



'Pinformation'

No 4

NOVEMBER 67

Well, the smoke & the fumes of arguments for and against Leagues becoming B.T.B.A. Sanctioned this new Fiscal Year, is now clearing, and the pattern of what will be is formulating, it seems that as far as the London Area is concerned a drop in Membership may have to be recorded once again, it is too early yet to give any figures or percentages, as applications are still coming in. The one fact that comes to light is that it looks like the Area Office will need to Service nearly as many Leagues as Last Year.

We mentioned smoke and fumes, as this seems borne out by some of the big guns that were fired against the Association and the fumes left behind were at times, not all that pleasant in odour. None of these guns were brought to the OPEN MEETING held at Caxton Hall, to fire out in the open, in fact we hardly heard even a Pop-Gun.

It is somewhat puzzling for one to understand some of the statements made in reply to our questions as to the reason certain Leagues who have what would appear to have a majority of Association Members rolling on the League and yet not willing to declare to the rest of the Sport that are prepared to comply with the Associations' Rules by having their League Sanctioned under the B.T.B.A.

Several spokesmen have said that it was a protest against the National Body only and not the London Area as such -- yet surely by their action in becoming Members of the National Body and not having their League Sanctioned, only points to the conclusion that the Area Association is not required, as without Sanctioned Leagues to Service the Area Association does not exist.

Never-the-less, it is apparent that there are still a very high proportion of Bowlers who wish to have an Area Association, as well as a National Players Body, and to these true sportsmen and women we say welcome once more, thank you for your support in our efforts on your behalf and may this be your best personal year to-date.

ENTER NOW!!

BLUE RIBAND CLASSIFIED TOURNAMENT

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 1967

FINALS ON

SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER 1967

SEE ENTRY FORMS & POSTERS AT ALL LONDON CENTRES

CLOSING DATE 13th NOV.

and for the
SCRATCH BOWLER
JANUARY 14th 1968
2nd SCRATCH
SINGLES
at WEMBLEY
ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE SOON

L.A.B.A. EXECUTIVE REPORT

Your Executive Committee has now submitted proposed amendments making drastic changes to the structure of the Organisation of the B.T.B.A., some of these in condensed form are as follows:

1. To introduce Regional Councils into the Family Tree, with each Council consisting of Representatives from Area Associations within the Region, and each Council having one chosen representative to serve on the National Council in addition to those Members chosen at the A.G.M. of the E.T.B.A.
2. Regional Councils would have County Boundaries, and would organise inter-City, Inter Area, Inter-County and Iner-Region Competitions and would free the National Council and Secretariat to concentrate on its primary function of Governing the Sport from the National Viewpoint.
3. 'Suspension Procedure' to be changed to 'Disciplinary Action' leaving room for penalties to be given other than suspensions for minor breaches of discipline, hearings to be held at Regional Level making them more unbiased than at present at Area Level. The penalties would be imposed by the Regional Council leaving the right of appeal to the National Body, thus removing the 'Finality' of all penalties levied by the Higher Authority under the present circumstances.
4. It is proposed that in place of the present B.T.B.A. dues of 10s. which a Member has to pay out of his pound Membership Fee, the Area Association would pay a levy to the National Body of so much per hundred Members and that the Levy be subject to approval by the Delegates at the A.G.M. of the B.T.B.A. coupled with these proposals is the suggestion that Publications and Stationery at present supplied free by the B.T.B.A., should be purchased at cost by the Area Association and supplied to Members by the Area, this would give more Financial scope to the Area Association to provide Services to its Members.

In addition to the above mentioned changes it is proposed to re-present four amendments (with the required 100 signatures) which were rejected by the Legal Committee last year, these are:

1. The General Secretary's Salary and expenses be made subject to approval at each A.G.M. of the B.T.B.A.
2. No Meeting should be official unless it has a quorum of at least 50% of the Committee be present, this to include the National Council.
3. Any Special or Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the B.T.B.A. can be called by 25% of the Delegates of the A.G.M. of the B.T.B.A.
4. Delegates of the Area Associations Board of Directors be based on the Current Membership, instead of last years Membership as at present, this will ensure that all Current Sanctioned Leagues are represented at the Area's A.G.M.

It is felt that in the absence of any better ideas these amendments will go a long way to removing the main criticisms against the Association and would give a much more Democratic form of Government and Service to the Member.

The Executive have (in the light of many requests) changed the Bye-Laws of the Area (Subject to approval of continuance at its A.G.M.) to bring the date of our own A.G.M. forward to take place at least 14 days prior to the National A.G.M., in order that your Delegates may have more idea of its Members views before voting on decisions at a National Level

'Pinformation' says thanks to 'THE TIMES'

In a previous edition of this paper we expressed our disapproval of the National Press in the coverage given to the British

Team's achievements at Malmo, at long last, Geoffrey Green of the Times in an edition of the Saturday Times Review of 14th October, wrote three 12" columns on pg. 8, covering David Pond's 'Silent Victory', at Malmo and an excellent summing up of the 'War' and as he put it.. 'the determined efforts by some chain operators to kill the sporting aspect of the game'..in their endeavour to take only one road between Tenpin being projected as a Sport or a Coconut-shy Entertainment. His article makes a lot of good sense and gives food for a considerable amount of thought all round.

We hope enough people that matter read the Times on Saturday and if not we are sure that the Back Numbers Office at Printing House Square will be only to pleased to assist..

Tenpin Bowling made the Nationals in the South for a change, our thanks to Geoffrey Green.

**BLUE RIBAND
CLASSIFIED TOURNAMENT
CLOSING DATE 13 NOV.**

NEWS FROM AMERICA

We are sure that many of our Members in the London Area would welcome the news of two friends who became so well liked during their stay in this Country, namely, MAC and PEGGY REMSBERG. Congratulations to them in the birth of a son, born 8 lbs. on 6th October. To be named: Adrian McCardell (Mike) Anybody wishing to drop them a line, their address is: 1121, Cakon St. Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. 96818.

SCORES! SCORES!

After telling Tony Samuels in our last Edition that it would not be long before he hit a 200 average on another Centre other than the 'Hill', we are informed that our prediction was right and he now holds a 200 on the SCRATCHDOUBLES League at Wembley.

News came in of RON ARMSBY, (Pictured below), qualifying for the coveted 700 CLUB from Guess where?..... of course... STAMFORD HILL, and as if that was not good enough from this pleasant Bowl.....



Then a British all-time High 5man Team Series rolled on the Supreme League on Thursday, 19th October. by the WEMBLEY ALL STARS.

Scores as follows:

Phil Russell	207	253	183	643
Bob Mansfield	214	205	222	641
Roger Cook	219	160	207	586
Len Gaston	233	239	195	667
Del Brough	191	255	225	671

1064 1112 1032 3208

It is understood as going to Press that this may well be a European Record as well. Congratulations to you all a truly outstanding performance.

FRIDAY MIXED THREE'S

EXCEL BOWL, Tolworth, just about the busiest Bowl in the U.K., also has one of the highest league programmes in the country.. 52 leagues bowling every week. And Tolworth has one of the keenest sanctioned leagues that there is... Their problem is not whether to be sanctioned or not, but whether they can get League Sanction No. 1.....or not!!! And, once again, they've got it. Yes, for the second year running they have been the first league to get their Sanction Application in to Head Office Office. As their Secretary says, 'when it comes to correspondence and Award Forms, what could be easier than No. 1 to remember.

The enthusiasm of the Members, is proved by the fact that their Secretary (who bowls... after a fashion...as well) had half of his dues collected by the 18th of August, and the rest had all paid by the 1st of September. But in all honesty a little subterfuge was necessary to get that No. 1. Having Having obtained all the money on the Friday night it was discovered that the Area Secretary who needed to sign the Form before sending it through to Head Office, was going away for 10 days on the Saturday. This delay in getting the Form away may mean that it may find itself second or third or even lower in the list.

So, it was decided with the help of a Team mate to drive (!) to the Area Office before it closed at 1 o'clock on the Saturday morning..... Panic struck when they entered the Hillingdon Area, Where was Hardinge Close? The natives new not of it. A Taxi driver was of even less help. The Milkman had seen it somewhere. Better not go to the Police Station, they may be wanting to know where Ron Miles lives. 12.30.... Think! Yes, Telephone.... all it needs now is to hear the tape machine and that would crown it. 'Hello..London Area Bowling Assoc..' ...!Well where are you?... 'Up to the garage, turn left, right at the roundabout, turn left, ...first right' Made it... Cups of tea all round, a look at the Bunny Girls bowling on the Telly....Form signed and posted..... No. 1 Sanctioned obtained. What price No. 1 for 1968/69.



Photo shows five of the Seven Members of the famous WEMBLEY ALL STARS

The full team are as follows: Eric Baker, Del Brough, Roger Cook, Len Gaston, Brian Lever, Bobby Mansfield and Phil Russell.

BOWLRITE LTD. E

BALL DRILLING SPECIALISTS

Custom-fitted and drilled whilst you wait by Wilf.

All Makes of balls and accessories supplied.

Balls plugged and redrilled.

Trophies, Cups, etc., supplied and engraved.

439 KINGSTON ROAD, EWELL, SURREY

Telephone: EWELL 2613

Authorized Brunswick Dealer

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO

'PINFORMATION'

c/o Peter Hopper

73 Cavendish Road, Edmonton, N.18

AREA OFFICE

8, HARDINGE CLOSE,
HILLINGDON, MIDX.



01-573 4836

WEMBLEY STADIUM BOWL

Forthcoming Events

L.A.B.A. 2nd Scratch Singles JANUARY, 14th

Valiant Cronshaw Handicap Trios

Open to any team whose members are FEBRUARY
employed by the same company

NO BOWLING CHRISTMAS DAY
OPEN

ALL DAY CHRISTMAS EVE (SUNDAY)
& BOXING DAY from 10 a.m.

FURTHER DETAILS FROM MANAGEMENT
TELEPHONE: 902 8560

NATIONAL COUNCIL - NEWS -

A seven-hour meeting of the B.T.B.A. Council took place on Sunday, October 15th at Wolverhampton and the following, circulated for your information, are the headings of the main decisions taken subject to continuance at the Annual General Meeting:

1. w.e.f. November 1st 1967, direct membership of the B.T.B.A. will be available to non-members through individual centres not at that date administratively associated with existing Local Area Associations of the B.T.B.A. A complete list of all centres through which direct membership will be available will be circulated by B.T.B.A. Head Office on November 1st. The direct membership fee will be 15/- for the B.T.B.A. fiscal year.
2. w.e.f. today's date B.T.B.A. lane inspection and certification charges will be reduced as follows: Renewal to be £1 per centre (vice 4/- per lane), and inspection to be 10/- per lane (vice 15/-).
3. The Seventh British National Championships will take place in early March 1968, at a North-Western or North Midlands venue and will include an invitational scratch Men's Singles Section (format to be decided). The British men's team at Malmø will be automatically invited in addition to the top losing qualifiers at Preston. It is also intended to provide six or eight places for such young players as are foremost at that time.
4. The 1968 A.G.M. of the B.T.B.A. will not be co-incidental with the National Championships, but will take place, probably in the Midlands, within thirty days of the National Championships ending.
5. Presentation of the top three prizes in the National Championships events, together with the top two prizes of the Invitational Men's Singles event, will take place at the A.G.M. of the B.T.B.A.
6. At the A.G.M. of the B.T.B.A. a presentation will also be made to the British Medal Winners of World Championships events.
7. Inter-County Championships will be encouraged and perpetuated.
8. Study Groups were initiated by the Chairman to explore the following possibilities:
 - (a) the establishment of a corps of authorised B.T.B.A. instructors,
 - (b) the establishment of a joint B.T.B.A./T.B.P.A. annual tournament,
 - (c) the organisation of a Pinfall Forecast draw related to the 1968 National Championships,
 - (d) the organisation of a weekly Fixed Odds draw, (revenue from both the above to go to the N.T.B.C. fund for British Teams),
 - (e) the establishment of a British Team Supporters' Club.
9. The following new members were elected to the B.T.B.A. Council. With the retirement of Mrs. Dolly Hart the present total is 15 inclusive:

Mr. Noel Wimpenny	Huddersfield
Mr. Jack Shields	Blackpool
Mr. Geoff Arbuckle	Coveentry
Mr. George Lambert	Bristol.
10. In recognition of her valuable services to the B.T.B.A., Mrs. D. Hart was unanimously elected an Honorary (non-voting) Member of the Council.
11. There will be another meeting of the B.T.B.A. Council during the week-end December 9th/10th.

National High Score Standing
Lists and Tournament Calender.

These items are now forwarded
from Head Office to Tenpin
Pictorial and Strike Out for
publication in the hope of
obtaining the widest possible
coverage.