


DIARY DATES 2013-2014 DECEMBER 2013

Saturday 14
Coffee Morning 10.30am

Monday 16
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 18
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Saturday 21
Quiz Night. 50p per quiz. £3.00 at the door
inc. Supper

Wednesday 25
Happy Christmas one and all. 

Monday 30
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

JANUARY 2014 HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

Wednesday 1
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Saturday 4
Your Club's New Year Party.
All are welcome. 7.00pm Faith Supper.
Entertainment

Monday 6
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 8
Ladies New Year Lunch. 12.30 for 1.00pm

Saturday 11
Coffee Morning 10.30am

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

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Last copy date for the next
Newsletter is:
Monday 6 January 2014

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER
QUIZ NIGHT
50p per Quiz
£3.00 at the door inc. supper

SATURDAY 4 JANUARY
7.00PM

**NEW YEAR
PARTY**

**FAITH SUPPER
ENTERTAINMENT**

All are welcome

**WEDNESDAY 8
JANUARY**

12.30 FOR 1.00PM

**LADIES
NEW YEAR
LUNCH**

the SYSTON GREEN

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

No.91 December 2013

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



What a whirlwind four years I've had from peering over a privet hedge watching folks playing bowls to becoming President of that club. But what an enjoyable time it has been

With a very active forward looking management committee the club has

moved from strength to strength. We have the new extension to look forward to, the new watering system in place and hopefully soon the ramp for easy access to the club and green for wheelchairs. All in all we have a lot to look forward to Syston Bowls Club may not be the top bowls club in the county, but I'd like to bet it comes very close to the top when we come to the most friendly and sociable club in that county.

So you can see why I say how proud and privileged I feel to be President at a time in this club's history, and I will do all in my power to do the position justice. Along with Ladies President Janice, we've decided to make the club this year's charity at a time when club funds need to be in place, so once again we would ask for your support in this endeavour.

Rod Heggs - President



I would like to start by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. For the coming year, I will not be nominating any special charity as I feel

we still need an awful lot of money to be raised for funding the clubhouse extension.

We hope to start the social calendar with "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" on Saturday 18th January, soon to be followed by something new, namely a game of "Boccia" which is an indoor Olympic sport and can be played from a chair. Faith supper to follow. Tickets at £5 will be limited so get them as soon as the date is confirmed.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB !

Janice Wilbourn - President

*The Chairman & Directors of the Club join with the
Presidents of the Men's & Ladies Sections to wish all
Club Members and other supporters of the Club*

*"A Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year"*  

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LADIES AGM 2013

At the Ladies AGM held on Wednesday 6 October, the following Officers and Committee members were elected.

- President:
Mrs Janice Wilbourn
- Senior Vice President:
Mrs Hazel Rayns
- Junior Vice President
Mrs Sheila Aindow
- Immediate Past President:
Mrs Kate Toon
- Hon. Secretary:
Mrs Val Foreman
- Hon. Treasurer:
Mrs Sheila Aindow
- Captain:
Mrs Sheila Parker
- Vice Captain:
Mrs Kate Toon
- Friday League Captain:
Mrs Margaret Abbott
- Competition Secretary:
Mrs Margaret Abbott
- Match Secretary:
Mrs Kate Williams
- Tea Hostess:
Mrs Janet Lowe
- LLCBA Delegate:
Mrs Doreen Payne
- Committee:
Mrs Chris Biddles
Mrs Barbara Brown
Mrs Anita Lowder

Should anyone have any queries or problems, please contact the relevant officer who will endeavour to help.


PARKING FACILITIES TURNED DOWN BY SYSTON TOWN COUNCIL

Club Chairman Colin Grimes with Directors Pete Murray and Roger Bentley attended a meeting of the Syston Town Council Amenities Committee held on 12th November. This was to listen to the debate on the Club's application for parking facilities for up to 6 cars in the area adjacent to the memorial clock tower for a trial periods of 6 months from April 2014. Because our previous application had been turned down on the grounds that parking would represent a hazard, the application had been supported by a professionally commissioned risk assessment which indicated that the scheme would involve minimum risk to the public.

We had already demonstrated clearly that there could be no objection on legal grounds since, under current legislation covering village greens, temporary parking should be allowed where it would encourage participation in the recreational activities taking place on the green.

Sad to report, the application enjoyed the briefest of discussions with not a single Councillor speaking in support. The legal situation was dismissed on the grounds that what the Club was proposing could not be regarded as "temporary" - as was the case with the circus, fair, carnival and other events. No reference was made to the risk assessment. One Councillor expressed the view that parking in the proposed area was likely to damage the memorial clock through air pollution. Another

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CLUB COACH

Des Eggitt
Club & County Coach

Things to Remember to Improve your Game

An open mind is a balanced mind. Don't close your eyes to your weaknesses, but go after them when someone points them out to you.

You can't fool about and play well, at least for any length of time.

Foolery spoils concentration, on the other hand, acquire a pleasantness within yourself that reflects itself in your exterior.

A demonstration of hand-clapping when an opponent in a pairs, triples or fours makes an unlucky shot is in bad taste.

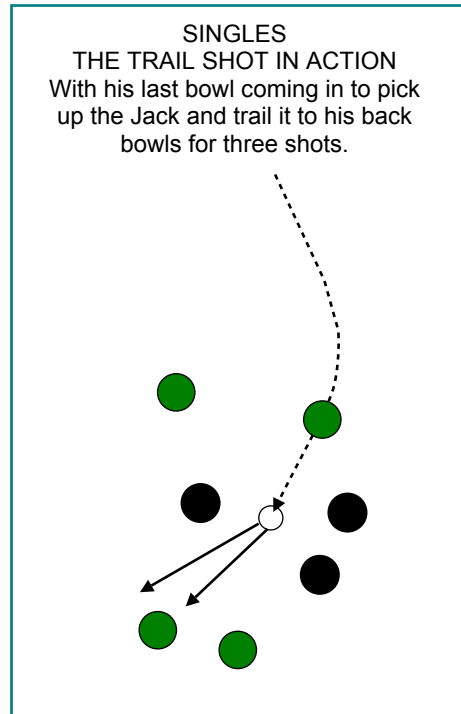
If bowls was not the 'lucky' game that it is, indifferent players would never win and soon drop out. Its uncertainty is its charm. Apply this to all your draw shots(excepting for pace) and face, shoulders, hips, knees, to make everything streamlined.

This also includes the face of the bowl is aimed down the line that you are delivering your bowl.

Players with a 'preference' at bowls are those who prefer to play on a particular hand, because conscious of a weakness on the other hand, check on your weakness and eradicate them.

Draw-shots are the gilt-edged securities of the game and pay the best dividends.

Here Des shows the trail 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

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

Your views, opinions, news and any other material of interest to Members would be welcomed for publication in future issues.

Please send your copy to Alan Collins by the first Monday in every month.
email:alancollins338@gmail.com or telephone: 0116 260 9835.

'LEST WE FORGET'

This month Doreen Payne remembers . . .



GLADYS HERBERT

It was Gladys who persuaded me to join the bowling club. On match days she could be seen walking along Barkby Road, immaculate in her whites complete with hat and white gloves, and carrying her woods (no wheeled trolley's in 1977).

Gladys was twice President of the Ladies Club and also held many other positions on the committee, she was secretary for several years.

If you look at the honours board you will see she won the club championship trophies more than once.

After inviting me to the 1977 New Year Party, Gladys promised to introduce me to the rudiments of the game when the season started but sadly this was not to be as her husband Alf (who was a member of the Men's Club) had a serious illness and Gladys gave up bowls to care for him, and whilst he was still recovering Gladys died suddenly, so sadly I was never able to benefit from her knowledge and love of the game.

49 CLUB UPDATE

Most recent winners are:
Pauline Wright (13), Josie Hubbard (38), Marjorie Clowes (15), Marjorie Clowes (15)



GARDEN GROUP

The Garden Group's final visit of 2013 was to Melton Mowbray to see the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's

church, followed by lunch at Wetherspoons.

This was the first time most of us had been to this event and proved to be very enjoyable.

The winter/spring planting has now been carried out and the cost of plants, compost, etc, has all been paid by the Group. The display should be at its best for the start of the outdoor season.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21 January at 2.00pm.



Our picture shows Marjorie Clowes, Maureen & Stan Page enjoying their day out at St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray.

PARKING FACILITIES

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seriously suggested that the Club should invest in a couple of electric scooters to ferry our visitors from their street parking spots to the clubhouse!

In the vote which followed this "enlightened debate" not a single vote in favour of our application was recorded.

Clearly, in spite of best efforts over several years now, we have the proverbial snowball's chance of receiving parking permission from the Council in the foreseeable future.



MEN'S AGM

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2 DECEMBER 2013

Yet another year seems to have flown by and we meet again at our AGM, the 82nd in the club's history. I believe the club has been successful over the last year in the continuation of promoting and improving the club's image although our performance on the green in friendly matches faded slightly compared with previous years, largely due to some of our more experienced members being unavailable.

The improvement in the green's playing surface has brought continuing compliments from visiting teams who on occasions seem to find the line and length quicker than we do! Thanks to the untiring efforts of Club Chairman Colin Grimes, plans are in the pipeline with a view to developing the club's facilities starting with the clubhouse extension which should be under way shortly and completed for 2014 season.

As of now, the membership level stands at 54 which includes 7 Associate, 2 Junior, 7 Life Members and 2 Social members; there are 43 effective or potential playing members.

This is once again very slightly down on the previous year and should forewarn us of the need to encourage new members at every opportunity. Since the beginning of the year, the Management Team has met on nine occasions. All meetings were well supported by the officers with an overall average attendance rate in excess of 75%. My thanks go to fellow committee members who have worked hard and given me much assistance over the last 12 months.

Once again, we should express our sincere thanks to the Ladies who have

continued to look after us so well in serving teas and catering for special events. Also special thanks to Pete Murray who as Catering Manager has provided us with excellent fare on both Saturdays and Thursdays.

Club members continue to meet up frequently during the close season by way of the monthly coffee mornings, the weekly Monday Melton Indoor Bowls sessions organised by John Lamble (which has proved to be instrumental in encouraging new members).

Wednesday afternoon social, quiz, and games gatherings continue to be well supported together with fortnightly Saturday night social/entertainment evenings thanks to the sterling efforts of George Dodge, Dave Hudson and Anita Lowder amongst others.

The Gardening Club sub group, masterminded by George Dodge, has an established following with meetings in the clubhouse on a regular basis and also several visits to various places of interest.

Nominations submitted by the club to Bowls Leicestershire for Christmas handouts from the Benevolent Fund this year include Pete Rawson, Tom Morris, Fred Ellard, Alan Stafford and I hope you will all enjoy yourselves over the festive season and trust we can all look forward to a successful season next year. *Rob Wilbourn*



MEN'S AGM

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

President Rob Wilbourn welcomed all the members to the AGM, which took place on Monday 2 December 2013 at 7.00pm.

His first duty was to ask all members to be upstanding to remember in memoriam Gordon Pell, who had passed away during the past year.

Apologies for absence was then recorded. Reports from the Management Group officers followed and the Outgoing President gave his address and a vote of thanks to the retiring officers was given by Colin Wilkinson.

All Officers positions were then declared vacant followed by the election of Officers for 2014, who were elected en-bloc.

The incoming President Rod Hegggs (pictured) then gave his address to the members. This was followed by an Open Forum so that members could raise any questions of interest. Close of business.



RESUME OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR TO DATE

First may I thank all members for their donations. The response has been fantastic, but there is still room for more donations, however large or small.

Also the response to the Presidents Social Funds to the club has significantly boosted the Club's finances.

The Club, however, will be undergoing a financially trying period when work starts on the building extension, even though the Club's finances are good at present, even after £6,000 payment for the green's watering system, and a further £2,000 for completion.

Once more, many thanks to all members for their support to this fantastic Club.

Your Finance Director, Rolf Meyer.



MANAGEMENT GROUP 2014

President: Rod Hegggs

Vice-President: Ken Renshaw

Hon. Secretary: Rob Wilbourn

Assistant Secretary: Colin Grimes

Treasurer: Brian Arnold

Captain: Myles Clare

Vice Captains:
Ken Renshaw & Don Creasey

Midweek Captain
Green & Royals Triples Captain:
Noel Evatt

Fixtures Secretary:
George Dodge

Competitions Secretary:
Gary Kilbourne

Catering Manager: Pete Murray

Welfare Officer: John Lamble

Melton Triples League Captain:
Dave Hudson

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Colin Wilkinson