

Syston Bowling Club

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PRESS RELEASE

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SYSTON PRESIDENT SALUTES MEMBERS

Results in the current Season to date are "best for many years."

On Friday, 9th July, Members of Syston Bowling Club joined in a special game followed by a meal in the Clubhouse to celebrate the 2010 presidency of *Peter Murray*.

In the game, the President's team recorded a valiant second place, conceding victory to the Vice-President's team led by *George Dodge*. The charity "spider" which preceded the game was won by *Roger Bentley*.

At the end of an excellent meal, prepared by Members of the Ladies' Section led by Janice Wilbourn and Anita Lowder, President Peter celebrated what he described as "the best Club performance for many years." He said, "None of us can remember the last time we recorded such a fine set of figures. Let's hope that we can sustain the improvement on both an individual and team basis — without becoming too competitive and while maintaining enjoyment of the game as our prime motivation." (At the time of the celebration, the Men's Club had lost only 9 games out of 33 played and had generated a shot difference of +277.) He went on: "Perhaps the improved playing surface of our own green has played its part in lifting confidence. Perhaps we're now seeing the benefits of the great spirit of camaraderie and friendship which has developed within our great little Club over the past two years. Whatever the reason, I thank and congratulate everyone involved."

The President also took the opportunity to pay tribute, on behalf of the wider membership, those individual Members who have worked so hard to make his presidency a success. He made special presentations to Club Captain, *Myles Clare*, Club Secretary, *Rob Wilbourn*, Vice-President, *George Dodge*, Club Coach, *Des Eggitt*, Catering Manager, *Jerry Kennell* and his wife *Verna*, Green Ranger, *Roger Bentley* and Chairman of the Club Board of Directors, *Colin Grimes*. He pointed to the debt of gratitude owed by the Men to the Ladies' Section for their help and support both on and off the green. Presentations were then made to the Ladies' President, *Ruth Wheeler* and Ladies' Captain, *Janice Wilbourn* together with *Josie Hubbard*, *Anita Lowder*, *Kate Toon*, and *Kate Williams*. Bouquets were also presented to *Marlene Murray*, *Christine Dodge* and *Norma Grimes*, without whose active support and patience, as wives, the Officers would not have been able to carry out their duties to the Club.

Finally, President Peter thanked everyone for their tremendous support for his nominated charity, **Wishes for Kids**, announcing that a further £160 had been raised through the evening's raffle.

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