

DIARY DATES 2013 OCTOBER

Monday 7
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 9
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Saturday 12
Coffee Morning 10.30am
Men's Presentation Night 7.00pm

Monday 14
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 16
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Friday 18
Games Night 7.00pm
£3.00 including Chilli-con-Carne
7.00pm. Raffle

Saturday 19
Indoor Bowls Game.
Warren Triples 6.30pm

Monday 21
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 23
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Saturday 26
Indoor Bowls Game.
Warren Triples 6.30pm

Sunday 27
Sunday Lunch (Ladies) 1.00pm
£6.00 max 50 covers. Raffle

Monday 28
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 30
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Your friends and family are welcome to all of the above social activities, so bring them along.



Lady Captain's End of Season Report 2013

After what started as a very cold and windy outdoor season, the skies cleared and the sun came out; how lovely it was to be able to bowl in pleasant conditions.

Out of a total of 34 games, we won 16, lost 11, drew one and six had to be cancelled due to the opposing clubs being unable to raise a full team.

I would like to say how good it was to see so many ladies get through the initial rounds of the County Competitions; Pauline Wright did very well and is looking forward to 2014. Marilyn Wood reached the final of the unbadged singles, only to lose on the last few ends. Marilyn also received her County Badge following the Norfolk v Leicestershire Match at Cromer - well done !

Once again, thanks to all the ladies who made themselves available to play in matches and if we were short of players, some of the men stepped in to help us out.

I hope you all winter well and let's look forward to 2014.

Janice Welbourne

49 CLUB UPDATE

Most recent winners are:

Doreen Payne (46), Mark Newman (9),
Margaret Abbott (31), Josie Hubbard (38).

Congratulations to them all!

the SYSTON GREEN

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TALKS WITH COUNCIL DESCRIBED AS "AMICABLE"



Board Chairman, Colin Grimes, and Premises Director, George Dodge, met the Siston Town Council Amenities Committee on Tuesday 10 September.

St Peter's Street edge of the green Acting Town Manager, Ian MacDonald confirmed to the Council that the Charnwood Borough Council's tree expert had supported the Club's proposition that the St Peter's Street edge of the green was being seriously affected by the trees and hedging. He supported the Club's request for the pollarding of the trees and the digging of a channel between the hedge and the ditch in order to lay a protective root suppressant membrane to minimise the loss of water from the green.

The Council agreed to undertake the pollarding and gave the Club permission to proceed with the root suppressant project.

The Club requested and was given permission to approach the Council again with a proposal for joint funding if the costs involved were beyond what the Club could afford.

Clubhouse extension project

Assurances were given to the Council that the extension project would at no time cause pedestrian access across the park between Melton Road and St Peter's Street to be blocked while work was in progress. The Council, having been invited to advise the Club on how they wished the steps to the adjacent hut to be modified, decided after discussion that a ramp would be preferred over steps.

The Committee appeared to be supportive of the extension project and asked to be kept informed of progress and any other issues of joint interest which might be identified as work progressed.

Flooding of area between groundsmen's garage and clubhouse

The Committee's attention was drawn to the irregular drainage arrangements of the terrace end property in St Peter's Street which was causing rainwater to be discharged from their roof directly on to the footpath causing serious flooding. The Committee gave assurances that the matter would be promptly investigated and appropriate corrective action taken.

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Visitor parking arrangements

Club Chairman, Colin Grimes, made no apologies for one again raising the issue of visitor parking. He repeated serious concerns about the damaging effect on the reputation of the Town and the Club as a result of the continued failure of the Council to approve visitor parking arrangements adjacent to the green.

He highlighted recent additional fixture cancellations directly attributed to the lack of parking and serious complaints, especially from visiting Ladies' teams, who found it difficult to carry heavy bags from street parking facilities. The Club was suffering significant consequential financial damage.

Since the most recent rejection of the Club's application, the Club had successfully addressed a range of problematic issues used by the Council to explain their refusal. The purported legal argument based on the law relating to village greens had been demonstrated to be spurious; Health & Safety concerns had been dealt with through the commissioning of a professional Risk Assessment, the recommendations of which would be followed to the letter, and fears expressed about damage to the grass surface of the park adjacent to the hedge could be solved by permitting visitors to park on the hard standing adjacent to the memorial clock. Under the circumstances, the Club sought to persuade the Council to allow parking on the aforementioned hard standing, for a maximum of 6 cars on match days, for a trial period from April to October 2014.

The Committee agreed to receive such an application at their November

meeting and invited the Club to submit its detailed case, including the Risk Assessment documentation.

Colin Grimes says: "We found the Committee to be broadly supportive of our proposals. We repeatedly stressed that we sought to work in partnership with the Council as the current custodians of a vitally important community facility. We intend, of course, to present the strongest possible case in support of our application for visitor parking to the November meeting.



GARDEN GROUP NEWS

The Syston in Bloom judges have awarded us a Highly Recommended Certificate in the 'Pubs and Clubs' category for our baskets and containers. This is the first year we have entered the competition.

14 members and friends visited Belton House for our latest tour. We were very lucky to go on such a lovely sunny day and found plenty to interest us in the house alone.

There was not enough time to explore the gardens but maybe we could do that on a future visit.

There was a lovely restaurant nearby where we had lunch and we returned to again later for tea and cakes.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 8 October at 2.00pm.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Copy date for the next Newsletter is:
Monday 4 October 2013.

Jennings

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CLUB COACH

Des Eggitt
Club & County Coach
Indoor Bowling

The indoor bowling season has now started. Even though the carpet is faster

than outdoors, the bowl takes longer to run to the Jack.

That means no back swing, with a slower arm swing and the concentration is more intensive, it is touch bowling indoors.

It is important to take ones time, looking for line and length, each shot has its value - "the 3 Rs" - *Relax, Routine, Repeat.*

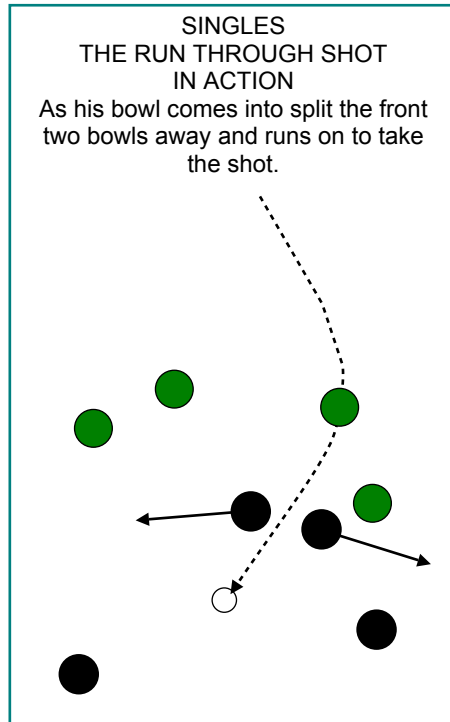
The Monday 'roll-ups' is the ideal time to practice all the shots. One shot that all players must practice, regardless of what position you play in a rink, No.3 and the skips needs to have the draw shot, some skips look for the heavy shot or firing shot when in trouble, the delicate draw is the best saving shot. Most shots are draw shots, the difference is the line and length.

I still notice some of our back players don't give players on the mat any instructions of what shot to play, they need to know the line and length.

To give a good example, I was No.3 in a rink, the opponent's No.3s last bowl trailed the Jack behind the head of bowls to score 3 shots.

When our skip passed me walking to the mat to play his first bowl he said to me that he didn't know what to do, so when he was on the mat I pointed to a bowl in the head for his line and said make sure you reach the 3 shots, he got the line and length right and the bowl came through the head and rested the 3 shots, giving him shot bowl!

Here Des shows the run-through shot



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 on 0116 269 6548

INTER CARE

Don't forget that Inter Care (that well known Syston based charity) still want your used stamps, ink cartridges and unwanted spectacles, including sun glasses. Boxes for these are in the clubhouse.

John Phillis of Henry Smith and Hamilton, donated about 200 pairs of unwanted specs to us, which were delivered to IC the other day. Keep up the good work.



End of Season Report from the President - Men's Section

Although performances on the green may not have lived up fully to expectations compared to the previous season, (largely due to some of the more experienced bowlers being unavailable), there have been several notable achievements to report. Immediately prior to the opening of the outdoor season, a loyal band of our members (including several from the Ladies Section) set upon the herculean task of improving the green's surroundings which included lifting and relaying all the paving stones, no mean undertaking. My sincere thanks to all concerned for their extreme efforts which enabled the improvements to be ready for the opening of the season.

In August, we learned that the club had been awarded a lottery grant via Sport England thereby enabling us to go ahead with the extension to the clubhouse which will enable us to provide improved facilities for our members and visitors.

Throughout the season which marked the Ladies Section 80th anniversary, the working relationship between Men's and Ladies sections has continued to prosper with mixed matches almost now being considered the norm. Many thanks to the ladies who frequently turned out to support the men and also for their invaluable help and kitchen skills in providing teas..

Overall, I believe it has been an enjoyable season, thanks partly to the better than average summer conditions but essentially due to the great friendship between members.

We now look forward to the close season when there will be many social events already organised for members and their friends so please support these wherever possible to enable your club to prosper.

Rob Wilbourne



End of Season Report from the President - Ladies Section

We have come to the end of the Ladies 80th year, do I think Mrs McLaren Todd would have approved? Yes I do.

The standard of bowling this year has much improved and more of the Ladies entered the County Comps this season, some progressing further than in the last 12 years.

To our new bowlers I hope you have enjoyed your time on the green (if you have, spread the word).

As a Club we have some serious Fund Raising to do, so if you fancy a varied Saturday Night Out, check out the itinerary and I look forward to seeing some of you there.

If not, keep yourselves safe and healthy and we will all meet up again in 2014.

Kate Toon

I had hoped to report on the Western Night, which took place on Saturday 5 October, but unfortunately we do not have the space. We will feature it in our next Newsletter - Ed.



WELL DONE MARILYN

On the 16 August at Cromer, Marilyn Wood was awarded her class

3 Certificate and County Badge by Ann Ward, LLCBA President. Congratulations Marilyn!

SYSTON LADIES CELEBRATE 80 YEARS OF BOWLING



Syston Ladies President Kate Toon pictured with the LLCBA President Ann Ward and members of both teams to celebrate 80 years of bowling at Syston Bowling Club.

The tables were dressed, flowers arranged and the cake baked . . .

Wednesday 25th September was the day that Syston Ladies Bowling Club came together with members of Leicestershire Ladies County Bowling Association to Celebrate 80 years of bowling by Syston's Ladies Bowling Club.

The proceedings started with a Spider followed by a game of bowls (which Syston came runners-up).

After a delicious tea, President Kate gave a short speech welcoming County President Anne Ward and the Ladies of LLCBA, also the Guests, Life & Associate Members of Syston. Kate then went on to recite a poem "bowling" composed by a Syston bowler.

County President Ann responded, then Mrs Doreen Payne gave a short resumé

on the history of the Ladies Bowling Club. (see opposite).

Doreen then presented the Club with a Pendant commemorating 80 years of Bowling by Syston Ladies.

Our Men's President Rob Wilbourne gave a Vote of Thanks to the ladies for their unwavering support.

Kate then went on to thank County President Ann and the Ladies of LLCBA for attending the Celebration and making it a Special Day.

To all the members who contributed to the smooth running of the day - to Pete & Dave for keeping us "topped up" and Dot & Carol for keeping us "full up" many thanks.

Kate Toon, *Ladies President*

**A copy of the poem "Bowling" is available to purchase from the Clubhouse.*



Doreen Payne gave a short introduction of the history of the Syston Ladies Bowling Club.

The founder of the club was Mrs McLaren Todd, and at the inaugural meeting 11 ladies attended which was held at The Pharmacy, Melton Road, Syston on September 24th 1931.

The headquarters of the club was to be at The Cosy Cafe, Melton Road, Syston.

Brown shoes were to be worn and these could be purchased at Leonard's shoe shop, Leicester, and the ladies were offered 10% discount if they were members of the club and the blazers were to be white.

An open meeting was held on the Recreation Ground which eight ladies attended and they were given instructions on how to play the game by visitors from Leicester Ladies Club.

On September 27th 1932 twelve ladies went to Rothley for a game of bowls.

The first AGM was held on May 9th 1933 when 18 ladies attended.

Subscriptions were set at two shillings and sixpence and it was agreed that Thursdays and Saturdays were to be practice days.

Birthday Bumps
October
Happy Birthday wishes to:
Trevor Allen, Don Creasey,
John Hack, Rod Heggs,
Ken Renshaw, Peter Adams,
Tom Morris, Sheila Parker, Kate Williams



A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Alan Collins

Hello everyone, unfortunately I did not have very much time to introduce myself in the last issue, and I would like to thank Chairman Colin Grimes for all the help he has given me in taking over from him.

I know many of you, but there are some members I know only by sight, but not by name, and I am sure that will soon be remedied.

I hope you liked the new style newsletter, as many of you will know, I have been in publishing for many years, and I want to bring my expertise in printing to Syston Bowling Club.

Like my predecessors, who incidentally have done a remarkable job over the years in producing the *Syston Green*, I would like as many of you to send in articles that will keep the *Syston Green* a newsletter of interest to all our club members, remember this is your newsletter! Without your contributions it would not exist!

Please send any contributions to me at alancollins338@gmail.com or phone me on 0116 260 9835.

I have been a member of the Club since 1984 and have served on the committee for many years in one capacity or another and was President in 2000 (my wife, Wyn was Lady President at the same time) and we both enjoyed the experience very much.

I look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you all at the Coffee Mornings and the Social Evenings during the coming winter months.