

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus LEICESTERSHIRE – MIDLAND COUNTIES – RESULT

Northamptonshire Gentlemen visited the neutral green at Rugby Thornfield IBC for the Semi-Final of the Midland Counties Indoor competition against Leicestershire and unfortunately with a much changed team from the last outing, due to many of the Kingsthorpe players being unavailable, they went down by 35 shots. The Final score was Northamptonshire 104 shots – Leicestershire 135 shots. Rink scores, Leics skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Peter Maloy/Graham Maddams/Dominic Graham/John Haines 24 – Norman Burns 18 shots
- Rink 2.** Chris Wright/Martin Cinato/Ollie Kirkwood/Dave Flippance 11 – Mark Allinson 24 shots
- Rink 3.** Jim Diver/Phil Exley/Roger Tansley/Andy Smith 16 – John Cooper 21 shots
- Rink 4.** Malcolm Paul/Graham Southgate/Carl Haines/Calvin Carpenter 15 – Bill Hobart 26 shots
- Rink 5.** Tony Dicks/Mick Richardson/Peter Ward/Mick Worthington 25 – Peter Hobbs 20 shots
- Rink 6.** Bob Fuller/Will Hill/Colin Jones/Richard Lemon 13 – Neil Hope 30 shots

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus BEDFORDSHIRE 20.3.10. – RESULT

Northamptonshire Ladies took on Bedfordshire ladies on the 20th March, 2010, at Desborough IBC, and came away with a comprehensive win by 34 shots, with 4 winning rinks and two losing by just a few shots between them. The final score was Northamptonshire 125 shots – Bedfordshire 91 shots. Rink scores, Beds skips only, as follows:

- Rink 1.** Rebecca Wigfield/Pat Starsmore/Chris Cooper/Brenda Bishop 21 shots – P Dobson 12 shots
- Rink 2.** Vicki Rushall/Jane Maloy/Valerie Blackwell/Wilma Walker 27 shots – G Nixon 10 shots
- Rink 3.** Eleanor Buchanan/Elaine Urquhart/Jean Pownall-Davies/Joyce Porter 15 shots – C Stewart 24 shots
- Rink 4.** Joyce George/Barbara Hutt/Irene Scoble/Jeanie Flippance 23 shots – M Hinson 11 shots
- Rink 5.** Jean Crane/Margaret Cooper/Michelle Tansley/Sharon Tansley 23 shots – C Condron 16 shots
- Rink 6.** Julie Spreadbury/Marlene Court/Sue Lomas/Joan Bryan 16 shots – 18 shots

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus HERTFORDSHIRE – RESULT

Northamptonshire Ladies played their second match in the week when they visited Riverain IBC to play Hertfordshire Ladies, and this time fortunes were not so kind, with 2 winning rinks and 4 losing, albeit not by large scores, the match went the way of Hertfordshire by 15 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire 96 shots – Hertfordshire 111 shots. Rink scores, Herts skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.	Pat Starsmore/Rhona Holland/Wilma Walker/Irene Cross 15 shots – M Luker 22 shots
Rink 2.	Jan Hunt/Celia Morris/Eileen Williams/Pat Symonds 19 shots – A Harland 18 shots
Rink 3.	Sue Bagshaw/Janet Hall/Irene Scoble/Joan Watts 18 shots – S Houghton 12 shots
Rink 4.	Margaret Newport/Elsie Hatton/Valerie Blackwell/Pam Lewis 18 shots – B Bennett 20 shots
Rink 5.	Sylvia Plant/Agnes Johnson/Sue Prior/Hilary Sharpe 12 shots – D Pratt 20 shots
Rink 6.	Jean Burgess/Elaine Urquhart/Lorna Hart/Yvonne McKee 14 shots – S Faulks 19 shots

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – COMPETITIONS

Rushden Town IBC was the venue for the Finals of the **Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme (NBYDS)** Indoor Singles Competition on Sunday, 28th March, 2010, and from start to finish the young players put on a great exhibition of bowls.

The competition was in two Groups: Under 15; and 15-18 years, and all those playing had qualified by winning through to the semi-finals in their respective group. Results of those semi-finals and final as follows:

Under 15 years

Semi-Finals: Connor Cinato, Desborough beat Alice Moore, Northampton 21-10
Matthew Cattell, Rushden beat William Walker, Wellingborough 21-2

Final: Cinato beat Cattell 21-9. A score-line which does not do justice to the runner-up. Matthew Cattell put in a very fine performance, often holding shot until Connor, with his last bowl either drew the shot himself or took out Matthew's bowl with an accurate drive. The 4th successive year that Connor has won this trophy.

For 3rd and 4th place prizes William Walker beat Alice Moore 21-15.

(Please find attached a photograph 014 of Connor receiving the trophy from the NBYDS Deputy Chairman Keith Howlett)

15 – 18 years

Semi-Finals: Matthew Wordingham, Rushden beat Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough 21-16
Scott Adams, Northampton beat Daniel Waterfield, Kettering 21-10

Final: Wordingham beat Adams 21-20 and it should be said that this final was of the highest standard spread over 27 ends with neither player willing to concede defeat. Firstly Scott was in the ascendancy leading at one point by a half dozen shots, and then Matthew came back to take the lead. It was not unexpected that the match would go 'to the wire' as it ultimately did when Matthew drew 3 close bowls on the last end and Scott just failed to dislodge them with his last bowl. So Matthew, on the last occasion as he has turned 18 now, retained the trophy he won last season.

For 3rd and 4th place prizes Curtis Johnson beat Daniel Waterfield 21-18 in another high class match.

(Please find attached a photograph 018 of Matthew receiving the Trophy from NBYDS Deputy Chairman Keith Howlett)

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus LONDON PARKS BA – RESULT

Northamptonshire Gentlemen visited Havering IBC, Hornchurch, Essex, for a friendly match against Londdon Parks BA, and in an outstanding performance over 8 rinks, with 6 winning and 2 losing by just a few shots, the County won by 58 shots, with large wins, each by 22 shots, for the rinks skipped by Match Secretary Richard Somerton, and by Geoff Harris. Final score was Northamptonshire 189 shots – London Parks 131 shots. Rink scores, London Parks skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.	Malcolm Tait/Mick York/Jim Headington/George Warren 24 shots – K Antony 8 shots
Rink 2.	John Smith/Trevor Tilley/John Pickaver/Brian Diver 19 shots – M Stuart 16 shots
Rink 3.	Will Clelland/Eric Wareing/John Chester/Richard Somerton 33 shots A Donovan 11 shots
Rink 4.	Walter Stoddard/Brian Hawtin/Mick Pullen/Ted Guiver 19 shots – Bill Harrison 22 shots
Rink 5.	Ted Summerton/Mark Green/Mike Weatherill/Brian Langton 16 shots – John Lambert 25 shots
Rink 6.	John Whiting/Ernie Earp/Stan Alton/Keith Howlett 21 shots – David Griggs 18 shots
Rink 7.	Brian Jones/Roly Smith/Frank Fair/Norman Gibb 23 shots – John Morgan 19 shots
Rink 8.	Jim Diver/Peter Byworth/Tim Hawtin/Geoff Harris 34 shots – R Watson 12 shots

6. EVENING TELEGRAPH BOWLS COMPETITION 2010.

After an absence of 5 years the **Evening Telegraph Open Knock-Out Cup returns**. This was always a keenly fought competition, and entries are now invited for a resumption of it in the outdoor season of 2010. The requirements are simple – each team to consist of 8 players of any gender, making up two rinks of four. The rinks may be all one gender or mixed, and entries are open to any bowls club or groups of bowlers. A club may enter as many sides as they like, but no player may play for more than one entry.

Kettering Lodge BC is administering the competition on behalf of the Evening Telegraph and entries should be sent to J. W. Harris, Esq., c/o Kettering Lodge BC, 15 Northampton Road, Kettering, together with the entry fee of £8 per team (£1 per player) cheques payable to Kettering Lodge BC. **Entry forms are being published in the Bowls Page of the ET and entries must be in by the 12th April, 2010.**

7. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NOTTINGHAM – PREVIEW OF EVENTS

The third full week of **National Indoor Championships** commences with **The Fours** at Nottingham IBC, Beechdale Road, Bilborough, NG8 3FH, on **Friday, 9th April, 2010**, and on this date the County has an interest when **Kingsthorpe IBC** Area winning four, Jason Bryan/John Baggat/Vernon Gearey/Jim McKee, meet the Acle IBC, Norfolk, four of George Tubby/Robert Parker/Lewis Moore/Tim Stone, in the first round at 1.30 p.m. This will be a tough match as 3 of the Norfolk 4 are either current or past Internationals. The Kingsthorpe men have the game, however, to upset form, and they will be aiming to match the performance of their club colleagues Andrew Manton/Neil McKee/Iain Walker/Mick Sharpe, who won this championship in 2001.

The **National Men's Triples** follows the fours and once again it is **Kingsthorpe** that provides the County interest with Andrew Manton/Mick Sharpe/Neil McKee meeting an Isle of Wight trio of Adam Clark/Paul Dickinson/Mark Griffith in the first round on **Sunday, 11th April, 2010, at 6.0 p.m.** With Sharpe & McKee having extensive International experience they will face this match with confidence, and Andrew Manton and Mick Sharpe will be looking to go one step further than they did with Iain Walker when they were runners-up in the Triples.

The **Men's Pairs** commences on **Tuesday, 13th April, 2010**, with the successful County duo of **Neil Rees/Paul Broderick, Wellingborough IBC** taking on a pair from Wey Valley IBC, Duncan Heard/Ian Meyer, at 1.30 p.m. This pairing has seen success before, both outdoor and indoor, and they will be looking to repeat the feat of 2002 when they lifted the Indoor Pairs Championship.

The final event with County interest lies with the **National Men's Singles Championship**, and in the first round **Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe IBC** faces Ben Paulley of Dolphin IBC, Poole, Dorset, on **Friday, 16th April, 2010, at 9.30 a.m.** No player in the 50 years history of the National Singles Championship has come from Northamptonshire, but current International Neil McKee has the ability to remedy that.

We wish all the competitors above a very successful visit to Nottingham.

8. ENGLISH BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – REGIONAL SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

A reminder that the Regional 'School of Excellence' under the auspices of the English Bowls Youth Development Scheme is to be held at Melton & District IBC, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0DB, on Sunday, 18th April, 2010, and the following young bowlers from the County have been invited to attend:

Under 15 years: Nathan Betts, Chloe Wordingham, Matthew Cattell, Adam Pitfield (All Rushden) & Connor Cinato (Desborough)

15 – 18 years: Curtis Johnson (Wellingborough) Sam Gamble (Kettering Lodge) Louise Haladij & Scott Adams (Both Northampton & District)

9. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

GENTLEMEN

PAIRS

Semi-Final: Mick Malins/Matt Wordingham, Rushden beat Darren Lewis & partner, Kingsthorpe

They now meet Jim Diver/Carl Haines, Desborough in the final to be played on County Finals
Week-end 10/11th April, 2010, at Rushden Town IBC

TRIPLES

Semi-Final: Scott Adams(sub)/Andy Smith/Chris Bland, Northampton beat Will Hill/Martin White/Bill Brune, Desborough.

They now meet Richard Lemon's triple, Northampton, in the final to be played on County Finals
Week-end 10/11th April, 2010, at Rushden Town IBC

UNDER 25 SINGLES

Quarter Final: Will Hill Desborough beat, Scott Johnson, Wellingborough

Semi-Finals: Sam Gamble, Kettering beat Cameron Knox, Desborough
Matt Pownall, Desborough beat Will Hill, Desborough

Gamble & Pownall now meet in the Final to be played on County Finals week-end 10/11th April, 2010, at Rushden Town IBC.

TIPLER TROPHY (Over 60 Fours competition)

Semi-Final: Alan Wright's rink, Desborough beat Mick York's rink, Desborough.

He and his rink will now play Doug Mitchell's rink, Desborough on County Finals week-end 10/11th April, 2010, at Rushden Town IBC.

SINGLES AND FOURS

As reported previously the Singles Final will be between Matt Pownall & Dave Flippance (Both Desborough) and the Fours between Wayne Gregory's rink, Wellingborough and Jim McKee's rink, Kingsthorpe. The date of this latter final will depend on the success of Jim McKee's rink at the National Championships where they play on the 9th April.

10. BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

Insurance Warning

Bowls England is calling upon Clubs to ensure that they are adequately insured ahead of the 2010 outdoor season, or face a potentially devastating claim if an accident occurs on their premises.

NFU Mutual, which arranges insurance cover for Bowls England has warned that the ramifications of not having adequate public liability cover is a 'scary thought'

In this age of increasing litigation for injuries compensation all Clubs are seriously advised to check exactly what their public liability insurance currently is, and if found to be inadequate to remedy the situation as a matter of urgency.

11. LEONARD DENNY MEMORIAL TROPHY – KINGSTHORPE'S Q/FINAL RESULT

Kingsthorpe IBC played Barking IBC in the Quarter Final of the Leonard Denny Memorial Trophy competition on Sunday, 28th March, 2010. This competition is Inter Club for 2 rinks, with one at home and one away, and it was always expected that the match would produce a very tight result and so it proved. Unfortunately the result went the way of Barking, but it took an extra end to produce the win for them when Jamie Holmes, the skip of the rink playing the extra end, ditched the jack to cement the win. Kingsthorpe's rinks as follows:

At Kingsthorpe: Chris Made/Andrew Hunter/Andrew Manton/Neil McKee – won 28 – 20 shots
At Barking: Jason Bryan/Iain Walker/Vernon Gearey/Jim McKee – lost 14 – 22 shots

12. ERIC THOMASON TROPHY 28.3.10. – RESULT

The 'Eric Thomason' Trophy competition for men was played on Saturday, 27th March, 2010, involving 7 of the County Clubs playing 6 rinks each, drawn at various venues in the County.

Desborough IBC, in having just 1 losing rink and 5 winning, took the trophy by quite a large shots advantage of 57, with their nearest rivals coming in second being Kingsthorpe IBC, they having lost on 2 rinks and having a shots advantage of 40.

Rushden Town IBC; Northampton & District IBC; & Wellingborough IBC all had 3 winning and 3 losing rinks, with the shots difference being + 27; + 13; and – 50 respectively.

Daventry IBC had 2 winning and 4 losing rinks and Kettering 1 winning and 5 losing.

13. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

A. DESBOROUGH IBC

Fixture:

31.3.10. Members visit Leicester IBC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.

B. KETTERING LODGE IBC

Fixtures:

1.4.10. Members visit Rushden Town IBC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
3.4.10. Members visit Stanion Short Mat BC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
4.4.10. Members visit Kingsthorpe IBC for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
6.4.10. Old Centralians BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.

C. KINGSTHORPE IBC

Fixtures:

- 1.4.10. English Women's Umpires Association visit for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
1.4.10. Members visit Daventry IBC for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
4.4.10. Kettering Lodge IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
7.4.10. Stoke Mandeville IBC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 pm.

D. NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

COMPETITIONS

LADIES SINGLES FINAL: Linda Warren was in scintillating form to beat multiple past winner Marilyn Oram 21-14

MEN'S SINGLES FINAL: This brought together two of Northampton's finest young bowlers, Richard Lemon and Dominic Graham, and after a marathon match just short of 3 hours, a 20-20 score-line led to a 'sudden death' shoot-out in which Dominic ditched the jack and sat on it in an unbeatable lie thus picking up the trophy for the third time.

MEN'S PAIRS FINAL: Dominic Graham made it a double by securing the Pairs trophy with partner Colin Dalglish against Rob White and Ray Castle, where once more a very high standard of bowls was seen.

MEN'S TRIPLES FINAL: In the Triples Andy Smith and Chris Bland were joined by substitute Scott Adams as their other member was not available, and after 4 ends against Colin Dalglish/Dominic Graham/Richard Lemon were 1-9 adrift. Fortunes changed, however, and over the next few ends the Bland trio picked up 18 shots without reply to lead 19-9. Lemon managed to drag his team back in contention with some excellent conversion shots but Bland and his men held firm and won 25-21, despite Lemon killing the last end twice.

FIXTURES:

- 31.3.10. The Club holds its Ladies Captains' Day at 2.0 p.m.
1.4.10. Abington BC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
8.4.10. Members visit Kingsthorpe IBC for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.

E. RUSHDEN TOWN IBC

LADIES COMPETITIONS – Finals

Singles Semi-Finals: Pat Mattinson beat Eileen Stubbs
Jane Redfern beat Chloe Wordingham

Final: Redfern beat Mattinson 21 – 16

Pairs Semi-Finals: Chloe Wordingham/Jane Redfern beat Brenda Ellis/Eileen Stubbs
Jenny Dempsey/Pat Mattinson beat Joan Honey/Enid Bone

Final: Wordingham/Redfern beat Dempsey/Mattinson (On an extra end after tying 17-17)

Triples Semi/Finals: Enid Bone's triple beat Sheila Bonham's triple
Jackie Challen's triple beat Audrey Height's triple

Final: Nancy Tebbutt/Joan Honey/Enid Bone beat Ann Bigg/Maureen Keech/Jackie Challen

Fours Semi-Finals: Eileen Stubbs' rink beat Ann Bigg's rink
Sheila Bonham's rink beat Audrey Height's rink

Final: Brenda Ellis/Maisie Fox/Pat Mattinson/Eileen Stubbs beat Val McKilbride/AnnDavidson/Pam Holdaway/Sheila Bonham.

FIXTURES:

- 1.4.10. Kettering Lodge IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
3.4.10. The Club holds its 'Pheasant Pluckers' competition final at 2.30 p.m.

F. WELLINGBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 31.3.10. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire men and Cambridgeshire men at 2.0 p.m.
1.4.10. Members visit Bedford Borough IBC for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
3.4.10. Members visit Brackley IBC for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.



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