

DIARY DATES 2014 JULY & AUGUST

JULY

- 12 Belgrave H
Aylestone Hall A
- 14 Sileby Finches H
S. Bonnington Riversiders A
- 15 Soar Valley A
- 16 Loughborough H
- 19 Melton Town H
St Margarets A
- 21 Soar Valley Conways H
Brush Hawks A
- 21 Benevolent TBA
- 28 Humberstone Park H
Whissendine A
- 28 S. Bonnington Riversiders A
Sileby Finches H
- 29 Birstall A
- 30 Soar Valley H

AUGUST

- 2 Humberstone Park A
Kirby Muxloe A
- 9 Battram (Mixed) H
Wymeswold (Mixed) A
- 9 Coffee Morning

Colour Code:

Men, Ladies, SBC, White Plums,
Green & Royals,

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.

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Birthday Bumps July

Happy Birthday wishes to:
Pauline Wright, Marilyn Wood,
Colin Smith, Ray Dexter, Noel Evatt,
Dennis Freer, Colin Grimes, Gary Jones.
Congratulations to you all

49 CLUB UPDATE

Most recent winners are:

Marjorie Clowes (15); Betty Wheatley (19) donated to the club; Barbara Brown (42); Mark Newman (9).
Congratulations to them all!

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Last copy date for the next
Newsletter is:
Monday 4th August 2014
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MEN'S PRESIDENT HALF-YEAR REPORT

We are halfway through our outdoor season and it seems to be flying by, apart from the weather, which has cancelled a few of our fixtures, it's been a good start.

After our fall-out with the council, but it having now been resolved amicably, we've got our clubhouse and green looking a picture.

Thanks must go not only to the builders but to the members who not only gave so much of their time but did such a fantastic job, we now have the official opening to look forward to.

On the playing side our Saturday/Thursday friendly fixtures are going well thanks in the main to the support we receive from our ladies section with bowling and helping with the teas.

We have a good name around the county for the good teas we provide at Syston and I know it's hard work but it's so worthwhile for the club. Staying with the ladies I understand they are enjoying a good season, at county level too but, also like us, could do with more playing members.

Now the nitty-gritty, competitive fixtures. The Loughborough Triples League with both the White Plums and Green/Royals in the same league competition between the two is keen with the White Plums shading it at the moment.

Both are giving a good account of themselves overall in the league.

The Melton League has just kicked off. We played against Melton and beat them on three rinks and drew the other so the signs look good.

This week we also have the Armstrong Cup so if you hear nothing you'll know we lost.

At the time of writing this article the men's club competitions are up to the quarter-final stages. Overall most of the members are still in at least one or more of the different competitions.

The ladies also are well into their club competitions and a majority of them are still speaking, and we've still got the mixed competitions to come. Good Luck to everyone.

So with half the year's bowling to come we've got so much to look forward too.

Please give your match day captains all your support through the holiday period and get your name down early on the availability sheets.

So there it is my half-year report, good look with your bowling and remember DON'T BE SHORT!

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HALF-WAY THROUGH THE SEASON

Here we are again half-way through the outdoor season. As you all know, our season did not get off to a good start with the sad loss of two of our ladies and also having a lot of illness to contend with, but with true spirit we all carried on, with Sheila just about pulling her hair out.

I am pleased to report that most of you are now on the mend, others may take a little longer.

Can I please stress that you try to play all your competitions promptly and also keep putting your names on the availability sheets. I must also stress that the ladies games come before making yourself available to play for the mixed games!!

Congratulations go to you all who entered the County games, I would like to wish Kate Toon all the best in her unbadged game.

Here are just a few dates of future events for your diary:

Curling 19th September

Friday 28th September when we will be having a game against the Sunday Tourist followed by a hot supper/tea.

Wednesday 1st of October Candle Light Game 5.30 for 6.00 start.

November 21st sees the return of our Jazz Evening.

January 31st 2015 Boccia.

Ticket will be on sale soon.

Best wishes and happy bowling.

Janice

LOOKING BACK -

An insight to some of the events that took place at our Club in the year 2008.

February

The Directors of the Joint Bowling Club were actively planning extensions to the changing room facilities.

March

This was the Ladies Section 75th Anniversary Year.

Diana Lewis was County President.

More than 20 members enrolled for a six week Computer Course at Ratcliffe College.

April

It was announced that Syston Bowling Club was launching its own Website www.systonbowlingclub.org

A new social venture was launched which proved to be an overwhelming success.

On the 9th March 80 members, guests and friends enjoyed a wonderful show starring Jess Conrad and supported by local singer Jackie Dee.

A special thanks was given to Brian Adams who arranged the show, together with the many helpers behind the scenes.

Many other shows were arranged for the coming year.

November

Ladies President, Anita Lowder reported that in this the Ladies 75th Anniversary Year that had played a County game also an Executive match and a game against the Royal Household at Windsor.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members who turned up to give Roger our

Green Ranger help with the surround of the green.

This time of year it takes a lot of work to keep on top of all the weeding and cutting of the grass and after all the work Roger does it's the least we can do.

With the Clubhouse looking so good and the green bowling so well it's a shame to let standards drop in other departments.

So once again thank you to those who turned up, to the others, where were you?

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As you may have noticed in the 49 Club winners list that it was the wishes of Betty Wheatley that if she won the 49 Club, the winning were to be donated to the Club Funds.

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LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I would like to say thank you to all the ladies for pulling together during the difficult times lately.

It is certainly proving to be a testing time for my first year year as captain but I am lucky that I have had lots of support.

We are doing well considering the shortage of ladies.

Our mid-season results are:

We have won six and lost four matches, shots for are 586 and shots against 553, so we are currently 33 shots on the plus side.

We have had five games cancelled so far but not through bad weather as usually is the case, but for very sad reasons and illness.

I hope all our ladies make a speedy recovery.

Captain Sheila

TELL-TALE SIGNS OF OLD AGE

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

Your knees buckle but your belt won't.

When a fortune teller offers to read your face.



CLUB COACH

Des Eggitt
 Club & County Coach

READING A HEAD OF BOWLS

Some of our members said to me that we all read the head differently, that is right, but there is only the right shot!

A good example is Snooker, a player before he pots a red or other colour ball, looks for where he wants the cue ball to finish for his next shot of the break, then he can decide on how to strike the cue ball with correct weight.

In bowls, before you decide on your shot, you look for possible movement of jack or bowls. You can't play the shot until you know the possible outcome.

There is so much to learn about the tactics of the game.

The heads below are examples of the different shots:

1. The rink is one shot down, your bowls are on the right of the jack, the opponent's bowls are on the back-hand and the shot bowl is jack high, 12 inches away from the jack. There could be different shots to play, but if you bowl the back-hand you can draw off the shot bowl to trail the jack to your bowls on the forehand.

2. It could be a last end of a match, you have second bowl, but winning overall by one shot you have the last of the end, again there could be different options, this is the time to give the opponent's shot bowl to play an extra end.

3. There could be another head, being five or six shots down, you could bowl a firing shot hoping for the right result, or bowl with controlled weight using one of

the shot bowls to finish in the head, to cut down the shots or get shot bowl.

There is one head you see often, is that one of the skips have five or more shots in the head, one of those shots is on the jack, but the other skip has a good second bowl and has the last bowl of the head, there is three ends to go and he is two shots down overall, like some other skips he bowls with a firing shot and takes out his second bowl, giving five shots away, now he is losing by seven shots, the right thing to do is not to bowl the last bowl and lose the end by one shot.

4. Remember, if you are two or three shot up, it does not pay to keep drawing to the jack, the number three must cover the opponents' bowls because of jack movement, to have bowls at the back of the head can stop the other skip from firing.

5. There are some heads where you can get the advantage by playing the same shot as the opponents.

The following heads are two examples:

1. The first head, one of the rinks had to change the length, the lead who delivered the jack took the mat up the green and the jack 7 feet from the ditch. After both front players of both rinks had played their bowls, the rink who bowled first had two shots close to the jack, now the skip had to decide what shot his No.3 had to bowl. There were a few options of good shots his No.3 could play, the jack was open for a perfect draw, it was 2 feet from the ditch. There was a shot for both rinks if successful, to have the advantage of winning the head, this is where both skips have to be first in trailing the jack into the ditch.

The second head is an example for the same shot but looking for a different result.

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READING A HEAD OF BOWLS

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I was skip in a Surrey Count Pairs Competition and the pair we played against were very experienced, so most of the match we were behind on the scores but we didn't give up and on the 20th end we had levelled the scores. On the 22nd end we had a match winning two shots, the other skip and I had our last bowls of the match and I was the first to bowl, the lead and I looked at the options of what shot to play, both our shots were on the forehand, so I decided on a draw on the forehand, but it was the wrong hand, when deciding what shot to play, we should have looked at what shot the other skip might bowl. His lead had a bowl which was the third bowl, two feet short of the jack, the skip bowled at that third bowl pushing it in for shot and won the match.

I could have bowled the same hand with a back-hand draw, finishing behind the short bowl for another shot, or finishing as a blocker.

Remember the tactics of building a head to your advantage, so always decide on the shot that is going give you a positive result.

Always look where the opponent's bowls are in the head, because of the jack movement.

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

WELL DONE MARILYN

Marilyn Wood is certainly flying the flag for Syston Bowling Club this season.

Marilyn was selected and played for Leicestershire in the Middle England League match on the 25th June against Warwickshire at Wolvey.

She has been selected to play for the Inter County game at Kibworth against Norfolk, on July 25th.

This brings her total games for Leicestershire to four, two for the Middle England League and two for the Inter County.

Keep up the good work Marilyn!

Val Foreman

MELTON TRIPLES LEAGUE

We played our first league game of the season against Melton Town, we won one rink at home and drew on the other rink. The away two rinks did better, by winning both their rinks.

This gave us seven points out of a possible eight, a great start.

Our next game was against Belvoir Vale, both rinks at home won, but we lost one away and won the other rink.

so we now have thirteen points from sixteen, again this shows how competitive we are getting, the next game is against Market Overton so well done Syston let's keep up the good bowling.

Dave Hudson

IT WOULD BE GOOD TO
HAVE MORE REPORTS
FROM CAPTAINS PLEASE

A New Format for Saturday Matches ??

Bowls Leicestershire have contacted all clubs within the county suggesting setting up a mixed Triple League to replace the existing friendly matches due to some clubs being unable to fulfil fixtures through lack of playing members.

The make-up of each club team would be 12 people in 4 rinks with at least one of each gender in each triples rink.

It is envisaged that clubs could play these league matches on a Saturday with start times between 1.30 and 2.30 pm. The format would be to play 2 sets of 9 ends. At the end of the first set, the home club would change to an adjacent rink and play the second set of 9 ends against the visiting team on that rink, i.e. 2 separate games. Scoring is by points and not shots, two points being awarded for each set won and two points for the winning team overall (10 points available for each game).

Each Division of the League would be limited to a maximum of 6 teams, thus giving 10 matches over the months of June/July/August/September. Promotion would entail one up and one down.

Your Management Group have considered this issue and believe that in view of our current forward fixture lists as they stand at present (thanks to excellent work by Match Fixture Secretary George Dodge) we should retain the existing set-up of friendly Saturday Matches unless there is a significant change in circumstances in which case the situation would have to be further reviewed. One major set-

back with the Triple League would be a serious loss of revenue currently received from charges for teas and bar takings.

What are your views? Existing Friendly matches or another League set-up for Saturday matches.

Please let us know by contacting Club Secretary or any member of the Men's or Ladies Management Group/Committee. We need to respond to Bowls Leicestershire by 1st August.



THE GARDEN CLUB

Christine Dodge

Members of the Garden Group's latest visit was to Eastern Walled Gardens in Lincolnshire.

The weather was gorgeous and we all enjoyed ourselves. We have visited here before but the gardens are always changing as they are 400 years old but have been 'lost' and rediscovered in 2001.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 8th July at 7.00pm.

