

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus NORFOLK BA 22.4.10. – RESULT

Northamptonshire men took on the very strong **Norfolk BA** on Thursday, 22nd April, 2010, at Roundwood IBC, Norwich, and in the last match of the season were soundly beaten on all 6 rinks by a total margin of 83 shots, the worse defeat of the season. Several of the rinks fought hard to reduce the deficit they were suffering, but over the last few ends they also dropped shots. The final score was Northamptonshire 79 shots – Norfolk 162 shots. Rink scores, Norfolk skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Brian Robbins/Ernie Earp/Keith Howlett/George Warren 19 shots – R Linford 29 shots
- Rink 2.** Jim Walvin/Peter Byworth/Dougie Hatton/Richard Somerton 13 shots – R Brinded 32 shots
- Rink 3.** John Smith/Eric Wareing/Mick Pullen/Terry James 6 shots – D Riches 28 shots
- Rink 4.** Mick Hall/Dave Garland/Mike Weatherill/Geoff Harris 18 shots – J Hardy 29 shots
- Rink 5.** Barry Adair/Don Scott/John Pickaver/Stan Alton 9 shots – R Cutting 23 shots
- Rink 6.** John Whiting/Martin Horsham/Tony Warren/Tony Essam 14 shots – R Greef 21 shots

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S versus 'YOU'RE NOT MY REAL PARENTS' 25.4.10. RESULT

As an opening to the outdoor season the County Under 25's Manager, Martin Cinato, arranged a 'fun match' between an Under 25 Team and a team he called 'You're Not My Real Parents' played at Rushden Town BC on Sunday, 25th April, 2010. The opposition for the Under 25's was made up of parents, relatives and supporters of the Under 25's and although there was a bit of a competitive edge to it, the game was meant to be fun and it certainly turned out that way.

Many of the 'adults' team were very competent bowlers, including several who appear in the Senior County Squad, and as they were playing for the 'Finger of Authority' trophy it was clear as the game progressed that the 'Parents' did not want to lose. They were not disappointed for they managed to beat the youngsters, whose ages ranged from 10 to 23 years, comprehensively by 52 shots, with 4 very good winning rinks.

The highest scoring rink for the 'Parents' team was the one skipped by current Middleton Cup player Jonathan Brown who had his wife Di playing in her first season, and local young talented bowler Jack Tobin and Sarah Toseland making up the rink. They won by 23 shots. The highest Under 25 Rink was skipped by Will Parker, the 2006 County Singles Champion who had with him Alistair Melville, David Walker and Will Hill and they won by 9 shots. Final score was Under 25's 88 – 'You're Not My Real Parents' 140.

Martin Cinato said that the Under 25's were thanked for accepting the lesson from their elders who still held the 'Finger of Authority' trophy. Rink score as follows:

Rink 1.		Rink 2.		Rink 3.	
Under 25's	Parents	Under 25's	Parents	Under 25's	Parents
Trudi Beard	Jackie Walker	Chloe Wordingham	Dena Bryan	Will Walker	Caroline Cinato
Dan Waterfield	Sue Gamble	Conor Bryan	Vicky Stevenson	Dan Walker	Tracey Cattell
Sam Gamble	Rob Gamble	Curtis Johnson	Mark Wordingham	Matt Cattell	Kev Stevens
Matt Pownall	Martin Walker	Matt Wordingham	Jason Bryan	Connor Cinato	Mick Spear
15 shots	12 shots	8 shots	26 shots	13 shots	32 shots
Rink 4.		Rink 5.		Rink 6.	
Matt Toseland	Dave Keller	Alistair Melville	Jeremy Cattell	Nathan Betts	Sarah Toseland
Alice Moore	Carole Betts	David Walker	Nigel Pitfield	Adam Pitfield	Di Brown
Shaun Marriott	John Chester	Will Hill	Eric Norton	Adam Brown	Jack Tobin
Jamie Walker	Martin Cinato	Will Parker	Mark Betts	Chris Wright	Jonathon Brown
17 shots	21 shots	24 shots	15 shots	11 shots	34 shots

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN WIN MIDLAND COUNTIES TRIPLES TITLE.

The Midland Counties Indoor Bowling Association competition finals were held at Bromsgrove IBC 24th & 25th April, 2010, with County representatives from **Wellingborough IBC** there in the Triples and **Steve Norman, Bryan Williams, and Robert Norman** picked up the trophy by beating a triple from Derbyshire skipped by C Gascoigne. In a low-scoring match they triumphed by 15-9 shots.

4. PREVIEW OF COUNTY MEN'S OUTDOOR COMPETITIONS

The outdoor season has started for most clubs this week-end, if not sooner, and for the remainder next week-end and all bowlers who have entered county competitions will be getting on the greens to get used to the surface after playing indoors for the past 7 months. County competitions sponsored by www.kempstoncontrols.co.uk start with the Fours up first, the first round getting under-way on the 12th May.

The draw for the men's county competitions throws up some interesting contests for last year's winners, and it sees Paul Broderick's rink visiting Stewarts & Lloyds to play Norman Gibb's rink in the fours; Ian Bland's Northampton Express triple facing at home that of Jamie Walker, Northampton West End; Kettering Lodge's Adrian Harris visiting Oundle to take on Martin Lee's trio; County Singles Champion Jamie Walker, Northampton West End at home to Bob Morris, Northampton Whyte Melville; and in the Under 25's Singles, Dominic Graham, Northampton Express faces Adam Brown of Abington.

So far as the Middleton Cup and Midland Counties Bowling Championship is concerned, Senior Team Manager John Church has met with those players who have been nominated for consideration for selection, and discussed the forthcoming season with them, and he has met also with Alan Spencer(Kingsthorpe) and Mick Corbyn(Rushden) the two former Middleton Cup players who have been assisting him for the last 5 seasons. He has selected the team of players who will play in the first 'Trial match' against Oxfordshire at Banbury on Saturday, 15th May, 2010. Details will be supplied for next week's press report. This first match will be followed on the 22nd May by a further 'Trial Match' against Warwickshire, from which he will be in a better position to judge the players who will ultimately be asked to represent the County in the Middleton Cup, the premier and most prestigious Inter County competition in the country.

5. CLUB INDOOR COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

The latest results in the Indoor Club competitions come from **Rushden Town IBC**, they having just concluded all competitions just a couple of days ago, and scrutiny of the results will see the surname **Wordingham** appear in a final on 9 occasions, with Matthew winning 7 times and his 12 years old sister Chloe winning on 2 occasions. Matthew almost made it a clean sweep by winning all 8 competitions which he entered, but he was denied this by losing in the Fours semi-final to the eventual winners. All winners and runners-up as follows:

MEN

- Singles:** Matthew Wordingham beat John Greaves 21-15
Pairs: Bob Collyer/Matthew Wordingham beat Malc Mattinson.Lindsay Drage
Triples: Nathan Betts/Jack Tobin/Matthew Wordingham beat Barry Bonham/Richard Bryan/Richard Sharpe
Fours: Dick Matthews/Mark Plimmer/Ron Plimmer/John Streater beat Barry Bonham/Richard Bryan/Hubert Dickens/Richard Sharpe

MIXED

- Pairs:** Margaret Cave/Matthew Wordingham beat Jack Tobin/Enid Bone
Triples: Margaret Cave/Jack Tobin/Matthew Wordingham beat Andy Redfern/John Streater/Jane Redfern
Fours: Jane Redfern/Margaret Cave/Jack Tobin/Matthew Wordingham beat Linda Parsons/Jan Calcutt/David Graham/Fred Calcutt
Drawn 'Ron Drage' Triples:
Chloe Wordingham/Roger Barlow/Matthew Wordingham beat Val O'Connor/Bill Taylor/John StJohn

LADIES

- Singles:** Jane Redfern beat Pat Mattinson 21-16
Pairs: Chloe Wordingham/Jane Redfern beat Jenny Dempsey/Pat Mattinson on an extra end
Triples: Nancy Tebbutt/Joan Honey/Enid Bone beat Ann Bigg/Maureen Keech/Jackie Challen
Fours: Brenda Ellis/Maisie Fox/Pat Mattinson/Eileen Stubbs beat Val McKilbride/Ann Davidson/Pam Holdaway/Sheila Bonham

6. BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

2010 – A Year in Prospect

2010 promises to be a memorable and exciting year for everyone involved in our sport of bowls. First up are the two regional matches to prepare the Commonwealth Games Bowls team, on Saturday and Sunday 4th/5th May against a team from the North being played at Wigton BC, Cumbria, and on Saturday and Sunday 29th/30th May against a team from the West being played at Clevedon BC, Somerset.

Next will be the **Women's Senior Internationals** at Worthing from Sunday 20th to Thursday 24th June; followed by the **Men's Senior Internationals** at Worthing from Thursday 1st July to Sunday 4th July; then also at Worthing the **Women's Junior Internationals** Sunday, 25th and Monday 26th July; and at Londonderry, Ireland, the **Men's Junior Internationals** Saturday and Sunday 11th & 12th September, 2010.

The **Ladies National Championships** will be played at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa from 31st July to Sunday 15th August, 2010. The **Men's National Championships** will be played at Beach House Park, Worthing, from Saturday 14th to Saturday, 29th August, 2010.

Entry is free to all the above events,(with the exception of the Men's Championships at Worthing) and your support is always very much appreciated by the players.

Finally the country's bowls team attends Delhi, India in October for the **Commonwealth Games**.

Bowls England Merchandise

Bowls England has introduced a number of new products to its merchandise range, including a coin holder; bowls score card holders; tie clips; mobile phone socks; flasks, mugs and water bottles. Bowls bags, shirts and caps are also still available. The full range of items may be view, and purchased online through the Bowls England website:

www.bowlsengland.com

National Competitions Draw

The Draw for the National Competitions is now available for view online at www.bowlsengland.com clicking on 'National Events' then following instructions for whatever competition's information is being sought.

7. EIBA NEWS

Annual Presentation Lunch

EIBA Ltd invites players and supporters to the Annual Lunch and Prize Presentation which is arranged for Saturday, 8th May, 2010, and which will take place at Wolverhampton Racecourse. Tickets are on sale priced at £25.00p which includes entrance and a 3 course luncheon. Enquiries to Joanne Shore, EIBA Ltd., David Cornwell House, Bowling Green, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray, Leics. LE13 0FA

8. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

SOUTH AREA OF COUNTY OF INTEREST MORE TO CHRONICLE & ECHO READERS

BRACKLEY BC

Fixture:

5.5.10. Bicester BC, Oxon visits for a Ladies match at 6.0 p.m.

COGENHOE BC

Fixtures:

1.5.10. Heyford BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
2.5.10. Northampton Whyte Melville BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
4.5.10. Members visit Kingsthorpe BC for a Triples match at 6.30 p.m.

DAVENTRY TIGERS BC

Fixtures:

1.5.10. The Club holds an 'Open Day' from 2.30 p.m.

HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

1.5.10. Members visit Cogenhoe BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
5.5.10. Daventry & District BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

'Dick King Trophy'

The 'Dick King Trophy' was donated by his widow in the memory of Dick King who played for both Northampton & District IBC and Kingsthorpe IBC, and it is played for between those two clubs, two matches one each home and away. Kingsthorpe won both legs and had a total advantage of 33 shots. The second match was played last week and Kingsthorpe won 119-94 with the following scores, Kingsthorpe names first:

Rink 1. D Walker/E Holley/R Brown/C McGee 19 – T Summerton/C Bradbury/L Harrison/R Spatcher 18
Rink 2. D Law/B Cox/D Thurley/B Kaye 21 – I Griffiths/T Ellis/G Green/I Daverson 14
Rink 3. R Inwood/G Alsop/M Salem/B Care 16 – P Cozens/T Hillery/J Dimmock/R Jones 12
Rink 4. G Jones/B Twistleton/N Hanwell/A Hunter 19 – A Brown/A Baulch/P Milburn/J Brown 23
Rink 5. D Inwood/A Hodgson/T Burns/C Jones 26 – A Crane/A Farrell/F Fox/S Wittering 13
Rink 6. T Baldwin/J Briggs/M Donohoe/A Spencer 18 – D Barron/T Streeton/B Warner/J Carter 14

Fixtures:

- 29.4.10. Desborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
1.5.10. Members visit Narborough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
4.5.10. Cogenhoe BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

Results:

- 22.4.10. Kingsthorpe beat Abington BC
24.4.10. Kingsthorpe beat Rugby Thornfield BC

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Fixture:

- 1.5.10. Members visit Kislingbury BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

- 28.4.10. Kislingbury BC visits for a Ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
1.5.10. Members visit Irchester BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
2.5.10. Members visit Cogenhoe BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

NORTH AREA OF THE COUNTY, OF MORE INTEREST TO READERS OF EVENING TELEGRAPH

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

- 1.5.10. Abington BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
4.5.10. The Ladies hold a new season's opening drive at 2.0 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

- 29.4.10. Members visit Ise BC, Kettering for a mixed match at 6.30 pm.
1.5.10. The Club holds its opening of new season Ladies versus Gentlemen at 2.30 p.m.
2.5.10. Hart of Fleckney BC, Leics. Visit for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS BC

Fixture:

- 1.5.10. The club holds its Captains' Day.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixture:

- 1.5.10. Stanwick BC visits for a match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Indoor Gala:

The Club held its 'Indoor Gala' on Sunday, 18th April, 2010, and after 9 enjoyable hours of bowling, with 16 teams having competed throughout the day, the winners were Pat Starsmore/Carol Grant/Barry Grant/Herbert Starsmore, who beat in the Final Barbara Murkitt/Cath Spencer/Steve Dockerill/Steve Mason.

Presentation Evening:

The Club's Indoor Presentation Evening will be held on Friday, 7th May, 2010, at 8.0 p.m.

Fixtures:

- 29.4.10. Kettering Conservatives BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
1.5.10. Members visit Bedford Borough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
4.5.10. Irchester BC visits for a Ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixture:

- 1.5.10. Members visit Rothwell Conservatives BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

McALPINE BC

Fixture:

- 1.5.10. Members visit Kettering Athletic BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

MEARS ASHBY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BC

Fixture:

- 4.5.10. Members visit Desborough BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

OUNDLE BC

Fixture:

- 1.5.10. The Club holds the 'Jack Crampin Trophy' at 2.0 p.m.

STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC

Fixtures:

- 29.4.10. Corby Forest BC visits for a men's match at 6.0 p.m.
1.5.10. Woodsend BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Results:

- 24.4.10. S & L beat Roade BC 99-90 shots
25.4.10. S & L lost to Corby Forest 81-96

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

- 29.4.10. Bedford Borough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
1.5.10. Members visit Corby Forest BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
2.5.10. Members visit Irchester BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
2.5.10. The Club hosts the annual Northants VP's President v Chairman match at 2.30 p.m.



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