INCE our last Newsletter of July, fortunes have, to put it mildly, changed. It cannot be said that the period from about August last has been good for anyone in or out of the Trade. Most areas of business have been deeply affected by the crunch, but we must never forget that the main purpose of PICT is to garner funds for our charities to support those souls less fortunate than ourselves. When times get tough the tough get going as the phrase goes and it certainly needs some of that just now.

There has been considerable activity this year within the various sporting sections. The dreadful weather pertaining for so much of the summer didn’t help but nonetheless there was much well supported action. We trust you will find the reports within both interesting and entertaining.

Our flagship event for 2009 will be the AGM followed by our 3rd Annual Charity Dinner. These will both be held at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Hyde Park on Thursday 5th March.

The AGM will be under the Chairmanship of President Fred Haines who will pass his baton to our current Vice President, Peter Bothwick. The meeting will be held in the Oak Room and will commence sharp at 4:30pm. We do request that as many Members as possible attend this important meeting. This will be followed by the Charity Dinner at the hotel which has the makings of a splendid evening with a stellar cabaret details of which have yet to be advised. Do watch the space on the PICT Website (just google PICT UK) where Anne James can be contacted for tickets for you and your guests. Alternatively go straight to her at anne@pictuk.com

PICT wishes all its Members and their families a good Christmas and New Year which I am sure will be faced with fortitude and that paramount awareness of the needs of others.

The President, Fred Haines

From the Editor’s Pen

The President, Fred Haines

Contents

From the Editor’s Pen ..........1
Profile of a Treasurer ..........2
Report from the Treasurer ..........2
Angling Section ..........4
Cricket Section ..........7
Golf Section ..........8
SHANKS Section .....10
Ski-ing Section .....14
Shooting Section ...15
Tennis Section .....17
Obituaries ..........20
Easy Reference .....24

Hon Editor
BEV STEELE
Tel no: 0208 542 1422
E-mail address: steele.speed
@blueyonder.co.uk
PROFILE OF A TREASURER

What follows is a brief synopsis of the life and times of Brian Hill our newly elected Hon Treasurer.

He was born in Hammersmith in 1947 and was brought up in south London which doesn’t make him a bad person. He lived his early years in Kent just round the corner from the Sittingbourne Mill but has hung his hat in deepest Surrey for the past 30 years.

His hobbies are golf and fly fishing. He admits to being at his happiest outdoors. After 45 years behind a desk and the wheel of a car it would have that effect. He also admits to a passion for Chelsea Football Club. (we must try and forgive that). He is also the treasurer of his local golf club so we must guess he knows his way round the books.

He has been married to "the lovely Pam" for 36 years and has two sons. The eldest is an Arsenal supporter and an IT specialist and the younger lad is a Tottenham supporter and newly qualified building surveyor. Brian tells me that Pam acts as ref when all 3 teams are playing at home. I should imagine she has her work cut out when that happens.

On the business front Brian started his working life in the Paper Trade in 1963 with Lamco Paper Agencies, then in the early ‘70’s to Lamco Finland as Development Manager for Fine Papers, had several senior management posts with Dutch and Austrian Mills returning to his Finnish fold as Fine Papers Divisional Director for Stora Enso from which he retired very recently.

He added when we were putting this together that the PICT Treasurer’s role would suit him very well as after a busy life in the Industry it will allow him both to keep in touch with people and to "put something back" which is very laudable and PICT are very pleased to welcome Brian on board.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

The Charity’s assets are currently in the region of £105,000 and grants to worthy causes are expected to reach £10,000 to £11,000 by end of this year. £11,500 came from Members subscriptions and donations, about £6,500 from the Annual Dinner last March and a further approximately £4,500 was raised from charity golf days in Scotland and England and from a very successful greyhound race meeting. For actual details please see our website but generally the situation can be called healthy. Long may this last.

Brian Hill
PICT WEBSITE

PLEASE note the PICT Website is live now and hopefully Members and potential Members will find it friendly and accessible. The Editor would like to stress that though we are a charitable organisation we are still very much a social society built upon a structure of sporting activities made suitable for most abilities from tyro to semi-expert.

Do look at the sports section joining pages which will give you prompt contact with the section secretaries. It cannot be stressed enough that our aim of promoting good fellowship is still based on regular sporting activities throughout the year. The address is:

www.pictuk.com

WE WANT TO HELP

PICT (Paper Industry Charitable Trust) is a registered charity with two main goals:

1) Benevolence - Helping those and their family who have dedicated a large proportion of their career to our industry and who have fallen onto hard times.

2) Education - Helping students learn more about our industry and to, where necessary even support higher education in areas relevant to our industry.

PICT has a long history through the Stationers Social Society Benevolent Fund of helping those who have desperately needed help but where, in the past have had this help restricted owing insufficient funds. Now that PICT has been created as a registered charity with the motto "Having Fun Helping Others" annual income has been boosted by corporate support from the industry along with income generated on the assets donated to PICT from the Stationers Social Society.

A charity has an obligation to distribute funds and we continue to support applications for assistance. This is where we would like to call on your help. If you are aware of anyone or any cause needing assistance please get in touch with Anne James so that the enquiry can be discussed at the next meeting of the Board of the Paper Industry Charitable Trust.

Naturally in the case of requests for benevolence preference will be shown to those with connections to the Paper Industry but others especially from an allied trade such as Print or Paper Conversion will be considered.

If you feel you would like to discuss the matter before making a formal application do feel free to 'phone either Bernard Kelly (01444-241221) or Patrick Shorten (01844-237250)

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP
PICT vs LONDON PRIDE
Saturday 21st June

Once again I was on holiday so had to miss this annual coarse fishing match between PICT and The LPS which was held at Ford Fisheries on June 21st where 13 anglers braved the ‘sunny’ weather.

I believe everyone caught and the winners were as follows:

The Dick Walker Trophy went to PICT with a winning weight of 55 lbs 10ozs to the LPS weight of 25lbs 8ozs.

Heaviest fish trophy went to Jez Harris with a carp of 8lbs 14ozs (who had backed this up with a carp of 8lbs 6ozs as well).

Heaviest catch trophy went to Jeff Kittley with 15lbs 2ozs which included some nice Bream.

Well done to everyone who turned out to support PICT at this event and thanks to Tony Phipps for organising it.

RIVER TEST - Tuesday 7th October

On one of the wildest days of the Autumn, a total of 17 members and their guests decided to brave the elements in order to fish the River Test just south of Romsey in Hampshire. To illustrate how the lure of the river affects anglers, I was enjoying bacon and eggs at 7.30 when I got a call asking for the gate code as there were already three of our party desperate to start fishing – one had given the baby the 3 am feed before being picked up at 4 am by angler 2, the third had driven from Southend.

All morning the rain poured down, whipped on by gale force winds that are not conducive to easy casting. The river was already swollen and was flowing even faster than normal which is always too fast for me anyway.

We spread out along both sides of the two beats that we fish, so that between us we should have covered a lot of fish. No doubt we did, but I think the fish were also keeping their heads down, probably trying to keep dry! Needless to say, it was proving very difficult to catch but eventually rumour spread down the banks that a Brown Trout had been caught by one of the early risers so maybe it pays to get up at 4.00 am!

By late morning and with everyone absolutely soaked, the weather started to improve. However it was still a relief to stop for lunch. In earlier years we have sat outside basking in the sun but today the hut that caters for eight was a steamy scene with more than a dozen of us packed in.

The morning tally was 2 beautiful Brown Trout each weighing 3 or 4 lbs and a magnificent Grayling of about 2lb all of which had been caught by guests.

As if to spur us all on, a cry went up that someone was into another fish just upstream from the angling hut so after witnessing it being netted, we all went our separate ways determined to be more successful than earlier on.

In fact the weather brightened but the fishing didn’t so most people went home without catching and with none of the PICT members catching, the positions for the Monk Trophy remain the same with Robert Taylor leading the field.

The extraordinary thing is that without exception everyone thoroughly enjoyed the outing which sadly looks like being the last time that we will have access to this famous river as the fishing rights have been sold to a company who will want megabucks to fish it.

We have been very fortunate to have fished the Test every year for twelve years or so and David Gould has been our contact with the estate, sorting out dates and the financial side of things. On behalf of every one who has fished the river over that time I would like to give him a warm vote of thanks.
Freddie with River Test Brownie
FRENSHAM LAKES
Thursday 6th November

As angling secretary this proved to be as good a day as one could ever want, for a variety of reasons. The attendance was good, the weather reasonable, the fishing fantastic, the setting delightful and the free coffee available all day very welcoming. It is almost unheard of for everyone to turn up on the day who says that they are going to, but it happened on this occasion and we actually had two additional guests arrive so that we ended with 11 anglers to fish the 6 lakes at Frensham, near Churt, Surrey.

The water looked perfect from the start and although there was hardly any breeze blowing, there seemed to be a constant ripple caused by trout rising to surface flies, always an encouraging sign and not often seen these days. Frensham is in a delightful valley setting, with water flowing steadily through the lakes, all of which is surrounded by trees that were showing their autumn colours. Most of us chose the large lake to start on and it wasn't long before the first rods were bending to the pull of some very good and lively fish, so lively that many managed to shake themselves off to fight another day.

After a good morning session, we all met up at lunchtime and the weather was kind enough to enable us to sit outside to enjoy our sandwiches and a good matter about the trade, the global economy, US Presidential elections and everything else that came to mind. It was particularly good to see Brian Hill again. He was angling secretary for many years when I first took up fly-fishing but in recent years Brian forsook our sport to knock golf balls about. This was his first return to angling after 14 years and he showed that he could still cast a fly and catch fish. It was also good to see Les Bidewell who caught two very nice fish and hopefully we will see both of them more regularly now that they have retired. (Congratulations to Les for the biggest fish of the day at the LPS Open in September).

Frensham was the final event for the 2008 Monk Trophy, which looked like a straight fight between myself and Robert Taylor although had we both had a blank day then it was just possible that Dennis Cole or Sandy White could have won. First fish went to me and things were looking up when Robert lost a couple before Dennis started catching steadily. However, Robert came back strongly to catch one of the biggest fish of the day of 5-6lbs and a total bag of 4 fish weighing 15lbs so wins the Monk Trophy this year.

With the evening darkening rapidly, it was not long after lunch before we all had to reluctantly pack up and head for home. It seemed that everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day with lots of good fish for the freezer. I would like to thank everyone for their support during the year. I appreciate that it has not been a good time for the trade but I still feel that we must try and keep the social element going, especially to support PICT.
ANGLING DATES FOR 2009

Fly- Fishing
Thursday 19th March – Coltsford Mill, Oxted, Surrey
Thursday 30th April – Frensham Lakes, Churt, Surrey
Thursday 1st October – TBA
Thursday 12th November – Norton Fishery, Stapelford Tawney, Essex

Coarse Fishing
PICT v London Pride – Saturday 20th June – Venue TBA
LPS Open Match – Saturday 26th September – Venue TBA

CRICKET SECTION
Secretary: Mike Robertson
Home Tel. No: 01943 839029
Mobile No: 07831 351465
E-mail: mike.roberson@ipaper.com

Darren King after much hard labours keeping the cricket section alive and suffering the effects of this past awful summer has had to step down this year owing to work commitments and has passed the chalice to Mike Robertson of International Paper.

Mike was a colleague of the editor in the far off days when the editor did what was euphemistically called work. Mike has put a lot of his time unselfishly into the game over the years coaching 9 to 12 year olds in his home village of Addingham in Yorkshire.

We have a stalwart here and we sincerely hope he will be supported in his endeavours next year.
Alastair Nicoll steps down as golf secretary this year. His spiked shoes will be filled by Chris Diacon as from January 2009. Please note Chris's contact details. We look for strong support for this popular section.

We thank Alastair for his sterling efforts in the past and hope to see him on the fairways next year.

PICT CHARITY GOLF DAY
25th September 2008

This year’s event was held at Rothley Park in Leicestershire where a warm welcome and a very pleasant autumn day greeted the golfers. As the event was a four ball team event, with a shotgun start, the fact that 18 teams entered on the day, one for each day gave the occasion a perfect symmetry. (Although those who faced the trek out to the furthest tees may not have agreed!)

The inviting sward of Rothley Park Golf Club
With the course in great condition, and the autumn sun warming some creaky limbs, the scoring was hot and many teams were preparing their winning speeches as they walked the plush fairways. As the cards were collected by the ever willing helpers on the day, Andy Thompson and Antony Mackie, it was clear it would need a very high score to take the prizes.

Before the results were revealed the contestants enjoyed a splendid buffet lunch and an enormously entertaining speech from Dickie Davies of World of Sport fame. Dickie regaled us with many tales from his days in television and the great sportsmen he met and sporting occasions he presented. Dickie was a charming guest and many people confirmed that his attendance enhanced everyone’s enjoyment. Many thanks to Dickie and his friend David Houseman who pulled the strings to get us such an appropriate VIP guest.

It is often said that ‘no one remembers who came second’ - this is definitely true in my case! (or third for that matter), as I am writing after some time has elapsed. However the winners with a score of 91 stableford points were the NAPM team led by Tim Bowler. His speech also remains a fond memory when he thanked Martyn Eustace, Alistair Gough and Mike Gee for crying off and allowing him to recruit some ringers to secure the first prize. It was gratifying to hear from so many of those who attended just how much they enjoyed the day, the condition of the course and the excellent catering arrangements. A special thank you to Rothley Golf Club for all their help and to Andy Thompson and Antony Mackie for all their support. I should also mention Paul Tasker from PMS and Jeremy Martin from Burgo who had to cry off due to business pressures but donated the fee to the Charity.

The day raised £2,666 of which £1,333 was donated to the Rainbows Children’s Hospice in Loughborough and the balance goes to PICT for dispersion to good causes.

Thanks to all teams for supporting the day.

Fred Haines

---

**GOLF DIARY 2009**

*Spring Meeting Thursday, 21 May at Effingham Golf Club (still to be finally confirmed)*

*Whitehead Salver Wednesday, 3 June at Royal Blackheath GC*

*Summer Meeting Thursday, 25 June at Hadley Wood GC (still to be finally confirmed)*

*Autumn Meeting Thursday, 24 September at The Wilderness GC*

*Dandy Roll Match Wednesday, 7 October at Woodcote Park*
SHANKS AUTUMN ATTACK
16th October
Chart Hills Golf Club

BEAUTIFUL weather and a splendid setting belied the awful havoc that was wreaked upon the unsuspecting flora and fauna of Chart Hills – a course designed by Nick Faldo and re-designed by nine intrepid Shankers, temporary paparazzi Jacko and one trainee spine donor. It used to be Sara “The Tigress’s” club until our arrival.

Bacon sarnies were consumed prior to battle and deputy Admiral Nelson KK Kerlogue allotted the squadrons and Group Captains. He tried, in vain, to explain a new competition imposed by The Board which had something to do with pink balls but, in the event, this proved to be unworkable, primarily due to a lack of the skills required. The main competition was to Marquis of Stapleford rules.

First off the tee was Team Tigress (Tigress, 1st Gravedigger Duncan and Bunker Windett) who managed some progress in a forward direction, followed by Team Bostick (Out of Bounds Bothwick, Blaster Benwell and Slicer Steele) with Team Kit Kat (“The Sting” Kerlogue, Peter Putter Ingram and The Count Haslam) guarding our rear. Basically, that was the last we saw of each other for the next 4½ hours apart from the 1st Gravedigger being occasionally peppered by a pink ball from the Master Blaster.

It was a challenging course (most are for Shankers) and the course boasted 365 bunkers and much water. The fairways were probably quite nice but essentially unmolested and each beautiful green was either too fast or too slow, depending upon individual circumstance.

Weary and battle-scarred Shankers then enjoyed a pleasant dinner followed by the awards. Slicer Steele won 3rd prize with 27 points and The Tigress came 1st in the Ladies competition and 2nd in the main one with 28 points but the winner was The Count Haslam with an incredible 29 points. A previously unknown award of Shank Putting was won by Peter Putter Ingram who was also posthumously awarded his prize from the last outing. The Pink Ball competition was won by Team Bostick for no apparent reason other than theirs lasted until 14th, whereas the other two teams both defaulted at the 4th.

Nominations for the Steve Beckett Memorial “Shanker of the Day” cup were:

Monty Dewey for being AWOL

"Out of Bounds" Bothwick receives the Steve Beckett "Shanker of the Day" award
and for gross prize giving incompetence at the last meeting; Bunker Windett for hitting bunkers on nine consecutive holes plus tee’ing up three balls on the tee-water-green 17th but it was won by OOB Bothwick for playing one hole exclusively via bunkers and clinching the title with his shot on the 5th which safely cleared the water, hit an out of bounds marker post to then ricochet back into the water – a shot worthy of Shanks.

Finally, many thanks to Sara for organizing the venue and risking her membership at this marvellous Club, and, in absentia, Monty for taking the credit and Camp Follower Rob Seymour, whose advice on golf and osteopathy were almost invaluable.

It was agreed that another two attacks be planned for Spring & Autumn 2009 and it was suggested that one of the venues ought to be nearer to the Midlands where our reputation might not precede us.

*That “Tigress” Sarah with her 2nd place floating balls*

*“The Count” Haslam being presented with 1st Prize by “2 Rounds” Kerlogue*
PAUL Gibb maintained his grip on the handsome cut glass trophy, but only just. He had to wait till the 18th hole before knowing that his name would be engraved on it for the fifth time in 13 years.

Despite the dismal forecast the day was dry for the most part, albeit somewhat chilly for those not actively involved. The sun did eventually put in a cameo appearance but only as the last putt dropped.

Chris Diacon, who has done a splendid job in his first season as Secretary of the competition, found himself in the unusual position of being the oldest player in the field. Not exactly on a par with the Nuvvuagittuq greenstone belt he nevertheless gave away a few years to the other three semi-finalists. On the other hand holder Paul Gibb had to give away 7 shots to Chris in their morning joust on the New Course.

An upset would not have been a complete surprise but when the chips are down the cream rises to the top, a culinary comment which left Paul better able to enjoy his lunch. 6 and 4 sounds convincing but it took a couple of outrageously good putts to swing the tide.

Paul apart, the other three contestants were new to the occasion and none had played Walton Heath before. It is fair to say they found it a challenge, the deceptively friendly looking heather wreaking its usual punishment on any ball not on the fairway. The game between John Turner and Phil Murrison was played in the very best of spirits. Competitive but never over serious. Indeed both players contributed greatly to the day in terms of sportsmanship and friendly banter. Phil is a prodigious hitter at times but also has a good all round game which eventually saw him home safely against a never-give-up John, enthusiastically supported by his personal fan club.

It was encouraging to see a few supporters along and they, like us all, were able to enjoy the club’s renowned restaurant where words like ‘calories’ or ‘indulgence’ are simply not tolerated. It is at times like this that sympathy lies with the two finalists, forced to exercise great self control ahead of the all important afternoon battle. It is fair to report that Phil
never really looked like winning, but he held tightly onto Paul's shirt tails until, following a couple of uncharacteristic errors, Paul slipped from dormy 3 to dormy 1, and there was just a faint prospect of the match going down the 19th. Midst some excitement both players were close to the pin in regulation. Unfortunately for Phil he was in a bunker and his hopes died.

Paul was a firm favourite following the early round demise of Phil Beswick. His victory was well deserved and his approach to the game a lesson to all. It is probably the first time the final has been contested by two short sleeved, bag toting players. An enviable sight for some of us.

Finally a big 'Thank You' to Past President Brian Ling, also a Past Captain of Walton Heath, through whom we enjoy access to this wonderfully traditional home of golf.
Richard Fowler is organising a "long weekend" ski-trip at the end of March 2009 to Austria. He is just waiting for confirmation of date and cost. Anyone interested please contact Richard Fowler.

If successful, this gives the opportunity of having a weekend trip later in the year for some glacier skiing.
The 10th September found us shooting on the Short Siberia range at the National Shooting Centre at Bisley, Surrey. It was our competition day for the longer range full bore rifles which we fire from 100 and 200 yards. However the weather forecast was not good, black clouds circling above waiting to pounce on us hapless shooters. Now the good news. Ten people turned up. This is a record for recent years and brings back memories of the golden years of the Paper Trade when work was a side show and enjoyment was King!! Well ok, it was never really like that but that does not alter the fact that Bev and I were pleasantly surprised by the numbers. It did create one problem in that we had only booked one target but that did not reduce the day’s enjoyment.

Everybody received the compulsory safety brief and a few rounds were fired to get used to the rifles and then on to the competition.

Of the attendees two were guests (Dick Carter and Penny Hicks),
one new member (Mark Searle) and the remainder were club members of old, Bev Steele (quite old), David Wisdom (average), Gary Snell (old enough) Andy Windless (medium) Gary Boyton (older than he looks), Joan Carter (in her prime) and Keith Byatt (past his use-by date)

The results of the Bev Steele 303 Cup Competition were:

1st Bev Steele ........29
2nd Gary Boyton... 28
3rd Keith Byatt......27

Bev was pleased but mildly embarrassed to win his own Cup and I must say that these scores were not that good when you consider the highest possible score was 50. The wind and rain did play some part in moving the bullets away from the Bull! (and that is not bull either!)

with Bev getting a brilliant group but away from the Bull. We then adjourned to the Hen and Chickens for lunch and decided that we might as well stay there for the afternoon. (We didn’t!)

Following discussions in the pub we agreed to have another “Finals Day” towards the end of November and ensure that everyone knows about it. It will be on the 27th on the Melville Range.

We also set a date for the Club’s AGM. This will be Monday 12th January 2009 at the Sir John Franklin pub, High Street, Greenhithe, DA9 9NN at 18.30hrs for a 19.00hrs start followed by an excellent Christmas Dinner.

We go there because one of our members owns the place and the food is great. Christmas in January I hear you ask? It is a tradition going back many years, that the SSSSC has its Christmas Dinner in January, one even in February if my memory serves me right. This is because pubs and restaurants give us better prices then!

The 2009 programme will be put together at the AGM and you will see an entry regarding this in this Newsletter in the New Year.

Trophy Day Melville Range
21st October

THIS was to have been our main Trophy Day at the Melville Range and was scheduled for 21st October which started as a dull, rainy and windy day but by the time it came to shooting the sun came out, skies cleared and it was a beautiful, even perfect day to be outside shooting. We had just one small problem, only four members turned up, Bev Steele, Andy Windless, Joan Carter and myself. Telephone calls were made with scant response.

Waiting became too boring so we decided to abort PICT President Fred Haines’ visit, postpone the official competition to another day and just have a low key shoot for fun. This was actually very productive for me.

Normally we try to squeeze in a lot on our shoots. However this time I had time to play with the telescopic sights on my .22 rifle, move them about and adjust and my shooting improved.

So, we had a little competition anyway (we had to decide who was going to buy the beers at lunch time) so using the lever action, .38 calibre rifles we each fired 20 shots with no time limit, just a relaxed shoot, firstly from a sitting position, then a further 20 shots standing. Bev was first in both of these.

We then did the same with the .22’s (with telescopic sights). Thankfully I managed to win these 2 strings

Report by Bev Steele
Chairman PICT Shooting Club

There were several factors conspiring against us over the last 2 shoots this year including our Trophy Day which was set for 27th November. Nonetheless we remain optimistic for 2009 and have set a date for our AGM which is 12th January 2009 at the Sir John Franklin pub in Greenhithe, Kent. For further details contact either Secretary Keith Byatt or myself.
Annual Tennis Tournament
18th September

As the sun rose early on Thursday, 18th September at County Lawn Tennis Club in Northamptonshire, the first year post Jack Perry’s magnificent running of the annual Tennis tournament unfolded.

The weather, gorgeous. The courts, pristine. The participants, drinking tea, coffee and munching biscuits.

With 9 pairs raring to go the round robin section began in earnest with the sun beating down and the tables and chairs being brought out to face centre court for those sitting out. There were 2 ladies present; one brave one on court Beryl Shilton, brave enough to play with Peter Chilton and all the other men pair by pair. The other my better half, ’er indoors, the lovely Claire who is solely responsible for the smooth running of the whole day.

Our official photographer Ken Jones who, not only managed to capture many quality photos, all of which will be viewable on the website www.pictuk.com managed to come 1st in the smiley face race and make his partner Pete Burrell look like Tim Henman.

The combination of Brian Garson and Peter Bothwick looked immense except when Brian decided to show off his ability to sit in the corner of centre court during a point.

With Fedrigoni, SamUK Ltd, and Condat UK helping towards the balls, courts and food I am pleased to confirm that a very enjoyable day even though I say it myself also culminated in the sum of £350 being raised for Teenage Cancer Trust, my chosen charity for this year.

With everyone lunched and trying to work out what they had to do to avoid the impressive Jonathan Clay and Chris Diacon and Andrew Dunning and Stephen Kingsley pairs in the Penman Trophy. Sadly it was to be my first attempt in the semi-final with my new partner Ray Williams, with a brand new pairing of Tim Winstone and freshly flown in from Germany Patrick Gazut from Sihl, who have already intimated a desire to be one of the sponsors for 2009, which made up the Penman Trophy final 4 pairs. The inevitable finalist Andrew and Stephen beat Ray and myself as we peaked in the warm up. Newcomers Patrick and Tim represented themselves well but could not see off the ever improving Chris and Jonathan. The final saw a hard fought 1st set just taken by Chris and Jonathan with Andrew and Stephen giving their all only to be overrun in the 2nd set. So 6-4, 6-0 it was with again a newcomer’s name on the trophy albeit with Mr Diacon alongside Jonathan Clay, well done both.

The Johnston Cup culminated in Roger Spikesman and Nick Henry versus Brian Garson and Peter Bothwick and Beryl Shilton and Peter Chilton played Tony Wood and Fred Haines who look like they had been playing together forever, well that’s what Tony said it felt like playing with Fred. The final contained the obvious pairs, Beryl and Peter, Brian and Peter, watched as a thrilling 3 setter played over 2 tennis courts culminated in Fred and Tony’s names on the cup for the 1st time ever, with the runners up the seasoned pairing of Nick and Roger.

During the course of the day we had several prominent visitors watching the day unfold. These included Phil Clamp who still toyed with the idea of taking part and a cameo appearance I am please to say by Jack Perry which allowed us at the end of the afternoon to present him with a token of our thanks for many enjoyable days in years gone past. The day was not over then as 14 of us transferred to a nearby private room where we wined, dined (eventually) and
presented to those that triumphed during the day along with Ken Jones and Pete Burrell and Beryl Shilton also receiving recognition for various feats during the day.

Once again, thank you to all that participated, facilitated and those that also wanted to but couldn’t. I look forward to the numbers doubling for 2009 and some feedback on the new venue also. I will confirm the date for September 2009 as soon as possible.
CHARITY DONATIONS 2008

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:

**Oakham House**
Oakham House is a specialist adolescent psychiatric unit in Leicester which offers wide ranging support for families coping with eating disorders. They offer both in-patient and out-patient facilities and family therapy, to ensure young people are treated in the most sympathetic environment to maximise the best chance of a full recovery.

**£2,628.50**

**Rainbows Children’s Hospice, Loughborough**

**£1,333.00**

**Teenage Cancer Trust**

**£350.00**

**Benevolent Claims**

**£9,895.00**

**Reserved for transport for school children to the Paper Trail**

**£2,100.00**
BIRMINGHAM DINNER 2008

BIRMINGHAM PAPER TRADE SOCIAL SOCIETY ANNUAL BALL

This annual Charity Ball was held on Friday 17th October, at Chesford Grange Kenilworth, near Warwick.

The chosen charity for the evening was the Birmingham St. Mary’s Hospice.

In the absence of President Fred Haines, Vice President Peter Bothwick represented PICT, joining BPTSS President Joe Piggott and 120 attendees for a highly enjoyable evening.

A combination of the charity raffle and a “Heads and Tails” competition raised £1,400. There was also a charity auction for a number of high quality items, which raised a further £970. This means that in total, including an additional donation from Society coffers, the Hospice will be presented with £3,000, a most satisfactory outcome.

PICT sends compliments and best wishes to all those connected with the Birmingham Paper Trade Social Society.

Peter Bothwick

OBITUARIES

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Eric Haylock on 14th August 2008 aged 87 years. Born in Battersea, Eric had an abiding interest in all things to do with London and much else, which drew him into a career in journalism.

As war clouds gathered he joined the RAF in 1937 and served to the end of hostilities in many theatres; the UK, South Africa and India. He married Enid in 1946 and took up his journalistic career that year. Son Stephen tells the editor Eric had many jobs in the early days, the Croydon Advertiser, Romford Times and the Press Association but it was at the World Paper Trade Review from which he eventually retired as editor that he became known and much admired by those within the paper industry.

He was awarded the OBE for services to the paper industry in 1978 and the Paper Industry Gold Medal in 1986 for outstanding commitment to the UK Paper Industry. He was a JP, a Member of several City based clubs including the City Livery Club, the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Paper Makers and became a Freeman of the City of London. He was also a Rotarian and more latterly became involved with Probus. He was also a staunch Member of the London Pride Society.

Stephen added that with all this activity there was little time for hobbies but towards the end of his life he enjoyed sea angling and country walking. A very full life with much to be celebrated.

Eric Haylock
George S. Christie
1920 – 2008
Chairman of Quaife Paper Ltd
Chairman of The Aims Group
President NAPM 1987-1988
Freeman of the City of London

The funeral service for George Stark Christie took place on 4th October at St Botolph’s Church, Trunch.

George was born in Buxton and educated at Giggleswick on the North York Moors. He served with the BEF in France, Malta, South Africa and Palestine during WWII and had risen to the rank of Major at the age of 24.

On leaving the army, he gave up ambitions to take up Law to join the family firm of papermakers George Stark & Sons in Glasgow, a mill renowned for coated and gummed papers and their unique black-centered playing card board. He was appointed sales director and was commissioned to open an office in Carter Lane EC4.

Their gummed paper qualities inspired a certain music teacher to sell paper as a sideline and to stock it under his Steinway – thus was born Alfred Quaife & Company Limited! A strong bond was formed between the two companies and, following a disastrous fire, it was natural that George would join Quaife in 1965 to start a new branch in Luton.

Together with Cyril Tomkins and David Fordham, George was instrumental in the success of Quaife and retired in 1986 as Chairman. He was a man held in great respect both within Quaife (always known as MR. Christie!) and in the Trade and many learnt and benefited from his firm but fair and honest standards.

With Tim Bowler, he also had the idea of forming a consortium of independent paper merchants which was launched under the name of AIMS in 1982, with George as its founding Chairman and included companies such as Quaife, Lunnons, Benjamin Gough, G F Smith and latterly South Wales Paper. From his time at Ben Gough, current NAPM Director Tim Bowler remembers George as a kind and friendly man but one who didn’t suffer fools gladly! Aims now boasts 11 members with a turnover of £92m.

His achievements were recognized not only by being made President of the NAPM but also a member of the Guild of Papermakers and the honour of which he was most proud – a Freeman of the City of London.

George was an active Rotarian for 43 years and, on retirement, played an influential part in the village he retired to Trunch, Norfolk, and served for 17 years on the parish council, becoming chairman in 2003.

George leaves his wife Jane, three children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and will be greatly missed by them and everyone else whose lives were touched by him.

Contributions from Mike Windett, Jim Walker, Tim Bowler, many of George’s work colleagues and, of course, his family.
CELEBRATION OF A FRIENDSHIP

Jack Perry requested that I make mention of the fact that this year he and Peter West celebrate 60 years of friendship.

He tells that it all began when a vacancy appeared at LS Dixon in September 1948 for an office boy which Jack took to replace Peter who had been called for National Service in the RAF. Since then their lives have been enjoined with all special occasions shared. Peter took over from Jack as Secretary of the SSS when he was to become President.

Over the years they have taken many holidays and much golf together up to the present. They were fellow members of the Paperweights Golfing Society. No, I haven’t heard of them either! He spoke at Peter’s 40th and 50th birthday parties and at his retirement bash.

Jack adds there must be millions of photos of them doing all sorts of damage down the years. What a pleasure it is to write of such things. Best wishes to you both and may the friendship endure.

A LABOUR OF LOVE

Jack Perry has put together a CD of what, to the Editor’s belief, is a truly fascinating record of photographs and reports taken from the Stationers Social Society’s Tennis Section’s glory days; a very evocative expose of the period between 1926 and 2007. The names and faces of many individuals shown, several of whom later became important figures within the Industry will be recognised by some of the current readership I am sure.

It is available for sale at £15 which will include a donation for charity. Kindly contact Anne James by email anne@pictuk.com. This superb piece of work is thoroughly recommended.

Why not join us to have some fun helping others.

Individual donor £15 per year
Corporate donor £5 per year
E-mail anne@pictuk.com for details
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY 5\textsuperscript{th} MARCH 2009

PICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING &
3\textsuperscript{rd} ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER

ROYAL LANCASTER HOTEL
HYDE PARK, LONDON W2

AGM COMMENCES 4:30pm
IN THE OAK ROOM

RECEPTION 6:15pm
FOR DINNER 7pm
LOUNGE SUITS
President
Fred Haines
E-mail: fredhaines@fsmail.com

Secretary
Anne James
E-mail: anne@pictuk.com

Treasurer
Brian Hill
E-mail: bghill47@googlemail.com

Trustees
Bernard Kelly
E-mail: bjKelly@gotadsl.co.uk

Patrick Shorten
E-mail: patrick.shorten@virgin.net

Newsletter Editor
Bev Steele
E-mail: steele.speed@blueyonder.co.uk

Paper supplied by
Fedrigoni UK Ltd

Printed on
Symbol Freelife Satin 150gsm FSC

Printed by
L&S Printing Company Limited

Paper Industry Charitable Trust Ltd
( formerly Stationers’ Social Society)
Company Number: 5919035
Charity Number: 1118232