

Oxford & District Bowls League sponsored by Yarnton Nurseries
Week 9 - 08/07/2010

Oxford City & County A's recent good run of form came to an end this week and there is now a 7½ point gap between them and the leading two teams in Division 1 of the Oxford & District Bowls League sponsored by Yarnton Nurseries. The Oxford club squandered a good position against top club Headington A to lose by twenty shots in the end. Banbury Central A picked up five out of six points at Horton View with only a good performance by Bicester's Allan Hall preventing a clean sweep. Central now go in front by half a point. Carterton took all at home to South Oxford A with big wins for the fours of Paul Sharman and Baden Sparkes.

A real captain's performance by Kidlington's Dave Snell helped his side to an important home win against leaders Witney Mills in Division 2. Snell and his rink were 17-3 behind at 10 ends but came back to win by 4. West Witney, with a home whitewash of Thame, now go second a point ahead of Kidlington in third. Cotswold's second flight status starts to look in doubt as they took only one point at home to Shiplake despite losing the game by a single shot. Alex Hunt made his league debut for the visitors.

It was bottom versus top in Division 3 and Bloxham who have struggled for results of late, upset the odds with a convincing win against leaders Blackbird Leys. Bloxham skip John Crawley picked up a five on the last end to make sure of his point and help his side move closer to the pack. Woodstock took advantage of the situation with a solid home win against Rover and now top the division again. Banbury Central B reversed their previous result against Headington B with an excellent five one win on their visit to 'The Manor' and now go third as a result.

It was a night of records for Hanborough in Division 4 as they posted their first ever 100+ score and skip Geoff Thompson, with Ray Keylock, Colin Haley and Ken Williams, also scored the team's highest ever rink score. Their 44-12 win in the game against South Oxford B was the biggest in the league this week. Leaders Watlington maintained their good form taking all points at home to Florence Park with another ton-up performance and West Oxford made it a hatrick of centuries with their win against bottom club OUP. The last game of the day was a tight affair with Chipping Norton running out 3 shot winners over Chadlington.

Results:

Division 1

Banbury Central A 88(5) Bicester 74(1) J Tee 25, P Hooley 12; W Champion 24, M Workman 21; M Sykes 28, K Taylor 13; M Andrew 11, A Hall 28

Carterton 104(6) South Oxford A 52(0) S Richens 16, G Young 12; P Sharman 36, M Keen 11; G Walker 20, K Clarke 19; B Sparkes 32, R Claridge 10

Oxford C&C A 66(1½) Headington A 86(4½) M Petersen 20, C Nicoll 17; P Comley 18, I Snowdon 23; A Ley 16, H Watts 16; C Earl 12, M Charlett 30

Division 2

Cotswold 72(1) Shiplake 73(5) M East 23, B Evans 13; S Cooper 18, L Mitton 20; D Cooper 16, G Kennedy 21; T Cox 15, T Beaumont 19

Kidlington 85(4) Witney Mills 83(2) D Snell 24, J Mott 19; J Hardie 17, A Auger 21; J O'Shea 21, L Days 18; L Lewis 23, R Barnett 25

West Witney 98(6) Thame 55(0) K Alder 23, J Lester 16; M Hitchcox 26, R Duncan 13; T Prew 27, R Slater 9; H Williams 22, L Westcott 17

Division 3

Bloxham 95(5) Blackbird Leys 67(1) J Crawley 20, R Brain 19; J Lucas 17, G Roper 19; M Tatlow 25, S O'Keefe 19; T Gardner 33, H Payne 10

Headington B 62(1) Banbury Central B 81(5) M Kershaw 12, B Collins 20; P Sargeant 21, R Havard 18; T Murphy 14, R Cox 22; R Edwards 15, T McKenna 21

Woodstock 81(5) Rover 66(1) R Collett 17, M Bracewell 26; W Major 18, A Peters 13; B Clarke 23, J Warland 10; K Comley 23, K Hall 17

Division 4

Chadlington 72(2) Chipping Norton 75(4) A Hobbs 19, D Barnes 17; P Radbone 18, K Field 23; C Smart 18, P Rathbone 13; P Madeley 17, J Benfield 22

South Oxford B 75(2) Hanborough 101(4) M Underwood 12, G Thompson 44; V DePaaw 21, G Haynes 19; D Walker 25, J Edwards 11; M Freeman 17, G Busby 27

Watlington 107(6) Florence Park 60(0) H Franklin 26, A Thomas 24; R Gilkes 24, R Harris 16; S Gilkes 29, S Green 12; G Hooker 28, I Gray 8

West Oxford 105(6) OUP 49½*(0) F Buck 24, J Trinder 13½*; B Stone 23, P Cornish 15; P Moffat 23, J Taylor 14; M Bostock 35, G Jordan 7 (25% rink score deducted – player short)

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Division 1

Team	Played	Shots +	Shots -	Diff	Points
Banbury Central A	8	718	526	+192	37.5
Headington A	8	722	499	+223	37
Ox City & County A	8	646	564	+82	29.5
Carterton	7	572	498	+74	26
Bicester	8	538	692	-154	16.5
Banbury Chestnuts	7	460	579	-119	12.5
South Oxford A	8	482	780	-298	3

Division 2

Team	Played	Shots +	Shots -	Diff	Points
Witney Mills	8	669	573	+96	32
West Witney**	8	632	567	+65	26.5
Kidlington	7	535	509	+26	25.5
Thame	8	569	519	-48	23
Shiplake	8	591	618	-27	21.5
Ox City & County B*	7	524	540	-16	20
Cotswold^	8	571	667	-96	14.5

* ¼ shot to be added in event of tie. ** ½ shot to be deducted in event of tie

^ ¼ shot to be added in event of tie

Division 3

Team	Played	Shots +	Shots -	Diff	Points
Woodstock^^	9	701	647	+54	34
Blackbird Leys^	9	723	643	+80	31.5
Banbury Central B	9	701	673	+28	30
Headington B	9	659	670	-11	28.5
Witney Town	8	578	593	-15	23.5
Charlbury*	8	614	625	-11	22
Rover`	9	649	698	-49	22
Bloxham**	9	647	723	-76	18.5

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Division 4

Team	Played	Shots +	Shots -	Diff	Points
Watlington	9	835	608	+227	45
West Oxford^^	9	727	609	+118	34
Hanborough	9	728	639	+89	34
Chadlington^	9	732	629	+103	29
Chipping Norton	9	658	670	-12	23
Florence Park**	9	670	740	-70	22
South Oxford B*	9	580	824	-244	16.5
OUP	9	553	764	-211	12.5

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