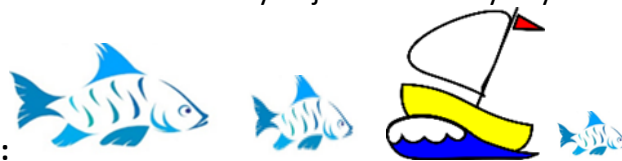


# Hi Everybody,



What a wonderful day today was! Ok – whilst the breeze was blowing and it was a mittens day, the sun was shining and it was a fabulous day to walk down the beach to the Spit. The sea was raging and unless your insurance was fully paid up, no one but a wind surfer would even think about going out there. In fact, I checked it and no wind surfer risked it. Don't you just love it anyway?



## **Sailing and Angling Report:**

From RC Sailing Kevin, this is a short note about what proved to be a long - but very productive meeting of the Sailing section on Sunday morning at the Club.

RC Kevin wants to thank everyone who turned up to the meeting as it was a great turn out and went very well with a lot of very positive questions. He hopes that he answered them to everybody's satisfaction but, if anyone wants anyone wants more information, or is unclear on anything sailing related, please do feel free to talk to Kevin at any time.

This is what is all about – communications, so do feel free to carry on and raise questions if you are unsure. On another note, the good news is that Bailey has now volunteered to stand as Bosun. Many thanks to Bailey for stepping forward to take on this role which will mean such a strengthening and support to the whole sailing system and to RC Kevin. Oh yes, we are now moving so much forward!

Moving on, as I said last week, these are the dates for the Tythe Barn, RNLI Mike Cole Memorial, Shearwater Nationals and Barts Bash to remind both sailors and non-sailors of the extra exciting events that we can look forward to both taking part in and (for me) watching!

## **Sailing Calendar**

Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Spring Launch Races 1 & 2 - 11am

Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> – Tythe Barn at Bognor Sailing Club – 11am (Please note that this has been changed from Felpham)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July – RNLI Mike Cole Memorial Races 1 & 2 – 11am

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Shearwater Nationals – 11am

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August - Shearwater Nationals – 11am

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August - Shearwater Nationals – 11am  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August - Shearwater Nationals – 11am  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Bart's Bash Races 1 & 2 – 11am

From George, six anglers fished Sunday's beach match, the last of the series in the somewhat unfavourable weather conditions with four anglers catching a Flounder, Whiting and Rocking.

Stuart won the match with George in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup> was Derek and 4<sup>th</sup> John. The best fish was a very nice Flounder of 31cm caught by George. (That is what he told me although his opinion may be slightly biased in his favour but, what do I know?).

The next match, the first of the boat competitions will be held on Sunday 10th April.

I do know it's getting closer but I can't help reminding you about the BRAAS Open Beach Competition for Catch and Release on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 8.30am till 1.30pm with draw for pegs from 7.30am at PYC.

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### **Membership**

From Andy Day, a quick note to you as of 1<sup>st</sup> March we saw over half of all our members already re-joined (big hugs to everyone from Andy), as no doubt they have seen the impressive amount of work that has gone in to the Club over recent months and the progressive way the Club is looking to the future.

Re-joining is easy, just go online to the website, check out the list of membership and boat park fees and fill in the membership form. It can either be emailed to [membership@paghamyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@paghamyachtclub.com) or left in the membership box at the Club. At the next Committee he is hoping to report that we have over 200 members re-joined.

A quick welcome to all the new members that have also joined us, and some that are re-joining us after a short absence.

[www.paghamyachtclub.com/membership](http://www.paghamyachtclub.com/membership).

### **Golf Section**

Clive has organised the first golf event of the season for PYC and it will be held on Friday 8th April at Cams Hall, Fareham, PO16 8UP. This will be 18 holes on the Creek with coffee and a bacon roll for £48, or no food for £40. The 1st tee is 12.05 pm but Clive will need full payment please by Sunday, as they will not accept cash on premises.

Clive's bank details are: C A Briggs, Barclays Bank, 20-20-62, 10157813

Please can you let Clive know that you are taking part [clive.a.briggs@btinternet.com](mailto:clive.a.briggs@btinternet.com) or text 07788 985237 so he can get moving on this.

### **Social Events**

What a weekend it has been! On Saturday PYC members were invited to celebrate a delayed Christmas day at Bognor Rugby Club, complete with crackers and festive hats. A big thankyou to Carole and John Gale who sponsored the event which allowed in excess of 50 people to enjoy this lively gathering and, following the raffle and the sale of various dubious – plus some sensible items, over £300 was raised for the Ukraine aid. An amazing afternoon!



The rugby match was Bognor v Alresford with the Bognor side winning and it proved to be a fantastic day out – for both of those that managed to separate themselves from the vast quantities of wine provided by the Gales and those who didn't! It reflected how hospitable local clubs can be. Good company - including the many members that both clubs share.

Following what I hear, it turned into a very long day for some who decided to make the most of seeing how much wine could be consumed in a different location!

Despite that, it meant that Sunday proved to be another superb day with the PYC bar full of members who wanted to be entertained, especially so by Duncan McKenzie. We forget how many people we can fit into our Bar area but it was a really good way to start the season off. I have been told that next time when we invite Duncan back, we will arrange for the weather to be good or, if not for the marquee to be up so we can enjoy his music to the full even more.



The entertainment was aided and abetted by Chef Olive who presented his prize bites of roasted potatoes and parsnips along with the deep fried parsnips skins. Yummy! I have to say that they went down very well. Good move and great timing Olive.



**Pebble Beach Pub Golf Rules At PYC**



So, we finally have the Pebble Beach Indoor Golf competition starting at 6ish – or perhaps after the rugby, on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> which is rapidly approaching. If you haven't already put your name down for food on the list then best you get a move on!

Paul C felt that as he has taken on the responsibility for ensuring that this event will be a raging success, he must lay down certain rules: (sorry about this)

1. Only use 1 golf ball.
2. The game will consist of 3 holes and the lowest score wins. What??!
3. Out of bounds: If your golf ball ends up either on the bar vinyl floor or on the beach, this out of bounds which will result on a drop shot close to where you left the playing surface.
4. The par of each hole is 3 strokes. Adults – down your drink or a shot at the Bar if you don't you shoot 4 or more. Kids eat a boggy sweet. Please, don't ask what a boggy sweet is as it doesn't bear thinking about!
5. Dogs - if a hound picks up your ball whilst play is underway and drops it down the hole it counts as hole in 1. If the dog runs off with the ball you get a free drop.
6. No Bandidos allowed! (I had to look this up and it is either a motorcycle gang or something unrepeatable to do with hands which I will not mention).
7. No standing or blocking shots but heckling is perfectly acceptable. Nothing rude! (I put that in).
8. Air shots count as a stroke.
9. In the event of a play-off a hole is played till we have a winner.

I understand that the winners will be able to enjoy the Masters Green hats! (I don't know what that means so don't ask!)

Aside from all of that, Paul C wants us to dress accordingly for this competition and has sent me the two above photos. Apart from the one that looks like Olive on a good day 20 years ago, I think the female version has been dragged from some fantasy element of Paul's brain and I am not encouraging any self-

respecting member to give anyone the delight of wearing it. Especially if you think what will happen when you bend over to take a shot.....

So, back to reality.

On the entertainment front, don't forget that we have Sarah Saville with us for a 2pm start on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Although this is before the start of the sailing season, let's hope that the weather will be good and we can have the door open and relish the enjoyment of having a live singer quite early in the afternoon. BRAAS anglers will have just finished so we should have a good audience with us to enjoy her singing.

**Photos** - Don't forget that one of the ongoing events leading up to the Platinum Jubilee weekend competition is the photos of our younger selves. The "post box" has been put on the Bar and there are already a few envelopes in it waiting for Sue to open – one of them from me. Thank you to those who have already had a hunt through their past photo albums or in old biscuit tins to find a photo of when you were 10 or 5 years old or even younger. It can be really fun going through the old photos and trying to find ones of you. I found loads of my relatives from 1800's and then loads of my kids that I had taken.....and then only one from me as a child until I was over 16 years old and living in USA. What did I do to stop my parents taking any photos, huh?

Whatever photo you find, it needs to be submitted in an envelope with your name on and will be returned to you afterwards. We can colour scan the photo so it won't be harmed. This is a fun competition and the winner will receive a hamper of mixed goodies for whoever gets the most guesses right over the Platinum Jubilee weekend. You must go for it as it will be so much fun making the guesses!!!

**Easter party for kiddies** – This will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April with a list going up this weekend so do keep your eyes open for it. The party will include a hunt, Easter crafts and of course food! The age is up to circa 10 years and there will be a small cost of £3 to ensure they are well fed before we return them back to you. Anyone with food allergies (or awkwardness) we will ask that you advise us in advance so we can accommodate their taste.

Moving on slightly from that date, we are planning a colouring competition for the younger section of our members for the seaside or beach area where we are for the Platinum Jubilee weekend days. To encourage artistic flair, the winner will have their picture framed and put up in the snug so, please do encourage

them to get practicing now. Full details will be posted in the Bar area, on the website and on the blog nearer the time.

Speaking of the Bar area, hasn't Carole K taken on the Meat Raffle in a way that is awesome? Lots more choice, all displayed in baskets where the choice is for several items to make up for one meal and that will be continued. In fact, so successful is Carole with selling tickets and fulfilling what the members want that the I have, with relief, handed all of this over to her. Sue and I will, of course, continue to help Carole where we can – especially when she isn't around. Team work! (.....and I won 6 Pork Chops last Sundays!!!)



And if you weren't around this weekend – these were all the prizes that you lost out on.....

Have a lovely week full of sunshine.

*Jill*

*Honorary Blogger*

*Pagham Yacht Club*

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