

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus MASONIC BOWLING ASSOCIATION – RESULT

The men of the **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** entertained their counterparts from the Northants & Hunts Masonic BA on Wednesday, 6th February, 2019, at Kettering Lodge BC, and with all 4 rinks winning, they posted a huge victory by 66 shots, due in the main to the highest scoring rink for the County skipped by Peter Mellor doing so by 38 shots.

The final score was Northamptonshire 110 shots – Masonic 44 shots. Rink details as follows, County names first:

Rink 1. Malcolm White, Terry Chapman, Bob Tingle & Colin Barnes 23 shots – Maurice Webb, David Sinton, George Fletcher & John Streater 16 shots

In this match the Masonic rink started pretty well scoring 5 shots to none conceded in the first 3 ends, but the County rink won the next 4 ends, albeit in singles, to close the gap. Masonic then kept the County at bay for 5 ends to increase its lead to 14-4 shots, but at that point Colin and his men got their 'act together' and won the next 7 ends and posted 17 shots to their score, including a massive count of 6 on the 12th end. 2 shots each on the last 2 ends saw the County maintain a good win.

Rink 2. Don Scott, Richard Somerton & John Haines 19 shots – Diana Talbot, Phil Ireson & Geoff Allen 13 shots

This match, played, as a Triples one, was fairly evenly contested with the scores 3-2 in the County's favour at 5 ends, 9-8 to Masonic after 11 ends, but with a pick up of 4 John levelled the score at 12 each with 5 ends left. Those 5 ends were very good for the County as they collected 7 shots to just 1 conceded for a modest victory.

Rink 3. John Rigby, Richard Upton, Bob Sullivan & Peter Mellor 41 shots – T Hood, Graham B, M Payne & G Ogden 3 shots

What a score for the County! After 4 ends of play the Masonic had a 3-2 shots lead, but that was the end of scoring for them as Peter and his County men totally dominated the remainder of the match, picking up 39 shots, including counts of 6, 5, two 4's in the 17 ends for the massive victory.

Rink 4. Gordon Morris, Larry Lawrence, Rod Douglass & Brian Diver 27 shots – Graham Cashmore, Geoff Talbot, Tony Long & Harvey Fruish 12 shots

The first third of this match was pretty even with the Masonic in front 5-4 after 7 ends, but the County rink took the lead on the next end and after 13 ends were in front 10-6. After dropping a 2 on the next end, Brian and his men scored well in picking up 11 shots on the next 4, and after dropping 4 shots with 1 end left, a massive pick up of 6 shots on the last end gave the County a very good victory.

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN FRIENDLY versus LEICESTERSHIRE – SELECTION

The following ladies have been selected to represent the **Northamptonshire Women's Indoor Bowling Association** in a friendly match against Leicestershire on Thursday, 21st February, 2019, at Melton & District IBC, commencing at 1.0 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Elaine Pratt, Brackley & District BC, Dawn Owen, Desborough IBC/Jill Welch & Brenda Bishop, both Daventry IBC
- Rink 2.** Dorothy Diver, Desborough IBC/Sue Prior, Brackley & District BC/Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC/Joan Watts, Daventry IBC
- Rink 3.** Julie Spreadbury, Daventry IBC/Val Scott, Brackley & District BC/Glenys Emery, Kingsthorpe BC/Joyce Porter, Northampton & District IBA
- Rink 4.** Lynn Upton, Brackley & District BC/Lisbeth Milburn, Northampton & District IBA/Eleanor Winters, Desborough IBC/Jan Hunt, Wellingborough BC
- Rink 5.** Joyce George, Wellingborough/Sally Hogston, Desborough IBC/Chris Cooper, Wellingborough BC/Wilma Walker, Desborough IBC
- Rink 6.** Marlene Armitage, Wellingborough BC/Maxeen Belski, Desborough IBC/Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge BC/Elaine Urquhart, Brackley & District BC

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus OXFORDSHIRE – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** in a friendly match against Oxfordshire men to be played on Wednesday, 20th February, 2019, at Northampton & District IBA, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Eddy Short, James Ragosa, Doug Ainsworth & John Haines, all Desborough IBC
- Rink 2.** Kip Frankson, Patrick Clerkin, Bernard Spreadbury, all Daventry & Peter Mellor, Desborough IBC
- Rink 3.** Will Clelland, Desborough IBC/Brian Langton, Kettering Lodge BC/Michael Moulton, Daventry IBC/Colin Barnes, Northampton & District IBA
- Rink 4.** Roger Summers, Tony Warren, Terry Brown & Tony Weston, all Northampton & District IBA
- Rink 5.** Ron Chambers, Desborough IBC/Don Scott, Brackley & District BC/Jeff Chambers, Desborough IBC/Terry James, Rushden Town BC
- Rink 6.** Ian Dunn, Richard Upton, both Brackley/Brian Jones, Daventry IBC/George Warren, Desborough IBC
- Reserves:** Reg Jones, Northampton & District IBA/Geoff Hunt, Wellingborough BC/Rick Hayes & Alan Watts, Daventry IBC

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE PRESIDENTS BA versus BEDFORDSHIRE VP'S – SELECTION

The following have been selected to represent **Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Bowling Association** in a friendly match against Bedfordshire VP's BA at Wellingborough BC on Sunday, 17th February, 2019, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Janet Marshall, Len Marshall, Peter Byworth & Mike Weatherill
- Rink 2.** Donna Williamson, A.N. Other, A.N. Other & David Williamson
- Rink 3.** Diana Talbot, Jeff Talbot, Jennie Mercer & Peter Mercer
- Rink 4.** John Allen, Sally Hogston, Dennis Sansome & Barry Hogston
- Rink 5.** Slim Pitt, Liz Howell, Colin Incles & Dick Howell

Note: The Association is short of a couple of players for this match, so anyone able to play is asked to contact Len Smith, Match Secretary, on email len84359@gmail.com

5. 'COACH BOWLS' COURSES IN COUNTY

1. Level 1 'Coach Bowls' Coaching Course.

Will be held at Rushden Town BC (Indoor) on Sunday, 28th April, 2019 & Sunday, 9th June, 2019. Participants are required to attend both days from 9.0 a.m. - 5.0 p.m. on each day. To obtain further information and to book on this course visit www.coachbowls.org or contact County Coach Co-ordinator, Barry Basford on 01536 3926635 email b.basford@ntlworld.com

2. Adult Safeguarding Course

Will be held at Geddington & Newton BC on Saturday, 11th May, 2019, from 9.0 a.m. to 12 noon. To obtain further information and to book on this course visit www.coachbowls.org or contact County Coach Co-ordinator, Barry Basford on 01536 3926635 email b.basford@ntlworld.com

6. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT COUNTY

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COUNTY LEAGUE

1. **Northampton & District (3 points) beat Brackley & District BC (3 points) 73-64 shots.** Details as follows, Northampton names first:

At Northampton:	Triple 1.	Phil Reeve, Terry Brown & Wayne Stanley 26 shots – Mike Smith, Graham Prior & Richard Somerton 5 shots
	Triple 2.	James Robinson, Don Boston & Chris Bland 11 shots – Ian Dunn, Dave Blencowe & Ron Morland 21 shots
At Brackley:	Triple 3.	Thomas Manderson, Simon Coles & Tony Weston 22 shots – Ron Driver, Paul Stevens & Ross Vicars 23 shots
	Triple 4.	Tony Ellis, Dave Fage & Dave Jones 14 shots – Ken Wiggins, Dick Upton & Kevin Taylor 15 shots

2. **Wellingborough BC (6 points) beat Desborough IBC (nil points) 91-50 shots.** Details as follows, Wellingborough names first:

At Wellingborough:	Triple 1.	Tony Asher, Kyle Buckley & Nigel Hawkins 23 shots – Dougie Ainsworth, Trevor Anderson & Richard Mann 11 shots
	Triple 2.	Dennis Collins, Ian Roy & John Greaves 29 shots – Dave Flippance, Bob Mitchell & Cameron Knox 9 shots
At Desborough:	Triple 3.	Brandon Taylor, Dave Love & Steve Norman 23 shots – Dougie Cooper, David Gilman & John Haines 18 shots
	Triple 4.	Martin Underwood, David Bailey & Walt Winsor 16 shots – Rob Duff, Alex McKim & Matt Pownall 12 shots

3. **Daventry IBC (4 points) beat Rushden Town BC (2 points) 74-67 shots.** Rink details as follows, Daventry names first.

All matches played at Rushden Town BC.

Triple 1.	Tony Hoffman, Phil Daynes & Kip Frankson 26 shots – Steve Cooper, Bob Ralley & Barry Pollard
Triple 2.	Rick Hayes, Richard Holland & Brian Scott 20 shots – Mick Galloway, Eric Miskowicz & Malcolm Keeling 11 shots
Triple 3.	Stephen Bond, Alan Gardner & Malcolm Foster 11 shots – Tony Knowles, Dave Stewart & Keith Gordon 20 shots
Triple 4.	Geoff Elliman, Ray Rumble & Peter Dymond 17 shots – Terry Chapman, Alan Smith & Malc Mattinson 18 shots

7. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE

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SINGLES

3rd Round: **Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA beat** Lois Woodward, Desborough IBC 21-1 shots.
This win puts Shannon through to the Area 6 Final to be played on a date to be arranged before 10th March, 2019.

TWO BOWL SINGLES

3rd Round: **Linda Warren, Northampton & District IBA beat** Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA 21-16 shots
This puts Linda through to the Area 6 Final on a date to be arranged before the 10th March, 2019.

PAIRS

4th Round: **Sharon Tansley & partner, Kingsthorpe BC beat** Pat Starsmore & partner, Kettering Lodge BC 22-13 shots
This win puts Sharon through to the Area 6 Final, on a date to be arranged before the 10th March, 2019.

OVER 60 PAIRS

4th Round: **Linda Warren & partner, Northampton & District IBA beat** Pat Starsmore & partner, Kettering Lodge BC 20-19 shots
This win puts Linda and her partner, through to the Area 6 Final on a date to be arranged before the 17th March, 2019.

OVER 50 TRIPLES

3rd Round: **Di Brumwell's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC beat** Sharon Tansley's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC 17-10 shots

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FAMILY PAIRS

3rd Round: **Danny Walker & partner, Wellingborough BC lost to** Jamie Barker & partner, St Neots & District IBC 6-18 shots
Paul Broderick & partner, Wellingborough BC lost to Emma Felce & partner, St Neots & District IBC 18-19 shots
Mick Sharpe & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC beat Geoff Beard & partner, Kingsthorpe BC 18-12 shots

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SINGLES

5th Round: **Stuart Thomas, Kingsthorpe BC beat** Jamie Walker, Kingsthorpe BC 21-16 shots.
This win puts Stuart through to the Area 6 Final against Andrew Walters, Welford-on-Avon IBC to be arranged prior to the 10th March, 2019.

TWO BOWL SINGLES

3rd Round: **Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC beat** Will Walker, Wellingborough BC 21-2 shots

OVER 60 SINGLES

- 4th Round:** **Alan Dunkley, Brackley & District BC beat** David Harding, Foxhill IBC, Aylesbury 21-15 shots
In this match Alan started off very well indeed, reaching a good lead at 8-1 after 6 ends of play, but the next 3 ends all went to David who got to within 1 shot at 7-8 down, but Alan won the next 3 ends to reinstate a lead at 12-7. At this point the 'wheels came off' for Alan as he dropped 8 shots on the next 3 ends without reply to go behind at 12-15 shots, but he soon put them back on in winning the remaining ends of play in picking up 9 shots for his victory.
Mick Cooper, Wellingborough BC lost to Roland Barker, St Neots & District IBC 21-18 shots

PAIRS

- 5th Round:** **Danny Walker & partner, Wellingborough BC lost to** Jamie Barker & partner, St Neots & District IBC 3-17 shots
Andrew Manton & Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe BC beat Ben Sharpe & Jamie Walker, Kingsthorpe BC 18-16 shots
This win puts Andrew & Neil through to the Area 6 Final to be played against Andrew Walters & partner, Welford-on-Avon BC, on a date to be arranged before the 10th March, 2019

OVER 60 PAIRS

- 3rd Round:** **Roger Summers & partner, Northampton & District IBA beat** Kip Frankson & partner, Daventry IBC 18-15 shots
Mick Worthington & Partner, Daventry IBC beat Mick Sharpe & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC 24-15 shots

TRIPLES

- 4th Round:** **Ben Sharpe, David Walker & Jamie Walker, Kingsthorpe BC beat** Andy Smith, Chris Bland & Dominic Graham, Northampton & District IBA 17-8 shots
This win puts Jamie's Triple through to the Area 6 Final to be arranged by the 10th March, 2019.

OVER 50 TRIPLES

- 3rd Round:** **Ian Roy's Triple, Wellingborough BC beat** Paul Coley's Triple, Wellingborough BC 18-10 shots
4th Round: **David Love's Triple, Wellingborough BC beat** Ian Roy's Triple, Wellingborough BC 23-13 shots
This win puts David and his men through to the Area 7 Final to be arranged on a date before the 17th March, 2019.

WESSEX LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the League will be held at 11.0 a.m. on Sunday, 3rd March, 2019, at Westlecot IBC, Bowling Green Lane, off Springfield Road, Swindon, SN14EU. All participating Clubs are asked to send representatives.

The Agenda has been circulated to Clubs, and there are a couple of important proposals to be made, including the possibility of some matches in the League having to be arranged at the discretion of the Secretary on a Saturday, instead of Sunday, due to the number of EIBA competitions being arranged on a Sunday. It is therefore important that Clubs are represented to voice their opinions.

The Club will be laying on a 2 Course luncheon after the meeting, at a cost of £9.00p per head, with choices being Roast Beef; Roast Chicken; and Smoked Haddock, all with accompanying vegetables. Anyone requiring a lunch is asked to contact the Club before the 27th February, 2019.

8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25 DOUBLE RINK versus NORFOLK – RESULT

The players of the **Northamptonshire Under 25** men's double rink team visited St Neots & District IBC on Sunday, 10th February, 2019, for the **National Quarter Finals of the Inter County Double Rink** competition against Norfolk IBA, and a very close match ultimately ensued after a slow start for the County. Norfolk were well up after 5 ends of play at 13-2 shots across both rinks, but 5 ends later the deficit was reduced to 18-12 shots, with both County rinks on 6-9.

The match continued to just be in Norfolk's favour by 3 shots after 15 ends of play, and as the match was coming to its climax one County rink finished on an 18-16 shots win, with the other having 2 ends to play at 12-16 shots down. Those 2 ends were firstly a tremendous boost to the County's chances as that rink picked up a massive count of 5 shots for the County to be 3 shots in the lead overall with 1 end left, but then a devastating blow as Norfolk collected a count of 4 shots to snatch the lead back and an overall victory by 1 shot.

Final score was Northamptonshire 35 shots – Norfolk 36 shots.

Rink details as follows, Norfolk skips only:

Rink 1. David Walker, Conor Bryan, Danny Walker & Connor Cinato 18 shots – James Segolo 16 shots

In this match the County rink was unable to score for 5 ends whilst their opponents registered 8 shots, but Connor and his men got into their game over the next 7 ends, dropping just 1 shot whilst scoring 10 shots themselves for a 10-9 lead. Norfolk won the next 3 ends to retake the lead 14-10 with 6 ends left to play, and with 2 ends left to play Connor and his men were 3 shots adrift at 13-16 shots, but those last 2 ends were good for the County for the players were able to add 5 shots for a good 18-16 shots win.

Rink 2. Tay O'Neill, Cameron Knox, Adam Pitfield & Will Walker 17 shots – Tom Segolo 20 shots

In this match the County men were slow to score, being 0-5 down after 4 ends and 2-8 down after 7 ends, but the next 8 ends were much better for Will and his men for they collected 9 shots to just 2 conceded, to take a 1 shot lead at 11-10 with 6 ends to play. The first 4 of those ends saw Norfolk take the lead back at 16-12 shots, but the 20th end saw Will and his men pick up what might have been a match winning 5 shots, which put their rink 1 shot up, and as the other rink had finished 2 shots up, it meant having a 3 shots cushion overall playing the last end. When the two skips went to bowl the last pair of woods the County looked in no danger of dropping a count, but Tom Segolo had other ideas and with his first bowl he rearranged the head to give Norfolk a 4 shots lie, and Will, with his last bowl could not alter the situation.

9. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'MIDLAND COUNTIES' versus BEDFORDSHIRE- SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** in a Midland Counties match against Bedfordshire IBA on Saturday, 16th February, 2018, at Northampton & District IBA, commencing at 10.0 a.m.

- Rink 1.** David Jones, Northampton & District IBA/Trevor Anderson, Desborough IBC/Mick Worthington, IBC/John Haines, Desborough IBC
- Rink 2.** Roger Summers, Northampton & District IBA/Dougie Ainsworth, Desborough IBC/Curtis Johnson & Will Walker, Wellingborough BC
- Rink 3.** Dougie Cooper, Desborough IBC/Malcolm Chambers, Wellingborough BC/George Warren, Desborough IBC/Darren Childs, Wellingborough BC
- Rink 4.** Will Clelland, Peter Mellor, Norman Gibb & Richard Mann, all Desborough IBC
- Rink 5.** James Robinson, Northampton & District IBA/Richard Somerton, Brackley & District BC/Jason Bryan, Kingsthorpe BC/Chris Bland, Northampton & District IBA
- Rink 6.** Tony Dicks, Daventry IBC/David Flippance, Cameron Knox, both Desborough IBC/Andy Smith, Northampton & District IBA

10. ENGLISH BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – COUNTY SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

The EBYDS is a "partnership" initiative comprising of the:-

- English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd (EIBA Ltd)
- Bowls Development Alliance (BDA)
- English Bowls Umpires Association (EBUA)

Its purpose is to provide a pathway to enable children and young people to participate in the Sport of Bowls and to develop their potential to whatever appropriate level they so wish.

The Scheme provides a series of County events followed by Regional Schools of Excellence and then a National School of Excellence.

It is open to all young bowlers who have not attained the age of 18 years on or by 1st September 2018.

The competition is run in two sections: -

1. **Juniors** who have attained the age of 8 years but not 14 years on or by 1st September 2018
2. **Seniors** who have attained the age of 14 years but not 18 years on or by 1st September 2018.

The County Event was held at **Northampton & District IBA** on **Sunday, 10th February, 2019**, with arrangements under the auspices of the **Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme (NBYDS)** and a total of 28 young bowlers participated, with 12 in the Senior Section and 16 in the Junior Section. Tony Warren of Northampton & District IBA, an experienced youth bowls coach, assisted by his wife Linda, conducted the day's events on behalf of the NBYDS, and did so most efficiently and thanks are due for its smooth running.

The event is comprised of two elements, firstly singles play in which each player competes against 3 other members in 7 end matches using 3 bowls, with 10 points on offer for each win and 5 points for a draw, and secondly a series of skills in which a scale of points is awarded and these include 'jack casting'; beating the shot bowl; 'drawing to the centre line'; and 'controlled weight'.

In order for the day's activity to progress a small 'army' of volunteers is required for marking duties, umpiring, skills officiating, and the administration of recording scores, and in this connection the NBYDS is very grateful for all the coaches, markers & helpers, organised by County Coach Co-ordinator Barry Basford, the umpires, Brenice Willmott & Trish Basford, and the admin by Joyce & Brian Sherwood. Without their assistance, which is considerable, an event such as this could not take place.

The NBYDS is also very grateful to the parents and family of the young bowlers, for their support and encouragement, and for the provision of raffle prizes and the purchase of tickets, to assist the financing of the event, and this was organised by Heather Lack, Velda Cooper, and John Cooper, all members of the NBYDS Management Committee.

All the young bowlers seemed to have enjoyed themselves, and this makes it well worth all the effort involved.

Now for the results:

JUNIOR SECTION:

After all the singles matches had been played, **Erin Trip of Desborough IBC** was in the lead with a 100% record of 3 wins. She carried those 30 points into the afternoon's skills, and she was also the leader here with 46 points, which gave her top spot and therefore winner of the Junior Section. In **second place** with a total of 62 points was **Alex Trip, also of Desborough &** brother of Erin, and in third place with a total of 61 points was **Joshua Gibbs of Northampton & District IBA**. Interestingly both Erin and Alex went one place better than last year when they were 2nd and 3rd respectively.

SENIOR SECTION

After all the singles matches had been played, the lead was being shared by just 2 players, **Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA** and **Emma Muir, Desborough IBC**, with a 100% record of 3 wins from 3 matches played. The points from the singles were carried forward into the afternoon skills, and leading the way in those skills was **Thomas Manderson, Northampton & District IBA** with a very impressive 65 points, followed by Jack Lee, Northampton & District IBA with 61 points. When the singles play points scores were added to the skills, it produced a clear winner of the Senior Section of Thomas Manderson with a total of 90 points overall. It was a very close run thing for second place with **Jack Lee, Northampton & District IBA** being just edged into **3rd place** by virtue of a superior shots aggregate by **Shannon Swift, who took 2nd place**, they both achieving a total of 81 points. Another interesting fact here is that Thomas Manderson in winning the Senior Section, followed his success of last year when he won the Junior Section.

As a result the top two players in each Section have qualified for the **Midlands Region Final** to be held at **Melton & District IBC**, Bowling Green, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 0LR, on **Sunday, 7th April, 2019** – so well done to **Erin Trip and Alex Trip of the Junior Section** and **Thomas Manderson & Shannon Swift of the Senior Section**. It is always possible that several other County members will be called to those Finals for the points scoring of those in 3rd & 4th place in both Sections was quite high, but it will be dependent upon results of other County events in the Midlands.

County Indoor Men's President John Haines was in attendance to present the winners their trophies.

A very high standard of bowls was demonstrated by many of these young players, with the general play and the skills exercises being very impressive for the many family members and County Officers, to enjoy.

11. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'MIDLAND COUNTIES' versus LEICESTERSHIRE – RESULT

The ladies of the **Northamptonshire Women's Indoor Bowling Association** took on their counterparts from Leicestershire in a Midland Counties match on Sunday, 10th February, 2019, at Kingsthorpe BC, and in a match that the visitors were always in front, although only by 4 shots at the 18 ends played point, the County lost by 13 shots, with 2 winning rinks and 4 that lost. The highest scoring of the winning rinks was that skipped by Sharon Tansley which posted a 10 shots win. The final score was Northamptonshire 113 shots – Leicestershire 126 shots. Rink details as follows, Leicester skips only:

- Rink 1.** Joyce George, Sian Hughes-Jones, Elaine Cox & Brenda Bishop 19 shots – Sue Sharpe 15 shots
- Rink 2.** Celia Morris, Jill Welch, Audrey Height & Sharon Tansley 28 shots – Jane Hudson 18 shots
- Rink 3.** Marlene Armitage, Glenys Emery, Jan Hunt & Yvonne McKee 16 shots – Margaret Allen 17 shots
- Rink 4.** Dorothy Diver, Barbara Oliver, Pat Starsmore & Hilary Sharpe 12 shots – Ann Neale 28 shots
- Rink 5.** Sue Collins, Pam Page, Wilma Walker & Joan Watts 18 shots – Penny Stevenson 27 shots
- Rink 6.** Lynn Upton, Lisbeth Milburn, Elaine Urquhart & Joyce Porter 20 shots – Barbara Lewis 21 shots

12. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

1. **BE Office Closed for Staff Training.**

Please note that the Bowls England Office will be closed for staff training on Wednesday 27th February 2019. The office will re-open as usual at 9am on Thursday 28th February, 2019.. Apologies for any inconvenience that may be caused.

2. **Official World Bowls Magazine 'Inside Bowls' – February Edition**

Here is your link to the February edition: <http://online.fliphtml5.com/hpdf/jrbb/>

3. Laws of the Sport – Crystal Mark Edition (version 3.1)

The revisions to the Laws of the Sport which were approved at World Bowls Council Meetings in December 2016 and April 2018 have been incorporated into the ‘Crystal Mark Third Edition’ to create Version 3.1 of that document. A copy of both Version 3.1 and a document containing the Revisions can be downloaded from the ‘Laws of the Sport’ section under the ‘Laws & Umpiring Link’ on the World Bowls website: www.worldbowls.com

The section has also been updated to provide an explanation of the Laws review and approval process. Your attention is drawn to the final paragraph in the section which explains what Laws and Laws-related documents individuals should have in their possession whilst participating in the sport.

As a by-product of the creation of Version 3.1 of the Laws, the text associated with the ‘WB Laws Decisions’ section under the ‘Laws & Umpiring Link’ on the WB website has been updated and the Revisions approved in 2016 and 2018 have been removed.

4. New World Bowls Challenge Event headed to Moama

The creation of a new marquee international bowls event will see the Australian Jackaroos face a composite team made up of the world's premier players, to be staged at Moama Bowling Club in **November, 2019**. The **World Bowls Challenge**, announced jointly by World Bowls and Bowls Australia, will feature Australia v Rest of the World in an exciting ten-a-side format played across November 29 and 30, on the covered surfaces of the state-of-the-art Moama Bowling Club, fresh off multi-million-dollar renovations.

World Bowls CEO Gary Smith said the establishment of the World Bowls Challenge would help raise the profile of the sport and its premier players.

"World Bowls is delighted to be able to deliver this exciting and attractive new international event to further enhance the showcasing of our sport and its leading exponents," Smith said.

Bowls Australia CEO Neil Dalrymple said "Moama Bowling Club would impress international audiences, and the event would provide new opportunities to promote the sport globally."

Moama Bowling Club CEO Paul Barnes said "The announcement is a coup for his club and the Echuca Moama region.

"Moama Bowling Club has a proud history as a host of international events and it is exciting to see this level of competition return to our region," Barnes said.

The inaugural competition will feature two teams of ten players, five of each gender, to be selected over the coming months by both team's respective Coach and Captain.

World Bowls President John Bell will assume the duties of Coach of the Rest of the World, while the architect behind the Jackaroos' success in recent years, **National Coach Steve Glasson OAM**, will take the reins of the Australian team.

It is envisaged that the event will be staged every two years with each subsequent new host nation then forming the side to contest the might of the rest of the world. Unsurprisingly, the competition format will deviate from tradition, with sets-play matches and sessions staged across two days, in order to bolster its appeal to audiences. The event will begin with mixed triples, followed by men's pairs, women's pairs, then mixed pairs, and conclude with ten singles matches (five men's singles matches and five women's singles matches) staged across staggered starts.

Further announcements regarding the World Bowls Challenge team compositions, Coach and Captain selections, scheduling and viewing details will be made over the coming months.

5. England Men's Senior Team Manager announces Retirement

John Bell has announced his retirement as Bowls England Men's Senior International Team Manager after almost two decades of loyal and dedicated service. Bell was appointed Men's International Team Manager in 2000, a position he held for 17 BIBC Series', four World Championships, and two Atlantic Championships, in addition to the position of Performance Director at three Commonwealth Games and one Atlantic Championships.

Announcing his retirement, Bell said: “It is with somewhat of a heavy heart that I announce my retirement from the position as the Men’s Senior England Team Manager. There are a number of reasons for this decision but suffice it to say after 20 years as a Team Manager and Performance Director I feel the time is right to step aside. I fully support the appointment of a permanent Performance Director, who will herald the introduction of a new structure to support and hopefully enhance international performance. My retirement will enable the Performance Director to commence their duties with a clean slate with a new support team going forward. They have my full support. I will also thank my supporter in chief – Mrs Bell – over a glass of red, or possibly two, and a nostalgic curry at the Paprika Club!

Bowls England Chief Executive, Tony Allcock MBE, added: “John’s commitment to Bowls England and the English Bowling Association over the past two decades has been exemplary. He has ensured that England is a force to be reckoned with at an international level and his record speaks for itself. John has been a credit to work with and will certainly be a tough act to follow.”

Bowls England wishes to thank John for his dedication both to his country and the sport of bowls.

An advertisement for John’s successor will be circulated shortly.

BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE NEWS

2018 Love Fisher Brown Award Winners Announced

The 2018 Love Fisher Brown Award, sponsored by Factory Eleven, was created to recognise clubs that provide disabled participation opportunities for their bowlers. This award, named after the remarkable and inspiring Commonwealth Games achievements of Bob Love, David Fisher and Paul Brown, showcases the excellent work being undertaken by clubs with disabled bowlers around the country, and provide a benchmark for other clubs to aspire to.

The Disability Steering Group panel, comprised of representatives from the Activity Alliance, Bowls Development Alliance, Bowls England, Disability Bowls England and English Indoor Bowling Association, assessed each of the 16 strong nominations, and after much discussion and thought are delighted to announce that the following entries have been selected as this year’s prize winners:

2018 Love Fisher Brown Award Winners: Rookery Bowling Club

2018 Love Fisher Brown Award Runner Up: Peacehaven & Telscombe Bowls Club

2018 Love Fisher Brown Award Runner Up: Donyngs Indoor Bowling Club

Furthermore, for their outstanding achievements over the past year and the quality of their nominations, the following clubs have been Highly Commended: **City and County of Bristol IBC, Lincoln & District IBC, Riverside IBC and Stoke BC.**

Throughout the year, Love Fisher Brown Award entrants will be profiled, and their great work showcased. The first entrant to be profiled is the 2018 Love Fisher Brown Award winners Rookery Bowling Club.

In the autumn of 2017, members of the committee of Rookery Bowls Club set up Stowmarket Rookery Community Bowls Group to get as many groups and people with disabilities as active as possible, meet new people and achieve personal goals of their own through bowls. The club is currently working in the community 5 days a week promoting the bowls club as a "happy" place to be. The club:

- visits 5 care homes and now have group visits booked 4 - 5 times a week, well into 2019.
- engages with over 60 people per week in care homes.
- forms part of the local Dementia Action Alliance.
- helped a visually impaired man achieve his goal of competing with sighted people.
- invites and inspires all disabled people to leave their chairs and join the club to achieve the goals of their own!
- is updating and refurbishing their building to become a fully accessible community hub equipped with lots of dementia friendly games, activities and films for their visitors at the community sessions.

You can learn more about what the dedicated committee members and volunteers from Rookery BC are doing by watching this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtE8iJAmbSs>

Chris Brooks, the club recruitment and advertisement lead said: "I believe that our success in just over a year proves that if all bowls clubs adopted or adapted our project in their location it would also be a huge success for them too. It would provide a win-win situation for bowling clubs and disability groups and individuals throughout the country."

Adam Baker, Strategic Lead for Physical Activity Directorate of Health, Wellbeing and Children's Services Suffolk County Council, said: "I have been blown away by the enthusiasm of the group and their appetite to create new opportunities for their local community. Through their good work they are not only reducing isolation and loneliness by bringing people together, but they are also making a positive difference to physical activity levels in the area – something that has long lasting benefits for both the individual concerned and the wider community"

For further information please contact: disability@playbowls.org

ENGLISH INDDOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION NEWS

A New Partnership with 'Precise Protect'

The EIBA is delighted to announce an exclusive partnership programme with insurance specialists Precise Protect, for more details [click here](#)

13. OBITUARY

1. Val RICHARDSON, 72 years - Irchester BC & Rushden Town BC Indoor.

With reference to my Report last week, concerning Val Richardson, who died on the 3rd February, 2019, I am able to report further that Val took up bowling with Irchester 9 years ago upon her retirement, and she became a very active member of her Clubs. She was Captain at Irchester for 3 years, and when needed she would Captain on other occasions too. She was also involved in running the Irchester C Team in the Rushden League, where her team won the Division 2 Tipler Trophy in 2015. She was also successful in Club competitions, winning the Triples Knock-out, the Club's Triples League, and its Aussie Pairs.

Indoor she was an active member at Rushden Town BC, running a League team, and playing regularly for the Club. Her Funeral is arranged for 11.0 a.m. on Tuesday, 26th February, 2019, at Wellingborough's Nene Valley Crematorium, 305 Doddington Road, Wellingborough, NN8 2NX, followed by a Wake at Rushden Town BC. Family flowers only, but donations if desired in favour of Cancer Research UK may be made via the undertakers A Abbott & Sons, Bedford Road, Rushden, NN10 0LZ

2. Barry GRANT, Kettering Lodge BC

Barry died peacefully in his sleep at Cransley Hospice, after a short illness, on Thursday, 7th February, 2019. During his time bowling at the club he held many offices including Captain and President of both Indoor and outdoor and apart from official roles he was also one of those people who was always on hand to do the day to day jobs of running a club, be it tightening a screw on a loose door handle to cleaning out the grips. He was also a fine bowler representing his Club in many County and National competitions. He will have been known by many people, and will be sadly missed by all at his Club

At this time his funeral arrangements have not been made.

3. Sid EADY, 79 years, Swanspool BC & Wellingborough BC Indoor

Sid died peacefully at home on Wednesday, 6th February, 2019.

He played regularly for Swanspool BC, Wellingborough outdoor and Wellingborough BC Indoor, and he will be remembered by many.

No funeral details at present.

14. COUNTY CLUB NEWS – OF INTEREST ACROSS COUNTY

INDOOR CLUBS

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DAVENTRY IBC

Match Reports:

1. Daventry Eagles lost away to Kingsthorpe BC 84-95 shots

Daventry Eagles played away on Saturday 9th February, 2019 in a club friendly game against Kingsthorpe bowls Club. It was a friendly afternoon with the score changing several times however Kingsthorpe put up a good fight and won the overall game by just 11 shots leaving Daventry with just one winning rink. Captain John Sach presented the highest winning rink to Andy Perrin, Jack Brown and skip Shirley Shucksmith. Rink details as follows, Kingsthorpe skips only:

- Rink 1:** Louise Hopkins, Sue Pernyes and Judy Hicks 17 shots - H Sharpe 17 shots
Rink 2: Debs Sach, Jennie Mercer and John Sach 13 shots - P Miles 17 shots
Rink 3: Keith Mason, Phillip Silk-Neilsen and Chris Jalland 10 shots - M Sharpe 15 shots
Rink 4: Barbara Jalland, Drew Tooth and Peter Mercer 15 shots - B Brown 15 shots
Rink 5: Brian Robbins, Norman Langdon and Brian Gelder 16 shots - P Morris 20 shots
Rink 6: Andy Perrin, Jack Brown and Shirley Shucksmith 13shots - G Hayter 11 shots

2. Daventry Eagles lost away to Avon Valley IBC 81-105 shots

The Eagles travelled to Avon Valley on Sunday, 3rd February, 2019 for a friendly club game. It was a really exciting game with Daventry trying on all rinks to change the score, However Avon Valley just took a good lead and Daventry couldn't catch them. Rink details as follows, Avon skips not named.

- Rink 1:** Hazel Wallage, Doug Crane and Jennie Mercer 15 shots - Avon 18 shots
Rink 2: John Shanahan, Brian Robbins and Margaret Stevens 11 shots – Avon 15 shots
Rink 3: Keith Mason, Angelina Johnstone and Judy Hicks 17 shots – Avon 19 shots
Rink 4: Rosemary Dunkley, Sylvia Hatfield and John Dunkley 12 shots - Avon 20 shots
Rink 5: Guifang Wright, Trevor Wright and Sue Pernyes 13 shots - Avon 18 shots
Rink 6: Janet Collins, Phillip Silk-Neilsen and Peter Mercer 13 shots - Avon 15 shots

3. Daventry Ladies beat Kingsthorpe 67 – 64 shots

A great result for Daventry having played Kingsthorpe last Wednesday and losing by 2 shots, the Daventry Ladies reversed the result on the 6th February, 2019, at their own club, winning by 3 shots. It was an enjoyable afternoon and Captain Margaret Daynes awarded the highest winning rink to Hazel Wallace, Barbara Oliver and Joan Watts. Rink details as follows, Kingsthorpe skips only named:

- Rink 2:** Jeanette Taylor, Kim Russell and Brenda Bishop 15 shots - J Everton-Watts 18 shots
Rink 3: Hazel Wallage, Barbara Oliver and Joan Watts 19 shots - C Morris 13 shots
Rink 4: Vicki Worthington, Donna Hooper and Margaret Daynes 16 shots - H Sharpe 17 shots
Rink 5: Patricia Symonds, Sylvia Inglis and Shirley Shucksmith 17 shots - L Hart 16 shots

Fixtures:

16/17.2.19. Club hosts the English Short Mat BA competitions

KETTERING LODGE BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

14.2.19. Club plays the Northants Retired Police BA at Wellingborough BC at 2.0 p.m.
16.2.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
17.2.19. Club holds its 'Gala Day'

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

Fixtures:

- 20.2.19. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire & Oxfordshire at 2.0 p.m.
21.2.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

- 18.2.19. Club ladies play Wellingborough BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
21.2.19. Club ladies play Northampton & District IBA at home at 2.0 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

- 14.2.19. Club plays Northampton & District IBA away at 2.0 p.m.
14.2.19. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire Retired Police BA & Kettering Lodge BC at 2.0 p.m.
16.2.19. Club plays Stewartby BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
18.2.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

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ABINGTON BC

Fixture:

- 14.2.19. Club plays Bedford Borough IBC away at 2.0 p.m.

ISE BC

Fixture:

- 14.2.19. Club plays Desborough IBC away at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixture:

- 16.2.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixture:

- 14.2.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at Wellingborough BC at 2.0 p.m.

John G Church, MBE

Northamptonshire Bowls Press Officer