

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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**PRESS REPORT**

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR 'LIBERTY TROPHY' TRIAL 11.10.08. & TEAM SELECTION**

The Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association held its 'Liberty Trophy' Trial on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, at Wellingborough IBC, and 46 aspiring players were put through their paces in a full match under the watchful eye of 6 assessors, County Secretary Brian Sherwood and Team manager John Haines.

A very high standard of bowls was on show and the following players have subsequently been selected to represent the County in the first match versus Cambridgeshire to be played at Chesterton IBC, Cambridge, on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, commencing at 10.0 a.m. Players to arrive by 9.15 a.m.

#### **Rink 1.**

Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe  
Chris Maden, Kingsthorpe  
John Haines, Desborough  
Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe

#### **Rink 2.**

Mark Corbyn, Wellingborough  
Peter Ward, Desborough  
Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe  
Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough

#### **Rink 3.**

Robert Fuller, Wellingborough  
David Flippance, Desborough  
Chris Bland, Northampton  
Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe

#### **Rink 4.**

Alun Withers, Desborough  
Darren Lewis, Kingsthorpe  
Richard Mann, Kingsthorpe  
Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe

#### **Rink 5.**

Dominic Graham, Northampton  
Mick Worthington, Daventry  
Sam Wade, Kingsthorpe  
Iain Walker, Kingsthorpe

#### **Rink 6.**

Andy Smith, Northampton  
Simon Walker, Brackley  
Phil Reeve, Northampton  
Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe

Reserves: Richard Lemon, Northampton Colin Fowkes, Kingsthorpe Martin Cinato, Desborough

### **JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL TRIAL 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2008 AT KINGSTHORPE IBC**

Jamie Walker, Wellingborough IBC, will be playing in the England Junior International Trial to be held at 12 noon on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, at Kingsthorpe IBC. His selection for the Trial has followed his reaching the Final of the National Indoor Under 25 Singles Championship last season, where he was just pipped to the title by Danny May of Cumbria IBC who is also playing in the Trial.

Jamie's father, Martin, who is a well-known County bowler himself, has just had a heart bypass operation, and being able to support his son at the Trial and later on when he plays in the World Under 25 Indoor Singles Championship in Scotland later in the month, will certainly give him the incentive to recover back to good health, and all bowlers in the County wish him well.

Jamie will be playing at No 2 in a rink skipped by experienced Junior International Robert Chisholm of the Stanley IBC, Co Durham, and will have as rink colleagues D Forster of Copeland IBC, Cumbria at lead and S McIntosh, of South Shields IBC, Tyne & Wear at No. 3. Jamie is one of the youngest players at the Trial at 16 years of age, and he will be joined at Kingsthorpe by a clubmate Michael Chester, and Dominic Graham, Northampton & District IBC, who have been selected as travelling reserves.

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S VERSUS HERTFORDSHIRE INTER COUNTY DOUBLE RINKS**

The County's Under 25 players opened their account in the Inter County Double Rink competition with an awesome display against Hertfordshire Under 25's on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, with both rinks winning very well. This competition is organised on a 1 rink at home and 1 rink away basis, and the County claimed a 64 shots to 25 shots victory which puts them in a very confident mood for the next round which will be played on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2008, against either Warwickshire or Leicestershire. Rink scores, Hertfordshire skips only, as follows:

#### **Rink 1. at Desborough IBC**

Carl Wigfield, Desborough  
Ross Knox, Desborough  
Scott Johnson, Wellingborough  
Jamie Walker, Wellingborough versus Tom Meyer  
36 shots 7 shots

#### **Rink 2. at Watford IBC**

Callum Height, Wellingborough  
Matt Pownall, Desborough  
Michael Chester, Wellingborough  
Dominic Graham, Northampton versus Stuart Hurst  
28 shots 14 shots

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE OVER 60'S INTER COUNTY MATCH versus WARWICKSHIRE 14.10.08.**

The following have been selected to represent the County in the National EIBA Inter County Over 60's League competition, to be played against Warwickshire on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2008.

**Rinks 1, 2 & 3 play away from home at Rugby Thornfield, commencing at 12 noon, and Rinks 4, 5 & 6 at home, at Kingsthorpe IBC commencing at 2.0 p.m.**

#### **Rink 1.**

Jim Diver, Desborough  
Norman Gibb, Desborough  
George Warren Desborough  
Carl Haines, Desborough

#### **Rink 2.**

Brian Thomas, Desborough  
Bob Care, Kingsthorpe  
Nev Humphrey, Desborough  
Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe

#### **Rink 3.**

Gerry Sharp, Wellingborough  
Richard Somerton, Brackley  
Walt Winsor, Wellingborough  
Maurice Allen, Wellingborough

#### **Rink 4.**

Mick Corbyn, Rushden  
Dougie Mitchell, Daventry  
John Baggat, Kingsthorpe  
Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe

#### **Rink 5.**

Alan Spencer, Kingsthorpe  
Herbert Starsmore, Kettering  
John Clipston, Kingsthorpe  
Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe

#### **Rink 6.**

John Smith, Kettering  
Tony Dicks, Daventry  
Dave Masters, Northampton  
Mick Worthington, Daventry

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S VERSUS DESBOROUGH IBC 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2008 – TEAM**

The following have been selected to represent the County Under 25's in a friendly match against Desborough IBC on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, at 2.0 p.m.

#### **Rink 1.**

Chloe Wordingham, Rushden  
Gloria White, Kingsthorpe  
Kirsty Gage, Desborough  
Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough

#### **Rink 2.**

Tia Mulligan, Desborough  
Will Hill, Desborough  
Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough  
Tyler Richards, Wellingborough

#### **Rink 3.**

Nathan Betts, Rushden  
Matthew Cattell, Rushden  
Aaron Mulligan, Desborough  
Chris Wright, Northampton

#### **Rink 4.**

Adam Brown, Northampton  
Robbie Gearey, Kingsthorpe  
Aaron Bell, Kettering  
Matthew Wordingham, Rushden

#### **Rink 5.**

Matthew Bush, Rushden  
Jack Tobin, Rushden  
William Walker, Wellingborough  
Louise Harrington, Desborough

#### **Rink 6.**

Danny Walker, Wellingborough  
Adam Pitfield, Rushden  
Cameron Knox, Desborough  
Carl Wigfield, Desborough

The Under 25's Team Manager Graham Southgate is seeking some sponsorship assistance for his young players so that he might purchase a set of shirts/blouses for the indoor matches. It is a very worthy object to assist young people to take up the sport and to be part of a team, and as with other sports the uniform not only identifies the team but it is also worn with great pride by the players. Some of the youngsters are quite young, from 9 years old, with many others still at school with all the costs which that entails for their parents. Graham would be very grateful if a sponsor could be found, and anyone, or any firm, interested in doing so is asked to contact him by email at: [geester1982@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geester1982@hotmail.co.uk)

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR versus RUSHDEN IBC 9.10.08. - Result**

In the first County Friendly match of the season, Northamptonshire Indoor BA faced Rushden IBC on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, and came away with a highly satisfactory 45 shot victory. Two of the host team were absent, and County Secretary Brian Sherwood, who is also a member of that Club, moved across to his Club's team and one of the rinks played Triples.

The final score was Northamptonshire IBA 141 shots – Rushden IBC 96 shots. Rink scores, Rushden skips only, as follows:

<b>Rink 1.</b> Eddie Pinder, President Malcolm Tait Geoff Harris Andy Purcell v Len Kent 16 shots            19 shots	<b>Rink 2.</b> Brian Diver David Garland Tony Fairmaner Richard Somerton v John St. John 18 shots            14 shots	<b>Rink 3.</b> Mick Hall Peter Hales Walter Stoddard Terry James v Gordon Cole 21 shots            20 shots
<b>Rink 4.</b> John Smith Peter Byworth Mick Weatherill Brian Jones v Keith Marlow 33 shots            11 shots	<b>Rink 5. (Triples)</b> Eric Wareing Mick York Keith Howlett, Jun Vice President v Brian Sherwood 28 shots            18 shots	<b>Rink 6.</b> Len Smith, Mick Pullen, Sen Vice President Tony Lane Brian Carr v R Barlow 26 shots            14 shots

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR versus ESSEX IBA 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 – Selected Team**

The following gentlemen have been selected to represent the County in a friendly match against Essex IBA to be played at Turpins IBC, Saffron Walden, on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

<b>Rink 1.</b> Eddie Pinder, President Ted Summerton, Northampton Tony Warren, Northampton George Warren, Desborough	<b>Rink 2.</b> Mick Hall, Brackley Gordon Morris, Northampton Alec McKim, Desborough Andy Purcell, Desborough	<b>Rink 3.</b> Jim Diver, Desborough Malcolm Tait, Kettering David Thurlow, Wellingborough Mick Weatherill, Desborough
<b>Rink 4.</b> Len Smith, Desborough Peter Byworth, Wellingborough Brian Diver, Desborough Brian Sherwood, Secretary	<b>Rink 5.</b> Martin Horsham, Brackley John Bramfitt, Northampton Mick Pullen, Sen Vice President Keith Howlett, Jun Vice President	<b>Rink 6.</b> Peter Woodhams, Rushden Norman Pask, Desborough Walter Stoddard, Kingsthorpe Richard Somerton, Brackley

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR TOUR TO PORTSMOUTH 2009**

Mick Pullen, President Elect for Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association in 2009/2010 has announced his plans for the long week-end Tour which will open his year in office. It will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup>, & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, and the Tour Party will be based at The Best Western Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea, which is a sea-front hotel with views across the Solent, and close by Portsmouth's many attractions.

He has arranged 2 matches each day, against Hampshire Patrons at Havant IBC and Victory IBC on Friday; against Palmerston IBC and Banister Park IBC on Saturday; and against Hampshire Indoor BA at Victory IBC and Havant IBC on Saturday.

Booking forms will be available shortly from the County Secretary Brian Sherwood, and any further information may be obtained from him or Mick Pullen.

## NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – RESULTS AND FIXTURES

### EWIBA National Inter Club ‘Egham Trophy’

The competition opens for mixed rinks from Clubs, two at home and two away, on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, with the Preliminary Round which involves players from just one of the County Indoor Clubs, **Kingsthorpe IBC**, and they play Bedford Borough. No teams notified at this time.

The remaining County Clubs who have entered this event play in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round proper on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2008, are as follows:

**Northampton & District IBC plays Daventry IBC**  
**Kettering Lodge IBC plays Lawson Park IBC**  
**Wellingborough IBC plays Desborough IBC**  
**Brackley IBC plays Oxford & District IBC**

### EIBA National Over 60’s Inter Club Double Rinks

Results of the recently played first round matches of the Over 60’s Inter Club Double Rinks for men include:

Desborough IBC ‘A’ beat Harborough IBC 63 shots – 21 shots, with the details as follows, Desborough names only:  
Rink 1. At Home - Jim Diver/Joe Kyle/Bill McGillivray/Clive Greenaway 36 shots – Harborough 14 shots  
Rink 2. Away - Brian Thomas/Stam Richardson/Alec McKim/George Warren 27 shots – Harborough 7 shots  
(Desborough ‘A’ now plays Daventry on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2008, at 10.0 a.m.)

Desborough IBC ‘B’ lost to Daventry IBC 30 shots – 48 shots, details as follows, Desborough names only:  
Rink 1. At Home - Alan Wright/Roy Whitehead/Dave Rayson/Ron Jacklin 13 shots – Daventry 30 shots  
Rink 2. Away – Jim McCamley/Tony Essam/Nev Humphrey/Norman Gibb 17 shots – Daventry 18 shots

Kingsthorpe IBC ‘B’ beat Bedford Borough ‘A’ 41 shots – 34 shots, detail as follows, Kingsthorpe names only:  
Rink 1. At home – Alan Spencer/Ron Everson-Watts/Alan Slinn/Colin Manton 19 shots – Bedford 19 shots  
Rink 2. Away – John Clipston/Eric York/John Baggat/Colin Jones 22 shots – Bedford 15 shots

Rushden IBC ‘B’ lost to Banbury IBC 30 shots - 52 shots (No further details supplied)

Kettering Lodge IBC ‘A’ beat Northampton & District IBC ‘C’ 42 shots – 38 shots (No further details supplied)

Northampton & District IBC ‘B’ beat Kettering Lodge IBC ‘B’ 50 shots – 31 shots. (No further details supplied)

Wellingborough IBC ‘A’ lost to Bedford Borough IBC ‘B’ (No further details supplied)

Wellingborough IBC ‘B’ lost to Solihull IBC (No further details supplied)

### EIBA National ‘Denny Cup’ – 18.10.08. Teams and Venues

The first round of the National EIBA Inter Club ‘Denny Cup’ competition is to be played at 10.0 a.m. on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, with all the County Clubs participating. This premier inter-club event saw Kingsthorpe go very close to the title last season, losing out to the eventual winners Cumbria IBC in the semi-finals, and the Kingsthorpe team will be battling very hard to go that one stage further, at least.

The competition is for four rinks of men playing 2 at home and 2 away, and the following are the County Club’s opponents, and where supplied to me, the selected teams:

**Brackley IBC plays Solihull IBC (No team details supplied)**

**Daventry IBC plays Banbury IBC (No team details supplied)**

**Wellingborough IBC** plays **Northampton & District IBC**, both teams selected as follows:

**Wellingborough:** At Home – Graham Maddams/Michael Chester/Steve Norman/Maurice Allen  
Bob Fuller/Brian Rees/Jamie Walker/Walt Winsor  
Away – Jason Hall/Robert Norman/Paul Coley/Mick Cooper  
Denis Collins/Scott Johnson/Mark Corbyn/Wayne Gregory

**Northampton:** At Home - Will Parker/Mick Spear/Ray Castle/Phil Reeve  
John Freeman/Gordon Lockhart/Olly Kirkwood/Andy Smith  
Away - John Leggett/Roger Summers/Carl Douglas/Alan Ramscar  
Rob White/Tony O’Leary/Dominic Graham/Chris Bland

**Kettering Lodge IBC** plays **Kingsthorpe IBC** – latter team as follows:

**Kingsthorpe IBC:** At Home – Paul Maynard/Darren Lewis/Andrew Manton/Neil McKee  
Chris Maden/Colin Jones/Calvin Carpenter/Mick Sharpe  
Away – Roger Tansley/Andrew Hunter/Iain Walker/Sam Wade  
Jason Bryan/Colin Fowkes/Richard Mann/Vernon Gearey  
Reserves: John Baggat/Bob Care/Allan Maden/Duncan Marriott/Martin Gearey/Phil  
Woodcock and Team Manager Jim McKee

**Rushden IBC** plays **Desborough IBC** (No team details supplied)

### **COUNTY LADIES BOWLS CLUB IN CHARITY RAISING EVENT.**

From time past living memory Bowls Clubs have been very generous in raising and donating monies for good causes, and I highlight one such effort by Abington Ladies BC. This Club is an integral part of one of the longest established bowling clubs in Northamptonshire, Abington BC, Park Avenue South, Northampton, and this Ladies Section holds a Gala Day each year, at which monies raised are donated to charity. The Ladies President Brenda Soanes decided that in her year money raised would be donated to the Neo-Natal Unit of Northampton General Hospital (Barratt Maternity Home) for helping to provide any much-needed equipment to support the prematurely born babies that need emergency and intensive nursing.

Mrs Soanes invited me to join her at the Unit where we were welcomed warmly by Senior Staff Nurse Donett Russell, who gave us an insight into the care for these tiny infants, and we were able to see for ourselves how dedicated the team is to preserve the life of and nurture the babies weighing as little as 800 grams at birth through premature birth as much as 15-16 weeks early.

Staff Nurse Russell introduced us to one of her Senior Colleagues, Sarah Kent, Advanced Neo-Natal Nurse Practitioner, who had a premature birth of twins at 13 weeks herself, at the hospital, and they are now a thriving and lively 3 years old, and Sarah was able to personally relate with gratitude how much the Unit values the financial support from donations such as Abington Ladies BC were able to make.

**(Although this is not directly about bowls, it would be nevertheless a very nice gesture if an item could be included)**

### **NORTHANTS BRANCH OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS PLAY FOR NEW TROPHY versus NORTHANTS AND HUNTS MASONIC BOWLS ASSOCIATION**

The Northamptonshire Branch of NARPO played Northants and Hunts Masonic Bowls Association for ‘The Chairman’s Cup’ presented for competition by the Branch Chairman of NARPO John Church, MBE. In this its first year the match was played at Desborough IBC and although at one stage it looked very much as though it might be a runaway victory by the Masonic, the NARPO players made a strong challenge in the latter stages to reduce the arrears to single figures, losing by just 9 shots. The final score was NARPO 113 shots – Masonic 122 shots. Rink scores, skips only, as follows, NARPO names first:

**Rink 1.** Bill Tapp lost to Jim Carr 22-30

**Rink 2.** Peter Simmons lost to David Jones 17-21

**Rink 3.** John Church beat Geoff Allen 26-16

**Rink 4.** Stan Delbridge tied with Bill McGillivray 16-16

**Rink 5.** Norman Cooper beat John Barber 20-15

**Rink 6.** Mick Lee lost to Graham Murphy 12-24

## CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

### Corby Forest BC

The Club has concluded its competitions and the following are the winners and runners-up:

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner(s)</b>	<b>Runner(s)-up</b>
Ladies Pairs:	Margaret Taylor/Eleanor Winters	Anna McCrae/Ann Davey
Mixed Pairs:	May Wiggins/Chris Devenney	Eleanor Winters/K Patton
Men's Championship:	David Collins	Alan Rudge
Men's Presidents Cup:	Chris Devenney	H Trzaskalski
Men's Handicap:	Chris Devenney	Alan Rudge
Men's Non Winner:	Alistair Melville	R Willson
Men's Pairs:	Alf Maley/Alan Rudge	C Faulkner/David Collins

### Desborough IBC

Fixtures:

16.10.08.	Oadby BC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
18.10.08.	The County Under 25's visit for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
19.10.08.	Northants Vice Presidents visit for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
20.10.08.	Northampton County Women's IBA visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.

### Geddington & Newton BC

18.10.08.	Members visit Stamford IBC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
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### Kettering Lodge IBC

Results:

Kettering Lodge Mixed 80 shots beat Huntingdon BC 66 shots  
Kettering Ladies 64 shots drew with Desborough Ladies 64 shots

Fixtures

16.10.08.	Ise BC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
19.10.08.	Members visit Leicester IBC for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
20.10.08.	The Ladies play the Men at 2.0 p.m.

### Kislingbury BC

The Club concluded its competitions with the following results:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Winner(s)</b>	<b>Runner(s)-up</b>
Derry Shield	Club Ladies	Club Men
Tuesday League	Pauline & Colin Boyson	Jean & John Gargaro
Friday Men's League	Roly Smith/Scott Adams	Keith Crouch/Jack Field
Mixed Triples	Sam Smith/Brian Ellis/Mike Jackson	Christine Ball/Doreen Smith/Alan Grocock
Men's Triples	Vic Graham/Brian Ellis/Alan Grocock	Sam Smith/Maurice Robinson/Albert Farrell
Ladies Pairs	Bev Manning/Vi Bird	Margaret Saunders/Jean Gargaro
Ladies Aussie Pairs	Margaret Saunders/Ann Ward	Bev Manning/Chris Ball
Men's Pairs	Roger Worth/Gerald Collins	Ken Jarvis/David Green
Open Pairs	Keith Crouch/Colin Boyson	Pauline Eagles/Chris Abbott
New Bowlers Singles	Mick Hall	Daniel Cooke

Novice Singles	Alan Grocock	Brian Ellis
Over 60 Singles	Peter Oliver	Roy Lewin
Open Singles	Pauline Eagles	Colin Boyson
Junior Singles	Scott Adams	Daniel Cooke
Ladies Singles	Doreen Smith	Muriel Butler
Men's Singles	Vic Graham	Mike Jackson

### **NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC**

Fixtures:

16.10.08. Luton IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.  
18.10.08. Members visit Rushden IBC for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.  
18.10.08. The Juniors visit Charnwood IBC for a match at 10.0 a.m.  
22.10.08. Daventry IBC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.

### **SWANSPOOL BC, WELLINGBOROUGH**

Fixtures:

19.10.08. Members visit Bridgmans IBC for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.

### **WELLINGBOROUGH IBC**

Fixtures:

16.10.08. Northants Police BC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.  
18.10.08. Kingsthorpe BC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.  
19.10.08. The Club Ladies play the Club Men at 2.15 p.m.



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