

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS IN WALES – COUNTY PLAYERS INVOLVEMENT

The 'Atlantic Championships' continued to its conclusion this week, with both of our County players doing very well indeed. Another Gold Medal for Jamie Walker and England in the Men's Singles – read on.

Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC and Natalie Chestney of Devon, were playing for England in the Women's Pairs, and they topped their Section with a 100% unbeaten record, which qualified them for the Semi-Final.

Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC was representing England in the Men's Singles, and he topped his Section and qualified for the Semi-Final.

Playing details as follows:

MONDAY, 20TH MAY, 2019.

Women's Pairs:

Rebecca & Natalie beat Ashleigh Rainey & Courtney Wright of Ireland 18-17 shots at 11.0 a.m. at Penarth Windsor BC.

Men's Singles:

Jamie beat Pierre Breitenbach of South Africa 21-3 shots at 10.40 a.m. at Penylan BC
Jamie beat Ross Davis of Jersey 21-20 shots at 3.30 p.m. at Penylan BC

TUESDAY, 21ST MAY, 2019.

Women's Pairs:

Rebecca & Natalie beat Stacey McDougall & Megan Grantham of Scotland 14-12 shots at 8.30 a.m. at Penylan BC. This win was the final win of their campaign in which they produced a 100% record with 8 wins from 8 played, and which qualified them for the Semi-Finals against either Ireland or Guernsey, who played each other in the 'play offs'

Men's Singles:

Jamie beat Joseph Kitosi, of Kenya, 21-15 shots, at 1.30 p.m. at Barry Athletic BC. This win was the final win for Jamie's campaign, in which he lost just one match, and he headed his Section, and therefore qualified him to play in the Semi-Finals against either Malta or Wales, who played each other in the 'play offs'

WEDNESDAY, 22ND MAY, 2019.

Women's Pairs Semi-Final:

Rebecca & Natalie lost to Rose Ogier & Lucy Beere of Guernsey 16-19 shots at 2.30 p.m. at Barry Athletic BC
For most of the game it didn't matter what the English pair did, Lucy Beere bettered it. Whether it was drawing shot when down or taking the jack back she did it all to claim her place in her second final of the Championships having won silver in the Ladies singles.

Men's Singles Semi-Final:

Jamie beat Daniel Salmon, of Wales 21-17 shots at 2.30 p.m. at Dinas Powys BC. This win made amends for his only defeat in this singles competition against Salmon in the Group Stage.

Men's Singles Final:

Jamie beat Darren Burnett of Scotland 21-19 shots at 2.0 p.m. at Penylan BC for the Gold Medal. This was a repeat of the Final of 4 years ago in Cyprus, with the same successful result for Jamie and England.

It was a gripping final with both him and Darren drawing and firing well Jamie gradually took a 7 shots lead but then when he was holding 2 Darren, with controlled weight took out 1 and rolled onto the jack to take the end and he took control, drawing well, and he was soon in sight of the gold at 19-16 shots and holding a couple.

Jamie fired, took the jack in the grip and after Darren was short he then drew another to level the score at 19-19. Next end saw Jamie holding 1, probably 2. Darren almost took the jack back but edged it sideways to make it definitely 2 to Jamie who then covered the re-spot with his last wood. Darren then ran through with his last leaving Jamie retaining his title and his second gold of the Championships.

A stunning performance from the county's top male bowler.

Well done to Jamie, terrific performance in Wales throughout the Championship.

England also won **another gold in the Women's Triples**, with Jamie-Lea Winch, Lorraine Kuhler & Sian Honor, beating Scotland's Hannah Smith, Claire Johnston & Caroline Brown 23-13 shots in the Final..

The two golden victories, together with the gold medal secured by Steve Mitchinson and **Jamie Walker** in the men's pairs earlier in the event and the **bronze medals** won in the women's singles by Natalie Chestney, women's pairs (**Rebecca Wigfield** and Chestney) and men's triples (Ian Lesley, David Bolt and Sam Tolchard), secured the silver in both men's and women's overall team trophies and ensures that **England will participate** in all eight disciplines at the **World Championships to be held in Australia** next year.

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus CAMBRIDGESHIRE - RESULT

The men of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** visited Bottisham BC, Cambridge, on Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019, for a friendly match against that County, with the hope, certainly for yours truly, who was honoured to Captain the County for this match, that we could improve on the match last week against Oxfordshire where a fairly heavy defeat was imposed on the County. My hopes and those of the team were certainly realised with a terrific win by 44 shots, with only 1 losing rink. The highest scoring rink for the County was that skipped by Mossy Waters, which achieved a magnificent victory by 22 shots. After the match I was pleased to present a Colt Badge to Martin Groom who was playing his first County match.

Final score was Northamptonshire 139 shots – Cambridgeshire 95 shots.

Rink details as follows, Cambridge skips' names only (where readable from the scorecard!)

Rink 1. Paul Cooke, Martin Groom, Malc Mattinson & Richard Somerton 17 shots – Peter Briggs 26 shots

In this match Cambridgeshire were 'in charge' for three quarters of its length, for, after picking up 1 shot on the first end the County had to wait 6 more ends before they could score again and the home team scored 16 shots in those ends. It did not get much better for Richard and his men for after 16 ends of play they were 5-26 shots adrift, but those last 5 ends showed what the County could do, for they denied Cambs any more shots but added 12 shots to their total to end up with a more modest defeat than was at first thought likely.

Rink 2. Stuart Lowe, John Chester, Peter Kitchener & Terry James 24 shots – Vic Rulf 10 shots

This was quite keenly contested for the first half, with the scores level at 3 each after 5 ends, and 6 each after 8 ends, but the County doubled their score over the next 4 ends, and after Cambs came back to within 3 shots, Terry and his men struck hard in scoring 12 shots to just 1 conceded in the last 7 ends for a very good victory.

Rink 3. Will Clelland, Eddie Chapman, David Bailey & John Church 22 shots – Richard Peyton 17 shots

In this match, where the scoring was quite low with 9 single shots and 4 double counts in the first 13 ends, the County rink was, nevertheless 13-4 shots up, and looking fairly solid, but Cambs reduced their deficit to 5 shots with 6 ends to go. At that point my men and myself were pleased to pick up a good count of 4 to improve matters, but the next 3 ends were a mini disaster for us as Cambridgeshire out-bowled us and drew level at 17 shots each. Fortunately we got 'our act together' on the last 2 ends and picked up 5 shots for a relieving victory.

Rink 4. Richard Horrell, John Davies, Brian Diver & Mossy Waters 31 shots – Bennie Burkett 9 shots

It doesn't happen very often, but in this match the County won all of the first 10 ends and were in front 16-0 shots, but the 11th end saw a small blip as the home rink collected a most unexpected count of 4 shots to get on the scorecard. With 4 ends to play, however, Mossy & his men had added a further 9 shots to lead 25-5, and although dropping 4 shots on those last ends, they picked up 6, including a count of 5 on the last end, for a very impressive victory.

Rink 5. Paul Shrimpton, Jim Brumwell, Geoff Allen & Dave Betts 22 shots – David Bell 22 shots

This match saw the County start off with 2 singles, and then drop a 4 and a single to be 2-5 behind, but the next 3 ends were good for Dave & his men for they picked up 9 shots without reply to lead 11-5. After 15 ends Cambs were just 1 shot behind, and still 17-18 on the 17th end, but then, with 4 ends to play, the home men collected a big count of 5 to take the lead by 4 shots, but the County men scored 4 shots on the last 3 ends for a commendable draw.

Rink 6. Dave Lovell, Bill Humphries, Dave Stewart & Norman Gibb 23 shots – Cambs 11 shots (name unreadable!)

In this match there were not many shots between the rinks for the first 6 ends, with the County just 1 adrift at 4-5 shots, but then Norman and his men really went to town for they won the next 7 ends and added 14 shots in the process for a lead at 18-5, and although the last 7 ends went marginally better for the home rink, Norman and his men still had a very good win.

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'M.E.L.' versus WARWICKSHIRE – RESULT

The players of the Women's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** visited Stoke BC, Coventry on Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019, to play Warwickshire in the 'Middle England League' and without a winning rink the County took a bit of a bashing by 78 shots. One rink, skipped by Val Betts did tie its match, but the remaining 5 were well beaten.

Final score was Northamptonshire 86 shots – Warwickshire 164 shots.

Rink details as follows, Warwicks skips only:

Rink 1. Joyce George, Pam Sallaway, Audrey Height & Yvonne McKee 15 shots – M Edwards 30 shots
This match was pretty even early on with the scores level at 5 shots each after 6 ends, but after being 1 shot adrift at 6-7 after 8 ends, the County was stuck on that 6 for 6 ends as the home rink added 12 shots for a good lead at 19-6. A big pick up of 5 on the next end gave Yvonne & her ladies a hint of a recovery, but Warwickshire then won the next 3 ends, adding 6 shots to reinstate the good lead, and after collecting another good pick up of 4 this time, the County rink then dropped 5 shots on the last 2 ends for a fairly comprehensive defeat.

Rink 2. Velda Cooper, Marian Mackie, Wilma Walker & Sharon Tansley 11 shots – S Hornsby 22 shots
A very low scoring match in the first half, with only 8 singles and one double scored for a lead by Warwickshire of 8-2 after 9 ends, and then a pick up of 4 by the home rink bucked the trend, followed by another single by the County followed by a 3, which kept the gap at 6 adrift. With 3 ends to go, after some more low scoring, the deficit for Sharon and her ladies was just 7 at 10-17, but another 4 by Warwicks, followed by an exchange of singles, saw the fairly comfortable win for the home rink.

Rink 3. Marlene Armitage, Trish Basford, Liz Keeney & Di Brumwell 7 shots – C Cooke 30 shots
The first 8 ends prophesied the final result, for the County could not get on the scorecard as the home rink scored 12 shots, but the next 3 ends showed that Di and her ladies still had a chance for they picked up 5 shots, but unfortunately on 5 they were stuck for 5 ends as Warwickshire took 11 shots to lead 23-5. After collecting 2 singles, the County conceded 7 more shots for a heavy defeat.

Rink 4. Celia Morris, Chris Cross, Jill Welch & Joan Sidebottom 15 shots – M Parsons 34 shots
In this match, after winning the first end with a single, the County dropped 7 shots on the next 2 ends, but at 7 ends played they were only 4 shots adrift at 6-10, but the next 4 ends were all Warwickshire as they collected 10 shots, including a 5. The next few ends went alternately for the rinks, and with 7 ends to play Joan and her ladies were 10-23 behind, but once more the home rink scored very well over the next 4 ends to add 10 more shots for a 23 shots lead with 3 ends left, which went 5-1 in the County's favour, but it was still a big win for Warwickshire.

Rink 5. Margaret Cave, Sian Hughes-Jones, Karon Kerr & Hilary Sharpe 14 shots – P Moore 24 shots
Once more the County was pretty slow to get scoring and the home rink were 14-1 shots up after 9 ends of play, but some good scoring from the County saw that deficit much reduced as they scored 12 shots to 2 conceded on the next 6 ends to be encouraged at 13-18 down with 6 ends to play. Unfortunately the home rink won 5 of those and ended up with a decent win.

Rink 6. Linda Warren, Elaine Munton, Pat Starsmore & Val Betts 24 shots – J Corn 24 shots
This match did not start well for the County as they conceded 8 shots on the first 4 ends without reply, but then Val and her ladies really got going and won 8 of the next 9 ends for a very good lead after 13 ends of 18-9, and after dropping a 4 on the 4th end, they remedied that by collecting a 3 on the next end to retain a decent lead at 21-13. Unfortunately they could not hang onto that decent lead, and with 2 ends to play the scores were level at 21 shots each. Val and her ladies collected a 3 on the 20th end, and the home rink did likewise on the last end for a drawn match.

4. LEARNING DISABILITIES INDOOR BOWLS INTERNATIONAL SERIES (LDIBIS)

The newly formed **Learning Disabilities Indoor Bowls International Series (LDIBIS)** has its first ever event taking place shortly, and a **County Player** has been selected to participate.

The LDIBIS will take place from **Tuesday, 4th to Thursday 6th June, 2019**, at Falkirk Indoor Bowling Club, Scotland, with the '**Munro Cup**' as the prize for the winning country. It will feature teams from England, Scotland and Wales, and each team will have 12 players and their coaches, and will play matches of Singles, Pairs and Triples.

The England team includes County player, **Chris Gray of Kettering Lodge BC indoor and Burton Latimer Town BC outdoor**, and I know how delighted he and his family are at his selection. Chris has come along very well in the last couple of years, and he is not only part of the 'Disabled Bowls' arena in the country, but he is also playing very well for the County in its 'Midland Counties' matches, and is a member of the squad from which selection will be made for the prestigious Inter County 'Middleton Cup' team.

We wish Chris every success in this event.

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'MEL' versus WORCESTERSHIRE – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the Women's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire**, in a 'Middle England League' match against Worcestershire on Wednesday, 29th May, 2019, at Wellingborough BC, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Joyce George, Wellingborough BC/Emma Exley, Burton Latimer Town BC/Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC/Katie Smith, Desborough Town BC
- Rink 2.** Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC/Celia Morris, Maggie Edwards & Di Brumwell, all Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 3.** Margaret Watts, Desborough Town BC/Karon Kerr, Geddington & Newton BC/Joan Sidebottom & Ann-Marie Waters, Roade BC
- Rink 4.** Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC/Abby Woodward, Alison Dring & Tina Broderick, all Burton Latimer Town BC
- Rink 5.** Velda Cooper, Finedon Town BC/Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge BC/Jill Welch, Heyford BC/Barbara Haseldine, Finedon Town BC
- Rink 6.** Pat Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville BC/Audrey Height, Kettering Lodge BC/Sharon Tansley & Yvonne McKee, both Kingsthorpe BC
- Reserves:** Liz Keeney, Corby Seagrave House BC & Jeannie Flippance, Desborough Town BC

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'MCBA' versus LINCOLNSHIRE – RESULT

The men of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** visited Long Bennington BC, Newark, on Saturday, 25th May, 2019, for a 'Midland Counties' match against Lincolnshire, and after a pretty close contest the County won by 7 shots, with 3 winning rinks, 1 drawn and 2 losing. The highest winning rink for the County was that skipped by Paul Broderick, which posted a very good 17 shots victory.

The final score was Northamptonshire 112 shots (17 points) – Lincolnshire 105 shots (5 points). Rink details as follows, Lincolnshire skips only:

Rink 1. Chris Gray, Paul Green, Mick Spear & Martin Gearey 16 shots – Keith Jackman 16 shots

The County started off very well in this match in posting 8 shots in the first 3 ends with none conceded, but when at 5 ends Martin & his men were 10-1 up they got stuck there for 4 ends as Lincs almost caught them. After getting a single on the 10th end, the home men did draw level over the next 3 ends at 11 each with 8 ends to play, and with the scoring shared on those ends the result was a decent draw.

Rink 2. David Love, John Freeman, Steve Norman & Vernon Gearey 23 shots – Jason Lewis 17 shots

After 4 ends in this match the County was 3-9 shots adrift, but Vernon & his men pulled right back in winning the next 4 ends to be just 1 shot behind, but after an exchange of doubles on the next 2 ends, the home rink scored well to take a 16-10 shots lead with 8 ends to play. Those ends were terrific for the County as Vernon and men won 7 of them, adding 13 shots to just 1 conceded, for a very good win.

Rink 3. Cameron Knox, Simon Coles, Jack Tobin & Curtis Johnson 20 shots – Neil East 17 shots

The County started very well on this rink with a 6-2 lead after 5 ends, and after picking up a 4 on the 7th end a 10-3 shots advantage, but Lincs then kept Curtis, who was skip for his first time for the County, and men on that 10 for 4 ends and picked up 9 shots to take the lead 12-10. The County levelled at 12 each, and again at 13 each with 6 ends left, and after dropping a single and a count of 3, to go behind, Curtis and his men won the last 4 ends, picking up 7 shots for a good win.

Rink 4. Adam Pitfield, Paul Melville, David Jones & Peter Ward 12 shots – Andrew Bird 26 shots

After picking up a single on the first end, it did not go well for the County as Linc won the next 5 ends and posted 11 shots in the process for a good lead, and although scoring was fairly even over the next few ends Peter & his men were 8 shots adrift at 7-15 with nearly half of the match to go. With 5 ends left to play the deficit for the County had grown to 8-21, and after scoring 4 shots on the next 2 ends, Peter and men conceded 5 shots on the last 3 ends for the defeat to be fairly comprehensive.

Rink 5. Tony O’Leary, Mark Tompkins, John Haines & Paul Broderick 29 shots – Phil Willerton 12 shots

This match did not start well for the County for Lincs won the first 3 ends to lead 4-0, but after collecting a single followed by a massive 6, Paul and his men did not look back when on 7-4 after 5 ends. After Lincs picked up a single on the 6th end, the County scored freely on the next 5 ends to increase the lead to 15-5, and after an exchange of singles, another massive pickup by Paul and men, this time a 5, put them 21-6 up with 7 ends to play. Lincs won the first of those 2 ends and added 4 shots, but the County replied with 8 more shots on the next 3 ends, and just conceded 2 singles for a very good win.

Rink 6. Danny Walker, Tom Wellburn, Alistair Melville & David Walker 12 shots – Tracey Nunn 17 shots

In this pretty low scoring match, the young rink met up with a County player of the past, Tracy Nunn, who, until his house move to Lincolnshire several years ago, played regularly for the County. The County men started pretty well for a 5-3 lead after 5 ends, but Lincs pulled them back, and after 8 ends honours were even on 6 shots each, but after picking up a single on the next end, David and his men were kept to 7 for 5 ends as Lincs collected 6 shots for a 12-7 lead. With 4 ends to play, as a result of collecting a 3 on the 17th end, David and his men got to within 2 shots at 11-13, but in collecting just 1 more shot to the 4 by Lincs, the County rink was beaten by a modest amount.

7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN versus NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN – RESULT

The annual match between the men and the women of the Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire, was played on Sunday, 26th May, 2019, at Rushden Town BC, and with the usual competitive edge to the match, with both genders wanting the ‘bragging rights’ of a victory, it was the men who prevailed on this occasion by 20 shots. The men had 3 winning rinks, and 2 that drew, and the highest scoring of those rinks was that skipped by Vice President Paul Green, that posted a win by 11 shots. The final score was Northamptonshire Women 70 shots – Northamptonshire Men 90 shots. Rink details as follows, men’s names first:

Rink 1. Stuart Lowe, Dave Lovell, Will Keeney & John Church 17 shots – Val Scott, Margaret Cave, Pat Bodily & Eleanor Winters 12 shots.

In this match the County men started off very well indeed, posting 8 shots in the first 5 ends without reply, but this could not last as the County ladies won the next 3 ends to much reduce their deficit to 6-8, and after picking up 3 shots on the next 2 ends, the men then had to concede 3 singles, to still be just 2 shots up. A good 3 on the 14th end, conceding a single and then picking up another good 3 on the 16th end, gave yours truly and my men a 7 shots lead with 2 ends to play, and although those 2 ends went in the favour of Eleanor and her ladies, the men were able to restrict them to just 1 shot on each.

Rink 2. Don Scott, Steve Cooper, Geoff Hunt & Geoff Harris 19 shots – Velda Cooper, Elaine Munton, Sian Hughes-Jones & Alison Dring 19 shots.

In this match, which was the ‘President’s Rink’ hosted by the Women’s President Elaine Munton, with Past President Geoff Hunt as ‘Captain of the Day’ for the men, the match was very close in the early stages, with the score 4 shots each after 6 ends, but then the men picked up a big count of 5 on the 7th end, followed by a count of 4 on the 8th and a single on the 9th, to go well ahead at 14-4 shots. Alison Dring and her ladies were not about to give in though, and after collecting a 4 of their own followed by a 2, they reduced their deficit to just 4 at 10-14 down, and after dropping a couple on the 12th end, they really scored well in collecting 9 shots, including a big 5 of their own, to go ahead 19-16 with 2 ends to play. Those 2 ends went to Geoff and his men for an ‘honours even’ draw.

Rink 3. Jonathan George, Larry Lawrence, Roy Cave & Terry James 16 shots – Brenice Willmott, Heather Lack, Pam Sallaway & Liz Keeney 16 shots

In this match the men started off extremely well, and after 7 ends of play they were 7-1 shots up, although clearly it was closely contested with 6 singles being scored and 1 double at that stage. What a reversal then followed, as Liz and her ladies kept Terry and his men on that ‘so called lucky seven’ for 6 ends, and scored 15 shots themselves, including a 4 and a massive count of 6 for a 16-7 lead. This drawback for Terry was, however, met with a very positive response over the last 5 ends, as they scored well in getting the 9 shots they needed for another honourable draw.

Rink 4. Harvey Fruish, Keith Brudenell, Mossy Waters & Paul Green 20 shots – Shelagh Galloway, Margaret Tyler, Wilma Walker & Joan Sidebottom 9 shots

This match was a pretty even and low scoring match for the first half, with the score at 6 shots each after 9 ends, but the County men collected a 3 on the 10th end and after dropping a single on the 11th, really went to town on the scoring front, for they won the next 5 ends, including picking up a big count of 5 on the 12th end, for a lead at 20-7 shots. Two singles were conceded by Paul and his men on the last 2 ends, but the men had a very good win.

Rink 5. Rod Douglas, Darren Lee, Peter Kitchener & Richard Somerton 18 shots – Margaret Fairs, Jo Johns, Karon Kerr & Jan Hunt 14 shots

In this match the County men started off a little better than the County women, in posting a 4-0 lead after 3 ends, and after dropping a single, increased their lead to 7-1 when picking up a 3. Jan and her ladies reduced their deficit to 2 shots at 5-7, but Richard and his men reinstated a 6 shots lead at the halfway stage, and with pretty even scoring in the second half, although the ladies did get within 3 shots with 2 ends to play, the men managed to hold them at bay for a modest win.

8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN ‘FRIENDLY’ versus WARWICKSHIRE – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire’s** Men’s Section, in a friendly match against Warwickshire, on Thursday, 6th June, 2019, at Desborough Town BC, Recreation Ground, Princes Avenue, Desborough, NN14 2PN, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton BC & Executive/Darren Lee, Desborough Town BC/Malc Mattinson, Thrapston BC/John Church, Retired Police BA & Executive
- Rink 2.** Paul Cooke, Carlsberg BC/Bob Sullivan, Desborough Town BC/Geoff Allen, Heyford BC/Terry James, Thrapston BC & Executive
- Rink 3.** Will Clelland, Corby Seagrave House BC/Terry Chapman, Rushden Town BC/Brian Jones, Heyford BC/Mossy Waters, Rushden Town BC
- Rink 4.** Stephen Hill, Kislingbury BC/Keith Thatcher, Rushden Town BC/Bob Tingle, Kettering Midland Band BC/Norman Gibb, Corby Seagrave House BC
- Rink 5.** Lynn Ridgeway, Kislingbury BC/Keith Brudenell, Swanspool BC/Brian Diver, Corby Seagrave House BC/Dave Betts, Higham Ferrers Town BC
- Rink 6.** Stuart Lake, Wellingborough BC & Executive/Richard Tyack, Woodford-cum-Membris BC/Richard Somerton, Brackley & District & Executive/Geoff Hunt, Wellingborough BC & Executive.
- Reserves:** Peter Kitchener & Dave Lovell, both Irchester BC/Dave Stewart, Rushden Town BC/Larry Lawrence & Rod Douglas, both Kettering Lodge BC/Eddie Chapman, Wellingborough BC

9. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN ‘MIDDLETON CUP’ versus NORFOLK – SELECTION

Team Manager, Mick Smith, has selected his first ‘**Middleton Cup**’ team of the season, on behalf of the Men’s Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire**, to play against Norfolk on Saturday, 1st June, 2019, at County Arts BC, Plumstead Road East, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich, NR7 9ND, commencing at 2.0 p.m. Team Manager requests that players arrive by around 1.0 p.m. please.

- Rink 1.** Neil Rolfe, Mark Tompkins, both Kingsthorpe BC/ John Haines, Desborough Town BC/Paul Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC
- Rink 2.** Mick Spear, Kingsthorpe BC/Jack Tobin, Burton Latimer Town BC/Martin Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC/Phil Exley, Burton Latimer Town BC
- Rink 3.** Chris Gray, Burton Latimer Town BC/Simon Coles, Northampton Express BC/Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough BC/Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 4.** David Iddles, Kingsthorpe BC/Alan Ashby, Northampton West End BC/Gavin Taylor, Northampton Express BC/Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC
- Rink 5.** Adam Pitfield, Burton Latimer Town BC/Shawn Marriott, Northampton West End BC/Peter Ward, Desborough Town BC/Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 6.** David Love, Wellingborough BC/John Freeman, Abington BC/Richard Lemon, Northampton Express BC/Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC
- Travelling Reserves:** Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC & Cameron Knox, Burton Latimer Town BC

10. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'JOHNS TROPHY' versus ESSEX – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the Women's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire**, in a '**Johns Trophy**' match against Essex, to be played at Wellingborough BC on **Saturday, 1st June, 2019**, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Joyce George, Wellingborough BC/Emma Exley, Burton Latimer Town BC/Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC/Katie Smith, Desborough Town BC
- Rink 2.** Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC/Celia Morris, Maggie Edwards & Di Brumwell, all Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 3.** Margaret Watts, Desborough Town BC /Joan Sidebottom & Ann-Marie Waters, both Roade BC/Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC
- Rink 4.** Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC/Abby Woodward, Alison Dring & Tina Broderick, all Burton Latimer Town BC
- Rink 5.** Velda Cooper, Finedon Town BC/Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge BC/Jill Welch, Heyford BC/Barbara Haseldine, Finedon Town BC
- Rink 6.** Pat Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville BC/Audrey Height, Kettering Lodge BC/Sharon Tansley & Yvonne McKee, both Kingsthorpe BC
- Reserves:** Liz Keeney, Corby Seagrave House BC & Karon Kerr, Geddington & Newton NC

11. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT COUNTY

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OVER 55 SINGLES

- 1st Round:** Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC beat Wen Hill, Northampton Whyte Melville BC 21-14 shots
Jill Welch, Heyford BC beat Maggie Edwards, Kingsthorpe BC 21-20 shots
Elaine Munton, Northampton Whyte Melville BC beat Sandra Mawson, Kingsthorpe BC 21-12 shots
Pat Bodily, Kingsthorpe BC beat Janet Ashby, Roade BC 21-16 shots
Marlene Armitage, Wellingborough BC beat Jan Hunt, Wellingborough BC 21-15 shots
- 2nd Round:** Margaret Watts, Desborough Town BC given walkover by Jo Johns, Geddington & Newton BC

TRIPLES

NORTH AREA

- 1st Round:** Trish Basford's Triple, Geddington & Newton BC beat Wilma Walker's Triple, Corby Forest BC 20-15 shots
Barbara Haseldine's Triple, Finedon Town BC given walkover by Brenice Willmott's Rink, Irchester BC
Audrey Height's Triple, Kettering Lodge BC beat Eleanor Winters' Triple, Corby Forest BC 23-13 shots
Rose Houghton's Triple, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Val Betts' Triple, Higham Ferrers Town BC 19-15 shots.
Jan Hunt's Triple, Wellingborough BC beat Joan Bryan's Triple, Burton Latimer Town BC 16-14 shots

SOUTH AREA:

- 1st Round:** Barbara Astle's Triple, Abington BC beat Sue Collett's Triple, Woodford-cum-Membris BC 27-8 shots
Helen Blaby's Triple, Kislingbury BC beat Debbie Cadd's Triple, Abington BC 21-13 shots

2nd Round: Ann-Marie's Triple, Roade BC given walkover by Lesley Young's Triple, St Crispin BC
Pat Bodily's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC given walkover by Marjorie Keal's Triple, Abington BC

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4 WOOD SINGLES

NORTH AREA:

1st Round: Paul Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC given walkover by Sam Gamble, Kettering Lodge BC
Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Alistair Melville, Corby Forest BC 21-12 shots
Jack Tobin, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Allen Simms, Kettering Lodge BC 21-8 shots
Andrew Macredie, Kettering Lodge BC beat Chris Gray, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-17 shots
Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge BC beat Mark Turner, Kettering Midland Band BC 21-14 shots
Carl Wigfield, Desborough Town BC beat Steve Robinson, Kettering Lodge BC 21-19 shots
John Gunning, Wellingborough BC beat Ian Loasby, Kettering BC 21-17 shots
Walt Winsor, Wellingborough BC beat Damian Gould, Earls Barton BC 21-12 shots

SOUTH AREA:

1st Round: Alan Ashby, Northampton West End BC beat Robert Fagan, Bugbrooke BC 21-10 shots
Tim Dawkins, Kingsthorpe BC beat Mick Spear, Kingsthorpe BC 21-19 shots
Tony O'Leary, Abington BC beat David Fage, Abington BC 21-6 shots
Neil Rolfe, Northampton Express BC beat Mark Dickerns, St Crispin BC 21-7 shots
Darren Childs, Northampton West End BC beat Paul Green, Northampton Express BC 21-8 shots
Adam Brown, Abington BC beat Nathan Betts, Northampton West End BC 21-19 shots
Rick Singleton, Northampton Whyte Melville BC beat Jack Botterill, Northampton Express BC 21-13 shots
Robin Archer, Abington BC beat Jonathan Brown, Abington BC 21-16 shots

PAIRS

NORTH AREA:

3rd Round: George Warren & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC beat Kieran Rollings & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC 24-17 shots
John Marlow & Partner, Wellingborough BC beat Cameron Knox & partner, Burton Latimer Town BC 27-10 shots
Adrian Harris & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC beat Steve Bunker & Partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC 22-21 shots
Larry Lawrence & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC given walkover by Malcolm Paul & Partner, Corby Forest BC

John Haines & Partner, Desborough Town BC beat Malcolm Winckles & Partner,
Desborough Town BC 34-10 shots

Phil Exley & Partner, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Curtis Johnson & Partner,
Wellingborough BC 24-10 shots

Kenny Muir & Partner, Corby Forest BC beat Tony Knowles & Partner, Irchester BC 27-
10 shots

Steve Villiers & Partner, Irchester BC beat Carl Haines & Partner, Desborough Town BC
21-19 shots

AREA FINAL – played on Friday 24th May, 2019.

John Marlow & Partner, Wellingborough BC beat George Warren & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC 26-21 shots

Adrian Harris & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC beat Larry Lawrence & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC 32-1 shots

Phil Exley & Partner, Burton Latimer Town BC beat John Haines & Partner, Desborough Town BC 25-4 shots

Kenny Muir & Partner, Corby Forest BC beat Steve Villiers & Partner, Irchester BC 17-16 shots.

The 4 winning pairs will now play in the County Quarter Finals of the Pairs to be held at Thrapston BC on Wednesday, 5th June, 2019, at 6.0 p.m.

SOUTH AREA:

3rd Round: John Leggett & Partner, Northampton Express BC beat Terry Brown & Partner,
Abington BC 29-13 shots

Jason Bryan & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC beat Paul Green & Partner, Northampton
Express BC 25-11 shots

Mick Sharpe & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC beat John Freeman & Partner, Abington BC 20-
17 shots

Jonathan Brown & Partner, Abington BC beat David Fage & Partner, Abington BC 26-7
shots

Pete Milburn & Partner, Abington BC beat Mark Courtney & Partner, Northampton
Whyte Melville BC 22-8 shots

Vernon Gearey & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC beat Robert Fagan & Partner, Bugbrooke BC
20-8 shots

Ashley Linnell & Partner, Northampton West End BC beat Kevin Mawson & Partner,
Kislingbury BC 19-7 shots

David Mains & Darren Childs, Northampton West End BC beat Ben Sharpe & Partner,
Kingsthorpe BC 19-10 shots

AREA FINALS – played on Friday, 24th May, 2019.

No information supplied about the South Area Pairs Area Finals at this stage.

RUSHDEN TIPLER TRIPLES LEAGUE

Division ‘A’

After three matches in this year’s League, Higham Ferrers Town BC ‘A’ Team leads the Division with 13.5 points from their first 3 matches, followed closely by the Rebels Team Team with 11 points, with Rushden Town ‘A’ Team not far behind in 3rd with 9.5 points.

Division ‘B’

After three matches in this year’s campaign, Finedon Town just head the table on shots difference from Barton Knights, each having 11 points, with Mazda Team just behind in 3rd place with 10.5 points..

12. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE

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CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SINGLES

1st Round: Jenney Dempsey, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Karen Collins, Desborough Town BC 21-19 shots

TOP CLUB – a multi discipline competition.

Preliminary Round: Desborough Town BC beat Wellingborough BC 3-1 Details as follows:

Singles: Rebecca Wigfield beat Marlene Armitage 21-12 shots

Pairs: Margaret Watts & Katie Smith beat Sue Collins & Pam Reynolds 23-16 shots

Triples: Celia Brooker, Karen Collins & Margaret McGillivray beat Joyce George, Sylvia Downer & Maureen McDonald 18-10 shots

Fours: Jeannie Flippance, Ann Woolston, Sue Winckles & Dawn Owen lost to Linda McDermott, Phyll Parry, Gill White & Marilyn Dunkley 11-27 shots

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PAIRS

1st Round: Richard Horrell & Partner, Thrapston BC beat Tony Knowles & Partner, Irchester BC 18-15 shots
Wayne Stanley & Partner, Northampton Express BC beat Danny Walker & partner, Northampton West End BC 29-14 shots

2nd Round: Adam Pitfield & Partner, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Tina Broderick & Partner, Burton Latimer Town BC 24-19 shots

FOURS

1st Round: Martin Walker's Rink, Northampton West End BC beat David Jones' Rink, Abington BC 23-8 shots

FAMILY PAIRS

1st Round: Mick Corbyn & Partner, Rushden Town BC beat David Love & Partner, Wellingborough BC 25-13 shots

Rob White & Partner, Northampton Express BC beat Martin Gearey & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC 22-18 shots

OVER 60 DOUBLE RINK – 'TONY ALLCOCK TROPHY'

Preliminary Round:

Kettering Lodge BC beat Wellingborough BC 'B' 39-26 shots

Kingsthorpe BC beat Brackley & District BC 51-23 shots. Rink details as follows, Kingsthorpe names first:

Rink 1. Yvonne McKee, Sharon Tansley, Tim Chapman & Roger Tansley 36 shots – Rosemary Horsham, Val Scott, Martin Horsham & Graham Prior 9 shots.

Rink 2. Celia Morris, Hilary Sharpe, Peter Morris & Mick Sharpe 15 shots – Don Scott, Sue Prior, Carol Callinan & Paul Stephens 14 shots

GENTLEMEN

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SENIOR SINGLES

1st Round: John Haines, Desborough Town BC beat Larry Lawrence, Kettering Lodge BC 21-17 shots

SENIOR PAIRS

Preliminary Round: Bryn Walker & Partner, Wellingborough BC beat Rod Douglass & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC 22-10 shots

CLUB TWO FOURS

Preliminary Round: Desborough Town BC beat Finedon Town BC 51-24 shots
Burton Latimer Town BC beat Wellingborough BC 'B' – score unclear
Northampton West End BC 'A' beat Daventry Town BC 54-30 shots
Kingsthorpe BC 'A' beat St Crispin BC 41-19 shots
Abington BC 'C' beat Northampton Whyte Melville BC 'B' 39-34 shots

TOP CLUB - a multi discipline competition.

Preliminary Round: Kettering Midland Band BC beat Wellingborough BC 3-2 No details.
Northampton Express BC beat Kingsthorpe BC 'B' 5-0 No details
Burton Latimer Town BC given walkover by Finedon Town BC No details
Brackley & District BC beat Roade BC 3-2 No details
Northampton West End BC beat Abington BC 4-1 Details as follows, West End names

first:

2 Wood Singles: Jamie Walker beat Alan Coleman 17-14 shots
4 Wood Singles: Darren Childs beat John Freeman 21-14 shots
Pairs: Will & David Walker lost to Colin Barnes & Jonathan Brown 16-19 shots
Triples: Andy Fowkes, Iain Walker & Dave Kovacs beat Adam Brown, Alan Dunkley & Dave Jones 24-11 shots
Fours: Dave Mains, Martin Walker, Danny Walker & Alan Ashby beat Adam Hawkins, Terry Brown, Tony O'Leary & Phil Reeve 21-14 shots

13. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

Coaching Course.

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

Venue	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
Harpden IBC, Hertfordshire, AL5 5SA	26/10	01/12	21/12	12/01	22/2	£220 Click here to book

ENGLISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION NEWS

President Match Programme 2019/2020 Season.

Anyone wishing to be considered to join the EIBA President, Alison Welsted, for the 2019/2020 season, please

[click here](#) for full details

NATIONAL PRESS

Item re Women Players Wearing Shorts.

Many of you will have read an article which appeared in several newspapers on or around the 24th May, 2019, concerning a matter that is very negative for our sport of bowls. In the Daily Telegraph the item was given a great deal of prominence on Page 7, and it was entitled in quite broad headlines “**Bias of bowls as women barred from wearing shorts**” A similar item has appeared in other National newspapers. The gist of the article for those who have not read it is that the **English Bowls Federation** bars women from wearing shorts. The writer suggests that this is sexism, and there are several quotes from different people basically condemning the ruling. Of course the article is basically true in respect of the Bowls Federation, for they do indeed have this archaic rule, but the reader who is unfamiliar with the administration of bowls in England would be forgiven if they thought this related to all lawn bowling. It does not, of course, and the English Federation is small compared with the governance by **Bowls England** and the **English Indoor Bowling Association**, both of which approve of the wearing of shorts by women, and have done so since shorts were introduced a couple of years ago or so as approved uniform for men and women at the same time. It may be regarded as sexism by the Bowls Federation, but for our bowling administration there is no sexism.

I personally have written to the Daily Telegraph about the matter, and maybe my letter will be published, but maybe not because I am critical of the paper. I have also conveyed my views to Bowls England for any comment they wish to make on a National basis.

14. COUNTY CLUB NEWS

BURGLARY AT BOWLS CLUB

A burglary took place at Irchester BC last week in which the Club’s mower was stolen, plus a number of other items from the store buildings. The thieves broke in through cutting the chain link fencing adjacent to the main gates, and by forcing locks on the store rooms. As a number of metal items were stolen in addition to the mower, it is not thought that the mower was stolen to order, but for the sale of the metal. At this time it is not known who the perpetrators are, and, as no police forensic visit was made, it is unlikely that they will be caught, therefore there are scrap metal thieves about who may make other bowls clubs their target.

Clubs are strongly advised to look at the security of their very valuable equipment, and, in addition to making it as difficult as possible to these thieves, to ensure that they are fully insured against such acts of dishonesty, which can cause such great inconvenience to clubs and the members.

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

ABINGTON BC

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club plays Roade BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
1.6.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

BRACKLEY BC

Fixtures:

29.5.19. Club plays Byfield BC away at 6.15 p.m.
5.6.19. Club plays Bicester BC at home at 6.15 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

1.6.19. Club plays its Jody Linford Cup at 2.30 p.m.

BYFIELD BC

Fixtures:

1.6.19. Club plays Heyford BC away at 2.30 p.m.

CARLSBERG BC

Fixtures:

1.6.19. Club plays Finedon Town BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

COGENHOE BC

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club hosts the Licensed Victuallers BC match v Stanwick BC at 2.30 p.m.

1.6.19. Club plays Roade BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

2.6.19. Club plays Islip BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

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

COLD ASHBY BC

Fixtures:

5.6.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor Park BC away at 2.0 p.m.

DAVENTRY TOWN BC

Fixtures:

31.5.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away in the Women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

1.6.19. Club plays Daventry Tigers BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

3.6..19. A Team plays the B Team in the men's Triples KO Cup at 6.30 p.m.

HARPOLE BC

Fixtures:

6.6.19. Club plays Northants Retired Police BA at home at 2.30 p.m.

1.6.19. Club plays Earls Barton BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC away at 6.30 p.m.

1.6.19. Club plays Byfield BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

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

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club plays Stony Stratford BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

1.6.19. Club plays St Crispin BC away at 2.0 p.m.

4.6.29. Club plays Desborough Town BC away at 6.30 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC

Fixtures:

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

1.6.19. Club plays Rugby Railway BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

5.6.19. Club plays West Haddon BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Fixtures:

1.6.19 Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

31.5.19. Club plays Daventry Town BC at home in the Women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
1.6.19. Club plays Northampton Express BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
2.6.19. Club plays Swanspool BC away at 2.0 p.m.
3.6.19. A Team plays Abington at home & B Team plays Wootton Grange BC away in the KO Cup of the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
5.6.19. Club plays Roade BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

ROADE BC

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club plays Abington BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
31.5.19. Club plays Abbey Park BC in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
1.6.19. Club plays Cogenhoe BC away at 2.0 p.m.
3.6.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away in the KO Cup of the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
5.6.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away at 6.30 p.m.

ST. CRISPIN BC

Fixtures:

31.5.19. Club plays Harpole BC in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
1.6.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
1.6.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.
2.6.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.
3.6.9. A Team plays Northampton Express BC & B Team plays Byfield BC in the KO Cup of men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
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5.6.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.30p.m.

WEST HADDON BC

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club plays Rugby Police away at 6.30 p.m.
3.6.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC at home in the KO Cup of the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
2.6.19. Club plays Primrose Hill BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
5.6.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC away at 6.30 p.m.

WOODFORD-cum-MEMBRIS BC

Fixtures:

1.6.19. Club plays its Fours Competition
5.6.19. Club plays Heyford BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

WOOTTON GRANGE BC

Fixtures:

3.6.19. A Team plays Bugbrooke away & B Team plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away in the KO Cup of the men's Triples League at 6.30 pm.

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

BURTON LATIMER TOWN BC

Fixtures:

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

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

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

1.6.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.30 p.m.

2.6.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.

CORBY SEAGRAVE HOUSE BC

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC away at 6.30 p.m.

1.6.19. Club plays Oakham BC away at 2.0 p.m.

4.5.19. Club plays Oundle BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

4.6.29. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC in the County League at 6.30 pm.

DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Fixtures:

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

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

1.6.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC away at 2.0 p.m.

4.6.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

1.6.19. Club plays Harpole BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

1.6.19. Club plays Thrapston BC away at 2.0 p.m.

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

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

1.6.19. Club plays Oundle BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

2.6.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.

3.6.19. Club 'A' team plays Rebels at home and 'B' team plays New Order away in the Tipler League at 6.30 p.m.

IRCHESTER BC

100th Birthday of Member

I was delighted to be invited to the Celebration 'Afternoon Tea' organised by Irchester BC for one of its members. Jack Whyman was 100 on the 16th May, 2019, and in addition to the Club holding the party for him and his long standing colleagues and friends, he also had family parties too.

Jack started bowling at Wellingborough BC some 35+ years ago, and then moved to Rushden Town BC before joining Irchester BC shortly after its reformation in about 1988. He, and his late wife Millie, who was also a very good player and loyal member for many years, played regularly for the Club, and he still has the occasional outdoor 'roll-up' and he plays Short Mat Bowls at Wollaston Village Hall, the village that has been his home all his life. Jack is still a very active man, as will have been noted in the very nice Report in this week's Northants Telegraph, and in addition to his bowls he is a keen swimmer and still goes swimming every Wednesday.

Around 60 of his bowls colleagues and former colleagues attended the celebration, which was organised by Richard Sharpe, aided by Club President Paul Gunn and Club Treasurer Ian Roberts.

Fixtures:

- 1.6.19. Club plays Stanwick BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 2.6.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 3.6.19. Club plays Dennyside BA at home at 1.30 p.m.
- 3.6.19. Club 'B' team plays Club 'D' team in the Tipler League at 6.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixtures:

- 1.6.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC at Rushden at 2.0 p.m.

ISE BC

Fixtures:

- 30.5.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 1.6.19. Club plays Islip BC away at 2.30 p.m.

ISLIP BC

Fixtures:

- 28.5.19. Club plays Redwell BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 1.6.19. Club plays Ise BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 2.6.19. Club plays Cogenhoe BC away at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

- 30.5.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 1.6.19. Club plays Bedford Borough BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 2.6.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
- 2.6.19. Club plays St Crispin BC \way at 2.0 p.m.
- 4.6.19. Club plays Wellingborough OG's BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixtures:

- 30.5.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 1.6.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club plays Wellingborough OG's BC at Wellingborough BC at 6.30 p.m.

OUNDLE BC

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club plays Thrapston BC away at 6.30 p.m.
1.6.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC away at 2.30 p.m.
4.6.19. Club plays Yaxley BC away at 6.30 p.m.
4.6.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC away at 2.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixtures:

31.5.19. Club plays its Betty Wilson Pairs at home at 2.0 p.m.
5.6.19. Club plays Cold Ashby BC at home at 2.0 pm.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club plays Kempston Hammers BC away at 2.30 p.m.
1.6.19. Club plays Irthlingborough Church Institute BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
2.6.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
3.6.19. Club plays Thrapston BC in the Tipler League at 6.30 p.m.

SWANSPPOOL BC

Fixtures:

2.6.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away at 2.0 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club plays Oundle BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
1.6.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
3.6.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC 'A' at home in the Tipler League at 6.30 p.m.
4.6.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC in the County League at 6.30 p.m.
5.6.19. Club hosts the Quarter Finals of the County Men's Pairs at 6.0 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

30.5.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC away at 2.30 p.m.
30.5.19. Club hosts a match between the Retired Police BA and Wellingborough OG's BC at 6.30 p.m.
1.6.19. Club hosts a 'Johns Trophy' match between Northamptonshire Ladies and Essex at 1.30 p.m.
1.6.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC in the 'Nene Valley Cup' at home at 10.0 a.m.
4.6.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.0 p.m.
4.6.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC in the County League at 6.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH OG'S BC

Fixtures:

- 30.5.19. Club plays Northants Retired Police at Wellingborough BC at 6.30 p.m.
2.6.19. Club holds its Triples Competitions at 10.0 a.m.
4.6.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.

John G Church

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