

# NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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**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 as follows:

### **MONDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

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

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

**Alison Dring, Emma Exley & Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Beth Hanson, Debbie Crews & Denise Butchers, Plessey Radar BC, Isle of Wight 18-15 shots**

In this match the Burton Latimer ladies did not start too well, as they dropped 7 shots without reply in the first 3 ends, but they soon made amends for that in winning the next 4 ends to get close at 5-7 down, but the Isle of Wight collected 4 shots to the 2 of Tina and her triple over the next 4 ends to lead 11-7. At this point Tina and her ladies really 'went to town' in scoring 11 shots without reply over the next 5 ends, starting with a good 4, for a very good 18-11 lead with 2 ends to play. Isle of Wight won both of those ends, but Tina and her players kept it tight for the victory by 3 shots.

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

**Alison Dring, Emma Exley & Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC lost to Katie Sturtridge, Leah Read & Michelle Moore, St Austell BC, Cornwall 14-16 shots**

This match was a very fine example of competitive bowls, with members of both triples playing some terrific shots throughout. The Cornish ladies, skipped by England International Michelle Moore, did not start as well as Tina and her ladies, who won the first 4 ends to take a 6-0 shots lead, but as might be expected, Cornwall fought back over the next 5 ends, winning 4 of them and levelling the match at 7 each. The contest was very absorbing as first one trio held the shot only to see their opponent take it away, and Tina and her ladies were just ahead at 11-10 until dropping a 3 on the next end, followed by a 2 to be 4 shots adrift with 4 ends to play, and an exchange of singles kept the gap at 4 shots with 2 ends left. Those 2 ends were tremendously competitive, and Burton might have picked up more than 1 shot on the first of them, but for a couple of brilliant bowls from the Isle of Wight, and on the last end Burton were sitting well with a probable 3 shots, or even the 4 they needed, until Michelle Moore delivered a great bowl to cut the count for Burton to just 1, which was not enough, of course.

Nevertheless, well done to Alison, Emma & Tina, for putting on such a good performance.

**TUESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

**WOMEN'S 2 WOOD SINGLES**

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

**Sandra Mawson, Kingsthorpe BC lost to Janice Munday, Empire BC, Kent 10-16 shots**

Sandra started off well in this match by picking up 2 shots on the first end, but her Kentish opponent then took the next 5 ends with singles, however Sandra struck back very effectively and over the next 4 ends played very well to score 5 shots and concede just 1 to retake the lead at 7-6. At this point her opponent really got her game together and kept Sandra on that 7 for 4 ends as she picked up 7 shots and the lead at 13-7, and although Sandra did collect 3 more shots to get close at 10-13 after 16 ends of play, she could score no more as her opponent took the next 3 ends with singles for victory.

**1<sup>st</sup> Round - played at 3.30 p.m.**

**Alison Dring, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Rita Gerry, Moreton-in-Marsh BC, Gloucestershire 17-12 shots**

In this match Alison struck first with 2 shots on the first end, but her opponent replied with 2 of her own on the next end, but in collecting her second pair on the 3<sup>rd</sup> end, Alison was always in front in the match. After 10 ends of the scheduled 21 Alison had a good 11-5 shots lead, and with 5 ends left to play her lead was an almost impregnable 16-8 shots. At this point her Gloucestershire opponent won 3 successive ends and got to within 4 shots at 12-16 with 2 ends to play, and she was playing very well, but on the 20<sup>th</sup> end Alison collected the 1 shot she needed for victory.

**WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

**WOMEN'S 2 WOOD SINGLES**

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

**Alison Dring, Burton Latimer Town BC lost to Margaret Brookbank, Supreme BC, Surrey 4-17 shots.**

This match was played in the most awful conditions of heavy rain, and in fact just a very short time after it had finished, Bowls England suspended play on all greens.

Under those conditions no-one can play their best bowls, and for Alison it was just not her day as she could not master the green in the conditions, whereas her opponent was able to.

**WOMEN'S PAIRS**

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

**Celia Morris & Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC beat Frances Knight & Shelagh Stapleton, North Greenwich BC, Middlesex 24-16 shots.**

In this match Celia & Hilary started well in picking up 4 shots on the first 2 ends, but on the 3<sup>rd</sup> end Middlesex levelled by picking up a 4, however the County ladies won the next 3 ends to be in front at 10-4, and they were not to relinquish the lead for the rest of the match.

After dropping a double on the 7<sup>th</sup> end Celia & Hilary went on a very productive run of 5 winning ends to increase their lead to 18-6, and after dropping another 2 they picked up a good 4 to increase their lead to 14 shots with 7 ends to play.

Middlesex made a very determined effort over those 7 ends, winning 5 of them and doubling their score to 16 but in collecting 2 singles the County pair secured a very good 8 shots win and a passage into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round.

**THURSDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

**WOMEN'S PAIRS**

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

**Katie Smith & Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC beat Terri Keen & Charlene Turpie, Gerrards Cross BC, Buckinghamshire 23-4 shots.**

This match was totally dominated by the County pair, allowing their opponents to win just 4 ends, with a single shot on each, and it concluded after 17 ends of the scheduled 21, when Bucks conceded. After 5 ends of play Katie & Rebecca were 7-1 up, and after picking up a big 5 on the 9<sup>th</sup> end, followed by a couple of singles, they were 17-2 shots up after 11 ends. Four ends later, after a double exchange of singles shots the lead was the same at 19-4 and after collecting a single and a 3 Bucks shook hands and it was a passage into the 2<sup>nd</sup> round for Katie and Rebecca.

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

**Celia Morris & Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC lost to Joyce Stephenson & Ann Anderson, Darlington Woodland BC, Durham 16-17 shots**

This was a very close contest throughout the match, with the scores level at 5 each after 5 ends, 6 each at 9 ends, 10 each after 12 ends, 14 each after 17 ends and 16 each after 20 ends. All 4 players were delivering some excellent bowls, and it was a great game to watch. When Durham picked up a 4 on the 9<sup>th</sup> end, Celia & Hilary replied immediately with a 3 and a single to tie things up again, and then won 4 ends in succession to lead 14-10, but then Durham picked up a very good 4 to tie things up once more, and it was inevitable that the finish would be very tight, as it turned out to be. After 20 ends of play the scores were level at 16 each, and the last end was a very tense affair, with firstly Durham drawing a bowl close to and in front of the jack, and then Hilary bowled a weighted bowl onto it and the jack was punched into the ditch, with it requiring a measure by the umpire to determine that the nearest bowl by about a quarter of an inch was the Durham bowl, and thus defeat for the Kingsthorpe duo. Great game though.

**Katie Smith & Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC lost to Emma Cooper & Natalie Chestney, Kings BC, Devon 10-26 shots.**

This match was between four England International players at Junior or Senior level or both, and it was expected to be a very close affair, but unfortunately for the County players and supporters, it turned out not to be the case. After 4 ends of play the Devonians were 6-0 up, and although Katie & Rebecca then picked up a welcome 3 on the next end, Emma & Natalie replied with a 3 of their own, followed by a 4 and a 2 to increase their lead to 15-3 shots. After an exchange of singles, Devon scored another single and followed it with a massive count of 5 shots to lead 22-7 after 13 ends of play, and although Katie & Rebecca picked up a single and a double to reach double figures, when Devon scored a single followed by a 3, the County ladies shook hands and conceded after 17 of the scheduled 21 shots.

**FRIDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

**MEN'S SENIOR PAIRS**

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

**Brian Briggs & Allen Simms, Kettering Lodge BC beat David Lockhart & Rhys Vaughan, Lancashire 21-11 shots**

What a great start for the Kettering Lodge pair when playing the very experienced Lancashire bowlers. Lockhart having qualified for the Senior singles too this year, winner of the National Triples and runner-up in the National Fours last year! They beat them relatively comfortably by playing an excellent game. They started well and after 5 ends they had a lead at 8-2 shots, but then dropped a big 4, however, this did not appear to bother Brian and Allen for the next 5 ends belonged to them as they won them all and proceeded to a big lead at 18-6 with 7 ends of the scheduled 18 left to play. The Lancashire men did win the next 3 ends, but they were restricted to single shots, and one end later Brian and Allen were 20-9 shots up with 3 ends to play, with the first of those going to the Northerners with a double. This gave them an uphill struggle to score 9 shots in 2 ends to continue. In the event Brian and Allen picked up a single on the 17<sup>th</sup> end and with it a passage into the 1<sup>st</sup> Round proper.

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

**Brian Briggs & Allen Simms, Kettering Lodge BC beat Clive Webb & Adrian Holden, Suffolk 19-9 shots.**

This match was a tremendous one for the County players, who were up against two bowlers who have appeared at many National Championships over quite a long period of years, winning titles, plus Adrian Holden is a former England International too! The weather was not conducive to good bowls being very windy, cold and wet, but the 4 players on show did not let that prevent them from delivering many superb bowls. Brian and Allen played 'catch-up' over the first few ends, and after 5 ends they were 2-4 adrift, but the 6<sup>th</sup> end gave them a very welcome 3, followed by a single to take the lead 6-4, and after dropping a single on the 8<sup>th</sup> end they posted another 3 to increase their lead to 9-5.

The players were setting up some excellent heads, with the Suffolk pair often taking the lead initially, until Allen delivered a 'killer wood' which he did on a number of occasions. The 12<sup>th</sup> end is one of the best single ends one could witness, for both Clive and Brian put their bowls very close to the jack, and it required two brilliant bowls from Allen to change the head from possibly 2 down to 2 up, until Adrian reduced it to 1 shot with another brilliant bowl. With three ends to play Brian and Allen were 15-9 shots ahead, and after the 16<sup>th</sup> end, when they collected a great count of 4 shots, David and Adrian shook hands in conceding the victory to the Lodge pair.

**SATURDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

A very busy day for County bowlers, with play in three disciplines involving them as follows:

**MEN'S JUNIOR SINGLES**

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

**9 .30 a.m. Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC beat Nathan Richards, Westlecot BC, Wiltshire 21-12 shots**

This match was a pretty close affair for 13 ends or so of the 22 played, with the scores level at 2 each and again at 9 each, with Kieran otherwise generally in front. Kieran took a 2 shots lead at 11-9, but then Nathan collected a double and a single to take over the lead at 12-11, but that seemed to spur Kieran on for he then won the remaining 6 ends played and picked up the 10 shots he needed for victory.

**11.30 a.m. Conor Bryan, Kingsthorpe BC lost to Ryan Hooper, Watchet BC, Somerset, 18-21 shots.**

Conor started this match very well indeed, as he won the first 4 ends with two counts of 4 and two singles for a 10-0 lead, and after dropping a single he added 3 more shots for a 13-1 lead after 7 ends of play. Conor dropped 3 shots on the next 2 ends, and after picking up a single, he dropped a further 5 shots to see his big advantage reduced to 14-9 shots, and after collecting a single on the 14<sup>th</sup> end of play, he was stuck on 15 for 6 ends as his opponent scored well and took the lead at 19-15. Conor collected a good 3 on the 21<sup>st</sup> end of play to get within 1 shot and a sight of the winning post, but it was his Somerset opponent who got there first with a 2 on the next end.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round - played at 1.0 p.m.**

**Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC beat Tom Poore, Poole Park BC, Dorset 21-17 shots**

This was a pretty close match, certainly in the first half, with the scores level at 3 each and 7 each, at which point Kieran scored well in winning the next 5 ends to take a decent 16-7 lead, but his opponent collected two trebles and conceded 1 shot to get close at 13-17 down, and after Kieran collected a single on the 18<sup>th</sup> end of play, his Dorset opponent collected another 3, followed by a single to be just 1 shot adrift of Kieran at 17-18, but on the 21<sup>st</sup> end of the match Kieran was able to collect the 3 shots he needed to go into the next round.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Round (last 16) - played at 4.30 p.m.**

**Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC lost to Craig Carter, Rugby BC 19-21 shots**

This contest was an interesting one between the DBE International Kieran, and England Junior International Craig, for it was Craig who dominated the early ends to take a lead of 8-2 after 5 ends and Kieran who dominated the next 6 ends in scoring 10 unanswered shots to take the lead 12-8. Two ends later the lead was back with Craig at 13-12, but 2 shots to Kieran gave him the lead back at 14-13, only for him to lose it again as Craig scored two doubles to be 3 ahead at 17-14. Kieran collected a single, and followed it with a maximum count of 4 to be 19-17 shots up with the finishing post well in sight, but the next end, which was a very loose one, saw Craig collect 4 shots unexpectedly for victory and a passage to the Quarter Finals. Well done to Kieran for getting so far in this competition, and for his stamina in being able to play so many ends of bowls in one day.

**MEN'S SENIOR PAIRS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round (Last 16) - played at 9.30 a.m.**

**Brian Briggs & Allen Simms, Kettering Lodge BC beat Paul Cooke & Dave Cullum of Lincolnshire 21-18 shots**

In this match the Lincolnshire men started the better in picking up two doubles on the first 2 ends, but after collecting a single on the next end, Brian and Allen scored a good 4 to take the lead at 5-4, only to lose the next 3 ends and the lead at 5-8 down after 7 ends. The 8<sup>th</sup> end, however, was great for the Lodge players as they picked up a big count of 5 followed by a double to take a 12-8 shots lead, and 3 ends later it was 17-10 shots, with both County men putting in some great bowls. With 4 ends of the scheduled 18 to play Brian and Allen were in front by 8 shots at 19-11, and after dropping a 3 on the next end and picking up a single, their lead with 2 ends to play was just 6 shots at 20-14. A disaster nearly overcame their aspirations for a win as the Lincolnshire men picked up a big 4 to get within 2 shots, with 1 end left, and on playing that last end Brian and Allen looked pretty vulnerable as it was being played, but the Lincolnshire skip, in trying to create a multiple pick up for a win, had the misfortune to push in the only Lodge bowl in the head for it to be shot, and so it was a Quarter Final place for the Lodge pair.

**Quarter Final – played at 1.30 p.m.**

**Brian Briggs & Allen Simms, Kettering Lodge BC lost to Dave Labrum & Malc Drage, Buckinghamshire 14-22 shots**

In this Quarter Final match Brian and Allen faced the champions in this event of 2017, so a hard task confronted them, and as the match progressed, the quality of the Bucks pair was very apparent, especially the skip Malc Drage. The Lodge pair started pretty well in reaching a 4-1 lead after 3 ends, but Bucks won the next 4 ends with singles to take a 1 shot lead at 5-4, but then Brian and Allen had a 'magic end' in which they each bowled very well and picked up a big count of 5 shots to re-take the lead at 9-5. This seemed to spur on the Bucks men for they won the next 4 ends, and collected 8 shots in the process for a 13-9 lead, but the Lodge pair picked up 5 shots and dropped 3 in the next 3 ends to be 'in with a shout' at 14-16 down with 3 ends to play. Unfortunately those 3 ends were played extremely well by the Bucks men, especially Malc Drage who drew some excellent bowls, and Brian and Allen were just not quite on their game in the latter ends, so Bucks went on to win and proceed to the Semi-Finals.

**WOMEN'S JUNIOR PAIRS**

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

**Lois Woodward & Abby Woodward, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Georgina Newman & Joanna Hicks, Wiltshire 16-13 shots.**

In this match, after dropping a single on the first end, the Woodward sisters won the next 3 ends and took a lead at 5-1 after 4 ends, and after an exchange of doubles, they dropped a count of 3 for the Wiltshire players to get within 2 at 5-7 down. Lois and Abby were bowling very well at this stage and they won the next 4 ends and doubled their score for a 14-5 lead, and the next 4 ends saw that lead marginally threatened as their opponents picked up 4 shots to one of their own, but their lead, with 3 ends to play was still 6 shots. After picking up a single they held a 7 shots advantage with 2 ends left to play, and the Wiltshire players made a determined effort to get the, but had to settle for scoring two doubles, and a victory for Lois and Abby.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round (last 16) - played at 4.30 p.m.**

**Lois Woodward & Abby Woodward lost to Abby Elliott & Megan Higgins 14-17 shots**

In this match, after dropping 3 shots on the first 2 ends, Lois & Abby immediately hit back with a 3 and a 2 to take the lead 5-3, and then followed a series of single shots per end for 7 ends with the County players picking up 4 of them and the Bucks players collecting 3 for Lois & Abby to be 9-6 in front after 11 ends of play. The 12<sup>th</sup> end saw Bucks level the match at 9 each, and after the County players won two ends with singles, Bucks picked up a big count of 5 to take the lead at 14-11 with 3 ends to play. The first 2 of those ends gave Bucks 3 shots, so the County players needed 6 shots to tie the match, and despite their best efforts they were able to collect just 3 shots on the last end.

**SUNDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

### **MEN'S FOURS**

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

**Rob White, Ian Bland, Wayne Stanley & Dominic Graham, Northampton Express BC lost to Paul Reynolds, Stuart Phillips, Chris Harris & Tony Waller, Ladygate BC, Middlesex 13-21 shots.**

Middlesex started off much the better in winning the first 3 ends for a 4-0 lead, but the County men won the next 4 ends and took the lead at 7-4, and the next few ends were very tight with Middlesex drawing level at 7 each, and then after Middlesex took a single shot to go into the lead again, Dominic and his men tied things up again on the next end for an 8-8 score line at 10 ends of play. The next 5 ends were much better for Middlesex as they added 7 shots to their total and conceded 1 for the County men to be 9-15 adrift at 15 ends of play. Dominic and his men reduced that to 12-15 on the next end, but Middlesex then increased their lead in picking up a 4 on the 17<sup>th</sup> end to be 7 shots ahead with 4 ends to play of the scheduled 21. The County collected a single on the 18<sup>th</sup>, but when Middlesex collected singles on each of the next 2 ends the win was theirs as the County conceded with 1 end left.

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

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

**Northamptonshire beat Wiltshire 43-42 after an extra end.**

What a fascinating match this turned out to be. At around the halfway stage the County was 16 shots up overall, but as the latter stages unfurled Wiltshire ate into that lead and finally drew level when all ends had been concluded, which required the extra end to be played. Rink details as follows, Wiltshire skips names only:

**Rink 1. Ann-Marie Waters, Michelle Harris, Katie Smith & Rebecca Wigfield 25 shots - A Jacobs 20 shots**

In this match the County rink started like an express train in scoring freely for 8 successive winning ends to put a massive 20-0 shots lead on the board, and after 10 ends of play they were still 20-2 shots up. Wiltshire, however, did not give up, much to their credit, and when collecting a big count of 5 on the 15<sup>th</sup> end they much reduced their deficit to 10 shots, and after 18 ends it was even closer with Rebecca & her players 24-17 shots to the good. The last 3 ends went 3-1 in Wiltshire's favour for the County to win by the 5 shots. At this stage the other rink still had 4 ends to play and were 15-19 shots adrift, so it was a very anxious time for the many County Officers and supporters, let alone Rebecca's rink, as those ends were being played.

**Rink 2. Alison Dring, Pat Bodily, Sharon Tansley & Yvonne McKee 17 shots – A Fail 22 shots**

In this match the contest was pretty even for most of its length, with the County just behind 4-6 after 5 ends, but in dropping a 4 and a single on the next 2 ends the deficit increased to 7 shots, however, Yvonne and her players collected a 4 and a single of their own to reduce their deficit back to 2 shots after 9 ends of play. After conceding 1 shot on the 10<sup>th</sup> end, the County ladies picked up a good 4 to take them into the lead at 13-12, but they lost the lead when Wiltshire picked up a 3 on the next end. It was still tight at 15 ends with Yvonne and her players just 1 shot adrift at 15-16, but the last 6 ends went in favour of Wiltshire by 6-2 with them picking up a double on the 21<sup>st</sup> end for a 5 shots defeat for the County rink and an overall draw.



**Extra end – played by Rebecca Wigfield’s Rink - won with 1 shot, and so it was to the Final for the County.**

This extra end was quite a nervy affair, and not just for the players, and the winning County shot was not very close to the jack, but it was a winner.

**FINAL - played at 2.0 pm.**

**Northamptonshire lost to Lincolnshire 32-37 shots.**

In this match the County’s opponents had a fair sprinkling of England International players, including Amy Gowshall the Bowls England Woman Player of the Year for 2018 who has been a regular International for many years, plus Senior Internationals Annalisa Dunham & Penny Strong, and Junior Internationals Louise Catchpole, Chelsea Tomlin & Ruby Hill. It goes without saying, therefore, that they were going to put the County players under a great deal of pressure, and that was the case, with the two Lincolnshire skips in particular playing some terrific bowls. Details as follows, County names first:

**Rink 1. Ann-Marie Waters, Michelle Harris, Katie Smith & Rebecca Wigfield 21 shots – Louise Catchpole, L Cooke, Penny Strong & Annalisa Dunham 20 shots**

In this match the County rink started pretty well in picking up a 4 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> end after conceding a single on the first, but then Lincolnshire had a run of 3 extremely productive ends as they collected 11 shots, including a big 5 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> end, to create a lead at 12-4. The response from Rebecca and her players was immediate and very positive, for they firstly collected another 4, then dropped a single, and on the 8<sup>th</sup> end collected yet another 4 to be just 1 shot adrift at 12-13.

The next 6 ends were extremely tightly fought with just single counts on each and the Lincolnshire ladies were still ahead at 17-14. All players were peppering the jack, and often the Lincs skip Annalisa pulled out a big shot when the County was holding several shots and after 15 ends of play Rebecca was 14-19 shots adrift. Three winning ends saw the County ladies pull back to within 1 shot at 18-19 with 3 ends to play, and after dropping a single, the County ladies scored the 3 shots they needed for a well earned victory

**Rink 2. Alison Dring, Pat Bodily, Sharon Tansley & Yvonne McKee 11 shots – C Cullum, Ruby Hill, Chelsea Tomlin & Amy Gowshall 17 shots**

In this match the County ladies were up against not only a great player in form in Amy Gowshall, but her young middle players Ruby and Chelsea were also ‘on song’ but the two leads had a good tussle. Lincolnshire started off very well in posting 7 shots to none conceded on the first 4 ends, and from then on the County ladies were playing ‘catch up’.

After 10 ends of play Yvonne & her players were 2-13 shots adrift, and 2 ends later were 4-14 down, but they kept drawing in well and won the next 4 ends, but were restricted to single counts by the excellence of Amy Gowshall. After 18 ends the County players were 5 adrift at 10-15, and after dropping successive singles, they played their last end needing 6 shots to tie overall with the other rink’s score taken into account, as they had just finished. Before Amy went to bowl her first wood, the County had a chance to get the multiple shots they needed for Lincolnshire had just 1 bowl in the head, but Amy put paid to that in drawing another very close and try as she might with her two bowls, Yvonne could not alter the head and the County picked up just 1 shot, but the victory and the title was Lincolnshire’s.

**Well done to the County Ladies for taking the Runners-Up Trophy. A very good performance by all.**

**REVIEW OF NEXT WEEK’S COMPETITIONS INVOLVING COUNTY PLAYERS**

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

**MEN’S FOURS**

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

Neil Rolfe, Richard Lemon, Chris Bland & Gavin Taylor, Northampton Express BC will play Ryan Buckett's Rink of Suttons BC, Berkshire

(Note: It is believed that Neil Rolfe, who should have been playing at Lead, has been unable to get time off from work to play in these Championships, which is very unfortunate for him as it is every player's aim to play at the Nationals)

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

Hopefully the County will still be represented

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

**MEN'S FOURS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Round (last 16) - to be played at 9.30 a.m.

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

Hopefully the County players will still be competing

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019.**

**MEN'S FOURS**

Semi-Finals - to be played at 9.30 a.m.

Final - to be played at 2.0 p.m.

It will be great if the County men are still there.

**WOMEN'S SENIOR FOURS**

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

Jenny Dempsey, Simone Evans, Viv Gaudyn & Rose Houghton, Higham Ferrers Town BC will play Rachel Mackriell, Mary Bray, Julie Fordham & Denise Hodd, Polegrove BC, Sussex

**MEN'S TRIPLES**

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

Chris Gray, Cameron Knox & Jack Tobin, Burton Latimer Town BC will play Neil Rowe's triple, from Ilminster BC, Somerset

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019.**

**MEN'S TRIPLES**

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

Robert White, Wayne Stanley & Gavin Taylor, Northampton Express BC will play Richard Moule's triple, Vines Park BC, Worcestershire

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

Hopefully the County Triples will still be there.



**WOMEN'S SENIOR FOURS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Round (last 16) - to be played at 9.30 a.m.

Hopefully the Higham Ferrers Rink will still be there

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2019.**

**MEN'S TRIPLES**

3<sup>rd</sup> Round (last 16) - to be played at 9.30 a.m.

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

Hopefully the County Triples will still be there.

**WOMEN'S SENIOR FOURS**

Semi-Final and Final to be played at 9.30 a.m. & 2.0 p.m. respectively.

It will be great if the County players are still there.

**MIXED PAIRS**

Last 16 - to be played at 2.0 p.m.

Emma Exley & Phil Exley, Burton Latimer Town BC will play Elaine Score & Ed Morris, Essex County BC

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

**MEN'S TRIPLES**

Semi-Final & Final to be played at 9.30 a.m. & 2.0 p.m. respectively.

It will be great if the County men are still there.

**MEN'S SENIOR SINGLES**

1<sup>st</sup> Round - to be played at 12.30 p.m.

Mark Turner, Kettering Midland Band BC will play Gary Lewington of Yorkshire

**MIXED PAIRS**

Quarter Final & Semi-Final to be played at 9.30 a.m. & 2.0 p.m. respectively

Hopefully the Exley's will be there.

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

**MEN'S SENIOR SINGLES**

Quarter Final, Semi-Final and Final to be played at 9.30 a.m., 12 noon & 3.0 p.m. respectively.

Hopefully Mark Turner will still be competing.

## MIXED PAIRS

**Final - to be played at 9.30 a.m.**

**It will be great if the Exley's are there.**

## MEN'S PAIRS

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

**David Mains & Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC will play Graham Phillips & Rich Browett, Barnwood BC, Gloucestershire**

## 2. BOWLS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 'COUNTY GALA'

**Bowls Northamptonshire** is holding its first ever 'County Gala' on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2019, at Desborough Town BC. A notice has been sent to all the Clubs with the relevant details, and it will be noted that the event is being **sponsored by Brace Wealth Management**, for which the County is very grateful.

Entries are now being taken for **Club Teams** of 4 players, which may be single or mixed gender, with one rink only from any Club. The entries will be arranged in two divisions, with the winning rink in each playing for the top prize of £240, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £120, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £60, and 4<sup>th</sup> prize £40. There will also be some 'Target Bowls with prizes' and there will be bar and refreshments available at the Club all day.

Entry costs £40 per rink, and this includes all rink fees, and the pig roast, and as entries are limited to 20 rinks, time is of the essence if any Club wishes to participate. **Closing date for entries is Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

Entries should be made to BN Assistant Treasurer, Alison Dring, 44, Fairfield Road, Isham, Kettering, NN14 1HF, with cheques in favour of Bowls Northamptonshire, and details of the team with contact name, telephone, address, email, etc.

**Do not delay, for it will be 'First come, first served'**

## 3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN M.E.L. versus LEICESTERSHIRE – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire in a 'Middle England League' match against Leicestershire on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019, at Narborough BC, The Grange, Coventry Road, Narborough, LE19 2GB, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Joyce George, Wellingborough BC/Eleanor Winters, Corby Forest BC/Audrey Height, Kettering Lodge BC/Alison Dring, Burton Latimer Town BC
- Rink 2.** Julie Spreadbury, Heyford BC/Lisbeth Milburn, Abington BC/Jill Welch, Heyford BC/Barbara Haseldine, Finedon Town BC
- Rink 3.** Velda Cooper, Finedon Town BC/Karon Kerr, Geddington & Newton BC/Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge BC/Rose Houghton, Higham Ferrers Town BC
- Rink 4.** Marian Mackie, Kettering Lodge BC/Margaret Cave, Thrapston BC/Pat Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville BC/Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC
- Rink 5.** Brenice Willmott, Irchester BC/Linda Walsh, Wellingborough BC/Joan Sidebottom, Roade BC/Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 6.** Sue Collins, Wellingborough BC/Chris Cross, Byfield BC/Linda Warren & Janet Swift, both Abbey Park BC

## 4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus THE IMPS BA - RESULT

The men of the Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire took on the Imps Bowling Association, on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, at Roade BC, and in a match set at 18 ends of play due to starting late because of the weather, the County won by 28 shots, with 4 winning rinks and 2 losing, and then by only 6 shots between them. The highest scoring for the County was that skipped by Norman Gibb, which posted a 16 shots win. The final score was Northamptonshire 108 shots – The Imps 80 shots. Rink details as follows, Imps skips named only:

**Rink 1. Paul Cooke, Mick Galloway, Bob Sullivan & Mossy Waters 20 shots – John Scholey 13 shots**

In this match the County won the first 3 ends with singles, and then after conceding a single picked up a 3 to be 6-1 up, and it was a lead they did not lose, for although Mossy & his men were only 7-5 up after 8 ends, they scored 9 shots in winning the next 3 for a 16-5 advantage. The Imps did fight back by winning the next 4 ends, to reduce their deficit to 6 shots with 3 ends left to play, and with those ends going 4-3 in the County's favour Mossy and men had a decent win. After the match **Mick Galloway of Thrapston BC** was awarded his 'Colt Badge'

**Rink 2. Will Clelland, Eddie Chapman, Dave Stewart & Geoff Hayter 17 shots – Terry James 18 shots**

After dropping a single on the first end, the County won the next 3 to get a 4-1 lead, and after dropping another single they won another 3 successive ends to take their lead to 9-2, but the next 5 ends were much better for the Imps, as Terry and his men collected 10 shots to just 1 dropped, to take the lead 12-10. Geoff and his men immediately regained the lead with a 3, followed by the Imps picking up a 2 to take over again at 14-13, and when Geoff and his men picked up a 4 with 2 ends left a victory for the County looked probable, however, Terry & his men managed to score the 4 shots they needed for a 1 shot win.

**Rink 3. Richard Tyack, Lynn Ridgeway, Jack Litchfield & Richard Somerton 16 shots – Arthur Broadberry 11 shots**

This was a pretty close match for the first two thirds, with the scores level at 2 each, 3 each and 5 each and after 12 ends the Imps had a 1 shot advantage at 8-7, which became 4 on the next end on picking up a 3. Richard and his men kept the Imps on that 11 for the remaining 5 ends as they scored well to add 9 shots too their score and a decent win.

**Rink 4. Albert Kelly, Rod Douglas, Peter Kitchener & Geoff Harris 10 shots – Alan Bray 22 shots**

This was a closely contested match in which few shots were scored by either side for the first 13 ends as indicated by a 10-8 shots lead for the Imps, but then disaster struck as the Imps bucked the trend of low scoring in picking up successive big counts of 5 shots and a double to go 22-8 in front with 2 ends left to play. Those 2 ends gave Geoff and his men a couple of singles but it was a very good win for the Imps in the end.

**Rink 5. Robert Emery, John Elphee, Robin Frost & Dave Betts 20 shots – Harvey Fruish 7 shots**

This match was closely contested for the first few ends with the scores level at 3 shots each after 5, but at 10 ends the County went into a 3 shots lead and at 12 ends were 10-6 up. At this point Dave and his men won 3 successive ends to increase their lead to 17-6 with 3 ends to play. Those 3 ends went 3-1 in the County's favour for a good win.

**Rink 6. Larry Lawrence, Martin Groom, Bob Tingle & Norman Gibb 25 shots – Tony Christie 9 shots**

A tight match for the first half with the scores level at 2 each and 7 each at 9 ends played, but then the County went on a bit of a scoring spree in winning the next 5 ends for 10 shots to be added, and after dropping a 2 on the 15<sup>th</sup> end, Norman and his men won the last 3 ends and added 8 more shots to their total for a very good win.

**5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN'S COUNTY BOWLS TOUR 2020**

The Women's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire**, will be visiting the Isle of Wight for the annual County Bowls Tour, from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

The party will be staying at the Trouville Hotel, Esplanade, Sandown, and the approximate cost will be £340.00p which includes bed, breakfast & evening meal at the hotel, all match costs and travel.

County Clubs have been sent a poster and Booking Forms, and tourists are asked to send a Deposit of £30.00p together with a completed form, to Alison Dring, 44, Fairfield Road, Isham, Kettering NN14 1HF, a.s.a.p.

If any player has difficulty in obtaining a Booking Form from their Club, Jan Hunt, BN Administrator, or myself, will supply same.

Any further information may be obtained from the organisers Brenice Willmott and Margaret Cave by email to Margaret on [mecave@rosie38.plus.com](mailto:mecave@rosie38.plus.com)

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

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

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

**PAIRS**

**FINAL** – played on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, at Northampton Express BC

**David Maines & Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Brian Briggs & Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge BC 19-16 shots**

This Final was played later than originally scheduled due to non availability of all the players on the due date. Brian and Adrian started very well in winning 5 of the first 6 ends, albeit by single shots to the single scored by West End, but the 7<sup>th</sup> end was a bit of a disaster for the Kettering Lodge pair, as David and Jamie picked up a massive count of 5 shots to take a 1 shot lead at 6-5. The Lodge pair were not fazed by this for they immediately retook the lead in picking up 5 shots on the next 2 ends, and they still lead 11-8 after 12 ends of play, but the West End pair then scored 5 shots on the following 2 ends for a 13-11 lead, and after dropping a single, they scored another big count of 5 shots to go 18-12 in front with 5 ends to play. Those last ends went 4-1 in Brian and Adrian's favour, albeit in just singles, which was just not enough to prevent the win for David & Jamie.

**7. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE**

**LADIES**

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**AMY ROSE UNDER 31 COMPETITION**

Team Manager Velda Cooper reminds members of the County Amy Rose team, that they have a practice match against a team at Northampton Whyte Melville at 6.30 pm. on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019, in preparation for the competition at Leamington Spa on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2019, when they will play Hertfordshire at 11.30 a.m.

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**CLUB TWO FOURS**

**Area Final: Northampton West End BC lost to Norfolk BC 32-39 shots. No other information supplied.**

**8. RUSHDEN 'TIPLER TRIPLES LEAGUE' – LATEST NEWS**

The Rushden Tipler Triples League has almost been concluded for this year, with just a couple or so matches in Division A to be played, they having been postponed on the due date. Division B matches have been completed. Latest results and League positions as follows:

**Division A**

Team New Order beat Irchester BC 'D' 54-51 shots  
Thrapston BC beat Irchester BC 'B' 54-49 shots  
Higham Ferrers Town BC 'B' beat Higham Ferrers Town BC 'A' 53-36 shots  
Higham Ferrers Town BC 'B' beat Team Rebels 49-39 shots  
Rushden Town BC beat Team Rebels 63-41 shots

These results keep Team New Order on top of the Division with 48 points, with Thrapston BC in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 37.5 points and Higham Ferrers Town BC 'B' in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 32.5 points.

## **Division B**

All matches have been played and this Division has a winner – Finedon Town BC with 63 points, followed by Team Barton Knights in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 46 points and RAFA in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 42.5 points. Congratulations to Finedon.

## **9. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS**

### **BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS**

#### **Atlantic Senior Fours in Cyprus 2020**

**Bowls Cyprus** has announced that the inaugural **Atlantic Senior Fours** event will be held on the greens at the Athena group of hotels in Paphos, Cyprus, from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 inclusive.

Teams will compete in sectional play during the first part of the tournament with knock out stages from quarter finals onwards. Following this, a knockout Mixed Fours event comprising a maximum of two teams per nation will take place.

A maximum of four English representatives (two men's fours and two women's fours) aged 55 and over at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 will be permitted to enter.

The event has received approval from World Bowls.

More information, including a schedule of dates and a brief overview, can be viewed at: [www.atlanticseniorfours.com](http://www.atlanticseniorfours.com)

All enquiries and expressions of interest to enter should be addressed to the organising committee at: [eventmanager.asf2020@gmail.com](mailto:eventmanager.asf2020@gmail.com)

### **BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (BDA)**

#### **Clubmark Accreditation Scheme**

The BDA has received notification from Sport England that, as of November 2019, **the Clubmark accreditation scheme will be coming to end.**

The scheme has brought about a significant improvement in standards across the community sports sector. In part due to Clubmark's success, there are elements of the existing scheme (e.g. safeguarding/duty of care and governance) which were positioned as 'best practice' at its creation but are now deemed to be essential aspects of any club's operations.

In order to continue to promote club development, a new 'Health Check' tool will be launched in December 2019 on the Club Matters platform. The new tool will offer bespoke support depending on the club's size and needs and will guide clubs through different stages of their development. Furthermore, Club Matters will continue to provide resources, tools and new content to support the development of your club and keep you up to date!

For those clubs that already have Clubmark, your accreditation will remain valid until it expires. It will continue to be acknowledged and a toolkit is being prepared to help you maintain the standards that Clubmark has promoted.

For those clubs that are interested in becoming accredited you need to express an interest via the Clubmark website by **the 2nd August at the latest** and be prepared to complete the process by mid- November.

If you have any further questions regarding the Clubmark accreditation scheme or the new Sport England 'Health Check' tool, please contact the Club Matters team on [clubmatters@sportstructures.com](mailto:clubmatters@sportstructures.com).

## ENGLISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

### **National Competitions 2019/2020**

The individual competitions for the 2019/20 season are now available to view please [click here](#). Draw books will be issued via email the week commencing 12th August 2019. If you have any queries regarding the draws please contact Claire Edson. Email: [claireedson@eiba.co.uk](mailto:claireedson@eiba.co.uk)

### **10. OBITUARY**

#### **1. Eddie PINDER, 83 years, Daventry Town BC & Daventry IBC**

Eddie died on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, after a long illness.

He was a loyal member of both Daventry Town BC and Daventry Indoor BC for many years, and he thoroughly enjoyed his bowls, and was a pretty good bowler too, being a winner in many competitions, including the Triples 2005, the Mixed Triples 2004, the Fours 2006 & 2007 and the Northamptonshire Trophy 2009 at Daventry Indoor, and the Handicap Singles 2004, Men's Pairs 2005 & Men's Triples in 2005.

Eddie was not just a player, however, for he was a qualified National Umpire and officiated on many occasions for the County, but more importantly than this he was President of the Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association in the year 2008-2009, when he was proud to see the County win the Over 60 Inter County Championship during his stewardship in 2009.

His funeral will be held at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, at Rainsbrook Crematorium, Ashlawn Road, Rugby,

No mention of a Wake or donations in lieu of flowers, but this will be on the Order of Service.

#### **2. John Coles, 86 years, Burton Latimer Town BC**

John died on the 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. He was a long serving member of Burton Latimer Town BC, and was a Committee member, and he held office as Fixture Secretary for over 20 years. He was a true gentleman, and will be sorely missed.

His Funeral is arranged to be held at 12 noon on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019, at the Edgar Newman Chapel at Kettering Crematorium.

### **11. BOWLS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 'PATRONS CUP' COMPETITION**

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

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

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

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

### **12. COUNTY CLUB NEWS**

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



**ABINGTON BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 21.8.19. Club hosts match between Northants & Oxford Masonic BA
- 22.8.19. Club holds its men's 'Captain's Day'
- 24.8.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 27.8.19. Club holds its ladies 'President & Captain Day'

**BUGBROOKE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 24.8.19. Club plays Harpole BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 28.8.19. Club plays Travis Perkins BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

**BYFIELD BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 22.8.19. Club plays Adderbury BC at home at 6.0 p.m.

**CARLSBERG BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 22.8.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC away at 6.30 p.m.

**COGENHOE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 24.8.19. Club plays Ise BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 25.8.19. Club plays Irchester BC away at 2.0 p.m.

**COLD ASHBY BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 22.8.19. Club plays Medburne BC at home at 2.30 p.m .

**DAVENTRY TOWN BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 24.8.19. Club plays Roade BC away at 2.30 p.m.

**HARPOLE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 21.8.19. Club plays Travis Perkins BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 24.8.19. Club plays Bugbrooke BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

**HEYFORD BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 22.8.19. Club plays West Haddon BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 25.8.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 27.8.19. Club plays St Crispin BC away at 6.30 p.m.

**KINGSTHORPE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 22.8.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 24.8.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 27.8.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

**KISLINGBURY BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 22.8.19. Club plays Carlsberg BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 24.8.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 24.8.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 28.8.19. Club plays The Grange BC away at 2.30 p.m.

**NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 24.8.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

**NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 22.8.19. Club plays Northants Retired Police BA at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 24.8.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC away at 2.30 p.m.

**NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 22.8.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 24.8.19. Club plays Northampton Express BC away at 2.0p.m.
- 25.8.19. Club plays Heyford BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 28.8.19. Club plays St Crispin BC away at 2.30 p.m.

**ROADE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 24.8.19. Club plays Daventry Town BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

**ST. CRISPIN BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 24.8.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 24.8.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 25.8.19. Club plays Stony Stratford BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 27.8.19. Club plays Heyford BC away at 6.30 p.m.

**WEST HADDON BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 22.8.19. Club plays Heyford BC at home at 6.30 pm.
- 28.8.19. Club plays Rugby Thornfield BC away at 6.0p.m.

**WOODFORD-cum-MEMBRIS BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 24.8.19. Club plays Southam BC at home at 2.30 p.m.  
27.8.19. Club plays Banbury Borough BC away at 6.0 p.m.

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

**BURTON LATIMER TOWN BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 24.8.19. Club plays Needingworth BC at home at 2.30 p.m.  
28.8.19. Club plays Little Bowden BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

**CORBY FOREST BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 24.8.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home at 2.30p.m.  
27.8.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 2.30p.m.

**CORBY SEAGRAVE HOUSE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 22.8.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 6.30 p.m.  
24.8.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.  
26.8.19. Club holds its 'Ladies Gala Day' at 2.0 p.m.  
28.8.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC in the County League at 5.45 p.m.

**DESBOROUGH TOWN BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 22.8.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC away at 2.0 p.m.  
24.8.19. Club plays Hart of Fleckney BC at home at 2.0 p.m.  
27.8.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 6.15 p.m.

**EARLS BARTON BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 25.8.19. Club holds a 'Gala day'

**GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 24.8.19. Club holds a 'Fun Day' at 2.0 p.m.  
27.8.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC in the County League at 6.0 p.m.

**HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 23.8.19. Club holds its 'Men v Women' match at 6.0p.m.  
24.8.19. Club plays Irthlingborough Church Institute BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

**IRCHESTER BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 24.8.19. Club plays Finedon Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.  
25.8.19. Club plays Cogenhoe BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC**

**Fixtures:**

24.8.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.

**ISE BC**

**Fixtures:**

22.8.19. Club plays Little Bowden BC at home at 6.0 p.m.

24.8.19. Club plays Cogenhoe BC away at 2.0 p.m.

28.8.19. Club plays Swanspool Seniors BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

**ISLIP BC**

**Fixtures:**

24.8.19. Club plays Woodsend BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

25.8.19. Club plays Clacton BC away at 2.0 p.m.

**KETTERING LODGE BC**

**Fixtures:**

24.8.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC away at 2.0 p.m.

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

27.8.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC at home at 6.15 p.m.

**KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC**

**Fixtures:**

24.8.19. Club holds its competition finals in the morning

25.8.19. Club plays Thrapston BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA**

**Fixtures:**

22.8.19. Club plays Northampton West End BC away for the 'Gus Dowdy' trophy at 2.30 p.m.

27.8.19. Club plays Harpole BC at Wellingborough BC at 2.0 p.m.

**ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC**

**Fixtures:**

23.8.19. Club plays its men's John Davis Triples at home at 2.0 p.m.

24.8.19. Club plays at Hunstanton

**RUSHDEN TOWN BC**

**Fixtures:**

22.8.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

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

**SWANSPPOOL BC**

**Fixtures:**

22.8.19. Club plays Kettering Athletic BC away at 2.0 p.m.

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

**THRAPSTON BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 24.8.19. Club plays Stanwick BC at home at 2.0 p.m.  
25.8.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.

**WELLINGBOROUGH BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 22.8.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.  
24.8.19. Club plays Northampton West End BC at home at 2.30 p.m.  
25.8.19. Club plays Irchester BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.  
27.8.19. Club hosts a match between Northants Retired BA and Harpole BC at 2.0 p.m.

**WELLINGBOROUGH OG'S BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 22.8.19. Club plays Mears Ashby RBL BC away at 2.0 p.m.

*John G Church*

**John G. CHURCH, MBE – Northamptonshire Bowls Press Officer**