

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BA – MIDDLETON CUP versus CAMBRIDGESHIRE 31.5.08. – RESULT

The first National Inter County Middleton Cup match of the season for our County's group was played at Chesterton BC, Cambridge, on Saturday, 31st May, 2008. Following the substantial win of the previous week in the Midland Counties Championship against Lincolnshire, the players and officials of the County were in very confident mood for this match which was played in warm sunny conditions on a green which had been subjected to a lot of heavy rain in the preceding 48 hours, the result of which was a slower pace than expected.

Three debutant Middleton Cup players were awarded their Middleton Cup Badge and Flash - 16 year old Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC; Callum Height, 17 years, of Thrapston BC; and Ray Castle of Northampton Express BC. Ray had played Middleton Cup for Middlesex prior to moving to the County.

The match started disastrously for the County, dropping 7 shots on the very first end with just 1 shot in reply, and matters did not improve until after 8 ends of the match when the County was adrift by 12 shots, but in the 9th end across the green, with the assistance of a count of 6 on Jim McKee's rink when he played a 'take out' shot, the deficit was reduced to just 5 shots with the hope of the supporters on the bank that this would be the recovery the County needed.

Cambridgeshire, however, were not about to be turned over and during the next few ends they re-established a relatively comfortable lead of between 10 and 15 shots right through until a very late surge by the Northants players with just 5 ends to go saw the scores levelled. That surge could not be maintained, however, and despite the best efforts of the last 2 rinks in play to win the match, including Sam Wade killing an end, it was not to be and Cambridgeshire took victory by 6 shots. Northamptonshire had two winning rinks and one drawn. A very disappointed team manager, John Church, said that on the day the Cambridgeshire team played the green just a little better and deserved the win.

Final score was Northamptonshire 105 shots – Cambridgeshire 111 shots. (5 pts – 17 pts.) Final rinks scores, Cambs skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Peter Ward
Ray Castle
Darren Childs
Jim McKee v A Nightingale
16 shots 28 shots

Rink 2.

Jamie Walker
Alan Ashby
John Freeman
Vernon Gearey v S Jacobs
14 shots 19 shots

Rink 3.

Callum Height
Mick Malins
Roger Tansley
Neil Corbyn v H Wilmot
21 shots 13 shots

Rink 4.

Neil Rees
Richard Mann
Mick Diggin
Phil Reeve v D Lewis
25 shots 13 shots

Rink 5.

Richard Lemon
Jonathan Brown
Andrew Hunter
Sam Wade v P Human
12 shots 21 shots

Rink 6.

Alun Withers
Colin Fowkes
Chris Bland
John Haines v I Miller
17 shots 17 shots

NORTHAMPTON WOMEN'S CBA – JOHNS TROPHY – SELECTED TEAM

The following Ladies have been selected to represent the Jackson Grundy Northampton Women's County Bowling Association in the National Inter-County Johns Trophy match versus Leicestershire Ladies to be played at Wolvey BC, Nr Hinckley, Leics., LE10 3LD on Tuesday, 10th, June, 2008, commencing at 1.30 p.m.:

Rink 1.

Eileen West, Rushden
Ann Lissack, Burton Latimer
Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe
Pam Lewis, Rushden

Rink 2.

Karen Leveridge, Irchester
Jill Welch, Daventry Town
Wilma Walker, Corby Forest
Jackie Harrington, Brackley

Rink 3.

Jackie Grainge, Brackley
Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe
Jean Pownall-Davies, Daventry Town
Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe

Rink 4.

Vicki Rushall, Daventry Town
Anne-Marie Gearey, PSL Roade
Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe
Brenda Bishop, Daventry Town

Rink 5.

Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough
May Wiggins, Corby Forest
Margaret Cave, Rushden
Jan Bradley, Daventry Town

Rink 6.

Margaret Watts, Desborough
Cynthia Cherry, Kingsthorpe
Val Betts, Higham Ferrers
Barbara Hasledine, Finedon

Travelling Reserves:

Mary Forrester, Kettering Lodge

Eleanor Winters, Corby Forest

Non-travelling Reserves:

Doreen Bedford, Finedon

Barbara Astle, Kingsthorpe

Supporters are very welcome, and they can be assured of a very good game of bowls.

NORTHAMPTON WOMEN'S COUNTY BA VERSUS WORCESTERSHIRE WOMEN'S BA – RESULT

The Ladies representing the County were in fine form after a long coach journey to take a 44 shot victory in their friendly match against Worcestershire Ladies played at Gilt Edge BC, Kidderminster, on Thursday, 29th May, 2008. It was particularly pleasing to win as victory has eluded the ladies against Worcestershire away for a number of years. The final score was Northamptonshire 132 shots – Worcestershire 88 shots. Rink scores, Worcs skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Brenice Willmott
Eleanor Winters
Joan Bryan
Audrey Height v A Case
13 shots 17 shots

Rink 2.

Margaret Watts
Jane Swift
Hilda Lack
Val Betts v G Lloyd
33 shots 8 shots

Rink 3.

Sue Fincham
Annette Norris
Eileen Stubbs
Brenda Bishop v S Hemming
20 shots 19 shots

Rink 4.

Eileen West
Pat Gayton
Beverley Manning
Pam Lewis v D Bawn
26 shots 8 shots

Rink 5.

Barbara Oliver
May Wiggins
Margaret Cave
Jan Bradley v G Cliff
14 shots 14 shots

Rink 6.

Jackie Grainge
Jill Welch
Wilma Walker
Jackie Harrington v C Grieg
26 shots 22 shots

NORTHAMPTON WOMEN'S COUNTY BA versus RUSHDEN LADIES 1.8.08. – RESULT.

The Ladies of the Northampton Women's County BA visited Rushden Town BC to play a match against the Ladies as part of the celebration of 50 years of Rushden BC Ladies Section formation, and after a very close match the County ladies came out on top with a victory by 7 shots. Final score NWCBA 99 shots – Rushden Ladies 92 shots. Rink scores, Rushden skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Brenice Willmott
Barbara Rylott
Pat Symonds
Joan Bryan v Audrey Height
17 shots 26 shots

Rink 2.

Margaret Ruff
Ann Lissack
Rhona Holland
Bev Manning v Margaret Cave
33 shots 17 shots

Rink 3.

I Simpson
L Allen
J Garrett
Rita Bell v Gill Ward
19 shots 16 shots

Rink 4.
 Jan Hunt
 V Maycock
 Jean Frisby
 Christine Barlow v Pam Lewis
 17 shots 17 shots

Rink 5.
 S Smart
 Alison Dring
 Pat Gayton v Norma Fentiman
 13 shots 16 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BA versus DEVON TOURISTS 27.5.08. – RESULT

Devon County Bowling Association visited Northamptonshire whilst on their Annual Tour, and played the County at Abington BC, on Tuesday, 27th May, 2008, resulting in a relatively comfortable win by 24 shots. The final score was Northamptonshire 132 shots – Devon 108 shots. Rink scores, Devon skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.
 G Thomas
 P Mercer
 R Frost
 G Harris v P Moon
 25 shots 20 shots

Rink 2.
 D Roberts
 A Mann
 D Harris
 M Taylor v D Tucker
 28 shots 11 shots

Rink 3.
 M Tait
 D Garland
 G Vincent
 A O’Leary v A Heard
 27 shots 11 shots

Rink 4.
 P Wright
 S Cadd
 H Fruish, President
 J Freeman v A Mann
 21 shots 16 shots

Rink 5.
 S McInnes
 D Orcherton
 D Smith
 R Jones v S Broom
 15 shots 30 shots

Rink 6.
 W Stratford
 W Stoddard
 D Inwood
 P Kneeshaw v M Osbourne
 16 shots 20 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

THE ‘BRUCE RAINES’ TROPHY COMPETITION.

The Northamptonshire Honorary Vice-Presidents Bowling Association holds its ‘Bruce Raines Trophy’ competition at Irchester BC on Sunday, 20th July, 2008, commencing at 2.0 p.m. and is seeking 4 more rinks of players. This competition was first played in 1983 and was originally for male players with rinks drawn at random, but it is now for mixed gender rinks, entered as a rink.

Play is in 3 sessions of 7 ends each, and the cost, which includes a meal afterwards, is £26 per rink.

The organiser is Colin Wright, VP’s Competition Secretary, and anyone wishing to enter a rink is asked to get in touch with him at 119 Lutterworth Road, Northampton, Tel 01604 633601.

MATCH VERSUS MIDDLESEX VICE-PRESIDENTS 1.6.08. AT HARPOLE BC - RESULT

The County VP’s had a very good win against their counterparts from Middlesex in a friendly match played at Harpole BC on Sunday, 1st June, 2008, winning by 24 shots. The final score was Northants VP’s 128 shots – Middlesex VP’s 104. Rink scores, Middlesex skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.
 John Watson
 Ken Bonsor
 Sid Nixon
 Ron Chambers v R Gilbert
 16 shots 25 shots

Rink 2.
 Barry Adair
 Jack Brown
 Tony Buckmaster
 Fred Wakefield v M Zollo
 21 shots 18 shots

Rink 3.
 Percy Griffiths
 Mick Pullen
 Brian Sherwood
 Michael Moulton v K Wilson
 15 shots 13 shots

Rink 4.
 Bob Tingle
 Harry Bell
 Tony Essam
 Roy Cave v P Lane
 29 shots 13 shots

Rink 5.
 Peter Byworth
 Geoff Care
 Richard Holland
 Ollie Pearson v R Peters
 29 shots 15 shots

Rink 6.
 Peter Barritt
 Ken Friend
 Dave Williamson
 Colin Incles v E Prior
 18 shots 20 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BA VERSUS ESSEX BA IN THE NATIONAL COUNTY DOUBLE RINK

The following two rinks will play against Essex BA in the 1st Round of the National Inter County Top Two Four competition at Wellingborough BC on Sunday, 8th June, 2008, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

Rink 1.

Neil Rees
Phil Reeve
Vernon Gearey
Paul Broderick

Rink 2.

Richard Lemon
Chris Bland
Roger Tansley
Neil Corbyn

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES 'WALKER CUP' DOUBLE RINK MATCH 5.6.08. SELECTED TEAM

The following Ladies have been selected to represent the Jackson Grundy Northampton Women's County BA in the National Inter-County Double Rink 'Walker Trophy' match against Cambridgeshire Ladies to be played at Whittlesey Manor BC, Manor Leisure Centre, Station Road, Whittlesey, Nr Peterborough, PE7 1UA, on Thursday, 5th June, 2008, at 1.30 p.m.

Rink 1.

Margaret Cave, Rushden Town
Pam Lewis, Rushden Town
Jan Bradley, Daventry Town
Brenda Bishop, Daventry Town

Rink 2.

Jill Welch, Daventry Town
Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe
Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe
Jackie Harrington, Brackley

Travelling Reserve: Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe

Supporters are very welcome.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES FRIENDLY MATCH versus OXON LADIES 4.6.08 – SELECTED TEAM

The following Ladies have been selected to represent Jackson Grundy Northampton Women's County BA in a friendly match against Oxon Ladies, to be played at Abington BC, Northampton, on Wednesday, 4th June, 2008, at 1.30 p.m.

Rink 1.

Vicki Rushall, Daventry Town
Sylvia Brown, Abbey Park Ladies
Rhona Holland, Daventry Town
Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe

Rink 2.

Jan Hunt, Irchester
Terri Hepburn, Kingsthorpe
Barbara Astle, Kingsthorpe
Val Betts, Higham Ferrers

Rink 3.

Doreen Bedford, Finedon
Sue Prior, Brackley
Rita Bell, Kettering Athletic
Barbara Hasledine, Finedon

Rink 4.

Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe
Sue Lomas, Desborough
Pat Symonds, Daventry Town
Chris Turner, Higham Ferrers

Rink 5.

Alison Dring, Swanspool
Chris Cooper, Burton Latimer
Margaret Cave, Rushden
Bev Manning, Kislingbury

Rink 6.

Margaret Ruff, St. Crispin
Pat Gayton, Swanspool
Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe
Gill Letts, Finedon

Travelling Reserves: Ann Davey, Corby Forest Irene Cross, Abbey Park Pat Coles, Geddington
Non-travelling Reserve: Val Blackwell, Rushden Town

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN'S FRIENDLY MATCH versus WARWICKS 5.6.08. – SELECTED TEAM

The following have been selected to represent Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire BA in a friendly match against Warwickshire BA to be played at Grange BC, Rugby, CV21 3UE, on Thursday, 5th June, 2008, at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.

Mike Jackson, Kislingbury
Hugh Taylor, Heyford
Geoff Vincent, Bugbrooke
Richard Somerton, Executive

Rink 2.

Stuart Lake, Co Treasurer
I Malcolm Tait, McAlpine
Tracy Nunn, Jun Vice President
Laurie Harrison, Co Secretary

Rink 3.

Peter Court, Brackley
Mick Pullen, Irchester
Walter Stoddard, St Crispin
George Willmott, Comps Secretary

Rink 4.
Peter Woodhams, Irchester
Peter Clues, Heyford
Keith Buckle, Brackley
Geoff Hunt, Match Secretary

Rink 5.
Skene McInnes, St Crispin
Graham Fruish, Abington
Harvey Fruish, President
Brian Jones, Heyford

Rink 6.
Bill Roberts, Abington
Trevor Tilley, Irchester
Peter Kneeshaw, Abington
Mike King, Sen Vice President

(Reserves not yet advised)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN'S FRIENDLY MATCH versus OXON 10th JUNE, 2008 – SELECTED TEAM

The following gentlemen have been selected to represent the Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire BA in a friendly match against Oxon on Tuesday, 10th June, 2008, to be played at Brackley BC, at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.
Home
Rink
From
Brackley BC

Rink 2.
Bob Somerville, West Haddon
Eric Wareing, Daventry & Dist.
David Thurlow, Wellingborough
John Church, Press Officer

Rink 3.
Alan Jones, West End
Robin Frost, Bugbrooke
Harvey Fruish, President
Terry James, Executive

Rink 4.
Bob Barnard, Wellingborough
Bill Russell, Bugbrooke
George Willmott, Comp Secretary
Richard Somerton, Executive

Rink 5.
Stuart Lake, Co Treasurer
Gordon Morris, West End
Ken Court, Executive
Geoff Hunt, Match Secretary

Rink 6.
John Ruff, Executive
Peter Byworth, Wellingborough
Laurie Harrison, Co Secretary
Mike King, Sen Vice President

Travelling Reserves: Alan Byrnes, Whyte Melville Skene McInnes, St. Crispin
Non-travelling Reserves: Mike Jackson, Kislingbury Walter Stoddard, St Crispin

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN'S COUNTY TOUR TO NORFOLK – RESULTS

A party of 33 bowlers of Northamptonshire Bowling Association, including 11 Past Presidents, and this year's Senior Vice-President Mike King, Wellingborough, and the Junior Vice-President Tracy Nunn, Corby Forest, travelled to Norfolk for the Annual County Tour.

11 of the County's Clubs were represented, and in the absence of this year's President, the 5 longest serving Past Presidents each captained a match. The party was based at Great Yarmouth, and although the first day's weather was appalling, with very high winds, rain, and very cold for bowling, the week got progressively better with the last match being played in ideal conditions of bright sunny weather.

The tour was very successful, losing just one match of five, and the overall highest aggregate scores were achieved by Martin Horsham, Brackley BC, who received a prize as 'Man of the Tour' Match Details as follows, with opposing skips only named:

Monday 26th May, 2008 – versus Great Yarmouth BC Won 152 shots – 133 shots

Captain for the Day: Terry James

Rink 1.
Mick Hall
Tony Fairmaner
Keith Johnson
Richard Somerton
12 v L Albone 19

Rink 2.
Martin Horsham
Ken Meakin
Bill Humphries
John Church
36 v T Hatchett 5

Rink 3.
Stuart Lake
Malcolm Foster
Ken Chapman
George Willmott
12 v P Parsons 27

Rink 4.
John Ruff
Eric Walkington
Ian Watts
Tracy Nunn
25 v T Seabourne 10

Rink 5.
John Waller
Roger Baxter
Mossie Waters
Roy Cave
10 v B Drake 29

Rink 6.
Gordon Morris
Ian Dunn
Mike King
Terry James
37 v B Warnes 14

Rink 7.
Bryan Jones
Ernie Earp
Roger Pain
Mick Malins
19 v K Dixon 29

Tuesday, 27th May, 2008 – versus County Arts BC, Norwich Won 153 shots – 135 shots

Captain for the Day: Mike King

Rink 1.
John Waller
Stuart Lake
Roger Baxter
Mick Malins
22 v M Clemin 19

Rink 2.
Martin Horsham
Keith Johnson
Bill Humphries
Tony Weston
37 v A Gray 14

Rink 3.
John Ruff
Ian Dunn
Mossie Waters
Ken Court
22 v W Brookes 18

Rink 4.
Mick Hall
Tony Fairmaner
Malcolm Foster
Mike King
10 v J Smith 25

Rink 5
Peter Court
Ken Chapman
Terry James
Geoff Hunt
17 v T Jermy 20

Rink 6.
Bryan Jones
Roger Pain
George Willmott
Tracy Nunn
21 v S Want 18

Rink 7.
Ken Meakin
Eric Walkington
Ian Watts
Keith Forbes
24 v M Gill 21

Wednesday, 28th May, 2008 - versus Watton BC Won 180 shots – 110 shots

Captain for the Day: Keith Johnson

Rink 1.
Stuart Lake
Martin Horsham
Geoff Hunt
Terry James
33 v J Hunter 13

Rink 2.
Peter Court
Eric Walkington
Keith Johnson
Keith Forbes
30 v H Moulton 13

Rink 3.
Mick Hall
Ian Dunn
Roger Pain
Tony Weston
25 v T Crackett 14

Rink 4.
Gordon Morris
Ernie Earp
Ian Watts
Richard Somerton
23 v A Copson 6

Rink 5.
John Waller
Roger Baxter
Mick Malins
John Church
22 v M Hodges

Rink 6.
Bryan Jones
Tracy Nunn
Malcolm Foster
Mossie Waters
27 v R Stagg 17

Rink 7.
Ken Meakin
Tony Fairmaner
Ken Chapman
Ken Court
20 v R Mikulik 21

Thursday, 29th May, 2008 – versus Norfolk County BA Won 118 shots – 108 shots

Captain for the Day: Ken Court

Rink 1.
Peter Court
Keith Johnson
Mike King
Tony Weston v Bill Windsor
16 shots 17 shots

Rink 2.
John Ruff
George Willmott
Richard Somerton
John Church v Walter Pattee
28 shots 13 shots

Rink 3.
Gordon Morris
Martin Horsham
Ken Court
Mick Malins v Malcom Nicholson
14 shots 22 shots

Rink 4.

Bryan Jones
 Ian Watts
 Mossie Waters
 Geoff Hunt v Bill Brookes
 20 shots 17 shots

Rink 5.

Stuart Lake
 Roger Pain
 Keith Forbes
 Tracy Nunn v Roger Greef
 21 shots 23 shots

Rink 6.

Malcolm Foster
 Tony Fairmaner
 Roy Cave
 Terry James v Terry Cocks
 19 shots 16 shots

Friday, 30th May, 2008 – versus Wymondham Dell BC Lost 103 shots – 119 shots**Captain for the Day: John Church****Rink 1.**

John Ruff
 Ian Dunn
 Ken Court
 Tony Weston v D Barker
 16 shots 19 shots

Rink 2.

Martin Horsham
 Eric Walkington
 Keith Forbes
 Geoff Hunt v O Robinson
 20 shots 16 shots

Rink 3.

Gordon Morris
 John Waller
 Roger Pain
 Roy Cave v T Kelly
 22 shots 21 shots

Rink 4.

Ernie Earp
 Ken Chapman
 Tracy Nunn
 Terry James v M Flatman
 19 shots 16 shots

Rink 5.

Mick Hall
 Roger Baxter
 Richard Somerton
 John Church v M Cushing
 20 shots 10 shots

Rink 6.

Peter Court
 Ken Meakin
 George Willmott
 Mike King v D Richmond
 6 shots 37 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S versus NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 1.6.08. – RESULT

The young players representing the County Under 25's took on Nottinghamshire away as their first opponents in the defence of the Midland Counties 'Ron Barston' trophy won last year. This is the County which, for the Team Manager of the last 5 years Martin Cinato, has not been beaten by his team. He was therefore delighted that his young players took the match to Notts from the start, being 12 shots up at 5 ends, and not letting their opponents get back at them, finally winning by 27 shots. With three winning rinks and 2 losing the points tally was 18 to the County and 4 to Notts. The final score was Northamptonshire 118 shots – Nottinghamshire 91 shots. Rink scores, Notts skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Matt Wordingham
 Anne-Marie Gearey
 Jack Tobin
 Michael Chester v J Wheatley
 33 shots 8 shots

Rink 2.

Rebecca Wigfield
 Adam Brown
 Shaun Marriott
 Jamie Walker v S Carlton
 27 shots 14 shots

Rink 3.

Connor Cinato
 Robbie Gearey
 Chris Wright
 Matt Pownall v M Skinner
 22 shots 14 shots

Rink 4.

Curtis Johnson
 Jasmin Spear
 Adrian Harris
 Dominic Graham v B Powell
 15 shots 31 shots

Rink 5.

Victoria Stevenson
 Aaron Bell
 Ashley Linnell
 Richard Lemon v P Riordan
 21 shots 24 shots

This match has set them up for their next Midland Counties Championship match against Leicestershire to be played at Abington BC, Northampton, at 2.0 p.m. on Sunday, 8th June, 2008. The following have been selected for this match:

Richard Lemon (Capt), Adrian Harris, Emma Gray, Michael Chester, Dominic Graham, Ann-Marie Gearey, Ashley Linnell, Adam brown, Chris Gray, Robbie Gearey, Rebecca Wigfield, Aaron Bell, Victoria Stevenson, Matt Pownall, Chris Wright, Jack Tobin, Shaun Marriott, Callum Height, Matt Wordingham, Jamie Walker, Sam Gamble, Curtis Johnson, Jasmin Spear, Connor Cinato.

COMPETITIONS – NATIONAL AND COUNTY LATEST RESULTS.

NORTH AREA (MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO EVENING TELEGRAPH READERS)

LADIES.

- Over 55 Singles National** Margaret Watts, Desborough beat Anne Batts, Wellingborough 21-6
- Over 55 Pairs National** Eleanor Winters, Corby Forest beat Jan Hunt, Irchester 19-17
Barbara Haseldine, Finedon beat Pat Gayton, Swanspool 29-12
Pam Holdaway, Irchester beat Janet Childs, Wellingborough 22-15
- Top Club National** Higham Ferrers beat Irchester 3-1
Wellingborough beat Corby Forest 3-1
Kislingbury beat Geddington & Newton 3-1
Kettering Midland Band beat Corby Forest 4-1 details as follows, Band Club first:
2 wood singles – Mark Turner beat A Harper 16-11
4 wood singles - Martin Cinato beat Terry Gallagher 21-12
Pairs – Rob Vowles/Denis Mole beat A Rudge/Paul Melville 22-16
Triples – Dave Keller/Connor Cinato/Dick Cole beat K Patten/R Ward/Scott Melville 10-9 after 10 ends played.
Fours – Colin Tebbutt/Tom Ashley/Ian Gilham/Jim Hickman lost to D Collins/J Still/J Watts/Jim Scott 15-20

GENTLEMEN

- Over 55 Singles National** John Haines, Desborough beat James Butts, Earls Barton 21-12
- Over 55 Pairs National** Dennis Morson, Irthlingborough CI beat Dave Stewart, Irchester
Graham Reynolds, Wellingborough beat Richard Sharpe, Irchester 32-13
Alan Jeyes, Earls Barton beat Colin Tebbutt, Kettering Midland Band 25-17
Roy Allen, Irchester beat Clive Greenaway, Desborough 20-18
Norman Gibb, Corby S & L beat Sal Pepe, Desborough 17-14
David Haseldine, Kettering Conservatives beat John Haines, Desborough
- Double Rinks** Earls Barton BC beat Irchester BC

MIXED

- Pairs - National** Mary Forrester, Kettering Lodge beat Alun Withers, Desborough 23-20
Roy Cave, Rushden beat Richard Watts, Desborough 23-13
Gordon Dring, Swanspool beat Darren Lyman, Wellingborough 26-14
Martin Cinato, Kettering Midland Band beat Graham Norman, Higham Ferrers 22-20
- Fours - National** Alun Withers, Desborough beat Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge 20-13

SOUTH AREA (MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO CHRONICLE & ECHO READERS)

LADIES.

- Over 55 Singles National** Barbara Oliver, Kislingbury beat Delia Panther, Kettering Lodge 21-13
Pauline Eagles, Kislingbury beat Christine Eustace, PSL Roade 21-20
Brenda Bishop, Daventry Town beat Jan Bradley, Daventry Town 21-10

Top Club Kislingbury beat Geddington & Newton 3-1
National Brackley beat Daventry Town 4-0

Mother/Daughter Anne-Marie & Sally Gearey, PSL Roade beat Michelle & Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe 22-13
National Marlene Court & Jackie Harrington given walk-over by Debbie Cadd, Abington

GENTLEMEN

Over 55 Singles David Cox, St Crispin beat Colin Brock, Woodford-cum-Membris 21-18
National Doug Mitchell, Daventry Town beat John Hodgkinson, Kislingbury 21-19
Brian Jones, Heyford beat Stuart Letts, Northampton West End 21-18

Over 55 Pairs David Cox, St Crispin beat Don Smith, Abington
National Tony Hancock, St Crispin beat Dave Fage, Abington
Terry Brown, Abington beat Colin Brock, Woodford-cum-Membris 23-18
Steve Jackson, Brackley beat Bernard Spreadbury 22-6
Dave Masters, St Crispin beat Brian Jones, Heyford 18-13
Ron Peacock, PSL Roade beat Doug Mitchell, Daventry Town

Double Rinks Abington beat Northampton West End 54-32
National Abington beat Sherwood Park, Birmingham
Correction: St Crispin 'A' beat PSL Roade 43-41 not Kingsthorpe as previously stated.

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Pairs – National Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe beat Mick Spear, West End 22-13

Fours – National Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe beat Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe 21-10

CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

NORTH AREA (MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO READERS OF EVENING TELEGRAPH)

Corby Forest BC

7.6.08. Kibworth BC, Leics visit for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Desborough Town BC

4.6.08. Club members visit Corby Forest for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

5.6.08. Rothwello Manor BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.

7.6.08. Members visit Whyte Melville for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

10.6.08. Members visit Cold Ashby BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.

Earls Barton BC

31.5.08. On a glorious afternoon at Oundle BC the Club beat the host Club 83 – 74 in a 5 rink match.

1.6.08. On a rather cold and overcast day the Club played Irchester BC in a mixed game at home and despite winning on three rinks the match ended all square on 62 shots each in a 4 rink match.

4.6.08. Northants Vice Presidents visit for a 6 triples match at 2.30 p.m.

5.6.08. Members visit Kettering Lodge BC for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.

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

8.6.08. The Club is holding a Skills/Coaching day commencing at 10.0 a.m.

Geddington & Newton BC

On Friday, 30th May, 2008, Geddington & Newton BC held a fun evening of bowls when over 60 people, including members, villagers, and friends, attended to enjoy the game. 16 mixed rinks played 16 ends of bowls, followed by a Hot Dog supper, and a most enjoyable evening was experienced by everyone. The next day the Club's 'Brian Cooke' Gala Trophy was played for by 14 Triples, and the winners were not only the trophy winning Triple of Janet Marshall, Pam Humphrey, and Bob Tingle, but also charity will benefit from the £85 raised by the event.

- 5.6.08. Kettering Athletic BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 7.6.08. Members visit Market Harborough BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.6.08. Members visit Harpole BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Higham Ferrers Town BC

- 5.6.08. Members visit Stanwick BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 7.6.08. Members visit Earls Barton BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 7.6.08. Finedon BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

Irchester BC

- 5.6.08. Swanspool BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 7.6.08. The Club holds its Ladies Gala Day
- 8.6.08. Wellingborough BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 10.6.08. Wellingborough BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

Ise BC

- 5.6.08. Members visit Islip BC for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 7.6.08. Islip BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Kettering Lodge BC

- 5.6.08. Rothwell Conservatives BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 5.6.08. Earls Barton BC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
- 7.6.08. Members visit St Crispin BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

McAlpine BC

- 7.6.08. Irthlingborough CI BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Rushden Town BC

- 5.6.08. Members visit Stony Stratford BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 7.6.08. Flitwick BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.6.08. Corby Grampian BC visits for a County League match at 10.30 a.m.

Stanwick BC

- 5.6.08. Higham Ferrers Town BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 7.6.08. Members visit Finedon BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.6.08. Members visit Cogenhoe BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Swanspool BC

- 5.6.08. Members visit Irchester for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 7.6.08. Raunds Conservatives BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.6.08. Members visit Golden Horse BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Wellingborough BC

- 5.6.08. Members visit Raunds Conservatives BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 5.6.08. Abington BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 7.6.08. The Grange BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 7.6.08. Members visit Luton BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 7.6.08. Abbey Park BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.6.08. The Club hosts the County Top Two Four match against Essex County at 10.30 a.m.
- 8.6.08. The Club hosts a match between the English Prison Service and the Fire Service at 2.0 p.m.

SOUTH AREA (MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO READERS OF THE CHRONICLE & ECHO)

Abington BC

- 4.6.08. The Club hosts the Ladies County match versus Oxon ladies at 1.30 p.m.
- 5.6.08. Members visit Wellingborough for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 5.6.08. Kislingbury BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 7.6.08. Corby Stewarts & Lloyds BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.6.08. The Club hosts the County Under 25's versus Leicestershire in the MCBA at 2.30 p.m.
- 9.6.08. The 'A' team visits Northampton Express in the Northampton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 9.6.08. The 'B' team is at home to Whyte Melville 'B' team in the Northampton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

Brackley BC

- 4.6.08. Banbury Central BC visits for a ladies match at 6.0 p.m.
- 10.6.08. The Club hosts a friendly between Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire at 2.0 p.m.

Cold Ashby BC

- 5.6.08. South Kilworth BC visits for a mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
- 8.6.08. The Club holds its Open Day from 1.30 p.m. with a wine and cheese lunch and an invitation to 'have a go'

Daventry Town BC

- 3.6.08. British Rail Ladies BC visits for a match.
- 6.6.08. The club is home to Kingsthorpe 'A' in the Triples League
- 7.6.08. Rugby Thornfield BC visits for a match.

Heyford BC

- 8.6.08. Daventry & District BC visits for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.
- 11.6.08. Bugbrooke BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

Northampton Express BC

- 7.6.08. Members visit Kingsthorpe for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 9.6.08. The 'A' team plays Abington 'A' at home in the Northampton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 9.6.08. The 'B' team plays Cold Ashby BC away in the Northampton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

Northampton West End BC

- 5.6.08. Members visit Kingsthorpe for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 7.6.08. Kislingbury BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 9.6.08. The 'A' team plays Kingsthorpe 'A' at home in the Northampton Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 9.6.08. The 'B' team plays Daventry & District BC away in the Northampton Triples League
- 10.6.08. Members visit Rushden Town BC for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.



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