

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE PRESIDENTS versus SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE VP'S

The men of Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Association played South Warwickshire BA at Daventry IBC on Tuesday, 9th March, 2010, and after a very tight and competitive match where the rink wins were shared, the VP's lost their first match after a run of seven games unbeaten, by a modest margin of 8 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire VP's 119 shots – South Warwickshire BA 127 shots. Rink scores, Warwicks skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Ray Timson
Ken Friend
Mick McKeown
Brian Langton v R Thompson
27 shots 11 shots

Rink 2.

Bill Foster
Tony Johnson
Mick Pullen
Sid Nixon v M Welch
16 shots 34 shots

Rink 3.

Percy Griffiths
Harry Bell
Clyde Hulbert
Ken Legan v G Moran
10 shots 29 shots

Rink 4.

Graham Cashmore
Peter Byworth
Philip Miller
Keith Forbes v B Rose
26 shots 14 shots

Rink 5.

Roy Clark
Geoff Care
Malcolm Foster
Roy Cave v T Barnett
22 shots 15 shots

Rink 6.

Dennis Franklin
Ollie Pearson
Bryan Audis
Tony Buckmaster v M Cicks
18 shots 24 shots

2. NATIONAL COMPETITION – INTER CLUB DENNY PLATE

Wellingborough IBC has selected the following team to play in the Semi-Final of the National Inter Club Denny Plate competition which is for first round losers in the Denny Cup. The Semi-Final will be played at Kempston IBC, 290 Hillgrounds Road, Bedford, MK42 8UB (formerly Lawson Park) on Saturday, 20th March, 2010, commencing at 9.30 a.m. and their opponents will be Malvern Hills IBC, Malvern, Worcestershire.

Rink 1.

Jason Hall
Scott Johnson
Steve Norman
Robert Norman

Rink 2.

Dennis Collins
Graham Maddams
Jamie Walker
Wayne Gregory

Rink 3.

Dave Love
Bob Fuller
Martin Walker
Walt Winsor

Rink 4.

Callum Height
Paul Coley
Maurice Allen
Paul Broderick

Success in the Semi-Final will see them play in the Final at 2.0 p.m. the same day against either Plymouth IBC or Adur IBC, Southwick, W Sussex.

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus CAMBRIDGESHIRE – 11.3.10. – RESULT

The ladies of Northamptonshire Women's Indoor BA visited City of Ely IBC to take on Cambridgeshire Ladies on Thursday, 11th March, 2010, and came off second best by 32 shots, despite having 2 good winning rinks. Final score was Northamptonshire Ladies 101 shots – Cambridgeshire Ladies 133 shots. Rink scores, Cambs skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Eleanor Buchanan Lorna Hart Barbara Oliver Pam Lewis v M Reedes 26 shots 17 shots	Rink 2. Jean Burgess Celia Morris Chris Cooper Joan Bryan v S Craig 7 shots 24 shots	Rink 3. Julie Spreadbury Lillian Allen Pam Wills Hilary Sharpe v P Stanley 14 shots 30 shots
Rink 4. Sylvia Plant Kay Green Irene Scoble Audrey Height v V Hughes 6 shots 28 shots	Rink 5. Jan Hunt Annie Scrimshaw Pat Symonds Jean Pownall-Davies v D South 19 shots 21 shots	Rink 6. Pat Starsmore Margaret Tyler Vicki Rushall Brenda Bishop v A Knight 25 shots 13 shots

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus HERTFORDSHIRE 24.3.10. – SELECTION

The following ladies have been selected to represent Northamptonshire in a friendly match against Hertfordshire Ladies on Wednesday, 24th March, 2010, at Riverain IBC, Hitchin, Herts. Pick up points: Tesco Kettering 10.30 a.m. Northampton IBC 11.0 a.m.

Rink 1. Jean Burgess, Wellingborough Elaine Urquhart, Brackley Lorna Hart, Kingsthorpe Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe	Rink 2. Julie Spreadbury, Daventry Elsie Hatton, Brackley Valerie Blackwell, Rushden Pam Lewis, Rushden	Rink 3. Sue Bagshaw, Kettering Janet Hall, Desborough Irene Scoble, Wellingborough Joan Watts, Brackley
Rink 4. Sylvia Plant, Daventry Sue Prior, Brackley Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe Brenda Bishop, Daventry	Rink 5. Jan Hunt, Wellingborough Celia Morris, Kingsthorpe Eileen Williams, Wellingborough Pat Symonds, Daventry	Rink 6. Pat Starsmore, Kettering Rhona Holland, Daventry Wilma Walker, Desborough Irene Cross, Northampton
Travelling Reserves:	Eleanor Buchanan, Kingsthorpe Agnes Johnson, Wellingborough	Margaret Newport, Northampton Sue Fincham, Wellingborough
Non-travelling Reserves:	Brenice Willmott, Rushden	Margaret Tyler, Wellingborough

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus BEDFORDSHIRE 20.3.10. – SELECTION

The following ladies have been selected to represent the County in a friendly match against Bedfordshire ladies on Saturday, 20th March, 2010, at Desborough IBC, commencing at 12.30 p.m.

Rink 1. Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Pat Starsmore, Kettering Chris Cooper, Wellingborough Brenda Bishop, Daventry	Rink 2. Vicki Rushall, Daventry Jane Maloy, Northampton Valerie Blackwell, Rushden Joan Watts, Brackley	Rink 3. Michelle Tansley, Kingsthorpe Margaret Cooper, Kettering Joan Bryan, Kettering Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe
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Rink 4.
Eleanor Buchanan, Kingsthorpe
Kay Green, Wellingborough
Jean Pownall-Davies, Daventry
Joyce Porter, Northampton

Travelling Reserves:

Non-travelling Reserves:

Rink 5.
Joyce George, Wellingborough
Barbara Hutt, Daventry
Irene Scoble, Wellingborough
Jeannie Flippance, Desborough

Wilma Walker, Desborough
Julie Spreadbury, Daventry

Pauline Deane, Desborough

Rink 6.
Sylvia Plant, Daventry
Marlene Court, Brackley
Sue Lomas, Desborough
Audrey Height, Rushden

Jean Crane, Northampton
Elaine Urquhart, Brackley

Margaret Cave, Rushden

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus LONDON PARKS BA – 25.3.10. – SELECTION

The following men have been selected to represent the County in a friendly match against London Parks BA to be played at Havering IBC, Hornchurch, Essex, on Thursday, 25th March, 2010, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Travel by coach – pick up points: Northampton & District IBC 10.0 a.m. Wellingborough IBC 10.30 a.m. Thrapston BC 11.0 a.m.

Rink 1.
Walter Stoddard, Kingsthorpe
Brian Hawtin, Brackley
Mick Pullen, Rushden
Terry James, Rushden

Rink 4.
John Smith, Kettering
Trevor Tilley, Wellingborough
John Pickaver, Desborough
Brian Diver, Desborough

Rink 7.
Brian Jones, Daventry
Len Smith, Desborough
Frank Fair, Wellingborough
Norman Gibb, Desborough

Reserves:

Rink 2.
Will Clelland, Desborough
Eric Wareing, Daventry
John Chester, Wellingborough
Richard Somerton, Brackley

Rink 5.
Ted Summerton, Northampton
Mark Green, Northampton
Mike Weatherill, Desborough
Brian Langton, Kettering

Rink 8.
Jim Diver, Desborough
Peter Byworth, Wellingborough
Tim Hawtin, Brackley
Geoff Harris, Rushden

Ted Guiver, Wellingborough
Roly Smith, Rushden
Dave Garland, Kingsthorpe

Rink 3.
Malcolm Tait, Kettering
Mick York, Desborough
Jim Headington, Desborough
Brian Sherwood, Rushden

Rink 6.
John Whiting, Northampton
Stuart Lowe, Brackley
Stan Alton, Daventry
Keith Howlett, Desborough

Bill Craig, Desborough
Ernie Earp, Northampton

7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE B OWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – COMPETITIONS

The 2010 Indoor Singles Competitions of the Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme are reaching the Finals stage, with the following results:

UNDER 15 YEARS

Quarter Finals: Matthew Cattell, Rushden beat David Walker, Kingsthorpe
William Walker, Wellingborough beat Liam Baxter, Northampton
Alice Moore, Northampton beat Megan Rolfe, Northampton
Connor Cinato, Desborough beat Danny Walker, Wellingborough

These winners will now play in the Semi-Finals to be held at Rushden Town IBC on Sunday, 28th March, 2010.

15 – 18 YEARS

Quarter Finals: Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough beat Jasmin Spear, Northampton
Scott Adams, Northampton beat Louise Haladij, Northampton
Daniel Waterfield, Kettering beat Chris Manton, Kingsthorpe

These winners will now play in the Semi-Finals to be held at Rushden Town IBC on Sunday, 28th March, 2010, where they will be joined by the winner of the last Quarter Final between Matt Wordingham, Rushden & Tom Wellburn, Kingsthorpe, which is being played on the 16th March.

8. ENGLISH BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – REGIONAL FINALS

The Regional Finals of the English Bowls Youth Development Scheme ‘Schools of Excellence’ are being held at Melton & District IBC, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, on Sunday, 18th April, 2010. The following County players have been invited to attend, having been successful in the County Qualifying event in January, 2010:

Under 15 Years: Nathan Betts, Rushden; Connor Cinato, Desborough; Chloe Wordingham, Rushden; Matthew Cattell, Rushden; & Adam Pitfield, Rushden.

15 to 18 Years: Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough; Sam Gamble, Kettering; Louise Haladij, Northampton; & Scott Adams, Northampton.

9. BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

Annual Conference

Bowls England’s Annual Conference is being held in the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, on Wednesday, 7th April, 2010, from 11.0 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. This event is free to members of affiliated Clubs and is an opportunity for them to find out a bit more about the Governing Body and many important topics including: Club Funding; Playing Non-Affiliated Clubs; The Bowls Press; Bowls Development; and many others. There is no car parking at the venue, but there are public car parks nearby. Anyone wishing to attend suggest you contact your County Secretary, either Jan Hunt for the ladies on 01933 410182, or Laurie Harrison for the men on 01604 661785

New Competition to be Launched

A new competition for the 2011 season has been announced, (It could not be set up in time for 2010) for Over 60’s. It will be known as the ‘Tony Allcock Trophy’ after the name of the donor of the trophy, the Chief Executive Office for Bowls England, Tony Allcock, MBE.

It will be for Over 60’s Mixed Inter Club Double Rinks, with two ladies and two men in each of the two rinks, and each match will be played over 18 ends. Entry forms will be available towards the end of the 2010 outdoor season and the fee for entering will be £25.00p per team of 2 rinks, with no limit to the number of entries a Club may enter. The age qualification will stipulate that each player must be 60 years of age by 1st April of the year of competition.

10. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY LADIES ‘FUN DAY’ 27.3.10.

Ladies President Irene Scoble has arranged her ‘Fun Day’ to take place at Wellingborough IBC on Saturday, 27th March, 2010, from 1.0 p.m. There will be a number of stalls open and bowling will commence with a ‘Spider’ at 2.0 p.m. and there will be a meal afterwards at about 4.45 p.m. Cost will be £7 per person which includes tea/coffee on arrival, rink fees, and the meal. There will also be a raffle and prizes would be appreciated.

11. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

LADIES

UNBADGED PAIRS

Zone Final: Michelle Tansley & Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe lost to Sarah Matthews & Sue Alexander, City of Ely after a very close encounter 14-16.

TWO WOOD TRIPLES

Zone Final: Celia Morris/Hilary Sharpe/Di Brumwell lost in this Zone final – no further details available.

GENTLEMEN

12. IVY & HORACE TARRANT TROPHY – 18TH MARCH, 2010.

The Ladies of Northamptonshire Women's Indoor BA will participate in the Inter Club 'Ivy & Horace Tarrant' trophy on Thursday, 18th March, 2010.

This competition was set up a few years ago by County Bowlers Iv y & Horace Tarrant for Clubs to enter teams of 4 rinks each to play 2 rinks at home and 2 away on the same day. This year 7 of the 8 County Indoor Clubs have entered teams, including Daventry IBC; Desborough IBC; Kettering Lodge IBC; Kingsthorpe IBC; Northampton & District IBC; Rushden Town IBC; and Wellingborough IBC.

13. COUNTY FORMER PRESIDENTS HONOURED BY THE MIDLAND COUNTIES BA.

At the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 7th March, 2010, **Past County Men's President Geoff Hunt (Irchester BC)**, who is also currently County Men's Match Secretary, was elected to the position of Vice-President of the Midland Counties Bowling Association for 2010. This means that he will be the President in 2011.

At the same Meeting another **Past County President, Ken Court (Brackley BC)** was honoured by being made a Life Member of the Association. Ken was Midland Counties President in 1992, and he is also a Life Member of Bowls England.

14. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

DESBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 18.3.10. Members visit Wellingborough IBC for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 18.3.10. Club hosts a match between Rothwell Manor/Little Bowden and Geddington & Newton/Ise at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.3.10. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire Ladies and Bedfordshire Ladies at 12.30 p.m.
- 21.3.10. Geddington & Newton and Rothwell Manor visit for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 22.3.10. The Ladies hold their President versus Vice President match at 2.0 p.m.
- 24.3.10. Club hosts a match between Northants/Hunts Masonic BA & Leicester Masonic BA at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE IBC

Fixtures:

- 18.3.10. Rushden IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.3.10. The Club holds its men's Captain's Day at 2.0 p.m.
- 21.3.10. The Club holds its Ladies Pairs and Singles Finals

KINGSTHORPE IBC

Fixtures:

- 17.3.10. Luton BC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
- 18.3.10. Northampton West End BC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 20.3.10. Members visit Avon Valley IBC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 21.3.10. Members visit Wellingborough IBC for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

JUNIOR GALA DAY:

The Club held a very successful 'Junior Gala Day' on Saturday, 7th March, 2010, involving two Age Groups of young bowlers – Under 16 Years with 8 Rinks of 4 players (Total 32) and Under 25 Years with 6 Rinks of 4 players (Total 24)

In the **Junior Event** the two qualifying rinks from the earlier 'round robin' were 'The Chalkies' from Northampton & District comprising Eidan Howells/Chloe Weston/Austen Marvell/Louise Haladij, and 'The Conartists' comprising Conor Bryan(Northampton)William Walker/Danny WalkerConnor Cinato, all Wellingborough. In the final 'The Chalkies' won 8-3 and took the 'Avon Trophy' In the $\frac{3}{4}$ place play off 'The Kisle Crew' from Kislingbury beat 'Up Your Viva' from Rushden.

In the **Senior Event** the two qualifying rinks from their 'round robin' were 'The Dominos' from Northampton comprising Hannah Biddle/Jasmin Spear/Chris Wright/Dominic Graham and 'The Massive' from Wellingborough comprising Shaun Marriott/Daniel Height/Callum Height/Jamie Walker. 'The Dominos' won 11-3 and took the 'Mira Trophy' donated by Mira Showers, sponsors of Northampton & District IBC Juniors.

(Please find attached photographs of the winners of each Group. Photo No. 166 is left to right: Dave Masters (Chairman of Northampton & District IBC) Louise Haladij/Chloe Weston/Eidan Howells/Austen Marvell. Photo No. 167 is left to right: Hannah Biddle/Chris Wright/Jasmin Spear/Dominic Graham/Dave Masters)

Fixtures:

- 17.3.10. Members visit Wellingborough for a ladies match at 2.15 p.m.
- 18.3.10. Northants Vice Presidents visit for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 20.3.10. Alfreton IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
- 21.3.10. Members visit Oxford & County IBC for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.

RUSHDEN IBC

WEEK-END TOUR REPORT

A party of past and present members of Rushden Town IBC spent the week-end on Tour to the Bournemouth area, returning Sunday evening 14th march after a most enjoyable break which included three matches, albeit with mixed results. The party of 33 male bowlers called themselves 'The Rushden Rebels' and their first match against Bournemouth IBC saw them lose by 14 shots with a final score of 113 shots to 127 shots. In that match the 'Rebels' had two good winning rinks skipped by Jack Tobin(+12 shots) and Andy Hunter (+6 shots).

The second match, against Dolphin IBC, Poole, saw the tourists more than make up for the defeat of the previous match when they thumped the opposition by a massive 82 shots, thought to be the heaviest defeat inflicted on any of the tours of the past 20 years. Four of the rinks posted wins, including those skipped by Andy Hunter (+30 shots) Matt Wordingham (+27 shots) Alan Dempsey (+14 shots) & John Streater (+ 16 shots) The final score was 164 shots – 82 shots.

The last match was again against Bournemouth IBC with the Rebels hoping for revenge, but it was not to be when they posted a defeat by 15 shots without a winning rink. This was not so bad for John Streater's rink tied, and the losing rinks did so only by single figures.

Following the last match dinner the 'Fines and Awards' took place, with the much coveted green jacket going to George Willmott who decided to break with convention and wear a maroon blazer instead of the 'statutory' navy blue. Numerous fines were paid for various transgressions on Tour and a total of £250 was raised for the 'Help for Heroes' charity.

Fixtures:

- 18.3.10. Members visit Kettering Lodge IBC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 20.3.10. Abington BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 21.3.10. Whittlesey IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 17.3.10. Northampton & District IBC visits for a ladies match at 2.15 p.m.
- 18.3.10. Desborough IBC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 21.3.10. Kingsthorpe IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.



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