

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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**PRESS REPORT**

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VERSUS LINCOLNSHIRE MCBA MATCH 24.5.08. - RESULT**

After the disappointment of the one shot defeat at the hands of Warwickshire last week, the players of the Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association played Lincolnshire at Wellingborough BC on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2008, concentrated on the task well and came away with a most satisfying win by 44 shots. On a bright sunny day, but very windy, the County players responded magnificently to the Team Manager's plea that they strike hard and positively from the beginning, for at 5 ends they had already built up a lead of 16 shots, and that dominance continued throughout the match, with the County taking a handsome victory.

Team Manager John Church was delighted with the result which sends the County to the first Middleton Cup match on Saturday in a confident mood.

The final score was Northamptonshire 134 shots – Lincolnshire 90 shots, and with 4 winning rinks and two losing, only by 1 and 2 shots respectively, the County picked up 18 points to 4 points picked up by Lincolnshire. Rink scores, Lincolnshire skips only, as follows:

#### **Rink 1.**

Peter Ward  
Ray Castle  
Darren Childs  
Jim McKee v D Skelton  
22 shots 14 shots

#### **Rink 2.**

Callum Height  
Mick Malins  
Roger Tansley  
Neil Corbyn v M Asplen  
23 shots 10 shots

#### **Rink 3.**

Tony O'Leary  
Richard Mann  
Mick Diggin  
Phil Reeve v I Sutton  
33 shots 16 shots

#### **Rink 4.**

Jamie Walker  
Alan Ashby  
John Freeman  
Vernon Gearey v A Bird  
18 shots 19 shots

#### **Rink 5.**

Richard Lemon  
Jonathan Brown  
Sam Wade  
Paul Broderick v S Dunham  
21 shots 12 shots

#### **Rink 6**

Alun Withers  
Colin Fowkes  
Chris Bland  
John Haines v P Cranage  
17 shots 19 shots

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 'MIDDLETON CUP' VERSUS CAMBRIDGESHIRE 31.5.08. – SELECTED TEAM**

The following gentlemen have been selected by Team Manager John Church to represent the Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association in the first National Inter County 'Middleton Cup match' against Cambridgeshire to be played at Chesterton BC, Cambridge, on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2008, commencing at 2.0 p.m. They include two teenagers, Jamie Walker, 16 years and Callum Height, 17 years, who will be receiving their Middleton Cup Blazer 'Flash' together with Ray Castle, Express BC, who earns his flash for Northamptonshire having been awarded the same for Middlesex a few years ago. Two other Middleton Cup players of a few years ago also receive their call-up, Sam Wade of Kingsthorpe and Jonathan Brown of Abington .

**Rink 1.**  
Jamie Walker, West End  
Alan Ashby, West End  
John Freeman, Abington  
Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe

**Rink 2.**  
Peter Ward, Desborough  
Ray Castle, Express  
Darren Childs, Thrapston  
Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe

**Rink 3.**  
Richard Lemon, Express  
Jonathan Brown, Abington  
Andrew Hunter, Kingsthorpe  
Sam Wade, Kingsthorpe

**Rink 4.**  
Alun Withers, Desborough  
Colin Fowkes, Kingsthorpe  
Chris Bland, Express  
John Haines, Desborough

**Rink 5.**  
Neil Rees, Wellingborough  
Richard Mann, Kingsthorpe  
Mick Diggin, St. Crispin  
Phil Reeve, Kingsthorpe

**Rink 6.**  
Callum Height, Thrapston  
Mick Malins, Irchester  
Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe  
Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough

Travelling Reserves: Martin Walker, West End      Dominic Graham, Express  
Tony O'Leary, Abington      Malcolm Paul, Desborough

Non-Travelling Reserves: Jeff Newitt, Desborough      Carl Haines, Desborough  
Michael Chester, Wellingborough      Steve Norman, Higham Ferrers  
Alan Coleman, Abington      George Warren, Corby S & L

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES VERSUS WORCESTERSHIRE 29.5.08. – SELECTED TEAM**

The following ladies have been selected to represent Jackson Grundy Northampton Women's County Bowling Association in a friendly match versus Worcestershire ladies to be played at Gilt Edge BC, Kidderminster, on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2008, Commencing at 1.30 p.m. Transport by coach picking up at Kettering Athletic 10.30 a.m. Billing Road Northampton 11.0 a.m. and Kislingbury at 11.15 a.m.

**Rink 1.**  
Margaret Watts, Desborough  
Janet Swift, Abbey Park  
Heather Lack, Burton Latimer  
Val Betts, Higham Ferrers

**Rink 2.**  
Sue Fincham, Wellingborough  
Annette Norris, Corby Forest  
Eileen Stubbs, Rushden  
Brenda Bishop, Daventry Town

**Rink 3.**  
Barbara Oliver, Kislingbury  
May Wiggins, Corby Forest  
Margaret Cave, Rushden  
Jan Bradley, Daventry Town

**Rink 4.**  
Jackie Grainge, Brackley  
Jill Welch, Daventry Town  
Wilma Walker, Corby Forest  
Jackie Harrington, Brackley

**Rink 5.**  
Brenice Willmott, Irchester  
Eleanor Winters, Corby Forest  
Joan Bryan, Burton Latimer  
Audrey Height, Rushden

**Rink 6.**  
Eileen West, Rushden  
Pat Gayton, Swanspool  
Beverley Manning, Kislingbury  
Pam Lewis, Rushden

Travelling Reserves: Sylvia Brown, Abbey Park      Sue Lomas, Desborough      Kay Green, Swanspool  
Non Travelling: Marlene Court, Brackley

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN VERSUS HUNTINGDONSHIRE 3.6.08. – SELECTED TEAM**

The following gentlemen have been selected to represent the Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association in a friendly match against Huntingdonshire to be played at Kislingbury BC, on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2008, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

**Rink 1.**  
Host Club Providing  
This Rink

**Rink 2.**  
Trevor Jackson, Wellingborough  
Walter Stoddard, Kingsthorpe  
Geoff Harris, Higham Ferrers  
Geoff Hunt, Executive

**Rink 3.**  
John Ruff, Executive  
Bill Roberts, Abington  
Harvey Fruish, President  
Tracy Nunn, Jun Vice President

**Rink 4.**  
Bryan Jones, Executive  
Tony Fairmaner, Kettering Lodge  
George Willmott, Executive  
Mike King, Sen Vice President

**Rink 5.**  
Martin Horsham, Brackley  
Bill Kendall, Wootton Grange  
Laurie Harrison, Executive  
Terry James, Executive

**Rink 6.**  
Stuart Lake, Executive  
Trevor Tilley, Irchester  
Richard Somerton, Executive  
John Church, Executive

Travelling Reserves: Hugh Taylor, Heyford      Eric Wareing, Daventry & District  
Non-Travelling: Peter Court, Brackley      Mick Pullen, Irchester

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES VERSUS NORTHANTS VP'S 21.5.08. – RESULT**

The Ladies of Northampton Women's County Bowling Association played for the Leah Purcell Trophy against the Gentlemen of the Northamptonshire Honorary Vice-Presidents, on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2008, at Kislingbury BC, home of the Ladies President Beverley Manning. On a bright and sunny day the ladies had hoped to wrest the trophy away from the VP's but it was not to be for the men outplayed the ladies, winning 5 of the rinks, and taking the game by 45 shots.

Final score was NWCBA 95 shots - Vice Presidents 140 shots Rink scores as follows:

<b>Rink 1.</b>		<b>Rink 2.</b>		<b>Rink 3.</b>	
<b>NWCBA</b>	<b>VP'S</b>	<b>NWCBA</b>	<b>VP'S</b>	<b>NWCBA</b>	<b>VP'S</b>
Alison Dring	Mick Pullen	Alison Northey	Paul Cooke	Brenice Willmott	Bob Tingle
Sue Prior	Peter Woods	Sheila Bonham	Harry Bell	Barbara Rylott	Jack Brown
Rhona Holland	Peter Saunders	Elsie Hatton	Geoff Harris	Sylvia Brown	Richard Holland
Christine Barlow	Roy Cave	Jan Hunt	Ken Legan	Beverley Manning	Graham Dunscombe
34 shots	14 shots	7 shots	36 shots	13 shots	19 shots
<b>Rink 4.</b>		<b>Rink 5.</b>		<b>Rink 6.</b>	
<b>NWCBA</b>	<b>VP'S</b>	<b>NWCBA</b>	<b>VP'S</b>	<b>NWCBA</b>	<b>VP'S</b>
Margaret Ruff	Walt Stoddard	Sue Fincham	Peter Woodhams	Helen Jones	Trevor Tilley
Elaine Urquhart	S Hill	Betty Tilley	Graham Cashmore	Ina Layland	Doug Hatton
Ann Lissack	M McKeown	Margaret Cave	G Stephenson	Valerie Blackwell	Tony Coles
Pat Gayton	Ollie Pearson	Rita bell	Dave Williamson	Joan Bryan	Brian Jones
17 shots	26 shots	14 shots	21 shots	10 shots	24 shots

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### **Fixtures**

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2008. The VP's play a friendly match against Lincolnshire VP's at Oundle BC, commencing at 2.0 p.m.  
Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2008, the VP's entertain Middlesex VP's in a friendly match to be played at Harpole BC at 2.30 p.m.  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 The Association visits Earls Barton BC, the home Club of Chairman Graham Dunscombe, for a match against his Club at 6.30 p.m.

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION COUNTY TOUR TO NORFOLK**

33 Gentlemen of Northamptonshire Bowling Association embark on the Annual County Tour to Norfolk on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2008, and look forward to 5 matches during the week, returning Saturday morning 31<sup>st</sup> May. Eleven Past Presidents are in the party including this year's Senior Vice-President Mike King who was President in 1985, plus this year's Junior Vice-President Tracy Nunn of Corby Forest BC.

Fixtures on Tour are as follows:

26.5.08.	Great Yarmouth BC, when Terry James, President in 1997, will take the game on behalf of the County
27.5.08.	County Arts BC, Norwich, when Mike King will take the game.
28.5.08.	Watton (Loch Neaton) BC when Keith Johnson President in 1991 will take the game.
29.5.08.	Norfolk County BA at Norfolk BC when Ken Court, President in 1984, will officiate.
30.5.08.	Wymondham Dell BC, when John Church, President in 1993 will officiate.

The touring party will be based at The Comfort Hotel, Great Yarmouth.

## COMPETITIONS, NATIONAL AND COUNTY, LATEST RESULTS.

### OF INTEREST ALL OVER THE COUNTY.

#### GENTLEMEN.

#### COUNTY FOURS QUARTER FINALS AND SEMI-FINALS

The **Quarter Finals** were held at Kislingbury BC on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2008, with the following results:

Martin Underwood/Mick Catlin/David Bailey/Darren Childs (Thrapston) beat Andrew Manton/Andrew Hunter/Sam Wade/Phil Reeve (Kingsthorpe) 19-16  
Alex Hamilton/Don Muskin/Alan Dunkley/Martin Gearey (PSL Roade) beat Will Keeney/D Stewart/H Creighton/Charlie Clark (Corby S & L) 20 – 18  
Mick Corbyn/Mark Betts/Tony Burns/Roy Cave (Rushden) beat Ray Butt/John Carter/Paul Kenedy/Dave Masters (Northampton Express) 18 – 13  
Pete Benson/Terry brown/Nick Beirne/Mick Diggin (St Crispin) beat Richard Howell/Dave Lockett/Trevor Denny/Alan Jeyes (Earls Barton) 21 – 15.

The **Semi-Finals** were held at Wellingborough BC on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2008, with the following results:

Gearey's PSL Roade rink beat Childs' Thrapston rink 17 – 12  
Cave's Rushden rink beat Diggin's St Crispin rink 23 – 22 on an extra end.

**The winning rinks will play in the County Final on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2008, at Abington BC, at 6.0 p.m., and both rinks will represent the County in the National Championships at Worthing in August.**

#### NORTH AREA (MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO EVENING TELEGRAPH READERS)

#### LADIES.

**Over 55 Singles National** Delia Panther (Kettering Lodge) beat Heather Golding (Rothwell Manor Park) 21-10 (**Note: This is a correction of the result provided last week where the result was reversed – would appreciate that correction being made**)

**Over 55 Pairs National** Linda Tomlinson (Geddington & Newton) beat Joan bryan (Burton Latimer) 25-18  
Brenice Willmott (Irchester) beat Delia Panther (Kettering Lodge) 19-18  
Margaret Davey (Corby Forest) beat Pat Mattinson (Thrapston) 24-10  
Margaret Watts (Desborough) beat Eileen West (Rushden) 27-13  
Josephine Sewell (Irchester) beat Heather Golding (Rothwell Manor Park) 22-20  
Wilma Walker (Corby Forest) beat Daphne Batho (Kettering Lodge) 22-15  
Margaret McGillivray (Desborough) beat Brenda Catling (Irchester) 21-18

#### GENTLEMEN

#### COUNTY FOURS QUARTER FINALS AND SEMI-FINALS SEE SECTION ABOVE RE INTEREST OVER WHOLE COUNTY.

**C of Champions National** **1<sup>st</sup> Round Proper**  
Neil Corbyn\_(Wellingborough) beat Simon Hughes (New Lount, Leicestershire) 21-12  
Barry Waterfield (Rushden) beat Frank Stanton (Raunds Conservatives) 21-9

**Over 55 Singles National** Malc Mattinson (Thrapston) beat William Ward (Royal Leamington Spa) 21-14

**Over 55 Pairs National** Terry James (Thrapston) beat Walt Winsor (Wellingborough) 24-15  
David Bailey (Thrapston) beat James Butts (Earls Barton) 24-20

**Double Rinks**  
**National**

Higham Ferrers 'B' beat Kettering Mid Band 'A' 48-22  
Wellingborough 'B' beat Wellingborough 'C' 50-37  
Corby S & L 'A' beat Irthlingborough Church Institute 38-29  
Earls Barton 'A' beat Irchester 'A' 37-34  
Higham Ferrers 'A' beat Thrapston 'A' 43-33  
Rushden 'A' beat Corby Forest 'B' 48-18  
Finedon 'A' beat Rushden 'B' 45-19  
Wellingborough 'A' beat Desborough 'B' 42-37

**TOP CLUB**  
**National**

Wellingborough 'A' beat Earls Barton 'A' 4-1  
Corby Forest 'A' beat Thrapston 'A' 3-2

**County Singles**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round**

Graham Norman (Higham Ferrers) beat John Watson Geddington & Newton)  
John Church (Higham Ferrers) beat Frank Gardiner (Geddington & Newton)  
Martin Cinato (Kettering Mid Band) beat Terry James (Thrapston)  
Mick Malins (Irchester) beat Richard Sharpe (Irchester)  
Scott Melville (Cor by Forest) beat Matt Pownall (Geddington & Newton)  
George Warren (Corby S & L) beat Graham Smyth (Higham Ferrers)  
Glenn Marshall (Finedon) beat Callum height (Thrapston)  
Ken Muir (Corby Grampian) beat Malc Mattinson (Thrapston)  
Graham Maddams (Wellingborough) beat James McGibbon (Finedon)  
Tony Paul (Desborough) beat Mark Betts (Rushden)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round**

Garry Ellis (Higham Ferrers) beat Trevor Anderson (Corby Grampian)  
Richard Horrell (Thrapston) beat Paul Broderick (Wellingborough) **Note: Paul was the holder of the County Singles title.**  
Steve Bunker (Higham Ferrers) beat John Wilson (Finedon)  
T Totton (Corby Grampian) given walk-over against John Gunning (Wellingborough)  
Tony Watts (Higham Ferrers) beat Alic McKim (Rothwell Manor Park)  
James Butts (Earls Barton) beat Les Johnson (Thrapston)

**County Triples**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round**

Albert Wisken (Desborough) beat David Bailey (Thrapston)  
Mick Lee (Wellingborough) beat Matt Pownall (Geddington & Newton)  
Dave Stewart (Irchester) beat John Cooper (Burton Latimer)  
Michael Chester (Wellingborough) beat Howard Freeman (Finedon)  
Mick Malins (Irchester) beat Gary Slough (Burton Latimer)  
J Hemphill (Corby S & L) beat Gary Smyth (Higham Ferrers)  
Ron Philip (Corby S & L) beat Graham Wright (Thrapston)  
Darren Childs (Thrapston) beat Trevor Anderson (Corby Grampian)  
Mick Cooper (Wellingborough) beat Jeff Evans (Higham Ferrers)

**Mason Cup**

Mark Turner (Kettering Mid Band) beat Steve Ogle (Rothwell Conservatives)  
Ron Chambers (Desborough) beat E Nixon (Rothwell Manor Park)  
Barry Waterfield (Rushden) beat M Hurst (Islip)

**Secretary's Cup**

Martin Underwood (Thrapston) beat Will Keeney (Corby S & L)  
Gordon Dring (Swanspool) beat Mick Gubbins (Raunds Conservatives)  
Steve Ogle (Rothwell Conservatives) beat Peter Mullen (Corby Forest)  
David Haseldine (Kettering Conservatives) beat Brian Langton (Kettering Lodge)  
Lawrie Harrison (NBA Secretary) given walk-over by Brian Tipler (Earls Barton)  
R Wilkinson (Thrapston) given walkover by Tom Blackwell (Rushden)  
Dennis Morson (Irthlingborough CI) beat Keith Howlett (Rothwell Conservatives)  
Tracy Nunn (Corby Forest) beat R Fox (Oundle)  
Mark Turner (Kettering Mid Band) beat F Mains (Islip)  
P Webb (Kettering Conservatives) beat John Sparrow (Finedon)

**Executive Triples** J Titcomb (Kettering Lodge) beat Mick Malins (Irchester)  
Tracy Nunn (Corby Forest) beat Roy Bigg (Rushden)  
Gordon Dring (Swanspool) beat Martin Cinato (Kettering Mid Band)

## **MIXED**

**Mixed Fours** Steve Norman (Higham Ferrers) beat Ollie Pearson (Geddington & Newton) 23-18

## **SOUTH AREA (MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO CHRONICLE & ECHO READERS)**

### **LADIES.**

#### **Over 55 Singles**

**National** Pauline Eagles (Kislingbury) beat Jean Pownall-Davies (Daventry Town) 21-7

#### **Over 55 Pairs**

**National** Jean Pownall-Davies (Daventry Town) beat Irene Cross (Abbey Park) 24-20  
Pat Gibson (St Crispin) beat Pauline Eagles (Kislingbury) 21-12  
Barbara Oliver (Kislingbury) beat Heidi Edwards (PSL Roade) 18-16  
Maureen Saunders (PSL Roade) beat Barbara Langthorne (Abbey Park)  
Pam Wills (Abington) beat Brenda Bishop (Daventry Town)  
Di Brumwell (Kingsthorpe) beat Jill Welch (Daventry Town)

### **GENTLEMEN.**

## **COUNTY FOURS – QUARTER FINALS AND SEMI-FINALS – PLEASE SEE ABOVE SECTION OF INTEREST ACROSS COUNTY.**

#### **County Singles**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round** Richard Mann (Kingsthorpe) beat Jim Haddock (Wootton Grange) 21-8  
Mick Diggin (St Crispin) beat A Hudson (West Haddon) 21-9  
Ron Peacock (PSL Roade) beat John Carter (Northampton Express) 21-12  
Brian North (Heyford) beat John Hodgkinson (Daventry Town) 21-15  
Stuart Cadd (Abington) beat W Welch (Daventry Town) 21-10  
Chris Bland (Northampton Express) beat Phil Boseley (Abington) 21-8  
Tony O’Leary (Abington) beat Vernon Gearey (Kingsthorpe)  
Brian Jones (Heyford) given walk-over by Terry Brown (Abington)  
Martin Walker (Northampton West End) beat Colin Brock (Woodford-cum-Membris) 21-12  
Ian Walker (Kingsthorpe) beat N Fairey (Northampton West End) 21-10  
Robert White (Northampton Express) beat Dominic Graham (Northampton Express) 21-6

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round** Mick Taylor (Abington) given walk-over by P Nicholls (Whyte Melville)  
B Humphris (Daventry & District) beat Roger Pain (Brackley) 21-17  
Colin Jones (Kingsthorpe) beat G Stephenson (St Crispin) 21-8  
T Dawkins (Wootton Grange) beat Hugh Taylor (Heyford) 21-3

**Mason Cup** Nick Beirne (St Crispin) beat George Hall (Brackley) 21-10  
Brian North (Heyford) beat Roger Pain (Brackley) 21-12

#### **Top Club National**

St Crispin ‘A’ beat Daventry ‘A’ 4-1  
Kingsthorpe ‘A’ beat Kings Heath, Birmingham 5-0  
Abington ‘A’ beat Northampton Express ‘A’ 4-1 detail as follows, Abington names first:  
2 Wood Singles: Stuart Cadd lost to Richard Lemon 4-18  
4 Wood Singles: John Freeman beat Chris Bland 21-16  
Pairs: Tony O’Leary/Terry Brown beat Robert White/Peter Letts 19-14  
Triples: Dave Fage/Alan Ward/Jonathan Brown beat Wayne Stanley/Dominic Graham/Ian Bland 22-7  
Fours: Pat McAlwane/Mick Taylor/Alan Coleman/Reg Jones beat Jack Parker/Olly Kirkwood/Ray Castle/Gary Lyon 17-16

**Double Rinks National**

Northampton Express 'A' beat Kingsthorpe 'B' 44-25  
St Crispin 'A' beat Kingsthorpe 'B' 44-25  
Kingsthorpe 'A' beat Northampton West End 'A' 42-32

**Champion of Champions National**

Martin Gearey (PSL Road) beat Richard Lemon (Northampton Express) 21-16  
John Freeman (Abington) beat John Hodgkinson (Daventry Town) 21-10

**MIXED.**

**Pairs – National**

Sharon Tansley (Kingsthorpe) given walk-over by Steve Jackson (Brackley)  
Phil Reeve (Kingsthorpe) beat John Hodgkinson (Daventry Town)

**CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY**

**NORTH AREA (MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO EVENING TELEGRAPH READERS)**

**Corby Forest BC**

31.5.08. Bedford Borough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
31.5.08. Members visit Rothwell Manor Park BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

**Corby Stewarts & Lloyds BC**

24.5.08. The Club's men had a good win at home against Oundle 105 shots – 92 shots, and on the same day their Ladies visited Desborough and came away with an 8 shot victory.

Two of the Club's Triples won through the first round of County competition, with Jim and Duncan Hemphill, together with Bill Marshall beating Graham Smyth's Triple from Higham Ferrers, and Dave Love, Charlie Clark, and Ron Philip, winning through against Graham Wright's Thrapston trio. They now meet each other in the second round on the 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Desborough Town BC**

28.5.08. Members visit Corby Grampian BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.  
29.5.08. Rothwell Conservatives BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.  
31.5.08. Members visit Kettering Midland Band BC for a men's match at 3.0 p.m.

**Earls Barton BC**

29.5.08. The Club Ladies play the Hawtin Trophy at home at 9.0 a.m.  
31.5.08. Members visit Oundle BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
1.6.08. Irchester BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.  
3.6.08. Northampton West End BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

**Geddington & Newton BC**

29.5.08. Members visit Burton Latimer for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.  
31.5.08. Club members hold their 'Brian Cook' competition at 2.30 p.m.  
1.6.08. Members visit Golden Horse BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

**Higham Ferrers Town BC**

29.5.08. Members visit Wellingborough for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
31.5.08. Finedon BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
31.5.08. Members visit Kingsthorpe for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

### **Irchester BC**

- 31.5.08. Members visit Abington BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 31.5.08. Members visit Stanwick BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 1.6.08. Members visit Earls Barton BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

### **Ise BC**

- 29.5.08. Members play the 'Hudson Shield' competition at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 31.5.08. Members visit Swanspool BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

### **Kettering Lodge BC**

- 29.5.08. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 31.5.08. Members visit St. Neots BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 1.6.08. Kingsthorpe BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 3.6.08. Old Grammarians BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

The Club holds its 'Gala Day' on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2008. For further information please contact Linda Smith on 01536 512723.

### **McAlpine BC**

- 29.5.08. Members visit Kettering Midland Band BC for a match at 6.30 p.m.
- 31.5.08. Members visit Woodsend BC for a match at 2.30 p.m.

### **Rushden Town BC**

- 29.5.08. Members visit Abington BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 31.5.08. members visit Kilsnigby for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

### **Stanwick BC**

- 29.5.08. The Licensed Victuallers Association visits for a match at 2.30 p.m.
- 31.5.08. Irchester BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 1.6.08. Carlsberg BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

### **Swanspool BC**

- 31.5.08. Ise BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 1.6.08. Club members hold their Triples competition at 2.0 p.m.
- 3.6.08. Members visit Mears Ashby Royal British Legion BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

### **Wellingborough BC**

- 29.5.08. Higham Ferrers BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 29.5.08. Members visit Kettering Lodge BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 3.6.08. The Club plays host to a match between the Masonic BA and the Cavaliers at 2.30 p.m.
- 3.6.08. Thrapston BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

## **SOUTH AREA (MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO CHRONICLE & ECHO READERS)**

### **Abington BC**

- 29.5.08. Members visit Rushden BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 31.5.08. Irchester BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

### **Brackley BC**

- 31.5.08. Bicester BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
4.6.08. Banbury Central BC visits for a ladies match at 6.0 p.m.

### **Cold Ashby BC**

30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2008. Members go on a week-end Tour to Hampshire, based at the Bay View Court Hotel, Bournemouth, playing three matches at Fordingbridge BC; Brockenhurst BC; and Bournemouth Electric BC.

The Club is holding an 'Open Day' on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2008, with a cheese and wine lunch, and facilities for new bowlers to 'have a go' all equipment provided, just wear flat shoes.

### **Heyford BC**

- 29.5.08. Kislingbury BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.  
3.6.08. Members visit Daventry & District BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

### **Northampton Express BC**

- 31.5.08. Members visit Whyte Melville BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
2.6.08. The Triples 'A' team visits West End in the Northampton Triples League  
2.6.08. The Triples 'B' team plays Wootton 'B' at home in the Northampton Triples League

### **Northampton West End BC**

- 29.5.08. Bletchley St. Martins BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
31.5.08. Members visit Corby S & L for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
1.6.08. The Triples 'A' team plays Kingsthorpe 'B' at home in the Triples League Knock Out.  
1.6.08. The Triples 'B' team visits Harpole 'A' for the Triples League Knock-out  
2.6.08. The Triples 'A' team plays Express 'A' team at home in the Northampton Triples League  
2.6.08. The Triples 'B' team visits Kislingbury 'B' in the Northampton Triples League  
3.6.08. Members visit Earls Barton BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.



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