

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

MIDDLETON CUP - NORTHAMPTONSHIRE versus BEDFORDSHIRE 14.6.08. – RESULT

The gentlemen of Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association took on Bedfordshire in the National Inter-County 'Middleton Cup' competition at Wellingborough BC, on Saturday, 14th June, 2008, hoping to keep themselves in the running for further progress, but on the day they could not overcome their very lively and noisy opponents, and despite having 3 winning rinks lost the match by 8 shots.

The match started very much in Bedfordshire's favour the County being 2-6 shots down after the first end, and by the 5 end mark the deficit had increased to 11 shots. Matters did not improve over the next quarter and Bedfordshire increased their lead to 17 shots. The next quarter saw a great improvement by the County team which picked up a 10 shot advantage to just trail by 7 shots and this improvement was seen over the next few ends, indeed Northamptonshire went in front by 5 shots with about 15 ends to play across the green.

Unfortunately this surge could not be maintained and Bedfordshire retook the lead and at the end of the match despite the best efforts of the home team they took the match. Final score Northamptonshire 104 – Bedfordshire 112 shots.

Rink scores, Beds skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Malcolm Paul
Andrew Hunter
Sam Wade
Jim McKee v T Cawdell
11 shots 23 shots

Rink 2.

Callum Height
Mick Malins
Roger Tansley
Neil Corbyn v G Milbourne
18 shots 24 shots

Rink 3.

Richard Lemon
Jonathan Brown
Darren Childs
Paul Broderick v J Allen
12 shots 17 shots

Rink 4.

Alun Withers
Colin Fowkes
Chris Bland
John Haines v D Taylor
22 shots 12 shots

Rink 5.

Neil Rees
Richard Mann
Mick Diggin
Phil Reeve v L Nunn
22 shots 19 shots

Rink 6.

Jamie Walker
Alan Ashby
John Freeman
Vernon Gearey v P Andrew
19 shots 17 shots

JOHNS TROPHY – NORTHAMPTONSHIRE versus LEICESTERSHIRE 10.6.08. – RESULT

The Ladies of the Jackson Grundy Northampton Women's County Bowling Association played Leicestershire Ladies in the National Inter-County 'Johns Trophy' competition at Wolvey BC, Nr Hinckley, on Tuesday, 10th June, 2008, and on a very tricky green which many of the County players experienced difficulty with, they came off second best by 44 shots, despite having two good winning rinks.

The three young ladies Karen Leveridge, Rebecca Wigfield and Ann-Marie Gearey, all playing their first Johns Trophy match, adapted well and deserved their place. The final score was Northamptonshire 96 shots – Leicestershire 140 shots. Rink scores, Leics skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Jackie Grainge Yvonne McKee Jean Pownall-Davies Sharon Tansley v P Sutton 13 shots 28 shots	Rink 2. Margaret Watts Cynthia Cherry Val Betts Barbara Haseldine v J Meakin 24 shots 16 shots	Rink 3. Karen Leveridge Jill Welch Wilma Walker Jackie Harrington v J Groves 24 shots 16 shots
Rink 4. Vicki Rushall Ann-Marie Gearey Hilary Sharpe Brenda Bishop v L Green 15 shots 20 shots	Rink 5. Eileen West Ann Lissack Di Brumwell Pam Lewis v E Barrett 9 shots 31 shots	Rink 6. Rebecca Wigfield May Wiggins Margaret Cave Jan Bradley v N Elmer 11 shots 29 shots

NORTHANTS VP'S versus BUCKINGHAMSHIRE VP'S 11.6.08. – RESULT

The Gentlemen of the Northamptonshire Honorary Vice Presidents Association had a massive win against their counterparts from Buckinghamshire played at Brackley BC on Wednesday, 11th June, 2008, winning by 65 shots, with just one losing rink, and then by only one shot. An interesting score on Richard Somerton's rink on their 19th end was a maximum 'Hot Shot' count of 8 shots, and this rink only dropped shots on 4 ends of the 21 played. Final score was Northamptonshire VP's 155 shots – Buckinghamshire VP's 90 shots. Rinks scores, Bucks skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Bob Tingle Bryan Audis Gerrard Stephenson Tony Buckmaster v D Perriman 19 shots 20 shots	Rink 2. Mick Hall Ken Friend Dennis Allsopp Tony Essam v M Jeffs 31 shots 13 shots	Rink 3. Tony Coles Harry Bell Walter Stoddard Richard Somerton v M Stewart 35 shots 5 shots
Rink 4. Len Smith Mick Pullen John Watson Keith Forbes v S Applegarth 24 shots 20 shots	Rink 5. Trevor Tilley Clyde Hulbert Mike McKeown Olly Pearson v P Johnson 25 shots 13 shots	Rink 6. Ray Timson Peter Byworth Bryan Langton Dave Williamson v D Warwick 21 shots 19 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus OXFORDSHIRE MEN 10.6.08. – RESULT

The gentlemen of Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association played a friendly match against Oxfordshire at Brackley BC on Tuesday, 10th June, 2008, and after a very tight match came away with a 5 shot victory with 4 winning rinks and 2 losing. Final score was Northamptonshire 121 shots – Oxfordshire 116 shots. Rink scores, Oxfordshire skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Stuart Lake Gordon Morris Ken Court Geoff Hunt v M Ford 21 shots 19 shots	Rink 2. Martin Horsham Peter Court Mick Hall Ralph Baxter v G Roper 24 shots 19 shots	Rink 3. Alan Byrnes Skene McInnes Robin Frost Harvey Fruish v J Shea 12 shots 22 shots
Rink 4. Mike Jackson Bob Barnard George Willmott Richard Somerton v I Whelpton 25 shots 10 shots	Rink 5. Bob Somerville Eric Wareing David Thurlow Keith Forbes v H Franklin 23 shots 21 shots	Rink 6. John Ruff Peter Byworth Laurie Harrison Mike King v J Lucas 16 shots 25 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25's DOUBLE RINK 15.6.08. – RESULT

The County suffered its fourth disappointment in just over a week, following defeats for the County men's Middleton Cup team on Saturday; the Ladies Johns Trophy team on Tuesday; and the County Men's Double Rinks last Sunday; to Cambridgeshire; Leicestershire; and Essex respectively, when the Under 25's Double Rink team went out of the National competition in the Semi-Final stage at the Regional Finals held at Bedford Borough BC on Sunday, 15th June, 2008.

After an excellent win in the previous round four weeks ago against Hertfordshire the County youngsters were in confident mood, although they were aware of the quality of their opposition from Norfolk. On a bright morning and on a green which was very conducive to good bowls, the many supporters were treated to a very fine exhibition of bowling by all the players on show, but the superior experience of Norfolk showed as the match progressed, with some very big bowls being played by the Norfolk young men, particularly the two skips and their No. 3's.

The margin of the defeat was 19 shots with the final score Northamptonshire 24 shots – Norfolk 43 shots. Rink scores, Norfolk skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Matthew Wordingham, Higham Ferrers BC
Jack Tobin, Rushden Town BC
Dominic Graham, Northampton Express BC
Michael Chester, Wellingborough BC
10 shots v W Willgress 22 shots

Rink 2.

Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC
Callum Height, Thrapston BC
Matthew Pownall, Geddington & Newton BC
Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC
14 shots v R Summers 21 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus CIVIL SERVICE 24.6.08. – SELECTED TEAM

The following gentlemen have been selected to represent the County in a friendly match against the Civil Service Bowling Association, to be played at Olney BC, Buckinghamshire, on Tuesday, 24th June, 2008, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.

Peter Woodhams, Irchester
Skene McInnes, St Crispion
Harvey Fruish, President
Ron Giles, Abington

Rink 2.

Bill Roberts, Abington
Peter Mercer, West Haddon
Derek Brewer, Daventry Tigers
Mike King, Sen V/President

Rink 3.

Stuart Lake, Executive
Bill Foster, Daventry Tigers
Ian Watts, West Haddon
Richard Somerton, Executive

Rink 4.

Brian Robbins, Daventry Tigers
Bill Humphries, West Haddon
Tony Fairmaner, Kettering Lodge
Geoff Hunt, Executive

Rink 5.

Alf Hudson, West Haddon
Peter Byworth, Wellingborough
George Willmott, Executive
Tracy Nunn, Jun V/President

Rink 6.

Trevor Tilley, Irchester
John Scudder, Daventry Tigers
Geoff Harris, Higham Ferrers
Laurie Harrison, Executive

Travelling Reserves:

Non-travelling Reserves:

David Thurlow, Wellingborough

Geoff Vincent, Bugbrooke

Chris Beck, Abington

Bill Russell, Bugbrooke

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme held its AGM on Monday 9th June, 2008, at Irchester BC with Chairman Brenice Willmott of the host club presiding. Mrs Willmott congratulated all the young bowlers who had competed in the local competitions, and those who qualified for the Schools of Excellence. She had enjoyed her year in office and wished the Scheme well for the future. Keith Howlett, Rothwell Conservatives BC and Desborough IBC was elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Secretary/Treasurer Brian Sherwood had previously intimated that he was standing down as from the AGM and to date no successor had been found. **(Note: Would it be possible please to highlight this –and ask anyone who might be interested to contact Brian at the address shown in the letterhead of this report)**

The draw was made for the outdoor competitions for the Under 15's and the Under 18's sections, there being 28 youngsters having entered.

The County Co-ordinator, Irene Scoble, reported on the Schools of Excellence both locally and nationally, and she also referred to the Coaching Scheme, and reported that several County coaches had achieved an upgrade on their qualifications, and they include Peter Boulden and Ted Guiver (Wellingborough) Sue White (Desborough) Tricia Basford (Geddington) and Tony Warren (Northampton IBC)

She reported that at a recent 'Skills Day' at Kislingbury BC 22 ladies attended, and at Rushden on the 16th June there are 24 ladies due to attend a similar event.

In recognition of all the work put in by Andy Purcell, Committee member, and former Co-ordinator for the NBYDS for many years, and his contribution to coaching of young people, he was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

CROCKETT CUP – NORTHAMPTON AREA – 21.6.08.

One of the oldest Northampton Borough bowling competitions, the Crockett Cup, is being held on Saturday, 21st June, 2008, on four of the Borough Public Park greens – Abington Park; Racecourse; Farr Cotton Recreation Ground; and Kingsthorpe Recreation Ground.

This competition is one of the oldest held in the County, having been started very early in the 1900's following the forming of the Manfield Cup competition for private clubs in the County. The Crockett Cup was donated by the co-founder of the shoe firm Crockett & Jones, James Crockett, later Sir James, for competition between teams which played on the Borough's public greens.

James Crockett's firm was founded in 1879, and he was a very keen bowler who was not only a member of Northampton County ground BC, but also the second President of Northamptonshire Bowling Association holding the office for 2 years in 1922 and 1923.

Public green bowling became hugely popular with Leagues being formed at greens in the Northampton parks o Victoria Park, Dallington Park, Becketts Park, plus those hosting the Crockett Cup this year. At one time, as might be expected for a town steeped in the history of shoemaking, there were also leather trade leagues, and it was thought that at its height of popularity the Crockett Cup, played on a three rink basis along similar lines to the Manfield Cup, was the largest single day bowling event in the country.

In addition to the 'Crockett Cup' the runners-up receive the 'Dairy Cup', and the highestb winning rink on the vday receives the 'Chown Cup' which was donated by a past pillar of the town, and former dedicated bowler, who held the presidency of the Northamptonshire Bowling Association in 1954, the Midland Counties Bowling Association in 1959, and the English Bowling Association in 1961.

22 League Clubs will be doing battle on the 21st June, 2008.

COMPETITIONS AROUND THE COUNTY

OF INTEREST ALL OVER COUNTY

GENTLEMEN

Triples Quarter Finals

The Triples competition in the County has reached the Quarter Finals stage, and they are being held at West End BC, Northampton, on Tuesday, 17th June, 2008, commencing at 6.0 p.m. The following will contest those finals:

Alex Hamilton/Alan Dunkley/Martin Gearey (PSL Roade) will play Mick Catlin/Malc Mattinson/Terry James (Thrapston)
Tony O'Leary/Terry Brown/John Freeman (Abington) will play Neil Rees/Darren Lyman/Paul Broderick (Wellingborough)
Richard Lemon/Gary Lyon/Chris Bland (Express) will play Mick Pine/Charlie Clarke/Ron Philip (Corby S & L)
Richard Mann/Roger Tansley/Vernon Gearey (Kingsthorpe) will play Richard Humphrey/Rob Vowles/Dennis Mole (KMB)

NORTH AREA – MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO EVENING TELEGRAPH READERS

GENTLEMEN

C of Champions National:

Mark Turner (Kettering Midland Band) beat John Freeman (Abington) 21-19

Over 55 Singles 2nd Round:

John Haines (Desborough) beat Malcolm Mattinson (Thrapston)
Mick Corbyn (Rushden) beat David Cox (St Crispin)

Over 55 Pairs 2nd Round:

Terry James (Thrapston) beat Dennis Morson (Irthlingborough Church Institute) 19-10
Graham Reynolds (Wellingborough) beat Alan Jeyes (Earls Barton)
Roy Allen (Irchester) beat Norman Gibb (Corby S & L)
David Bailey (Thrapston) beat David Haseltine (Kettering Conservatives) 19-16
Ian Daverson (West End) beat David Cox (St Crispin) 25-17

3rd Round:

Bailey beat Allen 17-12

County Singles 2nd Round:

Adrian Harris (Kettering Lodge) beat Neil Corbyn (Wellingborough)
Darren Childs (Thrapston) beat Graham Maddams (Wellingborough)
John Haines (Desborough) beat Mick Lee (Wellingborough)
David Bailey (Thrapston) beat Richard Horrell (Thrapston)

3rd Round:

Mick Malins (Irchester) beat John Church (Higham Ferrers) 21-17
James Butts (Earls Barton) beat J Goldsworthy (Raunds Conservatives)
Malcolm Paul (Desborough) beat Paul Melville (Corby Forest)

County Triples 4th Round:

Terry James (Thrapston) beat Dave Stewart (Irchester)
Neil Rees (Wellingborough) beat Alan Jeyes (Earls Barton)
Ron Philip (Corby S & L) given walkover by John Church (Higham Ferrers)
Dennis Mole (Kettering Midland Band) beat Fred Palmer (Corby Grampian)
George Warren (Corby S & L) beat M Lee (Oundle)
J Collins (Corby Forest) beat P Saddington (Islip)
Tony Stratford (Desborough) beat Ron Plimer (Higham Ferrers)
John Haines (Desborough) beat Paul Melville (Corby Forest)

Area Final:

Philip beat Stratford
James beat Warren
Neil Rees beat J Collins
Mole beat Haines

Double Rinks National:

3rd Round 4th Round:

Finedon 'A' beat Rushden 'A' 44-34
Higham Ferrers 'A' beat Finedon 'A' 51-20

Top Club 2nd Rd:

Abington beat St Crispin 3-2

MIXED

Pairs – National

1st Round:

Paul Broderick (Wellingborough) beat Alun Withers (Desborough)
Barbara Haseldine (Finedon) beat Mary Forrester (Kettering Lodge) 2017#
Herbert Starsmore (Kettering Lodge) beat Richard Sharpe (Irchester)
Gordon Dring (Swanspool) beat Roy Cave (Rushden) 28-9

2nd Round:

Caroline and Martin Cinato (Kettering Athletic/Kettering Midland Band) beat Tina Burgess/Paul Broderick (Wellingborough) 19-11. Something of a shock result as Tina and Paul are the reigning National Champions.

Fours – National

1st Round:

Paul Broderick (Wellingborough) beat Alun Withers (Desborough) 19-13

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

LADIES.

Over 55's Singles:

Pauline Eagles (Kislingbury) beat Brenda Bishop (Daventry) 21-10

Top Club:

Higham Ferrers beat Wellingborough 2-2 (81-64 on shots aggregate)

Mother/Daughter:

Susan Grant (Hinckley Sweet Pea) beat Alison Dring (Swanspool) 18-13
Marlene Court/Jackie Harrington (Brackley) beat Sharon & Michell Tansley (Kingsthorpe) 21-16
Pauline Eagles/Debbie Hall (Kislingbury) beat Hayley Felce (St Neots) 21-20

GENTLEMEN

Mason Cup:

Rob White (Northampton Express) beat Richard Lemon (Northampton Express) 21-16

Over 55 Singles

National 2nd Rd:

Mick Corbyn (Rushden) beat David Cox (St Crispin) 21-14
Doug Mitchell (Daventry Town) beat Brian Jones (Heyford) 21-13

Over 55 Pairs

National 2nd Rd:

Ian Daverson (West End) beat David Cox (St Crispin)
Terry Brown (Abington) beat Tony Hancock (St Crispin) 16-11
Don Crowson (Kingsthorpe) beat Ron Peacock (PSL Roade) 25-8

County Singles

3rd Rd:

Tony James (Woodford-cum-Membris) beat Pat McAlwane (Abington) 21-11
Kevin Mawson (Cogenhoe) beat Alan Ashby (Northampton West End)
Jamie Walker (Northampton West End) beat Richard Lemon (Northampton Express) 21-17
Roger Tansley (Kingsthorpe) beat Colin Fowkes (Kingsthorpe) 21-6

County Triples

3rd Round:

Don Crowson (Kingsthorpe) beat Martin Walker (West End) 30-18
Martin Gearey (PSL Roade) beat R Cross (Byfield) 22-14
Iain Walker (Kingsthorpe) beat Ron Peacock (PSL Roade) 21-9
John Freeman (Abington) beat M Brown (Brackley) 20-9
Eric Wareing (Daventry & District) beat D Coles (Kingsthorpe Nondescripts) 24-4
Chris Bland (Express) beat Stuart Letts (West End) 17-13
Vernon Gearey (Kingsthorpe) beat Fred Wakefield (Harpole) 23-8
Reg Jones (Abington) beat Neil McKee (Kingsthorpe) 15-14

Area Finals:

Martin Gearey beat Crowson 23-14
Freeman beat Walker 22-13
Bland beat Wareing 21-7
Vernon Gearey beat Reg Jones

C of Champions

National:

Mark Turner (Kettering Midland Band) beat John Freeman (Abington) 21-19

MIXED.

Pairs 1st Round

National:

Alan Ashby (West End) given walk-over by Bernard Spreadbury (Daventry)
Ann-Marie Gearey (PSL Roade) given walk-over by Dave Masters (Express)
Sharon Tansley(Kingsthorpe) given walk-over by Steve Jackson (Brackley)
Martin Walker (West End) beat Neville Bodily (Whyte Melville) 27-13
Jamie Walker (West End) beat Martin Gearey (PSL Roade) 17-3
Phil Reeve (Kingsthorpe) beat Stuart Letts (West End) 19-18
Yvonne McKee (Kingsthorpe) beat Mick Hall (Abington)
Debbie Cadd (Abington) beat Debbie Hall (Kislingbury)
Doug Mitchell (Daventry) beat Peter Milburn (Abington) 24-14
Sally Row (Kingsthorpe) given walk-over by Margaret Sidebottom (Abington)

Fours 1st Round

National:

Sally Row (Kingsthorpe) beat Jamie Walker (West End) 19-13
George Humpage (Bournville BC Warws.) beat Yvonne McKee (Kingsthorpe) 21-13

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS.

Harris Cup

The Annual Harris Cup competition is being held on Wednesday, 18th June, 2008, at four greens in the County commencing at 9.45 a.m. Those being used are Abington, West End, Kingsthorpe, and Wellingborough. This round robin format is played to produce the highest winning rink at each venue, and they will then play in the semi-finals the same day, at Northampton West End BC, followed by the Final.

Fixtures

- 22.6.08. The fixture against Wiltshire VP's has been cancelled.
26.6.08. The VP's will play against Daventry Town BC for the Tom Ashby Trophy. This is played in the memory of a former Chairman of the VP's Tom Ashby, who was a long time member of Daventry Town BC.
29.6.08. The VP's will help the Centenary Celebrations of Thrapston BC by playing a match against them at 2 p.m.

CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

NORTH AREA – MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO EVENING TELEGRAPH READERS

Desborough BC

- 18.6.08. Members visit Kibworth BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
19.6.08. Corby Forest BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
21.6.08. Members visit Northampton West End BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Earls Barton BC

14.6.08. Earls Barton BC visited Kettering Lodge for a 6 rink triples match and found, on a very fast green, some difficulty in coping with it, although the weather was excellent and the game was enjoyed by everyone. Earls Barton lost the match by 25 shots, although they had 3 very good winning rinks skipped by R Johnson, B Tipler, and R Frost. Unfortunately one of the rinks lost by a massive margin of 32 shots, and with another going down by 16 shots the wins could not balance the scores.

- 17.6.08. Members visit Abbey Park Ladies for a match at 2.30 p.m.
21.6.08. Stewarts & Lloyds BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
22.6.08. Wellingborough OG's BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
24.6.08. Rushden BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

Geddington & Newton BC

- 19.6.08. Burton Latimer BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 19.6.08. Members visit Wellingborough OG's for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 21.6.08. Members visit Thrapston BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.6.08. The NBA and NWCBA visit for a match to celebrate the Club's 25th anniversary at 2.0 p.m.
- 24.6.08. Rothwell Manor Park BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

Higham Ferrers Town BC

- 19.6.08. Members visit Rushden Town BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Irchester BC

On Saturday, 7th June, 2008, Irchester BC held a Triples Gala Day in which 12 teams from across the County took part, with the winning Triple coming from Daventry Town BC – Julie Spreadbury/Jill Welch/Jan Bradley taking the honours, and Eileen West/Pam Lewis/Audrey Height of Rushden Town BC being runners-up. The event raised £250.00p for charity, and this is being donated to the 'Crazy Hats' Cancer Charity.

- 17.6.08. Members visit Kettering Park BC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 19.6.08. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 21.6.08. Members visit Bicester BC, Oxon, for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.6.08. Swanspool BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Ise BC

- 19.6.08. Kettering Athletic BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 21.6.08. Members visit the Bohemian BC, Reading for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Kettering Lodge BC

- 19.6.08. Members visit Rothwell Conservatives BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 21.6.08. Members visit Kettering Midland Band BC for a men's match at 3.0 p.m.
- 21.6.08. Members visit St Crispin BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.6.08. The Club holds its 'Gala Day'

McAlpine BC

- 22.6.08. Members visit Corby Grampian BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.

Rushden Town BC

- 19.6.08. Higham Ferrers BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 21.6.08. St Crispin BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.6.08. The Ladies President holds her 'President's Day' at 2.30 p.m.

Stanwick BC

- 19.6.08. Kettering Park BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 21.6.08. Managers & Foremen BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.6.08. Members visit Woodsend BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Swanspool BC

- 21.6.08. Members visit BBOB BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.6.08. Members visit Irchester BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Wellingborough BC

- 18.6.08. The Club hosts one group of the VP's Harris Cup all day.
- 19.6.08. Members visit Irchester BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 21.6.08. Stony Stratford BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 21.6.08. members visit Bletchley BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.6.08. The Ladies hold their Hatton Charities day at 2.30 p.m.

SOUTH AREA – MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO CHRONICLE & ECHO READERS

Abington BC

- 17.6.08. Daventry Town BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 19.6.08. Members visit Kingsthorpe BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 21.6.08. Burton Latimer BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.6.08. The Ladies hold their Club Triples at 10 0 a.m.
- 23.6.08. The 'A' team visits St Crispin 'A' in the Northampton Triples league
- 23.6.08. The 'B' team plays Daventry 'B' team at home in the Triples League
- 24.6.08. West End BC visit for a ladies triples match at 6.30 p.m.

Brackley BC

- 19.6.08. Members visit Byfield for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 24.6.08. Burma Star BA visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 25.6.08. Members visit Chestnuts BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

Cold Ashby BC

- 19.6.08. West Haddon BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 21.6.08. Members visit Corby Grampian BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.6.08. Members visit Golden Horse BC for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.
- 24.6.08. Members visit Daventry & District for a ladies triples match

Daventry Town BC

- 9.6.08. The 'A' team lost to St Crispin and the 'B' team lost to Daventry Tigers in the Northampton Triples League
 - 11.6.08. The Club ladies beat Southam BC ladies by 2 shots in a friendly match.
 - 15.6.08. The 'A' team progressed to the 3rd round of the Northampton Triples League Knock-out by beating Kislingbury. They now meet Brackley on the 29th June.
 - 14.6.08. The Club won their match against Banbury Chestnuts BC
- Fixtures.
- 17.6.08. Members visit Abington BC for a ladies match
 - 20.6.08. Friday Triples League home to Byfield
 - 21.6.08. Play Higham Ferrers in the Ladies 'Top Club' County Final.

Heyford BC

- 18.6.08. Members visit Whyte Melville BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 21.6.08. Harpole BC visits for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.

Northampton Express BC

- 21.6.08. The club plays Kislingbury in a men's match
- 23.6.08. 'A' team plays Byfield at home in the Northampton Triples League
- 23.6.08. 'B' team visits Daventry & District in the Triples League.

Northampton West End BC

- 17.6.08. The Club hosts the Quarter Finals of the Men's Triples
- 18.6.08. The Club hosts the Harris Cup VP's competition
- 19.6.08. Leicester BC visits for a men;'s match at 2.30 p.m.
- 21.6.08. Desborough Town BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 23.6.08. 'A' team visits Daventry 'A' in the Northampton Triples League
- 23.6.08. 'B' team plays Wootton 'B' at home in the Triples League
- 24.6.08. Members visit Abington for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.



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