

Diary Dates

2011

JULY

9th	Countesthorpe H Soar Valley A
11th	Merlins A Sands A
12th	SBC Board meeting 10 a.m. Rothley A
13th	Market Overton H
14th	Kirby Muxloe H
15th	Greenfield H Triples League
16th	Belgrave H Aylestone Hall A
18th	Kegworth A Steamers H
19th	Soar Valley A
20th	Loughborough A
21st	Nuneaton A
22nd	KO Trophy ¼ Final Sutton Bonnington A Triples League
23rd	Narborough H St Margarets A
25th	Crusaders H Ringers A Benevolent A
27th	Oakham H/A
28th	St Margarets H
29th	Sileby H Triples League
30th	Humberstone Park H Narborough A
31st	Sunday Tourists H

AUGUST

1st	Finches A Conways H
2nd	Birstall A
3rd	Holwell Sports H/A Soar Valley H
4th	St Margarets A
5th	KO Trophy Semi-Final Quorn H Triples League
6th	Humberstone Park A Kirby Muxloe A Shepshed H
8th	Hawks A Swallows A Holwell H
10th	Whissendine H
11th	Westcotes A
12th	East Leake H Triples League
13th	Batram H Wymeswold A

Colour key: **Men:** Ladies: Mixed
Loughborough Triples; Melton Triples

Defibrillator donated

Training session arranged

LOCAL company, **Lafarge Aggregates and Concrete Limited**, have donated a defibrillator to the Club and are offering to provide, free of charge, the necessary training to relevant Members. **Lafarge** decided to offer the equipment, which is now surplus to their requirements, to a local organisation with sporting connections. On canvassing senior staff at the Company, **SBC** emerged as a favoured nominee both because of the age group of our Members and our apparent reputation as a forward-thinking Club.

The equipment was presented to the Club at a special ceremony at the **Lafarge** premises on Friday 17th June, attended by **Colin Grimes**, Club Chairman, accompanied by Presidents **Chris Biddles** and **George Dodge**.



Lady President, **Chris Biddles**, accepts the defibrillator from **John Wright**. **Lafarge** Facilities Manager **Chris Bates**, is on the right.

Under the direction of **John Wright**, HSQE Advisor, **Lafarge** have agreed to present an initial 3-hour training session to any Club Member who might be interested (including currently registered First-Aiders) on **Saturday 16th July** starting at **9.00 a.m.** Please add your name to the list on the main noticeboard if you are interested in attending this session to learn how to use this life-saving equipment.



Men

SYSTON



GREEN



Ladies

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The Season at the half-way point

Are we doing enough to maximise the benefit of the improved green?

2011 Mid-Season Summaries

	P	W	D	L	+Pts	-Pts	Diff
Men - Saturday							
2011	21(22)	9 (17)	1 (0)	11 (5)	1611 (1616)	1578 (1465)	+33 (+163)
Men - Weekday							
2011	10 (11)	5 (7)	0 (0)	5 (4)	873 (963)	813 (849)	+60 (+114)
Ladies - Friendlies							
2011	11 (12)	3 (4)	0 (0)	8 (8)	550 (712)	725 (779)	-175 (-67)
Ladies - Trips League							
2011	5	2	0	3	122	168	-46

(No comparable figures for 2010)

WHILE Men's teams maintained their average shots per game (**76 Saturday** and **87 Weekday**) they conceded more per game to the opposition (*from 66 to 75 on Saturdays and from 77 to 81 on Weekdays*).

The Ladies held their opposition to an average of **55** shots per match, the same as last year, but managed to score an average of only **55** per game this year compared to **59** per game in 2010.

Men's Weekday teams have enjoyed equal success at Home and Away (**5** wins each). The majority of weekend losses (**6** out of **11**) were Home fixtures. Half of the losses suffered by the Ladies were Home matches.

Our green is playing much better than it has for years. The question must therefore be asked "Are we doing enough to take advantage of the improved surface?"

The broad picture

Taken as a whole, the analysis shows that, while we can be broadly satisfied with our performance to date, there is certainly room for improvement - especially if we wish to end the Season in as good a position as we did last year. It is worth repeating that apparently very small concessions on each rink - more often than not the result of a temporary lack of concentration - can have a very significant cumulative effect on the overall Season's performance. Let's all agree to concentrate that little bit more in the remaining games to end the Season on a high note.

Triples Leagues

Reports suggest that the Ladies are finding the additional fixtures associated with the Loughborough Triples Ladies League difficult to service due to a shortage of players. As featured in last month's edition of this Newsletter, the plea, by Captain **Janice**, to all Ladies to make themselves available for as many games as possible - League and friendlies - is repeated and emphasised.

At the time of going to press, the **White Plums** were running second in Division 2 of the Loughborough & District Triples League with **39** out of a maximum **48** points. The **Green and Royal** team were placed 3rd in Division 3 with **45** points out of a maximum of **54**.

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

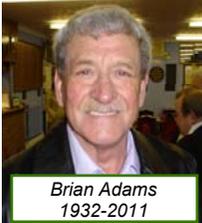
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Brian Adams - A tribute



Brian Adams
1932-2011

BRIAN the youngest of three siblings, was born in Dewsbury, Yorkshire, which he left at 18 with two friends and set off to London to try to make it as a singer.

He was approached by an already established group, called **The Raindrops**, to leave his first group, the **The Kingpins**, to become a member alongside lead singer **Vince Hill**. With **The Raindrops**, **Brian** made his living by premiering newly written songs for the radio. It was through this work that he had been noticed and contacted by the already famous group, **The Dallas Boys**, to be their front man.

His debut with **The Dallas Boys** came sooner than expected when, after only four days of rehearsal, he was informed that the show would go ahead that night, complete with him in the line-up.

The Dallas Boys went on to appear in a record breaking 17 "Sunday Night at the London Palladium" shows, as well as feature on television shows such as the **Generation Game**, with **Larry Grayson**, and to sing before royalty.

The pinnacle of his career came in June 1989 where he sang on stage at Wembley Stadium before 70,000 people for two nights, appearing in **Cliff Richard's "The Event"**. A particularly proud memory **Brian** had of the show was singing a duet with **Cliff**.

In 1984, whilst working in a summer season show at Newquay, **Brian** met **Alison**, a professional dancer, They later went on to get married and have their daughter, **Laura**, in 1989.

In his retirement, **Brian** took up bowling at **St Margarets** and moved to **Syston Bowling Club** in 2007 when his late father in law, **Tony Plowman** moved back from **St Margarets**.

It was then that I first met **Brian** although he had lived only a few yard away for over twenty years.

Brian was very innovative and was responsible for putting on shows at the bowling club, featuring his old show business friends. He took his bowling very seriously and we would spend many hours replaying the previous game while enjoying a coffee in the back garden. He had a great respect for Syston Bowls Club. Always the life and soul of the party, he had a never ending supply of jokes and stories from his show biz days.

With the passing of **Brian Adams**, not only has the bowling fraternity lost a good bowler, not only has our Club lost a good friend and ambassador, but I have lost my best mate - the brother I never had. **RIP**

Pete Murray

Best wishes

OUR warmest best wishes to **Hazel Raynes** and **Anita Lowder** who, at the time of going to press, were facing imminent surgery. We wish them both full and speedy recoveries.

49 Club update

LATEST WINNERS are **Marlene Murray**, **Margaret Abbott** (x2!) and **Aideen Talbot**

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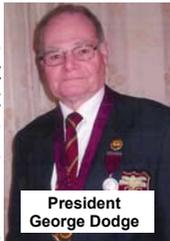
"My wild oats have turned into shredded wheat!" Overheard in Bar

Men's President's monthly message

I WAS extremely pleased to see how many members of the Club were present at **Brian Adams'** funeral - it just proves how popular he was and how we shall miss such a valued member.

I have received a letter from **Brian's** family thanking us all for the support given to them over the past few weeks.

Brian did receive the cards we sent recently and knew we were all thinking about him. Also thanks to all the ladies who, as usual on these occasions, provided a splendid buffet.



President
George Dodge

The Club Coach Column



Des Eggitt

This month, Des highlights the importance of line and weight and stresses the need to sustain a positive attitude on difficult rinks.

EVEN the most difficult and irregular rink has a good hand - if you can find it. It pays to play it even though your opponents' woods block the way. Many matches are won or lost by forcing your opponents on to the difficult hand.

I was recently involved in a match on a difficult rink - one hand was very narrow while the other called for a wide draw. There was a very fine line which, if you hit it perfectly, left the jack open but, if you strayed by the smallest margin, the wood cut sharply across the head and finished well wide.

Our four concentrated on finding that fine line and, equally important, the correct weight to get near the jack. This led to our Lead and/or No.2 consistently delivering at least one wood close to the jack (*jack high and within a couple of feet*) first which regularly gave us the chance to win the end by forcing the opposition to try another, more difficult track.

By not "giving in" to a tricky rink, we went on to win our four and help the team to victory. To be a consistent winner, you must adapt to and play the conditions (*whatever they might be*) that little bit better than your opponents.

The message is: "**Stay positive and play your shots. In any game, your opponent gets only as many shots as you allow him to get.**"

Always play the shot as you see it - as you would if practising in a roll-up.

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.

On a lighter note

LAST month a world-wide telephone survey was conducted by the United Nations. The only question asked was:

"Could you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world"

The survey was a massive failure because of the following:

In **Eastern Europe** they didn't know what "honest" meant.

In **Western Europe** they didn't know what "shortage" meant.

In **Africa** they didn't know what "food" meant.

In **China** they didn't know what "opinion" meant.

In the **Middle East** they didn't know what "solution" meant.

In **South America** they didn't know what "please" meant.

In the **USA** they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.

In the **UK** they hung up as soon as they heard the Indian accent.

"When our memories outweigh our dreams, we have grown old."

Bill Clinton

Gardening Group news



Christine Dodge

DUE to circumstances beyond our control, the planned visit to **Cottesbrooke Gardens** had to be cancelled so we had a tour around the house and gardens at **Belgrave Hall**, having first

had lunch at the Queen Victoria pub. This proved to be very interesting and was a nostalgic trip back for several members who spent their early years in the area.

For future visits and the date of the next meeting, please see the main noticeboard.

These picture of Belgrave Hall, and others featuring the visit, are available to view and/or download on the Club web site:

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Front door

Kitchen detail