

# The Inside Line



## Bedfordshire BTBA Grant Success

We are delighted to announce that a grant has been approved to fund Bedfordshire's "Step Up and Join Us" proposal to support three of their bowlers in obtaining the soon to be introduced FUNDamentals coaching qualifications. They will then offer free coaching sessions for the benefit of inexperienced league bowlers and the general public. Flyers will be produced to hand out to open bowlers as well as being displayed at various strategic points in the Dunstable/Luton area.

This scheme is seen as a worthwhile project designed to enhance the skills and enthusiasm of current league bowlers, to attract open bowlers to join a sanctioned league and generally publicise the sport of tenpin bowling in their local area. We wish Bedfordshire every success with this venture.

The BTBA Grant scheme was introduced last year to help Local Associations develop the sport of tenpin bowling within their boundaries by providing financial backing for projects and initiatives that will promote interest and participation in our sport and thereby aid membership growth.

There are still funds available for Grants so, if you have the seeds of an idea, please share it with your Local Association Committee. Full details of the Grants scheme can be found by selecting the downloads tab at [btba.org.uk](http://btba.org.uk). Don't forget that your Regional Officers, Lisa John (South), Daniel Bonfield (Central) and Colin Laing (North) are on hand should you need any guidance or advice.

**Written by** Jerry Moll, Director of Membership Services

Apply Now!

As part of the new coaching structure The BTBA are seeking Regional Coaching Managers, and Coaching Tutors to join the team. Deadlines are approaching fast, visit [www.btba.org.uk](http://www.btba.org.uk) for more information!

Kettering's Young Sportswoman of the Year (full story p.7)



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*We want to stay in touch  
with bowlers!*

We'd love to hear from you, send in any stories you have.

We'll print them alongside our news, keeping you up to date with everything that's going on in the BTBA!

Be sure to share the newsletter amongst your friends and family!

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# Youth Bowling

Written by Terry Searle - BTBA Director of Sport Development



Home of the Junior Team England and British Tenpin Bowling Association Junior Tours

What is happening to under 21s? And Under 24s? These questions have been heard over the last few months, I will explain what has happened and the plans for 2015 and beyond.

Over the last few years the NAYBC has discussed the reasons for telling over 18s they were too old to continue in a Youth Bowling Club, at a recent NAYBC meeting it was again discussed and this time the reasons were fully investigated.

When the Under 19 age limit was included in the rules, it was an aspiration to keep bowler up to that age. School leaving age was 15, and the number of players going into further education was minimal, a large percentage were married by the age of 21, indeed many had families. Today's youth are in education into their late teens at the earliest, so it was decided to look at what the possibilities were.

At an Executive Council meeting it was announced the UK Presidium had met and decided not to continue with the Under 24 (YAC) Triple Crown Championships. The minutes show the majority of countries could not get enough players of the age group to continue supporting the event, although England was fortunate not to have problems with raising a U24 team. A proposal was put forward and voted upon, the result was unanimous agreement to stop the U24 Triple Crown, and to review the age groupings.

A meeting was held with the YAC representatives, where discussions about allowing youth bowling in clubs to be open to U21 members took place. The YAC circuit would continue to operate to provide teams for elite events. The loss of the U24 Triple crown was very sad news for the YAC and there were discussions over other international challenges, suggestions from all attending were taken to be discussed at the next Executive Council meeting.

There was then an announcement of retirements from the YAC, followed by others not wishing to continue.

To understand the impact of NAYBC proposal on YBCs allowing Under 21s to remain in a YBC, a test proposal was to be taken to a couple of regional meetings of YBC representatives in Barnsley and Bromborough. These were attended by 30 and 12 representatives who not only supported the proposal but gave many reasons why the proposal would be of benefit to the clubs and bowling in general, including the opportunity for the elder players to become coaches and or officials.

To ensure the U24 circuit would not have any problems, one of the Regional representatives sent out bid forms for YAC events for 2015 and is working to get a group together to review the events, bids and structure of the U24 youth circuit.

The NAYBC is still working on the U21 suggestions and will be again meeting with YBCs in the south with intent to implement any proposal in 2015 if fully supported.

The full details are still under discussion for all age groupings on how we can best support all our youth members, and I will updated you as soon as any agreements have been reached.



# Coaching Fit for the 21st Century

Written by Terry Searle - BTBA Director of Sport Development



**Mark Heathorn**

BTBA joins forces with ETBF to launch a new dynamic Coaching programme, and for the last 18 months Mark Heathorn has been developing a new coaching delivery system to train the Instructors and Coaches of the BTBA. He has been working with the European Tenpin Bowling Federation to ensure the content is fit for today's modern game.

There have been many challenges along the way, but these just inspired us to not settle for lesser compromises, but to raise our sights to bring world class solutions to our world of bowling.

2015 will see the full launch of the Coach Education Programme, included within the new systems will be European recognised coaching qualifications, future-proofed courses, On-Line booking and delivery of the curriculum. The online content will enable cost effective use of time by providing the factual information required in an easy to read format, followed by an online test, this will then make the practical sessions very focused. We will follow this launch with a Bowler Education Programme during 2015 designed to provide easier access to coaching for leisure bowlers and league bowlers alike which the objective of re-invigorating organised competitive bowling.

The BTBA has also added an entry level qualification in response to members asking for an access course, it will include how to train a basic bowler, basic health and safety, and an introduction to disability and equality awareness.

The full coaching education programme is

- FUNDamental
- Foundation
- Development
- National coach

The **FUNDamental** courses will be delivered on a county basis, with the booking and On-Line part managed centrally, the practical is a six hour course being delivered in one or two sessions. The cost for this course has been reduced to £65 for BTBA members, fully inclusive of both parts and DBS check, this is to ensure cost should not be a barrier to entry into the coaching world.

13 members have been trained across the county to deliver the practical side starting early next year

**The Foundation** course is our Level 1 qualification which carries full E.T.B.F. status upon qualification. With elements on-line to aid the learning process and to allow more time and convenience to individuals, the two day workshop will focus on practical skills and technique. Level 1 coaches will be trained to help bowlers establish solid foundations with swing, timing, and sparing at the core.

Our E.T.B.F. Level 2 qualification will produce our **Development Coaches** who will build on the foundations of bowlers to create competitive and county level bowlers. The three-day workshop allows for a more in depth understanding of technique, lane play, equipment and other elements ensuring that coaches develop in the same way bowlers do.

## **National coach**

The first National coach (Level 3) will be held in the Olympic Training venue, Kortaine, Finland as the numbers expected in the first year will be minimal, as member's progress then the delivery venue will be reviewed.

Our Coach Education programme will be delivered by a team of coaches, all of whom will receive specific training to execute their role with ongoing support from the E.T.B.F.

# Membership Services Update

**Written by** Jerry Moll, Director of Membership Services

As part of the forthcoming enhancements to the BTBA website, we will be setting up a dedicated page for each LA (Local Association) which will contain details of each LA with links to useful information for your area's bowlers. These dedicated LA pages will be accessed from the main BTBA website.

Following discussions with your Regional Officers, these topics have been proposed for inclusion:

A space for each LA to add a few words of welcome

The LA's crest/logo

Names of the LA's Committee Members, their job titles and areas of responsibility, maybe with pictures.

Link to details of the LA's sanctioned leagues and to its membership data.

Link to an online tournament calendar (once launched)

Link to the LA's own website, as long as it is of an acceptable standard!

Link to "Inside Line"

Minutes of the LA's Committee meetings

If you wish to suggest any other topics, please advise your Area Secretary who will forward them to your Regional Officer.

## **BTBA MEMBERSHIP**

**Written by - Head Office**

Please be reminded that if you bowl in a sanctioned league, you **MUST** be a member of the BTBA. If a sanctioned league is found to allow non-members to participate, then the league sanction will be jeopardized.

Do be aware that when you first join/renew your membership using the ONLINE facility, it will take at least 10 days for your card to be dispatched. However, if you use the recommended rolling membership (auto renewal), your membership will be automatically renewed each year and your card sent prior to the expiry of your membership. This also comes at a discount on the standard membership fee.

If, for any reason you need to join/renew as a matter of urgency, you must transfer your subscription directly to the BTBA Account and then email Head Office advising that you have taken this action. BTBA's Account details can be found at [www.btba.org.uk](http://www.btba.org.uk) under "CONTACT US." Please also note that memberships can be renewed up to 2 months before expiry, but not earlier.

For further information on membership fees, please refer to [www.btba.org.uk](http://www.btba.org.uk) under "THE BTBA" then "BTBA MEMBERSHIP FEES."

## Southern Region - League and Centre News

### GRAVESEND... Steve White Reports

With 2 of the 3 schedules of the Olympic League now completed, The Mean Machine lead The Venomites by 7 points. Gordon Puxty currently has the high series with a 724 and Glen Richardson the high game of 277.

Cliff Dew currently has the high Men's average on a 203 and Jan Hodge the Ladies high average on a 187.

To add further interest to the league, I run an Individual and a team knockout. We are currently at the quarter final stages in the individual knockout with Cliff Dew playing Carl Williams, Chris Taaffe playing Jeff White, Paul Fox playing Jan Hodge and Stuart Turpin playing Julia Thomason. In the team knockout with 5 weeks to go in the first round, The Rookies lead on 61 points, The Mean Machine on 56 points, followed by Climax and Headliners on 54 points.

Another thing I do to add interest is to run a league jackpot with 10 of the teams paying a £1 each week. It has so far been won twice, first by Glen Richardson winning £228 and then James Knapp winning £130. Our league website is [olympicleague.weebly.com](http://olympicleague.weebly.com)

### CLIFTONVILLE (MARGATE) ... Simon Herbert reports

A new season and new bowlers at our YBC! I am happy to report that we have a very healthy 11 teams of trios now including quite a few members who are completely new to bowling and several who have joined following the closure of AMF Bowling in Margate earlier in the year.

New high game and series personal bests are being set every week and everyone has settled into the new season very well.

As a club we decided that we should update our look and held a competition to design a new logo. After carefully deliberating over all of the entries it was Shannon McMillan's design that was picked. We're not quite ready to share the final design just yet, but expect a follow up story with some exciting news very soon!



*Shannon with her winning entry*

### TUNBRIDGE WELLS... Simon Herbert reports

Despite losing several bowlers at the end of last season the Tuesday Singles League has got off to a flying start with the largest number of bowlers in our league history. I am sure that many leagues would be

pleased to have 38 teams, which means it's going to be a long and eventful season and that bragging rights will exchange hands several times at all positions in the table!

It looks like this year may well surpass the high scores of last year as league secretary Gary Pointer set the bar in the first two weeks rolling back to back series of 755 and 704 before dropping to a mere 668 in week three.

However I suspect this won't go unchallenged for long, as a league we have already seen ten 250+ games rolled (top honours being shared by Len Glenville and Andrew Tapping with 266).

You can get in touch and follow all of the weekly action as it unfolds on our website [www.bowltuesday.com](http://www.bowltuesday.com)

### SUSSEX

The Sussex Association would like to reveal our new website to the world of bowling and invite you to take a look. The address is [www.sussextbaweb.com](http://www.sussextbaweb.com) and is run in house by our Secretary, Lisa John.

We would also like to announce that we have taken the decision to subsidise the Junior and YAC 2015 County Trials. The Sussex Committee discussed at length how we can encourage more of our youngsters to take part. We firmly believe in encouraging our junior members and have taken the bold step to reduce the entry fee for all bowlers under the age of 24 to just £10. The format stays the same and the Sussex committee welcome all eligible bowlers to participate. The trials will be taking place on the 10th January 2015 at AMF Worthing and entry forms can be downloaded from the website.

We would also like to draw your attention to the forthcoming Sussex Sixes on the weekend of the 29th and 30th November at AMF Worthing.

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

It seems so much has happened since my last Inside Line address. The Senior Team England Trials have finished. Congratulations to bowlers from the Central Region, Catherine Wills, Sandra Boswell, Jeff Taylor and Ian Buckland all of who will be part of the 2015 Senior Team England Squad.

We had the senior inter county finals and the Ladies champions came from Central Region. Massive congratulations to the Warwickshire Ladies the 2014 County champions - Sue Lester, Margaret English, Tina Taylor, Angela O'Carroll, and Shirley Gough. Well done also to

Staffordshire Ladies who came 3rd, and to Warwickshire men who just missed out on a medal coming 4th.

Then we have had the Adult County finals! After day one, both the Buckinghamshire and Warwickshire men were playing well and sitting in medal positions. However both found Sunday more challenging and they fell back into the pack. The Warwickshire Ladies finished a brilliant 4th. Although we had no medals in the central region, all the 8 teams that qualified played with great spirit and determination.

I recently enjoyed the annual BTBA Bowler of the Year dinner and

awards... and guess what? I won the Official of the Year category. Promise I won't talk about it much!! I'm very honoured to win this award... and thank you to all the people that support me and all the Area Secretaries in the Central region. I wish I could give more time to bowling and represent you all even better. Our sport is serviced by volunteers and there are so many people giving so much of their free time, juggling work and family commitments all to make our sport more enjoyable not just for themselves for everyone who takes part in it.

## Central Region - League and Centre news

### Bedfordshire "Bowler of the Month" ... Dan Bonfield reports

Nominations for the September award were....

Wednesday Night Doubles bowler James Brennan this month bowled a 232 scratch game and 546 scratch series and now has a 160 average and Lizzie Shaw – practices like mad and has put 14 pins on her average, now has a 140 average including a 203 scratch game and 502 scratch series.

Amanda Read bowling in the Sunday Morning Doubles – this is her first year of bowling in a league and rolled a 172 game.

Two Junior/Adult bowlers from the Sunday Morning Doubles are showing great promise for the future. Megan Carden – holding a 176 average and Kyle Chapman holding a 188 average

Steve Dynes threw an 804 series in the Comwake league on the 11 September.

Sukky Gill has been nominated by his several of his peers. He has been playing really well lately consistently hitting 700's in all the leagues he plays in and is bowling with great enthusiasm and is always there to encourage and motivate his team mates.

Jo Green captaining the Bedfordshire Ladies to team to qualification to the National Finals for the first time in 8 years.

Jackie Wyatt representing Bedfordshire finished 5th in the averages at the central region Inter county qualifiers averaging 196.2

Shaun Ellingham – whilst representing Bedfordshire in the final round of the Midland Scratch League averaged 228 on some very difficult playing conditions and helped Bed's secure promotion to Division 2.

And.....the award goes to Lizzie who has improved amazingly well in such a short space of time. She practices every day... she once bowled 29 games in a row ... 29, for

FUN ! I bowled 21 games once in a tournament and I needed the next day off from work as I couldn't walk. Well done Lizzie, keep up your hard work.



Lizzie wins a £30 voucher from Ballmaster pro shop voucher.

*These awards are open to anyone who has Bedfordshire on their BTBA card and nominations have to come from league secretaries or made directly to area secretary (me!) or the area president Dave Maberly. Closing date is always the 25th of each month.*

## Central Region - League and Centre news

### Borough of Kettering, Young Sports Woman of the Year 2014

There was an exciting award ceremony on Thursday, 23rd October 2014 at Wicksteed Park, Kettering, Northamptonshire, when Junior JTE Eventer and Kettering YBC Member, Elyse Giddens was nominated for the coveted award of Young Sports Woman of the Year 2014.

Proud parents, Steve and Julia Giddens said that they were unaware of these awards previously, which run in each Borough of Northamptonshire every year, celebrating Sporting Excellence at many levels, including team and individual achievements, until they applied for a Sports Grant through the Northamptonshire Community Foundation earlier in the year for both Elyse and Evie.

Elyse's parents said, "We put together a detailed bid for a small grant for each of the girls through the scheme, with the backing of Kettering YBC and supported with a reference from Steve Allen at the NAYBC and we were pleased when the bid was successful. Each of the girls wrote letters of thanks to private sponsors, explaining how the grant had helped them and detailing some of their achievements."

Having learned about Elyse's successes on the JTE Tour, including invitation to the JTE Academy, qualifying and participating in the Junior Triple Crown Trials, selection and representing our Country at The World Sports Festival in Vienna, winning several medals at The British Junior Open (including Gold for All Events for her category), placing in the top 10 at the Junior London International and latterly, being invited to The Masters, the Northamptonshire County officials



sought a nomination for Elyse for the Annual Sports Awards. Marcel Aarts from Kettering YBC wrote a glowing recommendation to a panel of judges who short-listed her for Young Sports Woman of the Year 2014.

Julia Giddens said, "Small grants are available throughout the country as far as I am aware. Bowling is an expensive sport and with two juniors in the family, we are always looking for support by way of sponsorship and the like and it wasn't until we prepared the bid that we realised just how much we spend every year. I would encourage all junior bowlers and their parents to seek small grants through their local councils. It took me some time to find out how to go about it, but now we know how to do it, we can apply annually and we will certainly be applying again early next year."

Darren Cochran, one of the Kettering YBC Coaches who was present at the awards on behalf of the YBC said, "Elyse is a shining example of someone who is a great ambassador for the sport of Ten-Pin Bowling. On learning of her win she humbly accepted the award, demonstrated her leadership skills during her interview on stage and her ability to promote the sport by talking about it with a passion I rarely see from someone so young. Kettering YBC's profile has been raised through this scheme and I believe promoting the sport in this way can be done all over the country by many other Juniors and YBC's. We are pleased to share this exciting news and Elyse's success with everyone involved in the sport."

*Congratulations from BTBA!*

**DUNSTABLE** .... Dan Bonfield reports

On Monday night 29/09/14 Dunstable saw two 300's and a 800 series.

First up was Sam Burch bowling in the handicap doubles who rolled a 300 but just missed out on his 800.

Then in the Meg Jordache Scratch Trios, Bedfordshire county team bowler, Ian Tallentire (pictured right) rolled the evening's, and his, 2nd 300. But Ian wasn't done. He then rolled games of 245 and 256 for a 801 series, his first 800.



## Central Region - League and Centre News

**Finally...** Congratulations to Northamptonshire County Bowler Craig Ellis and his wife ex England International bowler Donna on the birth of their new baby daughter Ryleigh Mae. Ryleigh was born on 29 October, weighing in at 7lb 9oz. Mother and daughter are both doing excellently. Ryleigh already has a best friend, her big sister Karta!

April 2015 is going to be a 'blooming' great month as there seems to be a bowling boom at the moment. I'm not sure what they are putting in the drinks at our bowling centres!



Surrey County bowler David Overall and his fiancée Kayleigh Long are expecting their first mid April. Then ex international Jemma Smith with her fiancé Anthony Roughley are expecting on April 28th and she will probably be joined in the maternity ward by another ex international and Buckinghamshire bowler Ann Nagle (Smith) who with her husband are expecting their first on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations everyone!

In about 10 year's time junior tournaments are going to be so much fun... probably more for the parents than our kids!

## Northern Region - League and Centre News

### RAF FOURS ...Gill Hutchison reports

It was a brilliant weekend at Dunstable with some great bowling. **The Flintstones (Kylie & Pete Bromley)**, plus **Andy & Simon Yeomans**, won scratch by **almost 300 pins**, though due to their rather puny combined handicap, they were not so high in that department. In fact, there were individuals with more handicap by themselves than all the Flintstones put together. **Andy** gets more of a mention in the next issue, but **Kylie** was top lady with **666** (Number of the Beast, Kylie!) and **265**. **Simon Yeomans**, who if he would just relax and trust himself (are you reading this, Simon?) would be up there with our top Lincs men, had a brilliant **289**, which was beaten by.... his Dad. Glad I wasn't in that car on the way home. I myself had a fleeting Inspired Moment with **561** scratch, but that final 600 is still on my bucket list.

In second place scratch were the Waddington team of **Mark Loughborough**, Martin Clements,

Pete Weller and **Al Hutchison**, whilst the wonderfully named **Waddo Ten Bellies**, **Mario Sinclair**, **Dave Rogers**, Pete Crompton and Laurie Garratt, romped – or possibly waddled – home 4<sup>th</sup>.



It was an emotional moment for everyone when **Andy Yeomans** (pictured above) rolled the **300 game** that had remained obstinately just out of his grasp for so many years. In

fact, everyone's pal Andy was so used to finishing on **299** – he has endured SIX of them over the years – that his last thought before releasing the 12<sup>th</sup> ball was: "Here we go again." He was wrong, thank goodness, and the roar that greeted the sight of all ten pins crashing over was proof of how happy everyone was for him. Relieved, too, especially **Sylvia Yeomans**, who lived every ball as it trundled down the lane. Here's to many more perfectos, Andy!

### PETERBOROUGH... Gill reports

Well done to County Team Member **Gary Leggate** who added to his growing stack of perfectos on September 11<sup>th</sup> at Peterborough Bowl. Is there a bad time to bowl a 300 game? Well, possibly the first week of the new season when you're setting your average isn't the most helpful occasion, but if you can keep doing it....

## Northern Region - League and Centre News

### LINCOLN...Gill reports



Hands up everyone who is surprised to hear that 15-year old Bradley Redfean has been invited to join Year One of the England Bowling Academy? No hands? No surprises there. This talented youngster has been showing such great promise and – just as importantly – such a great attitude to our sport (spotted his t-shirt on the photo?) that he has made himself impossible to ignore. Delighted Mum Trina Redfean (Dad Andy Redfean coaches at Lincoln YBC) received “that” phone call the morning of Saturday, October 4th and her jaw dropped with amazement - they had only signed Bradley up for the Junior Team England tour the day before, on the Friday! Grand to be wanted, isn't it?

### LINCOLN continued...

Isn't it brilliant to see schools recognising tenpin bowling as a real

sport? Congratulations to 13 year old Luran Lill, whose steady performances and gradually rising average have given her the title of Lincoln YBC Bowler of the Year and also to her school, North Kesteven, for celebrating her as she deserves.



### RAF Champs at Lincoln

After the huge success of the Anniversary Champs last year, with RAF players and Vets coming from all over the world to take part, it might be supposed that this year would be a bit of an anti climax. Not so. 2014, particularly the hilarious “Pot Shot” (Baker Doubles on the Saturday evening) was full to bursting and the weekend was as much fun as ever, lacking only the traditional 300 game which **Andy Yeomans** had pre-empted at Dunstable.

Lincs bowlers on a high were **Chris Matthews**, 1109 over the five games of the scratch singles, followed by **Matt Hall** on 1081; Top ladies were **Kylie Bromley** on an amazing **242 average!** followed by **Sarah Wilson**,

**Jacky Whitbread** and **Tina Dale**. And that was just the singles! A full report containing the excellent bowling from the rest of the events will be coming up on the noticeboard at Lincoln.

The RAFTBA welcomes everyone!



PBs in the RAF Champs come at all ages and in all sizes. A huge well done to **Porky Maddock** on his **285** game, and to teeny **Keeley Whitbread** on her super **98!**

### BPTBA ... Gill reports

At the BPTBA (British Police Tenpin Bowling Association) National Championships at Worthing, **Claire Howard** retained her **National Police Ladies Singles** title with her most consistent performance to date. 174 and 173 in the Final turned out to be enough to blow away the opposition.



*Claire with Lincolnshire lads Ian Forshaw, Paul Ryan, and Graham Leicester*

# Who's who? - NAYBC, JTE, and England Academy

Written by Steve Allen, NAYBC Committee

Youth Bowling Clubs (YBCs) that are members of the NAYBC provide safe, effective and fun environments for your child to enjoy bowling in a structured, progressive and competitive club. The BTBA and NAYBC recommend that you only use YBCs that are registered so that you can be assured every adult that comes into contact with your child has passed CRB checks as well as being known to the club officials.

Through a registered YBC, your child can bowl at increasing levels of competence with licenced instructors, leading to peer age-group tournaments that are fantastic fun for children and their parents (and Grandparents!), and that increase in complexity as they grow older to give every child an equal opportunity to play for England both in the UK and abroad. England's juniors have bowled in Las Vegas, Beijing and closer to home Vienna, Munich, Scotland and Wales.

The NAYBC also operates a world-respected Academy that your child can qualify to join. Once aboard, students are taught a complete range of bowling skills and are offered the chance to play in tournaments alongside adults, seniors and professionals at the BTBA National Championships, where students regularly return with hands filled with medals. The Academy is recognised domestically for producing world-class bowlers and as an Enigma to National teams from around the world who desperately want to know what happens behind the doors.

The NAYBC comprises a number of Officials, each charged with a specific duty, but at the same time working together as a whole to promote, maintain and improve the sport of Youth Tenpin Bowling in England.

The officials are:

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Keith Bringloe – Academy Director and DV8 Junior Team England Coach

Steve Allen – NAYBC Tournament Director

Neil Warland – Assistant NAYBC Tournament Director

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Lee Crosby

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Richard Lambkin - Years 2 & 4 Presenter

Derek Simpson - Year 3 Presenter

Jim Missen - Years 3 & 4 Presenter

## **NAYBC Academy Coaching Team**

Sue Allen

Curtis Hooper

Graham Ellis

Leeroy Copping

Peter Horne

Peter Leeke

Phil McCabe

Steve Foster

Steve Hamlet

# WNC Diamond Trios - Results!

Written by Karen Parslow, Head of the Women's National Council



Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October saw the launch of the WNC (Women's National Council) Diamond Trios tournament at MFA Nuneaton.

We had an amazing response with 20 teams of trios entering – from YBC to BUSA to Seniors and everyone in between. Entering averages ranged from 96 to 220 and with it being a Handicap tournament it meant that all people were welcome.

It all started with a buffet lunch and 10 quiz questions to break the ice – the other 10 questions to be asked in the lane dressing break with a prize awarded for the most correct answers.

Total prize fund was £1,015 (+ prizes) with money donated by B&P Fabrications (Leicester) Ltd and Euronetwork plus prizes donated by Bowling Vision and Bowltech. A massive thanks goes to all those involved to make the event a success.

The entry fee for a BTBA member was £20 per person – what a bargain for 6 games bowling along with all the above prize fund, buffet and quiz. Each team were given a sticker sheet at registration to use how they pleased and most people got into the spirit of it – Strike A Muppet especially (oh, that was my team!).

The atmosphere throughout the day was amazing and so many positive comments were made about all aspects of the Tournament. Feedback received included – “extremely well organised”, “thoroughly enjoyable tournament”, “this is the most I have enjoyed bowling in an event for a long time”.

The timing of the day seemed to go well and the “speed” raffle raised funds to support the WNC for 2015. Everybody (bowlers and spectators) were entertained from registration to presentation and we have never seen so many people stay for a presentation at any tournament before!

As a thank you to the ladies that took part each participant received a single

stem flower and not a single one was left behind like so many items at events so we believe they were well received.

Full results can be found on the BTBA website. There were a good mix of bowlers winning the events plus a last minute donation meant that we could have a high score for every game so even I won a prize (yes, I did score a high game for those who don't believe it!!)

Congratulations goes to the overall 2014 WNC Diamond Trios winners - Rough Diamonds who were Mia Bewley, Evie Giddens and Elyse Giddens who won £150 and 3 x DV8 Diva Triple Bowling Bag worth £225 (pictured).

To copy the phrase that Nikki Harvey (Tournament Manager) used after the event – “We did it and smashed the ball out of the ball park”!!

Plans for 2015 – the WNC is potentially considering a North and South event so if any bowl manager is interested in hosting please get in touch. End Sept / Start of October is the anticipated date as it seemed to work well this year.

As a footnote, a thank you again to all the sponsors of the event, but also to the WNC (pictured) and especially Nikki Harvey the Tournament Manager and Ann Nagle for their support in making this event the success it was.



## BTBA Annual Awards and Inter-county Finals

Written by Stuart Watson

The British Tenpin Bowling Association Annual Awards for 2014 were held during the Adult Inter-County Championships Banquet, at the The Hilton, Coventry on November 1st.

Awards were made in seven categories: Senior, Adult and Junior Bowlers of the Year, Team of the Year, Official of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and the inaugural Chairman's Award.

Master of Ceremonies, Paul LeManquais welcomed the bowlers and sponsors, many of whom were new this year, and explained how the Awards had been modernised for 2014:

"The way in which nominations and voting were made for this year's awards has changed. For all the bowling awards, a new selection process has been introduced to ensure they are National awards. A list of nominees was drawn up by those people responsible for the sport at a National Level, i.e. the Team England Management teams. This was then sent to the full National Council for ratification before being sent to the Local Association for their votes. Once votes were cast no additional voting was required by the National Council as they have already participated in the selection of nominees."

"The non-bowling awards have changed too. Nominations for 'Official of the Year' were determined by the National Council, with the selection of the eventual recipient being made by the Executive Council. Nominations for the 'Volunteer of the Year' were received from the Local Associations and the winner selected by the National

Council."

"Finally nominations for the Chairman's award for a Significant Contribution to our Sport came directly from the membership and a selection panel, with the Chairman then making his final decision. This panel was Bernice Bass, Matt Miller, and the Exec Council."

"Next year the process will start earlier with a longer period for the return of votes. Whilst all the 2014 awards will be made tonight in future years some minor changes are likely. For example, the senior bowlers may receive their awards at the Senior County Finals where the recipients will be amongst their peers."

"Finally, many of the awards have new sponsors for which the Association is very grateful."

**Senior Bowlers of the Year** presented by Marcus Buckley Bennion, [tenpintour.co.uk](http://tenpintour.co.uk)



Winners: **Angie Brown** and **Ron Oldfield**

**Adult Bowlers of the Year** presented by Jo Cundy on behalf of Storm Bowling



Winners: **Lisa John** (pictured) and **Dom Barrett**

**Junior Bowlers of the Year** presented by Paul Rumkee on behalf of Brunswick and DV8 Bowling



Winners: **Keira Reay** (pictured) and **Brandon Roberts**

**Team of the Year** presented by Jo Cundy on behalf of Pat Byrne, B & P Fabrications



Winners: **England Ladies EWC Team**

# BTBA Annual Awards and Inter-county Finals continued...

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**Official of the Year** presented by Dave Steiner, on behalf of The BTBA



Winner: **Dan Bonfield**

**Volunteer of the Year** Presented by Ron Griffin on behalf of The Tenpin Proprietors Association



Winner: **Maurie Phillpott**

**The Chairman's Award** Presented by Ron Griffin on behalf of The BTBA



Winner: **Paul Rumkee**

**For Services to the BTBA and Tenpin Bowling** Presented by Ron Griffin on behalf of The BTBA

The final award of the night was kept top-secret. Inviting as guest of honour, Pat White, former BTBA Chairman who guided the BTBA into and through the "Time for Change" was awarded for her Services to the BTBA and Tenpin Bowling. The award was presented by current BTBA Chairman, Ron Griffin.



## 2014 Adult Inter-County Championship

The 2014 Adult Inter-County Championships were held at Tenpin Coventry on November 1st and 2nd. Congratulations to Dorset's men and Surrey's women for winning this year Championships.

### Results

#### Men

Position	County	Scratch	Total	To Lead
1	Dorset	11189	12039	-
2	Derbyshire	11409	12009	-30
3	Yorkshire	11059	11859	-180
4	Hampshire	11122	11722	-317
5	Lancashire	11019	11719	-320
6	Surrey	11092	11692	-347
7	Warwickshire	11098	11598	-441
8	Durham	11019	11319	-720
9	Buckinghamshire	10746	11246	-793
10	Gloucestershire	10514	10964	-1075
11	Essex	10469	10869	-1170
12	Northamptonshire	10227	10527	-1512

#### Ladies

Position	County	Scratch	Total	To Lead
1	Surrey	11191	12191	-
2	Lincolnshire	10669	11569	-622
3	Yorkshire	10735	11335	-856
4	Warwickshire	10485	11085	-1106
5	Sussex	9994	10694	-1497
6	Northamptonshire	10144	10644	-1547
7	Hampshire	10156	10556	-1635
8	Lancashire	9950	10500	-1691
9	Bedfordshire	9514	10064	-2127
10	Buckinghamshire	9605	9905	-2286
11	Durham	9443	9643	-2548
12	Berkshire	8951	9251	-2940

Full coverage from the awards and the Inter-county Championships can be found on the BTBA website. This includes a full listing of all the nominees and the stories of the amazing achievements the deserved winners received recognition for.

## QubicaAMF 50th Bowling World Cup 2014, Wroclaw, Poland



The 2014 QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup took place in Sky Bowling, Wroclaw, Poland between the 1st and 9th November 2014. Steve Thornton and Danielle Hopcroft were representing England, after qualifying in the PTBC World Cup Qualifier, part of the **BTBA Adult Tour for 2014** at AMF Peterborough.



Reporting as it happened was Stuart Watson:

**Friday, 7th November:** With 15 of the 20 qualifying games now bowled,

both Steve Thornton and Danni Hopcroft are looking in great shape as they head-into the final 5 games today, Friday.

The first cut is to the top-24 bowlers in both the men's and ladies' divisions, and after a total pinfall of 3434 (228.93 avg.) Steve is in fifth place, just -243 from current leader Tobias Bording of Germany with 3677 (245.13). Steve is one place against USA 'Superman' Chris Barnes with 3433.

Danni is also top-10 with a pinfall over the first 15 games of 3247 (216.47 avg.), placing her 9th, above Ukrainian star Daria Kovalova (tied pinfall) and just 205 behind leader Brittni Hamilton of the USA.

**Friday, 7th November (ctd.):** After 20 games of qualifying, Steve added a further 1089 pins to complete qualifying with 4523 total pinfall (226.15 avg.) and +247 from the top-24 cut. Tobias Bording of Germany headed qualification on 4834 (241.70, +558).

Danni added 1031 pins to complete her qualification in 14th place, with 4278 total pinfall (213.90, +292) to see both England bowlers through to the top-24. Brittni Hamilton of the USA headed the ladies with 4484 (224.20, +498).

**Saturday, 8th November - Top-24:** With the top-24 bowlers battling

for the cut to the top-8, a further eight games were bowled today, Saturday. Steve included games of 279, 222, 259, and 223 for 1802, and a total pinfall of 6325 (225.89, -36), to end his third Bowling World Cup in 10th place.

Games of 247, 221, 242 and 227 lifted Danni from 14th place to 13th in the ladies with a final pinfall of 6017 (214.89, -58), as her first ever Bowling World Cup also came to its conclusion.



The BTBA and Team England congratulate them both on a very successful World Cup.

Congratulations also to eventual champions, Chris Barnes (USA) and Clara Juliana Guerrero (Colombia).



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