

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus LEICESTERSHIRE LADIES 27.8.08. – RESULT

Northamptonshire Ladies faced Leicestershire Ladies in the Middle England League on Wednesday, 27th August, 2008, at Daventry Town BC, and enjoyed a very good game and a win by 8 shots which, with three winning rinks by each county, earned them 16 points and a move up the table. The final score was Northamptonshire 124 shots – Leicestershire 116 shots. Rink scores, Leics skips only, as follows:

Rink 1

Jackie Grainge
May Wiggins
Pat Mattinson
Val Betts v N Elmes
24 shots 14 shots

Rink 2

Sandra Mawson
Jean Pownall-Davies
Bev Manning
Audrey Height v J Bontoft
18 shots 22 shots

Rink 3

Chris Cooper
Pat Symonds
Margaret Cave
Hilary Sharpe v J Hurst
25 shots 20 shots

Rink 4.

Vicki Rushall
Pat Bodily
Pam Lewis
Sharon Tansley v J Flippance
18 shots 23 shots

Rink 5.

Brenice Willmott
Yvonne McKee
Wilma Walker
Brenda Bishop v J Meakin
21 shots 11 shots

Rink 6.

Eileen West
Eleanor Winters
Barbara Oliver
Jackie Harrington v E Barrett
18 shots` 26 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus CAMBRIDGESHIRE MEN 26.8.08. – RESULT

Northamptonshire men played Cambridgeshire on Tuesday, 26th August, 2008, at Thrapston BC and came away with a very satisfying 14 shots win, only losing on one rink. Final score was Northamptonshire 119 shots – Cambridgeshire 105 shots. Rink scores, Cambs skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Mick Tate
Mick Galloway
David Bailey
Terry James v P Harper-Scott
25 shots 18 shots

Rink 2.

Brian Robbins
Eric Wareing
Bill Humphries
Richard Somerton v T Barker
21 shots 20 shots

Rink 3.

Bill Foster
Mick Pullen
Derek Brewer
Doug Ainsworth v D Northrop
18 shots 10 shots

Rink 4.

Martin Horsham
Tony Fairmaner
Harvey Fruish
Geoff Hunt v C Frederick
23 shots 21 shots

Rink 5.

John Ruff
Bill Kendall
Tony Coles
Geoff Harris v J Carswell
14 shots 23 shots

Rink 6.

Bob Tingle
John Scudder
Geoff Vincent
Mike King v M Davey
18 shots 13 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus BUCKINGHAMSHIRE – SELECTED TEAM

The following gentlemen have been selected to represent the Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association in a friendly match against Buckinghamshire to be played at Buckingham West End BC on Tuesday, 2nd September, 2008, starting at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.

Alf Hudson, West Haddon
Mick Pullen, Irchester
Neville Bodily, Whyte Melville
Harvey Fruish, President

Rink 2.

Geoff Thomas, Kettering Lodge
John Scudder, Daventry Tigers
Ian Watts, West Haddon
Geoff Hunt, Match Secretary

Rink 3.

Martin Horsham, Brackley
Peter Byworth, Wellingborough
Kevin Mawson, Cogenhoe
Tracy Nunn, Jun Vice President

Rink 4.

Ernie Earp, West End
Brian Robbins, Daventry Tigers
Peter Mercer, West Haddon
Laurie Harrison, Secretary

Rink 5.

Bill Roberts, Abington
Eric Wareing, Daventry & District
Walter Stoddard, St Crispin
Bill Humphries, West Haddon

Rink 6.

Frank Craven, Whyte Melville
Derek Brewer, Daventry Tigers
Geoff Vincent, Bugbrooke
Geoff Harris, Higham Ferrers

Travelling Reserves:

Bill Foster, Daventry Tigers
Hugh Taylor, Heyford

Skene McInnes, St Crispin
Malcolm Tait, McAlpine

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES 7.9.08. – SELECTED TEAMS

The following gentlemen have been selected to represent the County against the County Ladies, to be played on Tuesday, 2nd September, 2008, at Abington BC, starting at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.

Fred Wake, Byfield
Chris Beck, Abington
Roy Cave, Rushden
Geoff Hunt, Match Secretary

Rink 2.

A.N. Other
A.N. Other
Geoff Harris, Higham Ferrers
Tracy Nunn, Jun Vice President

Rink 3.

John Ruff, Executive
A.N. Other
Bill Humphries, West Haddon
Richard Somerton, Executive

Rink 4.

Martin Horsham
Kevin Mawson, Cogenhoe
Peter Kneeshaw, Abington
Harvey Fruish, President

Rink 5.

Abington
BC
Rink

Rink 6.

S McInnes, St Crispin
David Thurlow, Burton Latimer
Laurie Harrison, Secretary
Mike King, Sen Vice President

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus HUNTINGDONSHIRE LADIES 2.9.08. – SELECTED TEAM

The following ladies have been selected to represent the County in a friendly match against Huntingdonshire Ladies at St. Ives BC on Tuesday, 2nd September, 2008, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Rink 1.

Eileen West, Rushden
Janet Riome, Harpole
Ann Davey, Corby Forest
Christine Barlow, Abbey Park

Rink 2.

Margaret Ruff, St Crispin
Helen Jones, Wellingborough
Sylvia Brown, Abbey Park
Rita Bell, Kettering Athletic

Rink 3.

Janet Swift, Abbey Park
Beryl Rylott, Kettering Athletic
Jean Frisby, Wellingborough
Margaret Cave, Rushden

Rink 4.

Pat Coles, Geddington & Newton
Agnes Johnson, Wellingborough
Chris Cooper, Burton Latimer
Audrey Height, Rushden

Rink 5.

Mary Forrester, Kettering Lodge
May Wiggins, Corby Forrest
Joan Bryan, Burton Latimer
Bev Manning, Kislingbury

Rink 6.

Joyce George, Wellingborough
Ina Layland, St Crispin
Linda Tomlinson, Geddington & Newton
Eleanor Winters, Corby Forest

Travelling Reserves:
Non-travelling Reserve:

Betty Tilley, Irchester
Sue Fincham, Earls Barton

Annette Norris, Corby Forest

NBYDS – OUTDOOR FINALS AT IRCHESTER BC 7.9.08.

The Finals of the Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme outdoor singles competition are being held at Irchester BC on Sunday, 7th September, 2008, players to report at 9.30 a.m.

The competition is in two age groups, Under 18 years and Under 15 years, and the Semi-finals of each will be held at 10.0 a.m., followed by the Finals of each. Those competing are as follows:

Under 15

Matthew Cattell (Rushden) versus William Walker (Northampton West End)
Chloe Wordingham (Higham Ferrers) versus Danny Walker (Northampton West End)

Under 18

Connor Cinato (Kettering Midland Band) versus Ryan Jones (Rothwell Conservatives)
Matthew Wordingham (Higham Ferrers) versus Ross Knox (Desborough)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S versus WARWICKSHIRE UNDER 25'S – RESULT

The County Under 25's team were missing several of their more experienced players which gave the opportunity to Team Manager Martin Cinato to field some younger players for their first Midlands Counties 'Ron Barston Trophy' match. This included twins Danny & William Walker from Northampton West End BC and Nathan Betts from Rushden Town BC.

The County had already won the trophy as a result of previous matches, and the players had hoped to go out on a winning note, but on the damp and grey day at Wellingborough they did not quite manage to do so, losing by 7.75 shots. This was the last match for two of the Under 25 stalwarts, Captain Richard Lemon, Northampton Express and Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge, they now being over-age for the future.

The final score was Northamptonshire 97 shots – Warwickshire 104.75 shots. (This strange score is due to an over-age player in the Warwicks team leading to a deduction of 25% of that rink's score) Rink scores, Warwicks skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Aaron Bell, Express
William Walker, West End
Ann-Marie Gearey, PSL Road
Richard Lemon v C Chapman
17 shots 25 shots

Rink 2.

Conor Cinato, Kettering Mid Band
Robbie Gearey, PSL Road
Scott Johnson, Wellingborough
Matt Pownall v M Carter
18 shots 26 shots

Rink 3.

Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough
Adam Brown Abington
Shaun Marriott, West End
Jamie Walker v C Allen
26 shots 24 shots

Rink 4.

Nathan Betts, Rushden
Danny Walker, West End
Matthew Wordingham, H Ferrers
Jack Tobin v J-L Winch
19 shots 15.75 shots

Rink 5.

Victoria Stevenson, Whyte Melville
Will Hill, Rothwell Conservatives
Chris Wright, Express
Adrian Harris v H Slimm
17 shots 19 shots

KETTERING BOROUGH CHAMPIONSHIPS 7.9.08.

One of the longest established bowls competitions is reaching its conclusion on Sunday, 7th September, 2008, that of the Kettering Borough Championships, started in 1925 when it was called the Kettering Championship and was for male singles competition only. The very first winner was distinguished County bowler F Shatford, of Kettering Conservatives who represented England on a number of occasions between 1910 and 1925.

In more recent years ladies have been included in a singles competition, and a Triples competition for both men and women has been played.

On Sunday 7th September, 2008, the Finals will be played at Desborough Town BC with the Final of the Triples commencing at 10.0 a.m. between the following teams, with the Ladies fielding 2 Triples each and the men 4 Triples each:

Kettering Lodge BC versus Burton Latimer Town BC in both Ladies and Gentlemen.

The winners will be presented with the Trophy at lunch-time by Harry Bell, Chairman of Kettering Borough Bowls Championships.

The Singles will be played in the afternoon, commencing at 2.0 p.m. with the Semi-Finals between the following:

Ladies: Sharon Hall, Desborough BC versus Heather Lack, Burton Latimer Town BC
Margaret Watts, Desborough BC versus Pauline Mann, Kettering Athletic BC

Men: Tony Essam, Kettering Athletic BC versus Mark Turner, Kettering Midland Band BC
Denis Mole, Kettering Midland Band BC versus Andy Cooper, Kettering Lodge BC

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PLAYERS COMPETE IN NORTH EAST SCOTLAND TRIPLES TOURNAMENT

Three Northamptonshire Middleton Cup bowlers, Andrew Hunter, Roger Tansley and Sam Wade, Kingsthorpe BC entered the prestigious 'Deveron Triples Tournament' in North East Scotland, last week-end, and performed very well indeed.

Roger Tansley, a member of the team newly crowned as the National Triples Winners just a week earlier, was obviously still maintaining his excellent form, and aided by his two team mates reached the Final of this event.

The Deveron Triples has a first prize of £1200, and it attracts top bowlers from all over Scotland, and it is played for the early round robin section on Saturday, 23rd August, at four greens: Aberchirder; Keith; Banff; and Huntley, with the Finals on Sunday being played at Keith.

The County triple won their section of round robin matches, taking 4 from the 5 played, which saw them into the Final stages. In the last 16 they encountered British Isles Winners, Rab Smith, Jim Brander and Zander Mair from Macduff BC and edged home by 2 shots, which took them into the Quarter Finals against a Keith Triple, skipped by Willie Thain, which had knocked out a triple skipped by Scottish International Mike Stepney in the previous round. After a close tussle, the Kingsthorpe men pulled away in the latter stages to win by 5 shots to proceed to the Semi-Finals.

Their opponents in the semi-final were a triple including two Scottish Champions, David Beaton and Frankie Stevenson, and once more a close fight ensued, and with 4 ends to play the score was even. A big pick up of 4 shots and 5 shots on successive ends saw them through to the Final and a shot at the money.

In the final they faced Meloney Cruickshank, 2008 British Isles Indoor Champion, Colin Noon, and former Scottish Singles Champion and double International Stuart Cruickshank. Unfortunately, whether it was tiredness overcoming them after 8 hours of almost continuous bowling, or lady luck deserting them, the Northants trio dropped a 7 early on to go 1-10 down, and despite holding a count of 6 later on which Cruickshank spoilt with a perfect bowl to the edge of the green, they went down 7-16. A very good achievement in getting to the Final.

NATIONAL MIXED PAIRS REGIONAL FINALS

The Winners of the Area Finals of the National Mixed Pairs meet at the Regional Finals to be held at Norgren BC, Studley, Warwickshire, on Sunday, 7th September, 2008, and the County's interest lies with Yvonne McKee and Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC, who have won through to this stage. Gearey, having just skipped the Winners in the National Triples at Worthing just 2 weeks ago will be in confident mood as they take on in the morning Moira Parsons and Simon Gilbert, Avenue BC, Leamington Spa.

8 Pairs will be playing with the aim to be one of the 2 which play in the National Finals on the 20th/21st September, 2008, at Goodwood BC, Leicester and McKee and Gearey would dearly like to keep the trophy in Northamptonshire after Tina Burgess and Paul Broderick's success last year.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE PRESIDENTS NEWS

Funeral of Reg Abbott, Patron of the VP's

On Thursday, 28th August, 2008, St Andrews Church, Rockingham Road, Kettering, was packed with family and fellow bowlers for the funeral of Reg Abbott, 81 years, who died last week. Reg was a well-known sportsman in Kettering, in his younger day playing football and cricket, and in later years taking up bowls with Kettering Working Men's Club, now Kettering Athletic Club, where he was a member for nearly 40 years.

30 years ago Reg took up office as Fixture Secretary with the Vice-Presidents Association, and until his illness took hold 18 months ago discharged various duties continuously for all those years. He was the Chairman of the Association in 1997, and in 1997 was made a Life Member of Northamptonshire Bowling Association for his contribution to bowls in the County.

Friendly Match versus Oxfordshire Vice Presidents Association – Result

The VP's played their counterparts from Oxfordshire on Sunday, 31st August, 2008, at Abington BC, and, in a match reduced to 16 ends because of the weather, lost by 21 shots, despite having 3 winning rinks. The final score was Northamptonshire VP's 70 shots – Oxfordshire VP's 91 shots. Rink scores, Oxon skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Roger Summers
Mick Griffin
Mick Pullen
David Williamson v G Watts
14 shots 13 shots

Rink 2.

Len Smith
Geoff Care
Colin Incles
Mick Moulton v E Dorling
10 shots 12 shots

Rink 3.

Bob Tingle
Harry Bell
Brian Sherwood
Graham Dunscombe v G Swann
14 shots 11 shots

Rink 4.

Mick Garley
Howard Packman
Alan Gardner
Roy Cave v C Cox
19 shots 13 shots

Rink 5.

Barry Adair
Ken Friend
Clyde Hulbert
Malcolm O'Hanlon v T Cox
6 shots 19 shots

Rink 6.

Graham Cashmore
Ray Timson
Richard Howell
Ken Legan v O Pearson
7 shots 23 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus MANFIELD CUP WINNERS CORBY FOREST – RESULT

The Northamptonshire Bowls Association played the Manfield Cup-winners, Corby Forest BC on their green on Friday, 29th August, 2008, in celebration of their win, with the result going in favour of Corby Forest by 7 shots in a match confined to 15 ends. Final score was Northamptonshire 64 shots – Corby Forest 71 shots. Rink scores as follows:

Rink 1.

NBA	Corby Forest
John Ruff	J Scott
Bryan Jones	S McRae
Harvey Fruish	B Stewart
Geoff Hunt	T Gallagher
15 shots	8 shots

Rink 2.

NBA	Corby Forest
Martin Horsham	D Collins
John Cooper	J Still
Laurie Harrison	A Rudge
John Clipston	T Nunn
6 shots	16 shots

Rink 3.

NBA	Corby Forest
Duncan Marriott	A Harper
Andrew Hunter	J Bell
Sam Wade	Rob Ward
Phil Reeve	P Melville
13 shots	14 shots

Rink 4.

Peter Wright	A Malley
Martin Cinato	A Melville
Peter Kneeshaw	T Davie
Richard Somerton	J Watt
10 shots	13 shots

Rink 5.

Conor Cinato	I Girvan
Matt Wordingham	K O'Brien
Matt Pownall	W Wiggins
Jamie Walker	C Incles
13 shots	8 shots

Rink 6.

Mick Corbyn	David Incles
Mark Betts	B Sharp
Tony Burns	J Dolby
Roy Cave	S Melville
7 shots	12 shots

LADIES NATIONAL TOP CLUB COMPETITION – COUNTY CLUB BOWS OUT

Higham Ferrers Town BC Ladies interest in the National ‘TLH’ Top Club Championship was ended on Sunday, 31st August, 2008, when they were within one round of the National Finals in Torquay. In the Regional Final held at Bletchley BC, Buckinghamshire, the team went down 1-3 to the Oxford City and County BC Ladies.

(Full details not yet provided, but if available before around 12 noon 1.9.08. I will forward, otherwise they will be included in next week’s report)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN VERSUS THRAPSTON BC – CENTENARY MATCH – RESULT

As part of the Club’s Centenary celebrations Thrapston BC entertained Northamptonshire Bowling Association on the afternoon of Sunday, 31st August, 2008, with the resultant win for the County by 15 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire 124 shots – Thrapston 109 shots. Rink scores as follows:

Rink 1.		Rink 2.		Rink 3.	
NBA	Thrapston	NBA	Thrapston	NBA	Thrapston
Trevor Jackson	B Wilson	Bob Barnard	M Galloway	Frank Craven	P Coleman
John Ruff	C Carter	Peter Byworth	K Allen	Peter Woodhams	B Melville
Dave Thurlow	M Tiney	Mossy Waters	L Johnson	Neville Bodily	B Wilkinson
Laurie Harrison	R Horrell	Geoff Hunt	M Catlin	Tracy Nunn	M Underwood
16 shots	21 shots	16 shots	15 shots	23 shots	18 shots
Rink 4.		Rink 5.		Rink 6.	
Geoff Thomas	F Carpenter	Gordon Morris	S Savage	Mick Hall	I Robinson
Walter Stoddard	L Burrows	Skene McInnes	A Morson	Doug Hatton	D Thompson
Tony Coles	M Corby	Dave Stewart	R Chapman	Peter Wright	M Tate
Harvey Fruish	D Bailey	Richard Somerton	D Morson	Peter Kneeshaw	M Mattinson
20 shots	18 shots	19 shots	14 shots	30 shots	23 shots

CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

NORTH AREA, MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO READERS OF EVENING TELEGRAPH

Corby Forest BC

6.9.08. The Club holds its ‘Captain’s Day’

Corby Stewarts & Lloyds BC

Results of the Club’s men’s competitions as follows:

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Runner(s)-up</u>
Non Prize Comp	Steve Toome	Tom Warrinder
Pairs Cup	Norman Gibb/Mick Burns	Ton Philip/Frank Burns
Championship	George Warren	Jackie King
Points Cup	Norman Gibb	Mike Barrett
Two Woods	Mike Barrett	George Collie
Handicap Cup	George Collie	Brian Diver

Desborough Town BC

4.9.08. Members visit Wellingborough for a men’s match at 2.30 p.m.

6.9.08. Market Harborough Town BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Earls Barton BC

- 4.9.08. Members visit Olney BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 6.9.08. St Crispin BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 7.9.08. The Club holds its first Finals Day.
- 9.9.08. Members visit Irchester for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

Geddington & Newton BC

Bank Holiday Tour

A group of 48 Geddington & Newton BC bowlers have just returned from their annual Bank Holiday Tour. This year saw them visit Eastbourne, with the Princes Hotel as their base, and they played the following matches with mixed results:

- 24.8.08. Versus Gildredge Park BC, Eastbourne, in an 11 rink match they lost 198-214 shots.
- 25.8.08. Versus Eastbourne BC, another 11 rink match went the way of the home club, Geddington losing 184 shots to 218 shots.
- 26.8.08. Two matches this day, one at RHP Chelmsford losing 96 shots to 104 shots and the second versus Chelmsford BC, winning this match 110 shots to 99 shots.

Fixtures

- 6.9.08. Members visit Kettering Conservatives BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.9.08. Little Bowden BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Higham Ferrers Town BC

The following competitions are at the stage shown:

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Stage at</u>
Men's Singles	Semi-Finals: Steve Bunker v Graham Smyth; Alan Dempsey v Richard Bailey
Men's Wood	Final: Steve Norman v Ron Plimmer
Men's Pairs:	Semi-Finals: Lionel Draper/Dave Betts v Pete Westley/Mark Plimmer Angus Crawford/Alan Dempsey v John Gadsby/Richard Bailey
Ladies Singles:	Semi-Finals: Helena Norman v Viv Gaudyn; Fiona Crawford v Val Betts
Ladies Handicap:	Semi-Finals: Brenda Ellis v Viv Gaudyn; Chloe Wordingham v Val Betts
Ladies Pairs:	Semi-Finals: Chris Freeman/Brenda Ellis v Simone Evans/Viv Gaudyn Val Baileyay Hickman v Chloe Wordingham/Maureen Plimmer
Ladies 2 Wood:	Final: Brenda Ellis v Viv Gaudyn

Finals Day is Sunday, 7th September, 2008.

Fixture:

- 6.7.08. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Irchester BC

- 6.9.08. The Club holds its 'Gala Day'
- 9.9.08. Earls Barton BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

Ise BC, Kettering

- 3.9.08. Swanspool Pensioners BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 6.9.08. Members visit Stanwick BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Kettering Lodge BC

- 6.9.08. Members visit Northampton West End BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
9.9.08. Ladies hold their Presidents/Captains match at 2.0 p.m.
1-7.9.08. The Club holds its Finals this week.

McAlpine BC

- 4.9.08. Kettering Park BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Rushden Town BC

- 4.9.08. Members visit Daventry Town BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
6.9.08. Finedon Town BC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
6.9.08. Members visit Wilstead BC, Beds. for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Stanwick BC

- 6.9.08. Ise BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
7.9.08. The Club holds its Finals and Fun Day
9.9.08. Members visit Swanspool Pensioners BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Swanspool BC

- 6.9.08. Members visit Raunds Conservatives for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.
7.9.08. Members visit Islip BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Wellingborough BC

- 3.9.08. The Club hosts the County Ladies Benevolent Triples Finals at 10.0 a.m.
4.9.08. Desborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
6.9.08. Members visit Higham Ferrers for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

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

Abington BC

- 4.9.08. Members visit West End BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
6.9.08. Members visit Burton Latimer BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
7.9.08. Club hosts match between Northamptonshire men and Northamptonshire ladies at 2.0 p.m.
9.9.08. Members visit Rushden for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

Brackley BC

- 7.9.08. Buckingham West End C visits for a ladies match at 3.0 p.m.

Cold Ashby BC

- 4.9.08. Licensed Victuallers BA visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
6.9.08. Members visit Rothwell Conservatives BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
7.9.08. Members visit Harpole BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Heyford BC

- 6/7.9.07. The Club holds its Finals week-end at 2.0 p.m.
7.9.08. The Club holds its 'Gala' Day at 2.0 p.m.

Northampton Express BC

6.9.08. Members visit Finedon Town BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Northampton West End BC

2.9.08. Members visit Whyte Melville BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

4.9.08. Abington BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

6.9.08. Kettering Lodge BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John G. Church', with a horizontal line underneath.

John G. Church, MBE – Northamptonshire Bowls Press Officer