

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PLAYERS INVOLVED IN ENGLAND versus AUSTRALIA MATCH

The following County players played for **England** in a contest between **England and Australia**, at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa, on the weekend of 20th/21st July, 2019, in preparation for the Commonwealth Games bowls to be held there in 2022.

Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC

Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC

They were joined in the Men's Team by Nick Brett, Huntingdonshire, Jamie Chestney, Robert Paxton & Louis Ridout, all of Devon, and they played on both days.

Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC

She was joined in the Women's Team by Ellen Falkner, Cambridgeshire, Amy Gowshall, Lincolnshire, Wendy King, Kent, Lorraine Kuhler, Sussex & Sophie Tolchard, Devon. They played on both days.

Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC

He was in the Disability Bowls England Team and played in the 'Para-Triples' with Gill Platt and Mike Robertson, on Sunday, 21st July, 2019.

Note: Results of these matches were not available to me at the time of publication of this Report, although I am aware that overall England won 12-10. I will report details next week.

2. BRITISH ISLES JUNIOR MEN'S INTERNATIONAL SERIES – COUNTY PLAYERS PLAYING

Bowls England has selected its team for the British Isles Bowls Council Junior Men's International Series, to be played at Essex County Bowls Club, Westcliff-on-Sea, on the weekend of 14th/15th September, 2019, and County players have been named:

Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC

Adam Pitfield, Burton Latimer Town BC

Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC

William Walker, Northampton West End BC (twin brother of Danny) has been selected as a non-travelling reserve in the England Squad.

Connor will skip a rink with **Danny** as his lead, and Tom Holmes of Herefordshire at No. 2 and Edward Elmore of Huntingdonshire, at No. 3. **Danny will be playing his first England Junior International.**

Adam will play at No. 2 in a Rink skipped by Lloyd Sabatini of Berkshire, and he will have as his colleagues Glen Adams of Middlesex at Lead, and BJ Byles of Berkshire at No 3. **Adam will also be making his International Debut for the England Junior Team.**

We congratulate them on their selection, and wish them the best of bowling success when they represent their country.

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus HUNTINGDONSHIRE – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire**, in a friendly match against Huntingdonshire BA on Tuesday, 30th July, 2019, at Thrapston BC, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Darren Lee, Desborough Town BC/Keith Brudenell, Swanspool BC/John Chester, Desborough Town BC & Executive/Paul Green, Northampton Express BC & Executive
- Rink 2.** Don Scott, Brackley & District BC/David Walker, Oundle BC/David Betts, Higham Ferrers Town BC/John Church, Retired Police BA & Executive
- Rink 3.** Paul Cooke, Carlsberg BC/Rod Douglas, Kettering Lodge BC/Geoff Harris, Higham Ferrers Town BC/Terry James, Thrapston BC
- Rink 4.** Larry Lawrence, Kettering Lodge BC/Albert Kelly, Rothwell Manor Park BC/Dave Stewart, Rushden Town BC/Walt Winsor, Wellingborough BC
- Rink 5.** Chris Hawkins, Rothwell Manor Park BC/Neil Moore, Northampton Express BC/Geoff Allen, Heyford BC/Richard Somerton, Brackley & District BC & Executive
- Rink 6.** Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton BC/Robert Emery, Rothwell Manor Park BC/Dave Lovell, Irchester BC/Michael Moulton, Heyford BC

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN M.E.L. versus GLOUCESTERSHIRE – 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 Gloucestershire on Friday, 26th July, 2019, at Chipping Campden BC, Station Road, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, GL55 6LB commencing at 1.30 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Marlene Armitage, Wellingborough BC/Maggie Edwards, Kingsthorpe BC/Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC/Val Betts, Higham Ferrers Town BC
- Rink 2.** Velda Cooper, Finedon Town BC/Jo Johns, Geddington & Newton BC/Jan Hunt, Wellingborough BC/Alison Dring, Burton Latimer Town BC
- Rink 3.** Sue Collins, Wellingborough BC/Elaine Munton, Northampton Whyte Melville BC/Nancy Tebbutt, Thrapston BC/Barbara Haseldine, Finedon Town BC
- Rink 4.** Sandra Lake, Wellingborough BC/Shelagh Galloway, Thrapston BC/Karon Kerr, Geddington & Newton BC/Rose Houghton, Higham Ferrers Town BC
- Rink 5.** Marian Mackie, Audrey Height, Pat Starsmore & Sian Hughes-Jones, all Kettering Lodge BC
- Rink 6.** Nicky Hardy, Kingsthorpe BC/Rhona Holland & Jill Welch, both Heyford BC/Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe BC
- Reserves:** Pam Page, Kettering Lodge BC/Linda Walsh, Wellingborough BC/Wilma Walker, Corby Forest BC

5. BOWLS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 50th CELEBRATION versus DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Desborough Town BC is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and as part of the Club's celebrations, it invited **Bowls Northamptonshire** to play them, and the match took place on the evening of Friday, 19th July, 2019, on probably the worst day for rain of the season so far. It really was not bowling weather, with constant rain and quite a cold breeze, and although such evening matches are normally played over 18 ends, due to the adverse weather it was for shortened to 12 ends after originally deciding on 16 ends because of the rain.

Not very long after the match was ended the rain really sheeted down and it was not long before the green was flooded. Nevertheless it was an enjoyable celebration, for Desborough's hospitality was first class, and they even let the County win by a few shots!

Included in the County team were several Past Presidents, including Eleanor Winters, Margaret Cave, Wilma Walker, Marlene Armitage, John Chester, Stuart Lake, John Cooper, Terry James & yours truly, plus the County Administrator Jan Hunt, the Acting Men's Secretary Kevin Mawson, the Greens Inspectorate Secretary Alan Ashby, and taking the match County Men's Vice President Paul Green.

The final score was Northamptonshire 61 shots – Desborough 48 shots

Rink details as follows, County names first:

Rink 1. Karon Kerr, Roy Cave, Margaret Cave & Wilma Walker 7 shots – Rachel Jarvis, Sharon Lane, Barry Hogston & Bill McGillivray 9 shots

A match that started well for the County in reaching 4-0 after 4 ends, and 5-2 after 7 ends, but in picking up two doubles on the next 2 ends, Desborough went in front 6-5 shots, and although Wilma and team went back in front 7-6 on the next end, Bill and his team collected 3 shots on the last 2 ends played to win by the small margin.

Rink 2. Jo Johns, John Cooper, Eleanor Winters & Terry James 6 shots – Celia Brooker, Denise Warren, Bob Mitchell & Trevor Wright 16 shots

After the two sides were level at 3 shots each after 5 ends, Desborough took a 5-4 lead 2 ends later, and Terry and his players were kept on that 7 for 4 more ends whilst Trevor & his team scored 10 shots for a very good lead which, as the rain dominating factor provided just 2 more ends to play, Desborough were relatively easy winners.

Rink 3. Stuart Lake, Liz Chester, Dave Moore & Norman Gibb 10 shots – Dave Newman, Sharon Thorpe, T Jarvis & Trevor Anderson 7 shots

Another close match with the scores level on 4 shots each after 5 ends, but the County won the next 3 ends and doubled their score to 8-4, and after dropping a single, Norman and his men collected 2 more shots for a 5 shots lead, until Trevor and his team scored a double on the last end for their modest defeat.

Rink 4. Will Clelland, Gill Green, John Chester & Paul Green 13 shots – Eddy Short, Phil Thorpe, Margaret McGillivray & Ron Chambers 2 shots

Vice President Paul, with his wife Gill in his rink, somewhat dominated this match, reaching 9 shots on the first 7 ends, without reply from the Club players, and after dropping 2 singles and scoring 1 on the next 3 ends, the County picked up 3 more shots on the last 3 ends for a substantial win.

Rink 5. Marlene Armitage, Janet Ashby, Matt Pownall & John Church 6 shots – Ann Woolston, Richard Cooke, Karen Collins & Bob Sullivan 8 shots

I would like to say that this was a pleasant match, but the weather ruined that notion, although the company was very good, and the competition was very tight, with both sets of players winning 6 ends, but the Club winning the only two ends of more than a single shot. The score was close throughout, and after 10 ends it was tied at 6 each, and when playing the last end I was holding 1 shot which would have given us a draw, but I had the misfortune with my first bowl of just touching a Desborough bowl in for shot, and with my last bowl, in needing to move the jack out to one of the County bowls, I did so but it went to an opposition bowl.

Rink 6. Alan Ashby, Sandra Mawson, Jan Hunt & Kevin Mawson 19 shots – Richard Watts, Derek Sharman, Russ Owen & Brian Smith 6 shots

After an exchange of singles on the first 2 ends, the County rink went on a good scoring run of 4 ends to take a good lead at 10-1, but the Club players hit back by winning the next 3 ends to reduce their deficit to 5-10, however, the 10th end was a bit of a disaster for Desborough, as Kevin and his players, which included his wife Sandra, picked up a massive count of 6 shots, followed by a 3 for a 19-5 lead. The Club side did win the last end with a single, but they suffered a substantial defeat nevertheless.

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'MCBA' versus WORCESTERSHIRE – SELECTION

The following players have been selected by **Team Manager, Mick Smith & his Assistant, Mick Sharpe**, to represent the men's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire**, in a Midland Counties Championship match against Worcestershire, on Saturday, 27th July, 2019, at Bugbrooke BC, Playing Field, Camp Close, Bugbrooke, Northants., NN7 3RW, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Neil Rolfe, Northampton Express BC/Mark Tomkins, Kingsthorpe BC/John Haines, Desborough Town BC/Paul Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC
- Rink 2.** Tony O'Leary, Abington BC/Simon Coles, Northampton Express BC/Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC/Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough BC
- Rink 3.** David Love, Wellingborough BC/Mick Spear, Kingsthorpe BC/Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC/Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 4.** Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC/Sam Gamble, Kettering Lodge BC/Peter Ward, Desborough Town BC/David Walker, Northampton West End BC
- Rink 5.** Rob White, Northampton Express BC/Martin Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC/Jack Tobin & Phil Exley, both Burton Latimer Town BC
- Rink 6.** Chris Gray, Burton Latimer Town BC/John Freeman, Abington BC/Nathan Betts & Will Walker, both Northampton West End BC
- Reserve:** Paul Green, Northampton Express BC

7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'FRIENDLY' versus BEDFORDSHIRE - SELECTION

The following have been selected to represent the Women's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** in a friendly match against Bedfordshire on Wednesday, 31st July, 2019, at Dunstable Town BC, Hawthorn Close, Bullpond Lane, Dunstable, LU6 3BL, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Wen Hill, Northampton Whyte Melville BC/Val Scott, Brackley & District BC/Wilma Walker, Corby Forest BC/Val Betts, Higham Ferrers Town BC
- Rink 2.** Anita Gearey, Roade BC/Sue Prior, Brackley & District BC/Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC/Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC
- Rink 3.** Chris Cooper, Burton Latimer Town BC/Maggie Edwards, Kingsthorpe BC/Audrey Height, Kettering Lodge BC/Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 4.** Trish Basford, Geddington & Newton BC/Lisbeth Milburn, Abington BC/Elaine Urquhart, Brackley & District BC/Joan Sidebottom, Roade BC
- Rink 5.** Marlene Armitage, Wellingborough BC/Elaine Munton, Northampton Whyte Melville BC/Heather Lack, Burton Latimer Town BC/Janet Swift, Abbey Park BC
- Reserves:** Jan Hunt, Wellingborough BC/Sandy Hayter, Bugbrooke BC/Chris Cross, Byfield BC/Jill Welch, Heyford BC

8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN FRIENDLY versus SURREY – RESULT

The men of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** entertained Surrey to a friendly match at Kislingbury BC on Thursday, 18th July, 2019, and after a close overall match, the County lost by just 3 shots, and had 2 winning rinks and 4 losing, with 3 of those doing so by just a total of 8 shots. The highest winning rink for the County was that skipped by Terry James which won by a very good 19 shots. The final score was Northamptonshire 109 shots – Surrey 112 shots. Rink details as follows, Surrey skips only named:

- Rink 1.** **John Higginbottom, Dave Francis, John Chester & Mossy Waters 16 shots – Peter Rapley 20 shots**

In this match Surrey started much the better in winning the first 3 ends with 2 singles and a 4, and after the County collected 4 shots and dropped 1 in the next 3 ends, the gap was reduced by half to 4-7, but the 7th end saw Surrey pick up another 4 to go further ahead. Mossy and his men were not overcome by this and over the next few ends they kept pace with the visitors and got to within 3 shots at 9-12, with 10 ends to go. 5 of the next 7 ends went the way of Mossy & his men for them to draw level on 15 shots each, but another dropped 4 on the 19th gave Surrey the edge, and with the last 2 ends shared 1 shot each, it was a modest win for Surrey..

Rink 2. Rod Douglas, Lynn Ridgeway, Dave Betts & Michael Moulton 21 shots – Joe Cable 18 shots

Another match in which Surrey started well, this time with a 4 on the first end and a lead of 5-1 after 3, but the County drew level 5 each at 5 ends played, although Surrey reacted strongly and won the next 3 ends for a lead at 11-5. At 10 ends of play the visitors' lead was 12-7, but then Michael and his men had a 'purple patch' of scoring on the following 3 ends, with a double, followed by a massive pick up of 6 and another double to take the lead 17-12. With 5 ends to play the County lead was still 6 shots, and after Surrey scored a 3 on the first of those ends, the remaining 4 were equally shared with single counts, for a modest win for the County.

Rink 3. Stephen Hill, Terry Chapman, Peter Kitchener & Geoff Hayter 15 shots – Nobby Clark 17 shots

A match which initially Surrey were in the ascendancy with a 4-1 lead at 5 ends, but in winning 3 of the next 5 ends with good scores, the County rink went in front 7-6 after 10 ends of play, but after still being 1 shot in front at 9-8 after 12 ends, Geoff and his men dropped a 3 on the next end to go 9-11 behind. They levelled on the next end, but were then kept on that 11 for 3 ends as Surrey added 4 shots for a 16-11 lead with 4 ends to go, and as Geoff and his men scored 4 shots to 1 conceded, they finally lost by a small margin.

Rink 4. Stuart Lake, Eddie Chapman, Brian Jones & Terry James 30 shots – Peter Marshall 11 shots

In this match past England and County President Stuart Lake who was at lead, was Captain for the day of the County team, and he would no doubt be very pleased that he, together with the help of Terry, Eddy & Brian, were able to score a very good victory against the Surrey President, Peter Marshall. The County had a 'rocket start' in picking up 13 shots in the first 4 ends, including a big 5 on the first end, and after dropping a double on the 5th end, they scored 9 more shots without reply for a 22-2 lead after 10 ends. The second half of the match was very evenly fought, with Surrey collecting 9 shots, and Terry and his men posting 8 more, but it was, nevertheless, quite a dominant win with the County winning 15 of the 21 ends.

Rink 5. Larry Lawrence, Dave Lovell, Keith Brudenell & Geoff Harris 9 shots – Colin Gray 26 shots

In this match the County rink was rather 'under the hammer' for most of it, with Surrey starting well with an 8-3 shots lead after 5 ends, and in winning 5 of the next 6 ends well, they lead 18-4 after 11 ends. The second half saw Geoff & his men win 4 of the last 10 ends and collect 5 shots, but Surrey won 6 ends and added 8 shots for a comfortable victory to them.

Rink 6. Paul Cooke, Richard Tyack, Geoff Allen & Kevin Mawson 18 shots – Bill Ayling 20 shots

In this match it looked as though the County rink was going to get a real drubbing, for Surrey were 6-0 up after 4 ends, and 17-2 up after 12 ends, but Kevin & his men really rallied, and in winning the next 6 ends, and collecting 15 shots in the process, including a big 5 on the 15th & a 4 on the 13th, they tied up the match at 17 shots each with 3 ends to go. Those 3 ends gave Surrey a 3-1 shots advantage, so it was a small defeat in the end for the County men.

9. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT COUNTY

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The Women's Section County Finals, apart from those already reported on, will be played at Northampton Whyte Melville BC on Saturday, 27th & Sunday, 28th July, 2019, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

4 WOOD SINGLES

3rd Round:

- North Area:** **Alison Dring, Burton Latimer Town BC beat** Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-4 shots
Emma Muir, Corby Forest BC beat Karon Kerr, Geddington & Newton BC 21-10 shots
Katie Smith, Desborough Town BC given walkover by Joy Gordon, Irchester BC
Emma Exley, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Chris Cooper, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-18 shots
- South Area:** **Gill Crossley, Abington BC beat** Lisbeth Milburn, Abington BC 21-10 shots
Pat Bodily, Kingsthorpe BC beat Sandra Mawson, Kingsthorpe BC 21-13 shots
Jill Welch, Heyford BC beat Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC 21-7 shots
Ann-Marie Waters, Roade BC beat Janet Ashby, Roade BC 21-13 shots

QUARTER FINALS – played at Kettering Lodge BC on Sunday, 21st July, 2019.

1. Pat Bodily, Kingsthorpe BC beat Emma Muir, Corby Forest BC 21-14 shots.

This match was the longest of all the Quarter Finals, stretching to 24 ends of play, which is an indication of how tight the match was for most of its duration. The scores were level at 2 shots each after 3 ends, and again level, at 6 shots each after 8 ends, and after 10 ends Emma had got a 1 shot lead at 8-7, but Pat then kept her on that 8 for 5 ends whilst she added 6 shots to take a 13-8 lead. Emma was still keeping pace with her vastly experienced opponent and at 18 ends played she was just 1 shot behind at 12-13 shots, but Pat had an exceptionally productive 3 ends in which she scored 7 shots to get to within 1 of victory, and although Emma won the following 2 ends with singles, the 24th end saw Pat get the winning shot.

2. Katie Smith, Desborough Town BC beat Jill Welch, Heyford BC 21-8 shots

In this match, after dropping a double on the first end, Katie got into her stride and after 6 ends of play she was 7-3 shots up, but then Jill won 4 successive ends of play to take the lead at 8-7 after 10 ends of play. This saw Katie respond in the most effective way as she proceeded to win the next 8 ends, in some style, without reply, and she reached the winning post in collecting 14 shots in those ends.

3. Ann-Marie Waters, Roade BC beat Emma Exley, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-10 shots

In this encounter Ann-Marie set about her task with great haste as she won the first 6 ends and posted 10 shots on the scoreboard, and after a double exchange of single shots she was 12-2 shots up after 10 ends of play. Emma was bowling well at this stage, but Ann-Marie so often just pipped her for the shot, and after 15 ends of play Emma was 8-16 shots adrift, and when Ann-Marie collected a maximum count of 4 on the 16th end, she was almost there. That one shot is so often difficult to get, and Emma certainly made it hard for her as she won the next 2 ends before Ann-Marie could get the winning shot on the 19th end played.

4. Gill Crossley, Abington BC beat Alison Dring, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-17 shots

In this match Gill started off very well, for after dropping a single on the first end, she picked up 6 shots on the next 3 ends for a 6-1 lead, but Alison is a very competitive and experienced bowler, and 4 ends later she was just 1 shot adrift at 7-8, however, the next 4 ends saw Gill go further ahead at 13-8. After 15 ends of play Gill was still 4 shots up at 14-10, but Alison then had a very good session of 4 ends in which she scored 7 shots without reply, to take the lead at 17-14 shots, but it was the turn of Gill to have a 'purple patch' for she firstly levelled the match with a 3, followed it with another 3 to be on the cusp of victory, and next end got the one shot she needed for victory.

SEMI-FINALS - also played at Kettering Lodge BC on Sunday, 21st July, 2019.

1. Pat Bodily beat Gill Crossley 21-4 shots.

In this match Pat won the first 8 ends and took a 12-0 lead in the process, and Gill was just not able to get on the score sheet until she bowled a couple of decent bowls on the 9th end for a double, and she followed it with another well bowled pair to double her score. Unfortunately for her, that was the last she was able to score, and I think it is fair to say that she did not play anywhere near as well as she had done in the Quarter Final, so Pat ran out the winner in taking the last 6 ends played

2. Ann-Marie Waters beat Katie Smith 21-19 shots

This match between two young ladies who can certainly 'bowl a bit' to say the least, was a great one, very absorbing to watch, and was in my opinion, and not just mine, worthy of any Final. It was 'nip and tuck' all the way, with very few shots between them at any stage of the match. After 6 ends of play the scores were level at 6 each, and at 9 ends it was 8 each, and after Ann-Marie had taken a 10-8 lead on the next end, Katie, after dropping a single, scored a 3 on the 12th end to lead 12-10, and another 3 on the 13th end to increase her lead. Ann-Marie closed the gap a little at 13-15 down, but after conceding a single on the 15th end, she picked up a maximum count of 4 to retake the lead at 17-16, and in winning the next 2 ends with singles, she was almost there at 19-16 after 18 ends of play. We were treated to 4 more very interesting ends, in which Ann-Marie was holding a match winning lie on the first 3 of those ends, when Katie, on each occasion, bowled a terrific bowl to save the match, but finally on the 22nd end played in the match, Ann-Marie got the shot she needed for victory.

Pat and Ann-Marie will now contest the County Final, which is a repeat of last year's final, when they meet later in the month, but more importantly for them, they will now represent the County at the National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa, next month, when Pat will meet the Devon 'B' qualifier and Ann-Marie will meet the Cornwall 'C' qualifier, both at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 9th August, 2019.

2 WOOD SINGLES

QUARTER FINALS – played on Saturday, 20th July, 2019, at Kettering Lodge BC (apart from the first one, which was played earlier as Rebecca Wigfield was representing England on this date).

1. Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC beat Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC 15-12 shots

This match was a very finely fought contest between two very determined players, and the scores were level at 3 shots each after 5 ends of play, and after taking a decent 8-3 lead, Sian was able to score just one more shot in the next 6 ends, whilst Rebecca scored well to take the lead at 10-9. Sian tied things up on the next end, and after Rebecca went back in front by 1 shot, Sian won the next 3 ends to be almost 'home and dry' at 15-11 up after 19 ends of the scheduled 21. Rebecca needed to win both of the last ends with 2 shots on each, but as she was able to score just 1 on the 20th end, it was Sian who progressed to the Semi-Finals.

2. Alison Dring, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Joyce George, Wellingborough BC 15-8 shots

This was a pretty close affair for the first 10 ends, with firstly Joyce taking a small lead, and then Alison doing likewise, and at 10 ends of play the scores were level at 7 shots each. At this point Alison kept Joyce riveted to that 7 for 5 ends whilst she scored 5 shots for a good 12-7 lead with 6 ends left to play, and after Joyce collected a single on the 16th end, Alison scored singles on the next 3 ends for victory and a passage to the semi-finals.

3. Sandra Mawson, Kingsthorpe BC beat Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC 17-12 shots

In this match, after being on level terms at 2 each after 3 ends, Sandra won 4 successive ends to take a 7-2 lead, but Linda kept with her in winning the next 2 for 3 shots and just 2 in deficit. Sandra increased her lead to 12-6 after 13 ends of play, but Linda upped her game and won the next 4 ends to tie up the match at 12 shots each with 4 ends to play. It was Sandra who had the edge over the next 3 ends to add 5 shots for a good victory and a passage to the semi-finals.

4. Jill Welch, Heyford BC beat Lisbeth Milburn, Abington BC 15-10 shots

This was a very good fight between last year's title holder Jill and the 'up and coming' Lisbeth, with Lisbeth starting very well for a 4-0 lead after 3 ends and 5-2 after 5, but Jill scored two doubles and a single to take the lead at 7-5, however, the determined Lisbeth tied things up at 7 each after 10 ends of play. Jill responded by winning the next 3 ends to retake the lead at 11-7, but in winning the following 3 ends, Lisbeth got to within 1 shot at 10-11 with 5 ends left to play. Jill once again responded like the Champion she was to score 4 shots on the next 3 ends for victory and into the semi-finals.

SEMI-FINALS – played at Kettering Lodge BC on Saturday, 20th July, 2019.

1. Alison Dring, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC 14-7 shots

In this semi-final Sian started very well in winning 4 of the first 6 ends and leading 6-2 shots after 6 ends, and 7-4 after 9 ends, but Alison is a very determined bowler, and she really got her game going for she won all the remaining ends played, apart from 1 tied end, and added 10 shots for a very good win and passage to the County Final.

2. Sandra Mawson, Kingsthorpe BC beat Jill Welch, Heyford 17-14 shots

This was a very keenly contested match with hardly ever more than 2 shots between the two players. At 5 ends played Sandra was 1 up at 5-4, but Jill took the lead 7-5 after 7 ends, and that was followed by Sandra winning 3 successive ends and posting 5 shots to lead 10-7. 4 ends later they were level once more at 11 shots each, with the head changing with almost every delivery, After 3 more ends the two were yet again level at 13 shots each with 4 ends to play, and it seemed likely that the match would go the full distance, especially as, with 2 ends left they were again level at 14 shots each. Sandra picked up a very good 2 shots on the 20th end, and on playing the last scheduled end she bowled her first bowl fairly close to the jack and despite her best efforts, Jill could not prevent the 1 shot to Sandra, and a place in the County Final.

The winning semi-finalists will now contest the County Final on the weekend of 27th/28th July, 2019, at Northampton Whyte Melville BC, but more importantly they will represent the County at the National Finals at Royal Leamington Spa next month, Alison will play a Preliminary Round at 2.0 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th August, 2019, against the Kent ‘A’ qualifier, and Sandra will play a 1st Round at 3.30 p.m. on the same day against the Gloucestershire ‘A’ qualifier.

UNDER 25 SINGLES

Semi-Finals:

1. Abby Woodward, Burton Latimer Town BC given walkover by Megan Rolfe, Kingsthorpe BC

2. Lois Woodward, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Chloe Weston, Abbey Park BC 21-12 shots

This puts sisters Lois & Abby through to the County Final later this month, but more importantly for them, they will now represent the County at the National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa on Sunday, 4th August, 2019, when one of them will play a Devon qualifier at 9.30 a.m. and the other a Somerset qualifier at 11.30 a.m.

UNDER 25 PAIRS

FINAL – played at Burton Latimer Town BC on the evening of Monday, 15th July, 2019

Lois Woodward and Abby Woodward, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Paige Johnson-Young and Abbi Johnson-Young, Northampton West End BC 23-8 shots.

Unusual for pairs of sisters to contest a County Final, but Lois & Abby and twins Paige & Abbi did so, and provided a good quality match, in which the Woodward sisters were ‘on fire’ and after picking up a big count of 5 on the first end, they lead 8-4 after 5 ends of play. At this point, with some exceptional deliveries from both of them, the local Burton Latimer players, collected 14 shots in 5 winning ends, including a massive pick up of 6 shots and also a 4, to be almost out of sight at 22-4 after 10 of the scheduled 18 ends. Paige & Abbi did not give up, and they were still putting in decent bowls, and they won the next 2 ends to reduce their deficit to 15 shots with 6 ends to play, but an exchange of single shots on the next 2 ends, was enough for the twins to shake hand and concede the victory to the Woodward girls.

This win puts Lois and Abby through to the National Finals at Royal Leamington Spa where they will represent the County 1.0 p.m. on Saturday, 17th August, 2019, against the Wiltshire qualifiers..

OVER 55 FOURS

FINAL – played at Burton Latimer Town BC on the evening of Monday, 15th July, 2019.

Jenny Dempsey, Simone Evans, Viv Gaudyn & Rose Houghton, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Linda Simms, Sue Briggs, Pat Starsmore & Audrey Height, Kettering Lodge BC 19-17 shots

A match between two very experienced rinks of bowlers, which promised to be a close encounter, but initially it was the Higham Ferrers players that started the better in winning the first 4 ends for a 6-0 shots lead, but Kettering picked up 5 shots on the next 2 ends to get close, however, Rose and her ladies then collected a good 4 to go further ahead at 10-5, and after 10 ends of play the deficit for Kettering was still 6 shots at 6-12 down. After dropping a double on the next end Rose and her players won 4 successive ends to lead 19-8 with 3 ends to play, and they could see the finishing post. Audrey and her ladies, however, were not about to give in and on the next 2 ends picked up a 4 and a single to get within 6 shots of Higham, and on the last end it got a little bit worrying for the Higham players and their many supporters, as the Lodge built up a decent head to have a chance of at least drawing the match for an extra end, but when her last bowl was played by Audrey it did not quite get the result she wanted and Rose did not need to bowl her last bowl for the win was hers by 2 shots.

This win by Higham Ferrers Town BC ladies means that not only are they County Champions, but they will also represent the County at the National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 21st August, 2019, when their opponents will be the Sussex qualifiers.

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COUNTY COMPETITIONS SPONSORED BY KEMPSTON CONTROLS, SHIRLEY ROAD, RUSHDEN

PAIRS

SOUTH AREA

Area Finals: **Kasey Fowkes & Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC beat** Gerrard Stephenson & Partner, St Crispin BC 29-13 shots
Chloe Weston & Wayne Stanley, Northampton Express BC beat Kevin Mawson & Partner, Kissingbury BC 22-8 shots
Neville Bodily & Pat Bodily, Whyte Melville BC beat Richard Tyack & Partner, Woodford-cum-Membris BC 24-9 shots

NORTH AREA

Area Finals: **Abby Woodward & Matt Pownall, Burton Latimer Town BC given walkover by** Richard Horrell & Partner, Thrapston BC
Marilyn Dunkley & David Love, Wellingborough BC beat Malcolm Chambers & Partner, Wellingborough BC 24-4 shots
Tina Broderick & Paul Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Brian Hickman & Partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC 24-6 shots
Linda Simms & Allen Simms, Kettering Lodge BC beat Kieran Rollings & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC 15-14 shots

QUARTER FINALS – played at Wellingborough BC on the evening of Thursday, 18th July, 2019.

1. Neville Bodily & Pat Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville BC beat Chloe Weston, & Wayne Stanley, Northampton Express BC 23-13 shots

In this match, husband and wife Neville & Pat, started very well, with a 3 on the first end, followed by 4 singles, for a 7-0 lead after 5 ends, but then Chloe & Wayne had a very good run of winning ends, taking 8 shots and a 1 shot lead after 9 ends. Neville & Pat reinstated their lead in winning the next 3 ends with 6 shots, but 2 ends later Chloe & Wayne had reduced their deficit to 2 shots at 11-13, until a good pick up of 4 followed by a single saw the Whyte Melville duo 18-11 up with 5 ends to play. The Express pair won the first of those ends with singles, but when Neville & Pat collected a big 5 on the 19th end, the match was theirs.

2. Tina Broderick & Paul Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Linda Simms & Allen Simms, Kettering Lodge BC 26-6 shots

In this match 4 successive winning counts of 2 saw husband & wife team Tina & Paul 8-0 up against yet another husband and wife team in Linda & Allen, but the Kettering Lodge pair won 3 of the next 4 ends to reduce their deficit to 4-9. At this point Tina & Paul really went to town in the scoring stakes, for they won the next 6 ends of play, picking up 16 shots in the process for a 25-4 shots lead with 7 ends left to play. Linda & Allen collected a double on the 15th end, but when losing the next end, albeit by just 1 shot, they shook hands and the victory was the Broderick's.

3. Marilyn Dunkley & David Love, Wellingborough BC beat Jenny & Alan Dempsey, Higham Ferrers Town BC 20-11 shots

Yet another husband and wife team, Jenny & Alan, met the local players Marilyn & David, and for the first 5 ends it was all the Wellingborough pair's match as they posted 10 shots without reply, and after 10 ends of play the margin was still 10 shots at 14-4. The Higham duo, however, were not daunted for they won 6 of the next 7 ends to draw closer at 11-16 shots down with 5 ends to play, but when Marilyn & David won the first 3 of those ends, it was time for Jenny & Alan to concede the victory.

4. Kasey Fowkes & Danny Walker, Northampton Express BC beat Abby Woodward & Matt Pownall, Burton Latimer Town BC 23-13 shots

This was a match between two youthful pairs, with Abby & Matt defending the title won last year, but it did not start at all well for them, as Kasey & Danny hammered them at the beginning by collecting big counts of 5 on each of the first 2 ends, and they then added 9 more unanswered shots for a massive 19-0 lead after 7 ends of play. At this point Abby & Matt found their game and they kept their opponents on that 19 whilst they won the next 6 ends to reduce their deficit to 9-19 shots. With 6 ends left to play Kasey & Danny were 22-9 to the good, but the holders did not give up, and they won the next 3 ends with 4 shots, although with several excellent woods delivered by both it could have been more if the luck had been with them, so with 3 ends left to play they were 9 shots adrift, and when the West End duo won the next end it was the end of the holder's defence of their title.

These winners will now contest the County Semi-Finals at 6.0 p.m. on Friday, 26th July, 2019, at Kislingbury BC.

EVENING TELEGRAPH DOUBLE RINK COMPETITION

1st Round: Corby Forest BC 'A' beat Wellingborough C 'A' 35-23 shots
Earls Barton BC 'B' given walkover by Corby Forest BC 'B'
Earls Barton BC 'A' beat Finedon Town BC 'B' 45-16 shots
Burton Latimer Town BC 'Blue' beat Ise BC 42-15 shots
Corby Seagrave House BC 'B' beat Kettering Midland Band BC 31-20 shots
Rushden Town BC 'A' given walkover by Thrapston BC 'B'
Thrapston BC 'A' beat Higham Ferrers Town BC 'A' 41-25 shots

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COUNTY COMPETITIONS SPONSORED BY KEMPSTON CONTROLS, SHIRLEY ROAD, RUSHDE

TRIPLES

In my Report last week I inadvertently got a result in the 2nd Round incorrect. The match between Carl Love's Triple, Irchester BC and Alistair Melville's Triple, Corby Forest BC was a win for Alistair, and not Carl, 21-15 shots.

3rd Round:

SOUTH AREA

Will Walker's Triple, Northampton West End BC beat Jamie Walker's Triple, Northampton West End BC 18-17 shots

Tom Wellburn's Triple, Northampton Express BC beat David Williamson's Triple, Northampton BBOB BC 19-12 shots

Trevor Aston, David Fage & Thomas Manderson Abington BC beat Richard White, Ian Bland & Dominic Graham, Northampton Express BC 18-12 shots

David Walker's Triple, Northampton West End BC beat Peter Milburn's Triple, Abington 21-0 shots

Geoff Hayter's Triple, Bugbrooke BC beat Martin Gearey's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC 18-10 shots

Gavin Taylor's Triple, Northampton Express BC beat Michael Moulton's Triple, Heyford BC 21-11 shots

Jason Bryan's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC beat Brian Humphries' Triple, Byfield BC 21-8 shots

Mick Spear's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC beat Ben Sharpe's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC 19-17 (after 2 extra ends)

NORTH AREA

Neil Gould's Triple, Earls Barton BC beat Brian Hickman's Triple, Higham Ferrers Town BC 20-12 shots

Steve Norman's Triple, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Allen Simms' Triple, Kettering Loge BC 21-16 shots

Will Keeney's Triple, Corby Seagrave House BC beat David Smith's Triple, Kettering Midland Band BC 22-11 shots

Kieran Rollings' Triple, Kettering Lodge BC beat David Love's Triple, Wellingborough BC 15-13 shots

Mark Turner, Martin Cinato & Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Alistair Melville's Triple, Corby Forest BC 20-7 shots

John Marlow's Triple, Wellingborough BC beat Pat Crouch's Triple, Desborough Town BC 19-14 shots

Jack Tobin's Triple, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Rod Douglas's Triple, Kettering Lodge BC 30-7 shots

Keith Gordon's Triple, Irchester BC beat David Harvey's Triple, Geddington & Newton BC 17-13 shots

AREA FINALS – played on the evening of Friday, 19th July, 2019

NORTH AREA: Neil Gould's Triple, Earls Barton BC beat Steve Norman's Triple, Higham Ferrers Town BC 19-11 shots
Kieran Rollings' Triple, Kettering Lodge BC beat Will Keeney's Triple, Corby Seagrave House BC 16-3 shots
Mark Turner, Martin Cinato & Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC beat John Marlow's Triple, Wellingborough BC 19-0 shots
Jack Tobin's Triple, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Keith Gordon's Triple, Irchester BC 21-7 shots

SOUTH AREA: Will Walker's Triple, Northampton West End BC beat Tom Wellburn's Triple, Northampton Express BC 15-14 shots
Trevor Aston, Dave Fage & Thomas Manderson, Abington BC beat Ian Walker, Danny Walker & David Walker, Northampton West End BC 20-10 shots
Gavin Taylor's Triple, Northampton Express BC beat Geoff Hayter's Triple, Bugbrooke BC 18-13 shots
Jason Bryan's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC beat Mick Spear's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC 17-15 shots

The 8 winning Triples in the two Areas will now play in the County Quarter Finals, to be played at Kislingbury BC on the evening of Wednesday, 24th July, 2019.

4 WOOD SINGLES

**SEMI-FINALS – played at Wellingborough BC on the evening of Thursday, 18th July, 2019.
Results as follows**

1. Peter Ward, Desborough Town BC beat Ben Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC 21-15 shots

This was a pretty even contest in the first few ends, with the scores level on 5 each after 4 ends, and 7 each after 7 ends, but then Peter won 6 of the next 7 ends, and added 12 shots to his total, and conceded just 1 shot for a very healthy 19-8 shots lead, with the winning post very much in sight. Ben, however, being a very determined and competitive bowler, did not give in lightly, for he kept Peter on that 19 for 4 ends as he increased his score to 15 shots, but it was not to be for him as, although he was holding a shot on what was the 19th end, Peter, with his last bowl played a very good shot to ease Ben's shot bowl out and sit 2 shots for the victory.

2. Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC 21-16 shots

A contest between two very fine County bowlers, who both represent England, and it was a very good match too, taking 27 ends of play. The first 9 ends produced just 9 shots, with Jamie taking 7 of them, but Connor pulled back to 5-7 down after 11 ends, and just 1 shot adrift 8-9 at 15 ends, and 9-10 at 17 ends. Jamie picked up a 3 on the next end, courtesy of a bit of bad luck by Connor, but Connor hit back immediately with a very good maximum count of 4 shots on the 19th end of play to tie the match, and 2 ends later it was still tied at 14 shots each. Jamie then played some extremely good bowls and won the next 3 ends to reach 19-14, and although Connor delivered some very good bowls on the next 2 ends, Jamie restricted him to just 1 shot on each, and on the 27th end of play he took the victory with a good double count.

These victories put Peter & Jamie through to contest the County Final early next month, but more importantly they now represent the County at the National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 27th August, 2019, when Peter will meet the Northumberland 'B' qualifier on green D6, and Jamie will meet the Hampshire 'A' qualifier on green C6.

2 WOOD SINGLES

NORTH AREA PLAY-OFFS

1st Round

Neil Gould, Earls Barton BC given walkover by Sam Gamble, Kettering Lodge BC

Carl Wigfield, Desborough Town BC beat Mark Turner, Kettering Midland Band BC 16-7 shots

Paul Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat John Gunning, Wellingborough BC 17-5 shots

Connor Rollings, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Steve Norman, Higham Ferrers Town BC 15-13 shots

Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC given walkover by Adam Pitfield, Burton Latimer Town BC

David Love, Wellingborough BC beat Allen Simms, Kettering Lodge BC 18-5

Chris Gray, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Will Clelland, Corby Seagrave House BC 15-12 shots

Area Finals:

Carl Wigfield beat Neil Gould 16-15 shots

Paul Broderick given walkover as Scott Fleming, Earls Barton BC & Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough BC did not contest the first round.

Connor Rollings beat Chris Gray 16-8 shots

David Love beat Connor Cinato 17-11 shots

QUARTER FINALS – played in the evening of the 16th July, 2019, at Thrapston BC

1. Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Carl Wigfield, Desborough Town BC 16-5 shots

This turned out to be a fairly comfortable victory for Jamie after taking a 5-2 lead at 5 ends played, and at 11 ends he was almost in sight of the winning line at 12-3 up. Carl did not give in easily, however, and often he was holding a good shot when Jamie beat it, and he won the next 2 ends to give himself a chance at 5-12 down with 8 ends of the scheduled 21 left. Jamie, however, won the next 3 ends for a 16-5 win after 16 ends of play.

2. Paul Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Will Walker, Northampton West End BC 17-14 shots

This was quite a close affair, with Paul taking the lead at 3-0 after 2 ends, but then Will playing some superb drawn bowls won the next 3 ends and added 6 shots to the scorecard and the lead at 6-3 after 5 ends, but then Paul had a good period of play in which he won 4 of the next 5 ends and took the lead at 9-7. Will retook the lead at 10-9, but Paul had another good run and added 5 shots without reply to go 4 ahead with 6 ends of the scheduled 21 to play, and then Will got to within 1 shot at 13-14 with 4 ends left, and a tight finish was on the cards.

After 19 ends it was anyone's match with Paul 1 shot up at 15-14, but he was able to take the victory in picking up a double on the 20th end.

3. David Love, Wellingborough BC beat Rob White, Northampton Express BC 15-6 shots

This match was quite a close and relatively low scoring match in the early stages, with the scores level at 3 shots each after 5 ends of play, and then David took a 7-5 lead after 10 ends, and 2 ends later it was 8-6 for David. At this point Rob was unable to make an impact on the match as David won the next 5 ends to register an unbeatable lead of 15-6 shots after 17 ends of play.

4. David Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Connor Rollings, Burton Latimer Town BC 18-8 shots

This match was pretty tight in the first half, with David holding a 4-3 lead after 5 ends of play, and Connor taking an 8-7 lead after 10 ends, but at this point David really got his game going, and no matter how hard Connor tried, and he did send some very good woods down, David won the next 7 ends and added 11 shots in the process to take an unbeatable lead at 18-8, and a place in the semi-final.

SEMI-FINALS – played in the evening of the 16th July, 2019, at Thrapston BC

1. David Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC 17-8 shots

In this encounter Jamie was the hot favourite with his bowling pedigree, but David (not related) was very determined and started the match very well in winning the first 2 ends for a 3-0 shots lead, and it was a lead he was not to relinquish. After 5 ends of play David was up 4-3, and at 10 ends he was 10-8 to the good, and with him winning 5 of the next 6 ends David was pushing Jamie very hard and had got himself a very good 14-7 shots lead with 6 ends left of the scheduled 21.

Jamie collected 1 shot on the 16th end, but David, playing the best bowls won the next 2 ends for a very good, and perhaps unexpected 17-8 shots win, after 18 ends. After the match David said it was the best he had played.

2. David Love, Wellingborough BC beat Paul Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC 17-16 shots (after extra end)

What a terrific match this turned out to be. Paul started off a little better than David and after 5 ends had a 4-3 lead, and after David tied things up at 7 each after 9 ends, Paul went back in front by winning the next 3 ends and posting 5 more shots. Four ends later Paul was still ahead at 14-10, but then David had a 'purple patch' in winning the next 3 ends to go ahead for the first time in the match at 15-14 shots, but Paul collected a double on the 20th end to go back in front.

The last of the scheduled 21 ends was very tense, but David managed to collect a single to tie the match and go to an 'extra end' and when he was to play his last bowl, David was match down, however, he calmly drew the shot for victory.

The winners will now contest the County Final later this month, but more importantly they will represent the County at the National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa next month.

David Walker will play in a Preliminary Round against the Wiltshire 'B' qualifier at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 27th August, 2019, and David Love will play a 1st Round match against the Surrey 'B' qualifier at 12 noon on the same day.

NORTHAMPTON AREA MEN'S TRIPLES LEAGUE

I have been asked by the current **Chairman of the Northampton Area Men's Triples League, Harvey Fruish**, to include a note in my Report. It is really a plea for some volunteers to come forward to run the League.

As everyone will be aware, the present League Secretary, Alan Ward, died very recently, so his excellent work in running the League will be sorely missed, and Harvey Fruish, who has been involved with the League in an executive position for well over 20 years is 'calling it a day' after this season, with the grateful thanks of all involved for a job well done.

This League is a very successful and popular one, but it cannot run by itself, therefore the plea is for volunteers to 'step up to the plate' and offer their services. Anyone who would like to assist in this way, and anyone who is unsure of the responsibilities and the commitment, is free to contact Harvey on 01604 627415

RUSHDEN AND DISTRICT TIPLER TRIPLES LEAGUE – LATEST RESULTS.

DIVISION 'A'

Team New Order beat Thrapston BC 57-45 shots
Higham Ferrers Town BC 'A' beat Irchester BC 'B' 61-41 shots
Irchester BC 'B' beat Rushden Town BC 'A' 67-34 shots

These results keep New Order in top spot in the Division with 32.5 points & a +139 shots difference, with Thrapston BC in 2nd place with 24.5 points and a +58 aggregate, and in 3rd place Higham Ferrers Town BC 'A' with equal points of 24.5 but only a +26 aggregate.

DIVISION 'B'

Finedon Town BC beat Team RAFA 53 42 shots
Finedon Town BC drew with Barton Saxons 43 shots each
Barton Knights beat Raunds Conservatives BC 58-42 shots
Barton Saxons beat Team Mazda 75-27 shots
Team Wanderers beat Team Fast Lane 49-45 shots
Team Fast Lane beat Raunds Conservatives BC 59-55 shots

These results keep Finedon Town BC in top spot in the Division with 39 points & a +130 shots difference, with Barton Knights in 2nd place with 30 points & a +118 shots aggregate, followed by Team RAFA in 3rd place with the same number of points, but an inferior shots aggregate of +55.

1. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE

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AMY ROSE UNDER 31 COMPETITION

The team from the Women's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** to compete in the 'Amy Rose' double rink competition, will face the young ladies from Hertfordshire entitled the 'Hertfordshire Hawks' at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 31st August, 2019, at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, and they will play on C Green, on rinks 4 & 5.

Prior to this meeting, Team Manager, Velda Cooper, has called for a final get together at Northampton Whyte Melville BC on Wednesday, 21st August, 2019, at 6.30 p.m. when the Club will provide two rinks to play against the team.

Velda's Team is, in alphabetical order: Emma Muir, Corby Forest BC, Megan Rolfe, Kingsthorpe BC, Katie Smith, Desborough Town BC, Billie Swift, Shannon Swift, both Abbey Park BC, Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC, Abby Woodward & Lois Woodward, both Burton Latimer Town BC. Reserves: Grace Wilson, Finedon Town BC & Abbi Johnson-Young, Northampton West End BC

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

4th Round: Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC lost to Chloe Brett, Parkway BC, Hunts 14-21 shots

SENIOR SINGLES

Area Final: Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Pat Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville BC 21-6 shots.

This win qualifies Tina for the National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa next month, when she will meet the Hampshire qualifier in a preliminary round at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, 10th August, 2019.

SENIOR PAIRS

3rd Round: Linda Warren & Janet Swift Abbey Park BC beat Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC & Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC 19-9 shots

This win puts Linda & Janet through to the National Championships at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa, when they will meet the Middlesex qualifiers at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 4th August, 2019.

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PAIRS

5TH Round: Emma Exley & Phil Exley, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC & Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC 21-18 shots

This win puts husband and wife team Emma & Phil Exley, through to the last match in the Area, when they will play Andy Smith & Partner, of Avenue (Leamington) BC for a place at the National Championships.

OVER 60 TWO RINKS – ‘TONY ALLCOCK TROPHY’

4TH Round:

Kettering Lodge BC beat Three Spires (Coventry) BC 43-15 shots. Details as follows, Three Spires skips only named:

Rink 1. Marian Mackie, Pat Starsmore, Brian Briggs & Mick Catlin 25 shots - Keith Hornsby 6 shots

This was a beat of a ‘thumping’ by the Lodge Rink for in the 17 ends of bowls played Three Spires were only able to score on 4 of them, although in the first 3 ends they won 2, but having dropped a 4 on the first end they were 2-4 adrift, and as the game progressed it got much worse. After 10 ends Mick and his team were 13-6 up, and from then on it was all the Lodge as they almost doubled their score for a very good win after 17 ends played of the scheduled 18..

Rink 2. Linda Simms, Sue Briggs, Steve Waterfield & Allen Simms 18 shots – Martin Hammond 9 shots

In this match the respective fortunes fluctuated between the two with Three Spires winning the first 2 ends, then the Lodge winning the next 4 for a 5-2 lead, but Three Spires winning the following 4 ends to take the lead 9-5 shots. At that point it was Allen and his players who took over, winning the next 6 ends, and doubling their score in the process, and the match ended after end 16 of the scheduled 18.

This win puts Kettering Lodge just 1 match away from the National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa, and that will be played against Hemingford BC ‘A’ which has been arranged to be played at Thrapston BC at 6.0 p.m. on Thursday, 25th July, 2019.

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CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

3rd Round: Connor Rollings, Burton Latimer Town BC lost to Paul Dalliday, Parkway BC, Hunts., 2-21 shots

SENIOR SINGLES

5th Round: Mark Turner, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Martin Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC 21-13 shots.

This win puts Mark through to the National Championships at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa, when he will meet the Yorkshire qualifier at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday, 24th August, 2019, on A Green, Rink 5.

SENIOR PAIRS

3rd Round: Allen Simms & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC beat Steve Norman & Partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC 16-8 shots

CLUB TWO FOURS

4th Round: Thrapston BC lost to Warboys BC, Hunts. 23-53 shots
Northampton West End BC beat Erdington Court BC, Warwickshire 44-25 shots

8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE PRESIDENTS versus GLOUCESTERSHIRE VP'S – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Bowling Association in a friendly match against Gloucestershire Vice Presidents, on Wednesday, 24th July, 2019, at Kislingbury BC commencing at 2.0 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Ollie Pearson, Richard Tyack, Bryan Audis & Jack Brown
- Rink 2.** Maurice Tyler, Peter Byworth, Bob Brogden & Dick Howell
- Rink 3.** Gerry Fitzhugh, Brian Robbins, Barry Hogston & Ian Loseby
- Rink 4.** Albert Julyan, Len Marshall, Ken Legan & Brian Jones
- Rink 5.** Derek Essam, Richard Dyball, Dick Lovesay & Dave Williamson
- Rink 6.** Richard Pitts, Andrew Bosworth, Peter Oliver & Paul Cooke
- Reserve:** Colin Incles

11. BOWLS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 'PATRONS CUP' COMPETITION

The annual 'Patrons Cup' competition, run by the Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire, is being held this year on Monday, 9th September, 2019, at Burton Latimer Town BC.

This competition is for both genders to enter as individuals, being affiliated members of Bowls Northamptonshire, and it is a good fun day of bowls, where entrants will play 4 games of 5 ends each, and before each game they will draw a disc to determine which position in a rink they will play. The individual player will have one scorecard which they use for each match, and the winner will be the player that has the highest shots aggregate.

Entry fee is only £5.00 per person and this includes the rink fees and tea and coffee throughout. There will also be other refreshments available for purchase.

Clubs have been circulated with the entry forms and entries are now sought, with a return date to Heather Lack, Match Secretary, of the 6th September, 2019.

4. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

England Senior International Trial – Saturday, 21st September, 2019.

Due to the potential unavailability of Victoria Park, the Senior International Trials on Saturday 21st September 2019 will be held as below:

- Kingscroft BC (Leicestershire) – Men
- Nuneaton BC (Warwickshire) – Women

Bowls England thanks those clubs who offered their facilities for this date.

ENGLISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

New Scheme – ‘Chalk it Up’

This new scheme is for friends and supporters of Indoor Bowls in England, which aims to help the development of the sport across the country.

There are many benefits apart from that development of the sport, and they include for every individual who joins:

2 complimentary tickets for a day at both of the National Finals weeks

A complimentary EIBA Yearbook

Quarterly Newsletter with news and insights from the EIBA

Exclusive discounts on EIBA and Bowls merchandise

Entry into a quarterly prize draw to win prizes for you and your Club, and

An invitation to participate in a ‘Bowls Day’

The cost of being a member of this scheme is £30.00p per year, and for every 10 members of a Club who join, the EIBA will donate £50.00p to that Club.

To become part of the scheme and help the development of the sport across the Country, please [click here](#)

8. COUNTY CLUB NEWS

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

ABINGTON BC

Fixtures:

26.7.19. Club plays Roade BC at home in the women’s Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

26.7.19. Club plays its ‘Rose Bowl’ at 6.30 p.m.

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

29.7.19. A Team plays Kingsthorpe BC at home & B Team plays Roade BC away in the men’s Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

30.7.19. Club plays Abbey Park BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

BRACKLEY BC

Fixtures:

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

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

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

- 27.7.19. Club hosts a MCBA match between Northamptonshire men & Worcestershire at 2.0 p.m.
29.7.19. Club plays Earls Barton BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

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BYFIELD BC

Fixtures:

- 27.7.19. Club plays Daventry Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
30.7.19. Club plays Heyford BC away at 6.30 p.m.

COGENHOE BC

Fixtures:

- 25.7.19. Club hosts a match between the Licensed Victuallers BC & Roade BC at 2.0 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Harpole BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
28.7.19. Club plays Wootton Grange BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
29.7.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

COLD ASHBY BC

Fixtures:

- 25.7.19. Club plays Rugby Police BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
26.7.19. Club plays Grange BC, Rugby, away at 6.30 p.m.
31.7.19. Club plays Rugby Police BC away at 6.30 p.m.

DAVENTRY TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 25.7.19. Club plays Heyford BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
26.7.19. Club plays Harpole BC away in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Byfield BC away at 2.0 p.m.
29.7.19. A Team plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home & B Team plays Byfield BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

HARPOLE BC

Fixtures:

- 27.7.19. Club plays Cogenhoe BC away at 2.0 p.m.

HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

- 25.7.19. Club plays Daventry Town BC away at 6.30 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Bugbrooke BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
30.7.19. Club plays Byfield BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

- 27.7.19. Club plays Rugby Thornfield BC away at 2.30 p.m.
30.7.19. Club plays Roade BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC

Fixtures:

- 25.7.19. Club plays Travis Perkins BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Fixtures:

- 27.7.19. Club plays Earls Barton BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
29.7.19. A Team plays Kingsthorpe BC away & B Team plays Carlsberg BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC

Fixtures:

- 27.7.19. Club plays Roade BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
29.7.19. A Team plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away & B Team plays Cold Ashby BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

- 26.7.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC at home in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Wellingborough Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.
27/28.7.19 Club hosts the BN Women's County Finals at 9.30 a.m. onwards.
28.7.19. Club plays Irchester BC away at 2.0 p.m.
28.7.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
29.7.19. A Team plays Northampton West End BC at home & B Team plays Daventry Town BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

ROADE BC

Fixtures:

- 25.7.19. Club plays Licensed Victuallers BC away (at Cogenhoe BC) at 2.0 p.m.
26.7.19. Club plays Abington BC away in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Northampton West End BC away at 2.0 p.m.
29.7.19. Club plays Abington BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
30.7.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 6.30 p.m.

ST. CRISPIN BC

Fixtures:

- 25.7.19. Club plays Woodford-cum-Membris BC at home at 6.0 p.m.
26.7.19. Club plays Woodford-cum-Membris BC at home in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.0 p.m.
29.7.19. A Team plays Desborough Town BC away & B Team plays West Haddon BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
31.7.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

WEST HADDON BC

Fixtures:

- 25.7.19. Club plays South Kilworth BC away at 6.30 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Daventry Tigers BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
29.7.19. Club plays St Crispin BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
30.7.19. Club plays Bilton BC, Rugby, at home at 6.30 p.m.

WOODFORD-cum-MEMBRIS BC

Fixtures:

- 25.7.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home at 6.0 p.m.

27.7.19. Club plays Bradwell BC, Bucks. away at 2.30 p.m.

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WOOTTON GRANGE BC

Fixtures:

28.7.19. Club plays Cogenhoe BC away at 2.30 p.m.

29.7.19. A Team plays Heyford BC away & B Team plays Harpole BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

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BURTON LATIMER TOWN BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Ise BC away at 6.30 p.m.

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

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Irchester BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

27.7.19. Club plays Kibworth BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

27.7.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC away at 2.0 p.m.

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

CORBY SEAGRAVE HOUSE BC

Fixtures:

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

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

27.7.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

27.7.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC away at 2.0 p.m. at 6.0 p.m.

29.7.19. Club plays its 'Scotland v The Rest' match

30.7.19. Club hosts a Northants VP's match at 2.0 p.m.

DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Fixtures:

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

27.7.19. Club holds its 'Elaine Sainsbury' day at 2.0 p.m.

27.7.19. Club plays Countesthorpe BC away at 2.0 p.m.

28.7.19. Club holds its 'Gala Day' from 9.30 a.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Mears Ashby RBL BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

27.7.19. Club plays Northampton Express Lifts BC away at 2.0 p.m.

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

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC away at 6.30 p.m.

27.7.19. Club plays Stanwick BC away at 2.0 p.m.

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

30.7.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC away at 6.30 p.m.

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HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
26.7.19. Club plays Rushden Town at home in the 'Bond Cup' at 6.30 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
28.7.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
29.7.19. Club 'A' team plays Team New Order away & 'B' team plays Thrapston BC away in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30p.m.

IRCHESTER BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC away at 2.30 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Finedon Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.
28.7.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
29.7.19. Club 'B' team plays Team Rebels away & 'D' team plays Rushden Town BC 'A' in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
30.7.19. Club plays St Neots BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixtures:

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

ISE BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC away at 2.0 p.m.
31.7.19. Club plays Woodsend BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor Park BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
28.7.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
28.7.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC away at 2.0 p.m.
31.7.19. Club hosts some County competitions finals stages at 6.0 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
30.7.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC away at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixtures:

30.7.19. Club plays the Cavaliers BA for the 'Macpherson Shield' at Wellingborough BC at 2.0 p.m.

OUNDLE BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Perkins Diesel BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

27.7.19. Club plays Raunds Conservatives BC away at 2.30 p.m.

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ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
31.7.19. Club plays its ladies 'Joan Buckby Triples' at home at 2.0 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Kettering Athletic BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
26.7.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC away in the 'Bond Cup' at 6.30 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC away at 2.0 p.m.
28.7.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
29.7.19. Club 'A' team plays Irchester BC 'D' team away in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

SWANSPool BC.

Fixtures:

27.7.19. Club plays Irthlingborough Church Institute BC away at 2.0 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC

Fixtures:

27.7.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.
29.7.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC 'B' at home in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
30.7.19. Club hosts match between Northamptonshire men and Huntingdonshire men at 2.0 p.m.
31.7.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC in the County League at 6.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC away at 6.30 p.m.
25.7.19. Club hosts some County Competition final stages at 6.0 p.m.
27.7.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
28.7.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
30.7.19. Club hosts match between the Cavaliers BA & the Retired Police BA at 2.0 p.m.
30.7.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
31.7.19. Club plays St Crispin BC away at 2.0 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH OG'S BC

Fixtures:

25.7.19. Club plays Stanwick BC away at 6.30 p.m.
27.7.19. Club holds its 'Memorial Cup Day' at 1.0 p.m.

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