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THE NEW PRESIDENT



It is a pleasure to introduce our new President Fred Haines as there is much to tell. The Editor worked with Fred in the '90's and remembers the mix of fun and graft with few dull moments and I would suggest we are in for a year of something very similar. Fred is a large character in every degree. Educated in the round in both business and those extra curricular things that make for an interesting life especially sport which is Fred's abiding passion.

He was born in 1957, the only son but with two sisters, and by his own admission, much spoiled. His father was a paper mill manager opening mills in Iran, South Africa, New Zealand and Canada living in Canada for 3 years between ages 10 and 13 and South Africa between 18 and 20. I must guess that it was this background that gave him the taste for adventure which is writ so large in his business and private life. He was educated at Elmhurst Grammar School in Somerset and Durban University in South Africa. Back in the UK he read Law and Economics at Bournemouth graduating with an Honours degree.

Fred is currently Managing Director of Premier Paper Group but how did he get there? His business life began as a management trainee at Bowaters where his head for heights and high levels of energy were becoming appar-

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ent. He was quite obviously developing a taste for challenges as it was at this time he began an ascending career in ever more responsible management roles with merchants and mills much of it at a very young age. Like Custer he must have been seen by his contemporaries as a something of a Boy General, but unlike Custer Fred avoided those Little Big Horns that can come up and bite in such challenging business environments. He seemed to thrive on all these challenges and changes, in fact actively to seek them.

Sport is a very, very big thing in Fred's life. He played for his school at rugby, cricket and basketball and for Loughborough at rugby and is an avowed Leicester Tigers fanatic. I remember during my working time with Fred he would come in on a Monday after a big game at the weekend looking as if he had gone the distance with Sonny Liston. He is a keen golfer these days with, as I remember, a howitzer like drive and admits

to playing off 12. The sporting side of PICT should be well served by our incoming President.

Now for romance. Fred met Rose at school in Somerset at age 14. They met again at Bournemouth University. They have been married for 26 years and have two children Jack aged 18 and Hollie aged 15. The family home is in Cropston, Leicestershire.

Fred's other passion is all things to do with water borne activities and has a boat that he keeps on the south coast and tells me is never happier than spending time afloat with family and friends.

So there we have it. We have in our new President a well rounded (sorry Fred) individual who will bring so much to the PICT party and we look forward to your year.

AGM/EGM - 15TH NOVEMBER 2007



Attentive Membership

The meeting was held in the Millennium Suite of the RAF Club in Piccadilly on Thursday, 15th November 2007 and was attended by twenty six members. A comment first on the RAF Club itself for those, like the editor, who have never visited this venerable establishment. Having an abiding interest in all things to do with aviation and had done some

flying himself in the distant past though not with the military it is a virtual museum of all things to do with military aviation with busts and portraits of the great and the good from that world. A fascinating place.

The business of the meeting is reported elsewhere in the Newsletter but the editor can report that it was a very sociable affair as would be expected with a buffet and plenty of Beaujolais Nouveau, it being that time of year.

Some members left after the meeting but most stayed on to circulate. There is always something to talk about; that was very apparent and for the editor it was good to pick up again with friends and contacts from the Trade from which he retired several years ago.



EGM Top Table hard at work

STATIONERS' SOCIAL SOCIETY AGM MINUTES

The President, David Houseman, took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 26 members in attendance.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2006 (published in PICT Newsletter No 1 April 2007) were proposed for approval by B FoWler, seconded by K Dewey and unanimously approved.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Apologies for Absence

were recorded from: B Aplin, M Bairstow, N Belltye, I Berrett, K Byatt, H Davies, O Davis, R Dean, R Dickinson, D Donaldson, M Dyer, S Farnworth, M Ferrari, G Fraser, M Gee, M Gore, R Green, T Griffin, N Haslam, B Kelly, S Mason, J Perry, M Sinclair, Mrs I Smith, Mrs J Stanley, M Stears, C Stockley, A Towle, J Turner, J Vanderpump, P Woollett, K Worsley.

4. Presentation of Accounts for the year ended 31st Dec 2006

R Benwell presented the Accounts. There were no questions on the Accounts. Their acceptance was proposed by C Duncan, seconded by George Fowler and carried unanimously.

5. At the EGM of the Society held on 19th July 2006, the proposal to consolidate the Stationers' Social Society ("the Society") and the Stationers' Social Society Benevolent Fund ("the Fund") into one charitable company limited by guarantee was unanimously approved. Such a company has now been set up and is called the Paper Industry Charitable Trust (PICT). It is now necessary to wind up the Society and Benevolent Fund and transfer the assets to PICT, Rule 16.1 of the Society enables the winding up to occur by special resolution. The remaining assets can then be donated to a charity of the Committee's choice.

It was proposed by D Houseman, seconded by R Benwell and unanimously agreed by those present that the Society and Fund be wound up under Rule 16.1 by special resolution and the assets transferred to the Paper Industry Charitable Trust.

PICT EGM MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 18.50 hrs. David Houseman was in the Chair. There were 26 members in attendance.

1. President's Report 2007 (which appears in Newsletter No. 2 - December 2007).

2. To confirm appointment of President 2008

The President announced that following a Past Presidents' proposal, the Committee recommended that Fred Haines be elected President for 2008. This announcement was warmly applauded. Fred Haines took the chair and said that he was looking forward to his year and thanked David for his enthusiasm, hard work and determined leadership and hoped to maintain the momentum that David's energy had created.

3. To confirm appointment of Vice President 2008

Fred Haines' first duty was to announce that it was the Past Presidents' recommendation that Rod Benwell, who had been Treasurer of the Stationers' Social Society for over 10 years, become Vice President for 2008. Rod Benwell was then invested with the Vice President's badge and thanked the Past Presidents for the honour. He was warmly applauded.

4. To confirm appointment of other Board Members.

This item to be carried forward to the first AGM of PICT which would be held in 2008.

5. Any Other Business

The question was asked from the floor if there would be a new President's Badge of Office for the new PIC Trust but the meeting was informed that it had been agreed to keep the Stationers' Social Society Badge. However, the Past Presidents' badges would be re-ribboned with a different colour and the letters PICT would also appear on the badges.

The meeting ended at 19.05 hours and was followed by an informal buffet.

INTRO TO THE NEW EDITOR - BY THE OLD ONE

Although without any 'previous' Bev Steele brings much else to the journalistic table. A lengthy Paper Trade career, skills and interests aplenty, years of involvement in the two main Societies, as was, and, not least, a highly individual and engaging sense of humour. He approaches his new responsibility with some trepidation but a great deal of enthusiasm and ideas of his own. I am really looking forward to his first issue although, being honest, it will feel a bit strange not being involved!

Bev is 68 now and has lived in or near London all his life. His first job was with John Dickinson where he got the basic training which later carried him through spells at Tullis Russell (8 years), Bunzl (8 years) and Thomas Tait (23 years) before retiring in 2001. Not finally though. Instead he did what he calls a 'Frank Sinatra' making a 3 year come-back with Taits.

He joined the Stationers' Social Society in 1971 and was a keen supporter of the social events and shooting section of which he subsequently became Secretary for eight years and remains Chairman to this day. What he is too modest to tell me himself is that he has also won most of the trophies over many seasons, his



aim good enough for target rifle (full bore and .22), clay pigeon, and game, both shotgun and rifle. He both collects and competes with vintage rifles. He has been a long serving and contributing member to the General Committee of the SSS/PICT for many years so knows all the ins and outs well.

Bev was made President of the London Pride Society in 2002, a society he first joined in the early 60's.

He is married to Evelyn (1971) and has one son, Jeremy who 'escaped' to Australia to live.

To paraphrase Elkie Brooks "Bev's a singer" but not just for the "lost and the lonely". His favourite pas-

times are "singing songs and telling jokes" and he has been doing both since starting as a dance band singer back in 1960. Today he sings with a Croydon based jazz outfit, and once famously appeared with Ron Ingarfield at a trendy Mayfair restaurant!

A very shiny MG "B" (Green) Roadster is another of the many loves in Bev's life and is often to be seen at rallies via a Kent based Vintage Motor Club. Like myself, Bev is a great one for motoring holidays of the long distance variety and can list most continents on his travel CV.

At the other end of the travel scale he is a keen and regular walker, mostly in deepest Surrey, but also

in further flung fields like Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Austria, usually with fellow 'oldies' still capable of ten miles at a decent pace.

Throw in social history, a love he and his wife share, plus being members of the National Film Theatre, and it can be easily seen that PICT are fortunate that the new Editor was able to find space in his diary for yet another interest.

A FAREWELL TO JACK PERRY - FROM THE NEW EDITOR



It is with a rich mix of anticipation and trepidation that I can tell the wider PICT membership of the change of editorship of the Newsletter. Trust me, you will notice the difference. Jack Perry wrote in English of course. My light doggerel, more Enid Blyton than Joseph Conrad will just not be the same. Also I am very aware of the size of the boots I must try and fill.

It all came about when Jack decided a while back, that with the change from SSS to PICT, plus his intention to spend more time at his hacienda in Spain it might be an appropriate moment to release the reins of Editorship; reins he has held since the inauguration of the first Newsletter thirty two years ago. I made my first editorial decision when I decided I would write a piece on Jack, that quiet man of the Trade.

Not sparing his blushes, I will describe him as an icon of the Stationers' Social Society of which he has been a member since 1955. He is in very rude health as I write this so it is in no way an obituary or valedictory address, more an expression of appreciation of one who has

done more than most to form the ethos of the modern Stationers' Social Society up to the formation of PICT, I will try not to make this a litany but by its nature it will be a bit like one.

Jack joined the industry in 1948 and as mentioned, the S.S.S in 1955 of which he was Secretary from '72 to '80.

He was elected President for the centenary year of 1981, the year he wrote the "History of the SSS" and was made a Life Member in 1991

His sporting achievements are many. So many it's enough to make this sporting dumpling tired to describe it all, but some people seem to do well at whatever they choose to do and I must guess Jack is one of those.

He joined the Tennis section in 1955

and was Secretary of it from 1968. He was the record holder (with John Reece) winning the Penman Trophy seven years in a row, and the Johnston Cup twice but forty years apart. Is that amazing or what?

He started the squash section in 1971 and was the losing finalist three times.

As a member of the Bowls triples team he won three times and has hardly missed a golf meeting since 1980. I understand he has won most if not all of the golf trophies at some time.

At this juncture the author will draw breath, have a lie down with an oxygen cylinder and proceed to tell you of Jack's achievements in the world of golf. He was Captain of the SSS (now PICT) Golf Section since 2001, Past Captain, Paper Trade Golfing Society and Paper Agents

Golfing Society. Us mere mortals can but wonder.

He admits never having fished, skied or thank goodness shot which gives the shooters among us a chance to shine.

So there it is. In Jack's working life and times the Trade has changed greatly and the social societies within it have had to change too. I am perhaps leading the charge here in saying for all of us who knew Jack many thanks for all you have done. I know the Newsletter was an unstinting labour of love for you and you will doubtless miss the trials and involvements that came in its wake.

We wish you and Lilian a full and happy retirement.

By Bev Steele

PRESIDENT'S END OF YEAR REPORT BY DAVID HOUSEMAN



It is hard to believe that it is twelve months since I took on the Presidency of the Stationers Social Society-time has simply flown by and so many changes and new initiatives have been launched that looking back over my year, I now realise how much has been achieved and yet how much more there is still to be done.

I felt at the onset of my year that the chance I had been given to put something back into an industry, that I have much enjoyed working within for so many years, was to be cherished. I hope that the results of some of PICT's activities started this year will help to develop a strong and relevant charitable organisation for all those employed in our industry in years to come.

Inevitably the change, after 125 years from the Stationers Social Society to the Paper Industry Charitable Trust, a fully fledged national charity, was bound to be challenging, and tinged with some sadness particularly for those loyal supporters of the SSS who had enjoyed the halcyon days of the Society some decades past.

There have over the years been a number of characters whose influence have played a significant role in the continuation and promotion of the SSS and these individuals have been recognised through their elevation to Life membership of the Society. However in recent years one name stands out above the rest as being at the heart of the SSS and this is of course Jack Perry, whose commitment as a Past President, a Committee member, with his involvement in both the Tennis and Golf sections, and of course for over thirty years being Editor of the Newsletter which he created, has been simply outstanding. Understandably for a variety reasons, not least the fact that Jack and Lilian are spending more time in Spain and that the new charity faced different challenges, Jack decided this year to put down his quill, relinquish his responsibilities within the Sports sections and retire to the back benches.

Any of us who have been involved in the SSS know what a massive influence and immense contribution Jack has made over the years and he deserves a very big "Thank You" for all that he has done.

In launching PICT, the aim was to maintain and develop the culture of friendship and fun that so many had enjoyed in previous years under the SSS banner. We wanted to widen its' appeal to encompass the whole of the UK with events and activities that many more could enjoy and to raise money to help others.

The Annual Dinner, which continues to attract large numbers, is of course the first major event in the calendar for the President. I have to say that despite some deliciously salacious, but witty remarks about me from my friend Stephen Mason, the reaction to the evening's programme seemed extraordinarily positive and the performance by the Divas and Tenors appeared to bring a real buzz of fun to the proceedings. Ian Irving, our man from Ba-zil-don made us all laugh and sent us on our weary way to the bar and for some beyond into the nightlife of London.

Nearly £4,500 was raised in our charity collection and this was shared between PICT and Naomi House Children's Hospice. As in previous years, the Royal Lancaster staff ensured that we all had a great evening, which was once again so ably and professionally organised by Anne James without whose efforts we would all be lost.

The initiative to have a Paper Industry charity and to bring in support with Corporate donations has happily been a success, but the ability of us to win over individuals as donors within these Corporations remains a challenge. However during this year, with the help of a number of key people who I describe as "Movers and Shakers", we have managed to attract over four hundred individuals to events that have included, Charity Golf days in the Midlands and Scotland, two screenings of a dreadful Rugby World Cup thrashing against

South Africa at Leicester Tigers and at Twickenham, as well as a screening of a victorious England football side against Russia at Headingley and in doing so raised over £8000 for PICT and a number of other worthy causes. Plans are well advanced for a "Night at the Dogs", greyhound racing at Bellevue Manchester in February.

My thanks to Stephen Paul, Duane Percival, David Fletcher, Fred Haines, Barry Campbell, Andy Thompson, Martin Evans, and John Turner who all helped organise these special events and I very much hope these will continue to grow in both number and popularity as time passes.

One new, but key appointment has been Bev Steele, that young and dynamic "cub" reporter, who has taken over from Jack as Editor of the Newsletter. I feel sure that we all wish him lots of success in this role and look forward to reading his first edition, which will be published in December.

Over the months we have had a number of discussions about how best we can utilise our expanding funds and have decided that apart from our traditional role of helping those who have worked in the Trade who now need some additional financial assistance, that we would pay for the costs of transporting parties of school children to the Apsley Paper Trail site at Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire. A number of schools have been nominated by individual donors, and we hope to start these visits early in the New Year. We would welcome the names and details of other schools who might enjoy a visit to this interesting industrial site, where young people will get a taste of our industry.

The Sports sections have sadly found support for their activities to be hard to come by, but for my part I have much enjoyed Shooting at Bisley, umpiring the PICT v Horne cricket match, which we won without compromising my neutrality, a fun filled afternoon with the athletes who make up SHANKS, a couple of delightful outings with the Golf section, and to top it off a lunch with the fishermen, and a vain attempt to catch a fish!

My thanks to Kevin Dewey, Keith Byatt and Bev Steele, Darren King, Alistair Nicoll, and George Fowler who made me feel so welcome, as well as all those others who run our Sports sections. My hope is that despite the difficulties in attracting participants that these meetings will continue and once more gain the support that they so deserve.

I have represented the Charity at dinners held by the London Pride Society, the NAPM, and the British Wood Pulp Association, and hope that the PICT name will grow in recognition and continue to attract support from all parts of our industry.

It has been a huge honour to be the last President of the Stationers and the first of PICT, and I intend to continue to play an active role as Immediate Past President and try to help the further development of PICT's activities.

To all those who have given up their time, whether as members of the Committee, Sports section secretaries, or Movers and Shakers, I would like to take this opportunity to put on record my thanks to you all for all your support and help in making this important year in the life of PICT the success that I feel it has been.

May I also thank particularly Rod Benwell our Treasurer, who manages the financial affairs of the Charity so well. To Patrick Shorten and Bernard Kelly who acted as Trustees on the Benevolent Fund and have been instrumental in the process of our achieving full charitable status, we owe our thanks to them for the hours spent reading and commenting on the seemingly endless correspondence and detail from our lawyers and the Charity commissioners.

I would also like to mention Barry Fowler, whose advice and help I have much appreciated during my year and thank him for always being prepared to contribute his time and energy to various projects and issues.

A special "Thank You" must go to Anne James who has guided me through the meetings and so many other aspects of our activities and has always retained her sense of humour whilst being asked to perform an ever increasing number of tasks- I for one feel we all owe her our gratitude for her tireless efforts.

Finally, Fred Haines, my Vice President, who has already been heavily involved in PICT and who was always happy to assist in any way he could- to him I wish a very successful and fun filled year as the new President and feel certain that he will make an outstanding success of it.

REGIONAL EVENTS

TWICKENHAM EXPERIENCE

-14th September 2007

PICT took over Twickenham once again for a screening of England v South Africa in the World Cup group stages. Following on from the success of an evening at Chelsea Football Club and four years ago at Twickenham this is the third event of this kind we have arranged and yet again the support was overwhelming with over one hundred people attending.

The Will Carling Suite was the perfect venue with two large screens and twelve tables filling the room, the atmosphere was electric as everyone waited for kick off hoping to repeat the performance of four years previous. The rest as they say is history.....

On a positive the bar sales were up and everyone generously supported the PIC Trust raffle and score sweep raising a considerable amount of money for the Trust. I am glad to say that following this evening the England team have improved some what (Not that it could have got any worse).

Many thanks to everyone who supported this evening. Look out for future events including a screening at the New Wembley during Euro 2008 (fingers crossed) which will include a tour

Report by John Turner

ENGLAND v RUSSIA

- 12th September 2007

Duane Percival reports a total of 105 guests attended the Russia-England match with representatives from Robert Horne, Premier, McNaughtons, Rothera & Brereton, Howard Smith and M6 Papers.

From the Mill side of the Industry Curtis, International Paper, Papico and Condat UK were also on deck and approximately £1000 was raised for PICT.

A further £350 was raised by the sale of "match min-

utes" for St Gemma's Hospice in Leeds, a local cancer charity with a £100 cash prize for the lucky ticket holder who guessed the time of the opening goal in this instance put in by Michael Owen.

PICT Vice President Fred Haines was along to watch the match. Sounds like a very good time was had by all.

Report by Duane Percival

LANCS 25 CLUB DINNER

- 16th November 2007

This just a brief report, a minor word picture of one of the most prestigious dinners in the north west of England Paper Trade.

The author was invited by his old employers to attend this black tie event held at the Midland Hotel in the centre of Manchester on Friday, 16th November 2007. It was as ever a friendly, boisterous occasion, full of fun and no little glamour with the ladies in gorgeous gowns. 25 Club Secretary John Tootle made a grand job of the whole thing and the evening ran like the proverbial clockwork

117 folk attended the dinner including PICT President Fred Haines. We really did have a lot of fun and a very significant amount of money was raised for local charities. Most of us oldies stayed close afterwards sampling the waters as you do whilst the younger bloods fanned out all over town to look for whatever mischief Manchester could offer. No casualties were reported.



MENTION IN DESPATCHES

A LABOUR OF LOVE claims Jack Perry

It was always likely to be a difficult decision yet, when the need came, the time was just right. Even so, having launched the newsletter way back in 1975, and been at the editorial helm ever since, it will doubtless strike a bit strange when I receive Bev's first issue. He and I have chatted a lot about what is involved but it his baby now and I wish him well. He has his own creative style plus a great sense of humour so the portents are good.

My 'retirement' now would have been sensibly necessary whether under an SSS or PICT umbrella. When Lilian and I made the decision to spend part of our year in Spain, four years ago, we really had no idea then how much we were going to enjoy the open air life style.

To the point that we are now spending more time there than here and, as everyone knows, you can't be in two places at once even though one would often like to be.

Consequently I found myself missing committee meetings, not being able to support all the events as I have done for the last 50 years or so, and generally 'losing touch'. E-mail is great, and I am an enthusiastic user of the internet, but personal involvement is not replaceable.

So, time to move on, time to let someone else carry the banner, time to look back with great fondness on a Society which thrived for so long, enabled limitless numbers of real friendships to be born and weaned, and which was sadly brought to its knees by the relentlessly changing world of Paper. I have been privileged to be greatly involved with such a special organisation and whatever I have been able to contribute has been done willingly and with considerable personal reward.

Thank you to all those who have been so supportive over the years, and to all those whose friendship I continue to much enjoy as a result.

MARK WOOD



The funeral took place on Monday, 1st October 2007 at the Robin Hood Crematorium, near Solihull. Mark would have been 93 next January.

His Paper Trade career began in 1932 at Dixon & Roe, where he later met his wife to be, but was interrupted by the War. Mark served in the RAF, in Signals, and

was always proud of his Morse code skills. He became the London Office of John Todd & Sons, then papermakers in Lasswade, with tiny offices in Trig Lane just above H V Sier. Next stop was Tullis Russell for whom, after several years in London, he became Manager of their Birmingham office. He retired at the age of 65 but then continued in a part time capacity for merchants Pierce & Rooke, before opting for the quiet life ten years on.

He was a man of great integrity, much loved by all, an active supporter of the (then)Stationers' Social Society and, later, the Birmingham Social Society. For his sins he remained a Charlton supporter to the end, but the real loves of his life were his wife Kitty, who pre-deceased him, and his daughter Diane whose love of

horses from an early age led to her current success as a breeder of Arab stallions.

There weren't a huge number of Paper Trade folk at the funeral, not surprising when you think how long he has been retired, but those who were present will remember a discreet and kindly man, one of good humour and high moral standards.

I have special reasons for remembering him with great fondness. He gave Lilian away at our wedding, in the absence of a father, and we bought his house as our first home.

They don't make many like Mark anymore.

Report by Jack Perry

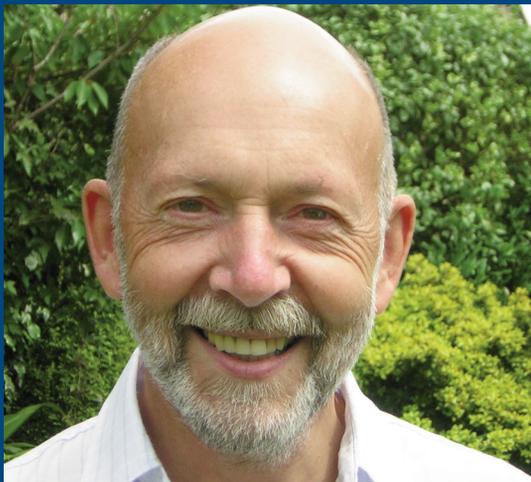
PICT CHARITY DONATIONS 2007

Central to all we do at PICT is to raise funds for our chosen charities. We are very pleased to tell our readership that the following donations have been made to the beneficiaries shown below:

Naomi House Charity	£2,212.50
<i>Naomi House is a children's hospice. Currently a home is being built specifically for teenagers with limited life prospects and we are particularly pleased to be involved with this work</i>	
Breast Cancer Care	£1000.00
Benevolent Claims	£2,200.00
Matt Hampson Trust	£500.00
St. Gemma's Hospice	£350.00

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FLY FISHING

Frensham Lakes – 22nd March 2007

Sitting in traffic on the M25 for 2½ hours with the snow gently falling, I thought I was going to have an organiser@s nightmare of a day. When I did arrive at the beautiful setting of Frensham Lakes, I was not only greeted by enthusiastic members of the angling section but rather appropriately by a large white polar bear sitting on the steps of the lodge – fortunately it was a stuffed cuddly toy!

In fact the snow turned to light rain and eventually dried up mid morning that left our party of twelve members and guests feeling happier than when they arrived. It was even better when rods started to bend all round the lake and some lovely rainbow trout were netted.

Frensham is a delightful fishery with a total of six small lakes, all of which yielded a trout or two to our intrepid party. It was clear that of PICT members, Glen Jenner and Dennis Cole were leading the way closely followed by Robert Taylor.

Eight of us adjourned to the local pub where we enjoyed an excellent lunch and good conversation as well as a well deserved warm up. David Monk presented the Monk Trophy to last year's winner, Dennis Cole. Such were our expectations for the afternoon that we did not dwell too long and were soon back on the banks casting at the swirls of rising fish.

Sandy White had not benefited from the warm up and departed early in fear of hypothermia but the remainder of us went on to enjoy a good afternoon's fishing. Since Frensham allows catch and release it meant that several people caught good numbers of fish some amounting to double figures and a lot of which went back to fight another day. Heaviest fish was caught by a guest, Roy Burgess, weighing in at 6½ lbs.

A splendid day despite the early weather and a fishery that no doubt we will return to in the future.



David Monk at Frensham Lakes

Bewl Water – Thurs 3rd May 2007

Nothing could have been more of a contrast as we moved from the small secluded lakes of Frensham to the vast open windswept waters of Bewl Reservoir, totalling 770 acres.

Fishing at Bewl is usually from two man open boats powered by outboard motors and our PICT party had five for the day. Having got everybody paired up, it was with some trepidation that David Gould and I stepped into our boat and swung out to head off though the waves to what we thought would be the best fishing grounds. After twenty minutes heading into a howling wind we decided to anchor up and start fishing. Other more sensible members had crept round the corner and

fished in the bay in front of the dam.

Anglers often talk about a nice ripple on the water but here we were faced with waves and white horses, but no fish, all quite ridiculous! When you are a long way from the fishing lodge, there is always an anxious moment when it comes to start the motor again but all was well and after two hours fishing we spent another twenty minutes battling across the waves knowing that a pub lunch was just around the corner.

Having described these conditions it is surprising that Martin Fagan and Gerry Overy were so involved in catching nothing that they completely missed lunch, that's fishing for you! The rest of us enjoyed the warmth and hospitality of the inappropriately named pub "The Brown Trout", several of us taking advantage of 'pensioners' meals.

The conversation was good but it was obvious that fishing had been very hard. However, undaunted we returned for another couple of hours in the afternoon before finally calling it a day.

By far the most success went to Glen Jenner with two fish, one foul hooked and two missed, and he moves further ahead in this year's Monk Trophy challenge. The only other PICT member to catch was Robert Taylor who caught the largest fish of the day weighing 2lb 14 oz.

Believe it or not we all enjoyed our day!!

River Test – Thurs 4th October 2007

Those who couldn't make the River Test missed out on an absolutely superb day. As I drove down the M3, I could see a mass of con trails radiating out from a low cloud and as is so often the case early in the morning, when I arrived at the fishery it was shrouded in thin mist with the sun showing weakly through it.

It was 7.45 and the first of our members and guests started to arrive although some relying on sat nav seemed to take rather longer than those reading an old fashioned map! By 10.30, all twenty anglers were spread out along the double banks of this beautiful river and by then the sun was out and it was shirtsleeve order for the rest of the day.

It was not long before the first catch was reported and from then on fish came out regularly throughout the morning. The river was higher than usual and crystal clear, probably the best we have seen in all the years we have been fishing it.

David Gould managed to land and return a 7½ lb brown trout late in the morning and as we arrived back at the fishing hut we could sense that there was some excitement in the air. It turned out that one of our guests had managed to land a salmon using a very small hook and light line, only the second salmon caught in all our visits. News then came in that another guest had landed an 8½ pounder as well so we settled down for lunch in a very happy mood.

The afternoon proved a little more tricky but yours truly added a third to his two browns caught in the morning and one of the guests ended up with a total of seven fish, truly remarkable on this notoriously difficult water.

The final tally for the day was seventeen fish which is by far the highest number ever caught. We also had very generous support for a raffle to win a day's fishing on my syndicate water that was won by a guest Mark Vincent.

It was very good to see some newcomers and hopefully we will see Andrew Smith and Darren Parker on future outings with their guests.

It was very difficult for some to tear themselves away at the end of a perfect day and in fact I was probably well on my way home before Patrick Shorten finally decided to call it a day, sadly still without that elusive Test trout.



George Fowler with "Brownie" on the River Test

COARSE FISHING

PICT v London Pride – 16th June 2007

This event held at Chart Fishery had some of the regulars missing due to holidays and so was largely supported by guests on both teams and ended in a win for the London Pride. Gerry Overy won the prize for members' heaviest fish with a 4lb 8oz carp.

Surely there must be more coarse anglers within PICT who could support this friendly annual competition? If you are interested please contact me for details,

London Pride Open – 29th Sept 2007

Once again Gerry Overy proved he can catch big fish by winning the prize for heaviest fish of the day with a carp of 8lb 14 oz.

Albury Estates – 8th November 2007

The Albury Estate fishery, just outside Guildford,



Glen Jenner on Lee Park Beat, River Test

consists of three separate fisheries and it was on a fine bright morning that eleven members and guests met at the smallest of the three. Vale End fishery consists of three lakes, each with a different character.

There was a nice ripple on the water that is always a good sign and so I was delighted to get a tug on the line on my second cast. It was not long before two of our guests were also into lively rainbow trout that were quickly despatched. I managed to catch two brown trout that I returned to the water to fatten up for next season.

After the initial burst of activity, the wind started to bring more and more leaves down as well as pine needles that made casting and retrieving rather more difficult. In fact by lunchtime the water was covered in a matt of leaves and it was time to adjourn to the pub.

We were delighted to be greeted by our President, David Houseman, who very generously bought us lunch. The socialising was very pleasant over a rather drawn out lunch after which we decided to try our luck on Weston Fishery.

By now it was really quite windy and the fish were not taking part in activities. David did have a spell retrieving line but unfortunately with no success. On the

other hand David Monk had found a corner spot where he was catching and after he left I managed to sneak one out from the same spot. Meanwhile Robert Taylor was catching on the far bank.

It was a very enjoyable day but it was two guests who took top honours with three fish each, a feat that couldn't be matched by Andrew Smith who could only manage one from his local water.

They say that timing is everything and for those of us who stayed on to the bitter end this turned out to be very true. We were treated to monsoon conditions and in the thirty yard dash to the car got absolutely soaked through meaning a very wet drive home! And so another season of fly-fishing came to a close.

It has been good to see some new faces at our events this year and if you know anyone who might be interested in fly-fishing they will always be made most welcome at any of our events.

MONK TROPHY

After leading the field throughout the year, Glen Jenner was unable to attend the last meeting of the year and was therefore just pipped at the post by George Fowler, with Robert Taylor and Dennis Cole in 3rd and 4th places.

ANGLING DATES FOR 2008

FLY-FISHING

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|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Thursday 20th March | - | Coltsford Mill, Oxted, Surrey |
| Thursday 1st May | - | Chigboro Lakes, Maldon, Essex |
| Thursday 9th October | - | River Test, Romsey, Hants |
| Thursday 6th November | - | Frensham Fishery, Churt, Surrey |

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It is with regret that owing to lack of support, both games scheduled during 2007 had to be cancelled.

For the record these were the Aylesford Cup which is a prestigious event going back 75 years.

The other fixture was the Woollacott Cup played at Bellingham. This meeting was cancelled last year too. Rodney Dean, Bowls Section Secretary tells the Newsletter there will be no fixtures planned for 2008 unless he is contacted by sufficient interested parties. Both of the regular venues can be made available so, to any aspiring bowlers out there please contact Rodney and get those woods rolling again.

PICT v Robert Horne at Wollaston CC 13th September 2007

Matt Ingram won the toss and elected to bat on a sunny afternoon in Northamptonshire. PICT still stinging from last year's heavy defeat, threw Charlie Cox and Mike Jones the new ball to make early inroads in Horne's batting line up. Jones struck early on having David Raven acrobatically (yes, unlikely I can hear you say) caught one handed by Alan Winn at second slip, the delivery after the Captain had moved him there! The second wicket was a run out, brilliantly administered by Brian Kingham who appeared to be out for an afternoon stroll in chasing down a cover drive, when the Sanatogen kicked in and he fizzed a throw over the stumps to Vince Badcock which left Jeremy Mister a yard short of his ground, Umpire Houseman raised the finger.

Hornes started to compile a decent score with Nigel Duxbury's 54, 27 from Nigel Briggs, a rapid 36 from Ian Kilsby before Captain Ingram hammered his way to 59 not out as they reached 222-7 off 40 overs.

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Special mention must be made of Justin Schildkamp, making his PICT debut, who took a wicket with his first ball and Julie Room who bowled 7 tight overs before erroneously getting a hand to an Ingram cut and whilst preventing a boundary, proceeded to display a royal blue left hand which needed ice treatment. Vince Badcock, the sheik of tweak, took 3-42 at the death.

Five and a half an over was the daunting task as PICT started their innings, Ian Huskinson making a late bid for the England 20/20 world cup squad (no one had told him that the tournament had already started) with a blistering 50 not out including two sixes and eight fours, Alan Winn made 13 (13 more than his aggregate for last season) and Brian Kingham's 14 elevated the total to 78-2, before a collapse saw the PICT team deflate to 89-5 (it wouldn't be professional of me to mention the three that were in the collapse, but it was Eaton, Room and Schildkamp)

223 looked a long way off as into bat next, through a cloud of smoke, emerged Vince Badcock with a purposeful look on his face (which I subsequently discovered was because he has picked up his son's size 32" waist trousers, not his own, in error).

With Captain King at the other end, the total was beginning to become more and more manageable, until

Vince was bowled by the impressive Ian Kilsby who was having a fine all round game, taking 4-13.

Vince Collins shortly followed back to the pavilion (I think someone had said that the next round was on its way) and with 75 needed off 12 overs, PICT unveiled their trump card, Charlie Cox.

Charlie proceeded to hit the Hornes' attack to all parts of the Wollaston Arena, making a lightning 42 not out (one six and 5 fours) and with the Captain King reaching 50 and having to retire with 2 runs needed, it was left to Mike Jones to pull the final boundary to give PICT a win by 3 wickets.

This was a very enjoyable day, made possible by a number of elements. Mrs Ingram for providing the catering, the sponsorship of Grycksbo Paper, Savory Paper and Paperlinx UK, the support of the members and to Wollaston Cricket Club for use of their facilities for next to nothing. We raised £100 to go the PICT charity pot.

Footnote: PICT members, I need your support in making more of yourselves or work colleagues available for these fixtures, playing or umpiring, scoring etc as at present it is proving difficult to get two teams and I am spending a lot of time on these games.

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John Victoros has taken over from Jack Perry as Section Secretary of the Tennis.

He is planning to hold a tournament in the Midlands in September but with a new format.

Anyone interested in this section should contact John direct.

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SPRING MEETING East Herts Golf Club 3rd May 2007

The rain in Spain fell mainly on the plane leaving Malaga airport on the eve of competition. Whether out of habit, or misled by the encouraging weather forecast, the Captain duly appeared on the

tee in shorts and was greeted by a mixture of astonishment and derision. With no long trousers in his bag and the chill factor worsening by the hour, it was hardly surprising that he failed to retain the David Fordham Trophy for a third year. Indeed the conditions were difficult for all, not least because the rough had been allowed to grow in readiness for an Open qualifying round to be played shortly thereafter. Finding the ball was actually more difficult than getting it back on the fairway.

Even so, Alastair Nicol's first event as Section Secretary went well and was enjoyed by all who attended. Not that there were many. A dozen in the morning and two less after lunch. It was good to see new faces though. The section needs fresh blood.

Results were:

David Fordham Memorial Trophy

- 35 Terry Wakeman
- 33 John Ireland
- 31 Jack Perry

Syd Humphries Trophy

- 34 Barry Fowler
- 31 Michael Black
- 30 Alan Winn

Swedish Trophy (Foursomes)

- (9 holes only)
- 15 Terry Wakeman & Martin Stears
- 14 Jack Perry & Alan Winn
- 13 John Ireland & Michael Black



Spring Meeting l-r Barry Fowler, Terry Wakeman and Martin Stears

SUMMER MEETING Whittlebury Golf Club 13th June 2007

To a day long background of protesting metal the first PICT summer gathering took place at a brand new venue. The Whittlebury complex offers 36 holes and very modern facilities, a good location for a society day, but the gear changing screams from budding Lewis Hamiltons on the adjacent Silverstone track did tend to disturb concentration somewhat. Even so some managed to cope better than others, none more so than Chris Diacon who is in a rich vein of form this year.

The last minute illness of secretary Alastair Nicoll led to some gentle chaos but in the end thirteen members and five guests swung into afternoon action. This is a rare event in the Trade's golfing calendar in that it is Medal, and most were glad that only one round was involved. If straight the course was fairly friend-

Cup, for the player with the lowest gross score, and the Doorbar Salver for the lowest nett scorer, it not being allowed for the same person to win both. Which was a pity for Chris Diacon because he would have! Recently cut to 15 handicap he again demonstrated his burgeoning talent at a sport which has pushed tennis into second place.

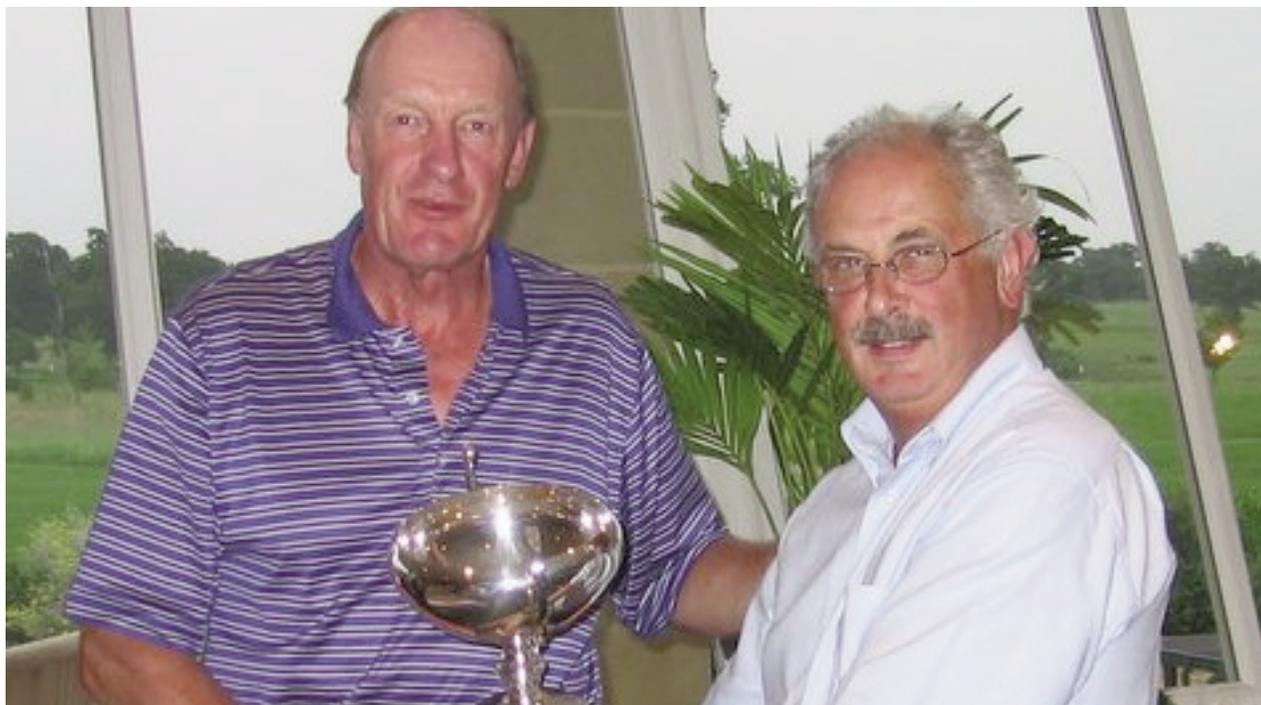
The final results were:

Griffin Cup

Best Gross Score	
Chris Diacon	83
David Houseman	88
Barry Campbell	90

Doorbar Salver

Best Nett Score	
Jack Perry	72
Richard Bennett	74
Alan Winn	75



David Houseman presents Chris Diacon (l) with the Griffin Cup

ly, but miss the fairways and finding your ball in the knee high rough was a real challenge, let alone getting it back into play.

The Guests played for the best nett score and first place went to Mark Pybus 97-24=73. Nearest the Pin was won by Richard Bennett who should have got a birdie but didn't.

The two traditional prizes up for grabs were the Griffin

The tail-enders caught the start of some heavy rain but otherwise the afternoon was sunny and conducive to enjoyable golf. It is nice to see the restoration of the Summer Meeting after a lapse through insufficient support.

President David Houseman presented the prizes and also took the opportunity to remind everyone of the increasingly full programme of nationwide events now available through PICT.

AUTUMN MEETING
31st October 2007
Porters Park Golf Club

Unfortunately only eight golfers, including President David Houseman, turned out on a fine sunny autumnal day, the course was in excellent condition and the golf of a reasonable standard. The results of the various competitions were:

Horsburgh Salver (17 handicaps and below)
 John Ireland 34 stableford points

Steele Bowl (18 handicaps and above)
 Richard Bennett 34 points

Moxon Orford Centenary Trophy
 (for best combined score Spring and Autumn meeting)
 John Ireland 67 points

Coronation Cup
 Roger Grant and Barry Campbell 40 points
 (counting out Nigel Ovenden and John Ireland on the back nine).

Report by Richard Bennett

DANDY ROLL TROPHY
Woodcote Park Golf Club
2nd October 2007

Organiser Barry Campbell is establishing a reputation for selecting courses which seriously challenge even the best sat nav systems. Eventually though both teams assembled for a pre-battle lunch of sausage and mash arranged in a manner somewhat less than asthetically pleasing. Even less appealing were the playing conditions, wet underfoot, low grey clouds, and a niggling drizzle for the most part. The actual course, a first for this fixture, earned an after-match thumbs up from most for a return visit being just right for a society day if somewhat bland overall.

The very special trophy boasts the names of the Stationers' Social Society and London Pride Society who have engaged in annual combat since the prize

was presented in 1957 in memory of Henry Green. Just fifty years on, such have been the changes that this year's contest was between PICT and PAGS, albeit with a handful of LPGS members on parade in each team.

As outgoing Captain I was naturally keen to retain the trophy and go out on a high but it was not to be. PAGS fielded a very useful team and won deservedly by 3½ to 1½. The day was not without some satisfaction though. With Barry Fowler in terrific form we managed to register the only PICT win - but only at the last putt on the last hole! Mention should be made of PAGS's captain Paul Gibb who was giving away 9 10 and 11 shots to the other three of us yet came so very close to victory.

Thanks should go to Barry Campbell for organising yet another enjoyable event, but also to Peter West who worked so hard to get the PICT team together.

Report by Jack Perry



A new name on the trophy as Jack Perry hands it over to Paul Gibb, captain of the winning PAGS team.

WHITEHEAD SALVER

Royal Blackheath GC

5th June 2007

This competition was born in 1974 when Jack Whitehead, still alive and well and living in the West Country, presented the handsome salver as a prize to be battled for by the various Paper Trade Societies which, in those days, included the Bunzl Group whose name figured regularly in the early years. In the mid Eighties there was a two year No Contest gap but then Peter Laming got things going again. Today it is well supported and despite overlapping loyalties the rivalry is keen.

This year's event was mostly organised by Peter West who, at one time, had three teams of twelve lined up. Last minute withdrawals caused some lunchtime rearrangements and eventually it was agreed that the best ten scores in each team should count.

Play was from two tee positions but after the three Captains had driven off, playing together as is traditional, the professional arrived to divert play elsewhere. As a consequence the three leaders spent a lovely afternoon in splendid isolation. The weather really was gor-



Peter Laming presents the Laming Shield to Jack Perry

geous, the course further improved since last year with the club's 400th anniversary now in sight, and the greens were a delight. Strangely, and rather unusually, there were no outstanding scores recorded. Some years back, in 1999 to be precise, Peter Laming sponsored a Shield to be won by the player with the best individual score of the day. Unfortunately Peter is no longer able to cope with the stairs up to the restaurant so the presentation was made in the bar area before dinner, the 2007 winner being Jack Perry with a just-to-handicap 36 points. On count back from his chum of 59 years, Peter West!! As Captain of the SSS team Jack had also taken home the Whitehead Salver in 2005 and 2006 but there was no chance of a hat-trick this time because SSS is now PICT. Whatever the flag under which they fought his team still did him proud and emerged winners by an unusually, Detori-like margin. Perhaps rather nice that PICT should win in their first year of existence, a point made by President David Houseman, himself a member of the victorious team.

PICT	Score	PAGS	Score	PTGS	Score
Jack Perry	36	Brian Hill	31	Phil Beswick	26
Nick Beltye	25	Paul Gibb	27	David Doorbar	0
Duncan Barney	25	Peter Goldsmith	32	Jonathan Benn	25
Alastair Nico	32	Keith Cleary	29	Terry Wakeman	30
David Houseman	30	Barry Campbell	29	Jeremy Martin	0
Chris Diacon	35	John Burgess	26	Richard Tabberer	25
Barry Fowler	26	Bob Lowry	23	John Trumper	31
Richard Bennet	32	John Turner	33	Malcolm Peel	30
Michael Fry	29	Paul Turner	28	Peter Thompson	21
Peter West	36	Stephen Vail	26	Michael Bairstow	23
Barry Gregory	29	Roger Grant	28	Geoff Poole	29
		Neil Entwistle	26	Martin Stears	31
Team Score	310		289		271

Note: Shaded scores not counted



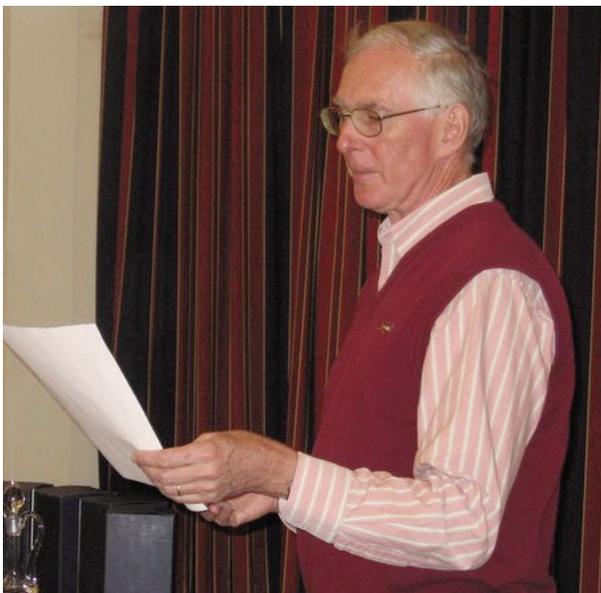
Golf Captain 2008 Richard Bennett

CHANGE OF CAPTAINCY

After five years as the Golf Section's, Jack Perry has decided to stand down. Partly because he is spending more time in his Spanish home, but mainly because a fresh face is probably overdue.

He will be succeeded by Richard Bennett, a long term and enthusiastic supporter, and a more than useful player. Being a member of the same club as the section's secretary, Alastair Nicoll, should ensure a smooth administration for the future.

CHARITY GOLF DAY



Charity Golf Day Organiser Barry Campbell

Henley-in-Arden Golf & Country Club 27th September 2007

It was bright, sunny for the most part, blustery at times, and distinctly chilly when this year's fund-raising event finally got underway. Despite the temperature some hardy souls still contrived to play in short sleeves and, most importantly, there was no sign of the rain which washed out the original date.

For most it would have been their first time round the course which showed many signs of good housekeeping but also some rough and tufted fairways.

To compensate the greens were excellent and overall comment was favourable. The main shotgun start was at 10 o'clock with teams of four, Stableford scoring off

full handicaps, with the best two counting on each hole.

1st Prize with 87 points

Mondi/Antalis

(Brod Geary/Mike Holmes/Gary Bowie/Dave Sheill)

2nd with 83 points

Sappi

(Chris Diacon/Alastair Nicoll/James Stewart/Mick Barry)

3rd with 82 points

Pegg Leggs

(David Houseman/Barbara Houseman/Nick Steidl/John Ladd)

Longest Drive

Bob Tate (Gryksbo)

Nearest the Pin in 2

John Jones(Columbier)

Nearest the Pin

Mark Gordon (The Paper Company)

There were twenty teams in all and the most important result of all was that the event raised a substantial sum for the PICT charity.

Thanks are due to all those who supported the event, those who sponsored holes, and the many who gave splendid prizes for the raffle. Not forgetting, and by no means least, Barry Campbell and his wife Lisa who did so much, again, to make the day a smooth running success.

Report by Jack Perry

JACK PERRY MATCHPLAY

CREAM RISES

The tornado which ripped through south-east England on the previous day must have worn itself out because, thank goodness, the weather at Walton Heath Golf Club on 25 September, was never less than a bit chilly at times.

The 13th Final Day of the Jack Perry Matchplay Competition was unlucky for Brian Hill who left his game at home, threatened to sack his caddy for the day, and allowed Paul Gibb a comfortable journey to the Final. In contrast Rod Gill started with an eagle on the first hole, quickly moved into a 4-up position against the holder Phil Beswick, looked for all the world like a potential champion, and then disintegrated. Horticulturally Rod has an affection for heather, but his eventual attraction to it bordered on the suicidal. Suddenly the solid game changed to a 'spray in anywhere' disease from which, despite a brave final effort, he never recovered. Even so it took the last putt on the 18th to ensure Phil's appearance in yet another final.

Not only is Walton Heath a gorgeous golf course(s) but the restaurant is to die for, the only two not taking full advantage of it being the main contestants. A few spectators joined the mid-day ranks and it was nice that a small gallery afterwards followed Paul (5) and Phil (7) as they did excellent battle. It has to be said that Phil got off to a bad start to the day, arriving late and a bit flustered, and one wonders whether this mood stayed with him. Good shots abounded from both players, but a couple of uncharacteristic strikes finally cost Phil his crown. So it was that Paul Gibb became the first player to win the trophy four times. Very deservedly too.

Next year it is anticipated that there will be a new organiC maybe some different rules. Maybe even a wider stage. In line with the PICT formula there is thought being given to making this a national competition. watch this space.

Report by Jack Perry



Finalists Phil Beswick and Paul Gibb

JACK PERRY MATCHPLAY GOLF COMPETITION

For the benefit of new PICT members, or hitherto uninterested parties, this is a summer long tournament with semi-finals and the final being held at Walton Heath Golf Club in September. It is open to all PICT members, obviously, plus those of the Paper Trade Golfing Society, Paper Agents Golf Society, and London Pride Golf Society. It usually involves a match about every four weeks but this will always depend on the number of entrants.

he competition provides an opportunity to play on new courses and make new friends. The trophy is a handsome one and Finals Day always an enjoyable one. If you would like your name added to the mailing list please send details either to jackperry27@gmail.com or to the new organiser for 2008 chris.diacon@sappi.com

GOLF DIARY 2008

PICT

Spring Meeting - to be confirmed
Summer Meeting - Chartham Park - Wed, 11th June - to be confirmed
Autumn Meeting - Porters Park - Wed, 3rd September
The Whitehead Salver - Royal Blackheath - Wed, 4th June
The Dandy Roll - Woodcote Park - Tues, 7th October

PTGS

Spring Meeting Rye Golf Club - Tues, 13th May
Summer Meeting Aldeburgh Golf Club - Wed, July 2nd & Thurs, 3rd July
Autumn Meeting - To be confirmed

PAGS

Spring Meeting - Fri, 23rd May at Addington Palace Golf Club
Autumn Meeting - Fri, 6th September at Copthorne Golf Club

JAP MATCHPLAY FINAL

Tues, 23rd September - Walton Heath

SKI-ING SECTION

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Due to a general lack of numbers it was felt that it was not viable to arrange a trip to the October fest in Munich this year, but we hope to repeat this previously popular weekend in 2008.

After a successful trip to Kitzbuhel, several members who attended requested that we return once again to the same hotel as they found it to be good value for money, and it has excellent facilities in a fantastic location (some people just aren't on these trips for the ski-ing!).

We have therefore reserved several rooms once again at the 4-Star Schwarzer Adler Hotel and Spa in Kitzbuhel, Austria, for 15th – 22nd March 2008.

We plan to drive to the resort as per other years (allowing for an over- night stay in Munich), but there are flights from all UK airports available to Salzburg should people wish to fly. There have always been several people who have joined us at the resort and it is possible to arrange any travel requirements that you need.

I would be delighted to hear from anyone who wishes to join us for what is bound to be another great week on the piste! Places are limited so please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.

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Bisley, 11th August 2007

Ladies, Gentlemen, and others, for those of you who forgot, we had a shoot at Bisley on Saturday 11th August. The weather was superb, maybe a little too hot. Arriving at Bisley early, the camp was full to bursting with tents and caravans and strange cars. It appears we had arrived in the middle of an American Hot - Rod car convention/hay ride.

There were only four of us there in the morning, Joan Carter, Bev Steele, Alan Ward and Keith Byatt. So there was plenty of shooting, although we were using the Cheylesmore range (instead of the Melville), which seems to be one of the old ranges not modernised. But very quiet and peaceful, until we started firing. We shot practises for most of the competitions during the day. Then lunch at the Hen and Chickens in Bisley Village for the traditional toasted sandwiches.

As a Club, we have been going there for lunch for longer than I care to remember, over twenty years. However, the landlord has recently retired and the new one has bumped up the

prices, so this was probably our last visit. The good news is that the President, David Houseman, met us there, had a sandwich and a drink with us and came to shoot in the afternoon.

He pretended that he had not shot a rifle in over forty years since the school cadets. However, the scores he obtained seemed to indicate he is either naturally a good shot, or his maths was bad. David achieved very respectable scores in all the details he tried. He even had a go with my black powder revolver, but without such a high level of success. He did succeed in scaring the target though.



Bev Steele and Andy Windless share The Pliace Salver

Bisley, 4th October 2007

Occasion: Probably the last occasion the Stationers Social Society Shooting club meets

Reason: Lack of Members

Despite the above, the five members who attended had a great day. The weather was kind with a fine sunny warm day, the company was most enjoyable, with the added benefit of Fred Haines for lunch and the afternoon, and a good days shooting. (I hasten to add that we did not actually eat Fred for lunch, just that he attended).

We were shooting for the Club Trophies in our annual competition day. There were five prizes to shoot for and the results were as follows:

Griffin Cup

This is fired using pistol calibre under-lever action short rifles. There are three stages, with the highest possible score of 300.

Gary Boyton	275
Keith Byatt	274
Bev Steele	270
Andy Windlass	220
Joan Carter	202

Holman Kelly Tankard

Again, fired using pistol calibre under-lever action rifles, in four stages. Highest possible score 240

Gary Boyton	208
Bev Steele	202
Keith Byatt	200
Andy Windlass	192
Joan Carter	104

We followed this with the Fumble Cup. This cup was presented by Peter West and is nothing to do with removing clothing etc. It is in fact, a competition where you start with twelve rounds on a table, a rifle with the action open and a shooter waiting. At the command GO, you are required to pick up the rifle and fire the twelve rounds in the shortest possible time with the highest score. This was invented, by yours truly, to be the first event after lunch. However, in these days of competitiveness, Bev Steele requested we do it before lunch. I suppose he thought it might increase his chances of winning. This was not to be, as you can see from the following scores, where the winner is the person with the highest number:

Fumble Cup

	Result	Score
Time (sec)		
Keith Byatt	2.02	95
46.8		
Bev Steele	1.89	86
45.5		
Gary Boyton	1.79	99
55.3		
Andy Windlass	0.96	71
73.5		
Joan Carter	0.39	60
152.0		

The trick with the competition is to decide whether to shoot fast or accurate. I shall keep my secret on this one. I suppose in theory the highest score would be 120 in zero seconds, therefore ∞ .



Andy Windless receives The Savory Silver Cigarette Box from Fred Haines

The Plaice Salver

This is a competition in 3 stages for .22 rimfire rifles, using telescopic sights. Highest possible Score 300.

Bev Steele	270
Andy Windlass	270
Keith Byatt	265
Fred Haines	261
Gary Boyton	256
Joan Carter	241

This produced some excellent scores, with Fred Haines really getting there.

Finally we shot for the

Savory Trophy

This has been the most difficult event for most people since it is fired using a black powder (gunpowder) revolver. Even when loaded by a competent shooter, occasionally it does not go off when fired. To load the revolver involves putting gunpowder in each of the six chambers, feeding in a lead ball and ramming it home, covering the end of each chamber in grease, and fitting a percussion cap to the other end of the chamber. Cock, fire, and hope is how we do it! The Secretary, yours truly, has thought of this as his own personal prize, having won it for several years in succession. But this year, to cut a long story short, he was well beaten by Andy Windlass. Slight disappointment, but hey- its not life or death, well normally not anyway. Congratulations Andy.

The results, highest score 60

Andy Windlass	45
Keith Byatt	41
Gary Boyton	22
Bev Steele	20
Fred Haines	14

I must applaud Fred for having the spheroids to try this one. For someone seeing these things for the first time, the large bang, clouds of acrid smoke and the recoil must have been "interesting". Fred, come back any-time, you were a joy to entertain.

Now to more serious matters. Why was this possibly the last meeting? Well, basically it is the legal side of running a shooting club. In order to retain official

"Home Office Approval" we need a minimum of ten active members. We no longer have this. We need to be Home Office approved to enable us to invite guests to try and fire the weapons. Without Home Office Approval, it is not legal for non Firearm Certificate Holders to even touch a rifle or pistol. There are lots of penalties for the Secretary if he does not do things by the book. We have to record every person who attends, guest or member, which weapons they fire etc, etc. And frankly for the few people who turn up, isn't worth all the legal effort to keep the Police happy. So what we are proposing to do, subject to the Shooting Club's approval at an AGM, is to relinquish Home Office approval, dispose of the larger calibre rifles and black powder pistols and convert to a small bore non approved club. This will still mean guests can come and fire the small bore .22 rifles, but hey, it was more fun with the larger stuff. Watch this space for a report of the AGM and what will happen next.

I feel really sorry for you youngsters in the trade today where you do not have time for the fun side of life, and now not being able to try another non-PC sport. Personally I love the sport and will try hard to keep it alive. But BIG BROTHER doesn't like us civvies having rifles and pistols and so will be so pleased about the Club downgrading. I will keep you posted on the AGM discussion.

Addendum

We are called the Stationers' Social Society Shooting Club not because we are Luddites but because that is the legal name of the Club appearing on members' Firearm Certificates. Happy Shooting!

NEWS ON MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce that Kenneth and Olive Worsley celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, 27th October. Kenneth was President of the SSS in 1988 and we at PICT send our congratulations.

It was with sadness that we have noted the passing of Jack Harding who died on 28th October aged 90. Jack was for many years with Tullis Russell, London. The Editor worked with Jack for eight years in the 1960's and remembers him as a quiet, efficient manager showing much kindness to a then rather callow youth. Jack had two children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. There was a memorial service at Wilmington, Kent.

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SPRING HACK Thursday, 3rd May 2007 Drift Golf Club

A cohort of enthusiastic Shankers and one PICT President were in attendance on a bright Spring afternoon to try and justify the section's newly bestowed category of "Non Sporting Section". In an attempt not to appear too keen, Mr President culled a number of his favourite implements and brought the remainder in a glorified handbag. (His game suffered as a result – he said).

Hon Sec (Monty) was again a non-hacker but managed to turn up at the start to reluctantly accept drinks and lunch from less aware members and to watch the kick off and the preliminary battle between Messrs KK Kerlogue and Jacko Steidl (Mr Captain) as to whose Kit Kat provisions were to be used.

First away was KK, who set the standard by doing a "Barnes Wallis" with the very first swing of the day. Not so lucky was Niblick Windett (Section Scribe) who later failed to get any of his three tee shots to bounce on the water.

Thus a very pleasant afternoon was spent thrashing around the beautiful course and, apart from being forced to give way to two Hitler Youth golfers who, black-shirted, were obviously running late for a rally, our combined abilities failed to dampen our enthusiasm.

However, the day was completely ruined by one (now ex) member who, playing off 28, amassed the unheard of Stapleton (*deliberate!) score of 45. After his green fee and subscriptions were extracted, he was immediately disqualified and relegated to the "proper" Section. As usual, Sara The Tigress did well and won the Ladies section. It must also be mentioned (as he frequently did) that John "The Deerhunter" Vanderpump had his best round ever and, no doubt, we will hear about it for some time to come. The wildlife was in constant danger and, being springtime, the rabbits took Jacko's expletives as an instruction not a curse. Andrew "The Ballsniffer" Eckman nee Dunning disturbed plenty of animals in his attempts to find things in the rough. Dinner followed, some of it hot, and prizes were presented:



Men's Prize - Keith Spiers.

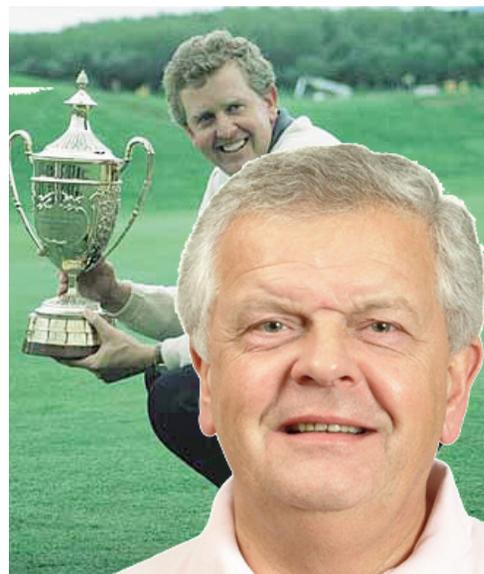
Joint 2nd Men's Prize - Sara Hall & Peter Bothwick (Sara was presented with a fine set of balls, see picture – Houseman – glasses off, tummy held in and Peter with a plastic bag).

The Steve Beckett Memorial Trophy - Shanker of the Day, was presented to Kit Kat for the first shot of the day and for making it so easy to add up his score.

We were honoured with the presence of David Houseman (Mr President) (White Skinned) and we thank him for making time in his busy golf schedule to be with us, for presenting the prizes and not giving a speech.



Nick (Tony) Steidl



Kevin (Monty) Dewey

SHANKS SEE IN AUTUMN IN STYLE

A beautifully formed cohort gathered at the Westerham Golf Club on 13th September in the late summer sunshine for the bi-annual hotly (well some were quite hot as they hauled their trolly's up the hills of Westerham!) contested competition. Fortified by the traditional bacon rolls and KitKat, kindly left in absentia by the sponsoring member Kerlogue the teams were formed and with surprising success managed to negotiate the first few holes, unpressed by those behind.

As the hills became a little steeper, the woods lining the fairways became alive with that delicious chink of ball on wood and the elegant curses of those still looking for their balls. Captain von Steidl especially missed a Titlelist 1 Robert Horne special. Past President Haslam, who was playing with a 'GFS 27', suddenly realised that he had been playing with the said Titlelist ammunition, which he returned to the owner and the referee had to adjudicate on the scoring issue. This was not the only occasion of ball abuse that was experienced! New member Bev Steele managed to lodge his ball in the fork of a tree and before it could be declared unplayable, he has seen with his leg cocked trying to play it. More of this later.

SHANKER's probably peak around hole 12 and generally their game deteriorates after then. It was however noted that a number of members had been practicing and continued to play a spirited game to the bitter end. The com-

mittee will be considering the rules on practice and in this connection the Secretary, who was injured on an admitted practice driving range session, will need to give a full account to avoid handicapping penalties in the future.

Keith Spiers emerged the winner with 36 points with Neil Haslam and Rod Benwell taking the second and third places. The prestigious Steve Beckett Memorial Trophy for excellence in the art of Shanking, was presented to Bev Steele for his tree episode. The meeting concluded with drinks and an excellent dinner, which was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be in the Spring and the members attending were urged by the Captain to insure that practice was kept to a minimum during the winter to keep up standards.

SHANKS is the PICT golf section for those with handicaps of 25 or higher, who enjoy their golf but want to do so in the exclusive company of those of a similar standard. New members are always welcome. Contact the Secretary for more information.