



PALM READER

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I walked into the club as the new President and looked at the photos of the past Presidents I realise that I have a lot of very good acts to follow, I will endeavour to keep up the high standards they have set.

One of the reasons I accepted the challenge I now face was to try and say thank you for the friendship and enjoyment my late wife & I received from the club and its members. For that I will always be grateful.

This leads me on to mention my chosen charity for the year it is The Gosport and Fareham M/S society, like this club all officers are volunteers so all the money raised goes to the local branch and therefore benefits local people.

I know that a club is only as good as the support it gets from its members therefore I hope the support will continue especially for the friendlies so that when it comes to choosing the teams there will be more than enough names to cover the game.

Thank you

David McGregor



Bowling

The club is open on a Saturday for bowling

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS. IF SO PLEASE CAN YOU INFORM :

LESLEY HOWELL

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ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

PLEASE NOTE THATT THE SMOKING BAN INCLUDES THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES ANYWHERE IN THE BUILDING

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The next edition of the Palm Reader will be out in December

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Freecycle and Jamie's

Clearing the loft or shed, disposing of a replaced computer or appliance, parting with a sofa, table, or chairs?

What can you do with the now unwanted item?

Often the item is serviceable and in decent condition. Nonetheless it often goes to the tip and so adds to landfill.

Occasionally some market value remains. Advertising on E-bay or in the local press does work. Sometimes the hassle is more than you want.

Charities welcome all sorts, but most cannot accept anything electrical or upholstered.

Freecycle is another way of disposing of unwanted items in a useful way.

As the giving is person to person, a much wider range of goods is allowed.

See: https://groups.freecycle.org/group/fareham_freecycle/posts/all

for all current Offers and Wanted for its 8766 members.

Here: <http://my.freecycle.org/home/groups>

you will find other local Freecycle groups in Gosport, Southampton and Portsmouth.

There are Freecycle communities in most countries worldwide.

“Freecycle aims to keep items out of landfills by providing an internet listings service to help people give unwanted items to someone else for free.

Keeping stuff out of landfills helps build a sustainable future, is good for the environment and builds local and world communities.” (Wikipedia)

Using Freecycle my wife and I have found good homes for:

- an outgrown dining suite, passed to a needy and worthy family
 - golf clubs and trolley, given to a grandfather for his teenage grandson
- Sky + HD Box to a young working couple, replacing an intermittent unit.

Jamie's Computers offers a free, professional, secure computer disposal service.

They refurbish donated computers and make them available for reuse whilst recycling anything that cannot be reused.

They also sell a range of refurbished PC's and laptops.

See: <http://www.jamies.org.uk/>

Jamie's Computers is the computer recycling social enterprise arm of The Society of St James.

This Society is Southampton's largest homeless charity, providing housing, care and support to homeless and vulnerable people.

Jamie's is able to provide training and voluntary opportunities to socially excluded adults within the community.

They are happy to arrange a collection from anywhere in Hampshire.

I have given computers to Jamie's, using their collection service, with total satisfaction.

For added peace of mind I first securely erased the hard disc with special software; built in “delete” or “reformat hard disc” instructions are not adequately secure.

If any fellow member wishes a totally secure erase for a computer hard disc, I offer to visit and do it in their home with my special software.

Derek Arnold

LADIES CLUB COMPETITIONS

Entry forms are now available in the Ladies locker room for this seasons Ladies Club Competitions.

All ladies are encouraged to enter in order to make these competitions interesting and viable.

An extra competition is being offered this year, which is a Ladies Entered Pairs. This will be in addition to the usual Ladies Drawn Pairs.

The dates for all Ladies competitions will be Play on dates this year, so the rinks will be booked in advance and there will be no need for numerous telephone calls to try and arrange dates to play.

Please support all the Ladies Competitions and make it a bumper year for entries.

Marilyn Williamson

Ladies Competition Secretary

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RINK CARPET CLEANING

MOST OF YOU WILL BE AWARE THAT THE RINK CARPET IS HOOVERED ONCE A WEEK BY A ROTA OF CLUB MEMBERS. UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE LOST THE SERVICES OF SEVERAL PEOPLE FOR THE COMING YEAR AND URGENTLY NEED TO FIND SOME MORE VOLUNTEERS.

CLEANING IS CARRIED OUT BY MEMBERS WORKING IN PAIRS AND A CLEAN TAKES APPROX1 HOUR. THE EFFORT REQUIRED TO OPERATE THE POWERWAVE CLEANER, WITH ITS MOTORISED BRUSH, IS MINIMAL.

IF WE CAN RECRUIT A FEW MORE PEOPLE THE NUMBER OF CLEANS REQUIRED FROM EACH PERSON WILL BE 3 FOR THE WHOLE WINTER SEASON.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING PLEASE LET ME KNOW LEAVE YOUR NAME AT THE DESK AND I WILL CONTACT YOU.

Andrew Miller



OR

PBA End of season flurry!

Immediately after presenting the financial report at the PIBC AGM Bill Jackson travelled to Poole to participate in three Professional Bowlers Association events held over the following three days.

On Saturday evening Bill defeated Leigh Prince of Adur in two sets. Leigh went on to reach the quarter finals of the two other events.

On Sunday, in the Super Bowl qualifier, Bill lost to a Dolphin IBC member, Oliver Thake. Oliver then had a tremendous win over Danny Dennison (fifth in Planet Bowls rankings) in the following round.

Monday was much better. George Rudgeon who represents England as a wheelchair bowler only scored one shot against Bill in the first round. Next up was Damian Doubler who recently won the WIBC championship in the Channel Islands and is the current Welsh Indoor bowls singles champion. Bill managed a giant killing feat by winning in two sets. Next opponent was Neil Smith a formidable opponent who is third in the Planet Bowls rankings. Bill was in top form, after tying the first set, by winning the second set to reach the quarter finals.

Dai Prosser, a Welsh international whom Bill had met before in Wales and only lost in the tie break, held his nerve after Bill had moved ahead 3-0 after 3 ends. He proved too strong to end Bill's hopes of qualifying to play in the Scottish Open at Perth.

Tuesday started well with a two set win over Mark Thomas, a young Welsh bowler from Rhonda. Bill expected to meet Graham Robinson from Chawton Park in the next round, but Dale Mason from Dolphin had other

ideas and knocked Graham out. However Bill proved too strong for Dale and earned the right to play Scott

Edwards (fourth in Planet Bowls rankings) in the quarter final. Bill started well by winning the first three ends. He was also holding shot in the fourth end, but when trying to cover Scott's bowls which were just behind the jack, he went too narrow and knocked the jack to them. He lost four on that end and Scott consistently

thereafter out drew Bill to reach the semi-final of the qualifier for the International Open.

Seven matches in the last two days meant an exciting but tiring end to the season.

Bill Jackson

Race Night

The next race night will take place on
**January
25th 2015**



A Few Reminders

Used postage stamps are collected and given to Canine Partners Charity. There is a box in the ladies changing room. We also collect milk bottle tops.

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.

Social News

The details and booking form are posted on the notice board for the Dinner Dance being held on Saturday 20th September. It's the first time The Simpsons have attended a Club function. Their entertaining is very versatile and everyone will have an enjoyable evening.

The next Club function arranged is on Saturday 25th October. A Halloween Dinner Dance. The entertainer that evening is Phil Owen. He is well known to the Club and is one of our favourite entertainers. He always makes the evening a great success.

On Saturday 22nd November we have another Dinner Dance, and the entertainer is Dave Dee. Some of you may remember him from September last year when we had a cockney night. Everyone who attended enjoyed his entertainment.

We always have a Club Christmas Party and this year it's on Saturday 13th December and the entertainer is Gary Matthews. Some of you may also remember Gary who was the entertainer at our Christmas Party last year. He was excellent and gave us a great night.

We will see Gary again at our New Year Dinner Dance on Saturday 17th January 2015. This event is replacing the New Years Eve party. Our popular entertainer Phil Owen will entertain us once again on Saturday 14th February 2015 at our Valentine Dinner Dance. Always a popular event.

Another popular event is the Irish Night held in March. Next year the date for this event is Saturday 14th March. The dancers and their dresses are an absolute delight to see.

As always posters and booking form are posted on the notice board approximately one month before the event.

We have been asked to consider arranging Club Dinner evenings which some of you would prefer to attend. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

Sylvia Wrightson

On behalf of the Social Committee

Christmas Lunch Bookings

During December the restaurant always gets overbooked for Christmas lunches, especially Sundays. This year Debbie will be open on

Saturdays during December to hopefully ease the volume of bookings on Sundays and during the week by asking people to book a Saturday. Also any parties of above 10 to consider booking a Saturday. Everyones cooperation and understanding of this request will be appreciated by Debbie as there is a lot of work and time involved providing Christmas lunches.

Once again i have to bring to members attention the rule that if you wish to bring a party of 10 or more to lunch in the restaurant you must fill in an application form requesting approval. Last December in particular it was noted that most parties had not done this. Please respect this rule as we have to manage the number of people lunching in the restaurant to avoid overbooking. December is the only month that applications have to be considered as it is a very busy time.

Booking the Restaurant

Any member who wants to book the Restaurant for a private function must complete and forward a completed application form to me. They are available at the reception desk. Failure to do this could result in the date you wanted being booked by an earlier application. Bookings are accepted on a "first come first served" procedure and are only entered in the Club diary on receipt of an application form. If you decide to make a booking, forward your completed application form to me and your booking will be entered in the Club diary.



Sylvia Wrightson

Tales From My Travels

The Andes are the longest mountain range in the world and they run down the western coast of South America for 4500 miles and are 4300 miles at the widest point. The highest peak Aconcagua is 22,840 feet. The Northern Andes where I was riding are tropical. So heart by pass doing sitting 15,000 feet up in the Andes.



22,840 feet. The Northern Andes where I what was I, a 71 year old with a triple astride a Suzuki DR 650 Trail bike some des. Well I was on my latest motorcycle

I flew out on the 19th was to join 6 other riders, the pillion! The others each made our own way taken to a hotel for the first for breakfast for the first

June heading for Lima on a 17 day tour. I one of them, Mark with his wife Carroll on ranged from 38 to 65 years of age. We to Lima where we were collected and night. The following morning we all met up time and what a great bunch of guys they

were. My room mate for the duration was 42 year old Alistair from Dundee and he turned out to be the nicest person that you could imagine. We were taken on a short walk around Lima to get the feel of the country and we then set off in our minibus to collect our bikes some 30 miles away.

The bikes stood lined up outside a lock up shop, 4 Suzuki DR 650's, 2 Honda 250's and 2 Honda 650cc Trans Alps. I was allocated a blue Suzuki and I was in heaven riding off along the Pan American Highway towards the Andes. I was surprised to find desert on both sides of the road with dunes rising high into the grey overcast skies. The road was good and I asked permission to zoom ahead on my 650 as Peter struggled on his 250 to get any speed up. Everything was in Kilometres so I took my speedo to also be in K's so I set it at an indicated 80. After some 15 miles I noticed that it was actually in mph. I pulled over to await the rest of the group and then continued at 50 mph or so. Leaving the desert behind the green hills appeared with mountains in the distance. The smoke appearing at many places near to the top of the hills was coming from burning grass set alight by the locals to appease the gods. After all, we were in a 3rd world country I suppose.

Our 1st Hotel was very good indeed, but during the 14 days in Peru the quality varied as high up in the Northern Alps there are very few tourists and we had to make do with what was available. The food varied from brilliant to diabolical and that included the Peruvian speciality of baked, stone flattened Guinea Pig!

We stayed 3 times on the Pacific coast and each time the weather was dull and grey. But once in the mountains the sun shone brilliantly, often with white fluffy clouds.

The roads in the mountains and canyons were either, stony, rocky, sandy or a mixture of all three and prohibited us with some very entertaining riding. As I rode along these rough tracks my memories took me back some 50 years and more to my scrambling days. I was amazed that none of my off road skills has left me and I felt as though I was 18 years old again. Even more to my surprise I found that my stamina, no doubt boosted by huge amounts of adrenalin, was standing up surprisingly well... This had been my main concern, but I need not have worries as I gave a good account of myself amongst the younger riders in the group.

Back in England we were told that we could ride off alone if we wished to at our own pace and just stop as we wished. The thought of riding alone high up in the Andes had captured my imagination, so with a map marked up with rendezvous points I frequently full advantage of doing just that. Stopping for a drink of water and snack and sitting alone in complete silence high in the Andes with the pampas grass swaying in the silent breeze is a memory that will stay with me for the rest of my life. Of course riding alone does have its drawbacks as I found out several times. But this was supposed to be a motorcycle adventure so falling off and getting lost only added to that feeling. The bus was heading straight at me, so the only option was to attempt to ride over a 2 foot high sandy bank to safety. But

Another time out Leader Franco, a brilliant young Peruvian graduate electrical engineer, suggested that he and I take a steep down hill climb to cut out about half a mile of mountain track. I willingly accepted the challenge and followed him downwards over loose stones, boulders and logs. My trials riding experience came in very useful, but I followed too close and as Franco slid sideways I had no option but to lay my bike on the 1:3 hill. At 71 years of age trying to pick up a big 650 trial bike was beyond me so Franco had to pick himself up and then pick up my bike for me! Great fun though. My third tumble again occurred riding down hill, but this time I was alone. The sharp bend had a nicely formed berm to ride around but I approached too fast in the wrong gear and not fully in control. My front wheel went over the top of the berm and I was down on my elbow, ribs and hip with my leg stuck under the bike and that had slewed around laying across the bream. I paused then managed to lever the bike off my leg. The wind had been knocked out of me and I was going no where, so I decided to sit and wait for the other to come and pick my bike for me.

Getting lost on roads devoid of sign posts in a strange country can be rather concerning. But I only had myself to blame having missed a small turning in a remote mountain village. I finished up running low on petrol, having to find someone with enough to keep me going and covering another 60 miles as darkness engulfed me on a pot holed road with on coming traffic. But this was an adventure I kept saying to myself. The other time I became isolated was not my fault, for I had stopped in a little village at a road side café to wait for the others whilst making friends with the locals. I waited 45 minutes then gave up. It transpired that they had bypassed the village centre. I arrived at the rendezvous and waited. I rode down to the town in the hope of finding someone but it was pointless so I returned to the rendezvous point where a local policeman managed to tell me that 6 bikes had ridden by at 4.18. How they had got in front of me I could not at the time understand. My phone did not work and the police man could get no answer from Dave's house in Cajamarca where we were heading.

In the end, the very friendly police man jumped on my bike and guided me all the way to the door and even rung the bell for me. The rest of the group thought it hilarious that I had the police bringing me home. I paid him his taxi fare of 75p back the 3 miles to his check point and of course a very handsome bonus.

Loose dogs were everywhere. Some chased you trying to get a bite of your leg. Poor Louise, the only lady rider in our group, fell foul to a large brown mongrel that got hold of her leg. The following day I travelled with her in a mini bus to the local hospital to get her rabies injection that had to be repeated each day for 7 days.

My bike was suffering from a worn chain and I was one morning pleasantly surprised to find that I had a new chain and sprockets. My steering went distinctly lumpy and Heh Presto, the following day I had new head bearings. Some brilliant maintenance by Franco well into the early hours was much appreciated.

There is no praise too high for the tour staff of, Dave Groves, Peter, Lorenzo Carlos and of course my great new chum Franco.

Was all worth the trouble? You bet it was! It was the best £2500 POUNDS THAT I HAVE EVER SPENT IN MY LIFE.

Gerry Gooch



Bill McClelland And The Yellow Spotted Woods

(The True Story)



Some time ago Bill was looking for a set of woods—(Blue I think) Although Bill is not tight he is known to look after his pennies, so when he found out that these coloured woods were £240 a set he had second thoughts, until a friend suggested that he purchase a set of the newest grey polished concrete woods at £150 a set, he jumped at the idea and ordered them.

However when they arrived he was horrified to find that they were covered in yellow spots.

He immediately rang the suppliers and complained bitterly that this was not what he ordered and did not want them. A big argument followed but in the end the supplier agreed that he could have the woods for a knock—down price of £49.99 (plus box) This of course pleased Bill no end, so he paid up and kept the woods, and therefore all of the nasty comments are totally unjustified.

These woods may now be up for sale at a knockdown price of £69.99. All offers considered.

Source - Gosport Evening News

Reporter - Jack Pill

Prior to this article going to press in the Palm Reader I asked Bill for his comments:

Bill said that he would like to point out that the colour is not “Yucky Green” with Diarrhoea

Yellow Spots, and that they are not cleaned with a used nappy. NO FURTHER COMMENTS.

15—2

Would You Like A Fun Evening Out

15—4

Are you a cribbage fan? If enough members are interested we are trying to organise a cribbage evening, with Prizes and Refreshments. Once a month 7.30pm till 9.30pm.

If you are interested please ring John Didymus on 02392 583135.

For more information or see list on notice board.

John Didymus

PALMERSTON CUP

The Palmerston Cup competition begins again on Sunday 5th October 2014. This is a competition for outdoor bowling clubs to compete against each other on the indoor carpet at Palmerston. Each team provides three rinks of triples and as it is an Open competition, players may be of the same gender or mixed.

This is the fourth year of the competition and those who take part find it very enjoyable. A team from Banister Park has won the competition in each of the three years to date, but this year they may face stiffer competition. Although three teams have dropped out of the competition this year, we do welcome new blood in the form of Portchester who have entered two teams, as well as Eastleigh Railway who are a good Southampton and District side.

Teams have been divided into two leagues with each team playing against all the other teams in their league just once. Once this has happened, the top two teams progress through to the semi-final and final stages. A full list of the fixtures can be found on the club noticeboard, but basically if you are at a loose end on a Sunday evening from 6.30 p.m., the club bar will be open and you can watch some bowls at the same time. There will be two matches each evening right up until the middle of March 2015. If you are a member of an outdoor club, come and support your team.

Once again the competition is sponsored by Kestrel Guards Ltd and our thanks go to them for providing the relevant trophies.

Keith Fleming
Competition Secretary



<u>LEAGUE A</u>	<u>LEAGUE B</u>
HANTS POLICE	BANISTER GOLD
FAREHAM CHEETAHS	LOCKSWOOD
ROWNER ONE	PORTCHESTER GOLD
MEON VALLEY	FAREHAM PANTHERS
EASTLEIGH RAILWAY	ROWNER TWO
BANISTER BLUE	FAREHAM TIGERS
PORTCHESTER SILVER	

