

# LONDON AREA BOWLING ASSOCIATION of the B.T.B.A.

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## 'Pinformation'

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# 4<sup>th</sup> BLUE RIBAND CLASSIFIED TOURNAMENT

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

HUMBER LANES - CRAWLEY

ABC BOWL · NTH. HARROW

CORKWOOD BOWL - HODDESDON

AMBASSADOR LANES - HOUNSLOW

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

AMBASSADOR LANES - LEWISHAM

ABC BOWL · LEYTONSTONE

EXCEL BOWL · TOLWORTH

WEMBLEY STADIUM BOWL

**Finals:** ABC BOWL Nth HARROW

SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER

## ENTRIES CLOSE NOV. 12

# BLUE RIBAND CLASSIFIED

Time once again for this Tournament, especially formulated for the ordinary Bowler of the London Area. To be staged for the fourth year, it is now an established Tournament.

The finals will be held at NORTH HARROW, on the 13th December, and will be for 32 Bowlers in each Section, playing Match Play Elimination until a Champion is found in each Division. Qualification for the Finals, this year, will take place at EIGHT Centres, and the percentage of qualifiers will be allocated to each venue in accordance with the overall entry in each Section.

QUALIFYING CENTRES are:

22nd NOVEMBER..... Humber Lanes, CRAWLEY.  
A.B.C. Lanes, NORTH HARROW  
Corkwood Bowl, HODDESDON  
Ambassador Lanes, HOUNSLOW

6th DECEMBER..... Ambassador Lanes, LEWISHAM  
A.B.C. Lanes, LEYTONSTONE  
Excel Bowl, TOLWORTH  
WEMBLEY Stadium Bowl

and the SECTIONS are:

BANTAM	Section	Averages up to 145
STANDARD	Section	Averages 146 to 155
MAJOR	Section	Averages 156 to 165
SUPREME	Section	Averages 166 to 180

As you will see the 'Big Ben Bowlers' are left out, as they have their chance in the Scratch Singles in January. Once again no difference is made between male and female bowler, as it has now been established there is no difference between, say, the 145 man and the 145 lady. This is the one TROPHY TOURNAMENT of the London Area, and is designed for YOU, the ordinary bowler, make sure you are included this year, in a chance to reach the finals of your OWN TOURNAMENT. The entry fees are modest, and you don't pay for lineage until you actually bowl. So, collect your entry form, either from your Control desk, or your League Secretary, and what is more.....FILL IT IN!!

ENTRIES CLOSE 12th NOVEMBER.

## A SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS

We in Tenpin Bowling very rarely hear of a success story from a lesser known Bowling League.

This Summer, news comes, that one of these Leagues namely The Surrey Comet from Tolworth who incidentally don't normally bowl during the Summer, had what could only be called "A Sweet Smell of Success".

Footballing mad League Secretary JIM CREAMY aided and abetted by President RAY AUSTIN, devised a League and Knock-out Cup on the similar lines to the World Cup Finals in Mexico.

The Competition was for trios Team's.

16 Team's were to make up 4 Divisions of 4 teams.

The Top Two team's in each

Division went through to the next round President Knock out Cup, and Losing Teams went into Loser's Secretary Knockout Cup.

The lower standard bowlers, found more enthusiasm having an opportunity of winning one of the other Cups. Such a success is proved that being run during the peak holiday period, that out of a possible 372 three game series able to be bowled, only 5 three game series blind scores were used.

Noted point of interest, 42 bowlers of 61 bowlers, who bowled in the same league during the Winter Season, increased their averages.

The composite League average also went up by six pins per person, so it was a success all the way down the line.

Tenpin Bowling need's Summer League's or Competition to stay alive. If any League Secretary is interested in this Competition write to JIM CREAMY at 343 Lynmouth Avenue, Morden Surrey.



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## NEWS FROM THE STATES

Just recently this space has been reporting general news from the states and the professional tour has been neglected, so in answer to requests and threats from friends, following is a brief synopsis of the most recent P.B.A. Tournaments.

TUCSON, Ariz., Larry LAUB savoured his first PBA victory when he completely outstripped the rest of the field. His 24 game qualifying round average of 233 proved a little too high and he finished with a 228 over 40 games. The only doubt as to the winner was Jack BIONDOLILLO who starting in 16th place after the qualifying rounds started with four winning games on scores of 235,248,257,257 to vault him into a third place finish. Mike DURBIN finished runner up.

EL PASO, Texas., Nelson BURTON Jr. became the first PBA bowler to complete three title wins this season when he destroyed the field to win with a 40 game average of 228. Second Johnny PETRAGLIA, third Dave Soutar.

FORT WORTH, Texas., Nelson BURTON Jr. has taken Texas by storm, following the previous weeks but once he stormed to his fourth title of the season. Starting in sixth place after the qualifying round he ripped off games of 214,258,259,236,242,264 and 220 to take over the pole position. BURTON'S final 40 game average totalled 220. Runner up was JIM STEFANICH and third place went to Jimmy McHUGH. The unusual lack of 300 games in recent tourneys was rectified by George PAPPAS.

WAUKEGAN, ILL., Dave SOUTAR came from behind in the last seven games to take the title and winners cheque over Johnny PETRAGLIA and Butch GEARHART, with a 40 game average of 222.

CRANSTON R.I., After leading the Tournament by big margins for most of the way, Jim STEFANICH had to rely on a narrow 210-201 win over Butch GEARHART and in the position round a 236-236 tie with the same protagonist to hold onto the top spot and \$4,000 cheque. Third place went to Mike McGRATH.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Smooth stroking Johnny PETRAGLIA, currently enjoying his most successful season so far, took the title in a relatively low scoring Bellows-Valvair Open. The most notable thing about the tournament was that Bob SHANK, while scoring less pins than six of the sixteen finalists, was winning his matches and thereby picking up bonus pins, which enabled him to finish second, ahead of Mike McGRATH who averaged 6 pins per game more in his 40 games.

WIND GAP, Pa., In the final tournament of the PBA summer tour, Curt SCHMIDT won his first title after 5 years of competing, and what a thriller it proved to be. He had battled his way from 9th place to 2nd behind Roy BUCKLEY in time for the final position round, BUCKLEY faltered in the ninth frame when he chopped the two-four off the five pin, leaving SCHMIDT to strike the ninth and tenth frames for a 203-188 win. BUCKLEY'S chop also allowed Johnny GUENTHER to squeeze passed and take second place by two pins. Dale SEAVOY gave the fans something else to shout about when he notched a 300 game.

**B.T.B.A. A.G.M.**

A date has at last been found for the National Annual General Meeting, it has just been announced as:

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER,

Venue will be London, and we understand at this time that it will be the CORA HOTEL.

**BITS & PIECES**

A General Meeting for Bowlers born or resident in the SUSSEX COUNTY, is being held at the CRAWLEY Humber Centre, on Sunday 18th October, at 3.15 p.m.

A new tournament is in the pipe-line, being set up jointly by the T.B.P.A. and the B.T.B.A., possibly to be called the 1st Annual Classic Doubles, for Male and Female, Scratch and H/cap Divisions. 2/3rd January is the date set, venue yet to be decided.

Out of Bowling goes DAVE STAPLES, in protest we understand with the Selectors choice of Gt. Britain Bowlers, for the World Championships, in the provisional list issued last month. Let us hope Dave's protest is soon over, he is too nice a guy to lose for any length of time.

Out of Bowling also is TONY BLANCHETT with a broken finger, apparently knocked it on another fellows chin. Also DOLLY MILES, awaiting hospital confirmation of a 'tennis elbow', should be off the Bowling Scene for at least two months.

Back into Bowling comes LEN GASTON, after recovering from his broken ankle, first reports say he is bowling as good as if not better than before, remembering that 299 of his in June that sounds good.

L.A.B.A. AVERAGE MANUAL & YEAR BOOK is now under way, League Secretaries please note! Make sure your final league standing sheets are in on time, on the official form please.

Received at the 'Pinformation' Office, last month was the following letter, written under the name of S. WEATY THUMBHOLE, we reprint it without further comment.

A couple of week-ends ago most of the countrys top teams had the fortune to bowl in yet another 6 man tourney, and most of the players had the misfortune that the weather was just about tropical, as it always seems to be on these long slog tourneys. Whilst either taking my turn at bowling, or spectating on the other members of my teams efforts, I could not help but continually hear the cry for some form of conditioning in a 1970's bowling centre. This I feel is a justifiable request although some centres are at least making some sort of effort; such as Harrow with their swirling fans, although these fans would look more in place in a private club in Bombay, it is at least a start. Without wishing to cast any aspersions on the centre that staged the above tournament, it was well run without a doubt, surely there is one facility that is nearly always lacking at nearly every centre that one visits for a major tournament.

**TOILET FACILITIES**

Why is it that whenever one is playing in a tourney that entails being in the bowl all day long, and bowling for considerable lengths at a time, that there never seems to be any way of keeping cool and clean. There never seems to be any soap, or if soap is available, the towel roller has run out, and even before one gets to this stage there probably was not any plugs in the wash basin to start with, or I have even known it to happen that there has not even been a working water supply owing to vandals putting it out of action the evening before the tourney.

Is there please, any way that the BTBA/LABA/TBPA could ensure that when a bowler has paid a sometimes large entry fee to a tourney, and has to bowl in terrific heat for long periods, that he can at least keep his hands clean and dry.

In passing, I wonder just how many tourneys have been lost by players just not being able to deliver the ball properly as their fingers and thumb would not release the ball as they would wish, owing to dirt and dampness.

# AROUND THE LONDON CENTRES



## WEMBLEY

Top team series in the Major City League during the first month of the season goes to the Wembley All Stars with a 3041 including a 673 by COLIN PRESLAND. However, the ALL STARS are not top of the League which started the season as very open. ROUGH DIAMONDS and the CHEETAHS figuring in the top positions.

The U.S. Navy Season got under way with 16 teams this year and by all accounts the Sunday U.S. Navy Mixed fours is heavily booked.

Classic doubles on a Wednesday now stretches to 18 teams, while the ladies scratch league is down to 10 teams.

In general this League season at Wembley is much as last year, with Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday being absolutely full with no further lanes available.

Seen around the Bowl: BILL MAKOWSKI, who used to be with the now legendary MUM ROLLERS and is now with the LONDON ROCKETS in the Major City League; ROGER POLLY former Manager of Southend and now busy in the Import/Export business; PAUL GCRLEY, U.S. Navy Commander, now retired, of Haig Tournament fame on holiday in this country says he will be back in the spring maybe to settle down over here; ANDY NORTON, one of the old Southall crowd, now with the M.F.I. Bowling League on a Tuesday evening at Wembley.



## TOLWORTH

Last Sunday saw the fifth Annual Excel Club Championships with over 100 players competing it proved to be the best yet. PETE SEAMAN won his first tournament at Tolworth when he scattered the opposition in the Mens Singles section. Peter, who is a director of 4/U Quality Dry Cleaning, holds a 174 average. He started the tournament in devastating form rolling 212-266 (11 strikes)-213-201-145/1037 pins. MONICA HERRING took the ladies title with a pinfall of 846, her games 151-198-180-150-167. Monica followed up this achievement by winning the mixed doubles in partnership with COLIN BROWN in a thrilling battle they ended with a 1154 pinfall.

The Mens team trophy went to KEN BAKER, BRIAN RICE, PHIL BOWRY, BOB RANCE and KEITH HELLEWELL of the BOWLRITE STARS who bowled a pinfall of 2837. Forthcoming event: Anthony Crisp Open Autumn Mixed Doubles (Handicap), Sunday 27th October.

The BEL-AIRES, the name which the Greyhounds have adopted in the handicap STADIUM League are finding it hard, SUNDOWNERS top of the table as we go to press. the BEL-AIRES started the season at the top, but with BRIAN MICHAEL, CHRIS SUCKLING and BERNIE WHITE bowling off scratch the results prove that the handicap forces even the best teams to knuckle under regardless of the efforts put in and evens up the scores.

The Baltic International Leagues Londons only Sanctioned Traveling League, held their A.G.M. on Sunday 6th September at Wembley. Afterwards they held a game tournament, extending an invitation to London Area Executive Members to participate.

The Tourney was different to the normal - the highest game being dropped in a 3 game Series count. Prizes were given for Mens & Ladies H/Games and Series and also for the smallest differences between the high and low games bowled.

JACK SYKES and MICHELLE HARRIS collected two prizes for the Executive.

This League started by our old friend TOM RATSCHUNAS, but now under the Secretaryship of REX EDMONDS, still travell all over the place every three weeks, in 4 classified divisions, taking along the whole family on each occasion.

Top average these days is held by HARRY TANSWELL with a 175 and PENNY BASS leads the ladies with her 149.

We are sure Tom, from whom we heard recently from Sweden, and who sends his regards to all his old friends, will be well cheered to know this league still has a good following and enjoys such a great social atmosphere.



## Nth. HARROW

Welcome to the Embassy and Dodgy Leagues on rejoining the Association this Season. The Dodgy League, one of the oldest leagues in Harrow still running, have reformed with new Teams and new Secretary JOHN WOOLLAND.

GEORGE BLACKWELL was elected Hon. President, non-playing because of illness, we hope he will be bowling again soon. The Tuesday Trios Summer League finished on 22.9.70. The Union B winning and the Twisters 2nd. Secretary PETE JOHNSON won the high Game 246. TOM WARING the High Series 662. On the last night one of Harrow's up and coming young ladies, JUNE THONOGOOD, bowled her highest Series 172-233-222-627.

On Wednesday nights PETER HOOD has steered the OBSERVER FIVES League to over half way without serious trouble.

At the moment the COLONIALS are leading and the Nomads A and The Chassies tying for 2nd place.

The Colonials have bowled a very high Series of 2957. The Brunswick Jets and The Cheetahs are fighting for 1st place in the newly joined Booths Gin League on Friday night.

Many Harrow Bowlers are now listed in the Big Ben Bowlers. The Cocktail League climaxed their Summer season with a Grandstand finish, with the lack of the draw bringing the top four teams together on the final night. SEXY PLUS TWO found themselves in a fierce contest with AZTECS winning



## CRAWLEY

News this month of two new Sanctioned Leagues at this centre as the new season gets under way, the 1st being The Guys and Dolls League and at 22 lanes this is the largest league lane-wise at the centre. Opening night saw RAY FINLAY of the Mallony Chargers set the pace with a 244 Game and 638 series. Also sanctioned for the first time is the "S and H" League consisting of 14 x 4 person teams making for a healthy league, once again RAY FINLAY bowled well with a 615 series, high games recorded were DAVID FIELD 257 and DENNIS DAY 243. Junior bowling once again hit the limelight with RICHARD HILLIER finishing runner up in the Junior Matchplay. This Centre is very proud of him on this achievement

the first two games by 8 and 2 pins respectively before running away with the third for and 8-0 victory and the title. LAPOINTE BROACHERS also had to fight hard against CAPOREL and the final result 4-4 was probably the fairest possible but meant that LAPOINTE pipped CAPOREL for second spot. League High game and series went to SEXY PLUS TWO, while the individual honours went to RAY MOULTON, 660 Series and ROGER LANE 271 Game. High average was by IAN CLARK 179.



## LEWISHAM

The Lewisham Festival of Sport Tenpin Bowling Tournament provided some very interesting bowling. In the Ladies singles, the favourite JULIE SHEPHERD, was ousted out of first place by the consistent bowling of JOY MOORE (597 handicap series). Sixteen year old Youth Bowler, ALAN McCARTNEY was a strong contender for the men's title taking the lead on scratch pinfall by a single pin (565) over RON CHANCE (564). Ron had the advantage though of a larger handicap and took the lead by 669 pins to Alan's 637 handicap series to win. In the Mixed Doubles event no one could match the bowling of MIM and ALAN NORRIS (905) scratch) who romped home to victory with a 1157 handicap series. The Men's Trios provided some exciting games and a very close finish. The 1485 scratch (1785) handicap series rolled by ALAN McCARTNEY, GEOFF ASHTON and RON CHANCE earned them the Men's Trios Trophy. Presentations were made by Alderman C.A. Combes of the Amenities Committee. A note for the Tournament Diary is the London East Area Rounds of the Coca-Cola National "Under 21" Championships which are taking place at the Centre between 19th. October and 14th November inclusive.

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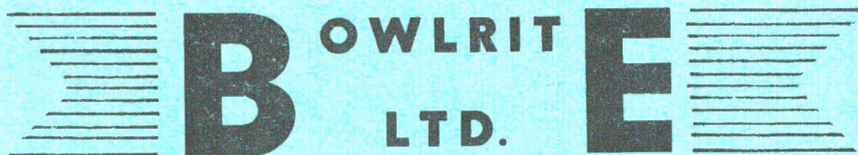
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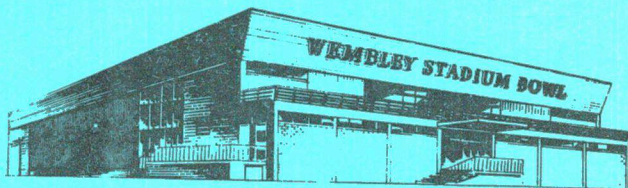
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