

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN IN MIDDLETON CUP versus HERTFORDSHIRE – RESULT

What a terrific start for **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association** in the opening match of the 'Middleton Cup' campaign on Saturday, 5th June, 2010. Their opponents Hertfordshire BA visited Kingsthorpe BC for the encounter, and with newly announced Internationals Andy Briden (Senior International) and Matthew Coppen (Junior International) in their ranks, Hertfordshire came with high hopes against the County men.

In proper bowling weather the Herts men started much the better and after just 3 ends across the green they had accrued a 10 shots lead, but with the County players finding their way over the next couple of ends when they picked up 15 shots to just 4 dropped, Northamptonshire posted a 1 shot lead at 5 ends and that lead was never seriously threatened.

At the halfway mark it had grown to 18 shots, by 15 ends it stood at 27 shots and although Herts dug in and reduced the deficit over the last quarter victory was Northamptonshire's by 16 shots. With 4 winning rinks and 2 losing the points allocation was 18 – 4 in the winner's favour. The final score was Northamptonshire 125 shots – Hertfordshire 109 shots. Rink scores, Herts skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Jason Hall/Ray Castle/John Haines/Jim McKee 24 shots – S Cook 12 shots
- Rink 2.** Keith Height/Dominic Graham/Carl Haines/Darren Childs 24 shots – A Briden 10 shots
- Rink 3.** Callum Height/Mick Malins/Jamie Walker/Roger Tansley 30 shots – J Rumball 20 shots
- Rink 4.** Dave Love/Alan Ashby/Richard Lemon/Vernon Gearey 10 shots – P Element 30 shots
- Rink 5.** Malcolm Paul/Matt Pownall/Jonathan Brown/Phil Reeve 24 shots – P Adams 17 shots
- Rink 6.** Curtis Johnson/Chris Bland/John Freeman/Paul Broderick 13 shots – M Coppen 20 shots

Curtis Johnson and Dave Love, both Wellingborough BC received their Middleton Cup 'Flash' for their debut match in the competition.

(A Chronicle & Echo staff reporter attended and took photographs of players)

2. ADVERTISEMENT FOR SENIOR TEAM MANAGER 2011.

Clubs in the County are reminded that the present Senior Team Manager, John Church, MBE, is retiring from the position at the end of the 2010 season, and his replacement is currently being sought. An advertisement has been circulated to the Clubs, and applications are requested to be forwarded to the County Secretary Laurie Harrison, 1b, Newport Pagnell Road, Hardingstone, Northampton, NN4 6ER, by the 25th June, 2010.

The Association will be seeking a member who has demonstrated a proven level of personal playing performance, and a man who has management and communication skills with which to foster a successful team spirit. The successful applicant will have ultimate responsibility for Team Selection for both Middleton Cup and Midland Counties Championship with assistance from two members, one from each area.

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus WORCESTERSHIRE 2.6.10. – RESULT

Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association made a visit to a lovely part of the country in the Malvern Hills on Wednesday 2nd June, 2010, to play Worcestershire ladies in a friendly match at Malvern Victoria BC, and in glorious weather they found their opponents just a bit too good on the day, losing by 21 shots overall, with 1 winning, 1 drawing, and 4 losing rinks. The final score was Northamptonshire 102 shots – Worcestershire 123 shots. Rink scores, Worcestershire skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Agnes Johnson/Annette Norris/Jill Welch/Hilary Sharpe 22 shots – J Parfitt 22 shots
Rink 2. Brenice Willmott/Sylvia Plant/Heather Lack/Christine Barlow 20 shots – W Aldred 16 shots
Rink 3. Pat Starsmore/Val Rowson/Eleanor Winters/Sharon Tansley 20 shots – J Griffin 22 shots
Rink 4. Alison Dring/Betty Tilley/Sandra Mawson/Barbara Haseldine 13 shots – J Hemms 18 shots
Rink 5. Pat Coles/Terri Hepburn/Sue Fincham/Audrey Height 14 shots – B Lloyd 21 shots
Rink 6. Julie Spreadbury/Velda Cooper/Wilma Walker/Brenda Bishop 13 shots – D Jackson 24 shots

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus OXFORDSHIRE 9.6.10. – SELECTION

The following ladies of the Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association have been selected to play in a friendly match against Oxfordshire Ladies on Wednesday, 9th June, 2010, at Northampton Whyte Melville BC, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

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| Rink 1.
Vicki Stevenson, Whyte Melville
Sandra Mawson, White Melville
Joyce Burns, Whyte Melville
Pat Bodily, Whyte Melville | Rink 2.
Pat Coles, Geddington & Newton
Betty Tilley, Irchester
Jean Frisby, Wellingborough
Jan Bradley, Daventry Town | Rink 3.
Jean Burgess, Wellingborough
Brenice Willmott, Irchester
Jill Welch, Daventry Town
Pat Gayton, Swanspool |
| Rink 4.
Alison Dring, Swanspool
Beryl Rylott, Kettering Athletic
Janet Swift, Abbey Park
Di Brumswell, Kingsthorpe | Rink 5.
Vicki Rushall, Daventry Town
Jill Nutt, Geddington & Newton
Pat Symonds, Daventry Town
Brenda Bishop, Daventry Town | Rink 6.
Jackie Grainge, Brackley
Velda Cooper, Irchester
Joan Bryan, Burton Latimer
Audrey Height, Rushden Town |
| Travelling Reserves: | Helena Norman, Higham Ferrers
Barbara Oliver, Kislingbury | Elaine Urquhart, Brackley |
| Non-travelling Reserves: | Agnes Johnson, Wellingborough | Rita Bell, Kettering Athletic |

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus WARWICKSHIRE 10.6.10. – SELECTION

The following have been selected to represent Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association in a Friendly match against Warwickshire BA on Thursday, 10th June, 2010, at Three Spires BC, Morningside, Earlsdon, Coventry, CV56PD, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

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| Rink 1.
Ian Litchfield, West Haddon
Skene McInnes, St Crispin
Paul Cooke, Carlsberg
Tracy Nunn, President – Corby F. | Rink 2.
Jim Diver, Stewarts & Lloyds
Mick Pullen, Irchester
Norman Gibb, Stewarts & Lloyds
Richard Somerton, Brackley | Rink 3.
Trevor Tilley, Irchester
Peter Byworth, Burton Latimer
William Clelland, Stewarts & Lloyds
George Warren, Stewarts & Lloyds |
| Rink 4.
Brian Sherwood, Rushden Town
Bill Roberts, Abington
Harvey Fruish, Abington
Ralph Baxter, Brackley | Rink 5.
William Keeney, Stewarts & Lloyds
Geoff Vincent, Bugbrooke
Brian Diver, Stewarts & Lloyds
Ken Court, Brackley | Rink 6.
Roly Smith, Desborough
William Marshall, Stewarts & Lloyds
Bob Tingle, Geddington & Newton
Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton |
| Travelling Reserve: | Walter Stoddard, St Crispin | |

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus OXFORDSHIRE 15.6.10. – SELECTION

The following men have been selected to represent **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association** in a friendly match against **Oxfordshire BA** on Tuesday, 15th June, 2010, at Kislingbury BC, Playing Fields, Beech Lane, Kislingbury, NN7 4AL, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.

Home
Rink
From
Kislingbury BC

Rink 2.

Harvey Fruish, Abington
John Ruff, Northampton West End
Don Smith, Abington
Tracy Nunn, President – Corby F.

Rink 3.

Brian Jones, Heyford
Skene McInnes, St Crispin
Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton
Terry James, Thrapston

Rink 4.

Bryan Jones, Kettering Lodge
Brian Robbins, Daventry Tigers
John Chester, Wellingborough
Richard Somerton, Brackley

Rink 5.

Richard Golding, Swanspool
Geoff Simmons, Wellingborough
Ken Court, Brackley
Ian Watts, West Haddon

Rink 6.

Peter Court, Brackley
Chris Hawkins, Rothwell Manor Park
Gordon Dring, Swanspool
Bill Humphries, Daventry Tigers

Travelling Reserves:

Hugh Taylor, Heyford

Bill Foster, Daventry Tigers

7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ‘MIDDLETON CUP’ versus SUFFOLK 19.6.10. – SELECTION

The following men have been selected to represent **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association** in the second Inter County ‘Middleton Cup’ match against Suffolk BA to be played at Felixstowe & Suffolk BC, St Edmunds Road, Felixstowe, IP11 8DJ, Tel 01394 282298, on Saturday, 19th June, 2010, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Travel by coach – pick up times and locations to be notified.

Abington BC:	Jonathan Brown/John Freeman/Tony O’Leary(Travelling Reserve)
Corby Forest BC:	Malcolm Paul
Desborough Town BC:	Martin Cinato/Carl Haines/John Haines/Jason Hall
Kingsthorpe BC:	Ray Castle/Vernon Gearey/Jim McKee/Phil Reeve/Roger Tansley
Northampton Express BC:	Chris Bland/Dominic Graham/Richard Lemon
Northampton West End BC:	Alan Ashby/Jamie Walker/Martin Walker(Travelling Reserve)
Rushden Town BC:	Mick Malins/Matt Wordingham(Travelling Reserve)
Thrapston BC:	Darren Childs/Callum Height/Keith Height
Wellingborough BC:	Paul Broderick/Curtis Johnson/Dave Love

This shows one change from the team which defeated Hertfordshire due to the indisposition of Matt Pownall who is having an operation on his knee on the 16th June and will not be fit. Martin Cinato is the selected player to take his place and he will be earning his ‘Middleton Cup’ flash.

8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25’S versus NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 6.6.10. – RESULT

During the morning of the match, 6th June, 2010, the Notts HQ green became unplayable due to a sustained period of torrential rain and the match between **Northamptonshire Under 25’s** and Nottinghamshire Under 25’s in the Midland Counties Championship had to be postponed. No new date for the match has yet been fixed.

9. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 'COUNTY TOUR' – REPORT

President Tracy Nunn, Corby Forest BC took the Men's County Tour to Weston-super-Mare for the week 30th May to 5th June, 2010, and the party of 32 County bowlers had a most successful and enjoyable week, winning all matches played in excellent weather. The Tour Party was based at Dauncey's Hotel, Claremont Crescent, Weston-super-Mare, an establishment which has developed over many years a very good reputation in catering for bowls tours. As a matter of interest Tracy Nunn is the second County President from his Club – Corby Forest, and the previous President, Dr D Wilson, also took his County Tour to Weston-super-Mare in 1961.

Included in Tracy's party were 8 Past Presidents of the County and his 2010 Senior Vice President, together with players drawn from 10 different clubs.

Clubs played with results and highest winning rinks are as follows:

- 31.5.10. **Clevedon BC** - Won 142 shots – 106 shots. This Club is celebrating its 100th anniversary and is the home of one of the most famous of all bowlers, David Bryant.
Top Rink of 7: David Incles/Ian Watts/Mossy Waters/Geoff Hunt 30 shots – 7 shots
- 1.6.10. **Clarence BC** – Won 165 shots – 98 shots.
Top Rink of 7: Tracy Nunn/Richard Dyball/Mossy Waters/Mick Malins 42 shots – 8 shots
- 2.6.10. **Burnham-on-Sea BC** – Won 184 shots – 105 shots.
Top Rink of 7: Norman Warrender/Ernie Earp/Malcolm Paul/Terry James 28 shots – 8 shots
- 3.6.10. **Somerset Bowling Association** – Won 160 shots – 121 shots.
Top Rink of 7: John Ruff/George Willmott/Malcolm Paul/Geoff Hunt 30 shots – 8 shots
- 4.6.10. **St Andrews BC** – Won 177 shots – 101 shots
Top Rink of 7: John Ruff/Gordon Morris/Mossy Waters/Tracy Nunn 34 shots – 9 shots

The Tour concluded with the traditional Friday Night Banquet.

Top Player of the Tour, with the highest aggregate scores, was shared by John Ruff, Northampton West End BC and Mossy Waters, Rushden Town BC

10. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS AROUND THE COUNTY

LADIES

NATIONAL CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS (SINGLES)

2nd Round: Janet Ashby, Northampton West End beat Jackie Harrington, Brackley & District 21-17
Brenice Willmott, Irchester beat Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe 21-12

OVER 55 PAIRS

1st Round: Jan Bradley & partner, Daventry Town beat Chris Eustace & partner, Roade, 18-17
Shirley Ongley & partner, Irchester, beat Margaret Cooper & partner, Kettering Lodge 20-15

MIXED

PAIRS

2nd Round: Joyce George & partner, Wellingborough, beat Matt Pownall & partner, Thrapston 22-11
Alan Ashby & partner, Northampton West End, beat Sharon Tansley & partner 25-16
Jamie Walker & partner, Northampton West End, beat Mick Hall & partner, Abington 25-9
Stephen Dockerill & partner, Burton Latimer, beat Callum Height & partner, Thrapston 21-17

FOURS

2nd Round: Matt Pownall's rink, Thrapston, beat Andy Britten's rink, Burton Latimer 24-8
Martin Walker's rink, Northampton West End, beat Martin Gearey's rink, Roade 27-22
Yvonne McKee's rink, Kingsthorpe, beat Sharon Tansley's rink, Kingsthorpe 21-19
Steve Norman's rink, Higham Ferrers, beat Martin Cinato's rink, Desborough 25-15

Pownall now plays Norman; and Walker now plays McKee, in the 3rd Round. Completing the County interest, Paul Broderick's rink, Wellingborough/Irchester now plays Michael Rayson's rink, Sawtry & District BC, Hunts in the 3rd round.

GENTLEMEN

OVER 55 SINGLES

2nd Round: David Cox, St Crispin, beat Stuart Letts, Northampton West End 21-19

OVER 55 PAIRS

2nd Round: John Haines & partner, Desborough, beat George Warren & partner, Stewarts & Lloyds 19-16
Alan Ashby & partner, Northampton West End, beat Phil Boseley & partner, Abington 23-8
Arthur Morson & partner, Irthlingborough CI, beat George Willmott & partner, Irchester 16-14
David Bailey & partner, Thrapston, beat Dennis Morson & partner, Irthlingborough CI 23-15
Malc Mattinson & partner, Thrapston, beat Roy Allen & partner, Irchester 28-9
Stuart Letts & partner, Northampton West End, beat Michael Moulton & partner, Daventry Town 22-13
Alan Jeyes & partner, Earls Barton, beat John Pickaver & partner, Desborough 21-14

NATIONAL CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS (SINGLES)

2nd Round: Dominic Graham, Northampton Express, beat Martin Gearey, Roade 21-19

CLUB DOUBLE RINKS

3rd Round: Northampton Express 'A' beat Burton Latimer 'A' 41-19 – details, Express names first:
Rink 1. Ashley Linnell/Will Parker/Wayne Stanley/Chris Bland 21 shots – Dennis Mole/D Cooper/Barry Payne/Peter Tomlinson 10 shots
Rink 2. Rob White/Mark Linnell/Ian Bland/Dominic Graham 20 shots – Chris Gray/R Gray/Steve Dockerill/Andy Britten 9 shots

Northampton West End 'A' beat Northampton Whyte Melville 'A' 47-26, and they now play Bournville BC, Birmingham in the 4th round.
Stewarts & Lloyds 'A' beat Rushden Town 'A' 43-29 and they now play Kettering Lodge 'B' in the 4th Round.

TOP CLUB

3rd Round: Thrapston 'A' beat Desborough 'A' and now meets White Hart, Warboys in 4th round.
Wellingborough 'A' beat Higham Ferrers 'A' 5-0 and now meet Stewarts & Lloyds in 4th round.
St Crispin 'A' beat Brackley 'A' 4-1 and now meets Kingsthorpe 'A' in 4th round.

Northampton West End 'A' beat Erdington Court, Birmingham 4-1 details as follows, West End names only:

2 Wood Singles: Mick Spear won 17-6

4 Wood Singles: Jamie Walker won 21-4

Pairs: Bob Reynolds/Martin Walker lost 11-25

Triples: Shaun Marriott/John Baggat/Alan Ashby won 10-13 (Did not need to finish their match)

Fours: Mike Arnold/Kev Stevens/Andy Fowkes/Dave Kovacs won 25-12

West End now plays The Avenue BC, Coventry in the 4th round.

11. COUNTY COMPETITIONS AROUND THE COUNTY

LADIES

TRIPLES QUARTER FINALS AND SEMI-FINALS – AT DESBOROUGH BC 6.6.10.

The report on the Ladies Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals, which were seriously interrupted by rain, have not been received at this time, and details of those and the Semi-Finals will hopefully be included in next week's report.

GENTLEMEN

SINGLES

2nd Round: David Bailey, Thrapston, given walk-over by A Jones, Swanspool
Tony Paul, Corby Forest, given walk-over by Matt Pownall due to injury.
Richard Bryan, Rushden Town, beat Mick Corbyn, Rushden Town 21-18
Steve Norman, Higham Ferrers Town, beat S Simpson, Kettering Conservatives 21-5
Roy Cave, Rushden Town, given walk-over by John Thomson, Corby Forest
John Haines, Desborough, given walk-over by Nathan Betts, Rushden Town
Dave Love, Wellingborough, beat Martin White, Desborough 21-12
Andy Britten, Burton Latimer, beat Phil Bates, Desborough 21-14
George Warren, Stewarts & Lloyds, beat Paul Melville, Corby Forest 21-18
Brian Diver, Stewarts & Lloyds, given walk-over by Adam Johnson, Kettering Midland Band
Peter Ward, Desborough, given walk-over by Jack Tobin, Rushden Town
R Singleton, Northampton Whyte Melville, beat Shaun Marriott, Northampton West End 21-15
Peter Saunders, Kislingbury, beat M Dickens, St Crispin 21-14
Jamie Walker, Northampton West End, beat Bob Morris, Northampton Whyte Melville 21-11
Phil O'Dell, St Crispin, beat Peter Hoad, Northampton Express 21-16
Neil Fairey, Northampton West End, beat Malcolm Foster, Daventry Tigers 21-13
John Hodgkinson, Daventry Town, beat Harvey Fruish, Abington 2-12
Richard Lemon, Northampton Express, beat K Braddshaw, 21-11
Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe, beat Dominic Graham, Northampton Express 21-14
Brian Jones, Heyford, beat Pat McAlwane, Abington (No score provided)
Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe, beat Mike King, Northampton West End 21-1
Paul Green, Wootton Grange, beat Adam Hawkings, Abington 21-7
Chris Beck, Abington, given walk-over by Richard Mann, Kingsthorpe

TRIPLES

2nd Round: Adrian Harris's triple, Kettering Lodge, beat Barry Basford's triple, Geddington & Newton 21-11

COUNTY CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS (MASON CUP)

1st Round: Paul Broderick, Wellingborough, beat Dick Willmott, Raunds Conservatives
T Needham, Islip, beat Neil Gould, Earls Barton 21-18
Steve Norman, Higham Ferrers Town, beat Tony Burns, Rushden 21-6

2nd Round: Darren Childs, Thrapston, beat Maurice Tyler, Burton Latimer
T Needham, Islip, beat David Jones, Irchester 21-16
Jason Hall, Desborough Town, given walk-over by Adam Johnson, Kettering Midland Band
Alec McKim, Rothwell Manor Park, beat Ron Fox, Oundle 21-11
Jamie Walker, Northampton West End, beat Martin Gearey, Roade 21-8

UNDER 25 SINGLES

1st Round: Alistair Melville, Corby Forest, beat Dan Height, Thrapston 21-19
Sam Gamble, Desborough Town, beat Matt Cattell, Rushden 21-8

2nd Round: Alistair Melville, Corby Forest, beat Nathan Betts, Rushden Town 21-8
Will Hill, Desborough Town, beat D Thomson, Corby Forest 21-7
Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough, given walk-over by Matt Pownall due to injury.
Connor Cinato, Desborough Town, beat Michael Chester, Wellingborough 21-20
Callum Height, Thrapston, beat Adam Pitfield, Rushden Town 21-7
Adam Hawkings, Abington, given walk-over by Shaun Marriott, Northampton West End
Scott Adams, Kislingbury, beat Will T Parker, Northampton Express 21-16
William Walker, Northampton West End, given walk-over by Aaron Bell, Northampton Express
Will M Parker, Northampton Express, beat Dominic Graham, Northampton Express 21-11

SECRETARIES CUP

1st Round: Trevor Anderson, Corby Grampian, beat Garry Elmore, Kettering Midland Band 21-4
Paul Melville, Corby Forest, given walk-over by James Sewell, Earls Barton
Brian Bailey, Earls Barton, beat Doug Pocklington, Wellingborough OG's 21-6

2nd Round: Mark Turner, Kettering Midland Band, beat Laurie Harrison, NBA Secretary 21-6
Geoff Thomas, Kettering Lodge, given walk-over by A Jones, Swanspool
Paul Melville, Corby Forest, given walk-over by Fred Mains, Islip
Brian Bailey, Earls Barton, beat John Chester, Wellingborough 21-7
Don Smith, Abington, beat G Jones, St Crispin 21-8
Nick Beirne, St Crispin, beat I Wilson, Kingsthorpe Nondescripts 21-19

EXECUTIVE TRIPLES

1st Round: Jamie Watts' triple, Corby Forest, beat Norman Gibb's triple, Stewarts & Lloyds 22-7
John Kirkton's triple, St Crispin, given walk-over by Eric York's triple, Kingsthorpe
Ron Everson-Watts' triple, Kingsthorpe, beat Keith Crouch's triple, Kislingbury 118-11

2nd Round: Richard Horrell's triple, Thrapston, beat Mick Lee's triple, Northamptonshire Police
Dickie Briggs' triple, Rothwell Manor Park beat Don Eggleton's triple, Rushden 20-6
Barry Basford's triple, Geddington & Newton, beat Colin Tebbutt's triple, Kettering Midland Band 17-7
Mark Turner's triple, Kettering Midland Band, beat Jamie Watt's triple, Corby Forest 15-11
John Haines' triple, Desborough Town, beat Tom Blackwell's triple, Swanspool (no score given)
Brian Chapman's triple, Irthlingborough CI, beat George Willmott's triple, Irchester 19-17

12. BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

Commonwealth Games Bowls Team

John Bell, Bowls England Lawn Bowls Performance Director for the Commonwealth Games, has announced the following team to represent England in the Games to be held in Delhi, India, on 3rd – 14th October, 2010:

Ladies: Singles – Natalie Melmore (Devon)
Pairs – Lead Ellen Falkner (Cambridgeshire), Skip – Amy Monkhouse (Lincolnshire)
Triples – Lead – Jamie-Lea Winch (Warwickshire), No 2 – Sandy Hazell (Kent), Skip – Sian Gordon (Kent)

Men: Singles – Sam Tolchard (Devon)
Pairs – Lead Mervyn King (Norfolk), Skip – Stuart Airey (Cumbria)
Triples – Lead Mark Bantock (Berkshire), No 2 Graham Shadwell (Wiltshire), Skip Robert Newman (Berkshire)

British Isles Women's Bowls Council Championships and International Series

The above Championships and International Series will be held at Beach House Park, Worthing, from the 20th to the 24th (inc) June, 2010.

The BIWBC Championships features the 2009 Champions of England in the disciplines of Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours, playing against the equivalents from Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Jersey, in 3 sessions – morning and afternoon on the 20th June and morning of the 21st June, and the Championships will be followed by a Gala Dinner at the Pavilion Theatre, Worthing in the evening of the 21st.

The BWIBC International Series will be contested by the full International Women's teams from England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Jersey, with 2 sessions each on the 22nd & 23rd June, and a final morning session on the 24th.

A feast of Ladies bowls is in store for anyone who fancies a trip to Worthing.

13. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

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

BURTON LATIMER BC

Fixtures:

10.6.10. Ise BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
12.6.10. Members visit Kettering Athletic BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

9.6.10. Desborough BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
10.6.10. Members visit Thrapston BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
12.6.10. Kibworth BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
13.6.10. Rothwell Manor Park BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY GRAMPIAN BC

Fixtures:

12.6.10. Members visit Kettering Conservatives BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
14.6.10. Stewarts & Lloyds BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.

DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 9.6.10. Members visit Corby Forest BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 10.6.10. Rothwell Manor Park BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Members visit Northampton Whyte Melville BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Wellingborough BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.6.10. Members visit Cold Ashby BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

- 12.6.10. Higham Ferrers Town BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.6.10. Roade BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Kettering Athletic BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Members visit Market Harborough BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 13.6.10. Members visit Harpole BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Members visit Stanwick BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Members visit Earls Barton BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Finedon Town BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixture:

- 12.6.10. Members visit Wellingborough Managers & Foremen BC for a match at 2.30 p.m.
- 13.6.10. The Club plays its Pairs competition at 10.30 a.m.

KETTERING ATHLETIC BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Members visit Geddington & Newton BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Burton Latimer BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Tour to Torquay:

The Club has just returned from a very successful Bowls Tour to Torquay. A party of 60 stayed at the Derwent Hotel, Torquay, a part of TLH Leisure Hotels, and played a total of 4 matches without defeat.

On Bank Holiday Monday they played 2 matches - 4 rinks against Victoria BC, Torquay, winning 84-66 shots, and a 7 rink match against Torquay BC, winning by the narrowest of margins, just 1 shot, 140-139 shots.

On Tuesday 1st June saw them defeat Paignton BC 159- 102 shots; and on Wednesday, 2nd June, the team played at Kings BC, Torquay, made famous by the film 'Black Ball' starring Mel Smith which featured the Club and based on a local player there, Griff Sanders. The Lodge team comprehensively beat Kings by a massive margin of 71 shots, final score 173 - 102.

The top aggregate lady bowler was Margaret Everitt with + 20 and the men's top aggregate winner was Garry Elmore, a guest from Kettering Midland Band BC, with just 1 shot less.

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Rothwell Conservatives BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Members visit St Crispin BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.6.10. Members visit Ise BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.6.10. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Kettering Conservatives visit for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Members visit Cogenhoe BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.6.10. Rushden Town BC visits for a men's County League match at 6.30 p.m.

McALPINE BC

Fixture:

- 12.6.10. The Club plays the Roland Foster Shield competition at 2.30 p.m.

MEARS ASHBY RBL BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. The Club plays Swanspool BC in a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.6.10. Stanwick BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

OUNDLÉ BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Oundle Farmers visit for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 10.6.10. The Club Ladies play the 2nd round of the Frey Shield
- 12.6.10. The Club plays its mixed pairs competition
- 15.6.10. Members visit Yaxley BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Members visit Desborough BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 13.6.10. Members visit Corby Forest BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.6.10. Market Harborough BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Members visit Stony Stratford BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Flitwick BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 13.6.10. Members visit Wellingborough BC for a men's County League match at 10.30 a.m.
- 16.6.10. Bedford Borough BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

STANWICK BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Higham Ferrers Town BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 5.6.10. Members visit Mears Ashby RBL BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC

Results:

- 29.5.10. Stewarts & Lloyds beat Oundle in a friendly match 96-55 shots
- 3.6.10. Stewarts & Lloyds beat near neighbours Corby Forest in a friendly match 109-100 shots
- 5.6.10. The Club Triples was held and was won by Alec Buchan/Doug McGivern/George Warren

6.6.10. Open Fours Tournament. A Most successful day of bowls took place with the Club's Open Mixed Fours Tournament, spoilt only at the very end by torrential rain which caused an abandonment right at the end of the Final.

22 Rinks from around the County entered, and after each rink had completed 40 ends of bowls throughout the day, the Finalists ended up coming from Corby, The hosting Club provided one rink consisting of George Collie/Charlie Clarke/Jackie King/George Warren, and the second came from near neighbours Corby Forest with Kenny Paton/Chris Devenney/Alistair Melville/John Donovan. After 8 ends of the Final between these two rinks, the heavens opened and the green quickly became unplayable, so the match was abandoned with the two rinks sharing the £300 prize money.

1.8.10 Open Triples Tournament. The Club advises that their annual open Triples Tournament will be held on Sunday, 1st August, 2010 with £300 prize money available. All enquiries concerning entering should be directed to Will Keeney, Tel 01536 357640.

Fixtures:

- 12.6.10. Abington BC visits for amens match at 2.30 p.m.
- 14.6.10. Members visit Corby Grampian BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 14.6.10. Kettering Lodge BC visits for a mens County League match at 6.30 p.m.

SWANSPOOL BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Members visit Irchester BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 10.6.10. Mears Ashby RBL BC visit for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Raunds Conservatives BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 13.6.10. Golden Horse BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Corby Forest BC visits for a mens match at 6.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Finedon Town BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.6.10. Members visit St Neots BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Abington BC visits for a mens match at 2.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. The Grange BC visits for a mens match at 2.30 p.m.
- 12.6.0. Members visit Luton BC for mens match at 2.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Members visit Desborough Town BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 13.6.10. Rushden Town BC visits for a mens County League match at 10.30 a.m.
- 15.6.10. members visit Irchester BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.6.10. Members visit Kettering Lodge BC for a mens match at 6.30 p.m.

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

ABINGTON BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Wellingborough BC visits for a mens match at 2.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Members visit Stewarts & Lloyds BC for a mens match at 2.30 p.m.
- 13.6.10. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire Under 25's & Leicestershire in MCBA at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.6.10. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire VP's & Buckinghamshire VP's at 2.0 p.m.
- 16.6.10. St Crispin BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

BRACKLEY BC

Fixtures:

- 12.6.10. The Club is holding a 'Bowls Skills' day at 2.0 p.m.
- 16.6.10. Members visit Byfield BC for a ladies match at 6.15 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

- 12.6.10. Members visit LMRCA BC, Rugby, for a match at 2.30 p.m.
- 13.6.10. St Crispin BC visits for a match at 2.30 p.m.
- 14.6.10. St Crispin 'A' team visit for a Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.
- 16.6.10. Members visit Heyford BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

BYFIELD BC

Fixtures:

- 13.6.10. Members visit Banbury Central BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.6.10. Burma Star Association visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.6.10. Brackley BC visits for a ladies match at 6.15 p.m.

COGENHOE BC

Fixtures:

- 9.6.10. Northampton Whyte Melville BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 10.6.10. Singles competition being held at 2.30 p.m.
- 11.6.10. Members visit Kislingbury for ladies triples at 6.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Kettering Midland Band BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 14.6.10. Members visit Daventry Town BC for the men's Northampton triples league
- 16.6.10. Members visit Kislingbury for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

DAVENTRY TIGERS BC

Fixtures:

- 9.6.10. Woodford-cum-Membris BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Carlsberg BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 14.6.10. Wootton Grange BC visit for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.

DAVENTRY TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 11.6.10. Members visit Northampton Whyte Melville BC for a ladies triples league match at 6.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Rugby Thornfield BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 14.6.10. 'A' Team visits Wootton Grange BC for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.
- 14.6.10. Cogenhoe BC visits for a men's Northampton Triples League against the 'B' Team at 6.30 p.m.
- 16.6.10. Members visit Southam BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

- 13.6.10. Daventry & District BC visits for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.
- 16.6.10. Bugbrooke BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Members visit Northampton West End BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Roade BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.6.10. Members visit St Crispin BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC

Fixtures:

- 9.6.10. Abbey Ladies BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Northampton West End BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 pm.
- 15.6.10. The Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire BA and Oxfordshire BA at 2.0 p.m.
- 16.6.10. Cogenhoe BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Fixtures:

- 12.6.10. Members visit Wootton Grange BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 14.6.10. 'A' Team visits Brackley BC for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.
- 14.6.10. Kingsthorpe 'B' Team visits to play the 'B' Team in the men's N'ton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC

Gala Day:

The Club is holding its Annual Gala Day on Sunday, 18th July, 2010. Any player wishing to enter a rink should contact the Club Secretary Colin Manton on 01604 407013.

Fixtures:

- 10.6.10. Members visit Kingsthorpe BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Members visit Kislingbury BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 14.6.10. Abington 'A' Team visits for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.
- 14.6.10. The 'B' Team visits Heyford BC for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC.

Fixtures:

- 9.6.10. The Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire Ladies and Oxfordshire at 1.0 p.m.
- 10.6.10. Members visit West Haddon BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 12.6.10. Desborough Town BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 13.6.10. Members visit Wellingborough OG's BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.6.10. National Association of Retired Police Officers visit for a match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.6.10. Wellingborough OG's BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

WOODFORD-CUM-MEMBRIS BC

Fixture:

- 10.6.10. Adderbury BC visits for a match at 6.30 p.m.



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