

DIARY DATES 2014 MARCH & APRIL

Monday 10
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 12
Ladies Dinner 12.30 - 1-00pm

Saturday 15
Indoor Bowls Game Warren Triples 6.30pm

Monday 17
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am
SBC AGM 7.00PM PROMPT

Wednesday 19
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Monday 24
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 26
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Saturday 29
Games Evening 7.00pm £3.00 inc. Supper.
Raffle

Monday 31
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

APRIL

Wednesday 2
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Sunday 6
Sunday Lunch (Men's) 1.00pm £6.00
Max 50 covers. Raffle

Monday 7
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 9
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Saturday 12
Coffee Morning 10.30am

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

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS MARCH

SATURDAY 29 MARCH

GAMES EVENING

7.00PM

**Tickets £3
inc Supper
Raffle**



I could not resist this one



He wants me to join his fan club!

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Last copy date for the next
Newsletter is:
Monday 7 April 2014

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the SYSTON GREEN

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

No.94 March 2014

HELP NEEDED WITH RECRUITMENT DRIVE

If the Club is to enjoy a secure long-term future, we need to do everything possible to attract new Members - especially younger players.

Admittedly, we have had little success in the past in attracting support from the local Colleges. Since we last tried, however, there have been significant changes.

Both Roundhill and Wreake Valley have become Academies, with new senior management staff appointed, so they might be disposed to respond differently to a new approach from us. Radcliffe College might, once again, be happy to get involved.

In addition, Syston has quite a number of committed active youth groups - including a Cadet Force, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Boys Brigade etc. Each one of these organisations offers their members a range of social activities in addition to their standard, specialised "training" sessions.

It could well be that they would welcome an offer from the Club to include a session or two of bowling in their annual Summer programme to keep their already committed members motivated.

Unfortunately, all currently elected officers of the Club have a full plate of responsibilities and none is in a position to take on the additional and significant responsibility of leading a recruitment and development project targeted at these groups.

We therefore need a special volunteer (male or female) to undertake responsibility for such a programme, starting by identifying the contact details for every relevant Group, sending letters of invitation to each Group and following up with telephone or email to ascertain response.

Club Chairman and PRO, Colin Grimes, will offer full support, if required, by drafting appropriate letters to each Group for the Project Leader, by supplying promotional materials to use and by advising generally on strategy.

If you would like to get involved in this important area of Club development, please let any member of the Board or Section Committees know. It might well be appropriate to set up a small *ad hoc* sub-committee to fulfil our objectives so, even if you don't feel confident enough to "fly solo" don't hold back. There could be a number who, together, can do the job.

CALL MY BLUFF

What a splendid evening's entertainment. With more than two dozen members and friends attending, you certainly missed a good time if you weren't there.

Anita did us proud with the food, it was plentiful, wholesome and delicious.

The panel was made up of Colin Grimes, Pauline Wright, Mike Foster and Mister President himself Rod Heggs, with Roy Hill in the chair.



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.

Birthday Bumps

March

Happy Birthday wishes to:
Jan Holmes, Edna Loder, Anita Lowder,
Maureen Page, Doreen Payne,
Myles Clare, Rolf Meyer, Alan Collins.
Congratulations to you all

REGISTER OF CLUBHOUSE USAGE

As explained in last month's edition, in order to comply with Bowls England requirements to demonstrate direct benefit from the extension grant, we are required to keep a tally of clubhouse usage for the next two years. In order to comply with this requirement with the minimum of bureaucratic fuss, a register will be placed in the clubhouse with every Member asked to ensure that every visit - no matter what the purpose - is accurately recorded.

A copy of the current draft design format for this Register can be seen here:

DATE	NAME	REASON FOR VISIT	OTHER
2014			
APRIL			

Date, the numbers involved under each heading and an initials of the reporting Member are all that is required. Board and Committee members are

currently reviewing the draft format. All Members are now invited to comment on the design. If YOU feel that the record could be made simpler or more effective in achieving its purpose by a measure of alteration, please do not hesitate to pass your thoughts and ideas to Club Chairman Colin Grimes.

49 CLUB UPDATE

Most recent winners are:
Anita Lowder (04); Kate Toon (27);
Val Foreman (33); Pete Hancock (45).
Congratulations to them all!

Jennings

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CLUB COACH

Des Eggitt
Club & County Coach

Starting the Outdoor Season

When greens are heavy, it means the bowls only run on 3 or 4 feet before stopping. The bowls also don't take as much green as indoor bowling, so the shoulder is nearer to the Jack.

When you start your roll-ups, it is best if you bowl short to medium lengths at the start of the season, one often sees that when men are in a roll-up with ladies especially when playing in a friendly match, the men's lead tend to deliver the Jack to a full length, which puts the ladies out of the game, and this makes the match a one-sided affair for the ladies if playing on a heavy green.

Remember you need a back swing delivery, with a smooth follow through. Trying to force your delivery with a longer step you lose control and the bowl will finish short.

Your routine when delivering the bowl is the same as indoor bowling, but outdoors you need body weight when you deliver the bowl.

For short, medium and long lengths, you have to reach the shoulder which is 4 feet from the Jack.

An outdoor rink usually has one good hand and you must play that good hand, you can't play a bad hand as this give your opponent a chance to win that end. Most teams lose a match when trying to play a bad hand.

When having played a lot of matches on a heavy green, some players find

that when playing on a fast outdoor green they can't find the weight, remember bowls is in the mind, just think about when you were playing indoors and bowl the same on the fast outdoor green.

When playing in competitions in pairs, triples or fours, all players must play as a team, any player who plays his own game should not be in the team.

Teams that play for each other win matches, when the skip wants the last bowl to win the match, he must play to either save the match or to win it.

The comments I hear from players is 'that all players read a head differently' so that is why all players must decide what shot to play before the skip plays that last bowl, when the skip has decided what shot to play, he has to be sure it is the right shot!

I wish everyone good health and a successful season.

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

FOR SALE

Wheeled Bowls Carrier £8

Metal Measure £2

String Measure £3

Wood Web Bowls Carrier £2

Grey Bowls Skirt, size 18 £5

Contact: Doreen Payne

Tel: 0116 260 7360

All proceeds to the Joint SBC



THE GARDEN CLUB

Unfortunately, due to the bad weather, the visit to Hodsock Priory to see the snowdrops had to be cancelled.

However, a few days later members of the group spent a very pleasant afternoon when Richard Adams entertained us with slides and music! followed by tea and cakes.

Thanks go to all of the ladies who provided such a lovely selection of delicious cakes.

The afternoon raised just over £40 and this will go towards paying for the summer planting.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 18th March commencing at 2.0pm.



SYSTON BOWLING CLUB A.G.M.

MONDAY 17 MARCH 2014

AT 7.00PM PROMPT!

and not as printed in the February issue

Please put this date in your diary



Sunday 6 April - 1.00pm

Max. 50 covers - £6.00

Message from the Lady President

As we approach the outdoor season, can I just remind the ladies that membership subs will be due on 12th March which is our next Wednesday lunch date. We will also be making the draw for club competitions on this day, so I hope all your entries are completed!

I would also like to take this opportunity to point out that when we hold Saturday evening social events and the kitchen is in use, it would be appreciated if more people could help to clear up, rather than leaving it to the same band of willing workers.

Having got that off my chest, let's look forward to a great outdoor season with hopefully plenty of sunshine and decent weather.

Mid-Week Captain's Message

Well here we are again folks, another season nearly upon us and looking forward to some nice weather so as we can enjoy bowling outdoors.

There has been a lot of things going on through the winter, what with the 40s Night and the New Year's party, really enjoyable nights and also looking forward to the completion of the new extension of the Club House.

Also hopefully the Green & Royals and Syston Plums having a successful season and I look forward to us playing each other (and may the best team win!). Not forgetting the Saturday and Thursday games and the club competitions and of course including the ladies who play in our mixed matches.

So here's wishing everyone all the best for the 2014 season.

40s NIGHT

A MESSAGE FROM THE MEN'S PRESIDENT



I feel that as President I should put pen to paper on behalf of the club to express our thanks to Kate, Janice, Anita and all the lady helpers for a superb

forties night. The supper proved just how well they lived with a vast selection of meat sandwiches, cakes and puddings in abundance. What a lovely era to have lived in.

Our thanks also go to Pete Hancock for the fantastic artwork he provided to decorate the room and how clever the room was decorated. My thanks go also to The Leicester Male Voice Choir for releasing one of their soloist Noel Evatt to lead a sing-a-long.

Once again most of our members rose to the challenge to dress up in fancy dress of the era and what a sight, everything from soldiers, airmen, spivs, land girls we even got a bit of glamour.

Thank you all for making the effort and the evening so memorable. The two Grenadier Guardsmen behind the bar did their usual fine job but their prices were nothing like the prices of the forties.

It just goes to show whatever era we enter this club can come out on top.

Rod Heggs *Men's President*

On Saturday 22nd February Syston Bowling Club turned back the clock to the early Forties.

About 60 members and friends turned out in some fantastic costumes of the era.

Our Men's President has already thanked the many people responsible for the decorations of the club house and the organisation needed for such an occasion.

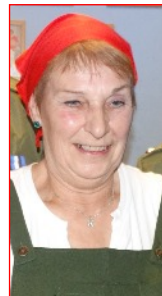
As we sat at our tables much of the talk, especially those old enough to remember was about the things that had happened to them during the war.

The evening began with that celebrity singer Noel Evatt leading a sing-a-long followed by an excellent supper.

We were then entertained by the Checkered Mates (not sure of the spelling in this case) who have been to our Club on many occasions and they were on top form.

We also had a solo caberet act from one of our lady members who did an excellent impression of a dancer from the show Caberet!

This encouraged many of those present to get up and dance in whatever space was available.



Well done Kate!

The overwhelming opinion was that a good night was had by one and all.

The raffle raised £100.

Many thanks to everyone and we look forward to the next event with anticipation.



Don't look now but I think there is a German spy behind us!



Wanna buy a real fake Rolex Roy?



Good old Bar Guards



Look everyone I'm dancing

'LEST WE FORGET'

This month Doreen Payne remembers . . .



VI WHITTAKER

Violet is one of the oldest Life Members of the Ladies Club. Joining in the '80s she soon became one of the 'characters' of the club.

She was for many years on the committee and during that time she was President and Captain, and also a qualified Marker. Whilst I was Club President in 1988 I was honoured to present her with her Markers hatband. When she was proposed as President it was hoped that her husband Arthur would be President of the men's club at the same time but sadly Arthur died suddenly before that happened. Violet and Arthur organised Monday night 'Chummies' when we would regularly play until the street light came on to light the green then we would all troupe into the wooden hut (clubhouse) for a cup of tea. On the green Violet had a slightly unorthodox delivery but the wood usually got into the head. Even after giving up playing bowls Violet took a keen interest in everything that happened at the club. She regularly came to the ladies social events and opening and closing days where she could be heard reminiscing of times past. Towards the end of 2013 Violet went on one her usual visits to see her son in Cumbria and sadly took a nasty fall and it was decided that she would move to Cumbria to be near her family. Former bowlers and more recent recruits will never forget Violet and I am sure she will have many stories to tell her new friends about her time as a member of Syston Ladies Bowling Club.