



Newsletter

January 2015

With the first newsletter of 2015 can I wish all members a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. May we have dry sunny weather clear roads with little traffic and motorcycles that do not break down and for good measure a further reduction in petrol prices.

I was unfortunately not able to attend the pool night owing to work commitments, however Nick Wade has provided a report on the evening, which from all accounts seemed to be a great success, well done to Martin Crosswell as the overall winner.

Nick's Report on the Pool Night

This being my first GCMCC Pool Night, I went along with an open mind as to how the evening might go what actually happened was wholly unexpected and thoroughly enjoyable.

Firstly, the pool table is in fact a snooker table and was being set up by Jacqui – the official timekeeper – as if a normal game of snooker was to be played. That's odd I thought – but I'll go along with whatever. My baptism continued when I was informed that I was to go first and was told – just hit any ball into any pocket in any order you like - you have 2 minutes – GO.

Well I quickly got the hang of just bashing balls around – vaguely pointing the balls at the nearest pocket and keeping my fingers crossed that something would go in somewhere. The timekeeper gave ample warning of the impending time run-out as my stress rose further whilst I bashed away with

fervent vigour until I was told – times up !! Phew. I managed just 3 balls !!!

Thus the evening continued, with each of the 11 members taking their turn to demonstrate their skills as they prowled around the table, eagle eyed, each seeking out the next exposed ball and swiftly moving in for the kill before quickly scanning the table for the next vulnerable sphere. Viewing members were quick to offer their support and advice to whomever was at the table. Helpful comments heard included – Does it make any difference if you wear your glasses or not? Go on – give it some welly !!

About an hour later, we had all been subjected to the draining pressure of competitiveness – now we all know what it is like to be under scrutiny at the Crucible!!! 3 of us - Maurice, Martin C and myself had each amassed the grand total of 3 balls potted – so a play-off was hastily convened – but with a difference. The rules suddenly changed such that snooker scoring points were now allocated to each ball – and the member with the highest total would then be the ultimate victor. To cut to the chase – Maurice kicked off and scored a creditable 26 points. My own efforts managed a paltry 7 points – but Martin (whom I'm sure must have a snooker table at home ☺) quickly saw off all opposition and scored a massive 28 points. So Martin was the ultimate champion – for the second year in succession I believe – Congratulations to Martin.

NEXT MEETING:

3rd February 2015 7 for 7:30pm at the Oldmeldrum British Legion

Ian Read who receives the entries for the Alford Motorcycle Convention has passed on a mail from a Bill McGregor asking if he can attend the February club night to discuss the Classic bike show and parade, Bill and his colleagues having discussed last year's event feel that a little more effort on their part might be required to boost numbers, Bills e-mail is reproduced below:

Hi Ian,

Well I hope it's still Ian! We have had a couple of meetings for the 2015 Convention and one of the items that has popped up is the Classic Bike show and parade. Not to put too fine a point on it we think we could (and should) do a better job for you guys and we also think that this might be reflected in the dwindling numbers of bikes that come along each year. Would it be possible for one or two of us to come along to your next club meeting and chat about any possible ideas that you guys may have for improving the show with regards to the classic section?

Best Regards,
Bill McGregor

I have advised Ian to pass on to Bill that we would be pleased to see him and discuss the 2015 convention, if you want your voice to be heard then please try to attend the next club night

At the next club meeting scheduled to be held on the 3rd February club treasurer Bob Prodger will present a slide show on classic motorcycles.

Dan Peck has volunteered to organise the refreshments.

Safe Riding
Tony