

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES COMPETITION FINALS – 17.4.10. – RESULTS

The Northamptonshire Ladies County competition Finals were held at **Wellingborough IBC**, the club of Ladies County **President Irene Scoble**, on Saturday, 17th April, 2010, and after a morning of high class bowling the winners were drawn from 4 different County Clubs with Kingsthorpe IBC featuring in all finals. The winners were established as follows:

- Singles:** Linda Warren, Northampton & District IBC beat Bridget Denny, Kingsthorpe IBC, after a 25 end match, by 21-15 shots, and thus becomes the Ladies County Champion.
- Pairs:** Wellingborough IBC provided the winners of the airs when Sandra Lake and Margaret Johnson triumphed over the Kingsthorpe daughter and mother pair Michelle and Sharon Tansley with the final score 21-10. The Kingsthorpe duo started off much the better and lead by 10-4, but then the Wellingborough pair got going and with shots going their way they denied their opponents any further gains.
- Triples:** Kingsthorpe IBC did come good in the Triples when Celia Morris/Yvonne McKee/Hilary Sharpe beat Marta Edsman/Margaret Watts/Janet Tear, Desborough IBC 21-15, in a game which was very tight at the 14th end with just 1 shot the difference, but by taking 7 shots without reply over the next 3 ends the title was Kingsthorpe's.
- Fours:** It was Daventry IBC's turn to provide the winner in the fourth of the day's finals, when the rink of S Watts/Iris Rolfe/Helen Humphris/Judy Hicks triumphed by the smallest of margins over June Stratford/Donna Williamson/Rita Rowland/Di Brumwell, 20-19. This was a very tight match indeed with very few shots between the teams throughout.

2. ENGLISH BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – REGIONAL FINALS 18.4.10. – RESULTS

What a marvellous feast of high quality bowls from the Under 18's at the Regional Finals of the English Bowls Youth Development Scheme 'School of Excellence' with Northamptonshire players very much to the fore.

The Regional Finals of the EBYDS 'School of Excellence' was held on Sunday, 18th April, 2010, at Melton & District IBC, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, with 32 players from the region taking part. All of them had successfully come through their own County's event earlier in the season.

This event is divided into two age groups, a Junior under 15 years; and a Senior 15-18 years, and is composed of a morning of bowling sessions with the players divided into 4 groups for each age group and playing, on a round robin basis, 3 sessions of 7 ends each. Each session earning 10 points for a win and 5 points for a draw.

The first part of the afternoon is then devoted to four separate 'Skills Exercises' which include casting a jack; controlled weight; drawing to the centre line; and drawing to beat a bowl; with each session earning points according to the player's proficiency. These points are added to those earned in the morning to provide the top 4 players in each age-group.

Those top four players then play a semi-final of 7 ends, with the winners going into a final for their age group, and more importantly qualifying to represent the Region at the National School of Excellence to be held at Solihull IBC, West Midlands on the 5th December, 2010.

Northamptonshire was represented by the following:

Juniors: Adam Pitfield (just 10 years of age!) Chloe Wordingham, Matt Cattell, Nathan Betts – all from Rushden IBC, and Connor Cinato from Desborough.

Seniors: Louise Haladij, & Scott Adams of Northampton & District IBC, Curtis Johnson of Wellingborough IBC, and Sam Gamble of Kettering Lodge IBC.

In the morning bowling session for the Juniors, Connor Cinato came through with a 100% record in wins although young Adam Pitfield gave a good account against him in winning 4 of the 7 ends played but going down 4-7, and Chloe Wordingham picked up 20 points with 2 wins. In the Seniors no player in the field of 16 had 100% wins but Curtis Johnson and Scott Adams picked up 20 points each to put them in a good position for the afternoon skills.

At the completion of the afternoon's 'Skills Tests' the top four scoring players in each age group contested the Semi Finals and Northamptonshire was very well represented by Connor Cinato and Matt Cattell for the Juniors and Scott Adams and Sam Gamble for the Seniors.

Junior Semi-Final: Connor played Thomas Towle of Lincolnshire and triumphed 7-1
Matt played Daniel Willows, also of Lincolnshire and won 6-2

Senior Semi-Final: Scott played Sam Gamble and in a very tight match Scott won on an extra end 4-3
Jonathan West of Lincolnshire beat Craig Carter of Warwickshire

These Semi-Final winners in each age group therefore qualified for the National Finals in December.

Junior Final: Connor Cinato met up with fellow County player Matt Cattell, and on the day Connor was on his best form, as he had been throughout the day, and he won 9-3, thus securing a 100% playing record.

Senior Final: Scott Adams played Jonathan, and in a high class game lost out to him 5-8.

At the conclusion of the day's play with all the awarded points for matches played and for the 'Skills Tests' totted up, the top scoring players were awarded their prizes by Bowls England Junior Vice-President Stuart Lake, of Northamptonshire, accompanied by Norma Hazzledine, Bowls England Chairman of International Events, and they featured no less than three County young bowlers:

Top Junior Bowler: **Connor Cinato**, who had an outstanding day, being the highest points scorer in the skills in the Junior Section, and second highest overall by just 1 point, plus a 100% playing record accrued him overall a top score of 145 points, 25 more than his nearest rival, and he took the accolade as 'Player of the Region'

Top Senior Bowler: **Scott Adams**, despite losing in his senior final to Jonathan West, he picked up overall just 1 point more than his rival to take this award.

Top Female Bowler: **Chloe Wordingham (12 years)**, Rushden, added this honour to the County's list of winners, with a very creditable performance to score more points than several girls much older than herself to be adjudged the top girl bowler of the Region.

(Please see attached photographs of Scott 006, Chloe 007, & Connor 008, all with Stuart lake & Norma Hazzledine)

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus MIDDLESEX BA 13.4.10. – RESULT

Northamptonshire IBA men visited Herga IBC, Harrow, on Tuesday, 13th April, 2010, for a friendly match against Middlesex County IBA, and despite having 2 winning rinks, 2 drawing, and 2 losing, the County came away with a defeat by 14 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire 109 shots – Middlesex 123 shots. Rink scores, Middlesex skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Tim Hawtin/Peter Byworth/Dave Williamson/Brian Diver 21 shots – Brian Broad 13 shots
Rink 2. John Smith/Eric Wareing/Tony Essam/Brian Langton 23 shots – Tony Howard 23 shots
Rink 3. Ted Summerton/Jim Walvin/Mike Weatherill/Terry James 26 shots – Fred Halverson 18 shots
Rink 4. Peter Woodhams/Mick York/Tony Warren/Keith Howlett 6 shots – Eric Prior 29 shots
Rink 5. John Whiting/Walter Stoddard/Roy Whitehead/Richard Somerton 20 shots – John Golding 20 shots
Rink 6. Barry Adair/Roly Smith/Jim Headington/Ron Chambers 13 – Alan Knott 20 shots

4. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NOTTINGHAM – NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PLAYERS IN ACTION.

The last full week of Nation Indoor Championships was held at Nottingham IBC this week, and after the Fours and Triples reported on last week, the Pairs and Singles followed, both with County interest. Unfortunately, although the pair of **Neil Rees and Paul Broderick, Wellingborough IBC**, got through to the Quarter Finals, the singles entrance of **Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe**, saw him unfortunately dispatched in the first round. Detail as follows for both:

PAIRS

- 1st Round:** **Rees & Broderick** beat Duncan Heard & Ian Meyer, Wey Valley IBC, Guildford 21-20
2nd Round: **Rees & Broderick** beat Jake & Wayne Wilgress, Norfolk IBC, Norwich, 18-17 after extra end.
Q/Final: **Rees & Broderick** lost to Richard Hudson & Vinnie O’Neill, Hartlepool IBC 18-20

SINGLES

- 1st Round:** Neil McKee lost to Ben Paulley, Dolphin IBC, Poole, 18-21

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus NORFOLK 22.4.10. – SELECTION

The following gentlemen have been selected to represent Northamptonshire IBA in the last friendly match of the season against Norfolk County, to be played at Roundwood IBC, Norwich, on Thursday, 22nd April, 2010, at 2.0 p.m. Travel by coach picking up at Northampton & District IBC 9.45 a.m.; Wellingborough IBC 10.15 a.m.; Thrapston BC at 10.45 a.m.

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| Rink 1.
John Smith, Kettering
Eric Wareing, Daventry
Mick Pullen, Rushden
Terry James, Rushden | Rink 2.
Brian Robbins, Daventry
Ernie Earp, Northampton
Keith Howlett, Desborough
George Warren, Desborough | Rink 3.
Jim Walvin, Daventry
Peter Byworth, Wellingborough
Doug Hatton, Brackley
Richard Somerton, Brackley |
| Rink 4.
John Whiting, Northampton
Martin Horsham, Brackley
Tony Warren, Northampton
Tony Essam, Northampton | Rink 5.
Mick Hall, Brackley
Dave Garland, Kingsthorpe
Mike Weatherill, Desborough
Geoff Harris, Rushden | Rink 6.
Barry Adair, Daventry
Don Scott, Brackley
John Pickaver, Desborough
Stan Alton, Daventry |

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25's versus RUSHDEN TOWN BC

The following have been selected to represent **Northamptonshire Under 25's** in a first outdoor friendly match against Rushden Town BC on Sunday, 25th April, 2010, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Matt Cattell, Adam Pitfield, Nathan Betts, Matt Wordingham, Jack Tobin – all Rushden Town BC
Connor Cinato, Matt Toseland, Will Hill, Matt Pownall – all Desborough
Sam Gamble, Daniel Waterfield – Kettering Lodge
Jamie Walker, Danny Walker, William Walker, Shaun Marriott, Chris Wright, Jade Hawkins – Northampton West End
Will Parker – Express. David Walker, Connor Bryan – Kingsthorpe. Chloe Wordingham – Higham Ferrers.
Victoria Stevenson – Whyte Melville. Alice Moore, Kislingbury

7. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

DESBOROUGH IBC

Annual General Meeting 16th April.

Doug Passey and Gill Perkins were elected to the office of Men's President & Ladies President for the new season 2010/2011. The Vice-Presidents will be Bill and Margaret McGillivray. Mary Stringer continues as Secretary and Ladies Match Secretary. Ladies Captain will be Joy Griffin with Diana Talbot as Vice-Captain. Sheila Stimpson was elected County Delegate and Zoe Eisler County Selector, and the remainder of the Committee is made up of Phyl Hallam, Jill Nutt, Sue Lomas, Janet Tear, and Pat Greenaway.

The Men's Section elected Len Smith as League and Competition Secretary; Keith Adams, Match Secretary. Alan Diver will be the Thursday Captain with Brian Diver his Vice-Captain. Matt Pownall & Dave Flippance will share the responsibility of Team Manager, and Tracy Nunn takes over as Club Press Officer.

Sue White as Junior Manager, Keith Howlett as Child Protection Officer, Dennis Andrews, IPP and Andy Purcell, complete the committee.

COMPETITIONS – 2009/2010.

At the Club's Presentation Evening on the 16th April, 2010, the younger members of the Club stole the show with Connor Cinato, Matt Pownall & Rebecca Wigfield picking up 11 trophies between them. Full list of Club competition winners as follows:

Ladies

Singles: Rebecca Wigfield
Pairs: Rebecca Wigfield/Jeannie Flippance
Triples: Marta Edsman/Margaret Watts/Janet Tear
Fours: Pauline Deane/Caroline Cinato/Rebecca Wigfield/Jeannie Flippance
Bette Rowe: Chris Noble/Lyn Hurlock/Jill Nutt

Men

Singles: John Haines
Pairs: Rob Vowles/Connor Cinato
Triples: Matt Pownall/Ross Knox/Peter Ward
Fours: Jim McCanley/Brian Thomas/Matt Pownall/Dave Flippance

Mixed

Pairs: Jane Smith/John Haines
Triples: Connor Cinato/Caroline Cinato/Martin Cinato
Fours: Joyce Payne/Connor Cinato/Caroline Cinato/Martin Cinato

Open

2 Wood Singles: Carl Wigfield
Novice Singles: Connor Cinato
Pairs: Dawn Owen/Matt Pownall
Triples: Vic Cosgrove/Trevor Anderson/Connor Cinato
Fours: Vic Cosgrove/Sheila Stimpson/Bill Brune/Martin Cinato

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixture:
The Club opens its season with a first match on 24th April, 2010, when Northampton Whyte Melville BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Opening of Green.

25.4.10. Members visit for the Opening of the Green for the new season at 2.0 p.m

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

Competitions: More results of the Club Comps.

Mixed Pairs: Linda Warren/Alan Ramscar beat Louise Haladij/Andy Smith 25-22

Mixed Fours: Linda Warren/Jean Chesshire/Keith Bonham/John Leggett beat Jasmin Spear/Liz Wittering/Dominic Graham/Andy Smith 24-22

Over 60 Mixed Pairs: Di Baggat/Tony Warren beat Jean Crane/Dave Masters 26-14

STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC

Club Opening.

The Club formally opened its green on Saturday, 17th April, 2010, when the President's wife, Diane, delivered the first jack on the green as is customary, and this was followed by the President Doug West presenting her with a gift and a bouquet (the first time in 20 years she was heard to say!)

The Club has undergone some changes during the winter with a new bar having been installed together with new dance floor, central heating and carpet, which has largely been due to the payment made by Seagrave Care Home Developments who are currently building a new care home on what was the old 'welfare' site behind the Club.

The Club is looking for new members and anyone who is interested will find a very warm welcome from the members, and potential recruits are invited to telephone the Club on 01536 268597, or visit during opening hours to chat to members.

Fixture:

24.4.10. Roade BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

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

24.4.10. Members visit Rugby Thornfield BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Fixture:

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



John G. Church, MBE – Northamptonshire Bowls Press Officer