

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'MIDDLETON CUP' versus CAMBRIDGESHIRE – RESULT

Having lost each of the previous Inter County 'Middleton Cup' matches, the players of **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association** obviously felt they had something to prove at Kingsthorpe BC on Saturday, 9th July, 2011, when Cambridgeshire BA visited as their final opponents of this year's campaign. Very few changes had to be made from previous outings, although Daniel Height received his first Middleton Cup call-up, and previous regulars Jamie Walker and Iain Walker were not available, yet from the start of the match a refreshing change of fortunes was witnessed.

After just 2 ends the County had an 11 shot advantage, and that grew to a massive 32 shots by the 5th end, and although their opponents slowed down the rate of scoring, at 10 ends the advantage was still 41 shots and at 15 ends it had grown to 54 shots. This thorough beating of the opposition continued right to the end, and with only 1 losing rink, and then by just 3 shots, the overall win was a massive 64 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire 150 shots – Cambridgeshire 86 shots. Rink scores, Cambs skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Jason Hall/Alan Ashby/Andrew Manton/Jim McKee 19 shots – R Catton 22 shots
- Rink 2.** Matt Wordingham/Martin Cinato/Richard Lemon/Vernon Gearey 30 shots – S Jacobs 9 shots
- Rink 3.** Dave Love/Dan Height/Matt Pownall/Roger Tansley 22 shots – I Miller 14 shots
- Rink 4.** Keith Height/Dominic Graham/Chris Bland/Darren Childs 22 shots – P Human 17 shots
- Rink 5.** Rob White/John Freeman/Jonathan Brown/Phil Reeve 28 shots – M Law 12 shots
- Rink 6.** Tony O'Leary/Jack Tobin/Peter Ward/John Haines 29 shots – A Nightingale 12 shots

2. MIDLAND COUNTIES 'PRESIDENT'S DAY' AT IRCHESTER – 10.7.11.

Midland Counties Bowling Association President, Geoff Hunt, of Irchester BC, held the Annual MCBA 'President's Day' at Irchester BC, Northamptonshire, on Sunday, 10th July, 2011. The day started with a buffet lunch for the visiting players, and a full 21 end match between the President's Team and the Vice-President's Team, which was followed by an after match meal, all courtesy of Mr Hunt, and his wife Jan. In addition to the MCBA Vice President Phil Green of Warwickshire, visiting bowlers included Stuart Lake, Senior Vice President of Bowls England; former President of the EBA John Tolley; Past MCBA Presidents Roger Kirkpatrick, Mike King, Ray Jones, & Ken Court, plus representatives from the Counties forming the Association and members of the President's own Club, Irchester, and his former Club, Northampton West End.

The match consisted of three triples and 3 rinks, and the President's team took a clean sweep of wins and won the match by a massive 74 shots, with the top rink being that skipped by Irchester member Dave Stewart, which won 14 ends and 21 shots up, and this was closely followed by the rink skipped by Golden Imp & Past County President Terry James, which also won by 21 shots but won less ends. The final score was MCBA President's Team 166 shots – MCBA Vice President's Team 92 shots. Rink scores, skips only with President's Team names first, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Ken Court 28 shots – Les Mills 10 shots
- Rink 2.** Terry James 35 shots – Bob Niblock 14 shots
- Rink 3.** Dave Stewart 30 shots – Derek Palfrey 9 shots
- Rink 4.** Geoff Hunt 26 shots – Phil Green 25 shots
- Rink 5.** Roy Cave 23 shots – Roger Kirkparick 12 shots
- Rink 6.** John Church 24 shots – Tracy Nunn 22 shots

(Please find attached a photograph of MCBA President Geoff Hunt)

3. [NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus MIDDLESEX 5.7.11. – RESULT](#)

Middlesex County Bowling Association was the guest of **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association** at Brackley BC on Tuesday, 5th July, 2011, when the two counties played a friendly match. On a day which threatened showers but with sunny periods and on the largest green in the County, the home side found it much to their liking for with 5 winning rinks, and 1 losing by just 1 shot, the County won by 35 shots.

President of the hosting Club, Richard Somerton, skipped the highest winning rink, with a +14 shots advantage, but the tightest contest was between the rink skipped by fellow Brackley member, Ken Court, where, with a total number of shots scored in the 21 ends being just 27, with the highest count on any end being 2 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire 127 shots – Middlesex 92 shots. Rink scores, Middlesex skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Bill Foster/Gordon Morris/John Chester/Ken Court 13 shots – Richard Kirk 14 shots
- Rink 2.** Geoff Vincent/Brian Robbins/John Barber/Richard Somerton 29 shots – Ron Petch 15 shots
- Rink 3.** Harvey Fruish/Geoff Simmons/Bill Humphries/Geoff Harris 20 shots - Tony Waller 16 shots
- Rink 4.** Martin Horsham/Skene McInnes/Laurie Harrison/Roger Pain 20 shots – Brian Elbourn 18 shots
- Rink 5.** Jim Diver/Reg Hallett/Geoff Hayter/John Church 23 shots – Richard Clarke 15 shots
- Rink 6.** Chris Hawkins/John Scudder/Robin Frost/Norman Gibb 22 shots – Eric Prior 14 shots

4. www.kempstoncontrols.com 'MANFIELD CUP' COMPETITION – FULL REPORT

WELL DONE TO WOOTTON GRANGE BC FOR WINNING THE MANFIELD CUP IN 2011

The results of the cross County www.kempstoncontrols.com 'Manfield Cup' competition have now been ratified and the winning Club announced as Wootton Grange BC, based at Grange Park Community Centre, School Lane, Northampton. This Club was only founded in 1991, and is one of the County's youngest clubs affiliated to Northamptonshire Bowling Association which organises this annual competition.

The 'Manfield Cup' is the oldest trophy available to the Association as it was in March 1906 that a meeting of bowlers in the County was held with a view to forming the Northamptonshire Bowling Association, and at its first Annual Meeting it was resolved that such an Association would be formed and it would be for competition for a cup presented by James Manfield, Esq., JP, Mayor of Northampton and Harry Manfield, Esq., MP.

Wootton Grange BC is a relatively small club and it has as its origins the Delapre Bowls League, which plays on Far Cotton Recreation Ground, Northampton, before establishing the new facility at Grange Park, where they have a superb green, and plans for development further to provide its own lounge and refreshments area for after matches.

It is obviously a Club with very enthusiastic bowlers, with not just a little skill, as the results of the 2nd July, 2011, will testify to, and upon winning this year's trophy, Paul Green, Captain, and Martyn Botterill, Secretary, express their great delight for what, for them, was a fantastic achievement by their Club, which has no super stars, but players who can play as a team. The Club's 4 winning rinks were as follows:

- Rink 1.** Bill Ellis/Pete Rainbow/Glenn Munns/Paul Green (skip) 25-20 v Abington
- Rink 2.** John Botterill/Chris Ward/Dave Herbert/Pete Botterill (skip) 21-15 v Kingsthorpe Nondescripts
- Rink 3.** Alan Chapman/Nick Hulatt/John Hamilton/Tim Dawkins (skip) 25-11 v Northampton BBOB
- Rink 4.** Alan East/Brian Claydon/Alan Goodenough/Paul Botterill (skip) 26-10 v Brackley

The following is the full table of results:

Club	Won	Drew	Lost	Shots For	Shots Against	Agg + or -	Extra End
Wootton Grange	4	0	0	97	56	41	2
Stewarts & Lloyds	4	0	0	111	71	40	3
Desborough Town	4	0	0	89	64	25	1
Earls Barton	3	1	0	88	65	23	3
Higham Ferrers	3	1	0	85	78	7	3
Kettering Lodge	3	0	1	89	54	35	-1
Kislingbury	3	0	1	84	73	11	0
Northants Police	3	0	1	87	79	8	2
Burton Latimer	3	0	1	81	73	8	1
Kingsthorpe	3	0	1	74	69	5	-2
Oundle	3	0	1	81	86	-5	-3
Kettering							
Midland Band	2	1	1	87	70	17	3
West End	2	0	2	95	64	31	-2
N'pton Express	2	0	2	88	71	17	-5
Road	2	0	2	88	75	13	0
Bugbrooke	2	0	2	76	65	11	6
Wellingborough	2	0	2	82	73	9	3
Daventry Town	2	0	2	80	74	6	1
Irchester	2	0	2	85	80	5	-3
Abington	2	0	2	88	83	5	-9
Corby Grampian	2	0	2	74	77	-3	-4
N'pton BBOB	2	0	2	74	87	-13	-1
Rothwell Manor	2	0	2	65	85	-20	-5
Geddington & N	1	1	2	91	80	11	-1
Whyte Melville	1	1	2	76	71	5	4
Finedon Town	1	1	2	60	62	-2	-1
Corby Forest	1	1	2	76	79	-3	3
Heyford	1	1	2	70	82	-12	-1
Rushden Town	1	0	3	81	69	12	-7
Daventry Tigers	1	0	3	63	88	-25	-3
Brackley	1	0	3	49	85	-36	8
Swanspool	1	0	3	62	99	-37	-5
Nondescripts	0	1	3	71	98	-27	-3
Thrapston	0	1	3	56	109	-53	1
St Crispin	0	0	4	70	84	-14	2
Cogenhoe	0	0	4	62	102	-40	0
Old Grammarians	0	0	4	55	110	-55	10

(Please find attached a photograph of the Wootton Grange BC – Manfield Cup Winners 2011)

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus SURREY BA 20.7.11. – SELECTION

The following men have been selected to represent **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association** in a friendly match against Surrey BA, to be played on Wednesday, 20th July, 2011, at Wellingborough BC, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1. Jim Diver, Desborough Peter Court, Brackley Bill Humphries, Daventry Tigers Terry Gallagher, Corby Forest	Rink 2. Mike Arnold, N'ton West End Stuart Lowe, Brackley Chris Beck, Abington Steve Bocking, Kettering Lodge	Rink 3. Eddie Chapman, Wellingborough Mike Brooks, Irchester Bob Tingle, Geddington & Newton Peter Wood, Kettering Lodge
Rink 4. Paul Cooke, Carlsberg David Garland, Kingsthorpe John Chester, Wellingborough Ken Court, Brackley	Rink 5. Trevor Tilley, Irchester Bill Stratford, Kingsthorpe Don Smith, Abington Tony Coles, Geddington & Newton	Rink 6. Willie Clelland, Stewarts & Lloyds Skene McInnes, President Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton Geoff Hunt, Irchester
Reserves:	Richard Somerton, Brackley Harvey Fruish, N'ton Whyte Melville	Roly Smith, Desborough Tracy Nunn, Corby Forest

7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VP'S versus WARWICKSHIRE VP'S 6.7.11. – RESULT

The **Northamptonshire Honorary Vice Presidents Bowling Association** visited Rugby BC on Wednesday, 6th July, 2011, to play their counterparts from Warwickshire. A very keenly contested match ensued with never more than single figures in shots separating them, but in the end the County side lost by 5 shots. Final score: Northamptonshire VP's 97 shots – Warwickshire VP's 102 shots. Rink scores, skips of both sides only, Northamptonshire names first, as follows:

Rink 1.	Keith Forbes 18 shots – D Casey 23shots
Rink 2.	Bob Tingle 15 shots – J Greves 20 shots
Rink 3.	Vic Wallace 20 shots – B Black 14 shots
Rink 4.	M Gilkes 11 shots – A.N. Other 16 shots
Rink 5.	Graham Dunscombe 19 shots – G Palmer 12 shots
Rink 6.	Roy Cave 14 shots – G Willcock 17 shots

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR BA – 2.8.11.

Early notice is given of the forthcoming **Annual General Meeting** of **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association**. It will be held at **Northampton & District IBC**, Harborough Road, Northampton, at 7.30 p.m. Please note that the venue has been changed from that shown in the NIBA Handbook.

9. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S versus LEICESTERSHIRE 10.7.11. – RESULT

The **Northamptonshire Under 25's** were on a mission on Sunday, 10th July, 2011, following the defeat they suffered at the hands of Warwickshire the previous week, and the mission was to get back to winning ways in their quest for retention of the Ron Barston Midland Counties Trophy. They visited St Margaret's Co-op BC to play Leicestershire Under 25's without several of their key experienced players which gave Manager Martin Cinato an opportunity to field several of the emerging young talent, including Megan Rolfe, Nick Manton, Trudy Beard and Conor Bryan.

The County started a little slowly and were 9 shots adrift after 5 ends and 15 shots adrift after 10 ends with just 1 winning rink at that stage, however, the team dug in deep with Captain Jack Tobin leading the charge to reduce the deficit, which they did magnificently because at 15 ends they had soared into the lead by 8 shots and this acceleration continued right to the end of the match which they won by 34 shots. Just 1 losing rink, and then by only 2 shots, gave the County 20 pts to the 2 pts accrued by Leicester.

Final score was Northamptonshire Under 25's 122 shots – Leicestershire Under 25's 88 shots. Rink scores, Leics skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Matt Cattell/Nick Manton/David Walker/Connor Cinato 26 shots – J Green 15 shots
Rink 2. Daniel Waterfield/Adam Pitfield/Curtis Johnson/Callum Height 23 shots – J Dawson 16 shots
Rink 3. Trudy Beard/Alice Moore/Dan Height/Matt Pownall 21 shots – M Simpson 23 shots
Rink 4. Nathan Betts/Conor Bryan/Ashley Linnell/Dominic Graham 30 shots – M Debie 16 shots
Rink 5. Adam Brown/Megan Rolfe/Alistair Melville/Jack Tobin 22 shots – N Wardle 18 shots

This excellent win puts the County youngsters in pole position to win the MCBA 'Ron Barston' trophy for the second successive year.

10. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

LADIES

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55 & OVER SINGLES

Area S/Finals: Chris Eustace, Roade beat Brenda Bishop, Daventry Town 21-19
Jill Welch, Daventry Town beat Jan Bradley, Daventry Town 21-20

Eustace and Welch now meet in the Area Final on a date to be fixed, the winner then qualifying for the Women's National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa on Saturday, 13th August, 2011.

55 & OVER PAIRS

Area S/Final: Sylvia Plant & Brenda Bishop, Daventry Town beat Chris Eustace & partner, Roade 24-16

They now meet Trish Basford & Linda Tomlinson, Geddington in the Area Final, the winners qualifying for the Women's National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa on Friday, 5th August, 2011.

MOTHER & DAUGHTER PAIRS

3rd Round: Michelle Harris & Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe beat Rosemary & Jenny Groves, Shepshed Town BC, Leics. 17-14

Area S/Final: Harris & Tansley gave a walkover to Susan Alexander & Ellen Falkner, St Neots

NATIONAL TOP CLUB

Area Final: Wellingborough BC beat Kettering Lodge BC 4-0. Details as follows, Wellingborough names first:

- Singles:** Tina Broderick beat Pat Starsmore 21-11
Pairs: Jean Burgess/Pam Reynolds beat Sue Briggs/Sue Bagshaw 21-16
Triples: Joyce George/Maureen McDonald/Di Allen beat Betty Hammond/Marj Wright/
Margaret Silsby 21-12
Fours: Sue Collins/Sue Fincham/Agnes Johnson/Margaret Johnson beat Carol Grant/
Jeannette Hamilton/Mary Almond/Margaret Everitt 23-15

Wellingborough now faces Leighton Buzzard BC in the Preliminary Round of the Inter County Stage of the competition

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PAIRS

Area Q/Finals: Janet and Alan Ashby, Northampton West End beat Ann Harwood & partner, Wolvey BC, Warwickshire 23-7

They now meet Andy Smith & partner of the Avenue BC, Warwickshire, in the **Area Semi-Finals** on a date to be arranged.

FOURS

Area Semi-Finals: Tina Broderick/Karen Leveridge/Darren Lyman/Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat Chloe Wordingham/Jasmin Spear/Mick Spear/Andy Fowkes 19-10.

The Wellingborough quartet are now in the **Area Final** to be played on a date to be fixed against either Ken Chedgzoy's rink from Stratford-upon-Avon BC, Warwickshire or Adam Shuttleworth's rink, from Whitnash BC, Warwickshire, on a date to be fixed.

GENTLEMEN

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55 & OVER SINGLES

Area S/Final: Mick Corbyn, Rushden Town beat David Fage, Abington 21-7

Corbyn, who is one of the County Selectors, now meets Steve Taylor, Avenue BC, in the **Area Final** to be played on a date to be arranged.

55 & OVER PAIRS

3rd Round: Don Smith & David Fage, Abington beat Peter Kneeshaw & Reg Jones, Abington 19-17

They now meet in the **Area Quarter Finals** Philip Birch & partner from the Avenue BC, Warwickshire on a date to be arranged.

CLUB TWO FOURS

Area Q/Finals: Higham Ferrers Town BC lost to Parkway BC, Hunts., 26-48
Northampton West End BC beat Thrapston BC 32-28

The two victors will now play each other in the **Area Semi-Finals** on a date to be arranged.

NATIONAL CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Area Q/Finals: Alan Ashby, Northampton West End beat Jack Tobin, Rushden Town 21-8

Ashby is now in the **Area Semi-Finals** and will play, either Graham Ageer, Broadway BC, Hunts, or Paul Broderick, Wellingborough.

NATIONAL TOP CLUB

Area Semi-Final: Desborough Town BC will play White Hart BC, Hunts in the **Area Semi-Final** of this competition, on Saturday, 16th July, 2011, at Desborough BC commencing at 6.0 p.m.

11. COUNTY COMPETITIONS

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OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

SINGLES QUARTER FINALS AND SEMI-FINALS AT DAVENTRY BC SUNDAY, 10TH JULY, 2011

Q/Finals: Susan Fincham, Wellingborough beat Pat Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville 21-20
Kay Green, Swanspool beat Chris Eustace, Roade 21-9
Rachel Pedley, Irchester beat Jan Bradley, Daventry Town 21-7
Janet Ashby, Northampton West End beat Joyce George, Wellingborough 21-19

Semi-Finals: Fincham beat Green 21-13
Pedley beat Ashby 21-14

Sue Fincham and Rachel Pedley will therefore represent Northamptonshire at the Women's National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa in August, 2011. They will also play each other in the County Final later this month.

UNDER 25 SINGLES AND PAIRS FINALS AT DAVENTRY TOWN BC SUNDAY, 10TH JULY, 2011

The Under 25 Singles and Pairs Finals were held at Daventry Town BC on Sunday, 10th July, 2011, with the following results:

Singles: **Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough** beat Chloe Wordingham, Higham Ferrers 21-14

Pairs: **Chloe Wordingham/Jasmin Spear, Higham Ferrers/Northampton West End** beat Nicola Franklin/Louise Haladij, Kislingbury 17-13

BENEVOLENT TRIPLES

The ladies Benevolent Triples competition gets under way at Wellingborough BC on Monday, 18th July, 2011 for Group 1 and Tuesday, 19th July, 2011 for Group 2. The competing triples play 2 rounds on their day, with further rounds on Wednesday, 20th July, 2011 and the Final to be played at Irchester BC on Saturday, 23rd July, 2011.

A total of 45 ladies triples have entered and play starts at 9.30 a.m. on each of the 3 days prior to the Final.

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CROSS COUNTY – OF INTEREST TO ALL AREAS

UNDER 25 SINGLES

In the last remaining Quarter Final, played earlier this week, Connor Cinato, Desborough beat Shaun Marriott, Northampton West End 21-16

Semi-Finals: The Semi-Finals were played at Abington BC, Northampton, on the evening of Thursday, 7th July, 2011, with the following results:

Will T Parker versus Dominic Graham, both Northampton Express, played a singles match of the highest calibre, with both young bowlers demonstrating the art of singles. It was highly competitive with the lead changing hands several times with not more than 2 or 3 shots between them on the score-card. At 18 ends played the score was 13-14 in Dominic's favour and he extended his lead to 5 shots after 21 ends, when Will pulled the lead back to just 2 after 23 ends. With precision drawing Dominic just had the edge over the last 2 ends played, and despite a very good effort by Will on what was to be the last end the **win was Dominic's by 21 shots to 16 shots** in a match stretching to 25 ends of bowls.

Connor Cinato, Desborough versus Jamie Walker, Northampton West End. A disappointing game from Connor's point of view as he started by dropping a count of 4 shots, and despite winning the next end with a good 2 shots, from thereon he was always playing 'catch up' against his Junior International opponent who played some excellent bowls without being placed under too much pressure. Jamie reached 20 shots to 8 shots after 14 ends, but due to some excellent bowls from Connor, who took 3 more ends with 4 shots to the good, **Jamie was finally the victor 21 shots to 12 shots** on the 18th end.

Jamie Walker and Dominic Graham will therefore represent Northamptonshire at the Men's Championship at Worthing on Saturday, 13th August, 2011. They will also contest the County Title later this month.

MASON CUP (County Champion of Champions)

Quarter Finals – held at Oundle BC on Monday, 4th July, 2011, with results as follows:

Dennis Mole, Burton Latimer beat Lee Parmenter, St Crispin
Alan Ashby, Northampton West End beat Graham Kemp, Rothwell Manor Park
Peter Mercer, West Haddon beat George Warren, Stewarts & Lloyds
Rob Vowles, Kettering Midland Band beat C Candy, Islip

Semi- Finals: The Semi-Finals were held at Abington BC, Northampton on the evening of Thursday, 7th July, 2011, with the following results:

Dennis Mole, Kettering Midland Band versus Alan Ashby, Northampton West End. Alan Ashby had the better start and was always in front, at 5 ends played he was 8-2 up, and after 10 ends he was 12-7 up, although Dennis had slowed down the lead, keeping it to just 5 shots. A good run of 6 shots without reply put Alan 11 shots to the good, but Dennis stuck in there, and although Alan reached 19 his opponent refused to lie down and he picked up 4 shots without reply to be just 6 behind after 19 ends had been played. On the 20th end **Alan Ashby took the victory 21 shots to 13 shots.**

Peter Mercer, West Haddon versus Rob Vowles, Kettering Midland Band. Rob had the better of the early exchanges being 3 shots up at 5 ends and 5 up at 10 ends played, and 8 up at 15 ends played. Peter, however, stuck to his task and his drawing ability returned with a vengeance for, from being 7-17 down he had a succession of good winning ends to draw level at 17 each after 20 ends played. Rob scored 2 on the next end, but **Peter Mercer secured victory 21 shots to 19 shots** by winning the next 2 ends.

Peter Mercer will play Alan Ashby in the County Final later this month.

SECRETARIES CUP

Quarter Finals: Played at Earls Barton BC on Friday, 1st July, 2011 with the following results:

Paul Melville, Corby Forest beat Nick Beirne, St Crispin 21-11
Trevor Anderson, Corby Grampian beat John Kirkton, St Crispin 21-12
Neville Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville beat John Cooper, Burton Latimer 21-19
Mark Turner, Kettering Midland Band beat Dave Keller, Kettering Midland Band 21-12

Semi-Finals: Played at Abington BC, Northampton on the evening of Thursday, 7th July, 2011 with the following results:

Paul Melville versus Trevor Anderson. This match turned out to be the closest of all those played that evening, with both players putting in some very good bowls. It was 'nip and tuck' all the way, with the scores level at 4-4 after 5 ends, still level 8-8 after 8 ends, 13-13 after 14 ends and 18 shots each after 21 ends played. Trevor scored 1 each on the next 2 ends to be close to the finishing line, but the next 3 ends were **Paul Melville's as he scored the 3 he wanted for victory 21-20,** after a match lasting 26 ends.

Neville Bodily versus Mark Turner. This promised to be a close affair as Mark has won the competition 3 times before and Neville has been runner-up twice, but as it appeared from the final score it did not seem that competitive. However, the score does not tell the story – Mark did have the better of the early ends, finding his touch at once and going into a 9 shot lead after 5 ends, but after that Neville played some extremely good bowls but somehow Mark contrived on many occasions to pull out one excellent bowl to take shot when Neville was holding 2 or 3 shots. **Ultimately Mark Turner claimed victory 21 shots to 8 shots,** after 16 ends of bowls.

Paul Melville will now play Mark Turner in the County Final later this month.

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3rd Round: George Warren, Stewarts & Lloyds beat Richard Bryan, Rushden Town 21-4
Will Hill, Desborough beat David Bailey, Thrapston 21-17
Callum Height, Thrapston beat Garry Burton, Stanwick 21-13
John Haines, Desborough beat Mark Turner, Kettering Midland Band 21-10
Phil Exley, Desborough beat Mick Corbyn, Rushden Town 21-12
Andy Britten, Burton Latimer beat Wayne Gregory, Wellingborough 21-17
Steve Dockerill, Burton Latimer beat Malcolm Paul, Corby Forest 21-5
Alan Muir, Thrapston beat Jack Tobin, Rushden Town 21-20
Michael Chester, Wellingborough beat Tracy Nunn, Corby Forest 21-12
Martin Cinato, Desborough beat Neil Gould, Earls Barton 21-15

4th Round: Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat Warren 21-13
Height beat Hill 21-14
Exley beat Haines 21-9
Britten beat Walt Winsor, Wellingborough 21-13
Muir beat Dockerill 21-15
Steve Norman, Higham Ferrers beat Chester 21-17
Martin Cinato beat Matthew Wordingham, Rushden Town 21-16

PAIRS

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3rd Round: Ross Knox & John Haines, Desborough beat Alistair Melville & John Donovan, Corby Forest 23-18
Les Johnson & David Bailey, Thrapston beat Connor & Martin Cinato, Desborough 17-16
Keith & Callum Height, Thrapston beat Mark Turner & partner, Kettering Midland Band 28-10
Dick Howell & Alan Jeyes, Earls Barton beat Paul Harris & Andy Cooper, Kettering Lodge 21-16
Mick Catlin & Darren Childs, Thrapston beat Alan Rudge & Tracy Nunn 23-11
Jason Hall & Peter Ward, Desborough beat Martin Underwood & John Greaves, Rushden 22-15
John & Michael Chester, Wellingborough beat Tony Coles & Barry Basford, Geddington 21-16
Dave Love & Wayne Gregory, Wellingborough beat Ron Philip & partner, Stewarts & Lloyds 20-11
Richard Humphreys & Graham Maddams, W'boro' beat Malcolm Winckles & partner, Desborough 25-11
Malcolm O'Hanlon & Dave Stewart, Irchester beat Dave Betts & Matt Wordingham, Rushden 23-13
Will Hill & Sam Gamble, Desborough beat Mick Burns & George Warren, Stewarts & Lloyds 28-14
Richard Horrell & Malc Mattinson, Thrapston beat Trevor Anderson & partner, Corby Grampian 24-11
Bob Mitchell & John Hall, Desborough beat Jim Snedden & partner, Stewarts & Lloyds 24-9
Steve Robinson & Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge beat T Johnson & partner, Geddington 28-12
John Thomson & Paul Melville, Corby Forest beat Steve Norman & partner, Higham Ferrers 21-12
Mark & Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough beat Mark & Nathan Betts, Rushden Town 21-20

4th Round: Ross/Haines beat Johnson/Bailey 20-13
Hall/Ward beat Catlin/Childs 23-17
Love/Gregory beat Chester/Chester 22-16
Humphreys/Maddams beat O'Hanlon/Stewart 23-15
Hill/Gamble beat Horrell/Mattinson 20-19
Mitchell/Hall beat Robinson/Harris 19-18
Scott Melville(sub)/Melville beat M & N Corbyn 24-10

One other match is still to be played between Keith & Callum Height and Howell & Jeyes.

The above winners play in the Area Finals on Wednesday, 13th July, 2011

EXECUTIVE TRIPLES

Area Finals: Alan Jeyes' triple, Earls Barton beat Steve Norman's triple, Higham Ferrers 21-19
Mark Turner's triple, Kettering Midland Band beat Brian Hickman's triple, Higham Ferrers 20-14
Trevor Anderson's triple, Corby Grampian beat Paul Melville's triple, Corby Forest 20-11
Neil Gould's triple, Earls Barton beat Colin Pendleton's triple, Finedon 20-15
John Oldham's triple, Ise beat Colin Tebbutt's triple, Kettering Midland Band 22-12

The above winners will play in the Quarter Finals on Monday, 11th July, 2011, at Stewarts & Lloyds BC

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4th Round: Jonathan Brown, Abington beat Martin Gearey, Roade 21-20
Martin Whitlock, Roade beat Mick Spear, Northampton West End 21-12
Nick Beirne, St Crispin beat Stuart Letts, Northampton West End 21-12
Chris Bland, Northampton Express beat Phil Boseley, Abington 21-17

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3rd Round: Ian Smith/Brian Jones, Heyford beat K Freund & partner, Roade 24-12
Geoff Allen & partner, Heyford beat R Tyack & partner, Woodford-cum-Membris 24-11
Mark Dickens/Dave Masters, St Crispin beat Frank Craven/Neville Bodily, Whyte Melville 24-12
Adam Hawkings/Jonathan Brown, Abington beat Chris Pollard/Phil Boseley, Abington 24-12
Shaun Marriott/Jamie Walker, Northampton West End given walkover by Graham Stibbards, BBOB
Adam Brown/David Fage, Abington beat Dan & Will Walker, Northampton West End 28-13
Dave Kovacs/Ian Daverson, Northampton West End beat Peter Kneeshaw/Mick Taylor, Abington 22-12
Tony O'Leary/John Freeman, Abington beat Ashley Linnell/Will T Parker, Northampton Express 18-17
Don Muskin & Martin Whitlock, Roade beat Rick Singleton & Kevin Mawson, Whyte Melville 21-13
Ray Castle/Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe beat Terry Brown & partner, Abington 18-16
Richard Lemon/Chris Bland, Northampton Express beat Pete Benson/Terry Brown, St Crispin 22-15
David Johnson/Alan Slinn, Kingsthorpe beat P McAlear & partner, Roade 27-12
Alan Dunkley/Martin Gearey, Roade beat Phil Reeve/Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe 21-10
Andrew Manton/Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe beat Graham Prior/Richard Somerton, Brackley 20-17
John Baggatt/Martin Walker, Northampton West End beat Dave Symonds/Jim Round, Daventry Tigers 20-15
Dougie Ainsworth/Trevor Spear, Northampton Whyte Melville beat Rob White/Dominic Graham, Northampton Express 21-17

4th Round: Smith /Jones beat Allen & partner 21-19
Dickens/Masters beat Hawkings/Brown 22-12
Marriott/Walker beat Brown/Fage 20-7
O'Leary/Freeman beat Kovacs/Daverson 22-12
Castle/Tansley beat Muskin/Whitlock 20-18
Johnson/Slinn beat Lemon/Bland 21-20 (after extra end)
Manton/Gearey beat Dunkley/Gearey 23-13
Baggatt/Walker beat Ainsworth/Spear 18-16

The above winners play in the Area Finals on Wednesday 13th July, 2011.

EXECUTIVE TRIPLES

Area Finals: John Kirkton's triple, St Crispin beat Bob Blencowe's triple, Brackley 20-19
Reg Jones' triple, Abington beat Tony Penn's triple, Northampton Whyte Melville 26-13
Alan Gardner's triple, Daventry Town beat Richard Lemon's triple, Northampton Express 21-8

The above winners will play in the Quarter Finals at Stewarts & Lloyds BC on Monday, 11th July, 2011.

12. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

World Bowls Championships

Sporting Highlights sponsors of the Bowls England Women's Pair Championships are pleased to announce the launch of their long awaited Official (UK) Tour Operator brochure for the World Bowls Championships in Adelaide 2012.

To order a brochure please either click on www.sportinghighlights.co.uk or visit our World Bowls 2012 Marquee, during the Bowls England Women's Championships at Royal Leamington Spa and the Men's Championships at Worthing.

VIBE Badges go on sale



A big "thank you" goes to all those at the Women's International Trials who purchased one of the new Visually Impaired Bowls England (VIBE) badges in aid of the VIBE Blind Bowlers Championships 2013. A grand total of more than £143 was raised.

VIBE badges will be available at Bowls England events around the country, President's Matches, National Championships, and from BE HQ for a minimum donation of £1 each (plus of course postage and packing if applicable).

Bowls to feature as demonstration sport at 2013 World Games

World Bowls has today announced that Lawn Bowls has been accepted as a demonstration sport into the programme of the 2013 World Games, to be held in Cali, Columbia. The event will provide an opportunity to showcase Lawn Bowls to a wider global audience, further increasing the status of our sport in the eyes of international sports officials including Olympic officials.

This also highlights one of the important benefits of World Bowls' membership of Confédération Mondiale des Sports de Boules (CMSB), the umbrella International Federation for bowls type sports recognised by the International Olympic Committee, and is a welcome development opportunity for our sport.

More details and news regarding this event and the participation of Lawn Bowls will be issued by World Bowls once finalised.

Sport England – 'Inspired Facilities'

On 18 July, Sport England will be launching *Inspired Facilities* - a key part of the "Places People Play" programme which will deliver a mass participation sporting legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Through *Inspired Facilities* they will invest National Lottery funding in up to 1,000 community sports clubs. In advance of the launch, they would like to give all Clubs the chance to sign up for a workshop where they will be able to learn more about the programme.

Inspired Facilities will provide relatively small capital grants to refurbish and improve the places where people play sport, improving their sporting experience and encouraging more people to get involved.

They will be running "Club Workshops" in eleven locations across the country at 7pm (lasting two-hours).

To allow as many clubs to benefit from the workshops they would prefer if only one representative could attend from each organisation.

Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so please register early to ensure you can attend.

13. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

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

BURTON LATIMER BC

Fixtures:

- 16.7.11 Desborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.7.11. Members visit Irchester BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 19.7.11. Members visit Stewarts & Lloyds for a men's County League match at 6.30 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Corby Grampian BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 16.7.11. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.7.11. Members visit Cold Ashby BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 19.7.11. Members visit Kettering Lodge BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Kettering Lodge BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 16.7.11. Irchester BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.7.11. Members visit Burton Latimer BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Members visit Swanspool BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.7.11. Members visit Rushden Town BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.7.11. Members visit Roade BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 19.7.11. Abington BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

- 16.7.11. Carlsberg BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.7.11. The Club plays the 'Brian Cook' competition at 2.30 p.m.
- 19.7.11. Members visit Stewarts & Lloyds BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 16.7.11. Members visit Irchester BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.7.11. Wellingborough OG's BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.7.11. Rushden Town BC visits for a men's County League match at 10.0 a.m.

IRCHESTER BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Ise BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 16.7.11. Members visit Desborough BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.7.11. Higham Ferrers Town BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.7.11. Burton Latimer BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 19.7.11. St Neots BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixtures:

16.7.11. Members visit Ise BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

ISE BC

Fixtures:

14.7.11. Members visit Irchester for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
16.7.11. Irthlingborough CI BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
20.7.11. Members visit Woodsend BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

ISLIP BC

Fixtures:

16.7.11. Members visit Kettering Athletic BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING ATHLETIC BC

Fixtures:

14.7.11. Members visit Little Bowden BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
16.7.11. Islip BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

14.7.11. Members visit Desborough BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
16.7.11. The Club holds its 'Junior Gala Day' from 9.30 a.m.
17.7.11. Thrapston BC visits for a men's County League match at 10.0 a.m.
17.7.11. McAlpine BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
19.7.11. Corby Forest BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixtures:

14.7.11. Thrapston BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
16.7.11. Members visit Market Harborough Conservatives BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
17.7.11. Corby Forest BC visits for a men's County League match at 10.0 a.m.

McALPINE BC

Fixtures:

17.7.11. Members visit Kettering Lodge BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

MEARS ASHBY RBL BC

Fixtures:

15.7.11. Members visit Whitnash BC, Leamington for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
19.7.11. Members visit Kettering Park BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE BC

Fixtures:

21.7.11. Members visit Irchester BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.

OUNDLE BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Fairline BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
14.7.11. Club plays its Ladies Triples 2nd Round
16.7.11. Club hosts a Midland Counties match between Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire at 2.0 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Members visit Medbourne BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
15.7.11. The Club plays its Friday evening league at 6.30 p.m.
17.7.11. The Club plays its men's 'Harry Dimpleby' Pairs at 10.0 a.m.
17.7.11. The Club plays its ladies 'Betty Wilson' pairs at 2.30 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Members visit Earls Barton BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
16.7.11. Earls Barton BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
17.7.11. Members visit Higham Ferrers BC for a men's County League match at 10.0 a.m.

STANWICK BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Members visit the Licensed Victuallers Assoc BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
17.7.11. Cogenhoe BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Members visit Woodsend BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
16.7.11. Members visit Roade BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
19.7.11. Burton Latimer BC visits for a men's County League match at 6.30 p.m.

SWANSPPOOL BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Earls Barton BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
16.7.11. The Club plays its men's 'Mason Cup' competition at 1.30 p.m.
17.7.11. The Club holds a ladies 'Drive Competition' at 2.30 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Members visit Kettering Midland Band BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
16.7.11. Corby Grampian BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
17.7.11. Members visit Kettering Lodge BC for a men's County League match at 10.0 a.m.
18.7.11. Members visit Higham Ferrers BC for a Tipler Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Members visit Kingsthorpe BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
16.7.11. Members visit Corby Forest BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
18/19/20.7.11. Club hosts the County Ladies Benevolent Triples at 9.30 a.m. each day.
18.7.11. Club hosts the men's County Pairs Semi-Finals at 6.0 p.m.
20.7.11. Wellingborough OG's BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
20.7.11. Club hosts a friendly match between Northamptonshire BA men and Surrey BA at 2.0 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH OG'S BC

Fixtures:

- 16.7.11. Members visit Higham Ferrers BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
17.7.11. The Club holds its President's Day at Rushden Town BC at 2.0 p.m.

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

ABINGTON BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Northampton Whyte Melville BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
16.7.11. Daventry Town BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
19.7.11. Earls Barton BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

BRACKLEY BC

Fixtures:

- 16.7.11. Buckingham West End BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
18.7.11. Members visit Northampton West End BC for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.
19.7.11. Burma Star BA visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
20.7.11. Chandos Park BC, Bucks visits for a ladies match at 6.0 p.m.

BRINGTON BC

Fixtures:

- 16.7.11. Members visit Wootton Grange BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

- 16.7.11. Members visit Heyford BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
17.7.11. Members visit Carlsberg BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
18.7.11. St Crispin BC visits for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.

BYFIELD BC

Fixtures:

- 17.7.11. The Club holds its 'Lucy Cross Gala'

DAVENTRY TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Members visit Kislingbury BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
15.7.11. Northampton Whyte Melville BC visits for a ladies League match at 6.30 p.m.
16.7.11. Abington BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
17.7.11. The Club holds its ladies and gentlemen's triples competitions.
18.7.11. Byfield BC visits for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.
18.7.11. Members visit Earls Barton BC for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.

GOLDEN HORSE BC

Fixtures:

- 17.7.11. The Club holds its Pairs Competition at 2.0 p.m.

HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

- 16.7.11. Bugbrooke BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
15.7.11. Club hosts Northamptonshire ladies 'Challenge Cup' at 2.0 p.m.
16.7.11. Kingsthorpe Nondescripts BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
17.7.11. Club plays its 'York 2 Wood Triples' at 11.0 a.m.

KISLINGBURY BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Daventry Town BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 pm.
16.7.11. Members visit Northampton Whyte Melville BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
16.7.11. Roade BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
17.7.11. Members visit Golden Horse BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
20.7.11. Members visit St Crispin BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Fixtures:

- 16.7.11. St Crispin BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
18.7.11. 'A' Team visits Kingsthorpe for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.
19.7.11. 'B' Team at home to Wootton in the men's Northampton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Stony Stratford BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
16.7.11. Coventry Avenue BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
18.7.11. 'A' Team at home to Brackley BC in the men's Northampton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
18.7.11. 'B' Team visits Kislingbury BC for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

- 14.7.11. Members visit Abington BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
14.7.11. Club hosts the men's County Singles Quarter Finals at 6.00 p.m.
16.7.11. Kislingbury BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
17.7.11. The Club plays its 'Dilworth Cup' at 2.0 p.m.
18.7.11. 'A' Team at home to Abington 'A' for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.
18.7.11. 'B' Team visits Desborough BC for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.
19.7.11. Club hosts the County men's Singles & Executive Triples semi-finals at 6.0 p.m.
20.7.11. Roade BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

WEST HADDON BC

Fixtures:

- 13.7.11. Members visit St Crispin BC for a ladies match at 6.30 pm.
18.7.11. Members visit Roade BC for a men's Northampton Triples League match at 6.30 p.m.

WOODFORD-CUM-MEMBRIS BC

Fixtures:

- 16.7.11. Members visit Cold Ashby BC for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.
17.7.11. The Club holds the 'Captains' Day' at 2.30 p.m.



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