this year. They have been divided into two leagues of seven, with each team playing all the other teams in their league just once. The top two teams from each league will then compete in the semi-finals and subsequently the final of the competition, which will be held on Sunday 30th March 2016, starting at 6 p.m. League matches are held on Sunday evenings at 6.30 p.m. and have been running since the end of September 2015.

Each match consists of three rinks of triples and the teams are from outdoor bowling clubs. Two points are awarded for each winning rink and six points are awarded to the team with the overall winning score, a total of twelve points for each match. Although there is still some way to go in this competition, each league has one team who have yet to lose a rink. In league A, Fareham Tigers are the team with the one hundred percent record, whilst in league B it is Eastleigh Railway who are undefeated.

Details of each game are posted on the club noticeboard showing the scores on individual rinks, as well as the current league tables. A match report is sent to the local press, usually appearing in the Thursday sports edition. Also a summary of the game is also posted on our club website www.palmerston-bowls.org.uk.

The competition is sponsored by Kestrel Guards Ltd and the driving force behind the sponsorship was Keith Matthews, their Operations Director. Sadly, Keith passed away a few weeks ago, but I am pleased to announce that his son James, a Director of the company, is keen to continue the sponsorship of the competition.

If you find yourself at a loose end on a Sunday evening, why not come down to the club and watch a game of bowls. You would have a choice of two matches to watch and the bar is also open for those who are feeling thirsty.

Keith Fleming

Competition Secretary

Men's & Mixed

Competition Information

Congratulations to Tracy and Tony Farrington on winning a very close 3rd round national match of mixed pairs, an extra end had to be played to decide the winners the score was 26 to 25.

Congratulations to Maggie Steward and Tracy Farrington on winning their first round match of the women's National pairs 27-19. The next match is at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday the 13th December

Perhaps we can get more people to put their achievements in and get more support for them at the club.

THE ANN BROADHUST TROPHY

The trophy was competed for on Sunday 29th November by 30 members who enjoyed an afternoon of individual and team play.
the result was

- 1.. Marilyn Williamson 51 points
2. Mike Green 50 points
3. Maggie Bage 49 points

The event was organised by Janet Mudd and the trophy presented by the President - Daphne Blackburn



Christmas Shopping

A couple were in a busy shopping centre just before Christmas.

The wife suddenly noticed that her husband was missing and as they had a lot to do, so she called him on the mobile.

The wife said " Where are you, you know we have lots to do"

He said " You remember the jewellers we went into about 10 years ago, and you fell in love with that diamond necklace. I could not afford it at the time and I said that one day I would get it for you "

Little tears started to flow down her cheek and she got all choked up. "yes, I do remember that shop" she replied.

" Well I am in the pub next to that."

Carpet Cleaning

We are still looking to recruit volunteers to Hoover the carpet. The Hoover is not particularly heavy or difficult to manage, so the job could be done by most people. The cleanliness of the carpet can affect your game. The more volunteers we have the easier the job becomes.

Please support your club by volunteering now, for further information please contact Andrew Miller.

PALMERSTON LADIES ACHIEVEMENTS!

THE LADIES WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH ALL CLUB MEMBERS THE RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS OF COMPETING IN THE VIVIENNE TROPHY AND THE MASON TROPHY – WHERE WE HAVE ENJOYED 100% SUCCESS SO FAR IN THESE COMPETITIONS.

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE LADIES IN THEIR COMMITMENT AND TEAM SPIRIT. WE WILL CERTAINLY BE TRYING TO REPEAT THESE SUCCESSES IN THE NEXT ROUNDS.

THE MASON TEAMS PLAYED EACH OTHER AND THE WINNING 'B' TEAM WILL NOW BE PLAYING AGAINST ARUN ON THE 18TH DECEMBER AT 11.30 A.M. 1 RINK HOME AND 1 AWAY.

THE VIVIENNE TEAM WILL BE PLAYING AGAINST DORCHESTER ON 21ST JANUARY AT 1.30 P.M.

THE NEXT FIXTURE IN THE RIVERSMEET COMPETITION WILL BE ON 12TH DECEMBER AT 10.00 A.M. AGAINST VICTORY AND WE HOPE TO KEEP OUR WINNING FORM GOING, AFTER BEING CROWNED CHAMPIONS IN THIS COMPETITION LAST YEAR!

THE DATES AND TEAMS ARE DISPLAYED IN THE LADIES CHANGING ROOM – SO PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT. YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

Maureen Holloway and Rose Beynon

Race Night

The next Race Night will be on

Saturday 23rd January

Sale of Horses 7pm

Members £6.50 and Visitors £7.50



What Did I Come in Here For?

What did I come in here for, was it to make a drink?

A cup of tea or coffee? No, I've just had one - I think

Maybe to clear the dishes and do the washing up
No, it's hardly worth it, there's just one dirty cup

What did I come in here for, was it to feed the cat?

No, I've fed her three or four times - no wonder she's so fat

Perhaps to do my dinner, prepare the spuds and cabbage

No, that's it, I remember now - I was looking for the garage.

The Grumpy Bowler 2 at Xmas.

There is something wrong with my woods as they have a mind of their own these days. I considered sending them back to be checked out but when I saw the cost of postage that idea was scuppered. My next idea was to put in an order with Santa Clause for a new correctly manufactured set but when I saw the price of some £250.00 that idea went no further either. Perhaps when the air conditioning is looked at and those drafts are reduced my bowls will go where I send them. I can only live in hope.

The other week I was playing in a game when a bowl hit the jack so hard that it was sent flying sideways across about 3 other Rinks.

After having to say, "Excuse me please" several times the jack was retrieved. But what was to be done with it then, the retriever asked. "Put it on the spot," someone shouted. The jack was indeed placed on a spot but that turned out to be a spot on the next rink. No one could see the spot on our rink it was so small.

So what I want to ask is, "Why don't we have larger spots". About an inch in diameter would be nice wouldn't it as that way we can all see them. And why not place numbers on each of the 1- 6 metre spots so that we do not have to count up each time the jack comes to a standstill anywhere other than on the `Tee`. How often have you had to start your count again when you lose count halfway along?

The walk from one end of the Rink to the other can be quite challenging for some players whose sense of direction is lacking, as after the 8 metre spot one finds oneself in a void.

So I want to ask is why do we not have a nice white line down the centre of the Rink. After all, airline pilots have a line down the centre of the runway to help them keep in line so why shouldn't we have one too!

And whilst a centre line is being put in place why not also have a boundary line to help us decide if a wood is in or out and save all those little arguments that so often take place. I have never understood how to use those mirrors anyway!

When I heard the rumours of how much the new lighting cost I could not believe it, figures of £30K, £50K and even £70K were being bandied around and one member even thought that the ambience of the club had suffered! If it is ambience that is wanted, then why did we not use candles all around the edges to ensure that the ambience prevailed?

Of course we all know that the new lights were installed to help us to see the jack at the far end of the rink. I recently searched the jack box in vain for a nice bright jack but every single one was very dull and finished in a matt yellow. They looked as though they were purchased when the club was built and have never been replaced. So why don't we buy some nice Hi Viz Orange jacks as they will stand out much better than our dull yellow ones. If we had done that earlier there would of course have been no need to change the lighting and we could have had free beer at the bar for a year or more. Now that's a thought isn't it!

But finally on a more serious note, as we all voted the committee into Office I think that they should buy us all a drink at Christmas. I'll have a double scotch with soda!

I suppose that I should wish you all a `Happy Christmas even though I know that mine will be a miserable one!

The Grumpy Bowler.

Off the Planet

Planet Bowls was a growing singles circuit, which created a great brand name and reputation, by hosting over 30 weekend events in the 2014/15 season. The organisation expanded into World Series Bowls which was planned to host 16 mid-week events with a £10,000 prize for the winner in each event and a season total prize pool of £290,000. Unfortunately, it became a non-starter as the organiser disappeared to Russia with all the money.

However, an organisation called Open Singles Circuit (OSC) has resurrected most of the original Planet Bowls events and by the end of November eight tournaments had been held.

Our roving singles player, Bill Jackson, only managed to enter one at Worthing Pavilion on 28/29 November. He was fortunate to receive a bye in the first round, but won the second round in two seven end sets against John Lopes (King George Field) 6-6, 9-2. In the third round Bill disposed of Martin Shepherd (Chipping Norton) who had a current ranking of 4 on OSC by 9-3, 9-4.

This qualified him for the quarter final which is redrawn in front of the players. Bill drew last year's winner Chris Young (Wey Valley), who visits Palmerston twice annually to sell bowling garments and equipment. Bill tied the first set at 5-5, but was four shots down going into the last end of the second set and failed to get the four shots needed to tie the match. Chris went on to win the tournament once again.

Bill gained a little prize money and 36 ranking points which jumped him straight into 46th place of 266 OSC ranked players.

PBA European Ranking

Bill Jackson is a member of the Professional Bowls Association (PBA) in order to enter qualifying events for Scottish Open, International Open and World Championships. Two years ago he reached the final of the World qualifier at Bournemouth and lost to Danny Dennison (Torquay) who thereby qualified for the televised event at Potters.

This year Bill played in the qualifying events at Bromley during September with some success. He reached the semi-final of the Scottish qualifier by beating Mike Cheeseman who is the current Bromley IBC Champion and Kent outdoors singles champion. In the semi-final he played Damian Doubler (Cardiff), a Welsh international and former WIBC singles champion. The first set was close as Bill was one down after six ends, but lost the last end. In the second set Bill was four shots up with one end to play, so Damian needed to score all four shots to win the match.

Bill's first bowl was 9 inches directly behind the jack and he had 3 other bowls within a foot, but somehow Damian drew all four bowls inside them, thus destroying Bill's hopes of playing in the Scottish Open at Perth.

Phil Last (Ipswich) beat Damian in the final to qualify.

In the International Open Qualifier Bill beat Darren Griffiths from Isle of Wight to qualify for the quarter final but came unstuck against James Rippey (Falcon).

In the qualifier for the World Championships Bill played a young chap called Glenn Williams of Riverain. Glenn was relentless and did not allow Bill to score a single shot during the whole match, winning 9-0, 9-0.

However, in the previous events Bill amassed sufficient ranking points to raise his current PBA European ranking from 38 to 35.

PBA European Masters Events

There is another series of events which Bill likes best.

The aim is to get 32 players in 8 sections of 4 players, (although dropouts mean that some sections only have 3 players). So whereas other tournaments are knockout, in these events normally 3 games are guaranteed with the winner of each section going forward to the quarter-final.

Bill played in 3 events but did not manage to climb out of any section.

At Poole in October, he tied one match and with the other match also tied in a 3 player group; he needed to win the last match to qualify. By losing the first set he could not qualify, but Penny Cresswell (Dolphin) would qualify if Bill won the second set. Penny was disappointed as Bill could only tie the second set.

At Bromley in November, Bill tied the first match with George Ridgeon (Mid Glos), a wheelchair international, and won the second match. The crunch match came against Scott Edwards of Adur, who had also dropped a set, so the winner would qualify. Bill played well but Scott did enough to win and reach the quarter-final.

At Cynon Valley IBC, Mountain Ash, Wales also in November, Bill lost his first match to a lady. His second match was against Ross Owen (Cardiff), a Welsh International who has appeared several times on television. Bill scored single shots in the first two ends but failed to score for the remainder of the first set. The second set was close and after 6 ends the score was 4 all. Ross put his first bowl 2 inches in front of the jack and Bill followed it up and remained touching his bowl at such an angle that if Bill just tapped his own bowl the shot bowl would spring out leaving Bill with shot and set – BUT Bill missed 3 times thus losing the set by the narrowest of margins.

Bill's last game was against John Roberts (Heatherton), another Welsh International. Surprisingly the match was almost identical. Bill scored 2 singles in the first two ends but lost the set, then in the second set after 6 ends the score was 6 all. This time Bill built a great position with one bowl 6 inches in front and one six inches behind and both re-spots covered. John achieved the impossible by taking out Bill's two woods, not moving the jack and gaining one shot for victory.

Bill Jackson

World Bowls Championships at Potters

World Bowls Championships from Potters will be shown on TV from about the 16/17 Jan.
Potters website says that the final week will be screened.

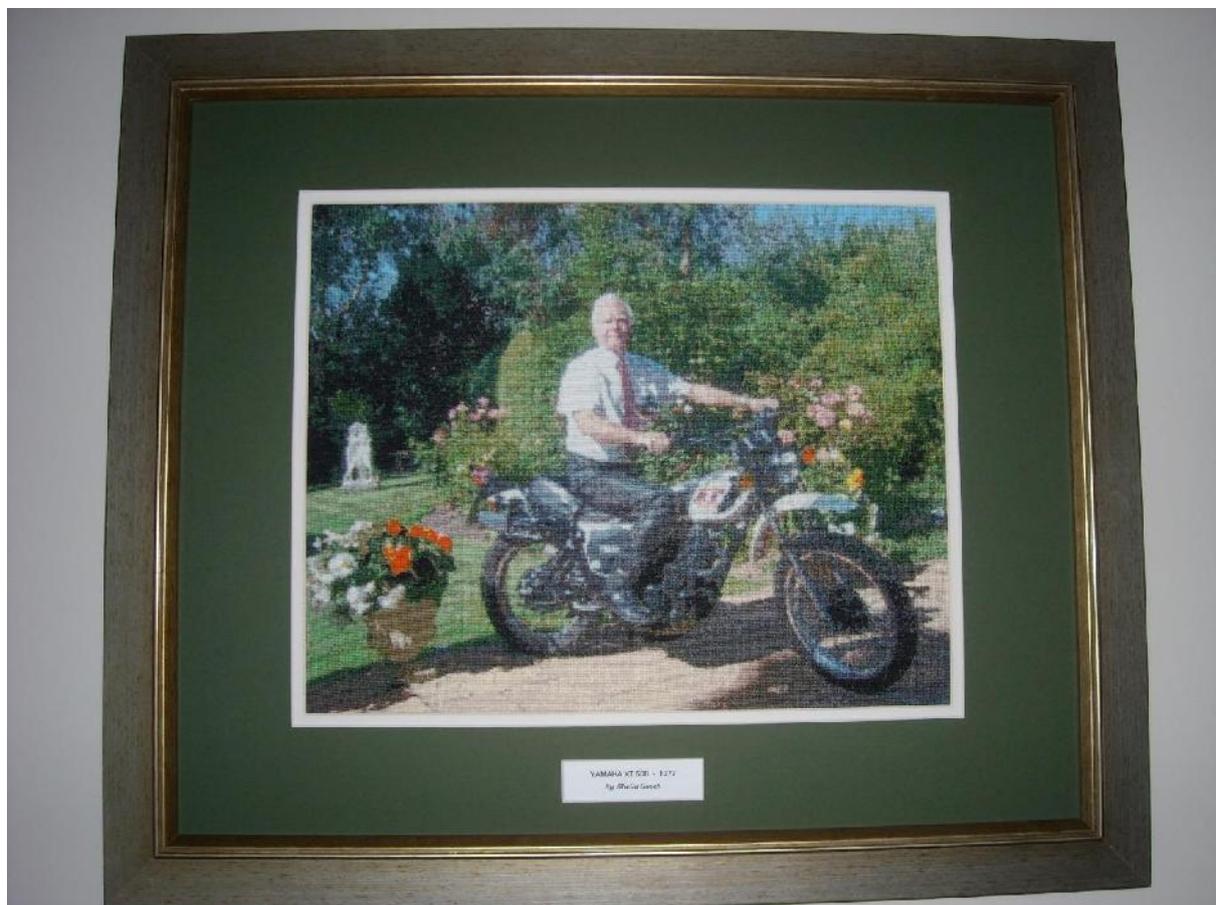
BOWLED OVER

Bowls Club member Sheila has hidden skills that none of us new about, until now that is.

When Sheila had not been, bowling, shopping, doing the housework or any of the other many things that wives have to do these days she has, for the past 4½ years, spent many hours painstakingly producing this amazing piece of Tapestry in pure silk cross stitch showing her husband Gerry sitting astride his 1977 Yamaha XT 500.

Way back in 2010 Sheila took the photo in the garden, she then converted the image into a cross stitch pattern measuring some 17" by 13" with no less than 75,816 individual stitches using 72 different colours. The result is this quite magnificent tapestry that now hangs on the wall in pride of place in their lounge.

Well done Sheila, Game set & Match to you!



Do you have a hobby that you would like to share with the member's? Please contact your editor Marie Leonard

NOTES AND REMINDERS

A Defibrillator Will be purchased in the new year and a further training session will be arranged, it would be good to get as many members there to see this important and vital piece of equipment please watch out for the arranged date.

Have you moved house or changed your phone number? If so can you, please inform Lesley Howell so that she can keep her records up to date.

We continue to collect bras for the Hampshire and I.O.W Air Ambulance, please place in bag provided in Ladies Changing Room.

Stamps are welcome for Canine Partners; again there is a container in the Ladies Changing Room.

Bowls Roadshow, the next roadshow will take place on Thursday 21st January between 10.30am and 2 30pm.

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.

Temporary Membership: Please remember that if you bring a guest into the club you need to pay a £1.00 and this grants them temporary membership for the day and allows them to buy drinks from the bar.

Dress standards

Just a quick reminder that the club standard dress for leagues / drives / roll ups is

Women

White blouse or tee shirt with collar, grey trousers or skirt and if required light blue waistcoat / cardigan (can be obtained from club) with authorised shoes.

Men

White shirt or Tee shirt with collar, grey trousers and if required white short or long sleeved jumper or cardigan with authorised shoes.

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; WILL ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE, THAT IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY, WILL DRIVERS PLEASE OBSERVE THE ONE WAY SYSTEM WHEN ENTERING AND LEAVING THE CAR PARK.



