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HONOURS FOR SYSTON BOWLERS AT CLUB AGM

Club looks forward to a post-Covid Season in 2022



At their AGM, held in the clubhouse on Friday 22nd October, Syston bowlers elected Derek Renshaw (*picture left*) as Club President and his brother, Ken, (*picture right*) as a Life Member, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Club over a number of years. Members were relieved and encouraged to note that, in spite of the cancellation of 2020 fixture lists, due to lockdown, and thanks to careful management by the Board of Directors, the Club had generated a modest financial surplus over the year and, overall, maintained a healthy balance sheet. Members were reminded of the vital importance of active support for non-bowling/social activities in the Club calendar which generated income to keep membership subscriptions at a reasonable level.

All vacant posts on the Board of Directors and the Management Committee were filled, with the exception of the post of Premises Director which remains vacant.

Looking forward, the Board were encouraged to consider making better use of social media, such as Facebook, in an attempt to attract younger members.

As a result of changes in practice in many Clubs, brought about by Covid-related restrictions, the Board were also urged to review future match catering arrangements in order to avoid a potentially significant drop in revenue from food and Bar sales.

Members expressed little support for the suggestion that cash prizes should be awarded in place of replica trophies for all Club competitions. Framed certificates were commended as suitable alternatives.

At the close of the meeting, a special vote of thanks was expressed to retiring President, Pete Murray, who had stepped in at the beginning of the year to temporarily cover both posts of Chairman of the Board and Club President when an unexpected vacancy for the Chairman had occurred.

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Presidents Message

I am very pleased to have been recently to have been voted be as President of Syston Bowling Club and I would like to thank the Board and Committee for a sterling job through the difficult times over the last 12 to 18 months.

I will endeavour to do my best as President and push the club forward for another great year.

We are starting off with a newly redecorated Club house and I would all like to thank all those who helped in achieving this new look and in their time, which was freely given.

In particular to Pauline Wright for her very generous donation to pay for the paint and other extras.

A huge thank you to both Jan and Pauline keeping us supplied with tea and coffee and food, for the work force.

Please put a note in your diaries for the Presentation evening on the 27th November. The bowling season has come an end, so it would to good celebrate and support other members achievements from the last season. Hot Dogs and Beef Burgers will be available to enjoy to buy at a nominal cost of £1 for hot dog and £2 for beef burger

As you will note from the current Newsletter a full Itinerary of lunches and social events are planned over the coming months and I am looking forward to seeing you enjoying these with us.

Derek Renshaw President

Following the Pandemic, it was good to get back to some sort of normality with the AGM. It would have been nice to see a few more members there, maybe next year will be better.

Congratulations to Derek Renshaw on becoming President and good luck to everyone who has taken a position on the Board of Directors and the Management Committee.

Thanks to everyone who formed the Guard of Honour at Mark Newman's funeral and to those who went to the funeral to pay their respects.

I'm sure I speak for everyone in offering our sincere condolences to Hilary and Family, Mark's passing will be a sad loss to the club.

It would be nice to have a good turnout at the Presentation night on the 27th November and please support all our social events.

Finally, a big thank you to those members who worked through the weekend stripping everything off the walls and preparing the club for painting.

Pete Murray Chairman

I would like to thank all of the players for their support in 2021.

With being captain of Monday and Thursday it proved most challenging.

But without your help it could have been a catastrophe, so once again

Thank you all

Stan Page Friday Captain

Fixtures Update

Just a quick update about fixtures for 2022. I have so far arranged approximately 95% of the friendly fixtures for Thursdays and Saturdays.

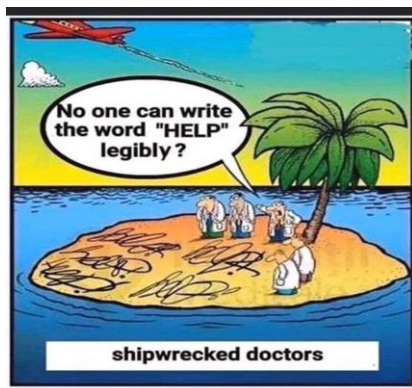
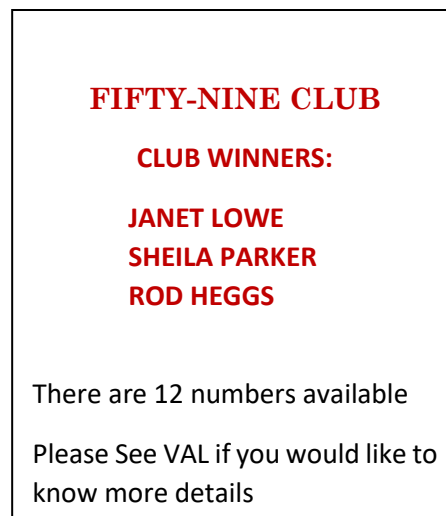
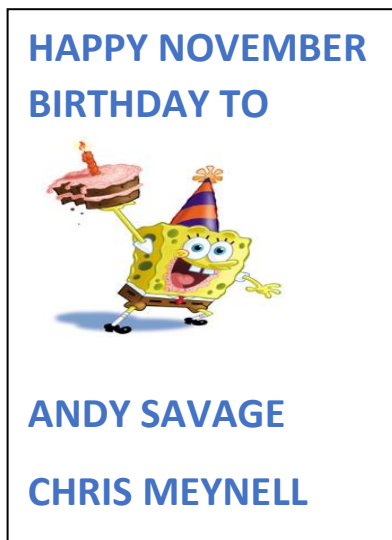
At the request of the management committee, I have arranged 2 fixtures on Saturdays one at home and one away.

The club is going to need the support of all playing members, so the club can fulfil these fixtures in 2022.

Thank you for your support.

Dave Anderton

Fixtures Secretary



Refurbishment Pictures 2021



I would like to thank everyone who prepared the room for decorating and have worked tirelessly to paint clean and ensured the workforce were fed and supplied with tea and coffee to keep us going.

Well, done for all the hard work on behalf of Board and Committee and from my self

It has been very appreciated

Thank you

Derek

SOCIAL EVENTS

Saturday 13th November 7pm Kim (top Class Singer) £8.00 – Cottage Pie or Chilli Con Carni

**Saturday 27th November Presentation Evening - Hot Dogs £1 – Beef Burgers £2
Music & Sing Along 7pm**

Saturday 11th December Christmas Party Faith Supper -£5 to cover prizes.7pm

Saturday 8th January Stenson Guiter Duo £8 Soup and Bread.7pm

Saturday 19th February Race Night food to be arranged and cost.7pm

Saturday 26th March Call My Bluff 7pm

MIDWEEK LUNCHESES

Tuesday December 14th at the Harrow 12.30pm for 1.00pm £5 deposit please see Pauline.

Friday 14th January at the Bowls Club 12.30pm for 1.00 please see Maureen.

Friday 11th February 12.30pm for 1.00 at Bowls Club please see Maureen.

Thursday 10th March 12.30pm for 1.00pm please see Maureen.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Always Second Saturday of the month:

Saturday 11th December

Saturday 8th January

Saturday 12th February

Tuesday Morning Melton Indoor Bowls-9.00am for 9.30 start all welcome Dave Lander

Gardening Tips

The garden undergoes a lot of change in November, as its colours begin to fade and it becomes a little less productive than it was in late summer. There's plenty to get on with to prepare for next year, and there's still much produce to savour and enjoy.

Pruning & tidying

- Prune your roses. Cut off most of the year's growth and take out large woody stems.
- Cut peonies back to promote healthy growth next spring.
- Cut back and tidy borders and make a note of any changes, additions or divisions you wish to make next spring whilst the thought is fresh in your mind, as it's hard to remember back to how it looked once spring comes around.
- Divide perennials that flower before midsummer's day, such as oriental poppies, peonies and lupins, as well as spring-flowering hellebores, pulmonarias and Solomon's seal. Dig up, divide and replant straight away. Perennials that flower after midsummer are best divided in the spring – that's a good general rule.
- Check any newly planted shrubs or trees, as if there's been a frost this can sometimes lift them from soil.
- Remove the last of the fallen leaves from around the base of plants to prevent slugs/snails overwintering.
- Protect tender perennials with a mulch of compost.
- Tie in long, loose shoots of climbers to prevent them being damaged in high winds. Clear and dispose of any diseased rose leaves – don't add them to the compost heap. Some roses hang on to their leaves. If these are diseased, try to pick them off. It helps to reduce black spot next season.

Fruit

- Start pruning apple and pear trees. Cut back the leader branches by a third and remove completely any branches that are crossing and rubbing against each other. Mulch after pruning.
- Plant a fruit tree – an apple or pear. Dig a hole twice the size of the root ball and break up the base, adding plenty of organic matter (leaf mould or manure). Plant the tree to the same level as it was previously. As with roses, this ensures the graft is below soil level.
- If you have no more space for a fruit tree in the ground, plant one in a pot. Use a 37-litre filled with John Innes No 3, mixed with about a third of tree or shrub compost and some Osmicates (or other slow-release fertiliser), with plenty of crocks in the bottom.
- Summer-fruiting raspberries and blackberries need cutting back, tying in etc. Leave autumn-fruiting raspberries until later in the winter
- Tidy strawberry beds, cutting back old foliage and congested runners and removing weeds

other jobs

- Water pots outside if you have experienced a very dry spell.
- Ensure containers are lifted off the ground to prevent waterlogging.
- Spike lawns and brush sharp sand or grit into the holes to improve drainage.
- Rake up leaves from all around the garden and pack them, still damp, into string sacks or even black bin liners with a few holes pierced through to ensure at least a little air circulation. Then put the filled sacks somewhere out of the way and forget about them for a year or so. The leaves will slowly rot down into leaf mould, perfect for soil conditioning and mulching the garden this time next year.
- Avoid walking on the lawn if it is waterlogged to avoid compacting the soil.
- Wrap insulation around outdoor taps and water pipes.
- Last sowing of green manures early in the month.
- Check tree ties and stakes. Make sure the ties are not cutting into the trunks.
- Clean your tools. Remove soil from metal tools, wash them and allow them to dry thoroughly. Remove dirt and sap from your secateurs using either lubricant or household cleaner and wipe off with a tissue rag. Once clean, smear lubricant onto the bevelled edge and rub with a scourer.
- Protect any precious ceramic pots by bringing them under cover. In frosty conditions, small cracks soon become large cracks. Make sure any pots left outside are raised on pot feet or bricks so that water can drain out.
- Empty the contents of well-composted bins and spread over bare soil.

Return of The Frost



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This morning we saw the first frost of the season across the county. As beautiful as frost is on the faded perennials and fallen leaves it can wreak havoc on your hard landscaping.

Vulnerable patios (patios that have been laid poorly or have aged) are susceptible to significant damage over the winter. Here's what to look out for before it's too late.

Winter Damage Signs to Look Out For

Problem: Cracks in Patio

In mortar grout, moisture can get trapped between the paving slab when this expands, it causes the mortar to 'blow' out, leaving joints exposed.

Problem: Lifting

In older laid patio where full mortar beds weren't installed, water can penetrate underneath the paving stone. Water pools underneath, freezes and expands, causing the paving stone to be pushed up.

Problem: Staining

Debris left on the paving slabs for too long during the wet months can cause staining. Cleaning care is even more crucial now but avoid adding extra water. Simply sweep away debris.

In all these factors, water is the biggest culprit during the winter months. If you are experiencing these issues, it may be time to consider a refresh.

FACE BOOK

The club are pleased to announce we have recently set up a new group Book Face page under the title: **Syston Bowling Club**.

You can find the page by inserting the title into your search bar and once found you are then able to join the group.

The group is having been set up in a way that the both members and the wider public can view post, events activities etc.

Please feel free to invite friends, family and other interested parties to join and hopefully this will then promote our club to potential new members and also attract increased social awareness and interest in the Bowling Club.

In order for the page to be successful and of worthwhile interest, as members we all need to post our individual social, bowling and other events of interest together with photos and full details of times cost etc. as much as possible.

I will not be able to do this on my own and need your support and cooperation for this to work and be of benefit for the long-term sustainability of the club's future.

Hope you enjoy the new group page and I look forward to seeing your name and input in the future.

Martin Warner



An Aerial view of the Club house taken by Catherine

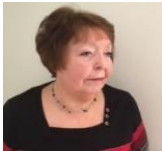
FUNERAL ARRANGMENTS

I would like to offer our sincere condolences to Pat Lilley and family following the sad death of Ron who passed away recently in his sleep. A very dear friend who will be sadly missed. A member of Syston Bowling Club who loved the game of bowls and also enjoyed the art classes.

The funeral is to be held at Loughborough Crematorium at 2pm on 19th November following at The Hunting Lodge Barrow on Soar.

Would members please form a Guard of Honour at the Service.

Derek.



Editor, **Sue Renshaw**, would greatly appreciate regular contributions from anyone who has anything to say which might be of interest to other Members. As a general guide, copy should be sent (*by email, wherever possible*)

By 29th November 2021

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