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 “fluke” 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)
A successful Club? Concluded

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.

Coach, Kennel, all team Captains and to Club Colin Grimes Anita Lowder He offered personal thanks to the Ladies’ that Syston was, indeed, a success! He closed his address by thanking all Members for their active support throughout the Season.

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 rifle, 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

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

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

Coaching corner

Club & County Coach, Des Eggett, 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 stay 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 line, don’t move over too close to the mat.

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.

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.

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

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