



# the **SYSTON GREEN**

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

DECEMBER 2023



**WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND ALL THE BEST FOR THE NEW YEAR 2024**

## **LINK TO THE EDGE SOCIAL ON 11/11/23**

Thank you to everyone who supported the event. The feedback was good. 30 people enjoyed supper. 24 people enjoyed the entertainment that tested their brain as well as their bowling skills. Thank you to Jan Holmes, Maureen Page and Janice Wilbourn for preparing supper, Ken Renshaw for the bar and being a helping hand also Geoff and Jane Ellis for collecting monies for supper and raffle and Stan Page for calling raffle and being a helping hand and finally the men who helped with the table moving

The event raised £171 (£36 on a raffle and £135 on suppers)

## **WATCH OUT FOR THE NEXT EVENTS ON THE NOTICE BOARD**

**Especially Roger Stone's Super Duper Christmas quiz  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December**

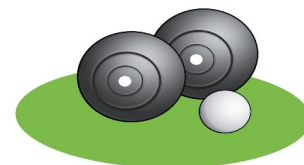
**And the Christmas lunch HERE on 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**THEN THE CLUB NEW YEAR PARTY GET TOGETHER ON  
6TH JANUARY**



**ANYONE WISHING TO VOLUNTEER FOR DOING A SOCIAL  
EVENT PLEASE PUT NAME DOWN ON LIST ON NOTICE  
BOARD**

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR 20TH JANUARY, 10TH OF  
FEBRUARY AND 30TH MARCH  
THANKYOU**



## **Editorial copy deadlines**

All copy for the next edition should be sent to Pauline Wright (paulinewright15@outlook.com) by no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> Of each month

Please, please, please supply your match reports, scores, stories, recipes and anything else which you would to share.

### **SYSTON BOWLING CLUB**

All communications should be addressed to The Chairman, Board of Directors  
Syston Bowling Club, Central Park, Syston, Leicester LE7 2HB

## **RADFIELD HOMECARE – OUR NEWEST CLUB PATRON**



At the October Coffee Morning, Sona Bharkhada (*pictured*), Director of Radfield Homecare Leicester, our newest Club Patron, gave a short presentation. She spoke of the company's pleasure in being closely linked with the Club which she described as an "acknowledged and established pillar of the local community" and looked forward to developing mutually beneficial relations in the future.

Sona went on to describe the range of services offered by her company - all of which were designed to enable individuals to maintain their independence within the comfort and familiarity of their own homes.

She drew special attention to the availability of respite care support, giving carers the opportunities for much-needed breaks from the sustained pressures of their responsibilities.

She stressed that Radfield Homecare Leicester, based in High Street, Syston, employed qualified and highly-motivated staff, providing the widest range of top-quality and cost-effective domestic care services.

In thanking her and the company for their support for the Club, Chairman, Dave Anderton, confirmed discussions on the possibility of Radfield Homecare clients being directed towards social events organised by the Club, as a means of addressing the common problem of loneliness and isolation within the local community. He assured those involved of the warmest of welcomes.

Contact numbers for enquiries about Radfield Homecare Leicester services are to be found on the back page of this Newsletter.

## **THE CLUB WEB SITE THIS MONTH**

The web site ([www.systonbowlingclub.org](http://www.systonbowlingclub.org)) has been fully updated following the AGM election processes and completion of 2023 competitions. Our thanks to Patron, Mark Cherry at Green Stripe Media for his efficient help in this task.

This month, Members are invited to visit the site to read the **COACHING/GLOSSARY OF BOWLING TERMS** page which makes interesting reading – no matter how experienced a bowler you might be. At the present time, results from all 2023 fixtures are still featured on the site providing a clear insight into performances across the board. The 2024 fixture lists will be uploaded early in the New Year ready for updating on a weekly basis by Administrative Director, Val Foreman, based on results provided by individual Captains following every game.

If any Member has any ideas for improvements to, or additional information that could usefully be featured on the web site, please contact Development Director, Colin Grimes ( [systonbowling@btinternet.com](mailto:systonbowling@btinternet.com)) with details.

## **AWAY GAMES LOCATION GUIDE**

It has been reported that a number of errors have been identified in the Post Codes published in the Away Games Location Guide in the Fixture Lists 2023 booklet. Any such errors should be reported to Development Director, Colin Grimes, as soon as possible, so that corrections can be made in the 2024 edition.

## **WELCOME PRESIDENT DAVE**



At the October AGM Dave Fox was inducted as President for 2023-2024.

At the previous year's AGM he was inducted as a Life Member. Dave is by far the longest serving Member of the Club, having first joined in 1973, which means that he has just completed 50 years of service to our Club.

One aspect of Club protocol that he is especially interested in and on which he plans to keep a sharp eye is the use of correct stickers on woods. *"If you are playing for Syston, you must have Syston stickers. Defaulters can be expected to be penalised next Season"* he says.

***You have been warned!***

## Chairman's Report Dec 23 from Dave Anderton

The new Board met for the first time on the 14th of November for the first meeting after the AGM. The meeting was over 3 hours long but we did manage to move forward on a number of issues - the communication strategy, club shirts, outside light, kitchen & Toilet refurbishment.

The next board meeting is the 5th of December .

We have entered 2 teams in the men's triples on Monday afternoon's , we have a mixed team entered in the West Leicester League on Monday evening. We have a team in the Ladies league on a Tuesday mornings. A mixed team will be entered on a Wednesday evening. We will enter a mixed team in the Corson Shield mostly played on a Friday evening. We have friendly fixtures on arranged on Thursday & Saturday's.

Please support the up & coming social events in December including the Christmas quiz & The Club Christmas lunch.

The regular events also need our support the Wednesday afternoon social/Quiz ,the Friday games night. Also remember the Christmas coffee morning which will include the raffle for the food hamper.

## SENT IN BY COLIN GRIMES

### CLUB SHIRT NEWS

**Design and ordering** – After a deal of discussion, a new shirt design is expected to be approved by the Board at their meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December and orders placed during January, to ensure that supplies are ready for the start of the new Season in April. Illustration of the new shirt will be posted in the clubhouse as soon as possible after a decision has been made.

All playing Members should have received a form asking them to confirm the number and size of shirts they would like to purchase and to identify the (*single*) name that would like featured on the shirt under the Club logo. ***Without these details an initial order cannot be placed.***

Please, therefore, give the form your urgent attention and return it, as requested, as quickly as possible. Payment can be made later in the New Year.

Our Finance Director has requested that if you are paying by BACS, could you please indicate your name and "Shirt" as the transaction ID.

**Sponsorship** – The Board are pleased to report that a 5-year shirt sponsorship deal has been agreed with Club Patrons Chris Meynell and Family. This deal, which is in addition to their Club Patron status and their sponsorship of the Champion of Champions Trophy, enables the Board to offer a £10 discount on the cost of the first shirt, which will normally cost £30.

**CHRIS MEYNELL & FAMILY**  
***Independent Funeral Directors***

will appear in gold lettering across the shoulders at the back of the shirt.

As part of the agreement, Chris has agreed not to "block" the addition of other sponsor logos on the shirts, without good reason, should any such application be received in the future.

### THE CLUB WEB SITE THIS MONTH

The site carries copies of all Newsletters published since March 2008. From the **Home Page**, click on: **ORGANISATION/SOCIAL PROGRAMME/NEWSLETTERS**. Dip in at random to find a great deal of interesting material, including coaching tips, and see how the Club has developed and improved (*or not!*) over the years. If any Member has any ideas for improvements to, or additional information that could usefully be featured on the web site, please contact Development Director, Colin Grimes ([systonbowling@btinternet.com](mailto:systonbowling@btinternet.com)) with details.

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## **SURVEY OF MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Sad to report a very poor response to the Member Communications Survey issued early in November. This is especially disappointing since the Board are doing their best to improve the current systems. If you have not yet submitted your views, please do so without further delay. A second copy of the questionnaire, which takes only a couple of minutes to complete, is attached to this Newsletter.

## **SYSTON BOWLING CLUB – AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY**

As a further demonstration of the policy of community involvement being pursued by the Board, it has been agreed to offer the clubhouse facilities to be part of a Leicestershire County Council Health and Wellbeing Initiative. This programme seeks to address the needs of members of staff – from The County and Borough Councils, the Rural Community Council and Medical Centre - currently working from home to have access to a venue where they can work together within an environment conducive to sharing best practice and productivity. If the offer is accepted, the clubhouse will be made available on Monday and/or Thursday mornings from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. for the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 to avoid any clash with activities organised by the Club. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be made available.

The organisers of the initiative will pay an hourly rental charge, to cover Club costs, and any income from refreshment sales will be retained by the Club.

Delivery of this service will require a weekly rota of Members, as operates for Club Coffee Mornings, and a request for volunteers will be posted as soon as acceptance of our offer is confirmed.

Please note that in order to qualify for grants for club improvements, donors are increasingly looking for strong evidence of active community support outside of the core activities of club charging membership fees. *(The Board is currently seeking grants of up to £50,000 to carry out renovations to kitchen, toilets and lighting.)*



The Chairman and Directors of the Club  
join with  
the President  
and



Members of the Management Committee  
to wish all members and their families

“A Merry Christmas!”

combined with best wishes for  
a healthy, happy and prosperous  
New Year in 2024





# PUZZLE PAGE

## SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP!

CAN YOU NAME THESE 70 CHAIN SHOPS? Past and present

ANAGRAMS	CRYPTIC OR NOT CLUES
SIN LOW SKIN	Initially found in a lamb & quail pie (3)
MUNDEL	Young lady & cured pork legs(9)
THE POOR SKY RIND(7,7)	Family cat cathedral place(3,4)
NAVES	Centres of candles (6)
MY DAYS ROLL CHAP(6,8)	Stand around for Attar flower (8)
RUDER PUGS	Space in between (3)
GROSA	Short Henry cars (8)
E SCOT	Aqua pebble's (11)
BASS YUR SIN	Under street (6)
THE RAG RICT	Where the heart is resting?(8)
FSD	Indian season (7)
RIM PARK	Made for walking? (5)
THE MO RACER	Not old, see!(7)
SLOOR	Auto hamster earth (11)
WECK FIN'S	Miss Balding's? (7)
M DIN	Ms Taylor's Richard, males curse (6,8)
PLORST SWORD	From Reykjavik but not in charge (7)
WELCK BALL'S	Sterling elastic? (14)
HMS WHIT	Go away! Sound alike area(8)
ERG'S GG	French good! Market(9)
DYPH SHE BOOT(3,4,4)	Flower land with water around (5,6)
DILL	Find clerics lost paper initially
MK TAX	Boxing practice(4)
WEST HORK	Who's Bristol cream? (7)
&COM	Find the Maldives on map(4)
THE ROLLAR BAND(7&6)	Princess Royal's daughter(4)
SCYRUR	What follows (4)
ROSSI MONS	8 <sup>th</sup> letter 9th book OT
YO STRAUS	Scottish fleece capital store (9,4,4)
CLOWPDR (2,5)	Rural building edibles(9)
A TROOPE VICE	e.g. Austin ring storage building (8,9)
STUNTED CAIPER(6,7)	Scotsman's home? (5,2,6)
MA FOX	Al has days off inside(4)
T SOCK LUBBER	Apostle TV detective(4,5)
MADERS	Green veg, male chickens(8)

## CONNECTIONS P2

1. SMALL PONY?
2. AIR MARSHALL SIR ARTHUR TRAVER'S NICKNAME?
3. ALCOHOLIC DRINK FROM SUGAR CANE PRODUCTS?
4. CREAM COLOURED WARM KNITWEAR?
5. MORSE'S SIDEKICK
6. ARCHIPELIGO WITH KIRKWALL AS CAPITAL
7. SPEED BONNY BOAT TO \_\_\_\_\_?
8. TO HEAT AND SPICE WINE
9. ACRONYM FOR BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMICS
10. WHAT IS THE CONNECTION IN THE ABOVE?

## Sudoku #027 (Easy)

2	4	6			8		1	
3				9				2
	9				4	6		8
4		9	1	2	3			
	6					8		
1		7			6			4
6	7					9		
	1	3	9					7
			3	4				

## Sudoku #021 (Medium)

6	2			3		1	8	
	4							2
7		1						
8		3	1					9
		6			2	7		
	1		8			4	3	
9	3			1				7
5			6				4	
				8		2		



## PRESENTATION EVENING WITH JOHN JEFFREY

John proved to be a jovial and entertaining host when members received their awards -no problem hearing him of course!! He made it a lovely evening Well done John.



### Club Champions

Four wood pairs  
Winners - R Kilbourne & D Renshaw.  
Runners up - D Hudson & S Champaneri.

Syston Town News 2 wood triples  
Winners - B Clay, D Fox, A Savage.  
Runners up - M Parker, D Hill, S Wright.

Maidens.  
Winner -G Ellis.  
Runners up - I Jeffrey.

2 wood pairs  
Winners - B Wright & D Renshaw.  
Runners up - K. Renshaw & T Monteiro.

Ladies 4 wood singles.  
Winners - M. Wood.  
Runners up -P Wright.

Men's 2 wood singles.  
Winner - D Hill.  
Runner up - D Renshaw.

Aussie pairs  
Winners - B Wright & K Renshaw.  
Runners up - K Pipes & D Lander.

Men's 4 wood singles  
Winner - A Savage.  
Runners up - G Ellis.

Ladies 2 wood Singles.  
Winners -P Wright.  
Runners up - B Wright.

Some award winners enjoying the evening

Life members  
Jan and Dave getting their award from new president Dave Fox



**FUNNY**

Weight loss goals: To be able to clip my toenails and breathe at the same time.

## TODAY'S WISDOMS





## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

George Dodge

Val Foreman

David Greatrex

David Hill

Barbara Robinson

Gerry Smith

Michael Smith

George Stone

Norman Webster

Bev Wright



## 59 CLUB WINNERS

Steve Rudkin

Dave Anderton

Ray Wood

Chris Meynell

## Puzzle answers

ANAGRAMS	CLUES
WILKINSONS	B&Q
DUNELM	DEBENHAMS
DOROTHY PERKINS	PET CITY
EVANS	WICKES
LLOYDS PHARMACY	WAITROSE
SUPERDRUG	GAP
ARGOS	HALFORDS
TESCO	WATERSTONES
SAINSBURYS	SUBWAY
CARPETRIGHT	HOMEBASE
DFS	MONSOON
PRIMARK	BOOTS
MOTHERCARE	NEWLOOK
LOROS	CARPETWORLD
FENWICK'S	CLAIRE'S
MIND	BURTON MENSWEAR
SPORTSWORLD	ICELAND
BLACKWELL'S	POUNDSTRETCHER
WH SMITH	SHOEZONE
GREGG'S	BON MARCHE
THE BODY SHOP	RIVER ISLAND
LIDL	CSL
TK MAX	SPAR
THE WORKS	HARVEYS
M&CO	ALDI
HOLLAND&BARRET	ZARA
CURRY'S	NEXT
MORRISONS	H SAMUEL
TOYSARUS	EDINBURGH WOOL SHOP
PC WORLD	FARMFOODS
COOPERATIVE	CARPHONE WAREHOUSE
UNITED CARPETS	HOUSE OF FRAZER
OXFAM	ASDA
BLOCKBUSTER	JOHN LEWIS
DREAMS	PEACOCKS

### CONNECTIONS P2

- 1.SHETLAND
- 2.BOMBER HARRIS
- 3.RUM
- 4.ARRAN
- 5.LEWIS

6.ORKNEYS

7.SKYE

8.MULL

9.BUTE

10.SCOTTISH ISLANDS

2	4	6	7	5	8	3	1	9
3	5	8	6	9	1	4	7	2
7	9	1	2	3	4	6	5	8
4	8	9	1	2	3	7	6	5
5	6	2	4	7	9	8	3	1
1	3	7	5	8	6	2	9	4
6	7	4	8	1	5	9	2	3
8	1	3	9	6	2	5	4	7
9	2	5	3	4	7	1	8	6

6	2	9	7	3	4	1	8	5
3	4	8	5	9	1	6	7	2
7	5	1	2	6	8	3	9	4
8	7	3	1	4	6	5	2	9
4	9	6	3	5	2	7	1	8
2	1	5	8	7	9	4	3	6
9	3	2	4	1	5	8	6	7
5	8	7	6	2	3	9	4	1
1	6	4	9	8	7	2	5	3



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