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**PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF THE ENGLISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT MELTON MOWBRAY**

23-31 March, 2018

**DAY FIVE.2
Tuesday, 27 March**

**COOL KUHLER WALKS ON WATER
WHILE BRETT ADDS TO HIS TITLE PORTFOLIO**



Simon Leader, Lewis Baker and Nick Brett (Huntingdon) - winners of the men's triples title



Maureen Willard, Lorraine Kuhler and Val Phillippe (Adur) - winners of the women's triples title

Two dour finals at Melton tonight (TUE) produced wins for Val Phillippe and Maureen Willard and Lorraine Kuhler, from the the Adur club, who play in Southwick in Suffolk, in the women's triples and Huntingdon's Simon Leader, Lewis Baker and Nick Brett in the men's .

Barwell's Bill Hobart, Chris Moore and Joe Dawson led Huntingdon for the first 13ends, but took the lead for the first time on the 15th, and edged home by a single shot, 14-13, as World Bowls Tour player Brett showed his class under pressure.

A young trio from Torquay United - Carrie Southgate (25), Cassidy Lenton and Harriet Stevens (both 23) - had the better of the early exchanges against Adur, but were faced with the 27-year-old Kuhler at her most determined.

Kuhler broke her bowling arm a year ago, and can still not straighten it, but she has adapted her delivery, and kept her side in the game with some magical escape shots, sometimes using brute force, and sometimes drawing with surprising finesse.

Torquay led, 11-10 after 12 ends, but a 1-2-3 sequence gave Adur a 16-11 advantage with only three ends left to play, and the Sussex trio were able to press home to a 17-13 victory.

Kuhler played third in the Adur quartette that won the national fours title in 2015, but this was her first national title as a skip.

By contrast, Brett notched up his third win in the national triples to add to his three titles in the fours, and another five in the pairs - and one of those pairs triumphs was actually achieved with Baker last year.

Earlier, Adur had beaten Welford-on-Avon, skipped by Amy Walters, 16-15, while Torquay powered to a 16-7 win over a Blackpool Newton Hall trio skipped by Janice Gower.

Huntingdon reached the final by beating Connor Cinato's Kingsthorpe, 15-7, while Barwell, a Leicestershire village club, finished strongly to beat Martin Heitzman's Ipswich, 18-10.

HOLDERS HANG ON TO VETERANS' TITLE



The

Norfolk team that beat Surrey in the Over 60 team final - with EIBA President Margaret Allen

Defending champions Norfolk defeated challengers Surrey, whose best performance previously was the obtaining the runners up spot they occupied in 2010 - but it was a close run thing on all six rinks, with Norfolk tightening their grip only over the last few ends.

After the exertions - and noise - of the national fours and triples championships, which are open to all ages, this might have been a bit more sedate, but, make no mistake, this was as competitive a fixture as they come.

There may have been fewer shouts of elation or despair, less running up and down the rinks, and fewer high fives, but these guys have been around for a long time, and have learnt to conserve their energy.

Norfolk fielded such luminaries as Acle's Tony Dunton, who appeared in the very first world indoor championships in Coatbridge in 1979, John Ottaway, who has won the English outdoor singles title three times, and Brian Taylor, who played for England in 1978.

Surrey led mid-game, but Norfolk turned on the style on the run-in, and, in the end, won on four rinks (skipped by Roger Barnbrook, Charlie Boon, Tony Dunton and Brian Taylor), while Surrey returned winning cards on the rinks skipped by Steve Fortescue and Paul 'The Greek' Vamvacopoulos.

TODAY'S RESULTS (TUESDAY)...

WOMEN'S TRIPLES:-

Semi finals:

Carrie Southgate, Cassidy Lenton, Harriet Stevens (Torquay United) bt Sue Kearsley, Lesley Waddington, Janice Gower (Blackpool NH) 16-7;
Val Phillippe, Maureen Willard, Lorraine Kuhler (Adur) bt Lisa Smith, Yvonne Pick, Amy Walters (Welford-on-Avon) 16-15.

Final: Adur bt Torquay United 17-13.

MEN'S TRIPLES:-

Semi finals:

Bill Hobart, Chris Moore, Joe Dawson (Barwell) bt Jack Burch, Lea Blackham, Martin Heitzman (Ipswich) 17-12;
Simon Leader, Lewis King, Nick Brett (Huntingdon) bt Andy Manton, Neil McKee, Connor Cinato (Kingsthorpe) 15-7.

Final: Huntingdon bt Barwell 14-13.

MEN'S OVER 60 INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP:-

Final - Norfolk bt Surrey 105-97 - Rink scores (Norfolk names first):

John Colcombe, Geoff Ramsbottom, John Ottaway, Tony Dunton 15,
Ted Barlow, Norman Pervoe, Steve Shanley, John Sussex 13;
Rocky Lewis, Roger Saxon, Vic Moore, Mike King 15,
Hardev Dhillon, Jim Scott, Chris Ions, Steve Fortescue 17;
Phil Long, Keith Whitehead, Ivan Borrett, Charlie Boon 17,
Mick Gray, Tom Searle, Alan Binns, Chris Cranham 14;
Andy Sayer, Bernie Wymer, David Perry, Roger Barnbrook 19,
Richard Wooster, Peter Dixon, John Guinnard, Martin Tuck 15;
Clive Derry, Malcolm Nicholson, Bryan Sadler, Brian Taylor 19,
Arnie Lewis, Ricky Long, John Graham, Ian Ross 17;
Malcolm French, Garry Oakley, Gary Goodrum, Peter Hurren 20,
Robert Wharf, Julian Astill, Mike Lambert, Paul Vamvacopoulos 21.

TOMORROW'S PROGRAMME

(Wednesday, 28 March)

0930hrs - Men's Pairs - last sixteen

1330hrs - Women's Pairs - last sixteen

1800hrs - Men's & Women's Pairs - quarter finals

EIBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

24/25 March - Men's and Women's Fours

25 March - Men's Under 25 inter-county championship final

26/27 March - Men's & Women's Triples

27 March - Men's Over 60 inter-county championship final

28/29 March - Men's & Women's Pairs

29 March - Women's inter-club (Vivienne Trophy) final

30/31 March - Men's & Women's Singles

31 March - Women's inter-county championship (Atherley Trophy) final

EIBA 2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE AND DRAW

28/29 March - Men's & Women's Pairs

Men:-

Rob Elmore & Ed Elmore (City of Ely) v Lee Croad & Ben Paulley (Bournemouth)
Andrew Harding & Simon Pettingel (Grattons) v Les Gillett & Chris Rodgers (Melton Mowbray)
Carl Higgins & Paul Hartley (Hartlepool) v Andrew Rodger & Josh Pounds (Swale)
Ray Hills & Paul Smyth (Cheshunt) v Jonathan Goodall & Mark Dawes (Blackpool NH)
Russell Francis & Graham Shadwell (Clarrie Dunbar) v Paul Field & Andy Thomson (Cyphers)
Mick Hawkins & Andy Walters (Welford-on-Avon) v Richard Summers & Wayne Willgress (Norfolk)
Dom Warren & Phil Last (Ipswich) v Michael Knight & Rob Newman (Whiteknights)
Danny Brown & Billy Jackson (Lincoln) v Simon Broom & Nathan Farrant (Exonia)

Women:-

Anne Patten & Jayne Croxall (South Forest) v Sandy Hazell & Wendy King (Swale)
Carole Baker & Rebecca Field (Norfolk) v Katy Smith & Lucy Smith (Westlecot)
Sara George & Stef Branfield (Clevedon) v Joanne Denny & Sarah Seymour (City of Ely)
Kylie Hampton & Helen Tuohy (Egham) v Sue Davies & Amy Walters (Welford-on-Avon)
Sarah Gove (sub for Katherine Rednall) & Anna Chalk (Ipswich) v Ruby Hill & Chelsea Tomlin (Spalding)
Cassidy Lenton & Harriet Stevens (Torquay United) v Chris Hobbs & Betty Spicer (Arun)
Sue Kearsley & Janice Gower (Blackpool NH) v Sue Duck & Sylvia Bloonfield (Tye Green)
Sue Evans & Kirsty Hembrow (Taunton Deane) v Julie Leake & Lyn Howard (Dolphin)

29 March - Women's inter-club (Vivienne Trophy) final

Arun v Colchester

30/31 March - Men's & Women's Singles

Men:-

Glen Adams (Herga) v Mikey Titcombe (Westlecot)
Adam White (Chawton Park) v Trevor Roberts (Egerton Park)
Peter Wilkinson (County Arts) v Connor Cinato (Kingsthorpe)
Jordan Philpott (Spalding) v Jack Bird (Scarborough)
John Stewart (Essex County) v Graham Shadwell (Clarrie Dunbar)
Ryan Whitlock (Torquay United) v Rob Elmore (City of Ely)
Paul Hartley (Hartlepool) v Kevin Rands (Lincoln)
Marc McCaughan (Folkestone) v Paul Coleman (Wey Valley)

Women:-

Rebecca Field (Norfolk) v Janet Eames (South Forest)
Janice Gower (Blackpool NH) v Kylie Hampton (Egham)
Kath Hawes (Banbury) v Zoe Eagles (York) or Barbara Lewis (Barwell)
Sarah Gove (Ipswich) v Kirsty Hembrow (Taunton Deane)
Devon Cooper (Riverain) v Elizabeth MacDonald (Bromley)
Teresa King (Clarrie Dunbar) v Rebecca Moorbey (St Neots)
Amy Walters (Welford-on-Avon) v Julie Leake (Dolphin)
Clare Stevens (Adur) v Carrie Southgate (Torquay United)

31 March - Women's inter-county championship (Atherley Trophy) final

Lincolnshire v Dorset or Sussex