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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION
STATISTICS—1970 SEASON

Membership Range	No. of Clubs	No. of Players	N.B.A. Subscription £	E.B.A. Subscription £
30 and Under	37	969	74	37
31–50	24	1,025	60	36
51–100	10	667	35	20
over 100	4	459	20	10
	75	3,120	£189	£103

G. W. J. Cooper, *Hon. Treasurer.*

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1906–1921	J. Manfield	1949	F. Tye
1922–1923	Sir James Crockett	1950	A. Fletcher
1924	F. Tyler	1951	J. C. Halliday
1925	G. Bull	1952	G. T. Dunkley
1926	G. Wright	1953	T. A. Lovell
1927	A. Allebone	1954	C. A. Chown
1928	M. E. Goldsmith	1955	D. Gamble
1929	E. Everard	1956	F. C. L. Carress
1930	J. W. Turner	1957	H. T. Bye
1931	R. R. Brown	1958	T. Roberts
1932	W. Munks	1959	H. Wills
1933	H. W. Caswell	1960	G. Robinson
1934	G. S. Bull	1961	D. Wilson
1935	J. A. Harris	1962	H. W. Dawson
1936	J. H. Sharpe	1963	A. V. Wintersgill
1937	W. Roddis	1964	C. F. Thorneloe
1938	H. C. Roberts	1965	P. A. Talmage
1939–1945	W. C. Tarry	1966	G. F. Wright
1946	W. J. Moore	1967	A. E. Mandeville
1947	B. D. Harries	1968	D. E. Cooper
1948	F. W. Goodwin	1969	J. A. Hodson
		1970	W. F. Oatridge

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SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT—SEASON 1971

As with vines, some Seasons are good and others not so good, varying according to the weather to which they have been subjected; taken together with soil conditions and management, the quality of the vintage can vary considerably. Reviewing the 1971 Bowls Season, the weather has been exceptionally good, the soil conditions represented by a nucleus of over 3,000 bowlers has been fruitful and the management ably led by our President, Les Hough, his Officers and Selection Committee has been excellent. The result, as may be expected by such a combination, has been well above average. Reflection on the following facts will impress the casual reader that Northants has indeed been a force to be reckoned with.

It is not always that a County President can aspire to the status of a current Middleton Cup player or can claim to have won any of the County competitions, but this year in Les Hough, we have a President who can rightly claim just that. The result has been wise and knowledgeable leadership of our affairs. Add to this a keen sense of duty and Lancastrian wit, ably supported by an understanding wife, then the said President is likely to achieve some outstanding results, which is exactly what has happened, by the County reaching the Semi-Final of the Middleton Cup and winning the Midland Counties Championship. Sufficient for any President to be satisfied, knowing that in addition he has maintained harmony and generally enhanced the reputation of his County.

Northants has also been honoured by one of its Past Presidents—George Wright, being invested as President of the Midland Counties Bowling Association for this year. A popular and happy choice and it is a fitting tribute to George Wright that Northants has this year, during his Presidency, won the Midland Counties Championship. To complete the picture, Ron Gargate of the Abington Bowling Club demonstrated his undoubted ability by winning the Midland Counties Singles Competition.

The English Bowling Association also honoured the County by bringing the E.B.A. President's Touring side to the Wellingborough Town green in the third week in May. Further the E.B.A. President, Wilf Marsh attended as Guest of Honour at the annual dinner and dance held at Overstone in October, thus completing recognition of our County in a most satisfactory manner by the Parent Association.

One further honour to savour during the coming winter months, is the announcement by the E.B.A. of the appointment of our current International, Bob Stenhouse as Team Manager for the forthcoming World Bowls Championships at Worthing in 1972. A worthy honour and one which all bowlers in the County will share with pride and wish Bob Stenhouse every success.

By way of reciprocity for E.B.A. honours, the County can record that it has exceeded its target of £800 in support of the World Bowls Championships and has to-date sold 550 badges. It is also recorded that for the first time, the entries in the County competitions leading to the National Championships have exceeded 1,000. A fact for which a great deal of credit must go to our hard working Competitions Secretary, Past President, Jack Hodson, and his three Area Secretaries.

Reviewing the above chronicle of success and recognition the claim to an above average year is substantiated. Of course, we should have won the Middleton Cup, but in the Semi-Final, Hampshire had other ideas. However some measures of comfort may be derived from the fact that Hampshire were the eventual winners and a fine team on the day.

An analysis of results reveals the following figures: A total of 35 matches were played. 20 were won and 15 lost. Shots for 4,150. Against 3,884. These total figures are broken down as follows:

Middleton Cup including the Semi-Final: Played 5, Won 3 and lost 2. Shots for 619. Against 578.

Midland Counties Championship: Played 6. Won 5 and lost 1. Shots for 737 and against 639.

Friendly matches: Played 18. Won 9 and lost 9. Shots for 2,124 and Against 2,086.

Executive matches: Played 6. Won 3 and lost 3. Shots for 670 and Against 581.

The Association expresses its thanks to those Clubs which have been good enough to loan their greens and facilities for the various County Home matches. In all cases the Clubs concerned, through their officials have ensured that the green and hospitality has been of a high standard, thus enabling the County Association to maintain its reputation as a good host to visiting Counties. The many members who work in the background including the Ladies are often overlooked and should they read this report, on behalf of the Association, I would ask them to accept a grateful thank you for all that has been done for the Association. This appreciation is also extended to the Abington Bowling Club, the Kettering Conservative Club and Wellingborough Town Bowling Club for their generosity in providing accommodation for meetings.

An encouraging trend which has materialised this year is the success in matches and competitions of young bowlers, men in the early twenties, who have shown great skill and interest in the game. It augurs well for Northants in the future and these youthful players must be given every encouragement, for by their efforts the County will achieve further National honours. A total of 59 players were selected to play for the County for the first time and were awarded their Colts badge. This is an increase of 28 on the previous year when 31 Colts badges were awarded. 37 players qualified for a County badge having been slected to play for the County on six occasions, an increase of 8 on 1970. These figures indicate the number of new bowlers who have achieved County status. A point worth noting is that 5 County badges were won by non-badged players who reached the finals of the County competitions and qualified for the National Championships in London.

The Selection Committee met on 17 occasions and the members have stood on the bank and watched no less than eleven Middleton Cup and Midland Counties matches. This may not seem worthy of special mention but it should be remembered that these officers have given their time and interest for the benefit of bowls and Northants in particular. On your behalf I extend to them our thanks and appreciation.

The Association is again much indebted to the Northants Vice-Presidents Association for the very substantial financial assistance provided. Without this support the County would need to increase its

charges. The monies received are gratefully acknowledged and we extend congratulations to the Chairman, Clarence Austin on the excellent year he has had in charge of the Vice-Presidents' Association.

The Annual dinner and dance at Overstone in October was attended by 251 Ladies and Gentlemen. 12 Presidents from other Counties were present together with senior and distinguished officials from no less than 16 other Counties.

The statistics and competition winners for the year are recorded in the handbook for 1972 and we congratulate Len Knights for the excellent handbook produced for this year and also very happy to record that the publication has made a small profit. Decision has been made that a copy of the 1972 handbook will be forwarded to every competitor in the competitions and all Vice-Presidents who are not competitors.

A word of thanks to Bob Stenhouse for his able and efficient work as Secretary of the Benevolent Fund. Bob has now handed over the responsibilities to Edgar Allen and we thank the latter for his willingness to take on the work.

In conclusion, I extend our sincere appreciation to our Hon. Treasurer Joe Cooper for his efficient handling of our finances and to George Wills the Assistant Hon. Secretary for his willing co-operation and in particular his work in connection with the nominations for matches.

We now look forward to 1972 and the opportunity of carrying on where we left off and perhaps to achieve even better results. At least we know we have the support and good will of the Affiliated Clubs in the County and Northants is entitled to be proud of its reputation in the Bowling World.

A number of our Representatives and Officials are not mentioned specifically by name in this report but to each and every one, I would say on behalf of the Association that their contribution is much appreciated.

Dennis Baker.

Congratulations!

S. Holden, A. Strickland and J. Weston of Peterborough and District B.C. won the 1971 English Bowls Federation National Triples Competition. This is the first major E.B.F. title won by Northants. bowlers for several years.

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT—1971

As a result of the excellent weather during the Season 1971 County Competitions were all brought to a successful conclusion within the specified dates. New and younger faces were seen during the final stages as well as the older and experienced champions of the past.

The total of competition entries has now well passed the thousand mark and the standard of play is undoubtedly better than ever. It was a pleasure to see the return to top form of Ron Gargate in the Singles and Secretaries Cup and his final triumph in the Midland Counties. Also congratulations to Johnnie Bettles in the Pairs with his younger partner, Gordon Richards, also victorious in the Mason Cup. Youth from the West End Club proved successful in the Triples with the experienced Wellingborough Town Four successful against their Club mates.

Once again thanks are due to all Clubs for the use of their greens for all Competitions and especially the County Ground who staged the Finals. Abington, Wellingborough Town, Kettering Lodge and Corby for their co-operation in all stages of the competitions.

To my fellow Area Secretaries a special word of appreciation for their assistance during the season.

Jack Hodson.

BENEVOLENT FUND REPORT—1971

The resignation of our Secretary and Trustee, R. H. Stenhouse, was received with regret and the Trustees thank him for the valuable services he has rendered to the Benevolent Fund. The Trustees invited E. O. Allen to fill the vacancy and he accepted.

The income for 1971 was £177, expenditure £182. The Trustees note with regret that the subscriptions have dropped by £40 and wish to remind clubs that subscriptions should be paid by the 30th June, for claimants to be entitled to benefit. The Trustees thank the Members of Subscribing Clubs for their continued support.

VICE-PRESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION—CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1971

Our Association has again had a very successful year. We have played 18 matches; Won 12; Lost 6. Shots for 2,093. Shots Against 2,053. This, I think, is a wonderful record, as we give every member who so desires, an opportunity to play in a game.

Our membership has risen from 264 to 330 an increase of 66. This has given our Association the opportunity to subscribe to the Northants County Bowling Association the sum of £335 which I am sure is a great achievement.

As Chairman of the Association, it has been a wonderful experience, and my Tour to Worthing is something I shall always remember.

I would like to thank the members and their ladies once more for the happy week we spent together, to our members and officers thanks for all the help you have given me, and the unity that makes our organisation such a success.

I must say 'Thank you' to our Secretary, George Wills, for all the help and assistance he has given to me and to the Association. To our Patron and Treasurer, Joe Cooper, many thanks for all the help and guidance to me through my year of office. The successful financial position of the Association owes much to his untiring efforts.

Many thanks also to Aubrey Mandeville for all the assistance he has given particularly with the Mid-Week Matches. To the members of the Executive Committee 'Thank you' for your support and enthusiasm at our meetings during the year.

We are again indebted to all the clubs who have loaned their greens and amenities for our home matches. A special word of thanks to their ladies for the preparation of the meals. This has been greatly appreciated. To the Wellingborough Town Bowling Club – a special word of thanks for the use of their rooms for our meetings and for the assistance given in helping to stage the E. B. Harris Cup game on their greens. This year the proceeds were donated to World Bowls Association. The sum of £81 was handed over to our County Association.

Thanks are also due to Ernest Harris for supplying such wonderful prizes for the Raffle which raised £35. Thank you to the 92 players who made this effort a record.

Finally, our thanks are due to one of our Past Chairmen, Edgar Allen, for presenting to us a Lapel Badge for the Vice-Chairman.

Progress has been maintained in 1971, and may this continue in future years.

Clarence Austin.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Fixtures for 1971

JAN.	S.	16	E.B.A. Council Meeting	London
FEB.	S.	6	M.C.B.A. A.G.M.	Notts. H.Q.
"	F.	26	M.C.B.A. Annual Dinner	Toton
MAR.	F.	12	N.B.A. Council Meeting, 7.15 p.m. ..	Kettering
APRIL	Th.	1	Nominations from Clubs close—M.C. and M.C.B.A. Comps.	
"	S.	10	Executive v. Essex County Indoor, 2.30 p.m.	Westcliff
MAY	S.	1	Middleton Cup Trial, 3 p.m.	County Ground
"	S.	8	Buckinghamshire, 3 p.m.	Wellingborough Town
"	S.	15	Berkshire, 2.30 p.m.	Away
"	W.	19	E.B.A. President's Tour side, 2.30 p.m. ..	Wellingborough Town
"	S.	22	M.C.B.A. LEICESTERSHIRE, 3 p.m. ..	Away
"	M.	24	Middlesex Tour side, 3 p.m.	West End
"	S.	29	M.C.B.A. Worcestershire, 3 p.m.	Stewarts & Lloyds
"	S.	29-5 JUNE	Northants. President's Tour	I.O.W.
JUNE	S.	5	E.B.A. International Trial Match	Mortlake
"	S.	5	M.C.B.A. LINCOLNSHIRE, 3 p.m. ..	Rushden Town
"	W.	9	M.C.B.A. v. Northants. (President's Match)	Rushden
"	S.	12	M.C. OXFORDSHIRE, 3 p.m.	County Ground
"	M.	14-20 JUNE	Cardiff Tourists in Northants.	
"	Th.	17	Cardiff Tourists, 3 p.m. (Mackintosh B.C.)	Westwood Works
"	S.	19	M.C.B.A. WARWICKSHIRE, 3 p.m. ..	Rugby
"	S.	26	Manfield Cup	
"	S.	26	M.C. HERTFORDSHIRE, 3 p.m. ..	Away
"	W.	30, 1 & 2 JULY	International Matches ..	Aberdare
JULY	Th.	1	Executive v. Brington, 6.30 p.m.	County Ground
"	S.	3	M.C.B.A. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, 3 p.m.	Stewart & Lloyds
"	W.	7	Executive v. British Timken, Daventry, 6.30 p.m.	Daventry
"	Th.	8	London Parks B.A., 3 p.m.	Noel Park, London
"	S.	10	M.C. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, 3 p.m. ..	Away
"	Th.	15	Norfolk, 2.30 p.m.	Pianoforte Supplies
"	S.	17	Gloucestershire, 2.30 p.m.	Away
"	W.	21	Lincolnshire, 3 p.m.	Away
"	Th.	22	Executive v. John Whites, 6.30 p.m. ..	Rushden
"	S.	24	M.C. – E.B.A. Quarter Finals	
"	Th.	29	Cambridgshire	Ely
"	S.	31	M.C.B.A. DERBYSHIRE, 3 p.m. ..	Away
AUG.	9-14	16-20	E.B.A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	Mortlake
"	S.	14	Hertfordshire, 3 p.m.	B. Timken, Duston
"	Th.	19	Executive v. Kettering Lodge, 3 p.m. ..	Kettering
"	S.	21	E.B.A. Middleton Cup Semi-Finals and Final	Mortlake
"	S.	21	Suffolk, 3 p.m.	Wellingborough Town
"	Th.	26	Metropolitan Police, 3 p.m.	Bushey
"	S.	28	Northants. Vice President's Association, 3 p.m.	Stewart & Lloyds
SEPT.	Th.	2	Surrey, 2.30 p.m.	County Ground
"	S.	4	M.C.B.A. v. London & Southern Counties	Abington
"	S.	4	Bedfordshire, 3 p.m.	Earls Barton
"	F.	10-11	British Isles Championships	Ireland

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Fixtures *(continued)*

	S.	11	M.C. Team (Northants.) v. Under 40's ..	Kettering Lodge
,,	W.	15	Essex, 3 p.m.	Away
,,	S.	18	Warwickshire, 3 p.m.	St. Crispins Hospital
,,	S.	18	M.C.B.A. Singles Championships in Northants.	Rushden Town
	S.	25	Guiness, Park Royal, 3 p.m.	Thrapston
,,	F.	24	N.B.A. Council Meeting, 7.15 p.m. ..	Kettering
Oct.	S.	23	N.B.A. Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation	Overstone
	S.	30	E.B.A. Council Meeting	London
,,	S.	6	N.B.A. Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m. ..	Abington
Nov.	S.	4	E.B.A. - A.G.M. and Annual Dinner ..	London
Dec.	S.	11	N.B.A. - A.G.M., 2.30 p.m.	Abington
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M.C. indicates Middleton Cup matches
M.C.B.A. indicates Midland Counties Championship

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SUCCESSES IN E.B.A. (NATIONAL) CHAMPIONSHIPS

SINGLES

1910	WINNER	F. Shatford (Kettering Conservative)
1926	Semi-Finalist	W. J. Mitchell (Wellingborough Town)
1938	Semi-Finalist	C. J. Keeler (Rushden Town)
1951	Semi-Finalist	B. Knowles (West End)
1963	Semi-Finalist	C. Mason (Jnr.) (Kettering Conservative)
1968	Semi-Finalist	R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town)
1969	Semi-Finalist	R. S. T. King (Abington)

PAIRS

1928	WINNERS	W. Pendered, W. J. Mitchell (Wellingborough Town)
1932	WINNERS	A. H. Bull, G. S. Bull (Wellingborough Town)
1938	Semi-Finalists.	W. Dainty, T. Goode (Wellingborough Town)
1945	Runners-up	W. T. Lawton, A. F. Knight (Abington)
1949	Semi-Finalists	F. Mason, C. Mason (Snr.) Kettering Conservative)
1957	Semi-Finalists	W. J. Stone, A. F. Knight (Abington)
1965	Semi-Finalists	S. H. Carter, R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town)
1967	WINNERS	T. L. Morgan, J. Hope (County Ground) Also British Isles Championship Finalists
1969	Semi-Finalists	G. T. Wills, D. E. Cooper (Rushden Town)

TRIPLES

1950	Runners-up	H. Wills, F. Tye, G. Fox (Rushden Town)
1953	Runners-up	F. V. V. Purser, A. F. Knight, C. J. Knight (Abington)
1964	Runners-up	S. H. Carter, R. Brook, R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town
1965	WINNERS	E. Willson, L. Coker, D. E. Cooper (Kettering Lodge)
1968	WINNERS	H. F. Sturgess, J. Forster, R. Crawley (Wellingborough Town)
1969	WINNERS	E. Randall, G. T. Wills, D. E. Cooper (Rushden Town)
1970	Semi-Finalists	S. Holden, L. J. Clarke, H. V. Goodwin (Peterborough and District)

FOURS

909	WINNERS	J. T. Goode, C. Vorley, J. W. Bellamy, G. P. Coe (Wellingborough Town)
912	WINNERS	A. J. Rowe, C. S. Jinks, T. Lee, C. C. Jinks (Wellingborough Town)
921	Runners-up	S. Booth, R. Dexter, G. S. Bull, W. J. Mitchell (Wellingborough Town)
946	Semi-Finalists	G. Gold, A. Bullock, A. Crossan, R. Dewar (Corby Stewart and Lloyds)
950	Semi-Finalists	G. Main, G. Nimmo, A. B. Maltman, D. Fletcher (Corby Stewart and Lloyds)
954	Runners-up	W. J. Stone, F. V. V. Purser, C. J. Knight, A. F. Knight (Abington)
963	WINNERS	S. H. Carter, E. F. Marchant, L. Hough, R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town) Also British Isles Championship Finalists
964	Semi-Finalists	J. West, D. Houghton, F. Mellows, E. Smith (Finedon Town)

E.B.A. PAST PRESIDENTS FROM NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

1913	The Late	ALFRED LEWIS (Kettering Lodge)
1925	The Late	GEORGE WRIGHT (Kettering Lodge)
1961		CYRIL A. CHOWN. (County Ground)*

*Hon. Life Member 1962 onwards—English International Selector 1960-1967—currently serving on E.B.A. General Purposes Committee, E.B.A. Finance Committee, and E.B.A. Championship and Rules Committee.

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

Northamptonshire men who have played for England in recognised International Games, first established in 1903.

Bettles, J. H. 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.

Dobson, W. R. (Kettering Lodge) 1924

Goldsmith, M. E. (County Ground) 1928

Lee, T. (Wellingborough Town) 1923

Mason C. (Snr.) (Kettering Cons) 1935

Mason, F. (Kettering Cons.) 1961

Mitchell, W. J. (Wellingborough Town) 1929

Redhead, A. J. (County Ground) 1912

Shatford, F. (Kettering Cons.) 1910-11-12-14-19-20-21-22-24-25

Stenhouse, R. H. (Wellingborough Town) 1962-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70
Played in Triples and Fours in First World Bowls Championships, Sydney, Australia 1966.
Captain of England, Commonwealth Games, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1970.

Stow, F. (County Ground) 1909-10-11-13

Wright, G. (Kettering Lodge) 1913-19-20-21-22-28

INTERNATIONAL TRIALISTS

Northamptonshire men (apart from Internationals—see list facing) who have played in International Trials.

Carter, S. H.	(Wellingborough Town)	1965-66-67
Drage, H.	(Wellingborough Town)	1969
Gargate, R.	(Abington)	1960-61
Harris, J. A.	(Rushden Town)	1930-33-34
Knight, A. F.	(Abington)	1946-47-58-59
Knight, H. E.	(Rushden Town)	1938
Lee, F. J.	(Abington)	1950-51
Mason, Colin	(Kettering Cons.)	1964
Mason, N.	(Kettering Cons.)	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

The series of International Trials commenced in 1924. Records for 1924, 1925, 1927, 1929 and 1931 are not available; if there are any additions for those years, I should be glad to have them. *Editor.*

For this page, and additions to the records in the last three pages, I am again indebted to Mr. A. F. Knight of Abington B.C.

Editor.

The following represented Northamptonshire in MIDDLETON CUP games in 1971:

A. G. Asher (Irthlingborough W.M.C.)
*D. R. Baker (County Ground)
R. A. Billingham (Abington)
R. W. Bosworth (Kettering Lodge)
R. Brook (Wellingborough Town)
C. Bussey (Kettering Lodge)
A. Bygrave (Oundle)
S. Carter (Wellingborough Town)
D. E. Cooper (Rushden Town)
R. Crawley (Wellingborough Town)
R. Donoghue (Kettering Cons.)
H. Drage (Wellingborough Town)
J. Forster (Wellingborough Town)
F. Heath (County Ground)
L. Hough (Wellingborough Town)
*C. Howe (County Ground)
R. S. T. King (Abington)
*S. Letts (West End)
*M. Lewin (Stewart & Lloyds)
E. F. Marchant (Wellingborough Town)
C. Mason (Kettering Cons.)
F. Mason (Kettering Cons.)
N. Mason (Kettering Cons.)
*R. E. Messinger (Kettering Lodge)
G. Richards (Irthlingborough C.I.)
E. Smith (Wellingborough Town)
R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town)
*S. A. Symons (Abington)
A. P. Thurland (Kettering Lodge)
J. West (Wellingborough Town)
G. T. Wills (Rushden Town)

*Awarded Middleton Cup Flash.

The following represented Northamptonshire in Midland Counties games in 1971 (not including Middleton Cup players who also played in M.C.B.A. games).

P. Boyes (West End)
W. G. Chambers (Kettering Cons.)
A. G. Childs (John Whites)
M. Coleman (West End)
J. Conquest (Kettering Timpsons)
S. R. Coupe (Peterborough Brotherhood)
M. Drage (Wellingborough Town)
J. A. Hodson (British Timken)
W. Hunter (Stewart & Lloyds)
W. P. Wilford (West End)

The following were awarded their **County Blazer Badges** in 1971, having played their **6th** game in County Friendly Matches, or reached Finals in County Competitions.

A. Flinn (Wellingborough Town)
P. Andrews (Kettering Conservative)
P. G. Martin (Finedon Town)
A. G. Childs (John Whites)
D. T. Symonds (Watney Mann)
R. A. White (Abington)
A. Strickland (Peterborough & District)
A. J. Yorke (Wellingborough Town)
F. H. Billings (Kettering Cons.)
C. A. Gayton (West End)
M. Lewin (Stewart & Lloyds)
K. Westbrook (Wellingborough Town)
E. Shearsmith (Kettering Timpsons)
S. G. Watts (Abington)
A. Barratt (Kettering Lodge)
H. Pearson (County Ground)
M. A. Rowe (Abington)
A. Nicholson (Corby Forest)
A. Burton (Stewart & Lloyds)
J. Ritchie (Stewart & Lloyds)
R. Jaques (John Whites)
N. Burrows (Rothwell Manor Park)
D. Gwillim (Abington)
N. Whitsey (Earls Barton)
R. Ritchie (British Timken)
L. A. Homer (Watney Mann)
F. W. Tuckley (Abington)
F. G. Warne (Daventry Town)
J. Bonnar (Wellingborough Town)
C. McKay (Thrapston)
W. G. Chambers (Kettering Cons.)
M. Coleman (Express Lifts)
P. Boyes (West End)
M. J. Drage (Wellingborough Town)
A. B. Goodman (Peterborough Westwood)
L. Lane (Peterborough Westwood)
J. Peat (Corby Forest)

N.B.A. HONOURS BOARD—1971

INTERNATIONAL	R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town)
INTERNATIONAL TRIAL	D. E. Cooper (Rushden Town), R. S. T. King (Abington), G. T. Wills (Rushden Town).

E.B.A. Middleton Cup	
Semi-Finalists	Northamptonshire.
M.C.B.A. Championship	
Winners	Northamptonshire.
M.C.B.A. Singles	
Championship—Winner	R. Gargate (Abington).

N.B.A. Singles Champion	R. Gargate (Abington).
N.B.A. Singles Runner-up	J. Peat (Corby Forest).
N.B.A. Singles Semi-Finalists	J. West (Wellingborough Town) and F. Todd(Peterborough and District).
N.B.A. Pairs Champions	G. Richards and J. Bettles (Irthlingborough C.I.),
N.B.A. Pairs Runners-up	J. Murray and S. Coupe (Peterborough Brotherhood).
N.B.A. Triples Champions	P. A. Boyes, M. T. Coleman, S. Letts (West End).
N.B.A. Triples Runners-up	B. Goodman, L. Lane, D. C. Rayner (Westwood Works).
N.B.A. Fours Champions	S. H. Carter, E. F. Marchant, L. Hough, R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town).
N.B.A. Fours Runners-up	M. Drage, H. Mitchell, J. Forster, R. Crawley (Wellingborough Town).

Mason Cup (Champion of Champions)	
Cup	G. Richards (Irthlingborough C.I.).
Runner-up	H. Sturgess (Wellingborough Town).
Semi-Finalists	J. Hope (County Ground) and D. J. Adams (Kingsthorpe).

Secretaries Cup	
Cup	R. Gargate (Abington).
Runner-up	F. King (Rushden Town).
Semi-Finalists	C. Gray (Northampton and County Police) and G. T. Wills (Rushden Town).
Manfield Cup—Winners	Finedon Town B.C.

MIDDLETON CUP—English Inter-County Championship

	Winners	Runners-up
1911	MIDDLESEX	Surrey
1912	KENT	Devonshire
1913	MIDDLESEX	Sussex
1914	SURREY	Essex
1915-1918	War Period	
1919	BEDFORDSHIRE	Devonshire
1920	SURREY	Essex
1921	SURREY	Devonshire
1922	BEDFORDSHIRE	Berkshire
1923	SURREY	Kent
1924	SURREY	Middlesex
1925	MIDDLESEX	Kent
1926	NORTHUMBERLAND	Essex
1927	SURREY	Cumberland and Westmorland
1928	SURREY	Devonshire
1929	KENT	Northumberland
1930	NORTHUMBERLAND	Essex
1931	SURREY	Isle of Wight
1932	**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**	Surrey
1933	SURREY	Hampshire
1934	**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**	Hampshire
1935	HAMPSHIRE	**Northamptonshire**
1936	GLOUCESTERSHIRE	Surrey
1937	SURREY	Hampshire
1938	DORSET	Durham
1939	SURREY	Northumberland
1940-1944	War Period	
1945	NORTHUMBERLAND	Hampshire
1946	YORKSHIRE	Sussex
1947	YORKSHIRE	Devonshire
1948	DEVONSHIRE	Gloucestershire
1949-50	DEVONSHIRE	Surrey
1951	NORTHUMBERLAND	Middlesex
1952	MIDDLESEX	Surrey
1953	YORKSHIRE	Surrey
1954	MIDDLESEX	Nottinghamshire
1955	SURREY	Somerset
1956	SUSSEX	Yorkshire
1957	SURREY	**Northamptonshire**
1958	SURREY	Buckinghamshire
1959	DEVONSHIRE	Northumberland
1960	SURREY	Hampshire
1961	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	Somerset
1962	MIDDLESEX	Hampshire
1963	HAMPSHIRE	Essex
1964	LEICESTERSHIRE	Warwickshire
1965	MIDDLESEX	**Northamptonshire**
1966	NORFOLK	Hampshire
1967	HAMPSHIRE	Middlesex
1968	HAMPSHIRE	Suffolk
1969	MIDDLESEX	Hertfordshire
1970	WARWICKSHIRE	Middlesex
1971	HAMPSHIRE	Middlesex

MIDLAND COUNTIES (M.C.B.A.) CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following list records the winners and runners-up for the "Francis Burton" and "Pownall" trophies:—

COUNTY TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

	Winners	Runners-up
1951	Nottinghamshire	Leicestershire
1952	Nottinghamshire	Leicestershire
1953	Nottinghamshire	**Northamptonshire**
1954	Nottinghamshire	Leicestershire
1955	Leicestershire	Warwickshire
1956	Leicestershire	Nottinghamshire
1957	Lincolnshire	Leicestershire
1958	Leicestershire	Nottinghamshire
1959	Lincolnshire	Leicestershire
1960	Nottinghamshire	Warwickshire
1961	Nottinghamshire	Leicestershire
1962	Leicestershire	Lincs., Notts., Warwicks.
1963	Nottinghamshire	**Northamptonshire**
1964	Warwickshire	**Northamptonshire**
1965	Warwickshire	**Northamptonshire**
1966	Warwickshire	Nottinghamshire
1967	**Northamptonshire**	Nottinghamshire
1968	**Northamptonshire**	Nottinghamshire
1969	Worcestershire	Warwickshire
1970	Nottinghamshire	Lincolnshire
1971	**Northamptonshire**	Leicestershire

SINGLES CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1954	Latto, J. (Leicestershire)	Perkins, J. (Warwicks).
1955	Challis T. (Leicester)	Flewitt, A. (Notts.)
1956	**Gargate, R. (Northants.)**	Lawford, R. B. /Notts.)
1957	Dixon, N. (Warwicks.)	Else, D. (Lincoln)
1958	Lamb, G. (Leicester)	Thompson, W. (Warwicks.)
1959	Woolerton, R. (Leicester)	Bellinger, L. (Derby)
1960	**Mason, N. (Northants.)**	Fletcher, J. (Lincoln)
1961	Cooper, K. S. (Notts.)	Hopcroft, E. (Lincoln)
1962	Smith, R. S. T. (Leicester)	Riley, W. (Derbyshire)
1963	Grigor, J. (Lincoln)	Webster, W. (Worcester)
1964	**Stenhouse, R. H. (Northants.)**	Coates, P. (Worcester)
1965	Stanley, H. (Lincoln)	Wand, H. (Notts.)
1966	Mee, G. (Notts.)	**James, T. (Northants.)**
1967	Jacox, C. A. (Warwicks.)	Grubb, W. (Leicester)
1968	**Stenhouse, R. H. (Northants.)**	Acred, D. E. (Notts.)
1969	Bowmer, J. K. (Notts.)	Nicholson, R. V. (Warwicks.)
1970	Morley, S. (Notts.)	Phillips, J. (Worcester)
1971	**Gargate, R. (Northants.)**	Woodcock, R. G. (Derbyshire)