

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS**

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**PRESS REPORT**

### **1. NATIONAL INTER COUNTY OVER 60 LEAGUE FINAL - TRIUMPH FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

#### **WELL DONE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE OVER 60'S TEAM – ANOTHER NATIONAL TITLE FOR THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY LIFTS THE TROPHY FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR**

**What a match – what a triumph. A final that provided one of the best competitive bowls matches that I have ever seen.**

Northamptonshire Over 60's team visited Kempston IBC, Bedford, on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, with high hopes of repeating the success of last year when they lifted the trophy in the first year of the competition's inception. They had, up to that point been unbeaten in all matches for the two years, and despite the supposedly knowing pundits on a regular bowls forum making their opponents from Surrey very warm favourites, the Northamptonshire team pulled it off.

The match was not without worries for the many following supporters who saw Surrey take a very substantial lead early on, a lead which could have been higher had Mick Sharpe not 'killed' the first 2 ends on his rink, but obviously the players were not fazed by the 20 shots deficit at 5 ends for over the next 5 ends across the green that deficit was dramatically reduced to just 3 shots as firstly Jim McKee's rink picked up a big count of 5 shots on the 6<sup>th</sup> end and Terry James' rink picked up a 3 on the same end, and secondly Mick Worthington's rink picked up a count of 4 shots on the 10<sup>th</sup> end and on the same 10<sup>th</sup> end Carl Haines' rink collected a huge count of 6 shots.

At the three quarters stage the County had just poked their nose in front by 5 shots, and from then on the lead changed hands several times as both teams fought for supremacy with no more than 5 shots separating the two Counties. The County's supporters were very vocal in their efforts to raise the tempo of their team's play and it worked very well when with just 2 ends to go Northamptonshire held a lead of 5 shots with two of the County's most experienced skips to play their last end.

Terry James' rink finished first dropping 3 shots which gave Mick Sharpe's rink just a 2 shot cushion to take the match. When Mick went to bowl he was 2 shots down but his first bowl was almost inch perfect onto one of his short bowls to push it in for shot, and the Surrey skip with a valiant effort with his last bowl just failed to change matters and the match and trophy was Northamptonshire's 127-124 shots.

At the conclusion of the match, as the EIBA Men's President John Clipston (please note his name spelling is correct here) was in Northamptonshire's team, the Trophy was presented to the County's very pleased and proud President Mick Pullen, by the EIBA Ladies' President Irene Godfrey.

Rink scores, Surrey skips only, as follows:

**Rink 1.**  
Roger Summers, Northampton  
Brian Thomas, Desborough  
Walt Winsor, Wellingborough  
Terry James, Rushden  
16 shots – A Hawes 35 shots

**Rink 2.**  
Tony Dicks, Daventry  
Mick Richardson, Daventry  
Martin Keech, Rushden  
Mick Worthington, Daventry  
17 shots – B Bass 18 shots

**Rink 3.**  
Alan Spencer, Kingsthorpe  
Alan Maden, Kingsthorpe  
Maurice Allen, Wellingborough  
Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe  
30 shots – J Gale 12 shots

**Rink 4.**  
Jim Diver, Desborough  
Ron Chambers, Desborough  
George Warren, Desborough  
Carl Haines, Desborough  
25 shots – I Ross 21 shots

**Rink 5.**  
Pete Maloy, Northampton  
John Baggat, Kingsthorpe  
Malc Mattinson, Rushden  
Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe  
29 shots – J Cook 12 shots

**Rink 6.**  
Bob Care, Kingsthorpe  
John Clipston, Kingsthorpe  
Colin Jones, Kingsthorpe  
Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe  
10 shots – P Vamvacopoulos 26 shots

**(Please find attached a photograph of the team together with the County President, Mick Pullen; County Secretary, Brian Sherwood; & Team Manager, John Haines)**

## **2. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT KEMPSTON, BEDFORD**

### **OVER 60 SINGLES**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round:** Mick Sharp, Kingsthorpe, having been given a walk-over in the first round embarked on his challenge to regain the trophy which he collected two years ago, in a second round match against Alan Cawdell, Glebelands IBC, North Finchley, London.  
On a very tricky end rink Mick did not start too well and trailed 3shots to 12 shots and 12 shots to 18 shots before digging in and drawing level at 18 all. The next end saw him pick up a count of 3 shots to take the victory which puts him into the Quarter Final.  
This will be against Bill Bell of Stanley IBC, Durham on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2010, at 1.30 p.m.

### **OVER 60 PAIRS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round:** Pete Maloy, Northampton IBC, fresh from playing his part in the Over 60 Team triumph, will be joined by clubmate Colin Dalglish, for the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Over 60 Pairs on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2010, at 5.30 p.m. when they play Ken Uglow and Barry Forse of St Andrews IBC, Weston-super-Mare.

## **3. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS**

### **LADIES**

#### **UNBADGED PAIRS**

**Area Final:** Michelle Tansley & Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe beat Linda Warren & Di Baggat, Northampton 25-12  
They will now play in the Zone Final on a date to be fixed against at present unknown opponents, to qualify for the National Championships to be played at Nottingham in April.

#### **OVER 50 2 WOOD TRIPLES**

**Area Final:** Celia Morris/Hilary Sharpe/Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe beat Eleanor Buchanan/Donna Williamson/Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe 14-11.  
They will now play in the Zone Final on a date to be fixed against at present unknown opponents, to qualify for the National Championships to be played at Nottingham in April.

### **GENTLEMEN**

**All the AREA FINALS of the various men's disciplines have now been played with the following results.**

**SINGLES:** In an all Kingsthorpe Final played on their own green on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, and in a 22 end match of the highest quality, Neil McKee overcame his clubmate Andrew Hunter 21-13, after just keeping his nose in front by a few shots throughout.

**PAIRS:** On Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, at Desborough IBC, Neil Rees and Paul Broderick, Wellingborough, dominated their encounter by picking up counts of 5 (twice) and 4 with Chris Maden and Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe, winning by 24 shots – 9 shots, with their opponents conceding after 17 ends.

**TRIPLES:** Also played at Desborough on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, the young trio of Scott Johnson/Callum Height/Jamie Walker came up against the very experienced triple from Kingsthorpe comprising Andrew Manton/Mick Sharpe/Neil McKee, and despite going down by 8 shots without reply in the first 5 ends, they then took the next 6 ends to get within 1 shot of their opponents, but calamity struck over the next 3 ends with successive counts of 4 against them, and they conceded after 16 ends with the score 21-9 in favour of the Kingsthorpe players.

**FOURS:** The Area Final of the Fours brought together father and son on opposite rinks, with father winning. The Kingsthorpe rink of Jason Bryan/John Baggat/Vernon Gearey/Jim McKee overcoming the fellow Kingsthorpe rink of Andrew Manton/Paul Maynard/Mick Sharpe/Neil McKee 19-13.

The Winners of each of the disciplines have now qualified for the National Championships to be played at Nottingham in April, 2010.

**(Please find attached a photograph of the winning Triple – 1 to r Mick Sharpe/Neil McKee/Andrew Manton, and the winning Pair 1 to r Neil Rees/Paul Broderick)**

#### **4. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS**

Please note that County Competitions are completely separate from those under the ‘National Competitions’ heading.

##### **GENTLEMEN**

###### **SINGLES:**

**Quarter Final:** Matt Pownall, Desborough beat Robert Norman, Wellingborough

###### **PAIRS:**

**Quarter Final:** Dominic Graham & partner, Northampton beat Robert Norman & partner, Wellingborough  
Carl Haines & partner, Desborough beat Chris Bland & partner, Northampton

###### **TRIPLES:**

**Quarter Final:** Will Hill’s triple, Desborough beat Martin Keech’s triple, Rushden

###### **FOURS:**

**Quarter Final:** Wayne Gregory’s rink, Wellingborough beat Chris Bland’s rink, Northampton  
Jim McKee’s rink, Kingsthorpe beat Dave Masters’ rink, Northampton  
Doug Mitchell’s rink, Daventry beat Ollie Kirkwood’s rink, Northampton

**TIPLER ROSE BOWL (for rinks over 60)**

**Quarter Final:** Mick York's rink, Desborough beat Eric Wareing's rink, Daventry  
Doug Mitchell's rink, Daventry beat Malc Mattinson's rink, Rushden

**UNDER 25 SINGLES**

**Quarter Final:** Cameron Knox, Desborough given walk-over by Dominic Graham, Northampton  
Matt Pownall, Desborough beat Connor Cinato, Desborough

**5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME SINGLES COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS**

**UNDER 15 YEARS SECTION**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round:** David Walker, Kingsthorpe beat Nathan Betts, Rushden  
Matthew Cattell, Rushden beat Gareth Jones  
Will Walker, Wellingborough beat Nick Manton, Kingsthorpe  
Alice Moore, Northampton beat Cameron Knox, Desborough

**15- 18 YEARS SECTION**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round:** Tom Wellburn, Kingsthorpe beat Aaron Mulligan, Desborough  
Matthew Wordingham, Rushden beat Sam Gamble, Kettering  
Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough beat Glen Farrell, Northampton

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round:** Scott Adams, Northampton beat Louise Haladij, Northampton  
Daniel Waterfield, Kettering beat Chris Manton, Kingsthorpe

**6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus HERTFORDSHIRE MEN 23.2.10. – RESULT.**

In a friendly match against Hertfordshire the men of Northamptonshire came up against a very strong Hertfordshire side at Watford IBC, on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2010, and lost by 50 shots, with just 2 winning rinks. Final score was Northamptonshire 94 shots – Hertfordshire 144 shots. Rink scores, Herts skips only, as follows:

**Rink 1.**  
John Whiting  
Mick York  
Keith Howlett  
Brian Langton  
17 shots – R Smith 15 shots

**Rink 2.**  
John Smith  
Peter Byworth  
Mike Weatherill  
Norman Gibb  
11 shots – L Harland 28 shots

**Rink 3.**  
Jim Diver  
Stuart Lowe  
Harvey Fruish  
Brian Sherwood  
13 shots – D Brooks 19 shots

**Rink 4.**  
Ted Summerton  
Will Clelland  
Mick Pullen  
George Warren  
17 shots – D Baker 23 shots

**Rink 5.**  
Norman Langdon  
Walter Stoddard  
Geoff Hunt  
Richard Somerton  
25 shots – D Richardson 19 shots

**Rink 6.**  
Martin Horsham  
Roly Smith  
Jim Headington  
Terry James  
11 shots – D Ratcliffe 40 shots

## **7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN – MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP 7.3.10. SELECTION**

The following have been selected to represent Northamptonshire in the Midland Counties Championship match to be played against Warwickshire on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, at Northampton & District IBC, commencing at 2.0 p.m.:

<b>Rink 1.</b> Connor Cinato, Desborough Bill Brune, Desborough Carl Haines, Desborough Terry James, Rushden	<b>Rink 2.</b> Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe Jason Bryan, Kingsthorpe Andy Smith, Northampton Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe	<b>Rink 3.</b> Pete Maloy, Northampton Graham Maddams, Wellingborough Dominic Graham, Northampton John Haines, Desborough
<b>Rink 4.</b> Bob Fuller, Wellingborough Jack Tobin, Rushden Richard Lemon, Northampton Iain Walker, Kingsthorpe	<b>Rink 5.</b> Matt Wordingham, Rushden Martin Cinto, Desborough Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe David Flippance, Desborough	<b>Rink 6.</b> Matt Pownall, Desborough Ray Castle, Northampton Ollie Kirkwood, Northampton Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe

## **8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus CAMBRIDGESHIRE LADIES 11.3.10 – SELECTION**

The following ladies have been selected to represent the County in a friendly match against Cambridgeshire ladies on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, to be played at City of Ely IBC, commencing at 2.0 p.m. Coach pick-up times: 10.45 a.m. Northampton & District IBC; 11.15 a.m. Tesco Store, Kettering; 11.45 a.m. Little Chef Thrapston.

<b>Rink 1.</b> Pat Starsmore, Kettering Margaret Tyler, Wellingborough Terri Hepburn, Kingsthorpe Brenda Bishop, Daventry	<b>Rink 2.</b> Eleanor Buchanan, Kingsthorpe Lorna Hart, Kingsthorpe Barbara Oliver, Daventry Pam Lewis, Rushden	<b>Rink 3.</b> Julie Spreadbury, Daventry Lillian Allen, Kettering Pam Wills, Northampton Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe
<b>Rink 4.</b> Jan Hunt, Wellingborough Annie Scrimshaw, Daventry Pat Symonds, Daventry Jean Pownall-Davies, Daventry	<b>Rink 5.</b> Sylvia Plant, Daventry Kay Green, Wellingborough Irene Scoble, Wellingborough Audrey Height, Rushden	<b>Rink 6.</b> Jean Burgess, Wellingborough Sue Bagshaw, Kettering Chris Cooper, Wellingborough Joan Bryan, Kettering
Travelling Reserves:	Donna Williamson, Kingsthorpe Celia Morris, Kingsthorpe	Vicki Rushall, Daventry Irene Cross, Northampton
Non-travelling Reserves:	Margaret Cooper, Kettering	Joyce George, Wellingborough

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

### **DESBOROUGH IBC**

**Event:** The Club plays host to the Finals of two National Competitions on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.**

**The Vivienne Trophy for Ladies** – consists of each team fielding 4 rinks, and the Final will be between Riverain IBC, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, and Egham IBC, Surrey, and commences at 10.0 a.m.

**The Egham Trophy for Mixed Players** – consists of each team fielding 4 rinks of mixed gender, and this will be played between two very strong Clubs, with many International players between them, the City of Ely IBC and Torquay United IBC.

Supporters of bowls are very welcome to both events, and a very high standard can be assured.  
(Press Photographer at these two matches would be appreciated)

**Fixtures:**

- 4.3.10. Rothwell Manor BC & Geddington & Newton BC visit for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 6.3.10. Stewarts & Lloyds BC visit for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 8.3.10. Market Harborough BC & Geddington & Newton BC visit for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.

**KETTERING LODGE IBC**

**Fixtures:**

- 4.3.10. Harborough IBC visits for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
- 7.3.10. Members visit Rushden IBC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.3.10. Harborough IBC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.

**KINGSTHORPE IBC**

**Fixtures:**

- 3.3.10. Northants & Hunts Masonic BA visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 6.3.10. Members visit Harborough IBC for mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 7.3.10. Rugby BC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.

**NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC**

**Fixtures:**

- 3.3.10. Members visit Daventry IBC for ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
- 4.3.10. Wellingborough IBC visits for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
- 6.3.10. The Club holds its Junior Gala Day
- 7.3.10. The Club hosts the Midland Counties match between Northamptonshire & Warwickshire at 2.0 p.m.

**RUSHDEN TOWN IBC**

**Fixtures:**

- 4.3.10. Mears Ashby British Legion BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 6.3.10. Round 4 of the Pheasant Pluckers competition is being held at 2.30 p.m.
- 7.3.10. Kettering Lodge BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

**WELLINGBOROUGH IBC**

**Fixtures:**

- 3.3.10. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire IBA and Bedfordshire IBA at 2.15 p.m.
- 4.3.10. Members visit Northampton IBC for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 6.3.10. Northamptonshire Under 25's visit for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
- 7.3.10. Swanspool BC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.



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