



# Paphos International Sailing Club

## PISC Newsletter

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### Ed's Bit

The weather may be rather dreary and damp but it is still better than you know where and it has not deterred members from coming down to the club on a Friday lunchtime. While the kitchen has been closed for refurbishment the bar has been well supported with everyone in good spirits. Read this month's special about the Club Refurbishment and look out for news of Gerald's Easter Draw. The next newsletter will be mid March as I am away on holiday so please send in lots of interesting news items for me.



Bye for now.

*Trisha*

### Clubhouse Refurbishment 2010

Where does the raffle money go?

January is often a quiet time but not for PISC. As plans were made for a new franchisee an inspection of the premises revealed that the clubhouse needed a makeover, the kitchen and bar in particular.

A closer inspection revealed that the whole kitchen needed a massive clean up and new equipment putting in. Our Commodore spends a lot of time with his ear to the ground and he said he knew where there was some splendid kitchen equipment for sale.

Members of the committee went to inspect it and agreed 'we must have it'.

After several days of scrubbing and cleaning we were able to open the clubhouse after the Christmas break with the bar being run by Anita, Gerald, Trevor and Brian but the kitchen remained closed. As always the members rallied round happily and brought sandwiches and enjoyed being back again after the holiday.



Then the serious work started and when the cry for help was heard a number of our members rallied round, rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in. Many, many hours have been spent cleaning, painting, doing woodwork, plumbing, tiling and fitting out.



A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped. Once again we have a lovely clubhouse, an excellent kitchen and hopefully by the time this is published we shall be waiting for the arrival of the new franchisee.





Although so many have worked so hard a special mention should be made about the Commodore. Rod has spent many many extra hours working away at the club, doing at times some revolting jobs, hence the marigolds. Thank you Rod.



### Champagne and Croissants at the Clubhouse

To celebrate the fitting out of the new kitchen and bar the Committee put on a Champagne Brunch. Rod and Anita slaved over a hot griddle to provide members with eggs done in as many ways as he could think of, along with croissants and Bucks Fizz.





The rest of the Committee served and of course, did the washing up with some help from members. Needless to say, it was enjoyed by all who took part.

## **Gerald's Grand Easter Draw**

**3 Cash Prizes - 1st prize minimum of 50 Euros**

**Tickets 5 Euros each**

**On sale at the Clubhouse from Friday 5 March**

**Draw takes place lunchtime on Friday 2 April**

**'The more tickets sold the larger the prize fund'**

## Clubhouse Capers

### Tuesday Night is Quiz Night

January saw the return of the monthly quiz night. It was well attended and great fun. If you have not been to a quiz night yet do come along. We can find you a team to join and you might find you make some new friends as well as having a great evening.

### Bowling Night

A number of members got together for a night of Bowling in Paphos. It was very competitive as always and it looks as if this could become a regular event.

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Beetle Drive organised by June. Start time 7.30pm and only 3 euros

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** - Monthly Quiz. 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - Treasure Hunt. Contact June if you wish to take part.

**Tuesday 30 March** - Quiz Night. 7pm.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April** - Quiz Night. 7pm.

**April tbc** - Fitting Out Supper at the Clubhouse.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May** - Race Night. 7pm.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - Black and White Ball at Kamares Club. More details soon.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May** - Quiz Night. 7pm

## Noticeboard

### Free Bus Passes

Anyone over the age of 63 who is an EU citizen is eligible for a free bus which can be used all over Cyprus and also includes discounts on some hotels and theatre tickets.

You do not have to be in receipt of a pension. Simply apply to your local government office or local information advice office. The Paphos one is located in Evagora Palikardi Street.

Telephone 26821888.

## Cats 1, Dogs 0 - a 'tail' from Peter

I learned to sail from a small private sailing club on Hayling Island in the 1960s. One Sunday I had walked from the car to the club but had to return to the car to collect some items. As I walked through the car park an open top Mercedes car was parking.

As I walked back the Mercedes driver, a young man in shorts and bright shirt was getting something out of the boot and his female companion, in a bikini, straw hat and high heeled sandals had a small bag in one hand and a large cat on a collar and lead in the other.

They set out in the same direction as myself and a friend and we saw several dogs beginning to take notice of this unusual visitor. However when they approached the cat they slowed down, stopped and watched, then the largest and nearest, an Alsatian and another dog let out a yelp and turned tail and fled. Several other dogs took notice of the stranger and either hid or fled.

The couple and the cat turned off and we carried on to the sailing club. When we mentioned the strange behaviour to other members they thought we were joking. Then another member came in and said the couple were approaching the club and the dogs were still keeping their distance.

We all piled out of the clubhouse to see and there they were walking along quite unconcerned by the animal chaos they were creating with their ..... LION CUB on its lead!

Peter



The Ship's doctor was interviewing a sailor who was, apparently, trying to get a medical discharged from the navy.

"What seems to be the problem?", asked the doctor.

"I believe I am a dog, woof - woof", responded the sailor.

"I see.", said the doctor, eyebrows raised, "How long has this been going on?"

"Ever since I was a puppy!"