

Hi Everybody,



What a weekend – and we have Storms Eunice and Dudley threatening to hit us! Thank heavens that the sailing season hasn't started yet. Never mind, lots are happening on the social front to keep us busy in the meantime so do have a look!

Sailing and Angling Report:



As you know, from now on there will be lots of mentions in the blog and on our website and PYC Facebook about what we have in store for the Platinum Jubilee. In the meantime, RC Sailing Kevin wants you to know now that he and RC Angling Paul Cooper have got their heads together to arrange a joint Sailors and Anglers fishing competition on the water on both the mornings of Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June. The idea will be for a joint team of sailor/fishermen with which of those will be doing the sailing or fishing debated nearer the time. It is hoped to invite a wider range of ages to join in but, as I have said, more details will be coming your way soon. Just put the dates in your diary and ensure that your waterproofs still fit. **This is SailFish!**

On a less positive note, RC Kevin has asked me to post the following picture of the lock on the Car/Boat Park. You will see that the heavy secure chain is dangling and that the thin wire loop only intended to keep the heavy chain accessible is what is keeping the gate secure. Anyone with a wire cutter now, aargh.....please, please do secure the gate properly!!!



From a cheerful George, he reports that he has nothing to report this week but there is a beach competition arranged for Sunday the 20th at 10.30 to 4pm BUT the weather forecast is not looking very promising at this time. Did I say he sounded cheerful? Oh.....

On a brighter looking forward note, several anglers have started to get their craft ready for the 2022 fishing season! (and the 2nd and 3rd June!)

And once again, don't forget about the BRAAS Open Beach Competition for Catch and Release on Sunday 20th March from 8.30am till 1.30pm with draw for pegs from 7.30am at PYC.

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Club House:

Now that we are approaching celebrating the Platinum Jubilee, I just had to include on the blog this photo from the past which shows the approach to our Club before we made any of the additions – and before it became our Club! Really great to see what is now the Snug and how it formed a major part of what was then a house. How things have changed.



Membership

Another reminder that fees are due now as March 1st 2022 is the start of the new membership year. Andy, our Membership Secretary wants to thank those of you that have already renewed your membership as he will soon be arranging for membership cards to either be delivered to you or left at the Clubhouse for collection.

On Andy's behalf, please can I ask that for those of you yet to renew that you ensure that the correct payment is made as this is causing him some extra unnecessary chasing work! Details and forms are on the Club noticeboard, in the bar area, and of course online www.paghamyachtclub.com/membership. We also ask that for renewals, you still complete the application form because we are updating the information we collect and we are very keen to capture those that are able to volunteer their skills and time to help the Club.

I know we keep saying it but we need you, your support and your assistance to make PYC a more outstanding place than we are now for our membership to continue to enjoy!

Social Events

Well done to Sue and Paul Cooper for organising the Skittles evening on Saturday, complete with Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and some fabulous potatoes which we finished off in the Bar on Sunday. They were so delicious that I had to ring him up to find out what he had put on them. He tells me some with paprika, chilli flakes with olive oil, some with cheese and thyme and some with cheese, thyme and chilli flakes. Isn't it great to have a man who can cook – and who does the washing up afterwards as well? Blimey!

Sorry if you missed the afternoon and evening at the Club which started with only a few members being upgraded to sole usage of the new TV to watch the Rugby Six Nations which ended with Italy 0 v England 33. I didn't hear any complaints about that!

As mentioned, the Skittles took off with junior members and their friends showing us how to release energy in a confined space – and that only one hot dog can double or treble that energy! Can I say that it never works on me.... Thanks also to Olive as we have now identified the average age that he has a knack of telling them to do something – and they actually do what they are told! Sorry Sue, it had to be said, you weren't included.



And then the adults took over, with well trained (and small) skittles “operatives” to hand to set everything up again. Well done to Paul Cooper as the deserved winner! (No one took a photo of me as I was rubbish!) A really good evening which ended with.....yes! You guessed it, Paul Cooper as the winner! I've looked at this blog and so far, all I can see is frequent mentions of Paul Cooper. He is either working very hard and devoting himself to the Club.....or he's slipping me a fiver to keep mentioning him. You know that's wrong as my price has gone up since 2005! So, well done to Guy and Alison who were close second and third – I think that's close, as by that time we were having so much fun that it didn't matter! And, as they say, “No one got hurt during the making of this blog!”



Other events still heading your way:



We still have the mind-boggling Rosie and Andy's Quiz on Saturday 19th for a 7pm start, to include buffet at half time at £4per head or £16 for the whole team of 4. I was looking at the list yesterday and was pleased to see that we now have a good number of geniuses down to take part but not too many team names. Is this a mental ploy? Are you hoping we will be freaked out by your choice of names? Don't be surprised if this doesn't work as we need to know what they mean!!!



Sneaky actions don't always work! Moving ahead.....

Just to let in case you are on the beach on Thursday 24th February, please be aware that we are holding a Wake for the Nan of one of our ex-members from 3pm. The Club will be open from 3pm for approximately 50/60 guests for this and if you know the family, I'm sure they would welcome you to join in to celebrate her life. Please be aware that we are also looking for any help behind the Bar for any time during this busy period so do let Emma or Scottie know.

I won't give you too much information ahead but as we are fast approaching March and we have already mentioned what is happening, these are the changes:



March 5th – The Pebble Beach Indoor Golf competition with **Chilli Cheese Nacho's** which are now at **£2.50ph**, not £3.00 as previously posted, nor as posted on Facebook as complimentary. Sorry about whoever did that mistake – we'll shoot 'em if it makes you happy to join us for good priced food! There is a list up in the Bar for names to compete and whether or not you want to be fed. Please let us know about the food asap so we can cater for you in good time.

This looks like another great indoor event with what I am being told is a prize for the 19th Hole, or maybe a drinking prize in any case. They haven't specified which holes get the drinking prize as you move along so I'll let you know if I win...hic....
 March 6th – another Sunday afternoon where we can enjoy Duncan McKenzie, a fantastic Singer and Guitarist who can entertain us whilst we just relax with a beer or wine and....well, just enjoy.

March 20th - Sarah Saville, a new singer to us with a 2pm start. The sailing hasn't started yet so we will have the time to just spend the afternoon listening, being entertained by someone we haven't heard from. Love it!

For near future dates I am not going to give you too much more information yet as they will be posted on the website and Facebook, but do put in for April 3rd Turnpike Alley the classic Rock and Blues band that have been with us before and which we loved, with a 3.30 start, 9th, Andy and Mary's Race Night, 16th Easter Saturday Kiddies Party with games and hunt clues followed by a disco for the grown-ups and 17th, Sarah Wood a singer with a 3pm start.

Platinum Jubilee

Looking well ahead, some members want to know what we are offering for the Bank Holiday Jubilee weekend. To give you an insight, you have heard about the SailFish on Thursday and Friday morning but not about the Charity picnic tables and

Rose singing vintage songs on Friday afternoon. We also have family games and open stalls on Saturday morning with face painting, Splat the Rat, Cakes, RNLI, Stocks (we know what that means!) etc – all for our charity RNLI, followed by a BBQ of fish caught and a cocktails evening. On Sunday we have the Meat Raffle and the Smileys in two sessions from 4pm till 6.30pm. Please be aware that we also have the Triangle race on Saturday morning and the Trophy sailing and is not a final programme. We are looking forward to even more happenings to fill in what we are looking forward to!

Raffles

A new one to start up again for this year is the Bonus Number from Sue so, well done again in this blog to Paul Cooper for the winning bonus ball number 49!

If you haven't taken part this week, there are 59 numbers which are sold by Sue from her tablet at £1 per ball. The prize is £40 cash with the remaining £19 going to the PYC fund for decorations for any future events. What a good idea, especially if you win!

In line with this, the Sunday Meat Raffle is proving very popular and so far, has made a slight profit. With this in mind, the next Meat Raffle will have prizes of the same value but rather than 5 or 6 prizes will have 12 or more prizes dependent on goods, making the odds so much better. Empty your freezer now in readiness!

Hope to see you all very soon.

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