

# *the* SYSTON GREEN



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## **COACHING MONDAY EVENINGS 5.30 pm**

I have resumed coaching and have had a lot of interest from new people. Any member who would like a refresher or help in any aspect of their game is welcome to come along

**Ken Renshaw**  
Club Coach

## **TRIBUTE TO DES EGGIT**

Des was a private man. We did not hear much about his family and home life, apart from his love of sweet peas for which Des won several prizes. In fact it was said that he actually developed his own colours of which he was very proud.



I believe Des came to us as bowler from St Margaret's over 40 years ago, sometime in the eighties. He was a County Coach and became our coach, taking over from Arthur Trigg.

In 2002 he won the club Triples. In 2006 he won the 2-wood competition. He was Club Captain from 2005 till 2009 and also stood as Competitions Secretary in 2007.

My highlight of Des was his year as President in 2006. He was very proud to stand by, albeit very nervously. His speeches after teas were always enjoyed. He would always give us a joke, stumble through them and when it came to the punch line he would start to laugh, almost unable to deliver it, but you just had to laugh wit him, making it all the more special.

Des we will sadly miss you.

**Ken Renshaw**

## **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The funeral of Des Eggitt will be held on Wednesday 28th April at Gilroes Crematorium starting at 2.00 p.m. Under Covid Guidelines, limiting participants to 30, we understand that 4 or 5 places will be available at the service for those who were close to Des and his family.

A Guard of Honour is being invited for such a loyal and respected Member of our Club. Those involved (apart from those mentioned above) will not be required to stay once the coffin and mourners are settled for the service. Blazer (and tie for men) with greys would be preferred but Club shirts with greys would be acceptable. We trust that we can rely on you for a strong turnout.

**Pete Murray**

## **COVID-19 COMPLIANCE - RETURN TO THE GREEN**

It is wonderful to see the green "in action" again with Members enjoying their sport and the essential socialising that goes with it. This notice serves to remind you how to ensure the Club follows **The NHS QR Code that is displayed outside and inside the Clubhouse should be scanned by everyone** using the Green, using the clubhouse facilities or even spectating. **It is no longer acceptable for one lead member to register for a group. If you do not have a smart phone, then you are required to sign in** and date and time your attendance at the club, using the signing in sheets just inside the clubhouse on the ables where the hand sanitisers are located. Your assistance in ensuring the club meets it's Covid compliance regulations is much appreciated

**Catherine Voyce**

Club Compliance Officer.



## FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON - 12. APRIL 2021



What a great day to be able to see and play on our green again! It looked and played as good as - if not better than - usual. Thanks to Roger and his helpers the green and surrounds are in tip top condition. To me, it felt as though all the stress and worry of the past year just melted away. It was good to get back to meeting friends and exercising.

The first pint outdoors was lovely!

We started with a spider with Pauline finishing nearest to the jack. We played three ends each time with winners moving up to the next rink 18 ends in total. Well done to Geoff and Jan for winning the most games.

Everybody was playing well, so watch out the competition!!

## SATURDAY 17th APRIL

What a fantastic day! The weather and green were on top form. Starting with a Spider the fun started. Two winners this time - first and second nearest the jack. I will not say who, just in case tax man's listening!

We had a one minute silence for Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh in respect for his funeral.

It was good to try the different rinks, should you be lucky enough to win. The good thing is we did not have to queue to get a drink in the Beer Garden afterwards.

Regular games are being planned for each Wednesday and Saturday starting at 2.00 p.m. **(3.00 p.m. On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> after the funeral for Des Eggitt.)**

Keep bowling!

**Derek Renshaw**

Club Captain

## WEDNESDAY WYMESWOLD TRIPLES



Hi everyone! I hope you are all well and raring to go.

Our Wednesday Triples League starts on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. We have 20 games in total home and away, As soon as possible, I will post the fixture list and Availability Sheet for the first game.

The games are played in the evenings start from 6.30pm during June and July, changing in August to 6.15pm.

The format for the games is mixed triples 3 bowls per player. Each rink containing 1 lady and 2 men and or 2 ladies and 1 man. Dress code greys and club shirts.

There are 3 evening leagues already confirmed, so there will be plenty of opportunities for competitive bowling. Stay safe and let's enjoy a successful bowling season, hopefully!!!

**Ken Renshaw**

Wednesday Captain

## LOCKDOWN LAUGHTER

### Latest news from Tokyo:



Following problems in the financial sector due to Coronavirus, uncertainty has now hit Japan. In the last 7 days, the **Origami Bank** has folded, the **Sumo Bank** has gone belly up, and the **Bonsai Bank** announced plans to cut some of its branches. Yesterday, it was announced that the **Karaoke Bank** is up for sale and will likely go for a song while today's shares in the **Kamikaze Bank** were suspended after they nose-dived. While **Samurai Bank** is soldiering on following sharp cuts, the **Ninja Bank** is reported to have taken a hit, but they remain in the black. Furthermore, 500 staff at **Karate Bank** got the chop and analysts report that there is something fishy going on at the **Sushi Bank** where it is feared that staff may get a raw deal."

### Meanwhile in Sweden:

Our correspondent in Stockholm reports that the Chairman of Swedish giant IKEA has been elected as the country's President. In his acceptance speech he told the country that he would have his cabinet assembled in about a week!

### Concerns in the UK

A friend told me that his wife didn't order anything from Amazon last Wednesday! On Thursday sometime between 11.35 and 17.35 the Amazon delivery man knocked on the door to see if she was alright!

## Looking forward to holidays

- \* A few friends are planning foreign holidays and are looking for someone to translate a few well-used foreign phrases . .  
Let's try 'hors d'oeuvres' for starters.
- \* When abroad, how much should one spend on a bottle of wine?  
I would say, about half an hour!
- \* This year it is suggested you combine April Fool's Day and Easter Sunday.  
Send the grandkids out searching for eggs you haven't hidden!

## Random thoughts

- \* Doesn't it annoy when people insist on using clichés all the time...? Well, I suppose at the end of the day, it's live and let live!
- \* A keyring is a handy little gadget to help you lose all your keys at once.
- \* They say an apple a day keeps the doctor away... Or is that just a granny's myth?



## MANAGEMENT TEAM CHANGES

The Management Committee are still looking for a **Club Secretary** with no volunteers having come forward. Gary Kilbourne has agreed to take up the role of **Competitions Secretary** until a more permanent replacement for Andy Savage can be found.

Stan Page has stepped in to replace George Stone as **Captain** of the Syston Swords (*formerly Green & Royals*) in the Monday Loughborough League and he is looking for a **Vice-Captain** to act for him when (and if!) He goes on holiday.

Following her resignation, Pete Murray has temporarily replaced Kate Williams as **Club Chairman** and is now fulfilling the dual role of Chairman and **President**.

Current Covid restrictions have prevented meetings of the Board and Management Committee. It is hoped to hold the next joint meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May, just as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Volunteers are invited to fill all current vacancies to serve until the 2021 AGM which will be held in October. If you would like to help, please don't hesitate to let Val Foreman (**email:** vfpolo@aol.com or **Tel:** 2609 635) Full support will be given to ease you into the job.

## 2021 COMPETITION ENTRIES

Members are reminded that last year, no charge was made for entry to the limited range of competitions that we were able to organise. It was confirmed that any fees that had been paid could be set against entries made for this year.

In February this year, in the letter from the Chairman, and on the Competition Entry Form, it was made clear that Entry fees would be payable but would be charged in the light of whatever competitions we were able to organise.

Based on entries received, it looks likely that we will be able to organise a full complement of competitions (*with the exception of the Triples*). Once the Competitions Secretary has published details of the ties, you will be asked to pay dues accordingly. At this point, and should you so choose, you will be able to deduct from the total charge the amount you paid (if any) in 2020.



## ***THIS MONTH'S GARDENING TIPS***

We've gathered our best practices for removing algae from your patio, pathways, drive, or walls. For the job you'll need, gloves, mask, hot water, stiff deck broom, vinegar or bleach, and maybe even a pressure or jet washer.

### **Steps for removing slimy algae (on natural stone):**

1. Put on protective gloves and mask. Mould and algae spores are dangerous when inhaled. Move furniture or other objects from the surface
2. It's easiest to remove algae when the surface is dry. Allow sunlight to completely dry the area.
3. Pour hot water on the surface. Hot water not only kills the algae tissue but softens them to ease removal.
4. Sweep or scrub the surface with stiff deck broom to remove algae.
5. If some algae remain, use cold or hot water and a pressure or jet washer. Hot water works best or you can use a power washer cleaner. Be sure to test on a small area before treating the whole surface. After pressure washing scrub with the deck brush and rinse with clean water.
6. Use vinegar by diluting in water and testing on a small area first (as to not damage your paving). Let the mixture stand on the surface 10-15 minutes. Scrub with brush or broom and rinse. Be careful not to let the runoff harm nearby plants.
7. Commercial cleaners such as patio or deck-wash cleaners and/or a rotary head cleaner may also be useful for thick or stuck mould or algae. (Best leave those to the professionals though)
8. Make sure to wash clothes immediately after performing maintenance to remove any spores clinging to the fabric.

### **Moss Over Taking Your Lawn**

Moss taking over a lawn is a common problem.

There are several potential causes including too much shade, compacted soils, poor drainage, low soil fertility, low or high pH, and bad air circulation

Factors beyond your control, like amount of shade in the garden, limited their ability to grow a healthy, beautiful grass lawn

**Thanks to Jeff Randall and his team for the gardening tips**

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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 any items for the next Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> May by 2021

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## HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY to...



Mick Pipes  
Harris  
Diana Lewis  
Sandra Cattell  
Jackie Clarke  
Pam Pipes  
Hazel Renshaw  
Win Collins

A sign in a shoe repair shop reads: "We will heel you We will save your sole We will even dye for you

A sign on a blinds and curtain truck:  
"Blind man driving."

On a Plumber's Van "We repair what your husband fixed."

Also on a Plumber's Van: "Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.

On an Electrician's Van: "Let us remove your shorts"

In a Non-smoking Area: If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action."

On a Maternity Room door: "Push. Push. Push.

At a Car Dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment

In a Restaurant window: Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up.

In the front yard of a Funeral Parlour: "Drive carefully. We'll wait."

In a Radiator Shop: Best place in town to take a leak."

In a Podiatrist's Office: "Time wounds all heels."

On a Septic Tank Truck: Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

At an Optometrist' Office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

**Thanks to John Lamble**

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