

the SYSTON GREEN

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

1. Maintaining standards



In spite of repeated urgings, it is sad to report that there are still a number of Members who continue to fail in their obligations to play their part in maintaining standards of acceptable conduct – especially in relation to duties involved in preparing the green for play and clearing up the green and surrounds after a game.

In July 2019, in a wide-ranging article entitled “**WHAT'S UP? Maintaining standards**” published in this Newsletter and subsequently posted on the main noticeboard, the following text appeared:

“b) Green layout

Green Duties now include the raising of two flags, the positioning of steps at the corners of the green and the setting of “Trip Hazard” notices over the sprinkler outlets. Directions of play and rink colours, as signalled on the board by the Green Ranger, are to be strictly adhered to. Captains will identify which number rinks are to be used. Rinks designated for use will often need sweeping/swishing.

g) Clearing the green

Every player should be involved in clearing the green at the end of a game. Players in the last rink to finish should “break” the two flags in addition to clearing their own rink “furnishings”. Captains have the responsibility of ensuring that the green has been satisfactorily cleared and that the entry gate has been locked. **NO-ONE SHOULD LEAVE THE GREEN EMPTY HANDED.**”

Most of these duties apply whether fixtures or roll-ups are involved. It is a continuing matter of regret and frustration that there are a number of Members who consistently duck out of these duties, preferring to leave others to carry out the necessary work. To turn up, play and leave, without taking on a share of the associated workload is regarded as unacceptable and anti-social behaviour.

In order to avoid future embarrassment and friction, all Members are asked to play their part.

2. New Members

It gives me great pleasure to confirm admission to membership of the following applicants:

Derek Burdon (ex Goodwood B.C.), **Shashi Champaneri**, **Bavesh Chauhan**, **David Ingrams**, **Virendra Umaga** and **Norman Webster**.

We offer them each a warm welcome and wish them a long and happy association with the Club

CLUB CAPTAIN'S LOG



Saturday friendly on the 8th May - The match had to be cancelled due to the very wet weather so we looked forward to the next match will be on 12th May

Wednesday 12th May - We were very lucky since the weather was much better and we had a good turnout of willing and eager players. I have decided when it comes to the Spider it might be better if I don't aim for the Jack as it always gets knocked about and ends up nowhere near my bowl!

Saturday 15th May - The weather was forecast to be raining all afternoon, but we were so lucky not to have any at all. In fact it was a lovely afternoon. Some things don't change. You can't trust

the weather forecast!

Saturday 22nd May - Another good turnout. Even though we were told it was going to be wet and windy, the weather was kind to us again.

Saturday 19th June - The week before our fixtures with other Clubs start on 26th June, I hope to have a match between **PRESIDENT** and **CAPTAIN** with the usual arrangements put on for matches, including food and a full Bar service. Let's hope for a strong turnout.

Thanks to **Roger Stone** for setting up the rinks for all these friendlies on Saturdays and Wednesdays. In response to the President's concerns expressed above, I have decided, from now on, to pick two players to be responsible for setting up the green and sweeping the rinks before each game. Please check the Noticeboard to see if you have been given this duty. **Please give full support in our efforts to fulfil our home and away commitments for Saturdays especially when we are scheduled to field two teams.**

MIDWEEK CAPTAIN'S LOG



Re-launching the Season – Can I please remind everyone that Availability Sheets are now being posted, as usual, in the main changing room. Hopefully there will be no further restrictions from the government after 21st June. At the time of writing, I do not know if teas can be arranged. Let us hope for an enjoyable season and some good bowling from everyone.

MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOKS 2021

Because of the uncertainties created by Covid, no **Fixture Lists/Membership Guide** will be printed for 2021. Fixture lists are published in this edition of your Newsletter. Contact details for all Members are posted on the noticeboard in the main changing room (*to the right of the door closest to the Ladies' changing room.*) Full fixture details can also be found on the Club web site (www.systonbowlingclub.org)

Last year a new **Membership Handbook** was printed but Covid restrictions prevented its distribution to all current Members. This new booklet contains all current Club rules, policies and procedures and is an invaluable guide to the way the Club is managed. If you did not receive your copy, please ask either **Val Foreman** or **Colin Grimes** who will be happy to provide.

LOCKERS

You are reminded that there are a few lockers currently available for rent at £10 per annum. If you would like to rent one, please contact Finance Director, **Steve Rudkin**.

Anyone who wishes to replace the electronic lock with a padlock, should contact **Stan Page** who will be happy to carry out the necessary adjustment. (Members to supply their own padlock)

WEATHERPROOF JACKETS, SHIRTS AND CAPS

A further supply of weatherproof jackets has been ordered during "lockdown". Please contact Club Captain, **Derek Renshaw**, if you would like to order at £35. **Derek** also holds a stock of Club shirts (£20) and Caps (£5). Tel: 01162 741755

CHANGES AT THE TOP

At the joint meeting of the Board and Management Committee (*the first since September last year!*) held on 18th May, the following changes were approved to operate until this year's AGM in October:

Pete Murray will act as joint Chairman of the Board and Club President

Gary Kilbourne will take responsibility for Competitions

Stan Page will assume the Captaincy of the Syston Swords

These changes leave a vacancy for Club Secretary. Anyone prepared to volunteer to take up this role should contact **Pete Murray** or **Val Foreman**.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

In response to requests from members and in the light of the enforced absence of social activity caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, Social Director **Hazel Renshaw** has agreed to look at the feasibility of organising a programme of events following the anticipated full lifting of restrictions on 21st June. Any suggestions for inclusion in such a programme and any offers of help should be passed to Hazel.

COMPETITIONS 2021

Draws for all this year's Competitions are now posted on the noticeboard in the main changing room. "Play-by" dates have been set for each round of every competition, with the exception of the Triples which has been scheduled for a single day – **Sunday 15th August**. The Management Committee have agreed that the winner of the Covid-affected Maiden's Trophy should **not** be eligible to re-enter the competition in the current year. It was further agreed that all relevant trophies will be engraved with 2020 winners, with their names followed by "(C)" to indicate that the award was made during a Covid-affected year.

2021 FIXTURES PROGRAMME

In the absence of a Fixtures Handbook this year, all fixtures, both friendlies and Leagues, are printed on this special "pull-out" section of this Newsletter. They are also posted on the noticeboard in the main changing room and entered into the Club diary. Midweek and Saturday fixtures are scheduled to start on either Thursday 24th or Saturday 26th June. (*Confirmation is awaited from Oakham regarding the Thursday 24th fixture.*)

In the meantime, informal games, organised every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, continue - as do Monday and Tuesday evening coaching sessions. Everyone welcome!

Competition Finals weekend has been scheduled for **Saturday 11th** and **Sunday 12th September**.

Availability and Selection sheets will be posted, as normal. Please check the noticeboard regularly and signal your availability as often as possible to avoid the need for Captains to "chase".

LOUGHBOROUGH LEAGUE

Both **White Plums** and **Syston Swords** are involved in a "shortened" Loughborough League this Season. **White Plums** will play in League 2 and **Syston Swords** in League 3. No promotion or relegation will apply, with each team playing once only against each of the other 9 teams in their League.

Both Captains (**Dave Hudson** and **Stan Page**) urge all eligible players to signal their availability and choice of team via the appropriate notices in the changing room.

LOUGHBOROUGH MONDAY LEAGUE

BOLD = WHITE PLUMS (Division 2)

ITALICS = SYSTON SWORDS (Division 3)

JUNE	28th	RIVERSIDERS	A
		<i>DONS</i>	H
JULY	5th	CRUSADERS	A
		<i>RINGERS</i>	H
	12th	PEREGRINES	H
		<i>HAWKS</i>	A
	26th	KEGWORTH	A
		<i>AVONS</i>	H
AUGUST	2nd	WEAVERS	H
		<i>MERLINS</i>	A
	9th	MAGGIES	A
		<i>LAMBS</i>	H
	16th	WOLDS	H
		<i>COMMANDOS</i>	A
	23rd	BADGERS	A
		<i>ROMANS</i>	H
SEPTEMBER	6th	SWALLOWS	A
		<i>FOXES</i>	H

WEST LEICESTER MIXED TRIPLES LEAGUE

JUNE	21st	GLENFIELD	H
	28th	KIRBY MUXLOE	A
JULY	5th	NARBOROUGH	A
	12th	WESTERN PARK	A
	19th	SOUTH WIGSTON	H
AUGUST	2nd	LEICS BANKS	A
	16th	GLENFIELD	A
	23rd	WESTERN PARK	H
	30th	THURMASTON	H

CORSON SHIELD

JUNE	11th	GOTHAM	A
	25th	SUTTON BONNINGTON	H
JULY	16th	RUDDINGTON	A
	23rd	KEGWORTH	A
	30th	KEYWORTH	H
AUG	6th	WYMESWOLD	H
	20th	WEST BRIDGFORD	H

WYMESWOLD WEDNESDAY MIXED TRIPLES LEAGUE

JUNE			JULY			AUG		
2nd		H	7th	Shepshed	A	4th	Quorn Foxes	H
9th		H	14th	Kegworth	H	11th	Brush	A
16th		H	21st	Gotham Cuckoos	A	18th	Queens Park	A
23rd	Wymeswold Blues	A	28th	East Leake Willows	H	25th	Wymeswold Blues	H
30th	Thringstone	H						

MIDWEEK FIXTURES 2021

JUNE	8	TUE	QUORN	2.30PM	H
	10	THU	BIRSTALL	2.30PM	H
	11	FRI	FRIENDS OF ENG BWLG	2PM	H
	17	THU	BELGRAVE	2PM	A
	24	THU	OAKHAM	2PM	A
JULY	1	THU	EVINGTON	2.30PM	H
	8	THU	ROTHLEY	2PM	A
	13	TUE	LEICS v SURREY		H
	15	THU	KIRBY MUXLOE	2PM	A
	19	MON	LADIES' BENEVOLENT	?	H
	29	THU	ST MARGARETS	2.30PM	H
AUG	5	THU	ST MARGARETS	2PM	A
	12	THU	KEGWORTH	2.30PM	A
	19	THU	BELGRAVE	2.30PM	A
	24	TUE	GLENFIELD	2.30PM	H
	26	THU	ENDERBY	2.30PM	H
SEPT	3	FRI	THRINGSTONE	6PM	A
	9	THU	MELTON	2.30PM	H
	16	TUE	BIRSTALL	2.30PM	H
	23	THU	BROOKFIELD	2PM	A
	30	THU	FOSSEWAY	2.30PM	A

COUNTY CONFIDENCE IN OUR CLUB

As a sign of the County's recognition of the quality of our green, we have been invited to host a number of County events in the coming months.

On **Sunday 6th June**, we host the **County Ladies' Pairs Competition Quarter Finals**.

The evening of **Tuesday 15th June** sees the "launch" of the **County Youth Academy** under the direction of our own **Gary Kilbourne**.

Unfortunately, Covid restrictions have caused the cancellation of, the **Leicestershire v Surrey** County fixture scheduled for Tuesday 13th July.

It is likely that volunteers will be required to help arrange these fixtures (*green setting, car parking, catering etc*). Please keep an eye on the noticeboard for further details and do not hesitate to offer your services when invited.

Let's show the County that the quality of our green is matched by the quality of our organisation and the warmth of our welcome.

WEEKEND FIXTURES 2021

MAY	8	ST MARGARETS	2.30PM	H
		FLECKNEY	2PM	A
	15	COALVILLE	2.30PM	H
		SILEBY	2.30PM	A
	22	SILEBY	2.30PM	H
		LOUGH PHOENIX	2.30PM	A
	29	KEYWORTH	2.30PM	H
JUNE	5	QUORN	2.30PM	H
		LITTLE BOWDEN	2PM	A
	12	BROOKFIELD	2.30PM	H
		QUORN	2.30PM	A
	19	LOUGH PHOENIX	2.30PM	H
		OAKHAM	2PM	A
	26	HOLWELL	2.30PM	H
		BAGWORTH	2.30PM	A
JULY	3	FOSSEWAY	2.30PM	A
	10	BAGWORTH	2.30PM	H
		GOODWOOD	2PM	A
	17	BELGRAVE	2.30PM	H
		KEYWORTH	2.30PM	A
	24	GOODWOOD	2.30PM	H
		ST MARGARETS	2PM	A
SUN	25	FOSSEWAY	2.30PM	H
	31	THRINGSTONE	2.30PM	H
AUG	7	KIRBY MUXLOE	2PM	A
		BROOKFIELD ELEC	2PM	
	14	BATTRAM	2.30PM	H
		WYMESWOLD	2.30PM	A
	21	FOSSEWAY	2.30PM	H
		THRINGSTONE	2.30PM	A
	28	BIRSTALL	2PM	A
SEPT	4	THRINGSTONE	2.30PM	H
		COALVILLE	2.30PM	A
	11	FINALS WEEKEND		
	12	FINALS WEEKEND		
	18	FLECKNEY	2.30PM	H
		NARBOROUGH	2.00PM	A
	25	OAKHAM	2.30PM	H
		HINCKLEY	2PM	A
OCT	2	KIRBY MUXLOE	2.30PM	H
		BROOKFIELD	2.30PM	A

Fixtures highlighted in red –
CANCELLED due to Covid restrictions

SYSTON BOWLING CLUB

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THIS MONTH'S GARDENING TIPS

Do you have plants dying in your garden for seemingly no reason?

Your soil quality could be the problem.

5 Steps to improving soil quality!

First, you'll need a garden spade, fork, rake, organic matter in the form of compost or well-rotted manure, and fertiliser.

1. Dig into the soil, breaking up clods and lumps to relieve compaction. Use a spade for hard soil or a garden rake for previously cultivated soil
2. Add organic matter to the soil. Layer a minimum of 5 cm over the surface of the soil. If desired add fertiliser as well according to directions
3. Mix organic matter into the soil to a depth of the spade or fork tines
4. Lightly tamp down the area with your boots (be careful not to compact the soil here)
5. Rake the soil to remove rocks or weeds and create a level area for planting and his team for the gardening tips

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Thanks to Colin Grimes for his help with this month's edition. Because of holiday commitments, please let me have any items for the July edition by 16th June

Sue Renshaw - Editor

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