

Hi Everybody,



What a difference a few hours make. Sunday afternoon, cold and miserable with yet another change to the shape of the Spit. That was until Monday morning when the Brass Monkeys enjoyed the pleasure of dipping themselves in our sea whilst the sun rose and made for an absolutely glorious scene. I have to say, never mind the background, it was still very, very cold and they are Absolutely Bonkers for doing it!



Sailing Events & Angling

Don't forget that it is now only 4 weeks before the start of the Sailing season!

Really sorry that this blog is full of reminders but a really important "Don't Forget" from RC Sailing Kevin is the Work Party on Saturday 18th March from 10.30am in the morning. We need lots of help to tidy up and clear the foreshore and retrieve the mats as well as to finish sorting out the Boat Park in readiness for the start of the sailing season. A big thank you in anticipation as I know we have lots of big strong members who will turn up if we offer them bacon butties! (I don't know who is going to do that but I'm sure someone will).

From George, only three Anglers fished our competition on Sunday with barely five bites received between them. Unfortunately, no fish were landed as the conditions were very hard. Sadly, the 28 BRAAS anglers also found out in their competition held at our Club as they caught only one Plaice of 26.5cm. Sorry about that.

Having said that, they did win one of the raffle prizes!!! So, well done on that front, boys!



The last Beach competition is on Sunday 2nd April with an 8am start ending at 12.30pm so, maybe the warmer weather will entice more Anglers - and fish to support the event. Well, we can always hope. The Anglers can then put their beach tackle away. Ho, humm.....

As our first Boat match is on Sunday the 16th of April with an 11am start until 15.30pm with the best Skate the target species. Oh yes! Baked Skate, roasted Skate, Skate Meunière, pan-fried Skate with brown butter and parsnip puree.....ah bliss!

Membership & Cards

Another “Don’t Forget” about membership renewal forms with the appropriate fee should have been submitted via the Bar or – much more preferred via the website by the end of February. As we have said before, if there is a problem then do contact Andy the Membership Secretary to tell him why to enable us to sort this out for you.

If you have been a member for several years then you know that we will be sympathetic to any problems you have at the moment to ensure you can carry on your membership. Or, if you have just forgotten to renew then do get your forms in now!

We are pleased to say the demand for membership at the moment is still very high but we need to emphasize that we are first and foremost a Yacht Club with Club Rules limiting the proportion of Social membership to not exceed 40% of the total membership. This means that at this time, unless you are currently a serving Social member and seeking to renew, we are putting all social applications on hold. Sorry about that.

Now that we are at a stage when we will have new members and members who may not have renewed, we are asking that everybody carries their new membership cards on them whilst in the Club house. I’m sure you will understand if you are asked to show your card when at the Bar as it will make life so much easier for those of us who don’t know everybody. Also, don’t forget that the code to enter the Boat Park has now been changed and it is printed on the back of your card.

Speaking of the Boat Park, this is a polite warning that those boats that are not being used for whatever reason – either they haven’t been out on the water for a long time or the owner hasn’t paid for boat storage, need to be removed from there to free up space for those members that would like a space and do want to go on the water. A waiting list of new owners has been prepared in readiness for this and please be aware that we have identified some boats that might need to be removed. We will wait until the end of March to allow for Membership fees to be paid before taking any action so do act now. Don’t forget that

there are conditions of storage for the Boat Park that members agree to follow to make it work for all users and that if this is broken that they will be asked to remove their boats.

Golf

The Golfing Section return with their first event of the season on Friday 17th March. This time it is for a meet at 8.30am at Petersfield Golf Course and if you are not already on their WhatsApp group, please can you contact Dave Woolven who will set you up. If you want to play it is £50 for a Bacon roll on arrival and a round of golf. Back to PYC afterwards for drinks and the presentation with Sue doing Chilli with Baked potatoes. If that interests you it is only £5 per head but she will need to know numbers in advance. To all you golfers who aren't already aware of this – do get your names down now!

Data Protection

I'm sure you will have seen on our Membership forms a section relating to our Data Privacy Policy which asks you to tick if you do not wish for your image captured on photographs or videos taken of any Club activities to be used or published on our website, blog or other social media activities such as our Facebook or the local press.

I am relieved to say that very few members do tick this but we are concerned that this can be very hard to enforce in certain situations, such as videoing a full Club Bar floor of adults dancing to a band. We want you to be aware that the Committee alone cannot take on full responsibility for ensuring that a member's face is not caught in such a way as to be non-recognisable whilst it is obviously much easier to ask for parental permission to use photos of children or youths.

We wanted to ask any adult members who feel unhappy at being in a situation where it is obvious that another member is videoing or taking pictures to move or turn away, or to make it clear that they do not want to be photographed or the results to be used.

It may not be easy, but we are asking for you to share this responsibility to ensure that our privacy policy can work for all members. It's our Club, we are all members running all aspects of it for our combined benefits - and it's called working together!

Social Events

What a weekend! It started on Friday night with Turn Pike Alley returning to entertain us with some brilliant performances from the Who, Status Quo and lots of others for us to get up and join in! Fantastic group!



Let's hope that Sue can get them back again when the weather perks up and we can sit outside and start all over again. I just love it when I can remember the words!!!

On Sunday we were treated to a very different indulgence. Sue took over the Galley and with the help of her girls – Sylv, Andrea, Carol and Nats, finally produced a stunning Sunday Roast after many hours spent slaving over roast potatoes from early in the morning. I hear Sylv has peeler's fingers now. Oh dear.



Well done to everybody! Fabulous meal – with extra parsnips for Derek. Well, you have to keep everybody happy and if it only takes parsnips?
Let's hope that Sue will be doing another Sunday Roast again but it was very hard work for all of the girls involved. Perhaps we can persuade her to do a Pie & Mash event instead? I'll let you know about that if we can pull it off!

Other new event involving food coming up is the Irish Stew at £5 per head with a vegetarian option, to be prepared by Commodore Paul and RC Angling Paul to follow the Ireland v England rugby match (5pm) on Saturday 18th March at around 7.15pm.



A list has been put up in the Bar and money will need to be paid in cash please.

Future Events

March

Saturday 11th England v France 16.45pm Six Nations Rugby kick off

Friday 17th 8.30am Golf section meeting at Petersfield Golf Course

Saturday 18th Ireland v England 17.00pm Six Nations Rugby kick off
Irish Stew £5 at conclusion of game – 7.15/30pm.

NB: Skittles event has been changed.

Sunday 26th Men Behaving Madly after the raffle c.3.15pm (Inside event)

April

Sunday 2nd **Sailing starts**

Saturday 29th and Monday 1st May (Bank Holiday) – SailFish starts – please look out for details

Evening - 80th Birthday Party for Maggie with High Tide playing from 7.30pm. All members welcome.

May

Saturday 6th Posh Tea with King's Coronation on Big Screen
High Tide band from 7.30pm

Sunday 7th Eve Lesedi, a singer and a saxophone player (possible outside event dependent on weather)

Monday 8th King's Coronation Events – details to follow

Friday 26th Sheerwater arrivals. Be warned that the Car park will be closed

August

Sunday 13th Lightning Brothers 3.30pm (outside event)

Ok. I know I shouldn't keep doing it but I'm blaming the cold weather that means I need to keep telling bad jokes so, here's another one:

Two ladies meet over coffee. You look happy, says one to her friend. Oh, I just got back from a pleasure trip, is the reply. Where to? Was the question from her friend.

I drove my husband to the airport!!!! Ba boom!

Well, I didn't say they get any better.....

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