

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS**

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**PRESS REPORT**

### **1. PREVIEW OF INDOOR SEASON 2011/12**

The outdoor season has almost finished now, and our attentions turn to the forthcoming indoor season. We have 8 County Indoor Clubs, and each of them has a full programme of fixtures and competitions, both national and county, plus their own domestic competitions.

The **National Inter Club** events include the 'Yetton Trophy' for ladies, the 'Denny Cup' for men, the 'Egham Trophy' and 'Top Club' for mixed competition and the ladies 'Vivienne Trophy', 'Mason Trophy' and 'Lingford Trophy' the Under 25 'Cornwell Trophy' for Under 25's and the Over 60 inter club double rink competition. Quite a formidable list of inter club competitions, and one which Northamptonshire has not won a title for many years. The last time for the men was in fact in the 2002/3 season when Kingsthorpe won the 'Denny Cup' although Wellingborough's men were runners-up in the Under 25 double rink in 2008/2009, and for the ladies Kingsthorpe won the ladies 'Lingford Trophy' in the same season.

In addition the two County Indoor Associations will be looking forward to their own programmes of **Inter County Competition**, including participation in competitive bowling through the Liberty Trophy (Men), and the Atherley Trophy (Ladies) plus the Over 60 League and the Under 25 County Double Rinks. In these inter County competitions, the County has won the Over 60 League twice in the last 3 years, and were semi-finalists last year, but one has to go back to season 1996/97 for success for the ladies in the 'Atherley Trophy' and for the men in the Liberty Trophy and the Under 25 Double Rinks the County has never been in the finals of either.

So far as **individual competition** is concerned the County has been reasonably successful in recent years. Last season saw Tina Broderick, Wellingborough IBC lift the Ladies Champion of Champions trophy, Neil McKee was runner-up in the Men's Champion of Champions, and the Kingsthorpe rink of Roger Tansley, Pete Morris, Jim McKee and Mick Sharpe were runners-up in the Over 60 Fours. The season before Tina and Paul Broderick picked up the Mixed Pairs title, and 2 years before that they were runners-up in the Mixed Fours being joined by Neil Rees and Margaret Johnson. The same year saw a very young Jamie Walker, Wellingborough IBC become runner-up in the Under 25 singles.

The indoor season will also see a vast range of County and Club competitions, and we wish all competitors an enjoyable and successful season.

Indoor bowling is a competitive sport, of course, but in addition to organised competitions, there will be the 'bread and butter' bowling in all our Clubs. The inter county and inter club friendly matches, the Club Leagues, and the casual play for enjoyment of the sport. Bowls is a very sociable sport for all ages, and a very warm welcome will await anyone who fancies trying their hand at it through our local clubs.

The 8 Clubs which I referred to are: Brackley IBC, Westminster Road, Brackley, NN13 7EB; Daventry IBC, Daventry Sports Park, Browns Road, Daventry NN1 4NS; Desborough IBC, rear of 35, High Street, Desborough, NN14 2NB; ; Kettering Lodge BC (Indoor Section N) 15, Northampton Road, Kettering, NN15 7JU; Kingsthorpe IBC, Central Avenue, Whitehills, Northampton, NN2 8DZ; Northampton & District IBC, Harborough Road, Northampton, NN2 8DH; Rushden Town IBC, 144, Northampton Road, Rushden, NN10 6AN; and Wellingborough IBC, Hatton Street, Wellingborough NN8 5AS.

## 2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus NORTHANTS VP'S 21.9.11. – RESULT

The men of **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association** met the men of **Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Bowling Association** in the Annual match for the 'June Armstrong' Cup, which was donated in 1986 by the NBA President of that year, the late Alistair Armstrong, in the name of his wife. The match was played at St Crispin BC, the Club of this year's President Skene McInnes, on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2011, and as ever was fought keenly, with very friendly rivalry between players who are normally on the same side! On this occasion the VP's were successful in taking the Cup by 18 shots, much to the delight of Chairman Peter Byworth in his last match in office. The VP's had 4 winning rinks to the NBA's 2. Rink scores as follows:

<b>Rink 1.</b>		<b>Rink 2.</b>		<b>Rink 3.</b>	
<b>NBA</b>	<b>VP'S</b>	<b>NBA</b>	<b>VP'S</b>	<b>NBA</b>	<b>VP'S</b>
Bob Morris	Dave Barron	Frank Craven	Bob Tingle	Skene McInnes	Graham Cashmore
Geoff Simmons	Eddie Chapman	David Williams	Fred Fox	David Moore	Peter Byworth
Harvey Fruish	Dave Williamson	David Betts	Tony Buckmaster	Neville Bodily	Terry Brown
Mossy Waters	Colin Incles	Richard Somerton	Peter Mercer	John Church	Graham Stibbards
20 shots	23 shots	11 shots	21 shots	18 shots	20 shots

  

<b>Rink 4.</b>		<b>Rink 5.</b>		<b>Rink 6.</b>	
<b>NBA</b>	<b>VP'S</b>	<b>NBA</b>	<b>VP'S</b>	<b>NBA</b>	<b>VP'S</b>
Gordon Morris	Fred Bosworth	Reg Hallett	Albert Julyan	Pete Benson	Ollie Pearson
Ernie Earp	Harry Bell	Alan Jones	Bill Price	Derek Reid	Geoff Care
John Chester	Dick Howell	Laurie Harrison	Phil Bates	John Ruff	Bryan Audis
Terry James	Roy Cave	Robin Frost	Graham Dunscombe	Nick Beirne	Keith Forbes
8 shots	28 shots	18 shots	16 shots	23 shots	8 shots

## 3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR MEN'S WEEK-END TOUR

**President Brian Langton, Kettering Lodge BC(Indoor Section)** departs for Sussex on his weekend County Tour on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2011. The party is 49 strong and the members will have 2 x 6 Rink matches on each of the 3 days, as follows:

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 versus Sussex County IBA at Eastbourne & District IBC  
ditto ditto versus Egerton Park IBC, Bexhill-on-Sea

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2011 versus Eastbourne & District IBC  
ditto ditto versus Denton Island IBC, Newhaven

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2011 versus Preston IBC, Brighton  
ditto ditto versus Adur IBC, Southwick

Included in his party, Brian has Senior Vice President Tony Warren, Junior Vice President and Secretary Brian Sherwood, Treasurer Trevor Tilley, Match Secretary Richard Somerton, Assistant Secretary Don Scott, and Indoor County Team Manager John Haines, and a total of 6 Past County Presidents.

## 4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN OVER 60 TEAM TRIAL

Team Manager, John Haines, Desborough IBC, is holding a team trial match for his County Over 60 League team, on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2011, at Kingsthorpe IBC, commencing at 6.30 p.m. This will be preparation for the first match in the inter County League, to be played against Leicestershire on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2011.

The format for this Trial is that the potential Away 3 Rinks will play against the potential Home 3 Rinks. The following have been selected to take part in this Trial:

<b>Rink 1.</b>	<b>Rink 2.</b>	<b>Rink 3.</b>
Richard Horrell, Wellingborough	Tony Dicks, Daventry	Jim Diver, Desborough
John Clipston, Kingsthorpe	Mick Richardson, Daventry	Martin Keech, Rushden
Walt Winsor, Wellingborough	Carl Haines, Desborough	George Warren, Desborough
Terry James, Rushden	Mick Worthington, Daventry	John Haines, Desborough

**Rink 4.**

Pete Maloy, Northampton  
John Baggat, Kingsthorpe  
Malc Mattinson, Rushden  
Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe

**Rink 5.**

Alan Spencer, Kingsthorpe  
Colin Manton, Kingsthorpe  
Maurice Allen, Wellingborough  
Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe

**Rink 6.**

Roger Summers, Northampton  
Tony Weston, Northampton  
Colin Jones, Kingsthorpe  
Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe

Reserves to attend, and will each play 9 ends:

Bob Collyer, Rushden  
Richard Somerton, Brackley

Alan Dempsey, Rushden  
Norman Gibb, Desborough

Bernard Spreadbury, Daventry  
Dougie Mitchell, Daventry

**5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES 2012 TOUR**

Details of the 2012 Bowls Tour by the **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association** have been circulated to Clubs. President-elect, Mrs Eleanor Winters, Corby Forest BC, will be taking her touring party to Swansea Bay, from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 (inclusive). They will be based at the Aberavon Beach Hotel, Swansea Bay, and will play 4 matches in West Glamorgan and 1 match in Gloucestershire (on way home). The cost of the Tour is £290.00p and County Treasurer, Alison Dring, 44, Fairfield Road, Isham, NN14 1HF, is taking deposits of £30.00p now for those ladies who would like to join the Tour. Bowlers must be affiliated to the NWCBA.

**8. 'FANTASTIC FIVE' NATIONAL INDOOR COMPETITION – FINALS RESULT**

The Finals of the National Indoor summer inter club competition the 'Fantastic Fives' was held at Egham IBC, Surrey, on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2011, and a team from Kingsthorpe IBC was there, having qualified from their Group stage matches. After a series of final matches against the other 3 qualifying Clubs, Kingsthorpe achieved 12 points, just 3 points behind the eventual winners Dorchester IBC, who were tied on 15 points with Croydon IBC. These 2 clubs then played an extra end to determine the winners. Results of Kingsthorpe's matches as follows:

Versus White Oak IBC – 7 pts – 1 pt  
Versus Dorchester – 1 pt – 7 pts  
Versus Croydon – 4 pts – 4 pts

**9. CLUB COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS**

**KETTERING ATHLETIC BC – Correction**

In my Report last week I incorrectly provided details of the Pairs and Triples. The correct information is:

**Pairs:** Winners were Harry Bell and Alan Goodfellow and Runners-up May Prescott & Tony Essam

**Triples:** Winners were Fay Fletton/Barry Knibbs/Barry Adair and Runners-up Graham Cashmore/Debbie Nicholson/Alan Goodfellow.

My apologies to those involved.

**ABINGTON BC**

**Competition**

**Winner(s)**

**Runner(s)-up**

**Ladies Singles:**

Debbie Cadd

Yvonne Mann

**Ladies Singles H/Cap:** Anita Petrucci

Pam Wills

**Ladies 2 Wood Singles** Liz Milburn

Judy Jones

**Ladies Pairs:**

Gwen Coldicott/Pam Wills

Judy Jones/Debbie Cadd

<b>Ladies Triples:</b>	Chloe Cannon/Yvonne Mann/Pat Parsonson	Iris Vaughan/Mollie Atterbury/Margery Keal
<b>Men's Singles:</b>	Jonathan Brown	Alan Coleman
<b>Men's Singles H/Cap:</b>	Jonathan Brown	Brian Barron
<b>Men's 2 Wood Singles:</b>	Dave Fage	Adam Brown
<b>Men's Veteran:</b>	Alan Coleman	Chris Zouch
<b>Men's Pairs:</b>	Petr Kneeshaw/Mick Taylor	Chris Beck/Peter Milburn
<b>Men's Triples:</b>	Don Smith/Peter Kneeshaw/Mick Taylor	Tony O'Leary/Terry Brown/John Freeman
<b>Mixed Pairs:</b>	Diana Brown/Jonathan Brown	Judy Jones/Mick Hall
<b>Mixed Triples:</b>	Diana brown/Adam Brown/Jonathan Brown	Brian Barron/Yvonne Mann/Alan Mann

**BUGBROOKE BC**

**Competition**

**Winner(s)**

**Runner(s)-up**

<b>Singles:</b>	Michael Spruels	Geoff Hayter
<b>Singles Plate:</b>	Andy Cragg	Jean Vincent
<b>Pairs:</b>	Frank Flavell/Phil Green	Maureen Brown/Tony Pace
<b>Triples League:</b>	Andy Cragg/Jack Linford/Tom Fuins	Ken Gardner/Aileen Armitage/Dave Francis
<b>Triples Knock Out:</b>	Tony Pace/Jean Vincent/Paul Callis	Jack Walton/Maurice Golsby/Dave Francis

**CORBY FOREST BC**

**Competition**

**Winner(s)**

**Runner(s)-up**

<b>Ladies Singles:</b>	Wilma Walker	Ann Davey
<b>Men's Singles:</b>	Rob Ward	Alistair Melville
<b>President's:</b>	Paul Melville	Norman Warrender
<b>Ladies Points:</b>	Wilma Walker	Phyll Hallam
<b>Singles Handicap:</b>	Paul Melville	Dale Thomson
<b>Ladies Pairs:</b>	Ann Davey/Margaret Taylor	Wilma Walker/Ellen Thomson
<b>Non-winners:</b>	Kenny Patton	David Carruthers
<b>Mixed Pairs:</b>	Ann Davey/Terry Davey	Margaret Davey/Jim Dalby
<b>Men's Pairs:</b>	Alistair Melville/Norman Warrender	Terry Davey/David Collins

**EARLS BARTON BC**

<b><u>Competition</u></b>	<b><u>Winner(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Runner(s)-up</u></b>
<b>Ladies Champion Of Champions:</b>	Lucy Lilleywhite	Judith Pidd
<b>Mixed Pairs:</b>	Marilyn Downing/Mick Griffin	Lucy Lilleywhite/Terry Williams
<b>Hawtin Cup:</b>	Judith Pidd	Jayne Wiggins
<b>Jubilee Triples:</b>	Jayne Wiggins/Judith Pidd/Janet Boswell	Lucy Lilleywhite/Joan Humphrey/Margaret Bryan
<b>2 Wood Pairs:</b>	Lucy Lilleywhite/Margaret Bryan	Judith Pidd/Jan Smith

**GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC**

<b><u>Competition</u></b>	<b><u>Winner(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Runner(s)-up</u></b>
<b>Championship:</b>	Matt Knight	Bob Tingle
<b>Men's Singles:</b>	Frank Gardiner	Alan Knight
<b>Ladies Singles:</b>	Trisha Basford	Julie Tysoe
<b>Mixed Pairs:</b>	Trisha Basford/Ken Sargeant	Diana Talbot/Tony Coles
<b>2 Wood Singles:</b>	Bill Price	John Watson
<b>2 Wood Mixed Pairs:</b>	Jeanette Humphreys/Mervyn Holland	Joan Cook/Jeff Talbot
<b>Mixed Triples:</b>	Trisha Basford/David Wood/Ian Johnson	Jean Hallam/Matt Knight/Linda Tomlinson

Trophies will be presented at the Christmas Party & Presentation Dinner on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2011.

**IRCHESTER BC**

<b><u>Competition</u></b>	<b><u>Winner(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Runner(s)-up</u></b>
<b>Ladies Singles:</b>	Brenice Willmott	Rachel Pedley
<b>Ladies Pairs:</b>	Sheila Bonham/Brenice Willmott	Ann Stewart/Brenda Lawrence
<b>Ladies 2 Wood:</b>	Rachel Pedley	Doreen Smee
<b>Men's Singles:</b>	Bill Howes	Mike Brooks
<b>Men's 2 Wood:</b>	Mick Adams	Mike Brooks
<b>Men's Pairs:</b>	Malc O'Hanlon/Dave Stewart	Dave Edwards/Dave Abel
<b>Mixed Pairs:</b>	Brenice Willmott/George Willmott	Jan Hunt/Geoff Hunt
<b>Aussie Pairs:</b>	Pete Woodhams/Richard Sharpe	Janice Taylor/Bill Howes
<b>Triples KO:</b>	Doreen Smee/Terry Holdaway/Steve Villiers	Pete Woodhams/Ann Sharpe/Bob Leigh

**This means that the Ladies County President, Brenice Willmott, was successful in three competitions at her Club.**

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC**

<b><u>Competition</u></b>	<b><u>Winner(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Runner(s)-up</u></b>
<b>Singles:</b>	Rod Chapman	Tony Danns
<b>Singles H/Cap:</b>	Kevin Chapman	Lee Richardson
<b>Pairs:</b>	Phil Freeman/Janet Borrett	Vic Borrett/Bob Clipstone
<b>Triples:</b>	Rod Chapman/Kevin Chapman/ Lewis Richardson	Phil Freeman/Jayne Stevens/Richard Lovett
<b>Arthur Morson Memorial Trophy:</b>	Rod Chapman	
<b>Tour Winners:</b>	Brian Chapman and Mick Panther	

**KETTERING PARK BC**

**Final result of competitions: Pairs** – Derek Mason & Lisa Reed beat Tony Beare & Gordon Reed 25-7

**KINGSTHORPE BC**

<b><u>Competition</u></b>	<b><u>Winner(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Runner(s)-up</u></b>
<b>Ladies Singles:</b>	Sharon Tansley	Jan Everson-Watts
<b>Men's Singles:</b>	Peter Morris	Colin Jones
<b>Ladies Pairs:</b>	Maggie Edwards/Di Brumwell	Trudy Beard/Yvonne McKee
<b>Men's Pairs:</b>	Dennis Britten/Jim McKee	Barry Cox/Ben Sharpe
<b>Ladies Triples:</b>	Megan Rolfe/Glenys Emery/Yvonne McKee	Trudy Beard/Celia Morris/Joyce Porter
<b>Men's Triples:</b>	Ted Holley/David Walker/Bill Stratford	Roger Atterwill/Graham Alsop/Iain Walker
<b>Ladies Novice:</b>	Jayne Faulkner	Trudy Beard
<b>Men's Novice:</b>	Neil Rolfe	Bob Twiselton
<b>H/Cap Singles:</b>	David Walker	Iain Walker
<b>Foran Fours:</b>	Malcolm Row/Terri Hepburn/Jason Bryan/ Mick Sharpe	Mike Edwards/Jenny Cooper/Ben Sharpe/ Peter Morris
<b>Mixed Pairs:</b>	Alan Spencer/Jan Everson-Watts	Malcolm Row/Sally Row
<b>Sheppard Trophy:</b>	Malcolm Row/Cynthia Cherry	Barbara Astle/Roger Caswell
<b>York 2 Wood Triples:</b>	Maggie Edwards/Hilary Sharpe/Ron Everson- Watts	Mike Edwards/Ted Holley/Joyce Porter

**NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC**

<b><u>Competition</u></b>	<b><u>Winner(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Runner(s)-up</u></b>
<b>Singles</b>		
<b>Freddie Forbes Cup:</b>	Richard Lemon	William M Parker
<b>Singles H/Cap</b>		
<b>J.O.Trundle Cup:</b>	Richard Lemon	John Rawlings
<b>Triples</b>		
<b>Jay Cup:</b>	Tony Lemon/Steve Lemon/Richard Lemon	Mark Linnell/Rob White/Wayne Stanley

**NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC**

<b><u>Competition</u></b>	<b><u>Winner(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Runner(s)-up</u></b>
<b>Ladies Singles:</b>	Jackie Walker	Jasmin Spear
<b>Men's Singles:</b>	Jamie Walker	Mike Arnold
<b>2 Wood Singles:</b>	Jamie Walker	Andy Fowkes
<b>Singles H/Cap:</b>	William Walker	Mike Arnold
<b>Non-winners:</b>	Mike Arnold	Danny Jones
<b>Pairs:</b>	Danny Walker/Alan Ashby	Peter James/Mick Spear
<b>Over 60 Singles:</b>	Ian Daverson	John Baggat
<b>Over 60 Pairs:</b>	Danny Jones/Peter James	Gordon Morris/Colin Manton
<b>September Pairs:</b>	William Walker/Martin Walker	Mick Spear/Andy Fowkes
<b>York Triples:</b>	Danny Walker/Bob Reynolds/Andy Fowkes Tony Weston (sub in Final)	Alan Harrison/Mike Arnold/Shawn Marriott
<b>Jubilee Cup:</b>	Shaun Marriott/Jamie Walker for being Semi-Finalists in the National Pairs at Worthing.	

**These results show that the Walker family can certainly bowl, with mum (Jackie) dad (Martin) and three sons (Jamie, William and Daniel) all winning trophies in this year's competitions.**

**STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC**

<b><u>Competition</u></b>	<b><u>Winner(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Runner(s)-up</u></b>
<b>Men's Singles:</b>	Norman Gibb	George Collie
<b>Men's Pairs:</b>	Brian Diver/Bill Marshall	Willie Clelland/Tom Black
<b>Men's 2 Wood:</b>	George Warren	Brian Diver
<b>Men's Senior Citizen:</b>	Willie Clelland	George Warren
<b>Mixed Points:</b>	Willie Clelland	Steve Toone

<b>Men's Non-Winner:</b>	John Bookless	Bill Marshall
<b>Men's H/Cap:</b>	Willie Clelland	Mick Burns
<b>Sunday Triples:</b>	George Mitchell/Trevor Anderson/Harry Creighton/Neil Bonnell	Harry Cargill/Hugh Porter/Wendy Porter
<b>Duncan Bowman:</b>	Mary Walters & Steve Toone	
<b>Winton Cup:</b>	Liam Keeney	Norman Gibb

### WELLINGBOROUGH BC

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Runner(s)-up</u>
<b>Ladies Singles:</b>	Sue Collins	Agnes Johnson
<b>Ladies 2 Wood:</b>	Joyce George	Jean Burgess
<b>Ladies 3 Set Singles:</b>	Joyce George	Sue Collins
<b>Ladies Novice Singles:</b>	Marilyn Dunkley	Pam Chandler
<b>Ladies Pairs:</b>	Tina Broderick/Margaret Johnson	Sue Collins/Maureen McDonald
<b>Ladies Aussie Pairs:</b>	Pam Reynolds/Margaret Johnson	Joyce George/Phyl Parry
<b>Men's Singles:</b>	Mick Lee	Michael Chester
<b>Men's Singles H/Cap:</b>	Malc Chambers	Graham Maddams
<b>Men's Novice:</b>	David Turner	Hugh Garrod
<b>Men's Pairs:</b>	Darren Lyman/Paul Broderick	Bryn Walker/Paul Coley
<b>Men's Drawn Pairs:</b>	Malc Chambers/Dave Love	David Turner/Graham Maddams
<b>Men's Triples:</b>	Frank Darnell/Darren Lyman/Paul Paul Broderick	Dave Love/Graham Maddams/Wayne Gregory
<b>Men's Aussie Pairs:</b>	George Andrew/Terry Martin	
<b>2 Wood Open Singles:</b>	Wayne Gregory	Joyce George

**Monday Night Triples League: Division 1 Winners: Phoenix Team**  
**Division 2 Winners: Swallows Team**

**Friday Night Triples League: Winners: Ladybirds Team**

**Indoor Australian Pairs League: Winners: Allsorts Team**

### 10. COUNTY COMPETITIONS

#### NBYDS Indoor Competitions

**Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme** has announced its forthcoming 'Indoor Competitions' for young bowlers of either gender under the age of 18 years.

The Scheme will hold the **Singles** in two groups, '**Juniors**' for players who have attained 8 years but who have not reached the age of 15 years before the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2011, and '**Seniors**' for players who have attained the age of 15 years but not 18 years by the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2011.

The Scheme will also hold an open 'Mixed Pairs' indoor competition which will be open to all boy and girl players from any Northamptonshire Indoor BC who will not have attained the age of 18 years on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2011. Bowling partners may come from different Clubs. The game will be played on a knockout basis and played over a 2 hour session or 16 ends – whichever comes first. Skips will be responsible for arranging a venue and green fees will be shared. Finals to be played in Whites and / or Club shirts

Entry Forms for all competitions are available at the County Indoor Clubs, and from the NBYDS Secretary, Eric Norton, 67, St Margaret's Avenue, Rushden. The entry fee will be £2.00p. Following receipt of entries the draw will be made and the Finals will be held at Wellingborough IBC on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2011. **The Closing Date for Entries is the 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2011.**

**THE 'NENE TROPHY'**

The 'Nene Trophy' donated by Frank Darnell of Wellingborough BC will this year be competed for by 6 Clubs in the North Area of the County, with each Club entering 4 rinks, with play at 2 Clubs, Wellingborough BC and Higham Ferrers Town BC. The following is a chart to show which rinks from which Club are playing where and against which rink, with the skips only named:

Wellingborough		Higham Ferrers	
Rushden 1 Mick Malins	Irchester 1 George Willmott	Rushden 2 Roy Bigg	Wellingborough 1 Nigel Hawkins
Rushden 3 Roy Cave	Higham Ferrers 1 Alan Dempsey	Rushden 4 Jack Tobin	Oundle 1 Stuart Laxton
Thrapston 2 Richard Horrell	Wellingborough 2 Wayne Gregory	Thrapston 1 Malc Mattinson	Irchester 2 Dave Stewart
Thrapston 4 Les Johnson	Oundle 2 Ron Fox	Thrapston 3 David Bailey	Higham Ferrers 2 Steve Norman
Wellingborough 3 Graham Maddams	Irchester 3 Steve Villiers	Wellingborough 4 Mick Lee	Oundle 3 Ian Fleming
Oundle 4 Kevin Dexter	Higham Ferrers 4 Angus Crawford	Irchester 4 Richard Sharpe	Higham Ferrers 3 Brian Hickman

**11. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS**

**National Championship Schedules 2012**

Bowls England is pleased to confirm the schedules for the 2012 National Championships at Worthing and Leamington.

The National Championships at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa, will take place from Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

The National Championships at Beach House Park, Worthing, will take place from Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

## **2011 'Club of the Year'**

Bowls England is delighted to announce that Ditton BC in Kent has today been named as the 2011 'Club of the Year'.

They beat off stiff opposition from Clarence BC in Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset, to win the prestigious competition that is generously sponsored by Drakes Pride. Highcliffe BC, Hampshire, was placed third in the competition.

The award proved to be 'third time lucky' for Ditton BC, which had been highly-commended in the competition for the last two years and which has continued its efforts to promote the club and recruit new members to the sport of bowls.

Ditton BC was also one of the first outdoor bowls clubs in England to achieve Clubmark accreditation from Sport England, which is recognition of the club's commitment to developing a high quality and welcoming environment for young people to take up sport.

## **12. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY**

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

#### **DESBOROUGH IBC**

##### **Fixtures:**

- 1.10.11. First Qualifying Group plays in the 'Famous Grouse' Tournament at 10.0 a.m.
- 1.10.11. Darlington IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 2.10.11. Second Qualifying Group plays in the 'Famous Grouse' Tournament at 10.0 a.m.
- 3.10.11. Members visit Kettering Lodge BC(Indoor Section) for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
- 4.10.11. Club hosts a match between The Imps BA and EIBA at 2.0 p.m.
- 5.10.11. Club hosts a match between Retired Police Officers and Masonic BA at 2.0 p.m.

#### **EARLS BARTON BC**

##### **Fixtures:**

- 1.10.11. Members visit Kingsthorpe BC for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.

#### **HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC**

##### **Fixtures:**

- 1.10.11. Cub plays the 'Nene Trophy' competition at 2.0 p.m.

##### **Men's Section Meeting:**

The Men's Section will hold its end of season meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2011.

#### **IRCHESTER BC**

##### **Fixtures:**

- 1.10.11. Club plays the 'Nene Trophy' competition at 2.0 p.m.

#### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE BC**

##### **Fixtures:**

- 5.10.11. NARPO (Retired Police Officers) visit Desborough IBC for a match against the Masonic BA at 2.0 p.m.

#### **OUNDLE BC**

##### **Fixtures:**

- 1.10.11. Club plays the 'Nene Trophy' competition at 2.0 p.m.

**RUSHDEN TOWN BC**

**Fixtures:**

1.10.11. Club plays the 'Nene Trophy' competition at 2.0 p.m.

**THRAPSTON BC**

**Fixtures:**

1.10.11. Club plays the 'Nene Trophy' competition at 2.0 p.m.

**WELLINGBOROUGH BC**

**Fixtures:**

1.10.11. Club plays the 'Nene Trophy' competition at 2.0 p.m.

2.10.11. Club holds its end of season Captain v President match at 2.0 p.m.

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

**ABINGTON BC**

**Fixtures:**

1.10.11. The Club holds its 'President's Day' at 2.0 p.m.

**BUGBROOKE BC**

**Fixtures:**

2.10.11. Members visit St Cripin BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

**KINGSTHORPE BC & IBC**

**Fixtures:**

29.9.11. Narborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

1.10.11. Northampton & District IBC visits for the 'Dick King Trophy' indoor match at 2.15 p.m.

**NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC**

**Visiting County Tourists:**

The Club members stepped into the breach to provide a fixture for Wiltshire County BA on Tour, when one of the arranged fixtures fell through, and they did so on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2011, and they won comprehensively by 64 shots, with just 1 losing rink, and that by just 4 shots. The final score was Northampton Whyte Melville 147 shots – Wiltshire 83 shots.

Rink scores, skips only Whyte Melville names first, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Bill Spear 33 shots – T Lloyd 10 shots
- Rink 2.** Harvey Fruish 14 shots – R Fernandes 18 shots
- Rink 3.** Kevin Bradshaw 20 shots – E Wells 12 shots
- Rink 4.** Tony Hilliard 23 shots – P Royle 17 shots
- Rink 5.** Trevor Spear 30 shots – H Pryse 18 shots
- Rink 6.** Kevin Mawson 27 shots – I Francis 8 shots



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