

Hi Everybody,



Yes, yes, I know that last week I said that it felt like Spring but, in my defence, it is still February! I took this photo of the Spit at low tide this afternoon, when the sun had decided to go into hiding - it was bl**dy cold and it took me a much shorter time to walk home than to get there!!! I don't want to hear any comments about feeling cold more/it being my age etc as I can still get a move on if you wind me up (sufficiently, when the heating is on)!

So, having explored the outside world, I am pleased to let you know that despite the score of the Scotland v England Rugby game on Saturday – I don't know why I am telling you this as everybody in this nation is fully aware but, it was Scotland 20 to England 17, that the afternoon and evening went extremely well from the naturing point of view. (That means food and drink).

Before the England game when Ireland v Wales:





and then after.....



What can I say? Well done to the Commodore and, more importantly to our Sous Chef Gary who put him under his care and guidance to prevent any injury to the oesophagus or the stomach of any of our delicate members. And (thank heavens) it worked! Well, I haven't heard anything from the local hospitals. Well, not so far.....

Well done to Gary, Paul and Pete W for all their efforts to make the meal such a great evening for



nearly 50 members of our Club! That is quite an achievement for Paul and Gary who spent 1 ½ days in the Galley to make it work for everyone, meat eaters and our veggies alike. Thank you to both of our Chefs.

Other people who we need to thank are those who worked behind the Bar including Caroline, who wasn't on the rota but we enjoyed her filling in and watching her boogie on down to the music with a glass in her hand (but I couldn't get my phone out in time to take a photo!) And also, to Sharon, who has been helping us out over the weekend beyond the hours she has put her name down for. Actually, I could go on naming lots of volunteers who are now coming forward but I would run out of room. Just to say that it is really good to have your support – especially when BT failed us so that we had no internet, no card payment and we had to go back to the old days and write everything down to when we used only the till. Was it really that hard in the olden days? Actually, that would only be about one year ago but time does move on.....



Sailing and Angling Report:

Only 7 weeks to go till the start of the sailing season! RC Sailing Kevin is busy in the background planning and preparing -not just for the races but for the Platinum Jubilee weekend in June. More details to follow so do watch out for the fun ahead. I do love the anticipation of what treats and pleasures that we haven't tried before that any future times like this can bring us!

On the Angling front, George tells me that the weather won again and Sunday's match had to be cancelled. Never mind boys, the next competition is Sunday 20th Feb from 10.30am until 4pm - a good time gap so let's hope that the weather will be more kind. What I am seeing so far is light rain and fresh breeze but, you know better than I do that this could change as I am busy typing the blog!

Again, from George, the Angling Calendar has now been decided and has now been posted on the website and is as follows:

PAGHAM YACHT CLUB ANGLING SECTION 2022 Competition Dates

DATE	Species	Start	End	HIGH TIDE	HEIGHT IN METERS
10/04/2022	PLAICE	08.30AM	4.00PM	06.10AM	3.9M
24/04/2022	PLAICE	08.30AM	4.00PM	06.01AM	4.4M
01/05/2022	SKATE	08.30AM	4.00PM	12.42PM	5.5M
15/05/2022	SMOOTHOUND	08.00AM	4.00PM	11.15AM	5.5M
22/05/2022	SMOOTHOUND	07.30AM	2.30PM	04.39AM	4.8M
29/05/2022	BREAM	08.00AM	4.00PM	11.36AM	5.2M
12/06/2022	BREAM	07.00AM	4.00PM	10.00AM	5.2M
26/06/2022	BREAM	07.30AM	4.00PM	10.25AM	4.8M

03/07/2022	SMOOTHOUND	09.30AM	5.00PM	2.45PM	5.0M
10/07/2022	GURNARD	10.00AM	4.00PM	08.34AM	4.7M
24/07/2022	SKATE	10.00AM	5.00PM	08.54AM	4.3M
14/08/2022	BASS	10.00AM	5.00PM	13.59PM	6.0M KAYAK competition
28/08/2022	BASS	08.30AM	4.30PM	12.55PM	5.5M KAYAK competition
04/09/2022	PLAICE	07.30AM	2.30PM	04.59AM	4.7M
18/09/2022	PLAICE	07.30AM	2.30PM	05.01AM	4.4M
02/10/2022	COD & WHITING	07.30AM	2.00PM	03.45AM	5.1M
22/10/2022	COD & WHITING	7.00PM	MIDNIGHT	0.13PM	5.0M BEACH competition

Boats on the water at start time, all anglers to help with launching & recovery of craft.

The KAYAK competitors are also open to normal fishing boats.

The Cod & Whiting competitions are the best whiting if no Cod are caught.

£5.00 competition fee to be paid before leaving the beach.

UNDERSIZED FISH WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. PLEASE REFER TO YOUR MINIMUM SIZE LIST.

As always, the competition is subject to cancellation due to the weather conditions. You have been warned!

And finally, another reminder 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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Membership

From Andy the Membership Secretary, March 1st 2022 is the start of the new membership year which means renewals will be accepted here onwards, **up until March 31st** and a thank you to those of you that have already renewed your membership. As we reach March 1st, Andy will arrange for the membership cards to either be delivered to you or left at the Clubhouse for collection. Please look out for this.

For those of you yet to renew please ensure that the correct payment is made. Details are on the Club noticeboard, in the bar area and, of course online, www.paghamyachtclub.com/membership. Please can you also kindly complete the application form because we are updating the information we collect and we are very keen to capture all those that are able to volunteer their time to help the Club.

We have also heard from a few that will not be renewing their membership and are sadly leaving us. We all hope that one day we can welcome you back as the Club has some exciting times ahead and our wish is that maybe, you could re-join us. As always, do let us know if there is a problem about re-joining now that we can help you with.

Social Events



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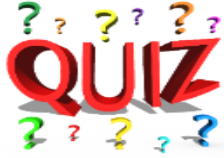


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Strike!

From RC Social & Fundraising Sue, please do not forget that we have a Skittles Evening this coming Saturday night. Members are actively encouraged to bring guests – especially if they have children who would be interested but, do sign them in so they can enjoy hotdogs or hamburgers with cheese for £2 each, starting at around 6pm. Do pop along and have a drink or two, something to eat, and try your luck (or encourage your children to have a go) with a strike!



The interest is building up for the 19th for a 7pm start for the Quiz. Rosie and Andy's Quiz will include a buffet at half time at £4ph (was originally posted at £5ph) for teams of 4. We do have names down but no names of the team! What is going on? I do not want to hear of you coming forward with significant names that will blow the rest of us out of the game! (That means that we don't know what they are without turning our phones on to look them up!) Come on and sign up as we need your money or I will take what we have and go for a massage! Well actually, if the worst happens.....oh, never mind!

So, I did post last week that we do have lots of events booked for March onwards but I won't go through them all again. I will say that we do now have so many fantastic occasions booked that I will post them again next week and they will also be posted on our current website in any case. You may also be aware that we are in the process of building a new, more accessible, usable and superior website with more information for our members and for potential members and all information will be published on there when the old website will be collapsed. We will let you know when we are able to launch this for you but I am happy to say that it will be very soon.

I can remind you now about what is happening during March when we have on the 5th, Pebble Beach indoor golf competition with Chilli Cheese Nacho's at £3ph, on the 6th Duncan McKenzie, welcoming back a fantastic Singer and Guitarist and the 20th Sarah Saville Singer for a 2pm start.

I know that there may be more that I could let you have but that should keep you going – as I said, for now!

I look forward to defeating you in one of the competitions very soon! Well, in my dreams.....

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