

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN MCBA MATCH versus WARWICKSHIRE 22.5.10. – RESULT

In the second 'Trial match' albeit an encounter in the Midland Counties Bowls Championship, **Jackson Grundy sponsored Northamptonshire Bowling Association** took on Warwickshire BA at Kingsthorpe BC, Northampton, and on a glorious hot sunny day, and on a green which was fast and conducive to good bowling, the County team were victorious by 17 shots.

Three winning rinks, one drawn, and two narrowly losing, saw the County pick up 17 points to 5 points against. The highest scoring rink, that skipped by Jim McKee, was 5-12 adrift after 8 ends, but for the next 10 ends they were relentless scoring 15 shots without reply. Over the last 3 ends they gave their opponents one shot and picked up 7 more themselves.

The final score was Northamptonshire 124 shots – Warwickshire 107 shots. Rink scores, Warwickshire skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Tony O'Leary/Callum Height, Alan Ashby, Roger Tansley 15 shots – Colin Jacox 17 shots
- Rink 2.** Malcolm Paul/Matt Pownall/Jonathan Brown/Phil Reeve 22 shots – Alan Apsley 21 shots
- Rink 3.** Derek Douglas/Graham Maddams/Martin Gearey/John Freeman 21 shots – Andy Smith 21 shots
- Rink 4.** Keith Height/Paul O'Beirne/Carl Haines/Darren Childs 19 shots – Calvin Wells 23 shots
- Rink 5.** Dave Love/Martin Cinato/Ollie Kirkwood/Jim McKee 27 shots – Martin Timms 13 shots
- Rink 6.** Matt Wordingham/Paul Melville/Richard Lemon/John Haines 20 shots – Stuart Thomas 12 shots

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus CIVIL SERVICE 20.5.10. – RESULT

In a friendly match against the English Civil Service BA, the men of **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association**, visited Olney BC, Bucks., and came away with a victory by 27 shots. The County achieved four winning rinks, and two losing, and the County President's rink, skipped by the President Tracy Nunn, picked up a 'Hot Shots' count of 8 shots on the 6th end to put themselves in the driving seat. The final score was Northamptonshire 147 shots – English Civil Service 120 shots. Rink scores, Civil Service skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Paul Cooke/Bill Humphries/Norman Gibb/Tracy Nunn 30 shots – Ralph Baxter 20 shots
- Rink 2.** Malcolm Tait/David Williams/Harvey Fruish/Laurie Harrison 17 shots – Peter Smith 28 shots
- Rink 3.** Skene McInnes/David Garland/Peter Kneeshaw/George Warren 19 shots – Paul Silk 22 shots
- Rink 4.** Trevor Tilley/John Chester/George Willmott/Terry James 27 shots – Jim Wilson 16 shots
- Rink 5.** Brian Robbins/Stuart Laxton/Brian Diver/Richard Somerton 27 shots – Malcolm Ingram 16 shots
- Rink 6.** Bill Foster/David Moore/Mike Pullen/Geoff Harris 27 shots – Steve Bocking 18 shots

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 23.5.10. – RESULT

The Annual County Ladies versus County Men match was played at Corby Forest BC, the Club of the County President Tracy Nunn, and it is always fiercely competitive. This year was no different and the men pulled out all the stops to achieve a substantial win by 42 shots. Several husband and wife bowlers found themselves on opposite sides, and on the same rinks for two of the couples. 5 rink wins went to the men with just 1 to the ladies, albeit by a substantial margin of 18 shots. Unfortunately for the ladies two of the men's rinks had rather large wins, and that basically was the overall difference. Final score was Northamptonshire men 144 shots – Northamptonshire Ladies 102 shots. Rink scores as follows:

Rink 1.		Rink 2.		Rink 3.	
Men	Ladies	Men	Ladies	Men	Ladies
Gordon Dring	Pat Coles	Skene McInnes	Brenice Willmott	Trevor Tilley	Margaret Ruff
Mike Pullen	Joyce Burns	John Chester	Ann Lissack	John Cooper	Jean Vincent
Mike King	Pat Bodily	Laurie Harrison	Trish Basford	Jamie Watt	Agnes Johnson
George Warren	Chris Barlow	Tracy Nunn	Pat Gayton	Terry James	Bev Manning
22 shots	21 shots	31 shots	12 shots	26 shots	17 shots
Rink 4.		Rink 5.		Rink 6.	
Men	Ladies	Men	Ladies	Men	Ladies
Peter Kneeshaw	Margaret Cave	Malc O'Hanlon	Alison Dring	John Ruff	Jan Hunt
Billy Marshall	Beryl Rylott	Brian Diver	Jill Nutt	Stuart Laxton	Pat O'Hanlon
Harvey Fruish	Eleanor Winters	George Willmott	Sandy Hayter	Norman Gibb	Wilma Walker
Roy Cave	Joan Bryan	Richard Somerton	Linda Tomlinson	Geoff Hunt	Brenda Bishop
42 shots	12 shots	8 shots	26 shots	15 shots	14 shots

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus CAMBRIDGESHIRE 20.5.10. – RESULT

In the first match in the Middle England League, **Jackson & Grundy sponsored Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association** came up against a strong Cambridgeshire Ladies team on Thursday, 20th May, 2010, at March Conservatives BC, and with only one winning rink they were disappointingly outbowled to a defeat by 38 shots.

The first 5 ends were very close with just 2 shots between the teams, but over the next 5 ends the deficit had grown to 24 shots and at the three quarter stage it was 38 shots where it remained to the end of the game.

The final score was Northamptonshire 103 shots – Cambridgeshire 141 shots. Rink scores, Cambs skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.	Margaret Watts/Doreen Bedford/Hilary Sharpe/Barbara Hasledine 15 shots – D Smith 26 shots
Rink 2.	Yvonne McKee/Ann Lissack/Pat Gayton/Jan Bradley 20 shots – J Skates-Wilson 24 shots
Rink 3.	Vicki Rushall/Jean Frisby/Pam Lewis/Sharon Tansley 19 shots – S Ritchie 25 shots
Rink 4.	Alison Dring/Karen Leveridge/Anita Petrucci/Audrey Height 20 shots – V Hughes 17 shots
Rink 5.	Sue Bagshaw/Helena Norman/Jill Welch/Brenda Bishop 17 shots – S Alexander 21
Rink 6.	Victoria Stevenson/Celia Morris/Wilma Walker/Di Brumwell 12 shots – C Salisbury 28 shots

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN MCBA MATCH versus LINCOLNSHIRE 29.5.10. – SELECTION

The following men have been selected to represent the **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association** in a Midland Counties Championship match against Lincolnshire BA to be played on Saturday, 29th May, 2010, at Kingsthorpe BC, Northampton, commencing at 2.0 p.m. :

Abington BC:	Jonathan Brown/John Freeman/Tony O'Leary(Reserve)
Desborough Town BC:	Martin Cinato/Carl Haines/John Haines/Jason Hall/Malcolm Paul/Connor Cinato(Reserve)
Kingsthorpe BC:	Ray Castle/Vernon Gearey/Jim McKee/Phil Reeve/Roger Tansley
Northampton Express BC:	Chris Bland/Dominic Graham/Richard Lemon
Northampton West End BC:	Alan Ashby/Jamie Walker

Rushden Town BC: Mick Malins/Matt Wordingham(Reserve)
Thrapston BC: Darren Childs/Callum Height/Keith Height/Matt Pownall
Wellingborough BC: Curtis Johnson/Dave Love

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VP'S versus LINCOLNSHIRE VP'S 19.5.10. – RESULT

The Northamptonshire Honorary Vice Presidents Association (VP's) entertained their counterparts from Lincolnshire at Thrapston BC on Wednesday, 19th May, 2010, and on a warm sunny day a competitive game of bowls ensued with each county winning 3 rinks but the final advantage going to Lincolnshire by 7 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire VP's 106 shots – Lincolnshire VP's 113 shots. Rink scores, Lincs skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Ollie Pearson/John Broderick/Gerrard Stephenson/Bob Wilkinson 16 shots – J Sellers 17 shots
Rink 2. Paul Cooke/Geoff Care/Dave Thurlow/Dave Williamson 19 shots – B Paterson 18 shots
Rink 3. Bob Tingle/Peter Byworth/Mick McKeown/Graham Dunscombe 13 shots – A Turlin 26 shots
Rink 4. Ray Timson/Harry Bell/Clyde Hulbert/Ken Legan 28 shots – K Pacey 16 shots
Rink 5. Tony Hancock/Roly Smith/Derek Essam/John Cooper 13 shots – G West 26 shots
Rink 6. Ken Bonsor/Derek Cooper/Mike Pullen/Tony Essam 17 shots – B Patterson 10 shots

7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CAVALIERS versus FIRE SERVICE 18.5.10. – RESULT

After a very close match the Northamptonshire Cavaliers recorded a very good win by just 2 shots against the English Fire Service BA, which provided players from across the country. This is a long-standing fixture and the Fire Service usually wins, but on this occasion, despite leading most of the way, the County men chipped away at that lead and eventually overhauled them. Final score was Northamptonshire Cavaliers 115 shots – English Fire Service 113 shots.

Rink scores, Fire Service skips only, as follows;

Rink 1. Peter Byworth/Bob Tingle/Tony Coles/Roy Cave 26 shots – A Spratt 20 shots
Rink 2. Terry Rice/Phil Miller/Mike Pullen/Geoff Hunt 18 shots – K Croxon 17 shots
Rink 3. Harvey Fruish/Gus Dowdy/Peter Holmes/Peter Kneeshaw 14 shots – J Piper 27 shots
Rink 4. Bill Roberts/Don Harris/Roger Baxter/Tony Weston 21 shots – R Smith 18 shots
Rink 5. Trevor Jackson/John Cooper/Laurie Harrison/Keith Forbes 16 shots – M George 18 shots
Rink 6. Pat Donohoe/Colin Incles/Ken Legan/Mick Hall 20 shots – M Freebroy 13 shots

8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES – 'WALKER CUP' DOUBLE RINK TEAM

The following ladies have been selected to represent Jackson Grundy sponsored Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association in the Inter County Double Rink competition against Suffolk Ladies, to be played on Sunday, 30th May, 2010, at Chippenham BC, Chippenham Park, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5PT, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Rink 1.	Rink 2.
Jackie Grainge, Brackley	Trish Basford, Geddington & Newton
Karen Leveridge, Irchester	Helena Norman, Higham Ferrers Town
Audrey Height, Rushden Town	Jill Welch, Daventry Town
Jackie Harrington, Brackley	Brenda Bishop, Daventry Town

Travelling Reserve: Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe
Non-travelling Reserve: Alison Dring, Swanspool

Supporters are very welcome.

9. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S DOUBLE RINK versus ESSEX – SELECTION

Team Manager Martin Cinato has announced his team from the **Northamptonshire under 25's** to compete in the National Inter County Double Rink competition to be played against Essex Under 25's on Sunday, 30th May, 2010, at Elm Park BC, Hornchurch, Essex, RM12 4EZ, commencing at 1.0 p.m. Players to arrive by 12.30 p.m. The following have been selected:

Rink 1.

Alistair Melville, Corby Forest BC
Ashley Linnell, Northampton Express
Matt Pownall, Thrapston
Dominic Graham, Northampton Express (Skip)

Rink 2.

Connor Cinato, Desborough
Shaun Marriott, Northampton West End
Callum Height, Thrapston
Jamie Walker, Northampton West End (Skip)

Travelling Reserves: Matthew Wordingham, Rushden Daniel Height, Thrapston

Supporters will be very welcome.

10. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN'S COUNTY TOUR.

President Tracy Nunn, Corby Forest BC, is leading the annual County Tour to Weston-super-Mare, on Sunday, 30th May, 2010. The party will be staying at Dauncey's Hotel, a familiar one for bowlers who have toured to this area, and there are 5 matches arranged in the area, including one against the Somerset BA.

11. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

MIXED

PAIRS

1st Round: Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe beat Martin Walker, Northampton West End 17-15
Neville Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville beat Phil Reeve, Kingsthorpe 26-21

2nd Round: Walt Winsor, Wellingborough beat Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge 26-16

FOURS

1st Round: Martin Walker, Northampton West End beat Graham Prior, Brackley 22-16
Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe beat Kevin Mawson, Northampton Whyte Melville 19-16

GENTLEMEN

DOUBLE RINKS

2nd Round: Kettering Lodge 'B' beat Higham Ferrers 'B' 33-31
Kettering Lodge 'A' beat Desborough Town 'A' 37-32
Earls Barton 'A' beat Wellingborough 'A' 42-36
Thrapston 'A' beat Stewarts & Lloyds 'A' 62-31

Northampton Express 'A' beat Corby Forest 'A' 51-21

(Details - Express names first & Corby Forest skips only:

Rink 1. Ashley Linnell/Will Parker/Richard Lemon/Chris Bland 21 – Malcolm Paul 10

Rink 2. Rob White/Mark Linnell/Wayne Stanley/Dominic Graham 30 – Terry Gallagher 11)

Kingsthorpe 'B' beat St Crispin 'A' 45-37

Abington 'B' beat Northampton West End 'B' 40-37

Details – Abington names first:

Rink 1. Adam Hawkings/Pat McAlwane/Don Smith/Mick Taylor 26 shots – Chris Wright/Keve Stevens/Peter Duberry/Andy Fowkes 13 shots

Rink 2. Scott Osbourne/Alec McDonnell/Chris Beck/Dave Brawn 14 shots – Peter James / Richard Dyball/Ken Fitzhugh/Dave Kovacs 24 shots

Abington 'A' beat Daventry Town 'A' 49-42

Details – Abington names first:

Rink 1. Adam Brown/Dave Fage/Ollie Kirkwood/Jonathan Brown 24 shots – John Hodgkinson/Alan Gardner/Dougie Mitchell/Michael Moulton 10 shots

Rink 2. Tony O'Leary/Reg Jones/Terry Brown/John Freeman 25 shots – Arthur Stowe/Bill Welch/

Peter Braybrooke/Bernard Spreadbury 32 shots

Rushden 'A' beat Oundle 'A' 55-21

Details – Rushden names first:

Rink 1. Paul Munday/Mossy Waters/John Streather/John Greaves 16 – Chris Cunnington/John Marriott/Kevin Dexter/Martin Lee 14

Rink 2. Dave Betts/Mark Betts/Matt Wordingham/Jack Tobin 39 – Alan Newcombe/Terry Bamber/Terry Wells/Ron Fox 7

TOP CLUB

2nd Round: Thrapston beat Burton Latimer 3-2
Wellingborough beat Northampton Express 5-0
St Crispin beat Kislingbury 3-2
Brackley beat Daventry Town 3-2

3rd Round: White Hart, Warboys, Hunts beat Finedon Town 5-0

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS (Singles)

2nd Round: Jackie King, Stewarts & Lloyds beat David Jones, Irchester 21-12

OVER 55 PAIRS

1st Round: Gerrard Stephenson, St Crispin beat Steve Plowman, Abington 23-18

2nd Round: Mick Hall, Abington beat Anthony Hinkson, Roade 29-19
Dougie Mitchell, Daventry Town beat David Masters, St Crispin 28-11

12. COUNTY COMPETITIONS

LADIES

TRIPLES

1ST Round: Di Allen, Wellingborough beat Eileen Williams, Swanspool
Phyll Hallm, Corby Forest beat Heather Golding, Swanspool
Jan Hunt, Irchester beat Margaret Johnson, Wellingborough
Audrey Height, Rushden beat Heather Lack, Burton Latimer
Viv Gaudyn, Higham Ferrers beat Beryl Rylott, Kettering Athletic
Barbara Haseldine, Finedon beat Jane Smith, Rothwell Manor Park
Pat Mattinson, Thrapston beat Joan Bryan, Burton Latimer
Wilma Walker, Corby Forest beat Rita Bell, Kettering Athletic

Margaret Silsby, Kettering Lodge beat Val Betts, Higham Ferrers
Margaret Everitt, Kettering Lodge beat Veronica White, Rothwell Manor Park
Marjorie Wright, Kettering Lodge beat Pat Gayton, Swanspool
Shirley Ongley, Irchester beat Eleanor Winters, Corby Forest
Margaret Cooper, Kettering Lodge beat Elaine Weatherill, Irchester
Sharon Hall, Desborough beat Linda Tomlinson, Geddington & Newton
Brenda Bishop, Daventry beat Sally Gearey, Roade
Judy Hicks, Daventry & District beat Janet Ashby, Northampton West End
Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe beat Anita Petrucci, Abington
Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe beat Janet Osborne, Abington
Greta Orcherton, West Haddon beat Sandy Hayter, Bugbrooke
Barbara Oliver, Kislingbury beat Sue Prior, Brackley
Christine Barlow, Abbey Park beat Debbie Cadd, Abington
Jan Bradley, Daventry Town beat Chris Cross, Byfield
Pat Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville beat Sue Graham-Hole, St Crispin
Jackie Harrington, Brackley beat Serena Santer, St Crispin

2nd Round:

Allen beat Hallam
Height beat Hunt
Gaudyn beat Haseldine
Mattinson beat Walker
Everitt beat Silsby
Ongley beat Wright
Hall beat Cooper
Margaret Cave, Rushden Town beat Sheila Bonham, Irchester
Bishop beat Hicks
Tansley beat Brumwell
Oliver beat Orcherton
Bradley beat Barlow
Bodily beat Harrington
Gloria White, Abington beat Valerie Scott, Brackley
Heidi Edwards, Roade beat Janet Cousner, Northampton Whyte Melville
Pauline Eagles given walk-over by Lorna Hart, Northampton Whyte Melville

The third round of the ladies triples is being played on Monday, 24th May, 2010, with the Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals to follow on Sunday 6th June, 2010 at Desborough Town BC

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FOURS

3rd Round: Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat David Smith, Kettering Lodge 23-19
Wayne Gregory, Wellingborough beat Barry Basford, Geddington & Newton 31-4
Malcolm Paul, Corby Forest beat Alan Rudge, Corby Forest 23-17
Terry James, Thrapston beat D Scott, Stewarts & Lloyds 22-15
Steve Villiers, Irchester beat Gordon Love, Finedon
John Haines, Desborough beat Steve Dockerill 30-6
Jason Hall, Desborough beat George Warren, Stewarts & Lloyds 27-13
Walt Winsor, Wellingborough beat Darren Childs, Thrapston 19-17
Paul Melville, Corby Forest beat Matt Pownall, Thrapston 23-10
Reg Jones, Abington beat Rod Rigby, Northampton Express 24-5
Nick Beirne, St Crispin beat Dave Bellis, Daventry Town 21-20
Pete Morris, Kingsthorpe beat John Freeman, Abington 21-7
Stuart Letts, Northampton West End beat Trevor Spear, Northampton Whyte Melville 27-8
Colin Fowkes, Kingsthorpe beat Alan Ashby, Northampton West End 20-10
Martin Gearey, Road, beat Chris Bland, Northampton Express 21-14
Bob Blencowe, Brackley beat Neil Rolfe Kingsthorpe 22-21
Roger Horton, Northampton Whyte Melville beat Pete Mercer, West Haddon 24-15

Area Section

Finals: Broderick beat Gregory 28-9
Paul beat Villiers 23-19
Hall beat Haines 19-12
Melville beat Winsor 18-17
Beirne beat Jones 22-20
Morris beat Lett 19-13
Fowkes beat Gearey 24-16
Blencowe beat Horton 17-14

The Quarter Finals of the Fours will be played at Abington BC at 6.0 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th May, 2010 between the following:

Broderick, Wellingborough plays Beirne, St Crispin
Paul, Corby Forest plays Morris, Kingsthorpe
Hall, Desborough plays Fowkes, Kingsthorpe
Melville, Corby Forest plays Blencowe, Brackley

The winners of these Quarter Finals will play the Semi-Finals on Thursday, 27th May, 2010, at Abington BC at 6.0 p.m.

13. INTERNATIONAL TRIALS – RESULTS OF COUNTY PLAYERS' INVOLVEMENT

The England International Trials were held at Beach House Park, Worthing, on Saturday and Sunday, 22nd/23rd May, 2010, and the County had an interest in the men's with two players in the Junior Trial (Under 25's) and one player in the Senior Trial. Unfortunately no County Ladies were selected for Trials this year.

Junior Trial – 22nd May, 2010.

Dominic Graham, Northampton Express, played at No 2 in a rink comprising of Chris Cleaver, Middlesex at Lead; Shaun Jones, Herefordshire at No. 3; and skipped by Michael Woodbridge, Gloucestershire. His morning session saw him draw with a rink skipped by Danny May of Cumbria with 11 shots each, but his afternoon session saw a much more satisfying result when the same rink beat a very fancied rink of David Forster/Tristan Morton/Stuart Holland/Richard Catton by a substantial 10 shots at 19-9.

Jamie Walker, Northampton West End, skipped a rink comprising Jack Cawdell, Beds at Lead; Grant Bosworth, Derbyshire at No. 2; and Michael Richards, Wiltshire at No. 3. His fortunes were not so favourable as in the morning session his rink lost 10-20 shots to the fancied rink skipped by Richard Catton, Cambridgeshire, and in the afternoon he lost 10-17 to another fancied rink skipped by Jamie Chestney, Norfolk, who had with him Louis Ridout, Somerset, at Lead, Aaron Sexton, Sussex at No 2., and Patrick Hulbert, Leicestershire at No. 3.

They must now await the outcome of the Bowls England Selectors' deliberations.

Senior Trial – 23rd May, 2010.

Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe, faced his first full Trial at No. 3 in a rink skipped by Vinnie O'Neill, Yorkshire and they were joined by Simon Leader, Hunts at Lead and Ian Jenkins, Surrey at No. 2. In the morning session they played against a highly fancied rink comprising Lee Haywood, Devon, at Lead, Danny May, Cumbria, at No. 2, Simon Skelton, Derbyshire at No. 3, and skipped by Sam Tolchard of Devon, and they achieved a very satisfying 3 shots win 16-13. In the afternoon session they met up against regular International Mark Walton of Yorkshire, who skipped Patrick Hulbert, Leics at Lead, Mark Johnson, Kent at No 2., and Martin Pavey, Dorset at No. 3 and they had a small win by just 1 shot 14-13.

This must have been a very satisfying day for Vernon and he will now also have to wait to see the outcome from the Bowls England Selectors deliberations.

14. BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

The Times 'Summer of Sport' Offer 2010.

The Times Newspaper is inviting Sporting Clubs, including Bowls Clubs, to participate in what they describe as 'Our Fantastic Summer of Sport Offer' which is to be launched on Saturday, 17th July, 2010, and which will run through to Friday, 3rd September, 2010. The 'Summer of Sport Offer' is to provide the chance for both adults and children to take part in a sport of their choice, either for free, or as part of a 2 for 1 offer.

The promotion is FREE to participate in, and for participating Clubs, Bowls Clubs in this case, there will be provided an opportunity to recruit new members and to publicise the Club, and much more.

An application form, together with relevant information of the promotion, has been emailed to all County Club email contacts, and it should be noted that the application form should be returned to The Times Summer of Sport Offer, PO Box 6169, Basingstoke, RG22 5YN **by the 7th June, 2010.**

For further information please email grace@whynot-europe.com or call her on 0207 4948671.

15. VICE-PRESIDENTS 'HARRIS CUP' COMPETITION

Northamptonshire VP's are holding their '**Harris Cup**' competition on Wednesday, 23rd June, 2010.

The organiser Len Smith, of Geddington & Newton BC, has a place for one rink of men to make up the full complement of rinks, with that rink playing at Abington BC. He asks that if there is a rink out there that would like to take this place to please get in touch with him as soon as possible please. His telephone is 01858 565519

16. EVENING TELEGRAPH TROPHY – FIRST RESULT

1st Round: **Irthlingborough Church Institute beat Higham Ferrers 'A' 35-30**

17. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

NORTH AREA – MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO READERS OF THE EVENING TELEGRAPH

BURTON LATIMER BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Members visit Ise BC for a mixed match at 6.0 p.m.
- 29.5.10. Members visit Carlsberg BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 30.5.10. Islip BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Stewarts & Lloyds BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 29.5.10. Woodsend BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 29.5.10. Members visit Irchester BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 30.5.10. The Northamptonshire Vice-Presidents Association visits for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.

CORBY GRAMPIAN BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Members visit McAlpine BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 29.5.10. Members visit Higham Ferrers Town BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 1.6.10. Swanspool BC visits for a County League match at 6.30 p.m.

DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. The Club's Over 65's play the Club's Under 65's at 6.30 p.m.
- 29.5.10. Members visit St Crispin BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 29.5.10. Stewarts & Lloyds BC visit for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 2.6.10. Oundle BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixture:

- 29.5.10. Members visit Northampton Whyte Melville BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Members visit Thrapston BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 29.5.10. Cogenhoe BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 30.5.10. Golden Horse BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 2.6.10. Mmembers visit Little Bowden BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixture:

- 29.5.10. Corby Grampian BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixture:

- 29.5.10. Members visit Raunds Conservatives BC for a match at 3.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Club Tour:

Club Presidents – Linda Smith and Paul Harris are taking a party of 61, including 40 bowlers on their Annual Tour on Sunday, 30th May until returning on Thursday, 3rd June, 2010. They are touring to Devon and are to be based at TLH Leisure Hotels, Torquay, a company which sponsors bowls in this country, and which has its own Indoor Bowls Club.

The Club has two matches on Monday 31st with 7 rinks against Torquay BC and 4 rinks against Victoria BC. On Tuesday 1st June they have a 7 rink match against Paignton BC and on Wednesday, 2nd June they will visit Kings BC, Torquay. This is the Club which featured in the film 'Black Ball' which starred Mel Smith and was loosely based on a local player at Kings BC, Griff Sanders.

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Rothwell Manor Park BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 29.5.10. Irchester BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Rothwell Conservatives BC visits for a match at 6.30 p.m.
- 29.5.10. Market Harborough Conservatives BC visits for a match at 2.30 p.m.

McALPINE BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Corby Grampian BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
29.5.10. Members visit Islip BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

MEARS ASHBY RBL BC

Club Tour:

55 Members enjoyed the Annual Club Tour from the 8th to the 15th May, 2010. They visited Bournemouth and were based in the Whitehall Hotel, Bournemouth, which overlooks Bournemouth Central Park and which they found to be excellent.

Matches were played at Brockenhurst BC; Kings Park BC; Shaftesbury BC; Ringwood BC; Knyveton BC where they played a match against Thurrock & District Tourists; and at Bournemouth BC. The result was Played 6, won 1 and lost 5 but everyone had a most enjoyable time so the adverse count does not matter.

The top averaged lady bowler was Eileen Fairbairn and the men's was Bob Newitt, and they received their respective 'Average Cup'

The winning rink for the week was Pam White, Janet Bowell, Phil Pilgrim, & Bob Newitt.

OUNDLÉ BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Northamptonshire Police BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
28.5.10. The Club holds a mixed drive at 6.0 p.m.
29.5.10. Members visit Stewarts & Lloyds BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
2.6.10. Members visit Desborough BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixture:

- 27.5.10. Members visit Kettering Lodge BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Northampton West End BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
29.5.10. St Neots BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

STANWICK BC

Fixtures:

- 29.5.10. Members visit Finedon BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
30.5.10. Swanspool BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Members visit Corby Forest BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
29.5.10. Oundle BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
29.5.10. Members visit Desborough BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

SWANSPOOL BC

Fixtures:

- 29.5.10. Members visit Rushden Town BC for a Ladies Top Club match at 10.0 a.m.
- 29.5.10. Ise BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 30.5.10. Members visit Stanwick BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Geddington & Newton BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 29.5.10. The Club holds a 'Skills Coaching Day' at 2.0 p.m.
- 1.6.10. Members visit Earls Barton BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Members visit Kingsthorpe BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 29.5.10. Members visit Banbury Borough BC for a men's match at 3.0 p.m.
- 29.5.10. Abbey park BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 30.5.10. President Frank Darnell holds his 'President's Day' at 2.0 p.m.
- 1.6.10. Stewarts & Lloyds BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

SOUTH AREA – MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO READERS OF THE CHRONICLE & ECHO

ABINGTON BC

Fixtures:

- 25.5.10. The Club hosts the Men's County Fours Quarter Finals at 6.0 p.m.
- 27.5.10. The Club hosts the County Men's Fours Semi-Finals at 6.0 p.m.
- 28.5.10. Masonic Bowls Association visits for a match at 2.30 p.m.
- 29.5.10. The Club plays for the 'Bells Trophy' against Bedford Borough BC 4 rinks home and 4 away at 2.30 pm
- 1.6.10. Members visit Roade BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

BRACKLEY BC

Fixtures:

- 26.5.10. Members visit Buckingham West End BC for a ladies match at 6.15 p.m.
- 29.5.10. Members visit Kislingbury BC for a ladies match at 3.30 p.m.
- 30.5.10. Members visit Woodstock BC for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

- 29.5.10. Members visit Heyford BC for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.
- 30.5.10. Cogenhoe BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

BYFIELD BC

Fixtures:

- 26.5.10. Banbury Chestnuts BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 1.6.10. Chipping Wrden BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.

COGENHOE BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Corby Woodsend BC visits for a match at 2.30 p.m.
- 29.5.10. Members visit Geddington & Newton BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 30.5.10. Members visit Bugbrooke BC for the British Legion Trophy match at 2.30 p.m.
- 30.5.10. Kislingbury BC visits for the Northampton Triples League Knock-out

DAVENTRY TIGERS BC

Fixtures:

- 26.5.10. Cold Asshby BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
30.5.10. Northampton Whyte Melville BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
30.5.10. Kingsthorpe 'A' visit for the Northampton Triples League Knock-ou Trophy

HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

- 26.5.10. Abbey Park BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
29.5.10. Bugbrooke BC visits for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
29.5.10. The Club hosts the MCBA match between Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire at 2.0 p.m.
1.6.10. Members visit Northampton White Melville BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC

Fixtures:

- 26.5.10. LMRCA Rugby visit for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
29.5.10. Brackley BC visit for the Ladies Top Club at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Fixture:

- 29.5.10. Members visit BBOB BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC

Fixtures:

- 27.5.10. Members visit Rushden Town BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
29.5.10. Roade BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

- 29.5.10. Earls Barton BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
30.5.10. Members visit Daventry Tigers BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
1.6.10. Kingsthorpe BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

WOODFORD-CUM-MEMBRIS BC

Fixtures:

- 29.5.10. Leamington Hastings BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
1.6.10. Members visit Guilsborough BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.



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