

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. COUNTY BOWLER CROWNED BRITISH ISLES JUNIOR CHAMPION

Well done Connor Cinato, Kingsthorpe BC (Indoor) and many congratulations for winning the British Isles Junior Singles Championship.

The Championships are competed by England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and the Channel Islands.

Connor qualified to play for England in the Championships by winning the English Indoor BA Junior Singles last season, and he visited the Falcon IBC, Chelmsford on Monday, 11th March, 2019, for his **Semi-Final** match against **Ben Harvey of the Channel Islands**, which was played at 6.30 p.m.

Connor somewhat overpowered Ben, in **winning 21-4 shots** in a match which lasted for just 17 ends of play. He took a 9-0 lead after 5 ends, and after conceding 1 shot on the next end, he added 5 more to lead 14-1 after 9. Ben actually won the next 3 ends, all in singles, but that was the last he was to score as Connor scored the 7 he needed for victory over the next 5 ends.

This win placed Connor into the **Final** against **Scotland's John Meikle**, who had to play a semi-final round against Jordan Driscoll of Wales, and one in which he was totally dominant, winning 21-2 shots in just 12 ends. With a win like that under his belt John would have started the Final on the afternoon of **Wednesday, 13th March**, in a confident mood. In the event the two were very evenly matched, and changed the head of bowls on nearly every delivery.

After 5 ends of play the scores were level on 5 shots each, and level once more at 8 shots each 4 ends later, but at that point Connor eased in front to be 18-9 shots up after 15 ends of play, and could see the finishing post. John, however, was not finished and he added 7 shots to his total to be just 3 behind at 16-19, and on the next end, after drawing to hold 2 or maybe 3 shots, he obliged Connor to draw with his 3rd bowl, which he did to within a foot of the end grip. John needed to take out Connor's shot bowl but just failed, so Connor with his last bowl drew a winning shot.

2. COUNTY PLAYERS IN BRITISH ISLES SERIES FOR ENGLAND

The British Isles Indoor Bowls Council (BIIBC) International Series was held at **Falcon IBC, Chelmsford**, Essex, from Friday, 8th to Sunday, 10th March, 2019, and four of the County's finest bowlers were representing England.

Connor Cinato, Kingsthorpe BC played at No. 2 on a rink skipped by club colleague **Jamie Walker**, and they had with them Shaun Jones, Malvern Hills IBC at Lead and Ian Bond, Exonia IBC at No. 3.

Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe BC played Lead on a rink skipped by Sam Tolchard, of Exonia IBC, Devon, and they had with them Andrew Walters of Welford-on-Avon IBC at No. 2, and Ryan Whitlock of Exonia at No. 3.

Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe BC played at No. 2 on a rink skipped by Jamie Chestney of Exonia IBC, and they had with them Martin Spencer of Spalding at Lead, and David Bolt of South Shields IBC at No. 3.

First up for **England** was **Ireland** which was played at 10.0 a.m. on Thursday, the 14th March, 2019, with England being very dominant, losing on just 2 rinks, and then by just 6 shots, whilst the other 4 won pretty comfortably, for a final result of **England 134 shots – Ireland 86 shots.**

All the County players were on winning rinks, with **Connor Cinato and Jamie Walker's rink** taking the highest score at 33-10 shots. **Andrew Manton's rink** won well too at 25-10 shots, and **Neil McKee's rink** had a comfortable win at 22-13 shots

Second up for **England** was **Wales**, which was played at 3.0 p.m. on Friday, 15th March, 2019, and although the margin of victory was not quite so large, England won on 5 of the 6 rinks, losing the other by just 2 shots, and the final score was **England 131 shots – Wales 96 shots.**

Once again all the County players were on winning rinks, with **Connor & Jamie's rink** once again being the highest scoring at 32-16 shots. **Andrew's rink** won 19-10 shots and **Neil's rink** won 22-20 shots.

Third and last came 'the auld enemy' **Scotland**, played at 3.0 p.m. on Saturday, 16th March, 2016, and as both England and Scotland had won the two matches thus far, it would be the winner of this match that raised the 'Hilton Trophy'

Matches between England and Scotland always have 'an edge' to them, and this was no different, for it was a very keenly contested set of rink matches, with Scotland having the usual clutch of world class bowlers on show, such as Paul Foster, MBE, Alex Marshall, MBE, Darren Burnett & Stuart Anderson. England had their own world class bowlers too, for in addition to our County men, there was Greg Harlow, Nicky Brett, Sam Tolchard, Jamie Chestney & David Bolt.

England won 4 of the rinks and lost 2, and it was England that prevailed to take the title, albeit by just 6 shots overall. The final score was **England 113 shots – Scotland 107 shots.**

The County players did pretty well again, with **Connor & Jamie's rink** winning 20-17 shots, **Neil McKee's rink** winning by the same score 20-17 shots, and **Andrew Manton's rink** losing by just 1 shot, scored by Scotland on the last end.

Well done to England, and in particular the County players for the part they played in this Series

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus OXFORDSHIRE – SELECTION

The following men have been selected to represent **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** on Thursday, 28th March, 2019, in a friendly match against Oxfordshire IBA, at Oxford & District IBC, Sandy Lane, West Littlemore, Oxford, OX4 6NA, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Roger Miller, Desborough IBC/Alan Watts, Daventry IBC/Bob Tingle & John Haines, both Desborough IBC
- Rink 2.** Dave Lovell, Peter Kitchener, both Rushden Town BC/John Chester, Desborough IBC/Dave Stewart, Rushden Town BC
- Rink 3.** Eddy Short, Desborough IBC/Don Scott, Brackley & District BC/Brian Langton, Kettering Lodge BC/Malcolm Mattinson, Rushden Town BC
- Rink 4.** Richard Hooper, Daventry IBC/James Ragosa, Desborough IBC/Keith Thatcher, Rushden Town BC/Peter Mellor, Desborough IBC
- Rink 5.** Rick Hayes, Daventry IBC/Richard Upton, Brackley & District BC/Dave Williamson, Northampton & District IBA/Terry James, Rushden Town BC
- Rink 6.** George Fletcher, Desborough IBC/Malcolm White, Rushden Town BC/Brian Diver, Desborough IBC/Geoff Hunt, Wellingborough BC
- Reserves:** Larry Lawrence, Kettering Lodge BC/Tony Warren, Northampton & District IBA/Terry Chapman, Rushden Town BC/John Davies, Brackley & District BC

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus LINCOLNSHIRE – RESULT

The Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association entertained Lincolnshire men to a friendly match at Rushden Town BC on Wednesday, 13th March, 2019, and the County players continued their very successful season of friendly matches, with a very comprehensive win by 51 shots. The County had 4 winning rinks, with 2 losing by just 14 shots between them, and the highest scoring was that skipped by County President John Haines, which won by 42 shots!

Yes, it was by 42 shots!

The final score was Northamptonshire 153 shots – Lincolnshire 102 shots. Rink details as follows, Lincolnshire skips only:

Rink 1. Roger Miller, Dave Lovell, Richard Somerton & Peter Mellor 15 shots – T Christie 24 shots

In this match the visitors started the better and had built up a 10-3 shots lead after 8 ends, but the County closed the gap with two 3's on the next 2 ends, and after 13 ends of play were just a couple of shots adrift. Over the next 5 ends Lincs scored better and took a 22-12 shots lead, but Peter and his men reduced the gap a little for a modest defeat.

Rink 2. Tony Dicks, Trevor Tilley, Geoff Harris & Tony Weston 22 shots – M McGowan 20 shots

The County men started well and after 4 ends were 7-1 shots ahead, but after 10 ends of play Tony and his men were just 2 in front at 10-8, and 3 ends later had lost the lead at 11-12. The next 3 ends, however, were good for the County as they posted 9 unanswered shots for a 20-12 lead, but Lincs fought back very well to tie things up at 20 shots each with 1 end left, which the County won for the small win.

Rink 3. Richard Hooper, Terry Chapman, John Chester & Terry James 30 shots – Richard White 11 shots

The visitors started pretty well, winning the first 3 ends with singles, and having a tied 4th end, but then the County struck hard in collecting 13 shots without reply for a 13-3 lead after 7 ends, and at 10 ends played the lead was 16-5. Lincs reduced their deficit by 5 shots on the next 3 ends, for Terry and his men to be 16-10 up with 8 ends to play, but as those 8 ends were all but 1 in the County's favour, and the rink collected 14 shots to just 1 conceded, it was a very good victory for the County.

Rink 4. George Fletcher, Peter Kitchener, Geoff Hunt & John Haines 47 shots – J Lutnage 5 shots

With the score just 4-1 to the County after 4 ends, one could not predict what the final outcome might be, but after 10 ends President John and his men had built up a 16-2 lead, and after dropping another single, they went into turbo mode in scoring 19 shots in the next 4 ends, which included two counts of 5 and a count of 7, which gave them a 35-3 lead. After dropping another single, the County rink went on another scoring spree, posting 12 more shots for a 47-4 lead, and then dropped a single on the last end.

Rink 5. Don Scott, Tony Warren, Roger Summers & Colin Barnes 20 shots – T Ashen 25 shots

In this match after 5 ends the County had a decent 6-1 lead, and 3 ends later were still ahead 10-4, but the 9th end saw Lincs take the lead 12-10 on collecting a massive count of 7 shots followed by a single. Vice President Colin and his men did retake the lead 14-12, but they were then stuck on that score whilst Lincs added 8 shots in 3 ends to lead 20-14 with 5 ends left to play. Those final ends went 6-5 in the County's favour for a modest defeat.

Rink 6. Malcolm White, Keith Thatcher, Geoff Allen & Dave Stewart 19 shots – P Lowe 17 shots

This match was pretty evenly contested throughout, with the scores level 3 each after 6 ends, and 6 each after 10 ends, and when Lincs took the lead 8-6 after 11 ends, Dave & his men hit back at once in collecting a 3 and a 4 on the next 2 ends for a 13-8 lead, and although the visitors got to within 1 shot at 17-18 down with 1 end left to play, Dave and his men collected a single for a small win.

After the match President John Haines was pleased to present a **County Blazer Badge to Terry Chapman of Rushden Town BC**, and **Colt Badges** on playing their first County match to **George Fletcher of Desborough IBC** and **Richard Hooper of Daventry IBC**

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus MIDDLESEX – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association**, in a friendly match against Middlesex IBA at 2.0 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd April, 2019, at Daventry IBC.

- Rink 1.** Tony Dicks, Daventry IBC/Terry Chapman, Rushden Town BC/Geoff Allen, Daventry IBC/John Haines, Desborough IBC
- Rink 2.** Dougie Cooper, Desborough IBC/Tony Warren, Northampton & District IBA/Bob Tingle, Desborough IBC/Mick Worthington, Daventry IBC
- Rink 3.** Malcolm White, Rushden Town BC/John Chester, Desborough IBC/Trevor Spear, Northampton & District IBA/Norman Gibb, Desborough IBC
- Rink 4.** Gordon Morris, Northampton & District IBA/Bernard Spreadbury, Daventry IBC/Dougie Ainsworth, Desborough IBC/Terry James, Rushden Town BC
- Rink 5.** Roger Summers, Northampton & District IBA/Larry Lawrence, Kettering Lodge BC/Colin Barnes, Northampton & District IBA/Peter Mellor, Desborough IBC
- Rink 6.** Kip Frankson, Daventry IBC/Bob Brogden, Northampton & District IBA/Dave Stewart, Rushden Town BC/George Warren, Desborough IBC
- Reserves:** Geoff Hunt, Wellingborough BC/Richard Upton, Brackley & District BC/Rick Hayes, Daventry IBC/Peter Kitchener & Geoff Harris, both Rushden Town BC/Roger Miller, Desborough IBC

6. BOWLS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN – TEAM MANAGEMENT

Following the resignation of the former Team Manager for the Men's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire**, the Men's Management Committee has appointed **Mick Smith, of Leicestershire**, as the Team Manager for a 3 years term 2019-2021, and he is currently preparing his plans for the forthcoming season, which will very soon be upon us. With his appointment comes responsibility for the County's involvement in the Inter County competition, the '**Middleton Cup**' the Inter County '**Midland Counties**' matches, and the '**Balcomb Trophy**'. Mick has a great deal of experience in Bowls at the highest level within his county of abode, Leicestershire, and with his close family connections with Northamptonshire, he has, over the past few years, got to know many of the County's competitive bowlers very well.

In his preparations Mick has asked Mick Sharpe, former regular Middleton Cup player, to assist him, and he has asked Andrew Manton, a current Middleton Cup player, to be his Team Captain, and they have both readily agreed. He will invite County players, both present MC, MCBA players and others showing emerging talent, to complete an availability form, to be returned by the 10th April, 2019, and he has arranged to hold a 'Players' Meeting' for those so invited, at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 25th April, 2019, at Kingsthorpe BC, Central Avenue, Whitehills, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 8DZ.

In this connection he asks that County Clubs be advised of his plans, and that the names and contact details of any club members that are emerging with talent be provided to him with details of their achievements. Mick is very enthusiastic and excited by the prospect of building a successful team, in which the first priority for him is to build a good team spirit. Success is two way, and he looks forward to listening to and taking 'onboard' the views of the players. He recognizes that there is great potential within the County, and it is a great challenge that he is looking forward to immensely.

7. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT COUNTY

INDOOR FINALS WEEKEND BECKONS.

The Finals of the Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association competitions, the Northamptonshire Women's Indoor Bowling Association competitions and the Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme competitions, are scheduled to take place at Desborough IBC, on the weekend of Friday – Sunday, 22-24th March, 2019.

The following is the draft Schedule:

Friday, 22nd March, 2019, at 6.30 p.m.

Men's Under 25 Singles: Connor Cinato, Kingsthorpe BC versus William Walker, Wellingborough BC.

NBYDS Under 18 Pairs: Thomas Manderson & Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA versus Alana Thomas-Hindley & Holly Buckby, Desborough IBC

Saturday, 23rd March, 2019, at 9.45 a.m.

Women's Singles: Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough IBC versus Billie Swift, Northampton & District IBA

Men's Singles: Connor Cinato, Kingsthorpe BC versus John Haines, Desborough IBC

Men's Unbadged Singles: John Greaves, Wellingborough BC versus Peter Wellburn, Kingsthorpe BC

NBYDS Under 15 Singles: Joshua Sanders, Wellingborough BC versus Thomas Manderson, Northampton & District IBA

Saturday, 23rd March, 2019, at 2.0 p.m.

Women's Pairs: Joyce George & Pam Reynolds, Wellingborough BC versus Billie Swift & Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA

Men's Fours: Fred Bosworth, Sam Coles, Dave Jones & John Leggett, Northampton & District IBA versus Iain Walker, Cameron Knox, Richard Mann & John Haines, Desborough IBC

Sunday, 24th March, 2019, at 9.30 a.m.

Women's Triples: Linda Simms, Pat Starsmore & Audrey Height, Kettering Lodge BC versus Debbie Bradshaw, Barbara Astle & Lisbeth Milburn, Northampton & District IBA

Women's Fours: Jean Burgess, Marlene Armitage, Sue Collins & Tina Broderick, Wellingborough BC versus Marian O'Looney, Jackie Dale, Anita Hickman & Sue Lane, Northampton & District IBA

Women's Under 25 Singles: Billie Swift, Northampton & District IBA versus Dhannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA

Men's Tipler Trophy: Dennis Collins, Paul Coley, Mick Cooper & Walt Winsor, Wellingborough BC versus Dougie Cooper, George Warren, Peter Mellor & John Haines

NBYDS 15-18 Singles: Holly Buckby, Desborough IBC versus James Reed, Rushden Town BC

At the conclusion of the Finals on Sunday, 24th March, 2019, the Presentation Luncheon will be held at the Club, and anyone who wishes to attend and has not already booked a meal, should get in touch with either Don Scott, on 01280 706966, or Pat Starsmore on 01536 482935, as soon as possible

The following are the latest results leading up to the afore-mentioned Finals:

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UNDER 25 SINGLES

Semi-Final: **Billie Swift, Northampton & District IBA beat** Chloe Weston, Northampton & District IBA 21-11

SINGLES

Semi-Finals: **Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough IBC beat** Marlene Armitage, Wellingborough BC 21-17 shots

Billie Swift, Northampton & District IBA beat Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA 21-18 shots

PAIRS

Semi-Finals: **Joyce George & Pam Reynolds, Wellingborough BC beat** Sue Briggs & Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge BC 14-5 shots

Billie Swift & Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA beat Joan Watts & Vicki Rushall, Daventry IBC 11-10 shots

TRIPLES

Semi-Finals: **Linda Simms, Pat Starsmore & Audrey Height, Kettering Lodge BC beat** Cathy Gray, Margaret Haig & Maggie Lewis, Kettering Lodge BC 20-10 shots

Debbie Bradshaw, Barbara Astle & Lisbeth Milburn, Northampton & District IBA beat Vicki Worthington, Sylvia Fuller & Brenda Bishop 12-6 shots

FOURS

Semi-Finals: **Jean Burgess, Marlene Armitage, Sue Collins & Tina Broderick, Wellingborough BC beat** Joyce George, Abbi Johnson-Young, Pam Reynolds & Viv Gaudyn, Wellingborough BC 14-7 shots

Marian O'Looney, Jackie Dale, Anita Hickman & Sue Lane beat June Smith, Janet Denton, Elaine Cox & Joyce Porter, Northampton & District IBA 17-12 shots

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PAIRS

Semi-Finals: **Thomas Manderson & Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA beat** Erin Tripp & Emma Muir, Desborough IBC 16-9 shots

Alana Thomas-Handley & Holly Buckby, Desborough IBC beat Ellie Bedwell & Ben Norman, Rushden Town BC 24-10 shots

UNDER 15 SINGLES

Semi-Finals: **Joshua Sanders, Wellingborough BC beat** Ben Norman, Rushden Town BC 21-17 shots

Thomas Manderson, Northampton & District IBA beat Rhys Palmer, Rushden Town BC 21-10 shots

15-18 SINGLES

Semi-Finals: **Holly Buckby, Desborough IBC beat** Ellie Bedwell, Rushden Town BC 21-17 shots

James Reed, Rushden Town BC given walkover by Cauly Swift, Northampton & District IBA

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COUNTY LEAGUE

Played on Saturday, 16th March, 2019.

1. **Desborough IBC (4.5 points) beat Northampton & District IBA (1.5 points) 81-57 shots.** Rink details as follows, Desborough names first:

At Desborough: **Triple 1.** Bob Mitchell, Dave Flippance & Carl Wigfield 15 shots – Dave Cox, Mark Dickens & Tony Weston 23 shots
 Triple 2. Tony Gilbert, Trevor Anderson & Cameron Knox 16 shots – James Robinson, Simon Coles & Chris Bland 13 shots

At Northampton: **Triple 3.** Ron Chambers, Peter Mellor & John Haines 16 shots – Alan Baulch, Dave Fage & Dave Jones 16 shots
 Triple 4. Iain Walker, Dougie Ainsworth & Richard Mann 34 shots – Tony Ellis, Terry Brown & Phil Reeve 5 shots

2. **Wellingborough BC (5 points) beat Brackley & District BC (1 point) 91-46 shots.** Rink details as follows, Wellingborough names first:

At Brackley: **Triple 1.** Jason Ball, Dave Love & Steve Norman 23 shots – Trevor Gregory, David Blencowe & Ron Morland 5 shots
 Triple 2. Brandon Taylor, John Towell & Walt Winsor 15 shots – Martin Graves, Paul Hooley & Kevin Taylor 17 shots

At Wellingborough: **Triple 3.** Tony Asher, Kyle Buckley & Nigel Hawkins 27 shots – Mike Smith, Dick Upton & Graham Prior 11 shots
 Triple 4. Pete Boulden, Ian Roy & John Greaves 26 shots – Charlie Greig, Paul Stevens & Ross Vicars

3. **Kettering Lodge BC (4 points) beat Rushden Town BC (2 points) 82-70 shots.** Rink details as follows, Kettering names first:

At Kettering: **Triple 1.** Larry Lawrence, Kieran Rollings & Adrian Harris 27 shots – Mick Galloway, Eric Miskowicz & Malcolm Keeling 10 shots
 Triple 2. John Rigby, John Beal & Pete Morgan 14 shots – Peter Kitchener, Dave Stewart & Keith Gordon 27 shots

At Rushden: **Triple 3.** George Shortland, Steve Waterfield & Steve Mason 25 shots – Terry Knowles, N Sanders & Bob Ralley 12 shots
 Triple 4. Chris Gray, Rod Douglas & Connor Rollings 16 shots – P Potter, Terry Leigh & Malcolm Mattinson 21 shots

2019 OUTDOOR COMPETITION DRAWS

The draws for the forthcoming outdoor County Competitions have been made, and they will be available in the soon to be published County Yearbook, but in the meantime they may be found on the 'Bowls Northamptonshire Website' at www.bowlsnorthamptonshire.co.uk

8. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE

LADIES

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OVER 60 SINGLES

Area 7 Final: - played at Huntingdon IBC on Monday, 11th March, 2019.

Tina Broderick, Wellingborough BC beat Jenny Smith, Lakenheath IBC 21-11 shots.

This win puts Tina through to the **National Finals** at Nottingham IBC on Friday, 12th April, 2019, when she will meet Maureen Hill of Wey Valley IBC, Guildford, at 4.0 p.m.

OVER 50 TRIPLES

Area 6 Final: - played on Saturday, 16th March, 2019, at Barwell IBC, Hinckley.

Janet Swift's Triple, Northampton & District IBA beat Maria Rosso's Triple, Welford-on-Avon IBC 19-5 shots

This win puts the Northampton Triple through to the **National Finals** at Nottingham IBC, at **9.30 a.m. on Monday, 8th April, 2019**, when they will meet Sharon Todd's Triple from Folkestone IBC

This is good news for the County, as the Wellingborough Triple of Pam Reynolds has also qualified, as reported last week, and will play on the same date & time.

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FAMILY PAIRS

Area 6 Final: - played at Barwell IBC, Hinckley, on Friday, 15th March, 2019.

Ben Sharpe & Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC beat Martin Heitzman & Partner, Bromsgrove & District IBC 17-15 shots

This win puts the Kingsthorpe father & son duo through to the **National Finals** on **Sunday, 14th April, 2019**, when they will meet Zoe Eagles & Partner, of York & District IBC, at 9.30 a.m.

GENTLEMEN

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OVER 60 SINGLES

Area 14 Final: played on Monday, 11th March, 2019

Alan Dunkley, Brackley & District BC beat Barry Williams, West Berks IBC, Newbury 21-19 shots

This match was a very closely contested affair, as one might expect at this stage of competition, with it running to 26 ends of play. The scores were level at several stages, with neither player really getting on top, although Barry did build a 15-10 shots lead after 20 ends of play, which Alan immediately dealt with by picking up a maximum count of 4 shots on the next end, and then following it with a 3 to take the lead 17-15. Barry tied things up with a 2 on the next end, but Alan regained the lead with a single on the next, but Barry was not finished for he picked up a 2 to take the lead himself at 19-18, but what transpired to be the last end Alan collected a 3 for a very good victory.

This victory puts Alan through to the **National Finals** at Nottingham IBC on **Friday, 12th April, 2019**, when he will play Trevor Bannister of Sleaford IBC, at 1.30 p.m.

OVER 60 PAIRS

Area 6 Final: - played at Rugby Thornfield IBC on Tuesday, 12th March, 2019.

Tony Dicks & Mick Worthington, Daventry IBC lost to Peter Bryan & Graham Arnold, Bromsgrove & District IBC 17-18 shots.

In this match, after a fairly even early start, in which the scores were level 3 shots each, Bromsgrove went in front 11-3 shots, and over the next 7 ends scoring was fairly even but Bromsgrove had a 17-7 shots lead with 3 ends left to play. And things did not look good for Daventry.

However, a big pick up of 5, followed by a 4, set up the exciting climax of being 1 shot adrift with 1 end left to play, and in scoring a single the match was tied and an extra end was required, and, with a superb draw the Bromsgrove skip won the match for them.

OVER 50 TRIPLES

Area 7 Final: - played at St Neots & District IBC on Thursday, 14th March, 2019.

Dave Love, Bob Fuller & Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC beat Steve Jacobs' Triple, Cambridge Chesterton IBC 18-10 shots.

This win puts the Wellingborough Triple through to the **National Finals**, to be played on the **8th April, 2019**, at Nottingham IBC, when they will meet Peter Ellis's Triple, of Riverain IBC, Hertfordshire, at 2.0 p.m.

This is excellent news for the County, as in Area 6, the Kingsthorpe BC trio of Mick Spear, Vernon Gearey & Andrew Manton have also qualified for the National Finals on the same date and time.

WESSEX LEAGUE

Quarter Final Play-Offs: - played on Sunday, 17th March, 2019, at a neutral venue.

Kingsthorpe BC lost to Plymouth IBC 32-79 shots.

Details as follows, skips only named, Kingsthorpe names first:

Rink 1.	Mick Sharpe 6 shots – M Avente 24 shots
Rink 2.	Ben Sharpe 7 shots – S Evans 24 shots
Rink 3.	Ray Castle 12 shots – H Goodwin 14 shots
Rink 4.	Vernon Gearey 7 shots – O Lucas 17 shots

9. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

The **Bowls Development Alliance, Bowls England, English Indoor Bowling Association, Disability Bowls England** and **Activity Alliance** are working to provide clubs with relevant support and guidance to ensure they have the capacity to provide access to their facilities and activities for current and future members – regardless of ability or personal circumstances.

Nationally, 43 per cent of people over the age of 65 are reported to have at least one impairment, with the percentage increasing to 75 per cent for those over the age of 80. We expect a significant number of club members to have a health condition that would affect their bowling, although it might not necessarily be considered as a 'disability'.

It is essential for us to get an understanding of the most common challenges in order to know how best to support clubs in the future. Therefore, we are asking clubs to complete this survey to help us find out the biggest and most common challenges. If a club does not hold sufficient information to complete the survey, we would ask them to provide us with an educated estimate based on your best knowledge of your current facilities and membership.

To access the survey go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/C5ZV7GH>

Should any clubs have queries regarding this survey please contact George Babalev (BDA Club Development Co-ordinator) at: georgebabalev@bowlsdevelopmentalliance.com

The closing date for responses is **Sunday 7th April**.

County Clubs are urged to encourage our bowlers to take the survey.

BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE NEWS

Future Coaching of Bowls

The future of coaching in the sport of bowls is in safe hands. That's the message from **Bowls England (BE)** and the **English Indoor Bowling Association (EIBA)** who will assume responsibility for **Coach Bowls from the Bowls Development Alliance (BDA)** on 1st April 2019.

Coach Bowls was formed in 2011 under the direct management of the BDA and is the only recognised bowls qualification for flat green indoor and outdoor bowls, offering a range of courses to meet the need of current and prospective coaches. The BDA and the two National Governing Bodies have been working towards a phased transition over the last 18 months. Bowls England and the EIBA have formed a new Company, '**Coach Bowls Ltd**', as part of the agreement.

The current Coaching Manager, Amanda Scriven-Purcell, will transfer to Coach Bowls Ltd to ensure it is 'business as usual' for clubs, coaches, county coaching co-ordinators, tutors and other key stakeholders and will continue to be supported by Adam Durnin.

Tony Allcock MBE, Bowls England Chief Executive and Director of Coach Bowls Ltd, said: "Coaching is vital to the long-term future of the sport of bowls and this will be a significant investment for both national governing bodies in the future. We have been working behind the scenes with the EIBA and BDA to achieve a seamless transition for this key service."

Peter Thompson, Chief Executive Officer of the English Indoor Bowling Association and Director of Coach Bowls Ltd, added: "The formation of Coach Bowls Ltd is part of a long-term sustainability plan to ensure that coaching is embedded into the sport of bowls and is a great example of the two National Governing Bodies working together towards a common goal in conjunction with the BDA."

The BDA will continue to work in partnership with Coach Bowls Ltd, by encouraging clubs that are part of its Club Development Programme to invest in qualified coaches.

Susan Cooper, Development Director for the Bowls Development Alliance, said: "As part of the agreement with Sport England, coaching will transition across to Bowls England and English Indoor Bowling Association. Work carried out under the banner of Coach Bowls over the past eight years has resulted in the development of a nationally recognised coaching structure for the sport of bowls. We are delighted that Bowls England and the English Indoor Bowling Association are now in a position to take Coach Bowls forward so that it can be truly embedded into the sport."

Coach Bowls Ltd will continue to work in partnership with the British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA) and English Short Mat Bowling Association (ESMBA) to ensure that their respective coaching needs are met in accordance with their current agreements. Coach Bowls Ltd will also look to further its relationship with the English Bowls Coaching Society (EBCS), and to encourage EBCS members to benefit from the Coach Bowls Ltd membership package which includes comprehensive insurance, reduced course costs and news updates. Any queries related to Coach Bowls Ltd should be directed to Amanda Scriven-Purcell (Coaching Manager) on 01926 334910 or e-mail: office@coachbowls.org

10. COUNTY CLUB NEWS – OF INTEREST ACROSS COUNTY

INDOOR CLUBS

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DAVENTRY IBC

Fixtures:

- 21.3.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 23.3.19. Club plays St Barbara's BC, Coventry at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 23/24.3.19. Club holds its competition finals

Match Report:

Daventry Eagles beat Wycliffe BC, Lutterworth, at home 107-85 shots.

In this invitation match, both sides were fairly evenly matched with the visitors being 7 shots ahead at the tea break. However, the Eagles made a good recovery, winning on 4 rinks by a margin of 22 shots, the final score being 107-85. As Wycliffe is an outdoor club this was a very creditable performance as several of their players had never before bowled indoors. Rink details as follows, Wycliffe skips only:

- Rink 1:** Guifang Wright, Angelina Johnstone, Sylvia Hatfield and John Dunkley 20 shots - Keith Freackley 13 shots
Rink 2: Barbara Jalland, Rod Clarke, Don Allison and Shirley Shucksmith 12 shots - Barry Davies 22 shots
Rink 3: Steve Cale, Janet Collins, Chris Jalland and Sue Pernyes 15 shots - Nigel Burt 18 shots
Rink 4: Hazel Wallage, Brian Hyde, Brian King and Judy Hicks 22 shots - Tony Booth 8 shots
Rink 5: Rosemary Dunkley, Michael Robins, Margaret Stevens and Alan Davies 20 shots - Etty Bray 10 shots
Rink 6: Grahame Akers, Brenda Clarke, Mary Gillard and Brian Gelder 18 shots - Brian Smith 14 shots

KETTERING LODGE BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

- 20.3.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 2.15 p.m.
21.3.19. Club plays Daventry IBC at home at 2.0 p.m.
25.3.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC away at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

Fixtures:

- 27.3.19. Club plays Abbey Park BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

- 25.3.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
27.3.19. Club hosts a match between the Retired Police BA and the Cavaliers BA at 2.0 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC PRESIDENT'S CHARITY

Wellingborough BC President for 2018/2019, Sue Collins, chose a little known Charity, 'The Lewy Body Society' for her year in office.

Lewy Body Dementia is a devastating disease that shares symptoms with both Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, and although it is the second most common form of dementia, with around 100,000 sufferers in the UK, it remains widely unknown. **The Lewy Body Society** was established in June 2006, and is the only charity in Europe exclusively concerned with Lewy Body Dementia, and its mission is to support research into LBD and to raise awareness for the general public and educate those in the medical profession and decision making positions about all aspects of the disease.

During Sue's year as President of Wellingborough BC, through the generosity of so many people, she has been able to raise the magnificent sum of **£1,400.00p** and that amount will be sent to the administrators of the Society.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

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ABINGTON BC

Fixture:

21.3.19. The Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixtures:

21.3.19. Club plays Northamptonshire VP's at Desborough IBC at 2.0 p.m.

27.3.19. Club plays the Cavaliers BA at Wellingborough BC at 2.0 p.m.

John G Church, MBE

Northamptonshire Bowls Press Officer