

YOUR DIARY FOR THE MONTH AHEAD

Colour Key: Men Ladies Green & Royals White Plums Leicester League

JULY

Tuesday 14th
Board Meeting 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 15th
Kirby Muxloe A
Loughborough A

Thursday 16th
Nuneaton A

Monday 20th
Benevolent TBA

Saturday 18th
Melton Town H
St Margarets A

Tuesday 21st
Management Group 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday 22nd
Brookfield Electrics H
Soar Valley A

Thursday 23rd
St Margarets H

Friday 24th
New Lount A

Saturday 25th
Humberstone Park H
Whissendine A

Monday 27th
Wymeswold Steamers A
St Margarets Saints H

Tuesday 28th
Birstall H

Wednesday 29th
Soar Valley H

Thursday 30th
St Margarets A

Friday 31st
Rothley H

AUGUST

Saturday 1st
Humberstone Park H

Kirby Muxloe A

Monday 3rd
Sutton Bonnington Riversiders H

Sibley Finches A
Holwell H

Wednesday 5th
Whissendine H

Thursday 6th
Westcotes A

Friday 7th
Greenfields A

Saturday 8th
Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.

Batram H
Wymeswold A

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FOR STARTING TIMES FOR
ALL EVENTS LISTED HERE

49 CLUB UPDATE

Most recent winners are:
Hazel Rayns (17)
Kate Toon (27) and *Sheila Parker* (22)
Congratulations to them all.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Because of holiday commitments, all
copy for the August Newsletter should
be sent to **George Dodge**
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Monday 27th July

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It's all about teamwork!

Skips have a duty to harness the support of the whole team

We all know that Skips have sole charge of their teams, as Rule 40 says, and that all players must follow their instructions. This is fine but, without wishing to challenge that principle, there is no law to prevent Leads, 2's and 3's having a little input into the game.

In League matches, we play as a team. There is no "I" in "team" and I would like to see more input from all four players into discussions on how a particular head might be developed or shot played. There is no Rule against team consultation.

My "take" on the issue is as follows: The Lead and No. 2 should know their jobs. To me, this requires Lead to set a convenient length jack and to draw as close as possible to it. If he is successful in this, No. 2 should cover any good woods from his opposite number. If the head is developing to our advantage, No. 3's shots should be draws round the back right and left. This approach gives the Skip the chance to finish the head as he sees it is necessary or desirable to maximise his side's scoring

chances. He should be prepared to draw, cover, block or fire.

In my book, each player should be encouraged to have a quiet input into a game. This makes for a TEAM performance.

Let's have more verbal acclaim for a good shot and quiet encouragement for those that go a little astray.

Having said this, we can't be doing too much wrong at the moment. Our League position is very good for our first event. At the time of going to press our situation was as follows:

P: 6 W: 4 L: 2 Rinks W: 17 Shot Diff: +69
Pos: 2/6 only 4pts behind St Margarets.

President Ken Renshaw



"Women in sport" Radio Leicester visits SBC

I was listening to Radio Leicester on June 22nd when the presenter was congratulating the national Women's football team on their recent successes. During the course of the programme Jim Davis, the presenter, asked whether there are any sports in which women can compete with men on equal terms. I contacted Radio Leicester and, live on air, said that very little air time - both nationally or locally - was given to reports on Bowls. After a short discussion, Jim Davis suggested that I arrange for him to visit us in Syston.

On Tuesday June 30th at 11 a.m. I was joined by Chris Biddles and several other ladies, all in our

whites, and Men's President, Ken Renshaw, to meet Jim Davis and discuss the subject of women in sport.

It was a perfect day, the clubhouse and the green looked perfect. We spent almost an hour talking to Jim, who was delighted to try his hand at the game. (As we had no size 12 shoes to fit him he played in his socks!). He admitted that there was more to the game than he had thought and promised a report on his visit - hopefully to be broadcast on July 5th. So, who knows? It may inspire some local folk to come along, "have a go" and maybe join us.

Doreen Payne

Get to know the Rules - Part II

As we pointed out last month, within the context of friendly roll-ups and matches, a detailed understanding of and full compliance with the official Rules of Bowling is useful but perhaps not essential. However, within the framework of League competitions and County-level matches - a clear understanding of the Rules becomes very important if embarrassment (and worse) are to be avoided. This month, we offer the second in an occasional series of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the game, in the hope that Members will avoid future misunderstandings.

- If I win the toss to start a game must I play first?**
No - You have the choice to either do so, or ask your opponent to do so. Note however that if this first end is eventually 'burned' or a 'no shot', the player who played first shall again do so to replay it.
- How many trial ends are allowed, and where must the Mat and Jack be placed?**
If agreed to be played, not more than 1 in each direction, (they are not mandatory), no 'must' positions as such - can be placed anywhere within normal limitations.
- Is there a time limit for a bowl to be a 'Toucher', i.e. comes to rest then falls over to touch the Jack?**
Yes - it must make contact before the next Bowl to be played leaves the player's hand, or if it is the last Bowl to be played; this must be within 30 seconds of it coming to rest.
- Is there a time limit for marking a 'Toucher'?**
Yes - It must be marked with 'chalk', or ('nominated' to the opposing Skip, if that act might cause it to topple) before the next bowl played comes to rest, otherwise it ceases to be a "Toucher".
- What happens if I play before my turn?**
If the bowl is on its way, the opposing Skip can stop it and return it to be played in the proper sequence. If it is not noticed until it comes to rest, providing it is (a) still "live" and (b) has not disturbed the Head. The player, who should have played, plays 2 bowls in succession, to restore the proper sequence. If, however, it has disturbed the Head, the opposing Skip has 3 options: - (a) Leave things as they are and have his/her player play two Bowls in succession, or (b) Replace the Head to its original position and return the bowl, to be re-played in its proper turn, or (c) Declare the end dead.

Serendinity in Stratford



Pure "happenstance" found Roy Hill and Anne Gale in the Fourteas restaurant in Stratford upon Avon where they enjoyed a cream tea using the green Berylware crockery sold to the cafe by the Club - as reported in last month's Newsletter!

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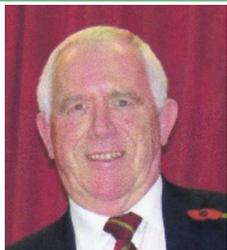
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Green Ranger's Report



We're paying nearly £7,000 a year to have what must now be one of the best surfaces to play bowls on in the County, so please explain to me why we regularly have to start play with worm casts on the rinks? In my view, it can only be down to idleness. When its your turn on green duty, swishing away of worm casts, leaves and other debris is part of your duties. At any other time, if you set out a green - for competitions or roll-ups, if there are any worm casts about, please swish the green. It takes but a few minutes to cover the whole green.

Our new swishers, together with the old one, are now located in the corner of the computer room (*former Men's changing room*). With three in all available, there really is no excuse. So come on! The exercise keeps your waist line in trim and, at the end of the day, you might just improve your results on the green.

New for Old

All Members should, by now, be aware that the clubhouse door has a new lock, Any Member who has not obtained a replacement key should see George Dodge or Pete Murray to arrange an exchange.

A voluntary donation of £5.00 is being requested to help pay for the new lock and replacement keys which cost close to £500.

Furnley House Staff visit to the green voted a great success

Furnley House staff have offered sincere thanks for the welcome and hospitality shown to them on their visit on 19th June.

They have now expressed an interest in sponsoring one of our Club Competitions.



Furnley House staff get involved under the watchful eyes of Marilyn Wood, Ken Renshaw, Chris Biddles and Colin Grimes

Fosseway on a Friday

The poem below was penned by a member of the Fosseway Ladies who were on the wrong end of a sound beating by Syston Ladies on Friday 26th June.

It shows magnanimity in defeat and identifies friendship and fun as motivating forces driving our two Clubs.

Syston came to play the triples game -

I think the score they should frame!

Fosseway- well what can I say?

One shot in every five AWAY!

But we laughed the whole night long

Even when we thought "God, this side is strong!"

Yet in all honesty

They are a picture for all to see.

We so enjoyed playing them

And cannot wait to meet again.

Old faces I did see then

So I could write easy with my pen

About our lovely night together.

And guess what - We managed to miss the rainy weather!

Until our roads cross

I wish you happy bowling and good health

But most of all we leave you with our friendship

The greatest and most priceless lifetime wealth.

Late Ladies' footnote: Marilyn Wood has been co-opted on to the Ladies' Committee and Janet Lowe has now been officially confirmed as President.



CLUB COACH

Des Eggitt, Club & County Coach

A shoulder to rely on

All bowling greens have differing playing surfaces - fast, free-running or heavy paced - allied to a consistent or erratic line on either or both forehand and backhand. For the first few ends in every game, therefore,

you have to come to know the particular playing surface and how to cope with it. Watch very carefully how bowls from all players behave during the first few ends to help you decide what adjustments might be necessary in your own delivery to meet the challenges of the particular surface involved.

Syston's green is now in good condition, providing a level and free-running surface. With the benefit of a smooth delivery, players can exercise great control over their woods. I witnessed this particularly on 22nd June as I watched our side play in the Monday afternoon Loughborough League fixture when I could see how well the bowls were running on the surface of the green. Clearly, we don't have many problems when playing at home but, when playing away games where you are not familiar with the pace of the host's green, you need to find the pace during the first few ends and adapt your delivery to cope with it.

In earlier coaching notes, I have stressed the importance of the "shoulder" in the line of delivery - the point at which the bias begin to take effect and swing the bowl towards the jack. This is a very important point to remember as you seek to adjust to different green surfaces.

On a fast green, you can slow down the pace of delivery by taking a wider line to the shoulder giving you a longer run into the jack.

On a free-running green, you still need a wider line but with just a little extra weight into the shoulder.

On a heavy green, you need to narrow your line, allowing for the fact that your bowl will take a run of only about a yard between the shoulder and the jack. On greens that are fast and free running, provided that you have taken a wider line, you should allow up to five yards between the shoulder and the jack.

I therefore repeat and stress the need to find and concentrate on the shoulder of your line of delivery (rather than concentrating directly on the jack) which will need to be adjusted according to what you observe and experience during the first few ends. Having identified the position of the shoulder on each hand, bowl to it in a consistent manner and you won't go far wrong.

If you have any particular problems on which you would appreciate the advice of one of our Club Coaches, please do not hesitate to contact either Des on 0116 269 6548 or Ken on 2606743.

Seasonal stats to date

	P	W	L	+Shots	-Shots	Agg	Pts	Pos
Men - Saturday	21	9	12	1535	1460	75	n/a	n/a
Men - Weekday	10	3	9	730	813	-83	n/a	n/a
Loughborough Trips - Green & Royals	6					29	30/48	3/7
- White Plums	6					-5	22/48	4/7
Leicester League	6	4	2	614	545	69	59/96	2/6
Ladies	11	7	4	577	554	23	n/a	n/a
Ladies Loughborough Trips League	6			218	174	44	21/48	?

FINANCE MATTERS

“Keep in mind”

If you are one of the six people in ten* who haven't made a Will yet, it's time you did.

But if you are one of the four who have, don't relax completely. As your life and circumstances progress, you need to revisit your Will from time to time, to make sure it still reflects your wishes.

The purpose of a Will is to serve as a binding expression of how you want your assets distributed after your death. If that changes, and it often does, then your Will needs to change to reflect it.

Here are ten reasons to take another look at your Will and make sure it will still do what you really want it to:

Marriage

Marriage, for the first or for the nth time, cancels any existing Will and the consequences will be as if you had died without making one. This is also true of same-sex marriage and registering a civil partnership. And if you then die before making another Will, the rules of intestacy will apply. They are unlikely to reflect all your wishes.

Divorce

Divorce does not cancel a Will. However, from the date of the decree absolute, the effect is as if the newly divorced spouse had died. Any gift which benefits them is revoked and will pass to other beneficiaries, or may become part of the residue of the estate. This may not be what you intended.

There is one other possible consequence. “If you have appointed your ex as your executor, this clause will also be cancelled,” Lurie says. “That could leave you without an executor.”

Children

The arrival of new children is a natural trigger for revisiting your Will, and raises other issues. What would happen to them if both parents died? In the case of children under the age of 18, it's important to consider guardianship – choosing someone to take care of them in the event of your death.

You can also stipulate an age when your children can inherit. A child attains majority at the age of 18. But few parents would want their children to inherit at that age, when many of them are just off to university. So in your Will, you can stipulate an age of 21, 25, 30 – or whatever you wish.

Grandchildren

Perhaps you have had grandchildren since making your Will and wish to make them a specific bequest. Or you could set up a trust for them, maybe to help with their education.

Inheritance

You may have received an inheritance, perhaps from your parents. Since this could affect any previous Inheritance Tax (IHT) planning of your own, you should look again at your Will.

Assets change

You no longer own an asset identified in your Will, or have acquired new ones since it was made. Their value may have changed. Perhaps your business is more profitable, necessitating IHT advice or a rebalancing of your estate.

Death

A person named in your Will, an executor or beneficiary, has predeceased you. Depending on how your Will has been written, this could cause part of the Will to fail or mean your estate is not distributed according to your wishes.

ISAs

In the past, if you left your ISAs to your spouse, they would get the assets but not the tax benefits. Following changes introduced by the Chancellor at the end of last year, they can also now enjoy the tax benefits by retaining the ISA wrapper, so IHT planning must be reviewed to ensure maximum savings.

Deeds of Variation

Deeds of Variation are used to alter a Will within two years of a person's death, and are a useful way to reduce IHT if a Will has not been properly drafted. In this year's Budget, however,

“Keep in mind” - oncluded

the Chancellor indicated he may abolish Deeds of Variation. If a Will can no longer be changed retrospectively, that makes it even more imperative to keep it up to date.

The passage of time

Even if no obvious trigger presents itself, you should review your Will at regular intervals as a matter of course, in the light of changing circumstances and possible changes in the law.

*Law Society, October 2014.

Any member wishing to discuss any of the issues raised in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0116 319 0084 or email me on pardeep.narwal@sjpp.co.uk for



*A couple of snapshots
recalling the visit to Crich
Tram Museum*



Christine Dodge

GARDEN CLUB

Members of the Garden Group have enjoyed two trips this month. First we travelled to Derbyshire to visit the Crich Tram Museum. First stop was the coffee shop followed by a tram ride through the complex. This was followed by a woodland walk where we saw a number of unusual carvings and enjoyed spectacular views from the various vantage points along the trail.

We then went into the museum to see the collection of old trams from all over the world, including one from Leicester.

The weather was good and everyone agreed it had been an enjoyable day.

The next visit was to Foxton Lochs where, following a stroll up and down the impressive water “staircase”, fourteen Members and friends had lunch together before setting out for the gardens at Stoke Albany House.

We had chosen a lovely warm, sunny day and Stoke Albany proved to be one of the best gardens we have visited so far. We spent a long time just wandering around enjoying looking at such a great variety of flowers and shrubs.

Everyone agreed we had had a very enjoyable day.



*Admiring one of the herbaceous
borders at Stoke Albany House*