

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus LEICESTERSHIRE 6.8.09. – RESULT

On a dreadful afternoon at Kingsthorpe BC it was fortunate that the Indoor Green there was available for Northamptonshire men to entertain their counterparts from Leicestershire, on Thursday, 6th August, 2009. For those players expecting to play outdoors with bowls more suited to the slower natural greens it was a little difficult to contend with the faster indoor surface, and clearly Leicestershire had more players in that category for the County won on all 6 rinks with a total advantage of 54 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire 144 shots – Leicestershire 90 shots. Rink scores, Leics skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Chris Stanley, Kettering Lodge Alan Jones, N'ton Whyte Melville Walter Stoddard, St Crispin John Church, Higham Ferrers 22 shots v R Kirkpatrick 17 shots	Rink 2. Bob Tingle, Geddington & Newton Martin Horsham, Brackley John Ruff, N'ton West End George Willmott, Irchester 21 shots v B Beardsmore 16 shots	Rink 3. Bryan Jones, Kettering Lodge Skene McInnes, St Crispin Don Smith, Abington Mike King, Wellingborough 29 shots v G Molds 10 shots
Rink 4. Pat Donohue, Kingsthorpe Ron Everson-Watts, Kingsthorpe John Harrison, Kingsthorpe Colin Jones, Kingsthorpe 19 shots v B Smith 16 shots	Rink 5. David Moore, Wootton Grange Alan Byrnes, N'ton Whyte Melville Peter Byworth, Wellingborough Tracy Nunn, Corby Forest 24 shots v B Brown 17 shots	Rink 6. Stuart Lake, Wellingborough Geoff Simmons, Wellingborough Geoff Harris, Higham Ferrers Terry James, Thrapston 29 shots v Jim Watson 14 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus THE IMPS BA 4.8.09. – RESULT

Northamptonshire men entertained The Imps BA at Irchester BC on Tuesday, 4th August, 2009, and although sharing rink wins, the County came out easy winners by 32 shots, thanks in the main to a big win on one of the rinks. The Imps sang the first verse of their anthem before the match and had high expectations that following a win they would be able to sing the second verse, but the County men were spared that by their win. Final score was Northamptonshire 131 shots – The Imps 99 shots. Rink scores, Imps skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Peter Court, Brackley Brian Robbins, Daventry Tigers Neville Bodily, N'ton Whyte Melville Brian Jones, Heyford 16 shots v G Sweet 17 shots	Rink 2. Skene McInnes, St Crispin Bill Russell, Bugbrooke Peter Mercer, West Haddon Robin Frost, Bugbrooke 21 shots v G Willmott 17 shots	Rink 3. Ernie Earp, N'ton Whyte Melville Bill Foster, Daventry Tigers Frank Craven, N'ton Whyte Melville Tracy Nunn, Corby Forest 34 shots v J Scholey 11 shots
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Rink 4.

Peter Woodhams, Irchester
 John Scudder, Daventry Tigers
 Mick Burns, Stewarts & Lloyds
 Norman Gibb, Stewarts & Lloyds
 19 shots v T James 21 shots

Rink 5.

Jim Diver, Desborough
 Malcolm O'Hanlon, Irchester
 Malcolm Foster, Daventry Tigers
 Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton
 22 shots v J Church 10 shots

Rink 6.

Peter Clues, Heyford
 Bill Stratford, Kingsthorpe
 Paul Cooke, Carlsberg
 Ian Watts, West Haddon
 19 shots v G Smith 23 shots

RUSHDEN & DISTRICT TIPLER TRIPLES LEAGUE

As reported last week the 'A' Division winners of the Rushden & District Ernie Tipler Triples League were Rushden BC 'A' team with a 10% winning record. The winners received their trophy from former Mayor of Rushden Councillor Tony Helsdown, at the Tipler Trophy Presentation evening held on the 3rd August, 2009.

(Attached is a photograph of the winning Rushden 'A' team – photograph 019 left to right Barry Bonham, John Lewis, Mick Corbyn, Mick Malins, John Streather, Roy Cave (Capt), Barry Waterfield, Terry Rice, Jack Tobin)

The 'B' Division of the Rushden and District Ernie Tipler Triples League was concluded on Tuesday, 4th August, 2009, resulting in Rushden BC 's' 'B' team securing the Division Title with 37 points, with Higham Ferrers 'D' team being runners-up on 32 points. They were presented with the trophy by the Chairman of the League Charles Watts, on Wednesday, 5th August, at the Tipler Trophy presentation evening

(Attached is a photograph of the winning Rushden 'B' Team (names not available) – photograph 016)

RUSHDEN & DISTRICT TRIPLER TROPHY MATCHES 3.8.09. & 5.8.09. – RESULT

Rushden & District Ernie Tipler Triples League held its 'Tipler Trophy' competitions on Monday, 3rd August, for the 'A' Division and Wednesday, 5th August for the 'B' Division.

This competition is for individual triples which make up the various Club teams, and they play a type of 'round robin' on one of the allocated greens, making 6 sessions of 3 ends each, totalling 18 ends played in the evening, with the triple scoring the highest shots advantage being declared the winner.

The 'A' Division winning Triple was the Irchester BC trio of Ann Stewart/John Patchett/Steve Villiers, who had a shots advantage of 31 shots, from the runners-up of Higham Ferrers, Lesley Watts/Simone Evans/Steve Norman, with an advantage of 24 shots. Trophies were presented by former Mayor of Rushden, Councillor Tony Helsdown.

(Attached is a photograph of the winning Triple – photograph 017 left to right Councillor Tony Helsdown, Steve Villiers, Ann Stewart, John Patchett, with Tipler Trophy Secretary Jack Litchfield in the background)

The 'B' Division winning Triple was that of the Mazda team comprising Robin Parker/Jim Clark/Eric Norton, with the RAFA team of George Puddephatt/Vic Borrett/Martin Keech being runners-up.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION A.G.M. 4.8.09.

The Annual General Meeting of Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association was held on Tuesday, 4th August, 2009, at Rushden Town BC.

Retiring President Eddie Pinder, Daventry IBC, reflected on his year in office and despite initially being uncertain about taking on the role, he had had a most enjoyable year, the highlight for him being the winning of the National Over 60's League.

The new President for the forthcoming year was inducted, Mick Pullen of Rushden IBC, and he informed the meeting that it was an honour to be elected to the office and that he would do all in his power to uphold the traditions and good name of the Association. **(Attached is a photograph (004) of Mick Pullen)**

Keith Howlett, Desborough IBC was elected Senior Vice President, Brian Sherwood continuing as Secretary.

It was reported that currently there is no nomination for the post of Junior Vice-President, and it was requested that Clubs be asked to give this post some publicity with a view to securing a nomination. Anyone interested to contact Brish Sherwood for further details.

Senior Team Manager John Haines was re-appointed and Under 25 Team manager Graham Southgate likewise.

All other office-holders were elected en bloc to continue in their role.

LADIES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT LEAMINGTON SPA – LATEST RESULTS OF INTEREST ACROSS THE COUNTY.

PAIRS

1st Round: Yvonne McKee/Barbara Astle, Kingsthorpe were defeated by Marion Cairns/Norma Craig, Blyth Park LBC, Northumberland, 15-17. This could have been reversed had Barbara's last bowl trailed the jack instead of just missing in a valiant attempt.

The pair of Alkison Dring/Pat Gayton, Swanspool BC, Wellingborough, fared better in this first Round, beating Ann Foxton/Gwen Williams, Bury Lodge BC, Middlesex by the narrowest margin 24-23 shots, after having to play an extra end.

2nd Round: The Swanspool pair continued their winning ways with a massive win against Jayne Carrington-Smith/Jenny Bargh, Hunstanton BC Norfolk, 30 shots to 3, to take them into the last 16.

3rd Round: Dring and Gayton met Emma Thurston and International Pat Reynolds, Whittlesey Manor, Huntingdonshire, in the 3rd round and were defeated 11-20. Reynolds is also in the frame for Commonwealth Games honours for the English Ladies Team.

This successful venture at the Ladies National Championships was the first time in the history of Swanspool Ladies that 2 players have played in the National Championships.

SINGLES

Preliminary Round: Margaret Watts, Desborough, failed to proceed further when defeated by Julie Saunders, Poole Park, Dorset 21-15.

1st Round: Pat Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville BC, lost to Margaret Crawford, Greenhill BC, Dorset 18-21.

OVER 55 PAIRS

Preliminary Round: Christine Eustace/Carol Jacobs, Roade BC lost to Janice Wilkinson/Jane Baxter-Codrington, Mansfield BC, Nottinghamshire 15-17

UNDER 25 PAIRS

1st Round: Ann-Marie Gearey (Roade) & Michelle Tansley (Kingsthorpe) beat Kelly McCarthy (Camberley) And Chantelle Bedward (Sutton) in the County of Surrey 19-13

Quarter Final: Gearey/Tansley beat Michelle Keeley (Eastbourne) & current England International Lorraine Kuhler (Preston) in the County of Sussex 24-11 to proceed into the Semi-Finals.

Semi-Final: In the semi-finals the County girls came up against Helen Slimm (Avenue BC) and Jamie Lea-Winch, Bilton BC, Warwickshire. Miss Winch is not only a current international, but was last Year's Under 25 Champion, and was voted the Times Young Woman Bowler of the Year. This semi-final went the way of the Warwickshire pair 24-16.

MIXED NATIONAL COMPETITIONS, OF INTEREST ACROSS THE COUNTY

MIXED PAIRS

4th Round: Tina and Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat Alison Dring, Swanspool & Walt Winsor, Wellingborough.

Yvonne McKee and Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe beat Janet & Alan Ashby, Northampton West End, 23-6.

5th Round: The Brodericks played McKee and Gearey, , at Wellingborough BC on Saturday, 8th August, 2009, and the match went Kingsthorpe's way. They now play in the Regional Finals to be held at Norgren BC, Warwickshire on the 6th September, 2009.

GENTLEMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WORTHING – LATEST RESULTS

UNDER 25 SINGLES

1st Round: The first round was held at Beach House Park, Worthing on Saturday, 8th August, 2009, with both County qualifiers playing.
Jamie Walker, Northampton West End was up against Phillip Molloy, Hertfordshire, and he was not on his best form, losing 15-21.

The County winner, Dominic Graham, Northampton Express fared much better, and in his first Round match he comfortably beat Chris Cleaver, City of London BC, Middlesex, 21-11/

2nd Round: Graham continued his successful campaign by playing very well against Ashley Clipstone, Derby West End BC to take the match 21-15.

3rd Round: In his 3rd match of the day Dominic played some superb shots in a fine exhibition of singles play to take himself into the Quarter Finals winning 21-5.

Quarter Final: Dominic's Quarter Final opponent was Jamie Chestney, Hunstanton BC, Norfolk, and as expected Dominic would be severely tested as Jamie is a current International player, both Junior and Senior, and one of the country's finest all round bowlers.
What a match transpired – after a rather slow start when Chestney went into an 11-3 score lead Dominic upped his game, taking two successive counts of 4 shots to draw level and it was very close right to the end with both players having an opportunity to take the match with their last bowl. With the score at 20-19 in favour of the Norfolk player who was holding a match winning lie, Dominic so nearly took the match with his last bowl being a whisker away from turning the jack to two of his bowls. So Chestney took the match 21-19 and was mightily relieved to do so.

It may be some compensation to Dominic to reflect that Chestney then went on to win the Championship without having such a close fight on his hands in either the Semi-Final or Final.

Well done to Dominic. (**Attached is a photograph (006) of Dominic at the Championships**)

CLUB NEWSAROUND THE COUNTY

NORTH AREA – MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO READERS OF EVENING TELEGRAPH

BURTON LATIMER BC.

Fixtures:

15.8.09. Members visit Kislingbury BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
16.8.09. The Club holds its 'Senior Citizens' day

CORBY FOREST BC.

Fixtures:

- 13.8.09. Members visit Kettering Lodge for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.8.09. Kettering Lodge BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.8.09. Members visit Desborough for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.8.09. Members visit St Crispin BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.8.09. Chelmsford BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

- 13.8.09. Wellingborough OG's BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.8.09. Kettering Lodge BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 18.8.09. The Ladies play the 'Nocice Cup' competition at 9.30 a.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

- 13.8.09. Members visit Stewarts & Lloyds BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.8.09. Hart of Fleckney BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.8.09. Members visit Wellingborough OG's for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS BC

Fixtures:

- 14.8.09. Members visit Stewarts & Lloyds for a County League match at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.8.09. Northampton Whyte Melville BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.8.09. Members visit Raunds Conservatives BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 18.8.09. Members visit Irchester BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

IRCHESTER BC

Fixtures:

- 15.8.09. Finedon Town BC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
- 15.8.09. Members visit Burton Latimer BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.8.09. Stanwick BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 18.8.09. Higham Ferrers BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixture:

- 15.8.09. Members visit Cogenhoe BC for a match at 2.30 p.m.

ISE BC

Fixtures:

- 12.8.09. Woodsend BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 13.8.09. Desborough Town BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.8.09. Members visit Islip BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING ATHLETIC BC

Fixture:

- 15.8.09. Swanspool BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

- 13.8.09. Corby Forest BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.8.09. Members visit Earls Barton BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.8.09. Members visit Corby Forest BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 18.8.09. Chelmsford BC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.

ROTHWELL CONSERVATIVES BC

Fixtures:

- 13.8.09. Members visit Cor by Grampian BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.8.09. Members visit Thrapston BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixtures:

- 13.8.09. Members visit Medbourne BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 16.8.09. The Ladies play the Joan Buckby Triples

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 13.8.09. Members visit Kingsthorpe BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 15.8.09. Northampton West End BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.8.09. Wellingborough BC visits for a County League match at 10.30 a.m.
- 17.8.09. Wellingborough BC visits for the ladies 'Nene Trophy' at 2.30 p.m.

STANWICK BC

Fixtures:

- 13.8.09. Raunds Conservatives BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 16.8.09. Members visit Irchester BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC

Fixtures:

- 13.8.09. Geddington & Newton BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 14.8.09. Higham Ferrers BC visits for a County League match at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.8.09. Midland Band BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.8.09. Members visit Buckden BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC

Fixtures:

- 15.8.09. Rothwell Conservatives BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 18.8.09. Kettering Park BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

- 16.8.09. Members visit Rushden Town BC for a County League match at 10.30 a.m.
- 17.8.09. Members visit Rushden Town BC for the ladies Rushden Cup
- 17.8.09. The Club hosts a Northants Police versus Lincs/Leics/Notts Police match at 2.0 p.m.

CLUB NEWS FROM CLUBS IN THE SOUTH AREA OF THE COUNTY WILL BE HELD OVER UNTIL MY NEXT PRESS REPORT.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John G. Church', with several overlapping loops and a horizontal line at the end.

John G. Church, MBE – Northamptonshire Bowls Press Officer