

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'MIDDLETON CUP' PRACTICE MATCH versus OXON

The Men's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** played what has become a traditional 'Middleton Cup' practice match against Oxfordshire on Saturday, 11th May, 2019, on the excellent greens at Kingsthorpe BC, and as is always the case a well contested match gave the Team Manager, Mick Smith and his Assistant Mick Sharpe, a good opportunity to view the players who, for the majority, are likely to help form his season's squad for the Midland Counties campaign, and the more important 'Middleton Cup' matches later.

Mick fielded 26 players, 4 of whom played half of the match, and he made one positional change too, and the County was greatly encouraged by the win by 14 shots. Rink wins were shared at 3 each, and the highest scoring for the County was that skipped by the County Team Captain, Andrew Manton, which posted a very good win by 19 shots.

The final score was Northamptonshire 130 shots – Oxfordshire 116 shots. Rink details as follows, Oxon skips only:

Rink 1. Neil Rolfe, Mick Spear, Steve Norman & Paul Broderick 17 shots – Mark Sykes 25 shots

The County men had a pretty decent start to this match and held a 6-3 shots lead after 5 ends of play, but then Oxon pegged them on that 6 for 5 ends whilst they scored 10 shots for a 13-6 lead at 10 ends. Oxon continued to score well and after 15 ends Paul and his men were 8-21 shots in deficit, but in winning 4 of the last 6 ends the County men much reduced their deficit to just 8 shots in the end.

Rink 2. Tony O'Leary, Paul Melville, Gavin Taylor & Richard Lemon 19 shots – Ray Gaskins 20 shots

This match started very well for the Oxon men as they posted 7 shots without reply in 3 ends, and an 8-2 lead after 5 ends, but the County men had a good run of ends, starting with a 4 on the 6th end, and after 12 ends they had taken a 14-10 shots lead. Oxon tied things up at 14 each, and with 5 ends to play it was once again level at 15 each, and, after 20 ends, again level at 19 shots each, but Oxon managed to take a single for their small win.

Rink 3. David Love, Danny Walker (replaced by David Iddles after 10 ends), John Freeman (replaced by Alistair Melville after 10 ends) & Vernon Gearey 24 shots – Chris Gilkes 22 shots

A pretty even start with the scores level on 4 shots each after 4 ends, but then the County men collected a big count of 5 to take a good lead 9-4, and when picking up a 4 on the 8th end Vernon and his men had a 13-7 shots lead. They say that 13 is unlucky for some, and it certainly was for the County for they were stuck on 13 for 5 ends, as Oxon picked up 8 shots to take the lead 15-13. The County immediately hit back with a 4 and after 18 ends had got themselves a 4 shots lead at 21-17, and were able to hang on for the 2 shots win.

Rink 4. David Iddles (replaced by Danny Walker after 10 ends), Sam Gamble, David Walker & Connor Cinato 20 shots – A J Docherty 23 shots

In this match Oxon started off just a little better and after 5 ends had a lead at 8-6, thanks to a 5 collected on the 4th end, and 5 ends later lead by just 1 more shot at 12-9, and after 14 ends still just 3 ahead at 15-12. End 15 was not good for the County as Oxon picked up another big count of 5 shots to lead 20-12, but Connor and his men were spurred on to win the next 4 ends to tie things up at 20 shots each with 2 ends to play. Unfortunately for the County both those ends went the way of the visitors.

Rink 5. Adam Pitfield (replaced by Chris Gray after 10 ends), Shaun Marriott, Peter Ward & Andrew Manton 27 shots – David Leighfield 8 shots

After 5 ends in this match the scores were level at 4 each, but in winning the next 6 ends the County created a very good lead at 14-4, and after dropping a single on the next end Andrew and his men increased their lead to 19-5 with 7 ends left to play. After 17 ends played the County were 20-8 up, and in winning the last 4 ends, and adding 7 shots in the process Andrew and his men had a very comfortable win, allowing their opponents to score on just 5 of the 21 ends.

Rink 6. Cameron Knox, Jack Tobin, Martin Gearey & Roger Tansley 23 shots – Paul Sharman 18 shots

After 5 ends played in this match the County was 6-2 adrift, but in winning the next 4 ends Roger and his men took a 9-6 lead, and after dropping a single on the 10th end, they won the next 4 ends for a substantial lead of 18-7 shots. Oxon were not yet finished, however, for they won the next 4 ends and closed to within 2 shots at 16-18 down, but the County men scored a good 4 on the 19th end to reinstate a good lead, and ultimately a decent victory.

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus CAMBRIDGESHIRE - SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the Men's Section of the Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire, in a friendly match against Cambridgeshire, to be played at 2.0 p.m. on Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019, at Bottisham BC, Royal British Legion Club, 33, Downing Street, Bottisham, Cambridge, CB25 9DD

- Rink 1.** Will Clelland, Corby Seagrave House BC/Eddie Chapman, Wellingborough BC/Bob Tingle, Kettering Midland Band BC/John Church, Retired Police BC
- Rink 2.** Paul Cooke, Carlsberg BC/Terry Chapman, Rushden Town BC/Malc Mattinson, Thrapston BC/Richard Somerton, Brackley & District BC
- Rink 3.** Stuart Lowe, Brackley & District BC/John Chester, Desborough Town BC/Peter Kitchener, Irchester BC/Terry James, Thrapston BC
- Rink 4.** Rod Douglass, Kettering Lodge BC/John Davies, Brackley & District BC/Brian Diver, Corby Seagrave House/Mossy Waters, Rushden Town BC
- Rink 5.** Larry Lawrence, Kettering Lodge BC/A.N.OTHER/Geoff Allen, Heyford BC/Dave Betts, Higham Ferrers Town BC
- Rink 6.** Dave Lovell, Irchester BC/A.N.OTHER/Dave Stewart, Rushden Town BC/Norman Gibb, Corby Seagrave House BC

Note: The County is looking to fill 2 places, and any reserves, so anyone who would like to play let Richard Somerton know a.s.a.p. please.

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'FRIENDLY' versus BERKSHIRE - RESULT

The ladies of the Women's Section of the Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire, entertained their counterparts from Berkshire, to a friendly match on Friday, 10th May, 2019, at Kislingbury BC, and they started their inter county campaign with a very good win by 25 shots. The County had 4 winning rinks, with 2 losing by just 4 shots between them, and the highest scoring for the County was shared by the rinks skipped by Di Brumwell and Jan Hunt, with 8 shots wins, but just behind were the other two skipped by Hilary Sharpe & Sharon Tansley that won by 7 shots and 6 shots respectively.

Final score was Northamptonshire 114 shots – Berkshire 89 shots.

Rink details as follows, Berkshire skips only:

Rink 1. Marian Mackie, Margaret Tyler, Elaine Urquhart & Joan Sidebottom 15 shots – Gillian Chamberlain 18 shots

This was a very closely fought match with the scores level on 5 shots each at 7 ends of play, and again level after 10 ends at 7 each, but the visitors eased a little in front to be 4 ahead after 15 ends at 13-9 and 2 ends later they were further ahead on 18-9 with 4 ends to play. Joan and her ladies had the better of those ends, picking up 6 shots with one end tied, for a modest defeat.

Rink 2. Sue Collins, Nicky Hardy, Nancy Tebbutt & Di Brumwell 22 shots – W Smart 14 shots

Berkshire started the better, winning the first 3 ends with singles, but the County drew level at 3 each at 5 ends, and after dropping another single on the 7th end, Di and her ladies won the next 5 ends and collected 15 shots in the process, including a massive 6 and a 4, for a lead at 18-4 shots. The visitors won the next 4 ends to reduce their deficit by 5 shots with 6 ends left to play, and those last ends went marginally in Berkshire's favour, but it was a good win for the County

Rink 3. Velda Cooper, Sue Prior, Jill Welch & Hilary Sharpe 18 shots – Sandra Harrison 11 shots

Another tight affair, certainly in the first half, with the scores level on 3 each and again on 5 each after 7 ends, but after conceding 2 shots on the next 2 ends, Hilary and her ladies won 6 successive ends to take a good 15-7 shots lead with 6 ends left. Berkshire won 4 of those ends, all in single, but the County picked up 3 more shots for a good win.

Rink 4. Wen Hill, Elaine Munton, Audrey Height & Sharon Tansley 22 shots – Pat Fowkes 16 shots

Berkshire won the first 3 ends and posted 4 shots, but the County took over for 5 ends and collected 10 shots for a good 10-4 lead after 10 ends of play. After dropping a 4, Sharon and her ladies got them back on the next 2 ends, but then dropped another 4 followed by a single, to see their lead reduced to 3 shots with 6 ends left to play, and in winning 4 of those ends 5-2, they concluded with a good win.

Rink 5. Marlene Armitage, Eleanor Winters, Liz Keeney & Jan Hunt 18 shots – M Booth 10 shots

This was a very low scoring match, and apart from a big 5 collected by the County on the 5th end to take the lead 7-2, there were very few shots picked up, with just two double counts and the remainder all singles. After taking that lead Jan and her ladies were always ahead, albeit not by many shots, for a good win.

Rink 6. Shelagh Galloway, Phyll Parry, Karon Kerr & Val Betts 19 shots – L Holliday 20 shots

In this match, after dropping a single on the first end, the County won the next 5 ends to take a lead at 8-1 after 6 ends, but after 10 ends Berkshire had drawn level at 9 each, and in winning the next 4 ends they took a 16-9 lead with 7 ends to play. At 18 ends Val and her ladies were just 2 adrift and with 1 end to play, after collecting a 4 to take a 19-18 lead, they could not hang on to win and dropped a pair for a defeat by the smallest possible margin..

4 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN M.E.L. versus WARWICKSHIRE – SELECTION

The following ladies have been selected to represent the Women's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire**, in a 'Middle England League' match against Warwickshire, to be played at 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd May, 2019, at Stoke BC, Occupation Road, Church Lane, Coventry, CV2 4AB

Rink 1. Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC/Elaine Munton, Northampton Whyte Melville BC/Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge BC/Val Betts, Higham Ferrers Town BC

Rink 2. Marlene Armitage, Wellingborough BC/Trish Basford, Geddington & Newton BC/Liz Keeney, Corby Seagrave House BC/Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe BC

Rink 3. Joyce George, Wellingborough BC/Pam Sallaway, Rushden Town BC/Audrey Height, Kettering Lodge BC/Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe BC

Rink 4. Margaret Cave, Thrapston BC/Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC/Karon Kerr, Geddington & Newton BC/Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC

Rink 5. Celia Morris, Kingsthorpe BC/Chris Cross, Byfield BC/Jill Welch, Heyford BC/Joan Sidebottom, Roade BC

Rink 6. Velda Cooper, Finedon Town BC/Marian Mackie, Kettering Lodge BC/Wilma Walker, Corby Forest BC/Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC

Reserves: Shelagh Galloway, Thrapston BC/Eleanor Winters, Corby Forest BC/Maggie Edwards, Kingsthorpe BC/Jan Hunt, Wellingborough BC

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN M.C.B.A. versus DERBYSHIRE – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the Men's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire**, in its first fully competitive match, a **Midland Counties** encounter with Derbyshire, to be played at 2.0 p.m. On Saturday, 18th May, 2019, at Long Eaton Town BC, Devonshire Avenue, Long Eaton, , NG10 2EP.

- Rink 1.** Chris Gray, Burton Latimer Town BC/Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC/Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough BC/Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 2.** David Iddles, Kingsthorpe BC/Simon Coles, Northampton Express BC/Martin Gearey & Andrew Manton, both Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 3.** David Love, Wellingborough BC/Mick Spear, Kingsthorpe BC/Steve Norman, Higham Ferrers Town BC/Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 4.** Connor Rollings, Burton Latimer Town BC/Sam Gamble, Kettering Lodge BC/Paul Green & Richard Lemon, both Northampton Express BC
- Rink 5.** Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC/John Freeman, Abington BC/Alan Ashby & David Walker, Northampton West End BC
- Rink 6.** Neil Rolfe, Kingsthorpe BC/Tom Wellburn, Northampton Express BC/Alistair Melville, Corby Forest BC/John Haines, Desborough Town BC

5. ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS – PROGRESS OF COUNTY PAYERS

The major **World wide 'Atlantic Championships'** being held in 4 venues in Wales, and involving 25 different countries, commenced on Friday, 10th May, 2019, with two of our County's finest players on the greens.

Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC plays for England in the **Women's Pairs**, leading for Natalie Chestney of Devon, and in the **Fours** playing at No. 2 with Jamie-Lea Winch of Leicestershire at Lead, Lorraine Kuhler of Sussex at No. 3 and Sian Honnor of Kent at Skip.

Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC plays for England in the **Men's Singles**, and in the **Pairs** where he will skip with Steve Mitchinson of Essex.

For live scoring during the Atlantic Championships, visit: <https://www.welshbowls.co.uk/atlantic-rim-2019>

Results will also be available on a daily basis from <http://www.worldbowls.com>

The schedule so far is as follows, although it could be subject to change if necessary:

FRIDAY, 10th MAY, 2019:

Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC, representing England in the **Singles and Pairs**, commenced his play at 8.15 a.m. at Barry Athletic BC in the **Pairs** with Steve Mitchison of Essex, against Turkey, and at 1.05 p.m. they played their second match against Switzerland, with a third match of the day, against Jamaica played at 5.55 p.m.

Results:

Versus Vuslat Arac & Ozkan Akar, TURKEY:	LOST 12-16 SHOTS
Versus Thomas Schneiter & Beat Matti, SWITZERLAND:	WON 28-13 SHOTS
Versus Martin Edwards & Mervyn Edwards, JAMAICA:	WON 26-8 SHOTS

Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC, representing England in the **Pairs**, leading for Natalie Chestney of Devon, and the **Fours** with Jamie-Lea Winch, Leicestershire, Lorraine Kuhler of Sussex and Sian Honnor of Kent, started her campaign in the Fours at 11.0 a.m. at Dinas Powys BC against Zimbabwe, and her second Fours match at 4.0 p.m. against Jersey.

Results:

Versus Allyson Dale, Melanie James, Heather Singleton & Kerry Craven, ZIMBABWE:	WON 16-9 SHOTS
Versus Ethel Southern, Lorraine Bowman, Jean Holmes & Fiona Archibald, JERSEY:	WON 26-11 SHOTS

SATURDAY, 11th MAY, 2019.

Jamie continued his challenge in the **Pairs** at 8.15 a.m. at Dins Powys BC against Brazil, and should have had a 2nd Pairs match against Zambia, but that country withdrew from the Championship. The second Pairs match for Jamie and his partner was against Zimbabwe at 5.55 p.m.

Results:

Versus Joao Correa & Peter Gordon, **BRAZIL: WON 24-9 SHOTS**
Versus Myles Hopper & Tom Craven **ZIMBABWE: WON 19-14 SHOTS**

Rebecca continued her campaign in the **Fours** with a match at 8.30 a.m. at Penarth Windsor BC against Argentina, and should have followed it with another Fours at 1.30 p.m. against Kenya, but that country withdrew from the championship.

Result:

Versus Sara Jaimez, Celia Nunez, Aira Ramos & Gabriela Villamarin, **ARGENTINA: WON 26-5 SHOTS**

SUNDAY, 12TH MAY, 2019.

Jamie had two more **Pairs** matches, firstly at 8.15 a.m. against Ireland, and secondly at 1.5 p.m. against South Africa, both at Penarth Windsor BC.

Results:

Versus Aaron Tennant & Mark Wilson, **IRELAND. WON 17-16 SHOTS.** This was a significant win for Steve & Jamie, as Ireland were, at that time, unbeaten and holding 2nd place in the section table behind an also unbeaten Namibia.

Versus Wayne Rittmuller & Pierre Breitenbach, **SOUTH AFRICA. LOST 14-15 SHOTS.** This loss by 1 shot keeps the England pair in 3rd place in their Group behind Namibia, who are still unbeaten and Ireland.

Rebecca also had 2 matches on this date in the **Fours**, firstly at 11.0 a.m. against Israel, and secondly at 4.0 p.m. against Spain, both at Penylan BC.

Results;

Versus Shira Eshel, Irit Grencel, Edna Bomberg & Tami Kamzel, **ISRAEL. WON 17-11 SHOTS**
Versus Debbie Colquhoun, Lynne Eldon, Gillian Atkinson & Jenny Thompson, **SPAIN. WON 27-10 SHOTS.**
This 5th successive win gives Rebecca and her team a 100% record and, needless to say, they top the table at this stage.

NEXT WEEK.

After a very busy weekend for the County players and their colleagues, next week sees them in action on most days as follows:

MONDAY, 13th MAY, 2019.

Jamie will play twice on this date, both at Penylan BC, firstly at 11.0 a.m. in the Pairs against Spain and then at 4.0 p.m. against Namibia.

Rebecca also has two matches on this date, both at Barry Athletic BC, firstly against Ireland at 10.40 a.m. and then against Switzerland at 3.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 14TH MAY, 2019.

Jamie plays twice on this date, firstly in the Pairs at 8.30 a.m. against Argentina, followed by another Pairs at 1.30 p.m. against Guernsey, with both matches at Barry Athletic BC

Rebecca has a quieter day with just 1 match at 11.0 a.m. against Wales in the Fours, at Dinas Powys BC

WEDNESDAY, 15TH MAY, 2019.

This is 'Play Off' day for the Men's Pairs and Women's Fours at 9.30 a.m. and Semi-Finals at 2.30 p.m.(plus Men's Triples and Women's Singles which do not involve County players) and it is hoped that Jamie and Rebecca will be in there still competing.

THURSDAY, 16TH MAY, 2019.

This is 'Finals' Day for Women's Fours at 10.0 a.m. and Men's Pairs at 2.0 p.m. (plus the Women's Singles & Men's Triples)

FRIDAY, 17TH MAY, 2019.

Rebecca will play the Pairs against France at 8.30 a.m. followed by the Pairs against Turkey at 1.30 p.m. both at Penylan BC

Jamie will play Singles against Netherlands at 8.15 a.m., followed by Singles against Zambia at 1.5 p.m. and Singles against Botswana at 5.55 p.m., all at Barry Athletic BC.

SATURDAY, 18TH MAY, 2019.

Rebecca will play Pairs against Isle of Man at 11.0 a.m. and Pairs against Zimbabwe at 4.0 p.m., both at Barry Athletic BC

Jamie will play Singles against Isle of Man at 8.15 a.m., followed by Singles against France at 1.5 p.m. and Singles against Jamaica at 5.55 p.m., all at Dinas Powys BC

SUNDAY, 19TH MAY, 2019.

Rebecca will play the Netherlands in the Pairs at 8.30 a.m., followed by Pairs against Namibia at 1.30 p.m., both at Dinas Powys BC.

Jamie will play Singles against Guernsey at 8.15 a.m., followed by Singles against Wales at 1.5 p.m. and Singles against Argentina at 5.55 p.m. all at Penarth Windsor BC

MONDAY, 20TH MAY, 2019.

Rebecca will play Pairs against Ireland at 11.0 a.m. followed by Pairs against Zambia at 4.0 p.m. both at Penarth Windsor BC

Jamie will play Singles against South Africa at 10.40 a.m. and Singles against Jersey at 3.30 p.m., both at Penylan BC

TUESDAY, 21ST MAY, 2019.

Rebecca has 1 match on this date, a Pairs against Scotland at 8.30 a.m. at Penylan BC

Jamie also has 1 match on this day, a Singles against Kenya at 1.30 p.m. at Barry Athletic BC

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 22ND & 23RD MAY, 2019.

These days are the **Play Offs, Semi-Finals and Finals**, and it is hoped that Jamie and Rebecca will feature in them.

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN – PRESIDENT versus IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

The annual match between the Immediate Past President and the President of the Women's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** was held at Wellingborough BC on Monday, 6th May, 2019, and a keenly contested match resulted in just a 1 shot victory for the Immediate Past President's team, captained by Marlene Armitage, last year's President. In the absence of the President, her team was captained by Vice President Yvonne McKee. Rink wins were shared, with the IPP's highest winning rink being that skipped by Pam Reynolds, which posted a 16 shots win, and the highest for the President's team being that skipped by Barbara Haseldine which won by 22 shots. Final score was Immediate Past President 97 shots – President 96 shots. Rink details as follows, President's Team names first:

- Rink 1.** Pat Bodily, Margaret Fairs, Gill Crossley & Elaine Urquhart 16 shots – Debbie Bradshaw, Sandra Lake, Pat O’Hanlon & Liz Keeney 9 shots
- Rink 2.** Velda Cooper, Elsie Hatton, Marilyn Dunkley & Barbara Haseldine 29 shots – Linda Walsh, Margaret Tyler, Maureen McDonald & Nancy Tebbutt 7 shots
- Rink 3.** Joyce George, Sue McKim, Karon Kerr & Yvonne McKee 20 shots – Marlene Armitage, Shelagh Galloway, Pat Coles & Alison Dring 14 shots
- Rink 4.** Trish Basford, Heather Lack, Pam Sallaway & Val Betts 4 shots – Sue Collins, Nicky Hardy, Sylvia Downer & Pam Reynolds 23 shots
- Rink 5.** Judy Jones, Annette Norris, Phyll Parry & Gill Letts 14 shots – Debbie Cox, Barbara Murkitt, Jo Johns & Jill Welch 24 shots
- Rink 6.** Maggie Edwards, Gill White, Lorraine Streeter & Eleanor Winters 13 shots – Wen Hill, Liz Davison, Elaine Pratt & Lisbeth Milburn 18 shots.

7. BOWLS MAINTENANCE SEMINAR

A ‘Greens Maintenance’ seminar was held on **Wednesday 8th May 2019 at Northampton West End BC** on behalf of **Bowls Northamptonshire** for all the bowls clubs in the county.

There were 40 delegates representing 22 clubs from Northamptonshire with presentations from Symbio Finbarr Madden giving a talk on Turf Biology, Chris Humphrey from Collier Turf Care covering the subjects of Grass Seeds, Fungicides and Worm & Grub Control. Harry Larkins from Turfmaster gave a short presentation on the Air 2G2 system and then a demonstration on the green on how the Air 2G2 machine works.

Also, in attendance was Dennis/Sisis who demonstrated a wide range of equipment and how to set up a mower cut height and the cutting edge of the mower blade. They also demonstrated the Sisis Dart and the Dennis Mower cassette range of mowers.

A short quiz was held for all delegates and winners were Cold Ashby B.C. who won a bag of Barenbrug Ultrafine seed worth £178.

At the end of the programme a question and answer session took place and several subjects were covered during this time.

A fine day was had by all with the presentations, and in between rain showers, the on green demonstrations were delivered

During the day an excellent buffet lunch was provided by the attending companies.

Thanks are very much due to **Alan Ashby, County Greens Inspectorate Secretary** for his efforts in organising the Seminar.

9. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE

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PAIRS

Preliminary Round: **Jill Welch & partner, Heyford BC beat** Chris Bland & partner, Northampton Express BC 22-12 shots

1st Round: **Emma & Phil Exley, Burton Latimer Town BC beat** Pat Starsmore & partner, Kettering Lodge BC 24-16 shots
David Jones & partner, Abington BC beat Martin Gearey & partner, Kingsthorpe BC 21-11 shots
Adam Pitfield & partner, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Claire Snelling & partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC 23-21 shots

FOURS

Preliminary Round: **Jamie Walker’s Rink, Northampton West End BC beat** David Walker’s Rink, Northampton West End BC 19-12 shots
Steve Norman’s Rink, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Allen Simms’ Rink, Kettering Lodge BC 22-4 shots
Chris Bland’s Rink, Northampton Express BC beat Adam Hawkings’ Rink, Abington BC 26-12 shots
David Jones’ Rink, Abington BC beat Martin Gearey’s Rink, Kingsthorpe BC 25-4 shots
Sharon Tansley’s Rink, Kingsthorpe BC beat Debbie Cadd’s Rink, Abington BC 22-15 shots

FAMILY PAIRS

Preliminary Round: **Connor Cinato & partner, Kettering Midland Band BC beat** Steve Norman & partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC 26-11 shots
Rebecca Wigfield & partner, Desborough Town BC beat Allen Simms & partner, Kettering Lodge BC 26-11 shots
Will Walker & partner, Northampton West End BC beat Chloe Weston & partner, Northampton Express BC 23-21 shots
Martin Gearey & partner, Kingsthorpe BC beat Neil Rolfe & partner, Northampton Express BC 21-9 shots
Mick Corbyn & partner, Rushden Town BC beat Neil Gould & partner, Earls Barton NC 23-15 shots
Rob White & Partner, Northampton Express BC beat Jill Welch & partner, Heyford BC 21-20 shots

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CLUB TWO FOURS

Preliminary Round: **Northampton Express BC ‘B’ beat** Northampton West End BC ‘B’ 44-33 shots

10. RUSHDEN ‘TIPLER’ TRIPLES LEAGUE

The popular ‘**Tipler**’ **Triples League** in the Rushden area, has got under way with its first batch of matches played on the 6th May, 2019, and in ‘**A**’ **Division** the front runners, with a comprehensive win on all triples in their match against Irchester BC ‘D’ team, are the players from **Thrapston BC** with a full 5 points, and in the ‘**B**’ **Division** the team ‘**Fast Lane**’ is on top, with 4 points, but only by a slightly superior shots difference, for Team Mazda; Team Barton Knights; & Team Wanderers, all have 4 points also.

11. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

Bowls England Urges Players to stay ‘Sun Safe’ this Summer

Stay safe in the sun this summer – that’s the message from Bowls England as clubs across the country open their doors for the start of the 2019 season. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the UK, with a particularly sharp rise in the number of cases since the 1970s. Sports and hobbies that see people outside in the sun tend to increase the risk of excessive sun exposure, which can cause premature skin ageing, sun damage and skin cancer. The good news is that skin cancer is largely preventable, and with proper practices can be detected early and successfully treated.

Tony Allcock MBE, Bowls England Chief Executive, said: “A typical British summer doesn’t always give us the weather and glorious sunshine that perhaps we’d hope for. It can therefore be easy to overlook the need for sun protection in England. If you’re going to be outside playing bowls this summer, it’s important to remember to protect yourself from the sun. In an ideal world, you should avoid being outside between 11am and 3pm on days when the UV forecast is high. If that’s not feasible, then make sure you have plenty of sun protection.”

The **British Association of Dermatologists** advises that you should be looking for:

- New skin lumps, spots, ulcers, scaly patches or moles that weren't there before
- Marks (including moles) on the skin that have changed shape, colour, texture or size
- Sores that do not heal
- Any areas on the skin that are itchy, painful or bleed

If there are moles that you want to keep an eye on then it's a good idea to take a picture of them, preferably with something, such as a coin, for scale. This will be a good reference point so that you can easily tell if there have been any changes. If in doubt, get it checked out by your GP.

For more information please visit: www.skinhealthinfo.org.uk

ENGLISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION NEWS

Ranking List 2018/2019

The [Mens](#) and [Ladies](#) Ranking lists are now complete for the 2018/2019 season. Just click on the gender link.

BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE NEWS

Calling all clubs!

You may or may not be aware that we recently (the BDA) announced an exciting new partnership with the National Federation of Women's Institute (NFWI) The partnership aims to provide opportunities for WI members to get involved in the sport of bowls through our **WOMEN CAN** campaign. Currently, only 32% of the bowling club population in England are women and this campaign has been developed to increase that number to 45% by 2021 and of course bring more members to your bowls club.

The programme invites WIs and Federations to take part in a 6-week bowls programme, hosted by a bowls club like yours, local to the applicant WI. Members will be required to pay a small nominal weekly fee of £3 per person, per week to take part (payable to hosting club). Your club will need to identify someone to communicate with the local WI to make all the necessary arrangements

What is required from your club?

- A friendly, welcoming approach
- Capacity to host a WI group for 6 weeks (1-2hrs once a week for 6 weeks)
- Club equipment to loan to the group (bowls)
- Refreshments available for the group to purchase/ tea and coffee facilities
- A coach or club activator to meet the group and support them through the 6-week programme
- A relaxed dress code which allows the group to bowl in smart/casual clothes

We are now inviting all affiliated clubs to express an interest in hosting a WI group. This is not a guarantee that you will be selected to be part of a programme as there may not be any groups in your area, but we aim to get as many clubs involved as possible. If you would like to put your club forward, please email womencan@playbowls.org or call Kara on 01664 777001 with your club name, location, key contact name and contact details including phone number and email address by **no later than Monday 20th May 2019**.

Once the deadline has passed Kara, our **WOMEN CAN** project lead, will start the process of putting the club contact in touch with the lead WI contact so that both parties can agree that best day/times for the group to come down to the club. We currently have over 125 WI Groups looking to get involved.

12. OBITUARY

Sandie HORTON, 68 years, Northampton Whyte Melville BC, Abbey Park BC & Northampton & District IBA

With reference to my report on the 28th April, of the death of Sandie, I now have the details of her Funeral. It will be held at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16th May, 2019, at the Counties Crematorium, Milton Malsor, Towcester Road, Northampton, NN4 9RN, to be followed by a Wake at Fernie Fields Sports & Social Club, Moulton Way, Northampton, NN3 7BD.

Family flowers only, but donations if desired in favour of 'Cynthia Spencer Hospice' via the Funeral Director, Kevin Matthews, 1-5, Balmoral Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 6LA

Dennis COX, Swanspool BC, Swanspool Senior BC & Wellingborough BC (Indoor)

Dennis died a week or so ago. He was a long serving member of Swanspool Bowling Clubs and Wellingborough BC Indoor

His Funeral is arranged to take place at 4.0 p.m. on Thursday, 16th May, 2019, at the Nene Valley Crematorium, 305, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, NN8 2NX, followed by a Wake at the Queen's Head PH, Broad Green, Wellingborough.

13. COACHING COURSES

Please find list below of the upcoming Coach Bowls courses being held at venues adjoining our County.

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, Leics. LE13 0LR – on 7th July, 2019 from 10.0 a.m. to 2.0 p.m.

Safeguarding in Bowls - "Time to Listen"

Goodwood BC, Leicester, LE5 2FH – on 26th October, 2019 from 10.0 a.m. to 2.0 p.m.

Adult Safeguarding in Bowls

Goodwood BC, Leicester, LE5 2FH – on 5th October, 2019, from 10.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m.

Level 2 - Certificate in Coaching Bowls (*All days are 9am to 5pm and attendance at all days is required*)

Harpenden IBC, Hertfordshire, AL5 5SA – on 26th October,, 2019, 1st December, 2019, 21st December, 2019, 12th January, 2020 22nd February, 2020.

14. COUNTY CLUB NEWS

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

ABINGTON BC

Fixtures:

- 16.5.19. Club plays Leicester BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 18.5.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 20.5.19. A Team plays Kingsthorpe BC at home and B Team plays Daventry Town BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 21.5.19. Club plays Abbey Park BC away at 2.30 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

- 18.5.19. Club plays Northampton Express BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.5.19. Club plays Byfield away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 22.5.19. Club plays Daventry Tigers BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

BYFIELD BC

Fixtures:

- 18.5.19. Club plays Banbury Central BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 20.5.19. Club plays Bugbrooke BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 21.5.19. Club plays Adderbury BC, Oxon., away at 6.30 p.m.

CARLSBERG BC

Fixtures:

19.5.19. Club plays Cogenhoe BC away at 2.0 p.m.

COGENHOE BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club hosts the Licensed Victuallers BC versus Stony Stratford BC at 2.0 p.m.

18.5.19. Club plays Ise BC away at 2.0 p.m.

19.5.19. Club plays Carlsberg BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

20.5.19. Club plays Harpole BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

COLD ASHBY BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club plays Heyford BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

18.5.19. Club plays Harpole BC away at 2.30 p.m.

19.5.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

DAVENTRY TOWN BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club plays Rugby Railway BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

20.5.19. A Team plays Abington BC at home & B Team plays St Crispin BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

HARPOLE BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club plays Rugby Thornfield BC away at 6.30 p.m.

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

HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club plays Cold Ashby BC away at 6.30 p.m.

19.5.19. Club plays Golden Horse BC at Kissingbury BC at 2.30 p.m.

21.5.19. Club plays Roade BC away at 6.30 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.

21.5.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC

Fixtures:

18.5.19. Club plays Bletchley St Martin's BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Fixtures:

18.5.19. Club plays Bugbrooke BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

20.5.19. A Team plays Northampton West End BC 'A' away and B Team plays Northampton West End BC 'B' away at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC

Fixtures:

18.5.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

18.5.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

19.5.19. Club plays Cold Ashby BC away at 2.0 p.m.

20.5.19. A Team plays Desborough Ton BC at home & B Team plays Daventry Tigers away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

ROADE BC

Fixtures:

18.5.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

20.5.19. Club plays Heyford BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

21.5.19. Club plays Heyford BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

ST. CRISPIN BC

Fixtures:

18.5.19. Club plays Northampton West End BC away at 2.0 p.m.

19.5.19. Club plays Irchester BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

20.5.19. A Team plays Kingsthorpe BC away & B Team plays Daventry Town BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

21.5.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 6.30 p.m.

22.5.19. Club plays Woodford-cum-Membris BC away at 6.30 p.m.

WEST HADDON BC

Fixtures:

18.5.19. Club plays Caldecott Park BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

20.5.19. Club plays Harpole BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

21.5.19. Club plays Bilton BC, Rugby away at 6.30 p.m.

WOODFORD-cum-MEMBRIS BC

Fixtures:

18.5.19. Club holds its 'Triples Day'

22.5.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home at 6.0 p.m.

WOOTTON GRANGE BC

Fixtures:

20.5.19. A Team plays Earls Barton BC at home & B Team plays Kislingbury BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

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

BURTON LATIMER TOWN BC

Fixtures:

18.5.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

- 15.5.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 16.5.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 18.5.29. Club plays Woodsend BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY SEAGRAVE HOUSE BC

Fixtures:

- 16.5.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 18.5.19. Club plays Finedon Town BC \away at 2.0 p.m.
- 18.5.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 21.5.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 15.5.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 16.5.19. Club plays its Triples at 6.30 p.m.
- 18.5.19. Club plays Market Harborough Conservatives BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

- 18.5.19. Club plays Swanspool BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.5.19. Club plays Wootton Grange BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

- 16.5.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 18.5.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor Park BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 19.5.19. Club plays Islip BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

Open Days:

An 'Open Evening' for anyone who would like to try their hand at the sport of bowls is being held by the Club on Friday, 17th May, 2019, from 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. and an 'Open Morning' on Saturday, 18th May, 2019, from 9.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. 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 sessions.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 18.5.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.5.19. A Team plays Irchester BC 'D' away & B Team plays Rebels Team at home in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

IRCHESTER BC

Fixtures:

- 18.5.19. Club plays Sharnbrook BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 19.5.19. Club plays St Crispin BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.5.19. D Team plays Higham Ferrers Town BC 'A' at home, and B Team plays Rushden Town BC 'A' in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 21.5.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixtures:

18.5.19. Club plays Stanwick BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

ISE BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club plays Oundle BC away at 6.30 p.m.

18.5.19. Club plays Cogenhoe BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

ISLIP BC

Fixtures:

19.5.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC away at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

18.5.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

22.5.19. Club plays Little Bowden BC away at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC away at 6.30 p.m.

18.5.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixtures:

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

OUNDLE BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club plays Ise BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

20.5.19. Club plays its Triples competition at 6.0 p.m.

21.5.19. Club plays Wellingborough OG's BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club plays Kettering Park BC away at 2.0 p.m.

18.5.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC away at 2.0 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

18.5.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.

20.5.19. A Team plays Irchester BC 'B' team in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 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, 19th 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.

SWANSPOOL BC

Fixtures:

18.5.19. Club plays Earls Barton BC away at 2.0 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, 19th 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.

THRAPSTON BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC away at 6.30 p.m.
18.5.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC away at 2.0 p.m.
19.5.19. Club plays Wellingborough OG's BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
20.5.19. Club plays 'New Order' at home in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
21.5.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
21.5.19. Club plays Irchester BC away at 2.0 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club plays Northants Retired Police BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
18.5.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.30 p.m.
21.5.19. Club plays Thrapston BC away at 6.30 p.m.
21.5.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC away at 2.0 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH OG'S BC

Fixtures:

16.5.19. Club plays Swanspool Seniors BC away at 2.0 p.m.
21.5.19. Club plays Oundle BC away at 2.30 p.m.

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