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LONDON & OPEN SINGLES TITLES

GRANTED to ENA



ENA GRANT, one of the two "trend setting" sisters in law of the bowling world, maintained a 190 average over eight gruelling games at Wembley on Sunday 23rd January, to carry off from an International star studded field of lady bowlers, both the Open Scratch Singles and London Area Titles.

Ena, who holds a wealth of experience in the International scene, both in Europe and The States, has always been known as one of our foremost 'Team' bowlers, one that can always be relied upon to hold the side up when the 'individual' stars cannot find their line.

She has now shown herself as one capable of holding her own in Singles competition and it is only fitting that the titles should go to such a popular personality as Ena.

Squad by Squad report on page 8.

INTERNATIONAL SELECTION

'BARMY' is the word being bantered around the Sport of TenPins, in connection with the BTBA Executive's preliminary negotiations to set up a new system of International and Representation Selection. Prior to an official announcement being released as to what the system will be and who will be called upon to administer it....the setup is being criticised and the individuals 'knocked' before they have even got around a table to make their deliberations.

Let us therefore look at the factual situation....

- 1....In 18 months and 3½ years time, we have got to produce a Ladies' and a Men's team, that will defend this Island's European Gold Medals, and further, weld a fighting force together to make a formidable show for world-wide television, radio and press coverage, when we host the next World Championships in 1975.
- 2....Teddy Tinling, who, over the past few years, has led a tiny band of Selectors in the task of bringing individuals together to form teams, and discover which bowlers can carry an international calibre status, will be out of the country for many months in each of the following few years.
- 3....It is neither practical nor possible to recruit people from outside of the Sport to work on such a project as this. Neither has the Sport been established long enough in this country to give us sufficient ex-bowlers still interested in the welfare of the game to give us any 'Alf Ramsey's'.

So...We are faced with doing this arduous task within our own sport, and calling on people who although are still bowlers, are prepared to put in a hell of a lot of hard work, collating information and averages of players, studying the suitability of individuals, watching bowlers under pressure conditions, being fair minded and unbiased, and above all, being prepared to make an organised decision, and stand by it, throughout the criticism that will always be levied at them, whatever their choice.

The BTBA Executive gave Teddy permission to contact several Ladies, whom it was thought, may care to put something back into the Sport, from which they had enjoyed some degree of pleasure and experience throughout their International Selection. So far acceptances include, two Gt. Britain Gold Medal Ex-captains and a winning England Captain and ALL Events Triple Crown winner.

These Ladies await others who may also be prepared to put something back into the game in the way of administration.

For the male side of the picture, an invitation to form a preliminary Committee has been accepted by Messrs. S.Muscroft, M.Hathaway and B.Langford under the Chairmanship of longest serving selector H.King. This initial Committee will invite several current top bowlers to join them to advise on present form of players in Tournament and League activities. Different bowlers would be invited on each occasion.

It may not be all a Sport could desire for its Team Selection, but it is, under the circumstances, fairly practical, and no doubt a good starting point, it will probably need some tidying up.....but one thing the format can do without, is being branded 'BARMY' before it gets started.

The whole of the Bowling World should be saluting these brave souls, supporting them and giving them encouragement. For now is the time for them to learn their job and find ways and means of doing it to the best of their ability. It is on their results that we can get teams to make this nation a worth-while competitor in the fast widening field of International TenPin Bowling.

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NEWS FROM THE STATES

A letter written to A.B.C.'s bowling magazine from an irrate kegler complains that the Pennsylvania State Bowling Association Championships was not listed in a line-up of States having large tournaments. The tournament included 1253 teams - 3205 doubles - 6410 singles 5919 all events and close on \$95,000 prize fund.

Just the sort of tournament we might overlook

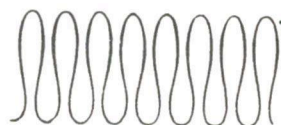
Great Britain ladies who made the first ever trip to the States will be interested to know that the venue for the 69th ABC Tournament will be Long Beach, California. Starting 20th February, it will go on until at least 30th April, they saw then a very bedraggled Queen Mary lying at anchor without its funnels and in protective paint, now she is shining and gleaming, resting at Pier J awaiting the visit of thousands of bowlers who will visit the Championships over the next couple of months or so. Final analysis of World Championships averages puts Great Britain in second place with an overall average for 9 places bowling 212 games of 196, a 5 pin av. difference from leaders USA and 3 pin av. superiority over Italy and Austria.

An unusual triplicate reported from the Dunkirk B.A. N.Y. of a Doubles Pair named MEADOWS and BUTCHER rolling the following: Meadows - 168 168 168: 504 Butcher - 165 165 165: 495 both totalling 999.

Lastly American 17 year old Junior recorded the seasons first junior 300 game seven days after the start of the new season, he recorded another 'perfect', one week earlier on the last day of the previous season.



**NEXT TIME
YOU BOWL**



LANGS GOLD CUP

The experiment of giving a minus handicap to bowlers holding averages above the recognised scratch figure, proved a success as far as entries were concerned. The event attracted many bowlers, with averages below or roundabout the normal scratch figure, who previously had been fighting shy of entry because the same names were appearing at the top of the prize list. DAVE GODDARD tells us that sufficient success has been achieved to prompt ABC in continuing with the ultimate of the experiment for which the ideas was really intended, i.e. a five-man Team Event. He confirms that a sponsor to help this along is now being approached and with a possible alteration in classified block form of handicapping a Tournament will be launched in the near future. Meanwhile..... SINGLES

For DAVE BRISTOW from Wokingham it was graduation day, as prior to this event the only singles he had won had been the Reading Junior Championships in 1963. Bowling on the last squad, Dave steadily built up a 1030 over the first five games then seemingly his nerves took over and a disastrous 148 game which included only 1 strike seemed to have finished him, but back he came with a 236, and 222 for a Final Total of 1636 over the eight games, to snatch victory from well known TREETOP bowler PAUL MAYOR with a 1602.

These two were the only bowlers to reach the 1600 mark although many were there or thereabouts at the halfway stage, the 8 games proved too much for them.

Provisional Results:

1 - D. BRISTOW	1636	5 - R. ARTIS	1577
2 - P. MAYOR	1622	6 - G. BUCK	1573
3 - B. WILKINS	1586	7 - S. WRIGHT	1570
4 - N. THOMPSON	1580	8 - E. BUTCHER	1568

MIXED DOUBLES

The Gems VI Team of Mary and Bert SABAN put together a 1725 set with Bert contributing 820 plus handicap over the 4 games to win by over 80 pins from GEMS III 1642 and JAYS 1631.

B.T.B.A. and T.B.P.A. CLASSIC DOUBLES

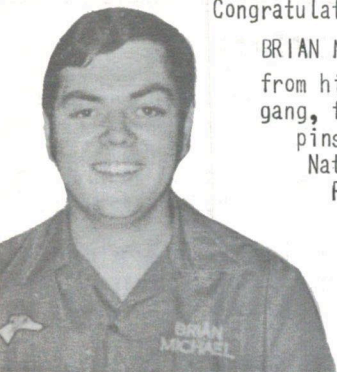
At Edgware on Sunday 9th January only 3 squads were needed for this the second annual joint Proprietors and Association Tournament, entries were again disappointing for this event. Last year we mentioned that the format and the date would need some second thoughts. The format was certainly altered this year but the date was persevered with. With a closing date at the beginning of December and the event taking place immediately after the Xmas and New Year celebration's does not seem to gel. However, we had some keen competitive bowling which gave us the following unrated prize winners.

REGULAR SCRATCH	
M. Knapp/C. Thomas	2479
G. Budgen/M. Parker	2373
B. Caterer/D. Staples	2365

LADIES SCRATCH	
Eun Grant/K. Wheeler	2167
Ena Grant/C. Collier	2166

REGULAR HANDICAPP	
H. Penn/D. Hunt	2318
J. Gotts/D. Dieches	2301
J. Selfe/J. Haire	2265
K. Blackmore/H. Pa. mer	2243

LADIES HANDICAPP	
P. Dury/E. Plant	2180
B. Cursons/P. Holland	2098



Congratulations to

BRIAN MICHAEL

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gang, for hitting 10
pins short of the
National All Time
Record, at Nth.
Harrow on 21st.
January.

258

258

249

765

YOU CAN HELP THE SPORT....NOW!

With the announcement that we are to have unlimited T.V. transmission, we hope that our renewed request to have our Sport covered by this medium in the manner that will present to the public, the true skill and suspense of Class Tournament play - will now no longer be turned down with the excuse that they have insufficient broadcast time to being in 'Minority Sports' as they term them.

We are No. 2 in the List of participation Sports so now is the time for you the Bowlers to spend a few minutes and sit down and write a request to the T.V. Authorities - your support from all round the country will give good weight to our renewed requests.

Soon, also Commercial Radio is a possibility when we know who is responsible, we can also give them a badgering.

NATIONAL HIGH SCORE CARD

5 man series	Brunswick Jets	3000
game	Classics	1086
	Brunswick Jets	1077
4 man series	Wembley All Stars	2498
	Brunswick Jets	2492
	Greyhounds	2450
game	Wembley All Stars	913
	Greyhounds	910
	Laymatt Avengers	898
3 man series	H. Stiller Racers	1964
	Wembley All Stars	1955
	H. Stiller Racers	1938
game	H. Stiller Racers	739
	Wembley All Stars	708
	Wembley All Stars	701
2 man series	Bermudas	1155
game	Sandpipers 2	479
	Badgers	405
4 ladies series	Lionesses	2265
	Lionesses	2173
	Lionesses	2150
game	Lionesses	795
	Lionesses	788

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SURREY COUNTY

Inter-Counties tournament Committee Secretary for Surrey - JIM GREASY - sends word that illustrates that Surrey will be all prepared for the 1972 challenge. The Committee consisting of JIM himself, RAY AUSTIN, MARY FORBES, KEN BAKER, ERIC GEAL, RON BROCKLESS and Chairman and Surrey County Delegate MICK KING have decided that they have raised sufficient funds with their lottery tickets to enable them to sponsor 2 mens and 2 ladies teams in this years Nationals to be held in their home centre in March. This will no doubt be the first time that teams with a county tag have ever been entered into the British Nationals schedule. It will not be through any shortage of tenacity or drive on the part of the Committee if the Surrey Teams are not in the finals line-up this year.

Our mistake!

Apologies for mis-printing the cost of LABA Award Badges, to those who wished to purchase these whilst our existing stocks last.

The cost of these should have read 10p and not 30p. Alan Reed has lots of trouble in returning the extra 20p. that many have sent in.

Don't forget that stamped, self addressed envelope if your are sending for badges.

PASSPORT

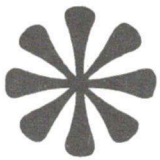
A reminder to bowlers going overseas to bowl in FIQ Sanctioned Tournaments this year, will require one of the new International Bowling Passports, these are now available and a form of application may be obtained from Head Office, or through our own Area Office.

On the return of the completed form, together with the initial fee of £2 and two normal passport photographs, a Bowling Passport will be issued by FIQ European Zone.

This document will be renewable annually for a 10yr. period at the cost around 50p.

U.S.S.R. GOES BOWLING

The Brunswick equipped Astroline Lanes and automatic pinsetters will be installed in the Soviet Union's first bowling Centre scheduled to be opened in July this year. The new Centre will mark the first opportunity for people of the Soviet to participate in the Sport of Ten Pin. It is reported that the first response from both the people and officials who visited the States to fix the 'deal' - indicated that bowling will find acceptance in the Union as it has in 40 other countries around the World



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LEWISHAM

The GPO (ITSSA) League have just completed their first season and although it has been a short season, the standard of bowling is definitely on the upgrade. League Champions with 96 points were the ICGIC with runners-up KINGPINS only 5 points behind. Another new league at this Centre are the Venture Scouts with a 16 x 4 man league bowling alternate Sunday afternoons. Four teams are at present with 3 points, none of them having dropped a point.

In the Park Royal League after 3 weeks the AMBER PINS have gone clear of their nearest rivals again without losing a point. After 11 weeks in the GALAXY League, the PADDYMACS already have a 20 point lead at the top of the league and look set for a runaway championship. In the SPARTAN League there is keen competition for top spot with LONNYS SIN and HOPEABLE both having won 11 games and lost 1.

GEOFF ASHTON still leads the PETERSEN SINGLES with a 9 point lead over ALAN SMITH and this week W. McCARTNEY has joined the newly formed 500 Club with 632 series.

The DEVILS BRIGADE continues to set the pace as Lewishams high scoring league with MYSTERONS A and CHESSMAN fighting it out at the top, both on 20 points. ROY HUDSON continues to hold the high average with a 186 over 24 games and holds the high game with a 248.



HOUNSLOW

The junior bowlers of Hounslow have been stealing the limelight from the Adults in recent weeks.

The Allstars team of DAVID SYKES, RICHARD OWEN, BARRY PLESTED, PAUL CARPENTER and JOHN FRENCH completed against twelve other centres in a challenge match and posted games of 815, 843 & 992 for a 2650 series.

They finished as the highest British team in the match, which was against teams from Ireland. Richard Owen was the team's high man with a 601 set. In Hounslow's own Turkey Shoot competition, Richard Dove and Paul won the trios section with 1690, whilst in the doubles section, Richard Owen and Paul Carpenter hit a 1203 set. Richard had games of 203, 200, 203 and Paul 168, 230, 179.

Richard went on to record a new house record at Hounslow whilst bowling in the Nomach Junior League with games of 219, 246 and 215 for a super 680 set.

Among the Juniors, COLIN CHANDLER is holding a 174 average over 27 games and second place in the league to ALAN COOPER who has lost only 4 games out of 36. Next tournament on Lewisham's programme is the NEW YEARS DOUBLES on 29/30 January to be followed by the WINTER FOURS on 26/27 February.



AIRPORT

The Boxing Day H/C Doubles enticed 38 teams away from their television sets to compete for a prize fund of £1,800. Much to the embarrassment of the organisers, Airport Bowl mechanics, OWEN EVANS and CORKY McCORKINDALE, teamed up to take the £20. top prize. Then Bar Manager DOUG ROBERTS and Control Clerk LYNDA JENKINS carried off £7.80p. for 3rd place, and to cap it all, Assistant Manager PAUL MONEY paired up with DICK STEWART to sweep up 4th spot. Only P. MORRIS and D. BATEMAN from Streatham broke the monopoly by taking the 2nd place prize money.

Preparations are now well under way for the John Rev International Tournament in February, when forty of Europe's top teams clash in a two day battle for a prize fund in excess of £1,000. British teams include Stillers, Sceptres Wembley all-Stars, Brunswick Jets, Greyhounds, Richmond Grill and Mallory Chargers, and teams are coming from Finland, France Belgium and Germany to add the true international flavour.

The Inter-League tournament on January 9th was won by the Horlicks League, after a tie with the B.O.E.M. team on 2946, Horlicks won the play off by 2930 to 2607. TOM NOAKES was their best bowler with sets of 558 and 552. The Airport team took 3rd spot with 2906.

OPEN SCRATCH SINGLES

1st SQUAD

ROBERT SHIVERS of the USAF, Chicksands a July arrival in this Country from Texas, with his wife and little boy, will be with us for the next four years. Started the scoreboard off with 1584, which was the score that was to stand for the rest of the day and give Bob the Open Singles Title for 1972. His 769 over the first four games, and an 815 after changing lanes, was 41 pins in front of N.HAVERLAND and C. EDWARDS who shared the same total, one pin in front of JOHN WELLS.

2nd SQUAD

DERRY McCARTHY was the highest scoring man in this squad but sadly lagged 100 pins behind the target previously set by BOB SHIVERS, although he hit 4 over 200 games.

BRIAN MICHAEL could not find his Friday nights' form on these lanes and finished well down the field. His team mate ALEX CAMIONI travelled through the bad northern weather from Leeds to start his challenge with a 245 in the first game a 221 in the second but then faded away hitting a red faced 129 when he changed lanes. J.SNYDER, A.MASKELL, K.WOODLEY, P.SUMNER and T.O'CONNOR were among others who failed to make any impression on the score board.

Birmingham's TINA HITCHMAN set up the target for the ladies division with a 1459, which after her first set of 216-194-192 and 222 for 824 looked like being higher than the men's division but she could only manage a 635 for her second set.

CAROL COLLIER finished 20 pins behind Tina setting the figure for the London Title.

A welcome sight was 5 of the 6 TOWNSEND

THUNDERBIRDS, supporting the tournament. They enjoy their trips to London and their bowling. Nice to see JOAN PRIMMER back in action in the South.

3rd SQUAD

1558 was the highest score from the men on this squad. It fell to BRUCE PEARCE on the occasion of his 1st Wedding Anniversary to reach this figure with his 752 and 876 game sets. His last two games of 225 and 223 clinched the total and as it was to turn out, was the highest score an London Area man could muster and gave Bruce the London Title. Ten pins behind was TOM OWEN with J. BREWER following. Nice to see the two GRANT Brothers supporting the scratch tourneys whilst waiting around for their wives to bowl. Tom therefore never had a chance this time to watch ENA GRANT, who certainly was well at home on the lanes, starting her challenge with a 255 game and a great first 4 game set of 803 following with a 718 set for her 1521 which was more than good enough to ensure her the top spot in the Ladies Division. Some 80 pins behind were her nearest rivals, SUE WINTER and DOLLY MILES in the squad.

4th SQUAD

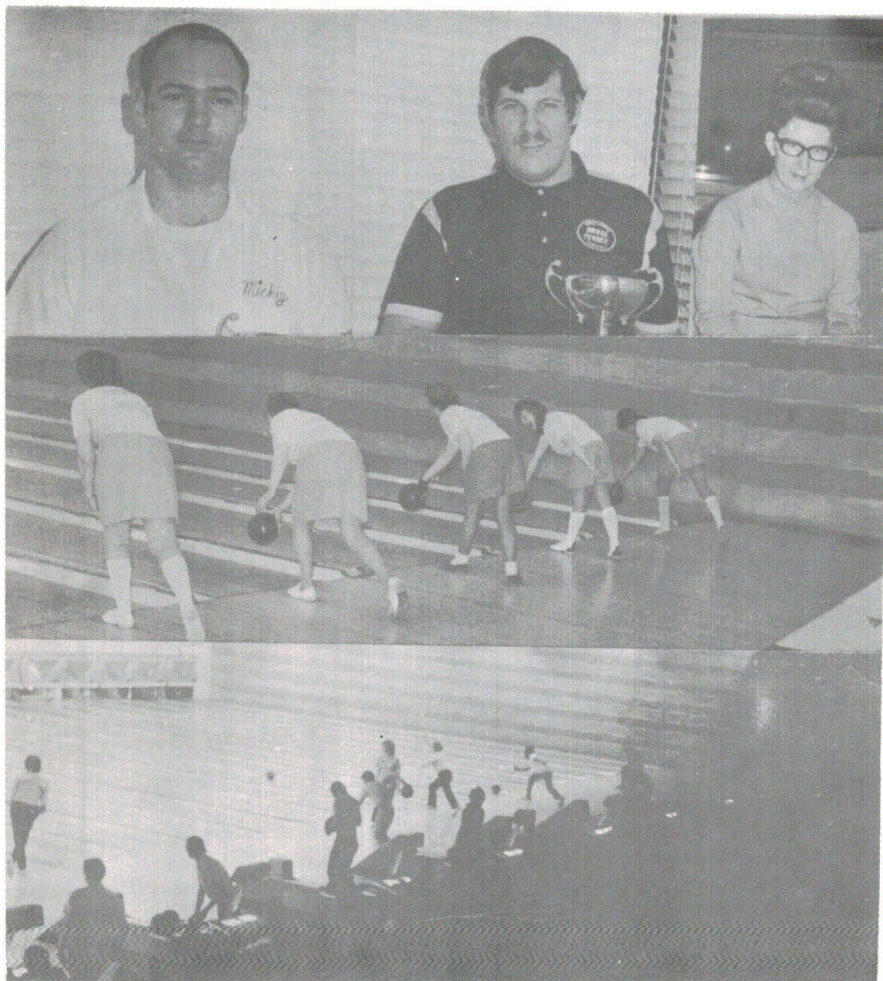
COLIN PRESLAND of the All Stars had the opportunity to overtake the leader Board when after his first 4 games of 197-232-168 and 171 making 768 he continued after the change of lanes with a 246-162-201 needing a last game of 208 to win. At the fifth frame he held a 117 with a strike in the 6th but missed a single pin in the 7th and another open in the 8th - 9 spare frames for the 9th and 10th could only make him a 190 so had to be content with second place. His choice of joining through the South Eastern Association robbed him of taking off his team colleague PHIL RUSSELL'S trophy as London Singles Champion.

American A. HELFER for Chicksand bowled 11 pins less than Colin after having an even better chance to take the top spot going into the last game wanting a 189 count.

Last Years Champion, PHIL RUSSELL started with a 801 first set but had a disastrous 133 on his first game after the lane move.

BILL JOHNSON did not bowl all one would expect but recompensed the Tournament team by bringing along his wife Barbara.

JOAN HAYES offered the only competition in the the last squad for the ladies division but her effort amounted only to a 1417 which was some 100 pins away from ENA GRANT'S mammoth total. Young PAULINE BOWREY could not find a line and managed only one 200 game.



Top left; Mens Open Winner BOB SHIVERS, Centre; London Area Title holder, BRUCE PEARCE. Top right; Ladies runner up TINA HITCHMAN Middle; Five of the TOWNSEND THUNDERBIRDS in action.

MEN

ROBERT SHIVERS	1584	£60.00
COLIN PRESLAND	1567	£30.00
BRUCE PEARCE	1558	£13.00
A. HELFER	1555	£9.00
T. OWEN	1548	£6.00
GORDON HOLLIER	1540	£3.33
N. HAVERLAND	1540	£3.33
C. EDWARDS	1540	£3.33
J. WELLS	1539	£3.00
M. HORSLEY	1537	£3.00

LADIES

ENA GRANT	1521	£20.00
TINA HITCHMAN	1459	£10.00
SUE WINTER	1444	£7.00
CAROLE COLLIER	1439	£5.00
DOLLY MILES	1438	£3.00



LEYTONSTONE

Racers, Pacesetters and King Pins are having a great tussle at the halfway stage in the International Trios League, as only 6 points separate the three teams, as they fight for 4th, 5th and 6th positions in this highly competitive league.

Piranah are not being very friendly in the Friendly League as they streak away from the other teams. As well as being league leaders they also hold high series and high game. F.B.I. and Catch 22 are having a great tussle in trying to catch the top team. LES CALDER, the league secretary tells us that averages are the highest they have ever been. Royales who hold high series and game, are in 5th place in a very closely contested Olympic League. In top place are the A.C.E. followed by B.F.B.T. A PALMER holds high series CHRIS WARING holds high game as well as being top of the averages.

DON LOVENEY, Secretary of TELSTAR, which is the only handicap league in the centre, is helping his team the Hermits in the top three with some steady anchor bowling. They are only a couple of points ahead of Tom Hood, but some way behind league leaders Racers.

The Olderns team of BILL CARVER and SAM CROSS hold high team series in the Polaris League, and are gradually creeping towards top spot. BILL CARVER recently took high series and game for the league with a 242 game and 637 series.



TOLWORTH

The 14th December saw nearly all season records go crashing in the TRIPLE CROWN LEAGUE. Led by PETER SUMNER'S fine record set of 235, 221, 234 - 690, and JOHN SNYDER'S game of 241, the MALLORY CHARGERS hit a new 3 man house record of 1914. Their high game of 664 was not the night's highest, the TUMBLERS hitting 673, helped by LEN HAMBLYN, who started with 9 in a row for a fine 277 missing the season record game by 1 pin.

In the SURREY COMET, one week from the half way mark, KEN BAKER'S BOWLRITE STARS lead with a century of points, 10 ahead of the KINGS and 14 ahead of the SPITFIRES and overall only 45 points separate top from bottom.

The Secretaries' prize for the best attended team has so far produced 100% attendance from nine teams and an approximate overall attendance of 97%.

The mens high average is held by BOB RANCE 183, and the Ladies by PAT STENT with 171.

Saturlights, Apache and Titanic 4 recently caused a sensation in the Solar League, when they took some of the top teams to the final frame before admitting to defeat.

MALCOLM GLOVER who hold the highest average in the centre, holds high game and series in the Friday Empire League. BILL YOUNGER the league secretary and his team the Pinslayers are not letting the Hawks and Barraudas get too far in front as this league settles into a long hard struggle.



HODDESDON

After four years the name of RHODA BREWER has now been removed from the honours list for a house record series, in her place goes DEE NICHOLSON. DEE who has steadily been improving in her bowling, must now rank as the best lady bowler at Corkwood. Her game of 235, 225, and 202 for 662 series broke the record for ladies held for so long by Rhoda. The recent crashing defeat of the Apache by the Beachcombers in the Valentines, have given the latter a commanding lead. At the same two big defeats of the Hill-Billies at the hands of the Triers and The Gryphone has reduced the gap between the leaders in the Tremini League. The festive season was celebrated at Corkwood in no uncertain fashion. Firstly by a moonlight bowl on New Years Eve. Although starting slowly as these events so often do, those present had a very enjoyable evening. Following this another event was held on the 3rd January, when League Officers and friends were invited to attend a get together to meet the Boss, i.e. LOUIS LEVIN. Something over sixty attended, and with bowling, food and drink on the house, it became quite a hectic night and judging by their antics some of the older members have become converts to the psychedelic age. 1 a.m. they were still swinging it on the concourse and the lanes. ALL present would like to thank you Louis and your Staff for a memorable evening.



STEVENAGE

In the THORNS LEAGUE all teams have now completed 14 matches of their Winter schedule, the positions at the top of the table couldn't be closer only 5 points separating the top five teams. Double Diamonds have just taken the lead from ANDY CAPPS by a mere point, they have run into form at the right time. Last years 'Champs' after an indifferent start are now amongst the leaders in 5th spot. Spare Parts and The Flintstones are making their presence felt at the moment and their present league positions are not a true reflection of their form. The top teams are in danger of being toppled when they meet them. The Tornados, the all ladies team is making steady progress under the eagle eye of BERTHA HILL and now occupy 9th position. Best individual performances, STEVE FOSTER, a 147 average bowler rolled a 254 hi-game his best to date, JOHN BELL just missed a 600 series by one pin the second time a D D member has failed to gain the 600 award. Other bowlers who have topped 550 series BERTHA HILL and JOHN BATCHELDOR. Leading averages JOHN BELL 177 x 12 BERTHA HILL 174 x 36 and JOHN BATCHELDOR 170 x 39. Invalids who have now returned to the fold are



TRAVELLING

With just over half of its annual tour completed the Baltic International League has already equalled last season's all-time record breaking by setting up 12 new Centre hi-scores, and slide rule calculations are needed to determine not only Divisional standings but also average placings.

D. SHELLEY tops 'A' by .01 from J. LAU and T. BASS .006 further back with D. DEICHES & H. TANSWELL, making steady progress during the last 3 rounds, close up. Heading 'B' is T. KNEIP .008 ahead of Wembley Graduate R. BASS with Hemel's J. FORD taking 3rd spot and P. TAYLOR, T. NORRIS, D. FREESE & G. CLARE tightly grouped ready to take advantage of any slip by the leaders. M. BASS, Wembley Junior replacement into 'C' Division has hit consistently high on strange lanes and holds a commanding lead over Tolworth's D. KING who is enjoying a great tussle

ANGELA BARNHART, TERRY MADDAMS and EDDIE WALKER. The Singles League would like to send their sympathy to HARRY MEIGHAN, who is off bowling through a slipped disc. There is a fight for lead of the Singles between BERTHA HILL and BOB ENDERSBY with Bertha ahead by $1\frac{1}{2}$ points. NIGEL NEWLING is beginning to show form.

with L. PRICE from Edgware, Blue Riband finalist J. GRAHAM & J. MOXHAY, also from Tolworth for 2nd place.

A good series at Hemel jumped P. BASS into spot, but again the leader's margin is slight, .003 ahead of P. KNEIP in turn .024 in front of D. ROBINSON and these have opened a gap from the remainder of the Ladies' Division.

There is keen competition at the top of the average table where D. SHELLEY has a 5 pin advantage over T. BASS, both on 176, but with 16 members covered by 7 pins, positions change after each round and it is evident that no places in the season's Honour Roll will be determined before the concluding round.



PICADILLY

Numerous congratulations came the way of FRANK CHAN, when he returned to bowling league on this centre after his great win in the Major Division of the LABA Blue Ribband Tournament. This was Frank's first tourney that he has taken part in since he came to this country. This Malaysian born bowler is a very popular figure at Picadilly. The Centres Alibi Trios proved a success that obviously brought teams from all over - Teams of high calibre as well - borne out by the fact that the winning Trios was from the MALLORY CHARGERS.



WEMBLEY

The top of the table formation in the Major City League is as open now as it has been. WEMBLEY ALL STARS ROUGH DIAMONDS & SCEPTRES are all up there and it will be a long time yet before the title will take on any look of decision.

NOMADS and GREYHOUNDS are far from being on the side lines, Greyhounds strengthened by MICK MONRO Leuchars now stationed at Stanmore, but now without the assistance of BILL JOHNSTON who is now only making the journey down from Upper Heyford on Fridays for the BOOTH'S GIN League at Harrow.

Later this month the Police National Championships attract 34 teams, 72 doubles and over 90 singles, including many well known London League Bowlers like STEVE OFFORD, SYD BEENHAM, GEOFF MITCHELL and DAVE BOLNER. Bowling is becoming more and more popular organisation and companies. Barclays Bank are organising a company competition at the moment whilst their computer division is running a regular league at this Centre. This style of event gives an opportunity for bowlers who were active in the game some time ago to return, and one man who is doing stirring work at Barclays, sorting out former bowlers is RON McALLISTER who himself learned the game whilst stationed in Singapore with the R.A.F.



WORTHING

Sunday 9th January, '72 saw once again the annual Sussex Shield challenge match between Worthing, Hove and Crawley bowls. Six men and four women represented each centre and after the first of a three game series, Worthing went into a strong lead over their nearest rivals Crawley who were at that stage 85 pins in arrears. Game 2 changed the situation somewhat with Hove pulling into second place helped by a fine 232 game from DAVY FAIRFAX but Worthing stayed in front, in fact increasing the lead to 107 pins. In the third and final game Hove made a brave effort to push into first position, but the Worthing bowlers finally triumphed for the 1st time in the history of this competition. The final total pinfall was Worthing 5215, Hove 5130 and Crawley 5036. Individual honours for Worthing must go to JO PATIENCE who rolled the Worthing ladies high series of 516 and to MIKE WESTAWAY with a 612 for the men, also RAY IVES with an overall first high game of 230.

DO-DONT'S and SOUTHERN SENATORS are the two teams that lead the Regal League, both are neck and neck, holding some 90 points each, with their nearest

In the Wednesday night CLASSIC DOUBLES LEAGUE a hard fight between the ZING ZINGERS and COBRA'S is being waged with $\frac{1}{2}$ point between them. Top form is being hit at this time by BOB BLABER.

rivals, 8 points away. CLIFF BURCHELL hold a creditable high average of 189 sharing with GORDON RATHEY the Leagues high game of 254.

DO-DONT'S also feature top of the FRIDAY SCRATCH DOUBLES where they lead MALLORY CLASSICS by 4 points. FRED CRISPIN is the man to watch on this league, as he has found a way to raise his average from a 159 to 178 in 6 weeks. Rolling at least three 600's to help in his progress, he will soon be challenging DOUG FAIRFAX for his 676 league series and JOHN SNYDER for his 274 game.



CRAWLEY

In this months report of the DOUBLE DIAMOND LEAGUE it is the ladies who get the limelight with some fine bowling. First by MAUREEN WILSON who bowled a big 229-590 closely followed by MRS. LILLIAN ELLIOTT'S 568-222 and DELCIA SMITH'S 214-547. But the men are not far away with RON SMITH 622 series. TERRY DOLAN 604-244 JOHN BARTER 238-586-519, SAUNDERS 238 and GORDEN MILLER 580. With the 1st position Night Reach its a see-saw battle at the top.

In the DAVID ARGENT singles K/O League, the fight is on for qualifiers for round 3 with 4 more matches to play. This tournament was devised by Secretary TERRY DOLAN 3 years ago and is proving very successful in putting up high games and averages. In this event all league members inc. ladies-sub, men play on equal terms using their H/C they get 2 points for an outright win, 1 point for a draw

WORTHING continued

Players are put in squads of 6 and play each person in their squad on a scheduled basis. The highest 3 go to next round and so on to the final with last 4 people playing a round robin for a point and game. Champ is person winning most points, to get a League prize of £10.00p. plus cup and a £15.00p. clothing voucher by DAVID AZGENT. In the GUYS & DOLLS LEAGUE, PINKY & PERKY are still leading, Perky being Manager PETER FIELD; Junior DAVE FIELD has top average and TRUDY ABETHALL for the Ladies, the one junior team in the League have started their fight by winning 8 points in two weeks, thanks to PAUL FIELDS 577 series & JULIE DAVIS 213 game. KEN BAILEY who has now reached the age of 18, bowled a 639 series, which is the League record.

**Nth. HARROW**

Centre Representative JACK SYKES starts his report to us, reminding Secretary 's on this Centre of Jack's Post Box on the Concourse, for news. Top spot on the POLARIS League is held by the CONFEDERATES by 9 points--Secretary, NORMAN ALLEN hit a 244 scratch, which gives him league H/game with his h/c gives 262. We would wish Allen well in organising a Charity 12 hr. marathon with £100 prize money. The team of another league secretary---'THE BLUES' in the TUESDAY TRIOS, are fortunate to stay on top after a couple of 'out of form' weeks. The mind boggling named BLUETITS in the International Ladies League, return the H/

game of 505 for the League honours list, with the more discreetly named DOVES holding a 1364 series, whilst MARIANNE ARKELL keeps her name in the news with 216-608. ARTHUR WATSON's STARLIGHT LG. Looks a bit of a walk over for the HIGH FLYERS. The ORIGINALS broke the League h/game and Ser. record with a 1142 and 3212 in OBSERVER 5 star setup, although they have still to be content with the 2nd place spot to the PUMAS who are top.. MIKE POWER, newly installed in the driving seat of the Sunday night ANGLO-AMERICAN League, sees JOHN MURPHY's 265 honour being matched only by DON HARRIS's 649 series. TARJONS lead the EMBASSY League whilst the FLINTSTONES keep their lead on the SUNSET League, in the Later, JEAN HURLEY hold a 658 set with her h/cap. Tuesday's COCKTAIL League shows Assassins consisting of ROY VENTING, ARTHUR & HARRY JONES holding top place over HIGHWAY-MEN, SIB, UNTOUCHABLES & AZTECS all within one week's points total of one another.

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The only news out of this Centre this month, is a few short lines from the Secretary of the YBC. Who tells us of the three young bowlers Alan LUCAS, Nigel MANNING and Tony WILLARD, who carry averages of 183, 167 & 166 respectively. We are sure there is a lot more going on as well as these first class Junior achievements.

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31 to 21 Feb. Tavern Tpin Champs
ALL AMBASSADOR CENTRES

FEBRUARY

5 London Junior Invt. HOUNSLOW
13 The Rev Internat. AIRPORT

MARCH

11/12 Spencer Crue Trios PORTSMOUTH
18/19 B.T.B.A. Nationals TOLWORTH
18/19-25/26 Mx. Open Dbls. HOUNSLOW
25/26 B.T.B.A. Masters TOLWORTH
25/26 Bus. House Tourney WEMBLEY

APRIL

8 / 9 Schlitz H/C Team WEMBLEY
29/30 NYBC Nat. Champs. PETER BORO'

MAY

3 / 6 European Yough Champs. HOUNSLOW
6 / 7 L.A.B.A. Area Champs. CRAWLEY

11th Nationals

**Saturday 18th and
Sunday 19th March, 1972**

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ENTRIES CLOSE

6 FEBRUARY

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211 x55 C. Buck (AIR)
207 x21 C. Buck (HAR)
206 x33 C. Buck (HOU)
203 x39 B. Michael (HAR)
x33 D. Light (HAR)
202 x33 L. Gaston (BAR)
200 x30 E. Butcher (HOU)



189 x48 J. Snyder (TCL)
x48 C. Burchell (WOR)
x39 I. Brummer (TOL)
x36 T. Lyön (HAR)
x36 B. Michael (WEM)
x27 B. Caterer (HAR)
x27 D. Staples (HOU)
x12 T. Blanchett (HAR)
188 x51 L. Hamblin (TOL)
x42 B. Light (WEM)
x39 K. Prangnell (HOU)
x39 P. Stoye (HAR)
x36 B. Hollinger (HAR)
x36 D. Johanningmier (HAR)
x36 B. Pearce (HAR)
x33 W. Clarke (WEM)
x30 S. Ansell (HAR)
x30 R. Reader (HOU)
x29 K. Perry (HOU)
x27 B. Johnston (HAR)
x18 R. Artis (HOU)
x12 J. Smith (CRA)
187 x51 V. Baker (TOL)
x42 R. Blaber (HOU)
x42 B. Rance (HOU)
x42 J. Roze (WEM)
x42 C. Wheeler (HOU)
x39 M. Biggs (TOL)
x39 I. Brummer (HOU)
x39 W. Cowan (WEM)
x39 J. Mitchell (HAR)
x39 S. Wright (WEM)
x39 T. Wood (WOR)
x36 A. Davis (HAR)
x36 R. Griffiths (HOU)
x36 D. Harris (HAR)
x33 A. Sharman (HAR)
x18 B. Brown (HAR)
x18 M. Munro (WEM)
x15 C. Petty (HAR)
x12 B. Wilkins (HAR)

186 x54 D. Brown (TOL)
 x51 L. Gaston (WEM)
 x48 T. Izzard (WEM)
 x45 P. Russell (WEM)
 x42 J. Duffy (AIR)
 x42 W. Grant (HOU)
 x36 A. Jordache (WEM)
 x33 R. Cooper (HAR)
 x33 F. Simmons (HOU)
 x33 M. Woolard (HAR)
 x32 C. Petty (WEM)
 x27 C. Wheeler (HAR)
 x24 N. Boon (HOD)
 x24 R. Hudson (LEW)
 x24 T. Waring (HAR)
 x21 S. Jervis (AIR)
 x18 P. Robinson (HAR)
 x18 P. Sumner (WOR)
 x15 D. Richardson (HAR)
 185 x54 J. Hughes (TOL)
 x54 A. Maskell (TOL)
 x51 E. Butcher (WEM)
 x48 T. Izzard (AIR)
 x48 A. McLaren (WEM)
 x48 J. Thornton (AIR)
 x45 B. Hollinger (WEM)
 x42 L. Gascoigne (HOU)
 x42 P. Turnbull (WEM)
 x39 G. Liddiard (HOU)
 x36 R. Atkinson (HOU)
 x36 D. Harris (HAR)
 x36 D. McNulty (HOU)
 x36 G. Andrews (WOR)
 x33 A. Bass (WEM)
 x33 P. Kenney (HAR)
 x30 R. Adams (HAR)
 x30 G. Holden (HAR)
 x27 B. Tyrell (TOL)
 x27 S. Wright (HAR)
 x24 S. Offord (AIR)
 x24 D. Smith (HAR)
 x23 A. Davis (WEM)
 x21 M. Lewendon (HAR)

184 x54 B. Rance (TOL)
 x48 A. Samuels (WEM)
 x48 J. Wyndham (HOD)
 x45 K. Baker (TOL)
 x45 E. Lilley (WOR)
 x36 P. Crippen (HAR)
 x33 P. Rock (TOL)
 x33 J. Power (HAR)
 x30 J. Bathgate (HAR)
 x30 P. Cuthbert (AIR)
 x30 J. Wyndham (HAR)
 x27 A. Butler (HAR)
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JUNIORS

187 x30 P. Carpenter (WEM)
 185 x12 N. Thompson (WEM)
 183 x36 A. Lucas (HOV)
 182 x48 D. Field (CRA)
 180 x54 D. Smith (TOL)
 x48 R. Hillier (CRA)
 177 x15 B. Dickinson (HAR)
 176 x24 M. Bass (WEM)
 x33 J. Darvill (TOL)
 174 x40 C. Chandler (LEW)
 173 x39 C. Keir (WEM)
 171 x23 R. Bass (WEM)
 168 x54 P. Bowry (TOL)
 x33 P. Furling (AIR)

LADIES

188 x32 M. Ilas (WEM)
 185 x15 K. Wheeler (HOU)
 183 x36 B. Hill (STE)
 181 x21 C. Collier (HOU)
 180 x33 C. Collier (AIR)
 179 x55 Eun Grant (AIR)
 179 x39 S. Winter (HOU)
 x27 M. Arkell (HAR)
 178 x33 B. Hill (STE)
 177 x42 Eun Grant (HOU)
 x39 Ena Grant (HOU)
 x30 D. Miles (HAR)
 x13 D. Miles (WEM)
 176 x42 B. Hill (WEM)
 x18 J. North (AIR)
 175 x50 Ena Grant (AIR)
 x15 P. Dew (WEM)
 174 x54 C. Collier (AIR)
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 x45 W. Collison (TOL)
 x45 K. Wheeler (AIR)
 x36 J. Virot (HAR)
 x33 S. Bevan (HAR)
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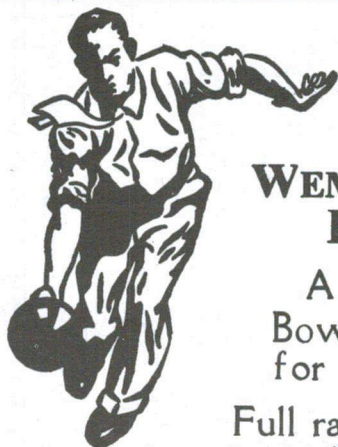
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