



**BORN in 1951 in North London Peter went to an industry related school although he didn't realise he would be involved with the paper industry at the time of course. This was the Stationers' Company's School in Hornsey. Attendance at this school entitled Peter to become a Liverman of the City of London! Because of this it was inevitable that he would follow a North London football team and as we all know there are two to choose from, Tottenham and Enfield. Naturally he chose Tottenham and that allegiance continues today and is a season ticket holder at White Hart Lane.**

Peter's sporting prowess was in swimming, winning both domestic and international honours. His speciality was the 100 metre breaststroke in which event he ranked third in the UK and also defeated an Olympic champion! Such prowess also gained him a Great Britain cap swimming breaststroke in the 4 x 100 metre medley relay. He is also a member of the One Mile Butterfly Club!...and tells us this is nothing to do with insects just a relatively small group who have swum one mile using the butterfly stroke. Unfortunately for Peter

there was no money in swimming back then and there still isn't today.

He left school at 18 and joined the Paper Industry at Wiggins Teape in Watling Street, London EC4. He worked in various offices at WT and then Arjo Wiggins in London, Dartford, Basingstoke and Birmingham, before leaving in 1993 and joining Stora. It became Stora Enso in 1999 which he left in 2005 to briefly join Scheufelen before linking up again with Stora colleagues in 2006 as Sales Director of Grycksbo Paper AB. Whilst retaining with pride his London accent Peter has lived in Worcestershire for 22 years. He has been married to Glynis for nearly 35 years and they have 2 lovely daughters, Jane 29 and Katie 24.

Peter was twice Chairman of the Paper Makers' Society of Birmingham, and he is also a Past President of the Birmingham Paper Trade Social Society. He has been a member of PICT and previously the Stationers Social Society for about 30 years and acknowledges that he has always gained tremendous satisfaction and enjoyment from his participation. Within these societies Peter has played tennis, squash, cricket, golf and bowls. Maybe ski-ing, angling and shooting are yet to come! He describes his golfing ability as minimalist, consequently he is a regular attendee at the Shanks Section outings where he is a past winner of the Shanker of the Day trophy an experience he describes as "humbling". As President Peter regards it as a duty to the Society to convey to fellow members of this great industry that there is an enormous amount to be gained from getting involved in PICT. Not just from participation in the individual sports sections but also from promoting the Trust's charitable status and the rewarding contributions that result.

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# FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

There is a trick to be turned here. One must of course mention the wretched Crunch though it is unsatisfactory in the extreme to constantly refer to it and the anxiety it has brought in its wake. I gathered comfort meeting so many of the actively employed Members of the Trade at the Annual Dinner in March and was much heartened by their determination to do whatever was considered necessary to get through the thing. The effect it will have on PICT and its charitable dealings we have yet to see. It is naive to think it will have no effect but we trust as ever to the generosity of the organisations and the individuals within our Industry to remember the needs of others.

That's enough of a message for this article. Summer is here, the country in my neck of the woods has never looked better. My golf, despite whatever I do at my end of the bat doesn't seem to put the ball where I want it to be but my friends tell me I'm cheerful which is probably a euphemism for losing well. I'm afraid I'm a dyed in the wool Shanker these days, no doubt about that. Speaking of which do please take a note of the many and varied activities of the Trust and get in touch with the Sports Section secretaries, all numbers available on both on the PICT webpage and within the pages of this magazine.

I am looking as no doubt is the rest of the population at large, for those green shoots of Spring within the economy to sprout quickly and give us all a kick in the right direction so the Charity can serve its main purpose which is the support of others.

## BUT ECHOES REMAIN

The Paper Industry in this country was in its day at the forefront of the technologies that cascaded down from the Industrial Revolution; the early use of steam, hydraulics, electricity etc. Most of it has gone of course but echoes remain. There are many retired and currently working people within the Industry who will have a fund of stories based on their experiences working at mills, mill sales offices, paper mill agents, conversion units, merchants etc. which could well be of interest to the broader membership.. Tales of lives lived up and down New Bridge Street and the alley streets of the City of London, of those offices that clustered round the Manchester Cotton Exchange etc.. All could be grist to the mill. If you think you have something of interest that could be published in the PICT Newsletter which goes out twice a year, do send your copy to me at [steele.speed@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:steele.speed@blueyonder.co.uk).





## ANNUAL DINNER 2010

We are looking to ring a change for next year's Annual Dinner and are proposing that we go to a lunch as against a dinner. There will be some cost advantages by making this move. To use a boxing metaphor we must roll with the punches dealt by this wretched recession. A date and venue has yet to be fixed. This will appear on the PICT webpage and in the next edition of this Newsletter. We do hope this change will meet with the approval of the Membership.

## WE WANT TO HELP

PICT's (Paper Industry Charitable Trust) prime reason for existence is to give grants and aid to those requiring such whether an individual or institution. We ask that you consider this carefully and if you know of a member or ex-member of the Paper Industry experiencing hardship who could benefit from some financial help please let us know.

Your request will be put before a board for consideration. This will be done discreetly and in confidence. Kindly contact either Patrick Shorten (01844 237250) or Barry Fowler (07770 943952).

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

We held an AGM just before the Annual Dinner on 5th March in the Oak Room of the Royal Lancaster Hotel. The appended Minutes tell all of course but what should be mentioned is the never stinting and enthusiastic support and input from the Members themselves. In these recessive times it is so important to get things right; that the correct decisions are made at both the AGM and the successive committee meetings. It is all so crucial now that the activities of PICT are efficiently directed. It is apparent that we have a very committed and professional team running the charity's affairs at present.

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 5th March 2009 in the Oak Room of the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London W2 2TY commencing at 16.35 hours

The President, Fred Haines, took the chair. There were 20 members in attendance.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th March 2008 were proposed by Bev Steele, seconded by David Houseman and unanimously approved.
2. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported on his year of office.
3. Apologies for Absence were recorded from:  
M Bairstow, K Byatt, H Davies, C Diacon, D Donaldson, C Duncan, G Fowler, M Gore, N Haslam, Ms J Hill, T Jansz, J Ladd, J Leahy, D Monk, J Perry, G Poole, Mrs J Stanley, Ms R Tecklerberg, J Vanderpump, C Williams, M Windett.
4. It was proposed by Barry Fowler and seconded by Patrick Shorten that Rule 6.1 should be amended to read: "The business to be transacted at an AGM shall include the consideration of the accounts, which have been either audited or independently examined to meet the requirements of HM Revenue & Customs and the Charity Commission". This rule change was unanimously agreed.
5. A financial statement was presented by the Treasurer who reported that PICT's second year had started with reserves of £17,639 and ended 2008 with £88,845 (less audit cost) so reserves rose by approx £70,000. The majority of the gain came from the £60,000 one-off donation from the SSS Benevolent Fund. The most notable fund-raising activities of 2008 were:  
£9,210 Annual Dinner  
£3,464 Charity Golf days  
£1,380 Dog Racing  
£1,440 Rugby  
£1,230 President's Half Marathon  
Benevolent grants and Charitable Donations totalled almost £14,500. Cash in Bank at 31 December was £98,885. An EGM will need to be held to approve the Accounts when they have been audited.
6. Election of Directors  
The President announced that following a Past Presidents' proposal, the Committee recommended that Peter Bothwick be elected President for 2009. This was proposed by David Houseman, seconded by Barry Fowler and unanimously approved. Fred Haines then invested Peter Bothwick with the Badge of Office. The new President was warmly applauded.

Peter Bothwick then took the Chair. His first duty was to announce that it was the Past Presidents' recommendation that Malcolm Lane-Ley become Vice President for 2009. This was proposed by Fred Haines,



*AGM top table with the new President in the chair*

seconded by Patrick Shorten and unanimously approved. Malcolm Lane-Ley was then invested with the Vice-President's badge and thanked the meeting. He was warmly applauded.

The appointment of the Treasurer Brian Hill was proposed by Bernard Kelly, seconded by Bev Steele and unanimously approved.

The appointment of the Secretary Mrs Anne James was proposed by Stephen Mason, seconded by Kevin Dewey and unanimously approved.

According to the Articles of Association the longest serving Elected Director has to retire but is eligible to stand for re-election. However Bernard Kelly wished to propose that Barry Fowler take his place. This was seconded by Patrick Shorten and unanimously approved. Bernard Kelly was thanked for his contribution over many years.

The meeting ended at 17:10 hrs.

# 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER



*President Peter Bothwick in full flow*

The preparations for this event, the 3rd Annual Dinner, began last year full of the usual optimism and bookings were made with all the brio that you would expect from your enthusiastic committee. Then boom, along came the Crunch. The period just before the Dinner was an alarming time for the crew whose responsibility it was to get this premier event off the ground. A blow by blow account of what went on, much of it at the last moment is probably not appropriate here; sufficient to say I think, that your committee held its nerve and went into big time negotiating mode. Phone lines were hot but 270 derrieres were put onto seats and there was very little financial damage done to the charity but as Wellington said after Waterloo, “it was a damn close run thing”.

The AGM was held during the afternoon of the Dinner when Fred Haines passed his duties and badge of office to our new President Peter Bothwick so under Peter’s stewardship the guests were clapped into the room and the top table glitterati were...

Margaret Curle -The Paper Trail

Marcus Atkins - President London Pride Society

Joe Piggott - Birmingham Paper Trade Society

Peter Bothwick - PICT President

Anne James - PICT Secretary

Alistair Gough – President, National Association of Paper Merchants

Noel Osborne – The Master, Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers

The Heads and Tails game was played and was won by Andrew Smith. This is a good money spinner for the Charity and I am pleased to announce this garnered £1085. The table raffle totalled £2365 so the grand total on the night was £3250.

The food was good and the company, despite the potential for Crunch led gloom and doom was very cheerful indeed.

The speeches were of a very high standard with Maestro Joe Piggott getting the ball rolling in



*President passing Fred Haines his Past President's badge*



*Top Table settled and expectant*

his masterly, measured way, incisive and perceptive as ever. President Peter Bothwick was in scarifyingly good form. He has, when on his feet, (here I struggle for an adjective) a sort of benignly lacerating style, if that is not too much of a paradox, made more effective for having such a mild demeanour. It had us, the Common Horde in the body of the room hooting with laughter. A good mix of a speech full of perception regarding the future and all told in his own inimitable way.

With the formal part of the evening over Rod Woodward entertained us. He is an amazing comedian I understand of mixed Welsh and Italian parenthood. His accent is certainly different, sort of San Pietro in Palazzi via Pontypridd but once you got into it, very funny indeed.

The bars were doing good business and all in all a success in all departments and a compliment to those who organised this fine event which does so much good for society at large.



*One of the bigger tables - good fellowship writ large*

# REPORT FROM FRED HAINES

## - outgoing President



When one gets to my advanced age it is not an easy task to look back on twelve months and recall events with clarity. Particularly in such a traumatic year both for the industry and for me personally. Our industry has many challenges but I imagine Merchant Bankers, Builders, Estate agents and the Motor industry would be delighted with how our demand is compared to theirs! There is always someone worse off..

The President's year starts with the daunting prospect of the speech at the Annual Dinner, my task was made much more difficult by my guest Martyn Eustace producing a very entertaining discourse, which set a challenging precedent. I am particularly grateful to all who contributed to the President's Charity. This enabled PICT to donate nearly £3,000 to Oakham House, a specialist eating disorder clinic for adolescents, where my daughter has been treated by a team with incredible expertise and empathy.

PICT continued to offer a variety of sporting events and despite the difficult market I'm delighted that most sections were well supported, due to the hard work of the secretaries and I know that ensuring attendance at our various events is no easy task in the current climate.

Over the year I enjoyed Greyhound Racing in

Manchester, Golf in Scotland, Blackheath and Leicestershire. Dinners in London, Manchester and Birmingham. A marathon Tennis Tournament in Northamptonshire, my partner Tony Wood deserves great credit for carrying such a large passenger for so many sets of Tennis.

A big thank you to all the sports section secretaries who work so hard to keep the events going and without them the organisation would lose its unique flavor and diversity. Long may the various sections keep going, please keep on supporting them.

One of the highlights of my year was organising the Charity Golf Day at Rothley Park, my home Club. With eighteen teams supporting the event, good weather, the course in good nick, an excellent lunch, followed by well chosen words from Dickie Davies our guest speaker, made for an excellent occasion. The day raised £2,600 and half of this was donated to the Rainbows Children's Hospice in Loughborough. I will be organising another Golf Day at Rothley in September 2009 and hope it will be as well supported this year.

Central to our objectives at PICT is the fund-raising for charities, and the trustees Bernard Kelly and Patrick Shorten have done great work in overseeing the benevolent claims and ensuring the Charity functions within the legislative strictures.

As always a huge thank you to Anne James, without her cheerful guidance and promptings my Presidency would have been much less enjoyable and effective. Special thanks to Bev Steele and Brian Hill who took on the essential roles of Editor and Treasurer so willingly and efficiently and all the committee who contribute to the running of PICT.

My very best wishes to Peter Bothwick in his year ahead, he has got off to a great start with his tremendous speech and a remarkably upbeat dinner in the most difficult conditions most of us can remember.

It was a great pleasure to have played a part in the organisation and I look forward to supporting the charity in the future.

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## COLTSFORD MILL

– Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

A gloriously sunny day saw a rather limited number of members and guests turn out for the first fly-fishing event of the year at the immaculate Coltsford Mill fishery, near Oxted, Surrey. Pressures of business plus illness including a number of operations managed to keep the numbers down although, not to be put off by a mere triple by-pass in the last month, Sandy White was as eager and determined as ever to attend, even though forbidden from fishing. Gerry Overy was also carrying the after effects of a ski accident from last year so it was a case of the walking wounded!

It was immediately evident that it was fishing well when one local was seen leaving with his bag of three fish that had been caught before we arrived at about 9.00 and as I pulled into the car park Dennis Cole was also playing a fish in the lower Cascade pool.

In fact it turned out to be a typical fishing day with some people catching easily and others having to wait till the afternoon before filling their bags but that is part of the enjoyment and

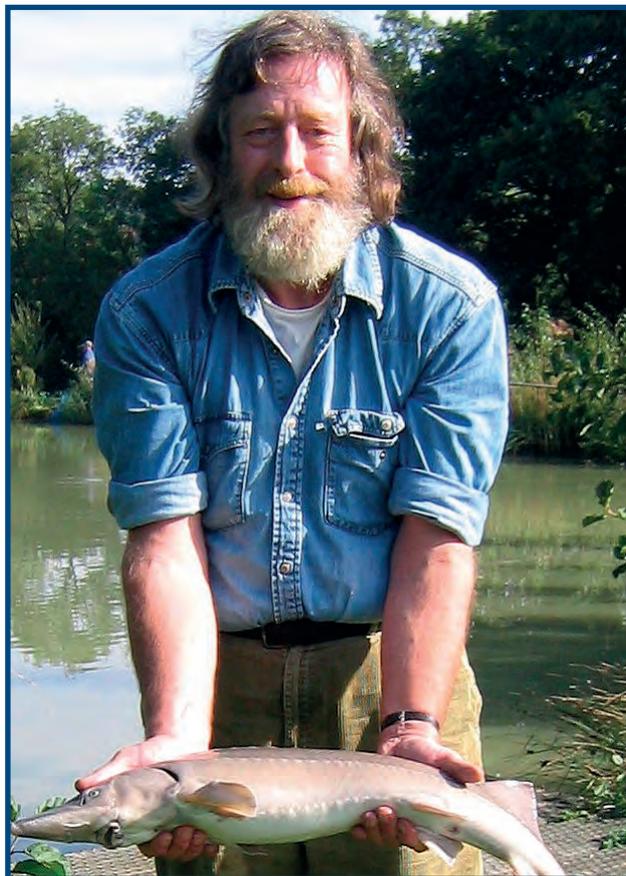
mystique of the sport, not knowing what is going to be caught and when. To illustrate the point, most of the Rainbow trout were in the 2-3lb range but Martin Fagan only caught one but it was an excellent 6lb 8oz.

Star of the day was undoubtedly Brian Hill who had the heaviest catch with 4 fish totalling 14lb 9oz so getting back to fishing form after years in the golfing wilderness! He goes into the lead for this year's Monk Trophy, shortly ahead of Robert Taylor, Dennis Cole and Gerry Overy

Just before lunch we had an informal presentation of the Monk Trophy when Sandy White presented the trophy to last year's winner, Robert Taylor.

Then six of us went off to sample the local ale and enjoy a natter before returning for a further more relaxed bout of fishing on what was a splendid day with everyone catching at least one fish.

On a sad note, I have to report that Tony Spicer, Dick Lovelace and I recently attended the funeral of John Puncher, former paper buyer at Longmans, who would be well known to anyone on the coarse fishing scene. Although not a member of SSS/PICT, John was a regular guest at the annual



*John Puncher 1951 - 2009*

coarse fishing events and often took home prizes for biggest fish or best bag of the day and also helped the Stationers' Social Society to victories over London Pride. He was a gentle giant who loved his fishing, his allotment and horse racing and will be missed by his many angling friends.

## **FRENESHAM LAKES** **– Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Once again the weather forecasters got it all



*Lunch at Frensham Lakes*

wrong, sufficient to put off one of our party who was travelling from Norfolk. So it was that 9 members and 3 guests met for our visit to the lovely complex of 6 lakes that make up Frensham Fishery, close to Hindhead in Surrey.

By the time I arrived, a couple of rods were already bending into the first fish of the day so, after a friendly greeting from Richard the fishery owner, I tackled up with eager anticipation. The main lake was already looking quite busy so I made my way to the lowest of the lakes which are very secluded and surrounded by woodland. It was a joy to be off the M25 and in peace and tranquillity apart from bird song and the trickle of running water. It was not long before I felt that first pull on the line that always sends the heart racing and a lovely Rainbow Trout of about 2 ½ lbs was in the net – dinner for two assured!

My aim is always to try for a fish from each of the lakes so I went to join the throng on the main lake and enjoy the banter that inevitably takes place on these small intimate waters. It was obvious that

everyone was having a successful morning with fish being caught regularly all round the lake.

Contrary to the forecast the weather was almost perfect for fishing and warm enough for just shirt sleeves and so we were able to sit at the outdoor bench tables for a picnic lunch. With 9 of us round one table it was quite cosy and certainly led to some good banter and surprisingly only one beer to be seen amongst us – no wonder the President chose to go to the Shanks event!

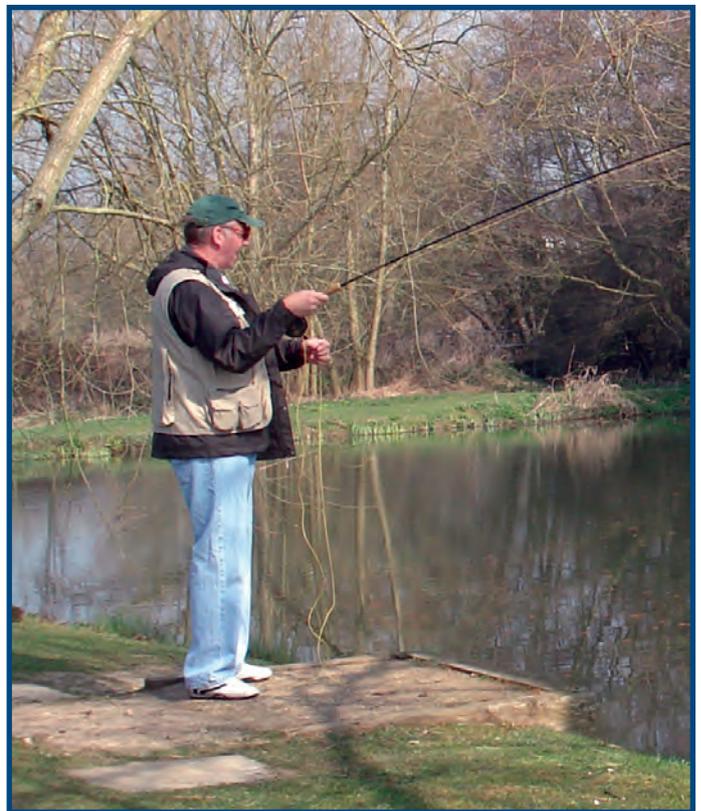
Lunch was soon over and everyone was anxious to get back to their rods and the fishing remained as good in the afternoon.

One of the advantages of Frensham is the facility to catch and release fish which means that one is not limited to any number. I have to say that we were really shown the way by our guests with one of them, Granville Ainley, catching over 10 fish. However, the largest fish of the day was a beautiful Rainbow Trout weighing 5 ½ lbs amongst a bag of 5 fish caught by Andrew Smith.

Everyone went home happy after a great day.

## **MONK TROPHY**

After two events Brian Hill is holding a narrow lead in the race for the Monk Trophy, closely followed by Robert Taylor and Dennis Cole.



*Robert Taylor playing a fish on Willow Pool*

## INVITATION

Newcomers would be most welcome at any of our four fly fishing events held each year. Most of the fisheries are prepared to loan rods and equipment and will give tuition which can be supplemented by our members. If you fancy giving the sport a try please contact me for more information.



*Dennis Cole on Lower Cascade*



*Sandy White*

# ANGLING DATES FOR 2009

## Coarse Fishing

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June - PICT v London Pride - Annual Match -  
Crow Green Fishery, Nr Brentwood, Essex**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September - LPS Open Match - Venue TBA**

## Fly Fishing

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Possibly River Test but to be confirmed  
nearer the time, alternatively a Stillwater venue**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Norton Fishery, Stapleford Tawney, Essex**

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Golf Secretary Richard Bennett tells us our 2009 season began on 21st May with a meeting in conjunction with the Paper Agents Golf Society (PAGS) at Effingham G.C. There will be a report on this but do please note the following dates which we wish to flag up as strongly as possible.

The Summer Meeting with the PAGS is on 25th June at Hadley Wood G C, Barnet, Herts and the Autumn Meeting also with PAGS is at the Wilderness G.C. Sevenoaks, Kent.

On Wednesday 3rd June there was an annual Inter-society match at Royal Blackheath G C with teams from PICT, PAGS and PTGS (Paper Trade Golfing Society). Please support these meetings.

## **SPRING MEETING - 21<sup>st</sup> May**

The first combined PICT/PAGS golf day proved to be a resounding success not only because of the excellent turnout of 36 players, we were also blessed with a fine sunny day and an Effingham golf course which was in excellent condition. The format of the day was a morning 18 individual Stableford competition which was

split into 2 sections, the 16 and under handicaps were playing for the David Fordham Memorial Trophy which was retained by Alastair Nicoll. Those with handicaps of 17 and up played for the Syd Humphries Trophy and this was won by Alan Piper. There was also a competition for the guests who were playing for the PICT Presidents prize, which had been kindly donated by The President, and this was won by Darren Thomas, a guest of David Hargreaves with a very credible 38 points. Following the morning we all retired to the dining room for an excellent carvery lunch which fortified everyone for an afternoon 9 holes Greensome for the Swedish Trophy. This proved to be a very tightly fought for competition with 3 pairs all coming in with 19 points, however after countback Keith Cleary and Ray Evans just beat Chris Diacon and Keith Wild into second place and Rod Gill and John Burgess into third place. After the golf had finished tea was served in the clubhouse and the prize giving followed. We were fortunate that our President Peter Bothwick was able to be with us for a good part of the day and therefore able to present his prize to the winning guest.

The next meeting which will again be with PAGS is at Hadley Wood Golf Club on Thursday 25 June. This is a course which is well worth playing and we hope as many members as possible will make the effort to support this event, guests are not only welcome but encouraged.



*Steve Walker, Barry Gregory, Alan Badcock, Alan Piper*



*Darren Thomas, David Hargreaves, Keith Wild, Chris Dicon*



*Richard Bennett, John Ireland, Duncan Barney, Alastair Nicoll*

## **WHITEHEAD SALVER ROYAL BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB - 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

The annual three cornered golf match between PICT, PAGS & PTGS was played in near perfect weather conditions on a beautifully presented golf course. 11 teams were fielded and some impressive scores recorded with the result of the competition dependent on the scores of the final group. PICT, however came out on top thus regaining the prestigious Whitehead Salver trophy with a combined team Stableford score of 345 points closely followed by PAGS with 334 points and PTGS coming 3rd with 318 points.



The best individual score and winner of the Laming Shield was John Turner playing for PTGS with a magnificent score of 39 points (off a 10 handicap) counting out Robin (PICT) and Blackheath member John Burgess (also PTGS).



*Peter Laming presenting the Laming Shield to John Turner*



*Doug Brown and Richard Bennett*



*Peter Bothwick, Doug Brown, Richard Bennett, Jeremy Martin*

# **SUMMER MEETING**

## **HADLEY WOOD GOLF CLUB**

### **- 25<sup>th</sup> June**

PICT Captain Richard Bennett tells us a great day was had by all for this meeting which was shared with PAGS (Paper Agents Golf Society).

It was a well attended competition in lovely surroundings and in excellent weather. PICT President Peter Bothwick was there to present the prizes to winners and runners up. Those who strode to the plate to collect the silver were as follows:

PICT Golf Secretary Chris Diacon won the Griffin Trophy for the best stableford score.

PICT Captain Richard Bennett won the Doorbar Salver for the best stableford handicap score.

The Longest Drive was won by Kieran Ferguson.

Nearest the Pin was Chris Diacon who also made a birdie on this hole. All in all a pretty good day for Chris I think.

The Guest Prize winner was Nick Taylor scoring a 36 off a 10 handicap, this prize being presented by our Captain Richard Bennett.

Another well attended competition in lovely surroundings, but unfortunately they forgot the camera!!

Richard has asks the editor to point out that the Autumn Meeting will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> September at the Wilderness Golf Club at Sevenoaks another superb course and The Dandy Roll Trophy will be held on 7th October at Woodcote Park Golf Club, Coulsdon, Surrey.

For further details either contact Richard Bennett or see our webpage.

# **GOLF DATES FOR 2009**

**Autumn Meeting - 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
**The Wilderness Golf Club, Sevenoaks, Kent**

**Dandy Roll Trophy**  
**PICT v PAGS**  
**7<sup>th</sup> October - Woodcote Park Golf Club,**  
**Coulsdon, Surrey**

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## SHANKS take over a course

It is not often that a Society is either large enough or prestigious enough to command a whole golf course for its competition.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> April an intrepid group of match blunted SHANKers were treated to a virginal (as in, no one else was there as opposed to had been there) Lamerwood Country Club at Wheathampstead, which the Secretary was reliably informed was north of Watford.

We were honoured to have our President with us for the day but as Peter is a founder member it was less of an event than it could have been and more of the same old jokes really.

A bracing but sunny day greeted those that did not get lost or had a good excuse for causing the Secretary grief in crying off at the last moment. Lamerwood seems to have a Japanese flavour to its ownership which made the whole day exotic until Martin

Randall arrived in a joyous harlequin concoction, upstaging the geishas who were attending to our every need. (Membership is now very limited but bribery to get in is possible, but you need to be very rich).

The members wandered off at a cracking pace (or was it their knees) with bandit Spiers showing early in the points. The Captain, Baron von Steidl, was a little erratic in his play until his Blackberry buzzed with the news of a stock market advance. Focus was then achieved with consistently indifferent scores sustaining him until the beer at the 19<sup>th</sup> when he went smartly downhill.

Finally as the sun was setting over the foot arm the last weary four came in reporting mostly points with a 1 in front but had enjoyed a wonderful meander around the Hertfordshire countryside. They were congratulated by the Secretary for the longest round of the day. A great SHANK's honour.

Members were treated to a fine steak supper served by the geishas and a spotty chap from Welwyn Garden City. Then it was on to the eagerly awaited prize session. To break the monotony of the usual suspects the best prize was awarded to Colin Spear for the lowest points and the fact that he was the only one who could fit into the travelling wheeled golf bag!

Other prizes for better points went to the President and Peter Ingram and for the best round of the day Keith Spears, who went home with an engaging plastic golf set, which we hope he will treasure and play with next time as a handicap!

The all important Steve Beckett Trophy (forgotten by The President, who won it last time) was awarded in absentia (the trophy not the winner) to Mike Gee for as the citation records 'a double somersault tee shot, and finishing prostrate on his back'. Sadly not recorded for posterity...sorry.

That's it don't you wish you had joined us?



*Shanker of the Day award presented to Mike Gee (l) by Peter Bothwick (r)*

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Richard Fowler tells us he will be organising a get-together in London on a Friday in October in the form of a Bavarian Beerfest held in the old Billingsgate Market. The actual detail of this get-together will be advised through the PICT webpage by the end of August with a view to discuss a venue in the Alps for a trip next year. Places will be restricted to a maximum of 20.

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## Bisley Shoot, 16<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 16th April dawned bright and clear and augured well for a day at the Melville Range at Bisley for our first shoot of the year.

There were 7 shooters on the line and with Chairman Bev Steele spelling out the safety brief to the troops we got under way with our Marlin lever action rifles. These rifles are called gallery rifles and in this case the club guns are all chambered for .38 Special cartridges and are very accurate given of course that the shooter puts his sights on the right place on the target.

We had several tyros, ie., guests and out of necessity had to slow things down and monitor these guests one on one with an experienced club member. Owing to this we had no competitions as such but kept it to a day of a familiarisation for the guests. It must be understood that safety is of prime importance at all shoots and this cannot be compromised in any way by running competitions with any lack of familiarity in

both the particular rifle being used and a thorough understanding of the competition.

It was a good day within these parameters. During the afternoon we got the self-loading .22's out and again ran familiarisation shoots only with these tools.

The guests told me they enjoyed themselves and at the next shoot on 20th May again on the Melville Range with gallery rifles and '22's they will be sufficiently familiar with things for competitions to be run.

## MELVILLE RANGE - BISLEY - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

This was the PICT Shooting Section's second shoot of the year, held as usual at the home of the NRA at Bisley in Surrey. The weather was close to perfect and 7 shooters came along to this Gallery Rifle shoot for which the Melville Range is ideal.

Club Chairman Bev Steele gave the mandatory safety brief and the fun began with a 10 minute familiarisation course of fire preparatory to the competition. We decided we would use our lever action .38 Special rifles for the morning shoot saving the .22's for the afternoon. No particular reason other than it suited us to do it this way. We usually shoot at 25 metres but for some reason the Bisley range staff had put us on a 50 metre range which provides a much more testing course of fire with the bulls-eye centre part of the target perceived as half the usual size which affected all of our scores in a distinctly negative manner! One of our number had recently had a serious operation on his hand and wrist and figured firing a lever action rifle was not going to be a "good thing" and offered to work the electronic target turning control box which was very good of him. Such is the selfless nature of your average shooter! As the rules declare all tyro shooters must have an experienced shot behind him to direct operations entirely on safety grounds which meant we had 3 shooters up at a time. We fired the GRIFFIN CUP competition in the morning and the scores for the first 4 places were as follows:

Max Possible - 300

1st.	Bev Steele	221
2nd	David Wisdom	219
3rd	Gary Boyton	216
4th	Gary Snell	210

We "normally" score in the region of 280-290 when

fired at 25 metres so doubling the distance with the same size target self evidently took its toll.

We stormed off to a super pub lunch at the Hen & Chickens round the corner from the range who supply probably the finest toasted cheese and onion sandwiches on the planet then back in the afternoon to shoot the PLAICE SALVER competition which is very similar to the morning competition but using .22 self-loading, telescopic sighted rifles. The scores for this were as follows:

Max Possible - 300

1st.	Gary Snell	258
2nd	Bev Steele	257
3rd	Tied Mark Searle /Joan Carter	256
4th	Tony Kent	254

So went the day.

Our next shoot is at the Short Siberia Range on 17th June where we exercise our full bore military type rifles. Always good fun unless it rains, then lying in the middle of a field in Surrey is in truth a tad less than enchanting but then again, it's what we do.....

Four of us gathered for our 3rd shoot of the year on the Short Siberia range at Bisley. This was our first shoot this year using our long

military rifles as against the small gallery rifles used in the under cover, slightly more weatherproof Melville range. The good news is that it did not rain.

Just four of us showed so we decided to make it a morning only shoot.

The favoured four were: David Wisdom,  
Keith Byatt,  
Andy Windless  
Bev Steele

Each shooter fires 12 shots from a .303" Lee Enfield rifle, the first 2 shots to be individually marked to give the shooter some idea of where they are going. Then the target is cleared and patched and 10 shots are fired in a continuous string then scored.

This style of shooting is used as a rehearsal for the competition for the "303 CUP" on 9th September.

The standard of shooting was not in truth very good by any of us. There is a maximum of 60 points possible and none of us broke Keith Byatt's score of 22 though two came close. So back to the drawing board!

We had the usual toasted sandwiches at the Hen and Chickens pub. All in all a very enjoyable morning.

*Bev Steele*

## CLAY PIGEON SHOOTS

Is there anyone out there interested to run clay pigeon shoots within their regions? It is an activity once very popular with those both with and without guns, a very safe sport and certainly very competitive. There are many local shooting grounds offering tuition and if necessary will manage your day. Also it is a good way to raise charity donations for PICT. Please use the PICT webpage to advertise your shoots and don't forget to send your reports with captioned photographs to the Editor!

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Cricket Secretary Mike Robertson tells us that following the cancellation of the 1st 20-20 over

match due to bad weather the 15th July outing saw the sun break through and both PICT and Robert Horne teams did battle at Wollaston CC Horne's home ground. Mike as PICT Captain won the toss and elected to field against Matthew Ingram's home side. He reports there was some fantastic catching done by the PICT side, Alan Winn, of Savory Papers catching the pick of the bunch with amazing athleticism. PICT's star bowler was Matthew Boyle who in 2 overs took 4 for 11. Mathew Ingram was the star (so many stars!) bat for R. Horne with 60 not out. Final pairing was Matt and Les Fautley who pushed the total to 171 for 7.

PICT got off to a bad start losing Ian Geddes 3rd ball but Matt Ingram and Stewart Marshall had an outstanding partnership of 94. Matt was asked to retire after 50 runs. Julie Room PICT's only lady came to the crease and played herself in with a very useful 8 runs. Darren King former Cricket Section secretary was run out for one then PICT's tame Kiwi Anthony Mackie hit 2 mighty sixes before being caught. This left Alan Winn and Mike Robertson to get 36 runs off the last 2 overs. Sadly for PICT this was not to be ending with 155 runs, just 16 short of tying the match.

Mike thanks Wollaston Cricket Club for the use of their ground and Mike Windett and President Peter Bothwick in their role as Umpires. What a day that must have been.

A further match will be played on Weds 9th September, venue to be confirmed. All interested please contact Mike Robertson.

Firstly I would like to thank everybody that made the 1st PICT Tennis Tournament in the Midlands such a fantastic day last year.

This years' tournament will again be held at the same location - the County Lawn Tennis Club in Northampton on Thursday, 24th September 2009.

The day starts at 9:30 and includes lunch and then a presentation dinner at a local restaurant in the evening.

The Clubhouse overlooks the 8 tennis courts. There is a licensed bar called "Deuce" and facilities including darts, table-tennis and a pool table. For more information visit [www.ncltc.co.uk](http://www.ncltc.co.uk).

For those wishing to stay overnight I will be getting a deal from the nearby hotel and booking a meal within shouting distance for the informal gathering. But first I need to start getting a feel for the numbers so please email me as soon as possible if you are interested in playing.

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# CHARITY GOLF DAY

## - 15th October 2009



*Rothley Park Golf Club*

Following the success of our previous PICT Golf days, we are holding another event on 15th October 2009. We are returning to Rothley Park Golf Club, Rothley, Leicestershire which is a few minutes from Junction 21 of the M1. Arrangements have been made for a 10am Shotgun start and lunch/prize giving to follow the golf at 2-45 pm. The cost to enter a team of 4 players, which includes bacon roll/coffee on arrival, 18 holes golf, and a buffet lunch, will be £300, a small reduction to last year's cost to reflect the difficult economic climate.

As always we are looking for Company sponsorship, whether in the form of prizes for the golf or a raffle, please let me know if you can help in this way .

If you can advise your team details as soon as possible but at the latest by the end of August. We are limited to 20 teams and on previous occasions we were virtually sold out and hope this year the day will prove to be as popular and as valuable for the Charity.

I am happy to advise on accommodation if you wish to stay locally and will make arrangements at the Rothley Court Hotel for a special rate.

Please email me if you are interested in getting a team together. My email address is [Fred\\_Haines@fedrigoni.co.uk](mailto:Fred_Haines@fedrigoni.co.uk).

*Fred Haines*

# A VOICE FROM THE PAPER TRAIL



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This is the first of a chatty news column to inform PICT members of news and events from The Paper Trail.

Firstly, many of you will have already read or heard that The Paper Trail is in desperate need of funding. Unfortunately this is the case and has been brought about by, dare I say it, the 'Credit Crunch'. The Trail was planning to sell a strip of valuable undeveloped land on the Apsley Mills site, and although a buyer was in the offing, the recession started to bite and the developer pulled out leaving the Trail with a problem. In a couple of months the land prices dropped even further and are currently sitting at rock bottom. The Trail has been advised to hold onto this piece of land until the prices start climbing again but obviously in the meantime there is a large monetary shortfall until the land can be sold effectively.

The Paper Trail immediately set out on a fundraising bid, with lots of the local community joining up as 'Friends' and becoming involved in other fundraising efforts although these have been heartwarming, the amounts raised are by far not enough.

To step up the fundraising The Paper Trail has launched a Bond Scheme, which is run by Citylife,

a charitable bond specialist, whereby individuals or companies can put in lumps of £1000. This money is invested, The Paper Trail gains a percentage and after five years the investor gets their original money back – this is guaranteed. Contact us to find out more about this urgent fundraising Bond scheme.

In light of the financial situation, the Trust has had no option but to take the decision to downsize the organisation and restructure. Sadly this has meant the shutdown of the historic paper machine and the loss of 12 staff. However, on a positive note, the Visitor Centre remains open to the public, who are able to visit the now static mill and everything else on offer - and there are lots of adult groups and schools booked in. The Centre is now attracting coach parties of adults - in fact, we have a National Trust group coming along to visit in July - so best bib and tucker called for then!

Also, The Paper Trail still runs its conferencing and training side and these facilities are booked by local and national companies to hold their meetings and events. The conference facilities in the Visitor Centre (which holds around 150) also attracts various companies, who are intrigued with the uniqueness of the site and can combine their event with a 'breakout' tour of the mill.

The sad thing is The Paper Trail has so much to offer the local and wider community - and with no exceptions, all the visitors that come through the doors - young and old - are fascinated about the world of paper and go away understanding a lot more about its history, its future and recycling, along with the uniqueness of the Frogmore site and how it was at the very heart of the paper communication revolution.

EDUCATION - PICT has kindly sponsored some of the schools that have visited The Paper Trail by way of paying for their coach travel to Frogmore. A pilot scheme was devised early on in the year which was to promote the use of canal transport and recycling. Some 25 schools were involved along the Grand Union Canal from Hemel Hempstead to Rugby. The schools collected waste paper which was then picked up on the working barge, the Arundel, the winning schools were those that collected most paper per capita of pupils. Their

prize was a visit to The Paper Trail and included educational activities. The five winning schools were: Shenley Brook End, Milton Keynes; Wavendon Gate, Milton Keynes; St Matthews, Bloxham, Rugby; St Leonards School, Heath & Reach, Leighton Buzzard; and St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School, Milton Keynes. In total the schools collected over 2 tonnes of waste paper.

PICT also sponsored the travel costs for Hertford Regional College in Ware, winners of the Landegger Award, to travel to the Stationers Hall in London, where they collected their prize.

A big thank you to PICT from all the schools concerned and The Paper Trail for this sponsorship.

For further information about The Paper Trail, or if you or your company is interested in helping to fund this worthwhile project, in the first instance please either call or e-mail me or visit the website [www.thepapertrail.org.uk](http://www.thepapertrail.org.uk).

## EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Owing to various changes designed to improve efficiency and reduce costs to PICT an EGM was held in June. We wish to welcome our old friend John Garlick here seen hard at work as our Independent Examiner where his skills in this role are being exploited for the benefit of us all.

John as many will know was for many years an examiner of accounts for both the Stationers' Social Society and the London Pride Society. PICT is very fortunate indeed to have John back on board during these difficult times.



# EGM MINUTES

## Royal Blackheath Golf Club - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009

23 members attended the meeting: Peter Bothwick, Brian Hill, Jeremy Martin, Peter Laming, Barry Campbell, Richard Bennett, Barry Fowler, Stephen Vail, Chris Diacon, Stephen Mason, Martin Stears, Robin Sponder, John Turner, Barry Gregory, Ron Law, Mike Kerlogue, Geoff Poole, Bernard Kelly, Ron Ingarfield, Peter West, John Burgess, John Garlick, Michael Bairstow.

The President, Peter Bothwick, opened the Meeting at 18.25pm by thanking everyone for their attendance.

1. Apologies for absence were recorded from David Hesketh, Mike Windett, Nick Steidl, Kevin Dewey, John Vanderpump, Jack Perry, Malcolm Lane-Ley, Richard Dickens, Neil Haslam, Richard Cossens, John Leahy, Alistair Gough, George Fowler, Patrick Shorten.
2. To approve the accounts for 2008  
The President welcomed John Garlick back into the fold as independent Auditor for the Trust. John stated that he was surprised to be asked, but pleasantly so! He had looked in detail at the Accounts, and had discovered a missing receipt! This has subsequently been corrected accordingly.

John also stated that a Director's report is required to be submitted with the accounts. Generally, he was very satisfied with the condition and presentation of the Accounts, and he congratulated The Treasurer for his diligence.

Treasurer Brian Hill then distributed copies of the 2008 accounts, stating that the Society had grown its net worth by £70,000. The majority of this was represented by a one-off donation from the previous Stationers' Social Society. Clearly therefore, PICT had to work harder to raise funds in the future, but was currently in good financial shape.

John Garlick then commented that the Charity Commission would look very closely at an individual donation as high as £70,000, but clearly this was explainable, so no cause for concern.

Approval of the 2008 accounts was proposed by Barry Fowler, and seconded by Stephen Mason.

The President then closed the EGM at 18.45pm



*Ron Ingarfield and John Garlick*



*Stephen Mason and Barry Fowler*

# CHARITY DONATIONS 2009

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 show below:

Paper Trail	£1,165
Benevolent Grants	£1,175
Aberdeen Care and Repair	£1,000
Birmingham St Mary's Hospice	£1,625
Cancer Research	£590



*President Peter Bothwick hands over a cheque to the Birmingham St Mary's Hospice for £1,625.00*

# GENTLEMEN'S EVENING

As a joint initiative with the Yorkshire Paper Trade Golf Society, PICT will be hosting a charity "Gentlemen's evening" on Friday 30th October 2009.

The venue will be the Taverners' Suite, at Headingley Cricket Ground, Leeds, 7:00pm for Dinner at 7:30pm.

Charity proceeds will be divided between the two Societies. Guest speakers will include PICT President Peter Bothwick, former Yorkshire and England spin bowler Geoff Cope, and a guest comedian.

The ticket price is remarkably good value at £35.00 per head! Attendance is limited to approximately 100 persons, so early booking is advised. For more details, and ticket booking please contact: [duane.percival@roberthorne.co.uk](mailto:duane.percival@roberthorne.co.uk)

# TENNIS SECTION CD

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](mailto:anne@pictuk.com). This superb piece of work is thoroughly recommended.

**Why not join us to have some fun helping others.  
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# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009 CHARITY GOLF DAY

Rothley Park Golf Club  
£300 per team  
Contact Fred Haines  
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## FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009 GENTLEMEN'S EVENING

Taverners' Suite, Headingley Cricket Ground, Leeds  
7:00 pm for Dinner 7:30 pm  
Contact Duane Percival  
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### ANGLING SECTION

Coarse Fishing  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
LPS Open Match

Fly Fishing  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October -  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November -  
Norton Fishery, Essex

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### GOLF SECTION

Autumn Meeting  
24<sup>th</sup> September  
The Wilderness Golf Club,  
Sevenoaks, Kent

Dandy Roll Trophy  
PICT v PAGS  
7<sup>th</sup> October - Woodcote Park Golf Club,  
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