

THE SYSTON GREEN

The official newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

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Indoors at Melton

As in previous years John Lambie has booked rinks on Monday mornings for members who wish to bowl in the winter months, this again will be the case, commencing on Monday 4th October for the 11-50 session.

If you wish to participate, please arrive at the Melton indoor Bowling Club in good time ie before 11-30, to enable John to pick the teams and for green fees to be paid. If any of your friends wish to participate they will be made very welcome. Please contact John on 0116 2921619 if you require any further info.

Regular Wednesday PM Social starting at 2-00pm

Yes, the very popular Wednesday afternoon social is carrying on from last year,s success.

We will start as usual with a Quick pub quiz, then it,s cards dominos darts and whatever takes your fancy, a cup of tea a biscuit and a chat, to round off the afternoon. See you there.

Garden Group News

The first afternoon session of the Garden Group took place recently, when we discussed jobs to be carried out in Autumn. George demonstrated planting a multi-layered container to flower in the spring and this was raffled off and won by Janice Wilbourn. The plans for planting under the scoreboard

Mens President Celebrates Vintage Year

Mens' President Peter Murray, has spoken of the great pleasure that his year in office has given him "especially when it has proven such a vintage year in terms of results." he said. For the first time in many years, we had players reach the quarter-final stage of a County competition. We performed well in both Melton and Loughborough leagues, and both Saturday and midweek teams ended the season with a very significant aggregate shots difference in our favour. We enjoyed an excellent series of Club Competitions throughout the season, with many matches demonstrating bowls of a very high standard. Finals results have thrown up some very worthy winners.

Off the green, too, it has been a memorable year with a great spirit of camaraderie

were finalised and the last garden outing for this year was arranged. This will take place on Friday, 15th October and include lunch at the Slate restaurant in Mountsorrel and then on to Whatton Gardens. Full details of times and menu will be displayed on noticeboards in both cloakrooms. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 26th October at 2.0 pm.

and friendship permeating the Club across a wide range of activities culminating in our stall at the Syston Carnival. As a result, I am delighted to be able to confirm that, over the year, we have managed to raise close to £1000.00 for my nominated charity, Wishes4Kids, and would like to thank all involved for their tremendous support. We have been pleased to welcome several new members - including our two disabled players - as a consequence of the purchase of a special wheelchair with funds made available through the Leicester County council South Charnwood Area Forum. As my year of office draws to a close, I'd like to thank members for giving me the honour to serve as President and for their support throughout and wish my successor George Dodge, every success.

Pete Murray

Ladies Captain

Well here we are again at the end of another season having already played our closing day match. This was most enjoyable, we had a faith lunch before going out to play 12/15 ends, with 1 rink 8 players, 2 rinks 12 players triples, with 2 ladies who had not put their names down to play being made skips on one of the triples rinks. A lot of fun was had by all. May I end by thanking all the ladies who put their names down to play - I am only sorry that a lot of our games were only 3 rinks of triples which was quite disappointing for the ladies who were not selected. Lets hope for better things next year.

Janice Wilbourn

Fancy a few days away
What could be nicer !
4 Bedroom Cottage (sleeps 7)
All Mod Cons, including
C.H.
Cromer, Norfolk.
From £40 per night
Contact Janice or Rob
(01664424813)

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

Pete & Marlene Murray

Would like to invite you to join them for a drink in the bowls club on October 30th at 7.00pm to celebrate their Golden Wedding
Please no presents only your presence
Buffet provided and first drink free

CLUB DIARY 2010

OCTOBER

- 9th Coffee morning 10.30am
11th Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am
12th SBC Board meeting 10.00am
13th Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm
15th Garden Group outing to Whatton 11.30am
18th Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am
19th Management group Meeting 10.00am
20th Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm
23rd Race evening. Faith supper + £1.00. 7.15pm
25th Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am
27th Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm

NOVEMBER

- 1st Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowling Club 11.30am
2nd SBC Board Meeting 10.00am
3rd Ladies A.G.M. 2.00pm prompt start
6th Presentation Night 7.00pm
8th Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30
9th Executive Committee Meeting 7.00pm
10th Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm
13th Coffee Morning 10.30am
Casino Night 7.00 for 7.30 start £3.50
15th Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am
17th Ladies Lunch 12.30pm
19th County AGM
21st JAZZ meets POP 7.30pm £8.50
22nd Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am
24th Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm
29th Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am

DECEMBER

- 1st Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm
4th Games Night faith supper + £1.00 7.15pm
6th Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am
Men's A.G.M. 7.00pm for 7.30 start
7th SBC Board Meeting 10.00am
8th Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm
11th Coffee Morning 10.30am
Quiz. Fish & Chip supper £4.50 7.00pm
13th Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am
15th Ladies Christmas Lunch Party 12.30pm
20th Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am
22nd Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm

SPECIAL NOTEICE

If anyone cannot get to any of the above functions because of transport problems, please let Anita know and a lift will be arranged. 0116 2606921.

Well done John

The first Indoor "roll-up" at Melton Indoor Bowls Club went exceptionally well with, 37 people turning up for a game. All went well and a great deal of fun was had by all, once we had got used to the speed of the carpet.

See you next week.

Vandals strike the green

It was reported that vandals had torn out the small conifer trees from the square planters, close to the gates, and had thrown them on to the green, the small terracotta planters had been turned upside down and hose pipes had been dragged across the green. Fortunately no real damage was caused by this mindless activity.

The Vandalism was reported to the police and a crime number has been issued.

Special Notice

Anyone interested in becoming a member is cordially invited to attend a Coffee morning or to contact any existing member of the club to discuss membership. Non-members are always welcome to try the game and to receive coaching before deciding whether to join. All equipment, other than flat shoes, can be provided. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to try. Thanks to Leicestershire County Council South Charnwood Area Forum, the Club now has a specialist wheelchair which gives disabled players the opportunity to take part in the great sport of bowling.

Ladies Craft Group

This group meets in the Clubhouse every Tuesday throughout the Closed season starting at 2.00pm.

Men's Presentation Night

This is one of the Major Social events of our year. Even if you are not due to receive a trophy this time, please make every effort to attend, in order to congratulate your fellow bowlers and drink to there Success.

Editorial Request

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

Competitions for 2010

Men's Saturday Fixtures 2010

| | Men | Ladies |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 4-wood Singles | | |
| Winner | Colin Wilkinson | Kate Toon |
| Runner-up | Gerry Kennell | Margaret Abbott |
| 2-wood Singles | | |
| Winner | Ken Renshaw | Kate Toon |
| Runner-up | Colin Wilkinson | Josie Hubbard |
| 4-wood Pairs | | |
| Winners | George Dodge | Josie Hubbard |
| | John Lamble | Janice Wilbourn |
| Runners-up | Gerry Kennell | Sheila Parker |
| | Colin Wilkinson | Kate Toon |
| Maidens | | |
| Winner | Tom Jordan | Val Forman |
| Runner-up | George Dodge | Sheila Parker |
| 2-Wood Pairs | | |
| Winners | Roy Hill | Bev Wright |
| | George Stone | Marilyn Wood |
| Runners-up | Ray Dexter | Val Forman |
| | John Lester | Kate Williams |
| Mixed Pairs | | |
| Winners | Brian Arnold & Josie Hubbard | |
| Runners-up | Pete Murray & Hazel Rayns | |
| Triples | | |
| Winners | Bob Dunlop, John Lamble & Ken Renshaw. | |
| Runners-up | Myles Clate, Colin Grimes & Gorden Pell. | |
| "Syston Town News" Mixed Pairs | | |
| Winners | Pete Hancock & Kate Toon | |
| Runners-up | Colin Smith & Rob Wilbourn | |

CONGRATULATIONS to all winners and Commiserations to all others.

Competition Secretaries, **Margaret Abbott** and **Noel Evatt**, thank all competitors for keeping to the published timetable allowing all competitions to be completed on schedule.

P:44 W:28 D:0 L:16 F:3304 A:3062 Diff +190
Average shots scored per game 75
Average shots difference per game 4.5

2009

P:44 W:15 D:1 L:28 F:3242 A:3618 Diff:-376
Average shots scored per game: 64
Average shot deficit per game -7

The above figures show that for the second year running a big improvement in our play. It is my pleasure to be able to register this set of results. Congratulations to you all for your dedication and enthusiasm and my thanks and gratitude for your support, the support and help from my 2 vice captains Ken Renshaw and Don Creasey. I am proud to be your captain, Thank you very much, keep up the good work.

Myles Clate

Ladies Fixtures results 2010

P 25 W 8 D 0 L 17 F 1437 A 1558 Diff -121
Average shots scored per game: 75
Average shot deficit per game: -62

2009

P 21 W 10 D 0 L 11 F 1196 A 1321 Diff -125
Average shots scored per game 73
Average shot deficit per game -63

Again we have managed better figures than last year even though we seem to have lost more games, the games were much closer, showing an overall year on year keenness and passion.

Janice Wilbourn

Mens Weekday fixtures 2010

P 24 W 12 D 0 L 12 F 1964 A 1874 Diff 90
Average shots scored per game 82
Average shot difference per game 3.8

2009

P 25 W 9 D 0 L 16 F 2039 A 2259 Diff -220
Average shots scored per game 82
Average shot deficit per game -9

Melton Triples

We started the first League game with a very good win over Holwell, taking all 8 points. This set us up for a good run, which took us to top of the League, right until the last game. On the last game we slipped up, taking only 3 points out of 8, finishing in third place. Still this shows we are becoming more competitive and just need to sharpen the blade a bit more. Well done to all the bowlers it was a great effort.

It was our turn this year to host the Knockout Cup. It is run on a league basis on the day, we had some good results, but we did not win. A big thanks to Gerry and Verna for providing an excellent tea on the day, they did the Club proud.

In the Tam Brown Trophy, we finished third, again a good effort. Thank you to all the bowlers who made themselves available to be picked. Lets look forward to next season, and we will try to sharpen that blade a bit more.

Dave Hudson

Loughborough Monday League

This year we stayed comfortably in the League being at one time in 4th, but the last two fixtures dropped us down to 6th as we took on the best two teams in the league who were subsequently promoted to the first division, and we got no points from either game which was sad as another 4/6 points would have taken us to 4th or 3rd. Nevertheless it was a good show through the season and the best is yet to come!!

The Club is delighted that we have been able to have a second team admitted to the Monday League, we all wish them great success under the Captaincy of Bob Dunlop who worked hard to get this to happen.— Good luck for the next season.

Brian Adams

I like the moral of this story - I hope you do too!

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments.

But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?"

That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.

For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table.

Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.

You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

SO, to all of my cracked pot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path.

The editor.

Thank you

Says Catering organizer
Gerry Kennell

Once more a debt of gratitude is owed to the volunteer team of Ladies for their support for the Saturday teas.

Without the exemplary commitment and loyalty we would not be able to maintain the quality of our teas. On behalf of the Club Members and our visitors

Thank you.

Gerry Kennell.

Green & Royal

Thanks to the Management Committee who voted me to be captain of the newly formed 2nd team of the Third Division of the Loughborough & District Bowls League which will play on Monday afternoons, 2.00pm Start. We need 14 players (3 skips, 3 leads, 3 seconds and reserves.

The name of the team will be
Green & Royal

We will play in White shirts/club
badge/grey trousers

For more information contact
Bob Dunlop on 0116 2600639

An Apology from the editor

The editor apologises for this edition of the Syston Greens format, but this is due to unforeseen circumstances beyond his control.

The November edition should be back in its normal format

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