

Hello Everyone,

An update as promised on the progress of County players in the National Indoor Championships at Northampton.

The Father and Son competition commenced on Monday evening, but the County area winners from Kingsthorpe IBC, Jim McKee with his current International son Neil McKee started their campaign on Tuesday morning with a very tough match against Peter Chestney and his current International son Jamie Chestney, from Pentney IBC, Kings Lynn. I was unable to watch this match but I am informed that both players, with Jim leading and Neil at skip, played superb bowls to overcome their opponents by 19 shots to 16 shots.

This win brought probably an even bigger challenge when they were to face the holders of the Father and Son title for the past 2 years, David Skelton and his current International son, Simon Skelton, from Nottingham IBC.

The game did not start well for the County duo, dropping a 5 and 2 in the first 2 ends, but they quickly pulled that deficit back with a run of 4 winning ends picking up 9 shots in the process to go ahead 9-7. That recovery was shortlived, however, for over the next 4 ends the Skelton's collected 9 shots without reply to lead by 7 shots again, and although the McKee's managed to pull back the deficit to 4 shots, another run of 9 shots by the Nottingham pair saw the County men concede the match after 17 ends with the score 26 shots to 13 shots in the favour of their opponents.

The Mixed Fours competition last 32 starts at 6.30 p.m. this evening with the winners of the Area Final, Tina Burgess, Margaret Johnson, Neil Rees, and Paul Broderick, Wellingborough IBC competing against the Thornaby IBC, Stockto-on-Tees, rink of Lauren Copeland, Katie Fairburn, Bryn Mosley, and Paul Mosley.