

SEPTEMBER

12th	Coffee Morning Soar Valley (H) Battram (A)
14th	GREEN CLOSING FOR REMEDIAL TREATMENT Western Park (A)
17th	Holwell (A)
19th	Oakham (H) CANCELLED Rothley (A)
23rd	Market Overton (A)
24th	Barlestone Triples (A)
26th	Mowmacre (A)

Colour key: **Men:** **Ladies:** **Mixed:** **SBC**

Winter indoor roll-ups

FOR MEMBERS who wish to continue bowling in the winter months, I will, as in previous years, be booking rinks on Monday mornings starting this year on 28th September for the 1150 hrs sessions.

If you wish to participate, please arrive before 1130 hrs to give me good time to make the draw for teams and for the rink fees to be paid. If any of your friends wish to join us, they will be made very welcome. Hopefully, this will encourage them to join our Club in seasons to come.

Please do not hesitate to contact **John Lambie** on 0116 2921619 should you require help or any further information.

Have you ever noticed how anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and that anyone going faster than you is a maniac?

The season, so far,

Summarised results at the end of August are as follows. Full details can be found on the Club web site.

Men's Saturday fixtures

P40 W17 L23 Shots Diff: **-338**

Men's Midweek fixtures

P20 W6 L14 Shots Diff: **-293**

Ladies' fixtures

P16 W8 L8 Shots Diff: **-93**

Two wolves

A lesson for us all?



One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said: "My son, the battle is between two 'wolves' inside us all. One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: 'Which wolf wins?'

The old Cherokee simply replied: 'The one you feed.'

49 Club update

LATEST lucky winners are:

Margaret Morris, Gerry Baker, Roger Bentley and Tony Hunt.

All **49 Club** members are asked to ensure that their subscriptions are kept fully up to date by paying **Anita Lowder** on a regular basis.

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for Diary, Fixtures, Results, Press Releases, Newsletters, photos and other Club details

TRIPLES LEAGUES FINAL RESULTS

Loughborough Triples League

P14 Shot Diff: **-18** Points: **45**(out of 112)

RELEGATED

Melton & District Triples League

Rinks P16 W6 D1 L9 Points: **13**

3rd PLACE

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THE SYSTON GREEN



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Men's President's Day

An "ambitious" programme proves successful

SUNDAY 23rd August marked the launch of an all-day "gala-style" 4-wood Pairs programme for Men's President's Day 2009. 28 players each played 6 "round-robin" rounds (5 ends in each round) in two Groups. The top scoring pair in each of the Groups then played a "Final" involving an additional 7 rounds.

Players were treated to an enjoyable light lunch at the halfway stage of proceedings. The day's programme was brought to a close with a supper at the end of which **Mike Foster**, Chairman of the Leicester Cobras Wheelchair Basketball Club, gave an entertaining presentation in which he explained the aims and objectives of the Club and thanked Members for their sponsorship support.

President, **Colin Grimes**, then took the opportunity, on behalf of all Members, to express appreciation for the exemplary support and service provided by members of the Executive Committee and others on whom the success of the Club depends.



He singled out for additional praise those who had "gone the extra mile" to sustain and develop the reputation of the Club: **Rob Wilbourn** ("Hub of the Club" Award); **Gerry & Verna Kennell** ("Club Grub"

Award), **Pete Murray** ("Club Pub"/Service to Members Award) and **George Dodge** ("Member of the Year" Award). To each of these, he presented a bottle of vintage champagne as a token of the Club's appreciation of their dedication.

He paid special tribute to the exemplary levels of co-operation between the two Sections of the Club and praised the harmonious links between them. He invited Ladies' President, **Janice Wilbourn**, to accept a bouquet as a symbol of the appreciation of the Men's Section for all the support given by the Ladies to the Men throughout the year. Bouquets were also presented to **Marlene Murray** and **Norma Grimes** in appreciation of their support which had

enabled husbands **Peter** and **Colin** to devote what time they did to the Club as Vice- and President respectively. **Christine Dodge** was similarly recognised for her supportive patience with husband **George**. Prizes were then presented to the winners of the day's competition:

Winners: **Colin Grimes & Kate Toon** (See photo on p 3)

Runners-up: **Gerry Kennell & Margaret Dexter**

Lowest aggregate score: **Alan Collins & Janice Wilbourn**

Best Team name: **John Lambie & Dave Hudson** (The Early Risers!!!!!!)

President **Colin Grimes** says of the day's programme: "I recognised from the outset that I was launching a more ambitious programme than in previous years. As usual, the membership responded magnificently to the challenge and I think we all enjoyed an exceptional day. We were very fortunate with the weather. I was especially pleased that the competition Final was between two mixed pairs. In a small way, this seems to be most appropriate for our Club, even though it was a celebration of Men's President's Day. Cont →

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

In spite of best efforts to minimise the workload on our Ladies in the delivery of the President's Day programme, events proved just how vital their input to our activities remains. I cannot praise them highly enough for their sustained and supportive co-operation.

I was also pleased to have the opportunity to pay public homage to those Members whose voluntary efforts ensure that the wider membership enjoy and benefit from a happy and well-run Club without whose support no President can hope to be successful.

I will look back on my year as President with great pleasure and some satisfaction. I can only hope that posterity will be kind in its eventual assessment of my overall performance.

Finally, thank you to everyone for making the Day and the year so pleasurable - and for responding so well to my appeal for support for the Cobras."

Web site development

THE CLUB web site has been extended by the addition of two pages.

Under **LOCATION** visitors to the site can read and download details, including a map, of how to get to the green and clubhouse together with advice on parking.

The new **PICTURE GALLERY** page features photos of recent events at the Club. Anyone wishing to add a picture to the gallery should contact **Colin Grimes** who currently manages the site. Shots of the Men's President's Day are the latest additions which can be viewed and downloaded should you so wish.

It would be helpful if Members could keep us regularly supplied with photos to be added.

Mick Hall thanks you all

Mick & Zena Hall have asked that their thanks and appreciation be expressed to all Members for their messages of support during Mick's recent illness.

"I was truly moved beyond words by the best wishes which were expressed at the last coffee morning I attended," says Mick.

Cobras say "Thanks!"

Dear Colin

On behalf of all of the members and supporters of the Leicester Cobras Wheelchair Basketball Club please accept our most sincere thanks and appreciation for your generous donation of £150 towards the club funds and especially for your continuing support.

Since the club has no salaried officers or staff every penny of your donation will go towards providing sporting equipment and opportunities, both recreational and competitive, for people with disabilities. The club is currently recruiting new young members, both male and female, who will need a specialised basketball wheelchair costing approximately £2500 each. Your valued donation will go some way towards helping us fulfil this requirement.

As discussed, if you forward the Syston Bowling Club logo, we will add this to our marketing and promotional material to acknowledge your valued sponsorship of the club.

A very special thank you from Kathy and me for the opportunity to meet the club's warmly welcoming members for dinner and the presentation of the absolutely gorgeous flowers for Kathy.

Would you please pass on our sincere thanks to all of the Syston Bowling Club members

Yours sincerely
Mike Foster



Men's Finals' Day

HOLIDAY commitments and other complications have sadly led to the cancellation of **Men's Finals' Day** this year. It must be stressed for future reference that individual Members should under no circumstances make their own private arrangements to complete a Club Competition Final without prior consultation with, and the subsequent approval of, the Competitions Secretary.

Finals Day should be fully respected as an important feature of the Club's annual programme.

Gardening Group update

17 members of the Garden Group visited the Belvoir Brewery in Old Dalby and watched a video explaining a brief history of brewing in this country and the processes involved. This was followed by a tour conducted by **Colin Brown**, the co-owner, who described in great detail the way the various types of beer were brewed on the premises.

We then returned to the Sample Cellar Bar where a very good buffet was provided and samples of the various ales were available for tasting.

The next meeting of the Garden Group will take place in the clubhouse on Tuesday, 15th September at 7.0pm. **Everyone welcome!**

Melton League Finals Day Knockout Cup

OUR Syston team consisting of **George Stone, Don Creasey** and **George Dodge**, came third overall in this annual competition played at **Market Overton**.

The other competing teams were **Oakham**, (1st), **Belvoir Vale**, (2nd), **Melton Town** (4th), **Market Overton** (5th) and **Holwell Sports** (6th). (It is interesting to note that **Syston** beat the eventual winners, **Oakham**, 8-0 in the first Round!)

It proved to be a most enjoyable day with good food and good company and we each took home a half bottle of brandy as third prize.

Syston Carnival and Rearsby Village Fayre

THANKS to all those who turned up to help promote the Club at the Rearsby and Syston events. Time will tell whether any of the enquiries we received will blossom into Members. In the meantime, we can record with satisfaction that we managed to raise an additional **£290** for our nominated charities - **Arthritis UK** (Syston Branch) and the **Leicester Cobras Wheelchair Basketball Club**.

Thanks are also due to **Mike Foster** and **Jayant Mistry** - former World Wheelchair Tennis Champion and now Coach to the Cobras - for their supportive attendance.

Mike won the Syston "Guess the Weight of the Cake" Draw. The winner of the **Clock Draw** will be announced later after further efforts are made to sell more tickets.

Annual fixture against Rotary Club

THE ANNUAL fixture against **Syston Rotary Club** was held on Wednesday, 12th August. Thanks to the ladies, who outnumbered the gentlemen by 2-1, we had an enjoyable game.

On this occasion, **SBC** narrowly won the **John Wheeler Memorial Plate** which is now on display in the Club trophy cabinet.

We also have to thank the ladies for a very good and enjoyable meal that was provided at the end of the match.



Men's President, **Colin Grimes**, presents a cheque for £150 to **Mike Foster**, Chairman of the Leicester Cobras Wheelchair Basketball Club at the Supper held on President's Day on 13th August 2009. Further donations will be made at the end of the year when the final total raised by the Club for the Cobras will be known.

"Keep a diary and one day it will keep you!" - Mae West



The Club display board

Lady President's piece

Janice's end-of-season message

WE ARE now coming to the end of the outdoor bowling season and, as I shall not be able to be with you all on Closing Day, I would like to thank all the ladies for their support during my Presidency. I know we have had one or two matches cancelled, due to either rain or the opposing side not being able to raise a team, but I have really enjoyed my season as your President and will let you know in due course how much money has been raised for Arthritis Care. Our first close season lunch will be on Wednesday 7th October. There will be a list in the changing room, so please put your name down. Presentation Day will be on Tuesday 10th November at Beedles Lake - so make a note in your diary and keep this date free, I hope you all winter well and look forward to seeing you, either at the regular Monday morning roll-ups at Melton indoor rink or at the Ladies' lunches.

Thanks once again to you all.

Janice



Kate Toon and Colin Grimes, winners of the **Mixed Pairs Competition** held on Men's President's Day.

Congratulations, Chris! **Biddles badged**

County President, **Barbara Gamble**, presented **Chris Biddles** with her County Badge at a ceremony held at Wymondham, Norfolk on Friday 14th August.

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**Men's Captain & Club Coach,
Des Eggitt, urges a more competitive
approach**

MY RECENT enforced layoff, while recovering from the operation on my hand, gave me the unusual opportunity to act as a spectator at a number of games. As a result, I was able to assess more closely than usual the way in which our players approach their games.

I was surprised, and not a little disappointed, to note just how many players fail to engage fully in the match in which they are involved. Evidence of this is provided in a number of ways:

- * Players delivering their woods and then "retiring" to the benches without staying on the green to observe how their colleagues are performing.
- * Players turning their backs on a poorly delivered wood - or even a good wood - before the wood has come to rest and before they have received a reactive signal from the Skip.
- * Players who clearly take no interest in how the overall match score is developing
- * Players who fail to note carefully the line adopted by their opposite number in order to have a chance of assessing how a green is playing.
- * Players who consistently ignore directions from their Skip by turning a blind eye to any signals on how a shot is to be played.
- * Leads who, having seen the opposition get close to the jack, use their own woods to try to dislodge the "shot" rather than concentrating on achieving a good second wood by a good draw shot.
- * Leads who change their hand - even after a decent draw shot with the first wood - rather than staying on the same hand to benefit from what the first wood has taught them.

These practices, in themselves, perhaps, are insignificant, but the cumulative effect is to reduce the competitive nature of the game in hand and, far too often, lead to dropped shots through wasted opportunities - and hence into games lost that might have been won.

A quick analysis of our results this Season

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demonstrates an average deficit of fewer than 10 shots per match. I strongly believe that, by paying attention to the points I raised here, we can readily make up that small deficit and turn losses into wins.

No-one wants to turn our Club into a group of "pot hunters" nor do we wish, in any way, to lose sight of the fact that enjoyment of the game and of the opportunities for socialising that the game offers should remain our primary focus. Nevertheless, with very little effort - and without threat to our principles - we can and ought to be able to record a higher degree of success than we currently achieve. And that can only add to the enjoyment we take from our participation.

Missed by one point

*Syston teams perform well at
Market Overton Gala*

THE OAK DRIVERS - the Syston team comprising **John Lester, Ken Renshaw, Pete Hancock** and **Roy Hill** (Skip) battled valiantly at the Market Overton Gala held on 6th September to secure a very creditable second place.

They were pipped at the post by a team called the '**Vine Street Gang**,' from Billingham, who gained 37 points to the '**Oak Drivers**' 36 points.

The competition was of a very high standard on this most enjoyable day in good weather, with the usual good humour and good fellowship.

The catering was absolutely brilliant, the midday meal was fantastic, the tea superb and the hospitality was exceptionally good. Another valiant effort was made by the '**Syston Jokers**' (**Ray & Marilyn Wood, Anita Lowder** and **George Stone** (Skip), who battled on to finish up in joint 5th place. A superb effort by everyone!

The Club Bar

ALL MEMBERS are reminded of Club By Law No 6 which reads: "*Members are not permitted to enter the Bar area except as voluntary helpers authorised by the Board.*" Anyone wishing to volunteer as a helper should contact **Pete Murray** in his capacity as Director responsible for the Bar.



George Dodge and Kate Toon setting the tone for dress appropriate to a major Club Competition Final. They are the winners of this year's **Club Mixed Pairs' Competition.**
Congratulations - on both counts!

**Be courteous to your
Captains!**
**An appeal for
greater co-operation**

LATE in the Season it may be - but it is not too late to remind Members of the need regularly to check and fill in the Availability Sheets to signal availability for selection. Sadly there has been an increasing tendency this year to ignore the Sheets and await a personal call from the Captain or Selection Committee.

Similarly, all-too-often, this Season, selected players have failed to tick off their names on the Team Selection Sheets to confirm that they are, indeed, available and can be relied upon to turn up.

These practices (or failures to observe the basic rules) are both discourteous and time wasting. Greater attention in future would be greatly appreciated.