

# NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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**BOWLS REPORT**

## **1. COUNTY PLAYER NAMED 'YOUNG BOWLER OF THE YEAR'**

**At the Annual Presentation Dinner of Bowls England**, held at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Paradise Way, Coventry, CV2 2ST, on **Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019**, it was **great news for Northamptonshire**.

**Kieran ROLLINGS, Kettering Lodge BC** was named the **Young Male Bowler of the Year**. The award is sponsored by 'Taylor Bowls' and 'Bowls International Magazine'

Six young bowlers were nominated for consideration, with Kieran joined by Jamie Barker, Cambridgeshire; Harry Goodwin, Devon; Daniel Mills, Norfolk; Charlie Souter, Surrey; & Sam Steel, Somerset, and all nominees had enjoyed a very good year. Their names were put up for a public vote, and **Kieran received the accolade**.

He was at the Annual Dinner, along with his fellow White Rose winning team, and he received his award from the **Bowls England President Bill Smith**.

**Bowls England Chief Executive Tony Allcock MBE** said: "We are pleased that Taylor Bowls and Bowls International continue to sponsor these highly respected and prestigious awards and we thank them for their support."

**Sian Honnor, editor of Bowls International**, said: "It is important to recognise excellent achievement and the shortlisted players are those that stood out in a strong field."

Readers of my Reports will have known very well the achievements of Kieran, the highlight probably before this latest honour, being named the **Disability Bowls England Player of the Year for 2018**.

As mentioned, Kieran was an essential member of the County's National Winning 'White Rose Trophy' team in 2018, and, in addition to his exploits with DBE, his membership of the County's Middleton Cup Team and his play in Club and County Finals, he was thoroughly deserving of this honour.

## **2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN PLAYING FOR MIDLAND COUNTIES**

The following County players will represent the Midland Counties Indoor Bowling Association, in a friendly match against Bedfordshire Indoor Bowling Association, on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, at Kempston Park IBC, Hillgrounds Road, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 8UB, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

**Rink 1.** Keith Howlett, Desborough IBC/Richard Upton, Brackley & District BC/Colin Barnes, Northampton & District IBA/Graham Prior, Brackley & District BC

**Rink 2.** Dougie Cooper, Eddy Short, Bob Tingle & Carl Haines, all Desborough IBC

### **3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'LIBERTY TROPHY' SEMI-FINAL**

The following team has been selected to represent **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** in its **National Semi-Final** match against Durham IBA to be played at Doncaster IBC at 11.0 a.m. on **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019.**

- Rink 1.** Ben Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC/Andy Smith, Northampton & District IBA/Vernon Gearey, Jamie Walker, both Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 2.** David Walker, Neil Rolfe, Jason Bryan & Connor Cinato, all Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 3.** Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough BC/Chris Bland, Northampton & District IBA/Matt Pownall, Desborough IBC/Dominic Graham, Northampton & District IBA
- Rink 4.** Iain Walker, Desborough IBC/Conor Bryan, Andrew Manton, Neil McKee, all Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 5.** Adam Pitfield, Wellingborough BC/Richard Mann, Desborough IBC/Gavin Taylor, Kingsthorpe BC/Darren Childs, Wellingborough BC
- Rink 6.** Scott Johnson, Will Walker, both Wellingborough/ Stuart Thomas, Kingsthorpe BC/ Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC
- Reserves:** Danny Walker, David Love, Wellingborough BC/Mick Spear, Kingsthorpe BC

### **4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'S PRESIDENT'S CHARITY MATCH**

**President John Haines** will be holding the annual and traditional President's Charity Match on behalf of **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association**, on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at his club, Desborough IBC, commencing at 2.0 p.m. Two 6 rink teams from the County will play one another, and those selected are as follows:

#### **WHITE TEAM:**

- Rink 1.** David Rayson, Peter Simmons, Steve Brown & Norman Gibb, all Desborough IBC
- Rink 2.** Tony Gilbert, Desborough IBC/Bryon Mills, Wellingborough BC/Tony Warren, Northampton & District IBA/John Haines, Desborough IBC
- Rink 3.** Alan Diver, John Pickaver, Darren Lee & Matt Pownall, all Desborough IBC
- Rink 4.** Dougie Cooper, Desborough IBC/Peter Byworth, Wellingborough BC/John Chester, Desborough IBC/Richard Horrell, Wellingborough BC
- Rink 5.** Alan Wright, Roland Smith, Nigel Mason & Ron Chambers, all Desborough IBC
- Rink 6.** James Ragoza, Desborough IBC/Alan Watts, Daventry IBC/Bob Sullivan, Desborough IBC, Bob Tingle, both Desborough IBC

#### **RED TEAM**

- Rink 1.** Richard Hooper, Daventry IBC/Dave Lovell, Rushden Town BC/Bob Brogden, Northampton & District IBA/Mick Worthington, Daventry IBC
- Rink 2.** Rick Hayes, Daventry IBC/Richard Upton, Brackley & District BC/ Geoff Allen, Daventry IBC/Richard Somerton, Brackley & District BC
- Rink 3.** Peter Kitchener, Rushden Town BC/Ken Lovejoy, Kingsthorpe BC/Rod Douglass, Kettering Lodge BC/Dave Stewart, Rushden Town BC
- Rink 4.** Roger Miller, Desborough IBC/Don Scott, Brackley & District BC/Geoff Hunt, Wellingborough BC/Terry James, Rushden Town BC
- Rink 5.** Will Clelland, Desborough IBC/Gordon Morris, Colin Barnes & Tony Weston, all Northampton & District IBA
- Rink 6.** Tony Dicks, Daventry IBC/Malcolm White Rushden Town BC/Brian Langton, Kettering Lodge BC/Peter Mellor, Desborough IBC

**Reserve (for either team):** Phil Bates, Desborough IBC/

John will be holding a raffle to raise monies for his two charities, the 'Cransley Hospice' and 'Marlow House' a community Day Centre, details of their activity will be found on Page 26 of the NIBA Yearbook, which they sponsor

**The donation of raffle prizes for his charity raffle would be very much appreciated.**

## 5. GREENS INSPECTORS REQUIRED

Alan Ashby, Northampton West End BC, the Bowls Northamptonshire Greens Inspectorate Secretary, has asked for the following item to be included for the attention of interested bowlers in the County, and as a former greens inspector myself, not only am I happy to include the note, but I can say from my own experience that the role is not just a very good service for the County, but it is also a very enjoyable experience.

### **Green Inspectors Required.**

*“Bowls Northamptonshire requires bowling green inspectors for the grading of greens throughout the county.*

*Training will be provided and when trained you work within a team of 2 inspectors.*

*The time required to complete the inspections is about 2 hours per day for each club green.*

*The inspections would ideally start at the end of May start of June.*

*Travelling expenses are paid for each journey.*

*A schedule of inspections will be provided to each team to organise and complete the gradings on each green.*

*The first meeting for the 2019 season will be on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 @ Northampton West End B.C. 10'clock start.*

*If you are interested and have the time to commit to the grading of the greens over the 2019 season, please contact Alan Ashby, e-mail is [bngreeninspectorate@gmail.com](mailto:bngreeninspectorate@gmail.com) or Tele No. 07950023688. He will be pleased to hear from you.”*

## 6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus OXFORDSHIRE – RESULT

The men of the **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** entertained their counterparts from Oxfordshire to a friendly match at Northampton & District IBA, on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, and thanks to the assistance in raising the opposition by past EIBA President Arthur Broadberry, the match was increased to 7 rinks, which enabled more available County players to have a game.

The County had a very impressive overall win by 68 shots, which is in keeping with the recent run of good results. The County had 5 winning rinks, the highest of which was that skipped by Tony Weston, who was playing on his own turf with 3 fellow Northampton bowlers, and they managed a very big win by 30 shots.

The final score was Northamptonshire 181 shots – Oxfordshire 113 shots.

Rink details as follows, Oxon skips only:

### **Rink 1. Rick Hayes, Alan Watts, Reg Jones & Geoff Hunt 12 shots – Arthur Broadberry 28 shots**

This was a pretty even contest for the first half, with the County rink being 5-4 up after 5 ends and 10-9 in the lead after 11 ends, but then the ‘wheels came off’! After 15 ends Geoff and his men were 12-15 shots behind and, unfortunately, they were not able to score again as Oxon, with former EIBA President Arthur skipping, won the last 6 ends to add 13 shots to their total.

### **Rink 2. Will Clelland, Brian Langton, Michael Moulton & Colin Barnes 28 shots – John Cox 14 shots**

After picking up 2 singles the County dropped a big count of 5 shots on the 3<sup>rd</sup> end, but they showed their mettle when they paid Oxon back with a massive 6 on the 4<sup>th</sup> end, followed by a single and a 4, to lead 13-5 after 6 ends. After 10 ends, on picking up another 4 NIBA Senior Vice President Colin and his men were 18-8 up, and 5 ends later it had become 25-10, and although Oxon won 4 of the last 6 ends, they could pick up just singles, and the County rink achieved a very good win.

**Rink 3. Eddy Short, James Ragosa, Dougie Ainsworth & John Haines 28 shots – Michael Andrew 16 shots**

In this match President John and his men did not start too well, with Oxon taking a 6-1 lead after 5 ends of play, but the next 3 ends were very good for the County as they scored a 3, a single and then a big count of 5, to take the lead 10-6. Oxon, with another former EIBA President Michael as skip, fought back and took the lead 14-10 over the next 4 ends. John and his men, however, then really went to town with the scoring, winning the next 8 ends for a 28-14 lead, and with Oxon collecting 2 shots on the last end it was a very good win for the County.

**Rink 4. Don Scott, Richard Upton, Brian Jones & George Warren 19 shots – Paul Norris 23 shots**

This was a pretty even match for the first 6 ends with the scores 8 shots each at that point, but on 8 George and his men had to stay as Oxon won the next 7 ends for a 19-8 lead. A pick up of 4 by the County on the next end was balanced out by Oxon on the next 3 ends as they collected a double & 2 singles for a comfortable lead of 23-12 with 4 ends to play. George and his men made a valiant effort in winning all 4 but in collecting 7 shots could not quite catch their opponents.

**Rink 5. Roger Summers, Tony Warren, Terry Brown & Tony Weston 37 shots – Roger Oliver 7 shots**

What a start for Tony and his fellow Northampton bowlers, for they posted 14 shots for no reply in the first 7 ends, including a 5 on the 7<sup>th</sup>, and after dropping 4 shots on the next 3 ends they really piled on the pressure, winning 10 of the remaining ends, and allowing Oxon just 1 winning end as they themselves piled on 23 shots, including another 5 on the 18<sup>th</sup> end, for the huge win.

**Rink 6. Ron Chambers, John Chester, Jeff Chambers & Terry James 27 shots – Allen Smith 9 shots**

The County started pretty well in this match leading 6-1 after 5 ends and 16-2 after 10 ends, and Terry and his men, which included father & son Ron & Jeff Chambers, continued to outscore Oxon, and finished with a couple of counts of 3 for a very good win.

**Rink 7. Kip Frankson, Patrick Clerkin, Bernard Spreadbury & Peter Mellor 30 shots – Malcolm Johnson 16 shots**

In this match, although not too far behind, the County rink was lead by Oxon for the first 14 ends, at which point the lead was 16-11 shots, but then a massive turnabout occurred, when firstly Peter & his men picked up a 5 to draw level, and then they won the last 6 ends, picking up 14 shots, including another 5, plus a 4, to post a very good victory.

**7. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT COUNTY**

**LADIES**

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**SINGLES**

**Quarter Final:** **Marlene Armitage, Wellingborough BC beat Emma Muir, Desborough IBC 21-14 shots**  
**Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough IBC beat Tina Broderick, Wellingborough BC 21-14 shots**  
**Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA beat Brenda Bishop, Daventry IBC 21-20 shots**  
**Billie Swift, Northampton & District IBA beat Linda Warren, Northampton & District IBA 21-12 shots**

**PAIRS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round:** **Catherine Gray & Maggie Lewis, Kettering Lodge BC beat** Eleanor Winters & Wilma Walker, Desborough IBC 18-8 shots  
**Sue Briggs & Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge BC beat** Erin Tripp & Emma Muir, Desborough IBC 12-6 shots  
**Chris Cooper & Jan Hunt, Wellingborough BC beat** J Buck & Rita Nolan-Smith, Rushden Town BC 22-1 shots  
**Joan Watts & Vicki Rushall, Daventry IBC beat** Elaine Cox & Joyce Porter, Northampton & District IBA 12-7 shots  
**Billie Swift & Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA beat** Chloe Weston & Linda Warren, Northampton & District IBA 17-8 shots

**Quarter Final:** **Joyce George & Pam Reynolds, Wellingborough BC beat** Catherine Gray & Maggie Lewis, Kettering Lodge BC 17-3 shots  
**Sue Briggs & Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge BC beat** Chris Cooper & Jan Hunt, Wellingborough BC 19-7 shots  
**Joan Watts & Vickie Rushall, Daventry IBC beat** Debbie Bradshaw & Lisbeth Milburn, Northampton & District IBA 16-7 shots  
**Billie Swift & Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA beat** Julie Spreadbury & Brenda Bishop, Daventry IBC 19-4 shots

**TRIPLES**

**Quarter Final:** **Catherine Gray, Margaret Haig & Maggie Lewis, Kettering Lodge BC beat** Jean Burgess, Alison Dring & Tina Broderick, Wellingborough BC 12-11 shots  
**Linda Simms, Pat Starsmore & Audrey Height, Kettering Lodge BC beat** A.N. Other, Marian Mackie & Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC 9-3 shots  
**Debbie Bradshaw, Barbara Astle & Lisbeth Milburn, Northampton & District IBA beat** Julie Spreadbury, Joan Watts & Vicki Rushall, Daventry IBC 11-4 shots  
**Vicki Worthington, Sylvia Fuller & Brenda Bishop, Daventry IBC beat** June Smith, Elaine Cox & Joyce Porter, Northampton & District IBA 16-4 shots

**FOURS**

**Quarter Final:** **Joyce George, Abbi Johnson-Young, Pam Reynolds & Viv Gaudyn, Wellingborough BC beat** Sue Briggs, Linda Simms, Pat Starsmore & Audrey Height, Kettering Lodge BC 14-3 shots  
**Jean Burgess, Marlene Armitage, Sue Collins & Tina Broderick, Wellingborough BC beat** Linda McDermott, Chris Cooper, Jan Hunt & Alison Dring, Wellingborough BC 14-13 shots  
**Marian O'Looney, Jackie Dale, Anita Hickman & Sue Lane, Northampton & District IBA beat** Julie Spreadbury, Margaret Daynes, Joan Watts & Vickie Rushall, Daventry IBC 13-11 shots  
**June Smith, Janet Denton, Elaine Cox & Joyce Porter, Northampton & District IBA beat** Shannon Swift, J Jones, Billy Swift & Janet Swift, Northampton & District IBA 16-6 shots

**GENTLEMEN**

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**TIPLER TROPHY**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round:** **Paul Coley, Nigel Hawkins, Walt Winsor & Mick Cooper, Wellingborough BC beat** John Worthington, Pat Clerkin, Tony Dicks & Mick Worthington, Daventry IBC 24-11 shots

## 8. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE

### LADIES

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#### SINGLES

**Area 6 Final:** Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA will play Emily Kernick, Solihull IBC at 10.0 a.m. on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at Barwell IBC

#### 2 BOWLS SINGLES

**Area 6 Final:** Linda Warren, Northampton & District IBA will play Hannah Smith, Welford-on-Avon IBC at 10.0 a.m. on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019, at Rugby Thornfield IBC

#### PAIRS

**Area 6 Final:** Debbie Watkins & Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC lost to Elizabeth Wooding & Rosalind Taylor, Coventry City IBC 20-21 shots, after an extra end. Match played at 10.0 a.m. on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019.

As the extra end implies, it was a very close match with few shots between the pairs throughout. At 5 ends it was 5-4 to Coventry and at 10 ends still just 1 shot in Coventry's favour at 10-9 shots, and then a big 4 to Debbie & Sharon on the 11<sup>th</sup> end to lead 13-10 gave them encouragement, but Coventry won the next 4 ends to retake the lead at 17-13. Once more the County pair went back in front on collecting a double followed by a big 5 count to sit 20-17 up with 1 end left to play. Unfortunately the Coventry ladies were able to score 3 for the tied match, and they won the extra end that was consequently required.

#### OVER 60 PAIRS

**Area 6 Final:** Linda Warren & partner, Northampton & District IBA will play Sheila Payne & partner, Shrewsbury IBC on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at 10.0 a.m.

#### TRIPLES

**Area 6 Final:** Marilyn Oram's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC will play Diane Arnold's Triple, Bromsgrove & District IBC at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, at Rugby Thornfield IBC

#### OVER 50 TRIPLES

**3<sup>rd</sup> Round:** Joyce George, Sue Collins & Pam Reynolds, Wellingborough BC beat Pat Hill's Triple, Bedford Borough IBC 27-17 shots

This win puts the Wellingborough Triple into the **Area 7 Final** against either Ann How's Triple, Cambridge Chesterton IBC, or Jane Baldwin's Triple, Huntingdon IBC, on a date to be arranged by the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Round:** Janet Swift's Triple, Northampton & District IBA beat Di Brumwell's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC 17-11 shots.

This win puts the Northampton Triple through to the **Area 6 Final** against Maria Rosso's Triple, Welford-on-Avon IBC, on a date to be arranged by the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

#### FOURS

**Area 6 Final:** Janet Swift's Rink, Northampton & District IBA will play Maureen Edwards' Rink, Rugby Thornfield IBC, at Daventry IBC at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

**MASON TROPHY – Over 60 Double Rink.**

**FINAL STAGES:**

**5<sup>th</sup> Round (Last 16 in the country):** Northampton & District IBA will play Carlton IBC, Leicestershire, on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.

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**PAIRS**

**NATIONAL FINALS at Hartlepool IBC, played on the 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019:**

**Last 16:** Billie Swift & Andy Smith, Northampton & District IBC lost to Ben Paulley & partner, Bournemouth IBC 13-18 shots.  
this encounter the County pair were 7-0 up after 2 ends but it then became a close affair with the scores level 10 shots each after 10 ends of play but they gradually lost ground needing a 6 on the last end to tie but they could only get a shot for the defeat..

**FOURS**

**NATIONAL FINALS at Hartlepool IBC on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019:**

**Last 16:** Linda Warren, Billie Swift, Chris Bland & Dominic Graham, Northampton & District IBA lost to Mark Strong's Rink, Worthing Pavilion IBC 12-15 shots.  
This was a match which the County rink lead for most of its duration, being 9-0 up after 5 ends, and 12-3 ahead after 10 ends, but Worthing managed to pick up their game, keep the County players on that 12 and go on to win.

**FAMILY PAIRS**

**4<sup>th</sup> Round:** Mick Sharpe & partner, Kingsthorpe BC beat Dena Bryan & Gavin Taylor, Kingsthorpe BC 18-15 shots

**GENTLEMEN**

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**SINGLES**

**Area 6 Final:** Stuart Thomas, Kingsthorpe BC will play Andrew Walters, Welford-on-Avon IBC at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at Rugby Thornfield IBC

**2 WOOD SINGLES**

**4<sup>th</sup> Round:** Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC lost to Wayne Bailey, St Neots & District IBC 11-21 shots

**PAIRS**

**Area 6 Final:** Andrew Manton & Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe BC will play Andrew Walters & partner, Welford-on-Avon IBC at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at Rugby Thornfield IBC

**TRIPLES**

**Area 6 Final:** Ben Sharpe, David Walker & Jamie Walker, Kingsthorpe BC will play Alan Weston's Triple, Tamworth & District IBC at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, at Barwell IBC

**Area 7 Final:** Paul Broderick's Triple, Wellingborough BC will play Nicky Brett's Triple, Huntingdon IBC on a date not yet notified to me by the Area Coordinator

## FOURS

**Area 6 Final: Iain Walker, Cameron Knox, Richard Mann & John Haines, Desborough IBC beat John Cracknell's Rink, Bromsgrove & District IBC, 15-10 shots.** This was played on the morning of Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, at Barwell IBC.

In this encounter the Bromsgrove rink started the better and were in front 6-2 shots after 7 ends, but the following 4 ends belonged to the County rink and they took an 8-6 lead, and after dropping a count of 2 on the next end, John and his men picked up a count of 4, followed by a single to lead 13-8 with 4 ends to play. An exchange of 2 single counts each saw the County rink take the win.

This excellent win puts the Desborough men through to the **National Finals** to be played at Nottingham IBC at 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019, against either John Mildren's Rink, Nottingham IBC or Danny Brown's Rink, Lincoln & District IBC, whose Area Final has not yet been played.

## OVER 60 SINGLES

**4<sup>th</sup> Round: Tony Dicks, Daventry IBC beat Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC 21-15 shots.**

This win puts Tony into the **Area 6 Final** against Peter Bryan, Bromsgrove & District IBC on a date to be arranged before the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

## OVER 50 TRIPLES

**4<sup>th</sup> Round: Mick Spear, Vernon Gearey & Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe BC beat Roger Tansley, Martin Gearey & Stuart Thomas, Kingsthorpe BC 20-13 shots**

This win puts the Manton Triple through to the **Area 6 Final** against Greg Sampson's Triple, City of Coventry IBC to be played as arranged by the Area Coordinator before the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

## OVER 60 PAIRS

**4<sup>th</sup> Round: Paul Coley & Mick Cooper, Wellingborough BC beat Gordon Black & partner, Bridgman IBC 21-15 shots**

This win puts Paul & Mick into the **Area 7 Final** against Geoff Day & partner, City of Ely IBC, or Steve Botten & partner, Haverhill IBC, to be played as arranged by the Area Coordinator on a date by the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

**Mick Worthington & Partner, Daventry IBC beat Roger Summers & partner, Northampton & District IBA 18-17 shots**

This win puts Mick into the **Area 6 Final** against Graham Arnold & partner, Bromsgrove & District IBC to be played at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at Rugby Thornfield IBC

## OVER 60 FOURS

**4<sup>th</sup> Round: Paul Coley, Nigel Hawkins, Walt Winsor, Wellingborough BC lost to Graham White's rink, Kempston Park IBC 16-15 shots**

## WESSEX LEAGUE

**Match played on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019: Kingsthorpe BC (13 points) beat Rugby Thornfield IBC 'A' (3 points) 85-78 shots.** Details as follows, skips only, Kingsthorpe names first:

<b>At Kingsthorpe:</b>	<b>Rink 1.</b>	Mick Sharpe 32 shots – O Fowler 8 shots
	<b>Rink 2.</b>	Andrew Manton 19 shots – C Carter 18 shots
<b>At Rugby:</b>	<b>Rink 3.</b>	Vernon Gearey 18 shots – H Wilkins 18 shots
	<b>Rink 4.</b>	Mark Tompkins 16 shots – D Ward 34 shots



This win puts **Kingsthorpe BC** as the winners of the **Midland Region** with 62 points, having won 4 and lost just 1 match, with Leicester in second place with 59 points, having also won 4 and lost 1. As a result both Clubs will join other Regional Winners and Runners-up, in the Finals, and the play off draw will be made after the League's AGM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019.

## 9. MIDLAND COUNTIES LUNCHEON AND MEETING

**The Midland Counties Bowling Association** Annual General Meeting and Annual Luncheon, will be held on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at the Westley Hotel, Westley Road, Hall Green, Birmingham. The AGM will be held at 11.30 a.m. followed by the Luncheon at 12.30 p.m.

The cost of lunch is £25.00p per head and anyone wishing to attend should let Stan Orton know by **no later than 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019**, at 2 Orchard Close, Austrey, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 3 EN or telephone 01827 830487 Mob: 07855 17714 e.mail [stanj.orton@talktalk.net](mailto:stanj.orton@talktalk.net) sending cheques in favour of 'MCBA' to him.

(Copies of the meeting agenda are available on request to Stan)

## 10. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

### BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

#### **1. Appointment of High Performance Director**

John McGuinness has been appointed as Bowls England's first High Performance Director on a four-year fixed term contract. McGuinness will be solely responsible for the selection of a High Performance Squad from a pool of players recommended by elected Regional Selectors and appointed International Team Managers.

He will drive Bowls England's vision to be consistently respected on the international scene, particularly at, but not limited to Test Matches, World Championships (including qualifying events) and the Commonwealth Games.

McGuinness has a vast amount of experience on the international scene, making his international debut in 2000, and has been captain of the England men's senior team since 2015. He then represented his country at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, achieving a silver medal in the Men's Fours.

Following his appointment, McGuinness said:

"I am absolutely delighted and honoured to have been chosen as Bowls England's High Performance Director. Having previously undertaken the role for the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in 2006, I am familiar with the responsibilities and expectations that this position demands. I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Bell for the dedication and commitment that he has delivered in the role of England Team Manger and Performance Director over the past 20 years.

I have been fortunate to have acted both as a player and in a supporting role within England's Elite Squads under John's direction and he will be greatly missed. England is recognised as one of the leading bowling nations in the world and our continuing success in major championships such as Commonwealth Games and World Championships is important for our sport at all levels across the nation. I look forward to the challenges ahead and promise to bring enthusiasm, dedication, pride, professionalism and commitment to this important role for our sport. We are fortunate to have a pool of very talented players in England and I look forward to working with them and our experienced team of International Team Managers, Selectors and Board of Directors on the exciting times ahead."

Following John's appointment as High Performance Director, Bowls England will now be seeking a successor for his previous position as Director of Coaching.

## 2. Bowls England Administrator for Insurance

Bowls England, the National Governing Body for Outdoor Flat Green Bowls, is seeking an Administrator to be based in its headquarters in Royal Leamington Spa. Due to the nature of the post a working knowledge of the sport of bowls is desirable but not essential.

This is a Temporary Contract (Maternity Cover) – the length of which and number of working hours per week is open to negotiation with interested candidates. Salary: £18,000 per annum (pro-rata)

The successful candidate's primary responsibilities will be the administration of the Bowls England Civil Liability Insurance Scheme and Celebration Matches. The successful candidate will also be required to manage relevant databases and support internal IT processes.

For an informal discussion regarding the role please contact Penny Maguire, Business Services Manager, on 01926 334609 or e-mail: [penny@bowlsengland.com](mailto:penny@bowlsengland.com) To apply candidates should send the following:

- Letter of application highlighting relevant experience, skills and motivation for applying
- Curriculum vitae

Please reply by e-mail to: [penny@bowlsengland.com](mailto:penny@bowlsengland.com)

Alternatively applications may be sent by post, marked 'Administrator Vacancy' to: Chief Executive, Bowls England, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 5HZ Closing date for applications: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (9am) Interviews will be held at the Bowls England Offices in Royal Leamington Spa.

Bowls England is an equal opportunities employer. Bowls England operates a company pension scheme for all employees.

**Copy of job description available on Bowls England website, or contact me (John Church)**

## 3. New Look to Bowls International Hot Shots Club

The beloved Bowls International Hot Shots Club, famous throughout the bowls playing world, has undergone an image overhaul for 2019. Launched more than 20 years ago to reward players achieving a maximum score on one end of a competitive pairs, triples or fours match, the world's biggest and most exclusive bowls club remains as popular as ever.

The much-valued certificates that recognise the feat are signed by 15 times world champion Tony Allcock MBE and take pride of place in the clubs and homes of bowlers all over the globe. Silver enamel lapel badges and various coloured bowls stickers are also available to highlight the achievement and for the first time this summer, with bowlers achieving three Hot Shots in the same year able to apply for a coveted gold badge.

Certificates are free and all Hot Shots applicants are featured both in the Bowls International magazine and on their website. Postage is set at £2.20 for all items. Teams are also encouraged to send in pictures, which will be published each month.

Bowls International's designated Hot Shots co-ordinator, Ceris Hewlings, can be contacted on 07511 835029 or by emailing [hotshots@bowlsinternational.com](mailto:hotshots@bowlsinternational.com) To apply, fill in a form from the magazine or go to [www.bowlsinternational.com](http://www.bowlsinternational.com) and click on 'Hotshots'.

With prices starting at just £29.99 for a year, a subscription to Bowls International is excellent value for money, with informative and inspiring articles for everyone to enjoy. The monthly magazine features varied pieces, which are of benefit to grass roots players through to the elite level.

## 11. OBITUARY

### 1. Barry GRANT, Kettering Lodge BC Indoor & Outdoor

In connection with the passing of Barry Grant, which I reported last week, his funeral arrangements are now to hand. 12 noon on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, at the Edgar Newman Chapel, Kettering Crematorium, Rothwell Road, Kettering, NN16 8XE.

Family flowers only, but donations if desired in favour of 'Cransley Hospice' via Averil Phillips, Funeral Director, Station Road, Kettering, or online via [averilphillips.co.uk](http://averilphillips.co.uk) or at the service.

### 2. Leslie (Les) T KILWORTH, 97 years – Northampton Express BC

Les passed away recently at the grand age of 97 years. He was a very loyal and committed member of Northampton Express BC serving for around 30 years, and he served on the Committee and looked after the green. He was an accomplished lead bowler in his time, and he was awarded his County Badge in the 1980's.

His Funeral is arranged for 11.00a.m. on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, at the Church of St Luke, Off Main Rd, Duston, Northampton, NN5 6JB, followed by burial in Dallington Cemetery.

## 12. COUNTY CLUB NEWS – OF INTEREST ACROSS COUNTY

### INDOOR CLUBS

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#### BRACKLEY BC (Indoor Section)

##### **Fixtures:**

1.3.19. Club plays Middle Barton BC at home at 2.15 p.m.

#### DAVENTRY IBC

##### **Fixtures:**

28.2.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC away at 2.0 p.m.

2/3.3.19. Club hosts the English Short Mat Bowling Association competitions.

#### **Match Report**

Daventry Eagles won at home against Corley BC, Coventry, on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2019 - 145-64 shots

It was an exciting game with Daventry starting very strongly and which continued through the game and Corley was unable to catch up. Captain John Sach presented the highest winning rink to Brian Robbins, Margaret Stevens and skip Brian Gelder. Rink details, Corley BC skips only, as follows:

**Rink 1:** Guifang Wright, Trevor Wright and Peter Mercer 26 shots - B Spencer 3 shots

**Rink 2:** Sylvia Hatfield, Debs Sach and John Sach 26 shots - T Long 10 shots

**Rink 3:** Rod Clarke, Doug Crane and Alan Davies 19 shots - G Spencer 7 shots

**Rink 4:** Brenda Clarke, Jennie Mercer and Judy Hicks 17 shots - I Oliver 17 shots

**Rink 5:** Brian Robbins, Margaret Stevens and Brian Gelder 34 shots - J Williams 6 shots

**Rink 6:** Barbara Langdon, Mary Gillard and Norman Langdon 23 shots - S Derlalley 19 shots

#### KETTERING LODGE BC (Indoor Section)

##### **Fixtures:**

4.3.19. Club plays the Monica Law Rose Bowl competition at 2.0 p.m.

#### RUSHDEN TOWN BC (Indoor Section)

##### **Fixtures:**

28.2.19. Club plays Desborough IBC away at 2.0 p.m.

**WELLINGBOROUGH BC (Indoor Section)**

**Fixtures:**

- 28.2.19. Club plays Daventry IBC at home at 2.0 p.m.  
1.3.19. Club hosts a match between Retired Police BA and Swanspool BC at 2.0 p.m.  
3.3.19. Club plays Mears Ashby RBL BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

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**ABINGTON BC**

**Fixture:**

- 28.2.19. Club plays Northampton & District IBA away at 2.15 p.m.

**DESBOROUGH TOWN BC**

**Fixture:**

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

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA**

**Fixture:**

- 28.2.19. Club visits Kettering Lodge BC for a match at 2.0 p.m.  
1.3.19. Club visits Wellingborough BC for a match against Swanspool BC at 2.0 p.m.

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**Northamptonshire Bowls Press Officer**