

Hi Everybody,



Just to start the blog off, I thought we might use pictures of the Brass Monkeys on Saturday morning showing the sea conditions that they can survive in! Silly boys – and girls, but they did survive!!! In case you are interested, the Brass Monkeys are an independent group and only a deranged group of them are members of Pagham Yacht Club. (They are the ones that we have insisted that they lower their singing voices in our shower at 7am as the neighbours are not interested to hear their glee after they have exposed their bodies and still endured!) Honestly, would you have any voice after subjecting yourself to this? Arghhh!

What I have been asked to say, other than it does really look fun, is that the Management Committee have noticed that non-members are using our showers and facilities daily as part of their routine. Whilst we can understand the convenience of this, I'm afraid that we are going to have to stop you doing this. Not only are we not insured for any non-member slipping or causing themselves any injury in our showers or changing rooms whilst wet - or perhaps already hurt on the beach – other members who pay our fees will not be happy to see us paying for hot water, lighting and cleaning more than 6 times if you have been signed in. Sorry – but you can always become a member!



Sailing Events & Angling

From RC Sailing Kevin, not much to report as sadly again, there was no sailing at all this weekend.

Saturday saw high winds with massive waves crashing on the beach forbidding any chance of launching anything. In total contrast was Sunday completely different with a calm sea and zero wind making sailing hopeless.

What it did do was enabling the sailors a chance to get together and have a very productive chat about next year resulting in the good news that Stuart Atwood has agreed to take the role of RC Sailing - with the help from all the other sailors.

In the meantime, all are hoping that they can get out on the water next weekend for the **Final Fling!**

Angling

On Sunday, following a few pints and a supply of nibbles, Rocky, Pete W and Steve E went out beach angling. The good news is that Steve caught a Plaice and an Eel. The bad news from Rocky is that he and Pete caught b***** all! Well, never mind boys, there's always next week.



From George, next Sunday is our first beach match with 08.30am start until 13.45pm. A quick reminder for our Anglers not to forget that the clock goes back overnight!

RC Paul is hoping to run another Learn to Fish event on Saturday 28th. If you are interested, please do contact RC Paul for the details. Both this event and Sunday's competition are subject to the weather conditions.

Calendar

October

29th SUNDAY **FINAL FLING** TROPHY RACES 1 & 2 11.00

November

18th SATURDAY PRIZE GIVING SUPPER 19.00 Tickets are available from the Bar, cash only

Bar/Till

David our Treasurer, has done more sterling work and the new till with its own card reader is now up and running. We still have a few Bar volunteers who need training on it but, it is a simple process that only takes 10 minutes. Do get in touch with Dave to arrange a time when you are both free so we can move forward. Don't forget that the card reader needs to be put back into its holder when used to keep it charged.

The old till will remain in place in case of emergencies but is not to be used until this happens!

Pizza

Oh yes, we may be back soon on the ordering process! Watch out for Sam's messages on our various WhatsApp inviting you to place an order. Don't do anything unless you see an invite to say its open as it's half term at the moment and she does have other mouths to feed!!! Don't we all!

AGM

I'm really pleased to let you know that the vacancies on the Candidates for Election to Committee are now filling! There are still one or two gaps – the main one being for a Bar Manager.

I'm sure I've told you this before but, if you are interested, this is a role that can be shared. Basically, the Bar Manager shall:

- Keep the Bar stocked appropriately with varied barrelled beers and other drinks and snacks and use agreed suppliers
- Undertake a quarterly stock-take (with help)
- Manage the Till, float and banking
- Provide an update to the Management Committee meeting
- Maintain a Bar rota and encourage members to undertake duties
- Chair the Wine Committee
- Liaise with reps to obtain good deals for sundries ie glasses, umbrellas etc
- Ensure Gas stock orders are made
- Manage the pipe cleaning team

This is a role that can be split and I'm sure it would not be a problem to find a member to do the Bar rota and managing the Till, float and banking. I used to do this when the Commodore was the Bar Manager before taking on his current role.

If you are someone who is willing, or keen to keep an eye on the stock, this would involve routinely checking during the week what is being used, popping down to Bookers for certain drinks and snacks when we are getting low, contacting our

suppliers weekly to order beers/lagers and some spirits. It may very occasionally include contacting the supplier for Gas which is routinely delivered. That might involve if for some reason, we are running low - that would normally be a big event when sales of a particular beer were huge.

The other weekly responsibility is to ensure that stock is moved from the “cage” on delivery to the cellar and, that it is routinely moved from the cellar onto the Bar shelves to ensure that volunteers are not faced with empty shelves when it gets busy.

Anything else that you can see that you are not keen on – perhaps undertaking a quarterly stock-take, or providing an update to the Management Committee or Chairing a Wine Committee, then please accept that you would be always well supported by other members of the Committee and, if you wish to mostly give a written report, then that would be understood.

The other role that it would be great to see filled is the Rear Commodore Planning. This role since its inception has only been filled once and is now really so important when we are looking at moving the Club forward. The role of RC Planning is to:

- Support the Commodore to further develop and implement the club 5-Year Plan
- Oversee any supporting 5-Year Plan documentation
- Establish realistic timelines for each element of the 5-Year Plan
- Work with the committee and any sub-committees to ensure all officers are proactively engaged in the programme
- Provide updates to the Trustees, Committee & Membership on delivery of the 5-Year plan

Although the purpose of the role sounds a bit vague talking about a 5-Year Plan, it is really important and is to support the Commodore and the other members of the Committee to ensure that the Club is moving in a good direction that is approved by all and by the Trustees. I can't emphasize how important this role is – and we do need to fill it, please!

The only other important role that we have been sadly lacking in is a Press and Communication Officer. This isn't a voting role on the Committee but if you have a background in presenting information and demonstrating what is positive then we would welcome your help in approaching local and wider news agencies or schools with both pictures and advance notice of what we are up to. Don't forget that we have a huge amount of housing about to open who don't know anything about us. At the moment we are doing nothing! When you look at some of the photos of our sailing and other issues that are amazing – isn't that sad? We can provide the photos if you can provide the input.

On another note, I haven't received any information from our members regarding any business that they wish to be raised at the AGM. If you are unsure about this, please be aware that I must receive specifics in writing, with your full details including your membership number on the envelope addressed to me before **10am 29th October**. This can be handed to me or posted in the main outside post box at the Club. I will be checking the post box at that time.

Another reminder that 10am on **29th October** is the closing date for Candidates for Election to Committee and I will be taking the notice down at that time. As I have said, the last date for any business a member may request to be discussed at the AGM has to be made in writing to the Hon Sec by this date.

Volunteers

Last Thursday, after my sending out at least seven emails when we kept thinking of still more volunteers that we hadn't yet invited, the Commodore welcomed a variety of members and their partners to meet the Committee and the Trustees for a drink and nibbles who had put themselves forward regularly over the years to do the Bar, the Pipes in the Cellar, the Race Officer and so many other varied duties as a thank you to them.



Whilst that was a successful evening, we still knew on the night that we hadn't included everybody and that there were some who may feel that they were excluded. I'm sorry about that as it wasn't our intention. I do know that some of the invites did end up in their junk mail and were spotted when we asked them if they were coming. We do intend to do it again for the members we overlooked so, when you do finally receive an invitation, you will have to suffer my idea of canapes. Hope you like cucumber!

Social Events

Well, you thought I would be telling you who won the £604 Jackpot at Play Your Cards Right on Friday night? Yes, that is how much it reached when I was one of the final participants to lose!!! And do you want to know why? Three Aces! Who gets three Aces???? Groan... I didn't want to be rich anyway. Far too much stress. Much easier being Hon Sec and doing the Blog!???



Never mind, we have Take Your Pick next Friday which is good fun and then we can go through all the torment again on Friday 3rd November!



So, after all of that, on Saturday morning the girls headed inland and initially found themselves in the lovely Deers Hut at Liphook to enjoy a lengthy lunch with lots of Pink Prosecco, wine and other spirits. We thought it would also be a good time to celebrate an early birthday for Susan and Sylv. Well, it will be Susan's next week but we had extra sparkle for Sylv which is a little bit more in the distance! NB: boys – that is how we always get the best deals!

One of nice thing about this restaurant is it's on the way in to The Old Thorns where we stayed to enjoy a Tribute Night for Motown music. Fantastic evening! Well, that was after some of us made it out of the Swimming pool jacuzzi or the Bar to get our glad rags on!

The photographs from now on were far too risky so you will just have to put your brains into the imagine phase!!! Well done to Nats who has arranged this from well before taking over more responsibilities over the road as it was a great weekend for the female members from both Clubs. That is what it all about!!!! Working together and making this a great area for the locals and the wider community.

Whilst we were having fun in my old hunting ground, PYC was still in full swing without us as Val and Sue provided Chilli Cheese Nachos for the Rugby supporters who watched England almost show South Africa that they are not to be messed with! Well, almost was the magic word. What else can I say?

Right moving ahead so we don't suffer too much, I understand that the Darts match was a great success so perhaps an evening of darts, bowling and food is something we need to start up again when British Summer Time ends on the 29th and it starts to get dark and dreary? Over to Sue for that. What do we all think?



Something else to look forward to is One 4 the Road on next Sunday afternoon, following the Halloween Party with Scobies disco and buffet Saturday night. A busy weekend! Let's hope it doesn't rain so we can have the doors open and boogie on down and never mind the heat that we can make!!!!!!!



Bonfire Event

Briefly, tickets for this event are available from behind the Bar, cash only until 1st November so, please do purchase them in good time.

Halloween

I am so looking forward to our **Adult Halloween Party** from 7.30pm on next Saturday 28th with a prize for the most scary or horrendous male and female members!!!

I was hearing talk about costumes worn to previous parties which I wished I had heard before I bought mine. Have you heard of the Malice in Wonderland outfit? Or the Zombie Nurse? Shucks! I know I could have won a prize with either of those!!! Never mind – you'll just have to spot which creepy one I am.....



The good news is that we have the Scobies Disco, along with a buffet so, despite my costume, it looks like a fantastic evening.

Future Events

October

Friday 27th

Take Your Pick

Saturday 28th

Adults Halloween Party from 7.30pm with Scobies Disco and Buffet

Sunday 29th 10am AGM Notice down
One 4 The Road 3.15 – 5.30pm

November

Wednesday 1st **Winter Bar Opening Hours commence**

Friday 3rd Play Your Cards Right

Sunday 11th Bonfire Event

Sunday 26th AGM - Advance warning for your diaries

December

Friday 8th High Tide Band (not November!)

Sunday 31st New Years Eve Celebration! Ticket entry only to this event and now on sale behind the Bar, cash only.

Hope to see you all over next weekend starting with Take Your Pick on Friday night.....

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