

Hi Everybody,



I just wanted you to see an unusual sight of one of our members, Dill, helping the work party out with clearing shingle from the footpath to the Mulberry stone. Well done Dill – but please, do mind your teeth! (Is she insured for this? We didn't pay her – she's a volunteer, will she sue us if she can't bite anyone again, what about her nails, do they need clipping now.....aarghhh?)



Sailing Events & Angling

From the Bosun, anyone who uses the kayak container by the boat park gate, please be aware that he has now changed the locking system on it. It is still the same key but he will be down every Saturday morning from about 11am to show anyone who needs to know how to open and shut the door.

Angling & Fishing

From George, only one angler fished the beach on Tuesday evening for a few hours but he was rewarded with lots of Rockling and a few Channel Whiting and Dogfish. Well done to whoever this was! No going round there for a BBQ yet! This Sunday's beach competition is from 10.00 am until 3.00pm high tide is 12.52pm with a 5.81m tide. Starting with sunshine then half cloud, 7 - 9° with no rain so, should be a good day.

Work Party

I'm pleased to let you know that we had over 18 people turn out on Saturday morning to work in the Car/Boat Park to dig trenches to install water and electricity supplies to this area. This should make life so much easier once the sailing season has started, both throughout the season to support the appearance of the site and finally to maintain the condition of the boats that are being used and kept there. We also had a good turnout (apart from Dill) on the beach to clear the shingle that had accumulated on the pathway from the side of the Club to the Mulberry Stone which we had been asked by the local Council Parish to clear if we could. This is a footpath used by disabled visitors and children and is regularly strewn with pebbles by unwitting visitors passing over the footpath. This cannot be stopped due to the nature of the beach and if we can help, then all is well and good from the Club's point of view. Please have a look at what went on and the effort that was put in to making this area so viable for all of the members to use – not just the boat owners but the members who have kayaks and paddleboards, or those owned by the Club to allow members to borrow them, plus the ribs to ensure safety on water during events.



Finally, after all that work, only a few were treated to the Commodore's (huge) Bacon Butties as bad communications resulted in a late order for food. We live and learn and all I say is that next time.....just tell me in advance so I can sort it all out!

Six Nations Rugby

Well, after all of the effort during the morning we had a limited number of members turn up to see England beat Scotland 16 – 15 in the afternoon/evening. Just one point!!!! Yes! Not to be discouraged, the Commodore had already prepared his own version of Honey & Mustard Sausages and Roast Potatoes. Where were you? Enough said....they were delicious.

Bar

This is advance warning that now that we are approaching the end of the Winter season, which officially lasts until the 30th March when the opening hours of the Bar will be changing to the following:-

Wednesday 5pm – 11pm and Friday 5pm – 11pm.

Saturday afternoon and evening will be 12pm until 11pm, but the closing time may be much earlier at the discretion of the volunteer bar staff, taking into account their personal commitments and the number of members in the Club using the Bar and whether or not there is a social function happening.

Sunday will be 12pm – 6pm.

I'll keep reminding you of the changes when they are imminent but please do bear them in mind when volunteering for any Bar duties. Hopefully the sun will be smiling at us!

Social Events



A very well done to Sue B for inviting Sussex Underwater into the Club on Wednesday to show us what is going on under the water around our Pagham, Bognor and Selsey shores. What an amazing scene! We were shown footage of fish that looked like they belonged to the waters of a tropical island – and the information about what was being washed up on our beach that we were given in a relaxed way was stunning. I didn't know about what I had always called "Mermaid Purses" from being 4 or 5 years old, actually were. I'm still not sure if there were from a Ray, Shark or Skate but at least I know how to look them up. Also, those cluster of blubbery sponge like clumps that have been washed up on the beach and how to pick them up as they are eggs, and see if there were any moving tiny eggs in there – and put them back in the sea if there were.

It was lovely to see how many members gathered to listen to their talk and for us to see those fabulous pictures. Even better, the event raised £200 for them. What an amazing world we live in – and share!

Friday 21st February - Happy Hour 6pm – 8pm & Fishermen's Evening

A big thankyou to Tracey B for taking so many photos throughout the evening for us all to share. Thankfully she didn't let me have any of the Happy (2) Hours so we can see the effect that had later on members! So, starting with RC Angling Paul C's delicious selection of fish pie with shellfish or just fish pie, or the veggie option. All came with a selection of vegetables and potatoes prepared by our wonderful ladies. A good start to the evening who made sure the beer and wine consumed had a positive influence!

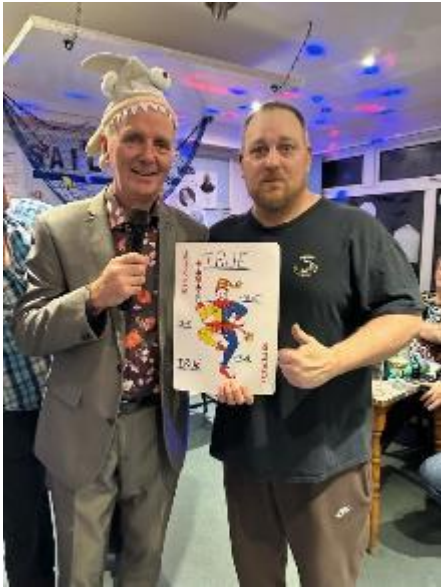


After the drink and the food, it was time for the entertainment. This started with a fishing game for the children, with a bit of help from adults who just couldn't resist getting involved. It doesn't look like the kids were too worried.



And then we had the Fishermen's stories!!! From what I hear, all of our members are really practiced at telling porky pies - and getting away with it! The Clapometer decided who was the most believable and the winner was Matt Swanson and his tale - or should I say Tail? about saving a dog off the Spit and how he had to swim out to save it. I guess you really had to be there to enjoy the full humour. Or be there at the Happy Hour!





A really good evening and a thank you to Keith who was in his element – again! Particularly when he was explaining how he was dressed up in his best outfit and he was rained on. Hence Olive being the rain storm. Did you see the Top Hat at the side? I have to say, they'd all be dangerous if we let them out on their own without supervision!



Meat Raffle

From RC Angling Paul C, he had a wonderful meal at the Lamb with the Christmas Raffle vouchers he won for a two-course meal. Whilst it was only supposed to be for a two-course meal, Don treated them to a three-course meal as a reward for being a prize winner!

Many thanks to Carol for arranging this with Don as Paul tells me the food was brilliant!

We'll be back again for the Raffle next Sunday before the Ace Tones, with lots of goodies and meat from our local butcher, Neil. The menu is posted up in the Club so do have a look in preparation and get salivating!

Membership

For those of you who have paid your fees and haven't yet collected your new/replacement membership cards, they are waiting for you behind the Bar. Please do collect them as we will be asking you to present your cards in the future and checking that you are still a member when you are buying drinks.

Speaking of checking – if you have a boat in the Boat Park, is it registered to you and have you paid your fees for it?

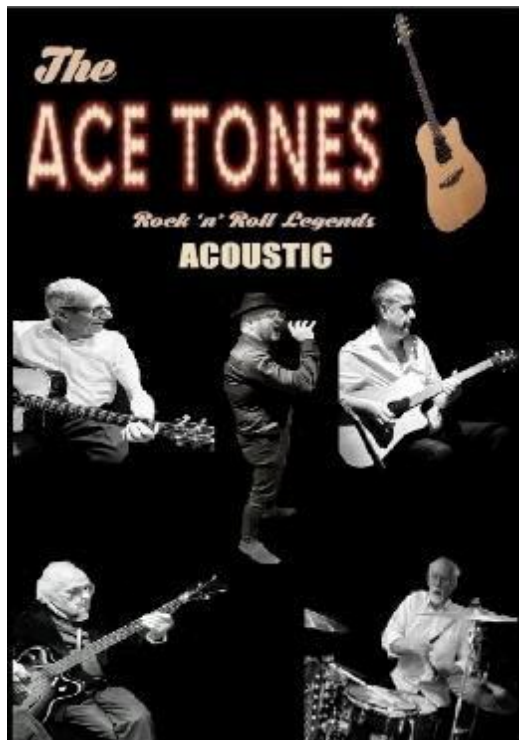
Again, in the next few months we will be going around the boats stored in the Boat yard to determine those that have not being moved and will be taking appropriate action to make room for those members who regularly use their boats and have been on a waiting list for spaces.

First Aid Training Course

Another reminder that we need you to get your name down on the list by the window in the Bar for the First Aid Training Course on Saturday 15th March from 10am – 2pm. This is an important role and is free! Please, please do think about this.

Future Events

* The Ace Tone performance will be at 3.15pm after the Raffle.



Dates for your diary:

February

March

Sunday 2nd - Ace Tones 3.15pm – 6pm

Saturday 8th - Scotland v Wales 4.45pm

Sunday 9th – England v Italy with Commodore's Tapas

Saturday 15th – First Aid Training Course from 10am – 2pm followed by:

2.15pm Italy v Ireland

4.45pm Wales v England **with Pork Baps**

Sunday 16th – Melissa singer from 3.15 – 6pm Performing music from Blondie, Kate Bush, Fleetwood Mac, Tina Turner...

Sunday 23rd - Luke Elder Live Music

Sunday 30th – High Tide Live Music (Mother's Day)

May

Thursday 8th – VE Day. Lighting of **Beacons** and **Lamp Lights of Peace** at **9.30pm**, the raising of a unique VE Day flag at **9am**?

More details to follow once decided.

Any Other Business



In line with my request for more members to sign up for our free First Aid Course on Saturday 15th March from 10am – 2pm, I think this just says it all.

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Bar Rota March: Do let me – or Phil, know if you can fill any of the following. Jill x

Day – Remaining GAPS	Times
Saturday 1st	Open 1 – 2 2 – 4 3 – 4 Close
Sunday 2nd	Open 5 – 6 Close
Wednesday 5th	7 - 8 8 - 9
Friday 7th	7 - 8
Saturday 8th England v Italy 4.45pm Commodore's Tapas	Open 1 – 2 2 – 3 3 – 4 4 – 5 5 – 6 6 – 7 Close