

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus HERTFORDSHIRE 3.9.09. – RESULT.

The Ladies of Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association visited Shire Park BC, Tewin, Hertfordshire for a friendly match against Hertfordshire Ladies on Thursday, 3rd September, 2009, and after a close match came away having lost by just 7 shots, despite sharing rink wins.

Hertfordshire started the match much the stronger taking a 14 shot lead after just 5 ends across the green, which increased to 18 shots by the half-way mark. The County ladies, however made a battle of it over the next 8 ends in reducing the lead to 5 shots only, and over the last 3 ends things were relatively even. The final score was Northamptonshire 117 shots – Hertfordshire 124 shots. Rink scores, Herts skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Margaret Ruff
Alison Dring
Bev Manning
Brenda Bishop v C Carne
18 shots 28 shots

Rink 2.

Sheila Bonham
Jean Vincent
Wilma Walker
Di Brumwell v H Chandler
13 shots 19 shots

Rink 3.

Sue Bagshaw
Ann Lissack
Margaret Cave
Pam Lewis v M Van-Pot
22 shots 13 shots

Rink 4.

Jan Hunt
Annette Norris
Sylvia Brown
Linda Tomlinson v K Haywood
15 shots 27 shots

Rink 5.

Trish Basford
Beryl Rylott
Pat Starsmore
Pat Gayton v D Barrett
22 shots 16 shots

Rink 6.

Brenice Willmott
May Wiggins
Sandy Hayter
Val Betts v V Dawe
27 shots 21 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – COUNTY FINALS 6.9.09.

The Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme outdoor singles competitions for two age groups, mixed gender, reached the Final stages today, 6th September, 2009, and they were played at Abington BC, Northampton, with the following results:

Under 15 Years

Semi-Finals:

Chloe Wordingham, Higham Ferrers beat Alice Moore, Kislingbury 21-3
William Walker, Northampton West End beat his twin brother Danny Walker of the same Club 21-8

Final: William Walker beat Chloe Wordingham 21-6
3/4th Place: Danny Walker beat Alice Moore 21-1

15-18 years

Semi-Finals: Matthew Wordingham, Higham Ferrers beat Ryan Jones, Rothwell Conservatives BC 21-7
Scott Adams, Kislingbury beat Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough 21-11

Final: Wordingham beat Adams 21-7
3/4th Place: Jones beat Johnson 21-10

(Attached is a photograph of the finalists – back row l to r Ryan Jones, Matthew Wordingham, Curtis Johnson, Scott Adams. Front row l to r Alice Moore, Chloe Wordingham, William Walker, Danny Walker)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MEN – 1.9.09. – RESULT.

The gentlemen of Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association met Buckinghamshire in a friendly fixture on Tuesday, 1st September, 2009, played at Northampton West End BC, and on a day of decidedly 'non-bowling weather' being wet, windy and cold, after a very close game the spoils went to Buckinghamshire by the 5 shots which one County rink dropped on the very last end of the match. Final score was Northamptonshire 114 shots – Buckinghamshire 119 shots. Rink scores, Bucks skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Martin Horsham John Ruff George Warren Mike King v D Seymour 28 shots 22 shots	Rink 2. Bryan Jones John Scudder Walter Stoddard Richard Somerton v C Perritt 12 shots 19 shots	Rink 3. Skene McInnes Brian Diver John Streater John Church v G Williams 15 shots 18 shots
Rink 4. Peter Court Derek Brewer Laurie Harrison Tracy Nunn v D Thorp 27 shots 13 shots	Rink 5. Stuart Lake Brian Robbins Ian Watts Brian Jones v J Smart 19 shots 25 shots	Rink 6. Alan Stacey Ken Meakin Keith Forbes Tony Weston v I Harvey 13 shots 22 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MIXED versus BURTON LATIMER TOWN BC – RESULT

The County Ladies and Gentlemen bowlers came together to provide the opposition in a celebration match to mark the 75th anniversary of Burton Latimer Town BC, played on Sunday, 30th August, 2009. On the day the score, although heavily in favour of the County mixed team, was not so important, although the difference was 68 shots, with the County losing on just one rink. Final score was Northamptonshire 155 shots – Burton Latimer 87 shots. Rink scores, Burton Latimer skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Alison Dring Jan Hunt Neville Bodily Tracy Nunn v G Slough 32 shots 15 shots	Rink 2. Skene McInnes Beryl Rylott Margaret Cave Mike King v R Hewitt 22 shots 10 shots	Rink 3. Margaret Ruff Malcolm O'Hanlon Laurie Harrison Pat Gayton v M Atkins 17 shots 16 shots
Rink 4. Victoria Stevenson Stuart Lake Sylvia Brown Geoff Hunt v P Tomlinson 15 shots 20 shots	Rink 5. Brenice Willmott Frank Craven Bev Manning Terry James v A Britten 38 shots 13 shots	Rink 6. John Ruff Pat Bodily George Willmott Christine Barlow v R Sharman 31 shots 13 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES 'MIDDLE ENGLAND LEAGUE' versus WARWICKSHIRE – SELECTION

The following Ladies have been selected to represent Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association in a 'Middle England League' match against Warwickshire to be played at Entaco BC, Studley, Warwickshire, on Wednesday, 8th September, 2009, commencing at 1.30 p.m. Travel by coach picking up at Kettering Athletic 10.45 a.m. Billing Road, Northampton 11.30 a.m.

Rink 1.

Doreen Bedford, Finedon
Sandra Mawson, N'ton Whyte Melville
Jean Frisby, Wellingborough
Barbara Hasledine, Finedon

Rink 2.

Jan Hunt, Irchester
Agnes Johnson, Wellingborough
Marlene Court, Brackley
Audrey Height, Rushden

Rink 3.

Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge
Debbie Cadd, Abington
Janet Swift, Abbey Park
Val Betts, Higham Ferrers

Rink 4.

Margaret Cave, Rushden
Valerie Blackwell, Rushden
Pat Mattinson, Thrapston
Pam Lewis, Rushden

Rink 5.

Ann Lissack, Corby Forest
Ann Davey, Corby Forest
Jill Welch, Daventry Town
Linda Tomlinson, Geddington

Rink 6.

Alison Dring, Swanspool
Rhona Holland, Daventry Town
Ina Layland, St Crispin
Pat Gayton, Swanspool

Travelling Reserves: Bev Manning, Kislingbury Eleanor Winters, Corby Forest May Wiggins, Corby Forest
Non-travelling Reserve: Joan Bryan, Burton Latimer

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus VI CE PRESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION 16.9.09. – SELECTED TEAM

The following gentlemen have been selected to represent Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association in the Annual match against Northamptonshire Honorary Vice Presidents Association, to be played at Wellingborough BC on Wednesday, 16th September, 2009, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.

Peter Hales, Islip
David Garland, Kingsthorpe
Geoff Harris, Higham Ferrers
Mike King, Wellingborough

Rink 2.

Skene McInnes, St Crispin
Chris Hawkins, Rothwell Manor
Neville Bodily, Whyte Melville
Terry James, Thrapston

Rink 3.

Hugh Taylor, Heyford
David Moore, Wootton Grange
George Willmott, Irchester
John Church, Higham Ferrers

Rink 4.

Ian Litchfield, West Haddon
Len Bowering, Whyte Melville
Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton
Richard Somerton, Brackley

Rink 5.

Bryan Jones, Kettering Lodge
Gordon Dring, Swanspool
Don Smith, Abington
Tracy Nunn, Corby Forest

Rink 6.

Alf Hudson, West Haddon
Bill Osbourne, West Haddon
Ron Giles, Abington
Geoff Hunt, Irchester

Reserves: Frank Craven, Whyte Melville Don Williams, Swanspool

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE FINALS 13.9.09. – DETAILS OF EVENT.

A reminder that the Finals Day for the County League organised under the auspices of Northamptonshire Bowling Association, is being held on Sunday, 13th September, 2009, commencing at 10.0 a.m. with the Semi-Finals. The Final will then follow after lunch at around 2.0 p.m. The following Clubs have qualified for the Finals:

Desborough Town BC
Kettering Midland Band BC
Stewarts & Lloyds BC
Kettering Lodge BC

NATIONAL LADIES TOP CLUB FINALS – COUNTY INTEREST 13.9.09.

The Finals of the TLH Leisure Resort National Ladies Top Club competition are scheduled to take place at Torquay, Devon, on Saturday, 12th September and Sunday, 13th September, 2009, on the greens of Torquay Kings BC; Torquay BC; and Victoria Park BC, Torquay.

Northamptonshire has an interest as Wellingborough BC ladies will be there hoping to bring back the spoils.

NATIONAL BOWLS ENGLAND COMPETITIONS 2010 – ENTRY FORMS

Bowls England have announced before the end of this outdoor season, that entry forms for National Competitions in 2010 are now available online. The competitions concerned are:

Mixed Pairs	Mixed Fours
Men's Over 55 Singles	Men's Over 55 Pairs
Women's Over 55 Singles	Women's Over 55 Pairs
Mother and Daughter Pairs	

For obtaining entry forms online, just go to www.bowlsengland.com and click on 'National Events' Forms may also be obtained via email at comps@bowlsengland.com

Entry Forms for the following National Competitions will be distributed directly to Clubs shortly:

Champion of Champions – Men and Women
Men's Club Two Fours
Top Club – Men and Women

Closing date for all entry forms to be returned to Bowls England, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing, is 1st February, 2010.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN MIDLAND COUNTIES 'FRANCIS BURTON LEAGUE' FINAL TABLE

The Final League Table for the senior Midland Counties 'Francis Burton Trophy' has now been finally published following what was a rather unsatisfactory conclusion to the season. The last matches played between Northamptonshire/Derbyshire and Leicestershire/Nottinghamshire were played in appalling weather and the former was brought to a premature halt due to waterlogged ground. The result of this match was held to be that at the time of calling what was considered to be a temporary halt until conditions improved, which they did, but the match was not resumed and Derbyshire was awarded the match.

As a result Northamptonshire finished in third place behind Warwickshire and winners Leicestershire, but in front of Worcestershire; Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, and Derbyshire who picked up the 'wooden spoon'

MIDLAND COUNTIES 'RON BARSTON' UNDER 25 LEAGUE RESULT

The Northamptonshire Under 25's missed out on winning the 'Ron Barston' Midland Counties trophy for the third successive year by just 1 point to Leicestershire. At the end of the campaign both Counties had won 5 and lost 1, but with a superior rink wins aggregate, the winners left it until the last match to pip the County. In the Final League Table Leicestershire secured 102 points to the County's 101 points, and with the third placed County Nottinghamshire picking up just 24 points, it was clear that the league was this year a 'two horse race'

Northamptonshire will not be losing players for next season, and with this experience they will enter the League competition in 2010 with great confidence of achieving success.

ANNUAL 'FAMOUS GROUSE' OPEN TRIPLES TOURNAMENT

The 10th running of the Annual 'Famous Grouse' Open Triples competition is again being organised by Desborough Indoor BC, throughout October, November and December, 2009, with the Finals due on Sunday, 13th December, 2009. Qualifying dates are organised on 11th October, 1st November, 15th November, 22nd November, and 29th November. Starting times being 9.45 a.m. for 10.0 a.m. with all play at Desborough.

The event is always very popular, both in this County and elsewhere in the midlands area, and entries are now being sought. Triples may be either mixed, or single sex, and the entrance fee is £12 per Triple. Money and whisky prizes are on offer for the first 4 placed Triples in the Finals.

Entry Forms are available from Mary Stringer, Club Secretary, or Len Smith, Competition Secretary, at Desborough IBC, and those wishing to enter are asked not to delay for there is an upper limit on the number of entries, with a closing date for entry of 27th September, 2009.

CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

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

BURTON LATIMER TOWN BC.

Fixtures:

12/13.9.09. Club holds its Competition Finals

CORBY FOREST BC.

Fixtures:

10.9.09. Members visit Thrapston BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

12.9.09. Stewarts & Lloyds BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

12.9.09. Members visit Northampton Whyte Melville BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

13.9.09. Members visit Irchester BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC.

Fixtures:

12.9.09. Corby Grampian BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

13.9.09. Club holds its Competition Finals

15.9.09. Ladies hold their end of season drive at 2.0 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC.

Fixtures:

12.9.09. Members visit Rothwell Conservatives BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

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

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC.

Fixtures:

12.9.09. Rothwell Manor Park BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

12.9.09. Members visit Stewarts & Lloyds BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

IRCHESTER BC.

Fixtures:

12.9.09. Carlsberg BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

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

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC.

Fixture:

12.9.09. Members visit McAlpine BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

ISE BC.

Fixtures:

12.9.09. Harpole BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

15.9.09. Members visit Wellingborough BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m. under floodlights.

KETTERING ATHLETIC BC.

Fixture:

12.9.09. Members visit Cold Ashby BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC.

Fixture:

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

ROTHWELL CONSERVATIVES BC.

Fixture:

12.9.09. Geddington & Newton BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 pm.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC.

Fixture:

12.9.09. Members visit Higham Ferrers BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC.

Fixtures:

10.9.09. Members visit Bedford Borough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

12.9.09. Members visit Northampton West End BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

STANWICK BC.

Fixtures:

13.9.09. Members visit St Crispin BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

15.9.09. Members visit Finedon BC for a match against Finedon Seniors at 2.30 p.m.

STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC.

Fixtures:

12.9.09. Members visit Corby Forest BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

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

THRAPSTON BC.

Fixtures:

10.9.09. Corby Forest BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

13.9.09. The Club holds its President's Day

WELLINGBOROUGH BC.

Event:

27.9.09. The Club is holding a 'Fun Day' on this date from 11.0 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. and there will be many attractions including Face Painting, Target Bowls, a good day out for the whole family.

Fixtures:

10.9.09. Stony Stratford BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

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

13.9.09. The Club hosts the Finals of the County League at 10.0 a.m.

15.9.09. Ise BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m. under floodlights.

16.9.09. The Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire BA and Northants. Hon Vice Presidents at 2.0pm

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

ABINGTON BC.

Fixtures:

10.9.09. Northampton West End BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

12.9.09. Bedford Borough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC.

Fixtures:

12.9.09. Members visit West Haddon BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

BYFIELD BC.

Fixtures:

9.9.09. Members visit Banbury Borough BC for a ladies match at 6.0 p.m.

12/13.9.09. Club holds its Competition Finals Days.

COLD ASHBY BC.

Fixtures:

12.9.09. Kettering Athletic BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

13.9.09. The Club holds its Mixed Fours at 1.30 p.m.

DAVENTRY TOWN BC.

Fixtures:

9.9.09. Members visit Daventry & District BC for a mixed match at 6.0 p.m.

12/13.9.09. Club holds its Competition Finals Days.

HEYFORD BC.

Fixture:

13.9.09. The Club holds its Gala Day at 2.0 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC.

Fixtures:

10.9.09. Rugby BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

12.9.09. Members visit Desborough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC.

Fixtures:

12.9.09. The Club holds its Ladies Captain's Day

12.9.09. Members visit Wellingborough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

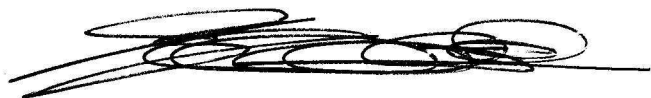
NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC.

Fixtures:

10.9.09. Northamptonshire Police BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

12.9.09. Corby Forest BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

13.9.09. Cogenhoe BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.



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