



Paphos International Sailing Club

PISC Newsletter

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Ed's Bit

Happy New Year everyone! Hope you all had a lovely Christmas. The shortest day is behind us and we can now begin the countdown to the clocks changing and the days lengthening once more. We had some interesting weather during December with lots of rain to fill up the reservoirs so hopefully we will soon be enjoying some Cyprus spring weather. 2009 was a very positive year for PISC and it ended with a bang with the Christmas Draw and the party at Armageti. Let's make 2010 even better!

Bye for now.

Trisha



Gerald's Christmas Draw

Gerald held the draw on 18th December, the last session at the Clubhouse before Christmas. It was pouring down with rain but it was standing room only in the club. People had been so very very generous there were three prizes - 3rd prize 35 euros, 2nd price 60 euros and 1st prize 100 euros.



It was a surprise when Gerald appeared with a green dustbin filled with yellow numbered ping pong balls which made a change from the usual wooden bowl.

The lucky winners were Tom (3rd), Peter (2nd) and Bob (1st).

As it was so successful Gerald plans to hold a Grand Easter Draw. Thank you to everyone who took part.

PISC Christmas Party/Snooker Night at Armageti

In the autumn someone came up with a brilliant idea - let's have a Christmas Party at Paul and Anita's in Armageti. Then someone else had a brilliant idea - let's have a Snooker Competition.



When Paul revealed that they have a full size snooker table at their house the decision was made. A Christmas Party with a Snooker Competition at Paul and Anita's!

The competition started in November with games being played at a snooker hall near Coral Bay with twenty two members taking part.

After a number of interesting weeks the semi finalists were Rod and Martin and James and Alan.



The semi finalists and Brian



More than 50 members joined the party with food being provided by the Committee and some club members.



The evening started with Bucks Fizz kindly supplied by Anita and Paul and this relaxed everyone as we waited for the evening fun to begin. Gerald ran the bar and many hands were nipping in and out of the kitchen checking that everything was on schedule.

The semi finals were brilliant and Martin and Alan then met head on for the final after a break for supper.

The atmosphere was lovely and the food was excellent with everyone then helping to clear away and leave things spick and span for our hosts.



Runner Up Martin

At the end of an exciting final Alan was the winner and Anita had pleasure in presenting prizes.

By midnight everyone was wending their way back down the mountain road.

It was a really lovely occasion and huge thanks must go to Paul and Anita for opening up their home to us all and we must not forget Tessa who was on her best behaviour.



The Winner Alan

Surely this just has to be repeated next year!

Paul's Bit

The Christmas party was a great success and I would like to thank all those that came. I have had numerous emails and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. Rather ironic when Rod and I first discussed it, we were a bit worried that we would not get enough support. As it transpired, it was one of our most successful and talked about events we have ever staged! The food, especially the chilli was just fantastic and I would like to thank all those who helped out behind the scenes doing all the catering.

I must admit it was a bit stressful the day before. We had just had a big storm and it blew over some of the garden lights which popped the circuit breaker and it would not reset so we were in darkness! I discovered that there was a problem in the conduit that was buried in the wall so the day before I was rebuilding a garden wall in the cold and dark with no lights! Rather annoyingly, it's the flattest, level and best looking wall I have ever built, typical!

I would also like to thank the artists who gave my year planner the X certificate rating (luckily its December!) and of course Gerald who did a sterling job as barman. We took 153 euro and consumed 99 euros worth of booze that was not donated so quite a tidy profit for the club as well!



PISC Quiz Night and Mince Pies

The annual Christmas Quiz night was very well attended and provided a certain amount of hilarity. Christina had made a mound of Mince Pies which disappeared very quickly and Gerald of course had a raffle. If you have never been to Quiz night do come along. The next one is 26th January.

There is a list of planned events on display in the Clubhouse and also check out the website. Christina is planning a Ten Pin Bowling night for January - date to be confirmed.

PISC FRANCHISE

The Committee are inviting applications for Tender for the Franchise.

Anyone who is interested should contact the Commodore for an application form and full details.

The Clubhouse re-opens on Friday 8th January.

The bar will be open as normal but the kitchen will be closed. However, everyone is invited to bring a HANGOVER PICNIC LUNCH to share with those at your table. Tea and coffee will be available from the bar.