

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN – SEMI-FINAL OF LIBERTY TROPHY versus DURHAM

The players and supporters of the **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** set off for Doncaster IBC on the morning of Saturday, 2nd March, 2019, full of confidence for their forthcoming contest in the **National Semi-Final** of the Inter County '**Liberty Trophy**' competition, against Durham, and what was experienced was a very competitive match with very few shots between the teams at every stage.

Examination of the scorecards reveals that after 5 ends of play the County had a 4 shots lead, which was whittled down to just 1 shot at 10 ends of play, but the County men kept that single shot advantage across the 6 rinks with 3 ends left to play, but Durham had a slight advantage in the scoring on the 19th end to get in front, and they were able to hold the County off for a narrow win by 4 shots.

The rink wins were equally shared, with the highest scoring for the County being the one skipped by Neil McKee which posted a very good 13 shots win.

The final score was Northamptonshire 110 shots – Durham 114 shots. Rink details as follows, Durham skips only:

Rink 1. Adam Pitfield, Richard Mann, Gavin Taylor & Darren Childs 18 shots – D Bolt 20 shots

This match was pretty evenly contested throughout with not many shots between the rinks at any stage. Honours were even after 5 ends at 3 each, and after David Bolt's men had a decent run of ends the County was 5 shots adrift at 5-10, but the 15th end was good for Darren and his men when they picked up a big 6 to take the lead 14-12 after 15 ends, and followed that with a 2 to increase their lead. Durham, however, collected a count of 4 to level the match with 4 ends to play, and although the County won the first of those to go in front by 2 shots, Durham picked up 4 shots on the last 2 ends to take a narrow win.

Rink 2. David Walker, Neil Rolfe, Jason Bryan & Connor Cinato 19 shots – P Smithson 14 shots

Another closely contested match, certainly over the first two thirds, with the scores level at 5 shots each after 6 ends, and after the County had taken an 11-6 shots lead after 11 ends, Durham pulled right back to level the scores at 11 each after 14 ends. A very good pick up of 4 shots by Connor and his men on the 15th end gave them back their lead, which they did not then lose as they won 4 of the last 6 ends for a decent victory.

Rink 3. Scott Johnson, Will Walker, Stuart Thomas & Paul Broderick 11 shots – P Mosley 33 shots

After winning the first end with a single, the County rink could not score again for the next 6 ends, as Durham firstly won the first 4 of these ends by a single shot on each, and then collected a 2 followed by a massive count of 6 to get well in front at 12-1. After picking up a single on the 8th end, Paul and his men exchanged counts of 3 shots each to be adrift 5-15 after 10 ends of play, and things did not get much better for the County when 8-20 down, for Durham won the next 5 ends and piled on 10 more shots in the process to lead 30-8, and an exchange of 3 shots each saw the County rink well beaten in the end.

Rink 4. Curtis Johnson, Chris Bland, Matt Pownall & Dominic Graham 12 shots – V O'Neill 18 shots

In this pretty low scoring match honours were even after 6 ends with each having 4 shots, but then Durham picked up 3 doubles for a 4 shots lead at 8-4 after 8 ends, and they kept a lead, just, at 9-8 after 12 ends. Dominic and his men were still just a couple of shots adrift at 9-11 after 15 ends, but the next 2 ends were good for Durham as they added 5 shots, with their 3 shots on the 16th end being the highest end score of the match, to lead 16-9 with 4 ends left. The County picked up 3 shots to 2 conceded for a fairly modest defeat.

Rink 5. Ben Sharpe, Andy Smith, Vernon Gearey & Jamie Walker 22 shots – G R Smith 14 shots

The County started well in this encounter leading 5-4 after 5 ends, and then winning the next 3 ends with 8 shots added to their total, including a good pick up of 4 on the 8th end for a 13-4 lead. The next 4 ends produced just single shots, with 3 going to Durham, but Jamie & his men had another pick up of 4 shots to go further ahead at 18-7. With 5 ends to play the County was 10 shots up at 20-10, and still 10 up 3 ends later, and the last 2 ends were critical for the success of the overall result for the County, because Durham had just gone a couple of shots ahead and with Jamie's rink to finish he needed to win the last 2 ends to collect the winning shots, but unfortunately this did not happen as Durham collected a couple of singles which was enough to cement their overall win, although Jamie still had a decent win on his rink.

Rink 6. Iain Walker, Conor Bryan, Andrew Manton & Neil McKee 28 shots – P Hartley 15 shots

In this match Neil and his men looked very good in winning the first 3 ends and posting 6 shots in the process, but the 4th end went well for Durham as they picked up a 4 to reduce their deficit, but Neil and his men almost counter-balanced that with 3 shots of their own to maintain a decent lead at 9-4. After 10 ends the County lead was still 5 shots, and a 3 on the 11th improved that lead for Neil and his men, although the next 4 ends saw Durham win them all, albeit restricted to only 5 shots, to reduce the County's lead to 3 shots. Neil and his men hit back immediately with a single followed by a 4 and a 5 to lead well by 13 shots with 3 ends left to play, and each rink collected 3 shots on those ends for a very good win by the County rink.

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus HERTFORDSHIRE - RESULT

The men of **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** made a visit to Watford IBC on Tuesday, 26th February, 2019, for a friendly match against their counterparts from Hertfordshire, and they maintained their recent good form with a win, albeit by just 6 shots. The County shared rink wins, with the highest scoring for Northants being that skipped by President John Haines, which recorded a very good win by 16 shots.

The final score was Northamptonshire 122 shots – Hertfordshire 116 shots. Rink scores as follows, Herts skips only:

Rink 1. Don Scott, Richard Upton, Dave Williamson & Matt Pownall 20 shots – Terry Barker 15 shots

In this match, after trailing 0-3 after 3 ends, the County rink scored well over the next 6 ends to lead 9-3 shots, and 4 ends later still had a decent 13-6 lead, but Herts fought back very well to draw level at 13 each with 5 ends to go, and with 2 ends left the scores were still level. Matt and his men, however, scored a very useful count of 4 and completed their victory with a single on the last end.

Rink 2. Eddy Short, Larry Lawrence, Dave Stewart & Peter Mellor 22 shots – Malcolm Ingram 13 shots

After dropping two doubles in the first 2 ends, the County rink scored 9 shots with just 1 conceded on the next 6 ends to take the lead 9-5, but Herts hit back to within 1 shot at 8-9 down until Peter and his men scored 8 shots without reply to lead 17-8 with 6 ends left. Scoring was shared in those 6 ends for the County to have a good win.

Rink 3. Rick Hayes, John Davies, Bob Brogden & John Haines 29 shots – Derek Baker 13 shots

After picking up a 4 on the first end the County rink dropped a huge 6 on the next, but this did not faze John and his men for they won the next 3 ends, albeit with singles, to regain the lead, and after dropping a single they collected two counts of 3 to lead 14-7. The Herts men scored a little better over the next 7 ends to reduce their deficit to 4 shots with 5 ends to play, but President John and his men really hit back in winning those 5 ends and in adding 12 shots to their score, they recorded a very good win.

Rink 4. Alan Diver, Alan Watts, Geoff Hunt & Tony Weston 17 shots – Mick Wood 18 shots

In this encounter the County rink started very well and after 5 ends held a good 7-3 lead, but Herts hit back and tied up the scores at 7 each. Tony and his men kept the home rink on that score for the next 5 ends whilst they added 8 shots to their score for a 15-7 lead, but it was the County's turn to be kept on a score for Herts won the next 5 ends and took the lead by 1 shot at 16-15 with 3 ends to play. Those 3 ends went 2-2 so the County just lost by the smallest of margins.

Rink 5. Dougie Cooper, Bob Sullivan, Malc Mattinson & Terry James 17 shots – Tony Howard 25 shots

The County rink could score just 2 shots on the 2nd end whilst Herts scored freely to lead 13-2 after 7 ends, then after doubling their score, Terry & his men dropped a big 5 to go further behind at 4-18. The next 7 ends, however, were very good for the County men for they scored 12 shots and conceded just 1 to get to within 3 shots at 16-19 with 5 ends left. Those 5 ends went much the better for Herts as they scored 6 shots to 1 conceded for a decent win to them.

Rink 6. Terry Chapman, Tony Warren, Bob Tingle & Michael Moulton 17 shots – Richard Pearce 32 shots

A match in which the County was 3-2 up after 3 ends, but then dropped a 3 followed by a big 5 to go 3-10 shots behind and after 10 shots Michael and his men were 5-16 behind, and after dropping a 4 on the 14th, they picked up a 4 of their own on the next end, but they were 10-23 in deficit with 6 ends left. The County rink won 4 of those 6 ends, but the 2 they dropped added a 5 and a 4 to the Herts score for a very good win for them.

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S – LOOKING FOR FIXTURES

The Northamptonshire Under 25's players are making a plea. They want to play some matches on Sundays against County Clubs, for the experience it gives the young players, so if any Club is able to find a place in their fixture list for a match, please contact the BN Chairman and Men's Fixture Secretary John Chester on shotwood@sky.com.

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN'S COUNTY BOWLS TOUR CANCELLED.

It is with much regret that I have been asked to report that the **BN Men's County Bowls Tour**, which was being arranged to visit the Swansea area in May, 2019, has reluctantly been cancelled due to a lack of numbers wishing to tour. Richard Somerton will be returning the deposits to those who have paid to tour in due course.

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus LINCOLNSHIRE – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** in a friendly match against Lincolnshire, to be played at Rushden Town BC, Northampton Road, Rushden, at 2.0 p.m. on Wednesday, 13th March, 2019.

- Rink 1.** George Fletcher, Desborough IBC/Peter Kitchener, Rushden Town BC/Geoff Hunt, Wellingborough BC/John Haines, Desborough IBC
- Rink 2.** Malcolm White, Keith Thatcher, both Rushden Town BC/Geoff Allen, Daventry IBC/Dave Stewart, Rushden Town BC
- Rink 3.** Richard Hooper, Daventry IBC/Terry Chapman, Rushden Town BC/John Chester, Desborough IBC/Terry James, Rushden Town BC
- Rink 4.** Roger Miller, Desborough IBC/Dave Lovell, Rushden Town BC/Richard Somerton, Brackley & District BC/Peter Mellor, Desborough IBC
- Rink 5.** Roger Summers, Tony Warren, Colin Barnes, all Northampton & District IBA/Mick Worthington, Daventry IBC
- Rink 6.** Tony Dicks, Daventry IBC/Trevor Tilley, Wellingborough BC/Geoff Harris, Rushden Town BC/Tony Weston, Northampton & District IBA
- Reserves:** Don Scott, Brackley & District BC/Brian Diver, Bob Tingle, both Desborough IBC/Andy Hogg, Northampton & District IBA

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'MIDLAND COUNTIES' versus BEDFORDSHIRE – RESULT

The ladies of the **Northamptonshire Women's Indoor Bowling Association** visited Kempston Park IBC on Sunday, 24th February, 2019, to take on the ladies of Bedfordshire in a Midland Counties match, and with a team weakened by some withdrawals, they did well to win on 2 rinks, and draw on 2 rinks, with unfortunately the 2 losing rinks doing so to lead to a 15 shots defeat. The scoring County rinks were skipped by Jan Hunt and Di Brumwell, with 4 shots and 3 shots wins respectively. The final score was Northamptonshire (6 points) 109 shots – Bedfordshire (16 points) 124 shots. Rink details as follows, Beds skips only:

- Rink 1.** Lynn Upton, Barbara Oliver, Jo Johns & Joan Watts 14 shots – Anne Larr 23 shots
- Rink 2.** Joyce George, Sian Hughes-Jones, Pat Starsmore & Hilary Sharpe 24 shots – Patsy Dobson 24 shots
- Rink 3.** Marlene Armitage, Margaret Cave, Chris Cooper & Jan Hunt 23 shots – Rita Toner 19 shots
- Rink 4.** Julie Spreadbury, Elaine Urquhart, Wilma Walker & Di Brumwell 20 shots – Janet Payne 17 shots
- Rink 5.** Sue Collins, Lisbeth Milburn, Elaine Cox & Joyce Porter 16 shots – Jan Brooks 116 shots
- Rink 6.** Celia Morris, Maxeen Belski, Glenys Emery & Brenda Bishop 12 shots – Dot Baker 25 shots

7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'FRIENDLY' versus LEICESTERSHIRE – RESULT

The ladies of the **Northamptonshire Women's Indoor Bowling Association** were entertained by Leicestershire ladies to a friendly match on Thursday, 21st February, 2019, at Melton & District IBC, and after a very closely fought contest, in which the County won 2 rinks, drew 1 and lost 3, the hosts won by the small margin of 2 shots. With 3 ends to play on each rink it looked as though the County might pull off a win as they were 11 shots up, but those last ends went well for Leicestershire as they collected 22 shots to just 9 conceded, for their slim victory. The highest scoring of the County's rinks was that skipped by Jan Hunt, which recorded a 9 shots win. Final score was Northamptonshire 115 shots – Leicestershire 117 shots. Rink details as follows, Leics skips only:

- Rink 1.** Dorothy Diver, Sue Prior, Sian Hughes-Jones & Joan Watts 21 shots – Jean Clarke 23 shots
- Rink 2.** Marlene Armitage, Maxeen Belski, Pat Starsmore & Elaine Urquhart 18 shots – Wendy Saunders 21 shots
- Rink 3.** Joyce George, Sally Hogston, Jo Johns & Wilma Walker 14 shots – Sue Lemon 25 shots
- Rink 4.** Julie Spreadbury, Val Scott, Glenys Emery & Joyce Porter 22 shots – Eva Radford 17 shots
- Rink 5.** Lynn Upton, Lisbeth Milburn, Eleanor Winters & Jan Hunt 22 shots – Ann Billson 13 shots
- Rink 6.** Elaine Pratt, Dawn Owen, Pam Page & Brenda Bishop 18 shots – Penny Stevenson 18 shots

8. DISABILITY BOWLS EVENT AT DESBOROUGH

Desborough IBC is holding its 1st Pro-Am Gala on **Sunday 17th March 2019** at 10am for club members who have disability membership.

24 players will take part and they will play as a pair, being drawn on the day with an experienced bowler being drawn with a less experienced one.

Each pair will play 2 games duration 1 hour with an hour's break between. There will be a raffle and an appeal has been put up at the club asking for volunteer help on the day, with such things as pushing wheelchairs, selling raffle tickets, keeping score and help on the green ensuring everything runs smoothly. A cup has been donated by Rothwell and Desborough Lions in memory of Dave Cotterill, who was a founder member as well as being a bowler for Desborough and it is hoped that a representative from the Lions or Dave's family will come along and present the cup at the end of the day.

Desborough IBC runs a dedicated session for bowlers with disabilities on Fridays at 11.45am - 2pm with various aids, wheelchairs, and a lot of laughter. Anyone is welcome to come along and try our sport, as they are to support our bowlers on the day.

9. DISABILITY BOWLS ENGLAND – APPEAL

The Board and Staff of DBE wish all our Members, Friends and Supporters a very happy and enjoyable 2019. They thank everyone for the support to Disability Bowls England and they look forward to providing bowlers, volunteers and colleagues with many opportunities and developments for bowls participation in the coming months. They make the following statement and appeal which I am pleased to publish:

“We are grateful for the backing and voluntary assistance we have received over the past three years which has allowed us to deliver sociable, competitive and enjoyable events. 2019 brings new challenges, membership numbers are growing and we need to organise different levels of activities to provide for the bowling needs of all members. Board members, staff and individuals are trying to secure funding to deliver a varied calendar of events and to introduce new competitions and activities.

We hope you will take a few minutes to read through our appeal for help with raising funds which will enable Disability Bowls England to continue to provide a wide range of services which members can enjoy.

Thank you for all your past support and contributions!

Members have been very generous in their support in the past and the efforts and contributions from volunteers has been very welcome. Without your enthusiastic support DBE would not have been able to develop and become the popular and professional organisation it is today. We receive no statutory or government funding, income to cover all areas of expenditure for the organisation is obtained through voluntary fundraising methods.

Fundraising Appeal! How can you help?

The 2018 Prize Draw was a resounding success raising nearly £5000. People were very supportive of the Draw and requested any future major raffles offer a more varied range of prizes. We are hoping to obtain some attractive bowls related prizes for a 2019 Draw but we are also looking for more general items so that tickets can be sold to non-bowls communities. **If you can help in providing any prizes or know of anyone we can approach to obtain a prize** please let us know.

Later in the year **we will be looking for support in selling Prize Draw tickets** and we hope you will be willing to help us with this promotion.

For all those individuals who have helped the organisation, we are very indebted to you for your efforts. Many people have been assisting with fundraising and everyone generously donates to raffles and number draws at events but perhaps you may be able to consider helping us with a wider appeal. For example;

Company Charity Giving – do you know of any organisations who might be willing to consider an application from us? Places where people work often have a policy of donating to charitable causes. You may have family, friends or colleagues working in a Company, retail, office environment etc where there is a charity giving department or policy and your contacts, as employees, may be able to influence and recommend that DBE be considered for an appeal for Charity funding. If you can think of any situation where this might apply, please get in touch and we will provide a written funding request. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiastic bowling involvement with DBE, in whatever shape or form it may take.

With best wishes for a happy and successful 2019. Kind regards

Shirley Hughes, Director/Trustee on behalf of the Disability Bowls England Board

Email: smhughes21@yahoo.com “

10. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN PLAYING FOR MIDLAND COUNTIES

The following County players have been selected to play for the **Midland Counties Indoor Bowling Association** in a friendly match against Leicestershire Indoor BA to be played at Melton & District IBA, Melton Mowbray, on Thursday, 14th March, 2019, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Don Scott, Brackley & District BC
Richard Upton, Brackley & District BC
Alec McKim, Desborough IBC
George Warren, Desborough IBC

11. BOWLATHON AT DESBOROUGH IBC

The 'Bowlathon' at Desborough IBC, which has become a regular annual feature, will be held on **Saturday, 9th March, 2019**, from 8.0 a.m. to 8.0 p.m.

The Club's restaurant will be open from 7.0 a.m. and will be serving breakfasts, lunches and dinners throughout the day.

Players from many quarters will be taking part, and one of the sessions which are much looked forward to is the 'Fancy Dress' which will be held from 6.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.

This will be followed by an after event party and disco by Shuffle Master (Troye D'Oliveira) a Desborough Bowler who has his own Disco business.

12. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT COUNTY

GENTLEMEN

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SINGLES

Quarter Final: **John Haines, Desborough IBC** beat Martin Underwood, Desborough IBC 21-8 shots
Connor Cinato, Kingsthorpe BC beat Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC 21-7 shots
David Love, Wellingborough BC beat Martin Keech, Wellingborough BC (no score given)

PAIRS

Quarter Final: **Ray Castle & partner, Kingsthorpe BC** beat Matt Pownall & partner, Desborough IBC 17-16 shots
Will Walker & partner, Wellingborough BC beat Connor & Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC 14-13 shots
Andy Smith & partner, Northampton & District IBA given walkover by Dennis Collins & Martin Keech, Wellingborough BC

TRIPLES

2nd Round: **Darren Lewis's triple, Kingsthorpe BC** beat John Haines' Triple, Desborough IBC (no score given)
Scott Johnson's Triple, Wellingborough BC beat Dave Stewart's Triple, Rushden Town BC 15-8 shots
Chris Bland's Triple, Northampton & District IBA beat Paul Broderick's Triple, Wellingborough (no score given)

Quarter Final: **David Love's Triple, Wellingborough BC** beat Darren Lewis's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC 10-9 shots
Scott Johnson's Triple, Wellingborough BC beat Chris Gray, Allen Simms & Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge BC (no score given)
Ray Castle's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC beat Kieran Rollings' Triple, Kettering Lodge BC 19-12 shots
Pete Dymond's Triple, Daventry IBC beat Chris Bland's Triple, Northampton & District IBA 14-13 shots

FOURS

Quarter Final: **Paul Broderick's Rink, Wellingborough BC** beat Peter Dymond's Rink, Daventry IBC (no score given)
David Jones' Rink, Northampton & District IBA beat Allen Simms' Rink, Kettering Lodge BC (no score given)
John Haines' Rink, Desborough IBC beat Will Walker's Rink, Wellingborough BC 17-15 shots
Darren Lewis's Rink, Kingsthorpe BC beat Kieran Rollings' Rink, Kettering Lodge BC 18-9 shots

UNDER 25 SINGLES

Quarter Final: David Walker, Kingsthorpe BC beat Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC 21-15 shots

Semi-Final: Will Walker, Wellingborough BC beat Adam Pitfield, Wellingborough BC 21-20 shots

UNBADGED 4 WOOD SINGLES

Quarter Final: Tom Wellburn, Kingsthorpe BC beat Ian McIlwain, Rushden Town BC (no score given)

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EVENING TELEGRAPH DOUBLE RINK COMPETITION – OUTDOOR

Paul Melville, the organiser of the **Evening Telegraph** double rink knock out competition, asks that I advertise the 2019 competition, as it will not be long before the outdoor season is upon us. As usual this is for teams of two rinks of 4, either single gender or mixed, and Paul needs your entries as soon as possible please.

The fee is £8.00p per team, with cheques made payable to Corby Forest BC Paul will require the Team Name and address, the Contact name with telephone and contact's address, and email address.

Paul's contact details are: 8, Lister Close, Corby, Northants NN17 1XR to which address entries must be sent, with a closing date of 25th May, 2019. pmelville@hotmail.co.uk

13. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE

LADIES

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2 WOOD SINGLES

Area 6 Final: played on Saturday, 2nd March, 2019, at Rugby Thornfield IBC

Linda Warren, Northampton & District IBA beat Hannah Smith, Welford-on-Avon IBC 21-14 shots.

This match was a fairly lengthy one of 24 ends of play, which Linda started well with 3 shots on the board in the first 2 ends, and although her opponent came fairly close on occasions at 3-4 and 6-9, 12-15 & 13-16 down, Linda was always otherwise a few shots in front and in control, and at 16-13 up after 21 ends of play she could see the winning post and she duly collected the 5 shots she needed and dropped just 1 more shot.

This win puts Linda into the National Finals Last 16 to be played at Nottingham IBC on the 25th March, 2019 at 6.30 p.m. against 1 of 4 players yet to have played their qualifying matches.

TRIPLES

Area 6 Final: Played at Rugby Thornfield IBC on Wednesday, 27th February, 2019.

Dena Bryan's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC lost to Diane Arnold's Triple, Bromsgrove & District IBC 12-18 shots

MASON TROPHY – Over 60 Double Rink Inter Club competition, with 1 rink playing at home and the other away.

5th Round – Last 16 in the country:

Northampton & District IBA lost to Carlton IBC, Enderby, Leicestershire 35-36 shots.

What a close affair, the minimum margin, just 1 shot. Details as follows: Carlton skips names only:

At Northampton: June Smith, Jackie Dale, Sue Lane & Joyce Porter 19 shots – S Sharp 18 shots

At Carlton: Janet Denton, Elaine Cox, Linda Warren & Janet Swift 16 shots – A Neale 18 shots

GENTLEMEN

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2 BOWL SINGLES

4th Round: **Jamie Walker, Kingsthorpe BC beat** Andy Smith, Northampton & District IBA 21-12 shots

OVER 60 PAIRS

4th Round: **Mick Worthington & Partner, Daventry IBC beat** Roger Summers & Partner, Northampton & District IBA 18-17 shots

Area 7 Final: **Paul Coley & Mick Cooper, Wellingborough BC beat F Harrison & Geoff Day, City of Ely IBC 18-7 shots.**

This match was pretty evenly contested for the first 5 ends, with the score just 6-5 in the Wellingborough pair's favour, but from then on Paul & Mick dominated proceedings in restricting their opponents to just 2 more shots, whilst they were piling on the shots for a very good win.

This puts the Wellingborough players into the **National Finals** at **Nottingham IBC at 2.0 p.m. on the 10th April, 2019**, when they will meet either Frank Abbott partner, Barking IBC, Essex, or Alan Harman & partner, Bounds Green IBC, Middlesex.

TRIPLES

Area 6 Final: Played at Barwell IBC, Leicestershire, on Wednesday, 27th February, 2019.

David Walker, Ben Sharpe & Jamie Walker, Kingsthorpe BC beat Roger Smith, Alan Weston & Norman Ardin, Tamworth & District IBC 21-10 shots.

This win qualifies the Kingsthorpe triple for the **National Finals** to be played at **Nottingham IBC**, when they will meet either Martyn Wise's Triple, Atherley IBC, or Chris Daniels' Triple, Bournemouth IBC, at **1.30 p.m. on Sunday, 24th March, 2019.**

WESSEX LEAGUE

The draw for the 2018-19 Wessex League play offs was made following the AGM on the 3rd March, 2019. The draw was carried out by the delegates that attended the AGM in the presence of the League Executive. The first round matches to be played on Sunday, 10th March, 2019, when Kingsthorpe BC will play North Wiltshire, with two rinks at home and two rinks away, as usual.

14. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

Following his recent appointment to the position of High Performance Director, John McGuinness has informed Bowls England of his intention to resign from his current role as Director of Coaching. **Bowls England** is therefore seeking applications for the post of **Director of Coaching**. John has kindly offered to remain in post until his replacement has been appointed in support of the transition of Coach Bowls to the NGBs over the coming weeks.

Please ensure that all of your members are aware of this exciting opportunity to play a key role in the future of the sport. Application forms and other accompanying papers may be viewed on the Bowls England website.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the successful candidate will be appointed by the Board and serve until the AGM in February 2021, following which they will be eligible for re-election.

The closing date for applications is 9am on Monday 11th March 2019.

15. OBITUARY

1. Tim ROBINSON, 63 years, Northamptonshire Retired Police BA, Desborough IBC & Kettering Midland Band BC

Tim died in Kettering General Hospital after a relatively short illness on Wednesday, 27th February, 2019. He was a very committed and effective bowler, whose company was enjoyed by all, and he regularly turned out for the County and the County Vice Presidents BA, both indoor and outdoor, as well as loyally supporting his clubs. He was the present Captain and past secretary of the Northamptonshire Retired Police team. Funeral arrangements will be notified in due course.

2. Peter (Pete) MATTOCK, Kettering Lodge BC

After a short illness Pete Mattock passed away in Kettering General Hospital on 23/02/19. He was a bowler at Kettering Lodge for many years and will be sadly missed. His Funeral will be held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 1pm at the Edgar Newman Chapel, Kettering Crematorium., Rothwell Road, Kettering, NN16 8XE

3. Michael GOSLING, Daventry IBC

Michael died suddenly and unexpectedly on Friday, 1st March, 2019. Funeral arrangements yet to be made.

16. COUNTY CLUB NEWS – OF INTEREST ACROSS COUNTY

INDOOR CLUBS

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DAVENTRY IBC

Fixtures:

- 7.3.19. Club plays Rugby Thornfield IBC away at 1.0 p.m.>`
- 7.3.19. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire VP's and Warwickshire VP's at 2/.0 pm..
- 9/10.3.19. Club holds a 'Marker's Awareness Course' in the Lounge am.
- 9.3.19. Club holds its competition finals at 9.30 a.m.
- 10.3.19. Club holds its competition finals at 10.0 a.m. and at 2.0 p.m.
- 13.3.19. Club plays Lutterworth BC at home at 2.0 p.m..

Match Report:

Daventry lost to Northampton and District IBA. 47 – 70 shots
Unfortunately the Daventry Ladies suffered a heavy defeat by the Northampton Team, however there was one winning rink and Captain Margaret Daynes awarded this to Hazel Wallace, Mary Gillard and Judy Hicks. Rink details as follows, Northampton skips only:

- Rink 1:** Janet Collins, Jill Welch and Margaret Daynes 7 shots - L Babb 21 shots
- Rink 2:** Sylvia Inglis, Chris Cross and Joan Watts 15 shots - M O'Looney 18 shots
- Rink 3:** Vicki Worthington, Barbara Oliver and Shirley Shucksmith 6 shots - G Crossley 22 shots
- Rink 4:** Hazel Wallage, Mary Gillard and Judy Hicks 19 shots - G Joliff 9 shots

KETTERING LODGE BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

- 9.3.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC (Indoor Section)

Fixture:

- 13.3.19. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire Men and Lincolnshire men at 2.0 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

- 7.3.19. Club plays Northampton & District IBA at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 9.3.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 9.3.19. Club plays Desborough IBC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
- 13.3.19. Club hosts a match between the Northamptonshire VP's and the Cavaliers BA at 2.0 p.m.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixture:

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

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