

## Diary Dates

### OCTOBER

- 11th** Quiz Night  
Fish & chip supper  
£4.50
- 14th** Management Group  
10.00 am  
SBC Board  
7.00 p.m.
- 26th** Neville King  
with "Old Man" £8.50

### NOVEMBER

- 5th** Ladies Section AGM
- 8th** Men's Presentation  
Night
- 14th** County Ladies' AGM
- 22nd** Games Night  
Cheese & Wine  
£3.50

### DECEMBER

- 1st** Men's Section AGM
- 6th** "Who Wants to be a  
Millionaire?" Faith  
supper

### JANUARY

- 10th** New Year's Party  
with dancing to  
music of 60's to 80's  
Faith supper
- 24th** "Call My Bluff"  
Jacket potato with  
chilli/curry £3.50

### FEBRUARY

- 7th** Games Night  
Shepherd's pie &  
crusty bread £3.50
- 21st** Roy's Race Night.  
£1 entry  
Cobs available @£1

### MARCH

- 8th** Craig Douglas and  
Jackie Lee £8.50
- 21st** Stand up Bingo and  
Quiz - Faith Supper

**RAFFLE prizes are invited for all of the above social events.**

### SPECIAL NOTE:

Indoor roll-up at the Melton Club every Monday throughout the Close Season starting at 1145 hours.

## Champions all!

### 2008 Club competition results

**WARM** congratulations to all of the winners and special thanks to Competition Secretaries **Andy Blake** and **Margaret Abbott** for a job well done!

Thanks, too, to all competitors for their support and co-operation in meeting scheduled deadlines.

	Men	Ladies
<b>4-Wood Singles</b>		
<b>Winner</b>	P Murray	K Toon
<b>Runner-up</b>	J Lambie	C Biddles
<b>2-wood Singles</b>		
<b>Winner</b>	J Lambie	M Abbott
<b>Runner-up</b>	T Jordan	K Toon
<b>4-Wood Pairs</b>		
<b>Winners</b>	M Seadon P Addison	M Wood C Biddles
<b>Runners-up</b>	P Murray A Calver	J Wilbourn A Lowder
<b>2-Wood Pairs</b>		
<b>Winners</b>	n/a	M Wood C Biddles
<b>Runners-up</b>	n/a	K Toon V Foreman
<b>Maidens Singles</b>		
<b>Winner</b>	G Stone	D Lewis
<b>Runner-up</b>	A Newman	A Lowder
<b>Triples</b>		
<b>Winners</b>	D Hudson G Dodge M Clare	R Wheeler K Williams M Hegginson
<b>Runners-up</b>	T Jordan A Blake D Eggitt	B Wright J Hubbard B Brown
<b>Club Rinks</b>		
<b>Winners</b>	n/a	M Wood K Toon J Wilbourn
<b>Runners-up</b>	n/a	M Abbott B Wheatley R Wheeler C Biddles M Trigg
<b>Mixed Pairs</b>		
<b>Winners</b>	K Toon & D Hudson	
<b>Runners-up</b>	B Wright & P Hancock	
<b>"Syston Town News" Mixed Pairs</b>		
<b>Winners</b>	M Wood & P Hancock	
<b>Runners-up</b>	M Abbott & D Hudson	



# THE SYSTON GREEN



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## The 2008 Season in summary

*Figures reveal significant improvement over previous years and narrow gap to be closed to achieve even higher levels of success*

### Men's Saturday fixtures

Played: 43    Won: 14    Drawn: 0    Lost: 29    Shot Diff: -614

### Ladies' fixtures

Played: 25    Won: 8    Drawn: 0    Lost: 17    Shot Diff: -170

### Men's Mid-week fixtures

Played: 21    Won: 9    Drawn: 2    Lost: 10    Shot Diff: -125

### Loughborough & District Bowls League (Division 2)

Played: 14    Shot Wins: 6    Rink Wins: 16.5    Shot Diff: -70    Points: 45  
Placed 6th (out of 8)

### Melton and District Triples League

Played: 5    Rinks Won: 10    Rinks Drawn: 2    Rinks Lost: 8    Points 22  
Placed 3rd (out of 6)

**WINNERS: Tam Brown Trophy**

### What do these figures reveal?

The figures clearly show that the average shot differences achieved in all sectors is very modest. Men, in Saturday games, achieved an average difference of fewer than **15** per game. The Ladies achieved an average deficit of only **7** shots per match. The Men's Midweek record shows an average deficit of **6** per game.

Viewed from this perspective, the barrier to further significant success is not very high and the 2008 Season, as a whole, can be viewed both as a significant improvement over our performances in recent years and demonstrates just how close the difference between a win and a loss.

With just a little more effort and concentration next Season, Syston can become a serious force to be reckoned with.

**Well done everyone!**

## Evening match uniform shirts

**PLANS** for the introduction of uniform shirts to be used in Men's evening games with other Clubs are continuing. It is hoped to have a final design ready for the Men's AGM on 1st December.

## OBITUARY

It is with deep sadness that we record the sudden and untimely death of **TONY PLOWMAN**.

Our most sincere condolences are extended to his wife, **Pat**, and to **Alison, Brian and Laura**.

**RIP**

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*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*

## Clubhouse security procedures

*ALL Members are asked to take serious note of these guidelines*

IN A RECENT incident, at the end of play on the green, equipment was left on the green and both the equipment store and the gate to the green were left unsecured. Enquiries revealed that current security procedures are not, perhaps, fully understood by all Members. For that reason, the following guidelines are published and ALL Members are reminded of their responsibility to follow them in order to maintain the security of our Clubhouse, equipment and the green and to avoid the risk of our insurance being invalidated should the need for a claim ever arise.

The alarm siren will sound briefly as you enter the main building (and each time the door is opened from a closed position). The light switch is on the left of the door. Switch on the light and close the door.

Access to the equipment store at the back of the Clubhouse is via the kitchen. Remove the bar from the rear kitchen door and take the store key from the hook to the right hand side of the door. Unlock the store door. (This door and the kitchen door are kept unlocked while the green is being used.) The light switch for the store is on the right as you enter.

Proceed to the other end of the store and open the main door by sliding the bolt and removing the bar. The "star" key, which will be found on a hook on the main door, is to be used to lock the main door from the outside (keyhole at top left of right hand side door) once all selected equipment for the green has been removed from the store.

Before play starts, the star key should be placed on the hook found on the left of the main noticeboard (above the diary lectern) on the right as you enter the Clubhouse.

The key for the padlock for the gate to the green will be found on the hook sited below the main Clubhouse light switch on the left of the main door as you enter. (Below the board which indicates the direction of play on the green and the colour strings to be used each day.) Return the key to its hook once the gate has been opened.

On completion of play, the last rink on the green should return ALL equipment to the store (including "25" markers) and ensure that the gate to the green is properly locked and secured. Having retrieved the "star" key from its hook by the main noticeboard, you should unlock the store and replace all equipment as tidily as possible.

Hang the "star" key back on the hook on the store door which should then be secured from

the inside by the bolt and the bar. Proceed to the kitchen end of the store, turn off the light and lock the store door by use of the key kept on the hook in the kitchen.

Return the store key to its hook in the kitchen and re-secure the kitchen door with the bar.

The last Member(s) to leave the Clubhouse must switch off all lights and lock the main door.

### Captains' Corner

**Men's Club Captain, Des Eggitt and Midweek Captain, Peter Murray, offers thanks after a good Season**

**Des Eggitt**

Thank you to everyone for your support for our weekend matches. As a Club, we have shown improvement over previous Seasons - we are more competitive in our approach to games and, although they are only friendly matches and enjoyment is the primary motive for playing, you do get added satisfaction when you win!

I congratulate all of the winners in 2008 Club Competitions in both Men's and Ladies' Sections.

I thank those ladies who have played with the Men's Section during the Season both for their invaluable support and the competitive spirit which they have also shown.

Of course, I must not forget to thank my two Vice-Captains, **Ken Renshaw** and **Myles Clare** for their support and encouragement.

Speaking as Club Coach, I do hope that what help, advice and assistance I have managed to give over the Season has helped to improve the skills and enjoyment on the green. →

Finally, I wish everyone good health through the Winter months and, if you play indoor bowls, have a good Season and enjoy the company of friends old and new. Thank you for your friendship and support throughout the Season both on and off the green.

**Peter Murray**

Fellow bowlers, as the outdoor Season is now over, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played in the midweek matches, both men and ladies.

I consider that we have had a very successful Season, losing less than half of the matches played. The standard of bowling within the Club has undoubtedly improved over recent Seasons and the Club is becoming far more competitive in its approach.

I would like to say a big "Thank you!" to all those people who have helped behind the scenes. **Roger Bentley** who has laid out the green every week; the ladies who have provided teas and all of those who have worked behind the bar - not forgetting the half-dozen or so weight trainers - with an average age of over 70 - who have rolled the green on Friday mornings.

Special thanks to **Verne** and **Gerry Kennell** for their hard work in preparing teas every week and I'm sure that I speak for all Members when I say how much we appreciate their efforts.

I have been lucky, this Season, with the number of men who have been available for matches. Unfortunately, this has inevitably meant some being left out. I have tried to rotate the reserves as fairly as possible but I have also tried to select winning combinations and I think this policy has been reflected in our overall results (see front page for details).

If I have missed anyone from my list of thanks, please accept my sincere apologies and once again, thank you all for a great and enjoyable Season.

### Remember

The Club's own web site  
[www.systonbowlingclub.org](http://www.systonbowlingclub.org)  
is now fully operational

## Tam Brown Trophy returns to Syston

MANY congratulations to **Roy Hill, Dave Hudson and Gerry Kennell** winners of the TAM BROWN TROPHY in the Melton Triples League competition played on Sunday 31st August at Market Overton.

This is the second time in three years that the trophy has been won by Syston.

### Ware BC named 'Club of the Year' 2008

**Syston "Highly Commended" for second year**

WARE BC in Hertfordshire has been named as Bowls England's first 'Club of the Year'. They beat off stiff opposition from **Putney Town** (Surrey) to win the prestigious competition, which is generously sponsored by Drakes Pride. Other clubs highly commended by the judging panel were **Syston** (Leicestershire), **Horsham Park** (Sussex) and **Prittlewell** (Essex).

"The submissions from the final five were of a very high standard but the judging panel felt **Ware** to be worthy winners due to several different factors, including the amount of work they had done to attract and retain new members, plus the tremendous efforts that had gone in to the flowerbeds and areas surrounding the green.

Over the last 12 months **Ware** have done a lot to attract new members, including a gala for local Scouts and Guides. They also added new changing facilities and worked hard to maintain the high standards of their green and surrounding areas.

They also boast a strong social side with events arranged through the year for Members to enjoy, including quiz nights, card games and bingo.

### Why buy shares?

If you had purchased £1000 of **Northern Rock** shares one year ago it would now be worth £4.95, with **HBOS**, would have been worth £16.50. But, if you bought £1000 worth of **Tennents Lager** one year ago, drank it all, then took the empty cans to an aluminium re-cycling plant, you would get £214. So, based on these statistics, the best current investment advice is to drink heavily and re-cycle your £1000.