

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – FINAL RESULTS

The Men's National Championships came to an end on Saturday, 28th August, 2010, with the playing of the Inter County 'Middleton Cup' Semi-Finals and Final. Northamptonshire did not feature in these finals, having narrowly lost to the holders Cornwall in the Quarter Final last month. This year's winners were Cornwall, the holders, who defeated Huntingdonshire in the Final 126-109 shots. It was Cornwall that defeated Northamptonshire by just 6 shots in the Quarter Final last month at Swindon.

Northamptonshire was involved in the Pairs and Singles in this last week with the results as follows:

NATIONAL PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminary Round: **Andrew Manton and Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC**, beat Dave Veal & Robert Paxton, Exonia BC, Exeter, Devon, 22-13.

1st Round: **Manton & Gearey** lost to Paul Vamvacopoulos & Mark Bishopp, Weybridge BC, Surrey, 13-20

Mick Catlin & Darren Childs, Thrapston BC, beat Steve Jackson & Bob Doddington, Iver Heath BC, Buckinghamshire 25-7 shots.

2nd Round: **Catlin & Childs** lost to Bernie Love & Jim Wood, Eastleigh Railway BC, Hampshire 17-18 after an extra end.

NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminary Round: **Peter Ward, Desborough BC**, beat Mel Biggs, Westlecot BC, Wiltshire 21-19.

1st Round: **Ward** lost to Wayne Wilgress, Norfolk BC 7-21

Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC, lost to Mark Read, Stenalees BC, Cornwall 21-17

Overall on the fortnight's competitions and championships Northamptonshire did not progress far, although many of the events were very keenly fought and on another day with a little more good fortune going their way the County competitors could have reached the latter stages.

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MEN – 7.9.10. – SELECTION

The following men have been selected to represent **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association**, in a friendly match against Buckinghamshire BA, to be played on Tuesday, 7th September, 2010, at Olney BC, Recreation Ground, East Street, Olney, MK46 4DW, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.

Alf Hudson, West Haddon
Derek Reid, Whyte Melville
Frank Craven, Whyte Melville
Tracy Nunn, President

Rink 2.

Ian Litchfield, West Haddon
Malcolm Tait, McAlpine
Peter Mercer, West Haddon
Terry James, Thrapston

Rink 3.

Philip Miller, Earls Barton
Peter Byworth, Burton Latimer
Roger Summers, West End
Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton

Rink 4.

Ernie Earp, Whyte Melville
Chris Curry, Wellingborough
John Chester, Wellingborough
Brian Langton, Kettering Lodge

Rink 5.

John Ruff, West End
Skene McInnes, St Crispin
Neville Bodily, Whyte Melville
Geoff Harris, Higham Ferrers

Rink 6.

Peter Woodhams, Irchester
Geoff Hayter, Bugbrooke
Harvey Fruish, Abington
Brian Diver, Stewarts & Lloyds

Travelling Reserves:

Bill Osborne, West Haddon
Geoff Vincent, Bugbrooke

Chris Stanley, Kettering Lodge

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus HERTFORDSHIRE 6.9.10. – SELECTION

The following ladies have been selected to represent **Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association** in a friendly match against Hertfordshire Ladies, to be played on Monday, 6th September, 2010, at Abington BC, Park Avenue South, Northampton, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Rink 1.

Sue Bagshaw, Kettering Lodge
Heather Golding, Swanspool
Bev Manning, Kislingbury
Pat Gayton Swanspool

Rink 2.

Sheila Bonham, Irchester
Sylvia Brown, Abbey Park
Gill Letts, Finedon
Barbara Haseldine, Finedon

Rink 3.

Sally Row, Kingsthorpe
Pam Wills, Abington
Anita Petrucci, Abington
Audrey Height, Rushden

Rink 4.

Chris Cooper, Burton Latimer
Margaret Tyler, Burton Latimer
Rita Bell, Kettering Athletic
Heather Lack, Burton Latimer

Rink 5.

Sharon Wooller, Byfield
Margaret Cooper, Kettering Lodge
Chris Cross, Byfield
Linda Tomlinson, Geddington

Rink 6.

Margaret Ruff, St Crispin
Janet Riome, Harpole
Margaret McGillivray, Desborough
Phyll Hallam, Corby Forest

Travelling Reserves:

Brenice Willmott, Irchester
Pat O'Hanlon, Irchester
Sue Fincham, Wellingborough

Joan Bryan, Burton Latimer

Non-travelling Reserve:

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S versus WARWICKSHIRE 29.8.10.

The **Northamptonshire Under 25's** match in the Midland Counties Championship for the 'Ron Barston Trophy' against Warwickshire has been cancelled and will not now be played. The County has already won the Championship and this match could not affect the final outcome, but it is still disappointing to the Under 25 Manager, Martin Cinato, and his players, that they did not have a match on Sunday.

They are due to play the last Midland Counties Championship match against Nottinghamshire on Sunday, 5th September, 2010, at Nottingham.

5. PREVIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING INDOOR SEASON for NORTHAMPTONSHIRE IBA

The summer outdoor season is rapidly coming to a close, and the indoor season beckons. The **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** (Men) kicks off the season with the County week-end Tour, lead by **President Keith Howlett**, Desborough IBC, to Maidstone, Kent from 24th to 26th September, 2010. This will be followed by a full programme of both Competitive and Friendly matches commencing with his inaugural match at his Club, Desborough IBC on Wednesday, 13th October, 2010.

The competitive matches will include those in connection with the inter-county 'Liberty Trophy' and the Midland Counties Championship.

Senior Team Manager John Haines has arranged a couple of Trials for the purpose of selecting his teams, including an 'Emerging Players' and 'Over 60 Match' at Desborough IBC on Saturday the 9th October, 2010, at 9.0 a.m., and a Liberty practice match against Leicestershire to be played at Northampton & District IBC on Saturday the 16th October, 2010, commencing at 9.45 a.m.

The 'Liberty Trophy' match is once again versus Cambridgeshire IBC on a straight knock-out basis to be played at Peterborough IBC on Saturday, 13th November, 2010, commencing at 10.0 a.m.

The Midland Counties Indoor Championship gets underway on Sunday, 27th November, 2010, against Worcestershire, to be played at Wellingborough IBC, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

(Please find attached a photograph of President Keith Howlett)

6. INTER COUNTY 16 AND UNDER TOURNAMENT 11.9.10.

Kislingbury BC is organising a Tournament for young bowlers on Saturday, 11th September, 2010, to be held from 1.30 p.m. It is for youngsters 16 years of age and under, and may be mixed gender. So far entries have been received from Oxfordshire/Bedfordshire/Buckinghamshire, as well as Northamptonshire, and it is hoped that there may be entries forthcoming from other Counties and Clubs.

The cost is £2.50p per player which includes all bowling and a hot meal at the end of play. Players are asked to wear Club or County colours with white trousers/skirts if possible.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day, with bar facilities for the accompanying adults, and a meal at a reasonable cost of £2.50p.m.will also be available at the end of the event for any visitors who would like to book one.

Anyone interested in entering a rink of 4 players aged 16 and under should get in touch with Pauline Eagles as soon as possible on 01604 415677 or at pauline.eagles@btinternet.com

7. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

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

BURTON LATIMER BC

Fixtures:

- 1.9.10. Prison Service BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 2.9.10. Earls Barton BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 4/5.9.10. The Club holds its Competition Finals

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

- 2.9.10. Members visit Rothwell Conservatives BC for a men's match at 6.0 p.m.
- 4.9.10. Members visit Woodsend BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 5.9.10. Members visit Swanspool BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY GRAMPIAN BC

Fixtures:

- 2.9.10. Members visit Chater BC for mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
4.9.10. Kettering Conservatives BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
5.9.10. The Club holds its Captain's Day at 2.30 p.m.

Open Pairs Tournament:

22.8.10. The Club held its annual 'Open Pairs Tournament' which drew a field of 26 pairs from many clubs in the County, and after battling it out over 35 ends of bowls, the winners of the £350 prize money were as follows:

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| 1 st Prize (£200) | Rob Vowles/Mark Turner – Kettering Midland Band BC |
| 2 nd Prize (£100) | Alistair Melville/John Donovan – Corby Forest BC |
| 3 rd Prize (£50) | Liz Keeney/Harold Creighton – Stewarts & Lloyds BC |

DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 2.9.10. Kingsthorpe BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
4.9.10. Raunds Conservatives BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

- 2.9.10. Members visit Burton Latimer BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
4.9.10. Thrapston BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
5.9.10. Members visit Irchester BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
7.9.10. Members visit Higham Ferrers Town BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

- 4.9.10. Members visit Rothwell Conservatives BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
5.9.10. The Club holds its 'Gala Day' at 10.30 a.m.
6.9.10. Little Bowden BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
8.9.10. Member visit Rothwell Manor BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 4.9.10. Members visit Kettering Midland Band BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
4.9.10. Members visit Sharnbrook BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
5.9.10. The Club holds its Finals Day.
7.9.10. Earls Barton BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Club Tour:

Members go on the Club's first ever Bowls Tour on Tuesday, 30th August, 2010, and they have based themselves at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. Three matches have been arranged against Swanmore BC; Kings Park BC; and Bournemouth Electric BC.

KETTERING ATHLETIC BC

Fixture:

4.9.10. Members visit Islip BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

4.9.10. Kislingbury BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

7.9.10. Members visit Oundle BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixture:

4.9.10. Higham Ferrers Town BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

McALPINE BC

Fixtures:

2.9.10. Members visit Rothwell Manor BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

4.5.10. Members visit Finedon Town BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

MEARS ASHBY RBL BC

Fixture:

2.9.10. Members visit Wellingborough OG's BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

OUNDLE BC

Fixtures:

2.9.10. Rushden Town BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

3/4/5.9.10. The Club holds its Competition Finals week-end.

7.9.10. Kettering Lodge BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixtures:

1.9.10. Little Bowden BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

2.9.10. McAlpine BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

4.9.10. The Club holds its Captains versus Presidents match.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

2.9.10. Members visit Oundle BC for a men's match for the Owen Frost Cup at 2.30 p.m.

5.9.10. The Club holds its Ladies Captain's Day at 2.30 p.m.

STANWICK BC

Fixtures:

4.9.10. Ise BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

7.9.10. Members visit Swanspool Senior Citizens BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC

Fixture:

2.9.10. Medbourne BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.

SWANSPOOL BC

Fixtures:

4.9.10. Welland Park BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

5.9.10. Corby Forest BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

7.9.10. Members play Wellingborough BC in a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC

Fixtures:

2.9.10. Members visit Swanspool Senior Citizens BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

4.9.10. Members visit Earls Barton BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

5.9.10. The Club holds its President's Day at 2.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

1.9.10. The Club hosts the Masonic BA 'Tipler Trophy' at 10.0 a.m.

2.9.10. The Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire Police BC and Harpole BC at 2.30 p.m.

2.9.10. Members visit Irchester BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

4.9.10. Kingsthorpe BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

7.9.10. Members play Swanspool BC in a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH OG'S BC

Fixture:

4.9.10. Finedon Town BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

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

ABINGTON BC

Fixtures:

2.9.10. The Club holds its men's Captain's Day at 2.30 p.m.

3.9.10. The Club plays a match against former members of County Ground BC at 6.30 p.m.

4.9.10. Northampton West End BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 pm.

4/5.9.10. The Club Ladies Finals to be played.

5.9.10. The Club hosts the Finals of the NBYDS competitions at 9.30 a.m.

6.9.10. The Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire Ladies and Hertfordshire Ladies at 1.30 p.m.

7.9.10. Members visit Kingsthorpe BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

BRACKLEY BC

Fixtures:

4/5.9.10. The Club plays its competition finals.

7.9.10. Burma Star BA visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.

8.9.10. Members visit Bicester BC for a ladies match at 6.0 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

- 4.9.10. Members visit Bletchley Town BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 5.9.10. The Club holds its competition Finals day.

BYFIELD BC

Fixtures:

- 4.9.10. Members visit West Haddon BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 7.9.10. Banbury Borough BC visits for a men's match at 6.0 p.m.

COGENHOE BC

Fixture:

- 2.9.10. Daventry Tigers BC visits for an LVA match at 2.30 p.m.

DAVENTRY TIGERS BC

Fixtures:

- 2.9.10. Members visit Cogenhoe BC for a LVA match at 2.30 p.m.
- 5.9.10. Members visit Northampton Whyte Melville BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

DAVENTRY TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 2.9.10. Members visit Northampton West End BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 4.9.10. Highway BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 5.9.10. Club plays its President versus Chairman's Select match.
- 8.9.10. Members visit Kislingbury BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

HEYFORD BC

Fixture:

- 4.9.10. Members visit Daventry & District BC for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

- 2.9.10. Members visit Desborough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 4.9.10. Members visit Wellingborough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 7.9.10. Abington BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC

Fixtures:

- 1.9.10. Grange BC, Rugby, visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 4.9.10. Members visit Kettering Lodge BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 4.9.10. Rugby Thornfield BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Club Tour:

The Club's 36th Bowls Tour is to set off for Great Yarmouth on Friday, 10th September, 2010, and it will be based at the very popular Princes Hotel. The party of members and guests will include Club President John Carter, Captain Steve Lemon, Vice Captain 'DC' Jones, plus several Past Presidents. The guest tourists will include Chronicle & Echo reporters, Martin King and Callum Jones, and Borough Councillor Mike Hallam.

Five matches have been arranged as follows:

- 11.9.10. Bradwell BC
- 12.9.10. Swardeston Social BC, Norwich
- 13.9.10. Cromer Marrams BC
- 15.9.10. Diss BC
- 16.9.10. Mattishall BC, Dereham

Fixture:

- 4.9.10. Club plays the Phelp Shield.

NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC

Fixtures:

- 2.9.10. Daventry Town BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 4.9.10. Members visit Abington BC for a men's match at 2.30 pm.
- 7.9.10. Members visit Northampton Whyte Melville for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

- 4.9.10. St Crispin BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 4.9.10. Members visit Irchester BC for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
- 5.9.10. Daventry Tigers BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 7.9.10. Northampton West End BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

WOODFORD-CUM-MEMBRIS BC

Fixture:

- 5.9.10. The Club holds a 'Fun Day' at 2.30 p.m.



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