

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus NORTHANTS VP'S 17.9.08. – Result

The Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association took on the County Vice-Presidents in the Annual 'June Armstrong' Cup match, held this year on Wednesday, 17th September, 2008, at Earls Barton BC the Club of the VP's Chairman, Graham Dunscombe. The County Association took the honours by 23 shots in what was overall on most rinks a very close affair, with the final score being Northamptonshire BA 117 shots – Vice-Presidents 94 shots. Rink scores as follows:

Rink 1.		Rink 2.		Rink 3.	
NBA	VP'S	NBA	VP'S	NBA	VP'S
Bob Morris	Brian Bailey	Stuart Lake	Pete Woodhams	Bob Barnard	Mick Garley
Ian Litchfield	S Hill	Malcolm Tait	R Smith	Peter Byworth	Clyde Hulbert
Frank Craven	Ollie Pearson	Doug Ainsworth	Brian Sherwood	Laurie Harrison	Gerrard Stephenson
Mike King	Ron Chambers	Richard Somerton	Peter Wood	Tracy Nunn	Tony Essam
16 shots	15 shots	24 shots	9 shots	17 shots	21 shots

Rink 4.		Rink 5.		Rink 6.	
NBA	VP'S	NBA	VP'S	NBA	VP'S
Mike Jackson	Phil Miller	David Garland	Bob Tingle	Skene McInnes	John Watson
Gordon Morris	M Griffin	Bill Foster	R Timson	Bill Russell	Mick Pullen
Geoff Vincent	Dick Howell	David Thurlow	Tony Buckmaster	Robin Frost	Ken Legan
Harvey Fruish	Graham Dunscombe	Geoff Harris	David Williamson	Ron Giles	Roy Cave
20 shots	12 shots	22 shots	18 shots	18 shots	19 shots

After the match County President Harvey Fruish presented the Life Members Badge to Michael Abbott who received it on behalf of his late father, Reg Abbott, who died a few weeks ago before the honour could be made to him personally.

The Vice-Presidents Association Chairman, Graham Dunscombe, presented the sum of £439.00p to the County Association, being the VP's contribution as part of their annual subscriptions.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE-PRESIDENTS 'DON FREEMAN' TROPHY MATCH

The Annual 'Don Freeman' Charity Trophy match is being held on Friday, 26th September, 2008, at Rushden Indoor BC, at 6.0 p.m. This annual event is in the memory of a former Chairman of the VP's and former member of Rushden IBC, who was killed in a road accident a number of years ago.

CHAMPIONS AROUND THE COUNTY

CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS AROUND THE COUNTY:

At this time of the season virtually all Clubs in the County are holding their club competitions, and the following are the latest results around the County:

NORTH AREA (Of interest mainly to Evening Telegraph Readers)

Desborough Town BC

	Winners	Runner(s)-up
Ladies Singles Champion:	Margaret Watts	Sharon Hall
Men's Singles Champion:	Alun Withers	Dave Rayson
Novice Singles:	Tony Paul	M Gage
Champion of Champions:	Carl Haines	Sharon Hall
2 Wood Singles:	Ron Chambers	Roy Whitehead
Mixed Singles:	Ron Chambers	Bill McGillivray
Junior Singles:	A Mulligan	Kirsty Gage
Junior Pairs:	K Hill/M Toeseland	A Littler/A Tilley
Over 60 Pairs:	Marta Edsman/Bill McGillivray	Margaret Watts.S Richardson

Higham Ferrers Town BC

The last two competitions held over from Finals day resulted as follows:

	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Runner(s)-up</u>
Ladies Singles Handicap:	Viv Gaudyn	Chloe Wordingham
Ladies Pairs:	Brenda Ellis/Chris Freeman	Chloe Wordingham/Mo Plimmer

Kettering Lodge BC

	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Runner(s)-up</u>
Ladies Singles Champion:	Mary Forrester	Margaret Silsby
Men's Singles Champion:	Paul Harris	Herbert Starsmore
Ladies Singles Handicap:	Barbara Harris	Helen Partridge
Men's Singles Handicap;	Adrian Harris	Derek Cooper
Ladies 2 Wood Singles:	Mary Forrester	Barbara Harris
Men's 2 Wood Singles:	Steve Robinson	Alan Simms
Ladies Pairs:	Mary Forrester/Sue Bagshaw	Delia Panther/Marjorie Wright (90 + years)
Men's Pairs:	Adrian Harris/Brian Briggs	Andy Cooper/Alan Simms
Ladies Aussie Pairs:	Pat Starsmore/Helen Partridge	Barbara Harris/Marjorie Wright
Men's Tony Loasby Cup:	Graham Rogers	Duncan Macgregor

Men's Tyro Cup:	Sam Gamble	P Robinson
Mixed Triples:	Alan Simms/Barbara Harris/ Paul Harris	Helen Partridge/Len Smith/ Adrian Harris
Mixed Pairs:	Adrian Harris/Mary Forrester	Betty Hammond/Duncan Macgregor
Mixed Aussie Pairs:	Sue Briggs/Brian Briggs	M Haig/Paul Harris

SOUTH AREA (Of interest mainly to Chronicle & Echo readers)

<u>Brackley BC</u>	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-up
Men's Singles Champion:	David Blencowe	Richard Somerton
Ladies Singles Champion:	Jackie Harrington	Elaine Urquhart
Men's 2 Wood Singles:	Bob Blencowe	George Hall
Men's Novice Singles:	Colin Foote	Robert Somerton
Handicap Singles:	Terry Pyle	Malcolm Coates
Ladies Drawn Pairs:	Linda Hall/Johnnie Adamthwaite	Elaine Urquhart/Maureen Walkley
Men's Drawn Pairs:	Robert Somerton/Trevor Gregory	Terry Pyle/Martin Brown
Men's Aussie Pairs:	Martin Brown/Keith Buckle	Sid Berry/Roger Pain
Mixed Pairs:	Richard Grainge/Jackie Grainge	Marie Cleaver/Roger Pain
Mixed Drawn Triples:	Rosemary Horsham/Colin Foote/ Robert Somerton	Ann Gooch/Sid Berry/ George Hall
Mixed Drawn Rinks:	Marie Cleaver/Rita Butler/ Martin Horsham/Robert Somerton	Ann Gooch/Malcolm Coates/ Colin Foote/Jackie Grainge
Over 55 Pairs:	David Blencowe/Bob Blencowe	Martin Horsham/Colin Foote

<u>Bugbrooke BC</u>	Winners	Runner(s)-up
Club Singles Champion:	Dave Francis	Mick Spruels
Pairs: Plate Singles:	Peter Gilkes/Bill Babb Geoff Hayter	Marie Young/Geoff Hayter Geoff Vincent

<u>Whyte Melville BC</u>		
Ladies Singles Champion:	Marian White	June Tucker
Men's Singles Champion:	Trevor Spear	Kevin Bradshaw
Ladies Pairs:	Janet Cousner/Kathy Mumford	Lorna Hart/Joyce Burns
Men's Pairs:	Frank Craven/Bill Spear	Dave Chambers/Trevor Spear

Ladies Triples:	Shirley Salado/Joyce Burns/ June Tucker	Pam Cleaverley/Janet Cousner/ Marian White
Men's Triples: (Ron Curtis Cup)	Danny Skidmore/Robert Renshaw/ John Collier	
Men's Singles Handicap:	Roger Horton	Trevor Spear
Men's 2 Wood Singles:	Trevor Spear	William Parker
Mixed Pairs:	Victoria Stevenson/Kevin Bradshaw	Shirley Salado/Danny Skidmore
Mixed Triples:	Frank Craven/Pam Cleaverley/ Pat Bodily	Sandi Horton/June Tucker/ Trevor Spear

Northampton West End BC

Men's Singles Champion:	Jamie Walker (16 years)	John Baggat
Ladies Singles Champion:	Jackie Walker (Jamie's 'mum')	Carly Hawkins
Men's Singles Handicap:	Jamie Walker	Kev Stevens
Over 60 Singles:	Roger Summers	Colin Manton
Non-Winners Singles:	Neil Fairey	Danny Jones

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PLAYER SELECTED TO REPRESENT ENGLAND

The British Isles Indoor Bowls Council 'Warner Leisure Hotels' International Seniors Double Rink Tournament is to be played at Bodelyyddan Castle Hotel, North Wales, on the 27th and 28th September, 2008, and a County player has been selected to play in the England Team.

Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe IBC, is one of 8 men in the team and he is playing at No 2 in the rink skipped by Martyn Sekjer, Bournemouth IBC. He has leading Graham Standley, of Banister Park IBC, Eastleigh; and at No 3 Pip Branfield, Clevedon IBC, Somerset. He will be hoping to see an improvement in England's standing from 3rd place last year, and as the current holder of the Over 60 's Singles National Title he will undoubtedly be out to confirm his acknowledged abilities on the green.

The other rink consists of Mike London, Parks IBC, North Shields; Bill Ward, Avon Valley; John Bell, Cumbria IBC; and John Wickham, Torbay IBC. Bell is of course England Team Manager.

We congratulate him on his selection and wish him well in Wales.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR MEN – TOUR TO YORKSHIRE 26th September, 2008.

As a 'pipe opener' to the new Indoor Season, County Indoor President Eddie Pinder is taking the Association on his short Tour to Yorkshire on the 26th September, 2008. 45 members will be supporting him, including Senior Vice-President Mick Pullen, Rushden IBC; Junior Vice-President Keith Howlett, Desborough IBC; Team Manager John Haines, Desborough IBC; and several Past Presidents.

Matches have been arranged at Ryedale IBC, Malton; Scarborough IBC; New Earswick IBC, York; and York District IBC.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR – NEW SEASON ABOUT TO START

All the County Indoor Clubs, and the County Indoor Associations are about to start the new season, and they do so with great optimism for a very successful one. In addition to all the individual competitions of many disciplines, and the Inter Club and Inter County events, there is a new competition being launched this year, that of an Over 60 Inter County 6 Rinks competition played 3 rinks at home and 3 away, and this has raised a great deal of interest around the country and in Northamptonshire in particular. This will be played in groups on a round robin basis followed by semi-finals and final.

A glance at the schedules for the various competitions, both for ladies and gentlemen, and mixed, will show that the first rounds of many of them have to be completed by the middle of October.

(As the competitions get underway I will keep the results up to date on a weekly basis through these reports, and next week I will give an appraisal of what to expect in the coming weeks.)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE versus LITTLE BOWDEN BC 16.9.08.

Northamptonshire Police BC visited Leicestershire on Tuesday, 16th September, 2008, to play Little Bowden BC and with 3 good winning rinks in a 4 rink match, came away with a handsome victory by 28 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire Police 86 shots – Little Bowden BC 58 shots. Rink scores, Little Bowden skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.	Rink 2.	Rink 3.	Rink 4.
Phil Webb	Jim Bradshaw	Trevor Franklin	Clive Appleton
Jim Hickman	Alan Berwick	Geoff Taylor	Brian Oram
John Watson	David Johns	Mick Lee	Stan Delbridge
Peter Simmons	Brian Hayes	Bill Tapp	John Church
10 shots	16 shots	31 shots	29 shots
versus T Burke 19 shots	versus A Wright 15 shots	versus R Lear 12 shots	versus C Eastwick 12 shots

THE NENE TROPHY 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2008.

The newly inaugurated 'Nene Trophy' put up by Frank Darnell, Wellingborough BC is being played on Saturday, 27th September, 2008, between the Clubs of Higham Ferrers Town; Irchester; Rushden Town; and Wellingborough, with 6 men's rinks from each Club playing on the greens at Rushden and Higham Ferrers. The matches will be followed by the Presentation and Social evening with entertainment at Wellingborough BC.

10TH ANNUAL FAMOUS GROUSE OPEN TRIPLES

Desborough IBC is holding the Famous Grouse Open Triples Tournament for the 10th year with the first of the six preliminary rounds on Sunday, 19th October, 2008, at 9.45 a.m. for 10.0 am start. The Finals will be held at the Club on Sunday, 14th December, 2008, with prizes being allocated to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places.

Triples may be male or female, or mixed, and closing date for entries is the 30th September, 2008, and as this event is very popular with participants coming from a wide area, it is advisable to get in touch with the organiser, Stan Delbridge at the Club to obtain an entrance form. The entrance cost will be £12 per Triple.

OUTDOOR CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

As the Outdoor Season draws to a close, with the players looking towards indoor bowling very shortly, the report on Outdoor Club News is becoming a 'little sparse' but nevertheless of interest around the County.

NORTH AREA, MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO EVENING TELEGRAPH READERS

Corby Forest BC

- 27.9.08. Geddington & Newton BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 27.9.08. Members visit Geddington & Newton BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

Earls Barton BC

- 27.9.08. Kingsthorpe BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Geddington & Newton BC

- 27.9.08. Corby Forest BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 27.9.08. Members visit Corby Forest BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 28.9.08. The Club holds its Captain versus President match at 2.30p.m.

Higham FerrersTown BC

- 27.9.08. The Club plays host to the Nene Trophy matches at 2.30 p.m.

Irchester BC

- 27.9.08. The Club participates in the Nene Trophy competition.

Ise BC, Kettering

- 27.9.08. Burton Latimer BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Kettering Lodge BC

- 27.9.08. Members visit Cogenhoe BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Rushden Town BC

- 27.9.08. The Club hosts the Nene Trophy matches at 2.0 p.m.

Stanwick BC

- 27.9.08. Members visit Managers and Foremen, Wellingborough for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 28.9.08. members visit Bugbrooke BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Swanspool BC

- 27.9.08. Irthlingborough Church Institute BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 28.9.08. The Club holds a Bowls Drive at 2.30 p.m.

Wellingborough BC

- 27.9.08. The Club participates in the 'Nene Trophy' at Rushden and Higham Ferrers BC's, at 2.0 pm.
28.9.08. The Club is holding a 'Fun Day' using both outdoor greens and the indoor green. There will be a barbecue and normal bar facilities, and it is hoped families and friends will come to assist in this fund-raising effort.
29.9.08. The Indoor Club commences its season.

SOUTH AREA, MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO CHRONICLE & ECHO READERS

Abington BC

- 27.9.08. The Club holds its end of season 'Our Day' at 2.0 p.m.



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