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AGM & CHARITY LUNCH - Friday 26th February 2010



President Peter Bothwick at the Annual Dinner 2009

It has been decided by your committee that for 2010 we will move to a lunch as against a dinner. This is something of an experiment but in view of what's going on within the economy a saving can be made by going this route. Nothing is etched in stone of course and we can revert to a dinner when times change as they most certainly will. The smart money is on knowing when. If there are any clairvoyants out there do give me a call.

The venue is the trusted Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Terrace, London W2 2TY. The date is **Friday, 26th February 2010**. Kindly note that the Annual General Meeting will commence sharp at 11.30 am in the Oak Room and the Charity Lunch is 12.30 for 1pm in The Westbourne Suite.

The ticket price for the Lunch is £70 for Members and £85 for Guests.

As many Members as possible are requested to attend the AGM where amongst other things Malcolm Lane-Ley will take up his duties as President and receive his badge of office from outgoing President Peter Bothwick. Martyn Eustace will become Vice-President.

Anne James can be contacted by email anne@pictuk.com for Lunch tickets.

More good news. Those who enjoyed Ian Irving's performance 2 years ago will be pleased to learn that his comedic services have been secured again. A very good laugh is guaranteed.

We at PICT pass our heartfelt thanks to our charity donors and contributors and all of those who give of their time so freely to make the Charity such a success. We wish the Membership and the wider readership, health and happiness and a darned good rest and look forward to another cracking year in 2010.

Bev Steele

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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

They say to experience time passing ever more rapidly is a sign of age. If that is so, call me Methuselah. Goodness knows what happened to this summer. We went to press with the previous Newsletter in August which thinking about it isn't too long ago but nonetheless the months between have shot by. I was out there enjoying myself that's for sure; must have been, with nerveless grip on the metaphorical bannister as the days flashed by. Winter begins to bite now, PICT sporting activities mostly over, another sporting year wrapped up. It is now the season when most of us look for more sedentary adventures. Skiing will be an exception of course and we ask you to note Richard Fowler's message regarding the PICT Skiing section. I know there are many skiers amongst us and ask that this section be well supported this season.



Speaking of support, overall this has been a bit mixed. The Golf, Angling and Tennis are doing very well indeed though Cricket was a struggle despite great efforts by the section's secretary Mike Robertson with 2 matches planned but just one played. The Shooting Section had its Trophy Day in October which

will be its last as a Home Office Approved Club owing to lack of numbers it falls below the Home Office membership requirement. That said it is intended to re-constitute next year under another guise and a report on that will be made in the next Newsletter and on the PICT website.

The PICT crown in terms of donations has two jewels namely the Shanks Golf Section and the Tennis Section. Stunning, crunch-busting successes from both. Kevin Dewey for Shanks and John Victoros for Tennis are to be warmly congratulated.

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).



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 shown below:

Birmingham & St Mary's Hospice	£1,625
Toby Cunliffe Appeal	£1,000
Coaches to the Paper Trail	£1,265
Great Ormond Street Children's Charity	£350
Individual Grants	£4,350

BIRMINGHAM PAPER TRADE SOCIAL SOCIETY AUTUMN LUNCHEON

The Birmingham Paper Trade Social Society held a Charity Luncheon for members and guests at The Bank Restaurant, Birmingham, on Friday 16th October 2009.

This event was held in place of the Society's usual Autumn Ball, which was postponed due to the current commercial climate.

President Peter Bothwick represented PICT at this event, and he was one of 50 attendees, the maximum number for the private room used. Clearly, this full capacity achievement completely justified the decision to change the style of the event for 2009.

BPTSS President Paul Bussingham made an excellent speech of welcome, and commitment by the Society to

continue with this and other events. He also announced that the Autumn Ball would definitely be returning in 2010, the date already booked is Friday 15th October 2010.

Paul also made the most generous gesture of pledging that the money raised at the Luncheon would be donated to PICT. This has indeed resulted in an amount of £465.00 being passed on to PICT, for which we are most grateful to Paul and all his Society colleagues.

Guest speaker Mark Bevan then responded on behalf of the guests, with an entertaining and informative address.

Everyone left in good spirits, having fully enjoyed a very civilised way to spend a Friday lunchtime !

CHARITY GOLF DAY 2009 - Thursday 15th October



Fred Haines tells us this was a successful day. With 14 teams no less his short but succinct report indicates a very successful day indeed. It was held as was the Spring Meeting at Rothley Park GC in Leicestershire. Very wet for the front 9 but dried up for the rest of the match. He says it was a terrific day with some splendid play. The winning team were from Billerud and were:

David Hargreaves, Darren Thomas, Gary Walker and Lee Summers.

It is good to report that a success has been repeated.

Bev Steele

BIRMINGHAM PAPER TRADE SOCIAL SOCIETY AUTUMN LUNCHEON

As one of the Northern Envoy's appointed by David Houseman in 2007 along with David Fletcher, it fell to me after a phone call from the President to try and organise another "do" up North.

On 30th October 2009 some 70 guests assembled at the Taverners Suite, Headingley, Leeds, the home of Yorkshire Cricket for a "sporting themed" evening of good food and good company.

For those not in the know this event was organised in conjunction with the Yorkshire Paper Trade's Golf Society who similarly to many organisations these days are suffering from a fall in membership and revenue and whose annual dinner was in serious jeopardy due to same.

Able headed by Geoff Cope ex Modo and of course ex Yorkshire and England, most of the "surviving" members were in attendance on the evening and it was a great opportunity to make an impassioned plea for younger members of the trade to take up membership and participate in the Golf days arranged throughout the year and for those organised for 2010.

Geoff has been a huge support to me in organising this year's dinner and his contacts at Headingley certainly did us proud with a fine meal and of course the opportunity to dine in the Taverners Suite which used to be the old dressing rooms as Geoff told us in his speech.

We were shown the very place where Bradman had his "peg" and were also treated to a memorable recollection of famous cricketing events during Geoff's career with both his County and his Country.

Our President also kept us entertained with amusing wit and humour and astounded many of us, Geoff included, with his knowledge of Yorkshire County Cricket history and Geoff's own career including the "hat trick" on debut for England in India that of course "never was" as Brearley called Geoff's third victim back to the crease as he couldn't be certain the catch had been taken !!

Members of PICT will not be surprised to hear that as the evening wore on our President became "soaked" in alcohol, unfortunately and unusually for him on this occasion it was not through consumption but indeed from the large glass of white wine I managed to knock all over his best suit trousers !!!

Our President was in fact showing huge dedication in remaining tee total not just to PICT having driven to, and back from, the event in the day, but also to his beloved Spurs who were at the "Emirates" the following Saturday morning for an encounter with the arch enemy.

A subsequent text message from him that Saturday afternoon suggested the effort had been wasted due to the 3 - 0 score line but that thankfully the trousers had dried nicely and he had enjoyed his evening !!.

I have received a number of messages of support and thanks for the evening and am now wracking my brain for an idea for the Northern PICT event for 2010 but with a World Cup next summer perhaps we can come up with something - more news to follow.

Duane Percival

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PICT vs LONDON PRIDE

Saturday 20th June 2009

This annual coarse fishing match was this year held at Crow Green Fishery, nr Brentwood and was fished in memory of John Puncher.

An enjoyable day was had by all anglers. From the off the fish started to bite and various species were being landed which included the usual silvers, Bream, Carp and some quality 'goldfish'. The match resulted in a win for anglers representing PICT who regained the Dick Walker trophy with a total weight of 157 lbs 14ozs to the LPS total weight of 90 lbs 14ozs.

Thanks to everyone who took part and to Tony Phipps for organising the day. If you are a coarse fisherman and are interested in taking part in this event next year please let me know.

RIVER TEST - Wednesday 7th October

After much doubt as to whether we would manage to get a day on this hallowed river, we did manage to make our annual outing and our thanks as always to David Gould for "pulling the right strings". A change of date rather affected the numbers of anglers attending as it clashed with another fishing meeting and also a PICT golf day, though it beats me how a hard white ball can take preference over the possibility of a meal of fresh river trout!

Nevertheless a total of 14 members and guests turned out on another rather wet day to seek the elusive Brown trout with the added temptation of the possibility of a Wild Salmon.

The new arrangement meant that the gate had to be manned until everyone arrived so I was a little late starting. The fishery consists of 1½ miles of river, fishing from both banks and I set out to fish

the downstream section. As I passed other anglers, there were no reports of any catches so I fished my way down to my favourite spot where I had caught a large Brownie in years gone by. This time instead of an arm jerking wrench on the rod, I was surprised to feel the rod trembling ever so slightly and after pulling in the line I had my first catch of the day, a delightful Grayling about 4" long, which still put a

smile on my face.

I made my way back up the far bank getting to the fishing lodge just as it started raining. Slowly, the other anglers returned for a quick sandwich and a natter about the morning's events. Dennis Cole had caught a 2lb 14oz Brown and lost another before he could land it, two of the guests had also shown the rest of us the way by catching a Brown each.

Despite the heavier rain, lunch was short lived, as everyone was keen to get back out after our quarry. The water was very clear this year and it was possible to see fish hidden in the depths. I saw a fish rise and floated my line down under a tree only to see the line go taut and sure enough I had caught a beautifully marked Brown of just under 2lbs.

The final tally meant one more for a guest and after

years of perseverance finally excitement for Patrick Shorten who managed to hook two but just couldn't land either of them – still there is always next year. Several anglers also reported seeing a salmon leaping but nobody came near to catching it.

Once again the consensus was that this is a fantastic place to fish and it doesn't matter whether people go home soaking wet and empty handed, they always enjoy a day on the River Test.



River Test Brownie 2009

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Cricket Secretary Mike Robertson, tells us that he was obliged to cancel the 20-20 PICT versus Robert Horne match on 9th September owing to lack of support. This is a pity as the previous match was such a cracking success. (see PICT 5 Newsletter for the report on this game).

We request that all those interested both as players and spectators keep in contact with Mike Robertson either directly or through the PICT website so he can keep this important section going through next year and beyond.

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Richard Bennett PICT Golf Section Captain concludes his 2 years of office at the end of this year. His successor will be Roger Grant who can be reached on randjgrant@btinternet.com

Something for the 2010 diary though is that the Whitehead Salver 3 cornered match PICT v PAGS v PTGS has been arranged for 2nd June at Royal Blackheath Golf Club as usual. Richard stresses that the PICT team will be playing hard to retain the trophy. We would expect nothing less!

PICT/PAGS Golf Day Thursday 24th September

The PICT Autumn meeting was the third event of the year held in conjunction with PAGS at The Wilderness Golf Club near Sevenoaks in Kent. The course was in magnificent playing condition and the September sunshine was with us all day. The turn-out for the day was a very respectable 36, a really encouraging level of support considering the state of the economy and market.

The morning round was a singles stableford competition with players competing for the Horsburgh Salver (low handicaps) and the Steele Bowl (high handicaps). In the afternoon there was a 9 hole St. Andrews Greensomes competition for the Coronation Cup.

The Wilderness provided a splendid 3 course lunch between the morning and afternoon rounds, and tea and sandwiches were provided during the prize giving.

Morning Competition

Horsburgh Salver

(Handicap 17 and below)
 Winner Alastair Nicoll (40 points)
 Runner-up John Ireland (38 points)

Steele Bowl

(Handicap 18 and above)
 Winner Richard Bennett (33 points)
 Runner-up Mike Kerlogue (30 points)

Moxon Orford Jug

(Best combined Spring & Autumn score)
 Alastair Nicoll

Afternoon Competition Coronation Cup

(9 hole St Andrews Greensomes)
 Barry Campbell & Kevin Hodges (22 points)

Our thanks to the Society Secretaries for organising the event and Mr & Mrs Peter Laming for helping with the score cards.



Richard Bennett (Capt.) presents Horsburgh Salver and Moxon Orford Jug to Alastair Nicoll



Chris Diacon (Hon. Sec), Richard Bennett (Capt), Stephen Vail & Roger Grant

GOLF DIARY 2009

Spring Meeting at Burnham Beeches Golf Club on Weds 19th May

Summer Meeting at Clandon Regis Golf Club on Thursday 24th June

Autumn Meeting at The Nevill Golf Club on Weds 22nd Sept

PICT v PAGES v PTGS on 2nd June at Royal Blackheath Golf Club

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SHANKS Autumn Campaign Milford Golf Club 28th October 2009

A splendid, sunny afternoon with the trees showing their best autumnal glory, belied the havoc that was about to be wreaked on the Surrey countryside when 12 Shanks (and Monty) arrived for traditional bacon sarnies and medicine at Milford Golf Club. Mike Gee arrived unannounced and was only allowed to play after a bulging brown envelope had been placed in Monty's safe keeping.

Despite latter accusations to the contrary, we set off as three foursomes, plus the Field Marshall who acted as referee and UN observer from the safety of the optics. Jacko's trolley didn't even make it to the 1st tee as the handle came off on the slight incline from the clubhouse. John Vanderpump (The Maestro) claimed to be more incapacitated than usual and was forced to resort to a buggy, which did not come with headlights, windscreen wipers or chauffeur, much to his disappointment.

The ceremony of the Kit Kat took place on the 1st tee as usual as well as a rather unpleasant initiation ceremony to welcome virgin Shanker Bob Green.

Although described as a "Ladies Course" by one member (who also requested a course guide for goodness sake!), Milford proved to be challenging to the average (and in most cases, very average) Shanker. Bandit Spiers and KK led the way with superb, long drives into the trees followed by Mr President and your Scribe with more modest efforts, equally mis-directed. They were followed (sometimes too closely) by a

more modestly attired Martin Randall (he had left his sequinned jacket and monogrammed plus fore's at home), Jacko, The Gee Force and Bob "Missed the" Green. Club Captain Jacko retired after the 9th on a rumour of an upward movement in the stock market and that the bar was still open. The final four were Blaster Benwell, Clubhouse Ingram, The Maestro and Wrong Way Steele.

A thoroughly enjoyable hack which involved water, undergrowth, trees, railway lines and the occasional fairway was had by all until darkness descended which curtailed the activities of some,



Shankers enjoy a sugar rush

but not all. Searching for golf balls in daylight is difficult enough but, the following morning, Milford golfers will find the last four holes strewn with balls otherwise invisible to night time Shankers.

Once revived at the bar, an enjoyable dinner was served and speeches and presentations made which were as follows:

Nominations for the Steve Beckett Shanker of the Day were:

Kit Kat for getting to his knees and blowing Scribe's ball into the hole.

The Gee Force for failing to incur 2 penalty shots as a train approached.

Mr Editor Steele for lining up his tee shot 180 degrees in the wrong direction and afterwards finding he was playing the wrong hole.

But the winner was Hon Scribe for his modest but magnificent 5 consecutive shots into the bunkers. The Trophy would have been presented had the previous winner, Mike Gee, remembered to bring it.

After some complicated mathematics, the final placings were:

1st – Keith The Bandit Spiers

2nd – Virgin Green

3rd – Kit Kat

4th – Wrong Way Steele

5th – Blaster Benwell

Jacko (Club Captain) Steidl was presented with an unwanted prize for no apparent reason and The Gee Force was awarded a round of golf for four at Milford in recognition of his not troubling the scorers on at least 10 holes.

A vote of thanks to the unstinting work by Monty was given by Mr President and conversations and banter concerning the day's play, the next fixture and its location plus the possibility of a foreign Tour ended a most pleasant and successful day.



SHANKS after attacking Milford



Mike Windett aka Monty Python receives the "Shanker of the Day" award from our President Peter Bothwick outside (at least it's outside) a Gents in Banbury. Mike wasn't sure whether he'd won it for tennis or golf

JACK PERRY MATCHPLAY FINAL

Walton Heath Golf Club 22nd September 2009

A fairy tale ending to this 14th season of competition was denied by the bright yellow Pinnacle which refused to go into the 18th hole, and left the 77 year old sponsor rueing what might be a last opportunity for seeing his own name engraved on the handsome trophy.

It had been a lovely day for golf, the only slight disappointment being that both morning and afternoon rounds had to be played on the New Course, the Old having just had the greens worked on. Fresh from his unexpected quarter final win over the Holder, and 5 times winner, Paul Gibb, Jack Perry began poorly against Charles Scott but recovered to win 3 & 1. Charles had a few bunker problems and had developed a hatred of heather by the end of the day.

David Houseman, bookmaker's favourite and the lowest handicap player on parade, benefitted from the considerable assistance of his caddy, wife Barbara,



Is this the perfect bunker shot?



Jack Perry, David Houseman, Roland Walton, Charles Scott

herself a very talented golfer - and score keeper! He saw off the enthusiastic challenge of Roland Walton, in theory the outsider but one who could boast three very notable scalps en route to the day. The consistency and greater experience of David was too much though, as the 4 & 2 result indicates.

The players were joined for the ever excellent Walton Heath lunch by several regular supporters, which was nice, although the players, of sensible necessity, indulged themselves somewhat less.

Although, on occasions, the losing semi-finalists have decided to have a fun match in the afternoon, this year it was formalised. So Roland and Charles enjoined in serious contest, the former more so than the latter who, in his own vernacular described his performance as c--p! Possibly the absence of his fan club played some part, she preferring the comfort of an armchair and the company of a book after trailing round 18 holes in the morning.



Jack Perry & David Houseman. A formidable pairing



David Houseman takes the Trophy

Having been beaten in the semi-finals on three previous occasions, and now having achieved his ambition of reaching his own Final, it may be that Jack Perry took his foot of the throttle? Certainly being 4 down after 4 holes gave such an impression! However, realising that this could be The Last Chance Saloon for him, he settled down and gradually clawed his way back. Having levelled the scores it was not surprising to find his slightly rattled opponent opting for the heather instead of the fairway for a few holes.

The pendulum continued to swing though. Jack got his nose ahead at last on the 16th. David broke back on the 17th and the scene was set for a tight finish, always the organiser's dream - unless he is part of it. The Good Fairy took leave of absence, David was a yard away from a par, and Jack needed to sink a lengthy putt to make him play that last shot. Clearly anxious not to leave it short, he didn't, with a vengeance, and another series of enjoyable man-to-man encounters came to an end.

PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCH 2009



SSS and PICT Past Presidents meet in September for lunch. It is understood to have been very enjoyable. With this amount of talent and experience it couldn't be anything else really. To be a fly on the wall!

SKI-ING SECTION

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A planning committee got together at this year's London Beer Festival on Friday, 23rd October, held in old Billingsgate Fish Market to discuss venues for the 2010 ski season. I am sure this will become a regular get together for some pre-season "après-ski" training. The Bavarian brewers Pauliner provided a constant flow of their finest beers in the authentic surroundings of a beer hall complete with lederhosen clad oompah band. Everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion and ended up wearing fancy dress which was available for purchase from the organisers - photos have been withheld to protect the innocent (and the author!).

It is now planned that a trip to Austria is in the making for early March - snow permitting, as we go to press there is no snow yet in Austria for the start of their season!

Anyone who is interested in ski-ing or "après-ski" please contact me for more information on dates for 2010.

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weather conditions, the battle was joined and the results were as follows

- Gary Boyton30
- Bev Steele29
- Keith Byatt25
- David Wisdom8

Joan scored 37 but this lady is of light build and opts not to use the rather hard kicking .303's but to use her own light, bipod mounted .223. This puts her out of the .303 comp but she shoots for honours and much was made of the fact that she shot better than any of us.

Toasted sandwiches at the Hen and Chickens for lunch. What a pleasure that is.

Bev Steele

BISLEY - 9th September

This is the competition for the Bev Steele .303 Cup. As the name suggests this is for military type bolt action, iron sighted (no telescopes) rifles in .303" calibre. It is a simple discipline much favoured by the simple author of this report. We booked one target at 200 yards on the Short Siberia range at Bisley at which each shooter fires 12 shots in total from the prone position. The first 2 are marked individually so the shooter gets an idea as to where the shots are going then a clean target is offered at which is fired a continuous string of 10 shots which are scored by the butt party. The 10 shots will give a maximum possible of 60, very theoretical in our case. We opted to use just one rifle and Keith offered his old No 4, a real D-Day special well known to National Servicemen of the '50's and still performing very well.

Five shooters showed for the competition, Keith Byatt, Gary Boyton, David Wisdom, Joan Carter and Bev Steele. In fairly decent



Bev Steele awarded the Fumble Cup

Trophy Day - 29th October

Have you ever had a day which went so well you wished it would never end? That might be pushing it a bit but this was a day that will live in the memory for all the right reasons.

After a rather late start we heard the Safety Brief from Chairman Bev Steele and the competitions began immediately. Both amazingly and unusually we completed all of the comps and all by 4 in the afternoon. That Band of Brothers (and a Sister) , that Happy Few were:

Secretary Keith Byatt, Chairman Bev Steele, Treasurer Dave Wisdom, Lady Member Joan Carter, Members Andy Windless. Gary Boyton and Mark Searle. We were later joined by PICT President Peter Bothwick who kindly treated us to the traditional toasted sandwich lunch at the Hen & Chickens in the Guildford Road round the corner from the ranges.

Weather and range conditions were close to perfect so with no more ado the competitions and results were as follows:

THE GRIFFIN CUP

(lever action full bore Gallery rifle)
Maximum possible – 300

1st Gary Boyton	278
2nd Bev Steele	272
3rd David Wisdom	262

THE FUMBLE CUP

(12 shots with Gallery Rifle divide score into time)

1st Bev Steele	2.4 points
2nd Gary Boyton	1.97 points
3rd Keith Byatt	1.92 points



Gary Boyton collects the Griffin Cup

THE PLAICE SALVER

(.22 'scope sighted semi-auto rifles)
Maximum possible - 300

1st Bev Steele	278
2nd Mark Searle	277
3rd Joan Carter	272

THE SAVORY SILVER CIGARETTE BOX

(.6 shot .44" Percussion Revolvers)
Max poss - 50

1st .David Wisdom	37
2nd Keith Byatt	35
3rd Peter Bothwick	27

HOLMAN-KELLY TANKARD

(Full bore Gallery rifle – Max possible – 240)

1st Gary Boyton	224
2nd Bev Steele	207
3rd Keith Byatt	200

So there we have it. Peter Bothwick on his own admission has no background to any of this yet picks up the most difficult of all of our shooting irons namely a large, noisy, hard kicking percussion revolver and comes in third! The author, who is supposed to know his way round these things, who could aim at the ground and miss with one of them, is filled with nothing but admiration for the vice-like grip and cool nerves of our President. Little wonder the Charity has done so well under his leadership. That's probably enough old flannel but the truth is, he really did very well.

Peter then kindly presented the prizes and we all gently left the range some clanking with pots and plates, for others it was not to be but all declared it was a very good day.

This will be the Shooting Section's last shoot as a Home Office Approved Club and next year we are looking to re-structure under a different guise to stay within the law, the detail of which will be discussed at the Club's AGM in January. There has been insufficient support for it over the past few years, numbers falling well short of the Home Office minimum requirement. I can add no more to the subject until we have discussed it all at our AGM. It has been a good run. The Club was formed in 1971 and David Wisdom, much admired for his staying power, won the Plaise Salver that founding year.

Bev Steele



Shooting Section with President

TENNIS SECTION

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DATE FOR 2010

John Victoros tells us the date for the 2010 PICT Annual Tennis Tournament will be Thursday 16th September at the same venue as this year namely the County Lawn Tennis Club in Northampton. He adds that the format which has worked so well will remain in place. Do see PICT website for any revisions and of course a whole slew of photographs to record this year's stunning success.

On a beautiful day in September I began to wish I hadn't changed the date of the annual PICT Tennis Tournament to the 21st October 2009, 1 week before the clocks go back. Weather wise it was very risky as I became an amateur weather forecaster as each day passed. On the positive side the numbers during the day were up as there were an additional 3 pairs this year, and an impressive 17 people continuing into the evening for the presentation dinner. This was despite notable absences from the likes of Chris Diacon and Ray Williams from the previous year and of course Jack who sensibly does not frequent the British Isles during autumn months.

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 avoid the 2nd year of winning the wooden spoon but only due to the fact he was paired up with Michaela Spiess from Sihl, a much more



Penman Trophy 2009 Winning Team Andrew & Stephen

capable partner than his previous one. This year's wooden spoon went to the enthusiastic newcomers Paul Riley and Tony Poyner who both tell me they still thoroughly enjoyed the day.

With Fedrigoni, Sam UK Ltd, and Sihl all helping financially towards the running of the day this enabled all fees paid by the pairings to go towards two very worthy causes. Once again we are able to send one cheque to Great Ormond Street Hospital

for £350.00 and another for £280.00 to go towards the PIC Trust.

The perfect numbers are mainly thanks to Lee Smith's late substitution to partner Roger Spikesman who kindly travelled up and down the country over 2 days to support the day and were duly rewarded with a Semi-Final placing in the Penman Trophy.



Johnston Cup Winners 2009 Fred & Tony

So we had 2 groups of 6 pairs. All played each other within the groups which culminated in the Semi-Final placings in the Penman Trophy and the Knockout in the Johnston Cup.

During the course of the day one of our kind sponsors Ken Tester from Sam UK Ltd was to join us for lunch, unfortunately he chose to come on the day prior to the 21st, and cheered me up no end when he called me to see if I had changed the venue.

In the Johnstone cup it was great to see a mixed pair in the final again but it was not to be that Karen & Paul would facilitate only the 2nd lady's name ever to appear on the cup as Tony & Fred held on to their Cup for a second successive year. The challenge is on for working the handicaps in 2010 as the hat-trick will not be easy.

In the Penman Trophy 3 of the 4 finalists from last year plus little old me were in the Final. How many times in sport do the losing finalists return the following year not wishing to have that feeling again? Well Andrew & Stephen did not put a ball wrong and both Jonathan & I were left feeling we lost to very worthy winners. A quick thank you to Jonathan for putting up with me, I truly enjoyed the day's tennis and who knows if Chris Diacon is away again another year.....

A big big thank you to my gorgeous wife for enabling the free flow of the day, keeping the timings in check

and a brilliant spread for lunch and to County Lawn Tennis Club for once again hosting our day.

Onto the evening where 17 of us continued the day at a very enjoyable dinner at the Holiday Inn, Bedford Road, where lots of good food, good wine and good company ensued. Presentations to all Finalists were made.

There are many pictures which I will get to Anne & Bev to place on the PICT website.

Once again, thank you to all that participated, facilitated and those that also wanted to but couldn't. I look forward to the numbers increasing again for 2010 so please keep spreading the word. I will not take the risk of messing up the day by using October for next year. I therefore announce the date of Thursday 16th September 2010, same venue, similar format, spread the word please.



Wooden Spoon Winners Tony & Paul

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Dick Tritton on Tuesday 21st July at the age of 84. Some one commented of Dick that he "carried his bat". This he certainly did. I knew Dick very well in the 60's and liked him very much. A life enhancing and very engaging character indeed. We wish to thank Ken Worsley for "saying it for us".

The Editor

DICK TRITTON

– he carried his bat

1925 – 2009



I first met Dick in 1943. He was leaving Gerald Judd's having volunteered for the Royal Navy and I was his young replacement. Serving in Egypt, he played football, cricket, and table tennis. He was also popular with the young ladies.

The 1950s found him working at H.V.Sier, and he left them to join Worsleys. Liked and respected by his customers and the Worsley brothers, it was an ideal relationship.

Jack Perry recalls his prowess at 'Stationers' tennis: He was an unfailing annual supporter of an always enjoyable event and, right to the end, was a player not to be taken lightly. He was an especially good doubles player, so whoever he partnered was in with a chance of prizes. The main thing though, apart from his ability with a racquet, was

his sportsmanship, friendliness, and good humour.

At his retirement party on the S.S. Hispaniola his colleagues presented him with a set of golf clubs to encourage him to continue his sporting activities. After all, this was a man who played cricket for the Dulwich Wanderers and scored a century!

As his health declined he was wonderfully nursed at the Kirkdale Care Centre. His daughter Jill was a constant visitor and for some months I wrote a regular 'letter to Dick' which she was kind enough to read to him. I learnt from her much more about this remarkable man: His service with the Navy; his range of sporting activities; his sense of humour and generosity.

At the Catford Wanderers Tennis Club he was the oldest player to win a club title – the Men's Doubles in 1999 aged 74.

He played bowls for the Francis Drake Bowling Club, Brockley, and was Captain from 1997 to 2003 - winning all the Men's in house competitions in 2001!

He loved music and at his funeral they played 'Over the Rainbow' sung by Judy Garland, and his bowling friends (using woods that had belonged to his late wife, Betty) bowled up the aisle, and the players included the current Captain.

We will miss him.

Kenneth Worsley

LETTER FROM THE PAPER TRAIL



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Gosh where does the time go, it seems like only yesterday that I was penning my piece for the last newsletter. Obviously from the fact that I am writing this column, you can ascertain that The Paper Trail is still operating. However, it is not an easy ride, we are still bumping along the bottom, but hey-ho business as usual, and life goes on. In fact, I do have some positive stories to tell.

We now have a small commercial hand paper making operation in situ at Frogmore Mill. Run by the ex-Mill Manager, Jim Patterson, this operation is a small arm of his Two Rivers hand papermaking company, which is based in Somerset. Visitors are fascinated to see this traditional method of papermaking, producing such lovely papers including watercolour paper, seed paper and especially for Christmas, reindeer poo and Christmas tree seeds paper. Work is now taking place on the pilot paper machine and it is hoped that this

will be running early in the New Year, giving visitors the chance to see paper in production again at Frogmore Mill. The Paper Trail is also currently in talks with three interested parties looking at the possibility of re-starting the large paper machine.

With regards funding, The Paper Trail is delighted to have been awarded a grant from the Department for Business and Innovation and Skills' Transformation Fund, to support informal adult learning. The project will include creating learning zones at Frogmore Mill, to deliver a range of courses including bookbinding, handmade paper making, printmaking and letterpress printing, IT and digital printing skills, calligraphy and making greetings cards.

On the education, visitor and event front, during the last part of the summer term, The Paper Trail was exceptionally busy with lots of schools visiting, many participating in Enterprise Days - up to 180 children a day for some of these. The end of July also saw lots of Family Fun days being held for families - these are often themed but based primarily around being creative with paper. As for visitors and events, we have continued to have lots of adult groups booking visits - our first coach tour came in July from the West Middlesex branch of the

National Trust - quite a coup! The weekend of 22/23rd August was a first for The Paper Trail with an event entitled Fire Engine Extravaganza. And yes, as you have probably guessed from the name, it was all about fire engines and related activities - and our very own 1938 Dennis Ace Fire Engine was the star of the show amongst a variety of other fire engines (including Hemel's own modern appliance). Our dedicated band of Heritage Fire Brigade members all took an active part during the weekend, wowing the spectators with stunning water displays and their hose-work. In October, The Big Draw at Frogmore Mill was a huge success, and was part of the national campaign. Participants were able to have a go at sketching from the boat, clothed life drawing, and industrial drawing in the mill, amongst other things.

The conferencing side has also been busy with some companies from the industry taking advantage of the unique facilities that we can offer, which can involve a tour of the historic mill itself. In the last couple of months, companies have included Antalis and BOSS. For details of the facilities and what can be offered, please give me a call.

For the month of November, The Paper Trail was home to a traveling exhibition from the East of England. Entitled Working Lives in the East of

England, it gave information about the industrial jobs of the inhabitants from days gone by with the added fun of being able to try the relevant hats on as well!

We hope there is now a light at the end of the tunnel for

The Paper Trail, but we are still looking for support in a variety of ways, so if you or your company want to find out more about the work we do, what we can offer, or how you can help us, please contact me either by phone or e-mail. So until next time.



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