

## 2ND ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER



*The President with his Top Table Guests prior to the onset of festivities*

**SO** another year begins, Pict's 2nd full one, this under the stewardship of President Fred Haines and his committee.

It all started with what could be described as a sizeable bang at the Royal Lancaster Hotel on Thursday 6th March where 402 of the cognoscenti of the Paper Trade gathered, both Members and Guests to meet and greet and to be convivial. From what this retiree from the Trade is hearing "convivial" is a tad more difficult these days what with the grouping up of the wholesale industry and even the bigger Mill players facing up to the realities of that much hackneyed word, globalisation. It is not this scribe's duty to remark upon the state of the current Trade beyond the very general but to report on this, the 2nd Annual Charity Dinner one of the truly great national occasions in our Industry.

It really was a grand affair that followed to a considerable extent the format of the old Stationers' Annual Dinners where cares are cast aside for at least these few hours. It never ceases to amaze me as to how durable and successful these functions are, perhaps because they are so necessary?

The Members and Guests awaited the arrival of the Top Table glitterati and slow handclapped them in. Who were they? Dear reader, stay your impatience no longer. It was like this:

Margaret Curle, Editor of "The Paper Trail" Magazine

Richard Fowler, President of the London Pride Society

Jean Stanley, President of the Lancashire Paper Trade 25 Club

Martyn Eustace, Guest Speaker

Fred Haines, President PICT

Anne James, Secretary PICT

Ian George, President of the National Association of Paper Merchants

Patrick Shorten, Past Master Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers

Joe Piggott, President Birmingham Paper Trade Social Society.

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**P**ROCEEDINGS began with the election of Table Captains, a pretty summary affair I can tell you and a Heads and Tails session was embarked upon, this for Fred Haines charity OAKHAM HOUSE for the treatment of anorexia. For those who don't know how this works, and it a thing of wonder that how such a sophisticated, world-weary lot as we just love doing this. Andy Thompson

of Premier Paper, was for his sins put in front of the microphone to spin the coin and call Heads or Tails and generally sock it to us. All hilarious stuff and the dozen or so finalists were called up onto the stage to have their numbers further reduced until Richard Cossens, hands in the winning position as the coin span for the last time, took the prize of £250. It really was good fun and set the scene for the evening.

The Guest Speaker was Martyn Eustace in superb form despite being in very recent receipt of some not so good business news. With a mix of wit and irony, a sort of cross between Paul Merton and Pitt the Younger he held the troops spellbound. Terrific stuff. Our President, his colleague at Premier was the butt of a few in-jokes and stories of course. The one about Fred in his early boating days bringing his aquatic rocket sled alongside Martyn's vessel in Poole



*Joe Piggott says grace and look what happens!*



*Guest Speaker Martyn Eustace in full flow  
.....and taking no prisoners*

Harbour and making, how can I put this, a bit of a mess of it was much enjoyed. It shows how much we all enjoy a bit of Schadenfreude, that mixture of guilt and joy felt in the discomfort of others. Wonderful stuff. A seriously good speech. The President followed as is the custom and a heck of an act to follow I'd have thought but Fred was at the top of his game, covering all the bases delightfully. Two very special performances. Either could go on the after dinner circuit should that become necessary.

The food was good and Mike Gunn the comic entertained us. He had obviously done his homework and some Trade names were dropped and good natured abuse was both expected and received. In truth I think he appealed more to the



*The President in unstoppable mode....but  
what a good speech*

younger set.....a slick but rather laddish performance.

The business of the Trust is charity of course and the evening was a very

successful one in that regard. £5257 was raised from both the table collections and the Heads and Tails game.

Good fellowship is at the basis of all

we do in PICT and this was so evident this evening. It was a really good, fun night with the hotel bars full until very late.



*The President congratulates Heads and Tails winner Richard Cossens*



*A determined Anne James searching for a white rabbit*



*Peter Bothwick and company enjoying the show...!*

## FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

**S**O, summer is with us again. I remember last year on a week's walking holiday in North Yorkshire in April the sun split the heavens every day with temperatures on the verge of hot with a trip to the shop for the factor 30 sunblock.

I got to thinking this just might be the shape of things to come, that global warming wasn't all bad when boom, one of the wettest, dullest summers on record was imposed upon us.

Who ever the weather gods are, thanks a bunch.

This summer has started better with much sunshine in May balanced by some wet stuff which I am told is necessary upon occasion so hopefully our PICT sporting and social events will go ahead this year without the necessity of acres of waterproof canvas.

Regarding these events, many are now well under way with much swinging of clubs, bats etc. Though the business of PICT is charitable good works it should not be forgotten that the Trust does have an active social and sporting side. To this end I ask you to contact the Section Secretaries whose essential contact numbers are written large elsewhere in this Newsletter. If you are not of the active, sporting type and I could put myself in that category there will be many events where the spectators



amongst us can attend and enjoy. Here I am thinking of the evening outings to rugby and soccer matches etc., both live and recorded organised on a regional basis.

The Trust is going from strength to strength with its core activity of raising funds for charity. I wish here to encourage the Trust to also be a focal point for activities that may raise a smile and make a few memories.

*Bev Steele*



## OBITUARY

### *Richard (Dick) Dickinson 10.08.46 – 19.11.07*

Dick had worked for the Finnish Paper and Board Industry for 40 years and was the Managing Director of Varma Services in the UK and more recently, the Managing Director of M-real UK Ltd. He retired in 2006.

Dick received The Honour of being awarded Knight First Class of the Order of the Lion of Finland and his investiture took place at the Finnish Embassy residence in London exactly a week before his death.

Dick will be remembered by colleagues for his contribution to the development of customer service and distribution, in the UK. He held a strong belief that treating the customer well was the key to continuing business.

Dick, who was 61, had been struggling heroically with cancer for the last several months. He died surrounded by his family in November.

In memory of her father, Dick's daughter, Phillipa Andrews is taking part in the the worlds largest half marathon the Bupa Great North Run on 5th October 2008 (yes that's 13 and a half miles!).

Anyone who would like to sponsor her to raise funds for Beating Bowel Cancer UK please visit [www.justgiving.com/rugbygirlsgorunning](http://www.justgiving.com/rugbygirlsgorunning)

# WE WANT TO HELP

PICT (Paper Industry Charitable Trust) is a registered charity with 2 main goals:

1. Benevolence – Helping those, and their family, who have dedicated a large proportion of their career to our industry but who unfortunately have fallen on hard times.
2. Education – Helping students to learn more about our industry and even support higher education in areas relevant to our industry.

PICT has a long history through the Stationers' Social Society Benevolent Fund, of helping people who have desperately needed help but unfortunately such help was restricted due to there being insufficient funds. Now that PICT has been created as a registered charity with the motto of "Having fun helping others" annual income has been boosted by corporate support from the industry along with income generated on the assets donated to PICT from the Stationers Social Society.

A charity has an obligation to distribute funds and we continue to support applications for assistance which we receive. In addition we have approached 12 schools to offer to

support the cost of their pupils visiting Paper Trail and received no response at all. This is where we would like to call on your help.

1. If you are aware of anyone or any cause needing assistance, or/and,
2. If you have any contacts within a school who would be interested in their pupils visiting The Paper Trail ([www.thepapertrail.org.uk](http://www.thepapertrail.org.uk) – great website to see what is on offer)

Please get in touch with Anne James so that the enquiry can be discussed at the next meeting of the Board of the Paper Industry Charitable Trust. Naturally, in the case of benevolence requests preference will be shown to those with connections with the Paper Industry but others, especially from an allied trade such as Printing or Conversion will be considered. If you feel you would like to discuss the matter before making a formal application, feel free to phone either Bernard Kelly (01444-241221) or Patrick Shorten (01844-237250).

## PLEASE HELP US TO HELP

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## COLTSFORD MILL Thursday 20th March

**D**RIVING to the fishery early in the morning, the radio brought news to dampen the heart of any event organiser, a crash in the middle of the QE2 bridge with 5 mile delays, plus a lorry fire on the southern M25 closing it completely and a weather forecast of rain and high winds. The lorry was apparently loaded with paper!!

Nevertheless, a total of ten members and guests turned out for our first event of the new season and they were rewarded with a very fine days fishing in excellent surroundings.

This was the first return to

Coltsford Mill in two years and how the place had been transformed in the intervening time, with very smart new reception and tackle shop, new outbuildings and a welcoming pot of coffee in the smart new bar and lounge area.

Angling tends to be an individual sport but the compact nature of the three waters at Coltsford means that it is ideal to wander and socialise with fellow like-minded souls whether it be paper or fishing.

It was not long before a regular guest, Ron Gorin, was into the first Rainbow Trout of the day and after that the catch rate was steady throughout the morning. In fact, Dennis Cole, fishing one of the small but deep cascade pools, had filled his bag with three fish before 10 o'clock!

Half a dozen of us went to a pub in Oxted for a very convivial lunch where everyone agreed it had been a very satisfactory morning and contrary to forecast, dry and sunny. However, as we sat there it started to rain, which

may have prolonged proceedings a little, but eventually we braved the weather and returned to the fishery.

The fishing was so good that it did not take too long for everyone to catch their remaining quota and for the first time that I can remember, all went home with three fish each.

An early afternoon so that we could face the rigours of the still closed M25 and a mere seven-mile tail back to the Dartford crossing.

Still it was a good day and the trout tasted delicious!

#### **MONK TROPHY**

After the Coltsford Mill meeting, the first three positions were, Dennis Cole, Sandy White and Robert Taylor.



*Me, Dennis and the Monk Trophy*

## **CHIGBORO LAKES Thursday 1st May**

**O**NCE again it was difficult to entice members to a venue north of that seemingly formidable barrier, the River Thames, so it was that only seven members and one guest made the most of our visit to the beautiful lakes of Chigboro Fisheries just outside Maldon in Essex.

We all started by fishing the largest of the three lakes, Home Water, and as we approached there were circles appearing regularly all over the lake, created by fish feeding on the surface. A wonderful sight for any fly fisherman.

It was not long before Glen Jenner and his guest Granville Ainley were seen walking along the banks with bulging bags having each caught their first two

fish. It was not long before other members started to see their rods bending and in fact everyone went on to catch at least one fish.

We all met up outside the lodge to enjoy a picnic lunch on what was a varied but mainly fine day. Discussion ranged from the latest changes in the trade and inevitably what fly to try in the afternoon.

Most of us moved over to the smaller Rook Hall Water, where catch and release is allowed and this gave the opportunity to put back fish that had been caught, so two members ended up catching 6 fish on the day but this was eclipsed by the guest who caught 8. David Gould caught the best fish of the day, which weighed in at 3lb 12oz.

#### **MONK TROPHY**

After the Chigboro meeting the leading places for the Monk Trophy were Robert Taylor, followed by George Fowler and Chris Wright.



*Gerry Overy at the Cascades*



*Robert Taylor*

# ANGLING DATES FOR 2008

## FLY FISHING

Thursday 9th October

RIVER TEST, Romsey, Hants

Thursday 6th November

FRENHAM LAKES, Churt, Surrey

## COARSE FISHING

*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR LPS v PICT*

Saturday 21st June 2008

L.P.S. v PICT Ford Fishery , Little Chart

Nr Ashford Kent

Saturday 27th September

LPS Open

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## CARILLON CRICKET CLUB, Loughborough

### Thursday 5th June

**A** warm sunny day greeted the two teams as they arrived at the picturesque Carillon Cricket Club, just past the scrap yard, in the heart of Leicestershire, as Matt Ingram's PICT X1 took on Darren Kings PICT X1 in a 40 over workout.

After the inevitable plethora of drop outs with various liver ailments after Drupa, the 21 players (with the help of a couple of club members) appeared fit, strong and ready for battle (no not really) as the delicious pre match lunch of lasagne and cheesecake made it even more difficult to get into the whites for the first time this season.

Matt won the toss and elected to field, unleashing Mr Desai on our opening partnership of Trudgeon and Boyle, with the result of Phil Trudgeon having his furniture rearranged by a delivery which was 15 years too fast.

At number three strode Ian Huskinson, with his local knowledge of the bowler and track..... a duck was inevitable as

Umpire Windett was getting more than a little agitated with having to keep setting the stumps back up!!

Boyle and Bates (those well known con men from a Dickens novel) added 103 until the latter retired at 50. 104-1 became 120-8 as King's team dissolved against some accurate bowling from Marshall, Raven and Cox (and yes Ingram got King out). Lusty late order hitting from Bates who returned to the innings as last man for 93 not out carried the innings to 183-9 from 40. Boyle ended with 63, so "yes" the rest of us didn't get many.

Ingram sent in Raven and Kendall who blasted 72 from the first 14 over's before both were dismissed in rapid succession.

Gary Smith was run out for a breezy 10, being sent back by Kendall and doing an impression of the QE2 turning, in mid pitch.

Smelling blood, King introduced Trudgeon into the attack and five wickets later (7-0-32-5) the game was in the balance, with Glover and Rousell keeping the score tight at one end Schildkamp came at the other, quickly the required rate rose to 6 an over.

Captain Ingram came to the wicket and clubbed a quick 24 to see his team home in the last over, although looking at the scorebook as I type, his team look 3 short, I will recount!!!!

Big thank you's to Ian Huskinson for organizing use of his club's excellent facilities, Mike Windett for umpiring all day, the excellent food provided by Carillon CC and Savory Paper for their sponsorship of this event AND to everyone who supported the event.

The next game will be at Wollaston Cricket Club in Northants on either 4th or 11th September, would love to see you there.



*Captains King and Ingram put on false smiles for the camera whilst umpire Windett stocks up on nicotine in the background*



*Trudgeon optimistically waiting for the England call even after his first ball duck*



*Live action shot at Carillon*

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Full scores were, in sequence and groupings played:

F Haines	21	P Gibb	34	D Doorbar	33
J Perry	33	B Campbell	34	J Benn	30
C Diacon	32	P Goldsmith	25	R Cossens	24
J Ireland	26	J Burgess	33	M Bairstow	21
B Fowler	28	R Grant	28	P Murrison	30
R Bennett	32	S Vail	30	C Scott	24
R Sponder	31	J Turner	34	P Beswick	33
A Nicoll	26	R Gill	34	J Rhoades	25
B Kelly	24	B Hill	34	G Poole	20
M Fry	19	R Thompson	7	P West	27
<b>Totals</b>	<b>272</b>		<b>293</b>		<b>267</b>

## THE WHITEHEAD SALVER

**T**HOR and his acolytes unexpectedly decided to down tools at short notice, much to the considerable relief of 30 golfers who assembled at Royal Blackheath GC on June 4th to do annual battle. The sun shone throughout, the conditions were balmy, and only underfoot was there evidence of the previous days non stop deluge.

New Captain Richard Bennett was naturally looking to extend PICT's three year grip on the trophy, but it was not to be. The best individual score on the day was 34 points and no less than half the PAGS team achieved it! A remarkable showing which led to a very convincing victory for the Agents, their first success for five years now. Captain Paul Gibb led from the front and was full of smiles at presentation time. As well he might be.

The Laming Trophy goes to the player with the best score and usually this is a clear cut decision. Not so this time. 19 points on the back nine brought the trophy into Brian Hill's eager hands by the narrowest of margins.



*Richard Bennett relinquishes 3 year grip on Trophy and brings a smile to the face of PAGS captain Paul Gibb*

Peter West is to be congratulated on organising the event again and in the face of some adversity, last minute cry-offs, etc. The gathering is always an enjoyable one and being at a golf club currently celebrating its 400th anniversary added somewhat to the occasion.

The trophy was originally presented in 1976 when Jack Whitehead was President of the Paper Agents Golfing Society. In more recent times the competition has traditionally been between PAGS PTGS SSS(as was - now PICT)and LPGS but in the early years Bunzl put a team out, as did Capital Paper at one stage. LPGS is no more, sadly. Royal Blackheath, although not everyone's favourite course, is flat and lends itself to a social battle, which is probably why, with the dependable kitchen, it has hosted the event since 1992.

The Laming Sheld is a much more recent invention and was kindly donated by Peter Laming, for so many years the

organiser of this event. Peter West is the only man to have won it twice, the other winners including:

- 1999 Stephen Vail
- 2000 Colin Poore
- 2001 Peter West
- 2002 Rod Gill
- 2003 Les Waite
- 2004 Phil Beswick
- 2005 Stephen Mason
- 2006 Peter West
- 2007 Jack Perry
- 2008 Brian Hill

*Report by Jack Perry*



*Brian Hill receiving Laming Shield from the donor*

# CHARITY GOLF DAY

## **PICT GOLF DAY** **Thursday 25th** **September 2008**

**F**OLLOWING the success of our previous PICT Golf days, and the fact that I have some time on my hands! I am pleased to say we will be running one again this year .

We are holding the day at Rothley Park Golf Club, Rothley, Leicestershire which is a few minutes from Junction 21 of the M1, and 3 minutes from my home!.

I have tried to follow the format put in place by Barry Campbell and hope I can match the high standards Barry has set when organising the previous events, for which he has all our thanks .

Arrangements have been made for a 10am Shotgun start and lunch/prize giving to follow the golf at 3 pm.

The cost to enter a team of 4 players, which includes bacon roll/coffee on arrival, 18 holes golf, and a buffet lunch, will be £320.

As always we are looking for Company sponsorship, whether in the form of prizes for the golf or a

raffle, please let me know if you can help in this way .

On the two previous occasions we were virtually sold out, and hope this year the day will prove to be as popular and as valuable for the Charity.

Please contact me if you are interested in putting in a team.

*Fred Haines*

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## **GOLF DIARY 2008**

### **PICT**

**Autumn Meeting - Porters Park - Wed, 3rd September**

**The Dandy Roll - Woodcote Park - Tues, 7th October**

### **PTGS**

**Summer Meeting Aldeburgh Golf Club - Wed, July 2nd & Thurs, 3rd July**

**Autumn Meeting - To be confirmed**

### **PAGS**

**AUTUMN MEETING - Fri, 26th September at Copthorne Golf Club**

### **JAP MATCHPLAY FINAL**

**Tues, 23rd September - Walton Heath**

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## SHANKS SPRING HACK 24th April 2008 PINE RIDGE GOLF CLUB

**T**HE Shankers' Spring Hack was a momentous event for many reasons. A record turnout with many virgin Shankers swelling the numbers bode well for the health of the trust and badly for the greenkeepers and local wildlife. Records were broken and history was made.

After the traditional bacon rolls and The Ceremony of the Kit Kat, Sara (The Tigress) opened the proceedings by incautiously driving into the game in front and was rewarded by a bolt of lightning and a clap of thunder as the heavens reprimanded her lack of etiquette with a burst of hailstones which bounced like ping pong balls down the fairway. One Shanker was seen to be practising his short game on a hailstone whilst another thought that his umbrella was a safe enough haven from the lightning.

However, apart from the odd shower (weather not Shankers) the rest of the afternoon was blessed with glorious sunshine which affected the quality of play even further. The beautiful and forgiving course contributed toward a 1st for Shanks and it has to be regretfully reported that a new record was created for the number of lost balls – a net zero!

Apart from the occasional sound of ball and club against tree and an attempt by Bev's trolley to mount Monty's bag causing Bev to be temporarily grounded, not much of note occurred. However, we were encouraged at the 8th by Clive (the 1st Gravedigger) Duncan, who had failed a fitness test, but who saw fit not to help us on our way with any alcohol. With both Bev and Clive standing together with their sunglasses on it looked more like a reunion concert for Van Morrison and George Melly.

A post match evening meal was eagerly anticipated, most of which was nearly hot. The presentations were made to the "best in class" of which Keith (The Bandit) Spiers and The Tigress won convincingly but not enough to not have them cited, along with Mike (The Professional) Gee, for referral to the committee for membership under false pretenses. Jacko and KK came 2nd.

However, Monty made history by qualifying for the first ever premature nomination for the next Shanker of the Day by awarding Messrs Bothwick (Peter) and Windett (Mike) 3rd prize in lieu of Messrs Ingram (Peter) and Gee (Mike). How he confused this remains a mystery.



*Mike Kerlogue accepting a box of 'eggs' on his and Nick Steidl's behalf*

The prestigious Shanker of the Day for this event went to Blaster Benwell. Well known for his groundbreaking divots (mainly when putting), Blaster surpassed his previous best by renting the ground asunder on the 14th leaving the resultant hole more reminiscent of a Time Team excavation.

It was good to see so many first time Shankers and we are looking forward to another strong turnout for the next hack on Thursday 16th October at Hampton Court Golf Club. Owing to the credit crunch, you may have to bring your own Kit Kats.

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### Thursday, 17th April Melville Range Bisley

**T**HE PICT Shooting Section met on Thursday 17th April at the Melville Range at Bisley in close to perfect weather. That is about the extent of the good news as only 3 members showed (including the author) for this our first shoot of the year. As there were so few; too few to run a meaningful competition, we gallant three put a bit of lead down the range by way of practice and left for lunch at about 12.30 pm at the usual venue, the Hen & Chickens in the Queen's Road just round the corner from the ranges. We decided not to return to the range as this would have been a waste of quite expensive range time and ammunition.

Our next meeting is at the Short Siberia Range at Bisley on Thursday 12th June for a meeting wherein we will be using our longer, high velocity ex-service rifles of .303", 7.62mm and other military calibres. Good fun, not too stressful, but a bit weather vulnerable as we will be lying down on shooting mats in the open so guests should attend dressed with inclement weather in mind.

### Thursday, 12th June Short Siberia Range Bisley

**T**HIS was our second shoot of the year, a long rifle shoot this time where we fire our full bore rifles, that is rifles firing centre fire cartridges above .22 calibre mainly older military type rifles. We use the Short Siberia range at Bisley from where we can shoot at two distances namely 100 & 200 yards.

The Club has no full bore rifles of its own and we bring along our own rifles, in my case a venerable .303" Short Magazine Lee Enfield (SMLE) made in 1913, Keith Byatt brought two rifles, a 1915 SMLE and a No 4 rifle of later vintage again in .303. Joan Carter bought her very new Marlin bipod mounted target rifle in .223" calibre with a fancy telescopic sight, very hard to beat with our old, open sighted military shooters.

The day started at the 200 yard shooting point. There were 6 attendees namely:

- David Wisdom
- Gary Snell
- Joan Carter
- Keith Byatt
- Mark Searle – New Member
- Bev Steele

Bev gave the obligatory safety brief and we began. The theory is that each shooter takes 12 shots at the target, the first 2 are each marked with a bright red disc marker so he knows where his/her shots are going and adjusts the sights accordingly. The next 10 shots are fired in a string and scored by the marker in the butts who radios the info back to the firing point. Dead simple. Keith Byatt took the honours in the morning with a 38 out of 50 with Bev in at second with 33.

After a gentle lunch at the Hen and Chickens (the readership may remember that it is there that we partake of the now

traditional one round each of cheese and onion and cheese and ham toasted sandwiches followed by coffee) then back down to the range to shoot the afternoon away at 100 yards.

The same system of shooting and scoring was done here and Bev managed to scoop the afternoon with a 44 ex 50 maximum possible. Not bad for an old bloke behind an even older rifle.

All in all, despite rain in the afternoon a good day though attendance was disappointing.

*Report by Bev Steele*

## FORWARD DATES

**10th July • Melville All Day**

**10th September • Short Siberia, AM 200 yds, PM 100 yds Plus Pistols**

**21st October • Melville All Day - Competition Day  
(for Shooting Club Members Only)**



*Keith Byatt revolver shooting at 100 yards*



*Pensive Joan Carter with her scope sighted Marlin*



*New member Mark Searle in action with Bev's rifle*

## TENNIS SECTION

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**F**IRSTLY I would like to thank Jack for all the many successful years of the SSS annual Tennis Tournament in the past and hope he can grace us with his presence at this the 1st PICT version. I only hope I can get the weather right like he always did when I was a guest.

After an absence of the annual Tennis Tournament under the Stationers Social Society last year, I would like to announce the inaugural PICT Tennis Tournament 2008.

This years' tournament will break with the traditional location of Bexley and hopefully having listened to many past players the new venue in Northampton will be music to all wanting to partake.

I would like to gauge numbers as swiftly as possible in order to get the average cost per player right for all involved.

The Location:

Northampton County Lawn Tennis Club

The Date: Thursday 18th September 2008

Timings:

9.30 - 10.00 am                      Meet and Register

10.00 - 10.15 am                     Tea, coffee and biscuits

10.15 - 10.30 am	Prepare to Play The Rules pre lunch
10.30 - 1.00 pm	Pre-lunch Round Robin
1.00 - 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 - 4.30 pm	Q Finals/S Finals of both PICT Trophy and PICT Plate
4.30 - 4.45 pm	Tea and Cakes whilst Finalists prepare
5.00 - 6.30 pm	The Finals
6.35 pm	Presentation in the Bar (unless winners at Dinner
7.00 pm	Retire and refresh at Hotel for those staying
7.30 pm	Meal at local restuarant to be confirmed

With the Clubhouse overlooking the eight tennis courts. A licensed bar called "Deuce" and facilities including darts, table-tennis and a pool table.

For more information visit [www.neltc.co.uk](http://www.neltc.co.uk).

For those wishing to stay overnight I will be getting a deal from the nearby hotel and booking a meal within shouting distance for the informal gathering. But first I need to start getting a feel for the numbers.

## SKI-ING SECTION

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*No report on this section for this issue.  
Anyone interested in joining the Ski-ing Section  
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## PICT GOES TO THE DOGS 22nd February 2008

**W**ITH the objective of organising social events throughout the UK and to ensure our northern members are not forgotten, an evening of Greyhound Racing at Belle Vue's famous Stadium in Manchester fitted the bill perfectly.

The evening was well supported with 80 plus happy punters eagerly handing over

their hard earned money to the bookies. If there were any big winners they collected their cash quietly making sure they did not attract enough attention that would mean drinks all round!

With prizes for the raffle generously donated by Condat UK and Premier Paper the proceeds helped to swell the coffers of the charity by £1185.00.

All enjoyed a well stocked Buffet of good northern fare and a most convivial

evening was had by all.

Thanks to all for supporting the event and a special thank you must go to Condat UK's Manchester team and Kaye Campbell of Premier Paper for organising the event .

I look forward to doing some more missionary work in the north during my year as President!

*Report by Fred Haines*

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## FLY FISHING

Thursday, 9th October River Test, Romsey, Hants  
Thursday, 6th November Frensham Fishery, Churt, Surrey

## GOLF

Wed, 3rd September Autumn Meeting Porters Park  
Tues 7th October The Dandy Roll Woodcote Park

## SHANKS

16th October - Hampton Court Golf Club

## CHARITY GOLF DAY

Thursday, 25th September  
Rothley Park Golf Club

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