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President Jenny Dewick

Well the season has started with differing weather conditions either with heatwave wearing shorts, or hurricane force winds, wearing long johns and thermals. In fact during a particularly gusty Saturday many of the players really did suffer with wind especially when delivering their woods!!!

I hope you are all enjoying your bowling whatever the weather, summer will return with a bit of luck. We have had mixed fortunes with matches. Some leagues doing very well, but friendlies, not so good. It is early days so onwards and upwards.

Jenny



With this warm and wonderful weather the soil is now quite warm is therefore ideal for seeds to grow, so why not. If you have the room peas and mangetout can be sown. Put the correct amount of seed in a small jar, or dish and let them stand in water overnight. Then next morning, take out a shallow trench about 2 inches deep and 6 inches wide and water the bottom of the trench, mark each end with a short cane or stick, set the peas, spacing them 2 inches apart in a staggered fashion all the way along. Cover the trench with sifted soil or compost, water again, and then cover the area with wire netting, in a tunnel shape. This is to deter the birds and other pests, and to give the new peas some support when they first start to grow. Do not let them dry out or germination will just stop and the pea seed will then rot away. If you don't have room in the garden, you can grow peas in containers.

You can now get some runner bean seed and set them in small plant pots, either plastic or peat pots, and stand them on your window sill, again stands the seed in water overnight beforehand. When the plants are large enough, say 5 or 6 inches tall, towards the end of the month they can be planted in a largish pot or container, with 6 inch canes tied in a wigwam shape. They will give you pleasure firstly with their flowers and later with the beans themselves. Also sow marrow, courgettes and squashes. but don't forget to read the instructions on the packets.

With the warmer weather the weeds also grow quickly so get the hoe out and carefully cut them down, avoiding your precious shrubs etc. You can either collect the weeds and put them into your brown bin or if it's not going to rain leave them to dry and wither on the ground. Established perennial weeds cannot be culled in this way since, if left in the soil, their root system soon throw up another burst of growth. Instead, they require careful hand weeding to make sure the whole of the root system is removed from the soil, or you can use a weed killer to do the job for you, but be careful of other plants nearby. Also as it becomes milder, slugs and snails emerge to eat new shoots and leaves. Keep them at bay by sprinkling slug pellets around plants, but make sure they are safe for pets.

Most garden centres have got summer bedding plants in now. Buy them if you wish, but don't be tempted to plant them out just yet, as we can get some frosts at night right up to the end of May, so keep them indoors overnight and bring them out onto the patio in the day time. Don't forget to keep them watered.

It is now peak growing season for many shrubs. As they shoot ahead they can begin to look straggly, so to keep their shape just trim them, it won't do them any harm so long as it's only a snippet here and there, or tie the shoots in to create the shape you want. Cut back neglected privet hard to encourage new bushy growth. Trim straggly winter-flowering heathers as soon as their flowering display is over. Shears are the best tool for this, but make sure they are sharp. Weeping trees and shrubs producing any upright shoots should have these pruned out, as if left they will destroy the elegant shape, similarly with variegated shrubs, if any shoots are of a single colour prune these out, or the whole shrub will return to its native colour. Now is the best time to trim most evergreens, especially the holly and the conifers.

Don't neglect your fruit trees, as the blossom is followed by the fruit and it's just about now that they need extra food and water so that the trees have plenty of sap for the fruit. Water is needed especially this year as we have had very little rain over the last number of months

Harden off your seedlings to acclimatize them, half-hardy annuals such as petunias, lobelia, antirrhinums etc. Put them out during the day and bring them in overnight, to condition them before planting them out. Tender young plants bought from the garden centre should also be hardened gradually.

Tie in new growth on climbing plants such as clematis, honeysuckle and of course climbing roses.

Check under the leaves and shoot tips for pests like greenfly, whitefly and red spider mite.

Dead head daffodils and tulips and feed the bulbs with a good liquid feed. Bulbs forced into bloom indoors can be planted outside after a week in a cold frame to adjust to outdoor temperatures.

Make sure that netting, trellis and other supports are strong enough to support the full summer weight of the plants. Also check that all stakes and tree ties have survived the winter alright, and that ties are loose enough to accommodate the new seasons growth.

Chris Dodge

COUNCIL HONOURS VOLUNTEERS



At a Civic Reception held on Friday 5th April, Syston Town Council played host to over a 100 representatives of local voluntary organisations whose work helps to improve the life of residents of Syston and surrounding communities.

Picture shows Guest of Honour, Deputy Lord Lieutenant Colonel Murray Colville and Chairman of Syston Town Council, Councillor Paul Henry, presenting the Council's 2019 Citizen of the Year Award to Club Development Director, Colin Grimes.

Colin is also currently Chairman of the Syston and District U3A and Secretary Trustee of Syston and District Volunteer Centre.

The annual Award is presented to an individual who, in the opinion of the Council, is actively involved in community work which has had a positive impact on the local community. The recipient is also judged to have demonstrated personal attributes that serve to encourage others to become involved.

Now that the new season is underway, I have been asked to remind members of the Clubs Dress Code, which you will find on page 20 in this year's Fixture list and Club Guide 2019. I think this mainly refers to casual roll ups more than games

George Dodge

Tribute to Jean Ward & Margaret Abbott

Jean joined the club in 2005 and soon became a very active and loyal. She was an extremely good lead or number 2. She was a keen member of the Garden Club and suggested many gardens to visit and her knowledge of plants were wide. She also joined the Art Club and enjoyed painting with water colours, especially to paint flowers. When she was no longer able to bowl outdoors she became an Associate Member, but still participated activities, along with Alan, her husband and enjoyed Indoor Bowls at Melton Mowbray for a time.

Margaret came to the coffee mornings with her brother- in- law Roy Hill and her grandchildren. Then subsequently became a member in 1998. She very bravely took the office of President in 2001. This was a steep learning curve for both of us, as it was my first time as Secretary. We had to organise a President's Day, which involved inviting County dignitaries and Club Presidents, but we managed with the help of the Committee and fellow bowlers.

She then went on from strength to strength, becoming a director of the Board. She was a competition Secretary for many years and organised the Ladies Friday evening Triples League. She was a strong and very competitive bowler, as skip entering Club and County competitions. She was part of the Ladies Team who won the Benevolent Trophy. She won her Maidens in 2007, the 2 in 2008 wood and the pairs 3 times, as well as having played a County game. She took the office of Ladies President again in 2017 and raised a substantial amount of money for charity.

I am sure that everyone will agree that Jean and Margaret are worthy of our admiration for the brave and dignified way they coped with their distressing illnesses

Chris Biddles

Welfare Report - Hi everyone

I am Maureen Page and as you have probably heard I am taking over as Welfare Officer from Rob Wilbourn. I would like to thank Rob for all his hard work and I hope that I can live up to the high standard he set.

There was good turnout for Jean Ward's funeral, both social and playing members. The service was simple and moving, with two lovely poems being read. We shall miss Jean. She was a lovely lady.

Sadly we have lost two more members. Sam Eames a new member, who played indoor as well as outdoors. He will be sadly missed and condolences were sent to his family.

On returning from holiday, I picked up a message informing me of the death of Margaret Abbott. Margaret had been a member of our club for many years. She gave me lots of good advice when I first started bowling and I know she did the same for others. We shall miss her.

Margaret's funeral was very well attended. Her great granddaughter read a poem during the service and afterwards we went to Syston Rugby club for the wake.

I have been away, so I am out of touch. If anyone knows of a person who is ill and would appreciate a card, phone call, or visit please get in touch on 0116 2600446 and I will do my Best to make contact.

Thank you,

Maureen

59 Club

There are still 2 numbers still available. These are 31 and 43. Please contact Val if you are interested.

Sue Renshaw

White Plums

We started our league games against the Wolds (Wymeswold) who had been relegated from division 1 last season. We had a great start to the season winning 57 shots to 40, which gave us 6 points to their 2, having won two out of the three rinks.

Our next game was against the Sands (Birstall), we went on to win this one 65 shots to 42 shots, giving us 6 points to their 2, again winning two out of the three rinks.

We now have 12 points out of a possible 16 in our first two games putting us top of league on shot difference.

Well done lads great start our next game is against the Dons (Quorn) on the Monday away at Quorn.

Wish us good luck.

Dave Hudson

I would I like to thank the members for putting their names down making team selection easier.

The first two games were challenging, with both home and away losing. We had a good start with the Monday league for the white plums and also the Wednesday league.

We have two county games called the Adkin Shield which involves two rinks at home and two away on 17th May Friday night.

Also an unbadge on Sunday morning 19th May 2 rinks at home. Please put your names down.

Please keep putting your names down when you can.

The Monday evening league is for the less experienced bowlers so please put your name down.

Coaching

Monday - Ken Renshaw

Tuesday – Gary Kilbourne

Sessions are going well. Please come down you will be welcome

Gary Kilbourne

Competitions

The details of all competitions can be found on the wall in the men's changing room.

To date the following matches have been played:

Men's 4 wood Singles - G Kennell beat Tyler Johnson

Gary Kilbourne beat Andy Savage

Maidens – Geoff Ellis beat Gary Kilbourne

Andy Savage

Financial

Ten things you should know about the new tax year

April brings a fresh set of opportunities to keep hold of more of your wealth.

Tax planning should be a year-round activity. But the start of a new tax year is an ideal time to assess whether you can make the most of the allowances and exemptions available. Here's a rundown of what's changed, what's not changed, and some actions you should consider.

1. Income Tax

The personal allowance – the amount that you are allowed to earn before you start paying Income Tax – has risen from £11,850 to £12,500.

The higher rate threshold – the point at which you will start to pay 40% Income Tax – has increased from £46,350 to £50,000. The additional rate tax band of £150,000 remains unchanged.

Tax band	Income threshold	Tax rate
Personal allowance	Up to £12,500	0%
Basic rate	£12,501 to £50,000	20%
Higher rate	£50,001 to £150,000	40%
Additional rate	over £150,000	45%

There are a different set of changes for Scottish taxpayers. These can be found on HMRC's website.

2. Dividend Allowance

For 2019/20, the Dividend Allowance remains at £2,000. That means you won't pay tax on income generated from a share portfolio of around £57,000 held outside of an ISA or pension wrapper, based on a yield of 3.5%. The increased Income Tax thresholds outlined above mean that you can take more in dividends before paying the higher dividend tax rate.

Tax band	Tax rate on dividends above the allowance
Basic	7.5%
Higher	32.5%
Additional	38.1%

3. Personal Savings Allowance

For 2019/20, basic rate tax payers can continue to earn £1,000 interest on savings before paying tax. Those paying tax at the higher rate see their allowance remain at £500. If you're an additional rate taxpayer earning £150,001 or more, you'll lose entitlement to any allowance.

4. Personal pensions

Most people can still get tax relief on pension contributions worth up to £40,000 per tax year (or 100% of earnings, if less). However, those with adjusted earnings of more than £150,000 will continue to be subject to the 'tapered annual allowance' which can result in a maximum annual allowance of £10,000.

Documents published last month confirmed that a review of pension tax relief is still very much in the government's sights. So it's sensible to make full use of the current reliefs.

The Lifetime Allowance – the most you can take from your pension savings before triggering an extra tax charge – increased from £1,030,000 to £1,055,000 on 6 April.

5. Capital Gains Tax

The Capital Gains Tax annual exempt amount for individuals has increased from £11,700 to £12,000.

Effective and repeated use of your CGT exemption is a great way to transfer assets into ISAs or pensions to provide a shelter from any future liability.

6. ISAs

The most you can put into your ISA remains at £20,000 for the 2019/20 tax year. This includes Stocks & Shares and Cash ISAs. This week's news of a possible six-month delay to Brexit could be bad news for Cash ISA savers though, as it has pushed back expectations of further interest rate rises until the second half of 2020.

7. Junior ISAs

The Junior ISA allowance has gone up to £4,368. Alongside pensions, Junior ISAs present a great opportunity to help give children a financial head start.

8. Inheritance Tax

Everyone in the 2019/20 tax year has an Inheritance Tax allowance of £325,000 – known as the ‘nil-rate band’. The allowance has remained the same since 2010/11.

9. Residence nil-rate band

The new tax year sees the inherited property allowance – known as the ‘residence nil-rate band’ – rise from £125,000 to £150,000. Combined with the standard Inheritance Tax allowance of £325,000, the increase means you can now pass on as much as £475,000 to direct descendants tax-free. For married couples and civil partners that figure is £950,000. The rules are complicated, so getting advice is vital.

Tax year	Residence nil-rate band
2019/2020	£150,000
2020/2021	£175,000
2021/22 onwards	Increases in line with Consumer Prices Index

10. Entrepreneurs’ Relief

Entrepreneurs can continue to benefit from tax relief at 10% on up to £10 million of lifetime gains. However, as of 6 April, the minimum period throughout which the qualifying conditions for Entrepreneurs’ Relief must be met is 24 months rather than 12 months.

There are many planning points that are worth considering early in the tax year rather than leaving it until the end. If you would like a review of your financial planning,

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(The levels and bases of taxation, and reliefs from taxation, can change at any time and are dependent on individual circumstances).

An Item from the Syston News Letter July 1994

Ye Ancient and Royall Game of Boules

No one knows when the game started, but the oldest bowling green in the world is at Southampton and is known as the old Southampton Bowling Green. The green itself cared for since 1187 when lawns were laid as a close for the Warden of Gods House Hospital founded in that year by Gervaise le Riche a wealthy Anglo Norman Merchant.

It is thought that by the year 1220 a game using large wooden balls was occasionally played on the close by hospital officials and their guests. Documentary evidence confirms the close was used as a bowling green in 1299 when a master of the green was elected.

In medieval days “inferior people” were not allowed by law to play bowls. An act was passed in 1541 which stated “No manner of Artificer or Craftsman of Handicraft or such like were allowed to play bowls under pain of a fine of 20 shillings” It was also decreed. “That no person shall play bowls in places out of his garden or orchard in pain of fine.

However, Noblemen and others having manors lands and tenements or other yearly profits to the value of £100, may play bowls within the privacy of his own grounds.

In fact bowling was declared an unlawful game and subject to an appearance before the local magistrates. The first biased woods appeared about 1522.

Thanks to Roger Bentley for providing me with this article

Regarding indoor bowls at Melton during the winter months. John will probably be unable to continue to run this activity later this year and has asked if anyone is interested in continuing to run it to please contact John

John Lambie

Lucky Winners for April are: Dave Hudson (44) Dave Anderton (30)
Hilary Newman (4) Mick Russell (10)

Congratulations to the winners!!!

The true picture.....

While walking down the street one day a Member of Parliament is tragically hit by a truck and dies.

His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance. 'Welcome to heaven,' says St. Peter. 'Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you.'

No problem, just let me in,' says the man.' Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity. 'Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven,' says the MP.

'I'm sorry, but we have our rules. 'And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him. Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people.

They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne. Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly and nice guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realises it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises.... The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him.

Now it's time to visit heaven. 'So, 24 hours pass with the MP joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realises it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

'Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity. 'The MP reflects for a minute, then he answers: 'Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell. 'So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above.

The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder. 'I don't understand,' stammers the MP. 'Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable.

What happened?' The devil looks at him, smiles and says, 'Yesterday we were campaigning... ..

Today you voted.'

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Message from the Editor

Thanks to everyone for their contributions to this edition.

Please continue to provide me with regular updates of club activities, by email, as a Word document.

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Please let me have items for the June by Saturday 1st June 2019

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