

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN NATIONAL INTER COUNTY OVER 60 LEAGUE – RESULT

Northamptonshire's Over 60's men's team embarked on its Inter County League competition for the season with a fine win after a very close match against Lincolnshire on Tuesday, 17th November, 2009. This was a particularly encouraging start to the County's efforts to retain the National title won last season, as Lincolnshire had thrashed Leicestershire in their first game by 46 shots.

After 10 ends the County appeared to be easing comfortably towards the finishing post being 21 shots up, but by 15 ends the advantage had decreased to 14 shots, and with just 1 end being played the scores were level. Fortunately Mick Worthington was able to get the match winning shot for a 1 shot overall win. The rink wins were shared, with County wins for the rinks skipped by Mick Sharpe, and Jim McKee at home, and Terry James away.

Final score was Northamptonshire 122 shots – Lincolnshire 121 shots. Points for 16 – Against 10. Rink scores, Lincs skips only, as follows:

At Kingsthorpe:

Rink 1.

Pete Maloy
John Baggat
Malc Mattinson
Roger Tansley v M Dolby
18 shots 22 shots

Rink 2.

Alan Spencer
Reg Jones
Maurice Allen
Mick Sharpe v C McNally
27 shots 18 shots

Rink 3.

Bob Care
John Clipston
Colin Jones
Jim McKee v M Tomlin
21 shots 19 shots

At Lincoln:

Rink 4.

Roger Summers
Brian Thomas
Walt Winsor
Terry James v R Nicholson
21 shots 17 shots

Rink 5.

Tony Dicks
Mick Richardson
Ron Chambers
Mick Worthington v M Smith
19 shots 21 shots

Rink 6.

Jim Diver
Norman Gibb
George Warren
Carl Haines v G Plaskitt
16 shots 24 shots

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS ASSOCIATION A.G.M. 1ST DECEMBER, 2009.

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Northamptonshire Bowling Association will be held on Tuesday, 1st December, 2009, at Abington BC, Park Avenue South, Northampton, at 7.15 p.m.

President Mike King will be handing over the chain of office to incoming President Tracy Nunn, of Corby Forest BC. Skene McInnes, St Crispin BC will assume the role of Senior Vice-President, and it is anticipated that the nomination of John Chester, Wellingborough BC, for the office of Junior Vice-President will be ratified. John will become President in 2012.

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN VERSUS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN – SELECTIONS

The Annual match between the Ladies Indoor and the Gentlemen's Indoor County Associations takes place on Wednesday, 2nd December, 2009, at Rushden Town IBC, the home club of Mick Pullen, Men's County President. The following teams have been selected:

Northamptonshire Women's Indoor Bowling Association:

Rink 1. Sue Bagshaw, Kettering Sylvia Plant, Daventry Wilma Walker, Desborough Pam Lewis, Rushden	Rink 2. Ann Woods, Northampton Helen Jones, Wellingborough Valerie Blackwell, Rushden Audrey Height, Rushden	Rink 3. Joyce George, Wellingborough Julie Spreadbury, Daventry Chris Cooper, Wellingborough Brenda Bishop, Daventry
Rink 4. Zoe Eisler, Desborough Margaret Newport, Northampton Irene Scoble, Wellingborough Joan Watts, Brackley	Rink 5. Audrey Gardener, Kingsthorpe Joyce Burns, Northampton Sue Lomas, Desborough Pat Bax, Daventry	Rink 6. Vicki Rushall, Daventry Elaine Urquhart, Brackley Margaret Cave, Rushden Joan Bryan, Kettering
Reserves:	Jan Hunt, Wellingborough Eileen Stubbs, Rushden	Annie Scrimshaw, Daventry Lillian Allen, Kettering

Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association (Men):

Rink 1. Mick Hall, Brackley Eric Wareing, Daventry Mick Pullen, Rushden George Warren, Desborough	Rink 2. Peter Woodhams, Rushden Eddie Chapman, Wellingborough Tony Warren, Northampton Richard Somerton, Brackley	Rink 3. Jim Diver, Desborough Trevor Tilley, Rushden John Lewis, Rushden Peter Wood, Kettering
Rink 4. Len Smith, Desborough Martin Horsham, Brackley Keith Howlett, Desborough Terry James, Rushden	Rink 5. John Smith, Kettering Jim Headington, Desborough Mike Weatherill, Desborough Geoff Harris, Rushden	Rink 6. John Whiting, Northampton Bryan Jones, Kettering George Willmott, Rushden Brian Langton, Kettering
Reserves:	Walter Stoddard, Kingsthorpe Stuart Lowe, Northampton	Jim Walvin, Daventry Doug Williams, Kettering Brian Sherwood, Rushden

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES PRESIDENT VERSUS IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S TEAMS

On Saturday, 28th November, 2009, President Irene Scoble, Northamptonshire Women's Indoor Bowling Association, plays a team selected by her Immediate County Past President Pauline Capon, at her Club, Wellingborough IBC, commencing at 2.0 p.m. The following are selected to play:

President's Team:

Rink 1. Joyce George Ann Walvin Irene Scoble Audrey Height	Rink 2. Pat Starsmore Eleanor Winters Maureen McDonald Brenda Bishop	Rink 3. Jean Burgess Eileen Williams Rhona Holland Pat Bax	Rink 4. Barbara Hutt Helen Jones Margaret Cave Joan Watts
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Immediate Past President's Team:

Rink 1. Donna Williamson Lillian Allen Joyce Burns Pam Lewis	Rink 2. Kay Green, Wellingborough Agnes Johnson Valerie Blackwell Irene Cross	Rink 3. Sue Bagshaw Sue Lomas Joan Bryan Barbara Oliver	Rink 4. Zoe Eisler Wilma Walker Eileen Stubbs Jean Frisby
Reserves:	Margaret Tyler	Beryl Grimmitt	Ann Reed

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus KINGSTHORPE IBC LADIES 18.11.09. – RESULT

The County Ladies visited Kingsthorpe IBC and played a friendly match against the Club Ladies and in a 5 rink match despite winning on 3 rinks, went down by 10 shots. The final score was Northamptonshire Ladies 101 – Kingsthorpe Ladies 111 shots. Rink scores as follows:

Rink 1. NWIBA Jean Burgess Pat Starsmore Eileen Williams Pat Bax 25 shots	Kingsthorpe Audrey Gardener P Goff A Harrison Terri Hepburn 17 shots	Rink 2. NWIBA Vicki Rushall Sue Fincham Rhona Holland Valerie Blackwell 21 shots	Kingsthorpe Judy York M Minney L Hart S Crighton 19 shots	Rink 3. NWIBA Joyce George Sue Lomas Irene Cross Joan Bryan 18 shots	Kingsthorpe June Whitford P Hutt J Dexter M Wanstall 23 shots
Rink 4. NWIBA Jean Crane Lillian Allen Agnes Johnson Pat Symonds 28 shots	Kingsthorpe J Hayter S Cooper J Vincent S Johnston 19 shots	Rink 5. NWIBA Sue Bagshaw Ann Walvin Irene Scoble Barbara Oliver 9 shots	Kingsthorpe Eleanor Buchanan N Pearson R Rowland Di Brumwell 33 shots		

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN OVER 60 INTER COUNTY LEAGUE versus LEICESTERSHIRE – SELECTION

The following men have been selected to represent the Northamptonshire Over 60 Inter County League team to play Leicestershire on Tuesday, 24th November, 2009. The team shows two changes as Ron Chambers and Alan Spencer are not available, and this provides an opportunity for Martin Keech and Alan Maden to play in their first match in this competition.

Three rinks play away and three at home as follows:

At Kingsthorpe:	Rink 1. Pete Maloy, Northampton John Baggat, Kingsthorpe Malc Mattinson, Rushden Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe	Rink 2. Alan Maden, Kingsthorpe Reg Jones, Northampton Maurice Allen, Wellingboro Mick Sharpe ,Kingsthorpe	Rink 3 Bob Care, Kingsthorpe John Clipston, Kingsthorpe Colin Jones, Kingsthorpe Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe
At Leicester:	Rink 4. Roger Summers, Northampton Brian Thomas, Desborough Walt Winsor, Wellingborough Terry James, Rushden	Rink 5. Tony Dicks, Daventry Mick Richardson, Daventry Martin Keech, Rushden Mick Worthington, Daventry	Rink 6. Jim Diver, Desborough Norman Gibb, Desborough George Warren, Desborough Carl Haines, Desborough

7. BOWLS ENGLAND'S LADIES ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation for the Ladies of Bowls England was held at the Walker Stadium, Leicester on Friday, 20th November, 2009, and the Ladies of Wellingborough BC, who were Runners-up in the National TLH Top Club Competition were proud to attend and receive their awards. **(Please see attached photograph of the Ladies)**

Also receiving a Trophy were the Triple from Daventry BC of Vicki Rushall, Jan Bradley and Brenda Bishop, who, having won the County Benevolent Triples Competition in the County with such a winning margin, they were Runners-up for the National Benevolent Triples title and at the Annual Dinner they received their Trophy. This is the first time that a County Triple has won a Trophy in this National Benevolent Triples competition.

8. NATIONAL INTER COUNTY LADIES 'YETTON TROPHY'

The second round proper of the National Ladies 'Yetton Trophy' is being played on Thursday, 26th November, 2009, and four County Clubs are still in the mix. The teams that have been provided are as follows:

Kingsthorpe IBC Team to play Rushden Town IBC:

At Kingsthorpe:	Rink 1. June Whitford Cynthia Cherry Rita Rowland Di Brumwell	Rink 2. Terri Hepburn Sally Row Jan Everson-Watts Yvonne McKee
At Rushden:	Rink 3. Eleanor Buchanan Samantha Manton Celia Morris Hilary Sharpe	Rink 4. Donna Williamson Maggie Edwards Michelle Tansley Sharon Tansley

Northampton & District IBC Team to play Kettering Lodge :

At Northampton:	Rink 1. Jackie Dale Anita Lovett Janet Riome Heather Newton	Rink 2. Val Lovett Marion Cozens Janet Swift Thelma Littlemore
At Kettering:	Rink 3. Linda Warren Sue Lane Joyce Burns Di Baggat	Rink 4. Marilyn Oram Jane Maloy Victoria Stevenson Joyce Porter

9. NATIONAL INTER COUNTY LADIES 'YETTON PLATE' COMPETITION

The 1st Round of the Ladies National Inter Club Yetton Plate competition for first round losers in the 'Yetton Trophy' are being held on Thursday, 26th November, 2009, and two County Clubs are appearing – playing each other.

Desborough IBC and Daventry IBC will compete in this 2 Rinks at home and 2 Rinks away competition, and the following is the **Desborough IBC Team:**

At Desborough:	Rink 1. Pat Pickaver Susan Lomas Jane Plumb Ron Rudge	Rink 2. Zoe Eisler Wilma Walker Barbara Parsons Barbara Dalby
At Daventry:	Rink 3. Dorothy Diver Jill Nutt Mary Stringer Sharon Hall	Rink 4. Marta Edsman Margaret Collins Rebecca Wigfield Margaret McGillivray

10. NATIONAL INTER COUNTY MEN'S 'DENNY CUP' COMPETITION

This premier men's National Inter Club Competition, the 'Denny Cup' enters its last 32 in the country, and two County Clubs are still there, **Northampton & District IBC**; and **Desborough IBC**. The next round is being played on Saturday, 28th November, 2009, and as previously it is played on the 2Rinks at home and 2 Rinks away basis.

The Desborough IBC Team to play St. Neots IBC is as follows:

At Desborough:	Rink 1.	Rink 2.
	Brian Thomas	Rob Vowles
	Ross Knox	Connor Cinato
	Martin Cinato	George Warren
	Peter Ward	Bill Brune
At St. Neots:	Rink 3.	Rink 4.
	Malcolm Paul	Jim Diver
	Graham Southgate	Doug Ainsworth
	Carl Haines	Matt Pownall
	Dave Flippance	John Haines

The Northampton & District IBC team to play City of Ely IBC is as follows:

At Northampton:	Rink 1.	Rink 2.	Reserves:
	Colin Dalglish	John Freeman	Alan Ramscar
	Mick Spear	Jonathan Brown	Adam Brown
	Dominic Graham	Tony Weston	Chris Wright
	Andy Smith	Phil Reeve	
At Ely:	Rink 3.	Rink 4.	
	Tony Centrella	John Leggett	Pete Maloy
	Tony O'Leary	Scott Adams	Stuart Grainger
	Richard Lemon	Ray Castle	
	Chris Bland	Ollie Kirkwood	

11. NATIONAL INTER COUNTY MEN'S 'DENNY PLATE' COMPETITION

The 'Denny Plate' competition for first round losers also enters the last 32 in the country, and just one County Club is still in contention, **Wellingborough IBC**, and this club plays **Pentney IBC, Kings Lynn**, on Saturday, 28th November, 2009, with 2 Rinks at home and 2 Rinks away. **Wellingborough's team is as follows:**

At Wellingborough:	Rink 1.	Rink 2.
	Curtis Johnson	Dave Love
	Brian Williams	Bob Fuller
	Paul Coley	Martin Walker
	Paul Broderick	Walt Winsor
At Pentney:	Rink 3.	Rink 4.
	Dennis Collins	Jason Hall
	Graham Maddams	Scott Johnson
	Jamie Walker	Steve Norman
	Wayne Gregory	Robert Norman

Reserves: Jack Lyman, Maurice Allen, Mick Cooper, Brian Rees, Michael Chester, Callum Height, Bill Simmons, John Chester

12. LEONARD DENNY MEMORIAL TROPHY COMPETITION

This competition organised by Cambridge Park IBC is under way now with Preliminary Round matches being played this week. 72 Clubs from mainly the South and Midlands have entered including 7 from our County, and Daventry, Wellingborough and Brackley all play in the preliminary.

Daventry IBC played **Wellingborough IBC** on Sunday, 22nd November, 2009, with Wellingborough taking the victory by 4 shots after a very closely fought game. Details as follows with Wellingborough names first and Daventry skips only:

At Wellingborough: Dave Love/Scott Johnson/Paul Coley/Wayne Gregory lost to Mick Worthington 18-25

At Daventry: Jason Hall/Bob Fuller/Darren Lyman/Paul Broderick beat Roy Aberdein 24-13

Brackley IBC plays Carterton, Oxfordshire – no further details provided at this stage.

In the 1st Round proper **Rushden Town IBC** plays **Wellingborough IBC**; **Northampton & District IBC** plays **Kingsthorpe IBC**; and **Desborough IBC** plays St. Neots IBC – all matches to be played by 10.1.10.

13. NATIONAL LADIES UNDER 60 'LINGFORD TROPHY' COMPETITION

The National Ladies Under 60 Triples competition for the 'Lingford Trophy' first round was played on Sunday, 22nd November, 2009, with three County Clubs involved.

Wellingborough IBC played Cambridge Chesterton IBC at Wellingborough and won comfortably 35 shots to 23 shots against. Details as follows, Cambridge skips only:

Rink 1.		Rink 2.	
Joyce George		Di Newton	
Alison Dring		Kay Green	
Melanie Rogers	v Jenny Tunbridge	Karen Leveridge	v Karen Keeble
17 shots	12 shots	18 shots	11 shots

Wellingborough now plays St Neots IBC in the next Round.

Desborough IBC played Barwell IBC, Leicestershire, and although winning on one rink, lost on the other and overall they were beaten by 14 shots. Details as follows, no Barwell names available:

Rink 1.		Rink 2.	
Caroline Cinato		Kirsty Gage	
Lynn Duff		Rebecca Wigfield	
Sharon Hall		Jeannie Flippance	
18 shots – Barwell	16 shots	9 shots – Barwell	25 shots

Kingsthorpe IBC played St Neots IBC and lost 23-40 shots - No further details supplied.

14. NATIONAL INTER CLUB LADIES 'MASON TROPHY' COMPETITION

The competition for Over 60 Ladies Club Double Rinks sees a crunch match between two **Northampton & District IBC** teams when the 'A' team meets the 'B' team in the 3rd round. This will be played at Northampton & District IBC on Monday, 30th November, 2009, at 12 noon, and the teams are as follows:

Northampton 'A' Team:	Rink 1.	Rink 2.
	Marilyn Oram	Annette Faulkner
	Jean Crane	Anne Woods
	Janet Swift	Di Baggat
	Joyce Porter	Jean Chesshire

Northampton 'B' Team:	Rink 1. Margaret Newport Anita Hickman Sue Lane Heather Newton	Rink 2. Marion Cozens Eileen Waddington Pat Weston Thelma Littlemore
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15. OTHER NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

LADIES

SINGLES

2nd Round: Victoria Stevenson, Northampton beat Chris Cooper, Wellingborough 21-17
Jane Redfern, Rushden beat Tina Broderick, Wellingborough 21-11
Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough beat Sally Row, Kingsthorpe 21-18
Marilyn Oram, Northampton given walk-over by Donna Williamson, Kingsthorpe

PAIRS

2nd Round: Yvonne Pullen/Barbara Hasledine, Rushden beat Audrey Gardener/Barbara Astle, Kingsthorpe 19-18
Michelle Tansley/Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe beat Jane Redfern/Margaret Cave, Rushden 23-7
Brenda Bishop & partner, Daventry beat Tina Broderick & partner, Wellingborough 17-10
Margaret Watts/Sharon Hall, Desborough beat Cynthia Cherry/Sally Row, Kingsthorpe 25-16

TRIPLES

1st Round: Marilyn Oram's Triple, Northampton beat Audrey Height's Triple, Rushden 21-4
Linda Warren's Triple, Northampton beat Margaret Johnson's Triple, Wellingborough 23-11
Sharon Hall's Triple, Desborough beat Audrey Gardener's Triple, Kingsthorpe 28-6
Linda Cooper's Triple, Kempston beat Susan Fincham's Triple, Wellingborough 23-16

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Area Final: Tina Broderick, Wellingborough beat Marilyn Oram, Northampton 21-19.
Tina is now through to the Zone Final on a date to be fixed.

MIXED

PAIRS

3rd Round: Di Brumwell/Colin Jones, Kingsthorpe beat Yvonne McKee/Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe 18-11
4th Round: Jean Burgess/Jamie Walker, Wellingborough beat Sharon Tansley/Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe 24-17

GENTLEMEN

SINGLES

2nd Round: Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe beat Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe 21-17
Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat Martin Keech, Rushden 21-4

PAIRS

1st Round: Ray Castle/Ollie Kirkwood, Northampton beat Malcolm Paul/Peter Ward, Desborough 18-11
2nd Round: Robert and Steve Norman, Wellingborough beat Gordon Black & partner, Bridgmans 29-9

TRIPLES

1st Round: Jason Bryan/Jim McKee/Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe beat Tony Stanley/Roy Rigby/Dave Masters, Northampton 23-5
Scott Johnson/Callum Height/Jamie Walker, Wellingborough beat Robin Adams/Colin Dalgleish/Phil Reeve, Northampton 20-12

FOURS

1st Round: Andy Redfern/Jack Tobin/Bob Collyer/Matt Wordingham, Rushden beat Rob Vowles/Connor Cinato/Martin Cinato/Ross Knox, Desborough 21-16

OVER 60 SINGLES

2nd Round: Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe beat Gordon Black, Bridgmans 21-10

OVER 60 PAIRS

2nd Round: Andy Redfern/Martin Keech, Rushden beat Barry Bonham & partner, Rushden 22-10
John Baggat/Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe beat Terry Britten/Dave Masters, Northampton 24-18
Pete Maloy/Colin Dalgleish, Northampton beat Gordon Black & partner, Bridgmans 23-7

OVER 60 FOURS

2nd Round: Tony Dicks/Mick Richardson/Bernard Spreadbury/Mick Worthington, Daventry beat Doug Mitchell's Rink, Daventry 19-12

OVER 50 TRIPLES

2nd Round: Andy Redfern/Bob Collyer/Martin Keech, Rushden beat Carl Haines' triple 18-15
Brian Williams triple, Wellingborough beat Keith Howlett's triple, Desborough (score not provided)

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Area Final: Darren Lyman, Wellingborough beat Andrew Hunter, Kingsthorpe 21-14.

Darren Lyman now plays Nicky Brett at Bedford Borough on a date to be arranged.

OVER 60 INTER CLUB DOUBLE RINK

The last remaining County Club in this competition is Northampton & District IBC, and their 'C' team plays Avon Valley IBC, Warwickshire in the 4th Round on Thursday, 26th November, 2009, commencing at 2.0 p.m. The team is as follows:

At Northampton: **Rink 1.** Peter Cozens/John Dimmock/Bob Jones/Dave Masters
At Avon Valley: **Rink 2.** Roy Rigby/Ken Fitzhugh/Terry Brown/Sid Wittering

16. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

At its recent Committee Meeting, the Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme recognised the importance of having Youth represented on the Committee, to present the young person's point of view, and the Secretary, Eric Norton, has written to all Clubs seeking a nomination from within those Clubs of such young persons.

The NBYDS, and the 'Parent' organisation, the English Bowls Youth Development Scheme is all about interesting and encouraging young people to participate in the very competitive sport of flat green bowls.

At the same meeting, the draw was made for the NBYDS Indoor Competitions for this season, and it was noted that there were 12 entries for the 15-18 years Section; and 22 entries for the Under 15 years Section which clearly indicates that there is an increasing number of young people taking part in the sport.

17. OTHER NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

Sponsor of Bowler of the Year Awards.

Each year, for a number of Years, Bowls England, and before that the English Bowling Association, and English Women's Bowling Association, have made 'Bowler of the Year' awards to both male and female bowlers. These awards have been sponsored variously by bowls manufacturers 'Henselite' and 'Thomas Taylor' and the Daily Telegraph and The Times. In 2007 The Times assumed responsibility for both the Male and Female awards, but that newspaper has decided it can no longer sponsor the awards as it is 'regrettably' no longer able to provide a proper service to our sport.

Bowls England is happy to report that a massage specialist company, 'Cyclo-ssage' as the new 2009 sponsors of this award.

This company gave demonstrations at the Ladies and Men's National Championships of its portable Massage System that gently increases blood and lymphatic circulation by stimulating deep muscle activity with no side effects. The company is convinced that the Pro Personal Massage System can contribute positively to the improved health of bowlers of all ages, as well as enhancing performance levels.

Henselite and Taylors are staying with the award also, and will be providing winners with prizes 'in kind' from their range of bowls equipment and clothing.

18. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S versus WARWICKSHIRE – MIDLAND COUNTIES – RESULT

The County Under 25's got off to a very good start in the Midland Counties Indoor Championship when they met Warwickshire at Northampton & District IBC on Sunday, 22nd November, 2009.

They immediately set off at a good pace and by the 5th end across the green had gained a very healthy 15 shots advantage with only 1 rink losing at that stage and then by just 1 shot. At the half-way mark the lead had grown to 33 shots with all rinks winning. This superiority continued to the end of the match with the County youngsters recording an emphatic 66 shots win, with no losing rinks. This difference was then increased by a further 4 & ¾ shots as one rink was obliged to play an over age player.

This is permitted within the rules of the competition and the fact that this over age player was their own Team Manager Andy Smith who is a top Warwickshire bowler and winner of a National Title (outdoors) did not deter the County players on that rink for they came out on top.

Final score was Northamptonshire 131 shots – Warwickshire 65 shots scored (but less 4 & ¾ shots as described above)
This win gave the County 22 points to 0 points against.

Rink scores, Warwickshire skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Hannah Biddle, Northampton
Jasmin Spear, Northampton
Jack Tobin, Rushden
Dominic Graham, Northampton
21 shots v C Carter 11 shots

Rink 2.

Matt Cattell, Rushden
Trudi Beard, Kingsthorpe
Sam Gamble, Kettering
Matt Wordingham, Rushden
41 shots v A Strain 9 shots

Rink 3.

Will Hill, Desborough
Tom Wellburn, Kingsthorpe
Chris Wright, Northampton
Matt Pownall, Desborough
20 shots v J White 17 shots

Rink 4.

Scott Adams, Northampton
Chloe Wordingham, Rushden
Adam Brown, Northampton
Michael Chester, Wellingborough
29 shots v H Slimm 11 shots

Rink 5.

Connor Cinato, Desborough
Louise Haladij, Northampton
Shaun Marriott, Kingsthorpe
Ross Knox, Desborough
20 shots v C Allen 17 shots

19. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE-PRESIDENTS versus NORTHAMPTON IBC – RESULT

The Northamptonshire Vice-Presidents played a Mixed match on Thursday, 19th November, 2009, against Northampton & District IBC, and with it set at 8 rinks a most enjoyable and competitive match was experienced by 64 bowlers. The Club had 5 winning rinks to the VP's 3 and they ran out winners by 34 shots in the end, although until the last few ends when the VP's stamina appeared to be sapped, the match was very tight. Final score was VP's 130 shots – Northampton & District IBC 164 shots. Rink scores, Northampton skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Pauline Panter Roly Smith Jane Smith Keith Forbes 16 shots v R Spatcher 27 shots	Rink 2. Ray Timson Diana Talbot Betty Tilley Tony Essam 12 shots v W Spear 24 shots	Rink 3. Dorothy Diver Jeff Talbot Mick Pullen Ken Legan 20 shots v B Carr 32 shots	Rink 4. Peter Woodhams Harry Bell Trevor Tilley Joyce Porter 13 shots v J Cheshire 19
Rink 5. Len Smith Geoff Care Ann Walvin Dave Williamson 13 shots v L Stead 18 shots	Rink 6. Jim Diver Velda Cooper Phil Miller Rita Bell 18 shots v I Cross 14 shots	Rink 7. Jim Walvin Pam Grant Mary Grewcock Bob Jones 21 shots v E Wittering 15	Rink 8. Donna Williamson Sue Campbell Peter Byworth Tracy Nunn 17 shots v S Wittering 15

20. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus LEICESTERSHIRE – MIDLAND COUNTIES – RESULT

The Ladies of Northamptonshire played their counterparts from Leicestershire in the Midland Counties League, on Saturday, 21st November, 2009, at Charnwood IBC, Leicestershire, and posted a very good win by 11 shots, with the rink wins shared.

Pam Lewis had to withdraw through injury, and County President Irene Scoble replaced her with that rink 'shuffled' to enable Jeannie Flippance to skip it and Valerie Blackwell playing at No. 3. The final score was Northamptonshire 130 shots – Leicestershire 119 shots. Points scored 16 for and 6 against. Rink scores, Leics. Skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Rebecca Wigfield Jane Maloy Pat Bax Sharon Tansley v A Neale 26 shots 13 shots	Rink 2. Sue Bagshaw Barbara Astle Hilary Sharpe Brenda Bishop v P Sutton 17 shots 19 shots	Rink 3. Jean Burgess Irene Scoble Valerie Blackwell Jeannie Flippance v V Brailsford 28 shots 16 shots
Rink 4. Yvonne McKee Joyce George Pat Symonds Audrey Height v L North 24 shots 11 shots	Rink 5. Vicki Rushall Kay Green Barbara Oliver Di Brumwell v K Fudger 18 shots 26 shots	Rink 6. Linda Warren Irene Cross Joan Watts Joyce Porter v E Radford 17 shots 34 shots

21. JUNIOR PAIRS GALA AT DESBOROUGH IBC

Desborough IBC held a Junior Pairs Gala on Saturday, 21st November, 2009, and 16 pairs of young players from Northamptonshire Clubs, as well as from Avon Valley IBC, Warwickshire, and Charnwood IBC, Leicestershire, took part. It was organised in 4 groups playing a round robin, with the winners of each group playing a semi-final, and then a Final.

The eventual winners from the host club were Aaron Mulligan and Connor Cinato, who in the Round Robin stage scored a massive 52 shots scored and conceded just 4 shots. This put them up against Nicholas Manton and David Walker from Kingsthorpe, in the Semi-Final. Both of these young bowlers come from good bowling stock, their fathers playing regularly for the County in top competition, but on the day Aaron and Connor won the encounter 11-3.

The other semi-final was between Austen Marvell(Northampton) and partner Josh Smith (Charnwood) against Mark Smith and his brother (name not known) from Avon Valley. Smith & Marvell won 10-3.

The final was therefore between Aaron/Connor and Smith/Marvell, which after a close affair, went to Aaron & Connor.

(Please see photograph of Aaron & Connor with their trophies – Aaron on left)

22. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

BRACKLEY IBC (NO NEWS PROVIDED)

DAVENTRY IBC (NO NEWS PROVIDED)

DESBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 26.11.09. Northamptonshire Police BC visits for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
- 26.11.09. The Club Ladies play the Yetton Plate competition versus Daventry
- 28.11.09. The Club plays the Denny Cup competition versus St Neots IBC at 10.0 a.m.
- 28.11.09. Ladies President's team plays the Gentlemen's President's team at 2.0 p.m.
- 29.11.09 Famous Grouse Open Triples last qualifying morning at 10.0 a.m.
- 29.11.09. Geddington & Newton BC & Ise BC visit for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 30.11.09. Swanspool BC and Islip BC visit for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE IBC

Fixtures:

- 26.11.09. Kettering Probus plays Oundle at the Club at 10.0 a.m.
- 26.11.09. Members visit Wellingborough for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 29.11.09. The County Under 25's visit for a match at 2.30 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE IBC

Fixtures:

- 26.11.09. Market Harborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 28.11.09. The English Fire Service BC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
- 29.11.09 Club holds its President's Day at 2.15 p.m.
- 2.12.09; Daventry BC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

Fixtures:

- 25.11.09. Wellingborough IBC visits for a ladies match at 2.15 p.m.
- 26.11.09. The Club Ladies play Kettering in the Yetton Trophy at 10 0 a.m.
- 28.11.09. Members visit Slade IBC for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
- 28.11.09. The Club plays City of Ely IBC in the Denny Cup at 10.0 a.m.
- 29.11.09. Swanspool BC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN IBC

Fixtures:

- 28.11.09. Peterborough IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 29.11.09. Members visit Wellingborough IBC for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 25.11.09. Members visit Northampton & District IBC for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
- 25.11.09. The Club hosts a match between the Masonic BA and the County Vice-Presidents at 2.15 p.m.
- 26.11.09. Kettering Lodge IBC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 28.11.09. The Club plays in the Denny Plate competition versus Pentney IBC, Kings Lynn at 10.0 a.m.
- 28.11.09. The Club hosts a match between the NWIBA President's team and the Immediate Past President's team at 12.30 p.m.
- 29.11.09. Rushden BC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.

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