

AUGUST

- 9th Battram (Mixed) H
Wymeswold (Mixed) A
- 11th L&D Trips League - Hawks H
Humberstone H
- 12th LLCBA v Huntingdon
Executive Committee Meeting
- 13th Rotary Club H
- 14th Belgrave H
- 15th Knighton Victoria H
LLCBA v Norfolk
- 16th Knighton Victoria H
Thringstone A
- 17th Melton Trips League Finals Day -
Oakham A
- 18th L&D Triples League -
Woodpeckers H
- 19th Keyworth (Mixed) H
SBC Board Meeting
- 20th Leicester Banks A
LLCBA v Worcestershire
- 21st Enderby H
- 23rd Wymeswold (Mixed) H
Birstall A
- 27th LLCBA v Northants
- 28th Nuneaton H
- 29th LLCBA v Notts
- 30th Greenwood Cup H/A
- 31st Melton Triples League - Tom
Brown KO Trophy at Market
Overton A

SEPTEMBER

- 1st Sibley A
- 3rd LLCBA v Cambridge
- 4th Melton Town A
- 5th LLCBA v Berkshire
- 6th Non-Leamington Finals H
Kirby Muxloe (to be played at
Brookfield) A
- Leicester Banks (Mixed Trips) A
- 8th Management Group Meeting
- 9th Keyworth (Mixed) A
Birstall H
SBC Board Meeting
- 10th Leicester Ladies H
- 11th Countesthorpe (Mixed) A
- 12th County Lady President's Day H
- 13th Coffee Morning
Soar Valley H
Batram A

Colour key: Men: Ladies: Mixed: SBC

Coaching corner - Concluded

time of the game and arrive in sufficient time to change and be on the green accordingly

- * Do not drop your bowls onto the green.
- * Shake hands with your opponent(s) before and after the game.
- * Wait until the result of the end has been decided before breaking up the head.
- * If you are responsible for keeping score, compare your card with that of your opponents at regular intervals.
- * If you have lost the game, remember to congratulate your opponent.
- * Never be heard to criticise the green or your opponent.
- * Acknowledge any "flake" and commend an opponent's good bowl.
- * Do not run on the green.

POST SCRIPT:

A number of Members have been challenged in recent weeks about "foot faults". To avoid the possibility of a challenge, remember the Rule that, at the point of delivery, your trailing foot must be on or in the area directly above the mat. (i.e. There is nothing wrong in your trailing foot being in the air as long as it is clearly in the area above the mat).

Mick Hall continues on road to recovery

MEMBERS were delighted to have the opportunity to meet up again with **Mick Hall** at the President's Day on 1st August. As he continues his slow (and rather unsteady) road to recovery, we offer him and his wife **Zena** our warmest best wishes and trust that it will not be too long before we see them around the Clubhouse once again.

REMINDER

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



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What makes a successful club?

Men's President, Ian Oxman, offers his view

IN HIS SPEECH to Members and guests at the President's Day held on 1st August, Men's President, **Ian Oxman**, said that the lead article in the July issue of this Newsletter had caused him to question what makes a successful Club. Success on the green, while important, was not the only measure. It was also necessary to look at the way in which the Men's and Ladies' Sections co-operated and worked together for the good of the Club as a whole. He pointed to the importance of Captains sustaining a flexible and inclusive approach to team selection. While this was difficult and the temptation to field "fixed" rinks was difficult to resist, the benefits of giving as many Members as possible the opportunity to participate in games with other Clubs should be the overriding consideration.

We should avoid, at all costs, the development of cliques or "elite" squads of players, who regarded their inclusion in all games as automatic, which militated against the successful integration of new Members into the Club.

He stressed the importance of a sound coaching programme in the success of a Club, and the commitment of volunteers to undertake responsibility for the wide range of jobs involved in the day-to-day running of the Club. *Continued overleaf*



Matt Seadon on his way to victory against **Peter Farrow** (Holwell) in the County Champion of Champions Competition.

Club of the Year 2008 entry

Chairman of the Board of Directors, **Colin Grimes**, reports that, at the time of going to press, the Club's entry to the 2008 **Bowls England/Drake's Pride Club of the Year** competition is in its final stages of preparation. Closing date for entries is 1st September.

It is hoped that we can improve on last year's standard when we received a "Highly Commended" citation and certificate.

A copy of the final entry will be posted in the Clubhouse, for all Members to read, in due course. In the meantime, if any Member has any suggestions about what might be included in the entry to impress the judges, or has any photographs of Club facilities and activities, which could be used to illustrate what a fine Club we have in Syston, please contact **Colin** without delay.

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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A successful Club kept Members fully informed of what was going on and operated a successful social programme throughout the Close Season. Involvement in and service to the local community and a commitment to charitable causes had also to be taken into consideration. **In all of these areas - success on the green, co-operation between the Sections, flexible team selection, strong volunteer support, good communications, an attractive social programme, involvement in the local community and support for charities - he was pleased and proud to be in a position to claim that Syston was, indeed, a success!**

He offered personal thanks to the Ladies' President, **Anita Lowder**, to Vice-President, **Colin Grimes**, all team Captains and to Club Coach, **Des Eggitt**. He singled out **Verna Kennel** and **Roger Bentley** for their exemplary voluntary work behind the scenes throughout the year without whose support the Club would be in some difficulty. He then offered thanks to the ladies who had worked hard and to such great effect on the catering arrangements for the President's Day.

He closed his address by thanking all Members for their active support throughout the Season.

Joint Club Presidents'

CHARITY DAY

Sunday 24th August 2008

starting at 2.30 p.m.

In the presence of

His Worshipful the Mayor of Charnwood and the Mayoress

Light-hearted (fancy dress) bowls match

Craft, cakes, preserves and plant stalls

Auction (4.30 p.m. approx)

Light refreshments available all day

Tickets: 50p

MEMBERS ARE URGED TO PROVIDE STOCK FOR ALL STALLS (See Janice Wilbourn) AND ITEMS FOR AUCTION (See separate article on this page)

Special evening charity cabaret starring

JACKIE LEE

Starting at 7.30 p.m.

Light refreshments and full bar available

Tickets: £3.00

*Available, in advance, from **Brian Adams***

Charity Auction items needed

IT WOULD be extremely helpful if Members who have items to donate for auction, at the forthcoming Charity Day on 24th August, could arrange for them to be delivered to the Clubhouse by no later than **Monday 18th August** - marked for the attention of **Colin Grimes**. Although items can be accepted at any later time up to the opening of the Auction, it is hoped to produce an advance "catalogue" of goods to attract and assist bidders and help us to raise the maximum amount of money possible for the joint Presidents' good causes.

Newsflash!

A school teacher was arrested today at JFK International Airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a set square, a slide rule and a calculator.

At a morning press conference, Attorney General John Ashcroft said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of maths instruction.

The Season so far

Men's Saturday matches

P: 34 W:13 L: 21 Shot Diff: -334

Men's Weekday matches

P:15 W: 7 D: 1 L: 7 Shot Diff: -16

Loughborough & District Triples

P:12 SW: 6 RW: 13½ Pts: 39 Pos:5/8

Melton Triples League

P: 4 RW: 8 RD: 2 RL: 6 Pts: 22

Ladies' matches

P:18 W: 4 L:14 Shot Diff: -220

(as at Friday, 8th August 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:

www.systonbowlingclub.org

Sadly, things appear to be "slipping" after a good start to the Season.

Coaching corner

Club & County Coach, Des Eggitt, offers guidance on etiquette on the green

- * **ALWAYS** stand behind your opponent when he/she is on the mat.
 - * After you have delivered your wood and are watching it down the bowling line, don't move over too close to the next rink
 - * Never distract the attention of a player who is about to bowl. This principle applies whether the player is one of your opponents or one of your own rink. Sometimes, when a Skip is about to deliver a wood, his Number Three will try to offer advice on the way to play the shot and thereby disturb his concentration. This is bad practice. The Skip will have already read the head and will have decided what shot he is going to play. As a Number Three, only offer the Skip advice if there has been some significant change in the head since the Skip's last wood.
 - * When both Number Threes are measuring for shots, Leads and Seconds must say out of the head. However, a Lead or Second may draw the attention of a Number Three to a shot that might have been overlooked. *(An overlooked shot could make the difference between winning and losing a match.)*
 - * If your opponent appears to be overlooking a shot in his/her favour, it is good sportsmanship to draw his/her attention to the possibility.
 - * **REMEMBER** - Bowls is a game of good sportsmanship.
- Other points of etiquette to be borne in mind (See Club noticeboard) are:**
- * Check that you know and comply with the correct dress for the occasion.
 - * Make sure that you know the starting

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Remember

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

Warner Cup success

But does it have a future?

CONGRATULATIONS to **Brenda Oxman** and **Myles Clare**, winners of this year's **Warner Trophy** played on Friday 25th July. All 28 players involved had a most enjoyable evening on the green followed by a tasty supper and presentation ceremony.



Brenda Oxman checks the head while **Myles Clare** and **Ken Renshaw** look on

There has been some talk about the future viability and the current relevance of this trophy in the Club's rather packed competition calendar.

On the one hand, it would appear to be a great pity to lose an event which involves the full support and co-operation of both Sections of the Club offering, as it does, a great opportunity for light-hearted competition and rivalry between mixed rinks while raising money for charity.

On the other hand, if the event is not supported by sufficient Members to make it a viable proposition, there would seem to be little point in persisting with it.

Views on the subject from Members given to the respective Section Committees would be welcomed to assist them in reaching a decision about the event for next year.

Words of wisdom?

- * *My wife is a sex object. Every time I ask for sex, she objects!*
- * *They say marriage is made in heaven. But so is thunder and lightning!*
- * *Money isn't everything - but it certainly keeps you in touch with your children.*