

2019 BTBA 4th Senior Annual National Championships

(following on from Nuneaton, Norwich and Airport past annual events).
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Sunderland Riverside Bowling

Colima Avenue, Unit G, Sunderland SR5 3XF. Tel. 01915496778 (bowl).

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May &/or on Sat. 11th and Sunday 12th May 2019.

Estimated prize fund based on 160 entries £5000

Events

***Male & Female Team / Doubles combinations will be entered into the Open Division*.**

Singles and All Events

Division A

Average (Open Division) 185 & over (Female division 170 & over) enter with individual averages

Division B

Average (Open Division) 184 & under (Female division 169 & under) “ “ “ “ “ “

Doubles Event

Division A

Average (Open Division) 370 & over (Female division 340 & over) maximum composite average

Division B

Average (Open Division) 369 & under (Female division 339 & under) “ “ “ “ “ “

Four person Team Event

Division A

Average (Open Division) 740 and over (Female division 680 and over) maximum composite average

Division B

Average (Open Division) 739 and under (Female division 679 and under) “ “ “ “ “ “

Full entry available online at www.BTBA.org.uk SANCTION NUMBER: 19/0017

TOURNAMENT GENERAL MANAGER JOHN
STRETTLE in conjunction with Northumberland and
County Durham local BTBAs

e-mail: dansjohnstrettle@yahoo.co.uk Texts 07932978123 before 9 pm

Squad and Registration Times

Saturday 4/5

Squad A

Singles and Doubles registration 08.00-08.30, practice 08.30, bowling 8.45 prompt Saturday 4/5

Squad B

Team registration 11.30-12.00, practice 12.30, bowling 12.45 pm prompt Saturday 4/5

Squad C

Singles and Doubles registration 3.00-3.30, practice 4.15, bowling 4.30 pm prompt Saturday 4/5

Sunday 5/5

Squad D

Singles and Doubles registration 08.00-08.30, practice 08.30, bowling 8.45 prompt Sunday 5/5

Squad E

Team registration 11.30-12.00, practice 12.30, bowling 12.45 pm prompt Sunday 5/5

Squad F

Singles and Doubles registration 3.00-3.30, practice 4.15, bowling 4.30 pm prompt Sunday 5/5

Saturday 11/5

Squad G

Singles and Doubles registration 08.00-08.30, practice 08.30, bowling 8.45 prompt Saturday 11/5

Squad H

Team registration 11.30-12.00, practice 12.30, bowling 12.45 pm prompt Saturday 11/5

Squad I

Singles and Doubles registration 3.00-3.30, practice 4.15, bowling 4.30 pm prompt Saturday 11/5

Sunday 12/5

Squad J

Singles and Doubles registration 08.00-08.30, practice 08.30, bowling 8.45 prompt Sunday 12/5

Squad K

Team registration 11.30-12.00, practice 12.30, bowling 12.45 pm prompt Sunday 12/5

Squad L

Singles and Doubles registration 3.00-3.30, practice 4.15, bowling 4.30 pm prompt Sunday 12/5

Lane Maintenance will be after each squad. Bowlers will change lanes after any three game set only.

Joining the BTBA

To participate in the BTBA Senior National Championships all entrants must be a member at the time of bowling in the tournament.

This tournament is sanctioned by the BTBA and the BTBA's General Playing and Tournament Rules will govern this event. BTBA Membership will be checked on the BTBA database which is accessible at btba.org.uk To check your own membership I would refer you to the "MEMBERSHIP" tab on the BTBA website and then select the "MEMBER SEARCH" option.

Anyone wishing to join the BTBA on the day will be able to do so by online direct debit at a cost of £22.50. All memberships will be checked online and in the case that anyone can not demonstrate

their current membership they will have to pay this amount to join or to renew membership.

Tournament Management Team

John Strettle (Manager) 07932978123, Anthony Robson, Baz Walker and Dave Malpas

How to Enter this 4th Senior Nationals Tournament at Sunderland in May 2109

Closing date midnight 30/4/2019 unless vacancies still exist when, subject to the tournament management committee, later entries may be allowed from eligible entrants.

Confirmation of entry will be by email to team captains as soon as possible once their entry has been received. If no confirmation has been received assume entry has not been received or accepted and be in touch by email to dansjohnstrettle@yahoo.co.uk

You can enter online also at the following link

<https://form.jotformeu.com/90092736258361fbclid=IwAR2SaYPsul2MKSgFgWiSDDxmbm0et2sTlxR~TRgB7uU2X-qDXdxNwpPEinTg>

Payments for bowling only can be made by bank transfer to Nat. West. Bank Mr. D S J Strettle. Account 20127529 Sorting Code 54 10 31 using the reference SLAND19YourNameHere. All bowling payments/bank transfers must be referenced by SLAND19 followed by the surname of the team captain.

N.B. to pay for hotel accommodation please use the different account number shown page 5.

Once an entry has been made, paid and accepted no refunds can be given or made. An entry may be sold to an eligible replacement on the authority of the tournament managers.

Entry fees per person

Registration fee £11 per player including BTBA Sanction fee, BTBA Tour Contribution, expenses, local area association donations etc.

Plus Entry fees of £18 per player per event which includes lineage and £10.50 prize fund.

All events will be an additional £7 per player, which will be fully returned in the prize fund.

Total £72 per player if three events are entered. Prize fund will be returned 100% in cash or prizes and should be paid by bank transfer within 30 days of the end of the tournament.

Additional prizes may be added and given during the tournament at the discretion of the tournament management team.

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and B&P Fabrications Leicester Ltd www.bpfabs.co.uk

TOURNAMENT RULES

This tournament is sanctioned by the BTBA, therefore the General Playing Rules and Tournament Rules of the BTBA, together with the following Special Rules, will govern this tournament.

1. Eligibility: The tournament is open to all BTBA members who are aged 50 on or before 31st December 2019.
2. Players entering average will be based on the highest following average, irrespective of whether it was bowled on string machines or traditional **freefall**:

Following a decision by the BTBA Executive, Free Fall and String averages will both be accepted without differentiation for all handicap tournaments as from 1st August 2018. BTBA members will therefore have the opportunity of competing in tournaments on both String and Free Fall. Over 20% of all lanes in the UK are set to become String by the end of 2019. They will be subject to the usual lane certification process.

Players must declare their highest league or tournament average at the time of entry.

1. Current season's average for 18 games or more at the time of entry being the highest in any league which the player bowls, or composite tournament average of 12 games or more, whichever is higher, but may not be more than 5 pins lower than the previous season's average.
2. If the player does not have a current season's average, last season's average for 18 games or more will be acceptable, but may not be more than 5 pins lower than the bowlers highest previous average for any number of games. Nor may it be more than 5 pins lower than the players tournament average.
3. if the player is unable to declare an average then they will be accepted in the highest division.
4. The Tournament Manager reserves the right to accept, reject or re-rate any entrant, if in their opinion, the highest average submitted does not conform to past performance of the team or individual. Winner's averages will be verified after the event.

5. The team captain is responsible for the accuracy of all averages of the individual team members and they are in turn responsible to them. Should the Tournament Manager find at any time that the averages have been falsified, the team/individual shall forfeit all claims for monies and prizes as well as their entry fee, and will be subject to disqualification and suspension from the BTBA.
6. The use of any foreign substance on bowling shoes or approaches is strictly prohibited. Cleaning bowling balls with chemicals from the latest up to date "acceptable list" (available on WTBA website) is permissible throughout the tournament. Altering the surface of bowling balls is permissible outside the playing area during practice or between squads only. Bowling balls must be thoroughly wiped with a dry cloth immediately after cleaning or altering the surface.
7. Players must wear suitable bowling attire. Players will not be permitted to wear denim. Tailored shorts will be permitted at the discretion of the tournament manager.
8. It is the responsibility of all players to ensure that their bowling balls confirm to USBC specifications. Spot checks may be made during this event.
9. Players are prohibited from smoking (including E-cigarettes) and the consumption of alcohol whilst their squad is in progress.
10. In the event of a tie for any position, the highest last game shall be used to determine who receives the highest position. In any situation where this does not resolve the tie, the penultimate game shall be used and so on. If the tie is still not resolved, a 10th frame roll off will be employed. In the event of a tie for an all-events position, the team games shall be used first, followed by the doubles, and finally if necessary the singles games.
11. Protests: In the event of a dispute, the Tournament Manager must be notified immediately and a provisional ball bowled if necessary. Protests must be made within 30 minutes and confirmed in writing to the Tournament Manager within 72 hours. The Tournament Manager's decision will be final, subject to appeal to the B.T.B.A.
12. Any player whose conduct is considered liable to bring the game into disrepute will be disqualified from the tournament. Any individual so disqualified will be reported to the BTBA for consideration of disciplinary proceedings.

Entry Form (Keep a copy)

Team Name Team Squad choice B or E or H or K
 (If you are NOT entering the team event please tick here)

Lead off Doubles A.....BTBA No..... D of B Gender
 Highest average League/TournamentBowling Alley.....

Anchor Doubles A.....BTBA No..... D of B Gender
 Highest average League/TournamentBowling Alley....

Lead off Doubles B.....BTBA No..... D of B Gender
 Highest average League/TournamentBowling Alley....

Anchor Doubles B.....BTBA No..... D of B Gender
 Highest average League/TournamentBowling Alley....

N.B. If you only wish to enter singles and not doubles please tick here SINGLES ONLY

Singles and Doubles squad choices - 1st choice..... 2nd choice A C D F G I J L

Doubles will follow singles, so if entering singles only your squad time start will be as for doubles.

Team line up for four person team 1.....2.....3.....4.....

Agreement: I, as team captain agree to abide by the tournament rules and
 have submitted a payment of £.....

Team Captain name..... Date.....

Team Captain signature.....

Telephone numbers

Email contact

**Entries can be provisionally booked by text, message or email but will only be
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**Fourth BTBA Senior Nationals Annual Tournament Advance Booking information
and hotel information for each weekend, see below.**

TO BOOK A HOTEL ROOM IN JANUARY for the first tournament weekend FIRSTLY SEND DETAILS IN AN EMAIL TO JOHN STRETTLE SO HE CAN GUARANTEE THIS SPECIAL DEAL. There are 16 team slots each day of this tournament available. Book soon for accommodation!

A few team slots have been provisionally booked with John pending the release of the on line entry forms due this month.

Please note, there are two different bank accounts for on line payments, that below is only for anything to do with the hotel and meals.

You are all cordially invited to the 4th Senior National Championships Dinner (SOUP AND CARVERY). To be held on Saturday 4th May 2019 from 7 for 8 pm at Brewers Fayre by Premier Inn A19/A1231, near Sunderland, Wessington Way, Castletown, SR5 3HR.

Early Bird Special - ticket price £18 per person if booked and paid for by 30th April 2019, thereafter £23. If buying the hotel bed and breakfast and dinner deal this cost is already included (except the pudding, £2 extra by cash!) so this will be the cheapest (and most distant for some!) Senior National Championships so far!

This includes a soup and carvery meal and a drink, lager, bitter, wine, soft etc. (advance orders for first drinks needed on the day, watch out for lists). Alternative vegan menu by advance request, suitable for vegetarians.

Residents at the hotel booking the full deal which costs £90.88 per night per room for two people and also includes morning full breakfast and evening meal if booked each night. There will be an additional evening pudding charge of £2 per person likely payable cash. Bed only per night per room is £43. No reduction for single occupancy. Breakfast £9.50 per person if wanted as a separate item. Three people in a family room if available would also pay £43 for the room only. Meal deal is £23.99 per night for dinner and breakfast per person. Evening meal only for non-residents, while space permits, £18 before 30/4/18 £23 after with pudding £2 extra on each.

Weekend of 4th @ 5th May. Nights of day 3rd & Sat 4th May.

Bed and Breakfast special hotel deals for all fully paid bookings by 31/1/2019

The tournament hotel for this event will be the Wessington Premier Inn (A19/A1231) about a mile from the bowl. Wessington Way, Castle Town, Sunderland, SR5 3HR, United Kingdom
John Strettle, tournament organiser, has negotiated the following very special prices, but these will only last for a couple of weeks, i.e. January so be quick to take advantage of them please.

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TO BOOK A HOTEL ROOM IN JANUARY for the first tournament weekend FIRSTLY SEND AN EMAIL TO JOHN STRETTLE. Forty rooms have been provisionally reserved, first come first served! Payment for accommodation this first weekend should be made by bank transfer to the following deposit account: Nat. West. Bank Mr. D S J Strettle. Account: 13864254 Sort Code: 54 10 31. Must reference hotel payments with Surname. Also send an email to dansjohnstrettle@yahoo.co.uk or text messages before 9 pm please 07932978123. N.B. bowling payments are to a different account, see details on page 2.

Accommodation prices as follows are only for accommodation bookings while vacancies allow.

Friday night and Saturday night FIRST WEEKEND ONLY deal £90.98 per room for two people per night. This is for dinner and bed and breakfast EACH NIGHT BOOKED for two people! Double rooms. Family rooms may be available (double and a single), must ask. no regular twins. No air conditioning and no lift available, if ground floor required ask and we will try.

THIS WILL INCLUDE Friday night and even Saturday nights evening meal ('SOUP AND CARVERY' SATURDAY NIGHT) and breakfast the following morning. Breakfast will be served from 7 am each morning and is buffet style. A PUDDING COURSE IS AVAILABLE BOTH NIGHTS AT £2 EXTRA. N.B. If staying in the hotel on Saturday night this meal deal would include the Dinner announced above. You can stay one night only if required.

Weekend of 11th & 12th May. Nights of Fri 10th & Sat 11th May.

Bed and Breakfast and hotel deals are especially difficult this weekend.

There is a Newcastle Magic Rugby event on which is bringing 68,000 people to the area and all hotels in the Newcastle/Sunderland/Washington/Durham area are already either fully booked or are charging inflated prices due to demand.

There will therefore not be a tournament hotel for the second weekend of the tournament.

There will be a Saturday night event, details still being formulated, venue unknown at present, watch this space, all entrants will be kept informed.

The nearest hotels to the bowl with realistic prices appear to be in the Hartlepool area this second weekend. Hartlepool is 18 miles to the South East. But you may be lucky if you search early. Accommodation prices vary greatly and each participant this second weekend will need to conduct their own search using Bookings or Hotels dot com, Airbnb, Travelodge, Premier Inns etc.

ACCOMMODATION... Friendly advice and warning... Repeated as it's most important! The bank holiday weekend of (nights of) 3/4 May is ok for hotel bookings at the moment and we have provisionally reserved (for a short time) many rooms this January as detailed above but the second weekend of the tournament, nights of 10/11 May, just happens to clash with Newcastle Magic, a national rugby event which is bringing 68000 supporters to the area. A search on any hotel search engine will show massively inflated hotel prices for Newcastle, Sunderland, Durham areas. The nearest reasonably priced accommodation to the tournament bowling centre looks like being Hartlepool, 18 miles away. Consequently whilst there will also be a social event/ championship meal somewhere on the second weekend, there will not be one or two main hotels that weekend and bowlers and supporters are advised to book up direct via any hotel chain or airbnb as soon as possible because of the above clash with the rugby.