

## SEPTEMBER

8 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning Kirby Muxloe H Leicester Banks A
10 <sup>th</sup>	Leicester Ladies H
11 <sup>th</sup>	Keyworth A Birstall H
12 <sup>th</sup>	Barlestone H
13 <sup>th</sup>	Countesthorpe A
15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup>	Club Competition Finals
17 <sup>th</sup>	Western Park H
19 <sup>th</sup>	Oakham A
20 <sup>th</sup>	Holwell A
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Oakham H Rothley A
27 <sup>th</sup>	Closing Day H
29 <sup>th</sup>	Mowmacre H

Colour key: **Men:** Ladies: **SBC:**  
White Plums: Green & Royals

## The end is nigh!

YES, as the Diary dates above show, the end of our outdoor season is almost here, and our out-of-season programme of social events will be on the notice board very soon.

### 1. Wednesday afternoon socials

The usual Wednesday afternoon Quiz and Social will start on Wednesday 3rd October at 2-00 pm.

So come along and have some fun, a chat and a cup of tea and a biscuit or two.

### 2. Indoor bowling at Melton

FOR Members who wish to continue bowling in the winter months, as in previous years, **John Lamble** will be booking rinks for the 11.50 Monday morning session on a weekly basis.

If you wish to participate, please arrive no later than 11.30 a.m. In order to allow plenty of time to arrange the teams and for the green fees to be paid.

If any of your friends wish to join us - whether or not they have any previous experience - they will be made very welcome. Hopefully, this will encourage them to join our Club for outdoor bowling in seasons to come.

## Gardening Group



Our next outing will be to **Calke Abbey** on Tuesday 18th September, meeting at the Clubhouse at 11.00 am, travelling to Calke in our own cars as usual.

The cost should be £11.00

for the park, gardens and house or £6.80 for the park and gardens.

Let's hope the weather will be kind to us. If you are a member of the National Trust don't forget your card.

## Men's Comp. Finals

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Starting 10 a.m. each day

Come along to cheer and help to create a festive occasion.

See p 4 for full list of finalists and noticeboard in Men's changing rooms for programme running order.

To give **John** some idea of the number of rinks to book for the first session only, which will be held on Monday 1st October, please add your name to the list on the Club's main noticeboard. The notice will include a question regarding the venue for the Christmas lunch.

Please do not hesitate to contact **John** (0116 292 1619) should you require any help or further information.

## Classified ads

- \* Set of Drakes Pride woods Size 4 heavy £30. **Joe Evans** Tel; 2603622
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If you have anything you would like to sell, advertise, free, in "The Green".

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Ladies

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## Lady President's Day

I WOULD like to thank you all for making my President's Day such a very special occasion. I was totally overwhelmed by all your cards and gifts but most of all by the support of all of the Members of Syston Bowling Club. Huge thanks to all of you for being there for me.

My thanks also go to those Members who helped with setting out the room (*Trust me to want all the tables the opposite way which, because of the numbers attending, proved to be totally impractical!*), everyone who helped to set tables, organised the raffle, provided flowers, and served behind the Bar. Finally a special word of appreciation to **Marlene Murray** who presented me with a cheque for £185,



Sheila Parker

proceeds from the sale of her needlework and craft work, as a donation to my nominated charity, **Rainbows**. A superbly generous and individual gesture.

My sons would also like to thank you for supporting me. Once again they commented on the friendships formed between us all. Their comments were

that it was like being at a big family party. I totally agree with them.

Let's now look forward to the next big event in the Club's social calendar - "**Oscar Night**" in celebration of the Club's eightieth birthday, on 6th October. (See separate article below.

## County honours for Ladies

**MARILYN Wood** narrowly lost, 17-21, in the County Singles competition semi-final. She led for most of the game but was unable to hold off the challenge in the final few ends. She confessed to being very nervous at first but has learned a lot from the experience and will have much more confidence if she finds herself in a similar situation in future.

On a brighter note, however, both **Marilyn** and **Chris Biddles** have been selected to play for the County Ladies against Middlesex to be played on the Belgrave green on Wednesday 12th September starting at 1.30 p.m.

Local support would be warmly welcomed.

## Future Club Funding

Any ideas yet?

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 Club coach column

*This month, Des advises on length control*



Des Eggitt

### Fast surfaces show up weaknesses

"Firing" or "racing" shots make most players look foolish. With overuse of such shots, bowling loses its art, skill and charm.

Those who don't vary their step for different lengths of jack cannot be consistent, and are likely to be only occasional winners of games.

Short and minimum lengths on a fast surface demand finger and wrist action, plus a **short** step from the mat.

A medium, short three-quarter length jack calls for finger- wrist-half arm action and a slightly **longer** step forward.

Only a full length jack brings the hand-to-shoulder (known as "the pendulum") swing into the picture. The pendulum is generally suicidal for short lengths. Players who bowl by always taking the same length step, as many do, lose control and length and are usually caught out on short ends.

### How weight spells control

Supposing that your elevation (height of your hand from the green as the wood is released) with your first bowl finishes, say, 6ft short or 6ft strong. "What then?" you will ask. The answer must lie in raising, or lowering the height at which you release the bowl from your hand. The first bowl for any length is the range finder. If you strike correctly (approximately), you can then say to your self, "I have standardised that, and must try to do the same thing with the rest." This art of doing the same thing, of course, is the key to the theory of elevation and to consistent success in the sport.

Further to the science that the weight does it, if you drop the bowl back from your elevation point the same distance behind as it was in front of you, and it is, say, a three pound drop, it must be an unbroken three pounds throughout. In other words the same speed of back swing and forward swing. (**"You've lost me now, Des! - Ed**)

**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.**

**Tel: 2696548**

## System Carnival 2012



ON behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to offer special thanks and congratulations to everybody who contributed to the raising of almost £270 for Club funds at the Carnival on 1st September. Special mention should be made of the efforts of **Jan Holmes, Josie Hubbard, Val Foreman** and **Marlene Murray** whose commitment throughout the whole day, from set-up to breakdown, were fantastic. I must also thank **Pete Murray, George Dodge, Dave Hudson, Myles Clare** and **Gary Kilbourne** for their help in carrying furniture and other dressings for the Club stand between the Park and the clubhouse. **Aideen Talbot, Norma Grimes, Janet Lowe, Gerald** and **Linda Horrobin** also lent a hand in setting up and persuading the public to part with their money!

Thanks, too, to everyone who donated goods to be sold on the stand. Your unwanted effects helped us to raise the equivalent of 3 new Members' subscriptions!

We also received a number of enquiries about membership and are hopeful of converting some of these into Members next year.

## 49 Club update

**LATEST WINNERS** are:

**Myles Clare**(23), **Roy Hill** (41), **Bev Wright** (40) and **Marion Hegginson** (2)  
*Congratulations to them all.*

## Birthday boys!

"**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**" wishes to the following who celebrate birthdays in September: **Gary Kilbourne** and **Gordon Pell**.

## Correction

**PAST** Ladies' President, **Chris Biddles**, has asked us to record that the amount handed over to the **Syston Volunteer Bureau** at the end of her year of office was **£1000** and not the **£650** reported in our August edition.

## Another fixture lost

**SAD** to report that Market Overton have written to notify us of their decision to cancel any further weekday fixtures scheduled to be played at Syston. They quote inadequate parking facilities as the primary reason for their decision.

The growth in the number of Clubs declining to play at Syston is a cause of deep concern to the Board of Directors. Club Chairman, **Colin Grimes**, says: "*We remain committed to keeping up the pressure on the Town Council to resolve the issue by agreeing to allow limited parking for visitors. While no early resolution to this long-running problem can be expected, we will continue to press for a change in policy. A full fixture list is obviously vital to the future survival of our Club.*"

## Ladies fashions and lingerie



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## Nostalgia

is a file that removes the rough edges from the good old days!

## HELP!

Does anyone have an unwanted/surplus DVD storage rack to donate to the Club? It has been suggested that we should expand the current library to include DVDs but we first need some form of storage. If you can help, please contact **Norma Grimes** on 2608412

## On a lighter note

Take a look at the vagaries of the language we speak

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,.  
 But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes;  
 One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese  
 Yet the plural of moose should never be meese  
 You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice  
 Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.  
 If the plural of man is always called men  
 Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
 If I speak of my foot and show you my feet  
 And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?  
 If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth  
 Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?  
 While one may be "that" and three would be "those",  
 Yet hat in the plural would never be hose;  
 And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.  
 We speak of a brother and also of brethren  
 But though we say mother, we never say methren.  
 Then the masculine pronouns are he, his him  
 But imagine the feminine: she, shis shim !

### Let's face it - English is a crazy language.

There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger: neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England.

**We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes we find that:**

Quicksand can work slowly,

Boxing rings are square

A guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

Why is it that writers write, but fingers don't "fing", grocers don't "groce" and hammers don't "ham"?

### Doesn't it seem crazy that ...

You can make amends but not one amend?  
 If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

**Sometimes I think all people who speak English should be in an asylum for the verbally insane.**

In what other language do people recite at a play, and play at a recital?

We ship by truck but send cargo by ship.  
 We have noses that run and feet that smell!  
 And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

**You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which:**

your house can burn up as it burns down;  
 you fill in a form by filling it out;  
 an alarm goes off by going on!

## Men's Comp. Finalists

**4 wood Singles:** R Heggs v D Hudson

**2 wood Singles:** R Heggs v T Jordan

**Maidens:** G Dodge v J Lester

**2 wood Pairs:**

M Clare/D Hudson v J Lambie/R Meyer

**4 wood Pairs:**

J Lambie/M Clare v R Hill/T Jordan

**Triples:** R Hill/G Dodge/S Page v

C Grimes/R Heggs/G Pell

**Mixed Pairs:**

P Wright/G Dodge v K Renshaw/K Williams

**"STN" 2 wood Triples:**

R Wood/M Wood/J Wilbourn v

R Wilbourn/B Wright/S Parker

**Good luck!** to everyone

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## The Season to date in summary

Improved performance levels sustained

### 2012 Season in summary (at 4<sup>th</sup> September)

	P	W	D	L	Shot Diff
<b>Men - Saturday</b>					
<b>2012</b>	37	24	2	11	+204 - 5 games to play
<b>Men - Weekday</b>					
<b>2012</b>	20	16	0	4	+199 - 6 games to play
<b>Ladies - Friendlies</b>					
<b>2012</b>	14	5	0	9	- 66 - 5 games to play
<b>Ladies - Trips League</b>					
<b>2012</b>	8	2	0	6	-102 - Final result
<b>Loughborough &amp; District Triples League</b>					
<b>White Plums:</b>	Played : 17	Points: 60/136	Pos: 8/10		
<b>Green &amp; Royals:</b>	Played: 18	Points: 73/144	Pos: 6/10		
<b>Melton &amp; District Triples League</b>					
<b>Syston</b>	Played: 4	Rinks Won: 8	Rinks Lost: 8	Pts: 16	Pos: 3/6
(1 match result still to be declared)					

Strong performances sustained. League results not reflecting the apparent strength of the Club as judged by midweek and Saturday performances.

## New format for "STN" Trophy welcomed

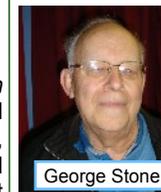
**THE** planned revised format of the "Syston Town News" Trophy as a Mixed Two wood Triples competition, played on a single day, was tried for the first time on Sunday 2nd September. It proved, overall, to be a great success with a large proportion of enthusiastic Club Members involved.

Each round consisted of the best of three 7-end sections thereby involving the players in a minimum of 14 ends per match (plus two trial ends at the outset). A faith lunch was enjoyed between Rounds.

Unfortunately, most matches did not start before midday as a result of all but one tie receiving a bye into the second round - and that tie went to 19 ends before a result could be declared.

Another, perhaps more serious, issue was that from the way in which the results worked out, one of the teams in the semi-final, who had already played 45 ends (including trials), were matched with one who had played only 21. Inevitably, perhaps, fatigue played a major part in the outcome. By 6 p.m. it was clear that the Final would have to be played on another day. Clearly the new format was successful and, by overwhelming consent, should be retained, but lessons learned from this first year's experience will no doubt be applied next time.

## Midweek report



George Stone

**SPECIAL** thanks to **Janice Wilbourn, Sheila Parker, Sheila Aindhow** and **Kate Toon** for preparing and serving a special lunch for our visitors, Nuneaton, on Thursday 31st August.

We are always treated to a fine meal when we visit Nuneaton and I was anxious that we should match the standard of their hospitality. With the invaluable help of the ladies identified above, we were able to achieve that objective.

While writing can I also thank all of those who have rallied round to help to provide the "cobs and cake" Thursday teas this Season. The new system appears to have worked quite well and, in the absence of traditional support from our ladies, standards do not appear to have slipped too far! This Season has been a learning experience and next Season we will put into operation the lessons learned.

As the statistics published above demonstrate, we're enjoying a very successful Season on the green this year. We have shown that Syston is now a team to be reckoned with. "Well done!" to everyone involved and thank you all for your support and your sportsmanship throughout the year.