

Hello Everyone,

An update from the National Championships being held at Loddon Vale IBC, Basingstoke, this week. After a fantastic start to the week by 16 years old Jamie Walker, Wellingborough IBC, in reaching the final of the National Under 25 Singles, I am delighted to report that **Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe IBC, has today won the Over 60 Singles Championship.**

He beat the 2005 winner of this event, Tony Horobin, Featherstone IBC, West Yorkshire, in the Final 21shots -17 shots.

This was not his only success of the day for in the morning he played the first round of the last 32 in the National Over 60 Pairs competition, and with his partner John Baggat, beat Roger Blackie and John Riddington, Dolphin IBC, Poole, Dorset, 23 shots to 7 shots, and in the evening they beat the Havering IBC, Hornchurch, duo of John James and Chris Bryan by 22 shots to 14 shots, and they now play the pairing of Roy Smith and Mick Langley of Cambridge Chesterton IBC tomorrow afternoon at 2.0 pm in the **Quarter Finals of the Over 60 Pairs** Championship.

Quite a performance to play so many National Championship matches in one day.

This latest pair may present a stiffer challenge to the County pair as Langley, with a different partner, won this event in 2005.

Regards,

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