

JUNE

- 14th **Coffee Morning**
Loughborough Granby (H)
Oakham (A)
- 17th **Oakham** (H)
- 19th Loughborough Granby (Mixed) (H)
- 21st Holwell (H)
Mowmacre (A)
- 22nd **Ladies' Executive Anniversary Match** (H)
- 23rd L&D Triples League - Hawks (A)
- 25th Melton Trips Lgue - Holwell (H/A)
- 26th Narborough (H)
LLCBA v Warwickshire
- 28th Knighton Victoria (H)
Scotlands (A)
- 30th L&D Trips Lgue - Woodpeckers (H)
Brookfield (A)

JULY

- 1st L&D Trips Lgue - Johnson Cup (A)
- 2nd Melton Trips Lgue - Melton T. (H/A)
LLCBA v Bedford
- 3rd Windsor (A)
TBA
- 5th Soar Valley (A)
- 7th L&D Trips League - Swallows (H)
SBC Board Meeting
- 8th L & D Trips L - Mallinson Shield (A)
- 9th Melton Trps Lg - Belvoir Vale (H/A)
LLCBA v Middlesex
- 10th Kirby Muxloe (A)
Kirby Muxloe (H)
- 12th **Coffee Morning**
Belgrave (H)
Aylestone Hall (A)

Colour key: Men: Ladies: Mixed: SBC



Roy Hill grabbing a quick snack during the recent County Ladies' match against Buckinghamshire. Yum, yum!

REMINDER

For cheap holidays on **Madeira** at any time of the year, contact **Colin Grimes (2608412)**

New Life Member (Cont ...)

Everards Brewery for 33 years until his retirement in 1985.

Now in his 88th year, **Tom** remains active within the Men's Club. His wife, **Margaret**, who is an active Member of the Ladies' Club, which has its own select list of Life Members, can regularly be seen helping with teas on match days.

English insults

There was a time when words were used beautifully. These glorious insults are from an era when cleverness with words was still valued, before a great portion of the English language was reduced to four-letter words!

- * The exchange between **Churchill** and **Lady Astor**. She said, "If you were my husband, I'd give you poison." He replied, "If you were my wife, I'd take it!"
- * **Gladstone**, in Parliament, to **Benjamin Disraeli**: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease." "That depends, sir," replied **Disraeli**, "on whether I embrace your policies or your mistress." "A modest little person, with much to be modest about." - **Winston Churchill**
- * "He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - **John Bright**
- * "He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." - **Paul Keating**
- * "His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." -

New EU Directive

(You have been warned!)

In order to meet the conditions of the Lisbon Treaty, all citizens of the UK must be made aware that the phrase 'spending a penny' is not to be used after 31st December 2009.

From this date, the correct terminology will be: '**Euronating**'.



THE SYSTON GREEN



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Improving the green

Call for volunteers

SPECIAL EFFORTS are being made this year to raise the standard of our green. As previously reported, we have taken advice from the Greens Management County Administrator whose advice is being closely followed. In addition, we now want to initiate a twice-weekly programme of true-level rolling.

Weather permitting, we need a team of volunteers every **Tuesday** and **Friday** morning - starting at around 10.30 - to give the green the benefit of this much-needed attention.

An appeal is therefore made to all of our able-bodied players to volunteer for this important task which can only help to enhance the quality of our performance and the reputation of the Club.

If you can make yourself available on a regular basis, please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the Men's changing room on the basis of which we hope to set up a rota. If you are not regularly available but can help on **any** Tuesday or Friday, just turn up. We need all the help we can get in this important task.

Please make every effort to get involved. Don't just leave it to the small group of "activists" on whose shoulders the major burden of running the Club is usually left to fall.

New Life Member nominated

Tom Morris proposed for honour

AFTER 32 years membership, during which time he has served as Treasurer (several times) and Club Captain, the Men's Executive Committee has unanimously approved the nomination of **Tom Morris** as an Honorary Life Member of the Men's Club. Subject to the acceptance of the nomination at the AGM, **Tom** will join the short and select list of **Mick Hughes**, **Ron Morris** (*Tom's brother*) and **Roy Hill** who have been similarly honoured for "special services to the Club". Others who enjoyed this signal honour are sadly no longer with us.

Sponsoring the nomination, Men's Club President, **Ian Oxman**, says: "**Tom** is now one of the longest serving Members of the Club and, over many years, has rendered outstanding service on the Management Committee in various capacities. On behalf of the Club, I am delighted to be able to invite full recognition of the value of his unselfish commitment to our interests."

Before active service as an RAF pilot during the war, **Tom** worked with a firm of local accountants. During the war he was posted to India where he was a test pilot for all kinds of two- and four-engined planes which led to a number of very narrow escapes! On his return to the UK, he flew the famous Lancaster and Mosquito planes.

After the war, he worked in the Finance Department of (Continued on back page)

*Your views, opinions, news and any other material of interest to Members would be welcomed for publication in future editions. Please send to **George Dodge**, as Editor, by the first Monday in every month*

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Presidents' pieces

Men's President, Ian Oxman, urges Members to maintain standards



IT IS many years since we enjoyed such a successful start to our Season. At Club and County levels we are more than holding our own. There is a great spirit of camaraderie within the Club with exemplary co-operation

and collaboration between the Men's and Ladies' Sections.

A great deal of time and effort has gone into raising standards within the Club and in raising our profile within the local community. Our efforts are being repaid by a significant growth in membership and other support for the Club which, in turn, is increasing the individual Member's pride in belonging. It is especially pleasing to note that we no longer appear to struggle to field a full Thursday team. We can now even offer reserves!

I am proud to represent and lead such a fine Club at such an important time in its development.

Let's not get complacent, however. We must remain vigilant and do everything possible to maintain these high standards that have now been set.

Nowhere is this more important than in the way we are perceived by other Clubs and/or the public at large. In this respect, our **Dress Code** plays a vitally important role. I have been somewhat saddened to observe - and to receive reports from others about - Members failing to adhere to the **Code** both at home and away.

Now, while I feel sure that some of these incidents are the result of a lack of familiarity with the **Code**, it is clear that there have been cases involving Members of long experience who, frankly, ought to know better.

To help address this problem, we are publishing the **Dress Codes** for both the Men's and Ladies' Sections and including a copy with this issue of our **Newsletter**. I urge all Members to make themselves fully familiar with their respective Code and to adhere fully with its requirements.

I give due notice that I intend to use my Presidential power to "fine" anyone who is found to be in default of the **Code** - if only as a means of increasing the size of my chosen Charity fund! **You have been warned!**

Ladies' President, Anita Lowder, reviews the Anniversary Season so far

ALTHOUGH we are not having the best of starts to our Season in terms of results, we are enjoying ourselves and having fun.

A summary of our results so far can be seen on the facing page.

It has been most pleasing to see our new Members playing on the green and helping out where they can. Because it is our 75th Anniversary Year, we are finding things very challenging and busy at the moment.

On 21st May, we hosted the **LLCBA** against Buckinghamshire. They had tea and biscuits when they arrived and a delicious tea of salmon, mixed salad, hot new potatoes, coleslaw etc. followed by apple pie and cream at the end of the match - which Leicestershire won! It seemed to go down a treat!

I wish to thank all of the ladies who helped in any way with this most successful and high profile event for our Club.

On 31st May, I held a plant sale, which turned out to be quite a success, raising just under £200 for my Charity Appeal. I am most grateful to all of the Members who helped on the day and to those who supported the Appeal by buying plants. It made all the effort I made over the past few months well worth the effort.

By the time you read this we will have already celebrated Lady President's Day. I can only hope that it turned out to be as successful and fun-filled as I had planned!

Our next event will be the Executive Match on Sunday 22nd June as part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations. **Come on girls! Get practising and let's give them a run for their money!** Finally, I am very pleased to be able to report that **Janet Lowe** is now getting on very well.



Keeping the Club tidy

Exercising responsibility for changing room tidiness

WE ALL know that our current changing room facilities are inadequate. The regular need to field mixed teams in order to meet our fixture commitments only adds to the problem. There are exceptional additional pressures this year caused by regularly scheduled visits of County players to our Club during the County Ladies' Presidency of **Diana Lewis**.

The Board of Directors of the Club are taking steps which will hopefully alleviate this situation within a year or two. In the meantime, there is a great deal that can be done - especially by the Men's Section - to minimise the inconvenience. A special plea is made to all our male players (*I nearly wrote "male members" Ed!*) not to leave clothing and equipment in the changing rooms between games. Please take all your belongings away from the Clubhouse after each visit.

Unfortunately, unless this happens, you are in danger of finding your property unceremoniously removed and "dumped" in the Club equipment store as we seek to make our visitors - many of them ladies - as comfortable as possible during their stay.

While the emphasis of this request remains on the changing room area, gentlemen should not need reminding of the basic need - in any case - to do everything possible to maintain high standards of hygiene in the toilet area. Please treat this area **not simply** as you would in your own home but as you would if you visited, say, Buckingham Palace, to receive your knighthood! Please, please, please give this matter your full attention and co-operation.

Remember

The Club's own web site
www.systonbowlingclub.org
is now fully operational

Handbook updates

THE following Member details were either omitted or registered too late to be included in their respective Handbooks:

MEN

Members

Adams, Brian	2608177
Anderton, David	2692701
Blake, Andrew	2602045
Cross, Robert Mark	07928 031096

Dunlop, Bob	2600639
Ellison, Derek	2608466
Lester, John	2609170
Meyer, Rolf	2697213
Plowman, Tony	2608177
Taylor, Darren	2607805

Associate Members

Adams, Peter	2692145
Smith, Len	2693137

The Men's Club currently has **56** registered playing Members (*including 3 Life Members and 2 Junior Members*) and **8** Associates.

LADIES

Dexter, Margaret	2604354
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The Ladies' Club has **37** registered Members (*including 7 Life Members*) and **7**

The Season so far

Match statistics signal steady progress

Men's Saturday matches

P: 18 W: 7 L: 11 Shot Diff: -213

Men's Weekday matches

P: 9 W: 5 D: 1 L: 3 Shot Diff: +66

Loughborough & District Triples

P: 6 W: 2 D: 1 L: 3 Shot Diff: -1

Ladies' matches

P: 8 W: 2 L: 6

Shot Diff: -136

(as at Friday, 13th June 2008)

Detailed scores for all matches, much more information about the Club - and the game of bowls - can be found on the new Club web site: