

the **SYSTON GREEN**

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

November 2022



Well it is the end of another great season. I feel privileged to take over the President's roll from Derek, who has done a great job. I would also like to congratulate Dave Fox on becoming Vice President. I am honoured that the Board has confidence in me to carry out my duties to the best of my abilities, by upholding the traditions of the club whilst trying, bit by bit, to pull it into the 21st century.

I look forward to socialising with you all over the winter months and hope you will support the social programme.

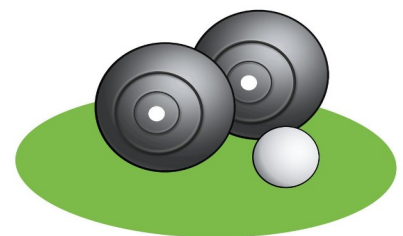
On a sadder note we received news that Roy Hill has passed away. A lot of new members will not have known Roy. He was a member of the club for many years and was a stickler for the rules of bowls even in friendly games and roll ups. He always used to say "if you don't stick to the rules then bad habits creep in." He was a valued member of the club and will be greatly missed. I would like to pass on our condolences to Dave and all his family. At this time we still have vacant positions that need you as members to fill. The positions are Premises Officer, Safeguarding Officer and Competition Secretary also when Roger decides to retire, Green Ranger.

As President I am asking you to help the Club by putting your name forward. No experience is necessary in most positions and help will always be on hand when requested. This will ease pressure on those in office who, on your behalf, are trying to run the Club in an efficient way. Please get in touch.

Stan Page
President

A Big thank you to George Dodge for doing the Newsletter.

We wish Chris and him all the best for the future in their new home



Editorial copy deadlines

All copy for the December edition should be sent to Pauline Wright (paulinewright15@outlook.com) by no later than Wednesday 30th November 2022

Please, please, please supply your match/social reports, scores, stories, recipes jokes and anything else which you would to share.

SYSTON BOWLING CLUB

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Finals Weekend Results



Martin Warner:
Club
Champion.
2 Wood Singles
Champion and
Champion of
Champions.
Well done.



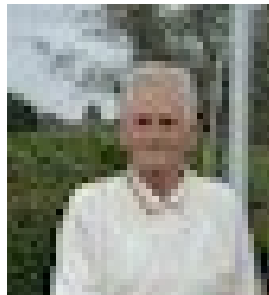
Sheila Aindow:
Club
Champion and
Aussie Pairs
Champion
4 Wood pairs
runner up
Well done.



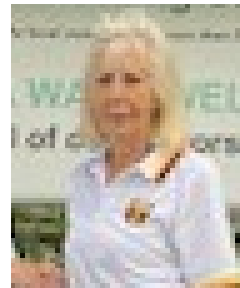
Marilyn Wood:
2 Wood singles Champion
and Champion of
Champions Runner Up
Well done.



Rod Heggs
Club Champion
Runner Up
2 Wood Pairs
Champion and
Triples Champion
Well done



Gerry Kennell
2 Wood Champion
Runner Up



Margaret West
Club Champion
Runner Up



Maureen Page
2 Wood Singles
Champion Runner Up
4 wood pairs Champion
2 wood triple champion



2 Wood Pairs Champions
Rod & Ken
Heggs & Renshaw



Roger Stone
Maidens
Champion

Dave Hill
Maidens
Runner Up



4 Wood Pairs Champions
Maureen & Andy
Page & Savage



Aussie Pair Champions
Andy & Sheila
Savage & Aindow



2 wood pairs Runners Up
Bev & Dave
Wright Hudson



Aussie Pairs
Runners Up
Dave & Gary
Lander Kilbourne



4 wood pairs
Runners Up
Ivan & Sheila
Jordan Aindow



Triples Champions
Mick Rod Stan
Pipes Heggs Page



Syston Town News
2 wood Triples Champions
Dave Maureen Gary
Hudson Page Kilbourne



Triples Runners Up
Dave Terry Derek
Hudson Denton Renshaw



Syston Town News
2 wood Runners Up
Tony Dave Colin
Monteiro Lander Grimes

Well done to everyone. Thank you to everyone who entered the Comps. and to President Derek for marking the finals. Thank you to spectators who attended the finals.



THE CHIEFS BRIEFS

As you may be aware I was voted in as the new chairman of the board of directors at the AGM held on the 7th of October 2022.

Firstly I would like to thank all those members that supported me. I would also like to reiterate my thanks to Pete Murray the outgoing chairman of the board who stepped in at a difficult time & saw the club through the pandemic.

I would also like to thank some of the other members of the board & management committee who gave up their free time to keep the club running who have also stepped down -in no specific order - Derek Renshaw (President) Gary Kilbourne (Safeguarding officer) Kate Williams (Club Captain) Ivan Jordan (Premises) Steve Rudkin (Finance) Dave Hudson (White Plums Captain) Pauline Wright (Competitions Sec)

I would also like to thank all the members who have continued in their current roles-without them the club would not function.

I wish to say a big thank you to Hazel Renshaw for her commitment to the clubs catering & social program. It's very much appreciated by all.

I am making an appeal to the membership to fill the vacancies for this next year which are: a premises director, a safeguarding officer and Competition Secretary. If you feel you could assist the board/club please contact myself or Val Foreman.

As I said on the night I have never been the chairman of anything so if I make some mistakes I would like to apologise now.

My aim is to move the club forward to get it on a firm financial footing even in these difficult times. Unfortunately this may mean that we have to raise prices to cover those rises in heating & lighting costs. We will keep those rises to the bare minimum. We would like to grow our membership so we have planned for 2 open days for next season. I would like members to come forward & make suggestions on how we could attract more members, speak to friends & relatives & encourage them to come & have a bowl.

One last request for as many members & friends as possible to support our social events all through the year.

Thank you.

Dave Anderton

Presentation Night

Presentation night was held on Friday 14th October in the evening where all the winners and runners up of finals weekend were awarded their trophies and certificates.

Afterwards "The Hit List" - name that tune- was played which everyone enjoyed

Thank you to everyone who attended.

Competitions 2022 summary

47 Single entries @£5 each =£235

93 Other entries @ £3.50 each =£325.50

TOTAL £560.50

Trophy engraving costs £118 approx

Frame costs £42 approx

Leaves a profit for club funds of approx £400

A big thank you to everyone who supported this years comps.

Pauline Wright



Thursday Friendlies

Last season the Thursday Friendlies went rather well. The fact that we won 8 and lost 11 does not read well but was a good achievement, if the overall shots against being 34, are considered.

With a mix of new and experienced players I think the Thursday team did extremely well.

So give yourselves a pat on the back.

Let's hope next season we can improve on this and get more than 4 more wins to turn the result around.

Thank you all for your support; it was much appreciated.

Your Captain

Stan Page



A QUEEN'S TALE

We'll always remember her sense of humour, that beautiful smile and her devotion to duty.

I was on Guard of Honour, waiting for the King of Saudi Arabia, on Horseguards.

On the right flank; Scots Guard (100 guardsmen) a gap, HM The Queen, mounted in uniform; alongside her the CO Colonel Gerald, another gap, then on the left flank, the Queen's Company Grenadier Guards (100 guardsmen).

We're stood at ease waiting.

Suddenly the silence was broken by Colonel Gerald's charger erupting with horse farts at full volume for two minutes.

Embarrassed and staring straight ahead Colonel Gerald says, "Sorry about that your Majesty!"

She replies, in a wonderful voice, "That's alright Gerald, . . . I thought it was your horse!"

200 guardsmen silently cried with laughter, and tapped their rifle butts on the gravel.

From that moment, every man there adored her!

When I was a little girl- Reminiscing by Pat Lilley

My parents lived in a house in Kent which got bombed so they moved to Rugby where I was born in 1942. Babies then had glass bottles with a teat, wore real napkins made of towelling that were held on with large safety pins. They had to be boiled to keep them white.

Very few people had a bathroom instead bedrooms had marble wash stands with a basin and jug of cold water and a chamber pot under the bed. There was only an outside toilet which was cold, had squares of newspaper on string for toilet paper and a hook on the door.

Bath-time was filling a tin bath in front of the fire.

We moved to live in a vicarage which seemed luxurious: Two staircases, corridors, scullery, laundry room, lounge, dining room and hall with bells and a copper warming pan in which ash was put to warm the bed.

Kitchen had a copper boiler which was used for hot water and for washday. Clothes were rinsed in cold water and put through the mangle which always took the rubber buttons off my liberty bodices! The dining room floor was the red tiles which frosted in the winter!

School involved dressing in a gym slip with a sash and knickers with a pocket in them then taking a slate and chalk and catching a bus to get there. When the bus broke down I went on a cattle truck!

Toilet rolls were Izal (which was also good tracing paper.) Kids were given cod liver oil, orange juice and milk.

The milkman came to house and a jug was filled from the churn, no bottles. A village bakery with hot bread. Horses ploughed the fields and all villagers turned out for hay making.

We kept a pig (called Sally) in a sty and fed with potato peelings. The pig was slaughtered salted and hung for bacon. Rabbits were caught and skinned and hung. Kept geese, ducks and hens that laid eggs. Mum made butter from milk cream. Grew apples and all vegetables

There were powdered eggs, ration books and clothing coupons.

I had hot brick to warm bed then a stone hot water bottle which when it went cold- so cold, was shoved out of bed and thudded onto the Lino floor. The rug mats were made from bits of material that were pegged into potato sacking. Bedding was blankets and eiderdown which you wrapped around yourself.

My Dad made me a wooden dolly pram.

Mum used to walk 5 mile to Rugby and back to shop with a pram.

1947 lots of snow and men had to shovel it to get 5 miles into Rugby.

Thank you Pat for the memories, I'm sure we can all remember most of these!! -but also the love and trust people had for each other.



Green Ranger's Report

Well another season as come and gone, a better season for everyone as we were able to bowl with few restrictions. It was also a little different as this year. Neil Harris took over the maintenance of the green from the tried and trusted Chris Mews. Following Chris was never going to be easy, but given what a dry, difficult season it was for all greens, I personally feel Neil has got off to a good start, and it seems likely, as he gets to understand the nature of our Green, he will improve. The work he has already carried out post season seems to have gone well, with good germination following his top dressing and re seeding. He has also made a start at levelling out the areas around rink 2 (hopefully) this will start to improve this difficult rink over the next season or two . I will continue to liaise with Neil over the closed season and please feel free to let me know any issues you may want to bring to my attention. Neil has worked very hard this year and I for one appreciate the extra effort he made for special occasions, county matches, finals weekend etc. Here's hoping that as he moves into his first full year we will start to see some positive results. Enjoy your closed season.

Thanks to Colin Grimes and his panellists for a great evening of Call My Bluff. I for one thoroughly enjoyed myself, and as usual the supper was very enjoyable, so thanks to Hazel. It would be nice to see more members at the socials.

Roger Stone

HE'LL GROW INTO
THEM!



-BUT DADDY NEEDED
A MAKEOVER



FUNNIES

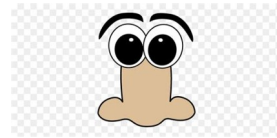


Why did the A go to the bathroom and come out as an E?
Because he had a vowel movement.

What time do you go to the dentist's?
At tooth-hurty.



What did the left eye say to the right eye?
"Between you and me, something smells."



Anyone know any jokes about sodium?
Na.

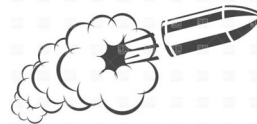
Why can you never trust an atom's story?
Because it makes up everything.



Why are electrons never invited to parties?
They're so negative.

How does NASA organize a party?
They planet.

How did the bullet lose its job?
It got fired.



Why were they called the Dark Ages?
Because there were lots of knights.



Lord of the Flies tells the story of a bunch of public schoolboys who take back control of an island cut off from the rest of the world and then collapse into vicious in-fighting. It's a work of fiction, apparently.



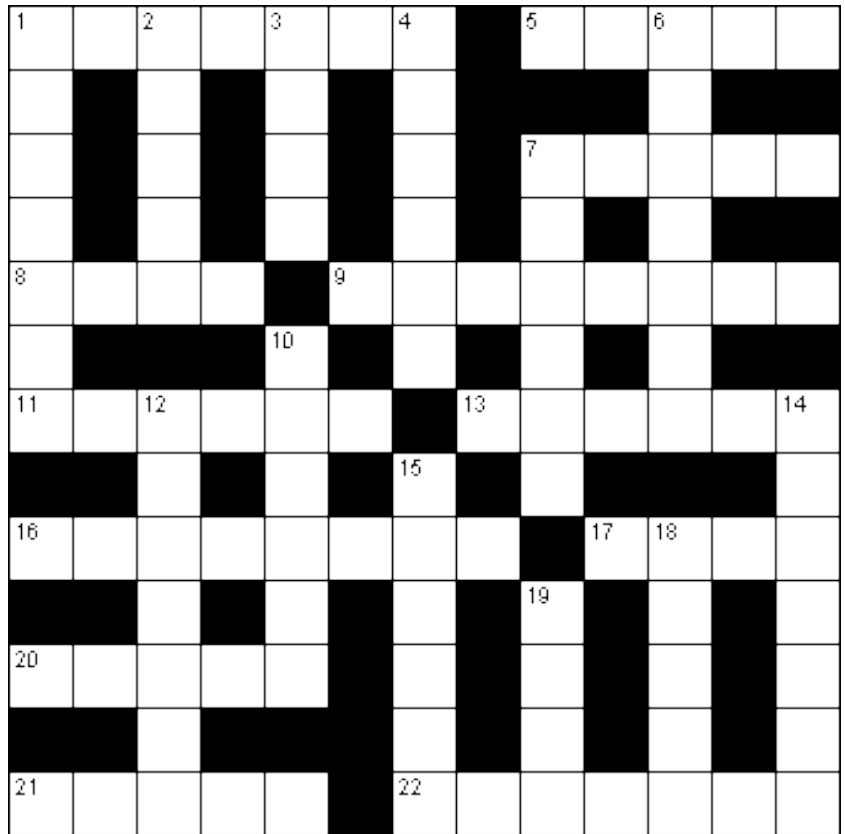
ANIMAL Crossword - 02

Across

- 1. European short-winged hawk (7)
- 5. Type of duck (5)
- 7. Young male horses (5)
- 8. Middle East riding horse (4)
- 9. Porcupine (8)
- 11. Nocturnal wildcat (6)
- 13. Dog house (6)
- 16. Snake (8)
- 17. Crustacean (4)
- 20. Viper (5)
- 21. Aquatic predator (5)
- 22. Adult male chicken (7)

Down

- 1. Bison (7)
- 2. African equine (5)
- 3. Simians (4)
- 4. Burro (6)
- 6. Mahimahi (7)
- 7. Young swan (6)
- 10. Large flying bird (6)
- 12. Anteater (7)
- 14. Shellfish (7)
- 15. Musteline mammal (6)
- 18. Bird shelter (5)
- 19. Extinct bird (4)



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

**Chris Meynell
Ken Palmer
Andrew Savage
Susan Kent**



59 CLUB WINNERS

John Jeffrey

Ivan Jordan

David Hill

Ivan Jordan

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