

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – DRAW REVIEW FOR 2010.

The draw is published on the Bowls England website for all the National Competitions, and scrutiny of those throws up some interesting encounters for our County bowlers. Most of the competitions get underway in earnest next week-end, but with some preliminary rounds played in the week-end just past. The following draws may interest the readers:

LADIES

National Top Club: Kettering Lodge BC is at home to Wellingborough BC
Northampton Whyte Melville BC is at home to Kingsthorpe BC
Ties not due until June.

**Champion of
Champions Singles:** Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge is at home to Margaret Watts, Desborough (Runner-up in the National Singles 2008 and County Winner in 2009))
Jasmin Spear, Northampton West End(2009 Under 25 Champion) is at home to Brenda Bishop, Daventry (2009 Over 55 Singles and Pairs Champion)
These matches are in the Preliminary Round to be played by the end of May – all other entrants Have a bye into the first round proper in June.

Mother & Daughter: Alison Dring, Swanspool (last year's County Pairs Champion) pairs up with her mother Beryl Dring against Jean Burgess and Tina Broderick, Wellingborough, winners of a number of Competitions over recent years.
This is a preliminary round to be played by the 25th May. All other entrants are in the first round proper to be played by 8th June.

Over 55 Singles: Jill Welch and Jan Bradley, Daventry Town BC play each in the first round by 15th May, with the winner to play last year's County Champion Margaret Watts in the second round.
Chris Eustace, Roade BC is at home to Brenda Bishop(last year's County Over 55 Champion), Daventry Town BC in the 2nd round.

Over 55 Pairs: Last year's County Over 55 winners, Jan Bradley & Brenda Bishop, Daventry Town BC, have different partners for the nationals, and they face respectively Chris Eustace, Roade, and Hilary Sharpe Kingsthorpe BC, with their partners in a Preliminary Round by early June.

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Pairs: The successful husband and wife duo of Tina and Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC, have a first round home tie against Robert Norman and partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC, and if successful they will have to visit Higham Ferrers BC to take on Robert's brother Steve and partner who have a bye into the second round.

Fours: The Brodericks, joined by Darren Lyman and Karen Leveridge, Wellingborough/Irchester, past National winners of this event, have a bye into the second round where they will meet either Gordon Dring's Swanspool rink or tht of Maureen Johnson, Thrapston.

GENTLEMEN

Over 55 Singles: Past winners of this National competition, Terry James, Thrapston and John Haines, Desborough, have a bye into the second round, and then they meet each other at Desborough Town BC green in late May, early June.

Over 55 Pairs: Familiar names crop up against each other in this competition – George Warren, John Haines, Carl Haines, all Desborough and Terry James, Thrapston all have a bye into the 2nd round when George plays John and Terry plays Carl, with the respective winners playing each other. This could see brothers John and Carl in combat, or perhaps another duel between John and Terry. A former National finalist in this competition, Don Crowson, Kingsthorpe, has a match against former International Trialist Stuart Letts, Northampton West End BC in the first round.

Champion of Champions Singles: 2005 Winner of this National Competition, Paul Broderick, Wellingborough enters the fray against Maurice Tyler, Burton Latimer BC, both having a bye into the 1st round proper. County C of C winner in 2007 and County Singles Champion in 2008 has a tough match against Jason Hall, Desborough, both also having a bye into the 1st round proper. Last year's County Champion, Jamie Walker, Northampton West End visits Kingsthorpe in the Preliminary round to face Jim McKee.

Club 2 Fours: One or two interesting 'local derbies' in the offing, with Higham Ferrers Town BC 'A' team visiting Rushden Town BC to play their 'A' team. Desborough Town BC, twice National winners in 1997 and 2000, have their 'A' team visiting Kettering Lodge BC 'A' team and their 'B' team entertaining Thrapston BC 'A' Kingsthorpe BC, finalists in 2003, meet Abington BC .

Top Club: **The Preliminary Round has been played on this week-end just past, and one result has been notified to me:**

Desborough Town BC beat Irchester BC 5-0 Detail as follows, Desborough names only:-

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| 2 Wood Singles: | Jason Hall 14 – Irchester 7 |
| 4 Wood Singles: | Peter Ward 21 – Irchester 12 |
| Pairs: | Ross Knox/John Haines 22-18 |
| Triples: | Will Hill/Martin Cinato/Carl Haines 34-4 |
| Fours: | Carl Wigfield/John Pickaver/Bill McGillivray/Bill Brune 31-7 |

2. INDOOR COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS FROM AROUND THE COUNTY.

The following further results from Club Indoor competitions have been received:

BRACKLEY IBC

LADIES

Singles Champion: Joan Watts Finalist: Lynn Upton
Pairs Champions: Rosemary Horsham & Jackie Grainge Finalists: Janet Foote & Lynn Upton

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Pairs Champions: Carol Callinan & Richard Somerton
Triples Champions: Carol Callinan, Mick Hall & Ken Braddock
Over 60 Pairs: Joan & Allan Watts Finalists: Linda & George Hall

GENTLEMEN

Singles Champion: Alan Dunkley Finalist: Tim Hawtin
Pairs Champions: Graham Prior & Richard Somerton Finalists: Robert Pink & Kevin Taylor
Triples Champions: Martin Horsham, Ken Braddock & Roy Houghton Finalists: Ian Dunn, Tim Hawtin & Richard Somerton

KETTERING LODGE IBC

LADIES

Singles Champion: Pat Starsmore
Pairs Champions: Linda Smith & **Emma Gray**
Triples Champions: Glennys Oldham, Jill Robertson & **Emma Gray**
Fours Champions: Margaret Bosworth, Mare Wright, **Emma Gray** & Margaret Silsby
Rosebowl Winners: Daphne Batho, Barbara Murkitt, Ann Breslin & Glennys Oldham

MIXED

Novice: Champion: **Emma Gray**
Pairs Champions: **Emma Gray** & Adrian Harris
Triples Champions: Chris Gray, **Emma Gray** & Adrian Harris
Fours Champions: Alan Thorn, Sue Briggs, Margaret Haig & Mark Turner

GENTLEMEN

Singles Champion: Mark Turner
Pairs Champions: John Beal & Alan Goodfellow
Triples Champions: Steve Robinson, Allan Simms & Adrian Harris
Fours Champions: Brian Briggs, Steve Bocking, Mark Turner & Dave Smith

I have highlighted Emma Gray in '**Bold**' as she was particularly successful winning 6 events.

KINGSTHORPE IBC.

LADIES

Singles Champion: Bridget Denny Finalist: Michelle Tansley
Pairs Champions: Michelle and Sharon Tansley Finalists: Maggie Edwards & Donna Williamson
Triples Champions: Celia Morris, Yvonne McKee & Hilary Sharpe. Finalists: Eleanor Buchanan, Maggie Edwards & Donna Williamson
Fours Champions: June Stratford, Donna Williamson, Rita Rowland & Di Brumwell

MIXED

Pairs Champions: Yvonne & Jim McKee Finalists: A H & D J Walker
Triples Champions: Donna Wiliamson, Darren Lewis & Iain Walker Finalists: Hilary Sharpe, Shaun Marriott & Mick Sharpe
Fours Champions: Hilary Sharpe, Celia Morris, Peter Morris & Mick Sharpe Finalists: Yvonne McKee, Sharon Tansley, Roger Tansley & Jim McKee

GENTLEMEN

Singles Champion: Neil McKee Finalist: Andrew Hunter
Pairs Champions: Andrew Manton & Mick Sharpe Finalists: Darren Lewis & Iain Walker
Triples Champions: Peter Morris, Andrew Manton & Mick Sharpe Finalists: Mick Donohoe, Tony Burns & Colin Jones
Fours Champions: Jason Bryan, Martin Gearey, Vernon Gearey & Jim McKee Finalists: C Mace, John Baggat, Darren Lewis & Iain Walker

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

The Junior Section of the Club held its competitions during the season as follows:

10 Years and Under: This is a Singles competition run during the season on a knock-out basis played over 9 ends with 3 bowls, with the winner receiving the 'Dave Masters' cup – donated by the Chairman of the Club of that name. This year's winner was **Billie Swift** who beat **Jack Lee** 6-5 in a very close match which required an extra end.

(Please see photograph of the players l to r Billie Swift, Janet Swift(Coach) Jack Lee)

The Boys open championship was won by Scott Adams who beat Austen Marvell into second place.

The Girls open championship was won by Jasmin Spear who beat Nicola Franklin in the final, in Nicola's first season indoor.

The open Pairs is drawn and played on one day in the form of a 'drive' and this was won by Jack Lee and Alice Moore with a massive shots advantage of plus 45. In second place were Maisie Lee and Nicola Franklin, and third were Carly Swift and Louise Haladij.

(Please see photograph of the winners l to r Alice Moore, Mick Swift (Coach) Jack Lee)

Note: Permission has been given by parents for publication of photographs

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S versus ABINGTON BC 9.5.10. – selection

The following have been selected to represent Northamptonshire Under 25's in a friendly match against Abington BC, Park Avenue South, Northampton, on Sunday, 9th May, 2010, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Matt Pownall(Thrapston), Matthew Cattell(Rushden), Connor Cinato(Desborough), Sam Gamble (Desborough), Jamie Walker (Northampton West End), Shaun Marriott (Northampton West End), Jack Tobin (Rushden), Dominic Graham (Northampton Express), Adam Pitfield (Rushden), Nathan Betts (Rushden), Matt Toseland (Desborough), Michael Chester (Wellingborough), Matt Wordingham (Rushden), Chloe Wordingham (Higham Ferrers), Adam Brown (Abington), Alice Moore (Kislingbury), Curtis Johnson (Wellingborough), Chris Wright (Northampton West End), David Walker (Kingsthorpe), Will Parker (Northampton Express), Trudy Beard (Kingsthorpe), Ashley Linnell (Northampton Express), Ross Knox (Desborough), Jasmin Spear (Northampton West End)

Reserves: Danny Walker (Northampton West End), William Walker (Northampton West End), Daniel Waterfield (Kettering Lodge), Nicola Franklin (Kislingbury)

4. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

a. SOUTH AREA – MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO READERS OF THE CHRONICLE & ECHO

ABINGTON BC.

Fixtures:

- 6.5.10. Bedford Borough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Members visit Northampton Whyte Melville BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 9.5.10. Northamptonshire Under 25's visit for a mixed friendly match against the Club
- 11.5.10. Kingsthorpe BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC.

Fixtures:

- 8.5.10. Members visit Oakfield BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 9.5.10. Cold Ashby BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

COGENHOE BC.

Fixtures:

- 6.5.10. Cold Ashby BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Brington BC visits for mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 9.5.10. Roade BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 10.5.10. Triples League match versus West Haddon at home at 6.30 p.m.

DAVENTRY TIGERS BC.

Fixtures:

- 8.5.10. Byfield BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 10.5.10. Triples League match versus Cold Ashby away at 6.30 p.m.

HEYFORD BC.

Fixture:

- 8.5.10. Northampton BBOB BC visits for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC.

Fixtures:

- 6.5.10. Members visit Northampton West End BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Members visit Corby Forest BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 9.5.10. The Club holds its Captain's Day at 1.30 p.m.
- 11.5.10. Members visit Abington BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC.

Fixtures:

- 8.5.10. Irchester BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 10.5.10. Triples League 'A' team plays own 'B' team

NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC.

Fixtures:

- 6.5.10. Kingsthorpe BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Members visit Kislingbury BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 10.5.0. Triples League: 'A' team home to St Crispin and 'B' team away to Wootton Grange 'B'
- 11.5.10. Daventry Town BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC.

Fixtures:

- 5.5.10. Members visit Wellingborough OG's for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Abington BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 9.5.10. Members visit St Crispin BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 11.5.10. Members visit Abbey Park Ladies BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

b. NORTH AREA – MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO READERS OF THE EVENING TELEGRAPH

BURTON LATIMER BC.

Fixtures:

- 8.5.10. Members visit Kettering Lodge BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Rothwell Manor BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC.

Fixtures:

- 6.5.10. Members visit Kettering Midland Band BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Kingsthorpe BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 9.5.10. Members visit Geddington & Newton BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC.

Fixtures:

- 6-9th May, 2010. The Club members are on Tour to Bournemouth.
- 11.5.10. Irchester BC visits for ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC.

Fixtures:

- 6.5.10. Old Grammarians BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Members visit Little Bowden BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 9.5.10. Corby Forest BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC.

Fixtures:

- 6.5.10. Northants Police BC visits for the 'Barry Clifford Memorial' match at 6.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Kempston Hammers BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Members visit Irchester BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC.

Fixture:

- 8.5.10. Members visit Islip BC for a match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC.

Fixtures:

- 5.5.10. Members visit Wellingborough BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Burton Latimer BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 9.5.10. Members visit Irchester BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 11.5.10. Members visit Rushden Town BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

New Carpet:

The Club's indoor carpet is being replaced with a new one, together with new underlay, in July, 2010, following the successful application for a grant to Sport England. They are to receive £10,000 towards the new surface, and Club Members are very much looking forward to playing on it at the beginning of the new season in September, 2010.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC.

Fixtures:

- 6.5.10. Corby Forest BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Members visit Kettering Conservatives BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

McALPINE BC.

Fixture:

- 8.5.10. Ise BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

MEARS ASHBY RBL BC.

Fixtures:

- 8-15.5.10. Club on Tour to Bournemouth

OUNDLE BC.

Fixtures:

- 6.5.10. Kettering Athletic BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Sawtry BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC.

Fixtures:

- 4.5.10. St Neots BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 6.5.10. Members visit Wellingborough for the first leg of the 'Fred King' cup
- 8.5.10. Stewarts & Lloyds BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC.

Event:

The Club has two teams in the Corby Dominoes League and it is said that if they cannot play bowls the members can certainly play good dominoes! The Club's 'B' team won the League by some margin, and in the League Knock-out competition, the 'B' team again came out on top, beating the 'A' team in the final. The Club finds that this involvement keeps the Club members together and of course goes towards helping Club funds.

Fixtures:

- 6.5.10. Kettering Conservatives BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Members visit Rushden Town BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Result:

- 1.5.10. Stewarts & Lloyds 69 shots – Woodsend BC 58 shots

WELLINGBOROUGH BC.

Fixtures:

- 5.5.10. Kettering Lodge BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 6.5.10. Rushden Town BC visits for the first leg of the Fred King Cup at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.5.10. Stewartby BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 9.5.10. The County Ladies hold a 'Bonding Day' at 9.30 a.m.
- 11.5.10. Club hosts a match between Northants VP's and Norfolk VP's at 2.0 p.m.
- 11.5.10. Members visit St Neots BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.



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