

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS**

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**PRESS REPORT**

### **1. INTERNATIONAL TRIAL TEAMS ANNOUNCED – COUNTY PLAYERS SELECTED**

**Bowls England** has announced its selection for the International Trial matches for the forthcoming outdoor season, and three County players have received a call up.

In the **Senior Men's Trial**, **Vernon Gearey Kingsthorpe BC**, has received the call. This follows his success in winning the National Triples title in 2008, when he skipped the Triple with Richard Mann and Roger Tansley joining him, and no doubt also from his taking part in the games to test out the Commonwealth Games Bowls team late last season, when he performed very well, and was joined there by Dominic Graham and Jamie Walker (Junior Trialists – see below) He is selected to play at No. 3 in the rink skipped by Vincent O'Neill, Yorkshire, and he will be joined at Lead by Simon Leader, Huntingdonshire, and at No. 2 by Richard Chandler of Cumbria. It will be Vernon's first International Trial and we wish him the very best of performance and good fortune when he attends the Trial which is being held at Beach House Park, Worthing, on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2010.

In the **Junior Men's Trial**, the County has two of its young players on show. **Dominic Graham, 23 years, Northampton Express BC**, and **Jamie Walker, 18 years, Northampton West End BC**, have received the call and one step closer to their ambition to play for their Country.

**Dominic** has come to the eye of the selectors for his excellent win in 2009 against Jamie Walker in the County Under 25 Final and his progress in reaching the Quarter Finals at the National Championships where he almost put out the eventual winner, current International Jamie Chestney. In addition to which last year he skipped the County winning triple being joined by Rob White and Ian Bland. In the Trial he plays at No. 2 in a rink skipped by Michael Woodbridge, Gloucestershire and is joined by Chris Cleaver, Middlesex at Lead and Shaun Jones, Herefordshire at No. 3. They play against a rink skipped by the 2009 'Player of the Year' Danny May.

**Jamie** first came to the notice of national selectors when he was runner-up in the National Indoor Under 25 Singles in 2008, but since then he has shown his ability outdoors by last season winning the County Singles Championship and being runner-up in the County Under 25 Singles. He has been selected to skip a rink with Jack Cawdell, Bedfordshire at lead, Grant Bosworth, Derbyshire at No. 2 and Michael Richards, Wiltshire at No. 3. He plays against a rink skipped by Richard Catton, Cambridgeshire.

Both young players have their 'Middleton Cup' flash, and we wish them again the very best performances when they attend the Trial at Beach House Park, Worthing, on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2010.

**(Please find photographs of each of the trialists as follows: 018 Vernon; 005 Dominic; 037 Jamie)**

## 2. COUNTY COMPETITIONS FINALS – DETAILS OF QUALIFIERS

### LADIES

The County Ladies Indoor Finals are to be held at Wellingborough IBC, on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, and the qualifiers from the 7 participating County Clubs, who will be hoping to be there, have to play in the Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals prior to this date and are as follows:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Pairs</u>	<u>Triples</u>	<u>Fours</u>
<b>DAVENTRY</b>	Brenda Bishop	Julie Spreadbury Brenda Bishop	Sylvia Plant Brenda Bishop Jean Pownall-Davies	Sue Yates Helen Humphries I Ralph Judy Hicks
<b>DESBOROUGH</b>	Rebecca Wigfield	Rebecca Wigfield Jeannie Flippance	Marta Edsman Margaret Watts Janet Tear	Pauline Deane Caroline Cinato Rebecca Wigfield Jeannie Flippance
<b>KETTERING</b>	Pat Starsmore	Linda Smith Emma Gray	No entry	No entry
<b>KINGSTHORPE</b>	B Denny	Michelle Tansley Sharon Tansley	Celia Morris Yvonne McKee Hilary Sharpe	June Stratford Donna Williamson Rita Rowland Di Brumwell
<b>NORTHAMPTON</b>	Linda Warren	Thelma Littlemore Val Lovett	No entry	No entry
<b>RUSHDEN</b>	Jane Redfern	Chloe Wordingham Jane Redfern	No entry	No entry
<b>WELLINGBORO'</b>	Tina Broderick	Sandra Lake Margaret Johnson	Jean Burgess Kay Green Pam Reynolds	Chris Cooper Helena Norman Maureen McDonald Di Allen

### GENTLEMEN

The County Finals are scheduled to be played at Rushden IBC on Saturday & Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, with the following having qualified through the rounds all seeking a trophy:

<b><u>Saturday, 10.4.10.</u></b>	<b>Singles:</b>	Matt Pownall versus Dave Flippance (Both Desborough IBC)
	<b>Pairs:</b>	Mick Malins/Matt Wordingham (Rushden) v Jim Diver/Carl Haines (Desborough)
<b><u>Sunday, 11.4.10.</u></b>	<b>U 25 Singles:</b>	Sam Gamble, Kettering versus Matt Pownall (Desborough)
	<b>Fours:</b>	Wayne Gregory's rink (Wellingborough) versus Jim McKee's rink (Kingsthorpe) (This is dependent upon Jim McKee's progress in the National Fours at Nottingham)
	<b>Tipler Rose Bowl:</b>	Albert Wright's rink (Desborough) versus Doug Mitchell's rink (Daventry)

### 3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE-PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION – ‘HARRIS CUP’ 2010.

**Northamptonshire Vice-Presidents Association** invites entrants for the 2010 annual ‘Harris Cup’ competition, which is to be played on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2010, at four greens in the County – Kislingbury; Abington; Northampton West End; and Wellingborough. The finals will be held at Wellingborough.

The format will be as usual, with each venue producing qualifiers for the Finals from the round robin group sessions, and all rounds and finals will be played on the same day. Cost per rink of 4 men is £34 which includes rink fees and a luncheon, and entries should be made to Len Smith, 8, Ashley-by-Welland, Market Harborough, LE16 8HR, Tel 01858 565519.

There is a limit of 48 rinks, so early entry is advised.

### 4. MIDLAND COUNTIES ‘UNDER 25’ SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

**The Midland Counties Indoor Under 25 Champion of County Champions** finals was held on Saturday and Sunday 3/4<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, at Leicester IBC, with County interest represented by Matthew Wordingham, Rushden IBC.

In the Preliminary Round on Saturday Matthew met a current Indoor Junior International, Matthew Orrey, Grantham IBC, and in a match which saw him at one point 0-10 down, Matthew found his form and went on to win 21-17. This excellent win took him into the Quarter Finals where he met Andrew Lowe, also of Grantham IBC, and after a very close affair Matthew took the match 21-15.

This win meant a further visit to Leicester the next day for Matthew to meet up in the Semi-Finals against James Alcock, Charnwood IBC, Leicestershire, who in his Quarter Final had dropped just 4 shots. On the day Matthew could not reproduce the form of his previous matches and went down 7 – 21 to Alcock, who then went on to take the title in beating Chris Kane, Bedfordshire, by 21-5.

**(Please find attached a photograph of Matthew Wordingham)**

### 5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus CAMBRIDGESHIRE 31.3.10 – RESULT

**Northamptonshire Men** took on their counterparts from Cambridgeshire on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010, at Wellingborough IBC, and after a very close match lost by just 7 shots with just 2 winning rinks. It was a bit of a roller coaster match with some rinks winning well in the earlier part of the match and then losing, and others managing to hang on to their lead. Final score was Northamptonshire 123 shots – Cambridgeshire 130 shots. Rink scores, Cambs skips only, as follows:

<b>Rink 1.</b>	Dave Williams/Eddie Chapman/Doug Hatton/Brian Langton 17 shots – J Charlton 20
<b>Rink 2.</b>	Peter Maloy/Don Scott/Tony Warren/Geoff Harris 18 shots – B Prescott 25
<b>Rink 3.</b>	Bryan Jones/Roly Smith/Laurie Harrison/Tracy Nunn 20 shots – R Humphrey 25
<b>Rink 4.</b>	John Smith/Clyde Hulbert/Mick Pullen/Norman Gibb 19 shots – R Vincent 16
<b>Rink 5.</b>	Peter Woodhams/Tony Essam/Keith Howlett/Brian Diver 29 shots – P Dodds 22
<b>Rink 6.</b>	Barry Adair/Ron Drage/Harvey Fruish/Richard Somerton 20 shots – J Whitfield 22

### 6. BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

#### **Bowls Development Alliance Launched**

In a collaboration with **Sport England** four National Governing Bodies for bowls have come together to launch the **Bowls Development Alliance (BDA)**

The new organisation is a joint venture between **Bowls England** (responsible for flat green outdoor bowling); the **British Crown Green Bowling Association** (crown green outdoor); **English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd** (flat green indoor); and the **English Short Mat Bowling Association** (short mat indoor)

Bowls boasts around 400,000 participants in more than 7,500 venues across 38 County Associations, and the sport was nominated in 2009 as one of the 46 sports to help Sport England achieve their national targets of growth in participation in 2009-20113.

The primary purpose of the BDA is to be the recognised body for the development of Bowls in England, and the following areas of development have been agreed:

*Growing and sustaining participation levels*  
*A Bowls-Specific 'Clubmark Scheme'*  
*Coaching – one unified body; training/recruitment*  
*Development and refurbishment of facilities*  
*Increase funding from Governing Bodies and outside bodies*  
*Training and recruitment of umpires/referees*  
*Training and recruitment of volunteers.*

## **7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SENIOR TEAM MANAGER – VACANCY FOR 2011**

Northamptonshire Bowling Association's Senior Team Manager, **John G. Church, MBE**, who manages the Middleton Cup/Midland Counties Championship/Inter County Top Two Fours Squads has indicated that after his period of appointment to the role expires at the end of the 2010 season, he will not be seeking re-appointment. He will have managed the County competitive teams for 6 successive years and he feels the time has come for someone else to be given the opportunity of doing so.

The County is therefore publishing a notice of the vacancy occurring with a view to appointing a replacement for the 2011 season.

Further details may be obtained from the County Secretary, Laurie Harrison, and applications for the post should reach him by Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

## **8. NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NOTTINGHAM – 9<sup>TH</sup> – 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2010.**

A reminder is given that the third full week of National Championship Finals commences at Nottingham IBC on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, with County interest in the men's finals.

First up is the Men's Fours and the Kingsthorpe Rink of Jason Bryan/John Baggat/Vernon Gearey/Jim McKee plays at 1.30 p.m. on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, against a rink from Acle, Norfolk.

Triples will follow, with Andrew Manton/Mick Sharpe/Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe IBC playing against an Isle of Wight IBC triple at 6.0 p.m. on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

Neil Rees/Paul Broderick, Wellingborough, enter the fray in the pairs at 1.30pm on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, against a pair from Wey Valley IBC

Finally, the County's only current Indoor International – Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe, takes on Ben Paulley, Dolphin IBC, at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

## **CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY**

### **DESBOROUGH IBC**

#### **Fixtures:**

- 8.4.10. Rothwell Manor BC & Geddington & Newton BC visit for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 11.4.10. Rutland Tourists visit for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 12.4.10. Kettering Lodge IBC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
- 13.4.10. The Club holds its Presentation Evening at 7.30 p.m.
- 14.4.10. The Club holds its AGM at 7.30 p.m.

### **KETTERING LODGE IBC**

**Fixtures:**

- 10.4.10. Northampton IBC visits for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
- 11.4.10. The Club holds its End of Season Gala t 9.30 a.m.
- 12.4.10. Members visit Desborough for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.

### **KINGSTHORPE IBC**

**Fixtures:**

- 8.4.10. Northampton & District IBC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 10.4.10. Members visit Foxhill IBC, Aylesbury, for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 11.4.10. Wellingborough IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.

### **NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC**

**Fixtures:**

- 8.4.10. Members visit Kingsthorpe for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 10.4.10. Members visit Kettering Lodge IBC for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
- 11.4.10. The Club holds its 'Gala Day'

**Competitions:**

**2 Wood Singles Final:**

Andy Smith beat Colin Dalglish 3 – 1 (Sets)

**Fours Final:**

Colin Dalglish/Ian Bland/Andy Smith/Chris Bland beat Chris Wright/Wayne Stanley/  
Dominic Graham/Richard Lemon 28-10

(An interesting outcome from this match is that Ian Bland has now joined a small number of club players who have won all of the different men's club competitions)

### **RUSHDEN TOWN IBC**

**Fixtures:**

- 10.4.10. Members visit Wellingborough IBC for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 11.4.10. Brackley IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

### **WELLINGBOROUGH IBC**

**Fixtures:**

- 8.4.10. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire Police BC and Daventry IBC at 2.15 p.m.
- 10.4.10. Rushden Town IBC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 11.4.10. Members visit Kingsthorpe for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.



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