

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus NORFOLK – ATHERLEY TROPHY – RESULT

The hopes and aspirations of the County Ladies to progress in the National Inter-County 'Atherley Trophy' competition were dashed on Saturday, 20th December, when they came up against a very strong Norfolk ladies side. The match was played at Peterborough and District IBC, and despite their best efforts the match went the way of Norfolk by 37 shots.

The progress was fairly even over the first few ends, but by the half-way mark Norfolk had managed to open up a 22 shots gap, and this gap could not be reduced materially, at 15 ends Norfolk were 19 shots ahead and over the last 6 ends across the green they increased their advantage with the final score Northamptonshire 90 shots – Norfolk 127 shots. Rink scores, Norfolk skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Donna Williamson, Kingsthorpe
Michelle Tansley, Kingsthorpe
Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe
Brenda Bishop, Daventry
18 shots v M Himpleman 19 shots

Rink 2.

Eileen West, Rushden
Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe
Wilma Walker, Desborough
Val Wade, Kingsthorpe
13 shots v J Roylance 27 shots

Rink 3.

Barbara Hutt, Daventry
Chris Cooper, Wellingborough
Pat Bax, Daventry
Sharon Tansley
15 shots v C Webb 28 shots

Rink 4.

Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough
Barbara Astle, Kingsthorpe
Jean Flippance, Desborough
Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe
12 shots v G Baker 21 shots

Rink 5.

Linda Warren, Northampton
Jean Burgess, Wellingborough
Pat Mattinson, Rushden
Joyce Porter, Northampton
18 shots v M Haylett 17 shots

Rink 6.

Vicki Rushall, Daventry
Sue Fincham, Wellingborough
Barbara Oliver, Northampton
Tina Burgess, Wellingborough
14 shots v S Batchelor 15 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus BEDFORDSHIRE - MCIBA CHAMPIONSHIP – RESULT

Northamptonshire men played Bedfordshire on Saturday, 20th December, 2008, at Desborough IBC in the Midland Counties Indoor BA 'Warwickshire Trophy' Championship, and after winning handsomely by 53 shots, with just 1 rink losing, picked up 20 points to put the County's challenge for the title 'back on track' after the disappointing loss to Nottinghamshire last month.

Final score was Northamptonshire 140 shots – Bedfordshire 87 shots. Rink scores, Beds skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Bob Fuller, Wellingborough
Jack Tobin, Rushden
Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe
Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough
34 shots v T Chapman 9 shots

Rink 2.

Scott Johnson, Wellingborough
Richard Somerton, Brackley
Richard Mann, Kingsthorpe
Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe
16 shots v B Beaumont 24 shots

Rink 3.

Rob Vowles, Kettering
Malc Mattinson, Rushden
Graham Southgate, Desborough
Dave Flippance, Desborough
20 shots v M Thomkins 16 shots

Billy BEHAN

William 'Billy' Behan died on Tuesday, 16th December, 2008, at the age of 70 years.

Billy was paralysed from the waist down following an industrial accident at the age of 45 years, and after a number of active years in football and football coaching, he took up wheel-chair bowls, and so successful was he that in 1988 at the Paralympic Games in Seoul he won a silver medal in the Pairs, and in 1995 became World Champion, and also played in the Paralympic Games at Atlanta in 1995.

He was a member of Northampton & District IBC, where he was highly respected as a very good and competitive bowler.

His funeral is at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Barrack Road, Northampton, on Monday, 22nd December, at 11.0 a.m.

LEONARD DENNY MEMORIAL TROPHY COMPETITION – WELLINGBOROUGH v NORTHAMPTON

In the Leonard Denny Memorial Trophy Competition organised by Cambridge Park IBC, Twickenham, the first round got under way this week with Wellingborough IBC playing Northampton IBC. This is for men playing two rinks, one at home and one away, and on this occasion Wellingborough spoilt Northampton's run of success in recent National Competitions by beating them by 10 shots. Final score was Wellingborough 45 – Northampton 35. Rink scores as follows, Wellingborough names first:

At Wellingborough: **Rink 1.** Bob Fuller/Martin Walker/Jamie Walker/Wayne Gregory 26 shots – Dominic Graham/Roger Summers/Andy Smith/Chris Bland 13 shots

At Northampton: **Rink 2.** Dennis Collins/Paul Coley/Walt Winsor/Darren Lyman 19 shots – Chris Wright/Richard Lemon/Ollie Kirkwood/Phil Reeve 22 shots

The winners now play the winners of the tie between Bedford Borough IBC and Daventry IBC

FAMOUS GROUSE OPEN TRIPLES FINAL – RESULTS

The Finals of the 'Famous Grouse' Open Triples Competition were held on Sunday, 14th December, 2008, with the 12 qualifying entries coming from 7 different Clubs, battling it out for this prestigious event with the following result:

Winners: Tony Paul/Ross Knox/Graham Southgate, Desborough. This was the first time in the many years of this Tournament that winners have retained the title, the same trio having done so this year.

Runners-up: Karen Leveridge/Bob Fuller/Darren Lyman, Wellingborough

Third Place: Jean Flippance/David Flippance/John Haines, Desborough

Fourth Place: Malcolm Paul/Joe Kyle/Matthew Pownall, Desborough.

NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS, LATEST RESULTS

LADIES.

Singles: Tina Burgess, Wellingborough beat Sharon Hall, Desborough 21-20

Fours: Marilyn Oram, Northampton given walk-over by Brenda Bishop, Daventry

Unbadged Pairs: Jean Flippance, Desborough given walk-over by Pat Bax, Daventry
Margaret Johnson, Wellingborough beat Sally Row, Kingsthorpe

Over 50 Two Wood Triples: Barbara Astle, Kingsthorpe beat Pat Bax, Daventry

GENTLEMEN.

- Singles:** Andy Hunter, Kingsthorpe beat Paul Broderick, Wellingborough 21-16
Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe beat Michael Chester, Wellingborough 21-15
Andy Smith, Northampton beat John Haines, Desborough 21-17
Chris Bland, Northampton beat Robert Norman, Wellingborough 21-8
- Pairs:** Andy Smith/Chris Bland, Northampton beat Jack Tobin/Malc Mattinson, Rushden 23-8
Callum Height/Jamie Walker, Wellingborough beat Darren Lewis/Sam Wade 19-17
Peter Ward/Dave Flippance, Desborough beat Duncan Marriott/Andy Hunter, Kingsthorpe 26-25
Matt Wordingham/Bob Collyer, Rushden beat Graham Maddams/Wayne Gregory, Wellingborough 24-13
- Triples:** Steve Norman/Robert Norman/Maurice Allen, Wellingborough beat Robert Duff/Malcolm Winckles/Jim Carr, Desborough 24-11
Chris Maden/Iain Walker/Sam Wade, Kingsthorpe beat Jason Hall/Darren Lyman/Paul Broderick, Wellingborough 19-9
Andrew Manton/Jim McKee/Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe beat Robin Adams/Colin Dalgleish/Phil Reeve, Northampton 19-12
Darren Lewis/Colin Fowkes/Richard Mann, Kingsthorpe beat Martin Underwood/Mark Netts/Peter Munday, Rushden 21-7
- Fours:** John Leggett/Andy Smith/Alan Ramscar/Chris Bland, Northampton beat Matt Wordingham/Jack Tobin/Andy Redfern/Jeff Evans (Sub) Rushden 16-13
Roger Tansley/Andy Hunter/Richard Mann/Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe beat Rob White (Sub) Ray Castle/Colin Dalgleish/Phil Reeve, Northampton 29-12
Mark Corbyn/Neil Rees/Neil Corbyn/Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat Paul Coley/Walt Winsor/Darren Lyman/Mick Cooper, Wellingborough 26-19
Robert White/Tony O'Leary/Gordon Lockhart/Ollie Kirkwood, Northampton beat Malcolm Paul/George Warren/Pete Ward/Dave Flippance, Desborough 22-8
Chris Maden/Darren Lewis/Sam Wade/Iain Walker, Kingsthorpe beat Steve Robinson, Rob Vowles/Alan Thorne/Adrian Harris, Kettering 26-15
- Over 50 Triples**
Semi-Final: Lindsay Drage/Malc Mattinson/Terry James, Rushden beat Andy Redfern/Bob Collyer/Martin Keech, Rushden 17-5
- Over 60**
Singles: Colin Dalgleish, Northampton beat Gordon Black, Bridgmans 21-10
- Over 60**
Pairs: Mike Evans/Gordon Black, Bridgmans beat Jim Diver/Ron Jacklin, Desborough 22-21
- Over 60 Fours**
Semi-Finals: Tony Dicks/Mick Richardson/Bernard Spreadbury/Mick Worthington, Daventry beat Barry Bonham/Richard Bryan/Dave Thompson/Roy Bigg, Rushden 25-5
Peter Maloy/John Leggett/Colin Dalgleish/Reg Jones, Northampton beat Dave Thurlow/Maurice Tyler/John Cooper, Wellingborough 28-8

MIXED.

- Pairs Semi/Final:** Michelle Tansley/Chris Maden, Kingsthorpe beat Yvonne Pullen/Martin Keech, Rushden 23-17
- Fours Semi/Final:** Marilyn Oram/Di Baggat/Dominic Graham/Chris Bland, Northampton beat Jane Redfern/Margaret Cave/Andy Redfern/Martin Keech, Rushden 27-0

NATIONAL FINALS OF UNDER 25's SINGLES

A reminder that Ross Knox, Desborough IBC is through as Area Winner of the National Under 25 Singles competition and will be playing in the National Finals of the event on Saturday, 27th December, 2008, when he meets a current Junior International, Robert Chisholm of Stanley IBC Durham, at 11.0 a.m. at Melton & District IBC, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

COUNTY COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

(Competitions confined to the County)

GENTLEMEN

Singles: Graham Southgate, Desborough beat Michael Chester, Wellingborough
Alun Withers, Desborough beat Ross Knox, Desborough
Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe beat Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough
Dominic Graham, Northampton beat Malcolm Paul, Desborough
Peter Ward, Desborough beat Matt Pownall, Desborough

Pairs: Graham Southgate, Desborough beat Ross Knox, Desborough
Jamie Walker, Wellingborough beat Matt Pownall, Desborough
Chris Bland, Northampton beat Tony Burns, Kingsthorpe
Roy Whitehead, Desborough beat Wayne Gregory, Wellingborough
Robert Norman, Wellingborough beat B Scott, Daventry

Triples: Dougie Mitchell, Daventry beat Tony Burns, Kingsthorpe
Michael Chester, Wellingborough beat Bryan Jones, Kettering
Graham Southgate, Desborough beat Richard Lemon, Northampton
Iain Walker, Kingsthorpe beat Mick Worthington, Daventry

CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

(With the Christmas Festivities most Clubs have no fixtures for a week or so)

KETTERING LODGE IBC

As part of the 25 Years celebrations of the opening of the Indoor Green at Kettering Lodge, the midweek Captain Derek Silsby hosted a match on the 18th December, 2008, when his team welcomed a rink from each of four clubs; Ise BC; Lodge Outdoor Section; Swanspool BC; and Northamptonshire Police.

The match was played on a round robin basis with each of the home rinks playing against each of the visiting rinks. The winning rink for Kettering Lodge IBC was Bruce Wray/Jim Bresslin/Tony Shardlow/Brian Langton; and the winning visiting rink was from Ise BC comprising Mike Fowell/Terry Smith/John Burrell/John Oldham.

Following the game Club President Brian Langton paid tribute to the work for the Club of Derek Silsby and presented him with an atomic clock in recognition of his 20 years service as Midweek Captain.

KINGSTHORPE IBC

Fixture:

27.12.08. Members visit Northampton & District IBC for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

Fixture:

27.12.08. Kingsthorpe IBC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m. for the 'Dick King Cup'

RUSHDEN IBC

Competition Results to date:

- Men's Singles:** Mick Malins beat John St.John 21-4
Mike Pond beat Matthew Cattell 21-7
Tony Burns beat Barry Waterfield
Matthew Wordingham beat Peter Marston 21-0
Dave Coleman beat Martin Undewood 21-18
Ken Hemmington beat Nathan Betts 21-8
Barry Bonham beat Keith Marlow
- Men's Pairs:** Bob Tebbutt/Terry James beat Barry Bonham/Richard Bryan
Mark & Ron Plimmer beat Lindsay Drage/Malc Mattinson
- Men's Triples:** Tony Burns/Lionel Willmott/Ken Hemmington beat George Puddephatt/Phil Freeman/Martin Keech
Phil Rhodes/Malc Mattinson/Terry James beat Eric Norton/Brian Brodier/Ron Drage
- Mixed Pairs:** Roy Bigg beat Val Blackwell
- Ladies Singles:** Pat Mattinson beat Chloe Wordingham 21-10



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