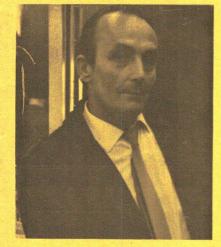
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LEN GASTON

LEN GASTON, bowling for London, in the 3rd game of the Second Qualifying Round of the BTBA Inter-Counties Tournament, on Sunday, 26th June, at Wembley Stadium Bowl. Hit the next nearest score any bowler can get to a 'Perfect' game - leaving the 'old devil' ten pin standing on the deck in his twelfth frame, after clearing the wood from the lanes on an eleven strike bonanza. Len never looked in any way flustered as he waited his turn for each frame, following his 277 on his previous outing in the Inter-Counties last month at Harlow, it looked the whole time as if he was on 'the big 'un', and his dissapointment was shared throughout the whole Centre, when that last ball rolled from Len's massive right hand and wound itself down the lane to turn in just the slightest shade light clearing nine pins into the pit and leaving that last one standing... A two hundred and ninety-nine total to LEN GASTON, the 41 year old window cleaner from Langley, who was Paddington born and has been showing his prowess as a bowler since he commenced at Golder Green eight years ago. Len, is currently bowling in the HARROW ARROWS Team, having been a past member of The 'ALL STARS', 'SCEPTRES', and 'GREY-HOUNDS!. His mammoth performance, to finish in third place in the 1968 'Match Play will probably be remembered by all who were presentto see the sort of bowling exhibition Len can produce. A presentation of a silver tankard, suitably engraved to mark the occasion was made by Ralph Miller withing fifteen minutes of Len coming off the lanes. 48 hours after that, Len was presented with his choice of a gold watch from the B.T.B.A., and John McDermott of MILGLEN Ltd., was there to keep the company's promise of an 'ACE' Bowling Ball. Many things for quiet, deep thinking, LEN to ponder on, and a lot to tell his wife and three children. WELL DONE! LEN, may we add our congratulations to those of the Bowling

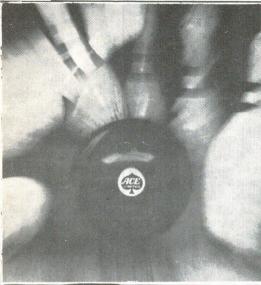
with the sudden and dramatic closure on the 25th June of STAMFORD HILL, the oldest (10yrs. 4mths.) commercial Centre in the Country, we allocate space for a personal Good-bye from Centre Representative PETER HOPPER, to the Bowlers who have formed the backbone of the London Area Bowlers Association.

The night 'The Hill' died

Two weeks notice, was the amount of goodwill ensueing from E.M.I., to the bowlers, who, for the last ten years have enjoyed their sport at Stamford Hill. They took the announcement with the usual reactions disbelief, anger, etc., but being completely helpless to do anything else, with their usual efficiency, all the leagues were wound up - amalgamated - and moved to Hoddesdon, Leytonstone and Dagenham. I must make a personal mention of Ron Armsby, for all the running about he has done to get everyone suited. By Thursday night of the second week, all the arrangements had been made, and the lanes were empty. I wish to express a few words of gratitude from the regular bowlers to the staff, especially those who have worked there for many years. At a party on that Thursday night, the bar was packed with people, drink, reminicing, and disco music. Although an extension was refused, a pretty good job of 'drinking up' was achieved. I think the 'Hill' was left by the Bowlers, exactly as how they found it. While an atmosphere of sadness and regret was growing in the bar, out on the lanes, a last game on any lane I liked, really brought it home, in the Bowl with the highest scoring lanes, and the least possible overheads that here, once again, was a sporting hobby being taken away from its minority following, and given over to Big Business for the masses. North London has a bad record in this respect. Harringay Arena was another fine sports place, killed in this way. Europe and Nature may be having Conservation Years, but in the not to distant future, Sport will need its conservation year, before it dies under the Profitability Axe. TenPin Bowling is particularly prone, when you consider that a building containing a supermarket or bingo hall, must make more £.S.D. than a Bowling Centre. Wishing all the friends, my wife Ann and I have made over the last ten years, all the very best of every-

..... PETER HOPPER.

thing, and hope to see you around.



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NEWS FROM THE STATES

MILLIE WINS SECOND QUEENS TITLE: A four-bagger in the middle of the final game of a see-saw match, catapulted Mildred MARTORELLA, a 219 average bowlerette from New York, to a narrow 807-797 victory over Jean HOLM of Chicago, in the 1970 WIBC Queens Tournament. The 23 year old southpaw became the first ever to win a second Queens title in the 10 year history of the tournament and added several other distinctions to her lengthening list. Runner-up in the 1969 event, Mildred has taken part in the Final Championship match three times in the past four years. Her winning average of 216 for the 28 games, brokethe previous championship record, set by herself in 1967. The Champions rewards include prize monies of \$2,405, a Diamond studded watch, a tiara and huge trophy. SWEAT FOR NEW NATIONAL LEADERS: The Columbia "300" will long remember the night of Jan. 19th on the San Antonio Travelling league. Led by Bill POFF, who used a 300 game to build up a 796 series, they pounded out a 1287 game and 3065 series to jump to the front of the seasonal race. Wes MERCK and Pepper MARTIN had 718's, Jack GRANATO a 716 and Nicky REID fired 667. The team also had games of 1224 and 1094 and registered only 5 open frames for the series. Then started an agonising wait until April as there was a question of the lanes having been conditioned specially, however finally the ABC High Score and Awards Review Committee approved the scores, basing it's decision on a report submitted by ABC personnel.

ABC ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1974: With this years tournament only just completed, it is known that the 1971 event will be held in Detroit, 1972 in Long Beach, California, 1973 in Syracuse. Bids are already being considered from Indianapolis and Dayton for the 1974 Championships with Denver having expressed interest in the 1975 event and St.Paul the 1976. Leaves us wondering who gets next years

BTBA Champs??

NEW ABC/WIBC COMPLEX ?? : Approval has been given by the ABC Board of Directors for a new building in Milwaukee to house the combined headquaters of ABC and WIBC. Directors of the WIBC are expected to soon give approval to the scheme.

21 YEARS YOUNG: The American Junior Bowling Congress with close to half a million members has

raised it's age limit from 18 to 21.

I'VE HE ARD THAT SOMEWHERE BEFORE: Replying to a question on bowling programmes, Proprietor Leo Pack said "...especially in the 50's, people were going nuts over the game. The houses were full and the proprietors had to turn people away. Today, the proprietor has to work very hard to keep his establishment in the black. You have to innovate. Thats what I think has been the big change."

B.T.B.A. INTER-COUNTIES

With the Qualifying Rounds of the BTBA Inter Counties Tournament now half way through, some sorting out has been going on. - One 6 comprising Essex - Herts - London - Suffolk have an interesting position in the Men's Division, with Herts & Essex tying at the top, with London only 2pnts. behind; London Ladies have only dropped two points from the maximum over their four matches. Some great bowling had been witnessed in this Zone, at the first venue at Harlow. Herts men hit a 3021 series, and a 1072 game, which London have now taken by a further 4 pins. LEN GASTON hit a 277 and a 680 series at this Centre, only to improve on this at Wembley with his 299. BERTHA HILL, of Herts topped the ladies with a 232 game and Helen DIXON, Herts, held top series of 588 only to have it taken from her at Wembley by everybody's favourite DOLLY HART of Essex. In Zone 8 - The contest for the Mens division in the Kent - Middlesex - Surrey - Sussex zone seemed to be going Middlesex's way, with wins over Kent and Sussex already achieved, it seemed that Surrey who had been dropping behind seeming to be like lambs to the slaughter, however this was not to be the case as they promptly dumped Middlesex 6-2 including a fine 1013 game. The effort seemed to have affected them as in the next match Sussex came through to win 8-0. Individual achievements worthy of a note include a 627 by 13 year old Dave SMITH of Surrey, 257 game and 640 series by Gordon HOLLIER of Middlesex and 630 series by Peter SUMNER of Sussex.

In the Ladies Division things are more complicated as the lead has so far been held by Surrey, Kent and Middlesex in turn. The matches at Chatham saw a fine 2724 series by the Middlesex team, However

as the table shows things could hardly be tighter.

Second Round Results:-

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Essex	10987	915	1007	2847	22			Herts	9703	808	912	2560	14	
London	11300	941	1076	2923	20			Essex	9667	805	879	2414	13	
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Top Scorers: Zone 6.. L.GASTON 299 & 680 (209 x 12) (London) D.HART 615 (Essex) B.HILL 232(Herts) Zone 8.. G.HOLLIER 257 & 640 (Middx.) C.WILLIAMS 238 (Middx) K.WHEELER (Middx) 587 L.POTTER (Surrey)

AID TO JUNIORS

With eyes and ambitions, on the distant future the Exiles Junior League now established at Wembley Stadium Bowl are experimenting with a new format for the summer season. Eight senior bowlers have joined Ted WIGGINS and Tony BASS in giving up their Saturday mornings, each bowling with two juniors as a team thereby keeping the youngsters under constant instruction during league play and it is hoped that this will help improve the high standards reached last

The Exiles, whose ages range from 8 -15 were formed at Golders Green three years ago and last season had an attendance record of 99.2%. With two exceptions all members improved their averages, over 87 games, some by as many as 19 pins. Eleven took part in the Y.B.C National Championships at Excel, Tolworth and between them collected 3 Gold and 1 Silver medal.

We applaud this fine gesture of the Senior's to help bring along the bowlers of the future.

MATCH PLAY

Picture shows Jean BOLTON and Eric BUTCHER, who are being invited to defend their London International Match Play Titles on August 29/30th at Wembley Stadium Most of the Continental Champions have confirmed their acceptance to travel here and with entries pouring in from all over the country, it will obviously be another big 'un -Remember entries must be postmarked no later than 23rd July.



Just a few days left to make sure you are not disappointed in getting your entry lodged in time. It you have any trouble getting hold of an Entry Form, a message on the Office Tape (01-573 4836), will bring you one by the next day s post, or any Qualifying Centre will see to your requirements. Areminder of the fourteen Centres involved follows:

> 8th/9th August Princes, GREENOCK Humber, ROTHERHAM Ambass. WOLVERH 'N Walton, WALTON) on-N. Granada. MANCH'R Ambass. WORTHING Beaver, PLYMOUTH Stadium, WEMBLEY

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AROUND THE LONDON CENTRES

Hoddesdon send word they would like mention of the BTBA Inter Counties Tournament in this column this month, as so many of their Bowlers are representing their county this year. In the first round at Harlow, Herts Led by DICK HOLLINGTON, spurred his team to great efforts to beat Essex and Suffolk, putting them on top spot with 14 points. Dick himself rolled in a 236 game with a 633 series. BERTHA HILL STEVE MEDDEMEN taking over as put in a 232 game and 550 ser. Secretary. After the first nine Young GRAHAM LEWRY hit 605 and BRUCE PEARCE a 611 series. A further great performance at Wembley, in the second round. now sees the County sitting on top of one 6 with the same points as Essex but in front on Pinfall, with London only two points behind breathing down both counties necks. The highlight of the social side of Hoddesdon has been the Bowling Holiday in Holland, proving a great success. Visiting three main Bowling Centres, with friendly matches at each, also sightseeing tours with places of interest thrown in. Some matches were won some were lost, however everybody had a marvellous time with the wonderful weather. very good food and good bowling. Next year they are hoping to go Personal honours going to MARGARET ONYETT, JOAN WILLIAMS and PAT SIMMONS for the ladies followed by GEOFF GATES, GEAORGE tact WALLY MILLS at Corkwood BUTTERFIELD and LEW LEARY, not forgetting their local Scotsman



The Winter Season of

the International League, finished recently with TREETOP retaining the No. 1 spot, followed by MOONSTRIKES. The High Average of 183 was rolled by JEFF SMITH, followed by BARRY BROWN with 181, High Series of 704 was also held by JEFF, with ALAN REED making the High Game of 275. With the begining of the Summer Season, the League reformed from 4-man teams to Doubles. weeks, the SPURS top the League with 97½ pnts. followed by The WHO, with $75\frac{1}{2}$. The remaining Teams in the League are named as Pacesetters Nitwits, Andy Capps, Islington Stanley, X's. and Aquarius. Currently holding high average is Colin 'Gab' PITCHER with 183, Colin also holds the High Game and Series with 247 and 608 respectively.

complete with kilt, BOB SPEEDY. who was the life and sole of the party throughout the trip, this man is a must on any occasion such as this. to Sweden on a similar holiday, so if any one wishes to join them, they will do well to consoon to save disappointment.



SLOUGH

An exciting climax to the Centre's top league, came on Thursday, 25th June, with only one point separating first team SAAB from 2nd place WINK-RACE INTERNATIONAL, and a mere two points behind them the WINDSOR ROYALS, the first three places rested on the final game of the series, in fact, the 8th frame of the last game. After 117 games this was a cliffhanger indeed. FINAL RESULTS: WINKRACE 83 117 82243 SAAB 82 117 81763 ROYALS 81 117 82233 High Team Game & Series ... WINDSOR ROYALS 821, 2363. Indv. High Average.. F. EARIS 182 over 114 Ind. H/Game .. M.UWINS Ind. H/Series F.EARIS 660 Ladies H/Game..C.COLLIER 239 Ladies H/Series M.HAYWARD 578 With exactly £1000 prize money paid out, this league has had a highly successful season. A short Ladder League Summer Season will operate for 8 weeks until the start of the new SUPREME LEAGUE on THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER at 8.15 p.m. The Format will be Five Man Teams The Centre would like to build this League up to 16 x 5 and they have four vacancies. Teams wishing to join, should telephone 'Tug' Wilson without de Lay. The internal promotion of 'IITY' games continues to attract the Bowlers during the Summer Season The IITY Windsor Lanes House Mixed Doubles - July 12th. The IITY Read The Lares Tourney on August 16th. The Inter-Counties Final Qualify

ing round takes place on this

Centre on August 23rd.



TOLWORTH

After only 3 weeks of the summer season of the TRIPLE CROWN League. ALAN HISCOCK. bowling for the 'UGLIES' holds the High Game of 276. Two new teams bowling on the league both from Crawley are the SOUTHERN SENATORS and MALLORY CHARGERS, the first made up of D. COTES (176av) T.SUMNER (192), T.WEBB (187), hold the team H/game of 672, and also the 2nd spot in the team H/ser. with 1814, the other team from the Surrey/Sussex border made up of A.MASTELL (180av) 1.MESSAGE (197) and J. SNYDER (181), hold the top spot for T/series with four pins higher Tolworth send congratulations to RON SEYMOUR, who has only been bowling for 10 months, holds a 150 average, and bowls on three leagues a week at the Sentre, travelled over to Hounslow Lanes to win the Ambassador Classified Championships at his first attempt at a tournament entry. The SURREY COMET League held their annual get-together and presentation night during the month, this time at the 'TOBY' The usual high standard was kept up, and the highest attendance for one of this league functions was recorded, everybody having a great evening, with an excellent buffet and a most impressive amount of prizes. The Editor and his wife, who are responsible for the sponsorship of this first class league were presented with a Coffee set from the League Bowlers as a token of their thanks for the 'COMET'S' patronage and press coverage of the Leagues activities.



WEMBLEY

ROBBED!! That must have been the word LEN GASTON thought when he left a ten pin standing for his 299 game. Len is a regular bowler at Wembley, and the Centre would like to add their public congratulations to him in hitting the highest score ever rolled on the Centre. From one big event to another. Congratulations to SUE PALNER on the birth of her baby boy. weighing 6lb.6oz. We understand that mother and baby are doing well. With the Winter Leagues coming to a close, the results are just rolling into the Office. The Sovereign Ladies League, was won by the WHIPPETTES 70, by by to from the LIONESSES. and the other WHIPPETTES team a close third. The U.S. Navy League, finished with a High Average of 185 for JIM WOLSELEY, who has now returned to the States. and the High Game going to J.BOSKOE with a 268. With SY PIECHA returning to the States in the fall, a change of Secretary has been made, and JOHN VAN ORDEN takes over. Sy states that the League's ambition was to sink more pints of English Beer than they rolled pins. but they lost count of the beer. The Wednesday MORNING COFFEE Ladies will be going sanctioned in September, and will be known as vet another of the TEDDY TINLIN'S DOUBLE T'S Leagues. With RALPH MILLER enjoying a well earned holiday in Ireland a testing time for PAUL BROWN. who, bowlers now know very well



EDGWARE

The SCEPTRES have bettered their house record Trios game from 675 to 685 while bowling on the CL ASSIC League. Geoff LIDDIARD came very close to rolling a 300 game, and is at present on a 201 x 24 average. Chris BUCK is in danger of losing his 'King of Edgware' title !! Everything is pointing to a feast of top bowling every Wednesday in the coming winter season of the CLASSIC FIVES league, conditions for bowling will be of a very high standard as many improvements have been and are being made to the centre, so if you have a good five person team (minimum 850 team average) and wish to compete against the finest bowlers in the country in such teams as GREYHOUNDS, SCEPTRES, WEMBLEY ALL STARS, BRUNSWICK JETS, etc., Dont delay, book a place for your team now by contacting:-Arthur Rumble, 17, Moortown Rd Watford, Herts. 01-428-6878 or c'o Manager, Edgware Bowl.



arcund the House, but we are sorry to say, with no thanks to this publication, as for some unknown reason we overlooked to introduce him when he took over as under manager from Tony Colledan earlier this year. Our apologies Paul!



Nth. HARROW

The DODGY League has completed its schedule for the winter season and finishing in the No 1 position were 'THE PHANTOMS ' team of D. CRAMER and L.BROWN with ALLEY CATS runners-up also taking high series with 1167. High game was by M.MISTLIN, 620. The TUESDAY TRIOS summer season is now well under way and is at present led by HARROW NOMADS followed closely by UNION 'B'. High Series is held by STAMFORD HILLBILLIES with a 1683 and UNION 'A' high game 599. TOM WARING is at present sitting tenant of the high series, game and average with 657,240 and 196 respectively. With confirmation now to hand that the OBSERVER FIVES and BOOTH'S GIN leagues are shortly ioining the sanctioned ranks the BIG BEN charts will be given quite a shake-up. The COCKTAIL League concluded its long winter season without any major upsets to positions as reported in the last edition and has already commenced the summer season with a greatly increased team line-up, from 10 Trios to 16 Trios. Early leaders are AZTECS, Pat and Barbara CROWLEY and Ray MOULTON, with VICEROYS, Hetty and Norman WILLIS and Alan COUCH, ANGLOS, Jackie THOMSON Ron STANTON and Pat HARDING and BLUEBIRDS, Else and Reg LOMAX and Anita SETCHELL only seperated by pinfall at the top of the table. High Average is at present held by Pat CROWLEY 186. This centre will be the hosts to the 3rd Qualifying round of Zone 8 of the BTBA Inter-Counties Championships on July 26th commencing at 3.00pm.



CRAWLEY

Crawley's latest sanctioned League BEAUS and BELLES have got away to a good start. Run on a singles format, competition is fierce and points hard to come by. At the time of going to press Tony KEMP leads Peter DALE by 4 points. High game so far is held by Sussex Belle - Margaret WELLS with a fine 223. Brian BARNARD holds the 592 high series. The centre request attention. to be drawn to their summer handicap re-entry trios on the weekend of Sat/Sun 25/26 July. It is hoped that those taking part in the Inter-Counties round on the Sunday will take advantage of the Saturday squadding.

BOWLING GOLFERS

A few bowlers at Wembley are getting together and forming a 'Tenpin-Golfing' Society. They would be glad to hear from fellow bowlers who would like to play in some friendly golf tournaments, to be held mid-week. For more information please write, phone or call KEITH HALE at the Pro-shop Wembley Stadium Bowl. 01-903-0512.

Flying Kegler

A newspaper cutting sent to our Office this month, gave over its front page to the story of ex-London Area Executive Member, and Wembley's Stadium League President. RALPH BURRIDGE, whose association with Bowling these days is through the AMF team of Instructors. It seems that Ralph had a very lucky escape recently when the plane he was piloting from Elstree Flying Club suddenly decided to have engine failure whilst he was some 800 feet up in the air. Ralph has had ten years flying experience, but this type of hazzard is usually a one-off affair. He is reported as saying to the obvious question What do vou do? "Once you have gone through the usual procedure of checking the engine will not start again, you start looking for a field to put it down in, The worst field in the world can look good from upstairs" He managed that field, and although writing off the aircraft, managed to crawl out uninjured, quietly went home to bed and was back within a couple of days flying again. Ralph, who still lives in Pinner with his wife and two young children, no doubt finds TenPin Bowling a bit tame after this experience, but we hope he will still continue to keep his administrative influence in the well run STADIUM LE AGUE.

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