

# *the* **SYSTON GREEN**

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

October 2022

## **CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT**

It has been a challenging season to manage. So many matches with sometimes insufficient resources, however, it has been **so good** to experience a full season of games after a miserable 2 years with covid.

I think everyone who played in the 'friendlies ' on a regular basis this year, have once again enjoyed the experience, meeting our bowling colleagues from other clubs and savoured the camaraderie on the green! I hope our newer players embraced the occasions too.

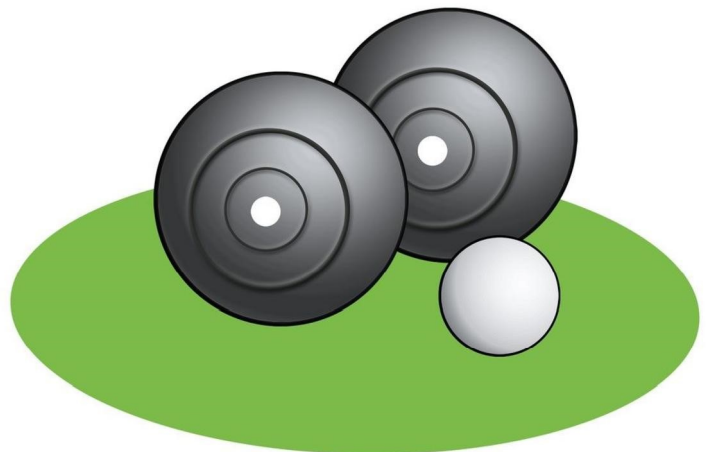
We did well with our match results, a full list can be seen on the Club website.

A big thank you to everyone who supported me this season, my best wishes to you all for the future, be it on the green or off.

I extend my support and good luck to my successor for 2023

Kind Regards

Kate Williams



## **Editorial copy deadlines**

All copy for the November edition should be sent to George Dodge by no later than Friday 28th October.

Copy should be sent to [george.dodge1940@outlook.com](mailto:george.dodge1940@outlook.com)

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

**SYSTON BOWLING CLUB**

All communications should be addressed to The Chairman, Board of Directors



## System Bowling Club

# "CALL MY BLUFF"

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 - 7.00 p.m.

£6.00 payable at the door inclusive of hot meal

MATA HARI



aka  
NORMA

RICHARD NIXON



aka  
BRIAN

PINOCCHIO



aka  
COLIN  
Chairman

DELILAH



aka  
FIONA

GEOFFREY ARCHER



Aka  
DEREK

*Who's telling porkies?*

### "WHAT'S GOING ON?"

*A flavour of issues currently engaging the attention of the Board and Management Committee*

#### Strategic Review

The Board has set up a special Strategic Review Panel to review all Club activities, in order to bring about an improvement in annual financial performance, leading to a series of recommendations to help in the formulation of an effective ongoing business plan with the overriding objective of keeping membership subscriptions and costs as low as possible.

#### Fuel crisis

Like all other businesses, the Club cannot escape the effects of the significant increase in fuel costs, the financial effects of which can only be roughly estimated at this point. What is clear, is that every one of us must play a part in strictly controlling the lighting and heating use throughout the year, minimising waste wherever possible.

Following a meeting of the Panel held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, the newly elected Finance Director, Derek Burdon, is drawing up a budget forecast for the year ahead and will keep the Board fully informed of performance on a monthly basis.

In future meetings the Panel intends to carry out a cost benefit analysis of all Club activities leading to any which are clearly a drain on resources, without contributing to the Club's core ethos, being closed down.

#### Winter social activities

Over the coming Winter months, as an integral part of our fundraising efforts, and as a valuable service to members, a full programme of social events is being offered. Weekly (*Wednesday afternoon*) Pub Quiz and social sessions will be resumed. Monthly lunches are being organised and a monthly programme of Saturday evening entertainment planned, starting on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October with the ever-popular "*Call My Bluff*" as the launch event. (*Please see the noticeboard to book your place(s).*) Coffee Mornings, on the second Saturday of each month, will also continue and Dave Lander will, once again be organising Tuesday indoor bowling sessions at Melton.



*Over the Winter months  
your Club  
needs*



Experience sadly demonstrates that, in spite of every effort being made to identify and mount popular programmes, only a small core of our membership are regular supporters of organised non-bowling events. **It is vitally important that we succeed in attracting more support from a wider cross-section of members.**

You are strongly encouraged to invite family and friends to attend any of the events.

If you have any ideas for improving the attraction of our programme – especially if you are one of those who have not traditionally attended - please do not hesitate to contact Social Director, Hazel Renshaw, who will be very pleased to hear from you.

### **Clubhouse facilities**

While recognising that the demands of the membership must remain top priority, efforts are to be made to promote the clubhouse to local groups and individuals as a first-class meetings venue, which offers very competitive Bar prices. For any such event, at least one Member of the Club will be present to operate the Bar and/or supervise the careful use of the premises and equipment.

### **Club Bar**

It is the view of the Panel that current Bar prices are reasonable and under no pressure for significant change, although a small “uplift” might be required following the introduction of the facility to pay by card to cover operational and commission costs.

### **Membership recruitment**

A pre-Season advertising and promotion programme is being planned with updated leaflets being posted house-to-house in selected areas. Local supermarkets are to be approached to allow us to mount a display at the entrance and we will once again seek permission to mount a stand in Town Square to promote the club and associated benefits of bowling.

Two Open Days are to be organised in April and August and the Club will once again have a stall at the Summer Fair and “*Help is at Hand!*” exhibition.

The Strategic Review Panel is to recommend to the Board that the current offer of free membership in the first year be withdrawn. Instead, it is proposed that new Members should be charged a flat fee of £50, rising to full fee in the second year.

A minimum target of 10 new Members has been set for the year.

### **Dress Code**

By the time you are reading this, you will probably be aware of the discussions at the AGM (7<sup>th</sup> October) on the possible updating of Club uniform and the suggestion that for informal roll-ups, the current requirement for Club shirts and grey trousers should be suspended. Any final decision reached by the Board on these issues will be announced in the Club Newsletter.

### **Match day catering**

This year’s practice of offering a single cob plus wrapped biscuit or cake at a cost of £4, inclusive of raffle, is to be sustained for next Season, since it had proved to be the most acceptable – and practical - solution to long-standing catering difficulties so far tried.

### **Club Patrons**

As reported last month, efforts continue to identify and recruit replacement Patrons following the withdrawal of support from three of our traditional supporters. Nominations for replacements are always welcome.

### **Invitation**

If **YOU** have any suggestions to offer or advice to make on ways in which income might be increased or expenditure reduced, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the Board or Management Committee.

### **Competition Presentation Evening**

Please make every effort to attend this year’s Competition Presentation Evening on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7.00 p.m. Full details of the evening’s programme are on the Club noticeboard.

## Club A/V system needs replacement

If you have – or know of anyone who has – a fully working music centre (amplifier/radio/cassette tape/CD player) which is no longer being used, we would love to take it off your hands to replace the Club's current system which is now well past its "sell-by date". Please pass on any offer to Facilities Director, Stan Page (07561 698 561). Speakers for the system are already in place.

## Clubhouse Post Code

At long last the Royal Mail has allocated the clubhouse an official address and Post Code enabling mail to be delivered directly to the Club post box and saving the need for individual Officers to use their private addresses on official correspondence.

The official address is now;

**Syston Bowling Club, Central Park, Melton Road, Syston, Leics LE7 2HB**

**Colin Grimes**

*Development Director/PRO*

## TRIBUTE

Early in September, the Board received, with regret, the resignation, with immediate effect, of Pete Murray as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

A Life Member of the Club, Pete gave many years of sterling service as Bar Director before taking on the role of Club President (*for the second time*) following the resignation of Jenny Dewick in 2019, leading to his election to the post in 2020. He held the position through the Covid-affected period of 2020/21 handing over to Derek Renshaw in 2022.

Following the resignation of George Dodge in 2021, Pete "stepped up to the plate" to take on the additional role of Chairman of the Board. His appointment was confirmed at the AGM held later in the year.

His selfless commitment to the best interests of the Club - In spite of personal difficulties at times - stands as an example to us all.

We offer our grateful thanks and offer best wishes for a long and happy future on the green, relieved of the burdens of office.



## ON A LIGHTER NOTE!

There's nothing to beat a good pun!

I asked "What happened?" He said "A row of books fell off the wall and hit me on the head." I said "You've only got your shelf to blame."

She said "I'm going to dig a hole in the ground and fill it with water." I thought "She means well" I was a rubbish church window cleaner. I got rid of all the stains.

When you are half-way through eating a horse, do you ever feel that you're not as hungry as you thought you were?

I asked "Do you like my shirt? It's covered in cactuses." He said "Cacti." I said, "Never mind the tie, what do you think of the shirt?"

I was christened with a flamethrower. It was a baptism of fire.

And the vicar was wearing a gorilla suit. It was a blessing in disguise.

The reason why Miss Piggy never married is because she can't Kermit.

I haven't seen a cowboy film for ages. All's quiet on the Western front.

*(With acknowledgements to Tim Vine. He's a grape comedian!)*

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## SYSTON BOWLS KIT

Any body wanting caps shirts or jackets please see me Derek Renshaw or phone 07765840255 .  
Dave Lander told me he saw how to clean your caps (which I notice do get very grubby) on "The Repair Shop". So I thought I would give it a try before I bought my elf a new one .  
Spray Shaving Foam on the inside rim also on any part that is grubby p(eek, etc).

Rub it in with a clean sponge (small dish cloth sponge ) place in bowl add soap powder for whites agitate with hot water rinse well and dry in sun .Can not believe how clean it was,no new cap .  
Can I just say this does not mean I would be any good at washing up that's a Health and Safety issue !  
Derek Renshaw.



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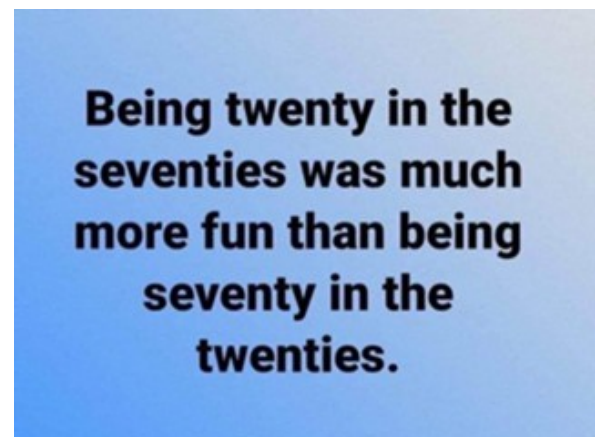
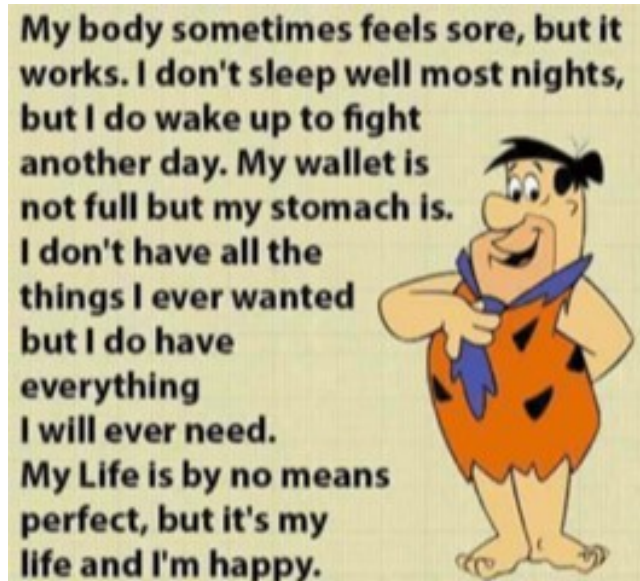
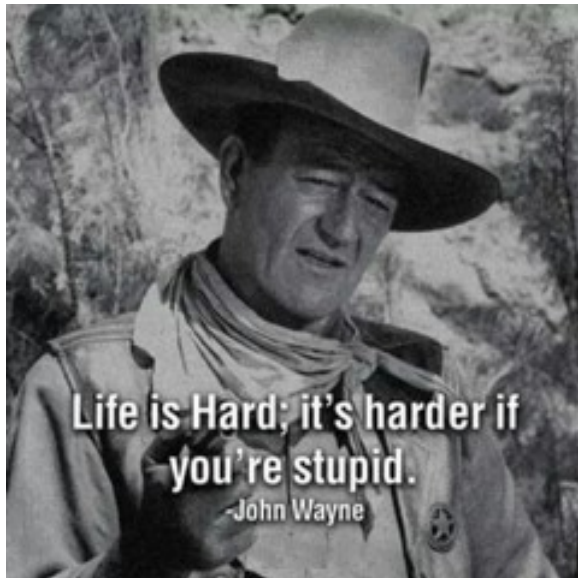
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## GOD SAVE THE QUEUE!



It's the end of an ER!  
SOUVENIR  
EDITION

## FUNNIES



## OCTOBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Trevor Allen    Dot Bentley  
Don Creasey    Margaret Freer  
Rod Heggs      Ron Kilbourne  
Hilary Newman    Sheila Parker  
Ken Renshaw    Michael Ward  
Kate Williams



## 59 CLUB WINNERS

Ken Renshaw  
Julie Faver  
Diane Rudkin

Spare numbers so far available are 4, 10, 21, 35 and 51.

The new year starts in October and any member not wishing to carry on with their numbers please let Val Foreman know so that they can be offered to other members.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thanks to everyone who attended Sunday lunch. I hope you all enjoyed it.

The following dates are for the monthly lunches during the winter.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas lunch Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

The menu and list for the October Lunch will go up on the notice board around coffee morning in September.

Look forward to seeing you all over the winter.

Maureen Page.

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