

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

SELECTION OF COUNTY YOUNG PLAYER TO REPRESENT ENGLAND

Jamie Walker, 16 years, a member of Wellingborough Indoor Bowling Club, has been selected to represent England in the World Indoor Bowls Under 25 Singles Championships to be played at Auchinleck IBC, Ayrshire, Scotland, from 27th to 31st October, 2008. This is a great honour for Jamie, and is undoubtedly as a result of his performances in the National Under 25 Indoor Singles Championships last indoor season where he was runner-up to current Junior International Danny May, of Cumbria.

Prior to this honour Jamie will be playing in the Junior England Indoor Trial to be held at Kingsthorpe IBC, Northampton, on Sunday, 19th October, 2008.

He is showing tremendous potential for the future, both indoor and outdoor, and has this year won his outdoor club's Singles Championship and the Singles Handicap, at Northampton West End BC.

RUSHDEN LADIES CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH WITH MATCH AGAINST BOWLS ENGLAND LADIES

The Ladies of Rushden Town BC celebrated the 50th anniversary of their formation with a match on Friday, 11th September, 2008, against the Ladies of Bowls England, lead by Ladies President Angela HARRIS, and on such a prestigious occasion not only did the sun shine for them, but the Rushden Ladies won the match by 14 shots.

The Bowls England team drew its members from across the country, and despite having 3 winning rinks and a tie on a 4th, Margaret Cave's rink big win saw the home team to victory – the final score being Rushden Ladies 116 shots – Bowls England Ladies 102 shots. Rink scores, BE skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

R Streater
Pam Sallaway
Joan Honey
Gill Ward v B Clutterbuck
19 shots 16 shots

Rink 2.

E Stockton
Nancy Campbell
Blanche Cox
Pam Lewis v J Balding
16 shots 22 shots

Rink 3.

Tricia Basford
A Bell
Barbara Haseldine
Margaret Cave v J Tait
28 shots 8 shots

Rink 4.

M Gray
J Sherwood
Ann Bigg
Audrey Height v K Kerley
21 shots 22 shots

Rink 5.

Eileen West
Jan Shortland
Valerie Blackwell
Brenda Bishop v M Edwards
15 shots 15 shots

Rink 6.

P Knight
Myrtle Childs
Chris Turner
Norma Fentiman v J Bradley
17 shots 22 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES 'MIDDLE ENGLAND LEAGUE' MATCH versus WARWICKSHIRE

The Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association played the last game of the season in the 'Middle England League' on Thursday, 10th September, 2008, against Warwickshire Ladies, hoping to lift themselves off the bottom of the table, but it was not to be and in a very disappointing match Warwickshire took the honours on every rink and won by quite a large margin of 68 shots.

Final score was Northamptonshire 88 shots – Warwickshire 156 shots. Rink scores, Warws. skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Chris Cooper Ina Layland Joan Bryan Barbara Haseldine v A Cox 20 shots 23 shots	Rink 2. Alison Dring Joyce Burns Wilma Walker Jean Pownall-Davies v M Edwards 9 shots 25 shots	Rink 3. Cynthia Cherry Pat Gayton Eleanor Winters Bev Manning v E Chedgzoy 7 shots 35 shots
Rink 4. Sandra Mawson Annette Norris Margaret Cave Di Brumwell v J Corn 17 shots 25 shots	Rink 5. Agnes Johnson May Wiggins Pam Lewis Brenda Bishop v E Westell 18 shots 24 shots	Rink 6. Margaret Ruff Ann Davey Irene Cross Val Betts v M Timms 19 shots 24 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BA 'COUNTY LEAGUE FINALS' 14.9.08. – RESULTS

The Northamptonshire Bowling Association County League Semi-Finals and Final were held on Sunday, 14th September, 2008, at Wellingborough BC, with the morning semi-finals being contested by Desborough Town BC, winners in 2001, 2004 & 2005; Corby Stewarts & Lloyds BC; Corby Forest BC; & Thrapston BC, all three looking to take the title for the first time.

Stewarts & Lloyds played their very close neighbours Corby Forest and despite some determined endeavours from Forest, S & L took their place in the Final with a 21 shot win, ending up 66 shots to 45 shots against with all 3 S & L rinks registering wins.

The other semi-final between Desborough and Thrapston at one stage looked as though it might be a stroll for the former as they held a 10 shot lead after 5 ends; 13 ahead at 10 ends, and 19 in front at the 15th, but a late rally from Thrapston saw them quickly reduce the deficit, which at the end was just 9 shots, with each having a winning rink and a tie in the third. Final score 58-49 in Desborough's favour. Rink Scores as follows:

Semi-Final 1

Rink 1. S & L v Corby Forest Jackie King Will Keeney Charles Clark George Warren 24 shots	Rink 2. S & L v Corby Forest Ken Naylor Billy Marshall Harry Cargill Mick Burns 20 shots	Rink 3. S & L v Corby Forest Jim Hemphill David Hemphill Willie Clelland George Collie 22 shots
Dave Collins Jim Collins Alan Rudge Tracy Nunn 19 shots	David Incles Jim Still John Thomson Jamie Watt 14 shots	Alex Harper Paul Melville Terry Gallagher Scott Melville 12 shots

Semi-Final 2.

Rink 1. Desborough v Thrapston Tony Paul John Pickaver Peter Ward John Haines 25 shots	Rink 2. Desborough v Thrapston Alan Withers Robert Mitchell Roy Whitehead Carl Haines 13 shots	Rink 3. Desborough v Thrapston Albert Wisken Phil Bates Bill McGillivray Nev Humphrey 20 shots
E Carpenter I Robinson Martin Underwood Richard Horrell 11 shots	B Melville Mick Corby Mick Catlin Malc Mattinson 18 shots	Pete Cullum Mick Tate Les Johnson David Bailey 20 shots

The Final saw Desborough take an early lead of 5 shots after 5 ends, and 10 shots after 10, but this lead was whittled down to just 6 shots at the 15 end mark, and with two scores of 6 on 2 of their rinks the final 19 shots win was a bit flattering for the winners Desborough, especially as one of the big counts was on the last end for one of their rinks when the match was already won. Final score was Desborough 68 shots – Corby Stewarts & Lloyds 49 shots. Scores of the rinks as follows, skips only named, there being no changes of players from the semi-final:

Final

Rink 1.		Rink 2.		Rink 3.	
Desborough	v S & L	Desborough	v S & L	Desborough	v S & L
Nev Humphrey	George Warren	John Haines	Mick Burns	Carl Haines	George Collie
18 shots	29 shots	28 shots	10 shots	22 shots	10 shots

The presentation of the ‘Fred Hodge Trophy’ to the winners, and the F & B Builders Cup to the runners-up afterwards was made by Mike King, Senior Vice-President of Northamptonshire Bowling Association.

KETTERING LODGE BC PUBLICITY DRIVE

One of the oldest Clubs in the County, Kettering Lodge, now in its 128th year, is embarking upon a recruiting and publicity campaign, and in that connection, the Club is holding an ‘Open Week’ for the beginning of the Indoor season, running from Monday 22nd September, 2008, to Saturday, 27th inclusive, with the week-day hours 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., and on Saturday from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Anyone, of any age, will be made very welcome at the Club during these times, where they may have a go with the necessary equipment being provided, and Club coaches on hand to help them. All they need is to have a pair of flat soled shoes, or trainers, to wear on the bowling carpet. Their participation will be completely free.

The Club is one of few which combines Indoor and Outdoor bowling on one site, and the only one in the Kettering area, and it has substantial facilities for not just playing the sport, but for the catering, social activities and parking. It is very central and close by ‘bus services and train station, being situated in Northampton Road opposite the ‘bus garage.

As an extra incentive to attract new bowlers the Club has decided to halve the cost of outdoor bowling next season to £50 for men and £45 for women, and not to impose increases in Indoor membership this year retaining the subs at £50 for men and £45 for women, with reductions for Junior members. As an additional attraction to new bowlers, the Club is halving the indoor subscriptions for the first year of membership and even more attractively offering next year’s first outdoor membership subs FREE OF CHARGE.

Bowling is a sport which all ages of both sexes can play, and Kettering Lodge BC offers the facility to play at the highest competitive level; in leagues; in friendly matches against other Clubs; or just casual play. For further information please contact Tessa Price on 01536 512763 or on email Ketteringbowls@yahoo.com

NATIONAL MIXED PAIRS REGIONAL FINALS AT NORGREN BC 7.9.08. – Results.

Yvonne McKee and Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe, having qualified for the Regional Finals of the National Mixed Pairs competition, visited Norgren BC, Studley, Warwickshire, on Sunday, 7th September, 2008, to do battle with Moira Parsons and Simon Gilbert of the Avenue (Leamington) BC, Warwickshire. Unfortunately there was to be no success for them, with Vernon still on a high after skipping the National Triples winners just 3 weeks before, and they fell to the England International Gilbert 10 shots – 23 shots.

THE ‘NENE TROPHY’

Frank Darnell, a well known bowler in the Wellingborough/Rushden area, has presented a Trophy, to be called ‘The Nene Trophy’ for annual outdoor competition between four of the Bowling Clubs in the Nene Valley area of the County. They are his own Club, Wellingborough; a former Club of his, Rushden Town BC; Higham Ferrers Town BC; and Irchester BC.

The format is that each Club will field 6 rinks, and each rink will be drawn to play a rink from one of the other three Clubs, and a full 21 end match will be played. This year the greens used will be those of Rushden and Higham Ferrers, and the competition will be played on Saturday, 27th September, 2008, starting at 2.30 p.m.

The presentation of the trophy will take place at Wellingborough BC the same evening, when live entertainment has been arranged. All players are very welcome.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLERS AT THE MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Midland Counties Bowling Association Championships Finals were held at Grantham BC, Lincolnshire, on Sunday, 14th September, 2008, and Northamptonshire bowlers had a successful day, winning 2 events and being runner-up in two further disciplines.

These Championships are for the various winners of competitions from the 7 Counties forming the Association, plus a competition open to County Secretaries. Results of the Finals as follows:

- Singles:** Darren Childs, Thrapston BC, **won the title** by comfortably beating Stuart Millidge of Leicestershire 21-8 in the Final.
- Pairs:** Neil Rees and Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC became **title runners-up** when they lost to John Torrington and Andy Irons, of Blaby BC, Leicestershire 23-5 in the Final.
- Triples:** Neil Rees, Darren Lyman and Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC, **won the title** by beating Martin Barke, Steve Menzies and Anthony Barke, 19-18. This Final went right to the wire, with an extra end being required, which the County trio managed to get.
- Fours:** Mick Corbyn, Mark Betts, Tony Burns and Roy Cave, Rushden Town BC, **lost in the semi-final** to the Leicestershire Rink in a very close encounter in which they were just in front for most of the game and went into the 21st end all square. Unfortunately their opponents managed to seize the winning shot.
- Secretaries Cup:** County Secretary Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton BC, was **title runner-up** in the Secretaries Cup competition, losing out in another close game 18-21 shots to the Midland Counties Secretary, Stan Orton.

Well done to all the bowlers representing the County.

CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

NORTH AREA, MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO EVENING TELEGRAPH READERS

Burton Latimer BC

Competition Winners:

	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Runner(s)-up</u>
Ladies Singles:	Heather Lack	Chris Cooper
Men's Singles:	Steve Dockerill	Maurice MaCreadie
Open Singles:	Andy Britten	John Cooper
Ladies Novice Singles:	Pat Miller	Carol Britten
Men's Novice Singles:	Chris Gray	Andy Britten
Men's Two Wood Singles:	Chris Gray	Russell MaCreadie
Ladies 2 Wood Singles:	Chris Cooper	Emma Gray
Ladies Pairs:	Emma Gray/Chris Cooper	Carol Britten/Margaret Tyler
Men's Pairs:	Andy Britten/Robin Sharman	Dave Smith/John Cooper
Ladies Singles H/Cap:	Emma Gray	Heather Lack
Junior Singles:	Emma Gray	Richard Blackley

Corby Forest BC

- 20.9.08. Members visit Kingsthorpe for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
20.9.08. Corby Stewarts & Lloyds BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

Corby Stewarts & Lloyds BC

Ladies Competition Results:

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
Championship:	Mary Irvine	Mary Watters
Stuart Cup:	Mary Watters	Liz Keeney
Danetta King Cup:	Maxeen Belsky	Mary Irvine
President's Cup	Wendy Porter	Liz Keeney
Shaw Cup:	Mary Watters	Liz Keeney

Desborough Town BC

20.9.08. Northampton West End BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Earls Barton BC

Ladies Competition Winners:

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
Championship:	Rosanna Griffin	Judith Pidd
Singles H/Cap:	Alison Northey	Jayne Wiggins
4 Wood Pairs:	Alison Northey/Marilyn Downing	Rosanna Griffin/Lucy Lillywhite
2 Wood Pairs:	Jayne Wiggins/Janet Bowell	Marilyn Downing/Judith Pidd
4 Wood Mixed Pairs:	Marilyn Downing/Michael Griffin	Jayne Wiggins/Jim Johnson
Hawtin Trophy:	Jenny Flower	Rosanna griffin
Jubilee Triples:	Alison Northey/Margaret Bryan Pamela White	Jayne Wiggins/Jackie Mathew/Marilyn Downing
Novice Trophy:	Pamela White	Jill Sewell

Fixture:

20.9.08. Members visit Abington BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Geddington & Newton BC

20.9.08. The Club holds its 'Finals Day'

21.9.08. Old Centralians BC visits for the Braithwaite Trophy match at 2.30 p.m.

24.9.08. Northants Police BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Higham Ferrers Town BC

Competition Results from Finals Day 7.9.08.

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
Men's Singles Championship:	Alan Dempsey 21	Graham Smyth 18
Ladies Singles Championship:	Helena Norman 21	Val Betts 13
Men's Pairs:	Pete Westley/Mark Plimmer 22	Angus Crawford/Alan Dempsey 19
Men's Singles H/Cap:	Paul Litchfield 21	Steve Norman 11
Men's 2 Wood Singles:	Steve Norman 18	Ron Plimmer 11
Ladies 2 Wood Singles:	Brenda Ellis 16	Viv Gaudyn 9
Mixed Pairs:	Garry Ellis/Rose Houghton 21	Brenda Ellis/Steve Norman 20
Mixed Triples:	Pete Knight/Simone Evans/ Steve Norman 17	Yvonne Pullen/Graham Norman/ Angus Crawford 11

Still to be concluded due to non-availability of a finalist are the Ladies Handicap and Ladies Pairs.

Fixtures:

- 20.9.08. Members visit Irchester BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
20.9.08. St Crispin BC visits for a Ladies Match at 2.30 p.m.

Irchester BC

- 20.9.08. Higham Ferrers Town BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
21.9.08. The Club holds its 'Finals Day'

Ise BC, Kettering

- 20.9.08. Stanwick BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Kettering Lodge BC

- 20.9.08. Members visit PSL Roade BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Rushden Town BC

- 20.9.08. Kettering Midland Band BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Stanwick BC

- 18.9.08. Members visit Kettering Park BC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
20.9.08. Members visit Ise BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Swanspool BC

- 18.9.08. Mears Ashby Royal BL BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
20.9.08. BBOB BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
21.9.08. The Club holds its Finals/Fun Day

Wellingborough BC

- 18.9.08. The Club Ladies play the Club Men at 2.30 p.m.
20.9.08. Whyte Melville BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
21.9.08. The Club holds its 'Finals Day' and the following men's Finals are due to be played:
Singles: Chris Falkner v Darren Lyman
Singles H/CP: Graham Maddams v Jack Lyman
Novice Singles: Terry Loak v Keith Taylor
Pairs: Barry Fokerd/Jack Lyman v Neil Rees/Paul Broderick
Drawn Pairs: Les Box/Graham Maddams v Graham Sharpley/Wayne Gregory
Triples: John and Michael Chester/Pete Boulden v John Towell/Darren Lyman/John Marlow

SOUTH AREA, MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO CHRONICLE & ECHO READERS.

Abington BC

- 20.9.08. Earls Barton BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Cold Ashby BC

- 20.9.08. Brington BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
21.9.08. The Club holds its 'Mixed Fours' at 1.30 p.m.

Northampton Express BC

20.9.08. Members visit Olney BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Northampton West BC

20.9.08. Members visit Desborough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John G. Church', written in a cursive style.

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