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PRESS REPORT

Outdoor News

MIDDLETON CUP TRIAL MATCH versus OXFORDSHIRE, at Roade BC, 9.5.09, 2.0pm – SELECTED TEAM

Senior Team Manager, John Church, MBE, has selected the following men for next Saturday's opening match of the new season. Several senior players have been omitted from the team to play Oxfordshire but are expected to get a 'run out' in the Midland Counties match against Warwickshire on 16th May.

Rink 1.

Rob Vowels, Kettering Midland Band
Ray Castle, Kingsthorpe
Sam Wade, Kingsthorpe
Paul Broderick, Wellingborough

Rink 2.

Mark Betts, Rushden Town
Mick Malins, Rushden Town *
Chris Bland, Express
Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough

Rink 3.

Chris Falkner, Wellingborough
Matt Pownall, Geddington & Newton
Ollie Kirkwood, Express
Iain Walker, Kingsthorpe

Rink 4.

Matt Wordingham, Higham Ferrers
Alan Ashby, West End *
John Freeman, Abington
Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe

Rink 5.

Michael Chester, Wellingborough
Richard Mann, Kingsthorpe *
Martin Gearey, Roade
Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe

Rink 6.

Graham Maddams, Wellingborough
Scott Johnson, Wellingborough
Jonathan Brown, Abington
Phil Reeve, Kingsthorpe

Reserves. To play half a match replacing those players marked with an asterisk.

Alex Hamilton, Roade (R2)

Dave Fage, Abington (R4)

Mick Catlin, Thrapston (R5)

NATIONAL UNDER 25's COUNTY TWO FOURS, 3.5.09 – RESULT

Northants safely negotiated their preliminary round tie against Hertfordshire at Roebuck, Stevenage. The hosts had Junior England International Matt Copen in their teambut overall, fell somewhat short of the strength and quality of Northants. Jamie Walker's rink were always in command and took a number of large counts, while Matt Pownall's rink, consolidated well with the two back end players in particular playing impressively. Northants will be hoping to make a big push to qualify for Worthing in the competition as they did back in 1997 when they lifted the trophy and in 1994 and 1999 when they were runners-up.

Final score: Northamptonshire 49 shots – Hertfordshire 29 shots

Rink 1.

Connor Cinato
Michael Chester
Callum Height
Matt Pownall
13 shots v M.Copen 15 shots (*after 20 ends*)

Rink 2.

Dominic Graham
Daniel Height
Shaun Marriott
Jamie Walker
36 shots v S.Wright 14 shots

NORTHANTS UNDER 25'S v ABINGTON, Friendly match, 10.5.09 – SELECTED TEAM

The following people have been selected to play for Northamptonshire U25's against Abington Bowls Club on Sunday 10th May. Players to arrive by 2.0pm for a 2.30pm start.

Michael Chester, Scott Johnson, Annemarie Gearey, Ashley Linnel, Daniel Height, Adam Brown, Rebecca Wigfield, Will Parker, Victoria Stevenson, Adam Hawkings, Matt Pownall, William Hill, Chris Wright, Jack Tobin, Shaun Marriott, Callum Height, Ross Knox, Matt Wordingham, Jamie Walker, Sam Gamble, Jasmin Spear, Matthew Cattell, Nathan Betts, Adam Pitfield.

Reserves in no particular order Aaron Bell, Alice Moore, Curtis Johnson, Connor Cinato, Will Walker, Dan Walker, Chloe Wordingham, Camron Knox, Matthew Toesland.

NATIONAL COUNTY TOP TWO FOURS

The preliminary round tie between Northants and Norfolk has been re-scheduled and will now be played at Downham Market BC on Sunday 17th May, starting at 11.0am. The change of date was at Norfolk's request as the original date agreed, 2th May, clashed with the Bowls England Senior International Trial.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS, Chairman v. Vice Chairman's team, 26.4.09 - RESULT

Wellingborough Bowling Club played hosts to the annual outdoor curtain raising match when the Chairman of the Northants VPs, Len Smith's team played the Vice Chairman's team, captained by Peter Byworth. Some 40 members turned out in splendid sunshine on a green that bowled exceptionally well for the time of year in a four rinks of triples and two full rinks match. The Chairman's team won by 127 shots to 100.

The VPs were pleased to welcome the NBA County President, Mike King, Honorary Secretary, Laurie Harrison, and two past Presidents, Harvey Fruish and Richard Somerton, to the game as well as their own immediate past Chairman, Graham Dunscombe, returning to the team after knee surgery.

Rink scores (Chairman's team names first):

Rink 1: Ken Friend, Phil Bates, Eric Walkington, Tony Essam: 21
David Abel, Derek Essam, Dudley Morgan, Dave Williamson: 16

Rink 2: Mick Garley, Tony Hancock, Brian Langton: 20
Peter Woodhams, Clyde Hulbert, Keith Forbes: 15

Rink 3: Ken Bonsor, Harry Bell, Graham Cashmore, Ken Legan: 29
Ray Timson, Graham Dunscombe, Ollie Pearson, Laurie Harrison: 13

Rink 4: Len Smith (Chairman), Dennis Franklin, Nick Beirne: 14
Barry Adair, Peter Byworth (Snr Vice Chairman), Harvey Fruish: 13

Rink 5: Percy Griffiths, Barry Thompson, Ron Giles: 17
Willy Wilkin, Mick Pullen, Mike King: 30

Rink 6: Geoff Care, Bob Tingle, Richard Somerton: 26
Roly Smith, Dougie Hatton, Bob Jones: 13

Next matches are Sunday 10th May at Kislingbury BC v Coventry & District and on Tuesday 12th May when a full coach including 10 rinks are travelling to play their counterparts of Norfolk in Norwich.

VP's HARRIS CUP & RAINES TROPHY

Clubs and members are reminded that entries for the 44th HARRIS CUP and the 24th RAINES TROPHY should be submitted as soon as possible so that green and rink arrangements can be made. The Harris Cup is to take place on Wednesday 17th June. Being played at Earls Barton, Rushden Town, Irchester and Kettering Lodge. The Raines Trophy is to be played at Irchester on Sunday 19th July. Entry forms, if not at the Clubs, can be obtained from Colin Wright (01604 633601) or Mick Pullen (01933 622363).

Indoor News

MEN'S COUNTY COMPETITIONS FINALS – RESULT

The last Men's county competition to be completed was the Under 25's Singles which took place at Wellingborough between Rushden's Matthew Wordingham, 17 years of age, and Desborough's Ross Knox, 18. After an excellent match it was Wordingham who edged it by 21-18 to lift the trophy for the first time.

[I HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH OF MATTHEW WORDINGHAM BEING PRESENTED WITH THE TROPHY BY NIBA PRESIDENT EDDIE PINDER.](#)

LADIES COUNTY COMPETITIONS FINALS – RESULTS

The finals were completed at the home green of NWIBA President, Mrs Pauline Capon and resulted as follows: -

Singles: Marilyn Oram, Northampton & District beat Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough

Pairs: Sue Ainsworth/Pat Bax, Daventry beat Zoe Eisler/Margaret McGilvery, Desborough

Triples: Sandra Fuller/Karen Leveridge/Tina Broderick, Wellingborough beat Barbara Hutt/Barbara Oliver/Vicky Rushell, Daventry

Fours: Linda Warren/Jane Maloy/Marilyn Oram/Di Baggat, Northampton beat Chris Cooper/ Helena Norman/Maureen McDonald/Dianne Allen, Wellingborough

CLUB NEWS

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT – CLUB FINALS

Men's finals (*published in Chronicle & Echo and Evening Telegraph last week*):

Singles: Richard Lemon beat Dominic Graham

Pairs: Alan Baulch (sub for Don Santer)/Roger Summers beat Colin Dalglish/Dominic Graham

Triples: Richard Lemon/Andy Smith/Chris Bland beat Chris Wright/Bill Spear/Mick Spear

Fours: Alan Draper/Fred Fox/Stuart Grainger/Ollie Kirkwood beat Jason Bryan/Colin Fowkes/Phil Reeve/Jim McKee

Ladies finals:

Singles: Marilyn Oram beat Linda Warren

Pairs: Marilyn Oram/Dena Bryan beat Jackie Dale/Heather Newton

Triples: Jackie Dale/Anita Hickman/Heather Newton beat Val Lovett/Mary Harrison/Thelma Littlemore

Fours: Linda Warren/Marilyn Oram/Di Baggat/Dena Bryan beat Joyce Bedford/Sylvia Brown/Joyce Porter/Jean Chesshire

Mixed finals:

Pairs: Linda Warren/Alan Ramskar beat Dena Bryan/Phil Reeve
Triples: Marilyn Oram/Colin Dalglish/Jason Bryan beat Tony Stanley/Dena Bryan/Phil Reeve
Fours: Linda Warren/Jean Chesshire/Keith Bonham/John Leggett beat Jasmin Spear/Elisabeth Wittering/Dominic Graham/Andy Smith

Over 60's

Singles: Colin Dalglish beat Marilyn Oram
Mixed Pairs: Marilyn Oram/Peter Maloy beat Annette Faulkner/Peter Lee

Bob Smart 2 Wood Singles: Marilyn Oram beat Colin Dalglish

RUSHDEN CLUB FINALS

Mens Singles: Terry James beat Mick Malins 21-19
Mens Pairs: Andy Redfern/Martin Keech beat Tony Burns/Ken Hemmington
Mens Triples: Nathan Betts/Jack Tobin/Matt Wordingham beat Phil Rhodes/Terry James/Malc Mattinson 21-10
Mens Fours: John Lewis/Tony Lewis/Dick Matthews/John Streater beat Matt Cattell/Nathan Betts/Matt Wordingham/Jack Tobin 19 - 27
Mixed Pairs: Andy/Jane Redfern beat Anne/Roy Bigg
Mixed Triples: Margaret Cave/Jack Tobin/Matt Wordingham beat Mo Plimmer/Mark Plimmer/Ron Plimmer 15-10
Mixed Fours: Jane Redfern, Margaret Cave, Jack Tobin, Matt Wordingham beat Glenys Carter, Jackie Challen, Phil Freeman, Martin Keech 23-9

BRACKLEY CLUB FINALS

Mens Singles: Alan Dunkley beat Kevin Taylor
Mens Pairs: Keith Buckle/Alan Dunkley v Mick Hall/Richard Somerton
Mens Triples: Keith Buckle/Alan Dunkley/Simon Walker v Ian Dunn/Tim Hawtin/Richard Somerton

JOHN CHURCH

Please be advised that John has now moved house and has a new telephone number (see header of this report). A new email address to be advised shortly.

Chris BLAND

On behalf of
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