

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NORTHAMPTON – LATEST RESULTS OF LOCAL PLAYERS

MIXED FOURS

Following the excitement in the achievement of **Tina & Paul Broderick, Wellingborough, in winning the National Mixed Pairs Championship** on Tuesday last, quite naturally there were high expectations when they embarked together on the National Mixed Fours at Northampton on Wednesday, 17th February, 2010, when they were joined by club colleagues **Neil Rees** at lead and **Margaret Johnson** at No. 2.

The County pair met in the first round a strong Cumbria Four in Linda Rose, Karen Edmondson, David McManus, & Ian Gallagher, who between them have former International experience, but the County Rink totally dominated the match with the Cumbrians conceding defeat after the 17th end when the Wellingborough four were 22-8 ahead and looking very strong.

This excellent win brought them against a four from Banister Park, Hampshire, comprising Chris Hall, Margaret Standley, Mark Hammond, & Graham Standley. In this match the County was also up against former Internationals in Graham Standley and Mark Hammond, and they were given a much tougher match. After being very close for much of its progress the Broderick rink eventually managed to reach the winning post first by 4 shots, and a place in the **Quarter Finals**, the final score being 23-19.

The **Quarter Final** was to be their toughest match, playing against a City of Ely rink skipped by International Nicky Brett who had for company fellow Internationals Sarah Seymour and Kerry Reynolds, plus Reynolds' husband Jamie Reynolds. Kerry was formerly a member of Northampton & District before her marriage when she was Kerry Stanley, so there were bound to be some mixed allegiances. On the day the City of Ely rink dominated the match and the Wellingborough conceded defeat when in arrears 7-25. Little consolation to them and their supporters, but the City of Ely Rink went on to take the Championship. **(Attached is a photo of them l to r Johnson/ P Broderick/T Broerick/Rees)**

OVER 50 TRIPLES

The **Kingsthorpe IBC** triple of **Calvin Carpenter/Jim McKee/Mick Sharpe** entered their challenge for the Over 50 Triples Championship on Tuesday, 16th February, 2010, with an encounter against the Bridgwater BCL IBC, represented by Richard Billington, Barrie Smith & Don Fowkes. The County trio started much the better and after 5 ends held a 5 shot lead. This lead had increased to 7 by the 10th end with the score 14-7 in their favour, and by 10 shots with 4 ends to go. The Somerset team halved that advantage over the next 2 ends, but after picking up a single on the penultimate end to lead by 6 shots going in to the last, the County men held their nerve and dropped just 2 shots to take the match 19-15. **(Attached is a photograph of the triple, l to r Sharpe/McKee/Carpenter)**

In the second round on the next morning they met a triple from the Victory IBC, Portsmouth, consisting of Trevor Bailey, Russell Gadd, & Colin Thresher. The game was pretty even over the first few ends with Victory having a 1 shot lead after 5 ends. They increased this to 3 shots when on 10 ends, and despite the Kingsthorpe men drawing equal at 12 ends when the score was 9-9, and the 14th end being tied, the Hampshire men won the last ends of the match to take victory 17-9.

2. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT KEMPSTON – PROSPECTS FOR NORTHAMPTONS PLAYERS

The second full week of National Championships takes place at Kempston IBC, Bedford, from Friday, 26th February, 2010, through to the 5th March, 2010. The County is involved in a number of these Finals as follows:

Inter County Over 60 League Final

Northamptonshire IBA being the holder of this Championship, now in its second year since inception, will probably be regarded as favourites to retain the title when they meet Surrey IBA on Friday, 26th February, 2010, at 1.30 p.m.

The Northamptonshire team was published in last week's report, and there are no changes expected, save for any unexpected and unforeseen circumstances.

The Surrey team has been announced, and they are obviously a solid outfit having comfortably beaten Essex in the Semi-Finals. The vast majority of their team come from three Clubs – Wey Valley, Croydon, & Egham, each of which play very competitive bowls, so a very good match is in prospect.

Supporters of the County team will be very welcome at Kempston IBC which will be found at 290 Hillgrounds Road, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 8UB

Over 60 Men's Singles

Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe IBC opens his campaign in an effort to regain the Over 60 Men's Singles in the second round, as he has been given a walk-over by the Area 13 opponent. In that 2nd round he will meet either Tom Campbell, Worthing IBC, West Sussex or Alan Cawdell, Glebelands IBC, Gloucestershire. Mick will be hoping to achieve the success of 2008 when he was champion, but it appears that he is in the toughest half of the draw with 2 other previous winners and a previous runner-up noted there. His match is due to be played at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 28th February, 2010.

Over 60 Men's Pairs

Pete Maloy & Colin Dagleish, Northampton & District IBC will make their challenge in the Over 60 Men's Pairs on Monday, 1st March, 2010, at 5.30 p.m. against Ken Uglow & Barrie Forse of St. Andrew's IBC, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset. Not a great deal is known of these opponents other than Barrie Forse was Runner-up in last year's Over 60 Singles, and that he has qualified again in that discipline this year, so they are likely to give the Northampton pair a stern test.

3. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL ENTRANTS

GENTLEMEN

SINGLES

Area Final: Arranged to be played at Kingsthorpe IBC on Friday, 26th February, 2010, at 6.30 p.m. between Neil McKee and Andrew Hunter, both Kingsthorpe.

PAIRS

Area Final: Arranged to be played at Desborough IBC on Saturday, 27th February, 2010, at 10.0 a.m. Between Chris Maden & Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe and Neil Rees & Paul Broderick, Wellingborough

TRIPLES

Area Semi-Final: Arranged to be played at Wellingborough on Monday, 22nd February, 2010, at 6.30 p.m. between Jason Hall/Darren Lyman/Paul Broderick, Wellingborough and Andrew Manton/Mick Sharpe/Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe.

The winners will meet Scott Johnson/Callum Height/Jamie Walker, Wellingborough in the Area Final, which will be on either 28th February, 2010, at 10.0 a.m. or Tuesday, 2nd March, 2010, at 6.30 p.m. depending on who wins the Semi-Final.

FOURS

Area Final: Jason Bryan/John Baggat/Vernon Gearey/Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe beat Andrew Manton/Paul Maynard/Mick Sharpe/Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe 19-13

The winners will now play in the National Championships at Nottingham IBC in April, 2010.

4. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

No new results received at this time.

5. NBYDS COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

No new results received at this time.

6. NORTHANTS LADIES versus LINCOLNSHIRE IN MIDLAND COUNTIES LEAGUE – RESULT

The Ladies of Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association met Lincolnshire Ladies in the Midland Counties Championship at Desborough IBC on Saturday, 20th February, 2010, and after a very close affair, lost by 12 shots. The County had 2 winning rinks and 1 tied, with losses on the remaining 3. At the half-way stage there was little in the match with the County on 53 shots and Lincolnshire just ahead on 55 shots. During the next 5 ends across the green, however, Lincolnshire piled on the pressure and went into a 21 shot lead. The County Ladies did not give up and gradually clawed back many of the shots to end just 12 adrift. Final score was Northamptonshire 112 shots – Lincolnshire 124 shots. This gives Lincolnshire the Midland Counties title for this season. Rink scores, Lincs skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Vicki Rushall/Eleanor Winters/Barbara Oliver/Di Brumwell 14 shots – S Wade 25 shots
- Rink 2.** Pat Starsmore/Joan Bryan/Joan Watts/Joyce Porter 17 shots – S King 21 shots
- Rink 3.** Sue Bagshaw/Chris Cooper/Wilma Walker/Brenda Bishop 19 shots – L Mountain 26 shots
- Rink 4.** Rebecca Wigfield/Jane Maloy/Irene Scoble/Jean Pownall-Davies 27 shots – O Wells 20 shots
- Rink 5.** Joyce George/Kay Green/Pam Lewis/Audrey Height 18 shots – J Bannister 18 shots
- Rink 6.** Linda Warren/Barbara Hutt/Pat Symonds/Jeanie Flippance 17 shots – G Haney 14 shots

7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HON VICE PRESIDENTS versus SUFFOLK VP'S – RESULT

Northamptonshire Vice Presidents visited a neutral green at Cambridge Chesterton IBC to play their counterparts from Suffolk, and a closely fought game was anticipated. In the event this was not the case for although the County VP's were a couple of shots down at 5 ends, by 10 ends they were ahead by 11 shots and never looked back, finally winning by a handsome 29 shots. They had 4 winning rinks and 2 losing, and this made a successive fifth win for which the Chairman Peter Byworth congratulated all the players. Final score was Northants VP's 131 – Suffolk VP's 102. Rink scores, Suffolk skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Gordon Morris/Harry Bell/John Watson/Roy Cave 27 shots – H Wilson 10 shots
- Rink 2.** Len Marshall/Dennis Franklin/Tony Hancock/Bob Jones 17 shots – T Kirby 12 shots
- Rink 3.** Jim Diver/Peter Byworth/Derek Essam/Dave Williamson 17 shots – J Murrow 18 shots
- Rink 4.** Barry Adair/Graham Cashmore/Tony Buckmaster/Brian Langton 13 shots – M Howe 24 shots
- Rink 5.** Bill Price/Mick Pullen/Bob Tingle/Keith Forbes 31 shots – P Buesnel 17 shots
- Rink 6.** Philip Miller/Geoff Care/Bryan Audis/Ken Legan 26 shots – D Cooper 21 shots

8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus VICE-PRESIDENTS – SELECTION

The following Ladies have been selected to represent the County against the Northamptonshire Vice-Presidents Association on Monday, 1st March, 2010, at Desborough IBC, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.

Pat Starsmore, Kettering
Helen Jones, Wellingborough
Joyce Burns, Northampton
Irene Cross, Northampton

Rink 2.

Jan Hunt, Wellingborough
Elaine Urquhart, Brackley
Sue Prior, Brackley
Sue Lomas, Desborough

Rink 3.

Sylvia Plant, Daventry
Margaret Tyler, Wellingborough
Wilma Walker, Desborough
Brenda Bishop, Daventry

Rink 4.

Zoe Eisler, Desborough
Audrey Gardener, Kingsthorpe
Irene Scoble, Wellingborough
Pam Lewis, Rushden

Rink 5.

Eleanor Buchanan, Kingsthorpe
Enid Williams, Rushden
Margaret Cave, Rushden
Joan Watts, Brackley

Rink 6.

Margaret Newport, Northampton
Elsie Hatton, Brackley
Eleanor Winters, Desborough
Jean Pownall-Davies, Daventry

Travelling Reserves:

Joan Bryan, Kettering
Janet Hall, Desborough

Kay Green, Wellingborough
Valerie Blackwell

Non-travelling Reserves:

Brenice Willmott, Rushden

Sharon Burrows, Desborough

9. BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

Bowls England is holding a workshop on 'Vetting & Barring' in connection with the protection of children and vulnerable adults on Tuesday, 6th April, 2010, from 1.0 p.m. to 3.0 p.m. at the BE offices, Royal Leamington Spa. The purpose being to bring those responsible in the Counties up to date with the recent legislation on the vetting and barring scheme.

The workshop is free for members, but space is limited and anyone who has child protection responsibilities within the County who wishes to attend should in the first instance contact the County Secretary – Jan Hunt for the Ladies on 01933 410182 and Laurie Harrison for the men on 01604 661785.

10. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

DESBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 25.2.10. Wellingborough Swanspool BC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 27.2.10. The Club plays County League match at 9.45 a.m. – 2 rinks at home and 2 away.
- 27.2.10. Fleckney BC and Ise BC visit for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 28.2.10. Bletchley BC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 1.3.10. The Club hosts a match between Northants Ladies and Northants VP.s at 2.0 p.m.
- 3.3.10. The Club hosts a match between Northants Police and Norfolk VP's at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE IBC

Fixtures:

- 25.2.10. Members visit Bedford Borough IBC for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
- 27.2.10. Wolverton Town BC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE IBC

Fixtures:

- 24.2.10. Bridgman BC & Earls Barton BC visit for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
- 25.2.10. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 27.2.10. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 28.2.10. Members visit Daventry IBC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

Fixtures:

- 24.2.10. Bedford Borough BC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
- 25.2.10. Members visit Luton IBC for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
- 27.2.10. Charnwood BC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
- 28.2.10. Chipping Norton BC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN IBC

Event – Gala Day.

The Club held its Gala Day on Saturday, 20th February, 2010, when 20 teams of 4 entered, both club members and guest entries, and these were set up in 2 group of playing 4 games of 7 ends each. The top two in each group playing to establish a finalist, with the losing rink in the Group play off playing each other for 3rd and 4th place.

The Group 1 winners Mick Gallaway/Jeremy Cattell/Mark Betts/Dave Betts played the Group 2 winners Barry Waterfield/Bob Collyer/Alan Dempsey/Matt Wordingham and the Wordingham rink came out on top 9-3 to take top spot with Betts' rink second.

In the 3rd/4th place play off the rink of Linda Parsons/Jan Calcutt/David Graham/Fred Callcut collected 3rd place by beating Mark Wordingham/Paul Munday/Mick Malins/Jack Tobin 5-1

The event raised £160 for the Club.

Fixtures:

- 27.2.10. The Pheasant Pluckers Round 4 played at 2.30 p.m.
- 28.2.10. Members visit Peterborough & District IBC for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 25.2.10. Members visit Kingsthorpe IBC for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 27.2.10. Members visit Kingsthorpe IBC for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 27.2.10. The Club hosts the NWIBA President;s Fun Day at 1.0 p.m.
- 28.2.10. Royal British Legion BA visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
- 1.3.10. South Beds IBC visits for a ladies match at 2.15 p.m.
- 3.3.10. Members visit Bridgman's IBC for a ladies match at 10.30 a.m.



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