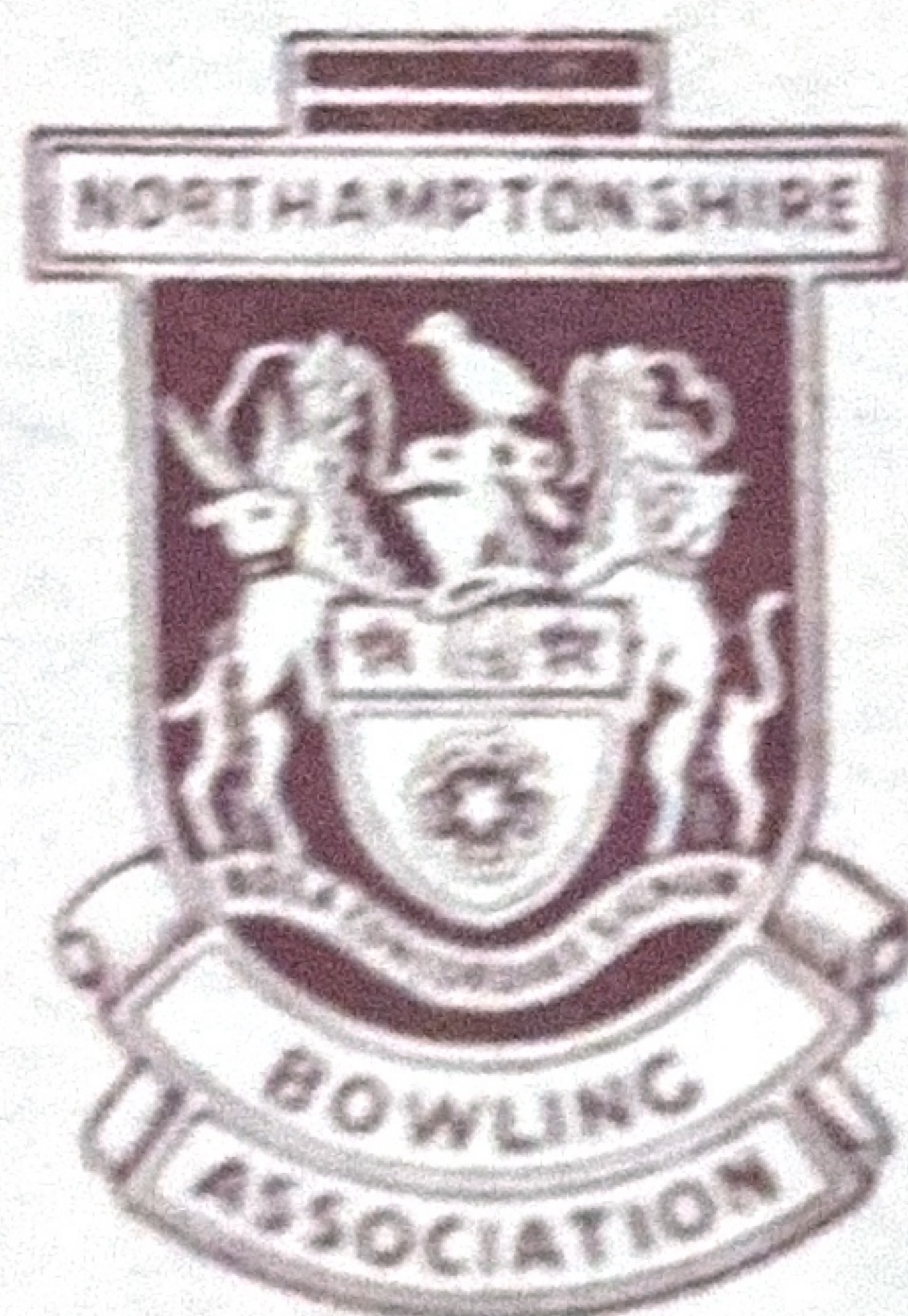


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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to submit to you my report for 1981, the last report I shall make as Secretary. In a summer of mixed weather our match programme was completed, only one game being played indoors and in 30 games played at county level results were as follows:

	P	W	L	F	Shots A	
Middleton Cup	4	2	2	503	460	+43
Midland Counties	6	1	5	654	739	- 85
Friendlies	20	9	11	2316	2368	- 52
Totals	30	12	18	3473	3567	- 94

Your selection committee met on numerous occasions but unfortunately were not able to get the right combination this year, winning two and losing two in the Middleton Cup, wooden spoonists in the Midland Counties Championship, losing five and only winning one.

In this the 75th year of the Association, the executive entertained the English Bowling Association and the Midland Counties Bowling Association. 50 players received Colts badges and 33 players were awarded their blazer badge.

In the national sphere, Northants were represented in the international trial by Maurice Allen and Stuart Letts, neither player making the England team and none of our players excelled at Worthing. In number of clubs the county remains constant, this year we welcomed Daventry & District Bowling Club but unfortunately Kettering Park B.C. are resigning, leaving us with a total of 61 clubs.

We are again indebted to Abington, Kettering Conservative and Wellingborough Bowling Clubs for providing accommodation for Council, Annual General and Selection Meetings. We are further indebted to the clubs who have made their greens and facilities available to the N.B.A. for County matches, Competitions and the Manfield Cup. May I take this opportunity of thanking all of them for their help and co-operation.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Wicksteed Park Pavilion, a very good night was enjoyed by the few who attended. We were honoured with the presence of the E.B.A. President Tom Blake, and the M.C.B.A. President Martin Bates.

Our President Jim Foran is now nearing the end of a very difficult year, difficult because he was the unfortunate President to follow the successes of last year, he had the job of returning all last year's spoils. Nevertheless Jim has has a very good year, he has carried out his duties as your President with dignity and will look back on his year with satisfaction.

The N.B.A. continues to be thoroughly well served by its Officers. S.V.P. Jack Forster, J.V.P. Frank Summerly have both given full support to our President. John Clipston and the area secretaries, our handbook editors, your Treasurer Joe Cooper, and all the other officers including my Assistant Secretary Neville Whitsey all do a tremendous job for the Association and I thank them all sincerely for the way they carry out their duties.

Yours sincerely,
G. T. WILLS,
Hon. Secretary.

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President and fellow bowlers,
With a very large entry in all the various County Competitions this year it was pleasing to note that competitors played and completed their rounds within the closing dates. I would ask competitors to take particular notice when the Harris Cup is played, as this alters the fixed date on a Wednesday for one round only. After very mixed weather in the early rounds with many a soaking the latter stages of the competitions were played in exceptionally fine weather. Thanks are due to the competitors for some excellent bowling in the final stages with just an odd shot deciding who should represent us at Worthing. To the Clubs for the use of their green and facilities, not forgetting the markers and umpires, many thanks. Once again at Worthing we failed dismally with only the Thrapston triple going beyond the first round. To Mick Corbyn who supervised the Wellingborough area at the eleventh hour after the hospitalisation of Tony Childs a special word of thanks for a difficult job well done. As far as the Kettering area is concerned I would ask that for 1982 season we see a great improvement in organisation, as my family strongly object to being awoken at times nearer to midnight to find who they play in the next round, which is the responsibility of the Kettering area secretary and not Northampton. A little co-operation with the competitors is all that they require. Finally, I thank you all for your support and hope that success comes to Northants again in 1982.

J. H. CLIPSTON
Hon. Competition Secretary

COUNTY COACH REPORT

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

In 1981 we have maintained steady progress in the instructions of beginners. Our club coaches, many now in their second season, are, with the introduction of the coaching manuals and backing from their club committees, finding their feet and introducing able, keen, knowledgeable beginners into the game. We may appear to many to be still on the bottom rung of the coaching ladder, this is so, we must walk before we run.

This year a further nine club coaches qualified at Kingsthorpe as National bowls instructors. In total with the three club coaches who qualified pre-season at Peterborough we now have 28 qualified instructors from 25 clubs in the county. I would like to express my gratitude to the President and committee of Kingsthorpe Bowling Club who for the past two seasons have permitted the use of their clubhouse and green for the qualification courses.

We again assisted with the Sports Council Bowls 81 promotion, some 20 instructors working for four weeks at nine venues. One interesting feature this year was the number of Park bowlers who instructed in the game, in order to learn and improve. The County has received a bonus from last year's promotion by the formation of Daventry and District Bowling Club. This club was formed by people attending the course, instructed by E. Baker and W. Boys. who felt that this was the way to continue their involvement and enjoyment of the game.

In order to advance our coaching scheme I am inviting some of our qualified instructors to become area coaches. These coaches will work in their own areas assisting the County Coach in the training of new instructors, and assisting clubs without coaches in the instruction of beginners.

Finally, to all those club committees who failed to find someone to become club coach, keep looking, somewhere in your club there must be a member willing to put back into the game a few hours to help beginners, in return for the many hours of enjoyment that they themselves have experienced.

V. F. COOPER,
County Coach

F – Friendly Match

MC – Middleton Cup

MCBA – Midland Counties B.A. League

1	Sat	Buckinghamshire B.A.	F	St. Martins B.C., Bletchley	2.30
8	Sat	Lincolnshire B.A.	MCBA	Kingsthorpe	2.30
10	Mon	Essex Touring Side	F	S. & L., Corby	2.30
15	Sat	Leicestershire B.A.	MCBA	Blaby B.C.	2.30
16	Sun	Exec. v Masonic B.C.		Kettering Lodge	3.00
22	Sat	Middleton Cup Trial			2.30
26	Wed	Civil Service B.A.	F	Abington B.C.	2.30
29	Sat	Presidents Tour		Canterbury	

1	Tues	Middlesex B.A.	F	Bush Hill B.C.	2.30
5	Sat	Hertfordshire B.A.	F	Owls B.C., Garston	2.30
8	Tues	Exec. v Earls Barton (60th Anniv.)		Earls Barton B.C.	6.30
10	Thurs	London Parks B.A.	F	Rushden Town	2.30
12	Sat	Buckinghamshire B.A.	MC	County Ground	2.30
16	Wed	Warwickshire B.A.	F	Avon B.C., Stratford on Avon	2.30
19	Sat	Oxfordshire B.A.	MC	Oxford City & County	2.30
22	Tues	Exec. v Brackley (60th Anniv.)		Brackley	6.30
24	Thur	Cambridgeshire B.A.	F	Thrapston	2.30
26	Sat	Bedfordshire B.A.	MC	County Ground	2.30
26	Sat	Manfield Cup			
29	Tues	Exec. v Abington (60th Aniv.)		Abington	6.30

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1	Thur	Norfolk B.A.	F	Cromer & Dist. B.C.	2.30
2	Fri	Exec. v Manfield Cup Winners			6.30
3	Sat				
10	Sat	Hertfordshire B.A.	MC	Hatfield B.C.	2.30
17	Sat	Derbyshire B.A.	MCBA	Wellingborough Town	2.30
24	Sat	Middleton Cup Quarter-Finals			
28	Wed	Surrey B.A.	F	Southey B.C., Wimbledon	2.30
31	Sat	Nottinghamshire B.A.	MCBA	Nottingham HQ	2.30

2	Mon	Exec. v Whyte Melville (75th Anniv)		St. Andrews Hospital	6.30
7	Sat	Vice Presidents Assoc	F	Abington B.C.	2.30
10	Tues	Exec. v Imps		Rushden Town B.C.	3.00
12	Thur	Metropolitan Police B.A.	F	Duston Timken	2.30
14	Sat	Gloucestershire B.A.	F	County Ground	2.30
17	Tues	Exec. v P.S.L. (25th Anniv.)		PSL Roade	6.30
18	Wed	Leicestershire B.A.	F	Loughborough B.C.	2.30
21	Sat	Oxfordshire B.A.	F	Earls Barton	2.30
25	Wed	Huntingdonshire B.A.	F	Desborough Town	2.30
28	Sat	Warwickshire B.A.	MCBA	Kettering Lodge	2.30
28	Sat	Bedfordshire B.A.	F	Wellingborough Town	2.30

SEPTEMBER

1 Wed Essex B.A.
4 Sat N.I.B.A.
11 Sat Worcestershire B.A.
18 Sat Berkshire B.A.
24 Fri N.B.A. Council Meeting
25 Sat Suffolk B.A.

F Oundle 2.30
F Brackley B.C. 2.30
MCBA Worcester B.C. 2.30
F Kingsthorpe 2.30
Kettering Cons 7.30
F Hadleigh B.C. 2.30

OCTOBER

1 Fri Annual Dinner & Dance
30 Sat Council Meeting

Fir Tree, Wellingborough 7.00
Abington B.C. 2.30

DECEMBER

4 Sat E.B.A. AGM & Dinner
11 Sat N.B.A. AGM

Connought Rooms
Abington B.C. 2.30

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

Northamptonshire men who have played for England in recognised International Games, first established in 1991.

Bottles, J.N.	Irthlingborough C.I.	1956-57-58 Gold Medalist in Fours, Commonwealth Games, Cardiff, Wales, 1958.
Bull, A.H.	Wellingborough Town	1926-27-30-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-46-47-48-49
Bull, G.S.	Wellingborough Town	1926-27-28-30-31-32-33-34-35-36
Chapman, W.J.	Kettering Lodge	1946
Coe, G.P.	Wellingborough Town	1910
Cooper, D.E.	Kettering Lodge	1964-65-66 Played in Triples and Fours in First World Bowls Championships, Sydney, Australia, 1966.
Hobson, W.R.	Kettering Lodge	1924
Forster, J.A.	Wellingborough Town	1973
Goldsmith, M.E.	County Ground	1928
Lee, T.	Wellingborough Town	1923
Mason, C. (Sr.)	Kettering Conservative	1935
Mason, F.	Kettering Conservative	1961
Mitchell, W.J.	Wellingborough Town	1929
Redhead, A.J.	County Ground	1912
Shatford, F.	Kettering Conservative	1910-11-12-14-19-20-21-22-24-25
Stonhouse, R.H.	Wellingborough Town	1962-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72 Played in Triples and Fours in First World Bowls Championships, Sydney, Australia, 1966. Captain of England, Commonwealth Games, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1970. England Team Manager, World Bowls Championships, Worthing, England, 1972. England Team Manager, World Bowls Championships, South Africa, 1976. England Team Manager, Commonwealth Games, Edmonton, Canada, 1978. England Team Manager, World Bowls Championships, Australia, 1980.
Stow, F.	County Ground	1909-10-11-13
Wright, G.	Kettering Lodge	1913-19-20-21-22-28
Wills, G.	Kettering Lodge	1974

INTERNATIONAL TRIALISTS

Northamptonshire men who have played in International Trials.

Allen, E.W.	Wellingborough Town	1981
Carter, S.H.	Wellingborough Town	1965-66-67
Brage, H.	Wellingborough Town	1969
Forster, J.A.	Wellingborough Town	1973
Gargate, R.	Abington	1960-61
Harris, J.A.	Rushden Town	1930-33-34
King, R.S.T.	Abington	1971
Knight, A.F.	Abington	1946-47-58-59
Knight, H.E.	Rushden Town	1938
Lee, F.J.	Abington	1950-51
Lotts, S.C.	West End	1981
Mason, Colin	Kettering Conservative	1964
Mason, H.	Kettering Conservative	1961-62
Morgan, T.L.	County Ground	1968
Richards, J.N.	County Ground	1926
Sturgess, H.F.	Earls Barton	1949
Underwood, H.	Rushden Town	1935-36-37
Wills, G.T.	Rushden Town	1971
	Kettering Lodge	1973-74-78