

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. ENGLAND WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL SERIES – COUNTY PLAYER INVOLVED

A reminder that the British Isles Women's Bowls Council will be holding its **Senior International Series** at Les Creux BC, Jersey, from Sunday 16th to Tuesday, 18th June, 2019, and a County player will be there representing England. It is expected that 'Live Scoring' will be available, but BIBC website does not at present provide details.

Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC, fresh from her exploits at the Atlantic Championships, will skip a Rink, and have for company Rachel Tremlett, Hertfordshire, at Lead, earning her first 'cap', Harriett Stevens at No. 2 and fellow Devonian Sophie Tolchard at No. 3.

2. LEARNING DISABILITIES INDOOR INTERNATIONAL SERIES – COUNTY PLAYER

The newly formed **Learning Disabilities Indoor Bowls International Series**, held its first major event in Scotland from Tuesday, 4th to Thursday, 6th June, 2019, at Falkirk IBC, and a County Player, **Chris Gray, Burton Latimer Town BC**, was there representing England. Scotland and Wales were also represented. Each UK country supplied 12 players to participate in Singles, Pairs and Triples, with the aim to lift the 'Munro Cup' I am aware that Chris had a very successful Series, and that he contributed greatly to England winning the 'Munro Cup', but despite seeking details from the organisers, I have not received the details required for a full report on the event. I hope to be in a position to include them in my next Report.

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'MIDDLETON CUP' versus LEICESTERSHIRE – RESULT

The Men's Section Of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** entertained near neighbours Leicestershire at Kingsthorpe BC on Saturday, 8th June, 2019, for their second match in the Middleton Cup[p campaign, and it did not go so well as last week against Norfolk. In a very cold and damp afternoon, although the rink wins were shared, Leicestershire, the current Champions of this competition, came out on top by 34 shots.

The first half of the match overall was fairly even, with just 2 shots between the Counties at 10 ends, with the County recording 54 shots and Leicestershire 56 shots, but in the second half the visitors really did 'up their game' for at 15 ends they were 14 shots to the good, at 18 ends they rocketed to 48 shots up, but the County rallied well over the last 3 ends across the green to reduce the deficit to a final 34 shots.

A very disappointing result for Team Manager Mick Smith, especially against the County he played for many times in the Middleton Cup, but bearing in mind they are current champions, to have 3 winning rinks did give the County good points to carry forward to the next match.

Final score was Northamptonshire 108 shots (6 points) – Leicestershire 142 shots (16 points).
Rink details as follows, Leicestershire skips only:

Rink 1. David Iddles, Will Walker, Gavin Taylor & Connor Cinato 15 shots – Chris Moore 26 shots

In this contest the County started well in winning the first 2 ends and at 5 ends held a 5-3 lead, but the visitors won the next 3 ends to get in front 7-5, and 4 ends later went further ahead 13-6. Connor and his men did pull back 4 shots on the next 2 ends to be close at 10-13, but on that 10 they were stuck for 4 ends as Leics added 11 shots to their score, including two counts of 4, for the County to be well adrift with 3 ends to play. Connor and players, however, collected 4 of their own on the 19th end, followed by a single, but in adding 2 shots on the last end the visitors took a good win.

Rink 2. David Love, John Freeman, David Walker & Vernon Gearey 16 shots – Joe Dawson 26 shots

After conceding a single and picking up a double, the County rink then dropped a big count of 5 shots to be 'on the back foot' early in the game and 3-7 down after 5 ends. After collecting a double on the 6th end, Vernon and his men conceded 7 shots on the next 3 as Leics doubled the score, but a good run of 3 winning ends saw the gap much reduced for the County to be just 11-14 behind, and 3 ends later were even closer at 13-15 behind with 7 ends to play. Unfortunately for Vernon and his men the next 3 ends were very good for the visitors as they picked up 9 shots, including a big 5, to lead 24-13 with 4 ends left.

Rink 3. Chris Gray, Simon Coles, Curtis Johnson & Roger Tansley 25 shots – Neil Hope 20 shots

This match started a bit disastrously for the County, with the visitors collecting a big count of 5 on the first end, and after 4 ends the deficit was 1-7, but Roger and his men got their game together very well and they won the next 3 ends with 9 shots collected, including a good 4, to take the lead at 10-7. Leicester, however, regained the lead 11-10 on the next 2 ends, and after 10 ends of play the scores were level, but when Leicester regained the lead 13-11 on the next end, the response from Roger & his men was immediate, for they collected a very good count of 4 to regain the lead once more at 15-13 with 9 ends to play. Leicester caught up again and after 17 ends had overtaken the County to lead 19-6, but a very well bowled 18th end gave Roger and his men 5 shots for the lead once more at 21-19, and after conceding a single, they cemented their good win by picking up 4 shots on the last 2 ends.

Rink 4. Neil Rolfe, Mark Tompkins, John Haines & Paul Broderick 20 shots – Chris Rodgers 18 shots

In this match the County rink started somewhat the better, and after 5 ends were 7-2 up, thanks to a 5 on the 5th end but Leicester closed the gap to 1 shot by the 7th end and when Paul and his men took a 11-6 lead the visitors struck back quickly to not only level after 11 ends, but to take the lead 14-11 after 12 ends. It was then the turn of the County to win more ends, and albeit mostly in singles, with 4 ends left to play Paul and his men were 16-15 up, and it was anyone's game. Those last 4 ends were pretty tense, and with 1 to play the scores were level at 18 shots each, and after losing the jack in trying to cat a very short one, the Leicester rink saw Neil deliver a pretty full length one and then draw to it, and with Mark also putting 2 bowls in good positions, the Leicester skip was obliged to try to 'ditch the jack' in his favour, and although he did it was still 2 shots to the County and a very good win.

Rink 5. Adam Pitfield, Shaun Marriott, Peter Ward & Andrew Manton 19 shots – Shane Hayes 17 shots

This was a closely fought encounter in the end, but the first half belonged to the County, for after being 2-4 down after 4 ends, Andrew & his men went on a very good scoring spree in winning the next 6 ends and scoring 14 shots in the process including a big count of 5 on the 9th end. They were stuck on that 16 for 3 ends as Leicester doubled their score to 8, and after collecting a double on the 14th end, Andrew and his men conceded 4 shots on the next 3 for them to be just 6 shots behind. After collecting a single, the County rink was threatened as the visitors picked up a 3 on the 19th end, but fortunately the County was able to restrict them to two singles for a well needed win.

Rink 6. Mick Spear, Jack Tobin, Martin Gearey & Phil Exley 13 shots – Alistair Hollis 35 shots

What a difference a week makes as this County rink was not able to repeat the exploits of last week's great win. Phil and his men won the 2nd end with a single, but the visitors scored extremely well on the other 5 ends to be 15-1 shots up after 6 ends of play, and this included the biggest count of the match, a 6 on the 4th end. Phil and his men won the next 3 ends, all in singles, following which the visitors collected 5 shots on the next 2 ends for a 20-4 lead. Ends 12 & 13 were god for the County as Phil & his men picked up two counts of 3 to get to double figures at 10-20, but unfortunately this spurred Leicester and they added 12 shots in the next 5 ends, including a 5 on the 17th, for a very big lead of 32-10 with 3 ends left. Those last ends saw each side pick up 3 shots, but it was nevertheless a very big loss for the County.

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'JOHNS TROPHY' versus SUFFOLK – RESULT

Whilst the County men were doing battle unsuccessfully against Leicestershire, the women's section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** were playing Suffolk in the 'Johns Trophy, on Saturday, 8th June, 2019, at Felixstowe & Suffolk BC, and they enjoyed success in winning the match by 10 shots. This win did not seem too likely at the overall 18 ends completed score line, which was 97-88 in favour of Suffolk, but those last 3 ends across the rinks paid dividends for the County as they collected 28 shots to just 9 shots conceded.

The County had 4 winning rinks, the highest scoring of which was skipped by Rebecca Wigfield with a 16 shots win, but not far behind was the rink skipped by Yvonne McKee which posted a 14 shots win. These winning rinks gave the ladies a total of 18 points to 4 by Suffolk.

The Finals score was Northamptonshire 116 shots (18 points) – Suffolk 106 shots (4 points). Rink details as follows, Suffolk skips only named:

Rink 1. Abby Woodward, Sian Hughes-Jones, Emma Exley & Alison Dring 19 shots – J Rowe 12 shots

This match saw the County rink just ahead for the first half in a relatively low scoring affair, but Suffolk tied things up after 11 ends with the scores 8 shots each, at which point Alison and her ladies won 3 successive ends and created a decent 13-8 shots lead. With 4 ends to play Suffolk were just 4 shots adrift at 11-15, but in winning the next 2 ends, albeit just singles, Alison and her ladies were 6 up with 2 ends left, and in dropping a single and collecting a double they had a decent win.

Rink 2. Velda Cooper, Pat Starsmore, Jill Welch & Barbara Haseldine 21 shots L Ratcliffe 18 shots

In this contest Suffolk had the better of the first third and were 7-2 shots up at that stage, but the 8th end provided a big count of 5 for the County to tie things up, and after 12 ends Barbara and her ladies had got a 3 shots lead at 11-8. Suffolk were not finished here though for they firstly tied the match once more at 12 each with 5 ends to play, and then collected a good count of 4, followed by a double to take a lead of 18-12 shots with just 3 ends left. Barbara and her ladies fought back very hard and collected a big 4 and a 2 to tie the match at 18 each with one end left, and then took a 3 for a well earned victory.

Rink 3. Tina Broderick, Michelle Harris, Hilary Sharpe & Katie Smith 19 shots – Suffolk (name unreadable on scorecard!) 26 shots

The County could not have started much better in a match than pick up a big count on the first end, which they did with a 5, and after Suffolk scored a single on the next end, Katie and her ladies increased their lead to 9-1 after 5 ends of play. At this point Suffolk got their game together and outscored the County by quite a margin for at 10 ends played they had taken the lead 13-10 and after 15 ends they were 7 shots up at 20-13. Katie and her ladies did narrow the gap to 16-20 adrift with 5 ends to play, but after 18 ends they were 16-24 behind, and although winning 2 of the last 3 ends, had to settle for a modest defeat.

Rink 4. Margaret Watts, Joan Sidebottom, Ann-Marie Waters & Rebecca Wigfield 25 shots – P Jolly 9 shots

A pretty even start in this match with the County just 4-3 shots up after 5 ends, but Rebecca and her ladies outscored their opponents over the next 5 ends to be 10-5 to the good after 10 ends of play. 4 ends later the margin was still 5 to the County with 7 ends to play, and what a change of scoring took place as Suffolk could add just 1 more shot as Rebecca and her ladies went into overdrive and scored 12 more shots, including a big 5 on the 18th end, for a very good victory.

Rink 5. Pat Bodily, Audrey Height, Sharon Tansley & Yvonne McKee 24 shots – S Butcher 10 shots

In this match Suffolk started very well in posting 6 shots on the first 2 ends, but on that 6 they were kept for 6 ends as the County won them all and took the lead at 9-6, although the home players did reduce their deficit by 2 on the next 2 ends. Yvonne and her ladies won the next 4 ends, albeit in singles, to increase the lead to 13-8 with a third of the match left to play, and that third was very good for the County as Suffolk was confined to collecting 2 singles whilst Yvonne and team posted 11 shots for a very good win.

Rink 6. Linda Warren, Celia Morris, Maggie Edwards & Di Brumwell 8 shots – E Wright 31 shots

In this match the County was on the back foot from the beginning, and at 5 ends had not troubled the score-board as Suffolk posted 9 shots, and although Di and her ladies won 2 of the next 3 ends they were still behind at 3-11, and it got worse as they were stuck on that 3 shots for 5 ends whilst Suffolk boosted their score by 8 shots for a very good lead 19-3. The County picked up a 3 on the 14th end, but the last 7 ends were very good for Suffolk as they confined the County to just 2 more shots as they plundered 12 more for a rather dominant win.

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN ‘BALCOMB TROPHY’ versus ESSEX – RESULT

The men of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** entertained Essex to the Inter County double Rink competition, the ‘**Balcomb Trophy**’ on the morning of Sunday, 9th June, 2019, at Wellingborough BC, but the visitors proved too strong for the County and they won by quite a margin of 30 shots, with several ends not played at the close of the match. The final score was Northamptonshire 21 shots – Essex 51 shots. Rink details as follows, Essex skips only named:

Rink 1. Adam Pitfield, Shaun Marriott, Andrew Manton & Phil Exley 7 shots – Andrew Squire 18 shots

In this match the scoring was very low indeed for the first 7 ends, with just singles scored and a lead of 4-3 shots to Essex at that stage, and after 10 ends played the score was only marginally better for the visitors at 7-4 shots. After 12 ends of play the difference was only 4 shots, but after 16 ends played of the scheduled 21, Essex had added 8 more shots to just 1 by Phil and his men and the two rinks shook hands with victory to Essex.

Rink 2. David Iddles, Jack Tobin, Connor Cinato & Paul Broderick 14 shots – Ed Morris 33 shots

In this match the County rink picked up 2 shots on the first end, but then dropped a double and a big 4 to go behind, but they were still in contention when collecting another double for a 4-6 deficit, but Essex then won 3 successive ends and boosted their score to 13 shots. Paul and his men, however, bowled the next 2 ends very well indeed and collected firstly a massive count of 5 and immediately followed it with a big 4 to tie the scores at 13 shots each. Unfortunately it might be unlucky for some, but it wasn't for Essex as they won 4 ends and gained the lead at 21-13 shots with the 13th end being very good for them as they picked up a big count of 5.. After getting 1 more shot Paul and his men could not score again as the visitors added 12 shots to their score at 18 ends played, at which point they all shook hands with the passage to the next stage won by Essex.

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25 MEN – WHITE ROSE TROPHY – SELECTION

The following Under 25 players of the Men's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire**, have been selected by **Team Manager Jason Bryan**, to represent the County in the National Inter County competition, the ‘White Rose Trophy’. This trophy was won by the County last year, but for this year Bowls England has changed the format so that it is for just single rink entries from the Counties, and our County has entered two rinks, named ‘**Northamptonshire Saints**’ and ‘**Northamptonshire Cobblers**’

These two rinks will play on Sunday, 16th June, 2019, at Parkway BC, Maskew Avenue, Peterborough, PE1 2AS, and the players are all asked to present themselves at the Club by 9.30 a.m. for registration.

Teams as follows:

Northamptonshire Saints: Adam Pitfield, Burton Latimer Town BC/Conor Bryan, Kingsthorpe BC/Will Walker & David Walker, both Northampton West End BC

Northamptonshire Cobblers: Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC/Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC/Nathan Betts, Northampton West End BC/Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC

Reserve: Cameron Knox, Burton Latimer Town BC

The day involves competition by 16 different rinks from the Region, including Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Norfolk & Suffolk, plus Northamptonshire, with each County fielding two rinks. The 16 rinks will be set up in two groups, and will play in knock out format to provide 2 qualifying rinks from the Region.

In the first round the County's 'Saints' team will play Hertfordshire at 10.0 a.m. and the 'Cobblers' team will play Essex at 12 noon.

We wish them every success.

7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'MIDDLE ENGLAND LEAGUE' versus OXFORDSHIRE

The players of the Women's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** visited Banbury Borough BC, for a 'Middle England League' match against Oxfordshire, on Thursday, 6th June, 2019, and with just 1 winning rink and 1 that tied, they came second, beaten by 35 shots. The first 5 ends saw the County ahead overall 41-24 shots, and after 10 ends they still had a 62-50 shots lead, but the second half of the match saw Oxfordshire well in the ascendancy as they picked up their game and heavily outscored the County ladies. The winning rink for the County was skipped by Sian Hughes-Jones and it posted a win by 4 shots. Final score was Northamptonshire 100 shots (3 points) – Oxfordshire 135 shots (14 points). Rink details as follows, Oxon skips names only:

Rink 1. Julie Spreadbury, Elaine Munton, Jill Welch & Alison Dring 21 shots – Wendy Cross 21 shots
In this match the County started extremely well, picking up a big 5 count on the first end, and after dropping a single on the next end, picked up another big 5 on the 3rd for a 10-1 lead. Alison and her players kept the lead 13-7 at 10 ends, but Oxon came back and after 16 ends had tied things up at 16 shots each, and with 2 ends to play took the lead for the first time at 19-18. The County retook the lead with a 3 on the next end, but in conceding a 2 on the last end had to settle for a draw.

Rink 2. Susan Prior, Nicky Hardy, Linda Warren & Joan Sidebottom 17 shots – Jeanette Berry 28 shots
This was a match which started well for the County as in collecting a count of 4 on the 4th end Joan and her ladies had a 6-2 shots lead, but after conceding two single counts, they dropped a big count of 6 shots to lose the lead at 6-10 after 7 ends. The following 7 ends were not good for the County as Oxon won 6 of them and posted 13 shots, including a big 6 of their own, to take a good lead at 23-7 with 7 ends to go. Those 7 were pretty good for the County as Joan and her players picked up 10 shots to 5 by Oxon, but it was not quite enough to stave off a defeat.

Rink 3. Velda Cooper, Heather Lack, Rose Houghton & Val Betts 14 shots – Carol Gaskins 17 shots
This match was pretty closely contested throughout with the scores level at 6 shots each after 7 ends, and 12 shots each after 16 ends, but Oxon just edged ahead with a single and double on the next 2 ends for a 15-12 lead, and with the last 3 ends seeing both sides collecting 2 shots, the modest 3 shots defeat was the result.

Rink 4. Brenice Willmott, Jo Johns, Pat Starsmore & Sian Hughes-Jones 18 shots – Carol Penson 14 shots
This was a contest in which after collecting a single shot on the first end, the County was never behind, and at 5 ends played were 7-4 ahead courtesy of a good 4 on the 3rd end. Sian and her ladies won 5 of the next 6 ends, albeit mostly single counts, to improve their lead to 13-5, but Oxon hit back with 5 shots on the next 2 ends to reduce their deficit. Sian and her players won the next 3 ends, again in singles, to keep ahead at 16-10, and after conceding a single increased their lead to 18-11 with 3 ends left to play. Although Oxon won those 3 ends, the County ladies were able to restrict them to all single counts for a deserved win.

Rink 5. Chris Cross, Audrey Height, Maggie Edwards & Yvonne McKee 17 shots – Brenda Havard 25 shots
In this match the County rink started very well in winning the first 4 ends and establishing an 8-0 lead, but in dropping a 4 on the next end the lead was halved, and after 8 ends they were just 2 shots ahead at 9-7. 5 shots on the next 2 ends saw Yvonne and her ladies increase their lead to 14-7, but Oxon collected a good 4 to much reduce their deficit, and after conceding 1 shot to the County, Oxon scored very well in winning the next 3 ends with 8 shots, including a big 5, for them to take the lead for the first time at 19-15 with 6 ends to play. The County collected singles on the first 2 of those ends, but Oxon won the last 4 and boosted their score by 6 shots in the process for a decent win.

Rink 6. Marlene Armitage, Nancy Tebbutt, Wilma Walker & Pat Mattinson 13 shots – Caroline Champion 30 shots

Another match in which the County had a good start as a 4 on the first end followed by a single put them 5-0 up, but Oxon reduced their deficit to 1 shot at 6-7 after 7 ends, and then picked up a good 4 to take the lead 10-7. After picking up a single, Pat and her ladies had to suffer 3 good scoring ends by Oxon as they picked up two doubles and another 4 to increase their lead to 18-8. The next 6 ends went marginally, by 2 shots, in the County's favour to leave them 8 shots adrift with 3 ends to play, but Oxon won all 3 of those ends with a couple of doubles followed by a big 5 for a very good victory to them.

8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus WARWICKSHIRE – RESULT

The men of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** entertained neighbours Warwickshire to a friendly match on Thursday, 6th June, 2019, at Desborough Town BC, and although rink wins were shared at 3 each, the visiting County won the match by 20 shots.

The highest scoring rink for the County was that skipped by yours truly, which posted a win by 11 shots.

The final score was Northamptonshire 105 shots – Warwickshire 125 shots.

Rink details as follows, Warwickshire skips only.

Rink 1. Paul Coles, Bob Sullivan, Geoff Allen & Terry James 10 shots – Gary Wilkinson 15 shots

This was an amazingly low scoring match, in which only 25 shots were scored in the 21 ends, there being just 2 ends which were not single counts, and this was a clear indication of how tight the match was. After 5 ends the County was 1-4 adrift and at 10 ends 4-6 adrift, but after dropping another single, Terry and his men picked up a big count which bucked the trend, of 4 shots to take the lead at 8-7 with 9 ends to play. Those 9 ends went very much in Warwickshire's favour as they picked up 8 shots to just 2 by the County, for a decent win.

Rink 2. Will Clelland, Terry Chapman, Brian Jones & Mossy Waters 10 shots – Nigel Morton 29 shots

This was a match in which the first few ends were pretty even, with the cores level at 2 each at 3 ends and 4 each at 7 ends, and after dropping two singles Mossy and his men picked up a single and a good count of 4 shots to take the lead at 9-6 with 10 ends left to play. The visitors, however, had the better of the second half by a long way, for at 15 ends they had collected 10 unanswered shots to lead 16-9, and after dropping a single to the County on the next end, Warwickshire won the remaining 5 ends and boosted their total to 29 for a very good win.

Rink 3. Laurie Harrison, Darren Lee, Malc Mattinson & John Church 30 shots – Geoff Moran 19 shots

A very good start for the County in posting 6 shots without reply after 5 ends, and then after dropping a 3, picking up a good count of 4 to reinstate a decent lead, but Warwickshire struck back hard in the next 2 ends, picking up two counts of 3 shots to be just 1 shot behind. Yours truly and men, however, were not willing to relinquish the lead and we picked up a big count of 5 shots followed by a 3 and a double, to increase the lead to 20-9 shots with 9 ends to play. The visitors, with their County President at skip won the next 3 ends to reduce their deficit, but a single, followed by another decent pick up of 4 shots, saw the County ahead at 25-14, and with both sides collecting 5 shots in the last 4 ends, 4 of ours on the last end, I and my players had a good victory.

Rink 4. Stephen Hill, Peter Kitchener, Bob Tingle & Norman Gibb 22 shots – Bob Allcock 18 shots

This match was pretty even in the early stages, with the County just ahead 5-4 after 6 ends, but in collecting a single followed by a good count of 4, Norman and his men increased their lead, and after dropping a single they picked up 8 shots, including a count of 4, to lead 18-6 after 14 ends. Warwickshire did reduce their deficit to 6 shots with 4 ends to play, but Norman and his men picked up a 3, then dropped a double, and after collecting a single on the 20th end, they dropped a big count of 4 shots on the last end, but still had a decent win.

Rink 5. Lynn Ridgeway, Keith Brudenell, Brian Diver & David Betts 12 shots – Pat Sweeney 29 shots

In this match, after picking up singles on the first 3 ends, the County lost that advantage on the 4th end in dropping a 3, and the visitors won the next 3 ends too, albeit only singles, to lead 6-3 after 7 ends. When 6-7 shots down after 10 ends, the County dropped a big count of 5 shots followed by a single to be 6-13 adrift, but Dave and his men collected a good 3 shots on the next end to be just 4 shots behind with 8 ends to play. Those 8 ends went very much in the visitors' favour as they added 16 shots to their score, and conceded just 3, for a very good win.

Rink 6. Stuart Lake, Richard Tyack, Richard Somerton & Geoff Hunt 21 shots – Alan Barker 14 shots

This was a very closely contested match in the first two thirds, with hardly more than 1 shot between the two sides, and they were level at 4 shots each, again at 5 shots each, again at 7 shots each, and yet again at 10 shots each after 14 ends. At this point Geoff and his men had very good run of 5 winning ends which included two counts of 4, to take a very good 21-10 shots lead with 2 ends left to play. The visitors took 4 shots on those last ends to reduce their deficit to 7 shots, but it was a good win for the County.

9. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus NORFOLK – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** in a friendly match against Norfolk on Tuesday, 18th June, 2019, at Wymondham Dell BC, 54b, Norwich Road, Wymondham, NR18 0NT, commencing at 2.0 p.m. Travel by coach, picking up at Wellingborough BC at 10.30 a.m. and Thrapston BC at 11.00 a.m.

- Rink 1.** A.N. Other/A.N. Other/Peter Mercer, West Haddon BC /John Church, Northants Retired Police & Executive
- Rink 2.** Rod Douglas, Kettering Lodge BC/Dave Lovell, Irchester BC/Geoff Hunt, Wellingborough BC/Paul Green, Northampton Express BC & Executive
- Rink 3.** Harvey Fruish, Abington BC & Executive/Peter Kitchener, Irchester BC/Malc Mattinson, Thrapston BC/Richard Somerton, Brackley & District & Executive
- Rink 4.** Will Clelland, Tom Black, both Corby Seagrave House BC/John Chester, Desborough Town BC & Executive/Terry James, Thrapston & Executive
- Rink 5.** Larry Lawrence, Kettering Lodge BC/Bob Sullivan, Desborough Town BC/Brian Diver, Norman Gibb, both Corby Seagrave House BC
- Rink 6.** Dave Stewart, Rushden Town BC/Paul Cooke, Carlsberg BC/Brian Jones, Heyford BC/Dave Betts, Higham Ferrers Town BC
- Reserves:** Jim Brumwell, Kingsthorpe BC/Allen Simms, Kettering Lodge BC

As will be seen there are now 2 vacancies, coincidentally on my Rink, the two originally placed there having to regretfully withdraw, so if any player(s) would like a day out on a coach and a game of bowls, please get in touch with Match Secretary, Richard Somerton a.s.a.p. please.

10. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'MIDDLETON CUP' versus CAMBRIDGESHIRE – SELECTION

The players of the Men's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** will take on Cambridgeshire in the 'Middleton Cup' at Kingsthorpe BC on Saturday, 15th June, 2019, commencing at 2.0 p.m. and Team Manager Mick Smith has selected the following team:

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

11. DENNYSIDE BOWLING ASSOCIATION - CHARITABLE MATCHES IN COUNTY

The **Dennyside Bowling Association** (DBA) for men's outdoor bowls was founded in 1936 by Leonard Denny a Stockbroker and member of the Cambridge Park Bowling Club and a prominent member of Middlesex Bowling Association. Although many things have changed since the early days the general aims remain the same and one is conscious of its unique standing in the annals of our national game of bowls. It is an Association that every member has to be invited to join as a reward for the services he has rendered to the game, either at club, county or national level, for no financial standing can be qualification for membership.. The main objective of the DBA is to help bowling clubs raise monies for local charities and worthy causes. The hosting clubs that invite the DBA for a match nominate their chosen charity where the DBA knows the money will be well spent.

How the DBA was formed: In 1935 a touring bowls team from South Africa was due in the country, and owing to the tightness of its itinerary could only play a combination of counties. Leonard Denny tried unsuccessfully to get a match with his County, but an unofficial game was arranged to be played at Cambridge Park BC, where Leonard got together a team of Internationals whom he called "The Rabbits" The game against the South Africans was both enjoyable and successful, for Leonard was the perfect host when it came to entertaining. When 1936 came, there was a general desire to arrange a permanent formation of some sort and Leonard agreed to use his name, provided someone else did the work! Thus was the Dennyside Bowling Association born, replacing "The Rabbits" a name which was deemed to be an inappropriate one, although the DBA still retains the rabbits on its badges to this day.

Various County men have become members and the elected President for 2019, was the late **George Willmott, of Irchester BC**, who sadly died before he was able to commence his duties of office. One of the first fixtures that the DBA plays is the traditional Past President's Team versus the President's Team, played at the President's Club, and this year George's Club hosted the match on Monday, 3rd June, 2019, and the President's Team became the Deputy President's Team. The BDA Secretary, Roger Carter, reported to me that it was a great day at Irchester, and the **magnificent sum of £1,900.00p** was raised for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. Roger said that if any club wishes to invite the Dennyside to support their local charity, he is sure that something could be arranged.

The DBA also traditionally plays a match against the President's Club, and this will be played on the 8th July, 2019, at Irchester BC.

12. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT COUNTY

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LADIES

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OVER 55 SINGLES

BOTH AREAS

2nd Round: **Jill Welch, Heyford BC beat** Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC 21-17 shots
Pat Bodily, Kingsthorpe BC beat Elaine Munton, Northampton Whyte Melville BC 21-11 shots
Heather Golding, Swanspool BC beat Marlene Armitage, Wellingborough BC 21-16 shots
Chris Cooper, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Jayne Wiggins, Earls Barton BC 21-8 shots
Jenny Dempsey, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-16 shots
Joyce George, Wellingborough BC beat Velda Cooper, Finedon Town BC 21-10 shots
Linda Simms, Kettering Lodge BC given walkover by Liz Keeney, Corby Seagrave House BC

OVER 55 PAIRS

1st Round:

North Area: Viv Gaudyn, Higham Ferrers Town BC given walkover by May Wiggins, Corby Forest BC
Marilyn Dunkley, Wellingborough BC beat Wilma Walker, Corby Forest BC 22-14 shots
Linda Bush, Thrapston BC beat Pet Wynyard, Thrapston BC 27-6 shots
Audrey Height, Kettering Lodge BC beat Barbara Haseldine, Finedon Town BC 26-14 shots
Val Betts, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Maggie Lewis, Burton Latimer Town BC 17-16 shots
Dawn Owen, Desborough Town BC beat Elizabeth Fairbairn 16-15 shots (after extra end)
Pam Reynolds, Wellingborough BC beat Jan Hunt, Wellingborough BC 21-14 shots

South Area: Pat Bodily, Kingsthorpe BC beat Pauline Boyson, Kislingbury BC 34-9 shots
Serena Santer, St Crispin BC beat Chris Abbot, Kislingbury BC 25-15 shots
Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC beat Joan Sidebottom, Roade BC 17-16 shots (after extra end)
Chris Cross, Byfield BC beat Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe BC 27-18 shots
Barbara Astle, Abington BC beat Janet Swift, Abbey Park BC 20-15 shots

2nd Round:

SOUTH AREA

Pat Bodily & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC beat Serena Santer & Partner, St Crispin BC 27-11 shots
Sharon Tansley & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC beat Chris Cross & Partner, Byfield BC 24-16 shots
Margaret McIntosh & Partner, St Crispin BC given walkover by Jill Welch & Partner, Heyford BC
Wen Hill, Northampton Whyte Melville BC beat Barbara Astle, Abington BC 21-20 shots

NORTH AREA

Marilyn Dunkley & Partner, Wellingborough BC given walkover by Viv Gaudyn & Partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC
Audrey Height & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC beat Linda Bush & Partner, Thrapston BC 27-11 shots
Val Betts & Partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Dawn Owen & Partner, Desborough Town BC 21-12 shots
Linda Simms & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC beat Pam Reynolds & Partner, Wellingborough BC 17-16 shots

PAIRS

1st Round:

North Area: Emma Muir & Partner, Corby Forest BC given walkover by Eileen Fairbairn & Partner, Swanspool BC
Rebecca Wigfield & Partner, Desborough Town BC beat Emma Exley & Partner, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-20 shots
Tina Broderick & Partner, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Viv Gaudyn & Partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC 20-13 shots
Barbara Haseldine & Partner, Finedon Town BC beat Pat Mattinson & Partner, Thrapston BC 26-10 shots
Pam Reynolds & Partner, Wellingborough BC beat Linda Bush, Thrapston BC 26-8 shots
Clair Snelling & Partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Karon Kerr & Partner, Geddington & Newton BC 27-10 shots
Wilma Walker & Partner, Corby Forest BC beat Maggie Lewis & Partner, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-19 shots (after an extra end)
Audrey Height & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC beat Dawn Owen & Partner, Desborough Town BC 19-18 shots

South Area: Sharon Tansley & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC beat Di Brumwell & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC 25-8 shots

2nd Round:

North Area: Marilyn Dunkley & Partner, Wellingborough BC beat Trish Basford & Partner, Geddington & Newton BC 24-9 shots

South Area: Ann-Marie Waters, Roade BC given walkover by Lesley Young & Partner, St Crispin BC

TRIPLES

3rd Round:

North Area: Rose Houghton's Triple, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Barbara Haseldine's Triple, Finedon Town BC 17-12 shots
Tina Broderick's Triple, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Pam Reynolds' Triple, Wellingborough BC 22-3 shots
Pat Mattinson's Triple, Thrapston BC beat Viv Gaudyn's Triple, Higham Ferrers Town BC 23-12 shots
Marilyn Dunkley's Triple, Wellingborough BC beat Rebecca Wigfield's triple, Desborough Town BC 16-11 shots

South Area: Barbara Astle's Triple, Abington BC beat Ann-Marie's Triple, Roade BC 23-12 shots
Serena Santer's Triple, St Crispin BC beat Jill Welch's triple, Heyford BC 20-18 shots
Hilary Sharpe's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC beat Janet Swift's triple, Abbey Park BC 23-18 shots
Joan Sidebottom's Triple, Roade BC beat Pat Bodily's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC 24-17 shots

QUARTER FINALS – played at Kingsthorpe BC in the morning of Sunday 9th June, 2019.

1. Val Bailey, Geraldine Gregory & Rose Houghton, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Debbi Bradshaw, Gill Crossley & Barbara Astle, Abington BC 20-12 shots

In this match it was very closely fought for most of its length, with fairly low scoring vouched for by a 4 each score after 7 ends, but after picking up a single, the Higham players bucked the trend and collected a big count of 5 shots to take a 10-4 shots lead. The Abington ladies were not finished and fought back very well in collecting three doubles to tie the match at 10 shots each, but the next 4 ends were very good for Rose and her players for they collected 9 shots to 1 conceded, and that included another big pick up, this time a 6 for a 19-11 lead with 2 ends to play. An exchange of singles on those ends gave Higham the passage to the Semi-Finals.

2. Celia Morris, Di Brumwell & Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC beat Margaret Cave, Nancy Tebbutt & Pat Mattinson, Thrapston BC 19-9 shots

In this encounter the Kingsthorpe trio started well and at 5 ends were 6-2 shots up, and after dropping 3 shots and picking up 2 shots, they collected a big count of 4 on the 9th end for a 12-5 lead. After dropping two single counts, Hilary and her ladies won 4 successive ends and scored 7 shots on them, to take a 19-7 lead and the 'writing was on the wall' for Pat and her ladies, and when they could collect just singles on the 16th & 17th end, they shook hands and it was Kingsthorpe into the Semi-Finals.

3. Alison Dring, Emma Exley & Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Marion Stephenson, Jackie Dale & Serena Santer, St Crispin BC 18-14 shots

The Burton Latimer team started very well and after 5 ends of play were 6-2 shots up, and after 8 ends had increased their lead to 10-3, but St Crispin fought back very hard over the next 5 ends in picking up 10 shots without reply to take the lead 13-10. Tina and her ladies, however, had a very good three ends in which they re-imposed a lead at 17-13 with 2 ends to play, and with Serena & her ladies collecting a single on the penultimate end, St Crispin still had a chance at 3 shots down, but it was Burton that one that last end for a passage to the Semi-Finals.

4. Maureen McDonald, Gill White & Marilyn Dunkley, Wellingborough BC beat Anita Gearey, Chris Eustace & Joan Sidebottom, Roade BC 20-15 shots

After collecting a count of 3 on the first end the Roade ladies were held on that score for 4 ends as the Wellingborough trio scored 9 shots, and after collecting 2 singles, the Roade deficit was increased to 5-12 when Marilyn & her ladies collected a 3. Two ends later and Joan and her ladies were just 3 behind at 9-12 shots, but the Wellingborough ladies scored 5 shots to 2 conceded to be ahead 17-11 with 4 ends to play. A 2 on the next end gave Roade a possibility, but Marilyn & her ladies were having none of it and in picking up 3 shots with 1 end to go they were virtually unbeatable at 20-13 shots up, and so it proved, and it was a Semi-Final for Wellingborough.

SEMI-FINALS – played at Kingsthorpe BC in the afternoon of Sunday, 9th June, 2019.

1. Maureen McDonald, Gill White & Marilyn Dunkley, Wellingborough BC beat Celia Morris, Di Brumwell & Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC 22-6 shots

In this match Wellingborough started like an express train, for after dropping a single on the first end, they went on a 7 ends scoring spree and posted 15 shots without reply for a huge lead after 8 ends. The next 4 ends saw Hilary and her ladies collect 4 shots to 2 conceded, to reduce their deficit a little, but Marilyn and her player added 3 more shots for a 20-5 lead with 4 ends left, and when Kingsthorpe could only pick up 1 and Wellingborough picked up 2, they shook hands after 16 ends and Wellingborough were the victors.

2. Alison Dring, Emma Exley & Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Val Bailey, Geraldine Gregory & Rose Houghton, Higham Ferrers Town BC 18-10 shots

The first few ends in this match were pretty close with Burton Latimer just in front 5-4 shot after 5 ends, but Higham took the led on the 6th end with a good count of 3, but 3 ends later had lost it as Tina and her ladies scored 5 shots for a 10-7 lead, and after conceding a single, the Burton trio picked up a big 4 and a single to lead 15-8 with 6 ends left. A couple of singles to each triple saw the lead for Burton remain at 7 shots with 2 ends to play and when Tina & her ladies collected a single the win was theirs.

Congratulations to both winning Triples, as they will now contest the County Final next month, but more importantly they will represent the County at the National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa in August.

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PAIRS

- 1st Round:** **Danny Walker & Partner, Northampton West End BC given walkover by Rob Archer & Partner, Abington BC**
Jonathan Brown & Partner, Abington BC given walkover by Martin Gearey & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC
Wayne Stanley & Partner, Northampton Express BC beat Ann-Marie Waters & Partner, Roade BC 21-15 shots
Will Walker & Partner, Northampton West End BC beat David Cox & Partner, St Crispin BC 22-4 shots
- 2nd Round:** **Gerrard Stephenson & Partner, St Crispin BC given walkover by Graham Prior & Partner, Brackley & District BC**

SECRETARY/TREASURER SINGLES

NORTH AREA

1st Round: Pam Sallaway, Rushden Town BC given walkover by Will Keeney, Corby Seagrave House BC
Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge BC given walkover by Aly Moxey, Kettering Midland Band BC
Roger Barnett, Corby Frest BC given walkover by Liz Keeney, Corby Seagrave House BC
Keith Thatcher, Rushden Town BC beat Louis Gadke, Corby Seagrave House BC 21-17 shots
Neil Gould, Earls Barton BC given walkover by Peter Mullen, Corby Forest BC
Steve Norman, Higham Ferrers Town BC given walkover by G Smitherman, Burton Latimer
Town BC

EXECUTIVE TRIPLES

SOUTH

1st Round: Michael Sheehan's Triple, Kislingbury BC beat Keith Botterill's Triple, Wootton Grange BC 27-12
shots

COUNTY LEAGUE

The first week of matches in the County League have been played, and at this time Kettering Midland Band BC heads the Division 1 table with 14 points, with Thrapston BC just behind with 1 point less, and Corby Forest BC and Higham Ferrers Town BC head the Division 2 table with 12 points each. Match results as follows:

Division 1.

Kettering Midland Band BC (14 points) beat Irchester BC (nil points) 61-33 shots
Desborough Town BC (10 points) beat Wellingborough BC (4 points) 55-45 shots
Burton Latimer Town BC (11 points) beat Corby Seagrave House BC (3 points) 51-45 shots
Thrapston BC (13 points) beat Geddington & Newton BC (1 point) 72-46 shots

Division 2.

Higham Ferrers Town BC (12 points) beat Kettering Lodge BC (2 points) 61-39
Corby Forest BC (12 points) beat Northampton BBOB BC (2 points) 69-39 shots
Rushden Town BC (10 points) beat Northampton Whyte Melville BC (4 points) 56-46 shots

RUSHDEN & DISTRICT TIPLER TRIPLES LEAGUE

After the 4th week of matches in the Rushden & District Tipler Triples League, it is still very tight at the top of **Division 'A'** with Team Rebels taking the lead with 15 points from their 4 matches and Higham Ferrers Town BC 'A' being in 2nd place with half a point less. Match results from the 3rd June, 2019, as follows:

Rebels (4 points) beat Higham Ferrers Town BC 'A' (1 point) 56-54 shots
New Order (5 pints) beat Higham Ferrers Town BC 'B' (nil points) 69-31 shots
Irchester BC 'B' (4 points) beat Irchester BC 'D' (1 point) 54-44 shots
The match between Thrapston BC and Rushden Town BC 'A' was postponed.

In **Division B** the current leaders are the players of Finedon Town BC who have a total of 18 points from their 5 matches, with RAFA & Barton Knights equal just behind on 15 points from their 5 matches. Match results from the 4th June, 2019, are as follows:

Barton Knights (3 points) beat Finedon Town BC (2 points) 46 shots each, but win by 2 triples to 1.
RAFA (5 points) beat Fast Lane (nil points) 63-29 shots
Wanderers (4 points) beat Mazda (1 point) 61-31 shots
Raunds (3 points) beat Barton Saxons (2 points) 53-48 shots

GENTLEMEN

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UNDER 25 SINGLES

Area Final: Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC given walkover by Connor Rollings, Burton Latimer Town BC

SINGLES

2nd Round:

NORTH AREA:

Ian Roy, Wellingborough BC beat P Hyde, Earls Barton BC 21-8 shots
Alan Muir, Corby Forest BC beat Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough BC 21-5 shots
Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Paul Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-19 shots
Peter Ward, Desborough Town BC beat Scott Fleming, Earls Barton BC 21-17 shots
Jack Tobin, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Andrew Macredie, Kettering Lodge BC 21-12 shots
Adam Pitfield, Burton Latimer Town BC beat John Haines, Desborough Town BC 21-17 shots
David Love, Wellingborough BC beat David Collins, Corby Forest BC 21-18 shots
John Gunning, Wellingborough BC beat Walt Winsor, Wellingborough BC 21-14 shots
Pat Crouch, Desborough Town BC given walkover by Malcolm Paul, Corby Forest BC
Malcolm Chambers, Wellingborough BC beat Mick Corbyn, Rushden Town BC 21-11 shots
Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough BC beat Phil Exley, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-18 shots
Tony Knowles, Irchester BC given walkover by Aly Moxey, Kettering Midland Band BC
Kenny Muir, Corby Forest BC given walkover by Cameron Knox, Burton Latimer Town BC

SOUTH AREA

Tom Wellburn, Northampton Express BC beat Tim Chapman, Kingsthorpe BC 21-13 shots
Rob White, Northampton Express BC beat Iain Walker, Northampton West End BC 21-13 shots
Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Mark Tompkins, Kingsthorpe BC 21-15 shots
Will Walker, Northampton West End BC beat David Iddles, Kingsthorpe BC 21-9 shots
Sean Rowlands, Northampton Whyte Melville BC beat Tim Dawkins, Kingsthorpe BC 21-20 shots
Tony O'Leary, Abington BC beat Jason Bryan, Kingsthorpe BC 21-11 shots
Alan Coleman, Abington BC beat Martin Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC 21-12 shots
Chris Bland, Northampton Express BC beat David Jones, Abington BC 21-4 shots
Darren Childs, Northampton West End BC beat Neil Rolfe, Northampton Express BC 21-19 shots
Dominic Graham, Northampton Express BC beat Mick Taylor, Abington BC 21-20 shots
John Moore, Daventry Town BC beat Rick Singleton, Northampton Whyte Melville BC 21-9 shots
Alan Dunkley, Abington BC beat Rob Archer, Abington BC 21-20 shots
Peter Milburn, Abington BC beat David Walker, Northampton West End BC 21-18 shots

PAIRS

South Area Final Correction.

In my last Report I inadvertently got one of the results the 'wrong way round' – it was that between Conor & Jason Bryan and John Leggett & his partner. It was the Bryan combination which won 23-13 shots, not the Express pair. My apologies for that error.

QUARTER FINALS – played at Thrapston BC on the evening of Wednesday, 5th June, 2019

1. Conor Bryan & Jason Bryan, Kingsthorpe BC beat Roger Tansley & Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC 22-12 shots

In this match, the father & son combination started very well, posting 5 shots in the first 3 ends with none conceded, and although their club colleagues pulled them back to just 1 shot ahead at 6-5 after 7 ends, the Bryan's then scored very well over the next 5 ends to increase their lead to 15-6, and with 6 ends of the scheduled 21 left to play they were still well placed at 16-9 shots. A single on the 17th followed by a massive count of 5 on the 17th end saw the Bryan's almost home and dry, and when Roger & Mick collected just 3 shots on the next 2 ends, they called it a day for Conor & Jason to proceed to the Semi-Finals.

2. Chris Beck & Peter Milburn, Abington BC beat Bryn Walker & John Marlow, Wellingborough BC 26-11 shots

In this match the Abington duo started very well in scoring 9 shots to just 1 conceded in the first 7 ends, but in picking up a good 4 followed by a 2, the Wellingborough players were just behind at 7-9. Three singles for Chris & Pete, followed by a count of 3 for Bryn & John saw the gap remain at 2 shots after 13 ends of play, but 3 high scoring ends for Abington saw them post 12 shots, including a massive 6, to take them to 24-10 ahead with 5 ends left. Bryn & John picked up a single, but when Chris & Pete scored a 2 on the 18th end Wellingborough shook hands and Abington proceeded to the Semi-Finals.

3. Brian Briggs & Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge BC beat Kenny Muir & Alan Muir, Corby Forest BC 22-20 shots

The closest finish of all the Quarter Finals, but after 5 ends of play, with a 10-0 lead to Kettering Lodge, it did not look as though it would be close, however, the Muir brothers halved their deficit to 10-15 after 10 ends of play. Brian and Adrian increased their lead to 20-12 after 15 ends, but the Muir's were not yet finished for they scored very well over the next 4 ends to close the gap to 2 shots at 19-21 down. After picking up a single on the 20th end Brian and Adrian had a small cushion of 3 shots playing the last end and Kenny & Alan could do no more than pick up a single for the Lodge pair to proceed to the Semi-Finals.

4. Darren Childs & Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Jack Tobin & Phil Exley, Burton Latimer Town BC 23-13 shots

In this match Jack & Phil started well in winning the first 2 ends, but Darren and Jamie hit back very strongly in collecting 12 shots without reply over the next 6 ends, and after dropping a count of 3, they picked up a big count of 5 shots to increase their lead to 17-6 after 10 ends of play. 3 shots to each pair on the next 4 ends saw the margin remain, and with the West End pair collecting 3 more shots and Burton Latimer 1 shot, Jack & Phil shook hands and Darren & Jamie proceeded to the Semi-Finals.

SEMI-FINALS – played at Thrapston BC on the evening of Friday, 7th June, 2019.

1. Brian Briggs & Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge BC beat Conor Bryan & Jason Bryan, Kingsthorpe BC 21-19 shots (after an extra end)

In this contest the Kettering Lodge pair started off the better with a 5-1 lead after 4 ends, but the Kingsthorpe son and father duo pegged them back to 5-4 two ends later, until dropping a 4 on the next end, and after 3 more ends the Lodge pair was 10-6 up at 10 ends. A good pick up of 4 on the 11th end saw Conor and Jason level things up, but then they were confined to that 10 for 4 ends as Brian and Adrian scored 7 shots for a good lead at 17-10 with 6 ends to play. Kingsthorpe reduced their deficit to 5 on the next 2 ends, and after dropping a single on the 18th end, picked up a big count of 5 shots, followed by a double, to take the lead for the first time at 19-18 with one end to play. That last end was obviously tense, but Brian and Adrian picked up a single to tie things up and to require an extra end to be played. That end went to Kettering Lodge for a passage to the County Finals, and more importantly to represent the County at the National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa in August.

2. Darren Childs & Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Chris Beck & Peter Milburn, Abington BC 25-11 shots.

This match saw the West End pairing, of two players who have vast experience of County and National Finals, starting off very fast with 8 shots scored on the first 3 ends, including a 5 on the 3rd, and after Chris and Peter collected a double they were confined to that 2 for 5 ends as the West End pair doubled their score. Winning the next 2 ends brought Chris and Peter a little closer at 5-16 shots down, but 7 more to Darren and Jamie put the 'writing on the wall' for the Abington duo as they were now 5-23 down. They did not give up, however, and won the next 2 ends, getting 5 shots which included a good pick up of 4 shots, to be 10-23 adrift with 5 ends left to pay. West End picked up 2 on the 17th, and when Abington could pick up just 1 shot on the 18th end Chris and Peter conceded the match and it was the County Finals for Darren & Jamie, and more importantly to represent the County at the national Finals at Royal Leamington Spa in August.

OVER 55 FOURS

1st Round: **Rob Archer's Rink, Abington BC beat David Williamson's Rink, Northampton BBOB BC 21-12 shots**

EVENING TELEGRAPH COMPETITION

The draw has been made for this season's **Evening Telegraph** competition, which has 23 entries, mostly from our County Clubs, with a few containing a mixture of players from more than one Club. The first round is to be played by Sunday, 30th June, 2019, and involved the following matches:

Corby Forest BC 'A' versus Wellingborough BC 'A'
Earls Barton BC 'B' versus Corby Forest BC 'B'
Earls Barton BC 'A' versus Finedon Town BC 'B'
Burton Latimer Town BC 'Blue' versus Ise BC
Corby Seagrave House BC 'B' versus Kettering Midland Band BC
Thrapston BC 'B' versus Rushden Town BC 'B'
Higham Ferrers Town BC 'A' versus Thrapston BC 'A'

The following teams have a bye into the 2nd Round:

Finedon Town BC 'A' versus either Higham Ferrers Town BC 'A' or Thrapston BC 'A' (playing in 1st Round)
Burton Latimer Town BC 'Red' versus Antiques Roadshow Team
The Way We Roll Team versus Wellingborough BC 'B'
Higham Ferrers Town BC 'B' versus Rushden Town BC 'B'
Corby Forest BC 'C' versus Corby Seagrave House BC 'A'

13. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE

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CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SINGLES

1st Round: **Marlene Armitage, Wellingborough BC beat Lois Woodward, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-6 shots**
 Janet Ashby, Northampton West End BC beat Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC 21-11 shots

SENIOR PAIRS

Preliminary Round: **Viv Gaudyn & partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Pat Starsmore & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC 17-1 shots**
 Linda Simms & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC beat Liz Keeney & Partner, Corby Seagrave House BC 29-10 shots

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PAIRS

2nd Round: **Allen Simms & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC lost to Steve Gentle & Partner, Eynesbury BC 16-18 shots**
Hilary Sharpe & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC beat Will Walker & Partner, Northampton West End BC 23-13 shots
Wayne Stanley & Partner, Northampton Express BC beat David Jones & Partner, Abington BC 20-18 shots
Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC, Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC, Paul Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC & Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC lost to Nicky Brett & Rink, Warboys BC 17-19 shots
Adam Pitfield's Rink, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Chris Bland's Rink, Northampton Express BC 21-14 shots
Jamie Walker's Rink, Northampton West End BC beat Martin Walker's Rink, Northampton West End BC 19-15 shots

FAMILY PAIRS

2nd Round: **Connor Cinato & Partner, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Mick Corbyn & Partner, Rushden Town BC 19-14 shots**

OVER 60 DOUBLE RINK – 'TONY ALLCOCK TROPHY'

Preliminary Round:

Kettering Lodge BC beat Higham Ferrers Town BC 35-26 shots. Rink details as follows, Kettering Lodge names first:

Rink 1. **Delia Panther, Linda Simms, Steve Waterfield & Allen Simms 21 shots** – Jenny Dempsey, Alan Dempsey, Rose Houghton & Brian Hickman 15 shots

Rink 2. **Sue Briggs, Margaret Haig, George Warren & Mick Catlin 14 shots** – Val Bailey, Helena Norman, Dougie Gilbert & John Church 11 shots.

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SENIOR PAIRS

Preliminary Round: **Steve Norman & Partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat John Knight & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC 20-12 shots**

1st Round: **Tony Gilbert & Partner, Desborough Town BC beat Michael Corbyn & Partner, Rushden Town BC 17-15 shots**

SENIOR SINGLES

1st Round: **Michael Moulton, Heyford BC beat Colin Barnes, Abington BC 21-18 shots**
Mark Turner, Kettering Midland Band BC beat John Knight, Kettering Lodge BC 21-1 shots
Mick Corbyn, Rushden Town BC beat Allen Simms, Kettering Lodge BC 21-11 shots
John Freeman, Abington BC beat Alan Dunkley, Abington BC 21-19 shots
Martin Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC beat Kenneth Wiggins, Brackley & District BC 21-12 shots
David Whittles, St Crispin BC beat Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC 21-16 shots

CLUB TWO FOURS

1st Round: **Northampton Whyte Melville BC ‘A’ beat Kingsthorpe BC ‘A’ 45-44 shots**
 Kettering Lodge BC lost to Somersham BC 38-46 shots
 Earls Barton BC beat Corby Forest BC 43-38 shots
 Thrapston BC beat Rushden Town BC 41-32 shots

TOP CLUB – a multi-discipline competition.

1st Round: **Desborough Town BC beat Higham Ferrers Town BC 4-1**
 Irchester BC beat Corby Seagrave House BC 5-0
 Northampton West End BC beat Brackley & District BC 4-1
 Northampton Express BC beat Abington BC ‘B’ 3.5-1.5

14. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

1. Chief Executive Tony Allcock has been awarded the OBE for services to Lawn Bowls

Tony received his previous civil honour, the MBE, in 1989. Since that date he collected a further nine world titles during a distinguished playing career including back-to-back World Outdoor Singles titles in 1992 and 1996, and was Lawn Bowls Performance Director at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester – the team securing three Gold Medals in the eight events. Following his competitive retirement from the sport, he has dedicated his life to developing and modernising the sport of bowls in his role as Chief Executive of the English Bowling Association in 2003 and then Bowls England following its formation in 2008.

Tony said: “The sport of bowls has been a huge part of my personal and professional life. I am humbled to have been nominated for this award and am, of course, delighted to receive it. There have been significant changes over the past few years to make the sport more appealing to a wider audience than ever before including women, young people and players with a disability. It has been an honour to lead this work with the support of our Board, County Associations and Clubs, and whilst the landscape for all sport and leisure activity is ever-changing, I am confident that the foundations we have laid will stand us in good stead for many years to come.”

David Mitchell-Gears MBE, Chair of Bowls England, added: “I have had a close working relationship with Tony for many years since he joined the English Bowling Association. He is incredibly hard working on behalf of our sport, and this additional recognition is thoroughly deserved.”

More recent achievements include successfully negotiating with Warwick District Council to secure Bowls England’s relocation to Royal Leamington Spa, creating the sport’s first centre of excellence, and he was therefore instrumental in securing the town’s Victoria Park as the host venue for Lawn Bowls at Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

In addition to the ‘day job’, Tony continues to lend his vast experience to a number of organisations associated with the sport. He was a founder member of the Friends of English Bowling, which has now dispersed a total of nearly £400,000 to enable players of all ages and abilities to participate, and he has served as a Trustee for the English Bowling Associations Charity Trust for 25 years, with monies raised since its inception totalling more than £150,000 and distributed to bowlers in need. Tony is also a Patron of Visually Impaired Bowls England, and in support of blind bowlers was instrumental in raising the sum of £70,000 to enable the 2013 Visually Impaired World Bowls Championships to be staged in England. He continues to share his technical knowledge through voluntary coaching and feature writing, and was instrumental in the production of a skills DVD that was donated to every bowling club in England.

He was conferred as an Honorary Fellow by the University of Gloucestershire in 2002, and awarded a Doctor of Laws by the University of Leicester in 2016 for his contribution to sport’s administration. Outside the sport of bowls, he is a former President of South West MENCAP and an active Patron of Stroud & District MENCAP.

As a hobby Tony is acknowledged as a highly successful breeder and exhibitor of pedigree dogs, and a renowned International Dog Judge. He joined the Board of the Kennel Club in 2015 and was this week elected as its Chairman.

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2. ‘Inside Bowls’ – June Edition of the Official Publication of World Bowls

Here is your link to the June 2019 edition of Inside Bowls, the official publication of World Bowls: <http://online.fliphtml5.com/hpdf/lhms/>

ENGLISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION NEWS

Utility Bidder – New Sponsors for the EIBA

Utility Bidder is delighted to announce that it is now the Official Energy Partner of The English Indoor Bowling Association.

In 2017, Utility Bidder and the EIBA started working together in partnership to offer better business energy and water packages to indoor bowls clubs across England. After a successful year the partnership has now progressed with Utility Bidder becoming the Official Energy Partner to the association. Since the original partnership began, 10% of bowls clubs have already utilised the services of Utility Bidder. With the extended partnership they aim to continue working closely with the EIBA to provide simple energy solutions and advice to all other members.

Chief Executive of the EIBA, Peter Thompson commented on the extended partnership: “We are Delighted to have Utility Bidder as our Official Energy Partner and looking forward to the year ahead and getting more Clubs signed up and benefitting from the best utility deals available.”

Noel Duncan joined the energy consultancy back in April 2019 as a Sponsorships BDM. Noel has extensive experience in the sports sector and is extremely happy about the continued work with the EIBA. Noel commented: “I am delighted to see the partnership with the EIBA materialise further, with Utility Bidder becoming the Official Energy Partner of the EIBA. I’m looking forward to building on the foundations of the previous partnership and reinforce our presence with bowls clubs across England”

For more information on Utility Bidder and any exclusive offers that are available for bowls clubs, please visit www.utilitybidder.co.uk/EIBA alternatively, please contact Noel Duncan on n.duncan@utilitybidder.co.uk

BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE NEWS

50 “Women Can” Packages available now!

Does your club need more women members? Have you thought about running a special event just for women?

If you have now is the chance to apply for £250 to help you set up and run the event

We are inviting 50 clubs to apply for a “Women Can” Funding Package to support an exciting woman only event at your club.

It might be a Prosecco & Bowls evening, Cappuccino & Bowls morning or Cake & Bowls on a lovely sunny afternoon all focused on introducing new women into your club.

For more details or to download an application form or go to our website: <http://playbowls.org/womencan/women-can-> packages or call Kara in the BDA office 01664 777001 for more information

The event needs to be run by the end of November 2019. Applications are open to clubs that may have applied this year for a Play Bowls Package but is not available to clubs that are working with the Women’s Institute programme.

All clubs must be affiliated to Bowls England and/or the EIBA

Let us know how it goes.

15. COUNTY CLUB NEWS

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

ABINGTON BC

Fixtures:

- 11.6.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 12.6.19. Club hosts the Masonic BA for its 'Francis Beaton' trophy competition at 10.0 a.m.
- 13.6.19. Club plays Leicester BC at home at 2.30 pm.
- 14.6.9. Club plays Abbey Park BC away in the Women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 17.6.19. A Team plays Northampton West End BC at home & B Team plays Earls Barton BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

BRACKLEY & DISTRICT BC

Fixtures:

- 13.6.19. Club plays Banbury Borough BC away at 6.15 p.m.
- 15.6.19. Club plays Middle Barton BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.6.19. Club plays Northampton West End BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 19.6.19. Club plays Castleton Danby BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

- 15.6.19. Club plays Wootton Grange BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.6.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.6.19. Club plays Heyford BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

BYFIELD BC

Fixtures:

- 14.6.19. Club plays Roade BC at home in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.6.19. Club plays Heyford BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.6.19. Club plays Wootton Grange BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

CARLSBERG BC

Fixtures:

- 15.6.19. Club plays Daventry Tigers BC away at 2.30 p.m.

COGENHOE BC

Fixtures:

- 13.6.19. Club hosts a match between Licensed Victuallers BC and Kettering Park BC at 2.0 p.m.
- 15.6.19. Club plays Stony Stratford BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 16.6.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 17.6.19. Club plays Northampton Express at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

DAVENTRY TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 13.6.19. Club plays Harpole BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 14.6.19. Club plays St Crispin BC in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.6.19. Club plays Banbury Chestnuts BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 17.6.9. A Team plays Kislingbury BC at home & B Team plays Harpole BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

HARPOLE BC

Fixtures:

- 13.6.19. Club plays Daventry Ton BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
15.6.19. Club plays Caldecott Park BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

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HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

- 15.6.19. Club plays Heyford BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
19.6.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away at 2.30 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

- 15.6.19. Club hosts 'Middleton Cup' match between Northamptonshire & Cambridgeshire at 2.0 p.m.
16.6.19. Club plays Bugbrooke BC away at 2.30 p.m.
18.6.19. Club plays Abington BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC

Fixtures:

- 13.6.19. Club plays Daventry Tigers BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
15.6.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away at 2.0 p.m.
15.6.19. Club plays Rugby Thornfield BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Fixtures:

- 15.6.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
17.6.19. A Team plays St Crispin BC at home & B Team plays Cogenhoe BC away in the men's triples League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC

Fixtures:

- 17.6.19. A Team plays Abington BC away & B Team plays Brackley & District BC at home in the men's triples League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

- 14.6.19. Club plays Woodford-cum-Membris BC in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
15.6.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
16.6.19. Club plays its men v women for the 'Dilworth Cup' at 2.0 p.m.
17.6.19. A Team plays Kingsthorpe BC & B Team plays Harpole BC in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
19.6.19. Club plays Heyford BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

ROADE BC

Fixtures:

- 14.6.19. Club plays Byfield BC away in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
15.6.19. Club plays Irchester BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
17.6.19. Club plays Daventry Town BC in the men's triples League at 6.30 p.m.

ST. CRISPIN BC

Fixtures:

- 14.6.19. Club plays Daventry Town BC away in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
15.6.19. Club plays Northampton Express BC away at 2.0 p.m.
17.6.19. A Team plays Northampton Express BC away & B Team plays Daventry Tigers at home in the men's triples League at 6.30 p.m.
19.6.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor Park BC away at 2.0 p.m.

WEST HADDON BC

Fixtures:

- 11.6.19. Club plays Lutterworth BC away at 6.30 p.m.
18.6.19. Club plays Rugby Railway BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

WOODFORD-cum-MEMBRIS BC

Fixtures:

- 14.6.19 – 17.6.19 Club on weekend Tour to Bridlington, Yorkshire , playing 2 matches
19.6.19. Club plays Daventry Tigers BC away at 6.30 p.m.

WOOTTON GRANGE BC

Fixtures:

- 15.6.19. Club plays Bugbrooke BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
17.6.19. A Team plays Byfield BC away & B Team plays West Haddon BC at home 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:

- 15.6.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

- 13.6.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC away for the Hull Cup at 6.30 p.m.
15.6.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.
16.6.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
18.6.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

CORBY SEAGRAVE HOUSE BC

Fixtures:

- 13.6.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC at home for the Hull Cup at 6.30 p.m.
15.6.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC away at 2.0 p.m.
18.6.19. Club plays Thrapston BC in the County League at 6.30 p.m.

DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 12.6.19. Club plays Little Bowden BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
13.6.19. Club plays the Northants Retired Police BA at home at 2.0 p.m.
15.6.19. Club plays Little Bowden BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

- 15.6.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.
17.6.19. Club plays Abington BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

- 16.6.19. Club plays Irchester BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
- 16.6.19. Club plays Cogenhe BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 18.6.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC away at 2.0 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 15.6.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 16.6.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
- 17.6.19. Club 'A' Team plays Thrapston BC away & 'B' Team plays Rushden Town BC 'A' Team at home in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

IRCHESTER BC

Fixtures:

- 15.6.19. Club plays Roade BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 16.6.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
- 16.6.19. Club plays its Men v Women match at 2.0 p.m.
- 17.6.19. Club 'D' Team plays Rebels at home & 'B' Team plays New Order away in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixtures:

- 15.6.19. Club plays Ise BC away at 2.0 p.m.

ISE BC

Fixtures:

- 13.6.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor Park BC for the 'Barsby Cup' away at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.6.19. Club plays Irthlingborough Church Institute BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 16.6.19. Club plays Avon BC away at 2.0 p.m.

ISLIP BC

Fixtures:

- 16.6.19. Club plays Cromer Marrams BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 18.6.19. Club plays RBL Mears Ashby BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

- 13.6.19. Club plays Thrapston BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.6.19. Club plays Earls Barton BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 19.6.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC in the County League at 6.15 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixtures:

- 15.6.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 18.6.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC in the County League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixtures:

13.6.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.

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OUNDLE BC**Fixtures:**

13.6.19. Club plays Kettering Athletic BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

15.6.19. Club plays Stanwick BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

19.6.19. Club plays Stamford BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC**Fixtures:**

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

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

RUSHDEN TOWN BC**Fixtures:**

13.6.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC for the 'Fred King Cup' at home at 2.0 p.m.

15.6.19. Club plays Bedford Borough BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

17.6.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC 'B' away in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

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

SWANSPOOL BC**Fixtures:**

19.6.19. Club plays Wellingborough OG's BC away at 2.0 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC**Fixtures:**

13.6.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

15.6.19. Club plays Finedon Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.

17.6.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC away in the Tipler triples league at 6.30 p.m.

18.6.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC in the County League at 6.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC**Fixtures:**

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

13.6.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC away for the 'Fred King Cup' at 2.0 p.m.

15.6.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

18.6.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC in the County League at 6.30 p.m.

18.6.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH OG'S BC**Fixtures:**

13.6.19. Club plays Stanwick BC at home at 6.0 p.m.

15.6.19. Club holds a 'Fun Day' at 1.0 p.m.

19.6.19. Club plays Swanspool BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

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