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## **NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**

**PHASE TWO - AT NOTTINGHAM**

*7-16 April, 2018*

**DAY FIVE - Wednesday, 11 April**

**MEN'S OVER 60 PAIRS**

### **STEWART LEADS THE FIELD IN THE MEN'S OVER 60 PAIRS**



Rather unusually, in the field of 32 players, there was only one former international player on display this morning - John Evans, who made his England debut in 1979. Bob Condon and Evans, from Torquay United, started well, but Riverain's Mick Allen and Roger Manning overhauled them, and won, 21-16.

Four of the players who have qualified for the national Men's Over 60 Singles later this week, were able to get a feel of the Nottingham carpet this morning, because they had also, with their respective clubmates, reached the last sixteen stage of this Over 60 Pairs.

They were Charlie Bailey, from Portsmouth Victory, who played lead for Barry Starks, Adur's John Godfrey, who had Lee Cooper at lead, Malvern Hill skip Martin Smith, who teamed up with Martin Griffiths, and Malcolm Lewars, who skipped Alan Vowles in a smart-looking York duo.

And, as it happens, all four of the singles contenders were successful in booking their places in tonight's pairs quarter finals - as did the reigning Over 60 Singles champion John Stewart, who was playing alongside his Essex County clubmate John Andrews.

Essex County looked as if they were heading for an easy victory over Nottingham's own Alan Fallows and John Mildren when they led 14-6 after nine ends - but the host club's heroes dug in their heels and got back to 14-13, before Andrews and Stewart produced a big finish to win, 19-14.

In a close encounter, Bailey and Starks, who were part of last year's winning team in the Over 60 Fours, defeated Coventry's Gerry Magan and Steve Tate, 16-13. Cooper and Godfrey kept their noses in front of Colin Endesby and Andy Nightingale, from Cambridge Chesterton, and returned a 20-13 card.

The two Martins, Griffiths and Smith, dropped a five on the 16th end, but still got home, 19-16, against Croydon's Norman Pervoe and Alan Binns, and Vowles and Lewars scored back-to-back fours on the 6th and 7th ends on their way to a 21-12 win over Bromley's Bob Shields and Ron Sydney.

#### **LATE NIGHT UPDATE...**

Three of the four players who will soon be bidding for the Men's Over 60 singles title are still in with a shout in the pairs, and will return to the Nottingham green for the semi finals tomorrow morning (THU).

Portsmouth Victory's Charlie Bailey and Barry Starks defeated Riverain's Mick Allen and Roger Manning, 19-11, Adur's Lee Cooper and John Godfrey accounted for Great Aycliffe's Fred Edwards and Barry Attwood, 19-15, and Alan Vowles and Malcolm Lewars, from York, started with a five, then hung on for a 15-11 win over two Martins, Griffiths and Smith, from Malvern Hills.

But can they foil the ambitions of John Stewart, the reigning Over 60 singles champion, who reached the semi finals with his Essex County clubmate John Andrews with a 19-10 win over Mike Scarborough and Roger Barnbrook, from the Diss & District bowls club in Norfolk.



## WOMEN'S OVER 60 PAIRS

### HOLDERS BOURNEMOUTH WANT TO RETAIN THE TITLE



***Bournemouth's Jean Arnaud and Joan Halliwell, and Colchester's Brenda Brown and LiZ Tunn.  
who clashed in the first round***

Colchester, Bournemouth and Barwell. These three clubs have all produced players of exceptional quality who have excelled in the national championships - and especially in the pairs, and they were all represented in Nottingham this morning.

Colchester's LiZ Tunn and Brenda Brown, both international players, won the women's singles title twice - in 1989 and 2000 - while Val Hobart and Barbara Lewis have won the Over 60 title for Barwell twice (in 2013 and 2014). Reigning Over 60 Pairs champions Jean Arnaud and Joan Halliwell, from Bournemouth, also won it in 2012.

Today's mouth-watering clash between Colchester and Bournemouth turned out to be disappointingly one-sided, though a five to Bournemouth on the 15th end exaggerated the difference between the two pairs, Arnaud and Halliwell winning, 25-9, after sixteen ends.

The Colchester duo were 6-4 ahead after six ends, but scored only another three shots - all on the 14th end - as Bournemouth piled up 21 shots, including two counts of five.

In tonight's quarter final, Bournemouth will face Margaret Craig and Maureen Hill, from the Guildford-based Wey Valley club, who won the Unbadged Pairs title in 2005, before that event gave way to this Over 60 Pairs championship.

Wey Valley raced into an 18-2 lead over Wellingborough's Joyce George and Pam Reynolds, then had to hang on grimly as the Northamptonshire pair closed the gap to 19-14.

Lincoln's Sheila Plaskitt and Lin Mountain found themselves 0-6 adrift after two ends, but got their game together and cruised to a 25-14 win over Honiton's Yvonne Williams and Rita Barwick, but Sue Evans and Di Routley, from Taunton Deane, who were 16-8 ahead after 13 ends, were overtaken by Herts duo Betty Ottaway and Avril Harland, who tiptoed home, 17-16.

#### **LATE NIGHT UPDATE...**

Bournemouth's Jean Arnaud and Joan Halliwell, who had a hard draw, enjoyed a successful day. After beating Tunn and Brown, the defending champions trailed Wey Valley's Margaret Craig and Maureen Hill, 1-7, in tonight's (WED) quarter final, before taking control for a 21-13 victory.

In tomorrow's (THU) semi finals, Bournemouth will face Lincoln's Sheila Plaskitt and Lin Mountain, who swept to a comfortable 21-4 win over Sue Walter and Janette Noyes, while an experienced duo from Redcar, Kath Delacoe and Beryl Alderson, take on Herts clubmates Betty Ottaway and Avril Harland.

Alderson, who is 82, has been playing bowls for more than fifty years, and was an England regular between 1987 and 1999. "I find playing two games in a day is a bit much, but I'm enjoying my bowls as much as ever, and it certainly keeps me fit," she said as she signed the scorecard.

With Delacoe at lead, the Redcar duo accounted for twice former winners of this title, Val Hobart and Barbara Lewis, from Barwell in Leicestershire, 15-12, and the Yorkshire pair will provide tough opposition for the Herts pair, who scraped through both their matches today by a singles shot, beating Taunton Deane, 17-16, and Welford-on-Avon's Moira Parsons and Yvonne Pick, 18-17.



## National Men's & Women's Over 60 Pairs Championships

### **Men:-**

#### **Last sixteen:**

Mick Allen & Roger Manning (Riverain) bt Bob Condon & John Evans (Torquay United) 21-16;  
Charlie Bailey & Barry Starks (Portsmouth Victory) bt Gerry Magan & Steve Tate (Coventry) 16-13;  
Fred Edwards & Barry Attwood (Great Aycliffe) bt Gordon Knapper & Brett Long (Desborough, M) 20-15;  
Lee Cooper & John Godfrey (Adur) bt Colin Endesby & Andy Nightingale (Cambridge Chesterton) 20-13;  
Mike Scarborough & Roger Barnbrook (Diss) bt Roger Cooper & Dave Wilson (Leicester) 21-18;  
John Andrews & John Stewart (Essex County) bt Alan Fallows & John Mildren (Nottingham) 19-14;  
Martin Griffiths & Martin Smith (Malvern Hills) bt Norman Pervoe & Alan Binns (Croydon) 19-16;  
Alan Vowles & Malcolm Lewars (York) bt Bob Shields & Ron Sydney (Bromley) 21-12.

#### **Quarter finals:**

Victory bt Riverain 19-11; Adur bt Great Aycliffe 19-15;  
Essex County bt Diss 19-10; York bt Malvern Hills 15-11.

**Semi finals (Thursday morning):** Victory v Adur; Essex County v York.

### **Women:-**

#### **Last sixteen:**

Sheila Plaskitt & Lin Mountain (Lincoln) bt Yvonne Williams & Rita Barwick (Honiton) 25-14;  
Sue Walter & Janette Noyes (Wealden) bt Carole Goodyear & Pam Harris (Malvern Hills) 18-9;  
Margaret Craig & Maureen Hill (Wey Valley) bt Joyce George & Pam Reynolds (Wellingborough) 19-14;  
Jean Arnaud & Joan Halliwell (Bournemouth) bt Liz Tunn & Brenda Brown (Colchester) 25-9;  
Moira Parsons & Yvonne Pick (Welford-on-Avon) bt Angel Sydney & Marion Johnson (Bromley) 21-14;  
Betty Ottaway & Avril Harland (Herts) bt Sue Evans & Di Routley (Taunton Deane) 17-16;  
Val Hobart & Barbara Lewis (Barwell) bt Lynn Cannel & Geraldine Reeve (Acle) 16-12;  
Kath Delacoe & Beryl Alderson (Redcar) bt Sue Allum & Daphne Jacob (Rivermead) 19-12.

#### **Quarter finals:**

Lincoln bt Wealden 21-4; Bournemouth bt Wey Valley 21-13;  
Herts bt Welford-on-Avon 18-17; Redcar bt Barwell 15-12.

**Semi finals (Thursday morning):** Lincoln v Bournemouth; Herts v Redcar.



### ***The programme for the ten days at Nottingham at a glance...***

*7 April - David Cornwell Under 25 inter-club Double Rink final*

*7/8 April - Men's Over 60 Fours*

*8 April - Denny Plate and Yetton Plate finals*

*9/10 April - Men's & Women's Over 50 Triples*

*11/12 April - Men's & Women's Over 60 Pairs*

*12/13 April - Men's & Women's Over 60 inter-club Double Rink championship*

*13/15 April - Men's & Women's Over 60 Singles*

*14 April - Liberty Trophy Semi finals*

*15 April - Liberty Trophy Final*

*15/16 - Open Family Pairs*



## **EIBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (PHASE TWO) SCHEDULE, DRAW & RESULTS**

### **13-15 April - Men's & Women's Over 60 Singles**

#### **Men:-**

Greg Sampson (Coventry) v Peter Hagger (Clacton)  
Charlie Bailey (Portsmouth Victory) v Malcolm Lewars (York)  
Mick D Cooper (Wellingborough) v John Godfrey (Adur)  
Gary D Brock (Cyphers) v George Draper (Lincoln)  
Ray Fortune (Barking) v Alan Dunkley (Brackley)  
Geoff Bellamy (Torquay United) v Terry Lanchbery (Bromley)  
Ronnie Richardson (Gateshead) v Martin Smith (Malvern Hills)  
Nigel Roberts (Beccles) v Martyn R Dolby (Stamford)

#### **Women:-**

Pam Cutts (Nottingham) v Sara Quayle (Plymouth)  
Liz Russell (Atherley) v Joan Howson (Wealden)  
Pat Fowkes (Rivermead) v Gill Cliff (Bromsgrove)  
Violet Aldridge (White Oak) v Di Routley (Taunton Deane)  
Rhoda Young (Bounds Green) v Pat Browne (The Parks)  
Eileen Parker (Sudbury) v Margaret Smith (Sutton)  
Christine Goodwin (St Neots) v Angela Spilsbury (Harrogate)  
Carole Baker (Norfolk) v Alex Jacobs (North Wilts)

### **15/16 April - Family Pairs**

Ajay & Rob Morphett (Egerton Park) v Neil & Martyn Jackson (Essex County)  
Joe & Paul Justin (Carterton) v David & Ian Drew (Carnmoggas)  
Rod & Jonathan West (Boston) v Lewis & Wendy King (Swale)  
Ryan & Mark Atkins (Malvern Hills) v Charles & James Bruder (Wey Valley)  
Mervyn & Sam King (Gallow) v Nick & Matthew Orrey (Grantham)  
Rod & Jamie Claydon (Riverain) v Shaun & Ian McIntosh (South Shields)  
Rob & Ed Elmore (City of Ely) v Adrian & Jack Bird (Scarborough)  
Ben & Mick Sharpe (Kingsthorpe) v Peter M & Peter D Ward (Atherley)

### **14/15 April - Men's Inter-county championship (Liberty Trophy)**

**Semi finals (Saturday, 14 April) - Wiltshire v Kent; Norfolk v Lincolnshire**

**Final (Sunday, 15 April)**