

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WORTHING – RESULTS

PAIRS – Monday, 17th August, 2009.

1st Round:

The Northamptonshire qualifiers were both drawn against Surrey qualifiers, and very tough opposition they proved to be.
Steven Robinson and Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge BC played Charles Bruder and current International Ian Honnor of Weybridge BC, and despite putting up a very creditable performance, they lost 12 shots to 22 shots.
Adam Johnson and Martin Cinato, Kettering Midland Band came up against father and son Michael and Geoff O'Leary, from Epsom Park BC, and found them just too good on the day, going down 10 shots to 30 shots.
The County Pairs opponents then went on to reach the semi-finals where Honnor lost out, but the O'Leary's won their semi-final and then came runners-up in the Final.

SINGLES – Thursday, 20th August, 2009.

1st Round:

County winner, Jamie Walker, Northampton West End, never got to grips with the green against Wayne Garnett, Dorchester BC, Dorset, and went down 7 shots – 21.
Richard Lemon, Northampton Express, fared much better in his encounter with Wayne Bailey, White Hart BC, Huntingdonshire, and after quite a tough battle managed to win through 21-19.

2nd Round:

Lemon played the very experienced Lincolnshire man Geoff Plaskitt, Perry Sports BC, where he was always in control, running out the winner 21-12.

3rd Round:

In his third game of the day, Lemon's opponent was Colin Nutton, White Rock BC, Hastings, Sussex, and he again looked comfortable winning 21-13.

Quarter Final:

On Friday, 21st August, 2009, Lemon came up against an England International Steve Tuohy, Egham BC, Surrey. Lemon was also handicapped by a knee injury which he had to have treatment for before the game. Despite this handicap he put up a strong performance but was overcome by 13-21 shots in the end.

Tuohy then went on to win his semi-final and narrowly lost 20-21 in the Final to Simon Skelton, Derbyshire, who was himself runner-up last year.

Well done to Richard Lemon for progressing to the last eight in the Country.

(Attached is a photograph (009) of Richard Lemon taken at Worthing)

MIDDLETON CUP

The Middleton Cup Inter County competition was one by Cornwall County, they beating Yorkshire County by 25 shots in the Final. Readers will recall that the County lost by 10 shots to Cornwall in the Quarter Final at Swindon when they could not maintain a healthy lead. What might have been for the County?

OBITUARY – ERNIE ESSAM, KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Well known County bowler, Ernie Essam, Kettering Midland Band BC, has died aged 86 years. He was highly respected in the County, mainly in the Kettering area, and was in his day a very successful bowler, having represented the County in the National Championships in the Fours in 1974. (A full 'eulogy' is attached, as is a photograph of Ernie.)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VP'S versus LEICESTERSHIRE VP'S 19.8.09. – RESULT

The gentlemen of the Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Association entered Leicestershire VP's at Rushden Town BC on Wednesday, 19th August, 2009, and achieved the highest winning margin of the whole season, a massive 52 shots, with 5 winning rinks, plus the added bonus of a maximum pick up of 8 shots for the rink skipped by Brian Langton. The final score was Northamptonshire VP's 142 shots – Leicestershire VP's 90 shots. Rink scores, Leics skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Phil Bates
Roly Smith
Mick Pullen
Ken Legan v T Bentham
22 shots 11 shots

Rink 2.

Peter Woodhams
Ken Friend
Barry Thompson
Peter Mercer v D Bramley
28 shots 9 shots

Rink 3.

Len Smith
Geoff Care
Malcolm O'Hanlon
Roy Cave v G Lucas
20 shots 13 shots

Rink 4.

Trevor Tilley
Peter Byworth
Walter Stoddard
Brian Langton v G Spencer
29 shots 22 shots

Rink 5.

Harry Bell
Graham Young
Dick Howell
Geoff Harris v H Taylor
26 shots 15 shots

Rink 6.

Graham Cashmore
Mick Griffin
Brian Sherwood
Tony Essam v K Wells
17 shots 20 shots

LADIES PRESIDENT'S FUN DAY.

The President of Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association, Margaret Cave, Rushden Town BC, held a ladies Charity 'Fun Day' at her Club on Friday 14th August, 2009, with proceeds going towards the Northamptonshire/Warwickshire Air Ambulance.

56 Lady bowlers took part and after a most enjoyable afternoon, the event raised a total of £508 for the charity.

NORTHANTS MIXED TEAM versus BURTON LATIMER 30.8.09. – SELECTED TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Northamptonshire Ladies and Northamptonshire gentlemen, in a 75th anniversary celebratory match at Burton Latimer Town BC, on Sunday, 30th August, 2009, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.

Skene McInnes, St Crispin
Beryl Rylott, Kettering Athletic
Margaret Cave, Rushden Town
Mike King, Wellingborough

Rink 2.

Jan Hunt, Irchester
Alison Dring, Swanspool
Neville Bodily, N'ton Whyte Melville
Tracy Nunn, Corby Forest

Rink 3.

Victoria Stevenson, N'ton Whyte Melville
Stuart Lake, Wellingborough
Sylvia Brown, Abbey Park
Geoff Hunt, Irchester

Rink 4.

Brenice Willmott, Irchester
Frank Craven, N'ton Whyte Melville
Bev Manning, Kislingbury
Richard Somerton, Brackley

Rink 5.

Margaret Ruff, St Crispin
Malcolm O'Hanlon, Irchester
Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton
Pat Gayton, Swanspool

Rink 6.

John Ruff, N'ton West End
Pat Bodily, N'ton Whyte Melville
George Willmott, Irchester
Chris Barlow, Abbey Park

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION LUNCHEON

The Annual Presentation Luncheon for Northamptonshire Bowling Association is to be held at the Freemasons' Hall and Conference Centre, St. George's Avenue, Northampton, on Sunday, 4th October, 2009, commencing at 12.30 p.m.

The cost is £20.00p per ticket, and applications should be made to the County Secretary, Laurie Harrison, a.s.a.p. please, On 01604 661785.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 1.9.09. – SELECTED TEAM

The following have been selected to represent Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association in a friendly match against Buckinghamshire to be played at Northampton West End BC, on Tuesday, 1st September, 2009, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1. Gordon Morris, N'ton West End Alan Stacey, N'ton West End Keith Forbes, N'ton West End Ken Meakin, N'ton West End	Rink 2. John Ruff, N'ton West End Bill Foster, Daventry Tigers George Warren, Stewarts & Lloyds Mike King, Wellingborough	Rink 3. Skene McInnes, St Crispin Brian Diver, Stewarts & Lloyds Tony Weston, N'ton West End John Church, Higham Ferrers
Rink 4. Bryan Jones, Kettering Lodge John Scudder, Daventry Tigers Walter Stoddard, St Crispin Richard Somerton, Brackley	Rink 5. Peter Court, Brackley Geoff Simmons, Wellingborough Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton Tracy Nunn, Corby Forest	Rink 6. Stuart Lake, Wellingborough Brian Robbins, Daventry Tigers Ian Watts, West Haddon Brian Jones, Heyford

Travelling Reserves: Martin Horsham, Brackley Len Smith, Geddington Derek Brewer, Daventry Tigers

COUNTY LEAGUE TABLES AND FINALS

The County League, played by Clubs in the North Area of the County, but under the auspices of Northamptonshire Bowling Association, has reached the final stages, with just two results awaited which do not affect the top of the table.

In Group One, the Winners are Desborough on 49 points with all matches played, with Midland Band the runners-up on 35 points with one match to play. These two clubs therefore advance to Finals Day

In Group Two, the Winners are Stewarts & Lloyds on 38 points with all matches played, with Kettering Lodge the runners-up on 37 points with all matches played, and they will join the previously mentioned Clubs on Finals Day.

Finals Day is scheduled for Sunday, 13th September, 2009, at Wellingborough BC, play to commence at 10.0 a.m. with the Semi-Finals, to be followed after lunch by the Final at about 2.0 p.m.

NATIONAL LADIES 'TOP CLUB' COMPETITION – WELLINGBOROUGH SUCCESS

The Ladies of Wellingborough BC have now progressed to the National Finals of the TLH Leisure Resort 'Top Club' Competition, following a most successful match on Thursday, 20th August, 2009, against Broadway BC, Yaxley, Huntingdonshire, played on the neutral green at Bedford Borough. Wellingborough won 3 of the 4 disciplines with the Fours losing by just 3 shots. Details as follows (No Broadway names supplied)

Singles:	Susan Fincham won 21-13
Pairs:	Tina Broderick/Pam Reynolds won 28-10
Triples:	Joyce George/Jean Frisby/Di Allen won 30-16
Fours:	Sue Collins/Sylvia Downer/Agnes Johnson/Maureen McDonald lost 19-22

Wellingborough is now in the last eight in the country and they are to play either Banbury Central, Oxon or Chesham, Bucks., on Saturday, 12th September, 2009, at Torquay.

(attached is a photograph of the winning team: Back row l to r: Maureen McDonald/Susan Fincham/Sue Collins/Tina Broderick/Pam Reynolds/Phyl Parry (Reserve)/Sylvia Downer. Front row l to r: Agnes Johnson/Joyce George/Di Allen/Jean Frisby)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PLAYERS TO PLAY AGAINST COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM

The Commonwealth Games Bowls Team is to play a further practice session on Saturday, 29th August, 2009, and three Northamptonshire players will be providing the opposition for the men's Triple entry for the Games.

Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe will skip the Triple, and he will have the company of two young players, 23 years old Dominic Graham, Northampton Express BC, as his lead, and Jamie Walker, 17 years of Northampton West End BC as his middle man.

The sessions will consist of two 16 end matches, one in the morning at 10.0 a.m. and the second after lunch, and will take place at Hopton BC, Diss, Suffolk.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus HUNTINGDONSHIRE 1.9.09. – SELECTED TEAM

The following ladies have been selected to represent Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association in a friendly match against Huntingdonshire to be played at Daventry Tigers BC on Tuesday, 1st September, 2009, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Rink 1.

Annette Norris
Sylvia Brown
Marlene Court
Jackie Harrington

Rink 2.

Brenice Willmott
Enid Williams
Rhona Holland
Audrey Height

Rink 3.

Jean Crane
Elaine Urquhart
Pat Mattinson
Pat Gayton

Rink 4.

Agnes Johnson
Barbara Oliver
Phyll Hallam
Eleanor Winters

Rink 5.

Margaret Ruff
Margaret Cave
Chris Barlow
Pam Lewis

Rink 6.

Sylvia Plant
Elsie Hatton
Joan Bryan
Pat Bodily

Travelling Reserves:

Non-travelling Reserves:

Janet Riome

Ina Layland

Sue Prior

Ann Davey

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S versus WARWICKSHIRE 'RON BARSTON' 23.8.09. – RESULT

The Northamptonshire Under 25's played their last match in the Midland Ron Barston Trophy league against Warwickshire at Abington BC, on Sunday, 23rd August, 2009, and came away with another fine win by 13 shots. In the early stages their opponents took a small lead, but by the half-way stage that lead was reversed in favour of the County, with a small lead of 4 shots at that stage.

Warwickshire over the next 5 ends made a concerted effort and re-took the lead pushing ahead by 10 shots at the three quarter stage, but with a wake call by the Manager heeded they showed their fighting ability by outscoring their opponents over the final ends to win. 3 winning rinks, 1 drawn and 1 lost ensures that the County heads the table, although the final outcome could be affected by the last match between Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire where a Leicester win on all rinks would give them the Trophy by a very narrow margin.

Final score was Northamptonshire 104 shots – Warwickshire 91 shots. Rink scores, Warws skips only as follows:

Rink 1.

Rebecca Wigfield
Alistair Melville
Chris Wright
Matt Pownall v J Lee-Winch
9 shots 31 shots

Rink 2.

Adam Hawkings
Nathan Betts
Ashley Linnell
Dominic Graham v C Allen
28 shots 20 shots

Rink 3.

Victoria Stephenson
Jasmin Spear
Matt Wordingham
Callum Height v T Millership
26 shots 12 shots

Rink 4.
Adam Brown
Connor Cinato
Shaun Marriott
Jamie Walker v M Carter
24 shots 11 shots

Rink 5.
Matt Cattell
William Hill
Jack Tobin
Michael Chester v C Chapman
17 shots 17 shots

CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

NORTH AREA – MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO EVENING TELEGRAPH READERS

BURTON LATIMER BC.

Fixtures:

26.8.09. Prison Service BA visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
27.8.09. Members visit Earls Barton for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
30.8.09. The plays the County Men and Ladies mixed team to celebrate their 75th anniversary at 2.0 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC.

Fixtures:

27.8.09. Members visit Rothwell Conservatives BC for a men's match at 6.0 p.m.
29.8.09. Woodsend BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
30.8.09. Members visit Swanspool BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC.

Fixtures:

27.8.09. Burton Latimer BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
29.8.09. Thrapston BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
1.9.09. Higham Ferrers BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC.

CLUB TOUR: **The Club goes on Tour to Torquay on Friday 28th August, 2009 for a long week-end and plays as follows:**

29.8.09. 6 Rink Mixed match at Torquay BC
29.8.09. 6 Rink Mixed Match at Victoria BC (Torquay)
30.8.09. 12 Rink Mixed match at Torbay Country Club, Paignton
31.8.09. 12 Rink Mixed match at Cripplegate BC

HIGHAM FERRERS BC

Fixtures:

29.8.09. Members visit Kettering Midland Band BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
29.8.09. Sharnbrook BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

IRCHESTER BC.

Fixtures:

27.8.09. Members visit Oundle BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
27.8.09. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
29.8.09. Wellingborough Managers & Foremen BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
29.8.09. Members visit Northampton Whyte Melville BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixture:

Members visit Islip for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

ISE BC.

Fixtures:

- 27.8.09. Members visit Kettering Conservatives BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
29.8.09. Members visit Finedon Town BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC.

Fixtures:

- 29.8.09. Kislingbury BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
1.9.09. Oundle BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL CONSERVATIVES BC.

Fixtures:

- 27.8.09. Corby Forest BC visits for a men's match at 6.0p.m.
1.9.09. Members visit Stanwick BC for a mixed match at 2.30 pm.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC.

Fixtures:

- 26.8.09. Little Bowden BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
27.8.09. McAlpine BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC.

Fixture:

- 27.8.09. Oundle BC visits for a men's match for the Owen Frost Cup at 2.30 p.m.

Club Finals: Finals of Club competitions will be held on the 29th and 30th August, 2009.

STANWICK BC.

Fixtures:

- 27.8.09. Members visit Woodsend BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
29.8.09. Rothwell Conservatives BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Club Finals: Finals of Club Competitions will be held all day.

STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC.

Fixtures:

- 27.8.09. Medbourne BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
29.8.09. Oundle BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
31.8.09. Club Ladies Presidents Day

THRAPSTON BC.

Fixture:

- 29.8.09. Members visit Earls Barton for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC.

Fixtures:

- 27.8.09. Members visit Irchester for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
27.8.09. The Club hosts the match between Northamptonshire Police and Harpole BC at 2.30 p.m.
28.8.09. Rosedale BC on Tour visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
29.8.09. The County President holds a Gala Day for 12 rinks at 2.0 p.m.
30.8.09. The Hatton Charities match is played at 2.0 p.m.
1.9.08. Swanspool BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

SOUTH AREA – MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO CHRONICLE & ECHO READERS

ABINGTON BC.

Fixtures:

- 26.8.09. The Club hosts Northants/Hunts Masonic BA versus Oxfordshire Masonic BA at 2.15 p.m.
27.8.09. The Club holds its 'Captain's Day' at 2.30 p.m.
29.8.09. Northampton West End BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
1.9.09. Members visit Kingsthorpe BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

BRACKLEY BC.

Fixture:

- 29.8.09. Bletchley St Marys BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixture:

- 29.8.09. Members visit Bletchley Town BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

BYFIELD BC.

Fixture:

- 29.8.09. West Haddon BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

CARLSBERG BC.

FOR SALE: The Club has for sale two Indoor mats for short mat bowls. Will be very reasonably priced – offers welcomed. Please contact Roy Coleman, Chairman/Treasurer by email on: roy_coleman51@hotmail.com

COLD ASHBY BC.

Fixtures:

- 26.8.09. Club Ladies hold their 'Gala Day'
27.8.09. Market Harborough BC visits for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.
29.8.09. Caldecott Park BC visits for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.
30.8.09. The Club holds its Mixed Triples at 1.30 p.m.

Car Boot Sale: The Club holds a Car Boot sale on Monday 31st August, 2009.

DAVENTRY TOWN BC.

Fixtures:

- 26.8.09. St Crispin BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
27.8.09. Members visit Northampton West End BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
29.8.09. Highway BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

HEYFORD BC.

Fixtures:

- 26.8.09. Members visit Byfield BC for a ladies match at 6.15p.m.
29.8.09. Members visit Daventry & District BC for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC.

Fixtures:

- 26.8.09. Cogenhoe BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
27.8.09. Members visit Desborough Town BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
29.8.09. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC.

Fixtures:

- 26.8.09. Grange BC, Rugby visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
29.8.09. Kettering Lodge BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC.

Fixtures:

- 29.8.09. Members visit St Crispin BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
29.8.09. Irchester BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
1.9.09. Members visit Northampton West End BC for a ladies match at 6.0 p.m.



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