

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. ENGLAND 'SENIORS' INTERNATIONAL INDOOR SERIES – COUNTY PLAYER SELECTED

The British Isles Indoor Bowls Council's Senior Double Rink Tournament will be played at Bodelywyddan Castle Hotel, on the week-end of the 24th/25th September, 2011, and one of the County's best Senior bowlers, **Mick Sharpe, of Kingsthorpe BC will be representing England**. He plays at No. 3 in the Rink skipped by Gerry Smyth, and he will have for company Martyn Sekjer at Lead, and John Bell at No. 2.

A very experienced rink, John Bell probably being the best known as he has been the Team Manager for Bowls England for several years, and is a former long-standing indoor and outdoor International, his first call up being in 1978 outdoor and 1983 indoor. Martin Sekyer is also a former indoor and outdoor International of many years standing, picking up his first cap in 1981 indoor and 1985 outdoor. Gerry Smyth completes the vast experience with past international experience, both indoor and out, first setting foot at International level outdoor in 1981 and indoor in 1982.

The England team is completed by a rink skipped by Brett Morley who has John Ottoway at lead, Tony Horobin at No 2 and Barrie Patterson at No. 3. Brett and John both have a great deal of International experience between them, being regulars in the England sides, both indoor and outdoor for many years.

(I am sure you have a photograph of Mick Sharpe on file)

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus HERTFORDSHIRE 5.9.11. – RESULT

The Ladies of **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association** visited Potten End, BC, Hertfordshire, to play the ladies of that County in a friendly match on Monday, 5th September, 2011, and after a very close match they managed a win by the smallest of margins, just 1 shot.

At 10 ends the County had a 12 shot lead, which had increased to 14 shots at 15 ends, but the Herts ladies made a big effort over the final 6 ends to almost wrest victory.

Final score was Northamptonshire Ladies 119 shots – Hertfordshire Ladies 118 shots. Rink scores, Herts skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Sue Bagshaw/Tracey Cattell/Sheila Bonham/Wilma Walker 18 shots – S Roberts 17 shots
Rink 2. Joyce George/Sandy Hayter/Anita Petrucci/Christine Barlow 28 shots – H Chandler 8 shots
Rink 3. Brenice Willmott/Jill Nutt/Margaret Cave/Pam Lewis 18 shots – M Pearce 16 shots
Rink 4. Trish Basford/Betty Tilley/Shirley Ongley/Eleanor Winters 12 shots – M Hendry 31 shots
Rink 5. Kay Green/Heather Golding/Ina Layland/Sue Graham-Hole 12 shots – J Selleck 28 shots
Rink 6. Jan Hunt/Brenda Lawrence/Bev Manning/Val Betts 31 shots – S Larkins 18 shots

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BA 6.9.11. – RESULT

Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association entertained Buckinghamshire men to a friendly match on Tuesday, 6th September, 2011, at Northampton West End BC, and after a very tight and competitive match, the victory went to Buckinghamshire by just 3 shots. The County won 3 rinks and drew 1, but the small deficit overall was due to one of the losing rinks doing so fairly heavily. Final score was Northamptonshire 108 shots – Buckinghamshire 111 shots. Rink scores, Bucks skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Bryan Jones/Skene McInnes/Alistair Melville/Terry Gallagher 24 shots – A Anderson 18 shots
Rink 2. John Lilleyman/Bill Foster/Chris Beck/Martin Walker 19 shots – J Gamblin 20 shots
Rink 3. John Ruff/Brian Robbins/Don Smith/Kevin Mawson 16 shots W Fuller 12 shots
Rink 4. Alf Hudson/Geoff Vincent/Malcolm Foster/Brian Diver 11 shots – S Moore 26 shots
Rink 5. Peter Court/John Scudder/Ian Watts/Laurie Harrison 21 shots – A Dimmock 18 shots
Rink 6. Mike Arnold/Ernie Earp/Geoff Hayter/Geoff Harris 17 shots – I Harvey 17 shots

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE PRESIDENTS versus CAVALIERS 6.9.11. – RESULT

The **Cavaliers BA** and the **Northamptonshire Honorary Vice Presidents** met for a friendly match at the Wellingborough Club on Wednesday, September 6th, in what was a bit of a selection nightmare for both sides, in that most of the players were eligible to play for both teams, and at the same time the County men had a match so that players were in great demand. In the event the Cavaliers had the best of it on a day when the bowls were much affected by very heavy winds. The VPs only managed one winning rink, and were beaten by the large margin of 31 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire VP's 88 shots – Cavaliers 119 shots . Rink scores. Cavaliers skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Dave Garland/Tony Hancock/Fred Fox/Graham Dunscombe 12 shots - Brian Hayes 23
Rink 2. Donna Williamson/Bill Price/Phil Bates/Dave Williamson 16 shots - Roy Cave 19 shots
Rink 3. Graham Cashmore/Frank Fair/Dick Howell/Brian Langton 19 shots - Ron Fox 12 shots
Rink 4. Jeff Talbot/Peter Byworth/Ken Legan/Peter Mercer 15 shots - Peter Kneeshaw 19 shots
Rink 5. Ollie Pearson/Harry Bell/Barry Basford/Tony Buckmaster 9 shots - Stewart Laxton. 22 shots
Rink 6. Peter Woodhams/Geoff Care/John Watson/Tony Essam 17 shots - Roger Summers. 24 shots

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus VICE PRESIDENTS 21.9.11. – SELECTION

The following men have been selected to play for **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association** in a friendly match against **Northamptonshire Honorary Vice Presidents Bowling Association** to be played at St Crispin BC, Bowling Green Lane, St Crispin Estate, Duston, Northampton, NN5 4BN, on Wednesday, 21st September, 2011, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.
Alistair Melville, Corby Forest
Skene McInnes, President
Neville Bodily, N'ton White Melville
John Church, Higham Ferrers

Rink 2.
Frank Craven, N'ton Whyte Melville
David Moore, Wootton Grange
John Ruff, N'ton West End
Geoff Hunt, Irchester

Rink 3.
Gordon Morris, N'ton West End
Ernie Earp, N'ton Whyte Melville
John Chester, Wellingborough
Terry James, Thrapston

Rink 4.
Alan Jones, N'ton White Melville
Reg Hallett, Stanwick
David Betts, Rushden Town
Richard Somerton, Brackley

Rink 5.
Michael Munns, N'ton West End
David William, Swanspool
Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton
Robin Frost, Bugbrooke

Rink 6.
Bob Morris, N'ton Whyte Melville
Geoff Simmons, Wellingborough
Harvey Fruish, N'ton Whyte Melville
Mossy Waters, Rushden Town

Reserves:

John Donovan, Corby Forest
Derek Reid, N'ton Whyte Melville

Kevin O'Brien, Corby Forest

6. KISLINGBURY INTER CLUB TOURNAMENT 6.9.11. – RESULTS

Kislingbury BC held its annual 'Inter Club Knock-out Trophy Competition' on Tuesday, 6th September, 2011. 24 Clubs from a wide area, both in the County and beyond, sent teams of 4 players to play in 2 Leagues of 12, with each team playing 4 sessions of 7 ends, to define the winners of each League. Those winners then played in the Final.

The 1st League (Green) had as its top rink Dunstable Town BC with a score of 51 points, and the 2nd League (Blue) had as its winning rink the hosting Club, Kislingbury BC with a total of 58 points.

In the Final the **Dunstable Town** rink of John Mabbitt/Chris Jell/Peter Pratt/Peter Cox beat **Kislingbury's** rink of Nicola Franklin/Alice Moore/Sam Smith/Maurice Robinson 6shots – 3 shots. They were awarded the Knock-Out Trophy and medals, plus the £200 top prize, with Kislingbury taking the runners-up prize money of £100.

Other Clubs competing included Brackley; Byfield; Daventry Town; Desborough Town; Earls Barton; Golden Horse; Irchester; Nomads; Northampton BBOB's; Northampton West End; Rugby Thornfield; Rushden Town; St Crispin; Thrapston; Travis Perkins; West Haddon.

Overall a great day for bowls in the County with Radio Northampton attending and broadcasting live on the Helen Blaby Drivetime show.

7. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

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- Payments through JustGiving are weekly, so you know when they are coming, and can plan ahead
- Real people are on hand to give you and your supporters help and advice 7 days a week.
- Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) has estimated that only 10 per cent of CASCs are utilising their ability to claim Gift Aid, meaning that grassroots clubs are missing out on vital funds that they are fully entitled to claim. JustGiving makes claiming this money easy.

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You will receive:

Step-by-step registration help

- A JustGiving webpage for your club and unlimited JustGiving pages for your club's members to raise money through
- Expert fundraising guidance and expertise
- Help from a person at the other end of a phone if you need it, for both your club and your members

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8. MIDLAND COUNTIES COMPETITION FINALS 11.9.11. - RESULT

The Finals of the **Midland Counties Competitions** were held on Sunday, 11th September, 2011, at Irchester BC, the home Club of Midland Counties President Geoff Hunt, involving Northamptonshire players as follows:

SINGLES

Semi-Final: **Phil Exley, Desborough BC beat** Darren Allsopp, Derbyshire 21-11

Final: **Exley lost to** Phil Green, Warwickshire 15-21

(Please see attached photograph of Phil Exley with Runner-s up trophy being presented by Geoff Hunt, MCBA President)

PAIRS

Semi-Final: **Andrew Manton/Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe beat** Dean Hemming/Rob Stanley, Worcestershire 18-16 shots. Hemming and Stanley were fresh from lifting the National Pairs Championship title at Worthing

Final: **As other semi-finalists failed to attend, the Kingsthorpe pair were declared the winners of the title.**
(Please see attached photograph of them with the MCBA President – Geoff Hunt)

TRIPLES

Final: **Will Parker/Richard Lemon/Chris Bland, Northampton Express beat** a triple from Lincolnshire 17-8 shots

FOURS

Semi-Final: **Will Parker/Gary Lyon/Richard Lemon/Chris Bland, Northampton Express beat** a rink skipped by Ernie, Warwickshire 21-20

Final: As their opponents, Philip Broughton's rink from Derbyshire, were unable to wait until around 5.0 p.m. for the Final to take place, and no alternative arrangements being possible, the Bland Rink was declared the winner.

(Please find attached a photograph of the Chris Bland rink receiving the trophy from MCBA President Geoff Hunt 1 to r Hunt/)

9. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE YOUNG BOWLER SELECTED TO PLAY FOR ENGLAND UNDER 18's

Connor Cinato, 15 years, of Desborough IBC attended an England Trial for Under 18's at Melton & District IBC, on Sunday, 11th September, 2011, and he must have performed to the satisfaction of the selectors, as he has been selected to represent England in the Under 18 Mixed Series. These are being held at Stanley IBC, County Durham, on the week-end of 8th/9th October, 2011. This means that he has retained his place, and indeed selected for England's No. 1 team this year.

Well done to Connor.

10. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME COMPS – RESULT

The mixed pairs competition organised by **Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme** came to its conclusion with the Final, held at Wellingborough BC on Sunday, 11th September, 2011, with the following result:

Final: Chloe Wordingham & Nathan Betts, Rushden Town beat Nicola Franklin & Josh Parker, Kislingbury 16-9

3rd/4th Place: Jack Botterill & Alice Moore (Wootton Grange & Kislingbury) beat Abbi Johnson-Young & Matt Cattell, Rushden Town 29-14

(Please find attached a photograph of the winners)

11. COUNTY COMPETITIONS

COUNTY LEAGUE

Finals on 18th September, 2011, at Wellingborough BC – Clubs involved.

Four Clubs will play in the Semi-Finals on Sunday, 18th September, 2011, at Wellingborough BC, they are:

Wellingborough BC and Corby Forest BC from Group 1, and
Thrapston BC and Kettering Lodge BC from Group 2

KETTERING BOROUGH BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Finals Day of the **Kettering Borough Bowls Championships** was held on Sunday, 11th September, 2011, at Desborough Town BC, with the results as follows:

LADIES SINGLES

Semi-Finals: Margaret Silsby, Kettering Lodge beat Chris Cooper, Burton Latimer 21-13
Margaret Gage, Desborough Town beat Cathy Spencer, Ise 21-19

Final: Margaret Gage beat Margaret Silsby 21 – 2

LADIES PAIRS

Final: Margaret Watts/Margaret McGillivray, Desborough Town beat Linda Smith/Marjorie Wright, Kettering Lodge 34 – 6

LADIES TRIPLES

Final: Rothwell Manor Park beat Kettering Lodge 40-33

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals: Dennis Mole, Burton Latimer beat John Rigby, McAlpine 21-11
Peter Ward, Desborough Town beat Rob Vowles, Kettering Midland Band 21-5

Final: Peter Ward beat Dennis Mole 21-18

MEN'S PAIRS

Final: Steve Robinson/Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge beat Brian Coombes/Mark Turner, Kettering Midland Band 24-14

MEN'S TRIPLES

Final: Desborough Town beat Burton Latimer 94-38

12. CLUB COMPETITIONS – WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

BRACKLEY BC

Competition

Winners

Runners-up

Men's Singles:

Richard Somerton

Stuart Lowe

Ladies Singles:

Jackie Harrington

Elaine Urquhart

Mixed Pairs:	Sue & Graham Prior	Anne Dunn/Richard Somerton
Men's Drawn Pairs:	Adrian Hayward/Graham Prior	Peter Court/Richard Somerton
Aussie Pairs:	Richard Somerton/Christine Faulkner	Peter & Ken Court
Handicap Singles:	Martin Horsham	Stuart Lowe
Two Wood Singles:	David Blencowe	Roger Pain
Over 55 Pairs:	Adrian Hayward/Roger Pain	Dave Woodcock/Frank Lambert
Novices Singles:	Malcolm Coates	Marie Cleaver

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Runner(s)-up</u>
Singles:	Mark Turner	Rob Vowles
Pairs:	Patrick Vowles/Mark Turner	Trevor Holgate/Dave Keller
Triples:	Mick Tingle/Brian Coombes/Jem York	Ian Loasby/Trevor Holgate/Gary Elmore
2 Wood Pairs: (Ron Blackwell Trophy)	Tom Ashley/Dave Keller	Ian Loasby/Mark Turner
2 Wood Singles: (Alan Dorr Trophy)	Mark Turner	Rob Vowles
Singles Handicap: (Banks Brewery Trophy)	Rob Vowles	Andrew Cruickshanks
Clipglaze Points:	Rob Vowles	Mick Tingle
Novices Cup:	Ian Loasby	Tony Glynn

STANWICK BC

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Runner(s)-up</u>
Men's Singles: (Wetenhall Cup)	Graham Meadows	Garry Burton
Ladies Singles: (Walker Cup)	Doreen Morson	Pauline Avey
Pairs:	Raymond Ash/Graham Meadows	Garry Burton/Ronald Willmott
Triples:	Team: John Chatburn/George Hurley/ Ann Marshall/Les Walker	Team: Ken Dear/Sandy Ellina/Jean Sands/ Rosemary Shannon
Veteran Pairs: (Exton Cup)	Ann Bosworth/John Sherwood	Evelyn Willmott/Ronald Willmott
Singles Knock Out:	Ray Ash	Reg Hallett
Pairs Knock Out:	Edie Day/Ken Dear	Colin Desborough/John Sherwood

13. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

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

BURTON LATIMER BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Members visit Abington BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Members visit Northampton Whyte Melville BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

17.9.11. Stewarts & Lloyds BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

18.9.11. Members visit Irchester BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Fixtures:

15.9.11. Members visit the Northamptonshire Licensed Victuallers BA for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

17.9.11. Kingsthorpe BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Corby Grampian BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

18.9.11. The Club holds its Men's Competition Finals Day at 2.30 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. The Club holds its competitions Finals Day

18.9.11. Old Centralians BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

21.9.11. Northamptonshire Police BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Stewarts & Lloyds BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

17.9.11. Members visit Rothwell Manor Park BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

IRCHESTER BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Members visit Carlsberg BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

17.9.11. Wiltshire BA visits for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.

18.9.11. Corby Forest BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Tour to Bournemouth

Members have just returned from their Annual Bowls Tour, this time to Bournemouth and District, where in fine weather and with an excellent base at the Marsham Court Hotel, they enjoyed their Tour, playing three matches, winning 2 and losing 1, as follows:

ICI BC 92 shots – Pelhams BC 56 shots
ICI BC 73 shots – Ferndown BC 64 shots
ICI BC 68 shots – Bournemouth Electric BC 79 shots.

The 'Player of the Tour' was jointly won by Brian Chapman and Mick Panther.

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Members visit Wellingborough Managers & Foremen BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

ISE BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Stanwick BC visits for a mixed match t 2.30 p.m.
20.9.11. Members visit Wellingborough BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m. (floodlights)

ISLIP BC

Fixtures:

17/18.9.11. The Club holds its competitions Finals Weekend.

KETTERING ATHLETIC BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Cold Ashby BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 pm.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Members visit Bedford Borough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Members visit St Crispin BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

MEARS ASHBY RBL BC

Fixtures:

15.9.11. Members visit Finedon Town BC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE BC

Tour Report:

The Northamptonshire Police BC has just returned from its annual Tour, this year to Felixstowe, Suffolk, based at the Orwell Hotel, and the players won 3 of the 5 matches, as follows, with just skips named, Police first, as follows:

4.9.11. versus **Rookery BC**, Stowmarket lost 85 – 136

- Rink 1.** Tim Robinson 11 – B King 28
- Rink 2.** Stan Delbridge 14 – J Glockelens 22
- Rink 3.** Clive Appleton 14 – C Finscow 28
- Rink 4.** Dave Keller 20 – D Pryke 9
- Rink 5.** Paul Langdon 9 – B Bramish 31
- Rink 6.** Mick Lee 17 – K Weston 18

6.9.11. versus **Felixstowe & Suffolk BC** won 111 – 92

- Rink 1.** Stan Delbridge 27 – P Sicken 10
- Rink 2.** Tim Robinson 14 – J May 9
- Rink 3.** Dave Keller 16 – J Pitcher 15
- Rink 4.** Mick Lee 14 – R Preston 19
- Rink 5.** Paul Langdon 15 – B Insley 25
- Rink 6.** Clive Appleton 25 – V Wiffen 14

8.9.11. versus **St Neots BC** won 115 -109

- Rink 1.** Clive Appleton 18 – J Pell 24
- Rink 2.** Paul Langdon 11 – M Crumb 17
- Rink 3.** Mick Lee 23 – C Leader 10
- Rink 4.** Dave Keller 15 – C Dobinson 23
- Rink 5.** Stan Delbridge 30 – S Gentle 17
- Rink 6.** Tim Robinson 18 – R Leach 18

The prize for top aggregate bowler on Tour went to Tom Ashley with + 29, and the ‘Booby’ prize for the lowest went to Alan Hodson with -54

Next year’s Tour is booked from 2nd September to 5th September, 2012, to Eastbourne, staying at the York House Hotel.

Fixtures:

- 15.9.11. Members visit Northampton Whyte Melville BC for a men’s match at 2.30 p.m.
- 20.9.11. Members visit Little Bowden BC for a men’s match at 2.30 p.m.
- 21.9.11. Member visit Geddington & Newton BC for a men’s match at 2.30 p.m.

OUNDLE BC

Fixtures:

- 15.9.11. Woodsend BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

RAUNDS CONSERVATIVES BC

Fixtures:

- 17.9.11. Kettering Conservatives BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixtures:

- 17.9.11. Members visit Higham Ferrers Town BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 15.9.11. Members visit Bedford Borough BC for a men’s match at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.9.11. Meltis BC, Bedford visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

5.9.11. versus **Framlingham Castle BC** lost 88 - 141

- Rink 1.** Stan Delbridge 18 – D Wright 21
- Rink 2.** Mick Lee 23 – D Page 15
- Rink 3.** Dave Keller 16 – C Thompson 22
- Rink 4.** Paul Langdon 9 – P Gilbert 23
- Rink 5.** Tim Robinson 12 – S Page 27
- Rink 6.** Clive Appleton 10 – R Frost 33

7.9.11. versus **Marlborough BC, Ipswich** won 121-114

- Rink 1.** Clive Appleton 20 – Page 20
- Rink 2.** Paul Langdon 20 – Flegg 21
- Rink 3.** Mick Lee 28 – Barnes 14
- Rink 4.** Dave Keller 17 – B Moore 16
- Rink 5.** Stan Delbridge 20 – P Morey 16
- Rink 6.** Tim Robinson 16 – Cooke 27

STANWICK BC

Fixtures:

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

STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC

Annual Tour:

30 Club members have just returned, with their Presidents William Marshall and Diane West, from a most enjoyable Tour to Paignton area, Devon, where they were based from the 3rd to the 9th September, 2011, in a highly recommended hotel – Queens Hotel, Paignton. They played 5 matches and won 4 of them, details as follows, with the day's S & L Captain named:

Babbacombe BC – Won 111 shots – 83 shots Captain Will Keeney

Torbay Country Club – Lost 95 shots – 128 shots Captain Jim Taylor

Marldon BC – Won 96 shots – 87 shots Captain Doug West

Torbay Paignton BC – Won 116 shots – 106 shots Captain Mick Burns

Paignton BC – Won 111 shots – 86 shots Captain Club President William Marshall

The party concluded their week with a Presentation Evening and the Top Rink prize went to the Rink of John Carson/Mary Watters/Maralyn Paterson/Will Clelland.

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Members visit Higham Ferrers Town BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

17.9.11. Members visit Corby Forest BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

SWANSPPOOL BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. The Club holds its competitions Finals Day at 2.30 p.m.

18.9.11. Wellingborough BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC

Fixtures:

17/18.9.11. The Club holds its competition Finals Weekend

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

15.9.11. Members visit Daventry Town BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

17.9.11. Members visit Kislingbury BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

18.9.11. Members visit Swanspool BC for mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

18.9.11. The Club hosts the County League Finals at 10.00 a.m.

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

ABINGTON BC

Fixtures:

15.9.11. Northampton West End BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

17.9.11. Burton Latimer BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

20.9.11. Northampton Whyte Melville BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

BRACKLEY BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Members visit Bicester BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

BRINGTON BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Club holds its competitions Finals at 2.0 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

17.9.11. Members visit LMRCA BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

18.9.11. Club holds its competition Finals.

BYFIELD BC

Fixtures:

17/18.9.11. Club holds its competition Finals Days

DAVENTRY TOWN BC

Fixtures:

15.9.11. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

17/18.9.11. Club holds its competition Finals

HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

18.9.11. Club holds its 'Gala Day' at 2.0 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

15.9.11. Rugby BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

17.9.11. Members visit Desborough Town BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

18.9.11. Wiltshire BA Tourists visit for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC

Fixtures:

13.9.11. Members visit Abington BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

17.9.11. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

17.9.11. Members visit Bilton BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Annual Tour:

Club members and friends have just returned from a most successful Tour to the Bournemouth area, having won all five of their matches as follows:

- 4.9.11. versus Brockenhurst BC – won 139-111. Top rink: Margaret Sidebottom/Ashley Linnell/Willim M Parker/Richard Lemon 29 shots – 14 shots
- 6.9.11. versus Swanage BC – won 94 shots – 53 shots, this match being shortened due to heavy rain. Top rink: Andrew Flynn/Norman Roberts/Ian Dunn/Richard Lemon 25 shots – 7 shots
- 7.9.11. versus Branksome Park BC – won 128 shots – 76 shots. Top rink: Margaret Sidebottom/Albert Oliver/Matt Pownall/Dominic Graham 40 shots – 6 shots
- 8.9.11. versus Wimborne BC – won 126 shots – 77 shots. Top rink: Margaret Sidebottom/Mick Hall/Bob Reynolds/Pete Galbraith 39 shots – 10 shots
- 9.9.11. versus Boscombe Cliff BC – won 124 shots – 90 shots. Top rink: Tony Lemon/Norman Roberts/Ashley Linnell/Wayne Stanley 27 shots – 8 shots.

It was interesting to note that one of the Boscombe Cliff was Mick Drage, Former County Middleton Cup player and Past President of Wellingborough.

The usual 'kangaroo court' was set up to adjudicate on various misdemeanours of the week, with fines going into the Club's Charity – Warwickshire and Northants Air Ambulance. Amount collected awaiting finalisation.

Fixtures:

- 17.9.11. The Club plays its 'Phelp Shield' competition.

NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC

Fixtures:

- 15.9.11. Members visit Abington BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.9.11. Cogenhoe BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

- 15.9.11. Northamptonshire Police BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.9.11. Corby Forest BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 18.9.11. Cogenhoe BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 20.9.11. Abington BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.



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