

MAY

9th	Coffee Morning Aylestone Hall - (H) Sileby - (A)
11th	Gee Bees (A)
12th	Men's Executive Committee - 10 a.m.
13th	Quorn - (H)
14th	Evington Park (A)
16th	Sileby - (H) Loughborough Granby - (A)
18th	Hawks (H)
20th	Aylestone (H)
21st	Melton Town (H)
23rd	Melton Town (A) Keyworth (H)
25th	Wolds (A)
27th	Melton Town (H)
28th	Loughborough Granby (A) Keyworth (A)
30th	Countesthorpe (H) Barlestone (A)

JUNE

1st	Pandas (H)
2nd	Rothley (H)
3rd	Market Overton (A) Mallinson Shield
4th	Birstall (A)
6th	Brookfield (H) Quorn Mills Park (Triples) (A)
8th	Sands (H)
9th	Wymeswold (A)
11th	Belgrave (A)
12th	Ladies' President's Day (H)
13th	Coffee Morning Loughborough Granby (H) Oakham (A)
15th	Queens (H)
16th	Oakham (A)

Colour key: Men: Ladies: Mixed: SBC

CHARITY CABARET NIGHT

Sunday 12th July 2009 7.00 p.m.

Triple Variety Bill starring

Steve Dean, Karen West
& Paul Rowell

Snacks, full bar and raffle

Tickets now available from George
Dodge and Brian Adams

£8.50

All proceeds to Presidents' Charities

The Season to date

EARLY DAYS, of course, but not a bad opening to the Season. Summarised results as follows:

Men's Saturday fixtures

P6 W3 L3 Shots Diff: +28

Men's Midweek fixtures

P1 W0 L1 Shots Diff: -26

Ladies fixtures

P3 W2 L1 Shots Diff: -10

Loughborough Triples League

P1 W0 L1 Points: 0

You know that you are living in 2009 when

1. **YOU** accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who lives next door to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your mobile phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen
8. Leaving the house without your mobile phone, which you didn't even have the first 50 years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
9. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.

The advice your child rejected is now being given to your grandchild

**Clubhouse extension approved****Council give permission to extend by 9 feet**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have received confirmation that their application to the Town Council to extend the Clubhouse by up to nine feet at the Eastern end has been approved, subject to planning permission and building regulations.

The Board are anxious to move ahead as quickly as possible to provide additional changing and toilet facilities - including facilities for the disabled. On behalf of the Board, *George Dodge*, is now liaising with surveyors/architects who have been invited to draw up plans which can be submitted for planning approval and on the basis of which estimates of the cost of the project can be obtained.

Meeting the cost

Once the full cost of the project has been assessed, it is planned, in the first instance, to apply for grant aid from Sport England and a range of other agencies who have already been identified.

Whatever grants can be obtained, it is likely that the Club will have to make a significant contribution towards the costs involved. How much of this contribution might be made in the form of specialist help from Members who have the necessary skills and expertise to contribute to the building, remains to be seen and depends to a large extent on how sympathetic the bodies making the grant are to the concept of self-build.

With the Club's commitment to the re-surfacing of the green at the close of the 2009 Season, it is likely that work on the extension will have to be delayed until September 2010 at the earliest.

The Board has already agreed to consider various forms of fundraising to help meet the costs involved and will seek to exploit our new-found status as a **CASC** (See *article Page 5*) to maximise the potential to benefit from Grant Aid arrangements on any monies raised in this way.

"The Green" is still free

HAVING carefully weighed the likely benefits against the problems associated with administering such a scheme, the Board has decided not to adopt the recommendation made at the AGM that a small charge should be made for "**The Syston Green**".

Your monthly Newsletter will therefore continue to be made available as a free membership service (*both in "hard" copy and on-line at the Club web site*) until further notice.

49 Club

THERE are still some **49 Club** participants who have not yet renewed for the current year. Lucky winners in April were:

Gary Jones, Alan Ward, John Lester and Mick Hall.

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*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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2 Presidents agree to rationalise their charity collection efforts

PRESIDENTS Janice Wilbourn and Colin Grimes have agreed that a single collection point for their nominated charities should be used for the remainder of the year.

The large bottle kept on the bar will be used to collect all donations for both the **Arthritis Care Leicester Branch (Ladies Section)** and the **Leicester Cobras Wheelchair Basketball Team (Men's Section)** with all donations being equally shared at the end of the Season.

In a joint statement, the Presidents say: "A



single collection point makes life simpler for everybody and avoids any confusion about where to put donations.

We are both very keen to support local rather than national or international organisations and believe that by agreeing to share our collection arrangements, both our chosen charities are likely to benefit. We urge all Members to give our appeals their full support throughout the year."

Men's Section Members are again reminded that the proceeds from Penny Ends should continue to be donated to the Presidents' Charity Appeal collection.



New Members welcomed

THE EXECUTIVE Committee of the Men's Section were pleased to approve applications for membership from **Brian Arnold, Tony Crump, James Evatt, John Wadd and John Woodward.** The readmissions to membership, of **Eric Hall** and **Eldon Sandys** were also approved.

We offer them all a warm welcome into the Club and wish them many years of enjoyable membership.

As we grow older, our bodies get shorter and our anecdotes get longer!

Des sez ...

*Men's Captain & Club Coach,
Des Eggitt, issues reminder about
dress code & etiquette*

PRIDE in your Club can be demonstrated in no better way than in the trouble you take to present yourself when you meet with Members of other Clubs.

The Club **Dress Code** and **Rules of Etiquette** (copies available on request) lay down the minimum requirements for each Member to follow. In addition, however, it is important that everyone representing the Club in games with other Clubs should, for example, ensure that he/she uses the Club's own identity stickers on each wood. All-too-often, Syston players can be observed using stickers belonging to other Clubs on their woods. A small detail, I know. **Nevertheless it is a poor show and can be compared to a player representing England turning out in an Australian or German shirt!**

It is also important that we all take a pride in our appearance as we welcome visiting teams to our Clubhouse.

Players should already be in full uniform as visiting players arrive (or on arrival at other Clubs when playing away) and should remain in uniform while socialising after the game. If you have to change, a change into "mufti" should only take place as you prepare to leave the Clubhouse.

It diminishes the image of the Club and is disrespectful to our visitors/hosts if our players are seen to be all-too-ready to get out of their Club uniform as soon as possible after the the match has ended.

I know that there is a small minority who find it difficult to accept the importance of these and other issues - such as the insistence on wearing of player badges, ties and the introduction of League shirts - but I appeal to them to recognise the overwhelming benefits that adherence to the Codes brings to a Club and to join with the rest of us in taking every opportunity to demonstrate our pride in belonging to this fine Club.

As the Season progresses - with the full support of Officers and Committees of both Sections - gentle pressure will be applied to achieve the maximum possible compliance with the requirements of the Codes.

Gardening Group update

THE GARDEN group continues to flourish, collecting new members at each meeting so far.

Some of the group recently spent an enjoyable afternoon visiting a beautiful garden in Woodhouse Eaves, followed by tea and cakes at Newtown Linford.

The most recent meeting was well attended and various topics were discussed, including container grown vegetables, companion planting, growing sweet peas, etc. followed by a plant sale.

The next visit will be to The Old Hall, Market Overton on Tuesday, May 12, meeting at the Clubhouse at 1.45pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19 at 7.0pm.

Please feel free to come and join us.

GD

New uniform shirts introduced



Roy Hill, John Lamble, George Stone, George Dodge, Pete Murray, Des Eggitt, Brian Adams, Rolf Meyer and Colin Grimes pose for the camera before the first **Loughborough Triples League** game wearing the uniform shirts introduced this year.

Sadly, the shirts had no impact on their performance in the match which they lost by 30 shots and gained 0 points!

*To have beauty
is to have only that.
But to have goodness,
is to be beautiful too.*

A school prayer for to-day

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*Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule,
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.*

*If Scripture now the class recites,
It insults someone's Human Rights.*

*And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Government matter now.*

*My hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offence - it's a "freedom" scene.*

The law is specific; the law is precise.

Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall

Might offend someone with no faith at all.

In silence alone we must meditate,

God's name's discouraged by the State.

We're allowed to swear and dress like freaks,

And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.

They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.

To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Prefect.

To be a schoolboy Daddy is no defect.

*It's 'inappropriate' to teach right from wrong,
We're taught that such judgements do not belong.*

We can get our condoms and birth controls,

Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.

But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,

No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess.

Chaos reigns. The school's a mess.

So, Lord, this silent plea I make:

Should I be shot, my soul please take!

Amen

CASC registration confirmed

HM Revenue & Customs have now confirmed that the revised Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted at this year's AGM have satisfied the Department's requirements and, therefore, the Club has been successfully registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club (**CASC**) with effect from 16th March 2009.

As explained at successive AGMs, this means that the Club will enjoy preferential access to grants and awards, will be exempt from any Corporation Tax liability and qualifies for a mandatory 80% remission of local authority business rates. In addition, any gifts received by the Club will be subject to a 25% uplift through the national Gift Aid scheme.

Lady President's Notices

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Janice Wilbourn announces details of special event

PLEASE make an early note in your diaries for **12th June 2009** when, rather than the normal format of a President's Day, I have decided to hold a mixed game on the green, starting at 5.30 p.m., followed by a Cheese & Wine Evening. I hope that this new arrangement will enable Members from both Ladies' and Men's sections of the Club to come along and enjoy a game of bowls, starting with a "Spider" and finishing with cheese, wine and nibbles (*plus a deal of after-match gossip!*) I will soon be putting up the availability sheets for the game so I would be most grateful for

your support for this event.

My chosen charity this year is for the local branch of Arthritis Care. All proceeds from the day will be donated to this worthy cause.

Ladies' Competitions

All Ladies who have entered the "Syston Town News" Mixed Pairs competition please let **Margaret Abbott** have your entry money (£5 per head).

There is also a sheet in the Ladies' changing room for entries for the **Club Mixed Pairs** competition. Please sign up and let Margaret have your £2.50 entry fee.

Anita takes on role of Treasurer



Anita Lowder

THE BOARD of Directors are pleased to announce the appointment of **Anita Lowder** as Treasurer with immediate effect.

Efforts to find a Treasurer since the AGM had failed to identify any volunteers. As a last resort, current Chairman, **Colin Grimes**, had offered to resign the post in order to enable him to take up the joint roles of Secretary/Treasurer to the Board giving the Board the opportunity to appoint a new Chairman. **Anita's** last minute intervention thereby avoided a re-shuffle of Board responsibilities.

There currently remains a vacancy on the Board for a representative from the Men's Section. Volunteers would be welcomed. In the meantime, the Board will continue their efforts to identify a suitable candidate to be co-opted.

Colin Grimes, says: "It was neither practical nor sensible - and certainly not in the best interests of the Club - for me to try to cover the responsibilities of all three posts (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) - especially during my year as President of the Men's Section.

It is essential that the Club has the support of someone with the relevant specialist skills and experience to act as Treasurer and, under the prevailing circumstances, I felt that I could make a greater contribution to the Club in that position rather than as Chairman.

The Board faces a number of exciting challenges in the next couple of years including the resurfacing of the green and planned extension to the Clubhouse. I am therefore delighted that, in the end, we have found a strong Treasurer with the minimum of disruption to the operational structure of the current Board. Thanks to Anita's generosity of spirit and commitment to the Club, we can now face future challenges with full confidence."



Colin Grimes

Funny Facts

Q: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left.

And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

Q: Why are zero scores in tennis called "love"?

A: In France, where tennis first became popular, a big, round zero on scoreboard looked like an egg and was called "l'oeuf," which is French for "egg." When tennis was introduced into the US, Americans pronounced it "love."

In appreciation

Chris Biddles speaks on behalf of the Ladies' Section

WE WOULD like to express our appreciation to **Roy Hill**, Past Secretary to the Board of the Club, for all his work and dedication to ensure the efficient running of the Club.

How often have we heard the words "Ask Roy"?

He has put his heart and soul into the Club and we were very pleased when he was awarded the honour of being elected a Life Member.

We hope that he is now learning to relax and we wish him good health and happy bowling.

Editor's note: I feel sure that these words from the ladies echo the thoughts and sincere best wishes of all Members of the Club.

Club Charity Gala launched

SUNDAY July 26th marks a big day in this year's calendar when, for the first time in many years, the Club is to hold a Gala.

Invitations have been extended to 5 local Clubs (*Belgrave, Quorn Mills, Rothley, Sibley and St Margaret's*) each one being offered places for 2 mixed rinks.

The day's programme will start at 10.00 a.m. with each rink playing 5 ends in each of 3 rounds before lunch and 2 further rounds in the afternoon before a Final match between the two rinks with the highest aggregate score from the qualifying rounds.

A "Spider" will take place before the start of the afternoon session and a raffle will be held immediately before the presentation prizes after tea at the close of play.

We are very grateful that the Ladies' Section have agreed to do the necessary catering. Volunteer helpers from the wives/partners of Men's Section Members would be warmly welcomed and donations of quality raffle prizes will greatly assist our fundraising efforts.

All proceeds will be shared equally between the Presidents' chosen charities.

Coaching corner

Club & County Coach, Des Eggitt, stresses the importance of concentration



THIS MONTH I want to stress the need to concentrate at all times. Watch every wood delivered. Note any deviations from line or fast or slow areas on the green. Remember how the "good" shots were bowled.

This important aspect of your game is known as "concentration off the mat".

Even more important is your concentration on the mat which relies, to a great extent, on your mental preparation for the game.

When on the mat, having received your instructions on the shot to play (*or, if you are Skip, having decided on your line and length*) 100% concentration should be given to the delivery of your wood.

Concentration starts from the moment you pick up your wood.

One small aid to concentration is to picture the path of the wood from the moment it leaves the hand to its coming to rest at the required spot in the head.

Concentration obliges you to take your time. Once you are on the mat, the time is your own. Do not be hurried into a delivery either by your own team or the opposition. Deliberately go through your pre-delivery check list including grip, stance, position, balance and visualisation of the line of your desired shot. Only then, are you in a fit state to deliver.

Subject to confirmation, members of the winning rink will each receive a prize of £20. Runners-up will receive £12 each and a "booby" prize of £5 each will be awarded to the rink with the lowest overall aggregate score.

The entry fee of £10 per head will be inclusive of coffee/tea and biscuits on arrival, lunch and afternoon tea at the close of the programme.

The bar will be open throughout and tea, coffee and biscuits will also be available throughout the day.

Syston's 2 rinks will be chosen by lot from Members who express an interest in playing.