

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS**

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**PRESS REPORT**

### **1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC – RESULT**

Northamptonshire Women's Indoor Bowling Association visited Northampton & District IBC to take on the ladies there in a friendly triples match on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, and after winning on 2 rinks, tying on another, but losing on 3 rinks, they were beaten by 9 shots overall. Final score: Northamptonshire Ladies 93 shots – Northampton & District Ladies 102 shots. Rink No.3 played a pairs match. Rink scores, County ladies first, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Joyce George/Sue Fincham/Helen Jones 16 shots – Joyce Burns/Yvonne Mann/Shirley Digby 22 shots
- Rink 2.** Lynn Upton/June Smith/Wilma Walker 17 shots – T Heyhoe/Ann Wood/Heather Newton 10 shots
- Rink 3.** Elaine Urquhart/Barbara Oliver 12 shots – Judy Jones/Anita Hickman 20 shots
- Rink 4.** Sheila Stimpson/Joy Griffin/Sue Lomas 16 shots – G Beasant/Janet Riome/Jean Chesshire 16 shots
- Rink 5.** Margaret Tyler/Velda Cooper/Pam Lewis 20 shots – Elsa Duberry/Gloria White/Joyce Porter 16 shots
- Rink 6.** Pat Starsmore/Sue Prior/Valerie Blackwell 12 shots – Eileen Rowett/Irene Cross/Pam Wills 18 shots

### **2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus ENGLISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION – RESULT**

The gentlemen of Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association were privileged to have a visit to play them at Kettering Lodge BC on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, of the English Indoor Bowling Association, lead by its President Lindsay Warner. County President Brian Langton, of Kettering Lodge BC was pleased to invite a number of men who hold positions within the Association to play in this match, including Senior Team Manager John Haines, Under 25 Team Manager Matt Pownall, Competitions Secretary Maurice Allen, Treasurer Trevor Tilley, plus his Senior Vice President Tony Warren, Junior Vice President and County Secretary Brian Sherwood, Assistant Secretary Don Scott, and Fixture Secretary John Lewis.

Two winning rinks, with the one skipped by Matt Pownall winning by a good score of 14 shots, after being 8-14 shots down at 12 ends, enabled the County to take the match by 3 shots. The final score was Northamptonshire 90 shots – EIBA 87 shots. Rink scores, EIBA skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** John Smith/Dave Thurlow/Tony Warren/John Haines 27 shots – John Hornby 26 shots
- Rink 2.** Jim Diver/Don Scott/Brian Langton/Maurice Allen 15 shots – Tracy Nunn 25 shots
- Rink 3.** Tony Dicks/John Lewis/Bob Sullivan/Mick Worthington 19 shots – Mick Langley 22 shots
- Rink 4.** Keith Howlett/Trevor Tilley/Brian Sherwood/Matt Pownall 28 shots – John Clipston 14 shots

### 3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VP'S versus DAVENTRY IBC 9.12.11. – RESULT

**Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Association** visited Daventry IBC on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, for a match against the home club. Always a big challenge to play a club on their home green and this proved to be too great a challenge on the day as the VP's lost by 34 shots despite having 2 good winning rinks. The final score was Northamptonshire VP's 105 shots – Daventry IBC 139 shots. Rink scores, Daventry skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Geoff Care/Harry Bell/Derek Essam/Keith Forbes 24 shots – A Smith 15 shots
- Rink 2.** Fred Fox/Dennis Franklin/Mike McKeown/Dick Howell 24 shots – B Scott 15 shots
- Rink 3.** Peter Hales/Dave Garland/Tony Buckmaster/Graham Stibbards 8 shots – A Davies 34 shots
- Rink 4.** Len Smith/Colin Incles/Ken Legan/Tony Coles 19 shots – T Fuller 25 shots
- Rink 5.** Graham Cashmore/Roly Smith/Peter Byworth/Dave Williamson 15 – C Dovey 30 shots
- Rink 6.** Ollie Pearson/Phil Miller/Len Marshall/Tony Essam 15 shots – G Clifton 20 shots

### 4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus WELLINGBOROUGH IBC 19.12.11. – SELECTION

The following ladies have been selected to represent **Northamptonshire Women's Indoor Bowling Association** in a friendly Triples match against Wellingborough ladies at Wellingborough IBC on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, at 2.15 p.m.

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| <b>Triple 1.</b><br>Pat Starsmore, Kettering<br>Joan Bryan, Kettering<br>Joan Watts, Daventry           | <b>Triple 2.</b><br>Celia Morris, Kingsthorpe<br>Terri Hepburn, Kingsthorpe<br>Barbara Oliver, Daventry    | <b>Triple 3.</b><br>Velda Cooper, Rushden<br>Valerie Blackwell, Rushden<br>Wilma Walker, Desborough |
| <b>Triple 4.</b><br>Elaine Urquhart, Brackley<br>Valerie Scott, Brackley<br>Eleanor Winters, Desborough | <b>Triple 5.</b><br>Audrey Gardener, Kingsthorpe<br>Rhona Holland, Daventry<br>Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe | <b>Triple 6.</b><br>Sue Bagshawe, Kettering<br>Sue Lomas, Desborough<br>Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe   |

### 5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S versus WARWICKSHIRE MCIBA LEAGUE – RESULT

**Northamptonshire Under 25's** entertained Warwickshire at Daventry IBC on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, in the Under 25's Midland Counties Indoor League and registered a very satisfactory 15 shots win, although sharing rink wins, and this was due in the main to the excellent 16 shot win by Callum Height's rink. The final score was Northamptonshire 83 shots – Warwickshire 68 shots. The allocation of points was 18 points for – 4 points against. Rink scores, Warwickshire skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Chloe Wordingham/Dan Walker/Curtis Johnson/Jack Tobin 17 shots – Chris Chapman 21 shots
- Rink 2.** Joe Renshaw/Cameron Knox/Myles Clements/Ross Knox 24 shots – Chris Carter 16 shots
- Rink 3.** Adam Pitfield/Will Walker/Ashley Linnell/Callum Height 28 shots – Tom Millership 12 shots
- Rink 4.** Matt Cattell/Tom Wellbourn/David Walker/Chris Wright 14 shots – Will Brundle 19 shots

### 6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25 DOUBLE RINK versus LINCOLNSHIRE – SELECTION

The **Northamptonshire Under 25** Double Rink team to play Lincolnshire Under 25's in the Inter County Double Rink competition **National Semi-Final** on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, commencing at 10.0 a.m. is as follows:

- At Wellingborough IBC:** Matthew Wordingham (Rushden)/Curtis Johnson/Callum Height/Jamie Walker (All Wellingborough)
- At Spalding IBC:** Sam Gamble/Ross Knox/Connor Cinato/Matt Pownall (All Desborough)

The address for anyone wishing to visit and support the away rink is: Castle Sport Complex, Albion Street, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 2AJ

**7. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS (OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE)**

**LADIES**

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**SINGLES**

**Area Quarter Final:** Jasmin Spear, Northampton beat Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough 21-13. She now meets Brnda Bishop in the Area Semi-Final on a date to be fixed.

**TRIPLES**

**Area Semi-Final:** Chris Cooper/Maureen McDonald/Di Allen, Wellingborough beat Sylvia Plant /VickiRushall/ Brenda Bishop, Daventry 18-15

**MASON TROPHY DOUBLE RINKS – INTER CLUB**

**Wellingborough IBC**, the last remaining County Club in this competition for ladies over 60 years, plays City of Ely IBC on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2011**, for a place in the Country's last 16. The team is as follows:

**At Wellingborough:** Jean Burgess/Irene Scoble/Maureen McDonald/Di Allen  
**At Ely:** Joyce George/Jean Frisby/Pam Reynolds/Margaret Johnson

**YETTON TROPHY – INTER CLUB**

The two remaining County Clubs in this inter club competition, **Rushden Town IBC and Wellingborough IBC** play each other at 10.0 a.m. on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, on a 2 rinks at home and 2 rinks away basis as usual. Teams as follows:

**Wellingborough IBC**

**At Wellingborough:** **Rink 1.** Jean Burgess/Kay Green/Jean Frisby/Margaret Johnson  
**Rink 2.** Joyce George/Phyll Parry/Sandra Lake/Tina Broderick  
**At Rushden:** **Rink 3.** Chris Cooper/Susan Fincham/Irene Scoble/Pam Reynolds  
**Rink 4.** Sue Collins/Margaret Tyler/Maureen McDonald/Di Allen

**Rushden Town IBC**

**At Rushden:** **Rink 1.** Viv Gaudyn/Brenice Willmott/Margaret Cave/Gill Ward  
**Rink 2.** Jenny Dempsey/Blanche Cox/Pat Mattinson/Enid Bone  
**At Wellingborough:** **Rink 3.** Tracey Cattell/Simone Evans/Valerie Blackwell/Pam Lewis  
**Rink 4.** Velda Cooper/Yvonne Pullen/Sheila Bonham/Barbara Haseldine

**YETTON PLATE COMPETITION**

In this competition, for losers in the first round of the Yetton Trophy, two County Clubs will play each other in Round 2, at 10.0 a.m. on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2011. They are **Kettering Lodge BC (Indoor Section) and Daventry IBC**. As with the Yetton Trophy this competition is played on a 2 rinks at home and 2 rinks away basis. The teams for this encounter have not been supplied.

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**FOURS**

**Area Semi-Final:** Vicki Rushall/Mick Richardson/Brenda Bishop/Mick Worthington, Daventry beat Pat Pickaver/Dorothy Diver/Matt Pownall/John Haines, Desborough 22-9. They now meet the Wellingborough rink of Tina Broderick/Margaret Johnson/Paul Broderick/Jamie Walker in the Area Final on a date to be fixed

## UNDER 25 DOUBLE RINK – INTER CLUB

**Desborough IBC** was through to the last 16 in the Country when they met Ipswich & District IBC on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2011. Play was on the neutral green of St Neots & District IBC, and the Desborough team was full of confidence as they approached the match.

The game was very evenly fought over the first end with scores level at the 5 end mark, and over the next 5 ends the Desborough players got in front by just 3 shots with Connor Cinato's rink winning and Matt Pownall's level. The next 5 ends saw a slight reversal of fortunes as Ipswich pushed on to get an advantage of 2 shots. It was almost as though this reversal of fortune for the County Club sparked the players into some very positive action because over the next 3 ends they collected 16 shots without reply with Matt Pownall's rink being particularly damaging to their opponent's chances by picking up a single shot and then a 5 shots and a 6 shots count in succession.

With a lead therefore of 14 shots with just 3 ends for each rink to play the Desborough players held their nerve and settled for keeping it tight and just dropped a total of 5 shots to 1 picked up in the final ends played, with the game conceded by Ipswich with just 1 end left and 10 shots in deficit. Final score 42 shots – Ipswich 32 shots. Rink scores, Ipswich skips only, as follows:

**Rink 1.** Sam Gamble/Cameron Knox/Ross Knox/Connor Cinato 16 shots – Matt Debnam 13 shots

**Rink 2.** Rebecca Wigfield/Joe Renshaw/Myles Clements/Matt Pownall 26 shots – Elliott Last 19 shots

Now in the National Quarter Finals they will play either Barking IBC or Norfolk IBC on the weekend of 21/22.1.12.

**(Please find attached a photograph of Desborough's team back row l to r Joe Renshaw, Ross Knox, Matt Pownall, Cameron Knox, Connor Cinato. Front l to r Myles Clements, Rebecca Wigfield, Sam Gamble)**

## TOP CLUB

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round: Daventry IBC lost to City of Coventry IBC 70 shots – 93 shots.** The result was much closer than the score would suggest with several close matches, details as follows, Coventry skips only:

**Ladies Singles:** Vicki Rushall 13 shots – J Edgington 14 shots

**Men's Singles:** Duggie Mitchell 12 shots – G Sampson 16 shots

**Pairs:** Brian Scott & Brenda Bishop 12 shots – M Burdett 26 shots

**Triples:** Barbara Hutt/Rien Sach/Terry Fuller 14 shots – S Taylor 12 shots

**Fours:** Joan Watts/Sylvia Plant/Mark Courtney/Mick Worthington 19 shots – S Ferry 25 shots

## GENTLEMEN

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### PAIRS

**3<sup>rd</sup> Round:** Dave Flippance & John Haines, Desborough beat Scott Johnson & Bryn Walker, Wellingborough 21-11

### FOURS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round:** Andrew Manton/Ben Sharpe/Mick Sharpe/Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe beat John Sach's rink, Daventry 35-8

### OVER 60 SINGLES

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round:** Mick Evans, Bridgman beat Barry Bonham, Rushden 21-13  
Michael Moulton, Daventry beat John Haines, Desborough 21-9

### OVER 60 PAIRS

**3<sup>rd</sup> Round:** Roger Summers & Tony Weston, Northampton beat Colin Dagleish & Alan Ramscar 14-13

## INTER CLUB DENNY CUP

One County Club remains in this competition, at the last 16 in the country stage, where two rinks play at home and two play away, and that is **Wellingborough IBC**, and they are due to play Barking & District IBC, Bowls Centre, Barking Park, Longbridge Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 8TA, on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, commencing at 9.45 a.m. The team has not been published.

## INTER CLUB DENNY PLATE

This competition is for first round losers in the Denny Cup, and one County Club is still 'going strong' that is **Kingsthorpe IBC** and they play Beccles IBC, Common Lane South, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9RH, on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, commencing at 9.45 a.m. As with the Denny Cup two rinks play at home and two rinks away. The Kingsthorpe team has not been supplied.

## CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SINGLES

**INTER AREA FINAL:** Jamie Walker, Wellingborough met Nicky Brett, City of Ely, on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, on the neutral green of Kempston IBC (formerly Lawson Park). It was expected that a high class match would ensue between the County's Junior International Walker, and Cambridgeshire's seasoned Senior International Brett, and that was the case. In a contest which was fought very keenly by both players, it could have gone either way, and in the end was decided by a measure on what was the last end with both players on 20 shots. Unfortunately for Jamie Walker the measure went in Brett's favour, and it was he who won 21-20.

## UNDER 25 DOUBLE RINK – INTER COUNTY

*See above at Item 6 for the selected team.*

## 8. COUNTY COMPETITIONS

### SINGLES

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round:** Dave Love, Wellingborough beat Duggie Mitchell, Dventry  
Richard Lemon, Northampton beat Mick Corbyn, Rushden  
Ross Knox, Desborough beat Mike Arnold, Kingsthorpe  
John Haines, Desborough beat Nathan Betts, Rushden

### PAIRS

**1<sup>st</sup> Round:** Malcolm Paul & partner, Desborough beat Norman Gibbs & partner, Desborough  
Martin Keech & partner, Rushden beat Mike Arnold & partner, Kingsthorpe  
Will Walker & partner, Wellingborough beat Steve Norman & partner

### TRIPLES

**1<sup>st</sup> Round:** Malcolm Paul's triple, Desborough beat Barry Bonham's triple, Rushden  
Mick Worthington's triple, Daventry beat Martin Cinato's triple, Desborough  
Ross Knox's triple, Desborough beat David Masters' triple, Northampton  
Mike Arnold's triple, Kingsthorpe beat Jim McKee's triple, Kingsthorpe

## 9. FAMOUS GROUSE COMPETITION – FINALS

The Finals of the **Famous Grouse Open Triples Competition** organised by Desborough IBC reached its conclusion on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, with the Finals.

12 Triples from around the County and beyond, having successfully come through from the qualifying events held earlier in the season, fought it out over 5 hours of group matches where the top triple in each group played for the title and the runners-up in each group played for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

The Final was between John Haines (Desborough), Chris Bland (Northampton) & Matt Pownall (Desborough) and the Wellingborough Triple of Tina Broderick, Walt Winsor and Paul Broderick, with the Desborough/Northampton combination taking the title by the narrowest of margins 8-7 after an extra end.

Third place was taken by Terry James (Rushden), Les Johnson (Wellingborough) & Malc Mattinson (Rushden) after a 11-0 win over Donna Williamson, David Williamson & Darren Lewis (all Kingsthorpe)

## **10. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS**

### **MP shortlisted for Parliamentary award**

Barrow-in-Furness MP John Woodcock has been shortlisted for the Sport and Recreation Alliance's Sports Parliamentarian of the Year 2011 in recognition of his energetic campaign to 'Protect Our Bowling Greens' organised in conjunction with Bowls England. This is the first time Sports Parliamentarian of the Year has been organised to recognise the efforts of Members of the Commons and the Lords who have worked tirelessly with local people, clubs, organisations and national governing bodies to promote and protect the interests of sport and recreation.

Mr Woodcock responded to his constituents' concerns about threatened facilities by introducing a Private Members Bill proposing stronger safeguards for community greens, and his campaign caught the attention of local and national media, and provided a valuable boost for a sport which he believes lies at the heart of communities across the country. He also instigated an eye-catching game of bowls on College Green, helping to keep the sport on the Westminster agenda.

Tony Allcock, Chief Executive of Bowls England who nominated Mr Woodcock for the award, said: "We are delighted with the support we have received from John. His energetic and eye-catching campaign provided a real boost to the many clubs across the country faced with the threat of closure, and his efforts have maintained the pressure on Government to recognise our concerns."

Andy Reed, chair of the Sport and Recreation Alliance said: "Sport and recreation are important tools for politicians. They can improve health, reduce crime and increase educational attainment, all of which are key public policy goals for any government. It's great that this award presents an opportunity to pay tribute to those Parliamentarians who recognise the positive impact that sport and recreation have on people's lives. We hope that the award will encourage even more Parliamentarians to make sport and recreation an even greater priority in years to come."

The full shortlist in alphabetical order is as follows:

1. Ian Austin MP, Dudley North
2. Lynne Featherstone MP, Hornsey and Wood Green
3. Rt Hon Don Foster MP, Bath
4. Baroness Grey-Thompson DBE
5. Huw Irranca-Davies MP, Ogmere
6. Brendan Lewis MP, Great Yarmouth
7. Stephen Lloyd MP, Eastbourne
8. Greg Mulholland MP, Leeds North West
9. Derek Twigg MP, Halton
10. John Woodcock MP, Barrow and Furness

The winner will be announced during a special presentation being held at the House of Commons on Wednesday 14th December.

## **11. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY**

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

#### **DESBOROUGH INDOOR BC**

##### **Fixtures:**

- 15.12.11. The Club Ladies play the Club men at 2.0 p.m.  
17.12.11. The Club holds its Christmas Dinner at 7.0 p.m.

#### **KETTERING LODGE BC (Indoor Section)**

##### **Fixtures:**

- 15.12.11. An EIBA Mixed team visits for a match at 2.0 p.m.

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE BC

**Fixtures:**

- 15.12.11. Members visit Kingsthorpe IBC for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.  
21.12.11. Kingsthorpe IBC visits Wellingborough for a match against the Police Club at 2.15 p.m.

### RUSHDEN TOWN INDOOR BC

**Fixtures:**

- 15.12.11. Daventry IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.  
18.12.11. Members visit Harborough & District IBC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.

### WELLINGBOROUGH INDOOR BC

**Fixtures:**

- 15.12.11. Abington BC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.  
17.12.11. Northampton & District IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.  
19.12.11. County Ladies visit to play the Club ladies at 2.15 p.m.  
21.12.11. Club hosts match between Northamptonshire Police BC and Kingsthorpe IBC at 2.15 p.m.

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

#### DAVENTRY INDOOR BC

**Wessex League Result:**

In the Wessex League Daventry IBC beat Rugby Thornfield IBC 72 shots – 65 shots, earning 12 points to 4 against. Rink scores, Rugby skips only, as follows:

**At Daventry:** **Rink 1.** Brian Scott/Roy Marnewick/Mike Starkey/Roy Aberdein 22 shots – Dave Sands 17 shots  
**Rink 2.** Geoff Allen/John Sach/Rien Sach/Terry Fuller 13 shots – Steve Smith 16 shots

**At Rugby:** **Rink 3.** Aage Smith/Malcolm Foster/Mark Courtney/Duggie Mitchell 12 shots – Mick Woodward 16 shots  
**Rink 4.** Tony Dicks/Ray Rumble/Bernard Spreadbury/Mick Worthington 25 shots – Brian Lever 16 shots

**Fixtures:**

- 15.12.11. Members visit Rushden IBC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.  
17.12.11. Male members play for the pairs 'Streeter Trophy' at 2.0 p.m.  
18.12.11. Female members play for the pairs 'Woods Trophy' at 2.0 p.m.

#### KINGSTHORPE INDOOR BC

**Fixtures:**

- 14.12.11. Northampton IBC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.  
15.12.11. Northamptonshire Police BC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.  
17.12.11. Club plays the Inter Club League for men at 2.0 p.m.  
18.12.11. Members visit Northampton & District IBC for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.  
21.12.11. Members visit Wellingborough IBC for a match against Northamptonshire Police BC at 2.15 p.m.

#### NORTHAMPTON AND DISTRICT INDOOR BC

**Fixtures:**

- 14.12.11. Members visit Kingsthorpe IBC for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.  
17.12.11. Members visit Wellingborough IBC for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.  
18.12.11. Kingsthorpe IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.



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