

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA

The National Championships, under the auspices of Bowls England, commenced on Saturday, 3rd August, 2019, and will run to Sunday, 1st September, 2019 (inclusive) with competitions involving County bowlers on almost every day. I will be there for the whole duration and will report on those events with County players performing, and will list them in date and time order as played.

Saturday, 3rd August, 2019

FAMILY PAIRS

Quarter Final – played at 2.0 p.m.

Will Walker & Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Mark & Adam Smith, Warwickshire 22-11 shots

This match was pretty even in the early stages with the scores level on 3 each after 4 ends of play, but then Will & Jamie picked up a double and a three to take a lead at 8-3, and after conceding a couple of singles, they picked up another double and a big 4 to go 14-5 ahead. The Smith brothers did close the gap to 6 shots after 15 ends at 10-16 down, but they were destined to collect just 1 more shot as the Walker brothers picked up 6 for a comfortable win after 19 ends of the scheduled 21.

Sunday, 4th August, 2019.

FAMILY PAIRS

Semi-Final: - played at 9.30 a.m.

Will & Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC beat the 2015 winners, Les and Chris Yeomans from Gosforth BC, Northumberland, 22-12 shots.

The first 8 ends of play were very closely fought with the Walker brothers 7-8 down, but the 9th end was a big one for them as they collected a very big count of 5 shots to take the lead 12-8, and added to it with a 3 on the next end. After dropping a single they went further ahead over the next 3 ends at 19-9 with 7 ends to play. Only 6 of those ends were played, with a single on each, and as Will & Jamie shared those to be still 10 shots up, the Yeomans conceded the victory.

FINAL - played at 2.0 p.m.

Will & Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC lost to Sophie Tolchard and Sam Tolchard 5-23 shots (after 16 ends)

For the County supporters this Final was rather a disappointment, for Will & Jamie did not do themselves justice, whereas the Tolchard sister and brother combination were on top form. After 5 ends of play Devon had a lead at 8-0, and after scoring two singles the Walker brothers dropped a double and successive 4's, followed by a single, to be in real trouble at 2-19 shots down. They stuck at it and added 3 shots on the next 2 ends, to reduce the deficit but when Devon won the next 3 ends and added 4 more shots to their total, Will & Jamie called it a day after 16 ends of the scheduled 21

WOMEN'S SENIOR PAIRS

1st Round: - played at 9.30 a.m.

Linda Warren & Janet Swift, Abbey Park BC lost to Tina Cooper & Kay Stockley, Middlesex 10-17 shots

The first few ends of this match were very keenly contested with just single shots, and the County rink had a 3-2 lead after 5 ends, but the next 3 ends belonged to the Middlesex ladies who firstly picked up a 4 and followed it with a 2 and a single to take a 9-3 shots lead. Linda & Janet were not daunted by this for the next 3 ends saw them level the match at 9 each, and then followed a run of 5 ends in which just 1 shot was scored on each, but Middlesex had the better of them and lead 13-10 with 2 ends left to play. A 3 for Middlesex then required a 6 or more from Linda & Janet to save the match, and it did not happen as they dropped a single.

WOMEN'S JUNIOR SINGLES

1st Round: - played at 9.30 a.m.

Lois Woodward, Burton Latimer Town BC lost to Harriet Stevens, Kings BC, Devon 13-21 shots

In this match Lois was up against an England International so the going was going to be pretty tough, but Lois battled well and lead 4-3 after 4 ends, but then Harriett really showed her form by winning the next 7 ends to take a 17-4 shots lead, at which time she was potentially one end away from victory. Lois was not about to give in, however, for she scored very well over the next 7 ends to get within 6 shots of her opponent at 13-19, but in the end Harriett got the two shots she needed by winning the next 2 ends by singles.

Abby Woodward, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Imogen Cracknell, Taunton Deane BC, Somerset 21-17 shots

This was a very good game of singles, which lasted for 28 ends, and for the first 8 ends just single shots were scored with Abby taking the most at 6-2. A 3 and another single saw her further ahead at 10-2, but Imogen scored well over the next 4 ends to reduce her deficit to 7-11, and 3 ends later the difference was still 4 shots at 14-10 for Abby. This was a high quality match with each end seeing a change as it was played, and Abby took 4 successive singles to go further ahead at 18-10 shots after 23 ends of play, and the winning post was in sight. Imogen was not yet finished, however, and she won the next 4 ends to get within 1 shot at 17-18, but on the 28th end Abby collected the 3 she needed for victory.

2nd Round: - played at 2.0 p.m.

Abby Woodward, Burton Latimer Town BC lost to Kat Bowman, Thringstone BC, Leicestershire 10-21 shots

In this match Abby took a 7-6 shots lead after 6 ends, but she was then stuck on that 7 for 7 ends of play, during which Kat added 14 shots to be on the cusp of victory at 20-7, yet during those 7 ends Abby frequently held shot with a very close bowl, only to see Kat draw it off or otherwise get the shot. Abby was still in there and she picked up a double and a single to get to double figures, but on the 16th end of play Kat managed to get the single she needed to win.

Next week will see many County bowlers performing as follows:

Monday, 5th August, 2019.

WOMEN'S FOURS

Preliminary Round:

Marian Mackie, Audrey Height, Pat Starsmore & Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC will play at 2.0 p.m.

Tuesday, 6th August, 2019.

WOMEN'S FOURS

1st Round:

Sandra Mawson, Pat Bodily, Yvonne McKee & Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC, will be playing at 9.30 a.m. and hopefully Sian Hughes-Jones and her Kettering Lodge ladies will also be playing at 9.30 a.m.

MEN'S SENIOR FOURS

1st Round: Alan Coleman, Terry Brown, Tony O'Leary & John Freeman, Abington BC will be playing at 2.0 p.m.

Wednesday, 7th August, 2019.

WOMEN'S FOURS

Hopefully both of the County Fours are still in contention.

MEN'S SENIOR FOURS

Hopefully the County men are still there.

MEN'S JUNIOR PAIRS

1st Round: Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC & Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC will play at 1.0 p.m.

Thursday, 8th August, 2019.

WOMEN'S FOURS

Semi-Finals and Final day – hope our County ladies are still performing.

MEN'S SENIOR FOURS

Semi-Finals & Final day – hope our County men are still there.

MEN'S JUNIOR PAIRS

Semi-Finals & Final day – again hope our County young men are still performing.

Friday, 9th August, 2019.

WOMEN'S 4 WOOD SINGLES

1st Round: Ann-Marie Waters, Roade BC & Pat Bodily, Kingsthorpe BC will enter the fray at 9.30 a.m.

Saturday, 10th August, 2019.

WOMEN'S 4 WOOD SINGLES

Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals & Final day and it is hoped that Ann-Marie & Pat progress to this stage.

WOMEN'S SENIOR SINGLES

Preliminary Round: Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC plays the Hampshire qualifier at 9.30 a.m.

SUTTON WINSON UNDER 18 SINGLES

Emma Muir, Corby Forest BC & Thomas Manderson, Abington BC, the only County entrants, will play in this tournament commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Sunday, 11th August, 2019.

SUTTON WINSON UNDER 18 SINGLES

Finals – hopefully Emma & Thomas will be still there.

WOMEN'S SENIOR SINGLES

Hopefully Tina is still there and proceeding to the latter stages.

WOMEN'S TRIPLES

Maureen McDonald, Gill White & Marilyn Dunkley, Wellingborough BC, will enter the fray in a preliminary round at 2.0 p.m. against the Surrey 'B' qualifiers.

2. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT COUNTY

COUNTY COMPETITIONS SPONSORED BY KEMPSTON CONTROLS, SHIRLEY ROAD, RUSHDEN

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TOP CLUB

2nd Round: Kingsthorpe BC beat Kislingbury BC 3-1 – details as follows, Kingsthorpe names first:

Singles: Pat Bodily beat Helen Blaby 21-12 shots

Pairs: Sandy Hayter & Glenys Emery lost to Alice Moore & Margery Farmer 11-22 shots

Triples: Nicky Hardy, Maggie Edwards & Hilary Sharpe beat Margaret Saunders, Chris Ball & Chris Abbott 23-19 shots

Fours: Barbara Parsons, Maureen Brown, Sandra Mawson & Di Brumwell beat Carole Tiffin, Marge Tutchener, Tina Hill & Pauline Boyson 22-14 shots

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SECRETARY/TREASURER'S CUP

Remaining two Quarter Finals played at Higham Ferrers Town BC on 30th July, 2019 and at Kettering Lodge BC on the 31st July, 2019, with the following results:

1. At Higham Ferrers Town BC:

Neil Gould, Earls Barton BC beat Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC 21-6 shots

Thanks are extended to Higham Town BC for hosting the match at short notice.

**2. At Kettering Lodge BC
Will Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Keith Thatcher, Rushden Town BC 21-7 shots**

In this match the competition was very close in the early ends, with low scoring by both players, and the scores level at 4 each after 7 ends, but then young Will really got his game going and in winning the next 5 ends he added 10 shots to his score for a very handy lead at 10-4. After dropping a single on the next round Will scored a maximum to be in sight of the winning post at 18-5, and after Keith picked up 3 shots on the next 2 ends, Will claimed victory after 17 ends of play.

EXECUTIVE TRIPLES

Quarter Finals played at Kettering Lodge BC on Wednesday, 31st July, 2019, with the following results:

1. Adam Hawkings, Dave Fage & Jonathan Brown, Abington BC beat Hilary Sharpe, Pete Morris & Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe BC 17-8 shots

In this match the Abington men started very well with a lead of 5-0 after 2 ends, which became 7-2 after 6 ends, and they were always a decent number of shots ahead, 12-5 at 10 ends and 14-8 at 13 ends, and in winning the next 3 ends with singles, Abington took the victory after 16 ends of the scheduled 18.

2. Chris Blackley, Ray Gray & Paul Broderick, Burton Lastimer Town BC beat Linda Simms, Sue Briggs & Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC 20-8 shots

This was a bit of a disastrous start for the Kettering Lodge trio for after 5 ends of play they were yet to score as Burton took a 9-0 lead, but the next 3 ends were Sian and her ladies and they reduced their deficit by 4 shots, but after 12 ends they were still a few shots adrift at 6-12, and the 13th end was a mini disaster as they dropped a big 6 to go 6-18 behind, with Paul bowling particularly well. After picking up DOUBLE, Sian and her ladies dropped two singles and hook hand with the victory with Paul and his men after 16 ends of play.

3. Shaun Cole, Martin Cinato & Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Neville Bodily, Frank Craven & Trevor Spear, Northampton Whyte Melville BC 16-15 shots

The first few ends of this match were pretty tight with the score 4 each after 5 ends, and 8 each after 10 ends, but after dropping a single on the 11th end, the Midland Band trio scored a big 5 followed by a 2 for a 15-9 lead with 5 ends to play. Those 5 ends got very tight and Connor 'killed' an end for the 3rd time when badly placed, and with 2 ends left his triple was 16-13 to the good, but Trevor and his men were in there battling, and picked up a single that then required them to get 2 or more on the last end. That end was played very well by Whyte Melville and when Connor went to bowl he was at least 2 shots down, but he was able to draw 2nd bowl for the victory by the smallest of margins.

4. Jason Ball, Bryn Walker & Ian Roy, Wellingborough BC beat Trevor Anderson, Karen Collins & Pat Crouch, Desborough Town BC 18-17 shots

The Desborough trio got going much more quickly than Wellingborough and posted a 9-2 lead after 6 ends, and after dropping a double, collected a good 4 for a 13-4 lead with 10 ends left to play. At this stage there was quite a transformation in Wellingborough's fortune as they won the next 5 ends to close the gap to 13-11 in Pat's favour, and after dropping a single, Roy and his men collected a single, and a double to tie things up at 4 shots each, and then a very welcome 4 to go into the last end with a 4 shots lead. That last end very nearly came off for Pat and his players, but they had to settle for a 3 and a 1 shot defeat.

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MEN'S COUNTY FINALS – RESULTS TO DATE

4 WOOD SINGLES - played at Northampton Express BC on the 2nd August, 2019.

Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Peter Ward, Desborough Town BC 21-10 shots

This match was very evenly fought over the first 12 ends of its 19 ends duration, with the scores level at 4 each after 4 ends, again level at 6 each after 7 ends, and yet again level at 7 each after 9 ends, then Jamie picked up a 3 to lead 10-7 and Peter responded by winning the next 2 ends with singles, which could have been many more but for Jamie saving shots. Around this point Jamie seemed to 'go up a gear' and really put the pressure on and apart from picking up a single to keep in touch 10-12 after 14 ends Peter could not stop Jamie from going on a winning run of 5 ends to win the match, and thus regain the title for the 5th occasion in the last 6 years.

2 WOOD SINGLES – played at Northampton Express BC on the 2nd August, 2019.

David Love, Wellingborough BC beat David Walker, Northampton West End BC 14-13 shots

This was a very well played match by both players, with David Love starting off very well and leading 4-0 after 4 ends, and 9-1 after 9 ends, but at that point David Walker 'came about' and won the next 7 ends to tie the match up at 9 shots each with 5 ends left to play. David Love picked up a 2, then David Walker did likewise to keep things even at 11 each, then the Wellingborough player went in front by 1 shot on the next end, and on the penultimate end the West End player got himself a very good 2 to go 1 shot in front at 13-12 with 1 end left. David Love drew his bowls closer and took the victory.

UNDER 25 SINGLES – played at Northampton Express BC on the 2nd August, 2019.

Conor Bryan, Kingsthorpe BC beat Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC 21-13 shots

In this match Conor started off much the better, posting a 6-0 shots lead after 4 ends, and after dropping a single he went further ahead in picking up a 2 and a maximum 4 to lead 13-1 after 8 ends of play. Kieran did fight back to reduce his deficit to 9-15 after 13 ends of play, and after 3 more ends he had closed to within 3 shots at 13-16, and looking as though he was going to catch Conor. This was not to be for Conor played some excellent bowls on the next 2 ends to score a treble on each and to become County Champion.

Conor will now play the Somerset 'A' qualifier at 11.30 a.m. on green E6
and

Kieran will now play the Wiltshire 'A' qualifier at 9.30 a.m. on green C2,

both on Saturday, 17th August, 2019, at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa.

TRIPLES – played at Northampton Express BC on the 1st August, 2019.

Chris Gray, Cameron Knox & Jack Tobin, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Jsck Botterill, Rob White & Wayne Stanley, Northampton Express BC 13-12 shots.

This match was a very close affair throughout, played by 6 of the County's younger bowlers. Express built up a 4-1 lead after 4 ends, but Burton Latimer drew level on the next end, and from then on there was never more than 3 shots between the two triples.

At 10 ends of play the score was 8-7 in Jack's favour, but 2 ends later Wayne and his men were 2 up at 10-8, only for Burton Latimer to pick up 3 successive singles to regain the lead 11-10 with 3 ends to play. Express tied things up on the next end, but Jack & his men went 2 up with 1 end left, and this end was very keenly contested, but Express, although winning the end, could pick up just 1 shot and it was the Burton Latimer men that were County Champions.

The Burton Latimer Triple will play the Worcestershire 'B' qualifier at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 22nd August, 2019, on green C3.

The Express Triple will now play the Somerset 'B' qualifier at 2.0 p.m. on Wednesday, 21st August, on green C5

FOURS - played at Northampton Express BC on the 2nd August, 2019.

Neil Rolfe, Richard White, Richard Lemon & Chris Bland, Northampton Express BC beat Rob White, Ian Bland, Wayne Stanley & Dominic Graham, Northampton Express BC 22-11 shots

In this match there were two father and son combinations playing, with both having each other playing on opposing rinks, that was Ian and Chris Bland, and Richard and Rob White, and all players came from the same Club, Northampton Express BC, which is quite some achievement.

Chris Bland's rink started by picking up a huge count of 7 shots on the very first end, and after conceding a single, they went on to win the next 6 ends for a 17-1 lead after 8 ends of play, but Dominic and his men are winners, having been National Champions in 2016, and they won the next 4 ends to reduce their deficit to just 8 shots at 9-17 with 9 ends to play of the scheduled 21. After an exchange of singles, Chris and his men picked up 3 shots to lead 21-10, and after another exchange of singles, Dominic and his men conceded the victory to their club mates.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS – MASON CUP

NORTH AREA

1st Round: **Keith Gordon, Irchester BC beat** Bob Tyman, Raunds Conservatives BC 21-13 shots
 Mick Corbyn, Rushden Town BC beat Bill Leask, Swanspool BC 21-17 shots
 Steve Norman, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Colin Candy, Islip BC 21-8 shots
 Scott Fleming, Earls Barton BC beat Alan Rudge, Corby Forest BC 21-14 shots

Area Final: **Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC beat** Chris Cunnington, Oundle BC 21-16 shots

3. RUSHDEN DISTRICT TIPLER TRIPLES LEAGUE – LATEST

Division A

Higham Ferrers Town 'A' beat Team New Order 55-43 shots
Higham Ferrers Town C 'B' beat Thrapston BC 57-45 shots
Rushden Town BC 'A' beat Irchester BC 'D' 76-31 shots
Irchester BC 'B' beat Team Rebels 54-48 shots

These latest matches show Team New Order still just on top of the Division having 35.5 points, with Higham 'A' closing fast having 32.5 points, with a game in hand, and Thrapston BC is in 3rd place with 28 points and also a game in hand.

Division B

Finedon Town BC beat Team Barton Saxons 56-34 shot
Barton Knights beat Team Fast Lane 74-27 shots
Barton Knights beat Team Fast Lane 50-38 shots
Two other matches were rained off.

These latest matches show Finedon Town on top of the League with 48 shots, and Team Barton Knights in 2nd place with 43 points, and in 3^r place Team RAFA with 38.5 points.

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE PRESIDENTS versus HERTFORDSHIRE – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Bowling Association in a friendly match against Hertfordshire Past Presidents Bowling Association at 2.0 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th August, 2019, at Wellingborough BC. The team was published in my Report last week, but there are some enforced changes, and the tea is now as follows:

Rink 1.	Ollie Pearson, Peter Byworth, Bryan Audis & Bob Brogden
Rink 2.	Maurice Tyler, Richard Tyack, Steve Hollywood & Richard Dyball
Rink 3.	Tony Hancock, Andrew Bosworth, Barry Hogston, & Paul Cooke
Rink 4.	Derek Essam, Len Marshall, Dennis Sansome & Ian Loseby
Rink 5.	Richard Pitts, John Allen, Peter Oliver & Dave Williamson
Rink 6.	Albert Julyan, Dave Brawn, Dick Lovesay & Peter Kitchener
Reserves:	Jack Brown & Gerry Fitzhugh

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN FRIENDLY versus HUNTINGDONSHIRE – RESULT

The men of the Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire played Huntingdonshire men in a friendly match on Tuesday, 30th July, 2019, at Thrapston BC, and despite the rink wins being equally shared, the County lost overall by 19 shots, due to 2 of the County rinks losing pretty heavily, including my rink! The highest scoring for the County was that skipped by Brian Jones which had a very good win by 16 shots. The final score was Northamptonshire 110 shots – Huntingdonshire 129 shots. Rink details as follows, Hunts skips only named:

Rink 1. Larry Lawrence, Albert Kelly, Dave Stewart & Walt Winsor 24 shots – Pat King 21 shots

This was a very close match throughout, with the cores level on several occasions, including 3 each after 3 ends, 6 each after 7 ends, and after the County had taken a 13-7 shots lead after 11 ends, Hunts hit back immediately, not only to level the match again at 13 shots each at 13 ends, but to win the next 2 ends as well for a lead at 18-13. The reaction of Walt and his men was very positive, for in picking up a single and a good 4 they levelled the match at 18 shots, and then picked up another 4 to go 22-18 ahead with 3 ends to play. Those 3 ends went 3-2 in favour of the visitors, but the County recorded a modest win in the end.

Rink 2. Don Scott, David Walker, Dave Betts & John Church 11 shots – Ian Walton 33 shots

What can I say when I skipped this rink that lost so heavily! I think it is fair to say that none of the County men played as well as they can, I know I didn't, but, having said that, the visitors played very well indeed, particularly the No 3 who had an exceptionally good match. We held a modest lead at 5-3 after 4 ends, but then the wheel really came off because Hunts won the next 5 ends and posted 16 shots on the board, including a massive count of 7 shots on the 9th end. We battled away, but if we were holding a shot or shots, the Hunts skip very often took them away from us, and I was not able to produce the bowls that mattered, so we were heavily beaten.

Rink 3. Barry Melville, Keith Brudenell, John Chester & Paul Green 22 shots – Jim Daniel 16 shots

Local Thrapston man Barry Melville, who looks after the green at the Club was called in to play when a player failed to show, and he certainly played his part in the success of the rink. The County started off the better in winning the first 3 ends for a 6-0 lead, and although the next 7 ends were evenly contested, Paul & his men were 10-6 up after 10 ends of play, and in adding two triples were 10 shots to the good after 12. At this point the visitors had a good streak of winning ends, picking up 8 shots to be just behind at 14-16 with 4 ends to play, but those 4 ends went 6-2 in the County's favour for a decent win.

Rink 4. Trevor Tilley, Neil Moore, David Bailey & Brian Jones 26 shots – Frank Johnson 10 shots

In this match Hunts won the first end with a double, but the County then won the next 4 ends for a 7-2 lead after 5 ends, and the gap was still 5 shots at 9-4 3 ends later. Brian and his men then won 4 successive ends to lead 15-4, and after dropping a couple of singles, they added 5 more shots to lead 20-6 with 4 ends left to play. Hunts won the first 2 of those ends to reduce their deficit by 4, but on the 20th end Brian and his men collected a big count of 5, and followed it with a single for a very good win.

Rink 5. Laurie Harrison, Robert Emery, Dave Lovell & Michael Moulton 9 shots – Trevor Murray 29 shots

This was a dreadful start for the County rink as the first 7 ends all went to Hunts and they posted 17 shots on the board, including a big 5 on the 7th end, and after picking up a single on the next end, Michael and his men were stuck there for another 5 ends as Hunts proceeded to a massive 26-1 lead with 8 ends left to play. What a turnaround then occurred as Hunts were able to score on just 1 of those ends, a 3 on the 16th, as the County men won 7 of them, albeit 6 in singles and one double, to lessen the severity of their defeat.

Rink 6. Rod Douglas, Terry Chapman, Paul Cooke & Terry James 16 shots – Kieran Murray 20 shots

In this encounter the visitors started better in creating a 6-1 shots lead after 5 ends, and 8-2 up after 8 ends, but the County picked up a very welcome 4 on the next end to lessen the deficit to 6-8, but immediately dropped further behind as the visitors won 3 successive ends and added 7 shots for a 15-6 lead with 9 ends left to play. The gap was still 9 shots at 18-9 to Hunts with 4 ends left, but Terry and his men hit back well in picking up two trebles and a single to get within 2 shots at 16-18 and a hint of a possible win, but it was not to be as Hunts won the last end.

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN ‘FRIENDLY’ versus LEICESTERSHIRE – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire in a friendly match against Leicestershire, at 2.0 p.m. on Thursday, 8th August, 2019, at Knighton Victoria BC, Church Lane, Knighton, Leicester, LE2 3WG.

- Rink 1.** Harvey Fruish, Abington BC/John Elphee, Kislingbury BC/Bob Sullivan, Desborough Town BC/Geoff Allen, Heyford BC
- Rink 2.** Paul Cooke, Carlsberg BC/Rod Douglas, Kettering Lodge BC/Keith Thatcher, Rushden Town BC/Richard Somerton, Brackley & District BC
- Rink 3.** Larry Lawrence, Kettering Lodge BC/Bill Humphries, St Crispin BC/Peter Kitchener, Irchester BC/Brian Jones, Heyford BC
- Rink 4.** John Davies, Brackley & District BC/Keith Brudenell, Swanspool BC/Dave Stewart, Rushden Town BC/Michael Moulton, Heyford BC
- Rink 5.** Jim Brumwell, Kingsthorpe BC/Eddie Chapman, Wellingborough BC/Darren Lee, Desborough Town BC/Norman Gibb, Corby Seagrave House BC
- Rink 6.** Will Clelland, Corby Seagrave House BC/Lynn Ridgeway, Kislingbury BC/David Walker, Oundle BC/Brian Diver, Corby Seagrave House BC

7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN ‘MCBA’ versus LEICESTERSHIRE – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire in a Midland Counties match against Leicestershire on Saturday, 10th August, 2019, at Wellingborough BC starting at 2.0 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Neil Rolfe, Northampton Express BC/Martin Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC/Richard Lemon, Northampton Express BC/Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 2.** David Love, Wellingborough BC/Mark Tompkins, Kingsthorpe BC/John Haines, Desborough Town BC/Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 3.** Adam Pitfield, Burton Latimer Town BC/Sam Gamble, Kettering Lodge BC/ Will Walker & David Walker, both Northampton West End BC
- Rink 4.** Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC/ Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC/Nathan Betts, Northampton West End BC/Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC
- Rink 5.** Rob White, Northampton Express BC/Jack Tobin, Burton Latimer Town BC/Peter Ward, Desborough Town BC/Phil Exley, Burton Latimer Town BC
- Rink 6.** Tony O’Leary, Abington BC/Simon Coles, Northampton Express BC/Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC/Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough BC

8. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'FRIENDLY' versus BEDFORDSHIRE – RESULT

Rink 1. Margaret Tyler, Marilyn Dunkley, Eleanor Winters & Nancy Tebbutt 9 shots – Hazel Wright 21 shots

This match did not start too well for the County as Beds won the first 3 ends to lead 5-0, and after almost catching their opponents at 4-6 after 7 ends, Nancy and her ladies lost the next 5 ends whilst Beds added 8 shots for a 10 shots lead after 12 ends. That lead became 19-7 with 4 ends to play, and with those 4 ends equally shared with 2 shots each, the home side secured a decent victory.

Rink 2. Trish Basford, Lisbeth Milburn, Elaine Urquhart & Joan Sidebottom 22 shots – Gillian Blacklock 15 shots

This match started very well for the County with 9 shots on the board without reply after 4 ends, and although Beds fought back to reduce their deficit to 7-10 after 10 ends, Joan and her ladies scored very well over the next 6 ends, dropping just 1 shot, but scoring 15, which included two good counts of 4, for a 25-8 lead with 5 ends left to play. Beds had the better of those last ends in scoring 7 shots to just 1 to Joan and her ladies, but it was still a decent win for the County..

Rink 3. Marlene Armitage, Elaine Munton, Heather Lack & Jan Swift 21 shots – Maureen Macpherson 22 shots

The County rink started very well in scoring a 2 and a good 4 on the first 2 ends, but by the 7th end the scores were level at 7 each, and after 10 ends Janet & her ladies were 1 shot up at 9-8. At this point the home rink went on a very good run of 5 winning ends and took a 10 shots lead at 19-9, which was reduced by Janet by 3 shots on the next end, and after dropping a 2 to be behind 12-21, the County collected a big 5 followed by a 3 to close to within 1 shot at 20-21, and with 1 shot each on the final 2 ends it was a very close finish.

Rink 4. Wen Hill, Val Scott, Wilma Walker & Val Betts 23 shots – Jan Northern 10 shots

Another good start by the County with a lead of 7-1 after 5 ends and still ahead 12-4 after 10 ends, and with very low scoring over the next 5 ends Val & her ladies were still up at 15-7 after 15 ends. The last 6 ends went 8-3 in the County's favour for a very good win for Val and her rink.

Rink 5. Chris Cooper, Maggie Edwards, Audrey Height & Yvonne McKee 17 shots – Maureen Nicholson 23 shots

In this match the County was 1-4 down after 4 ends, and 3-14 down after 9 ends, but the 10th end saw Yvonne & her ladies collect a good 4, followed by 2 doubles, to get within 2 shots, and after dropping a double, they went on a run of 4 winning ends, albeit by just single shots, to get within 1 shot at 15-16 down with 4 ends left to play. Those 4 ends went very much in favour of the home rink as they posted 7 shots to 2 conceded for a decent win to them.

Rink 6. Anita Gearey, Sue Prior, Jill Welch & Linda Warren 23 shots - Linda Gibson 22 shots

This was quite a close affair with the scores level at 4 each after 5 ends, and 10-8 to the County after 10 ends, but then Linda and her players picked up a big 6 to increase their lead to 16-8, and after another 4 ends they were still 8 up at 19-11. Beds hit back with a 4, which was followed by Linda and her ladies collecting a 3 to lead 22-15 with 4 ends to play, and those ends went in favour of Beds as they scored 7 shots to the 1 by the County for the narrowest win for Linda and her players.

9. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

'Inside Bowls' – August Edition. Here is the link to the August 2019 edition of Inside Bowls, the official publication of World Bowls: <http://online.fliphtml5.com/hpdf/msif/>

10. OBITUARY

1. Harry BELL, 87 years, Kettering Athletic BC and Northamptonshire Vice Presidents BA

Harry died peacefully on Friday, 26th July, 2019. He was a most dedicated and loyal member of the Vice Presidents Bowling Association, holding the post of Treasurer for many years, as well as a long time member of Kettering Athletic BC.

His Funeral is arranged to take place at Kettering Crematorium, Rothwell Road, Kettering, NN16 8XE, at 11.0 a.m. on Thursday, 8th August, 2019, with a Wake to follow at Kettering Athletic Club, 104, Rockingham Road, Kettering, NN169AE. No flowers by request, and no black by request to be worn, and donations if desired in favour of 'Glenfield Hospital, Leicester' online at averilphillips.co.uk or sent to Averil Phillips & Family, Independent Funeral Directors, Northampton House, Station Road, Kettering, NN15 7HH

2. Arthur Warburton, 100 years, Rushden Town BC

Arthur died on the 26th July, 2019. He was a long serving member of Rushden Town BC, and even in his later years when his great age caused him to give up bowling, he regularly visited the Club. In his time at Rushden he tended the gardens for a number of years and was very proud of the displays that he was able to create.

He was a very affable and likeable man who will have been known by many in the bowling community. His funeral arrangements are not known at this time.

4. Ron Webb, 91 years, Kettering Midland Band BC & Ise BC

Ron died in Kettering General Hospital on the 6th July, 2019, after having a cardiac arrest.

He, and his late wife Beryl, much enjoyed bowls with Ise BC and Kettering Midland Band BC, he being a one time Secretary of the latter.

His funeral has been held.

11. COUNTY CLUB NEWS

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

ABINGTON BC

Fixtures:

- 8.8.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 10.8.19. Club plays Rugby Thornfield BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 12.8.19. A Team plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home & B Team plays Bugbrooke BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 13.8.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.

BRACKLEY BC

Fixtures:

- 12.8.19. Club plays Carlsberg BC in the men's Triples league at 6.30 p.m.
- 14.8.19. Club plays Oxford Fire & Rescue BC at home at 6.0 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

- 11.8.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 12.8.19. Club plays Abington BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

BYFIELD BC

Fixtures:

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

CARLSBERG BC**Fixtures:**

10.8.19. Club plays Daventry Tigers BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

11.8.19. Club plays Swanspool BC away at 2.0 p.m.

COGENHOE BC**Fixtures:**

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

12.8.19. Club plays Cold Ashby BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

COLD ASHBY BC**Fixtures:**

10.8.19. Club plays Fleckney BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

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

DAVENTRY TOWN BC**Fixtures:**

8.8.19. Club plays Northampton West End BC away at 2.30 p.m.

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

HARPOLE BC**Fixtures:**

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

HEYFORD BC**Fixtures:**

8.8.19. Club plays Woodford-cum-Membris BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

10.8.19. Club plays Brington BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

14.8.19. Club plays St Crispin BC away at 6.30 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC**Fixtures:**

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

10.8.19. Club plays Roade BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

11.8.19. Club plays Barnwood BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

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

KISLINGBURY BC**Fixtures:**

10.8.19. Club plays Northampton Express BC away at 2.0 p.m.

11.8.19. Club plays Bugbrooke BC away at 2.30 p.m.

14.8.19. Club plays Northants Retired Police BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Fixtures:

- 10.8.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
12.8.19. A Team plays Desborough Town BC at home & B Team plays Harpole BC \away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC**Fixtures:**

- 8.8.19. Club plays Daventry Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
9.8.18. Club plays Travis Perkins BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
12.8.19. A Team plays Kingsthorpe BC at home & B Team plays Kislingbury BC away in the men' Triples League at 6.30p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC**Fixtures:**

- 10.8.19. Club plays Sharnbrook BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
11.8.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC away at 2.30 p.m.
12.8.19. A Team plays Abington BC away & B Team plays Wootton Grange BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
14.8.19. Club plays Abbey Park BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

ROADE BC**Fixtures:**

- 10.8.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 2.30 p.m.
12.8.19. Club plays Earls Barton BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

ST. CRISPIN BC**Fixtures:**

- 7.8.19. Club plays Abbey Park BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
10.8.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC away at 2.30 p.m. (women)
10.8.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC at home at 2.30 p.m. (men)
11.8.19. Club plays Byfield BC away at 2.0 p.m.
12.8.19. A Team plays Kingsthorpe BC away & B Team plays Kislingbury BC at home in the men' Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

WEST HADDON BC**Fixtures:**

- 8.8.19 Club plays North Kilworth BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
10.8.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC away at 2.0 p.m.
13.8.19. Club plays Rugby Railway BC away at 6.15 p.m.
14.8.19. Club plays Daventry Tigers BC away at 6.30 p.m.

WOODFORD-cum-MEMBRIS BC**Fixtures:**

- 8.8.19. Club plays Heyford BC away at 6.30 p.m.
10.8.19. Club plays Caldecott Park BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
14.8.19. Club plays Adderbury BC at home at ^0 p.m.

WOOTTON GRANGE BC**Fixtures:**

- 12.8.19. A Team play Daventry Town BC at home & B Team plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

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

BURTON LATIMER TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 10.8.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
11.8.19. Club plays Islip BC away at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

- 10.8.19. Club plays St Crispin BC away at 2.30 p.m. (men)
10.8.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home at 2.30 p.m. (women)
13.8.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor Park BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY SEAGRAVE HOUSE BC

Fixtures:

- 10.8.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
14.8.19. Club plays Oakham BC away at 2.0 p.m.

DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 8.8.19. Club plays its men v women match at 6.30 p.m.
10.8.19. Club plays Finedon Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.
10.8.19. Club plays its Triples competition
11.8.19. Club holds its Albert Wisken Memorial Gala at 2.0 p.m.
13.8.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC away at 6.15 p.m.
14.8.19. Club plays Northants VP's at home at 2.0 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

- 10.8.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
12.8.19. Club plays Roade BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

- 8.8.19. Club plays Islip BC away at 6.30 p.m.
10.8.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor Park BC away at 2.0 p.m.
11.8.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
13.8.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC at home at 6.15 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 10.8.19. Club plays Oundle BC away at 2.30 p.m.
12.8.19. Club A Team plays the Club B Team in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

IRCHESTER BC

Fixtures:

- 10.8.19. Club plays Harpole BC away at 2.30 p.m.
11.8.19. Club plays Wellingborough OG's BC away at 1.30 p.m.
12.8.19. Club D Team plays Team New Order at home and Club B Team plays Thrapston BC away in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixtures:

10.8.19. Club plays Mears Ashby RBL BC away at 2.30 p.m.

ISE BC

Fixtures:

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

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

11.8.19. Club plays Sheringham BC, Norfolk, away at 2.0 p.m.

ISLIP BC

Jumble Sale:

Once again, the Club is holding a Jumble Sale planned for **Saturday 28th September, 2019**, in Islip Village Hall, opening at 2pm with an Admission price of 20p per person. Who knows what bargains might be found there! Proceeds to aid the Club.

Fixtures:

8.8.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

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

11.8.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

8.8.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

10.8.19. Club holds its ladies Presidents' Day at 2.0 p.m.

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

13.8.19. Club plays Abington BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

14.8.19. Club plays Masonic BA at home at 9.0 a.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixtures:

8.8.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor Park BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

10.8.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.

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

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixtures:

8.8.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 2.30 p.m.

OUNDLE BC

Fixtures:

10.8.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

14.8.19. Club plays Stamford BC away at 2.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixtures:

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

10.8.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

13.8.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC away at 2.0 p.m.

President's Day – held on the 23rd July, 2019. Information supplied by Robert Emery, President of Rothwell Manor Park BC

A hot July day saw some 50 members, friends and visiting clubs enjoy some exciting bowls and all had some great fun.

The President's Teams played the Manor, the winners on the President's Team side with a 20 shot lead was the Desborough Team of Phil Bates, Baz Hogston, Trevor Wright and Desborough President Eddie Short.

The Manor's winning rink was lead by Club Secretary Marlene Fulton and included Chris Hawkins, Albert Kelly and Helen Emery.

Rothwell Manor's President, Robert Emery, said: "It was an action packed fun day enjoyed by all, I was delighted that Eddie brought a strong team from Desborough and Marlene lead a strong competitive group for the Manor."

Robert also said the winner was the fun, friendship and good bowls, but whilst the Manor got 63 shots the President's team won with 127.

The President's Charity for 2019, the Headlands Hospice in Corby and Cransley Hospice in Kettering will also benefit this year.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 8.8.19. Club plays Stony Stratford BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 10.8.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 12.8.19. Club plays Team Rebels away in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

SWANSPPOOL BC

Fixtures:

- 11.8.19. Club plays Carlsberg BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC

Fixtures:

- 8.8.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 10.8.19. Club plays Earls Barton BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 11.8.19. Mixed Tour to Norfolk
- 12.8.19. Club plays Irchester BC at home in the Tipler Triples league at 6.30 p.m.
- 13.8.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC away at 6.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

- 8.8.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 10.8.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 10.8.19. Club hosts a MCBA match between Northamptonshire & Leicestershire at 2.0 p.m.
- 13.8.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH OG'S BC

Fixtures:

- 8.8.19. Club plays Ise BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 11.8.19. Club plays Irchester BC at home at 1.30 p.m.
- 13.8.19. Club plays Redwell BC away at 2.0 p.m.

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