

Diary Dates

MAY

- 10th Coffee Morning
Aylestone Hall (H)
Sileby (A)
- 12th L&D Trips League - Queens (H)
- 14th Quorn (A)
LLCBA v Gloucestershire
- 15th Evington Park (A)
Evington (H)
- 17th Sileby (H)
Loughborough Granby (A)
- 19th L&D Trips League - E. Leake (H)
SBC Board Meeting
LLCBA v Olney Bucks (H)
- 21st Melton Town (H)
- 22nd Melton Town (H)
- 24th Keyworth (A)
- 26th L&D Trips League - Trophy
Round 1
- 27th Executive Committee Meeting
- 28th Melton Town (A)
- 29th Loughboro' Granby (Mixed) (H)
- 31st Countesthorpe (H)

JUNE

- 2nd L&D Trips League - Trophy
Round 2
- 3rd Rothley (A)
- 4th Market Overton (Mixed) (H)
LLCBA v Hereford
- 5th Birstall (H)
- 7th Brookfield (H)
Quorn Mills Park (A)
- 9th L&D Trips League -
Lighthouse (A)
Management Group Meeting
- 10th Wymeswold (H)
SBC Board Meeting
- 12th Belgrave (A)
- 13th Lady President's Day (H)
- 14th Coffee Morning
Loughborough Granby (H)
Oakham (A)

Colour key: Men: Ladies: Mixed: SBC

**You can often change things
just by changing your
attitude.**

REMINDER

For cheap holidays on Madeira at any time of the year, contact **Colin Grimes (2608412)**

Save money Help your Club

CASTLE specialise in insurance for over 50's. They are reported to be able to enable their clients to achieve very significant savings over a whole range of policies - home buildings and contents, car, travel etc.

Next time you are looking to renew your cover, give them a call and ask for a quote. If they can cut your costs and you decide to take up their offer, they will pay the Club £30 per policy!

Take a leaflet from the noticeboard in the Clubhouse, which gives full contact details and explains how you can help the Club to benefit - **while saving yourself money!** Remember to quote Reference Code: **GMGM0061** when you apply.

You have nothing to lose!

A point for the ladies to ponder

DUST if you must, but wouldn't it be better

To paint a picture or write a letter;

Bake a cake or plant a seed,

Ponder the difference between want and need?

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Dust if you must, but there's not much time
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,
Music to hear and books to read
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

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Dust if you must but the World's out there
With the sun in your eyes and the wind in
your hair

A flutter of snow; a shower of rain

This day will not come around again

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Dust if you must but bear in mind
Old age will come and it's sometimes not
kind

And when you go - and go you must -
You, yourself, will make more dust!



THE SYSTON GREEN



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Competition time!



Andy Blake

WHILE it remains true that enjoyment of the game should be a Member's primary concern, competitions do play an important part in the life of any Club.

In the first instance, competitions bring Members into contact with other Members whom they might not meet in the course of a Season thereby strengthening social links within the Club.

Secondly, involvement in competitions inevitably causes participants to improve their standard of play in a way that friendly "roll-ups" are unlikely to achieve.

Any improvement in the individual Member's skill benefits the Club as those skills are demonstrated in the weekly fixtures played with other Clubs.

Success in fixtures with other Clubs gives pleasure and increases pride in belonging to a successful Club.

Successful Clubs find it easier to attract and keep Members.

Competitions take a lot of time to organise and supervise and our Club is fortunate, this Season, to have in **Margaret Abbott** for the Ladies and **Andy Blake** for the Men's Section, two enthusiastic and dedicated Members who are committed to the success of the Season's programme of competitions. Please give them your full support throughout the Season.



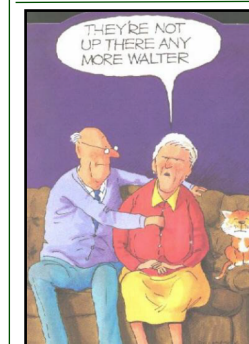
Margaret Abbott

What can YOU do?

1. Read and take serious note of the Rules and conditions for each competition .
2. Do everything possible to ensure that deadlines for the playing of each Round are kept.
3. Don't wait to be contacted by your opponent(s). Take the initiative in arranging for the ties to be played on time. As far as possible, talk directly to your opponent(s) about fixture dates rather than rely on messages on the noticeboard.
4. Update the Competitions Draw sheet on the noticeboard immediately after the end of each tie played.

5. Contact the relevant Competitions Secretary in case of any concern, difficulty or dispute that might arise.

6. Enjoy yourself!



**The spirit
is willing!**

*Your views, opinions, news and any other material of interest to Members would be welcomed for publication in future editions. Please send to **George Dodge**, as Editor, by the first Monday in every month*

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President's piece

Men's President, Ian Oxman, comments on a good start to the new Season

ONE month into the Season and everything is going along very well for our Men in both Thursday and Saturday teams. We are receiving tremendous support from Men on both days and from Ladies helping us to field two full teams on Saturdays. It is especially encouraging to be in a position to have named reserves for our Thursday fixtures.



Well done also to those involved in a winning start to the Monday Loughborough & District Triples League where, following promotion, we are playing at a higher level than last year. I must say a big thank you to **Verna, Gerry Kennell** and their team of tea ladies. Our teas are, without doubt, the best in the County. It is good to see our new bowlers already involved in games. A big thank you to **Des Eggitt** for coaching those who have not bowled before. We will soon have these Members playing in matches. We look forward to welcoming college students on the green again in the near future. Watch out for details in due course. It is up to all Members to give the students a big welcome and to offer to help with coaching where possible.

Our anxious thoughts are with **Mick Hall** and his wife **Zena** as he struggles to overcome the serious chest infection that has struck following a successful operation to remove his cancer. An important diary date - **Sunday 24th August** - marks a joint **Presidents' Charity Day** when Lady President **Anita Lowder** and I will be seeking your support to raise money both for **Diabetes UK** and for medical equipment at **Syston Medical Centre**. A full afternoon of fun events will be followed by an evening of entertainment when singer **Jackie Lee** will be making a return visit. (*Round 2 between Jackie and Pete Biddles, perhaps?*) Please do everything possible to support these worthwhile charities - while having a great deal of fun at the same time. Watch the main Club noticeboard for further details in due course.

Ladies also off to a good start

Ladies Secretary, Chris Biddles, reports

IN SPITE of the cold and damp weather, **Ladies Open Day** on Wednesday 9th April proved to be successful. We started proceedings by raising our glasses to the memory of the late **Mavis Sanderson** whose daughter had sent a cheque to enable us to buy sherry for the occasion. An excellent "Faith" lunch which was provided was enjoyed by all including Life and Associate Members. President **Anita** then opened the green by delivering the first wood. She also presented **Diana** with a basket of flowers and wished her a happy and successful year as President of the Leicester Ladies County Bowling Association. The Ladies Competitions draw, which usually takes place on Open Day, was deferred until a later date to allow Competitions Secretary, **Margaret Abbott**, opportunity to try to persuade more Members to enter and take part. Happy to report that **Janet Lowe** is now out of hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her on the green again before long.

The Season so far

Match statistics signal a sound start

Men's Saturday matches

P: 8 W: 4 L: 4 Shot Diff: -118

Men's Weekday matches

P: 4 W: 2 D: 1 L: 1 Shot Diff: +43

Loughborough & District Triples

P: 2 W: 1 D: 1 Shot Diff: +13

Ladies' matches

P: 4 W: 1 L: 3 Shot Diff: -112

Detailed scores for all matches, much more information about the Club - and the game of bowls - can be found on the new Club web site:

www.systonbowlingclub.org

Club web site launched

AS announced in our April edition, www.systonbowlingclub.org is the address of the Club's new web site.

The site gives both Members and potential Members a deal of information about our fine Club.

The first "**Home**" page welcomes visitors to the site and gives information on who to contact about membership, details of costs and the facility to download an application form.

Under "**Organisation**" full details of the structure and operation of the Club are provided with facility to read/download related documents.

Names and contact details of all Officers and Committee members are provided under "**Officers and Committees**".

"**Fixtures**" provides full details of the current Season's fixture lists which are regularly updated with scores. Everyone can therefore see how well the Club is doing at any time throughout the Season.

Similarly with "**Competitions**", visitors to the site can chart progress in all Club competitions as they develop over the Season.

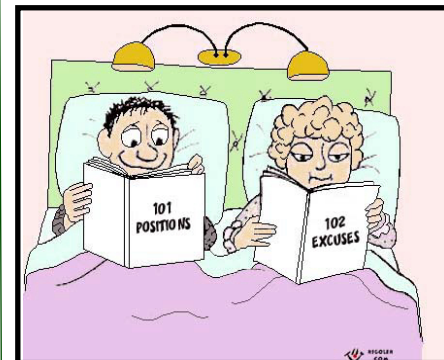
Separate pages for "**Newsletters**" and "**Press Releases**" offer the facility to read or print copies of the relevant publications.

The "**Coaching**" page offers a basic guide to the game together with details of green etiquette and the Club Dress Code.

Another page gives a full and regularly updated "**Diary**" covering all Club activities.

Developmental work is continuing to refine and "polish" the site. Direct links to the **Bowls England** and **Leicestershire Bowling Associations** web sites are planned. If anyone has any suggestions for other improvement, by way of change or addition, please contact **Colin Grimes** who is initially acting as Site Manager.

Battle of the sexes - continued



Words!

Two hydrogen atoms are talking.
One says: "I think I've lost an electron."
The other asks: "Are you sure?"
The first replies: "Yes, I'm positive."

Sunday 24th August

PRESIDENTS' CHARITIES DAY

**Charity game
Charity auction
&
Charity Cabaret
featuring
(by popular demand)
JACKIE LEE**

Detailed programme in due course

All proceeds to Men's and Ladies' Presidents' nominated charities