

the SYSTON GREEN

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I hope you all had a happy Christmas, and as we step into the New Year may I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2019.

Our Club will host many exciting fixtures and events this year. With the renovations to the green currently taking place we will be the envy of the County, so let's all be proud to belong to Syston Bowling Club.

Regards

President Jenny Dewick



Welfare Report

It was great to see Janet Lowe back in circulation at the New Year Party and also Margaret Abbott at the recent Saturday Coffee Morning.

Myles Clare is back home and out and about following a short visit to hospital for the fitting of a pacemaker. The operation took place the day after wife Mu returned home after rehabilitation following her operation.

I understand Sam Eames who joined the club in 2018 is at present unwell and we wish him a speedy recovery.

On a happier note, it's congratulations to John Woodward who has just celebrated his 90th birthday.

All being well, there should be at least another three club members reaching this age during 2019.

How about organising a mini competition for "The Old Boys" ?!!!

Please let me know of any members you know who may be indisposed.

A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

ROB

ROB (Wilbourn)

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Gardening with Chris Dodge.

Winter is a time of contradictions.

You could say, Don't let's bother, just pull up a comfortable chair close to the window and admire the view and sip on a nice hot cup of tea, as at this time it is best to forget about gardening outdoors if the ground is frozen.

In the brief spells of mild weather a whole range of useful odd jobs can be undertaken. Go round the beds and borders to pick up leaves and cut off any lingering stems and dead leaves on herbaceous plants, which can harbour slugs and other pests. Leave the old growth on anything that is slightly tender, such as agapanthus and red hot pokers, which may benefit from the extra protection. Be care full, don't forget that bulbs will be shooting up so don't knock the tips off.

Also in those brief spells there are plenty of plants that benefit from winter pruning, including summer blooming clematis, climbing roses and wisteria to name but a few (check in your Notcuts book for the others). Pruning at this time of year ensures that bleeding of sap is at a minimum and pest and diseases are kept away due to the temperature. Wisteria is often pruned in stages, with the whippy summer growth being cut back to about a foot in early autumn. Now is the time to cut the same shoots back to within two or three buds of the previous year's growth. The reason for the two stage pruning is to concentrate food in the shoots, to assist the foundation of flower buds.

Heavy falls of snow can spoil the shape of evergreens, especially conifers. These can be tied in before the snow comes, just tie two or three rounds of strong string around the conifer at differing heights up the tree. Snow can also spoil the taller heathers. Knock or brush off any snow that is bending branches with its weight, but please be careful you don't slip and hurt yourself in the process.

Check spring flowering biennials such as wallflowers and forget-me-nots that may have been lifted by the frost if these were planted late, as with other plants planted late in the season, provided the soil is not frozen, go round and firm them in if necessary

Don't forget your garden birds

New Years Party

Congratulations on a very musical enjoyable New Years Party!!

Kelly sang enthusiastically to entertain us with a fantastic array of songs old and new. She ensured the ensemble was involved, either by getting us to join in with the familiar songs, or up on the dance floor to the upbeat tunes across the decades.

The A great too with homemade cottage pie on offer together with mushy peas, or beans to satisfy the party goer's appetites.

A very enjoyable evening was had by all and here are a few pictures to give the atmosphere of the party

Sue Renshaw





Forthcoming Social Events

- **2nd February - Beetle Drive**

For further information please check the Notice Board in the Club House

- **9th March – Karaoke**

Further details to be advised nearer the event

Monday Morning Melton Bowls Roll up

A huge thank you to John Lamble for continuing to organise the above activity throughout the winter months for those wishing to put their bowling skills into practice on the indoor rinks at Melton Mowbray.

In addition we had a lovely Christmas meal in the restaurant, where a large group of us celebrated the forthcoming festive season together.

Thank you to those who provided prizes for the raffle, organised by Derek Renshaw. A total of £81.00 was raised for Syston Bowling Club.

Sue Renshaw

Christmas Hamper

Thank you to those who added items to the Hampers and a big thank you to Jan Holmes for organising it this year.

Thanks to Gambles the butchers for the donation of the Meat Hamper

The winner of the booze basket of brandy and sherry was won by Stan Page and the food Hamper was won by Ray Wood

Sue Renshaw

2019 Calendar

Please make an early note in your 2019 diaries of the following schedule of events:

Saturday 12th January	Preliminary AGM Notice to all Members	Friday 8th February	Closing date for receipt of nominations
Friday 15th February	Final AGM Notice	Tuesday 5th March	SBC/STC Liaison Panel
Monday 11th March	AGM/Meet the President/Enrolment/Competition Entries	Friday 29th March	Competitions Closing date
Monday 1st April	Green opens	Friday 12th April	Competitions Draw Night
Friday 17th May	Atkins Shield Preliminary Round	Sunday 19th May	County Unbadged Prelims
Friday 31st May	Atkins Shield 1st Round	Sunday 9th June	County Unbadged 1 st Round
Sunday 9th June	Club Open Day	Sunday 30th June	2019 Accounts close
Monday 22nd July	Ladies' Benevolent match	Tuesday 30th July	County Fixture
Tuesday 6th August	County Champion of Champions	Thursday 8th August	County Champion of Preliminary AGM Notice
Sunday 19th August	Club Open Day	Saturday 17th August	Closing date for nominations
Sat/Sun 7th/8th Sept	Competition Finals weekend	Saturday 14th Sept	SBC/STC Liaison Panel
Saturday 21st Sept	Final AGM Notice	Monday 7th October	Christmas Fair
Monday 14th October	AGM/Presentation Evening	Sunday 3rd December	

NOTE: Dates for *President's event, Greenwood Cup* and *Syston Carnival* yet to be confirmed



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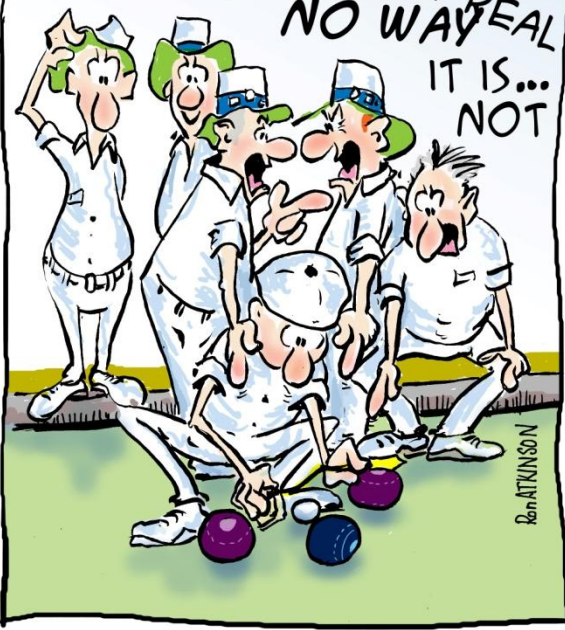
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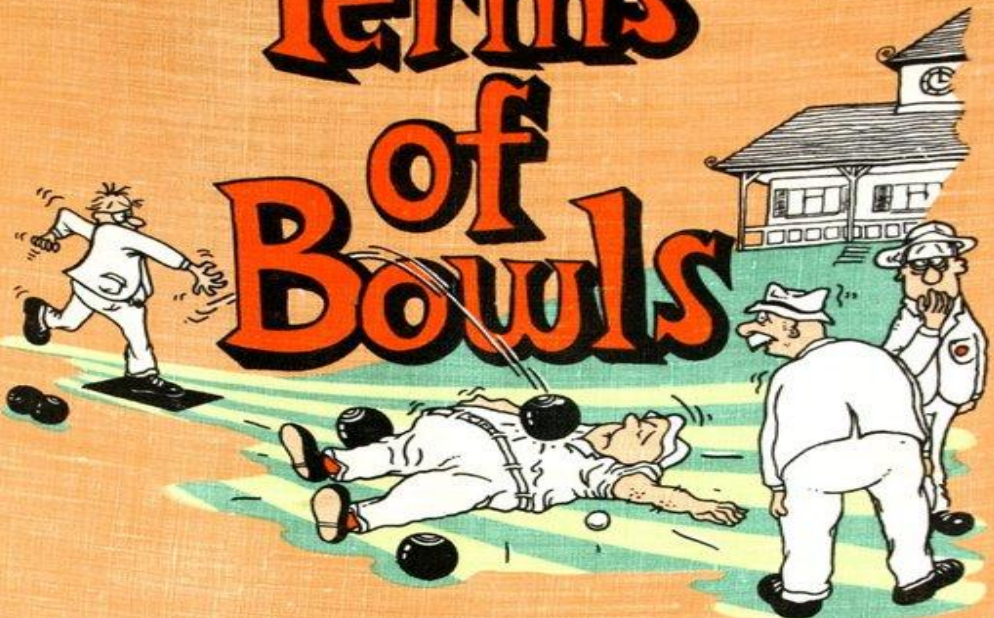


ROLL UP

IF ONLY YOUR
SKIP WAS
AS GOOD
AS YOU



Terms of Bowls



- SHOULDER:** You hope there is a spare one to cry on when your bowl takes a foreign line.
- CRACK AN EGG:** Your delivery is all white in a way but the yolks on you.
- WOODS:** Something you are not out of until you have bowled your last one.
- TOUCHING WOOD:** What all bowlers do to ensure a good delivery.
- OPEN IT UP:** A last ditch effort makes the perfect end to the day.
- FLUKE:** The only praise you are likely to receive from the opposition.
- FULL CROUCH:** Without practice you could end up on the mat.
- TAKE IT OUT:** It is preferable to take kitty rather than Jack out.
- FIRING FROM HIP:** Whiskey from flask when all else fails.
- JACK HI:** Your bowl has come up trumps.
- BE UP:** An early start to the day required.



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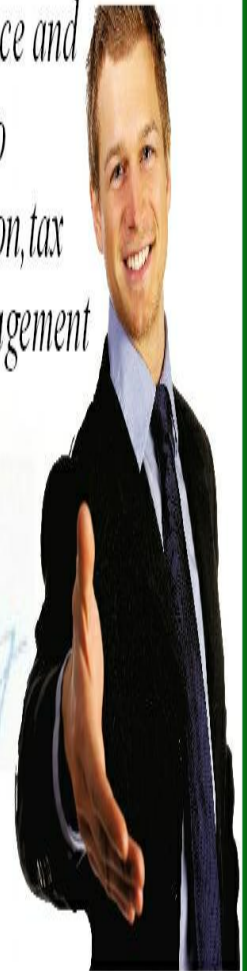
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BONUS BALL



Lucky Winners for Dec/Jan are: Linda Brown (57) – Hazel Rayns (17) – Rod Heggs (19)
Margaret Abbott (31) Denton (28) - Aideen Talbot (06)

Congratulations to the winners!!!

The Next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 9th February 2019

Message from the Editor

Thanks to everyone for their contributions to this edition.

Please continue to provide me with regular updates of club activities, by email, as a Word document.

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Please let me have items for the February edition by Friday 25th January 2019

Thanks Sue

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