

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus OXFORDSHIRE 15.5.10. – RESULT

The men of Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association visited Banbury Central BC on Saturday, 15th May, 2010, to play a Middleton Cup Practice match against Oxfordshire BA, and Team Manager John Church took the opportunity to give some younger bowlers a run out to show their abilities, including 14 years old Connor Cinato of Desborough and 16 years old Curtis Johnson of Wellingborough. These two, plus David Love, Wellingborough, playing his first representative game for the County, acquitted themselves very well and played their part in a very good win by 22 shots.

Four rinks won and with the other two losing by just 1 shot and 7 shots respectively, the win gave a great deal of encouragement for the forthcoming Middleton Cup campaign, especially as Oxfordshire fielded almost all of their Middleton Cup squad. The final score was Northamptonshire 125 shots – Oxfordshire 103 shots. Rink scores, Oxon skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Curtis Johnson/Martin Walker/Mick Malins/Chris Bland 22 shots – Greg Moon 20 shots
Rink 2. Matt Wordingham/Adrian Harris/Richard Lemon/Vernon Gearey 27 shots – Mark Sykes 7 shots
Rink 3. Jason Hall/Ray Castle/John Haines/Jim McKee 17 shots – Mark Charlett 24 shots
Rink 4. Connor Cinato/Matt Pownall(sub Alan Ashby)/Jonathan Brown/Phil Reeve 21 shots – Howard Watts 22
Rink 5. Keith Height/Dominic Graham/Carl Haines(sub Martin Cinato)Darren Childs 19 shots – Ian Snowden 12
Rink 6. Dave Love/Callum Height/Jamie Walker/Roger Tansley 19 shots – Baden Sparkes 18 shots

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus WARWICKSHIRE 22.5.10. – SELECTION

The following have been selected for the second Middleton Cup Trial Match, which doubles as a Midland Counties Championship match also, to represent **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association** to be played at Kingsthorpe BC, Central Avenue, Whitehills, Northampton, on Saturday, 22nd May, 2010, commencing at 2.0 p.m. Players to arrive please by 1.15 p.m.

- Abington BC: Jonathan Brown, John Freeman, Ollie Kirkwood, Tony O'Leary
Corby Forest BC: Paul Melville
Desborough BC: Martin Cinato, Derek Douglas, Carl Haines, John Haines, Malcolm Paul, Jason Hall (Reserve)
Kettering Lodge BC: Adrian Harris (Reserve)
Kingsthorpe BC: Jim McKee, Paul O'Beirne, Phil Reeve, Roger Tansley
Northampton Express: Richard Lemon.
Northampton West End BC: Alan Ashby
Roade BC: Martin Gearey
Rushden Town BC: Matt Wordingham
Thrapston BC: Darren Childs, Callum Height, Keith Height, Matt Pownall
Wellingborough BC: Dave Love, Graham Maddams, Curtis Johnson (Reserve)

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR CHARITY PRESENTATION.

Mick Pullen, President of **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** for 2009/10, was pleased to have collected the sum of £700 for Charity during his year in office. He did so by way of a bit of fun after each match by fining players for various 'misdemeanours' committed during match days, such as sending a wrong bias bowl; not following the skip's instructions; taking their ties or blazers off before being permitted to; etc., etc.

As Mick had received the benefit of the expertise of Dr Shaukat at Kettering General Hospital Coronary Care Unit, which lead to his triple bypass operation, and in the knowledge that several other bowlers in the County had also been under that Unit's care, he decided to present the gift of £700 for the benefit of that Unit.

On Wednesday, 12th May, 2010, President Mick Pullen presented a cheque to Maxine White, (Dr Shaukat's Secretary) for the Cardiology Endowment Fund, which means that the Coronary Care Unit benefits. Such donations enable the Unit to carry out operations such as fitting stents as a 'quick fix' procedure which avoids long journies to major heart units such as Papworth and Oxford.

(Attached is a photograph of President Mick Pullen presenting the cheque to Maxine White)

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus BERKSHIRE 14.5.10. – RESULT

The Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association played their first full friendly match of the season against Berkshire Ladies on Friday, 14th May, 2010, at Thatcham BC, and came home with a very good win by 21 shots. Over the first few ends Berkshire went into a 16 shots lead, but by the half-way stage the County ladies had pegged that lead back to just 4 shots. From then on the Northamptonshire team picked up 38 shots to just 6 conceded over the next 5 ends to take a healthy lead which was never threatened in the last quarter of the match.

It was a win that was much overdue, the last victory being 7 years ago, and with 4 winning rinks and 2 losing by just a few shots, it was a good start to President Pat Gayton's year in office. Final score was Northamptonshire 117 shots – Berkshire 96 shots. Rink scores, Berkshire skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Pat Coles/Sandy Hayter/Christine Barlow/Barbara Haseldine 18 shots – B Wall 11 shots
- Rink 2.** Cynthia Cherry/Pat Bodily/Linda Tomlinson/Jackie Harrington 22 shots – E Whiting 17 shots
- Rink 3.** Chris Cooper/Wilma Walker/Rita Bell/Pam Lewis 15 shots – S Harrison 22 shots
- Rink 4.** Joyce George/Ina Layland/Pat Symonds/Pat Gayton 15 shots – J Porter 21 shots
- Rink 5.** Trish Basford/Jean Vincent/Joan Bryan/Val Betts 23 shots – A Jones 13 shots
- Rink 6.** Jackie Grainge/Bev Manning/Eleanor Winters/Jan Bradley 24 shots – L Holliday 13 shots

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VP'S versus NORFOLK VP'S 11.5.10. – RESULT

Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Association entertained their counterparts from Norfolk to a friendly fixture at Wellingborough BC on Tuesday, 11th May, 2010, fully expecting a hard game, as their opponents are invariably very strong.

Early on in the match Norfolk went into the lead, but with dogged determination the County VP's pulled them back and by the half-way stage had nosed in front. From then on the County men were always out in front and with no losing rinks they accomplished a very good 41 shots victory. Final score was: Northamptonshire VP's 125 shots – Norfolk 84 shots.

Rink scores, Norfolk skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Ray Timson/John Broderick/Mick McKeown/Ken Legan 20 shots – L Lovelace 8 shots
- Rink 2.** Graham Cashmore/Ollie Pearson/Clyde Hulbert/Brian Langton 20 shots – G Middleton 14 shots
- Rink 3.** Peter Woodhams/Harry Bell/Tony Coles/Graham Dunscombe 26 shots – D Sparkes 18 shots
- Rink 4.** Paul Cooke/Derek Cooper/Derek Essam/Tony Essam 17 shots – D Johnson 17 shots
- Rink 5.** Len Marshall/Geoff Care/Barry Basford/Terry Brown 21 shots – D Johnson 16 shots
- Rink 6.** Bob Tingle/Bryan Audis/Harvey Fruish/Laurie Harrison 21 shots – P Jackman 11 shots

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES – 23.5.10. – SELECTION

The following men have been selected to represent **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association** in the annual match against the Ladies of **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association** to be played on Sunday, 23rd May, 2010, at Corby Forest BC, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1. Trevor Tilley, Irchester John Cooper, Burton Latimer Jamie Watt, Corby Forest Terry James, Thrapston	Rink 2. Skene McInnes, Sen V/President John Chester, Jun V/President Laurie Harrison, NBA Secretary Tracy Nunn, President	Rink 3. John Ruff, N'ton West End Stuart Laxton, Oundle Norman Gibb, Stewarts & Lloyds Geoff Hunt, Irchester
Rink 4. Len Smith, Geddington & Newton Brian Diver, Stewarts & Lloyds George Willmott, Irchester Richard Somerton, Brackley	Rink 5. Peter Kneeshaw, Abington Keith Johnson, Oundle Harvey Fruish, Abington Roy Cave, Rushden Town	Rink 6. Gordon Dring, Swanspool Mike Pullen, Irchester Mike King, N'ton West End George Warren, Stewarts & Lloyds
Reserve:	Billy Marshall, Stewarts & Lloyds	

7. COUNTY PLAYERS IN ENGLAND TRIALS

England Men's International Trials are being held at Beach House Park, Worthing, on Saturday 22nd and Sunday, 23rd May, 2010 and there is County interest in them.

The Junior (Under 25's) Men's Trial is on Saturday and the County has two players involved in it. **Jamie Walker**, Northampton West End, the County's Singles Champion last season, and **Dominic Graham**, Northampton Express, the County's Under 25 Champion last season as well as the skip of the County Triples Winners are both hoping to shine. Jamie skips a rink with Jack Cawdell, Bedfordshire at Lead, Grant Bosworth, Derbyshire at No. 2, and Michael Richards, Wiltshire at 3' Dominic is at No. 2 in a rink skipped by Michael Woodbridge, Gloucestershire, and Chris Cleaver, Middlesex leading and Shaun Jones, Herefordshire at 3.

The Senior Men's Trial is being held on the Sunday, and **Vernon Gearey**, Kingsthorpe, the skip of the National Triples winners in 2008, is due to play at No. 3 in a rink skipped by Vinnie O'Neill, Yorkshire, and he has Simon Leader, Huntingdonshire at No. 1 and Richard Chandler, Cumbria at No. 2.

We wish them well in their endeavours to obtain national honours.

8. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

MIXED

PAIRS

1ST Round: Brenda Ellis, Higham Ferrers & Matthew Wordingham, Higham Ferrers beat Claire Snelling & Steve Bunker, Higham Ferrers 24-15.
Tina & Paul Broderick, Swanspool/Wellingborough beat Robert Norman & partner, Higham Ferrers 21-18
Janet & Alan Ashby, Northampton West End beat Graham Prior & partner, Brackley 20-12

FOURS

1ST Round: Maureen Johnson's rink, Thrapston beat Gordon Dring's rink, Swanspool 17-14
Martin Gearey's rink, Roade beat David Williamson's rink, Northampton B.B.O.B. 20-15
Sharon Tansley's rink, Kingsthorpe beat Hilary Sharpe's rink, Kingsthorpe 20-15

GENTLEMEN

OVER 55 PAIRS

- 1st Round:** Alan Jeyes & partner, Earls Barton beat Norman Gibb & partner, Stewarts & Lloyds 22-10
Stuart Letts & partner, Northampton West End beat Don Crowson & partner, Kingsthorpe 21-11
Mick Moulton & partner, Daventry Town beat Kevin Mawson & partner, N'ton Whyte Melville 21-16
Terry Brown & partner, Abington beat Brian Jones & partner, Heyford 21-12

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SINGLES

- 1st Round:** Tony Burns, Rushden beat Derek Willmott, Raunds Conservatives 21-11
John Freeman, Abington beat John Hodgkinson, Daventry 21-15
Jamie Walker, Northampton West End beat Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe 21-13
David Jones, Irchester beat David Love, Finedon Town 21-20
- 2nd Round:** Paul Harris, Kettering Lodge beat Neil Gould, Earls Barton 21-15
Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat Maurice Tyler, Burton Latimer 21-6

CLUB TWO FOURS

- 1st Round:** Oundle BC 'A' beat Swanspool BC 'A' 63-24
Finedon Town BC 'A' beat Kettering Midland Band BC 'A' 55-26
Wellingborough BC 'A' beat Thrapston BC 'B' 37-16
Thrapston BC 'A' beat Desborough Town BC 'B' 43-34
Burton Latimer Town BC 'A' beat Wellingborough BC 'B' 38-36
Irthlingborough CI BC 'A' beat Corby Forest BC 'B' 43-23
Northampton West End BC 'B' beat Kingsthorpe BC 'C' 36-33
Northampton West End BC 'A' beat Northampton Express BC 'B' 42-33
- 2nd Round:** Northampton Whyte Melville BC 'A' beat Roade BC 'A' 42-8
Kettering Lodge BC 'A' beat Desborough Town BC 'A'

TOP CLUB

- 1st Round:** Kettering Lodge BC beat Geddington & Newton BC 4-1
Wellingborough BC beat Oundle BC 3-2
- 2nd Round:** Finedon Town BC beat Belvedere BC, Hunts 3-2
Desborough BC beat Kettering Lodge BC 4-1
Stewarts & Lloyds BC beat Rushden Town BC 3-2
Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Kettering Midland Band BC 4-1
Kingsthorpe BC beat Northampton Whyte Melville BC 4-1
Roade BC beat Wootton Grange BC 4-1
Corby Forest beat Earls Barton 4-1
(No details of individual performances for the above 7 encounters)

West End BC beat Abington BC 5-0 – details as follows, West End names first:

4 Wood Singles: Jamie Walker beat John Freeman 21-18

2 Wood Singles: Mick Spear beat Tony O'Leary after extra end.

Pairs: Andy Fowkes/Martin Walker beat Alan Coleman/Terry Brown 28-24

Triples: Shaun Marriott/John Baggat/Alan Ashby beat Adam Brown/Dave Fage/Jonathan Brown 19-7

Fours: Mike Arnold/Kev Stevens/Ken Fitzhugh/Dave Kovacs beat Don Smith/Mick Taylor/Reg Jones/Ollie Kirkwood 20-17

9. COUNTY COMPETITIONS

LADIES

FOURS

2nd Round: Jane Smith, Rothwell Manor Park beat Rita Allen, Irchester
10.5.10. Daphne Batho, Kettering Lodge beat Barbara Haseldine, Finedon
Sue Fincham, Wellingborough beat Shirley Ongley, Irchester
Rita Bell, Kettering given walk-over by Gill Ward, Rushden
Pat Gayton, Swanspool beat Phyll Hallam, Corby Forest
Sharon Hall, Desborough given walk-over by Jan Hunt
Janice Taylor, Irchester beat Eleanor Winters, Corby Forest
Margaret Silsby, Kettering Lodge beat Margaret Johnson, Wellingborough
Pauline Eagles, Kislingbury beat Brenda Bishop, Daventry
Sue Graham-Hole, St Crispin beat Barbara Oliver, Kislingbury
Janet Ashby, Northampton West End beat Serena Santer, St Crispin
Jean Pownall-Davies, Byfield beat Anita Petrucci, Abington
Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe beat Christine Barlow, Abbey Park
Sandy Hayter, Bugbrooke given walk-over by Kathleen Moore, Northampton Whyte Melville
Jan Bradley, Daventry Town beat Debbie Cadd, Abington
Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe beat Heidi Edwards, Roade

3rd Round: Batho beat Smith
12.5.10. Fincham beat Bell
Gayton beat Hall
Silsby beat Taylor
Graham-Hole beat Eagles
Pownall-Davies beat Ashby
Brumwell beat Hayter
Bradley beat Tansley

Quarter Final: Elaine Cox/Jackie Dale/Ina Layland/Sue Graham-Hole, St Crispin beat Pat Starsmore/Gail Cunningham/
16.5.10. Margaret Bosworth/Margaret Cooper, Kettering Lodge 23-17
Sharon Wooler/Val Jefferies/Chris Cross/Jean Pownall-Davies, Byfield beat Joyce George/Phyll Parry/
Jean Frisby/Sue Fincham, Wellingborough 25-9
Tina Broderick/Heather Golding/Alison Dring/Pat Gayton, Swanspool beat Sally Row/Terri Hepburn/
Barbara Astle/Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe 17-15
Julie Spreadbury/Rhona Holland/Jill Welch/Jan Bradley beat Helen Partridge/Barbara Harris/Sue Bagshaw/
Margaret Silsby, Kettering Lodge 21-11

Semi-Final: Jean Pownall-Davies' rink beat Sue Graham-Hole's rink 22-21
16.5.10. Pat Gayton's rink beat Jan Bradley's rink 22-15

The winners of these semi-finals will represent the County at the Ladies National Championships in August at Royal Leamington Spa.

TRIPLES

The First Round of the Ladies County Triples is being played on Wednesday, 19th May, 2010, with the 2nd Round to follow on Friday, 21st May, 2010.

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SINGLES

1st Round: Andy Britten, Burton Latimer beat Paul Broderick, Wellingborough 21-19. First real shock result of this year's competitions, as Paul is a past County Singles winner on 4 occasions.

MASON CUP (COUNTY CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS)

1st Round: Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat Dick Willmott, Raunds Conservatives

SECRETARIES CUP

1st Round: Geoff Thomas, Kettering Lodge beat Peter Mullen, Corby Forest

FOURS

1st Round: Jeff Evans, Higham Ferrers beat W Stewart, Corby Forest
12.5.10 Dave Smith, Kettering Lodge beat Colin Pendleton, Finedon Town
Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat Norman Gibb, Stewarts & Lloyds 31-8
Les Johnson, Thrapston beat Gordon Dring, Swanspool
Barry Basford, Geddington & Newton beat P Saddington, Islip 18-17
Geoff Hunt, Irchester beat Tony Stratford, Desborough 29-17
Alan Rudge, Corby Forest beat Mick Lee, Wellingborough 24-15
Malcolm Paul, Corby Forest beat Martin Cinato, Desborough 23-21
D Scott, Stewarts & Lloyds beat Steve Toone, Stewarts & Lloyds 27-7
Terry James, Thrapston beat Malcolm Winckles, Desborough 20-11
Steve Villiers, Irchester beat Martin White, Desborough
Gordon Love, Finedon beat Dave Freeman, Higham Ferrers
John Haines, Desborough beat Trevor Anderson, Corby Grampian
James Butts, Earls Barton beat Mick Malins, Rushden 21-14
Phil Bates, Desborough beat Ron Plimmer, Higham Ferrers 22-14
Steve Dockerill, Burton Latimer beat Mark Turner, Kettering Midlnd Band
Jason Hall, Desborough beat Rod Chapman, Irthlingborough Church Institute 29-8
John Cooper, Burton Latimer beat Martin Lee, Oundle
Darren Childs, Thrapston beat Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge
Walt Winsor, Wellingborough beat Roy Allen, Irchester 26-17
Ollie Pearson, Geddington & Newton beat Derek Eggleton, Rushden 20-12
Alan Jeyes, Earls Barton beat Dennis Collins, Corby Forest 24-11
Roy Rigby, Northampton Express beat Bob Ball, Kislingbury 27-13
Phil Boseley, Abington beat Dave Kovacs, Northampton West End 18-15
Peter Morris, Kingsthorpe beat Colin Brock, Woodford-cum-Membris 29-11
Dave Masters, St Crispin beat Dave Coles, Kingsthorpe Nondescripts 23-16
John Dunn, Kislingbury beat Paul Green, Wootton Grange 17-16

2nd Round: Dave Smith beat Jeff Evans 21-19
14.5.10. Paul Broderick beat Les Johnson 23-7
Barry Basford beat Geoff Hunt 25-11
Wayne Gregory, Wellingborough beat Charlie Clarke, Stewarts & Lloyds 17-11
Malcolm Paul beat Alan Rudge 23-17
Terry James beat D Scott 22-15
Steve Villiers beat Gordon Love
Jack Tobin, Rushden beat Duncan Macgregor, Kettering Lodge 31-7
John Haines beat James Butts 24-9
Steve Dockerill beat Phil Bates 21-16
Jason Hall beat Mick Corbyn, Rushden Town 19-18
George Warren, Stewarts & Lloyds beat Robert Norman, Higham Ferrers 26-19
Darren Childs beat John Cooper 29-6
Walt Winsor beat Ollie Pearson 23-11
Paul Melvllle, Corby Forest beat Alan Jeyes
Matt Pownall, Thrapston beat K Palmer, Corby Grampian 22-17
Rigby beat Boseley 22-18
Reg Jones, Abington beat Maurice Robinson, Kislingbury 30-6
Dave Bellis, Daventry Town beat Jonathan Brown, Abington 19-13
Nick Beirne, St Crispin beat Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe 24-13

2nd Round Men's Fours (continued)

Morris beat G Gait, Wootton Grange 40-6
John Freeman, Abington given walk-over by Malcolm Foster, Daventry Tigers
Stuart Letts, Northampton West End beat Colin Jones, Kingsthorpe 22-17
Trevor Spear, Northampton Whyte Melville beat John Carter, Northampton Express 26-12
Alan Ashby, Northampton West End beat Dave Masters, St Crispin 21-17
Colin Fowkes, Kingsthorpe beat Tony Burns, Kingsthorpe 25-18
Martin Gearey, Roade beat Mick Moulton, Daventry Town 17-9
Chris Bland, Northampton Express beat B Collett, Woodford-cum-Membris 27-8
Neil Rolfe, Kingsthorpe beat John Dunn, Kislingbury 27-12
Bob Blencowe, Brackley beat Ian Daverson, Northampton West End 20-18
Roger Horton, Northampton White Melville beat Roger Pain, Brackley 20-19
Peter Mercer, West Haddon beat Phil O'Dell, St Crispin 20-12

10. BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

England's Commonwealth Team wins in Spain.

In preparation for the Commonwealth Games in Delhi later in the year, and wholly supported by Sport England, the England players selected to represent their country played some competitive matches against Spain on the 8th and 9th May, 2010, and of a total of 42 matches played, England won 30- 12 overall.

Stuart Airey and Sandy Hazell lead the English charge winning all 6 of their matches, whilst Amy Monkhouse, Jamie- Lea Winch, Mark Bantock, Mervyn Kingg, and Graham Shadwell won 5 of their 6 matches played. Performance Director, John Bell, Cumbria, said "This was another excellent and particularly determined performance" The team will be next put to the test at Clevedon BC, Somerset when they play a series of matches against a West Region Select Team on the 29th & 30th May, 2010.

Dennis Mowers Sponsors Bowls England Men's Pairs Championship.

The World famous 'Dennis Mowers' are to sponsor the Men's National Pairs Championship in 2010. This producer of fine mowing machinery since 1922, will be familiar to greenkeepers all over the country, and indeed many other parts of the world where quality mowers are used. The Pairs Championships will be held at Beach House Park, Worthing from the 22nd – 25th August, 2010.

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11. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S PRACTICE MATCH versus ESSEX UNDER 25'S

Team Manager for **Northamptonshire Under 25's** arranged a 4 Rink Trial Match for his forthcoming Inter County Under 25's Double Rink National competition, against opposition from Essex Under 25's, on Sunday, 16th May, 2010, at Abington BC, Northampton. 18 young County bowlers were on show because twins Danny and William Walker turned out for Essex who were 2 players short at the last moment.

After a very interesting game of good quality bowls, the match was drawn 76 shots each, with both Counties having 2 winning rinks. Rink scores, Essex skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Connor Cinato/Jack Tobin/Matt Pownall/Callum Height 14 shots – T. Olley 21 shots
- Rink 2.** Shaun Marriott/Dan Height/Matt Wordingham/Jamie Walker 18 shots – L. Chaplin 21 shots
- Rink 3.** Alistair Melville/Matt Cattell/Sam Gamble/Ashley Linnell 24 shots – M. Nullmeyers 16 shots
- Rink 4.** Nathan Betts/Adam Brown/Will Hill/William Parker 20 shots – G. Heard 18 shots

Martin Cinato has now been presented with a daunting task of selecting his Under 25 Double Rink team to play in the Inter County National competition first round against Essex on the 30th May, 2010.

12. COUNTY INDOOR CELEBRATES A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

President Mick Pullen of Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association, held a celebration evening at Daventry Indoor BC on Sunday, 16th May, 2010, when the members of the County's successful National Over 60 Inter County League winners, joined with him and members of the Executive and invited guests, to enjoy a dinner together. Mick took the opportunity to thank all the players, team manager John Haines, and EIBA President John Clipston who was also a guest, and in particular he thanked the County Secretary, Brian Sherwood, for the immense amount of work he does on behalf of the County.

13. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

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

ABINGTON BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Leicester BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Members visit Wellingborough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m
- 25.5.10. Abbey Park Ladies BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 25.5.10. The Club hosts the Quarter Finals of the County Men's Fours

BRACKLEY BC.

Fixture:

- 20.5.10. Members visit Adderbury BC for a men's match at 6.15 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

- 22.5.10. Members visit Irchester for a match at 2.30 p.m.
- 23.5.10. Stanwick BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

BYFIELD BC.

Fixtures:

- 18.5.10. Banbury Police BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 19.5.10. Members visit Brackley BC for a ladies match at 6.15 p.m.
- 23.5.10. The Club holds its Jean Harrison Gala
- 25.5.10. Members visit Adderbury BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.

COGENHOE BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Stony Stratford BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Members visit Ise BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 23.5.10. Members visit Carlsberg BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 24.5.10. Members visit Carlsberg for the Northampton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

DAVENTRY TIGERS BC.

Fixtures:

- 19.5.10. Grange BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. British Rail BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 24.5.10. Heyford BC visits for the Northampton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

HEYFORD BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Members visit Cold Ashby BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 23.5.10. Members visit Kislingbury BC for a mixed match against Golden Horse BC at 3.0 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Members visit Rushden Town BC for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
- 22.5.10. The Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire BA and Warwickshire BA at 2.0 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Members visit Earls Barton for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 25.5.10. St Crispin BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC.

Fixtures:

- 22.5.10. Wootton Grange BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Members visit Daventry Town BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 25.5.10. Members visit Woodford-cum-Membris BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC.

Fixtures:

- 22.5.10. Brington BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 24.5.10. 'A' Team visits Abington BC for Northampton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 24.5.10. 'B' Team at home to Brackley BC in the Northampton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC.

Fixtures:

- 18.5.10. Members visit Kislingbury BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 19.5.10. National Association of Retired Police Officers visit for men's match at 2.30 p.m. for the 'Gus Dowdy' Trophy.
- 22.5.10. St Crispin BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 24.5.10. 'A' Team at home to Northampton Whyte Melville BC in Northampton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 24.5.10. 'B' Team visits Northampton Whyte Melville BC in Northampton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 25.5.10. Members visit Roade BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

- 19.5.10. Members visit St Crispin BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Members visit Bedford Borough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 23.5.10. Club holds a Mixed Triples afternoon at 2.0 p.m.
- 25.5.110. Members visit Earls Barton BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

WOODFORD-CUM-MEMBRIS BC.

Fixture:

- 25.5.10. Kislingbury BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

NORTH AREA – MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO READERS OF THE EVENING TELEGRAPH

BURTON LATIMER BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. McAlpine BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 22,5,10. Members visit Higham Ferrers Town BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC.

Fixtures:

- 18.5.10. Oundle BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
20.5.10. Thrapston BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
22.5.10. Members visit Stewarts & Lloyds BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
23.5.10. The Club hosts the match between Northamptonshire Men and Northamptonshire Ladies at 2.0 p.m.

CORBY GRAMPIAN

Fixtures:

- 22.5.10. Members visit Oundle BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
23.5.10. Kettering Lodge BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Rushden Town BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
22.5.10. Kingsthorpe BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
25.5.10. Northampton Whyte Melville BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Kettering Midland Band BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
22.5.10. The Club holds an 'Open Day' at 10.0 a.m.
22.5.10. Members visit Rothwell Manor Park BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
22.5.10. Wellingborough BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
23.5.10. Islip BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Members visit Finedon Town BC for a mixed match against Finedon Pensioners at 2.0 p.m.
22.5.10. Members visit Rushden Town BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
22.5.10. Burton Latimer BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixture:

- 22.5.10. Members visit Kettering Conservatives BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING ATHLETIC BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Members visit Oundle for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
22.5.10. Members visit Sheringham Morley BC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC.

2011 Tour to the Isle of Wight

The Club, through their Presidents Elect Barbara Harris and Peter Wood, has organised a Bowls Tour to the Isle of Wight from Sunday, 30th May, 2011 to Thursday 3rd June, 2011, and the party needs a few more bowlers to join them.

The Tour is a mixed one and the party will be based at The Ocean Hotel, Sandown, and three matches with local island clubs have been arranged. The cost will be £245.00p per tourist.

Any bowler interested in joining the Club on Tour can be assured of a very happy few days, and they should contact Barbara Harris as soon as possible on 01536 518674.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Members visit Stewarts & Lloyds BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 23.5.10. Members visit Corby Grampian BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 26.5.10. Members visit Little Bowden BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 26.5.10. The Club's Indoor Section plays Irchester for the 'Mansil' at Kettering Lodge 6.30 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Members visit Geddington & Newton BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Thrapston BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

McALPINE BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Members visit Burton Latimer BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Finedon Town BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

MEARS ASHBY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BC.

Fixture:

- 18.5.10. The Club plays Swanspool Pensioners at Swanspool at 2.30 p.m.

OUNDLE BC.

Fixtures:

- 18.5.10. Members visit Corby Forest BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 20.5.10. Members visit Kettering Athletic BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Corby Grampian BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 25.5.10. Stamford BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC.

Fixtures:

- 18.5.10. Members visit Stewarts & Lloyds BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 20.5.10. Medbourne BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Geddington & Newton BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 23.5.10. Corby Forest BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Members visit Earls Barton BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 20.5.10. Kingsthorpe BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Higham Ferrers Town BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

STANWICK BC.

Fixtures:

- 22.5.10. Members visit Rothwell Conservatives BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 23.5.10. Members visit Bugbrooke BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 25.5.10. Members visit Swanspool BC for a mixed match against Swanspool Pensioners at 2.30 p.m.

STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Kettering Lodge BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Corby Forest BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 23.5.10. Northamptonshire Under 25's visit for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Results:

13.5.10. Stewarts & Lloyds beat Corby Grampian 81-57

15.5.10. The Andy Hardie Trophy competition was held and the winners were: Willie Clelland/John Short/Andy Webster/George Warren.

Event:

The Club is holding its 'Open Fours' Tournament on Sunday, 6th June, 2010, commencing at 10.0 a.m. There is a first prize of £200 and Second prize of £100 on offer. Entry fee is £16.00p per rink, which includes lunch and the tournament is open to either single sex or mixed sex rinks of 4 players. Enquiries re entries to Will Keeney on 01536 357640.

THRAPSTON BC.

Fixtures:

- 19.5.0. The Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire VP's and Lincolnshire VP's at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.5.10. Members visit Corby Forest BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Members visit Kettering Midland Band BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 25.5.10. Members visit Wellingborough BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 25.5.10. Irchester BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC.

Fixtures:

- 20.5.10. Northamptonshire Police BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 21.5.10. Olney BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Members visit Narborough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Abington BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.5.10. Members visit Geddington & Newton BC for a ladies fixture at 2.30 pm.
- 23.5.10. Members visit Flitwick BC for a mixed match a 2.30 p.m.
- 25.5.10. Burton Latimer BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.



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