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## 'Pinformation'

Firstly, may we wish all Members a belated Happy New Year, we hoped to be able to say this much nearer the proper day, but circumstances just did not allow.

Many things have happened in the Bowling World since our last issue. First, 'Strike Out' the newest National Tenpin Publication has, we understand ceased to publish, which seems to us a great pity, as this magazine had great potential and was well produced. Second, comes the news that the only remaining Tenpin Publication under the name of 'Tenpin Pictorial' has dispensed with the services of its Editor and whilst its financial position is being sorted out it may well be some considerable time before the next publication date is announced if at all.

Although there will undoubtedly be many who may welcome this development, it does mean that the sport may well be without inter-centre news of any kind, and no news of any kind creates whispering campaigns that the Industry can ill afford at this time.

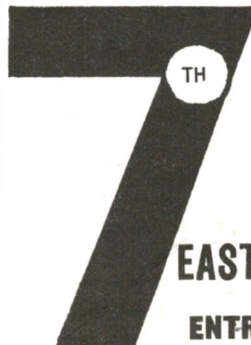
We at 'Pinformation' therefore will endeavour to publish more often than we have up to now, and perhaps increase the size, so as to cover news and achievements within the London Area and perhaps bring you what news we can from other Areas. We will only be able to do this if we can enlist help from advertisers and Centre managements in sending us news of their activities.

Centre Representatives will be only too pleased to spend a little time with any Centre Manager to collect information and news of Bowlers, Leagues and forthcoming attractions.

### COLLEDAN 'ZIPS' SAMUELS BY 11 PINS in 2nd Scratch Singles by Ray Kit

"GREAT!" Yes, another sanctioned Tournament run by the L.A.B.A., gets this acclamation, one that, to the Executive makes it all worth while. This, so soon after the Blue Riband Classified, was the Second Annual Scratch Singles Championship. This year the Tournament came to WEMBLEY as promised, on Sunday, 14th January. 70 men and 20 ladies took to the lanes over three squads, to roll 8 games in two series of 4, each series on a different pair of lanes.

What excitement there was, in the men's division a great standard was achieved... Figures such as an average game of 180, and average series of 1437 go a long way to prove what good bowlers there were. Right from the first squad, we saw TONY COLLEDAN, from the Brunswick Jets, go into the lead, with a great series of 1619, an average of 202, a figure that was to stand throughout the Tournament, and to proclaim Tony the men's winner... to me the 1st squad was the most exciting for the last 4 games there was DAVE JONES on lanes 3 & 4, rolling an 816, with a high game of 227; DAVID POND on 5 & 6..



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## 1st BLUE RIBAND CLASSIFIED

Once again, the London Area has made it's mark, by launching a new great kind of Tournament. On the 26th November, and 10th December, all areas of the BTBA watched with fervent interest, the outcome of the 1st sanctioned classified tournament.

As experience shows, anything new is always regarded with scepticism, and so it was with this tournament, that entries were far lower than was hoped for. The female entrants were insufficient even to hold a final, and in consequence, the female divisions, together with division 1 for men (averages up to 135) were cancelled, and the tournament got under way with just 3 male divisions... Div 2 averages 135/150; Division 3...151/161; and division 4 166/175

And so 77 men rolled off in the qualifying rounds at Stamford Hill and Tolworth - from each centre, the top each in each division qualified for the finals. At this stage, two interesting results appeared at Tolworth: John Wadley in Division 2 rolled a 614 series; and Bert Pewtress, who originally entered Division 1., and agreed to bowl in division 2 when 1 was cancelled, qualified for the final.

At this stage, appreciation must be given for the Managers at ABC Stamford Hill, and Excel Tolworth, for their great help in the first rounds.

Then, on Sunday December 10th at 1.00pm. thanks to great help of Paul Graves, and his staff at ABC North Harrow, the first squad was ready to bowl off on lanes 1 - 16 dead on time. After a few well chosen words by Danny Lever, the President of the London Area, battle commenced..... and so did the shocks..... In the first round 8 of the hot favourites had been eliminated, and by the end of round 2, the 4 qualifiers from the London Area Executive had been relegated to their rightful duties of working!!

In round 3 the limelight was stolen by Peter Sinsbury, from Tolworth, who, bowling in Division 2 (Averages 136/150 remember), had the crowd right behind him, as he rolled a great first game of 225 he finished with a 634 series and thus assured himself of a place in the finals.

So we came to the finals.

In Division 2 Peter Sinsbury battled with fellow Tolworth Bowler, David Ratcliffe. Ratcliffe started well, and took the first game by 12 pins 159 to 147: Back came Sinsbury with a 175 against 162, and so entered the third game with a 2 pin lead: just to make sure of first place, he finished with 163 against 146 and so won 485 to 466.

In Division 3 Peter Tomei from Stamford Hill did battle with Les Gibbons from North Harrow, Les bowling at home had a good lead of 27 pins after the first game...178 - 151: but Peter rolling steadily and determinedly picked up 37 pins in the 2nd game...182 - 145 and put himself 10 pins up and so into the third game, where he consolidated his lead with a further 7 pins 166-159 and took the trophy home to Stamford Hill with 499 to 482.

And lastly, the heavies!! Division 4 as in Division 3 proved to be another Stamford Hill - North Harrow match, and it was Bobby Skinner from the Hill who was leading by 12 pins over Alan Couch at the end of the 2nd game, with 174 & 157 against 156 & 163. Then in the 3rd game, Bobby made sure of a second trophy for Stamford Hill by rolling a good 188, whilst Alan could only make a 117.

Continuous auditing enabled the trophies to be presented almost immediately after the finals were finished, and....



Left to right:- Alan Couch, Bobby Skinner, Les Gibbons, Peter Tomei. David Ratcliffe, Peter Sinsbury.



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## Average Manual

By now every member who joined the B.T.B.A. through the London Area should have received from their League Secretary a copy of the Average Manual containing last year's highest average of each L.A.B.A. members where returned by the Secretary on their final standing sheets. Already several members are asking why their averages were not recorded at all, or that a lower average is recorded so we must come back to the importance of the co-operation of each Secretary of a sanctioned League sending to the office their final league standing sheet for the purpose of these records. We offer apologies for errors in the manual in particular to Pat Newbury who appears in the 3rd place of the Womens Top Twenty and is in fact a male bowler, we dare not print what has been suggested that he may do to prove his status. Anyone who is a Member this year and not received a copy of the manual yet, please contact their League Secretary - their Centre representative or their Area Office direct. If you know anyone who was a member last year and not this, perhaps you would be good enough to inform them that they may purchase a copy at the cover price of 2/6.

### Blue Riband Cont...

this pleasant duty was carried out, after the winners had been announced by Ron Miles, the Hon. Area Sec., by Paul Graves assisted by Sue..The Mother Mini-Xmas'. presenting cups to boths the winners and the runners-up in each section.

And so ended the first of many future Blue Ribband Tournaments. From those that entered... "A Great Tournament". will there be another next year for YOU, and YOU stand as much chance of winning as anyone.

## L.A.B.A. 2nd Scratch Singles CONT.

rolling steadily for an 802 (216 h/game), and on 7 & 8, Tony Colledan exuberantly piling in a 821, including three 200 plus games with a h/game of 236. But in the 2nd 4 games, it was Tony who kept going, with a 798, whilst 'The Pond' slipped to a 767, but his 1569 was enough for second place at that time. Dave Jones dropped it and finished with a 1511 for a final 10th place. The second squad never really worried Tony and David, but in the third, when TONY SAMUELS of the Greyhounds rolled an 861 in his first set, an average of 215 all over 200, word soon got around ... could Colledan survive? But survive he did, and Samuels second set of 747, was just 11 pins short of Colledan's total...Tough for Tony Samuels, especially as the word also got around, that his zip fly broke after his 6th game.

Meanwhile, BERNIE WHITE was quietly totting up his score, 812 and 764 to put David Pond into 4th final place. Many results could be mentioned if we had space so perhaps a few like DEL BROUGH for his high game of the Tourney with 267; TED MURRAY started his last series with a 124 game and finished the set with a 245 game!! RAY ARTIS, last year's Champion, kept in the lime-light, and finished 13th with a 1509; and BOB LINK, with a 300 game under his belt, who finished 5th.

So to the Ladies... names like SHARPE, GARRETT, MILES, BREWER, BOWEN, WHEELER, etc., could only conjure up visions of High Scores and indeed we were not disappointed, the average series was 1338, and average game 167.

In the first squad MARY BETTS built up a good lead, with 1459, 70 pins clear of her nearest rival, young SUE WINTER; but it was not quite enough, the eight ladies in the next squad brought out the big guns, and it was KAREN SHARPE with a 1462 (an average of 182) who took 1st place by 3 pins from Mary Betts, with BARBARA MATHEWS following third only 8 pins behind that. JEAN HAYES with her 233 rolled the ladies High Game. The L.A.B.A. would like to take the opportunity of thanking Mr. Ralph Miller & Tony Rudge and their Staff for the excellent facilities and assistance afforded us once again. A very sincere thank-you, all of you.



Ladies Champion  
Karen.

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Dear Sir,

It has come to the attention of this office that Military Personal in the United Kingdom are competing in unsanctioned Leagues at Commercial Bowling Establishments, as you know A.B.C. members are not permitted to bowl in unsanctioned Leagues, in the case of Military bowlers in the United Kingdom, however, A.B.C. members are authorised to join and compete in B.T.B.A. sanctioned activities without jeopardizing their A.B.C. membership, this is in accordance with reciprocal agreement between A.B.C. and B.T.B.A. under which both National organisations recognise each others specification programmes. To preclude the possibility of future action which might result in loss of A.B.C. membership it is requested that in your capacity as A.B.C. Military representative of the United Kingdom you council these Military bowlers appropriately.

truly yours,  
The American Bowling Congress.

### NEWS FROM NORTH HARROW.

Good bowling at North Harrow where Ray Artis put together a 201, 241 and 263 for a great 705 series on Tuesday 19th December while bowling in the Cocktail League.

This was incidentally the first League 700 plus series bowled at North Harrow.

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number 6"