

# NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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**11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

**BOWLS REPORT**

## **1. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – COUNTY PLAYERS' INVOLVEMENT**

The National Championships, under the auspices of Bowls England, continued all week, with many County players striving for honours

### **MONDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

#### **WOMEN'S FOURS**

**Preliminary Round – played at 4.30 p.m.**

**Marian Mackie, Audrey Height, Pat Starsmore & Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC lost to Steff Pinson, Sandie Smith, Bridget Hodder & Penny Creswell, Poole Park BC, Dorset 15-16 shots.**

This was a closely contested match for most of its duration, although the Dorset players started much better than the Lodge County Champions in building up a 5-1 lead after 5 ends, but Sian and her ladies got into their game and tied things up at 5 each after 7 ends, and after 10 ends of play they were just 1 shot adrift at 6-7. The next 5 ends were not too good for the County rink as they dropped 6 shots and picked up 1 to go behind 7-13, but they fought hard and in winning the next 3 ends got back to within 1 shot again at 12-13 with 3 ends to play. The 1<sup>st</sup> 2 of those 3 ends saw Dorset collect 3 shots, and the last end was a very loose one by all players, and when Sian bowled the last bowl of the match she had to play a firm and somewhat speculative shot for she was match down, and her bowl had a bit of fortune and although she picked up 3 shots as a result, she and her rink were just 1 shot short.

### **TUESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

#### **WOMEN'S FOURS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round – played at 9.30 a.m.**

**Sandra Mawson, Pat Bodily, Yvonne McKee & Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC beat Sandra Ringshaw, Michelle Carlin, Hayley Kenny & Rebecca Smith, Clock House BC, Upminster, Essex 24-18 shots**

This match was quite close for the first half or so, with Essex leading 6-3 after 5 ends, but the County pulling them back to tie the match after 10 ends at 8 shots each, and after dropping a single, Sharon and her ladies picked up a very good 4 followed by a double to take a 14-9 shots lead. Essex hit back with a couple of double counts to get within 1 shot, but on the 16<sup>th</sup> end of the scheduled 21, Sharon & her rink collected a big 6, followed by a single and a double to lead 23-13 shots with 3 ends left to play. The County players dropped a 4 on the 19<sup>th</sup> end, but in picking up a single on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Essex were faced with the requirement of picking up a 7 to tie, and this was hardly likely, and so it proved as they could only pick up a single after 'killing the end' on the first time of playing it.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round – played at 2.0 p.m.**

**Sandra Mawson, Pat Bodily, Yvonne McKee & Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC beat Pat Browne, Dorothy Taylor, Rachel Cartwright & Kayleigh Proctor, Benfield BC, Newcastle, Northumberland 25-17 shots.**

In this match, after going 2-6 down after 3 ends, the County ladies won the next 5 ends and took the lead at 11-6, but after dropping 3 shots on the next 2 ends, they scored a very welcome 4 shots to increase their lead to 15-9.

Northumberland's answer to that was to draw level by winning the next 3 ends, so after 14 ends an interesting finale was envisaged. The Kingsthorpe ladies put in some terrific bowls over the next few ends to increase their lead to 20-15, but after dropping a double on the 17<sup>th</sup> end they were just 3 up with 4 ends to play, and in winning the first 3 of those ends to be 8 shots up, their opponents shook hands and conceded.

**MEN'S SENIOR FOURS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round – played at 2.0 pm.**

**Alan Coleman, Terry Brown, Tony O'Leary & John Freeman, Abington BC lost to Dave Alford, Dale Roberts, Dave Bithell & Ron Bithell, Kington BC, Herefordshire 16-20 shots.**

The early ends of this match were very even with the scores at 5 shots each after 5, and after collecting a single on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> ends, the Abington four went behind as the Hereford men scored 11 shots over the next few ends for a very good lead at 16-7 with 6 ends left to play. John and his men, however, went on a 'purple spree' of scoring and tied up the match at 16 shots each, with 2 ends left to play, but they could not keep that scoring run going and eventually lost the match

**WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

**WOMEN'S FOURS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Round (last 16) – played at 9.30 a.m.**

**Sandra Mawson, Pat Bodily, Yvonne McKee & Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC lost to Lauren Hackett, Hayley James, Emma Cooper & Harriet Stevens, Kings BC, Devon 8-19 shots**

This match saw them up against a pretty strong Devon Rink skipped by England International Harriet Stevens, who not only had won the Junior Singles 2 days before against her No. 3 Emma, but she is 5 weeks away from giving birth. I think it is fair to say that the Kingsthorpe players did not quite manage to play to the high standard of their previous two matches, and against this opposition they needed to. They scored first, a single, but then dropped a 4 and from then on, although it was a very low scoring match with mostly singles being scored by both sides, it was Devon that was winning the ends, although after 10 ends of play Sharon and her ladies were only 4 shots adrift. The second half saw Devon win 7 of the 10 ends played, and ultimately were worthy winners.

**MEN'S JUNIOR PAIRS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round – played at 1.0 p.m.**

**Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC & Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Dan Holmes & Thomas Holmes, Ledbury BC, Herefordshire 21-6 shots**

This match was expected to be a pretty tough opener for Kieran and Connor, for the Holmes brothers are very good bowlers who have featured in the National Championships before, and Thomas is a current Junior England International, and will be playing with Connor in the British Isles Series next month. The first few ends lived up to expectation as the scores were level on 4 each after 4 ends, but then Kieran & Connor won the next 5 ends, albeit in singles, for a 9-4 lead, and after dropping a single, they increased their lead to 13-5 shots after 12 ends of play. The 13<sup>th</sup> end went to the Hereford pair with a single, but the following 3 ends were played really well by the County pair and in collecting 8 shots for a 15 shots lead, their opponents conceded.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round (last 16) – played at 4.30 pm.**

**Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC & Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Jonathon Dadson & Joe Glenn, Oxfordshire 26-9 shots.**

In this match the County pair stated very well after dropping a single on the first end, for they then won the next 4 ends and took a lead of 8-1, helped by collecting a 4 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> end. After dropping another single on the 6<sup>th</sup> end, Kieran & Connor won the following 3 ends and added 7 shots for a 15-2 lead at the halfway stage, and after conceding another single on the 10<sup>th</sup> end, they added 6 more shots without reply for a big lead at 21-3 and the end seemed close. The Oxon players were encouraged by collecting 3 shots on the 14<sup>th</sup> end, and after dropping a single on the next they collected another treble to reduce their deficit to 9-22 with 2 ends left.

The Oxon players carried on, and during the playing of the 17<sup>th</sup> end Connor asked Kieran to send a firm bowl to 'ditch the jack' and make the Oxon task impossible, but Kieran's firm bowl ended up 'killing the end' instead, and on its replay the County men picked up 4 shots when the Oxon skip failed to 'kill the end' himself, when placed in no position to score the multiple shots he needed.

**THURSDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

**MEN'S JUNIOR PAIRS**

**QUARTER FINAL – played at 9.30 a.m.**

**Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC & Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Daniel Hughes & Jack Butcher, Romford BC, Essex 17-13 shots**

This match started well for the County men as they picked up successive doubles on the first 2 ends, but after 5 ends Essex had got within 1 shot at 4-5 down. At which point Kieran and Connor played some excellent bowls to win the next 3 ends, albeit in singles for the lead at 8-4. The Essex lead, England International Daniel was bowling superbly and despite some excellent woods from Kieran and Connor, their opponents tied the match when collecting a good 4, and then took the lead 11-9 after 11 ends of play, and kept it at 13-10 after 13 ends. Some say 13 is unlucky and it certainly was for the Essex players for they were stuck on that score of 13 for the remaining 5 ends of the match for Kieran and Connor to record a very good 17-13 win.

**SEMI-FINAL – played at 1.0 p.m.**

**Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC & Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC lost to Alfie Hill & Glen Adams, Hendon BC, Middlesex 7-16 shots**

This was a very tightly contested match, very low scoring with just single counts recorded for the first 8 ends, at which point the County pair were 3-5 shots adrift, but then Middlesex broke the trend and scored a double on the 9<sup>th</sup> end, and in picking up two singles and another double without reply, Middlesex created a decent lead at 11-3 with 6 ends to play.

In this match both Kieran and Connor were bowling some very good bowls, but England International Glen, for Middlesex, was outstanding. Kieran and Connor picked up two more counts of 2 shots, but with 2 ends to play they were 7-14 shots down, and the 17<sup>th</sup> end played just did not go well for the County men, and the victory was Middlesex's.

**Well done, however, to Kieran and Connor for reaching the National Semi-Final of this competition, and probably no compensation to them that Alfie and Glen went on to win the title.**

**FRIDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

**WOMEN'S 4 WOOD SINGLES**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round – played at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

**Ann-Marie Waters, Roade BC lost to Carol Pellow, Penryn BC, Cornwall 12-21 shots.**

After dropping a single on the first end and picking up a double on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ann-Marie lost the next 3 ends, dropping two singles and a big 4 in the process, but after an exchange of singles on the next 2 ends, she picked up a very welcome 3 shots to get within a couple of her opponent at 6-8. Unfortunately she dropped a single and another big 4 on the next 2 ends to be 6-13 adrift, but over the next 6 ends she won 4 of them, albeit by singles to give encouragement at 10-16 down after 16 ends of play. Her Cornish opponent then collected successive doubles to be on the cusp of victory at 20-10, but Ann-Marie held her off for another end as she picked up 2 shots, but her defeat came on the next end.

**Pat Bodily, Kingsthorpe BC beat Harriet Stevens, Kings BC, Devon 21-13 shots.**

This match was a repeat of the match between the two in the first round of the 4 wood singles in 2016, in which Pat was successful, and once again she overcame her England International opponent, by playing some excellent bowls. After picking up a double on the first end, Pat dropped a maximum count of 4 shots on the next, but that did not seem to bother her for she won the next 4 ends to take the lead 8-4, and after dropping a 3 on the 7<sup>th</sup> end of play she picked up 2 singles to stay ahead at 10-7. As one might expect from an International player, Harriet immediately fought back in winning the next 3 ends and going in front 12-10 shots, but Pat's response was superb when she won 6 successive ends, albeit mostly in singles, to see the finishing post at 19-12 up, and after dropping a single, she won the match with a 2 on the 20<sup>th</sup> end of play.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round- played at 12 noon.**

**Pat Bodily, Kingsthorpe BC lost to Lorraine Kuhler, Worthing Pavilion BC, Sussex 10-21 shots.**

Such is the luck of the draw that Pat had to face yet another England International. Lorraine has been a regular player for England since 2008, so a tough match for Pat was expected. She started well in winning the first 2 ends with 3 shots, but Lorraine struck back at once and after 5 ends of play the scores were level at 4 each, and over the next 6 ends there was little to choose between them with Lorraine just 1 shot up at 8-7. Her lead became 13-7 after 14 ends, but Pat stemmed the tide and broke back to just 3 shots adrift at 10-13, but from that point on it was all Lorraine, who lived up to her International status with a terrific run of 6 winning ends, in which she scored the 8 shots she needed for victory.

**SATURDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

**WOMEN' SENIOR SINGLES**

**Preliminary Round - played at 9.30 a.m.**

**Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Elizabeth Russell, Hampshire 21-10 shots**

This match was played in pretty wet conditions, but Tina started very well in winning the first 4 ends, albeit in single shots, and by the 10<sup>th</sup> end of play she had a decent lead at 10-5 shots, and 5 ends later she was 10 shots up at 17-7, and the winning post was not far away. 4 more ends were required for the victory with her opponent picking up 3 more shots, but Tina collecting two doubles for the very good win.

**1st Round - played at 12.30 p.m.**

**Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Carol McGrail, Surrey 21-17 shots**

This match was also subject to the most wet and windy conditions and in the early stages the Surrey player was very much in the ascendancy leading 7-2 shots after 6 ends but Tina is very competitive and over the next 7 ends she outscored her opponent by quite some to tie up the match at 11 shots each. Tina took the lead with a double on the next end but lost it immediately 13-14, but tied things up again at 14 each, and again at 15 shots each after 18 ends of play, and in picking up a very valuable 3 on the next end she could see the winning post, but her Surrey opponent picked up a double to get within 1 shot, until Tina scored the 3 she needed for a very good win.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round (Last 16) - played at 3.0 p.m.**

**Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC lost to Janet Eames, Nottinghamshire 17-21 shots.**

In this match the rain relented and the sun mostly shone, but the wind was horrific and not conducive to good play, but in fact both players delivered some very good bowls indeed, in a game that lasted for 25 ends. Tina started off much the better, winning the first 3 ends for a 6-0 lead, and that became 9-2 three ends later. Tina kept in front but Janet closed to 1 shot at 12-13 down after picking up a maximum 4, but Tina responded with 3 shots in winning the next 2 ends for a 16-12 lead.

Janet responded very positively in keeping Tina to that 16 whilst she overtook her for a lead at 18-16, and Tina closed to within 1 at 17-18 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> end played, and both players had a sight of the winning line.

Janet picked up a single and on what was to be the last end, she sat 1 shot with Tina having 3 pretty close bowls just short of the jack when she played the last bowl of the match. That bowl was designed to remove the Notts shot bowl and stay in for a match winning count of 4 shots, but in the event she was slightly off her line and struck one of her own bowls which went onto the jack and moved it away for Janet to pick up the 2 she needed.

Well done to Tina in performing so well, especially in the last match against Janet Eames who went on to contest the Final.

**SUNDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

**WOMEN'S TRIPLES**

**Preliminary Round -- played at 2.0 p.m.**

**Maureen McDonald, Gill White & Marilyn Dunkley, Wellingborough BC lost to Jackie Wilson, Pauline Worrall & Carolyn Lythgoe, Camberley BC Surrey 14-20 shots**

This match was played in the most appalling weather conditions, very heavy rain, such as to affect the greens and cause some temporary halt to play due to waterlogging, and under these circumstances it was surprising that the ladies could bowl at all, let alone deliver many good bowls, which both triples did.

The County triple could not get on the scoreboard for 4 ends as their Surrey opponents lead 6-0, and after picking up their first shot, Marilyn and her ladies had the misfortune to drop a big count of 5 for their deficit to increase to 1-11 shots. Marilyn and her ladies, however, were very determined and they struck back well in winning the next 4 ends for 6 shots to be added to their score, which put them within 4 of their opponents, but on that 7 they were stuck for 5 ends as Surrey added 8 shots for a 12 shot lead with 3 ends to go.

A 3 on the next end for the County ladies was followed by a very good and productive end in which they collected a good 4, and that might have been several more but for one of the Surrey bowls being knocked into the head. This left Wellingborough with an uphill struggle on the last end needing 5 shots to draw level, and although the County ladies put some good bowls into the head, one of the Surrey bowls was measured in for shot.

### **SUTTON WINSON UNDER 18 COMPETITION**

Two County players had entered the Sutton Winson Under 18 competition:

**Thomas Manderson, Abington BC and Emma Muir, Corby Forest BC**

The competition is contested by 128 players, arranged in two groups, and they played a 'round robin' in their groups to provide the Last 32, and those that did not make the Last 32 were entered into the Pairs Plate competition.

**Thomas** did not make it into the Last 32, and he was defeated with his partner in the Pairs Plate.

**Emma** did make it into the **Last 32**, when she beat Rhianna Russell of Hertfordshire 8-3 & 6-3.

This put her into the **Last 16**, where she was again successful, beating Ella Crouch of Devon in a very close encounter 6-6 & 8-7

The **Quarter Finals**, therefore beckoned Emma, where she was beaten by Joseph Vandeeper of Kent 6-2 & 5-2.

Well done to her for playing so well and being finally beaten by the subsequent Champion.

### **PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S COMPETITIONS**

County players will be taking part in the following competitions during the forthcoming week:

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

#### **WOMEN'S TRIPLES**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round - to be played at 9.30 a.m.**

**Alison Dring, Emma Exley & Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC** will play Beth Hanson, Debbie Crews & Denise Butchers, Plessey Radar BC, Isle of Wight.

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

#### **WOMEN'S TRIPLES**

**Continues to its conclusion – hopefully County players will still be in contention.**

#### **WOMEN'S 2 WOOD SINGLES**

**Preliminary Round - to be played at 2.0 p.m.**

**Sandra Mawson, Kingsthorpe BC** will play Janice Munday, Empire BC, Kent  
**1<sup>st</sup> Round - to be played at 3.30 p.m.**

**Alison Dring, Burton Latimer Town BC** will play Rita Gerry, Moreton-in-Marsh BC, Gloucestershire and (hopefully) **Sandra Mawson, Kingsthorpe BC** will play either Cambridgeshire or Warwickshire

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

#### **WOMEN'S 2 WOOD SINGLES**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round - to be played at 10.0 a.m.**

**Hopefully Sandra Mawson & Alison Dring will be there.**

**WOMEN'S PAIRS**

Early 1<sup>st</sup> Round - to be played at 2.0 p.m.

Celia Morris & Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC will play Frances Knight & Shelagh Stapleton, North Greenwich BC, Middlesex

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

**WOMEN'S 2 WOOD SINGLES**

To be played to its conclusion – hopefully involving County players.

**WOMEN'S PAIRS**

1<sup>st</sup> Round - to be played at 9.30 a.m.

Katie Smith & Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC will play Terri Keen & Charlene Turpie, Gerrards Cross BC, Buckinghamshire

2<sup>nd</sup> Round - to be played at 2.0 p.m.

Hopefully Celia & Hilary, and Katie & Rebecca, will still be in contention.

**MEN'S CLUB TWO FOURS**

Quarter Final - to be played at 2.0 p.m.

If Northampton West End BC beats Norfolk BC in the Area Final, to be played by the 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, they will play either Clevedon BC, Somerset or Kings BC, Devon.

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

**WOMEN'S PAIRS**

Last 16 & Quarter Finals to be played, and hopefully the County players will still be there.

**MEN'S CLUB TWO FOURS**

Semi-Finals and Final to be played – again hopefully Northampton West End will be there.

**MEN'S SENIOR PAIRS**

Preliminary Round - to be played at 9.30 a.m.

Brian Briggs & Allen Simms, Kettering Lodge BC will play David Lockhart & Rhys Vaughan, Lancashire

1<sup>st</sup> Round - to be played at 2.0 p.m.

Hopefully Brian and Allen will be there, playing the winners of match between Suffolk & Cornwall.

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

**WOMEN'S PAIRS**

To be played to its conclusion – hopefully with County representation.

**MEN'S JUNIOR SINGLES**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round - to be played at 9.30 a.m. and at 11.30 a.m.**

**Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC plays Nathan Richards, Westlecot BC, Wiltshire, at 9.30 a.m.  
Conor Bryan, Kingsthorpe BC plays Ryan Hooper, Watchet BC, Somerset, at 11.30 a.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round - to be played at 1.0 p.m. and at 2.30 p.m.**

**Hopefully Kieran and Conor will be in contention.**

**MEN'S SENIOR PAIRS**

**Last 16 and Quarter Finals – hopefully Brian Briggs & Allen Simms will still be there.**

**WOMEN'S JUNIOR PAIRS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round - to be played at 1.0 p.m.**

**Lois Woodward & Abby Woodward, Burton Latimer Town BC will play Georgina Newman & Joanna Hicks, Wiltshire**

**Last 16 - to be played at 4.30 p.m. and hopefully the Woodward sisters will be in contention.**

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

**MEN'S JUNIOR SINGLES**

**Played through to its conclusion from 9.0 a.m. and hopefully Conor Bryan and Kieran Rollings, will still be there.**

**MEN'S SENIOR PAIRS**

**Semi-Final and Final at 9.30 a.m. & 2.0 p.m. respectively – hopefully County players will still be there.**

**WOMEN'S JUNIOR PAIRS**

**Played through to its conclusion with Q-Final at 9.30 a.m., Semi-Final at 12 noon & Final at 3.0 p.m. and we hope that the Woodward sisters will still be playing.**

**WOMEN'S WALKER CUP – DOUBLE RINK COMPETITION**

**Semi-Final - to be played at 9.30 a.m. and the County will play Wiltshire.**

**County Team is from:**

**Pat Bodily, Alison Dring, Michelle Harris, Yvonne McKee, Katie Smith, Sharon Tansley, Ann-Marie Waters, Jill Welch & Rebecca Wigfield**

**Final - to be played at 2.0 pm.**

**MEN'S FOURS**

**Preliminary Round - to be played at 2.0 p.m.**

**Neil Rolfe, Richard Lemon, Chris Bland & Gavin Taylor, Northampton Express BC will play Paul Reynolds, Stuart Phillips, Chris Harris & Tony Waller, Ladygate BC, Middlesex**



## **2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'MCBA' versus LEICESTERSHIRE – RESULT**

The men of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** took on near neighbours Leicestershire in a crucial Midland Counties Championship match on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, at Wellingborough BC, and won by the handsome margin of 31 shots. The County had 3 winning rinks, 1 drawn and 2 losing, which provided a total of 17 points. It was crucial because to win the Championship the County needed to obtain a minimum of 16 points, so it is very satisfying for new Team Manager, Mick Smith, that his adopted County has possibly won the Francis Burton Trophy. The highest scoring of the County's winning rinks was skipped by Vernon Gearey, and it posted a very good 19 shots victory. Final score was Northamptonshire 131 shots (17 points) – Leicestershire 100 shots (5 points) Rink details as follows, Leicester skips only named:

### **Rink 1. Neil Rolfe, Martin Gearey, Richard Lemon & Andrew Manton 18 shots – Chris Rodgers 19 shots**

In this match the County men were generally in front for most of the match by a few shots, being 6-4 up after 5 ends, and maintaining a lead until dropping a 4 to go 1 behind at 9-10 after 10 ends, but that reversal was short lived as Andrew and his men won 4 successive ends to retake the lead at 15-10. The last 7 ends went much better for Leicester as they scored well and drew level at 17 shots each, and when the County picked up 1 on the penultimate end a victory was hoped for, but the last end went the way of the visitors for a very small win to them.

### **Rink 2. Tony O'Leary, Simon Coles, Roger Tansley & Curtis Johnson 27 shots – Steve Ward 15 shots**

After 5 ends of play in this match, thanks to a good pick up of 4 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> end, the County lead 6-3, and with another good 4 on the 10<sup>th</sup> end, the lead was increased to 14-4, and after 14 ends it was still very good at 20-7, but the 15<sup>th</sup> end saw Leicester collect a big count of 5, followed by a double, to much reduce their arrears to 6 shots. The response by Curtis and his men was to collect 6 shots in winning the next 3 ends to be back with a very good lead with 2 ends to go, and those 2 ends resulted in a single to each.

### **Rink 3. Adam Pitfield, Mick Spear, William Walker & David Walker 10 shots – Neil Hope 24 shots**

In this match, thanks to a good 4 on the 5<sup>th</sup> end the County had a small lead 6-4, but on that 6 they stayed for 6 ends as Leicester scored well, albeit only in singles and doubles, to lead 13-6, and after 15 ends they maintained a decent lead at 16-10. Two single counts to the visitors followed by a tied end, saw David and his men pick up a double and a good 4 to get within 2 shots and a possible win but the last end put paid to that as Leicester collected a big count of 6.

### **Rink 4. David Love, Mark Tompkins, John Haines & Vernon Gearey 33 shots – Dave Simpson 14 shots**

After 6 ends of play the County had a 1 shot lead at 7-6, but the next 5 ends saw a dramatic change in that for after collecting a double on the first of those, Vernon and his men picked up a massive count of 6, followed by two singles and a double to lead 19-6 after 11 ends. Leicester collected a good 4 on the next end, but the County response was immediate, for they went on a 7 end winning run, picking up 5 singles, a treble and another massive 6 to be a distance ahead at 33-10 with 2 ends to play, which the visitors won, but it was a terrific win for the County.

### **Rink 5. Danny Walker, Kieran Rollings, Nathan Betts & Connor Cinato 23 shots – Chris Moore 14 shots**

After 5 ends of play, the County rink was in front 6-2, thanks to a 4 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> end, and after 10 ends had doubled the lead to 12-4. With another 4 and 2 singles and a dropped single, Connor and his men were 18-6 up after 15 ends, but Leicester made a determined effort in winning the next 4 ends to much reduce their deficit to 14-18 with 2 ends to play, but the County held fast and collected 3 shots on those 2 ends for a decent win.

### **Rink 6. Rob White, Jack Tobin, Peter Ward & Phil Exley 14 shots – Tom May 14 shots.**

In this match the County started pretty well in leading 4-2 after 5 ends and 8-4 after 10, and in an extremely low scoring match in which there were 16 ends of single counts, after 18 ends of play Phil and his men were 14-7 up. Leicester were not finished, however, for on those last 4 ends they picked up 7 shots, including a trend bucking 4, to tie up the match.

### 3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE PRESIDENTS versus HERTFORDSHIRE PPA – RESULT

The **Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Bowling Association** played Hertfordshire Past Presidents Bowling Association in a friendly match at Wellingborough BC on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, and with just 1 winning rink and 5 losing, they lost the match by 23 shots. It would have been much higher but for the excellent win by 19 shots of the rink skipped by Peter Kitchener.

The final score was Northamptonshire VP's 117 shots – Hertfordshire PPA 140 shots

Rink details as follows, Herts skips only named:

- Rink 1.** Maurice Tyler, Richard Tyack, Steve Hollywood & Richard Dyball 16 shots – Don Fox 20 shots
- Rink 2.** Derek Essam, Len Marshall, Dennis Sansom & Ian Loseby 19 shots – Ray Cracknell 28 shots
- Rink 3.** Tony Hancock, Andrew Bosworth, Barry Hogston & Paul Cooke 15 shots – Mark Harris 29 shots
- Rink 4.** Ollie Pearson, Peter Byworth, Bryan Audis & Bob Brogden 17 shots – David Brooks 27 shots
- Rink 5.** Albert Julyan, Dave Brawn, Dick Lovesay & Peter Kitchener 33 shots – Terry Barker 14 shots
- Rink 6.** Richard Pitts, John Allen, Peter Oliver & Dave Williamson 17 shots – Barry Smith 22 shots

### 4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus THE IMPS BA – SELECTION

The following players will represent the men's section of **the Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** in a friendly match against the Imps Bowling Association, to be played on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, at Roade BC, Old Vicarage, The Leys, Roade, NN7 2NR, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Richard Tyack, Woodford-cum-Membris BC/David Francis, Bugbrooke BC/Jack Litchfield, Rushden Town BC/Paul Green, Northampton Express & Executive
- Rink 2.** Will Clelland, Corby Seagrave House BC/Eddie Chapman, Wellingborough BC/Dave Stewart, Rushden Town BC/Geoff Hayter, Bugbrooke BC
- Rink 3.** Paul Cooke, Carlsberg BC/Brian Diver, Corby Seagrave House BC/Brian Jones, Heyford BC/Mossy Waters, Rushden Town BC
- Rink 4.** Larry Lawrence, Kettering Lodge BC/Martin Groom, Rushden Town BC/Bob Tingle, Kettering Midland Band BC/Norman Gibb, Corby Seagraave House BC
- Rink 5.** Robert Emery, Rothwell Manor Park BC/John Elphee, Kislingbury BC/Robin Frost, Bugbrooke BC/Dave Betts, Higham Ferrers Town BC
- Rink 6.** Albert Kelly, Rothwell Manor Park BC/Rod Douglas, Kettering Lodge BC/Peter Kitchener, Irchester BC/Geoff Harris, Higham Ferrers Town BC
- Reserves:** Lyn Ridgway, Kislingbury/Bob Sullivan, Desborough Town BC/Richard Somerton, Brackley & District & Executive

### 5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus LEICESTERSHIRE - RESULT

The men of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** visited Knighton Victoria BC, Leicester on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, for a friendly match against that County, and with a much weakened team the County was given a bit of a trouncing by the home County, by 47 shots. The County had but one winning rink, that skipped by Dave Stewart, which won by 6 shots, and 5 losing.

The final score was Northamptonshire 83 shots – Leicestershire 130 shots. Rink details as follows, Leicester skips only named:

- Rink 1.** John Davies, Geoff Simmons, Bob Brogden & Michael Moulton 15 shots – Jeff Lewitt 25 shots
- Rink 2.** John Elphee, Rod Douglas, Keith Thatcher & Richard Somerton 10 shots – Ken Wainwright 24 shots
- Rink 3.** Trevor Tilley, Terry Chapman, Bob Sullivan & Harvey Fruish 17 shots – George Sim 18 shots
- Rink 4.** John Hodgkinson, Lynn Ridgeway, David Walker & Paul Cooke 7 shots – Gavin Bryson 23 shots
- Rink 5.** Larry Lawrence, Bill Humphries, Keith Brudenell & Peter Kitchener 13 shots – John McGuigan 25 shots
- Rink 6.** Jim Brumwell, Eddie Chapman, Darren Lee & Dave Stewart 21 shots – David Ward 15 shots

**6. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT COUNTY**

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**COUNTY COMPETITIONS SPONSORED BY KEMPSTON CONTROLS, SHIRLEY ROAD, RUSHDEN**

**SECRETARY/TREASURER’S CUP**

**SEMI-FINALS – played at Northampton Express BC on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

**1. Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Neil Gould, Earls Barton BC 21-16 shots**

In this match after picking up 3 shots on the first 2 ends, Danny was kept there whilst Neil scored very well in collecting 8 shots on the next 4 ends, including a maximum 4 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> end, and after 10 ends of play Neil was 11-6 ahead. Danny tied things up at 11 shots each, and it was 13 each, 14 each, and 15 each, a clear indication of how tight it was, but then Danny scored well on the last 4 ends played to take the victory.

**2. Alan Ashby, Northampton West End BC beat Will Walker, Northampton West End BC 21-16 shots**

In this match Will started off very well indeed, for after conceding two singles in the first 8 ends, he was 11-2 shots up, but Alan is a very experienced player and after getting to 5-14 shots down after 11 ends of play, he kept Will on that score for 6 ends and added 10 shots to his score to take the lead 15-14. Will scored a double on the next end but once more he was kept on a score, this time for 5 ends, as Alan won them all and took the victory.

**COUNTY LEAGUE**

**Wellingborough BC drew with Thrapston BC 51 shots each, but by virtue of rink successes Wellingborough earned 8 points to the 6 by Thrapston. Rink details as follows, Wellingborough names first:**

- At Wellingborough:** **Triple 1.** Alex Ray, Tommy Jaszczun & Walt Winsor 19 shots – B Frost, Mike Ferry & Les Johnson 10 shots
- Triple 2.** Dennis Mole, Nigel Hawkins & Ian Roy 8 shots – Pat Mattinson, Mick Tate & David Bailey 18 shots
- At Thrapston:** **Triple 3.** Kyle Buckley, Bryn Walker & John Marlow 10 shots – Chris Stanyon Barry Melville & Bob Wilkinson 10 shots
- Triple 4.** Jason Ball, David Love & Neil Corbyn 14 shots – Keith Ferry, Roy Martin & Richard Horrell 13 shots

**CURRENT LEAGUE STATUS**

**Division 1.**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Played</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Drawn</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Shots +/-</b>	<b>Points</b>
Desborough Town	5	4	0	1	+87	50
Kettering Mid Band	4	4	0	0	+93	48
Wellingborough	5	3	1	1	+26	48
Burton Latimer	5	3	0	2	+17	36
Corby Seagrave	5	2	0	3	+37	35
Thrapston	5	1	1	3	-65	24
Geddington & Newton	4	0	0	4	-97	8
Irchester	3	0	0	3	-98	3

**Division 2.**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Played</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Drawn</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Shots +/-</b>	<b>Points</b>
Corby Forest	5	5	0	0	+151	62
Higham Ferrers	5	4	0	1	+53	50
Rushden Town	5	2	0	3	-35	31
N'ton BBOB	4	1	0	3	-22	23
Kettering Lodge	5	2	0	3	-65	22
N'ton Whyte Melville	4	0	0	4	-82	10

**In this Division the Champions are Corby Forest BC, and Higham Ferrers Town BC are promoted with them to Division 1.**

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**COUNTY COMPETITIONS SPONSORED BY KEMPSTON CONTROLS, SHIRLEY ROAD, RUSHDEN**

**CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SINGLES – ‘MASON CUP’**

**QUARTER FINALS – 1 & 2 played on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 & 4 played on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 all at Northampton Express BC .**

**1. Scott Fleming, Earls Barton BC beat Keith Gordon, Irchester BC 21-20 shots**

In this match Scott started much the better in picking up 9 shots without reply after 4 ends of play, but Keith got his game going on the next 3 ends in collecting 8 shots to get close, but Scott went away again to lead 13-8. The response from Keith was immediate as he won the next 3 ends to draw level and then picked up a single to go in front, but Scott once more scored well in collecting 6 shots on the next 4 ends to see the finishing post at 19-14, however, Keith was not about to let him get there lightly for he scored very well in picking up two threes to a single concede to draw level at 20 shots each, for a one end ‘shoot out’ which was won by Scott.

**2. Andy Fowkes, Northampton West End BC beat John Hodgkinson, Daventry Town BC 21-6 shots**

In this match John was up against a very able and experienced bowler who had appeared at National Championships, and of the 17 ends of play he was only able to win 6 of them, all in singles. After 6 ends of play Andy was 9-2 shots up, and although the next 6 ends were equally shared in wins, John’s 3 shots were matched by the 4 shots by Andy who then lead 13-5. The remaining 5 ends played gave Andy 8 shots to the 1 by John for a fairly comprehensive win for the West End player

**3. Mick Corbyn, Rushden Town BC given walkover**

**4. Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC beat John Freeman, Abington BC 21-12 shots**

In this match it is worth saying that the match was played in very windy conditions and both players battled against it, and at times they had to stop and compose themselves because they were being blown off the mat! Connor started the better in scoring 6 shots for no reply in the first 4 ends of play, but John had the better of the next 4 in scoring 6 shots to the 2 by Connor, to keep in touch, and after another 3 ends the scores were level at 10 shots each. On that score John was confined for 5 ends whilst Connor added 7 shots, and after John picked up 2 successive singles Connor won the next 3 ends played for victory.

## **7. EVENING TELEGRAPH CCOMPETITION – LATEST RESULTS**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Round:**

**Earls Barton BC ‘B’ beat Corby Forest BC ‘A’ 27-26 shots**  
**Burton Latimer Town BC ‘Blue’ beat Earls Barton BC ‘A’ 30-22 shots**  
**Corby Seagrave House BC ‘B’ beat Rushden Town BC ‘A’ 29-28 shots**  
**Thrapston BC ‘A’ beat Finedon Town BC ‘A’ 38-20 shots**  
**Burton Latimer Town BC ‘Red’ beat Team Antiques Roadshow 33-14 shots**  
**Wellingborough BC ‘B’ beat Team ‘The Way We Roll’ 32-31 shots (after extra end)**  
**Higham Ferrers Town BC ‘B’ beat Rushden Town BC ‘B’ 31-13 shots**  
**Corby Forest BC ‘C’ beat Corby Seagrave House BC ‘A’ 27-26 shots**

## **8. RUSHDEN TIPLER TRIPLES LEAGUE – LATEST RESULTS**

### **Division A**

**Team New Order beat Irchester BC ‘B’ 73-39 shots**  
**Team New Order beat Higham Ferrers Town BC ‘A’ 61-35 shots**  
**Thrapston BC beat Higham Ferrers Town BC ‘A’ 75-37 shots**  
**Rushden Town BC ‘A’ beat Higham Ferrers Town BC ‘B’ 80-24 shots**  
**Irchester BC ‘D’ beat Team Rebels 53-50 shots**

These results kept Team New Order at the top of the Division and worthy winners this season with 44.5 points, and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place & 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively are Thrapston BC & Higham Ferrers Town BC ‘A’

### **Division B**

**Finedon Town BC beat Raunds Conservatives BC 64-30 shots**  
**Team Barton Knights beat Team Wanderers 56-48 shots**  
**Team RAFA beat Team Mazda 68-32 shots**  
**Team Barton Saxons beat Team Fast Lane 57-45 shots**

These results kept Finedon Town BC on top of this Division with 53 points, with Team Barton Knights in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 46 points and Team RAFA in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 42.5 points.

## **9. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS**

### **BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS**

#### **1. International Team Managers (3 Year contracts from February, 2020)**

Bowls England invites applications for the following positions:

- Men’s Senior International Team Manager
- Men’s Junior International Team Manager
- Women’s Senior International Team Manager
- Women’s Junior International Team Manager

The Team Manager is responsible for managing the relevant Selection Committee, overseeing the assessment process at International Trials and International Series, and making changes in team formation during International Series. There is no remuneration for the positions but approved out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed. For a copy of the full job description and an application form contact:

Tony Allcock OBE, Chief Executive, Bowls England, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa, CV32 5HZ  
Telephone: 01926 334609  
E-mail: [tony@bowlsengland.com](mailto:tony@bowlsengland.com)

***The closing date for applications is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.***

Interviews will be held at the Bowls England Office in Royal Leamington Spa – date TBC.  
These posts are the subject of a DBS Enhanced Check for regulated activity.  
Successful candidates will be expected to achieve Coach Bowls Level 2 within an agreed timescale and to attend a relevant safeguarding course.

**Further details may be viewed/downloaded at: <https://www.bowlsengland.com/vacancies/>**

## **2. Chair of Bowls England(Non-Executive) – 3 Year Appointment to February, 2023.**

***Bowls England, the National Governing Body for the Sport of Outdoor Flat Green Bowls, is advertising for a Chair to join its Board of Directors. This is a fantastic opportunity to help shape the future of bowls in England at a key time in the history of the sport.***

Bowls England currently has more than 100,000 individual members in its clubs across 35 counties in England. Individuals, Clubs and County Associations are supported by a staff team of nine within its headquarters in Royal Leamington Spa. The ideal candidate should be comfortable working at a strategic level alongside a mix of staff and volunteers. Whilst prior experience of the sport of bowls is not essential, knowledge or experience of the sporting sector would be an advantage. Bowls England currently holds four Board meetings per year within the Midlands area, and Board Members are also expected to attend a number of other key events during the year.

All Directors of Bowls England, including the Chair, are unpaid although all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses will be refunded in accordance with our Expenses Policy. The successful candidate will be elected for a three-year term from the Bowls England AGM in February 2020 in accordance with the Articles of Association. Bowls England is an equal opportunities employer, and applications are welcome from all suitably qualified individuals. For an informal discussion regarding the position please contact Tony Allcock OBE. To apply candidates should complete the application form and return, together with any supporting information, by e-mail to: [tony@bowlsengland.com](mailto:tony@bowlsengland.com)

***All applications must be received by 9am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.***

In accordance with Article 80 c (i) and c (ii) all Directors must either be:

Recommended by the Board OR

Nominated by a Full Member (County Association/Director)

Should more than one nomination be received, an election will be held in accordance with the Articles of Association. There is no requirement within the Articles of Association for any Director to be an Affiliated Member of Bowls England.

Further details may be views/downloaded at: <https://www.bowlsengland.com/vacancies/>

## **3. Coaching Courses**

The following coaching courses are being held either in our County or adjoining Counties, in the forthcoming months:

**Level 1.** Daventry IBC 7<sup>th</sup> September and 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 9am-5pm – attendance both days compulsory.

**Level 1.** Hatfield IBC 6<sup>th</sup> October & 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2019 9.30am-5.30 pm.- attendance at both days compulsory

**Level 2.** Harpenden IBC 26<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2019 & 12<sup>th</sup> January & 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2020 – attendance at all 4 days is compulsory.

**Safeguarding in Bowls – ‘Time to Listen’** Goodwood BC, Leicester 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 10am-2.0 pm

- Adult Safeguarding in Bowls** Goodwood BC, Leicester 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 10 am – 1 pm
- Adult Safeguarding in Bowls** Oxford City & County BC, Oxford 5<sup>th</sup> October, 09 10 am – 1 pm
- Working with Disabled People in Bowls** Chipping Norton BC 2<sup>st</sup> October, 2019 9.30 am – 1.30 pm

## **BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE**

### **National Participation Survey**

The Bowls Development Alliance (BDA) is delighted to announce the launch of the National Participation Survey which allows current and former players, alongside those who have not played the sport of bowls before, to tell the BDA why they do, what they do.

Understanding the key motivating factors that influence how, why and where people spend their leisure time will greatly assist the BDA in ensuring that the marketing, branding and products offered align in such a way that they can best connect with the relevant target markets.

The Survey is also a chance for current and former players to donate a small amount of their time back into bowls in order to make a big difference to the future direction of the sport, particularly at grass roots level where the BDA focuses its activities.

Jon Hart, Development Manager for the BDA, said: “For the survey to be fully effective, it is vital that it is promoted as widely as possible, not just through the traditional networks to the current bowls community but further to the general public so we can receive responses from those outside the sport currently. This will enable the BDA to significantly enhance its position when working to increase the number of people playing bowls. More than 4,000 people completed the survey last year and we hope that even more of you will do so this time around, which will help us to shape our future work in the development of the sport of bowls.”

To complete the survey, please visit the following link before the closing date of Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TJN98L2>

## **10. COUNTY CLUB NEWS**

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

#### **ABINGTON BC**

##### **Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays the Retire Police BA at home at 2.30 pm.
- 17.8.19. Club plays Rugby Thornfield BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 19.8.19. A Team plays Northampton Express BC away& B Team plays Wootton Grange BC at home in the men’s Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 20.8.19. Club ladies hold their ‘Gala Day’ at 2.0 p.m.

#### **BRACKLEY BC**

##### **Fixtures:**

- 19.8.19. Club plays Northampton Express BC at home in the men’s Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 21.8.19. Club plays Irchester BC away at 6.30 p.m.

**BUGBROOKE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Northampton West End BC at home at 2.30 p.m.  
18.8.19. Club plays West Haddon BC at home at 2.30 p.m.  
19.8.10. Club plays Roade BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

**BYFIELD BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Woodford-cum-Membris BC away at 6.15 p.m.  
18.8.19. Club holds a 'Club Day' at 2.0 p.m.

**CARLSBERG BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 17.8.19. Club plays Islip BC at home at 2.30p.m.  
18.8.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

**COGENHOE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 17.8.19. Club plays Bridgman BC away at 2.30 p.m.  
18.8.19. Club plays Byfield BC away at 2.30 p.m.

**COLD ASHBY BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC at home at 2.0 p.m.  
18.8.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

**DAVENTRY TOWN BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Bilton BC, Rugby, at home at 6.15 p.m.  
19.8.19. A Team plays Heyford BC at home and B Team plays Wootton Grange BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

**HARPOLE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Roade BC at home at 2.30 p.m.  
18.8.19. Club plays its 'President's Cup' match at 2.30 p.m.

**HEYFORD BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC at home at 6.30 p.mm.  
18.8.19. Club plays Golden Horse BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

**KINGSTHORPE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 17.8.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.  
18.8.19. Club holds its Open 2 Wood Singles competition  
20.8.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC away at 2.30 p.m.



**KISLINGBURY BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Heyford BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.8.19. Club plays Rugby BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 17.8.19. Club plays St Cripin BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 17.8.19. Club plays The Grange BC, Rugby at home at 2.30 p.m.

**NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 16.8.19. Club hosts some BN competition semi-finals at 6.0 p.m.
- 17.8.19. Club plays Roade BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 19.8.19. A Team plays Abington BC at home & B Team plays Brackley BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

**NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Bugbrooke BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.8.19. Club plays Wootton Grange BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 19.8.19. A Team plays St Crispin BC away & B Team plays Cogenhoe BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

**NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 17.8.19. Club plays Rugby Railway BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 19.8.19. A Team plays Kingsthorpe BC away & B Team plays St Crispin BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

**ROADE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 13.8.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 15.8.19. Club plays Harpole BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.8.19. Club plays Northampton Express BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 19.8.19. Club plays Bugbrooke BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

**ST. CRISPIN BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 14.8.19. Club plays Heyford BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 17.8.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 118.8.19. Club plays Carlsberg BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 19.8.19. A Team plays Northampton West End BC at home & B Team plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

**WEST HADDON BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 18.8.19. Club plays Bugbrooke BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 20.8.19. Club plays Rugby BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

**WOODFORD-cum-MEMBRIS BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 17.8.19. Club plays Leamington Hastings BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 18.8.19. Club holds a 'Gala Day'

**WOOTTON GRANGE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 17.8.19. Club plays Northampton West End BC away at 2.30 p.m.  
19.8.19. A Team plays Abington BC away & B Team plays Daventry Town BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

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

**BURTON LATIMER TOWN BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 17.8.19. Club plays Irchester BC at home at 2.0 p.m.  
20.8.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

**CORBY FOREST BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at home at 6.30 p.m.  
17.8.19. Club plays Desborough BC away at 2.0 p.m.  
18.8.19. Club holds its Captain/President's Day at 2.30 p.m.  
20.8.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 6.0 p.m.

**CORBY SEAGRAVE HOUSE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 2.0 p.m.  
16.8.19. Club plays Irchester BC in the County League at 6.30 p.m.  
17.8.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC at home at 2.0 p.m.  
20.8.19. Club plays Woodsend BC away at 2.0 p.m.

**DESBOROUGH TOWN BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Ise BC away at 6.30 p.m.  
17.8.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC at home at 2.30p.m.  
17.8.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC away at 2.30 p.m.  
21.8.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor Park BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

**EARLS BARTON BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC away at 2.0 p.m.  
17.8.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC at home at 2.0 p.m.  
19.8.19. Club plays Byfield BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30p.m.

**GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Irchester BC at home at 6.30 pm.  
15.8.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House away at 6.30 p.m.  
17.8.19. Club plays Hart of Fleckney BC at home at 2.0 p.m.  
20.8.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC away at 6.0 p.m.  
21.8.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC in the County League at 5.45 p.m.

**HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 17.8.19. Club plays Raunds Conservatives BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 17.8.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.8.19. Club plays Irchester BC away at 6.30 p.m.

**IRCHESTER BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 17.8.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 18.8.19. Club holds a 'Grand Gala Day' at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.8.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC at home at 6.30p.m.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 17.8.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

**ISE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 17.8.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

**ISLIP BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 17.8.19. Club plays Carlsberg BC away at 2.30 p.m .
- 18.8.19. Club plays Islip WMC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.8.19. Club plays Mears Ashby RBL BC away at 2.0 p.m.

**KETTERING LODGE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 17.8.19. Club plays Earls Barton BC away at 6.0 p.m.
- 18.8.19. Club plays Cold Ashby BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 19.8.19. Club goes on its annual Bowls Tour

**KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 17.8.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC away at 2.0 p.m.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA**

**Fixtures:**

- 15.8.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.0 p.m.

### **OUNDLÉ BC**

#### **Annual Gala Day:**

The Club's 'Gala Day' was held on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, and it attracted 14 teams from near and far, which played a 'Round Robin' of 4 games throughout the day, and these were hotly contested, with one pint being awarded for each winning end, and 2 points for the winner of each game.

When the points were totalled up at the end of play the outright winning team was that from 'Disability Bowls England' – Bob Milligan, Mark Cooper & Craig Bowler, which posted a total of 32 points, but close behind in second place, with 1 point less, was a team from Oundle BC – J Lofthouse, Phil Mildon & Tony Cannon

#### **Fixtures:**

17.8.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC away at 2.30 p.m.

### **ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC**

#### **Fixtures:**

15.8.19. Club plays Kettering Athletic BC away at 6.30 p.m.

19.8.19. Club plays its Jo Burrell Trophy Triples at 2.0 p.m.

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

### **RUSHDEN TOWN BC**

#### **Fixtures:**

15.8.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

17.8.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 2.0 p.m.

### **SWANSPPOOL BC**

#### **Fixtures:**

15.8.19. Club plays Wellingborough OG's BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

17.8.19. Club plays Kettering Athletic BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

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

### **THRAPSTON BC**

#### **Fixtures:**

15.8.19. Club plays Islip BC away at 6.30 p.m.

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

20.8.19. Club plays Kettering Park BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

### **WELLINGBOROUGH BC**

#### **Fixtures:**

15.8.19. Club plays Earls Barton BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

17.8.19. Club plays Oundle BC away at 2.30 p.m.

### **WELLINGBOROUGH OG'S BC**

#### **Fixtures:**

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

18.8.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 1.30 p.m.

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