

Hi Everybody,

You may remember that I started last week's blog telling you of the death of one of our longstanding members, Don Poulett and I promised you I would let you have any further details when I knew them. As he spent his life entwined with the sea, not surprisingly as per his request, the remains of Don are being cast to the sea during the afternoon of next Thursday 14th. The Celebrant will hold a service on the beach at 3pm with the RIB carrying out Don's request after the ceremony. The family are providing sandwiches in the Club for any members who wish to share their memories of Don, and the Bar will also be open for this to happen.



Sailing and Angling Report

From RC Sailing Kevin, sunshine and decent winds greeted the sailors on Sunday morning allowing seven boats rigged and ready to compete for Race 1 and 2 of the Spring series.

A very mixed fleet of two Lasers, Hobie Tiger, Dart 18, Sprint 15, Wayfarer and an RS Tera which kept Race Officers Trench and Bob on their toes! A very well done to all the sailors, Race Officers and RIB crews for giving up their time on a lovely day.

RC Kevin thought it best for me to mention our Commodore Paul, who was out for his maiden voyage on the jet ski and brought it back safely. What can I say? Phew.....

Race Results

Race1

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| 1 st Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman | Wanderer |
| 2 nd Simon Orde | Laser |
| 3 rd H. Hill | Laser |
| 4 th Kevin Robbin | Dart 15 |
| 5 th Andy & Carol Grout | Dart 18 |
| 6 th Stuart Ashwood & Alan Phillips | Hobie Tiger |
| 7 th Joe Atherton | RS Tera Sport |

Race 2

1 st Simon Orde	Laser
2 nd Joe Atherton	RS Tera Sport
3 rd Hannah Hill	Laser
4 th Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman	Wanderer
5 th Kevin Robbin	Dart 15
6 th Andy & Carol Grout	Dart 18
7 th Stuart Ashwood & Alan Phillips	Hobie Tiger



You may remember that last week I said it was a *helping hand from Tom that pulled Guy back to land and avoid being run over by the Grouts*. Oops! It was Joe that saved the day – and Guy. Sorry Joe! I'll get my hearing aid sorted out soon.....

APRIL

16 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
17 th	SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 3 & 4	11.00	1 Easter
	Eggs to 1st, 2nd & 3rd		
23 rd	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
24 th	SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 1 & 2	11.00	3
	Separate Mono Hull & Catamaran Class		
30 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	

From George, four anglers fished the beach during the week with only a small Plaice caught on Friday when he spoke with two of them whilst they were still fishing, so no more details known as yet.

The Boat competition on Sunday didn't happen, due to lack of interest due partly to the poor results of the previous last Sundays fishing plus other commitments. The next competition is for Plaice on Sunday 24th with an 8.30am start until 4pm.

With the current promising forecast for the long Easter weekend, hopefully we will see a few more boats out there trying their luck. Come on boys! Get your tackle out! Oh, did I really mean that?



From Sue, beginning this Sunday 17th **there will be a hot sausage or bacon rolls/ sandwiches on offer before sailing.**



Outside Pebbles a rota will be put up for volunteers to assist her so, please do come forward to help to make it work. The rolls will be same price - £1.70, so no inflation yet. Hopefully, if the demand is good the monthly full breakfast will be back for the first Sunday of each month starting in May. A list will go up by then for a rough idea of names. Do support Pebbles!!!!

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Golf Competition

A great start to the first PYC Golf Competition of the season with a lovely full English breakfast enjoyed at the Club courtesy of Sue and Carol G. This was followed by 18 holes at Cams Hall Estate Golf Club with 13 players, three groups of three and one group of four.



Ten PYC members were in attendance with three guests but, the real winners were the Cooper family. Mark C was the winner of the overall prize and the honour of the Green Jacket, with Paul C winning two nearest the pins and the yellow ball team challenge by a country mile.



Other winners were - Nearest the Pin; Dave W, Longest Drive; Clive B and sadly, the Wooden Spoon went to Bernard S. Nice hat Bernard – suits you! (Better than Mark's. Did we get a discount for buying a hat that no longer fitted any male?)

I'm pleased to say that the golfers mostly dodged any bad weather, apart from a five-minute sleet storm which did little to dampen their spirits – or their clothes!

The prize giving was back at PYC, after more sustenance in both the solid and liquid forms, of course.

I have been asked to give a special mention to Guy Lawson for his bunker play. I have it on good authority that the Club has ordered another lorry load of sand to replace what he took out so we can go back there again if needs be.

Can somebody tell him where his ball went,



please?

The next Golfing day out, sorry Golf competition, is on Friday 6th May, with venue to be advised.

First Aid

Really good news as I have had a great response since my last blog about this from the section of the membership who want to increase their knowledge and life-saving abilities in the sailing world. We are still missing a couple of members to make it worthwhile to run the course as the Club will be paying for this. If you are interested, do come forward as we now have a wide section of ages who are keen to do this and I am equally keen to get a date fixed.

Merchandise

I am pleased to say that we will soon be taking delivery of PYC logo T-Shirts, Polo Shirts and Hoodies in Yacht Club (Sapphire) blue. We are currently working out the best prices for you and they will be advertised on the blog, in the Bar and they will then be purchased by either cash or by card. There will be more colours available later in the year to order and we will let you have more details when that detail is sorted out. Watch this space!

Bar

Dogs - Just a reminder from me, as a dog owner, that we must keep our dogs on a lead when they are in the Club house and now that the weather is improving, in the enclosed outside seating area.

We do welcome dogs in the Club but we must be aware that they do have their own personalities and sometimes don't get on with each other – and let everybody around them know that! As long as they are on a lead this is not a problem as we are used to deep throated growls from all sorts of members and we have seen anglers fighting on the end of a line/lead attached to a 53lb Pike fighting them back! (In their dreams!!!) Well, you know what I mean.

So, keep your distance and have respect for other Club users who might not like dogs, so that we can carry on as we are.

£10 notes – unusually we have been receiving the old material like £10 notes across the Bar in payment. Someone must be opening their old duvet quilt! Sorry about that, but we cannot keep on accepting them. The banks are getting problematic about accepting them from us and please be aware that we cannot accept them from you.

Comments/Suggestions Box – if you haven't seen it, the box is now back up on the wall by the back entrance door into the Bar for you to post any messages that you don't want to address directly to Mick B, our Committee Member. Please do make use of this facility or speak to Mick if you wish him to raise a matter on your behalf.

Social Events



Supporting Ukraine

From Sue, we have now reached the final week of collections so let's make it a good one! There is a pot on the Bar for any loose change people don't want in their pockets as every bit does count. Many

thanks to all of our members for their support as you have been brilliant!

Entertainment

Well, Saturday proved to be a very busy day! We had a huge gathering from 3pm onwards enjoying the sunshine with Gary MS and his assistant Sue placing the bets for members for the Aintree Races. I have to confess that this system of a Grand National Sweep was totally beyond me, particularly as I didn't win. Bah humbug!!!! Well done to Gary for providing an afternoon of entertainment ahead of the racing and the evenings fun. Would still rather choose the name.....

From Andy, following the exciting and noisy afternoon cheering on the horses in the Grand National, it was just as raucous in the evening for the return of the Race Night on Saturday evening. It was great to see the kiddies' races, followed by the teenagers and then the adults (blurred lines between most of these groups) with some popular winners with a great time had by all.

Whilst the adults required a few Stewards Enquiries, all went away happy, albeit with a few less pennies in their pockets as £127.95 was raised for charity. Big hugs to Sue, Peter W and Steve P for the sumptuous burgers, to Sylvie, the Commodore Paul and most of all to Dave and Theresa W who covered a very long stint behind the Bar, with Mary D and Cetra on the Tote.





Following all that stress and bankruptcy, we can now look forward to some more gentle entertainment with **Sarah Wood** joining us on this Sunday 17th afternoon from 3 till 5pm. Sarah covers a variety of female singers as diverse as Tina Turner (What's Love Got to Do with It?) and Tammy Wynette (Stand by Your Man) so she should be able to provide something for you to make you get up and dance to or sing along with the music that she is bringing us. Just in case you get other ideas, I am talking about the girls!! I've just looked the weather up – no rain, 15/16 °c, sunny intervals and gentle breeze. Oh yes, a great afternoon is just waiting for us!

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One 4 the Road DUO

After Sarah, the following week we have **One 4 on the Road duo** on Sunday 24th from 3.30pm till 5.30pm playing all your (and mine!) favourite tunes from the 60s till the present day. Sounds really good to me so get your camping chairs out in case we have an even better day to enable us to sit outside! Is this summer coming to get us? When did we say the marquee was coming.....



Early Years Photos – Another thing that is now looking good! Have you spotted the hamper that you could win by admitting that you were lovely when you were younger? Or, should I say that **HE** was lovely when **HE** was younger! Still time to get those wonderful photos in so you can enjoy the Gin and Tonics and chocs, or maybe that wine that I

have just spotted lurking? PS: the Commodore has put his photo in.
Can you spot him?
Don't forget that you need to be in it to win this hamper!



Easter party for Children - it's only a week away for this Saturday 3 till 5pm, £3 per child to cover food plus Egg. Make sure you get there by 3.15pm as that is when the Egg hunt begins!!! Sorry adults, you have to be a child to take part in this. Please be aware that we must have names by Wednesday evening to enable us to have enough food and prizes to go around. Either add names to the list that is up in the Club or message Sue.

And finally, from Sue, the Easter raffle tickets are on sale now from either herself or Carole K so find them and get them now!

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