

Close Season Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

- 13th** Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.
Casino Night £3.50 entry & initial chips 7.30 p.m. start
- 15th** Indoor "roll-up" - Melton Bowling Club (See below for details)
- 17th** Pub Quiz & Social Afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
- 19th** County AGM
- 21st** "JAZZ meets POP" Quality music of both genres by local artistes £8.50 7.30 p.m. start
- 22nd** Indoor "roll-up" - Melton Bowling Club (See below for details)
- 24th** Pub Quiz & Social Afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
- 29th** Indoor "roll-up" - Melton Bowling Club (See below for details)

DECEMBER

- 1st** Pub Quiz & Social Afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
- 4th** Games Night with Faith supper £1 7.15 p.m.
- 6th** Indoor "roll-up" - Melton Bowling Club (See below for details)
Annual General Meeting 7.00 p.m.
- 7th** SBC Board Meeting 10.00 a.m.
- 8th** Pub Quiz & Social Afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
- 11th** Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.
 Pub Quiz with Fish & chips supper £4.50 7.00 p.m.
- 13th** Indoor "roll-up" - Melton Bowling Club (See below for details)
- 15th** Pub Quiz & Social Afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
- 20th** Indoor "roll-up" - Melton Bowling Club (See below for details)
- 22nd** Pub Quiz & Social Afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Colour key: Men: Ladies: Mixed: SBC

SPECIAL NOTES:

SEPTEMBER - APRIL

Indoor roll-up at the Melton Club every Monday throughout the Close Season starting at 1140 hours. Those interested, please turn up in good time to allow for rink selection. Everyone welcome. For further details, contact **John Lambie**, Tel: 0116 292 1619

Ladies' Craft Group meets in the Clubhouse every Tuesday throughout the Close Season starting at 2.00 p.m.

Ladies' monthly luncheon - Usually held on the 3rd Wednesday in the month.

Weekly Wednesday afternoon Pub Quiz and social 2.00 - 4.30 p.m. (except for 3rd Wednesday in the month) "Open House" - Everybody welcome! Bring a friend.

Fortnightly Close Season Clubhouse evening social programme. "Open House" - Everybody is welcome. Advance booking for Sunday evening events is strongly recommended because we limit ticket numbers.

For further details of any of the social events, contact **Anita Lowder** Tel: 0116 260 6921

Letter to the Editor

Hello

I just wanted to drop a line to say how good your web page is. I have thoroughly enjoyed looking at your photos and in particular your past Presidents and Honours Boards (both Ladies' and Men's). My grandparents, **Alf and May Newman** were both Presidents in the 70's and they both enjoyed many years of bowling at Syston as well as in Sunday league matches and indoor bowls with other clubs.

I attended many functions held in the old clubhouse in my late teens and early twenties, not least of which were my Gran's President's Day celebrations, and both of my children, Victoria and Timothy (now grown up and flown the nest), and myself accompanied the Ladies on days out to Royal Leamington Spa. All remembered with fond memories.

My congratulations on the lovely clubhouse. It's a credit to all the hard work done over the years.

I don't get back to Syston as often as I would like as I now live in Manchester, but it's nice to know that a small part of the village remains unchanged, and that bowling still thrives.

I shall continue to watch from afar.

My very best wishes to you all

Sincerely

Julia Pearson (née Durgut) (By email)

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THE SYSTON GREEN

We WILL remember them!



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Presidents sign off at the close of their busy year in office

WITH very little time left of my Presidency, I would like to thank everyone for making it such an enjoyable year. I said when I was elected as President that I would try to represent the club to the best of my ability. I do hope none of our members has been disappointed with my efforts.

A very heartfelt thank you to each and every person who has contributed to our charity enabling us to present £1100.00 to **Russell Brickett**, founder of **Wishes4Kids**.

The work on the green has been continuing and our Green Ranger, **Roger Bentley**, and retained contractor, **Chris Mews**, seem satisfied with the progress and are optimistic for next season.

Apart from the green there is another major issue to be considered and that is the extension to the clubhouse. When this matter is discussed at the respective AGMs I urge everyone to give the most serious consideration to all the implications involved and the benefits we might derive from it.

On a much lighter note I would like to thank everyone who attended our Golden Wedding Anniversary at the clubhouse on October 30th (see picture on page 5). Both **Marlene** and I were surprised and delighted at the number who came and supported us and presented us with all those beautiful cards. A special thank you to **Jan Wilbourn**, **Sheila Aindhov**, **Sheila Parker**, **Kate Toon** and **Dave Hudson**. These lovely people show the true spirit of Syston Bowls Club - ever

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MY year as Ladies' President has passed quickly. It was with hesitation that I accepted the position as I had been a Member of the Club for only a relatively short time. However, my concerns proved to be unfounded as the committee gave me the help and guidance I needed.

There have been very few weeks without some sort of activity involving either the ladies only or jointly with the men, both summer and winter. This applies to the fundraising for my charity "Operation Christmas Child". The money from the bottle on the bar was shared equally between President **Peter Murray's** chosen charity and my own (even though we had a problem getting a Bank to accept the small change!)

Our ladies worked extremely hard making cakes for our stall at the **Carnival** where, as previously reported, we raised £165.10. Well done!

Another fundraising event was a morning spent covering shoe boxes with Christmas paper, then filling them with small items for children between 2 and 14 years old. These were put together with other boxes previously filled by Members so, in all, 62 completed boxes were collected to be sent to children in Romania for this Christmas.

In addition to everyone's generosity with other fundraising activities, a total of £895 was sent to the charity to help towards the expense of transportation and other

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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



THE last garden visit of the year took place recently, when 25 members and friends of the Garden Group had lunch at **Slate Restaurant** and then went on to **Watton Gardens** to see the Autumn colours, which

were beautiful. (Pictured above among the vibrant Autumn colours: **Marilyn Wood, Norma Grimes, Pat Plowman and Christine Dodge**)

Lady Crawshaw made everyone very welcome and was answered questions concerning the gardens. The visit ended with tea and cakes with **Lady Crawshaw**, making a very enjoyable end to a lovely afternoon.

Members attending the latest meeting watched a flower demonstration by **Betty Wheatley**, which was to teach us how to make table arrangements for the forthcoming **Mens' Presentation Night**. It was decided that members willing to help with this would meet at 2.00pm on Friday, 5th November to make the arrangements for the next evening.

Details of the **Christmas Fantasia** week at **Belvoir Castle** were discussed and information on this will appear on the notice boards shortly.

We then discussed ideas for a Christmas meal but no firm decision was made and it was decided that this would be discussed again at the next meeting when more of the regular members are present.

We then talked about future fund-raising ideas, with a view to raising money for the Presidents' charities.

The next Garden Group meeting will be on **Tuesday, 23rd November at 2.00pm.**

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Men's Club AGM

Election of Executive

NOMINATIONS are invited for Members to serve on the **Executive Committee** of the Men's Section.

At the time of going to press, the nominations identified below have been confirmed but it must be stressed that **further nominations may be made for any of the posts up to the point at which a ballot is called at the AGM which is scheduled for Monday 6th December, 2009** starting at 7.00 p.m.

POST	NOMINEE
President:	George Dodge
Vice-President:	Brian Adams
Club Secretary:	Rob Wilbourn
Asst. Secretary:	Colin Grimes
Treasurer:	Brian Arnold
Captain:	Myles Clare
Midweek Captain:	George Stone
Competitions Secretary:	Noel Evatt
Fixture Secretary:	George Dodge
Welfare Officer:	Bob Dunlop
Vice-Captains:	Ken Renshaw Don Creasey

Catering Manager:	Vacancy
Loughborough League Capt.:	Brian Adams
Melton League Captain:	Dave Hudson

Subject to the position after elections at the AGM, it is the intention of the Executive Committee to seek to fill, by co-option, any residual vacancy to maintain a full complement of 14 members. In anticipation of such a need, the current Executive Committee have unanimously endorsed the proposal that **Pete Murray** should be co-opted as Immediate Past President.

The absence, to date, of a nominee for the post of **Catering Manager** remains a cause of special concern to the Committee. Any volunteer(s) to fill this vitally important post will be warmly welcomed.



The Club Coach Column

"**STAY** in the game," says Club Coach, **Des Eggitt**, who, this month, offers advice on the right preparation before starting a game. He advises:

As you move to the mat:

Suppress all negative thoughts

"I never play well on this green/in this position/with this Skip"

Avoid anxiety

"I **MUST** - be 'up'/avoid the wood holding shot/go to the toilet."

Such worrying thoughts, doubts and the associated unnecessary stress can result in muscle tension that inhibits a free-flowing delivery action and adversely affects performance.

The resulting delivery is likely to be poor giving rise to the old adage: "*The harder I try, the worse it gets.*"

Remaining positive and relaxed will get you back to basics and allow you to keep in the game.

Remember the 3 R's

RELAX - Clear your mind of everything around you and concentrate solely on the shot you are about to play.

ROUTINE - Bias, grip, line (*look and decide on the required line and stand accordingly*) These two represent 5% of your concentration.

REPEAT - (This is the remaining 95% of your concentration.) To give the wood the correct weight in a smooth arm delivery, you have to "feel" that weight and draw on your memory of many repetitions. Get this part right and your wood will do the rest.

ABOVE ALL, KEEP THE GAME SIMPLE AND UNCOMPLICATED BY SUPPRESSING ALL UNNECESSARY THOUGHTS AND ANXIETIES AS YOU TAKE CHARGE OF THE MAT.

If you have any particular problems on which you would appreciate the advice of our Club Coach, please do not hesitate to contact him at any time.

Men's President **Pete Murray** and his wife **Marlene** celebrate their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** in the clubhouse



President Pete

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ready to help on any occasion. It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves just by being in each other's company.

I would like to thank **Ruth Wheeler** for all her help and friendship during the past year, I'm sure we all agree that she has carried out her duties as President in the manner that the post dictates.

Finally, congratulations to **Chris Biddles** on becoming President of the Ladies' Section and best wishes for a very successful year.

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President Ruth

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overheads involved in sending the boxes across Europe. All the money goes to this work as the helpers and drivers are all unpaid volunteers.

The highlight of my year was my "**President's Day**", an occasion I shall always remember. The committee worked extremely hard to make it a successful day and one that everyone who attended enjoyed.

I wish to thank all those who have contributed to making this year a memorable one for myself, especially the Ladies' committee for their hard work and support.

As we have already held our **Trophies Presentation** and our **AGM**, I am pleased to be able to confirm that **Chris Biddles** is our new President. I wish her a successful year and one that she will also remember.

RW

49 Club update

LATEST lucky winners are: **Don Creasey, Chris Biddles, Bob Dunlop and Alf Newman**

Men's Presentation Night

Salute to 2010 Champions!

(Copies of these and many more pictures are available on the Club web site)

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ATA special ceremony held in the Clubhouse on Saturday 6th November prizes were presented to winners of the Men's Club Competitions for the 2010 Season. Members of both Sections and their guests enjoyed an excellent two-course meal, prepared under the expert direction of **Anita Lowder**, before the presentations took place. Prizes were presented by Immediate Past President of the Ladies' Club, **Ruth Wheeler** in the presence of **Russell** and **Wendy Brickett**, representing **Wishes4Kids**.



Formal proceedings were launched by the presentation by President, **Peter Murray**, of a cheque for £1100 to **Wishes4Kids**, his nominated charity for the year.

Crowned
Club Champion 2010
(4-wood Singles)
was
Colin Wilkinson



Gerry Kennell was honoured as runner-up.

Other prizes were awarded as follows:



George Dodge & John Lamble
(4-wood Pairs)



Ken Renshaw
(2-wood Singles)



Tom Jordan
(Maidens' Singles)



Josie Hubbard & Brian Arnold
(Mixed Pairs)



Roy Hill & George Stone
(2-wood Pairs)



Ken Renshaw, Bob Dunlop & John Lamble
(Triples)

Kate Toon & Pete Hancock
(absent due to illness)
("Syston Town News" Mixed Pairs)



Competitions' Secretary, **Noel Evatt**, congratulated all the winners and thanked everyone involved in the competitions and in the organisation of the successful evening's programme.

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Men's Section finances in a healthy state

Treasurer, **Brian Arnold**, reviews the end of year figures

AT the end of the financial year (31st October) the unaudited accounts for the Men's Section are in a healthy state. The two main income streams, Teas and Raffles, held up well while purchasing costs for teas were well below budget resulting in a net income of £1635 for teas against a budget of £1300 (Many thanks to **Gerry Kennell** and his love of a bargain). The net income for raffles was £580 against a budget of £700 (The result of an increase in the cost of prizes). Both areas also suffered a bit of a set-back towards the end of the season because of match cancellations in September.



On the expenditure side, most areas stayed within or below budget. In particular we did not spend anything on fixtures and fittings this year, although £500 was budgeted. The outcome has been that we made a 'trading profit' of £914 for the year against a budget forecast of only of £50.

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Ladies' Section AGM 2010

Committee election results

THE LADIES' Section AGM was held on Wednesday 3rd November followed, the next day, by a meal and Presentation of Trophies at the Beedles Lake Golf Club. Unfortunately, due to illness, full reports of both events will have to held over until the December edition of the Newsletter.



Chris Biddles

The election of Officers and Committee for 2010/11 resulted in the following line-up:

- President:** Chris Biddles
- Senior Vice-President:** Sheila Parker
- Junior Vice-President:** Kate Toon
- Secretary:** Val Foreman
- Treasurer:** Marion Hegginson
- Captain:** Janice Wilbourn
- Vice-Captain:** Kate Williams
- Match Secretary:** Kate Williams
- Competitions Secretary:** Margaret Abbott
- LLCBA Delegate:** Doreen Payne
- Tea Hostess:** Betty Wheatley
- Imm. Past President:** Ruth Wheeler
- Committee Members:** Barbara Brown, Anita Lowder, Margaret Porter & Hazel Rayns

Men's Midweek Skip performance analysis

MIDWEEK Captain, **George Stone**, offers the following analysis of performance by Skips throughout the midweek Season just ended:

Name	P	W	D	L
G Stone	23	13	1	9
M Clare	18	11	2	5
G Kennell	14	8	0	6
C Wilkinson	10	6	0	4
J Lamble	10	6	0	4
B Adams	9	3	0	6
M Newman	7	3	0	4
D Fox	6	1	1	4
P Murray	4	1	0	3
D Hudson	1	1	0	0
G Dodge	3	0	0	3
E Hall	1	0	0	1

For Sale & Wanted

Offered for sale:

Set of 4 Henselite "Super-grip" bowls
Size 5 Heavy only £20
Contact: **Brian Adams** 0116 2608177

Wanted:

2 sets of bowls Size 00 Medium
Contact: **Mike Foster** 01509 621387

Why not make use of the Newsletter to advertise anything (not necessarily bowling equipment) that you wish to dispose of?