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1933	H. W. Caswell	1962	H. W. Dawson
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SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1973

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to submit this, my first report, with a brief record of events of the year 1973. In an exceptionally fine summer we have been able to complete a very full match programme almost without interference from the weather. The single exception in an otherwise golden summer, was our visit to Church Gresly for the match with Derbyshire—when even the best of waterproofs were hardly adequate.

Regrettably our achievements on the Green did not match up to the splendour of the weather. Instead of mixed weather we have had a season of mixed fortunes: in all 29 matches were played at County level with results as follows:—

	P	W	D	L	Shots For	Shots Agst
Middleton Cup	3	—	—	3	327	363
Midland Counties Championship	6	3	—	3	707	698
Friendly Matches	20	10	1	9	2485	2428
Totals	29	13	1	15	3519	3489

The Middleton Cup Competition produced three closely contested games: In two of them the result remained in doubt almost to the last wood, three shots down at Bedford and seven down against Oxfordshire. While we are disappointed with the results we must give credit to the victors. Against both Bedfordshire and Oxfordshire we recovered very strongly from a poor start and appeared to be well on the way to victory, only to see our hard-won advantage disappear in the final two or three ends in each game.

The Midland Counties Championship, which was won by Worcestershire, produced some very competitive bowling. We recorded very satisfactory victories against Lincs. and Notts., and a narrow win (by two shots) against Derbyshire on the worst and wettest Saturday of the season.

Our friendly matches were again very well supported and greatly enjoyed by all who were able to take part in any of them. Bowls is surely unique in the way in which it gives the keen club player a chance to represent his County and wear his County Badge after playing the stipulated number of games for his County. This summer we were privileged to entertain the Welsh Bowling Association Tour and also the Tours of the Hampshire and London Parks B.A. Presidents. That the popularity of our friendly games is still growing is reflected in the ever longer lists of nominations for them—for one home match the total reached 127. The revised rule under which Badged Players may apply individually for County Friendly Games is working well.

During the season 68 players gained their Colt's Badge, and 31 were awarded their County Blazer Badge. Of these, 30 were achieved after playing six times for the County and one was awarded to an unbadged player as a finalist in N.B.A. Competitions.

Four Executive Matches were played, one won, one tied and two lost. One match was in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the County Ground Bowling Club, to whom we offer our congratulations. Each of these games was much enjoyed and we thank the Clubs who entertained us so excellently.

Four players were nominated for the International Trial and two—G. T. Wills and J. A. Forster—were selected to play. A strong contingent of supporters accompanied them to Mortlake and were entertained by some excellent bowling on a beautiful afternoon. We now place on record our congratulations to Jack Forster on his selection for the England team in 1973, and wish him all the best for future years—with the hope that this is the first of many seasons in the England team. Unfortunately, George Wills did not "catch the Selectors' eye", but he must be very close to this ultimate recognition of his ability.

In a year which began with a hint that the Peterborough area Clubs might be lost to Northamptonshire, it was pleasing to see a Peterborough Club—Westwood Works—win the Manfield Cup. The Manfield Cup remains the highlight of each N.B.A. Season, and our thanks are due to Jack Hodson and his helpers who do such a wonderful job in organising the Competition and then produce the results in record time.

The Selection Committee met on twenty occasions and were present in strength at all Middleton Cup and Midland Counties Championship matches, and also at Middleton Cup Trial and Under 40's match. In terms of hours devoted to the N.B.A., the members of the Selection Committee render signal service to their County and are deserving of the thanks of all our members for the time and interest they have given so freely.

I have already referred to the increasing popularity of our Friendly Matches, but this popularity increases the problems facing your Selection Committee. Throughout this Summer we have regularly had nomination lists containing 80—100 names from which to select a team of 24, in which for home games four places are reserved for the host club's rink. To be fair—and to be seen to be fair—to all our affiliated Clubs and their members under such circumstances calls for care and patience of the highest order.

During this year we have lost three Clubs by resignation from our Association — Itter Park B.C., Peterborough Aquascutum B.C. and Wm. Timpson Ltd. B.C. In particular,

one is saddened by the passing of the Wm. Timpson Club so soon after the happy celebration of their Golden Jubilee. We are very pleased to welcome the Corby Hazel Tree B.C. and Kettering G.P.O. B.C. into the N.B.A., and we wish them a happy and successful future with us.

Our Association is again indebted to those member Clubs who make their greens and facilities available to the N.B.A. The success of the N.B.A. depends on goodwill of its member Clubs and their officers and members who stage our home matches. From the Executive may I thank you for your help and support.

Special thanks are due to the Kettering Conservative and Abington Clubs, who provide the Association with rooms for its Council Meetings, and to Wellingborough Town, who so willingly allow the Selection Committee the use of their own Committee Room.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, our Annual Dinner and Dance will not now be held before this report is presented. However, I am most happy to report that many of our distinguished guests will still be able to support our President at the Wicksteed Park Restaurant on 26th November.

Every County President must cherish a hope that under his leadership his County will have a season of success, with the Middleton Cup as the target. I am most sorry that in his year of office we have not been able to provide our President with such a happy memory. "It is not in mortals to command success"—but in Percy Wilford surely we have had a President who has deserved it. In a season with more than its share of disappointments, our President has given unstintingly of his time and energy and has remained cheerful, tactful and courteous throughout. In addition he has given enormous support to me in this my first year as Secretary. From the N.B.A.—and personally—thank you, Mr. President.

There are many who contribute to the successful running of our Association; in a report of this nature it is not possible to record the names of them all, but named or not, the contributions are acknowledged and appreciated. Our Honorary Treasurer, Joe Cooper, continues the sterling service he has rendered to the N.B.A. for 15 years, and George Wills has again been a tremendous help with the work of the Selection Committee and the secretarial duties which every fixture entails. Jack Hodson came to the rescue at the beginning of the season and resumed the mantle of Competition Secretary and discharged his duties with the calm efficiency we have come to expect of him. Len Knights, despite enormous difficulties, again came up with a Year Book which is a model for any aspiring editor, and Bill Crabb has obtained for us

more and better Press coverage than we have had for years. We are indebted to all these gentlemen—for their services to our Association—and we thank them.

Finally, may I say a personal word of thanks to my predecessor, Dennis Baker. I was presented with a model set of records, and the briefing which Dennis gave me was so thorough and comprehensive that I found the take-over much easier than I had expected. No one could have gone to greater trouble to help me. Thank you, Dennis.

I have enjoyed a very happy year working with and for you. We have a splendid Association, and it has been a source of pleasure to be of service to it.

GEORGE SHEARS, Hon. Secretary.

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT—1973

With a record number of entries in all the various County Competitions this year, it was remarkable that all rounds were completed within the closing dates for the Quarter Finals. After very mixed weather in early May, it was an exceptionally fine season, which helped a great deal. Once again the co-operation of the majority of the competitors and the assistance of the Clubs in submitting their greens in all rounds helped in the smooth running of the competitions. The N.B.A. is especially indebted to those Clubs who loaned their greens for the Quarter and Semi-Final rounds, and to the County Ground and Corby Stewarts & Lloyds for staging the finals.

The Area Secretaries who supervise the Competitions in their Areas do a very good job involving a lot of their spare time, and our thanks are due to them for their efforts.

John Hodson (Competition Secretary).

BENEVOLENT FUND REPORT—1973

On behalf of the Trustees I should like to thank all the members of the Northamptonshire Bowling Association who have continued to support the Fund, and to welcome Desborough as a new subscriber.

Subscriptions were lower by £27, but two years' contributions were paid by five clubs in 1972. The Grants made increased by £85. The Trustees were pleased to see an increase in the claims for Christmas grants.

Edgar Allen.

Congratulations

To John Forster, of Wellingborough Town B.C., who gained his First International in 1973, and was lead in the unbeaten Four against Ireland, Scotland and Wales at Bournemouth.

Further Congratulations

To R. Chester (Kettering) who won the Zone Final in the National Indoor Singles.

To H. Drage and J. Forster (Wellingborough) who won the Zone Final in the National Indoor Pairs.

To S. Carter, A. Asher, R. Stenhouse and J. Forster (Wellingborough) who won the Zone Final in the National Indoor Fours.

PRESIDENT'S TOUR

The President's Tour visited Somerset during the last week in May, and enjoyed beautiful weather throughout. Tour headquarters were at the Walton Park Hotel, Clevedon, and were regarded by many as the best hotel we have yet had on a President's Tour.

Six matches were played, and all were won, with a total of 782 shots for and 597 against.

In every way it was a most successful and enjoyable occasion.

JOHN HODSON (Tour Secretary).

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	H. 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. Wilson, 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

1909	WINNERS	J. T. Goode, C. Vorley, J. W. Bellamy, G. P. Coe (Wellingborough Town)
1912	WINNERS	A. J. Rowe, C. S. Jinks, T. Lee, C. C. Jinks (Wellingborough Town)
1921	Runners-up	S. Booth, R. Dexter, G. S. Bull, W. J. Mitchell (Wellingborough Town)
1946	Semi-Finalists	G. Gold, A. Bullock, A. Crossman, R. Dewar (Corby Stewart and Lloyds)
1950	Semi-Finalists	G. Main, G. Nimmo, A. B. Maltman, D. Fletcher (Corby Stewart and Lloyds)
1954	Runners-up	W. J. Stone, F. V. V. Purser, C. J. Knight, A. F. Knight (Abington)
1963	WINNERS	S. H. Carter, E. F. Marchant, L. Hough, R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town) Also British Isles Championship Finalists
1964	Semi-Finalists	J. West, D. Houghton, F. Mellows, E. Smith (Finedon Town)

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)	1962-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71
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 1972.		
Stow, F.	(County Ground)	1909-10-11-13
Wright, G.	(Kettering Lodge)	1913-19-20-21-22-28
Forster, J. A.	(Wellingborough Town)	1973

INTERNATIONAL TRIALISTS

Northamptonshire men 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
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
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
Wills, G. T.	(Rushden Town)	1971
Wills, G. T.	(Kettering Lodge)	1973
Forster, J. A.	(Wellingborough)	1973

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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)*

M.C.B.A. PAST PRESIDENTS FROM NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

1952	The Late	A. FLETCHER
1959		CYRIL A. CHOWN (County Ground)
1965		Rev. ALAN V. WINTERSGILL (Peterboro' & Dist)
1971		GEORGE F. WRIGHT (Rushden Town)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Fixture List for 1973—Issued 18th Jan 1973

Subject to amendment

FEB.	S.	3	M.C.B.A. Annual Meeting	Notts. H.Q.
"	F.	23	M.C.B.A. Annual Dinner	Grange Farm, Toton
MAR.	S.	3	M.C.B.A. v. Nottinghamshire (Indoor) ..	Kettering
"	F.	9	N.B.A. Council Meeting, 7.15 p.m. ..	Kettering
APRIL	S.	1	Middleton Cup and M.C.B.A. Nominations from Clubs close	
MAY	S.	5	Buckinghamshire (Friendly)	Wellingborough
"	S.	12	Northant.s Middleton Cup Trial: 3 p.m. ..	Kettering Lodge
"	S.	19	M.C.B.A. Championship v. Leicestershire	Brookfield
"	S.	26–		
	June	2	N.B.A. President's Tour	Somerset
"	S.	26	M.C.B.A. Chmpionship v. Worcestershire .	Corby
"	M.	28	Middlesex Tour Side	St. Crispins
JUNE	S.	2	Suffolk (Friendly)	Rushden
"	S.	2	M.C.B.A. Championship v. Lincolnshire .	Wellingborough
"	Th.	7	Northants. Executive v. County Ground, 6.30 p.m.	
"	S.	9	E.B.A. International Trial Match	London
"	M.	11	Welsh B.A. Tour	Thrapston
"	S.	16	Middleton Cup v. Bedfordshire	Bedford
"	S.	16-21	E.B.A. International and B.I.B.C. Championships	Bournemouth
"	S.	23	M.C.B.A. Championship v. Warwickshire .	Leamington
"	Th.	28	London Parks B.A. (Friendly)	Noel Park
"	S.	30	Middleton Cup v. Oxfordshire	County Ground
"	S.	30	Manfield Cup Competition	
JULY	Th.	5	Cambridgeshire (Friendly)	Huntingdon
"	S.	7	M.C.B.A. Championship v. Notts.	Rushden
"	Th.	12	Norfolk (Friendly) 2.30 p.m.	Peterborough
"	S.	14	Middleton Cup v. Hertfordshire ..	Hatfield
"	S.	21	M.C.B.A. Championship v. Derbyshire	Church Gresley
"	S.	28	Middleton Cup Quarter Finals	
"	S.	28	Bedfordshire (Friendly)	Peterborough
AUG.	W.	1	Hampshire President's Tour Side	St. Crispins
"	Th.	2	M.C.B.A. v. Eastern Counties B.A. ..	
"	W.	8	Surrey (Friendly)	Abington
"	S.	11	Hertfordshire (Friendly)	Roade
"	M.	13-24	National Championships	London
"	W.	15	Lincolnshire (Friendly)	Away
"	S.	18	Northants. Hon. Vice-Presidents' Assoc. ..	West End
"	Th.	23	Metropolitan Police	Bushey
"	S.	25	Middleton Cup Semi-Finals and Final ..	London
"	T.	28	Executive v. Lincs. Silver Imps	Rushden
SEPT.	S.	1	Northants. Under 40's match	Corby
"	S.	1	M.C.B.A. v. London & Southern Counties.	
"	F.	7	London Parks Tour Side (Friendly) ..	Kingsthorpe
"	S.	8	Gloucestershire (Friendly), 2.30 p.m. ..	Gloucester
"	W.	12	Essex (Friendly), 2.30 p.m.	Westcliffe-on-Sea
"	S.	15	Warwickshire (Friendly)	Abington
"	S.	15	M.C.B.A. Singles Championships	
"	S.	22	Guiness B.C. (Friendly)	Earls Barton
"	S.	22	Berkshire (Friendly), 2.30 p.m.	Maidenhead
"	F.	21	N.B.A. Council Meeting., 7.15 p.m. ..	Kettering
OCT.	S.	20	N.B.A. Annual Dinner and Dance ..	Overstone
"	S.	27	E.B.A. Council Meeting	London
NOV.	S.	3	N.B.A. Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m. ..	Northampton
DEC.	S.	1	E.B.A. Annual Meeting and Dinner ..	London
"	S.	8	N.B.A. Annual Meeting, 2.30 p.m. ..	Northampton

All matches start at 3.00 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

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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. Wilson, 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

1909	WINNERS	J. T. Goode, C. Vorley, J. W. Bellamy, G. P. Coe (Wellingborough Town)
1912	WINNERS	A. J. Rowe, C. S. Jinks, T. Lee, C. C. Jinks (Wellingborough Town)
1921	Runners-up	S. Booth, R. Dexter, G. S. Bull, W. J. Mitchell (Wellingborough Town)
1946	Semi-Finalists	G. Gold, A. Bullock, A. Crossman, R. Dewar (Corby Stewart and Lloyds)
1950	Semi-Finalists	G. Main, G. Nimmo, A. B. Maltman, D. Fletcher (Corby Stewart and Lloyds)
1954	Runners-up	W. J. Stone, F. V. V. Purser, C. J. Knight, A. F. Knight (Abington)
1963	WINNERS	S. H. Carter, E. F. Marchant, L. Hough, R. H. Stenhouse (Wellingborough Town) Also British Isles Championship Finalists
1964	Semi-Finalists	J. West, D. Houghton, F. Mellows, E. Smith (Finedon Town)

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
1972	SURREY	Durham

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
1972	Nottinghamshire	

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)
1972		