

# THE SYSTON GREEN

The official newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

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## Mens' Presidents last month in Office

My Presidential year seems to have flown by and it seems only last month that I wrote my acceptance speech, and now its time to welcome another new president.

I would like to thank everyone for their help in making my presidency such an enjoyable year. When I was elected as your President I said that I wanted to continue the good works of past Presidents, and that I would do my best to uphold, maintain and promote the good name, standards and reputation of Syston Bowling Club, I hope I have done that and that no one is disappointed with my efforts as President.

## Charity support

I thank you all for the support you have given my chosen charities. **Inter-Care** have received bags of used ink cartridges and stamps, as well as a number of old mobile phones, thanks for them and keep it up they can still do with all we can give them.

**VISTA** has received a cheque for a magnificent £ 600.00

I also said that I wanted to do something different- that was, of course, the Toucher Trophy. I think this went down well and indeed was entered in the spirit of fun which was its intention, and I thank you for that.

Finally I would like to wish Bob the best for the forth coming season as President, I'm sure he is well suited for this honourable and prestigious position.

*George Dodge*

## 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

## Regular Wednesday PM Social starting at 2-00pm

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.

## Just past the post

As the out going Ladies President, I would like to offer my congratulations and best wishes to Sheila Parker. I am sure That she will enjoy her Presidential year as much as I have.

I would like to thank the Ladies Committee and all Club Members for their hard work and support during my year in office, especially in the fundraising events, resulting in the sum of £1050.00 for my charity Syston and District Volunteer Centre.

We have had a busy year with extra events such as the Pimm's Evening, a match against the Sunday Tourists, plus participating in the Plant, Produce and cake stall in May and the Carnival.

We entered the Friday Triples league this year which has provided us with more competitive play, although, we still aim to win in the friendly matches.

Members entered Club and county Competitions S.T.N. pairs, mixed pairs, City and county games and friendly matches, a very full playing season and for me culminating in my Presidents Day on 16th September. This was a lovely day despite the weather forcast, 40 members played then joined Life Members and guests for a lovely meal.

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## Green put to bed

As green ranger, I would like to thank Pete Murray, Rob Wilbourn, Rod Heggs, Colin Smith, Bob Dunlop, George Dodge, Stan Page & Trevor Allan for their help in closing the green this year. It was quite a task as all the rubbers had to be scrubbed to get the moss and dirt off them before they could be rolled-up, and because a lot of top dressing had been applied this year the gutters also had to be cleaned out, quite a backbreaking job, but we managed it alright."

Thanks to all.

*Roger Bentley.*

## CLUB DIARY 2011/12

### NOVEMBER

- Monday 14th** Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am  
**Wednesday 16th** Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm  
**SUNDAY 20th** **Robin Good—The Martins. 7.00pm Tickets from Anita**  
**Monday 21st** Melton Indoor roll-up 11.30am  
**Wednesday 23rd** Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm  
**Monday 28th** Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am  
**Wednesday 30th** Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm

### DECEMBER

- Saturday 3rd** Christmas Market organised by S. T. C.. Our clubhouse will be open for hot drinks and food. Volunteers required, please contact Colin Grimes  
Race Night 7.00pm. £3.00 at the door, includes Shepherds pie and crusty bread supper. Raffle prizes please. All welcome  
**Monday 5th** Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am.  
**Mens A.G.M. 7.00pm**  
**Wednesday 7th** Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm  
**Saturday 10th** Coffee morning 10.30 to 12.00 noon  
**Monday 12th** Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am.  
**Wednesday 14th** **Ladies Christmas Party 12.30 for 1.00pm .**  
**Friday 16th** Children's lantern Fair organised by Syston Town Council.  
To start at our clubhouse, which will be open for hot drinks and food  
Volunteers required, contact Colin Grimes.  
**Saturday 17th** Games evening 7.00pm. £1.00 at the door. Faith Supper. Raffle.  
**Monday 19th** Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am  
**Wednesday 21st** Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm

### January 2012

- Sunday 1st** **Happy New Year**  
**Monday 2nd** Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am  
**Wednesday 4th** Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm  
**Saturday 7th** **New year party 7.00pm. Faith Supper £2.00 at the door. Raffle**  
**Monday 9th** Indoor "roll-up" Melton Bowls Club 11.30am  
**Wednesday 11th** Pub Quiz & Social afternoon all welcome 2.00pm  
**Saturday 14th** Coffee morning 10.30 to 12.00 noon.

### 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.

Please remember that, drinks from the bar, raffles,. Social functions, coffee mornings etc., EVERY penny you spend on these is a penny saved from next year's membership subs.

## Competitions for 2011

	Men	Ladies
<b>4-wood Singles</b>		
<b>Winner</b>	Dave Anderton	Josie Hubbard
<b>Runner-up</b>	Myles Clare	Marilyn Wood
<b>2-wood Singles</b>		
<b>Winner</b>	Tom Jordan	Kate Williams
<b>Runner-up</b>	Kieran Jordan	Chris Biddles
<b>4-wood Pairs</b>		
<b>Winners</b>	Gerry Kennall	Anita Lowder
	Bob Dunlop	Hazel Rayns
<b>Runners-up</b>	Lohn Lamble	Kate Williams
	Rolf Meyer	Val Forman
<b>Maidens</b>		
<b>Winner</b>	Rolf Meyer	Kate Williams
<b>Runner-up</b>	Pete Hancock	Hazel Rayns
<b>2-Wood Pairs</b>		
<b>Winners</b>	Stan Page	Janice Wilbourn
	Myles Clare	Marilyn Wood
<b>Runners-up</b>	John Lamble	Chris Biddles
	Pete Hancock	Sheila Aindow
<b>Mixed Pairs</b>		
<b>Winners</b>	Margaret Abbott & Ken Renshaw	
<b>Runners-up</b>	Eric Hall & Janet Lowe	
<b>Triples</b>		
<b>Winners</b>	Gerry Kennell, Noel Evatt & Pete Murray	
<b>Runners-up</b>	Brian Arnold, Ray Dexter & Colin Smith	
<b>"Syston Town News" Mixed Pairs</b>		
<b>Winners</b>	Ken Renshaw & Chris Biddles	
<b>Runners-up</b>	John Lamble & Josie Hubbard	
<b>Mens toucher trophies</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	Ken Renshaw	
<b>Mid-week</b>	John Lamble	

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all winners and Commiserations to all others. ▶

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Our presentation day was held on Friday 21st October at Beedles Lake Golf Club, 30 Ladies enjoyed an excellent meal which was followed by the presentation of the trophies.

24 Ladies attended our A.G.M. on Wednesday 2nd November, when Sheila Parker was inaugurated as President, Kate Toon as Senior Vice and Hazel Rayns as Junior Vice.

Our thanks went to Margaret Porter, Betty Wheatley, Ruth Wheeler and Anita Lowder who were not seeking re election, and we welcomed Sheila Aindow as a new Committee Member.

It was my pleasure to propose Betty Wheatley to be Life Member, seconded by Doreen Payne and unanimously agreed.

Sadly two Members passed away this year, Life Member Kath Baum who was a Past President and former Treasurer, Kath had moved to Lincolnshire to be near her daughter. Marion attended her Memorial service. Club members formed an honour at the funeral of Kath Wholton a past player and Associate Member. Kath was a lovely Lady who participated in all Club activities, she had celebrated her 90th birthday in July and died peacefully but unexpectedly in September. Finally I would like to thank President George and members of the Men's section for all their help and friendliness ensuring a happy and joined up Club, I also wish incoming President Bob a happy and successful year, and everyone good health and good bowling.

*Chris Biddles*

### WINTER CABARET NIGHT

Sunday 20th November 2011

**Robin Good**

**&**

**The Martins**

Snacks, full bar and raffle

7-00pm for 7-30. Tickets **£8.50**

A good night was had by one and all at the mens presentation evening. Thanks must go to all for the wonderful food, what a spread, absolutely marvellous. President George, thankfully kept his words short (for a change). A cheque was presented to Vista for £600.00, and we were told that this amount would buy a piece of equipment specifically used by younger poor sighted people.

### Ladies Captain's Report November 2011

21 Ladies attended Opening day on 20th April with lovely weather and 18 of us were able to have a roll up which we all enjoyed. The green looked and bowled well.

For our first game against Glenfield at Home, we won by 13 shots but we had to ask 2 men to play for us (Rob & Pete M). After this we seemed to go down hill and didn't have a win until the 1st June. Although the season has been a hit and miss season with more defeats than wins, I can only say well done to every one and look forward to a better season next year.

One of our matches played against Goodwood on 11th May happened to be on Betty's birthday; we had tea and cakes and sang Happy Birthday after which they gave her a small gift. After we arrived back at the clubhouse we all had a drink and B/Day cake with her to celebrate further.

This year we entered the Friday Night Triples, which most of us enjoyed despite the wet evenings. We finished Joint 8th out of 12 teams. I have now received the fixtures for the 2012 F N trips so hope we can do better.

As I am sure you are aware, a lot of our matches have only involved 3 rinks or even only 3 rinks of triples; this means that a lot of you have not had as many games as you would like but this is due to a decline of ladies for our opposing teams; we are now asking them to play men so that we can play 4 rinks of ladies.

Finally I would like to welcome our 7 new members and thank Des for his coaching on Wednesday evenings.

Keep up the good work ladies and let's get Syston Ladies Team a force to be reckoned with.

#### **Final Arrangements**

Thursford 6th December 2011

Coach will leave St Peters Street, Syston 12.30pm

Meal @ Oliver Twist, Guyhirn 3.00pm

Leave for Thursford approx 4.30pm

On arriving at Thursford, you will have time to wander around or visit Santa's Magical Journey.

Coach will leave for home after the show and should arrive back at Syston approx 1.00am

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### **The Club Coach Column**

#### **The meaning of the word "Concentration"**

Remember that applying concentration during a practice game session is just as necessary as applying it during a game. Factors that could be an aid to concentration.

1. The ability to be calm and unruffled.
2. Receiving generous support from other players in the team.
3. Having read the green well from the outset.
4. Having had the time to prepare thoroughly for the game.
5. Playing against people whose company you enjoy.
6. Putting behind you any indifferent shot or shots, you may have played, and devoting all your attention to the next bowl you are to play.
7. Being able to conjure up at will any mental image that supports or maintains your concentration.

To face a situation where you have several shots against you could be described as stressful, especially if you have just one bowl left to play, if the bowler feels that he is under stress, it might be a good idea not to rush into playing that final shot. A conscious application of slowing down everything is also an exercise in improving self-control, and a player must be fully in control before he/she ever thinks about bowling the next shot. True concentration comes from within. There is no off-pat answer to the problem of losing concentration, except to say that the bowler must exercise this inner discipline and develop sufficient strength of character to overcome the problem.

#### **Midweek games skips league**

	<b>played</b>	<b>won</b>	<b>drew</b>	<b>lost</b>
G Stone	22	13	1	8
M Clare	21	8	0	13
J Lamble	11	8	1	2
C Wilkinson	11	6	1	4
G Kennell	10	3	0	7
D Fox	5	4	0	1
M Newman	4	2	1	1
G Dodge	3	2	0	1
P Murray	2	1	0	1
D Hudson	2	1	0	1
S Page	2	1	0	1
E Hall	1	1	0	0
R Hill	1	1	0	0
N Evatt	1	0	0	1

I want to thank all bowlers, men and ladies for making this season one of our most successful years on the green

*George Stone.*

## **The Presidents Tea Party**

Mens' President George Dodge invited the Ladies who give their support in helping to organise and supply teas and refreshments during the season just ended. The president was supported by Vice president Bob Dunlop and Catering Manager Rod Heggs. Tea, cake and biscuits were served by the men. They then expressed the Mens' Club's gratitude for the Ladies exemplary support. President George said that "We do not underestimate the scale of the efforts involved in producing this important service and wish to place on record our appreciation of your generous willing co-operation." He went on to say "You may be pleased to note that your efforts have stimulated an impressive range of complimentary comments from all of our visitors and members alike and have directly assisted in creating an enviable reputation for our Club throughout the County. However we are aware that a number of problems may exist in the future, and would like to discuss what, if any these may be."

A discussion then took place with the ladies expressing a number of concerns and several ideas for hopefully making this task easier. However, one of the main problems was that they were short handed and that more help will be necessary for next season. It was noted that most of the ladies present were lady bowlers and not many men members' wives/partners were there to help with the teas as had been the norm in the past. Therefore it was suggested that a request is made for men bowlers to actively recruit help from their wives/partners, for next season. (bowlers should contact Rod with their wives/partners names). Other suggestions if this were not possible would be for men to be on a rota to assist in the kitchen, we could pay for outside caterers, or we could just have tea and biscuits, plus other points, which should and would be put before the Mens' AGM.

It was agreed that this had been a very worthwhile meeting as everyone was able to express their opinion and the tea party was brought to an end.

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### **2012 Calendars sell out**

Both Sheila Parker and Bob Dunlop, joint presidents 2012 Calendar "Syston - My kinda town" supporting Rainbows, has sold out again, after the second re-print. But do not despair, should further calendars be required, please let Sheila or Bob know as soon as possible and copies will be made available.

## **Garden Group**

A coach load of Garden Group members and guests recently visited Westonbirt to see the Autumn colours. The weather was perfect and the driver took us on the scenic route through the Cotswolds with a stop at Morton for coffee. The trees were just beginning to turn to autumnal shades so they were not quite at their colourful best but everyone enjoyed the visit. This was the first coach trip we had tried and as it proved so successful we hope to be able to arrange another trip in the Spring to a different venue. Arrangements have now been made for a Christmas lunch at the Soar Bridge and a visit to Rockingham Castle. Full details will be discussed at the next meeting to be held on November 8th at 2.00pm and posters will be on the Notice board shortly.

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### **Mike Foster out of Hospital**

A message from Mike Foster thanking us for the flowers and card sent to him at Loughborough Hospital. The operation was a success and he is now undergoing physiotherapy.

Hopefully by the time you read this he should be at home but will be unable to play indoor bowls for about 8 to 10 weeks, but hopes to come along and watch shortly.

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### **A Message from the New Ladies President**

I feel very honoured and proud to be elected to be your President for the coming year.

I will do my very best to continue to keep the Syston Ladies Bowling Club running as successfully as I possibly can.

I am sure I can rely on all the committee and all the members of the Club to help and support me as much as possible.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported rainbows ( My joint charity with Bob Dunlop the mens President for 2012) by buying calendars and giving us a fantastic start to our charity fundraising, the total already is around £500-00.!

I feel very privileged to be part of Syston Bowling Club and hope I can continue in Chris's footsteps to keep the club running as successfully and as friendly as it already is

*Sheila Parker.*