

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE PRESIDENTS versus HUNTINGDONSHIRE PAST PRESIDENT

The following players have been selected to represent **the Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Bowling Association** in a friendly 5 rink match against the Huntingdonshire Past Presidents BA, to be played at Brampton BC, at 2.0 p.m. on Tuesday, 7th May, 2019.

Rink 1.	Richard Pitts, Len Marshall, Barry Hogston & Dave Williamson
Rink 2.	Ollie Pearson, Bryan Audis, Phil Bates & Trevor Wright
Rink 3.	Maurice Tyler, Roger Atkins, Dave Lovell & Fred Bosworth
Rink 4.	John Allen, Peter Byworth, Dennis Sansome & Peter Kitchener
Rink 5.	Paul Cooke, Tony Barratt, Dave Thurley & Dave Betts

2. BOWLS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UPDATE AND PREVIEW OF NEW OUTDOOR SEASON

The new season for the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** is now underway, and everyone is looking forward to all the challenges of competition, and the enjoyment of the sport outdoors, with the hope that last year's glorious bowling weather might be repeated! An update of the organisation, and a review of the forthcoming matches and competitions would help in keeping everyone informed, so here goes:

Officers for 2019.

The **Executive Committee** is largely unchanged, with John Chester, Chairman; Jan Hunt, Administrator; Ken Court, Treasurer; Alison Dring, Assistant Treasurer; and Brenice Willmott, Women's Section Secretary, all continuing in their roles.

They are, however, joined by the **2019 Women's President Elaine Munton, of Northampton Whyte Melville BC**. Elaine was Senior Vice President for the Women's Section in 2018, and has played and supported the County for a number of years. In the absence of a Men's Section Secretary and President this year, Kevin Mawson, Kislingbury BC and BN Yearbook Editor, and Richard Somerton, Brackley & District BC and BN Men's Match Secretary, have been co-opted to the Executive.

The **Women's Section Management Committee** is also largely unchanged, with President Elaine Munton being joined by Vice President Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe BC; Marlene Armitage, Wellingborough BC, Immediate Past President; Brenice Willmott, Irchester BC, Secretary; Alison Dring, Burton Latimer Town BC, Treasurer; Jan Hunt, Wellingborough BC, Competition Secretary & Heather Lack, Burton Latimer Town BC, Match Secretary

The **Men's Section Management Committee** is currently without a President, Immediate Past President and Secretary, but it is very good news that **Paul Green, Northampton Express BC** has been nominated by his Club, and appointed to the post of **Men's Section Vice President for 2019, with the expectation that he will be President in 2020**. Paul has been involved with Bowls for a number of years, as a player and officer of his Club, and he has supported the County by playing in many matches in recent years. He had his appointment confirmed at the Bowls Northamptonshire Council Meeting last week, and he was presented with his Vice President's Badge by the Chairman, John Chester. The remaining membership of the Men's Management Committee is largely unchanged.

2019 Inter County Competitions

The role of **Team Manager for the Women's Section's Walker Cup & Johns Trophy** continues to be held by **Jan Hunt**, and that of Team Manager for the **Amy Rose Under 31 Trophy** continues under the hand of **Velda Cooper, Irchester BC**. The first Johns Trophy match will be played on **Saturday, 1st June, 2019**, against Essex at Wellingborough BC with matches against Suffolk (away), Cambridgeshire (at Wellingborough BC) and Huntingdonshire (away) to follow. The Walker Cup is a knock out competition and the first match, and hopefully not the last, is on **Sunday, 23rd June, 2019**, against Cambridgeshire at Wellingborough BC. The Any Rose competition is played on the **31st August, 2019**, at the end of the National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa

The role of **Team Manager for the Men's Section Middleton Cup, Midland Counties BA & the Balcomb Trophy**, is with the newly appointed **Mick Smith, of Leicestershire**. Mick had his appointment confirmed at last week's Bowls Northamptonshire Council meeting, and Vice President Paul Green's first function was to present Mick with his County Badge. Mick is a very highly respected bowler, having played over 200 competitive matches for Leicestershire, and having featured in numerous competition finals in his home County, playing at National Championships as a result. He held a meeting for potential players on Thursday last, and it is clear how passionate and excited he is on taking up this management role. He has appointed Mick Sharpe of Kingsthorpe BC as his assistant, and Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe BC as the Team Captain. We all wish him and his team, all the very best of fortune, and the best support that he could ask for by the players.

The County is holding a Trial at Kingsthorpe BC on **Saturday, 4th May, 2019**, a Middleton Cup Practice match against Oxfordshire on **Saturday, 11th May, 2019**, both at Kingsthorpe BC, with the first competitive match, a **Midland Counties** game against Derbyshire on **Saturday, 18th May, 2019**, at Long Eaton Town BC, followed by matches against Lincolnshire (away), Warwickshire (away), Nottinghamshire (at Wellingborough BC), Worcestershire (at Bugbrooke BC) and Leicestershire (at Wellingborough BC). The first **Middleton Cup** match will be against Norfolk on Saturday 1st June, 2019 at County Arts BC, Norwich, with matches against Leicestershire (last year's national winners – at Kingsthorpe BC), Cambridgeshire (at Kingsthorpe BC) and Hertfordshire (away) to follow.

The role of **Junior Team Manager for the County Under 25's** continues to be held by **Jason Bryan, Kingsthorpe BC**, in which role he is responsible for both genders in his friendly matches against other opposition, and for male members in the inter county **White Rose Trophy**, a trophy which we were all delighted when his team won the title in 2018, and we wish him and his team all the best for a repeat.

County Friendly Matches

The County has a full list of friendly fixtures against mainly other Counties, with the first action for the **Women's Section** being the annual President versus Immediate Past President match to be played at Wellingborough BC on Monday, 6th May, 2019, and this will be followed by the first inter county friendly match against Berkshire on Friday, 10th May, 2019, at Kislingbury BC with 10 further friendly matches to follow throughout the season. **The Men's Section** starts its friendly match campaign against Oxfordshire on Tuesday, 14th May, 2019, against Oxfordshire at Banbury Borough BC, and this will be followed by 16 friendly matches throughout the season.

These County matches are most enjoyable ones, and they are for any player in an affiliated Club to make themselves available to play, all one has to do is 'put your name on the availability sheet' which all Clubs have, and the Club will then send in the nominations. There are many very good players around the County and playing in friendlies gets the player noticed for consideration for the more competitive inter county matches.

Special County Event – ‘Gala Day’

Bowls Northamptonshire is organising a ‘Gala Day’ on **Sunday, 22nd September, 2019**, at Desborough Town BC to which all County Clubs will be invited to participate in supplying rinks for play, of mixed gender. Players in each rink may be members of 2 different Clubs. The event is being sponsored by **Brace Wealth Management** and good prize money will be on offer. The event will be followed by a ‘Hog Roast’

More information will follow later in the season, but this is a good venture and one for the diary!

Other dates for the Diary

Sunday, 13th October, 2019 – Bowls Northamptonshire Annual Presentation Luncheon – Freemasons Hall, Northampton

Tuesday, 22nd October, 2019 - Bowls Northamptonshire Council Meeting – Irchester BC

Tuesday, 3rd December, 2019 - Bowls Northamptonshire Annual General Meeting – Irchester BC

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN ‘FRIENDLY’ versus BERKSHIRE – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the **Women’s Section** of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** in a friendly match against Berkshire, to be played on Friday, 10th May, 2019, at Kislingbury BC commencing at 1.30 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Sue Collins, Wellingborough BC/Nicky Hardy, Kingsthorpe BC/Nancy Tebbutt, Thrapston BC/Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 2.** Velda Cooper, Irchester BC/Sue Prior, Brackley & District BC/Wilma Walker, Corby Forest BC/Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 3.** Wen Hill, Northampton Whyte Melville BC/Elaine Munton, Northampton Whyte Melville BC/Audrey Height, Kettering Lodge BC/Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 4.** Marlene Armitage, Wellingborough BC/Eleanor Winters, Corby Forest BC/Liz Keeney, Corby Seagrave House BC/Jan Hunt, Wellingborough BC
- Rink 5.** Marian Mackie, Kettering Lodge BC/Margaret Tyler, Burton Latimer Town BC/Elaine Urquhart, Brackley & District BC/Joan Sidebottom, Roade BC
- Rink 6.** Shelagh Galloway, Thrapston BC/Phyll Parry, Wellingborough BC/Karon Kerr, Geddington & Newton BC/Val Betts, Higham Ferrers Town BC
- Reserves:** Jo Johns, Geddington & Newton BC/Margaret Cave, Thrapston BC/Jill Welch, Heyford BC/Pat Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville BC

4. COUNTY CLUB INDOOR COMPETITION - LATEST RESULTS

KETTERING LOGE BC (Indoor)

Competition	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-Up
Men’s Singles:	Adrian Harris	Connor Rollings
Ladies Singles:	Marian Mackie	Pat Starsmore
Novice Singles:	Brian Robertson	John Smith
Men’s Pairs:	John Smith & Adrian Harris	George Shortland & Mick Catlin
Men’s Triples:	Connor Rollings, David Smith & Brian Barnicoat	Steve Waterfield, Brian Briggs & John Konarczak
Men’s Fours:	Chris Gray, George Thompson, Allen Simms & Adrian Harris	Connor Rollings, Brian Briggs, David Smith & Kieran Rollings
Ladies Pairs:	Cathy Spencer & Audrey Height	Sue Briggs & Pat Starsmore
Ladies Triples:	Sylvia Rigby, Sue Briggs & Pat Starsmore	Sheila Farr, Janice Hamilton & Marian Mackie
Mixed Pairs:	George Shortland & Margaret Silsby	Chris Gray & Maggie Lewis
Mixed Triples:	Linda Simms, Adrian Harris & Allen Simms	John Rigby, Sue Briggs & Brian Briggs
Aussie Pairs:	George Shortland & Margaret Silsby	Chris Gray & Maggie Lewis

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Competition	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-Up
Ladies		
Ladies Singles:	Tina Broderick	Sue Collins
Ladies Pairs:	Pam Reynolds & Sue Collins	Joyce George & Phyll Parry
Ladies Triples:	Joyce George, Phyll Parry & Pam Reynolds	Sue Collins, Lorraine McDermott & Sylvia Downer
Ladies Fours:	Pam Reynolds, Lorraine McDermott, Sylvia Downer & Sue Collins	Alison Dring, Chris Cooper, Jan Hunt & Joyce George
Mixed/Open		
Mixed Pairs:	Tina Broderick & Paul Broderick	Alison Dring & Walt Winsor
Mixed Triples:	Alison Dring, Paul Coley & Walt Winsor	Sandy Goodenough, Ted King & Alan Goodenough
Mixed Fours:	Julie Asher, Pam Chandler, Tony Asher & Ian Roy	Marlene Armitage, Viv Gaudyn, Malc Chambers & David Love
Men		
Men's Singles:	Paul Broderick	Will Walker
Men's Pairs:	Curtis Johnson & Will Walker	Scott Johnson & Neil Corbyn
Men's Triples:	Brandon Taylor, David Love & John Greaves	Curtis Johnson, Danny Walker & Will Walker
Men's Fours:	Paul Coley, Neil Corbyn, Nigel Hawkins & Mick Cooper	Bryn Walker, Grahame Reynolds, Steve Norman & Wayne Gregory
Men's Novice Singles:	Peter Nicholls	Brian Henderson
Open Handicap Singles:	Adam Pitfield	Neil Gould
Open Aussie Pairs	Walt Winsor & Mick Cooper	Danny Walker & Will Walker
Under 25 Singles	Danny Walker	Will Walker

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBA

Competition	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-Up
Men		
Men's Singles:	Chris Bland	Andy Smith
Men's Pairs:	Jason Bryan & Gavin Taylor	Colin Barnes & Reg Jones.
Men's Triples:	Conor Bryan, Jason Bryan & Gavin Taylor	Ken Malin, Dave Richards & Pete Denny.
Men's Fours:	John Freeman, Tony O'Leary, Robert White & Alwyn Kirkwood,	Graham Anderson, Dave Williamson, Fred Bosworth & Terry Brown
Bob Smart Trophy 2 Wood	Andy Smith	Linda Warren.
Mixed/Open		
Novice Singles:	Gill Crossley	Cauly Swift.
Mixed Pairs:	Shannon Swift & Andy Smith	Dena Bryan & Gavin Taylor.
Mixed Triples:	Donna Williamson, Fred Bosworth & Dave Williamson	Sue Lane, Bob Fagan & Rod Rigby
Mixed Fours:	Sue Stanley, Dena Bryan, Andy Smith & Gavin Taylor	Jackie Dale, Sue Lane, Bob Fagan & Rod Rigby
Over 60's singles:	Linda Warren	Dave Fage.
Over 60's Aussie Pairs	Colin Barnes & Joyce Porter	Fred Bosworth & Dave Williamson.
Over 70's Mixed Pairs	Paul Cooke & Pete Denny	Terry Britten & Joyce Porter.
Ladies		
Ladies Singles:	Gill Crossley.	June Smith.
Ladies Pairs:	Muriel Townsend & Gill Crossley	June Smith & Julia Jones.

5. COACHING BOWLS – UPCOMING COURSES

Please find list below of the upcoming Coach Bowls courses including coaching, safeguarding, working with disabled & play bowls activator module, being held at Clubs in this County and adjoining Counties

Further information can be found at <http://www.coachbowls.org>, including how to book onto the courses.

Working with Disabled People in Bowls Module

Melton Mowbray BC, Leicestershire, LE13 0LR – 7th July, 2019.

Safeguarding in Bowls – “Time to Listen”

Goodwood BC, Leicester, LE5 2FH – 26th October, 2019.

Adult Safeguarding in Bowls

Geddington & Newton BC, NN10 6AN - 11th May, 2019.

Avon Valley IBC, Warwickshire, CV35 0DB - 18th May, 2019.

Goodwood BC, Leicester, LE5 2FH - 5th October, 2019.

6. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

Nancie Colling, MBE, celebrates 100th Birthday

Nancie Colling, MBE, widely respected within women’s bowls both on the green and in an administrative capacity, celebrated her Centenary at the weekend. She is a three-time national singles champion, winning the title in 1956, 1958 and 1970, in addition to securing the Two-Wood Singles title in 1965. She was an international for 15 seasons between 1957 and 1978, before increasing her involvement off the green.

Nancie held the position of Assistant Secretary of the English Women’s Bowling Association in 1978 and 1979, before becoming Secretary in 1980 – a position she held until 2002. She was the England team manager at the third Women’s World Bowls Championships in Worthing in 1977 and subsequently managed the team at further World Championships and Commonwealth Games. She was respected across the World and succeeded in ensuring Women’s Bowls was taken seriously at a time when sport for women frequently struggled to attract attention.

Nancie became President of Women’s World Bowls in 1995 for a period of three years, with 1996 seeing the Women’s World Bowls Championships staged at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa. She was the inspiration behind the team of volunteers who delivered a very successful event with a spectator capacity of 3,000. Attendances were outstanding with capacity crowds on a number of days with all Finals televised.

The EWBA National Championships were staged at Leamington whilst Nancie was Secretary, during which time she developed a very close, mutually advantageous relationship with Warwick District Council which continues to this day. She was awarded an MBE for her services to women’s bowls in 1996.

Nancie is held in great affection by so many people in our sport across the world, and at a party held on Saturday April 20th to celebrate her 100th Birthday, she was surrounded by 27 members of her family in addition to friends from across the whole spectrum of her life.

Women’s Senior International Team Manager

Bowls England wishes to announce that Gail Gilkes has resigned as Bowls England’s Women’s Senior International Team Manager with immediate effect. Gail served as Junior Women’s Team Manager from 2006 to 2016, before her appointment at Senior Women’s Team Manager in 2017. She also served as a member of the Management Team at a number of other international events including World Bowls and Commonwealth Games. Bowls England wishes to thank Gail for her valued contribution to England’s success during this period.

Bowls England will announce a caretaker manager for this year’s British Isles Women’s Senior International Series, which will take place in June at Les Creux BC, Jersey, in due course.

BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE NEWS

BDA Job Vacancies

The Bowls Development Alliance (BDA) is seeking two enthusiastic, motivated and highly organised individuals to support the delivery of the Club Development Programme as part of the BDA four year “Play Bowls 2017-2021” Strategy.

One of the vacancies is for a Club Development Officer to cover the Midlands and South East regions.

Salary: £11,000 (3-day week – Part-Time role)

For more details [click here](#)

7. OBITUARY

1. Sandie HORTON, 68 years, Northampton Whyte Melville BC, Abbey Park BC & Northampton & District IBC

Sandie died at Cynthia Spencer Hospice, on Saturday, 27th April, 2019, after a relatively short illness. It would have been her second year as Northampton Whyte Melville’s Ladies Captain and she was so looking forward to the start of this season. She was also a member of Abbey Park Ladies BC and Northampton and District IBA. Sandie shared her love of bowls with her late husband Roger and both joined Whyte Melville after the British Timken Bowls Club in Duston disbanded. Together and individually they featured in many of Whyte Melville’s club competition finals, as well as loyally supporting her clubs, She was a hard working committee member at Whyte Melville and an enthusiastic bowler whose company was enjoyed by all who knew her. Her clubs and the many friends she made within the bowling community will miss Sandie’s bubbly personality, kindness and her precious gift of a wonderful sense of humour. No funeral details at present.

2. Judy York, Kingsthorpe Bowling Club (Indoor & Outdoor)

Judy died on Wednesday, 24th April, 2019. She was the wife of the late Eric York, was a true Club Member and spent many happy hours at Kingsthorpe BC, where she played both indoor and outdoor, and she held numerous posts over the many years of her membership, including Ladies Captain, both indoor and outdoor, and she helped run Tournaments and Club Tours.

She was a very good bowler, and she represented the Club in Top Club and was Captain in 2013 when Kingsthorpe won the title. She won many competitions including Novice Singles in 1994 and Ladies Singles Title in 2004. She also won Ladies Pairs and Triples titles, and with her husband, Eric, won the Mixed pairs in 1995.

Eric and Judy donated a trophy, The York 2 Wood Triples for outdoor in 1997 and Judy’s name appears on the trophy 3 times, for winning in 2001, 2007 and 2012.

Judy played for Bowls Northamptonshire Ladies and received her County Badge in 1999 and played in 2005, 2006 and 2010.

Later in her life Kingsthorpe BC was Judy’s ‘second home’ and she felt great comfort at being in the club amongst her friends, both bowling and socially. Judy leaves 2 sons, Robert and Edward.

Her Funeral is at 9.30 a.m. on Friday 3rd May, 2019, at The Counties Crematorium, Milton Malsor, Towcester Road, Northampton, NN4 9RN with a Wake to follow at Kingsthorpe Bowling Club.

3. Vera BENSTEAD, Kingsthorpe BC (Indoor & Outdoor)

Vera died on Monday, 22nd April, 2019. She was the wife of the late Tom Benstead, a fellow Kingsthorpe bowler, and she was a successful bowler both indoor, where she was a founder member, and outdoor, winning competitions, including Ladies Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Triples outdoor and Ladies Triples indoor. She was not just a bowler for she was ladies indoor Captain in 1992/93, and, with her husband Tom, she ran many Club Tours. She also played for the County ladies. She leaves one son Geoff.

Her Funeral will be held at 4.15 p.m. on Friday, 3rd May, 2019, at the Counties Crematorium, Milton Malsor, Towcester Road, Northampton, NN4 9RN, with a Wake to follow at Kingsthorpe BC. No flowers by request.

8. BOWLS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'TRIAL' SELECTION

The following players have been selected by Team Manager Mick Smith on behalf of **Bowls Northamptonshire Men's Section** to play in a 'Trial' at 2.0 p.m. on Saturday, 4th May, 2019, at Kingsthorpe BC.

In Rink order:

- Rink 1.** Cameron Knox, Jack Tobin, both Burton Latimer Town BC, Martin Gearey, Kingsthorpe & Phil Exley, Burton Latimer Town BC (skip)
- Rink 2.** Adam Pitfield, Burton Latimer Town BC/Shaun Marriott, Northampton West End BC/Peter Ward, Desborough Town BC/Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe (skip)
- Rink 3.** Tony O'Leary, Abington BC/Connor Rollings, Burton Latimer BC/Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough BC/Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC (skip)
- Rink 4.** Ashley Linnell, Northampton West End BC/Kieran Rollings & Sam Gamble, Kettering Lodge BC/John Haines, Desborough Town BC (skip)
- Rink 5.** Alistair Melville, Corby Forest BC/Simon Coles, Northampton Express BC/David Iddles, Kingsthorpe BC/John Freeman, Abington BC (skip)
- Rink 6.** Chris Gray, Burton Latimer Town BC/Paul Melville, Corby Forest BC/Steve Norman, Higham Ferrers Town BC/Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC (skip)
- Rink 7.** Neil Rolfe & Tom Wellburn, Northampton Express BC/Mick Spear, Kingsthorpe BC/Richard Lemon, Northampton Express BC (skip)
- Rink 8.** David Love, Wellingborough BC/Tay O'Neill, Corby Seagrave House BC/Paul Green, Northampton Express BC/Alan Ashby, Northampton West End (skip)

9. COUNTY CLUB NEWS

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

ABINGTON BC

2019 Tour

Details

The Club has arranged its 2019 Bowls Tour to Exmouth, Devon, where the party will be based at the Manor Hotel, Exmouth, and three matches have been arranged. The cost is just £300.00p per tourist, and this includes coach travel, bed, breakfast and evening meal at the hotel, and match fees. The coach will leave the Club at 8.0 a.m. on Friday, 30th August, 2019. Over 20 members have already booked a place, but there is room for more – just contact Adam Hawkings on Telephone 07827927070

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

5.5.19. Club plays Cold Ashby BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

BYFIELD BC

Fixtures:

30.4.19. Club plays Southam BC away at 6.30 p.m.
1.5.19. Club plays Caldecott Park BC away at 2.30 p.m.
4.5.19. Club plays Daventry Tigers BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
8.5.19. Club plays Banbury Borough BC away at 6.15 p.m.

Open Day

An 'Open Day' for anyone who would like to try their hand at the sport of bowls is being held by the Club on Sunday, 5th May, 2019, and anyone interested just has to turn up with flat soled shoes, trainers would be fine, for the club will provide all the necessary equipment, and coaching will be available. Facilities will also be available for refreshments throughout the session.

COLD ASHBY BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays the Licensed Victuallers BA away at 2.0 p.m.
- 5.5.19. Club plays Bugbrooke BC away at 2.30 p.m.

DAVENTRY TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 4.5.19. Club plays Rugby Thornfield BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

HARPOLE BC

Fixtures:

- 7.5.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

- 4.5.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Northampton West End BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 4.5.19. Club hosts a BN Men's Trial at 2.0 p.m.
- 4.5.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 7.5.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.30 p.m.

Open Day

An 'Open Day' for anyone who would like to try their hand at the sport of bowls is being held by the Club on Sunday, 5th May, 2019, from 10.0 a.m. and anyone interested just has to turn up with flat soled shoes, trainers would be fine, for the club will provide all the necessary equipment, and coaching will be available. Facilities will also be available for refreshments throughout the session.

KISLINGBURY BC

Fixtures:

- 4.5.19. Club plays Earls Barrton BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 5.5.19. Club plays its President v Captains match at 2.0 p.m.
- 8.5.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 10.5.19. Club hosts a match between Bowls Northants women and Berkshire at 1.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

- 4.5.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 5.5.19. Club plays St Crispin BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 8.5.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC away at 6.30 p.m.

ROADE BC

Fixtures:

- 4.5.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 4.5.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 5.5.19. Club plays Cogenhoe BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

ST. CRISPIN BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Finedon Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 4.5.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 4.5.19. Club plays Roade BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 8.5.19. Club plays Abington BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

WOOTTON GRANGE BC

Fixtures:

- 6.5.19. Club holds a 'Bowls for Fun' day at 2.30 p.m.

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

BURTON LATIMER TOWN BC

Open Day:

An 'Open Day' for anyone who would like to try their hand at the sport of bowls is being held by the Club on Sunday, 12th May, 2019, between 11.0 a.m. and 3.0 p.m. and anyone interested just has to turn up with flat soled shoes, trainers would be fine, for the club will provide all the necessary equipment, and coaching will be available. Facilities will also be available for refreshments throughout the session.

Fixtures:

- 4.5.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 7.5.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 4.5.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY SEAGRAVE HOUSE BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 4.5.19. Club plays Woodsend BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 7.5.19. Club plays Oundle BC away at 2.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

- 4.5.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC away at 2.0 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Wellingborough OG's BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 4.5.19. Club plays Little Bowden BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 5.5.19. Club plays Enderby BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 7.5.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC away at 2.0 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Northants Retired Police BA for the 'Barry Clifford Cup' at 6.30 p.m.
4.5.19. Club plays Kempston Hammers BC away at 2.30 p.m.
4.5.19. Club plays Irchester BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
6.5.19. Club 'A' team plays Rushden Town BC 'A' team in the Tipler League at 6.30 p.m.

IRCHESTER BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Swanspool Seniors BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
4.5.19. Club plays Northampton Express BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
4.5.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.
5.5.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
6.5.19. Club 'B' team plays Higham Ferrers Town 'B' team in the Tipler League at 6.30 p.m.
6.5.19. Club 'D' team plays Thrapston BC in the Tipler League at 6.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixtures:

- 4.5.19. Club plays Islip BC away at 2.30 p.m.

ISE BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor BC away at 6.30 p.m.
4.5.19. Club plays Kettering Athletic BC away at 2.30 p.m.

ISLIP BC

Fixtures:

- 4.5.19. Club plays Irthlingborough CI BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

- 4.5.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.
5.5.19. Club plays Irchester BC away at 2.0 p.m.
7.5.19. Club plays Little Bowden BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
4.5.19. Club plays Oundle BC away at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC away for the 'Barry Clifford' Cup at 6.30 p.m.

OUNDLE BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Kettering Athletic BC away at 6.30 p.m.
4.5.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
7.5.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Ise BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
7.5.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC for the 'Fred King' Cup away at 2.0 p.m.
4.5.19. Club plays Roade BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
6.5.19. Club 'A' team plays Higham Ferrers Town 'A' in the Tipler League at 6.30 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC

Fixtures:

- 6.5.19. Club plays Irchester BC 'D' in the Tipler league at 6.30 p.m.
7.5.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC away at 2.30 p.m.

Open Day:

Saturday 4th May, 2019 from 10.0 am to 4.0 pm. The current members will be on hand to welcome anyone who would either like to try the fun game or rekindle their love for the sport, and refreshments will be available.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

- 2.5.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC for the 'Fred King' cup at home at 2.0 p.m.
6.5.19. Club hosts a match between BN Women's President & Immediate Past President at 1.30 p.m.
7.5.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

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