

# Northamptonshire Bowling Association

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## **NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2008**

### **N.B.A. Annual Luncheon:**

Please find enclosed poster and details for ticket requirements for this year's event which is being held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at the Diamond Centre Irthlingborough. Your support would be greatly appreciated on this important occasion and two tickets are enclosed for your consideration.

### **County Competitions:**

Congratulations to the following players who have been successful in reaching the National Championships being held at Worthing during 9<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of August.

#### **National Championships:**

Singles:	Winner:	Darren Childs (Thrapston BC)
	Runner up:	Keith Height (Thrapston BC)
Pairs:	Winners:	Neil Rees, Paul Broderick (Wellingborough BC)
	Runners up:	Sam Wade, Phil Reeve (Kingsthorpe BC)
Triples:	Winners:	Neil Rees, Darren Lyman, Paul Broderick (W'boro BC)
	Runners up:	Richard Mann, Roger Tansley, Vernon Gearey (Kingsthorpe BC)
Fours:	Winners:	Mick Corbyn, Mark Betts, Tony Burns, Roy Cave (Rushden Town BC)
	Runners up:	Alex Hamilton, Mick Nightingale (Sub), Alan Dunkley, Martin Gearey (PSL Roade BC)
Singles U25:	Winner:	Aaron Bell (Northampton Express BC)
	Runner up:	Adam Hawkings (Abington BC)

#### **Domestic Competitions:**

Mason Cup:	Winner:	Neil Corbyn (Wellingborough BC)
	Runner up:	Mark Turner (Kettering Midland Band BC)
Secretaries Cup:	Winner up:	Martin Underwood (Thrapston BC)
	Runner up:	Neville Bodily (Whyte Melville BC)
Executive Triples:	Winners:	Laurie Harrison, Geoff Hunt, Tracy Nunn (NBA Executive)
	Runners up:	Martin Horsham, Bob Blencoe, Keith Buckle (Brackley & District BC)

### **County Tour 2009: IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Senior Vice President is still seeking members to complete the touring party. Please give this matter your utmost consideration so final numbers can be confirmed. **Contact details as per July Newsletter.**

**English Bowls Youth Development Scheme (EBYDS):**

Has your club any young bowlers who would like to participate in the qualifying rounds that lead to Regional and National Finals.

The Northamptonshire County qualifying round will be played at Northampton and District I.B.C. on **SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009.**

**Entry forms were issued with the July newsletter.**

**Please forward your returns to the County Co-ordinator NBYDS Mrs Irene Scoble by Wednesday 5th November latest.**

**Child Protection:**

The Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) will "go live" from 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009. For more information on the changes in legislation visit [www.isa.gov.uk](http://www.isa.gov.uk). These will be additional requirements to the current CRB arrangements.

**Small Grants for Clubs:**

MARS Refuel is offering grants of up to £500.00 to help sports clubs with anything from equipment costs to improving facilities. The fund which runs until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 has up to £10,000.00 to donate each month with a maximum of £500.00 per applicant.

Applications can be made on line at [www.marsfuel.com](http://www.marsfuel.com) and applicants must be 12 years or over with only one application being accepted per person, club or organisation.

**Northamptonshire Under 25's:**

**The Northants Under 25's are Champions of the Barston Trophy for the second successive year.**

The Under 25's defending their title of Champions of the Barston Trophy, played Nottinghamshire under 25's at Abington BC on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2008, and secured the win that enabled them to win the championship for the second year in succession, with one match still to play. It was a very tight game and the County youngsters just managed to scrape a win by 2 shots against a much improved Nottinghamshire team which lost heavily to the County in the earlier fixture. Congratulations to Team Manager Martin Cinato and his squad.

**County Friendly Matches:**

As we only have August and September matches to play may I now thank all Clubs that have supported the Association by making their greens available to host matches and also for nominating players for friendly matches during the season. We have again received representation from about 50% of our clubs which has made selection a less onerous task.

However it remains disappointing that meal charges are still escalating and unfortunately this will only reflect in the match charges for next year. When allocating Greens for County Friendly matches we do set criteria each year for a recommended maximum charge for the meal which hopefully will include tea and biscuits and rink charges with a lower charge for non players and guests. We do appreciate that catering is not always easy to manage but as an Association it is worth reiterating that we do not require anything special regarding meals and also bearing in mind that apart from the host club benefiting from additional revenue through increased bar takings it should also be deemed an honour to act as hosts.

**My sincere thanks to all of you for your assistance during the past year and offer my best wishes for the rest of season.**

Laurie Harrison  
Hon Secretary  
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