

Close Season Diary Dates 2011

FEBRUARY

- 13th Sunday Lunch
£5 1.00 p.m. Limited numbers.
- 14th Indoor "roll-up"
- 21st Indoor "roll-up"
- 23rd Pub Quiz & Social afternoon
- 25th "A History of Walled Gardens"
Illustrated talk (See p2 for further details)
- 26th Casino Night
£5 entry/chips Buffet supper
- 29th Indoor "roll-up"

MARCH

- 2nd Pub Quiz & Social afternoon
- 7th Indoor "roll-up"
- 8th SBC Board Meeting 10.00 a.m.
- 9th Pub Quiz & Social afternoon
- 12th Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.
"Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"
Fish & chips supper £4.50 7.15 p.m.
- 14th Indoor "roll-up"
- 16th Ladies monthly lunch
12.30 for 1.00 p.m. start
- 21st Indoor "roll-up"
SBC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7.00 p.m.
- 23rd Pub Quiz & Social Afternoon
- 25th "Meet the President" Night
- 26th Games Night
Faith supper £1 Raffle 7.15 p.m
- 28th Indoor "roll-up"
- 30th Pub Quiz & Social Afternoon

APRIL

- 4th Green re-opens

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

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 - or TWO!

Wednesday afternoon socials

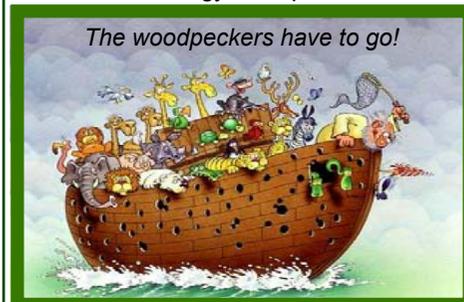
WEDNESDAY afternoon Pub Quiz and social sessions have been greatly appreciated by those who have taken part. They will continue (see adjacent panel) until April.

Unfortunately, attendance has been rather disappointing with between 10 and 20 turning up each week. Those of you who have not, so far, tried these sessions are missing out on a very enjoyable quiz, based on the *Daily Telegraph* weekly service and ably "doctored" and administered by "quizmaster" **Colin Grimes**, followed by fun sessions of cards, dominoes and other games. Tea/coffee and biscuits are served and the Bar is open. (Thanks, as always, due to **Pete Murray**.)

It would be nice to see a few new faces so, during the period up to the official opening of the green on 4th April, why not come along and enhance your enjoyment of Wednesday afternoons?

Lady President's piece Concluded

Like many volunteer-led charities they are struggling for funding and would be grateful for any donation, however small. If we can help them to keep their two minibuses running, it would be a great help and would greatly benefit our own local community. I therefore ask for your active support. Hopefully, we can now look forward to Spring. Snowdrops are already in bloom and once the daffodils start to flower I'm sure that our energy and spirits will rise.



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YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY Annual General Meeting needs your views & opinions



"A PENNY for your thoughts!" The Annual General Meeting of the Club, scheduled for Monday 21st March, is the most important meeting in the Club's calendar. It is the opportunity for every individual Member to contribute to the way in which the Club is managed and to help to set the programme of development for the year ahead. As always, the formal business of receiving and commenting on the annual report of the Board of Directors and the accounts for the previous year and the election

of Directors and Auditors to manage the Club for the year ahead is important - and is likely to stimulate a deal of discussion and debate. Issues raised and opinions expressed will be carefully noted and followed by the incoming Board.

The Annual Report of the Directors and copies of the audited accounts will be delivered to you three weeks before the date of the AGM. This is to give you plenty of time to form an opinion on how well the Club has been managed through 2010 and to prepare any questions which you might like to put to the Board about their performance.

Open Forum

Most helpful on the night, however, will be the Open Forum session which follows the close of formal business when you, the individual Member, are offered the opportunity to speak openly and freely about anything which YOU feel is important.

What YOU can do

You should, of course, make every effort to attend the AGM to share your thoughts and opinions with your fellow Members.

You should be prepared to question the Board about their 2010 performance and their proposals for 2011 and put forward proposals for any additional policies or changes that YOU feel appropriate.

You should consider whether you might offer yourself to help the Board - either by serving as an elected Director or by serving on one of the established sub-committees:

(Premises, Facilities, Social Programme, Regulatory Compliance,) to assist in the efficient management of the Club and the development of additional revenue-generating activities. Simply make your interest known to the Director responsible who will be more than pleased to receive your offer of help.

You should use your vote to satisfy yourself that the best people available are elected as Directors to represent your interests and to steer the Club through the challenges that lie ahead over the next year.

Finally, you should take a full part in the Open Forum discussions, responding to the suggestions made by others and making your own views, opinions, ideas and expectations very clear.

It's YOUR Club. It's YOUR money that pays the bills and YOUR interests that the Club is set up to serve. If YOU don't make YOUR views known (whether critical or complimentary); if YOU don't exercise your democratic right to influence the future development of YOUR Club, YOU have only one person to blame!

Over to YOU! "A penny for YOUR thoughts!"

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

2 Lady President's piece

I WOULD like to thank the Men's Section for decorating the clubhouse for Christmas and **Betty Wheatley** for her creative display in the Ladies' cloakroom. The Ladies' Christmas Party was well-attended



and gifts were distributed to Life Members from the Club and the County Benevolent Association. The Faith Lunch was excellent and, as usual, our thanks go to the Men for the gift of crackers. The tables sparkled in more ways than one!

The Winter started early with the snow and ice but I think we are lucky living in Leicestershire as we escaped the worst weather. Unfortunately, **Sheila Parker** slipped on the ice and broke her wrist. We hope there isn't any lasting damage.

We have some very happy events to look forward to this year - special birthdays and anniversaries. (Details on page 3) Life Member **Vi Whittaker** celebrated her 92nd birthday on 30th January. She is as bright and lively as ever, surely proving that playing bowls is good for you!

Our best wishes go to **Doreen Payne** who is suffering from macular degeneration of the retina. She had another injection in January and is due to have more in February and March. Let us hope and pray that her sight improves.

I have chosen **Syston Volunteer Centre** for my Charity. **Concluded on back page**

Gardening Group news



DUE to a slight improvement in the weather, the planting of the area beneath the scoreboard has at last taken place. The display will hopefully be in full bloom for the start of the season.

The next Group meeting will take place on Tuesday, 8th February when we will discuss arrangements for the forthcoming talk and slide show entitled '**The History of the Walled Garden**', to be held on **Friday, 25th February** at 2.0pm. An entrance fee of £2 will be charged and all proceeds will go to **VISTA**. The slideshow will be followed by a question and answer session and tea and cakes will be served. This event is open to everyone and we hope that it will be well supported.

VISTA's premises are due to open again shortly following an extensive renovation and it is hoped that members of the Garden Group will be able to visit during March. Details will be publicised when the exact date is known so anyone else who is interested can join us. **CD**

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LATEST lucky winners are: **Marion Hegginson, Ray Dexter, Marjorie Clowes & Roger Bentley**

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The Club Coach Column



DONTs OF THE GAME is this month's theme.

- 1 NEVER** throw the jack. Take your stance on the mat as if you are bowling a wood and give as much care to delivering to the distance at which you hope to obtain maximum advantage as you would to a normal delivery.
- 2 DON'T** run off the mat when delivering your wood. Take your time and watch closely to see how you finish up.
- 3 DON'T** be one of the majority of bowlers who "green" 70%-80% of their deliveries narrow. A slightly "overgreened" wood is invariably better.
- 4 DON'T** let your eyes wander when in the process of delivery. Stay focussed on the shoulder of your intended arc of line.
- 5 DON'T** let yourself be distracted by shadow or movement. Wait until everything is still before you start.
- 6 DON'T** relax when you've built up a big lead. You are likely to regret any lapse in concentration.
- 7 DON'T** be too hasty in deciding which shot to play. Study the head carefully for there are likely to be more possibilities than are apparent at first glance.
- 8 DON'T** fire unless you have studied the head carefully to assure yourself that absolutely no better alternative exists. Indiscriminate firing when the position is against you can - and often does - lose the match.
- 9 NEVER** let your opponent see you "rattled". Whatever the situation, always stay calm and appear serene and cheerful. Concentrate on how to pull shots back and reverse any mental pressure.
- 10 DON'T** let your opponent dictate the pace of the game. You cannot rush a game of bowls and give of your best. Always play at your own speed and leave them to play at theirs.

ALWAYS KEEP IT SIMPLE

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.

Major recruitment initiative announced 3

Fair to attract potential members

MAKE a special note of **SUNDAY 22nd MAY** in your diary. On that day the Club is planning a special "**PLANT, PRODUCE, CRAFT and CAKE FAIR**" to be held at the Clubhouse from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

All Members are invited to participate by bringing plants, fruit and vegetables from your allotment/garden, craftwork, cakes and anything else that might attract the residents of Syston. We plan to advertise the event widely throughout the town and surrounding villages.

Further details of our plans will be announced very soon, but the underlying objective of the day is to identify potential members - and to raise a bit of money for Club funds, of course. While they are "on site", we will offer anyone who is interested the opportunity to try their hand on the green followed by the offer of free coaching and trial membership.

Your full support in this important event would be greatly appreciated. Watch out for further details in due course.

Congratulations & celebrations

It is a pleasure to be able to report that several Members of the Club will be celebrating special events this year:

11th February - Golden Weddings for both **Gerry** and **Verna Kennell** and **Anita** and **Alan Lowder**.

6th May - 80th Birthday of **Margaret Abbott**

11th May - 90th Birthday of **Betty Wheatley**

2nd June - 80th Birthday of **Margaret Dexter**

Our warmest congratulations and best wishes to them all!

If anyone else is celebrating something special, why not tell us about it so that we can feature the occasion in future editions?

It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything!



"Live, love, laugh and be happy!"

Lots of hugs for Valentine's Day

