

Close Season Diary Dates

DECEMBER

- 13th** Indoor "roll-up" - Melton Bowling Club (See below for details)
15th Pub Quiz & Social Afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
20th Indoor "roll-up" - Melton Bowling Club (See below for details)
22nd Pub Quiz & Social Afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

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

SPECIAL NOTES:

SEPTEMBER - APRIL

Indoor roll-up at the Melton Club every Monday throughout the Close Season starting at 1140 hours. Those interested, please turn up in good time to allow for rink selection. Everyone welcome. For further details, contact **John Lambie**, Tel: 0116 292 1619

Ladies' Craft Group meets in the Clubhouse every Tuesday throughout the Close Season starting at 2.00 p.m.

Ladies' monthly luncheon - Usually held on the 3rd Wednesday in the month.

Weekly Wednesday afternoon Pub Quiz and social 2.00 - 4.30 p.m. (except for 3rd Wednesday in the month) "Open House" - Everybody welcome! Bring a friend.

Fortnightly Close Season Clubhouse evening social programme. "Open House" - Everybody is welcome. Advance booking for Sunday evening events is strongly recommended because we limit ticket numbers.

For further details of any of the social events, contact **Anita Lowder** Tel: 0116 260 6921



Val Foreman, winner of the Ladies' Maidens Competition

Kate Toon was Ladies' Club Champion 2010 winning both the 2 Wood and 4 Wood Singles titles



Sheila Parker & Kate Toon r/up in the Ladies' 4 wood Pairs Competition

Church seeks co-operation of Members

THE Parochial Church Council of St Peter's & St Paul's Church have written to invite Club Members to participate in a community project which examines what it means to be a Christian community in the 21st Century. They would like to hear about any issues that Syston is facing and the role of the church in addressing those issues. It is hoped that these discussions will lead to a better understanding of what more the church might be doing in order to benefit the community as a whole making Syston an even better place to live and work.

It is suggested that a representative of the Council might come to the Club to talk with interested Members about what they are looking to do and why.

If anyone would be interested in attending such a meeting or in supporting the project in some other way, please let **Doreen Payne** know (Tel: 2607360). Subject to sufficient support, suitable arrangements will be made and announced to enable the project to proceed.



Josie Hubbard, r/u in the 2 wood Singles, receives her trophy from President **Ruth Wheeler**

Beedles Lake Golf Club Wednesday 4th November



Janice Wilbourn & Josie Hubbard, winners of the Ladies' 4 wood Pairs Competition,



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Address of the newly elected Ladies' President

Chris Biddles inaugurated at AGM



WHEN I joined the Club in 1991, I stated in my application letter that I would just like to join to enable me to enjoy casual roll-ups with (husband) John. Little did I know, when I was "called up" for my first game I didn't even have a white skirt and carried my bowls in a shopping bag. My Skip that day was **Dot Roberts**, one of our Life Members, now in her 90s and residing in a care Home. She was so kind to me.

At that time, I never envisaged becoming Secretary for 11 years and now President. I will wear my President's badge with pride and hope to fulfil all of the duties expected of me whilst in office.

I think we have a brilliant Club with very caring Members who look out for each other, offering friendship and support during times of stress. We also have a good relationship with the Men's Section as the fun and laughter at Presidents' Days and other social functions throughout the year show. There will be difficult decisions to be made in the future regarding the proposed Club extension but, if we all pull together, I'm sure we'll be able to resolve the situation.

I would like to thank President **Ruth Wheeler** and all the Committee Members for their hard work during the year. My special thanks to **Val Foreman** who took over the position of Secretary from me. Congratulations to all the Competition winners.

Kate Toon did the Club proud when she reached the semi-finals of the County Unbadged Competition - a day on which she was well-supported by Club Members.

The following rhyme says it all:

If you think you're beaten - you are!

If you think you dare not - you don't!

If you'd like to win but think you can't - you won't!

If you think you'll lose - you've lost!

For out in the world you'll find

Success begins with a fellow's will -

It's all in the state of the mind!

Finally, I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

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The Chairman and Directors of the Club

join with
Presidents of the Men's and Ladies' Sections
 and all their Committee Members to wish all
 Members and their families
 a "Merry Christmas!"
 combined with hopes for
 a healthy, happy and prosperous

New Year
 in 2011



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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ABOUT 8 years ago I rather reluctantly entered the clubhouse for the first time, having spotted a notice to recruit new members. That visit literally changed my life as I was immediately welcomed into the club and found to my surprise that I loved the great game of bowls, and found comradeship that I have never had before. Thank you to all of you, as I now consider all of you as my friends, never before have I enjoyed the companionship of so many friends.

Each new President has left his mark on the club and during the last two years particularly, thanks firstly to **Colin Grimes** and recently to **Pete**

Murray, the club has gone from strength to strength, not only achieving great bowling results because of all the work **Des Eggitt** contributes, and the team building efforts that the Club Captains (**Myles, George, Dave, and Brian**) put into the selection of our teams, but also in the way so many members now get together for socials, coffee mornings, garden group activities, fund-raising, etc.

I want to continue the good work and will do my best to uphold, maintain and promote the good name, standards and reputation built up over many years of Syston Bowling Club.

President's Charity.

Most Presidents have a chosen charity. This President is going to be slightly different. I'm going to sponsor two charities. My first charity is **VISTA** - a charity for the blind and partially sighted, based in Leicester, and is specifically for Leicestershire and Rutland people. Secondly, I am asking for support for **Inter Care** - a charity based in Syston which collects unwanted prescribed drugs, sorts them, then sends them to clinical centres in Africa. Both of these charities have representatives whose job it is to encourage sponsorships, and both will be invited to one of our coffee mornings to introduce their respective charities. I do hope you will attend their talks so that you may appreciate more the way they operate.

I know that charity should begin at home and our club needs more money, but when you see the needs of others who are in situations which are out of their control and need the help of other people, I'm sure you will give your support to them. **VISTA** will want your money, **Inter care** want your unwanted prescribed drugs, and used postage stamps.

Something different - A trophy you don't have to compete for.

Ever since I started bowling, I thought, that, if you got chalk on your wood, you should get something, some sort of reward for being so accurate, (or so lucky). So, in the spirit of fun, as well as promoting accuracy in our bowling, I have devised a system of recording the "touchers". At great expense, I've purchased a stamp to imprint on the back of the score cards, a device where the Number 2 can record, when a player has a "toucher". I know this puts another job on to the Number 2, but it will be only a small pencil mark.

The back of each card is to be marked out with numbers 1 to 3 and S, with accompanying squares. The idea is that when a player gets a "toucher", Number 2 puts a mark in the appropriate square. (*The player concerned can "encourage" Number 2, to make sure he does so!*) The Captains and I will keep a record through the season on a prepared list, so that at the end of the season a trophy will be presented to the player who has the most "touchers" throughout the season.

Bringing back fines.

I thought that, when some past Presidents, introduced fines for some small error of judgment, this added a bit more fun into the game and also aided the coffers of their charities. I therefore give warning that I plan to bring back the fines for such things as wrong bias, bowls with the wrong stickers, or no stickers at all, swearing on the green, infringement of the Dress Code and so on - all in the name of fun, of course.

And finally

I know you will all support me in my efforts to be a good President and wish you all a happy and fun filled 2011 season.



The Club Coach Column

BACK TO BASICS is this month's theme.

1. Make sure that you're gripping your bowl correctly. A wobbling bowl cannot be consistently accurate.
2. Make sure that you are facing the "shoulder" of the arc of the hand you wish to play with your whole body.
3. Remember to be perfectly balanced and relaxed, with knees slightly bent if you are to bowl from the athletic position.
4. Make sure that your whole body follows through with your delivery - from the hand which delivers the bowl to the back foot that lifts gently off the mat - without any jerking or measure of stiffness in any part of the flow.
5. Having estimated weight by looking at the jack, keep your eyes firmly fixed on the shoulder of the intended arc when delivering the bowl.
6. Keep your head down until after the bowl has been released from your hand.
7. Remember that there is a perfect weight and green combination for every shot attempted and nothing gives more satisfaction than when you achieve it.
8. Always be positive when you step on the mat and be confident and sure of the shot to be attempted.
9. When playing in pairs, triples or fours, always remember that it is a team game with only one Skip - only one person in command.
10. Mould your play to your Skip's wishes remembering that four players playing their own game, no matter how good they are as individuals, will never make a truly successful side.

If you have any particular problems on which you would appreciate the advice of our Club Coach, please do not hesitate to contact him at any time.

Jazz meets Pop

Janice Wilbourn reports on a suprising success

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THIS double header which included a jazz theme was a "first" for the "Theatre on the Green" and may have been regarded with apprehension by some (*myself included*) as to what the reaction would be. However, in spite of slightly less support than usual, the evening was a great success with songstress **Jackie Lee** belting out a wide selection of numbers in her usual style, ranging from ballads to rock and roll, preceding the jazz. **Matt Palmer's Millennium Eagle Jazz Four** played out of their skins and appeared to be well-received by an appreciative audience to the extent of requests for an encore. Subsequently, speaking to all members of the band, they all said how much they had enjoyed playing for us and what a great evening it had been - so maybe here's to the next time?

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LATEST lucky winners are: **Pete Hancock, Mick Hall, Sheila Aindhow, and Bob Dunlop**

Gardening Group news



MORE than 20 members of the Gardening Group recently visited Gates Garden Centre to see the Christmas displays and to indulge in a little Christmas shopping.

As several regular members were not able to attend the latest meeting, it was decided to postpone the Christmas meal and have a New Years' meal instead, when a suitable venue can be agreed.

Members were thanked for their efforts in producing the table arrangements for the Men's Presentation Evening, with a special mention for **Betty Wheatley**, who, although ill at the time, supervised the whole procedure.

Plans for the members to help raise funds for the President's charity were discussed and final arrangements were made for the visit to Belvoir Castle for the Christmas Fantasia.

Your Committees for 2011

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman/Company Secretary: Colin Grimes

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Green Ranger: Roger Bentley; **Facilities Director:** Marjorie Clowes;

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The Club owes a deep debt of gratitude to all of the above volunteers without whose efforts the Club could not survive.

PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR FULL SUPPORT



I. A good pun is its own reward

- * Energizer Bunny arrested - Charged with battery.
- * A pessimist's blood type is always B-negative.
- * Practice safe eating - always use condiments.
- * A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother.
- * Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
- * I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.
- * If electricity comes from electrons... does that mean that morality comes from morons?
- * Marriage is the mourning after the knot before.
- * A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- * Corduroy pillows are making headlines.
- * Is a book on voyeurism a peeping tome?
- * Banning the bra was a big flop.
- * Sea captains don't like crew cuts.
- * Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- * A successful diet is the triumph of mind over platter.
- * Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- * A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumour.
- * When you dream in colour, it's a pigment of your imagination.
- * Reading whilst sunbathing makes you well-red.
- * Two egotists meet. It's an I for an I.

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- * Two blondes walk into a building you'd think at least one of them would have seen it.

- * Phone answering machine message - '...If you want to buy marijuana, press the hash key...'
- * I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.
- * You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen. It said, 'Parking Fine' which was nice.
- * A man came round in hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, 'Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!' The doctor replied, 'I know you can't, I've cut your arms off.'
- * I went to a seafood disco last week and pulled a mussel.
- * Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. They lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it.
- * Our ice cream man was found lying on the floor of his van covered with hundreds and thousands. Police say that he topped himself.
- * 'Doc I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home'. 'That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome.' 'Is it common?' 'It's not unusual.'
- * **Q:** What do you call a fish with no eyes?
A: A fish.
- * Apparently, 1 in 5 people in the world are Chinese. There are 5 people in my family, so it must be one of them. It's either my mum or my Dad, or my older brother Colin, or my younger brother Ho-Cha-Chu. But I think it's Colin.
- * Police arrested two kids yesterday. One was drinking battery acid, and the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.

Men's AGM Minutes & audited accounts

COPIES of the Minutes of the Men's AGM held on 6th December are now available. If you would like a copy of the Minutes together with a copy of the audited accounts, please ask either the President, **George Dodge** or Secretary, **Rob Wilbourn**.

Members are reminded that the contents of the Minutes and accounts remain confidential within the membership of the Club. A serious view will be taken of any proven breach of this regulation.