

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

NORTHAMPTON WOMEN'S COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT TRIPLES – RESULT

The Northampton Women's County Bowling Association's Benevolent Fund exists for the benefit of any lady member of affiliated Clubs in need, and its Funds are enhanced by the holding of a Benevolent Triples Competition, and this year there were 72 Triples entered from 27 different Clubs in the County, and after playing off the earlier rounds the Quarter Finals were reached and played on Wednesday, 3rd September, 2008, at Wellingborough BC, and these were followed the same day by the Semi-Finals and the Final.

Matches consist of 15 ends of bowls each, with the 3 lady bowlers in each Triple playing 2 woods, and the ultimate winners of the County competition have their results entered into the nationwide calculations to establish a National Winner.

The results were as follows:

Quarter Finals:

Sally Row/Cynthia Cherry/Diane Brumwell (Kingsthorpe) beat Sheila Braybrook/Pat Symonds/Jean Pownall-Davies (Daventry Town) 14 shots – 11 shots.

Vicki Rushall/Jan Bradley/Brenda Bishop (Daventry Town) beat Velda Cooper/Elaine Weatherill/Janice Taylor (Irchester) 20 shots – 7 shots.

Eileen West/Pam Lewis/Audrey Height (Rushden Town) beat Nancy Campbell/Valerie Blackwell/Margaret Cave (Rushden Town) 12 shots – 10 shots.

Jackie Gale/Ina Layland/Sue Graham-Hole (St Crispin) beat Beryl Dring/Alston Dring/Pat Gayton (Swanspool) 13 shots – 9 shots.

SemiFinals:

Rushall/Bradley/Bishop beat Row/Cherry/Brumwell 14 shots – 11 shots

West/Lewis/Height beat Dale/Layland/Graham-Hole 16 shots- 13 shots

Final:

West/Lewis/Height beat Rushall/Bradley/Bishop 18 shots – 10 shots.

At the conclusion of the day's play the Trophy was presented to the winning Triple by the Ladies County President Beverley Manning.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FINALS 7.9.08. – RESULTS

The NBYDS Outdoor Singles Championship culminated with the Semi-Finals and Final held at Irchester BC on Sunday morning, 7th September, 2008, and what a pleasure it was to see the young bowlers performing with such enthusiasm and skill.

The NBYDS is the County scheme which supports and mirrors the objects of the English Bowls Youth Development Scheme, and it organises both outdoor and indoor singles competitions, as well as holding a County event under the EBYDS, and the scheme splits its endeavours into two age groups, those Under 15 and those Under 18 years.

Many parents, relatives and friends, plus club supporters were there at Irchester to enjoy the competition and to support the players, and they were not disappointed, despite the threat of rain. The players were faced with a green that had been saturated by the rain over the last few days which slowed it up a little, but nevertheless it played very well.

In the semi-finals the Under 15 section saw Chloe Wordingham, 11 years, of Higham Ferrers BC play Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC, and Danny's twin brother William, also from West End, competing against Matthew Cattell, of Rushden Town BC.

Danny took an early lead and was in front all the way, although from being 10-17 down she fought very hard to get within 3 shots at 16-19 before Danny reached the required 21 shots. Brother William's match was a very tight affair with only 1 shot separating the two at 8-7 and 12-11 in his favour but he managed to put a little daylight between Matthew's score and his own at 15-11 going on to win 21-15.

The semi-final of the senior event was fought between Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC and Ryan Jones, Rothwell Conservatives BC, and Matthew Wordingham, Chloe's brother, also from Higham Ferrers, against Ross Knox, Desborough Town BC.

Connor started the game against his older opponent much the sharper and despite Ryan's best efforts the game went away from him and Connor won 21-6. Matthew got his game going quickly and cruised into a 13-4 lead before Ross managed to claw back some shots to get within 6 shots at 12-18, but Matthew kept up the pressure and won through to the Final 21-14.

The Under 15 Final was a Walker family monopoly with twins Danny and William facing one another, and with no quarter asked and none given, both young players were determined to beat his sibling. William it was who took the early shots and he raced into a 13-1 shot lead but Danny suddenly found his form and started to put scores on the board until he was just 4 shots adrift at 11-15. William, however, pulled out another stop and managed to reach the finishing line and win 21-13.

The Under 18 Final was therefore between Matthew Wordingham and Connor Cinato, and a most enjoyable exhibition of skilful bowling it proved to be with Matthew taking an early lead and at 12-4 in his favour looked set to cruise to the title. Connor is, however, quite a fighter on the bowls green and after putting a few shots of his own on the score-card, he was at 11-20 shots with that last shot being elusive for Matthew, and Connor pulled back 4 more shots before Matthew could get his hands on the trophy, 21-15.

The match for 3rd and 4th place in both age groups was also played, with the Junior match going in favour of Chloe Wordingham when she came back from being 6-13 down to win 21-18. The Senior match 3rd place went to Ryan Jones who beat Ross Knox 21-9.

The Trophies were presented to the players by Keith Howlett, 2008 Chairman of the NBYDS, who in doing so also thanked the Club for allowing the scheme use of the facilities, and the supporters for their attendance.

NBYDS SEEKING A SECRETARY

Would it be possible for a plea to be included in your columns/programmes for someone to volunteer to take the role of Secretary to the Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme. The previous Secretary has handed over the role as he is heavily involved as Secretary of the County Indoor Association, and presently Andy Purcell, former long-serving co-ordinator of the Scheme, is 'holding the fort' but is anxious that we find a suitable person to take over. It is a rewarding post, serving a small committee drawn from the four County Bowling Associations and the young people themselves, and it meets about 4 times per year. Systems are in place for its smooth-running to promote and support bowling by young people under the age of 18 years. Anyone interested please contact Andy Purcell on 01536 760359 or email Andrew.purcell5@btinternet.com

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BA – RESULT

Northamptonshire Men played a friendly match against Buckinghamshire BA at Buckingham West BC on Tuesday, 2nd September, 2008, and with just 2 winning rinks lost by a sizeable 24 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire 103 shots – Buckinghamshire 127 shots. Rink scores, Bucks skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Alf Hudson
Mike Pullen
Neville Bodily
Harvey Fruish v P Adams
11 shots 17 shots

Rink 2.

Ernie Earp
Brian Robbins
Peter Mercer
Laurie Harrison v G Milligan
11 shots 27 shots

Rink 3.

Geoff Thomas
Bill Foster
Ian Watts
Geoff Hunt v J Smail
19 shots 16 shots

Rink 4.

Frank Craven
Derek Brewer
Bill Roberts
Geoff Harris v A Anderson
27 shots 17 shots

Rink 5.

Skene McInnes
Eric Wareing
Walter Stoddard
Bill Humphries v B Hutchinson
16 shots 20 shots

Rink 6.

Martin Horsham
Peter Byworth
Kevin Mawson
Tracy Nunn v P Tottman
19 shots 30 shots

NATIONAL MIXED PAIRS REGIONAL FINALS 7.9.08. – RESULTS

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE FINALS 14.9.08. – PARTICIPANTS

The Men's County League Semi-Finals and Final are to be held at Wellingborough BC between the following Clubs on Sunday, 14th September, 2008, commencing at 10.0 a.m.

Corby Forest BC versus Corby Stewarts & Lloyds BC
Desborough Town BC versus Thrapston BC

This means that there is a 3 to 1 chance of a new name being added to the Trophy as the only Club having won before is Desborough.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 7.9.08. – RESULT

The Ladies of Northampton Women's County Bowling Association took on the Gentlemen of Northamptonshire Bowling Association in the annual 'friendly' match at Abington BC on Sunday, 7th September, 2008, but it appeared far from friendly from the result with the men defeating the ladies by 59 shots in a 5 rink match, with the rink wins 4-1 in favour of the men. The final score was Northamptonshire men 128 shots – Northamptonshire Ladies 69 shots. Rink scores as follows:

Rink 1.

| NBA | NWCBA |
|------------|---------------|
| Fred Wake | Margaret Ruff |
| Chris Beck | May Wiggins |
| Roy Cave | Pat Gayton |
| Geoff Hunt | Joan Bryan |
| 33 shots | 13 shots |

Rink 2.

| NBA | NWCBA |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Skene McInnes | Jan Hunt |
| David Thurlow | Joyce George |
| Laurie Harrison | Wilma Walker |
| Mike King | Christine Barlow |
| 12 shots | 19 shots |

Rink 3.

| NBA | NWCBA |
|------------------|---------------|
| Mick Hall | Sally Row |
| John Ruff | Jean Frisby |
| Tracy Nunn | Barbara Astle |
| Richard Somerton | Brenda Bishop |
| 20 shots | 10 shots |

Rink 4.

| NBA | NWCBA |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Martin Horsham | Cynthia Cherry |
| Kevin Mawson | Jill Welch |
| Geoff Harris | Eleanor Winters |
| Harvey Fruish | Bev Manning |
| 35 shots | 12 shots |

Rink 5.

| NBA | NWCBA |
|-------------|---------------------|
| Don Smith | Sandra Mawson |
| Mick Taylor | Jean Pownall-Davies |
| Dave Fage | Margaret Cave |
| Jonathan | Di Brumwell |
| 27 shots | 15 shots |

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus BERKSHIRE BA 10.9.08. – SELECTED TEAM

The following gentlemen have been selected to represent the County in a friendly match against Berkshire BA at Daventry Town BC, on Wednesday, 10th September, 2008, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.

Daventry
Town BC
Rink

Rink 2.

Stuart Lake, Co Treasurer
Hugh Taylor, Heyford
Harvey Fruish, President
A.N.Other

Rink 3.

John Ruff, Executive
Bill Kendall, Wootton Grange
Laurie Harrison, Co Secretary
Tracy Nunn, Jun Vice President

Rink 4.

Skene McInnes, St Crispin
Ian Lumsden, Byfield
Robin Frost, Bugbrooke
Malcolm Mattinson, Thrapston

Rink 5.

John Watson, Geddington & Newton
Ollie Oliver, Express
Martin Underwood, Thrapston
Brian Jones, Heyford

Rink 6.

Peter Clues, Heyford
Kevin Mawson, Cogenhoe
Tony Coles, Geddington & Newton
Doug Ainsworth, Bugbrooke

Reserves:

David Garland, Kingsthorpe
Bill Russell, Bugbrooke

Fred Wake, Byfield
Geoff Vincent, Bugbrooke

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus HUNTINGDONSHIRE 2.9.08. – RESULT

The County Ladies played a friendly match on Tuesday, 2nd September, 2008, against their counterparts from neighbouring Huntingdonshire, at St. Ives BC, and came away in second place after losing by 15 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire 127 shots – Huntingdonshire 142 shots. Rink scores, Hunts skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Janet Swift
Beryl Rylott
Jean Frisby
Margaret Cave v A Cooper
16 shots 33 shots

Rink 2.

Pat Coles
Agnes Johnson
Chris Cooper
Audrey Height v P Purssord
19 shots 21 shots

Rink 3.

Mary Forrester
May Wiggins
Joan Bryan
Bev Manning v J Meadow
11 shots 29 shots

Rink 4.

Joyce George
Ina Layland
Linda Tomlinson
Eleanor Winters v D Barlow
28 shots 16 shots

Rink 5.

Eileen West
Janet Riome
Ann Davey
Christine Barlow v A Rose
34 shots 19 shots

Rink 6.

Margaret Ruff
Helen Jones
Sylvia Brown
Rita Bell v H Bass
19 shots 22 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus HERTFORDSHIRE 4.9.08. – RESULT

The second match of the week for the County Ladies saw them defeated again, this time by Hertfordshire Ladies on Thursday, 4th September, 2008, at Irchester BC when, despite having 3 winning rinks, the margin was 19 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire 102 shots – Hertfordshire 121 shots. Rink scores, Herts skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Tricia Basford
Janet Swift
Gill Letts
Pam Lewis v J Brackley
18 shots 14 shots

Rink 2.

Jan Hunt
Beryl Rylott
Pat Symonds
Heather Lack v J Seller
20 shots 16 shots

Rink 3.

Margaret Watts
Linda Tomlinson
Rhona Holland
Bev Manning v J Rolph
16 shots 24 shots

Rink 4.

Sue Bagshaw
Sheila Smart
Valerie Blackwell
Barbara Haseldine v G Pearce
11 shots 33 shots

Rink 5.

Margaret Ruff
Sylvia Brown
Joan Bryan
Eleanor Winters v K Howard
18 shots 21 shots

Rink 6.

Doreen Bedford
Ina Layland
Pat Gayton
Margaret Cave v M Hendry
19 shots 13 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus WARWICKSHIRE 10.9.08. – SELECTED TEAM

The following ladies have been selected to represent Jackson Grundy Northampton Women's County Bowling Association in a Middle England League match against Warwickshire ladies on Wednesday, 10th September, 2008, at Kislingbury BC, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Rink 1.

Margaret Ruff, St Crispin
Ann Davey, Corby Forest
Irene Cross, Abbey Park
Val Betts, Higham Ferrers

Rink 2.

Jean Burgess, Wellingborough
May Wiggins, Corby Forest
Pam Lewis, Rushden Town
Brenda Bishop, Daventry Town

Rink 3.

Sandra Mawson, Cogenhoe
Annette Norris, Corby Forest
Margaret Cave, Rushden Town
Diane Brumwell, Kingsthorpe

Rink 4.

Chris Cooper, Burton Latimer
Pat Coles, Geddington & Newton
Joan Bryan, Burton Latimer
Barbara Haseldine, Finedon

Rink 5.

Cynthia Cherry, Kingsthorpe
Pat Gayton, Swanspool
Eleanor Winters, Corby Forest
Bev Manning, Kislingbury

Rink 6.

Alison Dring, Swanspool
Joyce Burns, Whyte Melville
Wilma Walker, Corby Forest
Jean Pownall-Davies, Daventry Town

Travelling Reserves:

Janet Riome, Harpole
Sue Lomas, Desborough
Pat Mattinson, Thrapston

Agnes Johnson, Wellingborough

Non-travelling Reserve:

CENTENARY CELEBRATION 'LADIES' MATCH AT RUSHDEN TOWN BC 11.9.08.

Rushden Town Bowling Club concludes its Centenary Celebrations on the green with a prestigious match on Thursday, 11th September, 2008, at 2.0 p.m. when Bowls England Ladies President Angela Harris, brings her team to play Rushden Ladies.

Angela is the first Bowls England Ladies President, following the unification of the English Women's Bowling Association and the English Bowling Association, and she is from Gloucestershire, with her Club being Gloucester Spa.

In common with these matches her team is likely to consist of Past EWBA Presidents and Senior Officers from across the country.

KETTERING BOROUGH CHAMPIONSHIPS 7.9.08. – RESULTS

The Kettering Borough Championships were held at Desborough Town BC on Sunday 7th September, 2008, with the following results:

Ladies Triples:

Kettering Lodge BC Ladies took the Ladies Triples Title with an emphatic 24 shots win against Burton Latimer Ladies. Details as follows, Kettering Lodge names first:
M Forrester/B Harris/M Haig beat M Tyler/C Cooper/A McMillan 20-10 shots
P Starsmore/S Bagshaw/M Silsby beat P Benford/P Miller/I Robinson 20-6 shots

Men's Triples:

Burton Latimer Men took the Men's Triples Title after a very close match against Kettering Lodge. With the result in doubt right to the end, Burton pulling out the stops to take the Championship by 3 shots only, final score Burton 68 shots – Lodge 65 shots. Detail as follows, Burton names first:
D Cooper/L Moore/B Payne beat S Gamble/A Harris/A Cooper 19-17 shots
M Tyler/L Darling/S Dockerill lost to J Imrie/G Rogers/D Cooper 17-19 shots
J Merrick/S Mason/P Tomlinson beat A Simms/H Starsmore/P Harris 16-13 shots
C Grey/J Cooper/A Britten tied with S Robinson/S Bocking/D Smith 16-16 shots

Ladies Singles:

In the Semi-Finals Sharon Hall, Desborough had a relatively comfortable win against Heather Lack, Burton Latimer, 21-7 shots, but the other semi was a closer affair with Margaret Watts, Desborough, edging out Pauline Mann, Kettering Athletic, 21-14 shots. Margaret Watts then added to her successes at the National Championships by taking the Title in her match against Sharon Hall in a very close game 21-19 shots.

Men's Singles: The Semi-Finals of the Men's Singles saw Tony Essam, Kettering Athletic, facing Mark Turner, Kettering Midland, and after 20 ends of play the scores were level at 14 shots each. Essam, however, took the next 3 ends with a run of 3-2-2 to take himself into the Final. In the other Semi-Final Andy Cooper, Kettering Lodge took on another Midland Band player, Denis Mole, and after a very close affair moved into the Final 21-18 shots.

The Final was, therefore, between Cooper and Essam, and the Lodge man took the title 21-4 shots.

CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

NORTH AREA, MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO EVENING TELEGRAPH READERS

Corby Forest BC

13.9.08. Whyte Melville BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Desborough Town BC

11.9.08. Members visit Market Harborough BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
13.9.08. Members visit Kingsthorpe for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
10.9.08. Corby Grampian BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
13.9.08. Members visit St Crispin BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

Earls Barton BC

13.9.08. Members visit Corby Grampian for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
14.9.08. The Club holds its second Club Finals Day
16.9.08. The Ladies Section holds its 'Closing Drive' at 2.0 p.m.
17.9.08. The Club hosts Northamptonshire BA versus Northamptonshire VP's at 2.0 p.m.

Geddington & Newton BC

10.9.08. Members visit Rothwell Manor BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
17.9.08. Members visit Little Bowden BC, Leics. for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

Higham Ferrers Town BC

13.9.08. Corby Stewarts & Lloyds BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
13.9.08. Members visit Rothwell Manor Park BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

Irchester BC

9.9.08. Earls Barton BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
13.9.08. Carlsberg BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
14.9.08. Members visit Corby Forest BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Ise BC, Kettering

13.9.08. Members visit Harpole BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
16.9.08. Members visit Wellingborough BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m. (Floodlit)

Kettering Lodge BC

13.9.08. PSL Roade BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
16.9.08. Essex BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

McAlpine BC, Kettering

13.9.08. Members visit Irthlingborough Church Institute BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Rushden Town BC

9.9.08. Abington BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

11.9.08. Bowls England Ladies President's Team visits to play a celebration match against Rushden Ladies at 2.0pm

13.9.08. Members visit Northampton West End BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Stanwick BC

Competition Results:

Ladies Championship: Winner Ann Marshall Runner-up Hazel Ash
Men's Championship: Winner George Hurley Runner-up Reg Hallett
Pairs: Winners Hazel Ash/Rosemary Shannon Runners-up Ray Marshall/Reg Hallett
Triples: Winners Hazel Ash/Rosemary Shannon/Garry Burton R/up Ann Marshall/Ray Ash/Georice Hurley
Veteran Pairs: Winners Hazel Ash/Colin Desborough R/Up Cliff Catlin/Ron Willmott
Handicap Singles: Winner Ron Willmott Runner-up Colin Desborough
Target Bowls Winner: Ron Willmott Knock-Out Pairs Winners Ann Marshall/Colin Desborough

The Trophies will be presented at the Annual Presentation Dinner to be held at John White Golf Club, Rushden, on the 17th October, 2008.

Fixtures:

11.9.08. Members visit the Licensed Victuallers BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

13.9.08. Rothwell Conservatives BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

14.9.08. Members visit St Crispin BC for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.

16.9.08. Members visit Finedon Pensioners for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.

Swanspool BC

13.9.08. Managers & Foremen BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Wellingborough BC

11.9.08. Members visit Olney BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m. (Floodlights)

11.9.08. Members visit Stony Stratford BC for a men's match at 2.30 pm.

13.9.08. Northampton Express BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

13.9.08. Members visit Kislingbury BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

14.9.08. The Club hosts the County League Finals at 10.0 a.m.

SOUTH AREA, MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO CHRONICLE & ECHO READERS

Abington BC

11.9.08. West End BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

13.9.08. Bedford Borough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Cold Ashby BC

13.9.08. Kettering Athletic BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

14.9.08. The Club holds a 'Car Boot Sale'

Heyford BC

14.9.08. The Club holds its 'Gala Day' at 2.0 p.m.

Northampton Express BC

Annual Tour:

47 bowlers enjoyed the Annual Northampton Express BC Tour to Torquay, where they were based at the Inglewood Hotel for the week, and where they were looked after superbly by the staff. Of the 5 scheduled matches 1 was lost to the weather, that due to be played on the last day of the Tour, 5th September, at Kings BC, Torquay, otherwise 3 matches were won and 1 lost. The Rink receiving the 'Top Tour Rink' prize was that of Albert Farrell/Martin Coleman/John Carter/Pete Letts, for their 35-12 shots victory at Torquay BC on the first day.

In keeping with Tour traditions a 'Kangaroo Court' was held on the final night with a number of fines being levied for various 'misdemeanours' the proceeds being donated to the Hotel's two charities, Cancer Research and Devon Air Ambulance.

A special presentation was also made to Ken Berrill, in appreciation of his dedicated service to the Club and Tours for many years.

Results of matches as follows:

31.8.08. versus Torquay BC Won 136-76 Top Rink: A Farrell/M Coleman/J Carter/P Letts 35-12
1.9.08. versus Bitton Park BC Teignmouth Lost 96-119 Top Rink: P Doolan/D Nightingale/J Parker/R White 24-14
2.9.08. versus Paignton BC Won 128-87 Top Rinks (Equal) P Doolan/N Roberts/S Lemon/C Bland & DC Jones/D Nightingale/M Coleman/W Stanley both having 25-12 wins
3.9.08. versus Babbacombe BC Won 127-74 Top Rink: R Butt/DC Jones/A Lemon/S Lemon 26-10

Next Fixture

13.9.08. Members visit Wellingborough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Northampton West End BC

11.9.08. Abington BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
13.9.08. Rushden Town BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.



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