

Hi Everybody,



I was on the beach today and was going to post a picture of the Clubhouse on the blog for you but it was cold, the sky was grey and it was such a miserable photo. I thought instead that I'd remind you of what a wonderful position we have. I took this the end of November, just nine days ago, when the sky is bright blue and it just cheered me up by being there. Aren't we lucky? I thought I'd just keep you smiling.

Speaking of Clubhouses, the Commodore and I had a very enjoyable evening on Saturday celebrating Christmas at Bognor Sailing Club's as guests of their Commodore Rachael and Vice Commodore and President Sandra. A lovely meal and a very good exchange of ideas!



## Sailing Events & Angling

### Angling

From George, nothing to report this week due to the inclement weather.

Sunday's competition is 8am until 1pm, it is 10.46am and do watch out for the first 3 months beach competitions for 2025 as they will be published later this week.

### Fishing:

15/12/2024 08.00am 13.00pm 10.46 5.59m Beach Match

### Iain Donaldson

I'm in trouble – yet again, this time on three counts. Last week I told you that Iain was 86 when he finally submitted to the effects of Parkinson's disease and I passed on what I had been told he was up to as a Committee member in the past. Well, if you are going to be wrong, you might as well now chuckle to think of what Iain's reaction would have been if he was able to hear that we said he was RC Social when he was much better suited to RC Building! I did wonder about a carpenter taking on the social aspect when that was in fact his wife. Also, Iain was a good 89 when he finally submitted to Alzheimers, one of the sad problems of that dreadful Parkinson's disease.

Don't forget that the family would love to see Iain's friends at his cremation which will be held at Arun on Wednesday **18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am**, - this is different to the 11am time we were told originally, to be followed by a Wake at PYC clubhouse afterwards. Parking will be in the Boat car-park and all are welcome to join the family in celebration of his life and his time at the Club. (And have a laugh at the thought of Iain being RC Social!)

## Christmas Raffle



I am pleased to say that the “Lucky Squares” for the Christmas Raffle at £2 each are going very well indeed and I am delighted to let you know that we have been given some more exciting gifts from local businesses including a £30 voucher from the Lion towards a meal and a Sunday lunch for two from The Lamb, other than our usual Champagne, Pink Fizz and Christmas gifts. We are still hoping that you will pop an extra gift into your shopping basket that we can slip into the prizes to make it an interesting draw but, in the meantime, do please remember to spend £2, £4 or £6 on your favourite numbers in the hope of an evening out – or an evening in with something special!

## Social Events



Happy Birthday Theresa! Not quite the card you wanted. And Colin manages to get two times three??



Friday evening saw Keith return with another round of **Play Your Cards Right**. It proved to be a really competitive night with three rounds and two winners – and not surprisingly, I wasn't one of them! It must be something that the cards give off that reacts with my brain cells that makes them ignore any common sense or advice from the floor.



I have never been able to get past the second card and I can only thank heavens I don't bet! So, the actual winners were Dave the biker who, I think won £36, and Alison who won £46. Well done to both of them who probably used more intellect than I possess.

And on Sunday, we saw the return of Adrian Fraser with a wide range of music including 70s, 80s and Motown – lots of really good varied dance songs which heated the room up! Even better than that – I knew the words to most of them! We even had our potential Superstar youth member Millie performing – I would have loved to let you have a photo but I only have a video of her and I'm not sure you have the energy to watch her dance through the entire singing of the Brotherhood of Man, Angelo. I had to go lie down afterwards.



It's on afternoons/evenings like this during the winter months when we have a singer or a band to entertain us and we want to get up and dance that I feel the lack of a good deep entertainment area inside badly. It isn't something we can easily remedy, only looking forward towards the summer and dancing under the gazebo and the sunshine. Oh well..... I think I can put up with that.

So, what do we have coming up for you to look forward to?



Next Saturday is Jamie Stewart's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration to which all members are invited to join him to display their support and, more importantly, their dancing skills. I look forward to seeing some of our male members displaying their bopping, shaking and wiggling talent as well as our able female members. Watch this space!



## Turkey & Pork Baps and Christmas Raffle

I've mentioned above the Christmas Raffle which will be drawn during the afternoon of Sunday 22nd December, along with the pre-Christmas Bap Roll treat for our members from the Commodore Chef with Turkey and Pork. If there are any vegetarians attending, please can you tell me so I can let Paul know. Don't forget to put this in your diary or on your calendar as it is a great way to welcome in the fast approach of Christmas.



## Christmas Day

Again, a reminder to put this into your diary or on your calendar as the Commodore Paul will be inviting the members into, or outside the Club from 12 noon until 2pm on Christmas day to join him to celebrate - with perhaps a drink or two??



## New Years Eve Celebration



I don't want you to forget that tickets are still readily available for our New Year's Party at £45 per head for an "all in" evening from 7.30pm for the Jordan's Buffet, all drinks included (excluding Champagne), music by Sarah Wood and Fireworks at Midnight.

Tickets are going very well and food has already been ordered based on the interest shown and tickets sold. It also now looks as if the Fireworks display will be simply stunning as our Bosun is in his element when it comes to lighting up the sky – and the sea! Welcoming in the New Year at Midnight is looking to be a good event!

Tickets can be obtained from a Committee member and are available, cash only, from behind the Bar.

## Future Events

### December

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Jamie's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday 7.30pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Iain Donaldson's Wake from 12noon

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Raffle and Commodore's Turkey & Pork Rolls (and veggie?)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Commodore's Christmas Drinks from Middy until 2pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Pram Race 11am

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve Celebration with Sarah Wood, food & drinks included in your ticket from 7.30pm

### January 2025

New Years Day Bar Opening 1 – 4pm

## Any Other Business



### I am delighted to let you know that we are taking part in The Pagham Pram Race!

Kevin M has let me know that it will be him, Allan Fry, Ryan and Jemma and tall Terry. I did ask what their Pram/boat would be like and was told – "a boat". I think that means it's too early to release information like that – or they haven't got a clue yet!!! I'm not telling you what I think.

So, another bit of information from me about the Bar and what I always tell those wonderful members who work behind the Bar. I always say to members who pay by card in whatever situation or place – be it a Club or an off licence etc to **NOT** hand their card over to anyone for payment. On Sunday, I found myself taking a debit card off a member to the till for a payment. I couldn't believe that I had done that! I immediately went back and handed it over and apologised. As a member or guest in our Club, no one will ask you to hand over your debit/master card for payment and you must not let it out of your hands – please.

Speaking of things you mustn't do is to tell bad jokes. So, I thought I'd tell a really bad one now to warn you off doing it in the future:

What did the bartender say when the pirate walked into the bar with a steering wheel attached to his belt buckle?

"Hey, matey! You've got a steering wheel down your pants!" The pirate replies, "Arrr, it's driving me to drink!"

Boom, Boom!!!!

Till next time x

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