

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. BOWLS ENGLAND NAMES ITS PLAYERS FOR THE JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL TRIALS

Bowls England has published the list of players who have been invited to attend the Junior International Trials, to be held at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV31 3PT, on Monday, 27th May, 2019, and **SIX COUNTY PLAYERS ARE INCLUDED.**

In the **Women's Trial** **Abby Woodward, Burton Latimer Town BC**, is named as a **Reserve**, to be called on if required.

In the **Men's Trial** the County has fared much better with the following players invited to play:

Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC

Adam Pitfield, Burton Latimer Town BC

Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC

Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC

William Walker, Northampton West End BC

Congratulations to them all, with the wish that they perform to their best and get selected for the International matches later in the season.

2. NATIONAL INDOOR COMPETITIONS.

What a week for Northamptonshire in the National Finals at Nottingham Indoor BC. Two National Champions and one National Runner-up. Details of their play as follows:

1. OVER 50 TRIPLES FOR MEN

David Love, Bob Fuller & Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC won the National Over 50 Men's Triples – Details as follows.

1st Round: - played at 2.0 p.m. on Monday, 8th April, 2019.

David Love, Bob Fuller & Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC beat **Adam Jolliffe, Mark Amos & Peter Ellis, Riverain IBC, Hertfordshire** 19-16 shots.

In this match Riverain started well and after 5 ends were 7-3 shots up and 5 ends later were still in front, albeit by just 2 shots at 10-8, but the next 5 ends were very good for Wellingborough as Paul and his men scored 10 shots to just 3 conceded for a 5 shots lead at 18-13 with 3 ends left to play. Those 3 ends went 3-1 in Riverain's favour but it was not enough to deny Wellingborough the win.

Quarter Final: - played at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 8th April, 2019.

David Love, Bob Fuller & Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC beat David Ferguson, Alan Cornfoot & David Holmes, Oyster IBC, Whitstable, Kent 17-8 shots.

In this match the County triple was always in front at 5-1 after 5 ends, 11-5 after 10 ends, and 17-7 after 15 ends, and the Kent men conceded after 16 ends, with Paul and his men proceeding to the Semi-Final.

Semi-Final: - played at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 9th April, 2019..

David Love, Bob Fuller & Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC beat Keith Wyman, Douglas Rumble & Adam Tidby, Moonfleet IBC, Weymouth, Dorset 15-6 shots.

Once more the Wellingborough men were quickly off the blocks and after 5 ends held a 6-2 shots lead, and at 10 ends the lead had increased to 13-2 shots. After 14 ends of play, and 4 potential ends left to play, the Weymouth men conceded the win to Paul and his men for a final encounter to follow.

FINAL: - played at 2.0 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th April, 2019.

David Love, Bob Fuller & Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC beat Charlie Bailey, Colin Thresher & Barry Starks, Victory IBC, Portsmouth 23-12 shots.

The first few ends of this match were evenly contested, as one would expect in a National Final, with Wellingborough just ahead 8-5, but the next 5 ends were dominated by Paul and his men as they added 11 shots and conceded just 3 for a 19-8 lead, and when the County was 23-10 shots up after 15 ends, the 'writing was on the wall' for Victory, and when they picked up just 2 shots on the 16th they conceded the title to Wellingborough.

Well done the Wellingborough Trio for a great victory.

2. OVER 60 PAIRS FOR MEN

Paul Coley and Mick Cooper, Wellingborough BC won the National Over 60 Pairs. Details as follows:

1st Round: - played at 2.0 p.m. on Wednesday, 10th April, 2019.

Paul Coley & Mick Cooper, Wellingborough BC beat Alan Harman & partner, Bounds Green IBC, Middlesex 20-12 shots.

In this match the Wellingborough pair held a comfortable 16-3 shots lead after 10 ends of play, and although their opponents pulled some shots back to be 9 shots adrift after 15 ends, Paul & Mick took the victory after 17 ends played.

Quarter Final: - played at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 10th April, 2019.

Paul Coley & Mick Cooper, Wellingborough BC beat Steve Airey & Steve Golding, Blackpool Newton Hall IBC 15-13 shots.

A much tighter match in which Blackpool were leading 6-3 shots after 5 ends, but then Paul and Mick 'put their toe down' over the next 5 ends to take a 13-6 shots lead, although 5 ends later they were just 4 ahead with 3 ends to play and when Blackpool could add just 3 to their score the win was with Wellingborough.

Semi-Final: - played at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 11th April, 2019.

Paul Coley & Mick Cooper, Wellingborough BC beat Martin Griffiths & Martin Smith, Malvern Hills IBC, Worcestershire 16-11 shots.

In this match the County pair started the better and posted a 7-3 shots lead after 5 ends, and with the next 5 ends going very well for them, Paul and Mick increased their lead to 15-4. Malvern, however, hit back quite strongly over the next 5 ends to reduce their deficit to 5 shots with 3 ends left, but the County men took those last ends 4-2 to cement a very good win and a passage to the Final.

FINAL: - played at 2.0 p.m. on Thursday, 11th April, 2019.

Paul Coley & Mick Cooper, Wellingborough BC beat Ray Snellings & David Pitt, Hounslow IBC, Middlesex 15-14 shots.

This was a very close match, with Wellingborough & Hounslow tied after 5 ends on 3 shots each, and then Hounslow taking a 9-6 shots lead after 10 ends, but Paul & Mick struck back over the next 5 ends to take the lead at 14-10 shots and the last 3 ends were very keenly contested with the County men hanging on to their lead for a win by the smallest margin, and their hands on the Trophy.

Well done to Paul and Mick.

3. OVER 60 PAIRS FOR WOMEN

Linda Warren & Janet Swift, Northampton & District IBA were Runners-up in the Women's Over 60 Pairs. Details as follows:

1st Round: - played at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 10th April, 2019

Linda Warren & Janet Swift beat Carol Smith & Violet Aldridge, White Oak IBC, Swanley, Kent 15-14 shots

Quarter Final: - played at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 10th April, 2019.

Linda Warren & Janet Swift beat Julie Hudson & Sue Dadson, Bournemouth IBC 18-12 shots.

In this match Bournemouth held a small lead of 5-3 after 5 ends, 9-6 after 10 ends, but then the Northampton pair drew level after 15 ends at 12 shots each, and the last 3 ends belonged to them as they added 6 shots for none conceded for a good victory and a passage to the Semi-Finals.

Semi-final: - played at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 11th April, 2019.

Linda Warren & Janet Swift beat Moira Webber & Barbara Bellamy, Torquay United IBC 18-14 shots.

This match was very keenly contested, with Torquay taking a 7-4 lead after 5 ends, then the Northampton pair leading 10-9 after 10 ends, but with 3 ends to play it was all square at 14 shots each, but as with the previous match Linda and Janet won all of the last ends to post a very good win and a place in the Final.

FINAL: - played at 2.0 p.m. on Thursday, 11th April, 2019.

Linda Warren & Janet Swift lost to Sue Cook & Alex Jacobs, North Wilts IBC, Chippenham 11-23 shots.

In this match the County pair was up against it from the start and after 10 ends of play were 4-14 shots adrift, and more so after 15 ends at 8-22 shots down. After 17 ends of play Linda & Janet conceded.

Nevertheless it was a very good achievement to get to the Final.

OTHER RESULTS AT THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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OVER 60 SINGLES

1st Round – played at 4.0 p.m. on Friday, 12th April, 2019.

Tina Broderick, Wellingborough BC beat Maureen Hill, Wey Valley IBC, Guildford 21-16 shots

Quarter Finals – played at 7.0 p.m. on Friday, 12th April, 2019.

Tina Broderick, Wellingborough BC lost to Pat Bain, Eastbourne IBC 16-21 shots.
(Interestingly Pat Bain went on to lift the title)

OVER 50 TRIPLES

National Finals – played at Nottingham IBC at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 8th April, 2019. In this event the County had two triples qualified through to the Finals, but neither managed to proceed beyond the first round. Details as follows:

1. **Joyce George, Sue Collins & Pam Reynolds, Wellingborough BC lost to** Janet Eames, Josie Tyers & Pat Oliver, South Forest IBC, Mansfield, Notts. 17-16 shots.

A very close match in which the County ladies held a 6-3 shots lead after 5 ends, but then South Forest took over to lead 11-6 after 10 ends, but Pam and her triple fought back well to tie things up at 12 shots each after 15 ends, and the last 3 ends were so close and Wellingborough just lost by the smallest of margins.

2. **Debbie Bradshaw, Linda Warren & Janet Swift, Northampton & District IBA lost to** Anita Hubbard, Sharon Todd & Ann Harrison, Folkestone IBC 15-22 shots

A match in which the Northampton triple was just ahead after 10 ends at 13-10, but the next 5 ends saw Folkestone overtake them at 18-14 shots, and Janet and her ladies could score just 1 more shot to go down by the 7 shots.

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FAMILY PAIRS

1st Round: - played at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 14th April, 2019, at Nottingham IBC

Ben Sharpe & Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC lost to Zoe Eagles & John Harris, York & District IBC 17-21 shots

This was a pretty close match throughout, with Kingsthorpe being just behind 5-6 shots after 5 ends, and 10-13 after 10 ends, but the next 5 ends saw the Sharpe father and son combination pick up 7 shots to just 1 conceded to take the lead 17-14 with 3 ends to play. Those 3 ends all went the way of York and the Sharpe's progress was halted.

GENTLEMEN

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OVER 60 SINGLES

In this event the County had two players qualified through to the National Finals, details as follows:

1st Round: - played at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, 12th April, 2019, at Nottingham IBC.

1. **Tony Dicks, Daventry IBC lost to** Tim Palmer, Adur IBC, Southwick, Sussex 18-21 shots.
2. **Alan Dunkley, Brackley & District BC beat** Trevor Bannister, Sleaford IBC, Lincolnshire 21-19 shots

Quarter Final: played at 7.0 p.m. on Friday, 12th April, 2019.

Alan Dunkley, Brackley & District BC lost to Steve Slaughter, Thornaby IBC, Stockton-on-Tees 19-21 shots

OVER 50 TRIPLES

1st Round: Played at 2.0 p.m. on Monday, 8th April, 2019, at Nottingham IBC

Mick Spear, Vernon Gearey & Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe BC beat Simon Barker, Ian Mills & Calvin Rawson, South Forest IBC, Mnsfield, Nottinghamshire 13-12 shots.

This was a very close affair, with Kingsthorpe being just behind for most of its duration, but managing to just get the win by the smallest of margins on the 18th end.

Quarter Final: - played at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 8th April, 2019.

Mick Spear, Vernon Gearey & Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe BC lost to Keith Wyman, Douglas Rumble & Adam Tidy, Moonfleet IBC, Weymouth, Dorset 12-17 shots.

Kingsthorpe held a small lead after 5 ends at 7-4, and were still in front, at 10-8 shots after 10 ends, but the next 5 ends were not so good for the County Triple as Andrew and his men dropped 7 shots and picked up 1, to concede the lead at 11-15 shots down with 3 ends to play, and single shots on those last ends saw the County lose by 5 shots.

Nevertheless it was a good achievement by the Kingsthorpe Triple to reach the National Quarter Finals.

OVER 60 FOURS

National Finals: - played at Nottingham IBC

1st Round: played at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, 6th April, 2019, at Nottingham IBC..

Tony Dicks, Patrick Clerkin, Bernard Spreadbury & Mick Worthington, Daventry IBC lost to Graham Catchpole, John Catchpole, Mark Todd & David Wood, Beccles IBC, Suffolk 26-10 shots

In this match Daventry started off pretty well in taking a 4-2 shots lead after 5 ends of play, but the next 5 ends went much the better for Beccles as they collected 10 shots to 3 by the County men, and the Suffolk rink continued to win the ends and after 15 played they were 11 shots up at 21-10. The 16th end saw Mick and his men drop a massive count of 5 and their chances of progressing further were over.

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN FRIENDLY versus DESBOROUGH IBC – RESULT

The men of **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** visited Desborough IBC, the home club of County President John Haines, for a friendly match against the Club, and after a highly competitive and enjoyable match between players who know each other well, the host Club won by 19 shots.

The County had just 2 winning rinks, with the highest scoring being that skipped by George Warren which posted a win by 11 shots. Desborough won on 4 rinks, and the highest scoring for them was the rink skipped by Cameron Knox which won by 13 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire 87 shots – Desborough IBC 116 shots. Details as follows, County names first:

Rink 1. Don Scott, Brian Langton, Colin Barnes & George Warren 25 shots – Rob Duff, Keith Pick, James Ragosa & Carl Haines 14 shots

The local players started the better and after 5 ends had a 4-2 lead, but the next 5 ends were very good for the County as they collected 11 shots without reply for a 13-4 lead, and after dropping 3 shots on the next 2 ends, they collected a good count of 4 to increase their lead. After 16 ends of play George and his men still had an 11 shots advantage, but in picking up 5 shots on the next 2 ends, Carl and his men got to within 6 shots, but that was the end of their scoring as the County won the last 3 ends for a very good win.

Rink 2. Andy Purcell, Terry Chapman, Bob Brogden & Dave Stewart 9 shots – Bob Mitchell, P Hunter, John Pickaver & Cameron Knox 22 shots

In this match the Club rink really started with intent in winning the first 7 ends, albeit with only 9 shots, but after the County men scored a 3 on the next end, Cameron and his men added 4 more for a 13-3 lead after 11 ends. After 15 ends of play the Club rink had further increased their lead to 19-5 and subsequently picked up 3 shots and conceded 4 in the last 5 ends, for a very good win.

Rink 3. Dave Lovell, Larry Lawrence, Dougie Ainsworth & John Haines 16 shots – Tony Gilbert, Eddy Short, Barry Hogston & Richard Mann 17 shots

In this match the Club rink was ahead 7-3 after 6 ends of play, but after 10 ends the County was just behind at 7-8 shots, and the second half of the match was very keenly contested with the scores level on 14 each with 4 ends to play. John and his men went ahead for the first time since the 4th end at 15-14 but Richard and his men scored 3 shots for a 17-15 lead with one end left, and John and his men could only collect 1 shot on that end for the modest defeat.

Rink 4. Keith Howlett, Malcolm White, Roger Summers & John Chester 14 shots – Dougie Cooper, Dave Rayson, Vic Cosgrove & Peter Mellor 22 shots

In this match the County was 3-4 adrift after 5 ends, but after 10 ends John and his men had got their noses in front 8-7, and 2 ends later it became 11-7, but the Club rink collected a 3 to get within 1 shot, and after dropping a 2 on the 14th end, Peter and his men won the next 6 ends and collected 12 shots in the process for a good win.

Rink 5. Alan Diver, Rod Douglass, Bob Tingle & Norman Gibb 20 shots – Bill Parsons, Derek Sharman, Norman Warrender & Bob Sullivan 19 shots

In this match the Club rink was 9-2 in front after 6 ends, having collected a big count of 5 on the 4th end, 6 ends later they were still up at 13-7, but it was the turn of the County rink to collect a 5 on the 13th end, followed by a 2 and a single, to take the lead 15-13 shots. Bob and his men levelled the match on the next end, but then Norman and his men collected 5 shots for a 20-15 lead with 2 ends to play. Those 2 ends went the way of the Club, but they just fell short by 1 shot for a small defeat.

Rink 6. Peter Kitchener, Mike Weatherill, Geoff Hunt & Terry James 13 shots – Phil Bates, Steve Brown, Nev Humphreys & Trevor Wright 22 shots

In this contest the Club team dropped a single on the first end but then won the next 5 ends and collected 9 shots, including a big 5 on the 6th end to take the lead at 9-1, and at 10 ends of play Trevor and his men still had a decent advantage at 14-5 shots. Terry and his men reduced their arrears to 10-16 at 15 ends, but Trevor and his men collected 6 shots to 3 conceded on the last 6 ends for a decent victory to them.

After the match President John Haines was pleased to present a donation to his charities.

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN – ‘THOMASON TROPHY’ RESULT

The annual ‘Thomason Trophy’ competition for County Indoor clubs was held on the morning of Sunday, 14th April, 2019, and with 6 Clubs participating Wellingborough BC came out on top. 5 of their rinks won, and 2 lost, which gave them 8 points, and although Kingsthorpe also had 4 wins and 2 losses, it was the massive shots difference which gave Wellingborough the trophy. Final details as follows:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Shots for</u>	<u>Shots against</u>	<u>Shots Difference</u>
Wellingborough	4	0	2	8	160	99	+61
Kingsthorpe	4	0	2	8	109	130	-21
Desborough	3	0	3	6	130	124	+6
Northampton & Dist	3	0	3	6	127	121	+6
Rushden	2	0	4	4	106	128	-22
Daventry	2	0	4	4	104	134	-30

5. OBITUARY

John IMRIE, Kettering Lodge BC

John died on Thursday, 11th April, 2019, after a period in Kettering General Hospital. He was a member, both indoor and outdoor, at Kettering Lodge BC for many years, where he was a most loyal and effective Club member. He served as Club Captain in the Club's Manfield Cup winning year of 1989, and he held office as Indoor President in 1990. He was a very kind and sociable man who will be missed by all.

His Funeral is arranged to take place at 2.0 p.m. on Monday, 28th April, 2019, at the Edgar Newman Chapel, Kettering Crematorium, Rothwell Road, Kettering, NN16 8XE

6. COUNTY CLUB NEWS

INDOOR CLUB NEWS

DAVENTRY IBC

Social Event:

27th April, 2019 – Club holds a Social Night at 7.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Competition Finals:

Results of Club Indoor Competitions as follows:

Singles Men – Adrian Harris beat Connor Rollings 21-6 shots

Singles Women – Marian Mackie beat Pat Starsmore 21-16 shots

Annual General Meeting:

The Club holds its annual general meeting on Tuesday, 23rd April, 2019.

Presentation Evening:

The Club holds its Competition Presentation Evening

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

18.4.19. Club plays the Retired Police BA at 2.0 p.m.

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SOUTH AREA – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BUT IN PARTICULAR TO READERS OF THE CHRONICLE & ECHO

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

21.4.19. Club holds its season opening 'Roll Up' at 2.30 p.m.

COLD ASHBY BC

Fixtures:

20.4.19. Club plays Hart of Fleckney BC away at 2.30 p.m.

DAVENTRY TOWN BC

Fixtures:

20.4.19. Club holds an 'Open Day' from 11.0 a.m. – 4.0 p.m.

HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

20.4.19. Club holds a 'Short Mat' afternoon at 2.0 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

20.4.19. Club plays Rugby Thornfield BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

20.4.19. Club holds its President versus Captain match at 2.0 p.m.

ST. CRISPIN BC

Fixtures:

20.4.19. Club plays Northampton Express BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

NORTH AREA – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BUT IN PARTICULAR TO READERS OF THE NORTHANTS TELEGRAPH

BURTON LATIMER TOWN BC

Fixtures:

18.4.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

20.4.19. Club plays Market Harborough BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY SEAGRAVE HOUSE BC

Fixtures:

20.4.19. Club plays Oakham BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

IRCHESTER BC

Fixtures:

20.4.19. Club plays Harpole BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

21.4.19. Club holds an internal 'Club Fixture' at 2.0 p.m.

28.4.19. Club holds an 'Open Day' for new or existing players

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

24.4.19. Club holds its Season Opening and Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixtures:

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

Annual General Meeting

This will be held at 7.0 p.m. on Thursday, 18th April, 2019, at Wellingborough BC

OUNDLE BC

Open Weekend

The Club is holding an 'Open Weekend' on the 11th & 12th May, 2019.

An opportunity for players, potential players, and guests to visit and enjoy the facilities of the Club, which is in Occupation Road, Oundle, PE84RU

There will be refreshments available all the time, including bar facilities, and on the Sunday afternoon, a 'Grand Charity Match' will be held at 2.0 p.m. in aid of the 'Warwickshire and Northants Air Ambulance'

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