

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NORTHAMPTON

MIXED PAIRS

Area Winners **Tina and Paul Broderick, Wellingborough** having qualified to the last 32 in the country, embarked on their quest for National honours on Saturday, 13th February, 2010, at the National Championships at Northampton & District Indoor BC. They were joined by many of the top bowlers in the country including indoor/outdoor International players Nicky Brett, Sue Alexander, Neil Hope, Gordon Charlton, Julie Saunders, Lauren Copeland, Peter Mosley, Barry Jenkins, and all.

In their first round match in the morning, the Broderick duo had a relatively easy ride through to the next round when they totally dominated Brian Hawkins and Di Routley from Taunton Deane IBC, Somerset. After picking up the first shot of the match on end one, they dropped a 3 on the next end, but from then on scored a further 14 shots without reply to lead 15-3 after 9 ends. One shot then went to the Somerset pair on the 10th end but it was all Wellingborough from then on with the Brodericks picking up a further 13 shots to only 2 conceded for a final score 28-6 in their favour after 19 ends when their opponents called it a day.

Their evening match, now down to the last 16, was a different story, although the final result was the same, a win to proceed to the Quarter Finals. This last 16 match was against a pair from Cumbria, Matty Ritson and Jacky Walker from the Copeland IBC, Cleator Moor. The Broderick pair started much the better, picking up a single shot on the first end, and then a massive 6 shots on the second end. They appeared to be easing relatively comfortably to the Quarter Finals when at 9 ends they were leading 17-6, but from hereon the game became very competitive with the Cumbrians finding their form and generally having the better of the second half but not quite managing to take the lead. Playing the last end Ritson & Walker needed 4 to force an extra end, but they could pick up just 2 shots to give the Wellingborough pair a 22-20 victory.

This win brought them to a Quarter Final match on St Valentines Day against 2 young Internationals from Thornaby IBC, Stockton-on-Tees, Lauren Copeland and Peter Mosley, who were bound to be on a high after beating the much fancied duo of Sue Alexander and Nicky Brett, City of Ely IBC in the first round, and the very accomplished Julie Saunders and Peter Ward of Bournemouth IBC. This Quarter Final match was very even over the first few ends with the scores level at 7 shots each after 6 ends with the Wellingborough pair having picked up a 5 count on the second end. The Thornaby pair then took a 2 shot lead on the 7th end which seemed to spur the Broderick's for they picked up 7 shots without reply over the next 3 ends, then after dropping a single on the 11th end picked up 10 shots without reply to hold a 14 shot lead, and after 2 more ends the match was theirs 26-11 and a place in the Semi-Finals when the Thornaby players conceded after 17 ends.

The Broderick's Semi-Final will be played on Monday, 15th February, 2010, at 9.30 a.m. against the Barking & District IBC pair of Elsie Warby and Bill Nelson who beat Emma and Neil Hope of Melton & District IBC in their Quarter Final.

OVER 60 FOURS

The Kingsthorpe IBC rink of Bob Care, Alan Spencer, John Clipston, and Colin Manton, who had won the Area qualifier, embarked on their challenge for honours in the National Over 60 Fours Championship on Sunday evening, 14th February, 2010, against the Bournemouth IBC rink of Roy Leake, Keith Norman, Barry Horne, & Mike Beales. After a confident start in which the County four built up an 8 shot lead after 5 ends, the game became much tighter, and although Manton's men just kept their noses in front by a couple of shots at 10 ends and the same margin at 15 ends, their slender lead disappeared in the 20th end when their opponents picked up 3 shots to take the lead for the first time. The last end was a very tense affair with the County men 2 shots adrift and although Manton managed to change the head to his advantage with the last bowl of the match he could only pick up 1 shot and the match was therefore lost. A valiant effort by all concerned.

2. LEONARD DENNY MEMORIAL TROPHY COMPETITION

Wellingborough IBC and Kingsthorpe IBC, the last 2 County Clubs in the Leonard Denny Memorial Trophy competition came face to face on Wednesday, 10th February, 2010, and in this event where 2 rinks from each Club are involved, one at home and one away, Kingsthorpe always had the edge and ran out easy winners by 29 shots. Rink scores as follows, Kingsthorpe names first:

- At Kingsthorpe:** **Rink 1.** Chris Maden/Andrew Hunter/Andrew Manton/Mick Sharpe 27 shots – Jason Hall/
Wayne Gregory/Jamie Walker/Darren Lyman 6 shots
- At Wellingborough:** **Rink 2.** Jason Bryan/Iain Walker/Vernon Gearey/Neil McKee 18 shots – Dave Love/Bob
Fuller/Martin Walker/Walt Winsor 10 shots

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HON VICE-PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION versus KETTERING – RESULT

The Northamptonshire Hon Vice Presidents Association visited Kettering IBC for a friendly match against the Club expecting a difficult game and came away with a very creditable win by 30 shots with 3 winning rinks and 1 losing. They were always in front and saw a final score of VP's 99 shots – Kettering 69 shots. Rink scores, VP's names first and Kettering skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Jim Diver/Ollie Pearson/Peter Byworth/Ken Legan 32 shots – John Welch 15 shots
- Rink 2.** Willie Wilken/Geoff Care/Mike McKeown/Dave Williamson 19 shots – Brian Langton 22 shots
- Rink 3.** Bill Price/Roly Smith/Mick Pullen/Roy Cave 24 shots – Peter Wood 18 shots
- Rink 4.** Jim Walvin/Dennis Franklin/Tony Hancock/Keith Forbes 24 shots – John Everitt 14 shots

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus LINCOLNSHIRE LADIES 'MIDLAND COUNTIES LEAGUE'

The following ladies have been selected to represent Northamptonshire in a Midland Counties League match against Lincolnshire Ladies on Saturday, 20th February, 2010, at Desborough IBC, commencing at 12 noon:

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| Rink 1.
Vicki Rushall, Daventry
Eleanor Winters, Desborough
Barbara Oliver, Daventry
Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe | Rink 2.
Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe
Kay Green, Wellingborough
Pam Lewis, Rushden
Audrey Height, Rushden | Rink 3.
Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough
Jane Maloy, Northampton
Irene Scoble, Wellingborough
Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe |
| Rink 4.
Sue Bagshaw, Kettering
Chris Cooper, Wellingborough
Wilma Walker, Desborough
Brenda Bishop, Daventry | Rink 5.
Linda Warren, Northampton
Barbara Hutt, Daventry
Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe
Jeannie Flippance, Desborough | Rink 6.
Pat Starsmore, Kettering
Joan Bryan, Kettering
Joan Watts, Brackley
Joyce Porter, Northampton |
| Travelling Reserves: | Jean Pownall-Davies, Daventry
Joyce George, Wellingborough
Helen Jones, Wellingborough | Pat Symonds, Daventry
Michelle Tansley, Kingsthorpe
Zoe Eisler, Desborough |
| Non-travelling Reserves: | | |

5. BOWLS ENGLAND LATEST NEWS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 7th April, 2010.

The Annual Conference of Bowls England is being held on Wednesday, 7th April, 2010, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa, commencing at 11.0 a.m. Bowls England members are invited to attend as it provides an opportunity for Clubs to learn more about their National Governing Body, and it will provide information about such subjects as: Attracting Funding and new Members; the Bowls Press; playing Unaffiliated Clubs; and much more. Speakers will include BE Chief Executive Tony Allcock, MBE; Alistair Hollis, BE Development Officer; Melvin Beck, Editor of Bowls International; and BE Chairmen of various Committees.

Anyone interested in attending may obtain further information from BE on 01903 820222, or email enquiries@bowlsengland.com

BOWLS HOLIDAY TO CANADA

The company Sporting Highlights, who are sponsors of the 2010 Bowls England Ladies Pairs championship, are organising a Bowls Holiday to Western Canada in September, 2010. The 19 day package will cover many of the Western Canada's delights, including Calgary; Banff; Lake Louise; Vancouver; and Victoria. It also features a journey on the Rocky Mountaineer train from Jasper to Kamloops.

The Tour includes flights, accommodation, tour manager, five bowls fixtures, sightseeing, train journey and social functions.

For further information contact Sales and Reservations on 0845 337 9189 or visit www.sportinghighlights.co.uk

WIN AN ENGLAND SHIRT AND SUPPORT OUR ARMED FORCES CHARITIES

Bowls England members are invited to bid for an England shirt signed by Tony Alcock, MBE, Chief Executive of BE, and at the same time to help Armed Forces charities. Sergeant Philip Woolsey, 1st Royal Tank Regiment based in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, is organising the Charity Sports Auction, and it will feature a range of signed memorabilia and sporting experiences from many other sports, and it will be held on the 18th March, 2010.

The charities to benefit will be The Army Benevolent Fund; The RAF Benevolent Fund; and the Help for Heroes.

Bids are invited from bowlers and others, and they should be emailed to 5187wools@armymail.mod.uk by 12 noon on Wednesday, 17th March, 2010. Further information of the auction may also be obtained via the same email address.

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME COMPETITION – RESULTS

The Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme Indoor Singles competition has started now, and the two sections, i.e. Under 15 years and 15-18 years, has thrown up the following results to date:

UNDER 15 SECTION

Preliminary Round: David Walker beat John Cooper
Nathan Betts beat Adam Pitfield
Matthew Cattell beat Chloe Wordingham
Gareth Jones beat Laura White
Nick Manton beat Nathan White
William Walker beat Hayley Shroll

1st Round: Liam Baxter beat Tia Mulligan
Megan Rolfe beat Chloe Weston
Connor Cinato beat Harry White
Danny Walker beat Adam Dearsley

15-18 SECTION

1st Round: Jasmin Spear beat Sally White

2nd Round: Scott Adams beat Louise Haladij

7. NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

LADIES

SINGLES

Zone Final: Marilyn Oram, Northampton was defeated 11-21 by International Ellen Falkner.

PAIRS

Area Final: Vicki Rushall/Brenda Bishop, Daventry beat Linda Warren/Di Baggat, Northampton 19-18

Zone Final: Rushall & Bishop lost in the Zone Final – no further details available.

TRIPLES

Area Final: Sally Row's triple, Kingsthorpe beat Marilyn Oram's triple, Northampton 17-15

Zone Final: Row's triple lost in the Zone Final – no further details available

FOURS

Area Final: Jean Burgess/Alison Dring/Pam Reynolds/Margaret Johnson, Wellingborough, beat Marilyn Oram's rink, Northampton 16-12

Zone Final: Margaret Johnson's rink lost 17-19 to a rink skipped by international Sarah Seymour, at Cambridge Chesterton on the 10th February. It was a very close affair and the Wellingborough Ladies were 1 up after 20 ends only to see their dreams shattered when Seymour managed to change the head on the 1st end and pick up 3 shots to win.

UNBADGED PAIRS

Area Semi-Final: Linda Warren/Di Baggat, Northampton beat Vicki Rushall/Brenda Bishop, Daventry 20-19
Michelle Tansley/Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe beat Rebecca Wigfield/Jeannie Flippance, Desborough 23-19

The victors will now meet in the Area Final on a date to be fixed.

OVER 50 2 WOOD TRIPLES

Area Semi-Final: Sharon Tansley's triple, Kingsthorpe beat Audrey Height's triple, Rushden 20-11
Di Brumwell's triple, Kingsthorpe beat Marilyn Oram's triple, Northampton 20-17

The victors now meet in the Area Final on a date to be fixed.

GENTLEMEN

PAIRS

Area Semi-Final: Chris Maden/Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe beat Callum Height/Jamie Walker, Wellingborough 20-16.

The winners now meet Neil Rees/Paul Broderick, Wellingborough in the Area Final.

TRIPLES

Area Semi-Final: Scott Johnson/Callum Height/Jamie Walker, Wellingborough beat Jim Diver/Matt Pownall/John Haines, Desborough 21-10.
The winners now face either Paul Broderick's triple or that of Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe in the Area Final.

FOURS

Area Semi-Final: Andrew Manton/Paul Maynard/Mick Sharpe/Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe beat Neil Rees/Mark Corbyn/Neil Corbyn/Paul Broderick, Wellingborough 16-14
Jason Bryan/John Baggatt/Vernon Gearey/Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe beat Andy Redfern/Jack Tobin/Bob Collyer/Matt Wordingham, Rushden 20-16

This will mean that father Jim McKee's rink will play his son Neil McKee's rink in the Area Final.

8. MEN'S COUNTY COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

SINGLES

3rd Round: Dave Flippance, Desborough beat Will Hill, Desborough

TRIPLES

3rd Round: Robert Norman's triple, Wellingborough beat Wayne Gregory's triple, Wellingborough

FOURS

Quarter Final: Rob Vowles/Connor Cinato/Martin Cinato/Ross Knox, Desborough beat Graham Southgate/Carl Wigfield/Pete Ward/Bill Brune, Desborough 17-9
Doug Mitchell's rink, Daventry beat Ollie Kirkwood's rink, Northampton

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

TRIPLES: Steve Norman/Robert Norman/Maurice Allen, Wellingborough beat P Hall/D Magness/S Jones, Hereford.

9. NATIONAL OVER 60 FINAL – NORTHAMPTONSHIRE TEAM

Team Manager John Haines has announced his team to do battle in the Final of the National Inter County Over 60 League to be held at Kempston IBC, Bedfordshire (formerly Lawson Park) on Friday, 26th February, 2010, commencing at 1.30 p.m. They will all be hoping for a repeat of the success of last season when they brought the trophy to the County.

The following have been selected:

Rink 1.
Roger Summers, Northampton
Brian Thomas, Desborough
Walt Winsor, Wellingborough
Terry James, Rushden

Rink 2.
Tony Dicks, Daventry
Mick Richardson, Daventry
Martin Keech, Rushden
Mick Worthington, Daventry

Rink 3.
Jim Diver, Desborough
Ron Chambers, Desborough
George Warren, Desborough
Carl Haines, Desborough

Rink 4.
Pete Maloy, Northampton
John Baggat, Kingsthorpe
Malc Mattinson, Rushden
Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe

Rink 5.
Alan Spencer, Kingsthorpe
Alan Maden, Kingsthorpe
Maurice Allen, Wellingborough
Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe

Rink 6.
Bob Care, Kingsthorpe
John Clipston, Kingsthorpe
Colin Jones, Kingsthorpe
Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe

Reserves: Tony Weston, Northampton Reg Jones, Northampton

10. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

DESBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 18.2.10. Ise BC & Rothwell Manor BC visit for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
20.2.10. The Club hosts a Midlands Counties League match between Northamptonshire Ladies and Lincolnshire Ladies at 12 noon.
21.2.10. Leicester IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
22.2.10. Kingsthorpe IBC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
24.2.10. The Club hosts a match between the Northants & Hunts Masonic BA and Northamptonshire Police BC at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE IBC

Fixtures:

- 18.2.10. Bridgman's BC, Beds., visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
20.2.10. Bridgman's BC, Beds., visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
21.2.10. Hunts Fed. V.P.A. visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE IBC

Fixtures:

- 17.2.10. Members visit Luton IBC for a ladies match at 2.15 p.m.
18.2.10. Northampton Branch of the National Association of Retired Police Officers visit for the Annual 'Keith Woolmore Memorial Trophy' match at 2.15 p.m.
20.2.10. South Beds IBC visits for a men's match at 2.5 p.m.
21.2.10. Northampton & District IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
22.2.10. Members visit Desborough IBC for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

Fixtures:

- 17.2.10. Members visit Harborough District IBC for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
18.2.10. Members visit Harborough District IBC for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
20.2.10. Members visit Wellingborough IBC for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
21.2.10. Members visit Kingsthorpe IBC for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.

RUSHDEN IBC

Fixtures:

- 18.2.10. Members visit Daventry IBC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
20.2.10. The Club holds its 'Gala Day'
21.2.10. Swanspool BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 17.2.10. The Northants & Hunts Masonic play the 'Colin Mason Trophy' 10.0 a.m.
18.2.10. Abington BC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
20.2.10. Northampton & District IBC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
21.2.10. The Club hosts a match between Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire Hon Vice Presidents Assocs. at 2.15pm
22.2.10. The Club ladies play their 'Drawn Fours' at 2.0 p.m.



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SUPPLEMENTARY PRESS REPORT

NATIONAL MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Well done to Tina and Paul Broderick, Wellingborough IBC – they have reached the National Final.

In their Semi-Final of the National Mixed Pairs Championship, held at Northampton & District IBC on Monday morning, 15th February, 2010, husband and wife duo, Tina and Paul Broderick, Wellingborough IBC, totally dominated the game against Elsie Warbey and Bill Nelson, of Barking & District IBC, Essex.

Picking up the first shot of the match they then conceded one shot on the second, but over the next 7 ends the Wellingborough players scored 15 shots without reply. Both were playing superb bowls with Tina setting up a good head end after end for Paul to add to, and when the Barking pair conceded after the 19th end the score was 25-6 to the Broderick's who only allowed their opponents to score on 5 of the ends played.

The Final is being played at 6.30 p.m. on the 15th February, 2010, and Paul will be looking to go one better than he did in 2000 when he was runner-up, and they will both be hoping to add an Indoor Title to the Outdoor Mixed Pairs which they won in 2004 and 2007.



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