

# The Inside Line



## Steve Wright - 50 years a Member!



Steve Wright - or as he is known Sir Steve, in common with many other bowlers, recently renewed his BTBA membership. But the difference is this will be Steve's 50th consecutive year as a BTBA member. Steve joined when he was 13 and his first sanctioned tournament was the London Area BTBA Championships in 1964. Over the years, he has bowled internationally and represented England, and was captain of the mighty 'Brunswick Jets' team. 50 consecutive years a member! The BTBA celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2011 - so Steve was almost there at the very start. There cannot be anyone out there that has been a BTBA member longer? If there is, let us know! Pictured above is a young Steve Wright winning an FIQ doubles at the Balearic Islands Championships in Mallorca in the late 70's along with a more recent photo...the gurn is still there! **Written by** Dan Bonfield

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### BTBA Seminar 2014

The BTBA are inviting **ALL** Local Area **AND** league secretaries of sanctioned leagues to a seminar on November 15th to take part in discussions about opportunities and development of bowling in England. Full story on the BTBA website [here](#).

### Team England Wildcards

Applications are now invited for 'Wild Card' selection for the 2015 Adult Team England squad. Please download the form from the [website](#) complete the form below and email it back to Jo Cundy **before the 31st October 2014.**

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## Membership Services Update

Written by Jerry Moll

Over the past few months that I have been helping the Editor, Frazer Bowen, to put together "Inside Line", it has been interesting reading the many reports of tournaments, particularly the Area Championships that were held earlier this year. Sadly, the theme of decreasing numbers of entrants is clear. Many Areas Championships are now handicap only, with no singles or ladies divisions.

As Dan Bonfield, Central Region Officer, commented, "I know from personal experience that it takes a lot to organise these events. But I feel these are vital for each county to hold. Becoming an Area Champion is just a step away from being National Champion", a sentiment with which readers will no doubt agree. However, it's clear that many Area Championships struggle to attract entries. The dilemma facing organisers is deciding whether to cut certain events, such as Ladies or Singles, or to maintain them and pull out all the stops in an attempt to attract sufficient entrants.

Gill Hutchison, the excellent Secretary for Lincolnshire, said of their successful Area Championships (which had nearly 100 entrants), "we added a scratch section to the singles and doubles to accommodate the high flyers and give the handicap bowlers more chance of trophies. This has worked really well, and we make a huge fuss of those lovely people. When the recession hit, we tightened our belts, ordered cheaper trophies and made it work, with publicity, publicity, publicity, plus a bit of begging and grovelling". Another Local Association ran handicap-only events but awarded special prizes for the top scratch game/series which seems a good compromise.

Publicity is, of course, a vital component of success. Regular emails to bowlers, maintaining an informative Local Association website, posters displayed at bowling centres, actively seeking sponsors, media involvement with local newspapers/radio all help to raise the profile of events and thereby boosts entries.

Even taking all these steps is no guarantee of robust entries as some Local Associations do not currently have a large enough pool of bowlers. So, perhaps the way forward is for some them to group together for their Area Championships, thereby creating better subscribed and more exciting events with greater possibilities of attracting sponsors and thereby greater media interest.

**We would like to hear your views on the future of our Area Championships so please let us know by email to [insideline@btba.org.uk](mailto:insideline@btba.org.uk)**

## Coaching Update

Written by Mark Heathorn - BTBA Head of Coaching

I am pleased to announce that the formal launch of our new coaching structure and qualifications, including E-learning will be within the next 4-8 weeks.

I am acutely aware of the demand in YBCs for more instructors and coaches and this weekend I am training the first batch of "Coaching Tutors". These key personnel will deliver the new entry level Fundamentals Instructor qualification locally and cost effectively. Before the end of this year we will also be hosting some regionally based workshops to enable larger numbers to qualify more quickly.

This timeframe is later than previously suggested because the original solution we commissioned failed to deliver the standard of service and operational capability our structure requires. We are satisfied we have found a more reliable and more suitable solution.

We are now working closely with a company that is used to delivering Coach Education to many different sports, and who works with many professional sporting organisations, educational bodies and national governing bodies. We have agreed a timescale that can deliver a desirable package for our members. Full details of this partnership will be announced in due course but the process is now underway and we are very confident that we can now meet the timelines for delivery. In the longer term this partnership will deliver additional services to our members, including accreditation with the UKCC structure.

In spite of the technical challenges I am very excited by the new structure and content which has been developed and I am certain that our existing coaches and bowlers and the next generation of coaches and bowlers will find it equally exciting. Please rest assured, I am working as hard as possible to deliver the solution you deserve.

## 2014 BTBA UK Championship Tour Heads Towards a Record £3,000 Finish

Written by Ron Griffin - BTBA Chairman - rongriffin@btba.org.uk

"The 2014 BTBA Tour was a fresh new look at providing high quality, well run events in some of the best centres able to support our sport. It has been a sizeable learning curve for both centres and the BTBA. There have been some difficulties, but these have been overcome and the Tours are set to finish on a high, with a guaranteed prize fund of £3,000 and sponsor awards!"

### Qualification

The eighth and final qualification event of the season will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2014, and will feature a single-venue, dual-tour event, with adults and seniors competing in the same venue and at the same time, but in distinct events each with their own sets of lanes. The entry form, which includes the event format will be made available on the website, so please watch for announcements. Entries will be strictly limited to 56 adults and 40 seniors and bowlers are urged to get their entries in as soon as possible.

### UK Championship Finals

The finals will be held in January, and centres are being approached to host the event that are as central to all as possible. Based on a bowlers best 6 events from 8\*, the top 16 men and 8 ladies will qualify for the Adult Championships and the top 12 senior men and top 8 senior ladies will qualify for the Senior Championships.

The prize fund for the Championships is a guaranteed £3,000, plus the Team England sponsors Storm Bowling will be providing bowling balls for each of the winners\*\* Please continue to watch the website and our BTBA Talk Facebook page for further updates.

*\*based on finishing positions without pin bonus*

*\*\*sponsors terms may apply*



## BTBA Annual Awards Programme

Written by Ron Griffin

For quite a few years now the BTBA have held their annual award ceremony at the Adult County Championship dinner and while this may be appropriate for a number of the awards it is not the obvious choice for some of the others. We believe that the time has come to overhaul the whole process and rethink how we nominate, select and present the awards.

The current categories for awards are male and female bowlers of the year for the Junior, Adult and Senior age groups and in addition we have awards for the Official of the year and the Volunteer of the year. Each Local association is asked to submit their own nominations. This invariably means each area will use a different set of criteria to determine who they vote for. In addition members of the National Council, and the NAYBC Management team are asked to vote.

As you may suspect many Local Associations will look within their own membership base while those on the Council will probably take a broader view which then devalues the views of the individual Local Associations just by the sheer weight of numbers each looking at things from a different perspective. It is almost inevitable that the Local Associations will feel that although they are part of the process they are not being heard.

This year we are implementing a new selection process that ensures that the Bowler of the year awards are truly National awards. The criteria for nomination is being tied to National / International achievements and a list of nominees has been drawn up by those people responsible for the sport at a National Level, i.e. The Team England Management teams. This list has been sent to the full National Council for ratification and it is now being sent to all Local Association for their votes. Once votes are cast no additional voting will be required by the National Council as they have already had their say by participating in the selection of nominees.

We do not plan to change the venue for presentations this year but, starting from 2015, while the majority of the awards will continue to be distributed at the Annual Adult Inter-county dinner, it does seem more appropriate that the Senior and Junior Bowlers of the Year are awarded at events that are more likely to be attended by their peers. i.e. the Senior Inter-County dinner, and a possibly a suitable Junior event if one can be found.

The "non-bowling" awards are also changing. The criteria for each of the awards is being clarified along with new...

## BTBA Annual Awards Programme continued...

...nomination and voting processes.

### **Official of the Year - Sponsored by the BTBA Executive Council**

A person in an official capacity who has made a contribution supporting, players, participants or other officials on Local, Regional or International duty. Helping with the preparation or development of those participants during previous twelve months. Nominations will be determined within the National Council, with the selection of the eventual recipient being made by the Executive Council.

### **Volunteer of the Year - Sponsored By the Tenpin Bowling Proprietors Association**

A person who, whilst serving in an official or unofficial capacity, who's contribution has been felt much more locally and has contributed to their YBC, league, local centre, the County Association or National Association during the last twelve months. A person who has given up their own time to help improve the environment in which participants play, and to further develop the sport of tenpin bowling. Nominations for this award will be received from the Local Associations and the winner will be selected by the National Council.

### **Significant Contribution to the Sport of Tenpin Bowling - Sponsored by the BTBA Chairman**

A new award is being introduced that recognises individuals that have made a significant contribution to the sport either during the last year or over a sustained period of time. A person who has dedicated themselves to the development of the sport and continues to strive to improve the sport for all participants. Nominations for this award will be sought from all members by email submission on a form that will be available on the website. Members nominations should contain details of what that individual has done to warrant being considered for the award. The selection panel for the recipient of this award will be drawn up in conjunction with the sponsor of the award.

I appreciate that we don't have a lot of time left before the nominations and the voting has to be completed, but please try to act as soon as you can to ensure that your votes are being cast. If you want to voice your opinion about who should receive these awards, please contact members of your Local Association and make your voice heard.

#### **Criteria used for nominating Bowler of the Year Awards by Jo Cundy - BTBA Head of Elite Bowling**

As per our recent announcement regarding the BTBA Annual Awards please find below the nominations for the Bowler and Team of the year awards.

The following criteria have been used across the age groups – Junior to Senior and for Male, Female and Team of the Year. We aim to recognise those players whose performances during the year most embodies the spirit of sportsmanship and achievement.

#### **Bowling Success**

##### High level competition results:

WTBA  
ETBF  
EBT  
PBA

World Cup  
Triple Crown

##### In addition to the above, performances in the following:

England Trials  
County results  
BTBA Tour results  
The English Open

The London International

Other non EBT events eg The Irish Open, Malta etc

With this in mind please find the nominations and some reasons why for all the age groups along on the voting form which can be obtained from Head Office - [btba@btconnect.com](mailto:btba@btconnect.com) - deadline for voting is 20th October.

## Southern Region - update from your officer, Lisa John

I am delighted to bring you details of the *PowerPlay* Challenge League at Poole this season. Here Chris Oates gives us the low down on the league...

"The *PowerPlay* Challenge League we created is to improve everyone's knowledge and better prepare players for the challenging tournament conditions we see as we travel round the country and the globe. Each pattern (short, medium & long) has a solid 6 week cycle enabling players to understand and potentially master the condition.

It's been running for almost 3 years now and is a firm fixture at Bowlplex Poole on a Wednesday night. It is a singles league which comprises of playing 4 games every week, changing lanes every game to replicate the tournament environment.

All abilities are encouraged to participate as each week we have space for guest players, whether looking to improve their knowledge or just give it a go, and with the experiences and expertise of some of the players in the league its a great

opportunity for others to pick their brains and develop themselves.

League positions are then based purely on cumulative handicap pinfall and after all 18 weeks have been played we find out who has handled the *PowerPlay* Challenge".

This is a great opportunity for all bowlers to test their skills and knowledge of the game, so if you're in the area on a Wednesday night feel free to drop in and be one of their guest players for the night.

## Southern Region - League and Centre News

**Airport Bowl** Dan Bonfield reports...

Airport Bowl, has been and still is one of the country's premium bowling centres both for leagues and tournaments and the lady at the helm for the last 4 years has been Emma Ashton – So I was shocked when I heard she's 'striking' out to pastures new.

Emma says..." *I worked at the Airport Bowl for 4 and a half years, and enjoyed the challenges it brought me. I would like to think that I built up its reputation as a tournament & league centre and increased the general business of the site.*

*I have worked in the bowling industry for 12 years now, and I have decided that it is time for a change! I am sorry to be leaving but excited about what lies ahead! I will miss all of the staff and bowlers and will try to stay in touch.*

*Thank you all for your support over the last few years, I couldn't have done it without you all!*



*Simon Davis will officially take over as General Manager from Monday 22nd September, I will be here for a further 4 weeks from today to assist in the handover, and also will be on hand in the future to help out with events and tournaments. I wish him all the best for the future and hope you will all support him as you have done me."*

I think it's a great shame that Emma is leaving, as a bowler herself she understands the role that leagues and tournaments play in creating robust bowling/leisure business. However, Emma, will still be involved in the game as she's the Hampshire Area Secretary! Good luck Emma, and thank you for all your support.

## Southern Region - League and Centre news

**Gravesend** Steve White reports...

With the Olympic League now into week 18 of a 33 week season, The Mean Machine have a 10 point lead over second place Atlanta Hawks.

This season we have agreed to have a different lane dressing for each of the three schedules that we bowl, weeks 1-11 we use Abbey Road, weeks 12-22 we use Main Street and weeks 23 to 33 we use Beaten Path. So far we have had 4 700's and 101 600's. Glen Richardson has had 3 of those 700's his highest being a 714

and James Knapp the other with a 711. Cliff Dew leads the Men's averages with a 203 with Steve Williams in second place on a 199. Jan Hodge leads the ladies on a 185 and Lucy Percival second with a 174.

We have sadly lost two bowlers recently, the first being Barry Amos who was 39 (my wife's younger brother) who bowled for Glaze-Rite and had come back to bowling after he lost his wife a few years ago. Secondly, and more recently, we lost Alan Jones who was 63 and bowled for the Highwaymen. He had bowled

in the league for well over 40 years. Both will be sorely missed.

Since the resurface and the introduction of the Kegel lane dressing machine the scoring in the league goes from strength to strength. Unfortunately we are still bowling with an odd amount of teams and could really do with another 4 person team to bowl with us at this now high scoring centre. If interested, please email me via the league website [olympicleague.weebly.com](http://olympicleague.weebly.com)

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## Central Region - update from your officer, Dan Bonfield

The Adult Team England Trials have finished and congratulations go to all the bowlers that made the squad for 2015... but specifically the bowlers from the Central Region - Leon Devlin, Peter Stevenson, and Hadley Morgan.

We have had the Inter County Qualifiers. The first year that the county was divided regionally as opposed to the North South split we used to have. The central region qualifier was held at Nuneaton and went really smoothly thanks to Nikki Harvey and her Dad Eric, and our Host Sandra Boswell and her staff at

the bowl. 10 out of the 11 counties in Central Region fielded a men's team, 6 from 11 in the ladies, so a bit of work to do encourage more ladies to try out for their county. Special congratulations to the Northamptonshire men and women's team, qualifying for the finals for the first time. Well done also to Bedfordshire Ladies who qualified for the finals for the first time in over 8 years. The winners on the day were the Buckinghamshire men and Warwickshire ladies. Looking forward to the National finals at Coventry in November.

Oxfordshire Area Secretary Kevin Furness reported that Banbury's Monday night Paris Doubles League, last sanctioned in 2011, have recently voted at their AGM to return to being sanctioned. This is great news and I hope their bowlers notice an improved service from the BTBA, both nationally and locally. Local Associations are working harder than ever to listen, challenge and deliver a better service to their members. If you're a BTBA member bowling in unsanctioned league, why not raise the subject of coming back to the BTBA at your next league AGM!

## Central Region - League and Centre news

**Bedfordshire Bowler of the Month** - Dan Bonfield reports...

Many outstanding candidates for August's award:

**Lorna Scott** who at the age of 15 rolled her first 300 on 29th July in the Tuesday Doubles league

**Neil Craske** who bowls in the Monday Doubles and has bowled for

20 years rolled games of 233, 267, 214 for a 714 series – his first 700!

**Jo Green** – who captained the Bedfordshire Ladies team in the Central Regional challenge. She motivated, encouraged and tried to help all the bowlers in her team, whilst still trying to concentrate on her game.

Our Juniors representing England in the Triples Crowns – **Remy Bader**, **Austin Taylor** and **Lorna Scott** ... a fantastic achievement that saw them all win multiple medals.

**Austin** - Under 16's Team Gold

**Remy** - Under 19's Team Gold and Trios Gold

**Lorna** - Under 16's Masters Gold...

## Central Region - League and Centre news

...Team Gold, Trios Gold, Doubles Silver, Singles Bronze, All Events Bronze.

**Tim Wakelin** – For giving up his bank Holiday Sunday to run the tombola at the Bank Holiday Doubles to raise money for our local association.

**Chris Dyble** who after 15 years of service to the Dunstable YBC is retiring from his coaching duties.

**Adam Bootle** – who came 3rd in the overall individual averages whilst representing Bedfordshire in the Central Regional Challenge. Adam averaged 221.4

The winner this month is.....**Chris Dyble!** - Well done Chris and thank you for your dedication and service to Dunstable YBC over the years. Chris wins a £30 voucher at Ballmaster Proshop.



**Dunstable** Dan Bonfield reports..

On the Sunday and Monday of the August Bank Holiday the Bedfordshire Association held an open re-entry doubles tournament at Gobowling, Dunstable. As I am the Beds Area secretary and being a regular at the Middlesex Areas Easter and Winter doubles events, I wanted to bring the exact same format to Bedfordshire.

The event was well supported by

Gobowling, who gave us a very decent lineage rate, which allowed us to keep the entry fee low and put a decent chunk of it into the prize fund.

With 3 squads on both Sunday and Monday the tournament attracted 65 teams, some from as far afield as Lincoln, Stroud, Worthing and Leeds. The tournament also attracted the attentions of some of the best bowlers in the country as England bowlers, Richard and Ray Teece, Matt Miller and Leon Devlin all participated.

To supplement the prize fund there were some extra prizes to play for. The Beds Association put £50 up for the first 300 and to attract more local bowlers, there was £25 to the highest handicap game rolled by a Bedfordshire BTBA card holder. On the Monday, Bedfordshire ran a 'match the strikes' pot and supplemented the prize fund with a £25 donation.

To make sure that we, as an association, covered our costs, we ran a tombola and football cards, all of which were brilliantly supported by the bowlers.

Amazingly, the winning scores came from the very first squad. In the handicap section, Glen Richardson and Chris Knight shot a massive 1499, with Chris rolling his first 700. In the scratch, Leon Devlin and Richard Teece shot a 1438.

Bowlers were desperate to take my £50! Lincoln's Chris Parker shot a 298 in the 2nd squad (I did my best to put him off) then Paul Crippen looked like he was going to steal my money, but again I put him off and he had to settle for a 287. Then in squad 3, I tried to win my own money back. I had the front 10, but under a barrage of abuse and heckling, I managed to washout and only had a 286. Bowling in squad 4, Matt Miller went on a scoring rampage. He finished his block with back to back 279's and this

won him the "match the strike" pot! Then in the next block, he went 233, 290 then it happened... he went and had all 12 for a 300! After bowling like that, I was glad to hand him the £50! I had to settle with sharing the £25 for Bedfordshire high game with Chris Gibson who also had a 286.



Massive thanks to all the bowlers who came along and supported the event and put up with my dodgy lane draws! Thanks to Beds committee member Tim Wakelin who ran the tombola and to my significant other Alison Taylor for putting up with me as I panicked. Thanks also to Gobowling who provided us with excellent conditions. It was tournament that worked well for both of us. Bank Holiday evenings are usually very quiet as the leagues are cancelled, so even though they gave us a discounted lineage rate they still put some money in the till and also enhanced their reputation as being one of our great bowling venues, run by a proprietor who supports bowling as a sport.

## Central Region - League and Centre News

### Dunstable Dan Bonfield reports...

Bowling in Dunstable's scratch trios - **Keith Hooker** for the Tara team went and spared the 7-10 split, then on 10th September **Stevie Dynes** a Bedfordshire county player who bowls in the Dunstable Comwake league shot games of 279,248,277 for an **804** series. A fine set that came out of the blue as Stevie's form has dipped lately, but it's fair to say he's back in the groove now.

### Norfolk Trevor Gibbs reports...

The Norfolk County trials for next year's teams are being held at Strikes, Kings Lynn on Sun 9th, Sat 15th and Sun 23rd November 2014. 10am start. U15s/u18s/u24s/adults and seniors for men and ladies. We are hoping to fill teams for all divisions.

Entries forms available on noticeboards at Strikes Dereham, Strikes Kings Lynn and Namco Norwich. They are also available to download from our Facebook page or contact myself in person (Trevor Gibbs). I always have forms with me! Any queries can call me on 07810 867325. Or for an emailed copy contact [norfolktba@gmail.com](mailto:norfolktba@gmail.com)

### Norwich Teresa McCarthy reports...

The final of the Sunday Singles challenge took place in August after 7 rounds of qualifying which commenced October 2013. The top 20 from the rounds were invited to compete for the title.

It started with the usual five game

qualifying format, which was extremely high scoring, and then cut to the top eight for a knockout final. The eight to qualify were Scott Spalding, Karl Chown, Trevor Gibbs, Paul Cunningham, Matt Bartle, Karl Ryder, Steve Utting and Carl Warnes. The first knockout round saw Carl Warnes, Trevor, Paul and Karl Chown beat their opponents in a one game play off to progress to the second round which was Carl v Trevor and Paul v Karl C. Carl Warnes bowled a 215 scratch game to see off Trevor and Karl Chown shot a 222 scratch to beat Paul which left Carl and Karl in the final match. The game started out close but Karl Chown, who qualified first overall from the rounds, found his line and took the title 239 to 210 (with handicap).



As well as the prize money, which received a welcome boost from local firm D & F McCarthy Ltd, Karl also won a new bowling ball generously supplied by Anglian Pro Shop and the coveted Sunday Singles Champion

Trophy.

In the last couple of weeks, Norwich's Monday Trios league has seen the young Karl Chown bowl his first **300**, but on the 15<sup>th</sup> September it was James Tidd's turn to add to his collection! James lead the way for Team Classics with a brilliant **300** in game 1, followed by a 278 (unlucky 7 pin in the 7<sup>th</sup> frame which gave him the first pressure ball all night!) and 246 for a series of **824**. The team showed their full support by reminding him how useless he was to miss out on his personal best by 4!



Only a few days earlier his little lad made him work for a narrow one-game shootout victory, wonder which Tidd we shall be writing about next shooting their P.B.?! And yes, James - the gold 300 shirt from Anglian Proshop is on its way to you! Congratulations from your proud team mates.



# Northern Region - League and Centre News

**Lincolnshire** Gill Hutchison reports from around the County...

Lincolnshire County Ladies were at their magnificent best at MFA Sheffield on 7 Sept. **Rebekah Hamlet** (224), **Sarah Wilson** (202), **Jacky Whitbread** (227), **Danni Hopcroft** (211) and **Faye Elkington** (248) posted a new County record of 1112 in the second to last match, seven pins up on their previous record, set in last year's final, of 1105. Under the strong leadership of **Fiona Hallam**, they finished with a 202 team average, 10 pins behind Yorkshire 6069 - 6079.

## Alconbury

Well done to young **Chris Lee**, who entered the tournament on a 173 average and ended on a 196.38 average with a high game of 255. Top lady once again was **Kylie Bromley**, on a 222.31 average with a high game of **278** and high series of **679**. Highest placed Lincs team in 3rd were **Simon Yeomans** (238), **Pete Bromley** (259) and **Terry Jones** (243). They bowled brilliantly both days and were unlucky to come up against the home teams in the Final after knocking out **Porky Maddock** (213), **Chris Lee** and **Tony Lee** (277).

## Lincoln



We couldn't be more delighted for Lincoln Bowler **James Hemsley** who won the 2014 **YAC London International** against very strong opposition from some of the top names in U-24 bowling. Second day was double elimination. James got



through to the Final, came up against Matt Forsyth – the same player who had previously knocked him into the losers section, took him to extra games and **WON!** How's that for steady nerves?

After rolling a 243 game to qualify in 8<sup>th</sup> place, 23 year-old James upped his average to 191.25 for the final. This win means that he will be invited to bowl for England YAC in Munich in 2015 – an amazing achievement for a lad who has spent his life struggling with autism which went undiagnosed for the first eleven years.

James would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has encouraged him, especially parents **Dave & Ann Hemsley**, **Andi Turner & Faye Elkington** at Lincoln Bowl and those mega supportive YAC organisers, **Dave and Michele Godfrey**.

Having bowled extremely well to make the RAF Inter County team, **Chris "Mad Dog" Maddock** went



onto the lanes understandably concerned that he hadn't been playing all that well since then. As it happened, he needn't have worried. He started off with **236** and never looked back. All 6 games were over

200 and his finishing average was 217.3. The six RAF team members all took their turn in the 200s; **Tony Lee** 214, 206; **Ant Moore** 212, 225; **Chris Jaap** 211, 202; **Chris Matthews** 200; **Dave Greig** 203, and their highest team game for this jovial crew was the first - 1030.

Whoever took the disastrous decision to close the Cedar Bowl at RAF Coningsby has done Lincoln Bowl and the surrounding centres a mighty favour. We love these guys!

## Scunthorpe

Thank you to senior CT manager **Gary Jeans** for sending me the news that in the Monday Trios at *MFA Scunthorpe* on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, **Wendy Fullbrook** struck – and kept on striking – for a super **297** game, obviously a PB. Her 678 series was close to a PB as well; just one pin away!



Scunthorpe's **Oliver Spindley**, seen here in full cheerleader mode for the Triple Crown, does more than just encourage his big bro (and little bro **Harvey** on occasions) he's an immensely talented bowler in his own right. Oliver's most recent achievement is **256, 245, 193 for 694** to add to his other sporting and academic achievements - and he's still only 13 years old. This is a lad with a future!

# BTBA Tour - Warwickshire Senior Singles

Written by Sandra Boswell and Eric Harvey

Well another BTBA Tour Stop comes to an end. Firstly we would like to thank the 40 bowlers who supported this event. The format was; first round 6 games, cut to 50% of the field for a second round of 4 games, then cut the field again by 50% for a 4 game final round. We put down Stone Street as the oil pattern for the day which is 42ft long with a total volume of 23.15 units and a ratio of 10.50 at the arrows and track area. After watching the Adult Counties play at the centre the week before on Stone Street (which seemed to hold up reasonably well throughout the day) we were hoping the same for this event but as we all know in bowling the only guarantee is there is no guarantee, this being true they played very differently from the start but being the troopers the Seniors are they played the condition to the best of their ability.

The first 3 games saw Paul Walker leading the men with 184, 257, 240 717 with Nev Robinson 2<sup>nd</sup> 245, 216, 183 689 followed by Steve Gould 224, 189, 244 678 in 3<sup>rd</sup>

The ladies were lead by Sandra Boswell 166, 179, 212 579 with bonus, Jan Hodge 2<sup>nd</sup> 205, 148, 192 572 with bonus and Catherine Wills 3<sup>rd</sup> 141, 203, 185 538 with bonus.

At the end of the sixth game things were slightly different although Paul Walker still lead the field with 1404, Stephen Bose came storming up the list shooting 237, 258, 257 1382 with Nev Robinson dropping to 3<sup>rd</sup> 1346 . In the ladies division Sandra kept her top position totalling 1138, Liz Griffin came through strong bowling 206, 179, 180, 186 1132 and Catherine Wills held 3<sup>rd</sup> with an overall score of 1118. The cut for the men was 16 and



went to Keith Hodge shooting 1218. The ladies cut was Angie Brown with a 1098.

After a re-dress the 16 men and 5 ladies played round 2. Again the bowlers were jockeying for the top positions. Paul Walker kept up the pace with an high game of 268 in the ninth game to remain top with 2381, but Lol Ellis was on fire shooting a block of 237, 236, 207 299 the twelfth ball came in a little high nudging the 4 pin but not enough to fall over, total 2347, this placed him in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mike Sykes also had a good set of 245, 257, 225, 206 2321 which moved him up from 5<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. The ladies found the dry lanes a little tougher but kept closing frames to hit steady scores. Jan Hodge remained 1<sup>st</sup> with 1933, 2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine Wills 1913 and Angie Brown 3<sup>rd</sup> 1907. At the end of round 2 the men cut to the top 8 bowlers, this was Alan Jenkins who finished ninth with 2155 but was promoted to 8<sup>th</sup> due to Alan Jordache retiring. The ladies cut to 3, Jan Hodge, Catherine Wills and Angie Brown. After another re-dress the final 4 games began. There were no massive sets in this round but like he had done all day



Paul Walker stayed steady to take the men's title with Jan Hodge doing likewise to claim the ladies title.

The final standings were:

**Men**  
 Paul Walker 3258  
 Lol Ellis 3186  
 Stephen Bose 3166  
 Nev Robinson 3148  
 Mike Sykes 3135  
 Barry Walker 3064  
 Mo Singleton 3010  
 Alan Jenkins 2983

**Women**  
 Jan Hodge 2706  
 Catherine Wills 2663  
 Angie Brown 2651

We would like to thank Adam and all the staff at MFA Bowl Nuneaton for looking after us and a special thank you to Nikki Harvey who put the scoring package together and inputted the scores along with generally assisting throughout the day.

# BTBA UKC Senior Tour - Basildon Entry Form

The full entry form can be accessed on-line [here](#).

**BASILDON BOWL**  
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A Re-Entry Tournament for

# **BTBA UKC SENIOR TOUR 2014**

**25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

To be held at

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3 High Pavement  
Basildon  
Essex SS14 1EA  
01268-533666

**BTBA Sanction Number 35/0183**

# MSL Final Weekend

Written by Craig Ellis

## Saturday:

The Saturday tournament as always was a tough but very fun affair, with numbers increasing year on year at this small tournament we had a great mix of ages and averages throughout the field. Qualification ended with Peter Stevenson on top with some amazing bowling.

After all the knockouts were concluded the final of the day was to be contested by Peter Stevenson and Dave Dugmore with Peter Stevenson making a final push in the second half of the final game to take the win.

After the tournament most of the bowlers booked themselves into their hotel room and proceeded to enjoy a great evening of food and drinks at *Taybarns* before heading back to the bowl for a few more drinks and a few games of Table Tennis. Great fun night enjoyed by all that came along.

## MSL Finals Day

Let me start this write up by saying what a glorious site it is to see an almost full centre host 29 five man teams. The atmosphere was simply breath taking with promotion and relegation still to be decided in all divisions.

After the initial procedure of getting everyone registered and the scratch pots sorted (which huge credit has to go to Colin Laing (registration and organisation) and Craig Ellis (scratch pots) for their organisation), we finally got the day underway. Although most will say it was a tough pattern to bowl on scores were still getting up there to the higher reaches of the game.

**Premier Division:** Warwick and Ilkeston taking the most points on the day, Warwick having the highest game of the division with a very respectable 1117, High games from Peter Stevenson and Gavin Greaves 256 and 252 respectively. Ilkeston were not to be outshone though as a days average of 1027 allowed them to finish second on the day only a few points behind Warwick, Five of their six bowlers averaging over 200 and an outstanding

performance from Katrina Maciver whom averaged 220.90 for seven games.

Even though Warwick took the days honours Ilkeston still finished the season as champions mainly due to their exceptional seasons average of 1031.48. At the other end of the table Peterborough fought until the last game but were left in one of the two the relegation spots along with Kettering.

## Division One:

This was a pretty much forgone conclusion for the champions spot, Stroud with some great bowling all year took the title by a whopping 120 points. Stroud taking not only the seasons honours but the days also. Helping them to this was some great bowling by Simon Bartram and Gary Baker who were the only two to average of 200 in the division. Second place however was hotly contested by three teams, Rugby, Bushbury and Shrewsbury with the latter managing to clinch the second promotion spot in the last game of the day.

At the other end of the table we saw Walsgrave finish bottom of the league but the second relegation spot came down to the last game of the day with Lickey End needing 11 points to secure their division one status. They fought hard and managed to achieve this so will remain in division one with Burton being pushed into the final relegation spot.

## Division Two:

Gotham pretty much secured their promotion in the early afternoon, which left 3 teams to battle it out for the last remaining promotion place. Stratford, Northampton & Chesterfield, With the latter of the two teams going right down to the last game of the day. Northampton gave everything in the last game but ultimately fell just short and were beaten into second place by Chesterfield who edged it by just one point. A great fight right down to the last frame of the day. Northampton threw the highest game of the day with 1006 and Paul Clifford (Birmingham) sealed

the high singles game with a 276.

Falling into division three were the teams of Coningsby and Acocks Green (Acocks did not attend the last round).

## Division Three:

This may have been the bottom tier of the Midland Scratch League but with the scoring going on down there, most of these teams should be moving up the table and divisions very soon. Gary Newton's Trent Lock (champions) and Basher Bonfield's Bedfordshire (second) were promoted to division two. There was some amazing scoring going off in the bottom division in particular Shaun Ellingham who averaged a massive 227.80 for the day and had 3 individual pot winning games. Trent lock also took the high game of the division with a decent 1049.

A huge thanks to Paul Vernon and the team at Tenpin Coventry for making us feel so welcome, even if the conditions were tough, but a MASSIVE thank you to you all for raising over £230 for Motor Neurone Disease Association today! Thanks to Diane Johnson, Jo, Richard (Taff) Hall, Denise Bishop, Christine Young, Sarah Newton, Gary Newton, Alex Hamilton, James Halpin, and everyone else for your help and donations today - and to Emma Brown for the cupcakes. Your support every season might not always be mentioned, but it is never forgotten.

If you are yet to experience what the Touring Scratch Leagues have to offer then please get in touch and if you haven't got a team we will do our best to find you one. It is always fun and always a great way to meet new people and visit new places. We also have the Southern Scratch League and the Northwest Fives so there is a place for you somewhere.

Once again a huge thank you all.

The Midland Scratch League AGM 19th October - Q Lounge Tamworth at 2pm!

# Entries still open! London Handicap Split Doubles

The full entry form can be accessed on-line [here](#), also visit London County [website](#) for minutes and upcoming events!

FULL ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM AND BE SENT TO:  
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## THE LONDON HANDICAP Split Doubles 2014

Sunday 19th October 2014  
Closing Date: 12th October 2014

MFA Bowl  
Belmont Hill  
Lewisham  
London  
SE13  
Tel: 0208 852 6688

**Prize fund £132 based on 12 Team entries**

BTBA Sanction Number: 35/0184



## DV8 Bowling and BowlingVision - Official Sponsors of Junior Team England



Junior Team England and BowlingVision are pleased to announce the appointment of **DV8 Bowling** as the new, official sponsors of Junior Team England, helping to shape the next generation of English international bowling superstars!

**Terry Searle, BTBA Director of Sport Development** spoke very enthusiastically about the new deal: *"I have been looking for a sponsor who matches our ambition and commitment at Junior level, and with DV8 Bowling and Bowling Vision I have found exactly that. We have signed a two year deal and we look forward to growing together."*

No stranger to the rigours of international competition and the need for that extra competitive edge, Terry is recognised the world-over as one of the leading Junior coaches of all time, and is convinced that the DV8 product line is a perfect "match-up" for the English juniors. Terry was keen to point out that he felt DV8 Bowling and BowlingVision *"..will play a significant role in supporting the continuing world-wide success story that is Junior Team England!"*

As part of this exciting new package, Brunswick's PBA Tour specialist **Chuck Gardner** will revisit these shores to spend valuable time on the lanes coaching our junior bowlers and NAYBC coaches.

Great news for Junior bowling, and already the new DV8 balls are helping England win medals, with the Junior Triple Crown team winning 24 gold, 8 silver and 12 bronze medals in this highly-coveted event, as well as earning valuable pinfall in the recent NAYBC Master event in Romford.

## Triple Crown Success for Adult and YAC Team England

Written by Stuart Watson



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**England YACS** won a total of 15 medals at the 2014 YAC Triple Crown, at Cwmbran in Wales, hosted by the Tenpin Bowling Association of Wales.

The BTBA and YAC Team England congratulate our bowlers on another fine performance.

Both the adult Men's and Ladies' Team England were victorious in Londonderry, taking Gold with 405 points and 296 points respectively. Their closest rivals were the men from Northern Ireland on 340 points and the Ladies from Ireland on 243 points. Third place in the competition went to the Welsh Men and Ladies on 331 points and 181 each. Full medal tables are available [on-line](#).

Full results can be found on the BTBA [website](#).



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