

Diary dates 2012/13

DECEMBER

- 8th** Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.
10th Melton Indoor roll-up 11.20 a.m.
11th Club visit to Thursford
12th Ladies' Christmas Party 12.30
 Faith Lunch
15th Games Evening 7.15 p.m.
 Faith supper £3 entry
17th Melton Indoor roll-up 11.20 a.m.
 Followed by Christmas lunch Syston
 Conservative Club
19th Quiz and Social afternoon 2 p.m.

JANUARY 2013

- 2nd** Quiz and Social afternoon 2 p.m.
5th New Year's Party 7 p.m. Faith supper
7th Melton Indoor roll-up 11.20 a.m.
8th Board Meeting 7.00 p.m.
9th Ladies' Lunch 12.30 p.m.
12th Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.

During the Close Season

FULL details of all close Season events can be found on the main Club notice board and on the Club web site.

1. Wednesday afternoon socials

The usual weekly Wednesday afternoon Quiz and Social, starting at 2-00 pm, continue. So come along and have some fun, a chat and a cup of tea and a biscuit or two.

2. Indoor bowling at Melton

For Members who wish to continue bowling in the winter months, as in previous years, **John Lamble** has booked rinks for the 11.50 Monday morning session on a weekly basis. If any of your friends wish to join us - whether or not they have any previous experience - they will be made very welcome. Hopefully, this will encourage them to join our Club for outdoor bowling in seasons to come.

"Odd One Out" answers

- Sierra** Ford not Austin model
- George Elliot** The only woman author in the list
- Butter** - The other three are pop groups!

Gardening Group



Christine Dodge

THE last outing of the year was to the Woodlands Nursery and was enjoyed by a small group of members. Everyone enjoyed a good lunch and some retail therapy.

A Big "Thank you!" from InterCare

InterCare were delighted when we delivered all the old ink cartridges, used stamps and especially all the old spectacles. When **John Phillis**, of Henry Smith & Hamilton, heard about this scheme, he donated three large boxes of them which must have contained several hundred pairs!

Please carry on bringing your used stamps, ink cartridges and spectacles, including sun glasses to the clubhouse. **InterCare** are also now collecting **hard back** non fiction books of any kind, including text books your children or grandchildren have used for "O" and "A" levels or text books used at college or university. Those they don't send out to Africa, are sold for cash, which helps to cover administration - particularly postage - expenses. So when you are in the loft getting the Christmas trimmings down, turf out those old non fiction books you have never known what to do with, and bring them along. Alternatively, give **George Dodge** a ring on 0116 269 8923 and he will collect them from you.

94% of all medicines collected by **InterCare** are re-used and sent to 121 African health units. This supports over 9 million people. It will cost over £50,000 to collect and send surplus medicines to Africa in 2013.

An item on **InterCare's** work will be broadcast on BBC East Midlands "Inside Out" programme on 7th January 2013 showing their work in Malawi and how much it is needed.

Please keep collecting so that we, in our own small way, can help this very worthy cause.



Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

No 80 December 2012/January 2013

Greetings from incoming Presidents



DURING 2013 season, my term as the Ladies' President, I will endeavour, with the help of the Committee, to maintain the high standards set by my predecessors.

I would like to say a "Well done!" to **Sheila** and to **Stan** for their wonderful fundraising efforts for Rainbows. This

year, I will not be having a "Charity" - as such - but, trust me, there will be FUNdraising events taking place. Any monies raised will go into the "pot" to be used for the benefit of the Club.

The Ladies' Section will be celebrating our 80th Birthday in 2013. So, watch this space!!!!

The new season will see a change of dress on the green. It was agreed at the Ladies' AGM that coloured shirts are to be worn for all matches and competitions. (*Won't we look the "bees knees"!*) A big thank you to **Kate Williams** for organising the "fittings" etc.

As Ladies' President I am looking forward to working alongside **Rob Wilbourn** in maintaining the good rapport we have between both Club Sections and wish him an enjoyable presidential year. → P 6

FOLLOWING the great honour of having Life Membership bestowed upon me at last year's AGM, I will be doing my utmost to ensure that the standards and reputation of Syston Bowling Club are maintained throughout my year of Presidency.

For the main focus of fundraising this year, I have chosen the the same as Lady President, Kate, namely to raise funds for purchasing new equipment for our own Club. But I would also like to be in a position, at the end of the season, to make a small donation to the Stroke Association, so I would beg of you to donate generously to both causes.

Your committees will be working extremely hard over the next year to provide enjoyment for you both on and off the green. Could I please implore all of you to offer your full support, particularly for the social events throughout the year.

In the run up to Christmas, I would like to wish you a very happy time over the festive season, good fortune, good bowling and above all good health in 2013.



*The Chairman and Directors
of the Club
join with
Presidents
of the Men's & Ladies' Sections
and their Committee members
to wish all Club Members,
their families, friends
and other supporters of the Club
"A Merry Christmas"
combined with hopes for
a healthy, happy and prosperous
New Year*



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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The Club Coach column

This month, Des stresses the vital importance of the last shot in the match



THE SKIP has the last wood of the match. He may consult with the other members of the rink before deciding on the shot to play. Other members might have different options to suggest. It is important for the Skip to consider all ideas proposed by his team mates. He must take the greatest care to consider all the alternatives and to calculate the percentages (odds) associated with each one. A decision arrived at in haste or without consideration could result in handing the advantage to the opposing rink.

There must never be the "two minds" syndrome attached to this shot. Regardless of all other pressures, the Skip must put all other things out of his mind to concentrate solely and absolutely on the shot that he has selected in order to execute it as perfectly as possible.

Example

I was playing No2 in a fours rink. It was the 21st end. Our opponents were one shot ahead, jack high, 12" from the jack on th forehand. We held three seconds, all lying on the backhand. Our Skip, with his final bowl, was waiting for guidance from our No3 who looked at the head and advised the Skip to bowl on the backhand in an attempt to promote one of our three seconds. Our Skip tried but failed and we lost the match.

If he had bowled on the forehand, to successfully rest against the wood holding shot, we would have won four shots and hence the match. This shows the importance of looking at and assessing every angle before delivering that final wood.

To help in this, the Skip should ensure that any views held by his Lead and No2, about the shot possibilities and options, are listened to before he decides on which shot to play.

Footnote - Numbers to remember in your routine

1. Check bias and grip
2. Stand on the mat facing the line down which you plan to deliver your wood
3. Pause and carefully aim your wood along the line before delivery
4. Concentrate on the speed of your swing right up to the point when the wood leaves your hand, staying on the mat until it has come to rest (and your Skip has signalled to you).

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.

Tel: 2696548

Midweek matches



George Stone

THANK YOU to all men and ladies who helped to make 2012 one of the best Seasons in the Club's recent history. As the statistics published in the October edition of the newsletter show, we lost only 5 of the 25 matches played and accumulated a shot surplus of 225. The following table shows how individual Skips performed throughout the season.

After three very enjoyable years in the post, I have

Skip	— Rinks —			
	P	W	D	L
George Stone	25	19	1	5
Myles Clare	20	19	2	6
John Lambie	19	7	1	11
Noel Evatt	12	2	0	10
Colin Wilkinson	8	8	0	0
Pete Hancock	8	4	0	4

decided to stand aside to give someone else the chance to manage our midweek matches. I thank Members for giving me their support and offer my successor my best wishes. I will, of course, be on hand to lend support and encouragement to whoever is elected..

GS

"Odd One Out"

Winter social programme continues strongly

- * **Maxi, Sierra, Allegro, Maestro**
- * **George Elliot, Thomas Hardy, Robert Louis Stevenson**
- * **Bread, Butter, Marmalade, Jam**

JUST three of the testing questions faced by the 5 teams competing in the "Odd One Out" quiz game held on 17th October. Great fun was had trying, literally, to spot the odd one out of the four options flashed on the screen, to score points and hopefully emerge as the winners. Quizmaster and Scorer, **Colin & Norma Grimes**, steered the teams through 5 rounds of 5 questions each.

Each member of the winning team received a luxury Xmas cracker (for a "cracking" performance). The team with the lowest score each received a yellow duster (to help them polish their performance!)

A supper of hot dogs prepared by **Anita Lowder** and **Pauline Wright** was served and enjoyed. (See back page for answers to the questions at the head of this column.)

49 Club update

LATEST WINNERS are:

Pete Hancock (45), **Gary Jones** (14), **Margaret Dexter** (37) & **George Dodge** (1)
Congratulations to them all.

Ladies fashions and lingerie



Christmas gift ideas:

handbags, jewellery, scarves, knitwear



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Merry Christmas everyone!

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" wishes to **George Dodge**, **George Stone**, **Alan Ward** and **Roy Hill** who celebrate birthdays in December and to **Gez Horobin**, **Dave Hudson**, **Pete Rawson** and **John Woodward** in January



Your Committees for 2013

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Green & Royals: Noel Evatt

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Telephone: 260 0582

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Pete Murray & George Dodge

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**Members owe 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**

Green Machine contract extended



BOARD Chairman, **Colin Grimes**, reports that, at their November meeting, the Board unanimously approved a further three-year contract with **Chris Mews** at **The Green Machine**, for the maintenance of the Club green. **Chris** attended the meeting at which he was invited to share his views of improvements achieved over the past three years and to identify any remaining serious problems. Asked specifically for his views on the desirability and potential benefits of a third weekly cut of the green during the Season, **Chris** said that, under normal circumstances, two cuts per week is a perfectly adequate schedule. He identified the problems caused by trees and hedging around the green, all competing with the grass for available water, causing dry patches along the edges - especially along those edges adjacent to the Park and the road. He suggested that an approach might be made to the Council to discuss the possible pollarding of the trees in St Peter's Street, as a means of significantly reducing the amount of water taken away from the green by the trees.

The Board congratulated **Chris** on the improvements which had been made during the initial three-year contract. He, in return, paid tribute to the work undertaken by Green Ranger, **Roger Bentley**, without whose efforts such significant improvements might not have been possible within such a short period of time. In accepting the offer of a three year extension to the contract, he confirmed that there would be no increase in the annual maintenance fee for 2013.

Men's Presentation Night in pictures



Club Champion 2012
Dave Hudson



"Syston Town News" Mixed 2-wood
Triples winners **Janice Wilbourn,**
Ray and Marilyn Wood



Maidens winner
George Dodge



Triples winners
Colin Grimes, Gordon Pell
and **Rod Heggs**



Mixed Pairs winners
Kate Williams and
Ken Renshaw



Tom Jordan, winner
(with **Roy Hill**)
4-wood Pairs

Copies of all photographs taken on the night will be found in the folder in the clubhouse. To order your copies @ 50p each (25p for Club funds), simply fill in the relevant details on the sheet at the front of the folder.

2-wood Singles
Champion
Rod Heggs



Eggitt given Life : unification of Club shirts approved

Men's AGM takes Club forward

AT the 2012 AGM, attended by over 70% of the registered membership, **Rob Wilbourn** was inducted as President, Life membership was bestowed on **Des Eggitt** and the adoption of coloured Club shirts was overwhelmingly approved.

The latter decision marks a welcome development since, for the first time ever in the Club's history, both Men's and Ladies' teams will wear identical shirts in all matches. President **Rob's** gracious acceptance speech is summarised on the front page of this Newsletter. In accepting Life membership, in recognition of his years of unstinting service to the Club and to local disabled groups, **Des** thanked Members for the honour and committed himself to continuing to serve and support the Club for as long as his health permitted.

COPIES of the Minutes of the Men's AGM held on 3rd December are now available. If you would like a copy of the Minutes, together with a copy of the audited accounts, please ask the President/Secretary, **Rob Wilbourn**.

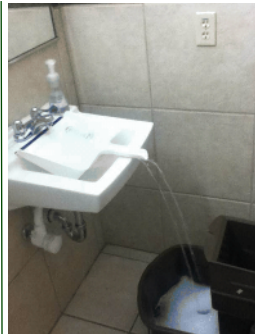


YOU saw them here first! Handy household hints - a new and valuable Club membership benefit! If you have any tips to share, let us know and we'll print in future editions.



A wooden spoon across a pan prevents boiling over

Christmas household tips



Use a (clean) dustpan to fill a container that doesn't fit in the sink



Place a rubber band around an open paint can to wipe your brush on, and keep paint off the side of the can



Use a comb to keep a nail steady for hammering

Bingo

Men outnumbered (again!) by 4 to

THE Bingo night on 1st December was a very enjoyable success. This was the first time Bingo had been played at one of our Social evenings and, based on response, will certainly be repeated in future years. Unfortunately, in an all-too-frequent experience, the ladies outnumbered the men by more than 4 to 1. Happily, this did not spoil the occasion.

Lady President's message (Concluded)

Finally to ALL the Members of Syston Bowling Club, I wish you a "**Merry Christmas!**" Keep yourselves safe and well. I look forward to seeing you all at our New Year Party on 5th January.

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A review of Presentation Night

President Page's perspective



PRESENTATION Night started with **George Dogde** presenting the Touchers' Trophy to **Ken Renshaw** who had emerged as the Saturdays' winner. The most touchers in midweek games were scored by **John Woodward**, who was unfortunately unable to attend Presentation Night. (He received his trophy the following week during the weekly indoor roll-ups at Melton Mowbray.)

Everybody who attended Presentation Night night had a good time. Thanks go to **Gary Kilbourne** for a very good job with the planning which

helped to make the evening's programme run smoothly. Thanks also go to **Colin Grimes**, for the photography, some of the results of which can be seen on page 5, and to **Pete Murray** and the 2012 Club Champion, **Dave Hudson**, for their hard work behind the bar. My special thanks to my wife, **Maureen**, who presented the prizes to the deserving winners and runners up. She managed to clock up more kisses from more men than (I hope!) she has enjoyed in the course of a single night in her previous lifetime!

One of the first official duties for newly appointed Lady President, **Kate Toon**, was to present the Club Championship trophy (4-wood Singles) to her husband, **Dave**. "Congratulations!" **Dave** and "Thanks!" **Kate**.

Congratulations to **Marlene Murray** who won my "**Booze Box**" raffle, which has been running for most of my year in office, with funds raised going to **Rainbows**. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Finally, I would like to offer special thanks to those Members who turned out to support those who were receiving an award.

Although Presentation Night is one of the major highlight events in our annual programme, the date for which is printed well in advance in the Handbook, I was not alone in being bitterly disappointed by this year's turnout. The sad fact is that there were almost as many ladies as there were men present! Without their support we would have had a very sparse attendance!

This raises a number of issues. First, and I'm sorry to have to "bang on" about this, but it cannot be repeated too often. The Club relies heavily for its financial viability on a range of non-bowling activities. Each event presents an opportunity for revenue generation which helps to keep subscriptions low. When the time comes to renew your subscriptions, you should not be in a position to moan and groan about the cost if you are one of those who do little or nothing to participate in and support these activities.

In addition, and, perhaps, most importantly, I strongly believe that it reflects very badly on the spirit of sportsmanship within our Club when we cannot apparently rely on our membership to pay tribute to those who have achieved competitive success in the course of the Season. I do not believe that this is the kind of Club we are!

As one of my last acts as President, a position which I have been proud to hold for the past year, I appeal to you to consider your record over the year and ask yourself whether you can be satisfied with your personal contribution to the very survival of your Club in the way in which you have supported and participated in the whole range of activities in which the Club is engaged. Please commit to improving your future performance. Commit yourself, **at the very least**, to ensuring your attendance and participation in those major events in the Club calendar shown on the inside cover of the Handbook - including Presentation Night, whether you took part in competitions or not. It is surely a matter of common courtesy and sportsmanship! I do hope that my successor will be in a position to note a significant improvement in a year's time!

Best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year. **Cheers!**

Editorial note:

What's your opinion on this issue? If you disagree, why not exercise your right of reply? Write to me with your views - positive or negative - for publication in a future edition.