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# 'Pinformation'

Edition No. 3, more and more praise for what is being done to forward the 'New Look' London Area, your comments and Letters (by the way have you written yet), are in fact most gratifying to the team who are really having to go to fruther this end.

So, we come to the new fiscal year, the announcement on this page of the Kick-off Meeting, and the decision by your Executive to make this an Open Meeting, i.e., not only do we invite hardened B.T.B.A. League Secretarys and their Officers but also Officers from prospective or sceptic Leagues.

Why not come along and see what your Executive are endeavouring to do -- remember they can do nothing without your help.

The question these days therefore, is not 'What do we get for our pound' or 'We do not like the folks handling the administration', but more and more 'Are we going to have a healthy, go ahead, Player Association' -- We in the London Area bel'ieve we are travelling on the right lines -- let us all be consolidated in this one idea -- Never mind about the old cliché, 'What Manchester thinks to-day the rest of Britain does tomorrow'. How about in our particular sport, 'What London does this year the whole country will be doing in the future? One cannot build any organisation from the outside, no more than the bloke on the terraces can play a football match for his team, - so we say come on and join us, and help consolidate what can be a great Organisation for a Sport that can have a great future if you so wish it.

## LOVE - IN AT WEMBLEY! AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEK-END

No, not the flower children here - not even the peaceful calm and the gentle tinkle of bells, even the beads were different - here they were beads of sweat, from the toil of some of the greatest bowling ever seen in this country, and the noise and din at times times when games reached their climax would never have done at Woburn.

LOVE-IN, Yes, Eleanor Love, from Headingley was the first of this years International Match Play Champions to come through - Brian Wilkins the Men's Champion, came later after having to beat Chris Buck a second time, as Brian challenged from the Losers bracket, where he was put in the semi-final by no other than Chris himself.

Brian then fought his way back in the Losers bracket taking, Ted Murray, Dave Pond and Mike Bennett in successive matches, then by the rules of this fascinating double elimination tournament, needed to beat Chris twice to put himself in the position of the only one left not to lose twice, and so add the Match Play Crown to his 1966 Master's Championship Title.



Eleanor Love

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### KICK-OFF MEETING

on

## THURSDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 67

**The L.A.B.A. invites all League Secretaries and Presidents both Sanctioned and non-Sanctioned and Members to an**

### OPEN MEETING

at CAXTON HALL, S.W.1

7.30 p.m.

## L.A.B.A. EXEC.

Although at a later date, we hope to introduce each and every Executive Member to you thro' the medium of 'Pinformation' it was felt that in this edition the last before the New Fiscal Year. We should list the Executive Committee, together with the Centres they cover, and remind you that each and every one of them will give all the assistance they can to League Secretaries, by acting as a Centre Secretary. Each of them holds spare stationery, award forms, both National and Area, Membership Application Cards, collection envelopes, etc., so that you virtually have an Area Office on your doorstep.

- AIRPORT. Chris Wheeler  
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& Sam Walker  
(Tournaments)
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(Tournaments)
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(Average Manual)
- PICCADILLY. Paul Siveter  
(Average Manual)
- STAMFORD HILL. Peter Hopper  
(Pinformation)
- TOLWORTH. Ken Baker  
(Finance &  
Nominations)  
& Dave Bennett  
(Hon. Auditor &  
Awards)  
& Derek Drinkwater  
(Vice President &  
Awards)
- WEMBLEY. Ruth Stander  
(Tournament Sec.)  
& Gordon Chamberlain

## ALL IS READY

In edition No. 2, we promised to give more news about the outcome of recommendations put forward at the July Meeting of the Exec. We are very pleased to report that all the following items are ready in time for the new fiscal year:

A Secretary's Information Folder giving, we hope, all the general information likely to be needed by a League Secretary i.e., what he receives in his Kit and its use, what to make sure of in assisting Officers in compiling a Constitution; Award Procedure; how to apply and for what achievements, Membership Dues: dates and amounts; Inter-Area Dues details; Tournament Calendar; Area Office services.

Membership Lapel Badges for all B.T.B.A. Members joining thro' the London Area.

Award Badges in the same form but in different finish, and showing the award instead of the Season date.

Collection Envelopes for the assistance of Treasurers both in the actual collection of Team monies and keeping signed records of same.

A Tournament Programme for the Fiscal year.

A Modified Constitution for Leagues wishing to avail themselves and record same with Area Office.

A new system evolved to service Leagues even more quickly and efficiently...

Yes all is ready, all that remains is the decision on what form this publication will take during the coming year, let us hope that it may will be in the form of a small magazine that can be put in your pocket and give you all the information of all the London Area Centres.

## 200 AVERAGE



Big Guy! Yes, but an even bigger Average. TONY SAMUELS, first Englishman to finish a full Season with a 200 average. Likeable, always smiling, Tony rolled this achievement over 39 games at Stamford Hill on the Supreme League, during the Summer Season just finished. Tony's comment when we asked about this enviable record, was as usual for him, playing it down, by saying he could not do the same elsewhere, we are sure that if anyone can, it will be you Tony. We look forward to the time when we can report you holding the same average as this on all the Leagues in which you bowl. CONGRATULATIONS

## MATCH PLAY Cont. from 2

So to the Ladies' Grand Final, with a very tired Sue, losing to the new Champion by a 498 to a 554, and so it came to pass with BRIAN WILKINS keeping the Trophy in London for the men, and ELEANOR LOVE, keeping the Ladies' Trophy in Yorkshire, all by the great courtesy of the greatest sponsor of our sport to-day:

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## MATCH PLAY Continued . .

This lad from Leytonstone bowled so well, leaving a trail of defeated opponents such as, - D. Lewis, D.G.Thomas, E. Sagers, B.Stempers (the reserve who took the place of the French Champ.), T. Murray once in the winners and then in the Losers section, and then so on as already reported.

Whilst all this was going on of course, 127 other final contestants were all trying to do the same thing, and it became apparent after the third round that we were in for a great finish, when we had names such as, Caterer, Butcher, Murray, Wilkins, Potts, Buck, Baxter Loney, Deacon, Gaston, May, Marshall, and Pond left in the winner's section, and into the Losers bracket people like, Meadus, Bennett, Digby, Channon, Kovanda, Aley, Sullivan, Michael, Blanchett, Owen-Brooks, Wildermesch (the Belgium Champ), Artis, Samuels, Colledon and Depoij.

By the end of the first day we had items being reported like; A.Webb in the Losers, rolling a 192-203-240 with 7 in a row to knock out England Selection Alex Weeks. World Champion Dave Pond rolling a 588 against Tommy Marshall and then a 586 against B. May.

Then on to Sunday with Chris Buck gradually taking the limelight from Dave Pond. After the Pond-Loney game in which Dave totaled ten strikes in his second game giving him High Game 274, and High Series 687, and put Pete into the losers after Pete had replied with a 208-213-192. Chris having annihilated everyone he met up till then, then proceeded to take Dave Pond apart with a 630 to Dave's 544, which left him waiting upstairs at the windows of the Bar watching and waiting for whom he would meet in the Grand Final.



The top eight prize winning Men and the top six prize winning Ladies.

What he saw was, Mike Bennett knock out Owen-Brooks; Brian Wilkins knock out the World Champ and the Brian putting himself into the position to meet Chris again by beating Mike - and so to the Grand Final with that Double Series, where Brian got his revenge, beating Chris in the 1st Series 552 to 545 and in the second by 572 to 552.

The Ladies were however no less exciting in their battles and picking up the story at the end of the 3rd round we had names like: McCulloch, Love, Stead, Bowen in the winners section and in the Losers, people like Sharpe, Wheeler, Womack, Garrett, Furler (from Switzerland), Primmer, Tew and Bland. Reports were coming through as follows: Swiss seed E. Furler eliminated from Tournament by B. Jones. Kim Wheeler knocks out E. Burley and O. Pond. Ann Garrett knocks out Title Holder Jess Womack only to be knocked out by Beryl Jones in the next round. Beryl in turn then took out Kim Wheeler.

Rene McCulloch was sent into the Losers in the 5th round by Eleanor Love, who now found herself against Nell Bowen in the Final of the Winners, this match proved a cracker, coming to the very last pin of the series and making a draw at 605! Eleanor then showed what type of Champion she was in the one game play-off by putting in six in a row for a 224 game. Then came her wait while young Sue Bland, who had won her way thro' to the Losers Final, then proceeded to put Beryl Jones out, and so on to meet Nell Bowen from the winners section and manage to squeeze out Nell by 3 pins only.

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Left to right,  
Winner  
Brian Wilkins  
2nd.,  
Chris Buck  
3rd.,  
Mike Bennett

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or bowl in League at Wembley

### FIRST EVER MOONLIGHT BOWL

Saturday, OCTOBER, 14th

DATE FOR

THIRD NOVEMBER DOUBLES

NOVEMBER 17-18-19th

FURTHER DETAILS FROM MANAGEMENT  
TELEPHONE: 902 8560

### DID YOU HEAR?.....

At Excel, Tolworth on 7th August, RON EVANS hit the No.1 Jackpot, rolling eight selected strikes he picked up the Kitty totaling £279 together with the Star Bowler of the Month Badge.

Wedding Bells at the Airport. Brian Woods of the Skyport League finally got married to the girl who has come to the Bowl and watched him for 3 seasons, and never bowled a ball herself. He at last said yes, he is bowling a lot better now.

On the Headpin League it was somewhat different, Jean Roberts, inspired by the thought of her wedding the following week to Bill Newlands whom she met on the League 3 years ago, bowled the first six frames of her series all strikes giving her, her first 244 game.

Surprising what them there Bells will do for you!

A number of letters suggesting different ways in which Dave Pond's Malmo achievement should be commemorated. The best of these seems to be one from Harlow Bowl for the setting up of a Junior Tournament and another from Harrow, suggesting a Trophy being competed for annually by a team from each Sanctioned League throughout the London Area. Both of these suggestions have been forwarded to the Executive's Tournament Committee for them to consider, so may be we shall have something to remember that great occasion each year after all.

DO NOT FORGET ! ! !

Thursday, 21st September, 7 p.m.