

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

NATIONAL LADIES 'TLH LEISURE TOP CLUB' COMPETITION – COUNTY SUCCESS

WELL DONE TO THE LADIES OF WELLINGBOROUGH BC FOR THEIR PERFORMANCES IN THE NATIONAL 'TLH LEISURE TOP CLUB' COMPETITION, IN REACHING THE FINAL.

As previously reported the ladies of Wellingborough BC qualified for the National Finals of the Bowls England 'TLH Leisure Group Top Club' competition held at Torquay, the home of TLH on Saturday/Sunday 12/13th September, 2009.

In the Quarter Finals on the morning of the 12th September, they played Chesham BC in this multi-discipline event, and after a very close encounter against these past winners of the title, they tied the disciplines 2-2 but took the match by 4 shots. The final score being Wellingborough 73 shots – Chesham 69 shots. Details, Wellingborough names only as follows:

Singles: Sue Fincham lost 13-21
Pairs: Tina Broderick/Pam Reynolds won 22-20
Triples: Joyce George/Jean Frisby/Di Allen lost 15-16
Fours: Sue Collins/Sylvia Downer/Agnes Johnson/Maureen McDonald won 23-12

This excellent win then pitted them in the afternoon against another top club, Consett BC, County Durham, in the semi-finals, where although the margin of victory was much greater at +36 shots, the disciplines were once again shared 2-2 with the final score being Wellingborough BC 83 shots – Consett BC 47 shots. Details as follows with again just the County ladies names:

Singles: Sue Fincham won 21-16
Pairs: Tina Broderick/Pam Reynolds won 31-17
Triples: Joyce George/Jean Frisby/Di Allen lost 14-15
Fours: Sue Collins/Sylvia Downer/Agnes Johnson/Maureen McDonald lost 17-19

The Final, played on Torquay BC green on Sunday, 13th September, brought them against local favourites, Torquay Kings BC, who by the luck of the draw saw them playing on the same green as their previous matches, whereas it was the first experience of the green for the Wellingborough ladies. They found the green much faster than the previous matches, and against some of the country's top young bowlers, including internationals Sophie Tolchard and Natalie Melmore, lost out 1-3 on disciplines with a shots difference of -47. Details as follows, Wellingborough names only:

Singles: Sue Fincham lost 2-21
Pairs: Tina Broderick/Pam Reynolds lost 13-22 (after being 0-17 down at one point)
Triples: Joyce George/Jean Frisby/Di Allen lost 6-31
Fours: Sue Collins/Sylvia Downer/Agnes Johnson/Maureen McDonald won 22-16

A magnificent achievement to reach the Final of this most prestigious National competition.

(Photograph attached back row l to r Tina Broderick, Di Allen, Pam Reynolds, Sue Collins, Barbara Biling (Reserve) Anne Reed (Team Manager & Reserve) front row l to r Agnes Johnson, Joyce George, Sylvia Downer, Maureen McDonald, Jean Frisby, Susan Fincham)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN'S COUNTY LEAGUE FINALS 13.9.09.

Wellingborough BC hosted the Finals of the Northamptonshire County League on Sunday 13th September, 2009, with the Semi-Finals in the morning followed after lunch with the Final.

The Semi-Finals saw Desborough Town BC defeat Kettering Lodge BC by 14 shots with the final score 63-49 in their favour with 2 winning rinks from 3, and Stewarts & Lloyds BC defeated Kettering Midland Band BC by 24 shots with the final score 73-49 in their favour also with 2 winning rinks from 3.

In the Final Desborough Town won on all three rinks with a total shots advantage of 20, the final score being 72-52 in their favour. Details as follows:

Rink 1.		Rink 2.		Rink 3.	
Desborough	Stewarts & Lloyds	Desborough	Stewarts & Lloyds	Desborough	Stewarts & Lloyds
Carl Wigfield	Willie Clelland	Will Hill	Duncan Hemphill	Dave Wadsworth	J Bookless
John Pickaver	A Webster	Dave Rayson	Billie Marshall	Malcolm Winckles	Jackie King
Bill Brune	Chas Clarke	Bill McGillivray	Bobby Woods	Nev Humphrey	Mick Burns
Peter Ward	Ron Philip	Carl Haines	Norman Gibb	John Haines	George Warren
20 shots	17 shots	29 shots	15 shots	23 shots	20 shots

The Trophy was presented at the conclusion by Tracy Nunn, Senior Vice-President, Northamptonshire Bowling Association.

NORTHAMPTON TRIPLES LEAGUE FLOODLIT COMPETITION – LATEST RESULTS

The Northampton Triples League organised Open 'Floodlit Knock-Out' competition continued this week hosted by Abington BC, Northampton, and sponsored by L.P.H. Ltd., and on Monday 7th September, the host club Abington 'A' played a team calling themselves '6 and two 3's' lead by Under 25 Team Manager Martin Cinato and comprising players from the Under 25's and Kettering Midland Band BC, and although Abington won 75-61 the visitors won 2 rinks and drew 1, losing on just 1 rink rather heavily, which gave the highest scoring rink prize to Bill Roberts/Mick Taylor/John Freeman of +22 shots.

On Wednesday, 9th September, St Crispin BC beat Thrapston BC 75-50 shots and Kingsthorpe 'B' beat Byfield 72-47. The highest scoring rink prize going to Mick Donohoe/Brian Kaye/Roger Caswell, Kingsthorpe of +21 shots.

Friday, 11th September, saw in the Quarter Finals the upset of the competition so far when last year's winners, Northampton Express were beaten by Roade BC 62-45. Abington 'A' beat Wootton Grange BC 79-40. Highest scoring rink prize went to the Abington Triple of Adam Brown/Alan Ward/David Fage by +15 shots.

On Tuesday 15th September the last 2 Quarter Finals will be played between St Crispin and Kingsthorpe 'B' and between Abington 'B' and Queens Park.

The Semi-Finals are scheduled for Wednesday, 16th and the Final on Friday, 18th followed by the presentation of prizes at approx. 9.45 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus WARWICKSHIRE 'MIDDLE ENGLAND LEAGUE' RESULT

The Ladies of Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association played the last of their 'Middle England' league matches against Warwickshire Ladies on Wednesday, 9th September, 2009, at Entaco BC, Studley, and after a very close affair where rink wins were shared they lost by the very small margin of 2 shots. In the early stages of the match it looked very promising for the County as the ladies were holding a very good 17 shot advantage after 5 ends played, and at the 10 end mark still lead by 10 shots. Unfortunately over the next few ends Warwickshire got their game together and picked up a lot of shots to take the lead by 13 shots after 15 ends. The County ladies rallied however over the last few ends to almost snatch victory.

Final score was Northamptonshire 113 shots – Warwickshire 115 shots. Rink scores, Warws skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.
Ann Lissack
Ann Davey
Jill Welch
Linda Tomlinson v S Hornsby
17 shots 21 shots

Rink 2.
Pat Starsmore
Eleanor Winters
Janet Swift
Val Betts v E Chedzoy
14 shots 12 shots

Rink 3.
Jan Hunt
Agnes Johnson
Marlene Court
Audrey Height v J Petty
20 shots 21 shots

Rink 4.
Alison Dring
Rhona Holland
Ina Layland
Pat Gayton v A Cox
26 shots 22 shots

Rink 5.
Margaret Cave
Bev Manning
Pat Mattinson
Pam Lewis v J Scott
15 shots 29 shots

Rink 6.
Doreen Bedford
Sandra Mawson
Jean Frisby
Barbara Hasledine v J Corn
21 shots 10 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HON VICE PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Northamptonshire Honorary Vice Presidents Association entertained their counterparts from Oxfordshire on Sunday, 6th September, 2009, at Northampton West End BC, and in a match where the visitors always had the advantage the County VP's lost by 25 shots. The final score was Northamptonshire VP's 99 shots – Oxfordshire VP's 124 shots. Rink scores, Oxon skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.
David Abel
Peter Barritt
Dennis Franklin
Roger Summers v P Boffin
15 shots 29 shots

Rink 2.
Bill Foster
Roly Smith
Derek Essam
Geoff Harris v E Dorling
14 shots 20 shots

Rink 3.
Len Smith
Alan Stacey
Dick Howell
Mick Moulton v Mick Collison
13 shots 22 shots

Rink 4.
Ray Timson
Ernie Earp
Graham Cashmore
Malcolm O'Hanlon v T Gripp
15 shots 15 shots

Rink 5.
Ken Bonsor
Brian Robbins
Clyde Hulbert
Malcolm Foster v G Stibbards
24 shots 20 shots

Rink 6.
Jim Walvin
Geoff Care
Mick Pullen
Derek Brewer v R Havard
18 shots 18 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus BERKSHIRE 9.9.09. – RESULT

The men of Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association visited Abingdon BC, Berkshire to play a friendly match against Berkshire BA, and found it to be a very happy hunting ground coming away with a fine win by 34 shots with just 1 losing rink from 6. The final score was Northamptonshire 135 shots – Berkshire 101 shots. Rink scores, Berks skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.
Bob Tingle
Brian Fairbairn
Tony Cole
Tracy Nunn v J Beardsley
19 shots 18 shots

Rink 2.
Hugh Taylor
Gordon Dring
George Warren
Walter Stoddard v B Dillon
34 shots 6 shots

Rink 3.
David Williams
Don Scott
Norman Gibb
Mike King v C Edney
18 shots 33 shots

Rink 4.
Frank Craven
Peter Mercer
Roger Summers
Geoff Hunt v S Wright
19 shots 13 shots

Rink 5.
Len Smith
Alf Hudson
Laurie Harrison
Terry James v K Downton
24 shots 17 shots

Rink 6.
Skene McInnes
William Clelland
Neville Bodily
Richard Somerton v B Greenway
23 shots 14 shots

KETTERING 'BOROUGH CHAMPIONSHIPS'

The Annual Kettering 'Borough Championships' for Triples and Singles from the Kettering Borough Clubs were held on Sunday, 6th September, 2009, at Kettering Lodge BC, with players from Burton Latimer BC; Desborough Town BC; Geddington & Newton BC; & Kettering Lodge BC, participating having come through qualifying rounds.

The morning was for the Triples, with the Ladies Final of two triples being contested by Desborough and Kettering Lodge, and the Men's of four triples contested by the same two clubs. Victory in the ladies went the way of Kettering Lodge for the second year running, the score being 38-23 in their favour, and in the men's competition Desborough took the honours 71-60. Details as follows:

Ladies Triples:	Rink 1.		Rink 2.	
	Kettering Lodge Linda Smith Helen Partridge Margaret Haig 15 shots	Desborough Sue White Sue Lomas Margaret McGillivray 16 shots	Kettering Lodge Pat Starsmore Sue Bagshaw Margaret Silsby 23 shots	Desborough V Gribble M Gage A Hodgett 7 shots
Men's Triples:	Rink 1.		Rink 2.	
	Kettering Lodge Derek Cooper Paul Harris Andy Cooper 11 shots	Desborough Roy Whitehead John Pickaver Bill McGillivray 16 shots	Kettering Alan Simms Alex Macreadie Adrian Harris 14 shots	Desborough Bob Mitchell J Hewitt John Haines 19 shots
	Rink 3.		Rink 4.	
	Kettering Lodge Steve Robinson Peter Wood Dave Smith 23 shots	Desborough Will Hill Graham Southgate Bill Brune 14 shots	Kettering Lodge Sam Gamble Herbert Starsmore Duncan Macgregor 12 shots	Desborough Clive Greenaway Dave Rayson Carl Haines 22 shots

The afternoon was devoted to the Semi-Finals and Final of the Singles, and here in the Ladies the semi-finals were between players from Kettering Athletic BC; Desborough Town BC; Burton Latimer Town BC; and Kettering Ise BC, with the following results:

Semi-Finals: Margaret Watts, Desborough beat Beryl Rylott, Kettering Athletic 21-17
Chris Cooper, Burton Latimer beat Cathy Spencer, Kettering Ise 21-12

Final: Chris Cooper beat Margaret Watts 21-19

The men's Singles Semi-Finals and Final saw players competing from Geddington & Newton; Rothwell Conservatives; Kettering Midland Band; & Kettering Lodge, with the following results:

Semi-Finals: Peter Wood, Geddington & Newton beat Dennis Mole, Kettering Midland Band 21-5
Will Hill, Rothwell Conservatives BC beat Paul Harris, Kettering Lodge 21-15

Final: Peter Wood beat Will Hill 21-9

JUNIOR COMPETITION AT KISLNGBURY BC 19.9.09.

Kislingbury BC is holding a 'Junior Event' on Saturday, 19th September, 2009, commencing at 2.30 p.m. This is to encourage young Players in the game, and teams have been entered from Desborough; Kettering Lodge; Rushden; Northampton West End; and the host Club Kislingbury.

The Club is laying on all the arrangements at no charge to the young players, who will be provided with commemorative medals, for winners and runners-up, and there will be a meal provided after the competition, also free to the young players.

Supporters of the event will be most welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NOTTINGHAM 13.9.09.

Qualifying Northamptonshire players met with mixed results at the Midland Counties Championships at Nottingham, on Sunday, 13th September, 2009. The most successful being Dominic Graham, Northampton Express BC, and the Pairs of Steve Robinson & Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge BC, who lost in their respective Finals. Results involving County players as follows:

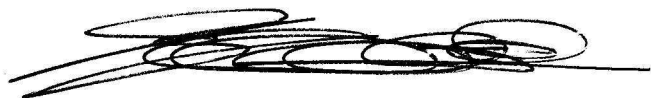
Under 25 Singles: Semi-Finals – Dominic Graham beat the Worcestershire qualifier (name not supplied) 21-16
Final: Dominic lost to Ben Powell, Nottinghamshire 15-21

Pairs: Steve Robinson/Adrian Harris lost in the Final to Warwickshire 20-21.

Secretary's Cup: Semi-Final: Laurie Harrison, Co Secretary lost to Geoff Wilkinson, Notts 17-21

CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

ITEMS UNDER THIS HEADING HELD OVER UNTIL NEXT WEEK WHEN IT IS HOPED THAT I WILL HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH INFORMATION ABOUT CLUB COMPETITIONS WITH WINNERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC.



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