

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus OXFORDSHIRE – RESULT

The men of **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** took the short trip to Oxford on Thursday, 28th March, 2019, to play their counterparts at Oxford & District IBC, and although the rink wins were equally shared, the County came off second best, losing by 16 shots. The highest scoring rink for the County was that skipped by County President John Haines which won by a very good 15 shots.

The final score was Northamptonshire 121 shots – Oxfordshire 137 shots. Rink details as follows, Oxon skips only:

Rink 1. Dave Lovell, Larry Lawrence, John Chester & Dave Stewart 22 shots – Alex Fleming 18 shots

A match which was quite close early on at 3 shots each, but over the next 7 ends the home team added 10 shots to just 2 by the County rink to put Dave & his men 5-13 adrift, but the next 4 ends were good for them as they added 9 shots to take a 1 shot lead. After 18 ends the County was still ahead by 2 shots and, in picking up 4 shots to 2 conceded on the last 3 ends, they recorded a modest win.

Rink 2. Richard Hooper, James Ragosa, Tony Warren & Peter Mellor 24 shots – Bill Turner 16 shots

This was a match in which first the home county had a small lead at 4-3, then Peter & his men took a small lead 11-9 after 11 ends, but Oxon struck back with 7 shots on the next 3 ends to appear in the ascendancy, but the County men did not capitulate for they won all 7 last ends and scored 13 shots in the process for a very good win.

Rink 3. Dave Rayson, Alan Watts, Bob Tingle & John Haines 35 shots – Michael Andrew 20 shots

A match against a rink skipped by EIBA Past President Michael Andrew is usually a tough one, but on this occasion the County started very well and posted 12 shots to none conceded in the first 6 ends. The 7th end, however, gave them a bit of a warning of what might be to come as Oxon picked up a big count of 5 shots to much reduce their deficit, but after 11 ends John and his men were 10 shots up at 18-8. At this point Oxon won the next 4 ends and got to within 2 shots of the County score with 6 ends left to play, but those ends went much in favour of the County, as John and his men picked up 17 shots to 4 conceded, and this included a massive collection of 7 shots on the last end for a most impressive win.

Rink 4. Rick Hayes, Richard Upton, Dave Williamson & Terry James 13 shots – Mel Mansell 27 shots

In this match the home rink started better at 6-2 after 5 ends, but then the County took the lead 11-6 with a good run of 5 winning ends, and after 13 ends of play Terry & his men were 13-8 shots up. Some say 13 is unlucky, and for Terry and his men it was for they were stuck on that number for the rest of their match as Oxon added 19 shots for a very good win.

Rink 5. George Fletcher, Malcolm White, Peter Kitchener & Geoff Hunt 15 shots – Roy Pyniger 26 shots

In this match the Oxon rink started the better at 4-1 up after 4 ends, but a big pick up of 5 shots by the County saw them take the lead, but in dropping a single and a big 5 themselves on the next 2 ends, Oxon regained the lead at 10-6. Geoff and his men collected a double on the next end but then dropped another 5 followed by a single to be 8-16 behind, and although they reduced that deficit to 4 shots, with 5 ends left to play they were 9 shots adrift, and with Oxon having the better of the scoring on those 5 ends, they had a good win.

Rink 6. Don Scott, Terry Chapman, Brian Langton & Malc Mattinson 12 shots – Henry Franklin 30 shots

This was a match in which the scores were very even in the first half with few shots to separate the rinks, and the County just 1 up 8-7 after 10 ends of play, but Oxon collected a big 5 followed by a 4 on the next 2 ends to buck the trend and take a 16-8 lead, and after collecting a double on the 13th end, Malc and his men were stuck on 10 for 4 ends as Oxon progressed to 25 shots, and ultimately a comfortable victory when collecting another 4 on the 20th end.

2. SELECTION OF COUNTY BOWLER TO REPRESENT ENGLAND

Learning Disabilities within indoor bowls needed a yearly event to galvanise countries and athletes and so the **Learning Disabilities Indoor Bowls International Series (LDIBIS)** was born. [View the event flyer here.](#)

After many months of hard work from the newly formed Governing body and organising committee the LDIBIS holds its first event, and this will be hosted by **Falkirk Indoor Bowls Club, Scotland** and will feature teams from Scotland, Wales and England. The teams will consist of twelve athletes and their coaches. Games of triples, singles and pairs will be played to decide who will lift the Munro Cup.

England Head Coach Marie Nicholson and assistant David Nicholson are very pleased and excited to announce their squad members for a LDIBIS event, the **Munro Cup** in June, The team is Daniel Adams, Harry Atkin, Andrew Bayston, Gemma Broadhead, Amy Brooks, **Chris Gray, Burton Latimer Town BC & Kettering Lodge BC Indoor**, Carlos Hazeli, Lucas Manousios, Rhys Milton, Barry Nicholson, Steven Nicholson & Dougal Watson.

The series will take place from **Tuesday 4th to Thursday 6th of June 2019** and spectators are more than welcome to come and support the event and the athletes.

Scotland head coach Ron McArthur said “It’s been fantastic to bring this first event to Falkirk. Long may it continue to have such great support and volunteers agreeing to guide it.”

Competition manager Janice Gower is delighted to bring together a fantastic organising team to the event. “We are all so passionate about supporting Learning Disabilities athletes within Indoor Bowls. It’s going to be a brilliant event. Come on down.”

The organising team consists of:

- Commentator, Presenter and International Indoor Bowler Janice Gower.
- Head Official (World Bowls Tour) Dan Bluett.
- Deputy Comp Manager (Bowls Scotland & WBT) Tom Weir.
- Deputy Head official (World Bowls) Ian Munro.
- Venue Manager Louise Dewey.
- Operations Manager Keith Dewey.
- Ceremony and Awards (WBT CEO) Richard Maddieson.

“We have all had a taste for working in this area from volunteering for Special Olympic events and we wanted to give the athletes something to work for yearly,” Gower added.

3. DISABILITY BOWLS ENGLAND – INTER CLUB TRIPLES COMPETITION

On Saturday, 30th March, 2019, **Disability Bowls England** held an ‘Inter Club Triples Competition’ at 5 venues in the country, which included Ashford IBC, Kent; Loddon Vale IBC, Hampshire; York & District IBC, Yorkshire; Mid Devon IBC, Tiverton, Devon; and **Desborough IBC, Northamptonshire**

The event was for 3 players with a disability from each of 8 participating Clubs at each venue, playing 3 matches in 2 Groups, with a final for the top triple in each Group to follow.

The details of the day at Desborough IBC awaited, and will, hopefully, be included in next week’s Report.

4. DISABILITY BOWLS ENGLAND EVENT – TOP REGION COMPETITION

Disability Bowls England has organised its ‘**Inter Regional Challenge**’ at Gedling & District IBC, Foxhill Road, Carlton, Nottingham, NG4 1RL, on Saturday, 6th April, 2019, in which teams from the North Region; the South East Region; the South West Region; and the Midlands Region, will compete in this one day indoor Championship event, to find the Disability Bowls England “**Top Region**”

Undoubtedly there will be County players involved, but no names have been published at this time.

Supporters are very welcome at Gedling IBC, and refreshments and bar facilities will be available all day.

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN – ‘THOMASON TROPHY’

The re-arranged “Thomason Trophy” competition will be held on Sunday, 14th April, 2019, and 6 County clubs will be competing against each, with matches to commence at 9.30 a.m. Each Club will play 3 rinks at home and 3 rinks away as follows:

Daventry IBC:	Home to Desborough IBC, Northampton & District IBA & Wellingborough BC Away to Kingsthorpe BC, Rushden Town BC & Desborough IBC
Desborough IBC:	Home to Daventry IBC, Kingsthorpe BC, Rushden Town BC Away to Daventry IBC, Northampton & District IBA & Wellingborough BC
Kingsthorpe BC	Away to Northampton & District IBA, Wellingborough BC & Desborough IBC Home to Desborough IBC, Rushden Town BC & Wellingborough BC
Northampton IBA:	Home to Desborough IBC, Rushden Town BC, Wellingborough BC Away to Daventry IBC, Kingsthorpe BC & Rushden Town BC
Rushden Town BC:	Home to Kingsthorpe BC, Daventry IBC, Northampton & District IBA Away to Desborough IBC, Northampton & District IBA & Wellingborough BC
Wellingborough BC:	Home to Kingsthorpe BC, Rushden Town BC & Desborough IBC Away to Daventry IBC, Kingsthorpe BC & Northampton & District IBA

6. 2019 BE AND BN YEARBOOKS READY FOR COLLECTION

All the BN & BE Year Books /Laws of the Sport/ Guidance for new bowlers are now ready for collection from **Kevin Mawson** (south clubs) tel 01604 891001 or **Jan Hunt** (north clubs) 01933 410182 or will be available for collection at the **BN Council Meeting at Irchester BC at 7.0 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th April, 2019.**

The County Annual Raffle tickets will also be included with a minimum of £10 worth per club, and it is hoped that as the club keeps 50% of the sales that all clubs will participate. Any club not wishing to receive Raffle Ticket please let Jan Hunt know a.s.a.p.

Jan Hunt has circulated the Club Membership update form which is to be returned to her by **Wednesday, 15th May, 2019** and she also asks that the Club’s President be included on the form.

7. GREENS MAINTENANCE SEMINAR – CORRECTION OF DATE

In my Report last week I made an error with the date of the forthcoming Greens Maintenance Seminar being organised by Alan Ashby, Bowls Northamptonshire Greens Inspectorate Secretary, at his Club, Northampton West End BC, Mendip Road, Northampton. The correct date is **Wednesday, 8th May, 2019**. All other information is correct.

8. ENGLISH BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - REGIONAL FINALS

The **Regional Finals** of the **English Bowls Youth Development Scheme** will be held at Melton & District IBC, Bowling Green, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 0LR on **Sunday, 7th April, 2019**, from 9.30 a.m., and the following members of our County have been invited to participate, following their efforts at the County event, organised by the Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme, in February this year.

Junior Section (Under 14 years)

Erin Tripp & Alex Tripp, Desborough IBC, who were the top winners in the Junior Section at Northampton., plus the following who scored highly and have also been invited: Joshua Gibb, Adam Elsayed, Desborough IBC. Gracieana Milgate, Northampton & District IBA and Abbie Wilson.

Unfortunately, due to being on a school trip to Barcelona, Joshua cannot attend.

Senior Section: (14-18 years)

Thomas Manderson & Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA, who were the top winners in the Senior Section at Northampton, plus the following who scored highly and have also been invited: Jack Lee, Cauly Swift, both Northampton & District IBA & Emma Muir, Desborough IBC

Any support at Melton would be appreciated by the players, and those attending would be guaranteed some excellent bowling by these young players.

9. CHARITY GIVING BY CAVALIERS BA

On Wednesday, 27th March, 2019, the **Cavaliers Bowling Association** played a match against the Northamptonshire Retired Police Bowling Association, for the John Macpherson Shield, and, as is customary, the charity fund-raising by the Cavaliers was recognised on this day by the presentation of a donation to its chosen charity.

I have not received the details of the match itself, apart from knowing, as I played in it, that the Cavaliers won the trophy relatively easily with 4 winning rinks, with just 2 losing to the Police team.

The important event, however, was the presentation of the donation prior to the match to its chosen charity, the Angel Foundation, supporting those affected by Myeloma, a bone marrow cancer. There are other 'Angel Foundation' charities not related to this one, which is closely associated with Northamptonshire, and the sport of Bowls. Matthew Masters started the charity several years ago, following the death of his mother Angela (known as Angie) after her battle with Myeloma. Her husband David, who is himself greatly involved with the charity, is a long serving bowler with St Crispin BC and has supported County bowls too, and the Cavaliers choice of charity was very appropriate.

Chief Cavalier Harvey Fruish was very pleased to present to David Masters, a cheque for **£1,000.00p** for the Angel Foundation, and David in accepting it, informed the Cavaliers & Police bowlers much about the charity, and how it is being used to help fight myeloma. The charity has been especially generous in donating in excess of £15,000.00p to the Talbot Butler Ward at Northampton General Hospital, where Angie was a patient, for the new Emergency Assessment Bay.

The fundraising all started off way back in July 2015 with a BBQ and cake sale where they raised £350. This was quickly followed by an abseil in which 15 members of The Angel Foundation took part, with numerous events to follow, including a sky dive, marathon, commander challenge and 3 quiz nights and the fundraising continues and in May this year Matthew is doing a "triple madness challenge" for Team Angel. This will cover 3 events, a staggering 56 miles and no less than 220 obstacles!! All over just 3 days! It certainly is a triple madness challenge and we take off our hats to such a determined and thoughtful fundraiser.

10. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT COUNTY

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The remaining Men's County Competition Finals, which were unable to be completed last weekend due to player commitments, will be concluded as follows:

TRIPLES – This is arranged to be played at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd April, 2019, at Desborough IBC between:

Ray Castle's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC and Scott Johnson's Triple, Wellingborough BC

PAIRS – this is arranged to be played at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 4th April, 2019, at Kingsthorpe BC between:

Ray Castle & Partner, Kingsthorpe & David Walker & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC

11. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE

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OVER 50 TRIPLES

National Finals - to be played at Nottingham IBC, Beechdale Road, Bilborough, Nottingham, NG8 3FH

- 1. Debbie Bradshaw, Linda Warren & Janet Swift, Northampton & District IBA** will play Sharon Todd's Triple from Folkestone IBC, Kent, at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 8th April, 2019.
- 2. Joyce George, Sue Collins & Pam Reynolds, Wellingborough BC** will play Josie Tyers' Triple from South Forest IBC, Mansfield at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 8th April, 2019.

2 WOOD SINGLES

National Finals - played at Nottingham IBC, Beechdale Road, Bilborough, Nottingham, NG8 3FH at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 25th March, 2019:

Linda Warren, Northampton & District IBC lost to Shirley Beavis, Falcon IBC, Chelmsford 12-21 shots

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OVER 50 TRIPLES

National Finals - to be played at Nottingham IBC, Beechdale Road, Bilborough, Nottingham, NG8 3FH

- 1. Mick Spear, Vernon Gearey & Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe BC** will play Calvin Rawson's triple from South Forest IBC, Mansfield, at 2.0 p.m. on Monday, 8th April, 2019.
- 2. David Love, Bob Fuller & Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC** will play Peter Ellis's Triple, from Riverain, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, at 2.0 p.m. on Monday, 8th April, 2019.

OVER 60 FOURS

National Finals - to be played at Nottingham IBC, Beechdale Road, Bilborough, Nottingham, NG8 3FH

Tony Dicks, Patrick Clerkin, Michael Moulton & Mick Worthington, Daventry IBC will play John Catchpole's Rink from Beccles IBC, at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, 6th April, 2019.

12. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

1. Bowls England Office Closed for 1 Day

Please note that the Bowls England Office will be closed to install new internet and telephone connections in the main office on Wednesday 3rd April 2019. The office will re-open as usual at 9am on Thursday 4th April.

Bowls England offers apologies for any inconvenience that may be caused.

2. New Director of Coaching

Bowls England is delighted to announce that **Malcolm Evans** has been appointed to the Board as **Director of Coaching**.

Evans brings over 35 years of service as a teacher, including 26 years as a Physical Education teacher and 20 years as Head of Department. He has coached in a professional capacity for all of his working life, working with all levels of ability within schools which he describes as ‘a challenge that was both testing but extremely rewarding’.

Having played bowls since the age of 14, Evans became a coach under the English Bowls Coaching Scheme in 1985 and has since completed Coach Bowls Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications, as well as becoming a Course Tutor for Coach Bowls at the end of 2017. Last year, he also became an Assessor for Coach Bowls and is one of the first coaches in the country to be working towards his Level 3 qualification.

Upon his appointment, Evans said: “I am delighted to have been appointed as Bowls England’s Director of Coaching and I am keen to show that I have the necessary attributes, qualifications and skill set to be able to make a difference at this very exciting time for the sport of bowls.

“I firmly believe that coaching has an important role to play in the sport of bowls, not only at an initial level, ensuring that all prospective new bowlers receive the best possible and appropriate introduction to the game so that they can prosper and develop, but also to existing players who wish to take their game to the next level.

“It is an ambition of mine to get a coach in every club and continue to grow the game of bowls. I would like to encourage all those people who may have considered taking a Coach Bowls qualification to check out the Coach Bowls website (www.coachbowls.org) to see the available courses.”

Evans has played bowls for 48 years and has qualified for the National Championships on numerous occasions, reaching the final of the Middleton Cup with Warwickshire in 1998 and he still plays in their Middleton Cup team.

Evans’ working role within sports teaching and coaching, led him to challenge himself further where he has also been a District Level Coach in both Rugby and Basketball for over 20 years.

As a qualified ski instructor since 1993, Evans holds a Level 3 coach award with Snowsport England, which was achieved by in-depth analysis of his coaching with both beginner and performance level skiers.

Evans will officially join the Board on 1st April 2019 where he joins David Mitchell-Gears (Chair), Margaret Docherty (Director of Competitive Events), Adam Tanner (Director of Development), Stephen Hemsley (Director of Finance), David Tucker (Director of Governance) and Dr Anna Molony (Independent Director) on the Board for 2019.

Evans will replace John McGuinness, who resigned from the Board following his appointment as Bowls England’s High Performance Director.

3. Caretaker Team Manager Appointed

Bowls England is delighted to announce **Martyn Sekjer** has been appointed **Caretaker Manager** for the 2019 Men's Senior International squad following the recent retirement of John Bell. Sekjer, who is currently the Men's Junior International Team Manager, will take control of both men's teams at their respective British Isles Bowls Council (BIBC) International Series' in the forthcoming season.

On his appointment, Sekjer said: "It gives me great pride to accept the position of Manager for the Men's Senior International Team for 2019. I am already looking forward to the Series in Scotland in June, where we will aim to regain the International Trophy. After that, I will give my full focus to the Junior International squad ahead of the Series at Essex County BC in September, which I am sure will be a memorable event."

Bowls England International Team Managers are appointed on a three-year contract, with 2019 the final year of the current term. All four international team manager positions will therefore be advertised later this year ahead of the next three-year term which will commence from the Bowls England AGM in 2020.

13. OBITUARY

Lil GREENWOOD, Daventry IBC

Lil died on Wednesday, 27th March, 2019. She was one of the Club's early founder members and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

We offer our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to all the family, at this very sad time.

Funeral arrangements will be notified later

14. COUNTY CLUB NEWS – OF INTEREST ACROSS COUNTY

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DAVENTRY IBC

Fixtures:

- 4.4.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 6/7.4.19. Club hosts the English Short Mat BA Finals on both days.
- 10.4.19. Club plays Northants Retired Police BA at Wellingborough BC at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

- 4.4.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 8.4.19. Club plays Desborough IBC away at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

Fixtures:

- 10.4.19. Club holds its Ladies 'Captain's Day' at 2.0 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

- 4.4.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 4.4.19. Club plays Northampton & District away at 2.0 p.m.
- 4.4.19. Club holds its Indoor AGM

WELLINGBOROUGH BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

- 4.4.19. Club plays Desborough IBC at home at 2.0 p.m.
6.4.19. Club plays Desborough IBC away at 2.0 p.m.
6/7.4.19. Club hosts the Open Singles Circuit on both days.
10.4.19. Club hosts a match between Northants Retired Police and Daventry IBC

OUTDOOR CLUBS

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DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Fixture:

- 10.4.19. Club plays Northamptonshire Indoor BA at Desborough IBC at 2.0 p.m.

ISLIP BC

Islip Bowls Club has a Jumble Sale planned for **Saturday 13th April, 2019** in Islip Village Hall, opening at 2pm with an Admission price of 20p per person.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixture:

- 10.4.19. Club plays Daventry IBC at Wellingborough BC at 2.0 p.m.

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