

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. INDOOR INTERNATIONAL UNDER 18 TRIAL – COUNTY PLAYER SELECTED

The **English Indoor Bowling Association** is holding an Under 18 Trial for mixed gender on Sunday, 28th April, 2019, at Rugby Thornfield Indoor BC, with a 'roll-up' from 11.0 a.m. and the Trial starting at 1.0 p.m. and a County player has been selected to take part.

Lois Woodward of Desborough IBC, Northants., has been given an opportunity to show her abilities, with a view to representing England in the British Isles Indoor Bowls Council International Series on Saturday 13th October and Sunday 14th October, 2019, in Ireland.

We wish her very well in the Trial.

2. GREENS MAINTENANCE SEMINAR

A reminder that the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire Greens Inspectorate Secretary, Alan Ashby**, has arranged for a 'Greens Maintenance' seminar to be held on **Wednesday, 8th May, 2019**, at his Club, Northampton West End BC, commencing at 9.0 a.m., and he is inviting all Affiliated Clubs to send a representative, in particular any members who have some responsibility for the green maintenance at their Club.

The programme for the day is a very interesting one, with the following contributions being made, after the Introduction and Welcome by Alan:

'Turf Biology' by Symbio's representative, Finbarr Madden
'Seeds & Overseeding' by Barenbrug's representative, Luke Hunt
'Air2G2 System' by Turfmaster's representative, Harry Larkins
'Fungicides and worm/grub control' by Collier Turf Care's representative, Chris Humphrey
'Equipment, including Mower Setup & Maintenance' by Dennis & Sisis representatives, Jason Briggs & John Milner – this includes an on green demonstration.
'Turf Clinic' a question and answer session
'Bowls England' update from Alistair Hollis, BE Operational Services Manager.

There will be a tea/coffee break mid-morning, and a complimentary luncheon at 12.15 p.m. courtesy of the companies making contributions.

The intention of the day is to educate, as well as to demonstrate, good practices in achieving the best possible surfaces for bowling on.

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME COMPETITIONS

The **Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme** is hoping to stage outdoor competitions this year, but it does require the assistance of our County Clubs in encouraging their youngsters, under the age of 18 years, to enter. There are trophies already available for the winners, but unfortunately last year the competitions could not take place for lack of numbers.

Entry forms have been sent out to the Clubs, but if anyone is unable to get hold of a copy via that route, just contact either me (John Church – contact details at head of this Report) or the NBYDS Secretary Chris Cooper, tel 01536 725733 email johnchriscooper@googlemail.com

4. BOWLS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S NEED FOR GREENS INSPECTORS

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

“Bowls Northamptonshire requires bowling green inspectors for the grading of greens throughout the county. Training will be provided and when trained you work within a team of 2 inspectors.

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

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

Travelling expenses are paid for each journey.

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

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

5. BOWLS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN'S INTER COUNTY FRIENDLY MATCHES

The outdoor season is upon us, but many Bowls Northamptonshire Clubs, apart from having arranged the season's fixtures, have only just got together for the new season, and this leads me to another plea.

Bowls Northamptonshire's men have some inter county friendly matches early in the season, and County Match Secretary Richard Somerton has at this time something of a dearth of names from which to select players for the first couple of matches in May. These are on **Tuesday the 14th May, 2019**, versus Oxfordshire at Banbury Borough BC commencing at 2.0 p.m. and on **Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019**, versus Cambridgeshire at Bottisham BC commencing at 2.0 p.m.

These inter county matches are very enjoyable ones, and having played in many myself over the past 35 years, I can vouch for that, and would therefore encourage players to get in touch with Richard a.s.a.p. please, and for those who have not yet played a County match, why not 'give it a go' and support your County.

6. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT COUNTY

As I have already stated, we are now into the outdoor season, but a note about next season's men's indoor season. The competition entry forms for the 2019/2020 indoor season, are now available, and may be downloaded from the **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** website.

Entries may be sent direct to:

Hon. Competition Secretary John Chester 44 Crispin Street Rothwell NN14 6DA

or through your Club Delegates.

Electronic entries to shotwood@sky.com are acceptable provided payment of the entry fees is received by the closing date.

Closing date for entries is Sunday June 30th 2019

7. COUNTY CLUB INDOOR COMPETITION RESULTS

The following results of County Club indoor competitions have been received to date:

KETTERING LODGE BC

Competition	Winner	Runner-up
Ladies Singles	Marian Mackie	Pat Starsmore
Men's Singles	Adrian Harris	Connor Rollings

KINGSTHORPE BC

Competition	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-up
Ladies Singles	Debbie Watkins	Katie Smith
Ladies Pairs	Katie Smith & Dena Bryan	Celia Morris & Hilary Sharpe
Ladies Triples	Dawn Rolfe, Trudy Beard & Debbie Watkins	Pat Bodily, Yvonne McKee & Sharon Tansley
Ladies Fours	Elaine Groom, Celia Morris, Di Brumwell & Hilary Sharpe	Michelle England, Katie Smith, Yvonne McKee & Dena Bryan
Ladies Novice Singles	Michelle England	Lynda Miles
Men's Singles	Jamie Walker	Conor Bryan
Men's Pairs	Andrew Manton & Mick Sharpe	Ashley Linnell & Neil McKee
Men's Triples	Conor Bryan, Jason Bryan & Neil McKee	Ashley Linnell, Martin Gearey & Jamie Walker
Men's Fours	Ashley Linnell, Mick Sharpe, Andrew Manton & Jamie Walker	Conor Bryan, Darren Lewis, Jason Bryan & Vernon Gearey
Men's Novice Singles	Peter Miles	Denis Hardy
Mixed Pairs	Maggie Edwards & Neil McKee	Stuart Thomas & Michelle England
Mixed Triples	Yvonne McKee, Jason Brian & Neil McKee	Michelle England, Andrew Manton & Stuart Thomas
Mixed Fours	Celia Morris, Hilary Sharpe, Pete Morris & Mick Sharpe	Dawn Rolfe, Sharon Tansley, Neil Rolfe & Roger Tansley
Sheppard Trophy	Hilary & Mick Sharpe	Colin Adkins & Glenys Emery
2 Wood Singles	Ben Sharpe	Dave Sargeant
Drawn 2 Wood Pairs	Tom Wellburn & John Churchman	Jan Rolfe & Michael Edwards
Drawn 2 Wood Triples	Martin Gearey, Colin Adkins & Roger Caswell	Bob Brown, Dawn Rolfe & Geoff Hayter
Drawn 4 Wood Pairs	Michael Edwards & Di Brumwell	George Clifton & Geoff Hayter
Drawn Novice Pairs	Colin Adkins & Dave Sargeant	Denis Hardy & Pete Claucherty

8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE PRESIDENTS 'HARRIS CUP'

The annual 'Harris Cup' competition, organised by the Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Bowling Association, will be held on Wednesday, 26th June, 2019, with the venue being Abington BC and Earls Barton BC, and entry forms are now available from the Association, or from David Williamson telephone 01604 635012.

The competition is a well established and popular one and is open to rinks of players from different clubs, who will have bowling competition all day in, hopefully, fine weather at that time of year, with prize money in excess of £200.00p.

9. OBITUARY

Michael Cherington, Daventry Town BC

Michael died on the 6th April, 2019. He was a member at Daventry for a number of years, and was a good club man, who enjoyed both the bowling and social activities of the Club. He won the Club Triples in 1997. His funeral will be held at Rainsbrook Crematorium, Ashlawn Road, Rugby, at 1.0 p.m. on Thursday, 25th April, 2019.

10. COUNTY CLUB NEWS

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

ABINGTON BC

Open Day: The ‘Open Day’ planned by the Club to take place on Sunday, 28th April, 2019, has been postponed to a date to be arranged later in the season.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

27.4.19. Club plays Rugby Railway BC away at 2.0 p.m.

COLD ASHBY BC

Fixtures:

30.4.19. Club plays Lutterworth BC away at 2.30 p.m.

Open Day: The Club will be holding an ‘Open Day’ at **2.0 p.m. on Sunday, 28th April, 2019**, and a warm invitation is extended to anyone who would like to try their hand at the sport, and to view the Club facilities

DAVENTRY TOWN BC

Fixtures:

27.4.19. Club plays Banbury Chestnuts BC away at 2.0 p.m.

Open Days: The Club will be holding its 2nd ‘Open Day’ on **Sunday, 28th April, 2019, from 11.0 a.m. to 4.0 p.m.** and a warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to try their hand at the sport, and to view the Club facilities. Coaching will be available all day, s will refreshments.

HARPOLE BC

Fixtures:

25.4.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

27.4.19. Club plays Wolverton Park BC away at 2.30 p.m.

30.4.19. Club plays Woodford-cum-Membris BC away at 2.30 p.m.

Open Day: The Club is holding an ‘Open Day’ on **Sunday, 28th April, 2019, from 10.30 a.m. to 4.0 p.m.** and a warm invitation is extended to anyone who would like to try their hand at the sport, and to view the Club’s facilities. Coaching will be available for new bowlers, and refreshments on hand throughout the day.

HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club plays Cogenhoe BC away at 2.0 p.m.
1.5.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home at 2.30p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

- 25.4.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
27.4.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
27.4.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC away at 2.0 p.m.
30.4.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club plays Northampton Express BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club plays St Crispin BC away at 2.0 p.m.
28.4.19. Club plays Cogenhoe BC away at 2.0 p.m.
1.5.19. Club plays Heyford BC away at 2.30 p.m.

ROADE BC

Fixtures:

- 25.4.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.0 p.m.
27.4.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

ST. CRISPIN BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
28.4.19. Club plays Byfield BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
1.5.19. Club plays West Haddon BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

WEST HADDON BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
30.4.19. Club plays South Kilworth BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
1.5.19. Club plays St Crispin BC away at 6.30 p.m.

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BURTON LATIMER TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

- 25.4.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
27.4.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC away at 2.30 p.m.
1.5.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor BC away at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY SEAGRAVE HOUSE BC

Fixtures:

- 25.4.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC away at 6.30 p.m.
27.4.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.0 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

- 25.4.19. Club plays Ise BC away at 6.30 p.m.
27.4.19. Club plays its Captain v President match at 2.0 p.m.
30.4.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 2.30 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 2.30 p.m.

IRCHESTER BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.
30.4.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

Open Day: Club hold s an 'Open Day' at the club where a warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to try their hand at the sport, and to view the club facilities. Coaching and refreshments available on the day.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club plays Raunds Conservatives BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

ISE BC

Fixtures:

- 25.4.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
27.4.19. Club plays Swanspool BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club plays Irchester BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
28.4.19. Club plays Thrapston BC away at 2.0 p.m.
30.4.19. Club plays Irchester BC away at 2.0 p.m.
1.5.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

Open Days: Club holds 'Open Days' on the morning of both the 27th April and 28th April from 10.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. and a warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to try their hand at the sport, and to view the club's facilities. Refreshments and coaching will be available all morning.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixtures:

- 25.4.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.

OUNDLÉ BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club plays its Jack Crampin trophy match at 2.0 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club holds its opening day with a coffee morning at 10.0 a.m. followed by a club drive at 2.0 p.m.
1.5.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 25.4.19. Club plays Northamptonshire Retired Police BA at home at 2.0 p.m.
27.4.19. Club plays Rode BC away at 2.0 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

- 27.4.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
1.5.19. Club plays Abbey Park BC ladies at home at 2.0 p.m.
1.5.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 6.30 p.m.

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