

BROMLEY IBC NEWSLETTER

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Hello everyone.

Hope that you are all keeping well and continuing to enjoy your Summer.

At this time of the year, there is little to report. Geoff Boyd though, wishes to bring you up to date about proposed changes in respect of the club leagues and to seek your co-operation and involvement. To those of you who are relatively new to the sport - there is no better way of improving your skills and knowledge of the game than to play in a league - do think about participating. You will be very welcome and I am sure that you will enjoy the experience.

WINTER LEAGUES A message from League Secretary Geoff Boyd

Apologies for interrupting summer holidays/snoozing whatever you may be doing but planning for winter has to start in good time for a smooth implementation!

As briefly discussed at the Annual General Meeting and in previous correspondence the Management Committee have agreed that handicapping will be introduced in all leagues (other than a new Singles League – more details of that later). This to try and counter the inevitable creation of 'super teams' and others becoming what has been described as 'cannon fodder' to them. Rules try and guard against this but have failed to police adequately.

Details of the handicapping arrangements are being finalised and will be circulated in the August newsletter and the membership renewals packs which should go out at about the same time.

However, preliminary work has found some interesting statistics which I thought worth sharing.

Out of a membership of about 500 playing members, 296 played in the 15 leagues last year – about 60%.

We would dearly love more – some leagues (the Pairs Tuesday 20:00 and Friday 20:00 and the triples Thursday 12:00) only have 4 teams and we couldn't run a Friday 12:00 of any sort.

As mentioned earlier there will be a new singles league building on the little trial, we started last year and details of that will be circulated in August but we could also start more if there is a demand.

We would also like people to play in more than 1 league – 109 of you do that – so please think about participating more.

A captain's task is not that arduous – arranging who plays when at the beginning of the season and adjusting or seeking substitutes when inevitably someone cannot make a particular date.

If you have ideas or suggestions, are happy (!) to be a captain of a new team or wish to participate in an existing, new or different league please get in touch geoff26boyd@gmail.com

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ART GROUP held at fortnightly intervals through the summer

Next meeting at 11.00 am to 2.00pm Friday 8th July

FRIDAY MONTHLY QUIZ NIGHTS please note

Dates to be held; 15 JULY; 12 AUGUST; 16 SEPTEMBER; 14 OCTOBER; 11 NOVEMBER & 16 DECEMBER 2022.

200 CLUB DRAW for the season 2021-2022

Results for JULY 2022

1st Prize	Howard Emmett	£100.00
2nd Prize	Pat Sockman	£50.00



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

How did you do?

WHO SAID THAT

Match the quote with the person who is famously associated with it.:-

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

Dr. Seuss

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."

Oscar Wilde

"Impossible is a word to be found only in the dictionary of fools."

Napoleon Bonaparte

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

Mae West

"If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything."

Malcolm X

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gandhi

"Simplicity is the key to brilliance."

Bruce Lee

"The truth is, everyone is going to hurt you. You just got to find the ones worth suffering for."

Bob Marley

"Do one thing every day that scares you."

Eleanor Roosevelt

"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe."

Albert Einstein

A musician recognisable by his moustache once said "So many books, so little time."

Frank Zappa

Often quoted American First Lady - "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Famous American novelist - "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

Mark Twain

Irish playwright, poet and author - "Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much."

Oscar Wilde

Indian politician and statesman - "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

Mahatma Gandhi

Civil rights activist - "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Martin Luther King Jr

Actress, model and Icon - "Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring."

Marilyn Monroe

One of the most popular authors of our time - "It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

J.K. Rowling

"The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool."

William Shakespeare



THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

1. About what percent of the Earth's surface is covered in water?
2. How many oceans are there?
3. Which is the largest ocean?
4. Which is the smallest ocean?
5. Which ocean did the European explorers sail in to get to America?
6. The Mid-Atlantic Ridge is...
7. How many known species are thought to live in the Earth's oceans?
8. What is the total combined volume of all of Earth's oceans?
9. Which two oceans are covered partly in sea ice year-round?
10. Which of these separates the Arctic Ocean from the Pacific Ocean?

HISTORIC IDIOMS

I cannot vouch to the truth of the following, but they seem plausible!!

Expression Origins

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig.' Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board..'

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, 'mind your own bee's wax.' Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile'. In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt . . . Therefore, the expression 'losing face.'

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced'. . Wore a tightly tied lace.

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of

Spades.' To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't 'playing with a full deck.'

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some ale' and listen to people's conversations and political concerns.. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip.'

At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the term minding your 'P's and 'Q's

One more and betting you didn't know this!

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem...how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations.

However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.

Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.' (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)



Happy Alien
(Calceolaria Uniflora)

***ENJOY THE SUMMER
NO MATTER WHAT THE WEATHER!!***

Keep in touch on emails and email alerts, which can be obtained via the website at www.bromleyibc.org.uk

I would personally appreciate your help:-
Please send me any bowling news, stories, quizzes, jokes,
items for sale etc email: daphny.richards@gmail.com

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOURSELF SAFE

As we are still hearing of members going down with Covid, it does seem sensible to take reasonable care when you visit the Centre over the summer.

We therefore kindly ask you to still:

- not to turn up if you have any symptoms or feel unwell
- to continue to take your temperature on entering the Centre and before entering the cloakrooms or any other facility
- use the gels provided
- think carefully still about personal contact - 'Fist bumps' are less risky than handshakes - your choice and
- retain social distances as far as possible throughout your stay.

**AT THE RISK OF BEING CRITICISED FOR USE OF UNACCEPTABLE
“LANGUAGE”:-**

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THEY ARE ON THE MAP!

AUSTRALIA'S WORST PLACE NAMES

Bald Knob, QLD	Hopping Dicks Creek, NSW
Big Dick Bore, WA	Hooker Park, NSW
Big Knob Waterhole, NT	Horny Point, SA
Bonar Street, NSW, VIC & QLD	Horse Knob, NSW
Boobs Flat, TAS	Innaloo, WA
Booby Island, QLD	Intercourse Island, WA
Boomers Bottom, TAS	Licking Hole, NSW
Bottom Hole, TAS	Lovely Bottom, TAS
Break Wind Reserve, SA	Minger Well, WA
Bullshit Hill, SA	Mossy Nipple Bend, TAS
Bum Bum Creek, QLD	Mount Breast, QLD
Burnt Pussy Mine, SA	Mount Buggery, SA
Ch*naman's Knob, NSW/VIC	Peculiar Nob, SA
Cock Wash, SA	Pensioners Bush, TAS
Dancing Dicks Creek, NSW	Pisspot Creek, TAS
Dead Womans Hole, NSW	Prickly Bottom, TAS
Diapur, VIC	Shaving Holes Creek, NSW
Dirty Dick Creek, QLD	Soily Bottom Point, NSW
Double Knob, QLD	Stinkhole, TAS
Finger Buttress, VIC	The Butts, TAS
Funny Knob Creek, TAS	The Nipples, TAS
Goat Knob, NSW	Tittybong, VIC
Grey Dick Hill, NSW	Titwobble Lane, VIC
Groper Grotto, SA	Wanka Road, QLD
Guys Dirty Hole, TAS	Wanky Creek, NSW