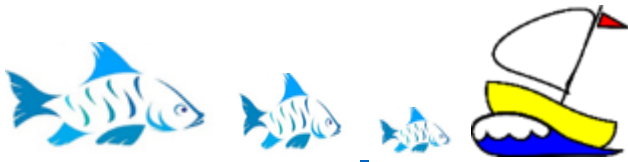


Hi Everybody,



We all just know that there are now going to be some amazing photos of the beach or the world around us as we head into December. I saw a gorgeous butterfly yesterday on 26<sup>th</sup> November but, by the time I had my phone out my shadow scared it off. But I will remember that. A Red Admiral butterfly in November! Wow! Lucky me. Little things make the world go round and keep us alive – thank heavens 8-)



## Sailing Events & Angling

You all know that the Sailing season is now on hold until 7<sup>th</sup> April next year with the Ice Breaker competition on 7<sup>th</sup> April. Do put that in your diary as the Commodore has invited you for a drink afterwards as we have got to have something to look forward to after Christmas! We will be publishing the next seasons calendar for Sailing and Angling soon so do watch out for them.

## Angling

From George, four anglers fished Sunday's competition with only a small Whiting caught by RC Angling Paul. Sammy the Seal was also about but, the big surprise was a pod of porpoises about 500 yards out and inside the inner mulberry travelling towards Bognor around 11.30am Sunday morning. No pictures, but what wonders we are treated to living here!

Charlie caught a nice Channel Whiting off the club beach on Tuesday evening and, from RC Angling Paul – at least he didn't lose his rod this time! Sorry about his comments Charlie. You can get him back later in the season by winning ahead of him!



RC Angling Paul is hoping to arrange a local charter trip with Warren Scott over the Christmas period fishing for the away-day Cup. Could those anglers who are interested in this contact Paul for full details. Andy Tolladay won last years' trophy but - will he be able to win it again? Good luck to those who take part as it is an enjoyable jaunt!

## Calendar

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - Ice Breaker Sailing with Commodore's Invite to Sailors for Drinks (afterwards)

## AGM

I'm pleased to say that we had a really good turn out with 44 members attending our AGM on Sunday. You now have a slightly different Management Committee with four new members on board:-

Val Young as Committee Members (was Mick Bentley)

Jenna Ridgway as Safeguarding & Welfare Officer (was Lesley Haynes)

Stuart Ashwood as RC Sailing (was Kevin Mason who is now Bosun)

Mike Naish as RC Planning, filling a vacant position



There were only two main proposals that were put before the members; one was for £4,500 for purchase of a replacement container for the Boat Park. Once it was established that this included the amount to remove the rusty container and the cost of a crane to lift the replacement into the area, the proposal was accepted.

Two other proposals to increase the amount for supplementary systems for the solar panels and for the contingency to help encourage youth and family members were put on hold and withdrawn from this meeting.

The proposal for Honorary Membership for Andy Grout received enormous support from all! I'm told we don't need to call him Your Honour – just Sir will do!

There was a good deal of discussion regarding the subscription and fees for 2024/25 which included Membership fees for social members. Following conversations regarding former sailors and anglers who are now social members, it was noted that future consideration of any category will take this into account.

Unfortunately, following the AGM we are still without a Bar Manager and, although we have seen a huge improvement in the numbers of members who have come forward to do Bar duties (well done to all and everybody who have stepped forward !!!) we are now considering looking to go back to forming a Bar Committee to run it - unless we have a member comes forward soon. I hasten to add that this is not the Wine Committee as that is a totally different setup.

The Bar Committee was the means of how it was run in the past, before the role of Bar Manager was created, with individuals with skills in certain areas taking these on - but acting together as one unit. We have already heard from one member who has experience in the pub trade who could help with stock control – to ensure that we have enough of certain drinks but that we don't over stock or buy ones that won't sell etc. That is vital!

We will also need a person who can put it in his/her diary to talk to our Molson Coors rep for the beer needed on a weekly or monthly basis to order more, depending on how busy we have been or if we have an event coming up? Are you a forward planner who could deal with this as you would have lots of advice about how much was needed?

So, is there an area where you feel you would like to contribute your talents or efforts? Perhaps you are retired, or in a job where you are free a couple of mornings or afternoons and wouldn't mind popping down to Bookers to do some shopping for certain items such as cans of coke or Fanta that we are getting low on stock of? You could do this at the weekend or on your way home from work!

Or perhaps, just coming into the Bar and filling the shelves and refrigerators up with stock from the Cellar before it is open to ensure we have enough stock. That could happen at any time during the day, even when the Bar will not be open on that day in preparation for when Bar staff come in. I say "just" but that means you tell the Committee that we are running out of Coke or Fanta and the person who is doing the Bookers run knows what to purchase. Working as a team!

Or doing the Bar rota duties? That can be done from home. The list of what we are asking people to do seems endless but remember, Paul Grey did them all (with Nats!) whilst running his own business.

We would be asking for a sub-Committee of six or more.

Do have a think about this and let myself or a member of the Management Committee know for further details about what you need to be involved in. All together now – breathe deeply! Ahhhhh.....we can do this.

## New Years Eve Celebration

I will keep repeating this as we have been selling tickets which are available from behind the Bar and I want to make sure you tell us in good time so we can get enough food and Bar supplies in to make sure you get a really good evening! They are for a cash only purchase of £40 per person and please make sure that your name is ticked off the list against the ticket number to show that you have paid.

They've just put the Christmas tree up in Pagham today so I'm now in the real Christmas mood to make sure we can get ready to dance to the fabulous singing from Sarah Woods! Whooohooo!!!! Merry Christmas everybody! (Yes, I know – leave me alone – I'm happy so far!)

## Social Events

It's happened again! This time the Play Your Cards Right winnings was for £776 and the nearest person to get there was Sharon! Just look at the delight on her face and her body language when her cards were on the top row and then.....



I can't believe who was more excited! Sharon or the audience!!! But the inevitable happened and those cards just didn't want to co-operate and no-one won! Sorry about that Sharon as you would have looked good in a bikini in Malaga now (if the flights were still running). Hey ho, life is like that!

That means that the next Play Your Cards Right competition for £776 will now be on Friday January 5<sup>th</sup> after 8pm as Keith is going for a very long line down! Don't blame him! Happy early Christmas Keith!!!!

(PS: What bothers me is if they put any prices up over Christmas that we might not be able to enjoy the £776 to its full extent.

My dog Binky has just eaten my hearing aid worth £1,900 which my household insurance won't cover as she is a pet.....and if I don't win next time, I won't be able to hear all those lovely comments you say when I'm not in your



hearing range! )

Oh well. Who needs to win to enjoy!

Speaking of which, on Saturday, we were supposed to be welcoming the Triple X band who perform songs from the 60's right through to the present day and I know that a lot of us were looking forward to getting our bodies on the dance floor! What a shame that their singer was a victim to one of these awful viruses that are going around and they had to cancel. The good news is that we will get them back and we will let you know when so we can make a good evening from it.

The other good news was that Sue had already booked Louise Connely to lead us from the AGM on Sunday afternoon and what a great decision that was!!!!

We have had Louise come and perform with us a couple of times before but – well, what can say!!! Each time she is a different and profound creature. This time she stayed until 6.15pm and performed so many different songs that showed how diverse she is and how lucky we are to have her perform to us so early in her career. I think we can all agree that she is a superstar in the making!





Speaking of which, I am pleased to let you know that we have booked Louise as our entertainment for the PYC entertainment for the celebration of our **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** for the weekend of 25/26<sup>th</sup> May! That is now looking to be a fantastic event and we will keep you updated on what is happening on what dates as soon as possible. If I can, I may publish the comments about Louise on our Club notice boards— and if I can, on our website as she was amazing!!!!

## Childrens Christmas Party



From Sue, the list is now up for the Childrens Christmas Party on Saturday 16th December with Santa Claus!!!!!! From Santa's Elves, they have told me that they cannot accept any late names after the list is taken down as they have to sneak in through the night when we are closed to get the final list from PYC to prepare the list for Santa and, after they have done that, they make sure he doesn't carry any spare presents. (I think it's due to HMRC charging them vat on any work they do from their toadstool habitats so they are getting very businesslike about what they do.) Sorry about that but don't be upset as those Elves can be really troublesome. Make sure you get your child's name down on the list with £5 payment soon!

## Valentines Day

We are still looking at the possibility of running a limited superb Valentines Evening Dinner with all the trimmings with fantastic food created from our chef. I have to say that the reaction has been what I had sadly expected – to offer a fantastic menu with all of the service, plates etc from the chef with all of our sea views to enjoy over candle light – for less than the Inglenook or other Hotels or restaurants are offering on that night.....”*oh. too much! This is just a Club environment! I’d rather spend another £70 or £80 for the same pp (£140 or £160 plus drinks) or perhaps pay a lot more for the same meal in a different place!*”

Argghh!!!!!! Can you not move on, open your eyes and see what others cannot bring you and make the Club a fantastic place to be in on this evening when everything is being brought in?

Over to the membership to think about this as we are offering a really fantastic meal with separate tables, lovely lighting and candlesticks – plus a fantastic meal that isn’t being produced for 100+ others – and any of the drinks that will be at our price.....just think about it and ask if you would like to see the menu. If not – then we have tried and you have lost.

## Future Events

### December

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Men Behaving Madly 3.15pm
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> High Tide Band 8pm – evening event
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> TreeAnna – singer 3.15pm (date to be confirmed)
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Childrens Christmas Party - £5 per child  
Family – Skittles from 6pm
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Adrian Fraser – Singer 8pm Motown!!!!
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> **New Years Eve Celebration from 7.30pm!** Ticket entry only for £40 pp to this event and now on sale behind the Bar, cash only. This includes buffet, free drinks and entertainment by Sarah Wood!!!

### January 2024

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Play Your Cards Right – from 8pm

### February

- February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentines Dinner if sufficient interest – we need bookings by late December/early January please as this is a limited offer

### May

**Weekend 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – outside within a Marquee with food & entertainment with Louise Connely**

- more details to be circulated

## Other Business

I’ve had only one reply to the 'Random Corner' in my last blog so, best I put the Brass Monkeys in here as, if you look at them, they really are very Random!!!!

What else can I say? (I’m getting a bit worried about that bloke with the orange hat who keeps appearing in front of all the photos. Do you think he’s a stalker? Keeps appearing in front of CCTV cameras? It’s the hat that worries me.

Shall we do a poster? Those Elves are evil – you don’t know what is going on underneath that hat!!! Pointed ears!!!

Aargh! Help me!!!! It gets worse – is he one of those Star Trek persons!!!! Argghhhh



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