

DIARY DATES JANUARY 2015

Monday 12
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am
Wednesday 14
Ladies New Year Party
Saturday 17
Win, Lose or Draw
Jacket Potatoes with fillings £3.50
Monday 19
Art Group 10.30am
Quiz and Social afternoon 2.00pm
Monday 26
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am
Wednesday 21
Quiz and Social afternoon 2.00pm
Friday 30
Boccia Night
Faith Supper Tickets £5.00
FEBRUARY
Monday 2
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am
Wednesday 4
Art Group 10.30am
Quiz and Social afternoon 2.00pm
Monday 9
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am
Wednesday 11
Ladies Lunch
Saturday 14
Valentine's Dinner with Mr & Mrs
Price TBA
Coffee Morning 10.30am

PLEASE NOTE

The times and dates of the
Forthcoming Events may vary from
those published above.
Please see Noticeboard for latest updates.

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Throughout the close season regular social afternoons will again be held in the clubhouse every Wednesday, starting at 2pm with a Pub Quiz. Also starting in October will be our fortnightly series of Saturday evening entertainment. These programmes help to raise much-needed cash for the Club. We therefore urge all Members to give the events their fullest possible support.

Please watch the club noticeboard and future editions of the Newsletter for programme details, signing up to signal your attendance in appropriate cases.

Birthday Bumps

January

Happy Birthday wishes to:
Peter Rawson; Kate Toon;
Violet Whittaker; John Woodward;
Marion Heggison; Gerald Horobin
and Dave Hudson.

49 CLUB UPDATE

Most recent winners are:

Alf Newman (36); Colin Grimes (28);
Ray Wood (49); Peter Rawson (24).

Congratulations to them all!

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Last copy date for the next
Newsletter is:
Monday 9th February 2015
email: alancollins338@gmail.com

the SYSTON GREEN

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

No.104 January 2015



I'm afraid I have to start on a sad note - Violet Whittaker, who had moved to Cumbria to be with her son, sadly passed away on the 29th December.

We all have fond memories of Violet attending our club lunches and speeding along on her mobility scooter. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Violet's funeral will take place on Thursday 15th January at 1.30pm at St. Peter and Pauls Church in Syston.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope you have all had a good Christmas, whether it was a quiet one or a noisy one!

For the first time in many years I went away for the New Year and had a lovely time, only sorry that I arrived home too late to attend the club party, though I'm sure a good time was had by all.

At the beginning of December, Kate, Janice and I went to a Christmas Market in Antwerp. We had a great time, we were only sorry that Shelia wasn't well enough to be with us.

My best wishes to you all.

Sheila Aindow

A HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



Christmas festivities now over and the start of a new year.

I hope you all had a very good Christmas and may the new year be everything you

wish it to be. I would like to say what a fabulous New Year Party we had on Friday 2nd January 2015. Our numbers were small, but this did not deter us.

The atmosphere was great all night, thanks to Timeless who provided us with music from the 50s and 60s and an even greater thanks go to those who again put themselves out to trim and decorate the room so well.

I am sure that Saturday morning saw a few sore throats from all the singing and muscles aching with all the dancing.

Now let's look forward to our oncoming season of bowls.

May the new year be a healthy and rewarding one for you all.

Ken Renshaw

Ladies Christmas Party

Over thirty ladies came along to the Christmas Party on December 10th.

The club house had been decorated by the men and several ladies and with tables laden, with festive fare and with decorations and crackers donated by the men, it was easy to get into the Christmas spirit.

As usual the members had supplied a wonderful spread and with carols playing in the background we all sat down to enjoy the beginning of the lead-up to Christmas.

Janet Lowe had arranged for committee members to sing a few carols (maybe it was not Gareth Malone standard) but everyone appreciated Janet's effort which was appreciated.

After the tea President Sheila distributed gifts to the life members and the ladies who were eighty years old.

This was followed by two simple but very entertaining quizzes organised by Pauline Wright, afterwards we all went home feeling able to cope with any last minute plans we had, which always seem to creep up on us each year at this time.

Doreen Payne

SYSTON BOWLING CLUB . . . HIGHLIGHTS

From the History of the Club by John Meadows

A further article from the above book.

On the 17th September 1973, Albert Vesty, the County President (Western Park BC) brought a Representative County team to play an afternoon match with Syston to commemorate the 21st Anniversary Year.

Frank Needham, a founder member of the club was the Syston President at that time.

On the 15th of June 1982 an EBA Representative team honoured the club by playing us as part of four Golden Jubilee celebrations.

We entertained the EBA team and their wives to a buffet lunch at the Malthouse Suite, High Street, Syston before the match.

We returned there after the match for a magnificent meal prepared by members' wives.

The club was highly complimented by the EBA visitors for our hospitality. All players, who took part, signed the club's visitors book.

To commemorate their visit, the EBA Junior Vice President R. F. Taylor (Cumbria) presented John Wheeler, the Syston President with a banner, which is on display in the pavilion.

On 19th July 1982 County President Jack Smith (Holwell Sports BC) brought a County Executive team to play Syston in an evening match as part of our Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Wednesday 14 January

LADIES NEW YEAR PARTY

Saturday 14 February

VALENTINE'S DINNER

with **MR & MRS**

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Top tips to help keep you on the road:

- Check tyre tread and screen wash levels before you set off, and always ensure windows, mirrors and roofs are clear.
- Only accelerate gently - use low revs and change into a higher gear as soon as possible to help reduce wheel slip.
- Leave a gap between you and the car in front ten times greater than normal.
- Steer, brake and make gear changes smoothly and slowly, so allow more time for your journey.
- Don't leave accessories on charge overnight, such as phone chargers or iPods.

SATURDAY 17th JANUARY 2015

WIN, LOSE OR DRAW

JACKET POTATOES WITH FILLINGS
£3.50
 See Noticeboard for further details



CLUB COACH
 Des Eggitt, Club & County Coach

BACK TO BASICS
 Remember the basics of bowls when you are not playing very well. To have that perfect draw you have to practice the routine.

1. Bias and grip.
2. Step onto the mat facing down the line to the shoulder.
3. When taking your stance on the mat point your right foot at the aiming point. At the point of delivery the right foot, elbow, wrist and the bowl, the aiming point should all be in a straight line.
4. Full concentration when delivery of the bowl, thinking about the weight right up to when the bowl leaves your hand.

Length: Adjust the following to suit the pace of the green. (a) Height or stance. (b) Length of back swing (c) Forward of body weight. (d) Speed of delivery. (e) Pressure of the grip before delivering "weigh" the bowl in the hand to get full concentration of the distance it has to travel (for outdoor and indoor bowls). The above is for outdoor bowls. Indoor bowls the pace of the green is much faster.

The arc to the jack is much wider and that the bowl will need to travel on part of the adjoining rink if it is to finish on the jack.

Because of the faster pace of the indoor green, greater control in delivery is needed indoors.

I think I have already wrote the following in this Newsletter, but I think it is worth repeating.
The jack is sometimes called the kitty. and was uttered by a lady.

When my husband took up bowling he boasted on the phone about a girl called Kitty with whom he could not leave alone. He addressed her, caressed her, by her he seemed bewitched. He missed her, he kissed her, stayed with her in the ditch.

So I took up bowling to win my husband back and found what he could do with Kitty I could do with Jack!

In the October *Syston Green*, I forgot to write about when a No.3 says that his rink has 2 or more shots, he can if he measures for them.

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

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?
 Your views, opinions, news and any other material of interest to Members would be welcomed for publication in future issues.

Please send your copy to Alan Collins by the first Monday in every month.
 email: alancollins338@gmail.com or telephone: 0116 260 9835.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the sudden passing of **Anita Lowder**. I'm sure that they will be tributes to Anita in our next issue. Ed

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2015

ALL MEMBERS ARE HEREBY formally advised that the fifth Annual General Meeting of Syston Bowling Club (*Limited by Guarantee*) will take place in the Clubhouse on **Monday 9th March 2015** starting at 7.00pm.

The Agenda for this Meeting will include consideration of the Annual Report of the Chairman and Board of Directors, adoption of the audited annual accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2014, the appointment of Auditors for the year 2015/2016, notice of election of Directors (*see below*) and any other business formally notified by Members to the Chairman by not later than 5.00pm on Friday **6th February 2015**

NOMINATIONS ARE HEREBY INVITED for the posts of **Chairman** and not more than 8 other **Directors** (*Administration, Finance, Premises, Facilities, Green Ranger, Regulatory Compliance, Bar, and Social Programme*). The **Chairman** may be from either Section of the Club. Not more than four of the others elected to serve may be drawn from either Section of the Club.

A copy of the approved Nomination Form is available from the Administrative Director, **Val Foreman**. Should the number of nominations received exceed the number of vacancies, election will be conducted by ballot among those Members in attendance at the Meeting.

Copies of the Annual Accounts, all other documents, Resolutions and details of all other business to be

transacted at the Annual General Meeting will be posted to every Member by not later than **Friday 13th February 2015** to permit considered judgement of all of the issues involved prior to the meeting.

Any Member who wishes to submit a Resolution for consideration at the Annual General Meeting or who wishes to nominate a candidate for election should note and comply with the deadlines stated above.

Any Nomination Form and any notice of a Resolution to be considered by the membership in General Meeting must be received in writing by the Administrative Director on or before the due date and must be signed by a Proposer and a Seconder, each one of whom must be a fully paid-up Member of the Syston Bowling Club entitled to vote in General Meeting

By Order of the Board
V. Foreman
Administrative Director
5th January, 2015

BUMPER HAMPER RAFFLE WINNERS

The winner of the Bumper Hamper raffle was Brenda Oxman.

The second hamper was won by Rob Wilbourn, and thirdly the other hamper was won by the son of the Meynell Funeral Directors' family.

Well done to our winners and our thanks go to all the members who bought the raffle tickets and making the amount of money raised such a resounding success.

Christine Dodge

GARDEN CLUB



33 members and friends of the Garden Group travelled to the Toby Inn at Loughborough for the annual Christmas meal.

The restaurant was beautifully decorated and there was a happy, festive atmosphere in the restaurant.

The food was excellent and the staff were efficient and friendly. Everyone agreed we had had a lovely time.

The next Garden Group meeting will be on 20th January at 2.00pm.

Topics will include what plants to prune in winter and climbing plants for fences and walls. Also ideas for visits in the next few months.



Our picture shows some of our members ready for their Christmas lunch.



LOOKING BACK TO THE YEAR 2011

A SUMMARY OF THE FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON IN APRIL 2011

Our first match of the season took place on 9th April, which turned out to be a glorious, sunny afternoon.

The green was in very good condition, thanks to Roger Bentley's hard work, and everyone played very well.

There were 34 players using all six rinks, with five triples and one pairs match. The pairs match was between the Ladies President, Chris Biddles and Vice President Kate Toon, and Men's President George Dodge and Vice President Bob Dunlop.

This was a good evenly balanced match, with the ladies winning by just one shot.

George Dodge tried out his new idea of recording how many touchers were achieved over the match and was somewhat surprised to find that there were 82 touchers recorded over all six rinks.

Either we are more skilled than we thought or just lucky on the day. It must be the former, all of us are good players and getting better, thanks perhaps partly because of the camaraderie of this wonderful club of ours and partly because of the good offices of our Club Coach Des Eggitt.

The faith tea was as usual excellent, with a great selection of both savoury and sweet dishes to choose from.

The winning rink members all received a Presidential pen from the Men's President, George Dodge.