

DIARY DATES 2014 SEPTEMBER

Saturday 13
Coffee Morning 10.30am

Friday 26
Games Night 7.30pm
Fish & Chip Supper £4.50

Sunday 28
Sunday Tourist Game

Wednesday 1 **OCTOBER**
Candlelight Bowling
Hot Dogs £1.00 each

Monday 6
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 8
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Saturday 11
Coffee Morning 10.30am

Saturday 11
Men's Presentation Evening

Monday 13
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Tuesday 14
Ladies Presentation Lunch

FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER
CURLING
FAITH SUPPER TICKETS £5

Your friends and family are welcome to all the above activities, so bring them along.

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Weekend Car Parking

Members are advised that permission to park at weekends on the forecourt of the premises occupied by Feelgood UK at 95 St. Peters Street has been withdrawn by the tenants with immediate effect. Please be aware of this latest situation. Weekend parking at Furnleigh House will however still be available.

Birthday Bumps September

Happy Birthday wishes to:
Linda Horrobin; Gary Kilbourne;
Janet Lowe.
Congratulations to you all.

49 CLUB UPDATE

Most recent winners are:
Alan Collins (10); Gary Jones (14);
Pete Hancock (45); Bev Wright (40);
Gary Jones (14).
Congratulations to you all!

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Last copy date for the next
Newsletter is:
Monday 6th October 2014
email: alancollins338@gmail.com

the SYSTON GREEN

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

No.100 September 2014



A message from the board chairman, COLIN GRIMES

ANOTHER SEASON DRAWS TO A CLOSE

How quickly the playing Season has rushed by! This will be the final Newsletter written in the current Season!

Fortunately, both on and off the green, the Club has enjoyed a good year with so much happening and so many developments and improvements achieved.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward with great anticipation to the official opening ceremony for the clubhouse extension and access ramp and to welcoming the Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood Borough Council, Councillors Paul and Pauline Day, as well as the joint Presidents of Bowls Leicestershire, Deepak Tanna and Aileen Rowden. The selection of Life Member Marjorie Clowes to cut the tape at the close of the ceremony has been universally welcomed.

Also in attendance will be the New Town Manager, Catherine Voyce, who took up her post on 1st September and who has expressed an interest in "meeting everybody at the Club".

Let's hope that we can develop a strong and mutually supportive relationship with the Town Council through her.

Unfortunately, our Ladies seem to have suffered an unusual degree of poor health among Members which has tended to "colour" their assessment of the Season just ending.

We wish everyone who has been under the weather a full and speedy recovery throughout the months ahead.

Finally, may I appeal to all Members, especially the Men's Section, to commit to supporting as many of the close Season social functions as possible. A great deal of effort goes into the organisation of these events which help to raise much-needed funds to maintain our membership subscriptions at a reasonable level. We are regularly disappointed by the support given, particularly by our menfolk, while those who do make the effort consistently report that they have had a great time.

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INDOOR ROLL-UPS AT MELTON

A reminder from John Lambie

For members who wish to continue bowling in the winter months, I will, as in previous years, be booking rinks for the Monday 11.50am sessions, commencing this year on 29th September 2014.

If you wish to participate, please arrive no later than 11.15am to give me good time to pick the teams and for the green fees to be paid.

Please remember if you are a member of Melton Bowls Club to bring your membership card along with you.

If any of your friends wish to join us, even if they have no previous experience, they will be made very welcome.

Hopefully this will encourage them to join our Club in the future.

To enable me to assess the number of rinks required, particularly for the first game, please add your name to the list on the Club's main notice board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0116 292 1619 should you have any queries.

FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

GAMES NIGHT

FISH & CHIP SUPPER

7.30PM



£4.50

MELTON TRIPLES LEAGUE

Syston BC take the league top spot with a maximum points win over Holwell Sports.

Syston 8 Holwell Sports 0

The runners-up spot will be decided on the final game of the season

Oakham v Melton Town.

Melton Triples - Dave Hudson

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Syston	5	13	6	1	27
Howell Sports	5	10	9	1	21
Oakham	4	8	7	1	17
Mkt Overton	5	8	11	1	17
Belvoir Vale	5	8	11	1	17
Melton Town	4	6	9	1	13

Well done lads!

After our first two games, we were joint top with Market Overton, who were our next opponents, we shared the spoils with four points each, leaving us joint top with seventeen points each, but with a game in hand Oakham were next and disaster struck and we lost two rinks at home, lost one away and won one, losing six points to two.

Howell now moved into top spot, two points in front of us, our last game was against Howell, all our playing squad were up for this last game as we had a chance of winning the league. We had a great result, winning both rinks at home, and both rinks away, giving us maximum points and becoming CHAMPIONS.

Thank you to all bowlers who played and to those who made themselves available but did not get a game. I am very proud of you all and so is Syston Bowls Club, great result. *Dave*

DON'T FORGET OUR FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

There will be a game with the

SUNDAY TOURIST

followed by a hot tea/supper

Jennings



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Man: "My doctor advised me to give up playing the drums". Friend: "Why".
 Man: "He lives in the apartment below".

CCTV UPGRADE

The CCTV system, which has been in operation for eight years, has now been overhauled and upgraded.
 Two additional cameras cover the green and we now have full coverage of the front and sides of the clubhouse as well as the area between the Peace Park and the clubhouse frontage.
 A new surge protector has also been fitted.
 We should now be confident of capturing on camera any misdemeanour committed in the vicinity of our property.

HAVE A LAUGH!

An American tourist went to Portsmouth to see Nelson's flagship HMS Victory.
 On the tour of the ship, the guide pointed out a raised brass plaque on the deck.
 "That's where Nelson fell," said the guide.
 The tourist was unimpressed, "I nearly tripped on the damn thing myself."

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT - continued

So, come on fellas! Let's see more of you on a regular basis throughout the late Autumn and Winter months.

CARNIVAL SUCCESS

Once again, thanks to the sterling efforts of our membership, we enjoyed a very successful day at the Syston Carnival on Saturday 30th September.
 We raised more than £230 from the range of crafts, cakes and bric-à-brac generously donated for the occasion. Thank you to everyone involved.
 Special thanks are due to Marlene Murray whose range of crafts raised the major part of our final total. Marlene's sustained and selfless commitment to fundraising for the Club is an example to us all. She sets the gold standard.

Thanks and recognition are also due to all those who helped set up, manage and break down the Club stalls. Because the event coincided, once more, with the Greenwood Cup, only those men not involved were available to transfer equipment and unsold "stock" to the clubhouse, a physically demanding task with which the ladies naturally struggle. They were especially appreciative of the help given by Dave Anderton, Keiran Jordan, Rob Wilbourn and others who provided the greatly appreciated "muscle".

CLUB CALENDARS

As the Christmas Season appears on the horizon and attention begins to turn to the associated shopping and gift-giving, all Members are now urged to make every possible effort to buy and to promote sales of the Club Cartoon 2015 Calendar. On sale at the very reasonable price of £5 (including

heavy duty mailing envelope) and designed by our own Pauline Wright, the calendars offer a fresh cartoon for each month in the year – each one taking a wry look at the wonderful sport in which we are all engaged. They have the potential to be a very effective recruitment tool for the Club as well as offering year-round pleasure to family and friends.
 We have set ourselves a very ambitious sales target of 500 – slightly more than we achieved with our first calendar project which featured scenes of Syston. As the result of a national promotional campaign allied to the sales efforts of all our Members, we hope to raise more funds for the Club as another means of minimising future increases in subscription levels. Play your part and "Go to it!"

LOCKERS AND STORAGE IN FORMER MEN'S CHANGING ROOM

The Club has been successful in obtaining 20 "double-decker" lockers previously used at the recent Commonwealth Games. They will be installed in the former Men's changing rooms and Members will be invited to hire (at a fee still to be decided by the Board) on an annual basis.
 We are grateful to Funeral Directors, G E Gamble & Sons, for a donation of £250 which will be used to help meet the costs involved. Thanks also to the Syston & District Volunteer Centre for their help to transport the lockers from Nottingham.
 The current wooden benching is to be transformed into racked shelving, providing more space for the storage of bags. It is hoped that this facility will further restrict the untidiness created

by clothing and equipment being left lying around in the area.

A computer desk, together with fully operational PC and printer, is to be sited next to the cupboard which houses the CCTV monitor.

Members will be able to use this new facility free of charge to surf the net, send and receive emails etc. Familiarisation courses might be organised if there is sufficient demand from Members.

CLOSE SEASON SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Members are reminded and reassured that planning is already at an advanced stage for the launch of our Close Season social programme which, as usual, is open to family and friends as well as Members.

Watch the noticeboard for details of the Melton Indoor roll-up sessions on Mondays (11.30am – 2.00pm) organised by John Lambie.

Regular Wednesday afternoon social gatherings, including a pub quiz, will start on Wednesday 15th October.

Details of the Candlelight Bowling session to be held on 1st October are already posted on the noticeboards.

The Ladies' Section have their first Lunch scheduled for 8th October. The Art Group will start their programme of regular meetings on 22nd October and our regular indoor roll-up sessions will start again at Melton on Monday 29th September.

The well-established Gardening Group will continue its programme throughout the Winter months.

Beginning on Saturday 4th October will be our regular fortnightly programme of specially devised and presented social evenings.

The noticeboard immediately on the right of the main clubhouse doors is to become the principal Social Programme noticeboard.

Please refer to this on a regular basis for full details of everything that is to be organised for your pleasure during the Close Season by Social Programme Director, Pauline Wright.

As the Board Chairman has stated in a separate article, as well as keeping Members "in touch" through the Winter months, and developing the often quoted special "Syston Spirit" these events continue the essential fundraising activities of our Club. We look to and expect the fullest support from all Members – if only to "reward" all the hard work that goes into the preparation and delivery of the individual events.

If you find that there is nothing in the programme that excites or attracts you, please feel free to suggest alternatives to Pauline who is always on the look-out for new and attractive events that will attract as many Members, family and friends as possible.

MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOKS TO BE COMBINED FROM 2015 SEASON

A small sub-committee is actively planning the publication of a single joint Membership Handbook and Fixture List for the 2015 Season onwards. Fixture details for each Section will be kept clearly separate but a middle Section of the booklet will contain all the relevant Club rules, policies and procedures.

CLUBHOUSE TROPHY

Friday 15th August was the day that the Clubhouse Trophy was played for.

This is a fixture played every year by the men's section against the ladies section for bragging rights in the clubhouse.

Battle commenced at 5.30pm, four rinks contested for the trophy this year and what a contest it promised to be.

But sadly after a lot of good competitive bowling after eight ends the good old English summer weather played its part and brought the contest to a soggy end.

After drying out, the evening carried on at the bar and with a well provided Faith Supper the remainder of the evening was very enjoyable.

There was still a lot of banter going on about who was winning at the time the rain came.

The ladies offered to settle the argument with arm wrestling, but the men declined their offer stating they all had Saturday chores to consider and didn't want to risk injury.

A man's work is never done!

But watch out next year ladies!

Rod Heggs, Men's President



THE GARDEN CLUB

Christine Dodge

As many of the competitions were still to be played, it was agreed not to arrange a visit until the season ended.

Some new venues were discussed for future visits and it was decided to get more information on these.

The *Syston in Bloom* presentation night takes place in September when we will hear the judges verdict on the hanging baskets.

The next Garden group meeting will take place on September 23rd at 2.00pm and not on 16th September as previously arranged.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Rolf Meyer



As you will all know the club house extension is now complete and in use.

The final claim has now been sent to Sport England and I look forward to receiving this in due course, meaning that the club will have received the full amount of the £40,000.

Also the donations amounts have been sent to HMRC and I look forward to receiving in excess of over £600 under gift aid.

I and my fellow directors wish to thank you all for your kind donations for without it the above would not have been possible.

LADIES PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Janice Wilbourn



By the time you are reading this report, we will be in the midst of our Finals Weekend. I would like to congratulate all the winners and commiserations to all who didn't quite make it but there is always next year. As I think most of you will know, the Ladies have had a difficult year health-wise but everyone has made every effort to complete their competitions.

On the 18th August, I went to New Lount to watch our three ladies in the quarter, semi and finals of the County Two Wood Pairs competition.

Congratulations go to Anita, Bev and Marilyn for reaching the final, losing narrowly on the last two ends. Well done also to Kate Toon who despite having a nasty fall and badly damaging her knee whilst on tour with the Sunday Tourists, battled on to play in the final of the County Singles Unbadged. It was a great game to watch and Kate lost by only a few shots.

We will be holding our Ladies Presentation Lunch on Tuesday 14th October so please look on the notice board for further details. Also keep an eye on the notice board in the new extension for the game against the Sunday Tourists on Sunday 28th September and also Candlelit Bowls on Wednesday 1st October. Please support these events - if we don't have enough bodies, they may not go ahead!



THE BUILDING OF A EUROPEAN LANGUAGE

The European Commission has just announced an

agreement whereby English will be the official language of the European Union rather than German, which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, the British Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 5-year phase-in plan that would become known as "Euro-English".

In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy. The hard "c" will be dropped in favour of "k".

This should klear up konfusion, and keyboards kan have one less letter. There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with "f". This will make words like fotograf 20% shorter.

In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible.

Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling.

Also, al wil agre that the horibl mes of the silent "e" in the languag is disgrasful and it should go away.

By the 4th yer peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v".

During ze fifz yer, ze unesenary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontaining "ou" and after ziz fifz yer, ve vil hav a reil sensi bl riten styl.

Zer vil be no mor trubl or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech oza. Ze drem of a united urop vil finali kum tru.

Und efter ze fifz yer, ve vil al be speking German like zey vunted in ze forst plas.



PRESIDENT'S DAY 2014

Men's President, Rod Heggs, has announced plans for his President's

Day scheduled for Friday October 31st starting at 7.00pm.

The event coincides with his birthday so he plans, with the help of his wife and other Ladies, to provide the food and entertainment.

He intends to use only part of his budgeted allowance to enable everyone in attendance an initial free drink. Any balance will then be transferred to central Club funds.

Notices are already posted so please take an early opportunity to signal your intentions to attend.



Men's President Rod Heggs and Pardeep Singh Narwal shake hands in confirmation of the 5-year sponsorship agreement for the "Champion of Champions" Trophy.

MEN'S CLUB SHIRTS

Shortly after the end of the current outdoor season an order will be placed for some new club shirts.

The shirts should be available for the start of next season. Following this order it is unlikely that another will be placed before the end of the 2016 season.

If you want a new shirt for whatever reason e.g. the diet's not working or has not worked too well then now is the time to take action.

Please let me know your requirements by the end of September to avoid disappointment.

Brian Arnold

SYSTON TAKE MELTON TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Under the astute leadership of Captain Dave Hudson, Syston has topped the 2014 Melton & District Triples League, comprised of teams from Melton Town, Belvoir Vale, Market Overton, Oakham and Holwell.



A final clean-sweep victory over closest rivals Holwell on 6th August confirmed Syston as Champions.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Proposed by *Rob Wilbourn*, Seconded by *George Dodge* the Men's Management

Committee has approved the recommendation to be made to the AGM that *Colin Grimes* be made a Life Member of the Club in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Club development.



CLUB COACH

Des Eggitt, Club & County Coach

MORE ON SELF-DISCIPLINE

One's attitude has to be positive and certainly trying to beat your opponent.

When I was playing in both matches against St Margaret's BC, I was leading in a rink at home against St Margaret's and at 12 ends we were 16 to 11 shots down, for those 12 ends I was playing badly, I couldn't find the length, on the 13th end our skip had the last bowl, we were 4 or 5 shots down and our skip drew a perfect bowl for shot and winning the end.

My thoughts were, after seeing that shot was to play better on the next end. Looking at the score we had just 8 ends in which to win.

My self-discipline helped to get back into the match and we won, remember, it is the lead and No.2 players that help to win matches.

When playing away at St Margaret's I had problems finding my line, and during the the wet weather we were losing the match, when the rain stopped and the green started to dry out and looking again at the scoreboard, we had seven ends and time left to win and we did win the match!

As Club Coach, I know that one's self-discipline does get results, it does help to give one confidence and concentration.

You have to have a clear mind when you deliver the bowl, that is thinking of the length to draw to the jack.

When on the mat, think of the length

to the jack as three-thirds, two-thirds is where the bowl starts to turn.

When bowling to the shoulder, don't draw to it but bowl at the shoulder.

Remember on heavier greens a longer step and back swing will be needed, with a faster action and upright stance.

On fast greens the bowler will take a short step with little back swing and a slow delivery and keeping as low as possible.

Self-discipline means to clear your mind of other thoughts and concentrate on the speed of your delivery to get that perfect draw to the jack.

don't think of what shot you have got to deliver, but how to play the shot with the correct weight.

On a slow green the bowl runs fast from from delivery and a short run to the jack with a narrower line.

On the fast green the bowl runs slow down a wider line and with a long run to the jack.

When the rink is behind on shots after 13 or 14 ends it is not too late to come back into the match and win. The game isn't won or lost until the last bowl is played.

With self-discipline you can get your concentration and confidence back before the match has finished.

Bowls is a simple game, so keep it simple when playing.

If you have any particular problems on which you would appreciate the advice of our Club Coach, please do not hesitate to contact him at any time on 0116 269 6548

Letters

To the Editor



LOUGHBOROUGH TRIPLES LEAGUE

Match played at Loughborough, 11th August 2014. White Plums v Brush.

During the closing of the last few games to play on all three rinks my attention to my rink was distracted by the opposing No.3 on the next rink when he shouted to his Skip that the "End" was dead, as his wood and our wood were both touching the Jack! So he asked his Skip to take out the opposing wood.

Unfortunately the Skip took out his own wood and left the jack still on our wood, then our Skip with his last wood was able to draw another shot.

So the outcome was in our favour, but it should NOT have been if the No.3 had been aware that, in that situation it was not "a dead end".

It is "a dead end" only if the jack is out of the confines of the rink and then the end is played again.

In this case, if the Head had been left alone by both Skips it would have been a draw, and the scores carried forward, and the opposing team would still have the mat for the next end.

So the No.3 not only gave 2 shots away, he also lost the mat.

This situation where two opposing woods rest on the jack seems to happen quite often, so I thought this information would be useful for the Members who read *The Syston Green*.

Roy Hill

TO THE MANAGEMENT GROUP

The policy you have set out for teas is not a policy, it's Big Brother at work.

All you need is a list with match dates for members to put their names on the date they wish to do the teas and what time they wish teas to be taken.

If members do not take advantage and put their names down it will be up to the catering manager to place them on to the list where needed.

As catering manager for five years I would find out any dates members were not available, thus avoiding placing them on dates they have provided.

I would also be interested to know what 'sanctions' management have in mind.

Gerry Kennel

WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER

Candle Light Game starts 5.30 for 6.00pm

HOT DOGS £1 EACH