

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. UNDER 18 MIXED INTERNATIONAL SERIES INVOLVING COUNTY PLAYER

Well done to 15 years old Connor Cinato, Desborough IBC, in picking up a Gold medal and a Silver medal in the British Isles Indoor Under 18 Mixed Series.

The **British Isles Indoor Bowls Council International Mixed Under 18 Series**, was held during the weekend 8th/9th October, 2011, at Stanley Indoor Bowls Centre, County Durham, and **Connor Cinato, 15 years, of Desborough IBC**, was a member of the **England No. 1 Team**.

He was selected to skip the England No. 1 Triple and initially the England No. 1 Rink, with other young bowlers from all over England. On Saturday, 8th October, he had a very busy day, playing three Triples matches and one Fours match, and on this day, he had a very successful one as he only missed out on a gold medal by a tie-break in the Triples final, and he and his rink won the quarter final of the Fours. On Sunday he played the semi-final of the Fours, followed by the Final.

His Triple was completed by Edward Elmore (City of Elmore IBC) at Lead and Matthew Ray (Hartlepool IBC) at No 2. and on Saturday they had a tough Quarter Final match against the Scotland No. 2 Team triple, skipped by the Scottish Junior singles champion Jonathon Craighens. Connor won the first set 6-5 and lost the second set 3-7, which set up a tie-break in which Connor's triple was holding 2 shots to win when Craig 'ditched' the jack, requiring Connor to draw close to the ditch to win, which, to the joy of his team and the England supporters he was able to do.

This put his triple against Ireland's Chloe Watson, Courtney Meneilly & Stephen Coleman, in the semi-final, and they made short work of their opponents from Ireland winning in style 2 sets to 0, scoring 13-6 and 10-4, and the Final beckoned.

In the Final against the England Team No. 2 triple, comprising BJ Byles (Desborough IBC, Maidenhead), Chelsea Tomlin (Boston IBC), and Thomas Segolo (County Arts IBC, Norwich) they did not start well and lost the first set 4-11, but they dug deep and took the second set 9-3, and once again they faced a tie-break, this time for the gold medal place, and with his last bowl in this tie-break Segolo took the match, so unfortunately Connor's triple had to settle for silver.

Connor's quartet, which saw a change when skipped by Alex Walton (St Neots & District IBC) and completed by Hayley Macdonald (York & District IBC) at Lead, Matthew Ray at No. 2 and Connor at No. 3, opened its account in the Fours against the Channel Isles team of Lauren Batiste/Chris Staples/Connor Rabey/Ross Davies and they had a relatively comfortable passage through to the semi-final by 2 sets to 0. In the Semi-Final, against Wales No.1 Team rink skipped by Jordan Davies. Connor's rink lost the first set 4-9, but with a storming display in the second set they took it 11-3 to set up yet another tie break for the match and passage into the final. This they duly took with a Gold medal in prospect for the second time in two days.

In the Final against the England No. 2 Team rink of Katherine Rednall/Chelsea Tomlin/Thomas Segolo/Travis Mellor, the England No. 1 rink was in no mood to give way to their England colleagues, and in a very tight and tense two sets, they took them both 4-3 and 6-4 to win the Gold.

In the overall Championship Series, despite the valiant efforts of the Connor triple and the Connor four, the Championship went to the England No. 2 Team with the England No. 1 team just 1 point behind.

This was a fantastic achievement by Connor Cinato and his colleagues, especially bearing in mind he is only 15 years of age. Connor is a pupil at Kettering Buccleuch Academy and he has been very well supported in his bowls by his school. Once again very well done to Connor.

(Please find attached a photograph of Connor with his medals)

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION – INAUGURAL MATCH

President Brian Langton commences his Indoor Season on ‘home soil’ in the traditional match where the County visits and plays against the President’s Club. This will take place on Tuesday, 11th October, 2011, at Kettering Lodge Indoor green, commencing at 2.0 p.m., and the following have been selected to represent the County:

Rink 1.

John Whiting, Northampton
Will Keeney, Desborough
Tony Warren, Northampton
Brian Langton, President

Rink 2.

Harvey Fruish, Northampton
Mick Pullen, Rushden
Bob Sullivan, Desborough
Brian Diver, Desborough

Rink 3.

John Smith, Kettering
Alan Flambard, Desborough
Dave Thurlow, Wellingborough
Brian Sherwood, Rushden

Rink 4.

Andy Hogg, Northampton
Don Scott, Brackley
Ernie Earp, Northampton
Richard Somerton, Brackley

Reserve: Pete Maloy, Northampton

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE IBA OVER 60 LEAGUE MATCH versus LEICESTERSHIRE – SELECTION

The gentlemen of **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** begin their challenge for the Inter County Over 60 League title for the third time in 4 years, when they take on Leicestershire on Wednesday, 12th October, 2011, with 3 rinks away at Leicester IBC and 3 rinks at home at Kingsthorpe IBC, both sets of rinks commencing play at 2.0 p.m. The following have been selected:

At Kingsthorpe:

Rink 1. Pete Maloy, Northampton/Norman Gibb, Desborough/Colin Manton, Kingsthorpe/Maurice Allen, Wellingborough

Rink 2. Alan Dempsey, Rushden/Mick Corbyn, Rushden/Alan Spencer, Kingsthorpe/Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe

Rink 3. Roger Summers, Northampton/John Baggat, Kingsthorpe/Colin Jones, Kingsthorpe/Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe

At Leicester:

Rink 4. Brian Thomas, Desborough/Richard Horrell, Wellingborough/Martin Keech, Rushden/Walt Winsor, Wellingborough

Rink 5. Tony Dicks, Daventry/Bernard Spreadbury, Daventry/Carl Haines, Desborough/Mick Worthington, Daventry

Rink 6. Jim Diver, Desborough/Richard Somerton, Brackley/George Warren, Desborough/John Haines, Desborough

4 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus DESBOROUGH IBC – 17.10.11. – SELECTION

Northamptonshire Women’s Indoor Bowling Association begins its new season under the leadership of **President Wilma Walker, Desborough IBC**, with the traditional opening match against the president’s Club taking place at Desborough IBC on Monday, 17th October, 2011, commencing at 2.0 p.m. The following ladies have been selected the County:

Rink 1.

Joyce George, Wellingborough
Helen Jones, Wellingborough
Margaret Cooper, Kettering
Brenda Bishop, Daventry

Rink 2.

Vicki Rushall, Daventry
Elsie Hatton, Brackley
Margaret Newport, Northampton
Joyce Porter, Northampton

Rink 3.

Pat Starsmore, Kettering
Elaine Urquhart, Brackley
Irene Scoble, Wellingborough
Valerie Blackwell, Rushden

Rink 4.

Kay Green, Wellingborough
Sylvia Plant, Daventry
Sue Fincham, Wellingborough
Wilma Walker, Desborough

Rink 5.

Sue Bagshaw, Kettering
Julie Spreadbury, Daventry
Sue Lomas, Desborough
Joan Bryan, Kettering

Reserves:

Sue Prior, Brackley
Elaine Waddington, Northampton

Anne Wood, Northampton
Margaret Tyler, Wellingborough

5. SENIOR DOUBLE RINK INTERNATIONAL SERIES INVOLVING COUNTY PLAYER – RESULT

WALES TAKE Over 50's International Double Rink in fine style

Wales won all three matches in the Warner Leisure Over 50's International Double Rink Competition, which was held at Bodelwyddan Castle over the weekend of 24th & 25th September 2011.

With both Wales and England winning their 2 matches on the Saturday the scene was set for a final, which was keenly contested by the competitors and thoroughly enjoyed by the supporters of both teams.

Wales started well and were 13 shots to 2 up at 5 Ends. They continued to hold the advantage at at 10 Ends were 11 shots up (22-11).

Whilst England narrowed the gap to 4 shots at the 15th end, it was left to Emlyn Williams rink, which was playing the Final end, to secure the victory for Wales.

On the last end England required 2 shots to win the series and Wales could afford to drop 1 shot and still secure the series. The Welsh front end produced a memorable last end which finally shut the door on England gaining the shots required, and this sent the Welsh team and supporters home very happy in what was a keenly contested series throughout the week-end.

County bowler Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe, took his England place at No. 3 in the rink skipped by Gerry Smyth, with Martin Sekjer at Lead and John Bell at No. 2. The second England Rink was made up of John Ottoway at Lead, Tony Horobin at No. 2, Barrie Patterson at 3 and Brett Morley at skip.

In England's first match, against Ireland, Mick Sharpe was on a 21-16 winning rink, and with the other rink tying, England took the match 38-33.

The second match was against Scotland and Mick Sharpe's rink narrowly lost by 2 shots, but Brett Morley's rink won by 5 shots for England to take the match by 3 shots at 33-30.

The third and last match, against Wales was as described above, Mick Sharpe being on a losing rink 13-20 shots, and Brett Morley winning by 3 shots, so the series went to Wales.

6. ENGLISH INDOOR B.A. PLAYS AT DESBOROUGH - 4.10.11. - RESULT

The English Indoor Bowling Association paid a visit to Desborough IBC on Tuesday, 4th October, 2011, to play a team from the Imps BA, and on the day proved far too strong, winning the match by a huge margin of 88 shots. The EIBA took all 6 rink wins, with fellow Imp John Clipston's rink picking up the highest win by 31 shots for the EIBA. The closest the Imps came to a rink win rested with Geoff Hunt's loss by just 2 shots and George Willmott's loss by 3 shots. Final score was The Imps BA 76 shots – EIBA 164 shots. Rink scores, skips names only, Imps names first, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Terry James 6 shots – Tracy Nunn 31 shots
- Rink 2.** George Willmott 14 shots – Mick Langley 17 shots
- Rink 3.** Richard Somerton 18 shots – M Andrew 23 shots
- Rink 4.** Geoff Hunt 21 shots – John Hornby 23 shots
- Rink 5.** Stan Orton 7 shots – John Clipston 38 shots
- Rink 6.** John Scoley 10 shots – R Rogers 32 shots

7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BA PRESENTATION LUNCHEON 9.10.11. – DETAILS

Sunday, 9th October, 2011, saw **President Skene McInnes, St Cripin BC**, host the annual presentation luncheon of **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association**, at St Georges Banqueting Hall, St Georges Avenue, Northampton. He had as his principal guests Joan Balding, President of Bowls England, and Brenice Willmott, President of Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association, and representatives from the Counties making up the Midland Counties Bowling Association, including the Association's President, Geoff Hunt, The County Indoor President Brian Langton and the County Vice Presidents Association Chairman Peter Byworth.

The luncheon gave Joan Balding an opportunity, in responding to the toast to Bowls England proposed by County Senior Vice President John Chester, to thank the County for its support of Bowls England during the year, and she particularly thanked Stuart Lake, Bowls England Vice President from our County for his assistance. She congratulated Jamie Walker on winning his National Under 25 Singles title, and to Jamie and his playing partner Shaun Marriott for reaching the semi-final of the National Pairs, where they were beaten by the eventual winners. She referred to an initiative by Bowls England to support the Visually Impaired Bowls England (VIBE) during 2012 and 2013, and the introduction of a 'Spider Challenge' which she hoped all Clubs would respond positively to when details were circulated. Joan then proposed a toast to Northamptonshire Bowling Association.

In his reply, **President Skene McInnes** paid tribute to all those who had assisted in making his year a most enjoyable one. He also congratulated the players who represented the County in the National Championships at Worthing, and informed those present how proud he was at their efforts, which when all the performances were analysed put Northamptonshire as the most successful County in 2011. He also thanked Chairman of Selectors, Ken Court and his fellow selectors for their efforts in the Middleton Cup and the Midland Counties Championships, the results of which were not as good as had been hoped for. He referred to his year's Charity – the Warwickshire and Northants Air Ambulance, and he was very pleased to present a cheque for £1200.00p to Lydia and David Clifford-Smith, Voluntary Workers for the Air Ambulance.

The President, assisted by Joan Balding and Geoff Hunt, then presented the trophies won during the season.

(Please find attached a photograph of Skene presenting the cheque to Mr & Mrs Clifford-Smith)

8. LADIES ENGLAND UNDER 25 INTERNATIONAL TRIAL TEAMS ANNOUNCED

A very able young lady bowler from Northamptonshire, **Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough IBC**, has been selected to take part in the **England Under 25 Ladies International Trial** to be held on Saturday 5th November 2011 at Barwell IBC, Leicestershire. The full list shows a selection of current and potential internationals drawn from 18 different Clubs across the length and breadth of England. **Well done Rebecca to get this Trial – we hope you impress the selectors and get a selection for the International Series at Bristol in January, 2012.**

7. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

LADIES – ‘MASON CUP’ INTER CLUB DOUBLE RINK

This competition is an Inter Club one for ladies over 60 years and seven of the County’s Indoor Clubs have entered it. The format is for one rink to play at home and one rink away. The following is the team selection of those that have advised me:

Wellingborough IBC versus Kettering Lodge BC(Indoor Section) 10.0 a.m. 20th October, 2011.

At Wellingborough: Jean Burgess/Irene Scoble/Maureen McDonald/Di Allen. Reserves: Sue Collins/Kay Green
At Kettering: Joyce George/Chris Cooper/Pam Reynolds/Margaret Johnson. Reserves: Jean Frisby/Agnes Johnson

GENTLEMEN – OVER 60 INTER CLUB DOUBLE RINK

This competition is an Inter Club one for gentlemen over 60 years and seven of the County’s Indoor Clubs have entered it. The format is for one rink to play at home and one rink to play away. The following is the team selection of those that have advised me:

Wellingborough ‘A’ versus Desborough ‘B’ Tuesday, 11th October, 2011, at 4.30 p.m.

At Wellingborough: Les Johnson/John Cooper/Bill Simmons/Richard Horrell
At Desborough: John Broderck/Graham Reynolds/Bryan Williams/Tony Asher
Reserves: Mick McDonald/Terry Martin/John Towell

Wellingborough ‘B’ have been given a walkover by Daventry ‘B’ in the first round.

7. CLUB COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

WELLINGBOROUGH OG’S BC.

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Runner(s)-up</u>
Ladies Day:	Beryl Grimmett	
Men’s Singles:	Les Hall	Gordon Bell
Drawn Pairs:	Bill Brown/Barry Lewis	Barry Cudlipp/Roger Fleming
Mixed Triples:	Barry Cudlipp/Barry Lewis/Pat Lloyd	Kay Pocklington/Gordon Bell/Les Hall

WOOTTON GRANGE BC

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Runner(s)-up</u>
Singles:	Tim Dawkins	Mick Bywaters
Triples:	Tim Dawkins/John Hamilton/Phil Elliot	Bill Atkinson/Ken Butterfield/Jack Botterill

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<u>Competition</u>	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Runner(s)-up</u>
Men's 'Garner':	Kevin Dexter	Terry Bamber
'Christian Wing':	Sandy Whittingdale	Nikki Hunt
'Elsie Doris':	Deborah Saxby	Joan Cavanagh
'Frey Shield':	Jill Fletcher	Mary Hull
Men's Challenge:	Chris Cunnington	Stewart Laxton
Ladies Challenge:	Hilary Mears	Deborah Saxby
Men's 'Pulley':	John Hull	John Bowers
Men's Handicap:	Robert Bellairs	Ron Fox
Ladies Pairs:	Nikki Hunt/Hilary Mears	Sue Pocock/Margaret Marlow
Men's Pairs:	George Backhurst/Chris Cunnington	John Bowers/Brian Saxby
Mixed Pairs:	Dorothy Harris/Terry Bamber	Joan Cavanagh/Alan Newcombe
'Johnson-Mason':	Deborah Saxby/Chris Cunnington	Gill Hogan/Robert Bellairs
'Les Briggs':	Alan Thorpe/Pauline Wells/Kevin Dexter	Joan Cavanagh/Tim Hunt/Alan Newcombe
'Welch Triples':	Pauline Lenton/Gaynor Greatrex/Hilary Mears	Val Harvey/Joan Ackroyd/Joyce Thorpe
Men's Triples:	Derry Hogan/Tim Hunt/Peter Hooton	Max Hanna/Alan Thorpe/Brian Saxby
'Jack Crampin':	Joan Cavanagh/Bill Ramsay/Audrey Marriott/Kevin Dexter	Eric Prior/Gill Hogan/Tim Hunt/Joyce Thorpe
League Final:	Audrey Marriott/John Hull	Angela Newcombe/George Backhurst
Short Mat Rosebowl:	John Lilley/Kevin Dexter/Stewart Laxton/Alan Newcombe/Chris Cunnington	

WELLINGBOROUGH OG'S BC.

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Runner(s)-up</u>
Ladies Day:	Beryl Grimmett	
Men's Singles:	Les Hall	Gordon Bell
Drawn Pairs:	Bill Brown/Barry Lewis	Barry Cudlipp/Roger Fleming
Mixed Triples:	Barry Cudlipp/Barry Lewis/Pat Lloyd	Kay Pocklington/Gordon Bell/Les Hall

WOOTTON GRANGE BC

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Runner(s)-up</u>
Singles:	Tim Dawkins	Mick Bywaters
Triples:	Tim Dawkins/John Hamilton/Phil Elliot	Bill Atkinson/Ken Butterfield/Jack Botterill

8. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

Statement from the Board of Bowls England

At its meeting on 21st and 22nd September 2011, the Board of Bowls England approved the Equality Policy and Action Plan. At this same meeting the Board was in receipt of correspondence indicating that several county associations are still not making adequate provision for working women and students, for example by offering them the opportunity to play County Championship matches in the evening or weekend.

The Board of Bowls England wishes to stress that it is very concerned at the lack of flexibility being demonstrated by some county associations, which it is not only having a detrimental effect on the participation of younger women in our sport but may fall foul of the Equality Act 2010 if challenged in a court of law.

The Board of Bowls England therefore wishes to take this opportunity to urge all county associations – whether unified or not – to make some attempt to re-dress the balance ahead of the 2012 season as it is our stated aim that: ‘Bowls England will ensure that everyone who wishes has an equal opportunity to participate in the sport of bowls at all levels and in all roles’.

Should you have any enquiries regarding the Equality Policy please contact Bowls England on 01903 820222 or e-mail: enquiries@bowlsengland.com.

New member survey 2011

Did your club get new members this year? Then the Bowls Development Alliance, which is supported by Bowls England, would like to know!

Just go to: www.playbowls.org/clubs/membershipsurvey

We need to show Sport England that we are growing the sport and so secure more funding for the development of the sport from 2013-2017.

Thank you for your assistance.

9. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE versus MASONIC BA 5.10.11. – RESULT

The annual fixture between the National Association of Retired Police Officers and the Northants and Hunts Masonic BA was held at Desborough IBC on Wednesday, 5th October, 2011, when ‘The Chairman’s Cup’ donated by John Church, MBE – Chairman of Northamptonshire NARPO was at stake. In a highly competitive match in which no quarter was given by either side, three rink wins were secured by each side, but with a shots advantage of 18 the Cup was won by NARPO for the third successive year. The final score was NARPO 130 shots – Masonic BA 112 shots. Rink scores, Masonic skips only, as follows:

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| Rink 1. | Gavin Bremner/Graham Earl/Brian Hayes/Peter Simmons 13 shots – Alan Diver 20 shots |
| Rink 2. | Tom Dowdy/Alan Hodson/Dickie Briggs/Norman Cooper 21 shots – Jim Carr 22 shots |
| Rink 3. | Ron Evans/Joan Dowdy/Arnie Bell/Bill Tapp 33 shots – David Jones 13 shots |
| Rink 4. | Ray Newton/David Chapman/Alan Newcombe/John Church 24 shots – Harvey Fruish 12 shots |
| Rink 5. | Harry Twelvetree/Alan Berwick/Mick Lee/Stan Delbridge 26 shots – Steve Dix 16 shots |
| Rink 6. | Jim Bradshaw/David Johns/Clive Appleton/Brian Oram 13 shots – Dick Howell 29 shots |

13. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

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

DESBOROUGH INDOOR BC

Fixtures:

- 13.10.11. Countesthorpe BC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 16.10.11. 'The Famous Grouse' Qualifying Round 4 being played at 10.0 a.m.
- 16.10.11. Mears Ashby RBL BC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 17.10.11. The Club plays the County Ladies President's team at 2.0 p.m.

ISE BC.

Fixtures:

- 13.10.11. Members visit Kettering Lodge Indoor Section for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE (Outdoor Section)

Annual General Meeting:

The AGM will be held at the Club at 8.0 p.m. on Wednesday, 12th October, 2011.

KETTERING LODGE BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

- 11.10.11. The Club plays the County Men's President's team at 2.0 p.m.
- 13.10.11. Ise BC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 15.10.11. The Club holds its Denny Cup Trial
- 16.10.11. Members visit Daventry IBC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 17.10.11. The Ladies play the Gentlemen at 2.0 p.m.

MEARS ASHBY RBL BC

Fixtures:

- 16.10.11. Members visit Desborough IBC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE BC

Fixtures:

- 13.10.11. Members visit Daventry IBC for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC

Race Night:

The Club holds a 'Race Night' in the Clubhouse on Friday, 15th October, 2011, at 7.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH INDOOR BC

Fixtures:

- 12.10.11. The Club hosts the Northants & Hunts Masonic BA 'Don White' Trophy at 10 a.m.
- 15.10.11. Ampthill BC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
- 19.10.11. Members visit Kingsthorpe IBC for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
- 19.10.11. The Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire men and Essex IBA at 2.0 p.m.

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

KINGSTHORPE INDOOR BC

Fixtures:

- 12.10.11. The Club hosts an Over 60 League match between Northamptonshire & Leicestershire at 2.0 p.m.
- 13.10.11. Northampton & District IBC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 15.10.11. The Club hosts the Inter Club League at 2.0 p.m.
- 19.10.11. Wellingborough IBC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC

Presentation Day:

The Club holds its 'Presentation Evening' on Saturday, 15th October, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John G. Church', with a horizontal line underneath.

John G. Church, MBE – Northamptonshire Bowls Press Officer