

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY PRESS REPORT**

### **NATIONAL MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP – COUNTY HAS A WINNING DUO.**

#### **Congratulations to Tina and Paul Broderick, Wellingborough IBC – Winners of the National Mixed Pairs**

#### **Championship today, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, at Northampton & District IBC**

Tina and Paul Broderick, the husband and wife duo from Wellingborough IBC concluded a very successful 3 days of bowling in the National Indoor Mixed Pairs Championship by winning the title this evening, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, at Northampton & District IBC, when defeating in the Final Anne Harrison and Gordon Charlton, of Folkestone IBC, Kent.

In getting to the Final the Broderick's had first to overcome Brian Hawkins and Di Routley, of Taunton Deane IBC, Somerset in the first round on the 13<sup>th</sup> February, which they did in very emphatic style 28-6, allowing their opponents to score on just 4 ends. This put them up against Matty Ritson and Jacky Walker, of Copeland IBC, Cumbria, later the same day, and despite having a healthy lead at the half-way stage they just managed to get over the winning line 22-20.

Their Quarter Final encounter on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, was expected to be a pretty stern test as they had to play young Internationals Lauren Copeland and Paul Mosley, of Thornaby IBC, Stockton-on-Tees, but this turned out not to be the expected hard match for the Broderick's romped home 26-11, their opponents conceding after 17 ends.

On the morning of Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, they played in the Semi-Final what was probably their best quality of bowls so far against Elsie Warbey and Bill Nelson, of Barking & District IBC, when they totally dominated the match winning 25-6 and allowing their opponents just 5 winning ends.

So to the Final which was always expected to be a classic encounter against two top class bowlers, Anne Harrison and Gordon Charlton, both of whom have represented their country at bowls, and Gordon in particular being no stranger to Paul Broderick in top competition for they met in the Final of the men's pairs outdoors at Worthing in 1999 when on that occasion Paul was also victorious.

The Final, watched by a decent crowd of supporters, was a truly magnificent spectacle of top class bowls, with all 4 players showing great skill throughout the match. Only 5 shots were scored in the first 4 ends with the advantage at that time being 3-2 in the County pair's favour, and in the 5<sup>th</sup> end, rather against the expectation of those present, a huge count of 5 was picked up by the Broderick's and by the half-way point an 8 shot gap had opened up between the two. In the 11<sup>th</sup> end Gordon Charlton 'killed it' after Tina had bowled 4 close all counting bowls, and when it was replayed the Folkestone pair picked up a count of 3 shots to narrow the gap.

There then followed 8 ends where just single shots were being picked up, which in itself demonstrated what a fight there was in this match, with the advantage in those ends going the way of Charlton 5-3. Single shots were not enough however for the Folkestone pair but try as they might with some, at times, remarkable bowls, they could not shake the resolve and skill of the Broderick's and in the last end, which Charlton had killed first time round when the head was not in favour of him getting multiple shots, despite trying so hard to 'kill it' again, he had to accept defeat, 20-13 to the Broderick's, with the trophy going to Wellingborough.

The trophy was presented to Tina and Paul by the Men's President of the English Indoor Bowling Association, John Clipston.

**(Please find attached some photographs of John Clipston presenting the trophy; and of Tina and Paul with the cup)**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John G. Church', with a horizontal line underneath.

**John G. Church, MBE – Northamptonshire Bowls Press Officer**