

The Inside Line



Future of Plymouth YBC secured

BTBA's mediation with Tenpin Ltd, the operators of Plymouth Bowl, recently brought about a solution that removed the very real threat of their YBC being unable to continue after Christmas. The BTBA and Plymouth YBC wish to thank the management at Tenpin Ltd who have agreed a plan which allows the Club to continue and to flourish!

Peter Horne, YBC President, commented, "on behalf of Plymouth YBC we would like to thank Jerry Moll (BTBA's Director of Membership Services) and the BTBA/NAYBC for the great help and support that has been given to ensure that Plymouth YBC continues the sport that is tenpin bowling".

Richard Howard, YBC Instructor, was also very pleased at the news. Richard and his 16 year-old daughter, Katie Glendenen, along with 15 year-old Daniel Cridge, make an 80mile round trip to Plymouth from St Austell, Cornwall most Saturdays because there are no YBCs currently operating in their county. Without the assistance of BTBA it is highly likely that these two youngsters would have had been unable to continue bowling with a YBC.



Delighted at the news! Katie Glendenen, Plymouth YBC bowler, with the club's President, Peter Horne.

Richard is now looking forward to the future, and intends to build upon what is already a very successful YBC at Plymouth.

"We at the BTBA are delighted that a mutually acceptable solution was found," comments Jerry Moll, "it demonstrates the value of BTBA membership and what can be achieved by everybody working together in harmony!"

2014, a Year in Review

We would like to take the chance to wish all of our readers a very Happy New Year and hope it brings you much bowling success, however you each measure it! This issue, being the twelfth of The Inside Line, represents just over a year of our newsletter and provides the ideal opportunity to take a look back over all of the news stories we have featured. We would like to express our thanks to everyone who has contributed so far, you have been instrumental in allowing The Inside Line to grow...*continues on page 2.*

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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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2014, a Year in Review

Written by Frazer Bowen, Editor

Our first issue contained just 6 pages, while the present one stands at 12 pages! We had not imagined it would become so substantial, but are glad that it has. Clearly there was demand for bowlers to get their news out there on a national scale to other bowlers. We hope that you have all enjoyed reading each others stories, along with those from National Council sources.

We have aimed to cover the whole spectrum of bowling, from local league to international event, from Juniors to Seniors, and everything in between, such as Women's National Council; Deaf Bowling; Proprietors; and Students. If there's anything we've missed, please let us know!

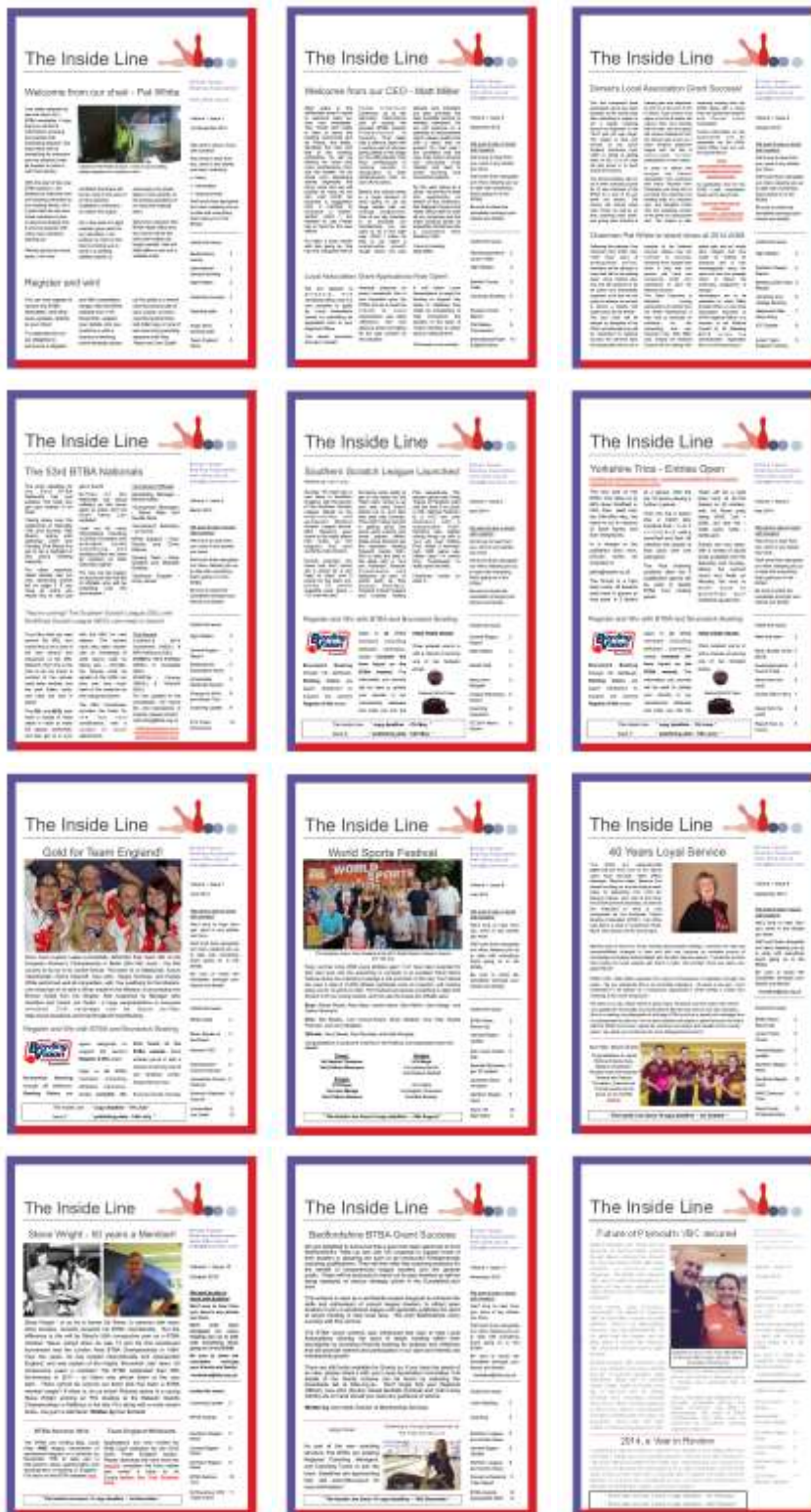
From looking at just the front pages of each issue it is clear a lot has happened, and the pages behind them contained even more stories. It has been a fantastic year for bowling in many ways.

There have been some amazing achievements: our Team England bowlers excelled in international competition - we've seen Junior medals at the EYC and World Sports Festival; a Bronze men's team medal from the World Youth Championships in Hong Kong; the Adult Ladies retained their team Gold at the EWC in Berlin; while the Seniors (and other age groups) found success at the Triple Crown.

Reports of members high scores have been a firm favourite, some notable ones include: back to back 300s from Greg Stretton and Tony Lee; Dan Lewis' 300; and a PB of 202 for 7 year-old Maxwell Parrot. As have local and regional Sports Awards, such as those awarded to Lorna Scott, Elyse Giddens, and the Bedfordshire Team.

There have also been many milestones: Pat White retired as Chair of the BTBA after many years of distinguished service and Bernice Bass marked 40 years; while Steve Wright and Alan White celebrated 50+ years as BTBA members.

We've seen lots of new developments: a Local Association Grant scheme; a BTBA Tour; the Team England Trials format; a coaching programme; an expanded



Women's National Council (& successful Trios event); on-line membership renewals; the affiliation of British University bowling; the launch of the Southern Scratch League; Team England sponsorship from Storm; and DV8 Bowling and BowlingVision sponsorship of Junior

Team England to name just a few!

There really has been a lot to celebrate this past year, which we hope you will all keep in mind as we move forward this year. We are confident that future editions will be packed with just as much (if not more) wonderful news!

Membership Services Update

Written by Jerry Moll, Director of Membership Services

We would love to receive more of your reports for Inside Line. Not just lists of high scores achieved but also bowling related human interest stories. We know that you, our readers, have opinions on most bowling matters, so why not share them? Emailed letters to Inside Line are always welcomed and if they kick off a healthy debate, then well and good! So please do contact us at insideline@btba.org.uk

Maybe this will be the year you have a brainwave to promote and develop the sport of bowling in your area. There are still BTBA grants available so please discuss your ideas with your Local Association Secretary or with your Regional Officer. Further details of the Grants scheme can be found under the "downloads" tab at www.btba.org.uk.

Several Local Associations will be soon holding their AGMs so please find out when yours is due and do your best to attend. If you think your Local Association is doing a good job, then great but, if not, make your voice heard. You can make a difference! Why not play a greater part in your Local Association and ask your sanctioned league to nominate you for a position on your area's committee? Many have vacancies and would welcome additional members.

In the last issue of Inside Line, I outlined our plans to introduce dedicated pages for each Local Association which will be accessed from the main BTBA website. Thank you to those of you who responded with suggestions. There will be more news of this very soon!

Finally, a request to Local Association Secretaries. As we at the BTBA develop new strategies and enhancements to the services we offer, we increasingly rely on your local knowledge and feedback. In this regard, the Regional Officers, Lisa, Colin and Daniel, will, from time to time, ask you to supply information to assist us in our endeavours. Your responses to such requests are important to us and are appreciated.

Best wishes from your Membership services team:

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Southern Region - League and Centre News

Branksome (Bournemouth) - Ray Harrison reports...

The 11th Dave Dolloway Memorial Tournament was held at Bowlplex Branksome on 17th November. The tournament is best 3 from 4 games handicap doubles format and is played to raise money for the Lewis Manning Hospice charity. The event raised £250 for the charity. Dave Dolloway was a very well respected bowler in his own right. He had great technique, was smooth, and always played with a smile on his face. Dave had many close friends within the bowling community in Dorset and helped and supported some of the youth and YAC bowlers of which a few are now established international players.

The tournament was a great success this year with teams travelling from around the south to support the event. The scores were high with Jamie Bottomley scoring a 300 game followed by a 289. Matt Chamberlain, Matt Ayles, Glen Bailey and Chris Oates each scored a 279 game. The eventual winners were Chris Oates and Matt Chamberlain (pictured) with a total of 1562, Matt Ayles and Jamie Bottomley were 2nd with 1541, Glen and Callum Bailey were 3rd with 1532 and Paul Coles and Brian Phillips were 4th with 1482. Hopefully next year will be even more successful!



Southern Region - League and Centre News

Branksome (Bournemouth) - Matt Ayles reports...

Jack Sanders set his previous high of 725 in 2010 and has endured a long wait before finally beating it on 2nd December. Rolling games of 268, 266 & 230 the left-handed two-hander smashed his way to 764. He used a Track 811C/T.

All the bowlers in the Tuesday Doubles League at Bowlplex, Poole congratulate Jack on achieving his new PB!



Jack Sanders - 764

Cliftonville (Margate) - Simon Herbert reports...

We have been very lucky to secure a £500 grant from the Mayor of Margate's Fund, this will be put to very good use soon (more on this to follow very soon!).



Success for our bowlers both in and out of the league is always encouraging to see, so we were all very proud to see Bailey Roff and Mia Thistleton take first position in The Bert & Vicky Timms Memorial Mixed Doubles at the beginning of

December. Well done to all of the Cliftonville bowlers who all had a great day and gained more competitive experience ahead of the South of England Open later this month.



On a similar theme, James McMinn has had a fantastic start to this year. Not only he has logged his second perfect game, but he has finished 1st in the U19 division of the U24 Welsh Open and has just been selected to represent England in the European Youth Championships in Leipzig this spring. This is a huge boost for both James and the club and is just the start of the year – we are all certain that James' attitude and hard work will continue to pay dividends as the season progresses.

Farnborough - Dave Steiner reports...

16th November saw Farnborough Bowl in conjunction with the Hampshire BTBA run what is hoped to be the first of an Annual event a Handicap Diamond Threes. With only a ten lanes centre everyone involved with the organisation were very pleased that only two places were not filled in the first squad and hope that all 18 teams will put the event in their diaries for next year.

Daniel Bonfield set the standard right out of the blocks, having dragged the rest of the family out on a Sunday he had to be seen showing some effort.

481 for his two games singles followed by 487 for his two games in the doubles helped him to 1426 for six games and laid down a marker down for the rest of the field. I know his friends will say easy on the left but you still have to produce the performance on the day which he certainly did. Aply supported by Alison Taylor and her dad Pete 3483 scratch, 3819 with handicap looked a very good team score to beat.

A team, made up on the spur of the moment, of three bowlers from the Big Boys club took up the challenge. Although none of the three are league bowlers in Farnborough two train regularly in the centre and put local knowledge to good use. Shanine Gill put her first game of 242 to start the charge making 1122 her best six game total for some time. Val Hopcroft continuing her improving form over the last year added 1059 to the total and Phil Staff completed the team, Pin Tickers, which with handicap produced 3838 to push BadassBowling into second place.

Other performances of particular note were the 265 from Mark Icke playing for the Glonks and Andy Woods 258 bowling for Finger Cone Fist.

Some rough edges need to be smoothed for next year's tournament but nothing that distracted from the tournament as a whole and I hope the players enjoyed the tournament as much as we did hosting it.

Southern Region - League and Centre News

Alan White, a BTBA member for more than 50 years, gives us this nostalgic look back to bowling in the 1960s. There are still many of us around in Kent/Essex who will fondly remember some of the names he mentions from the SEBA (South East Bowling Association) days. Many thanks Alan!

I started open bowling in 1961/2 at the Playbowl, Wanstead, East London which was a seven lane centre then owned by Oscar Ovide who I believe now owns lots of property in Soho, London.

I remember when I started that there was a mixed doubles league at Wanstead that consisted of several people who were later to become very well known in bowling – Rita and Morris Glaser, Enid and Harold King, Dolly and Lou Hart and Gladys and Ron Notley. I later joined this league with Betty Stenning.

Other bowlers at Wanstead were Malcolm Riddall, Roy Payne, Paul McCutcheon, Geoff Polaine, Peter Fountain, Ernie Woolard, Dave Dann and Barry Wright.

I became lifelong friends with Dolly Hart and Barry Wright who have both now passed away.

In 1961/2 I joined the Mayday League which was a trios league and also the Mixed Doubles League. I was then asked by Dave Dann if I would join his five man team “Canada Dry” and we bowled in leagues and tournaments in many of the original bowling centres and also at RAF and American air bases.

At Wanstead we several times had demonstrations of bowling by Paul Lane, Jim Brewer and Lee Kates.

In the 60's and 70's I bowled in leagues at Stamford Hill, Southend, North Harrow, Dagenham and Grays. I have been a continuous member of the BTBA from when I started bowling to now.

I later served on SEBA (Southern Area Bowling Assn) with Brian Langford and Brian (Buzz) Morrison. Also ECTA (Essex County Tenpin Assn.) and was for many years on the BTBA National Council where I worked on the World Championships at Tolworth and other International Tournaments held here. I also worked as Duty Manager at the Princess Bowl at Dagenham for thirteen years under Brian Morrison and Brian Langford. I actually have the opening programme for Princess Bowl, Dagenham.

It may be of interest to mention that in the Tenpin Monthly of April 1962 the top averages for men were 186 by Ray Haggan and 179 by Lee Kates both at Golders Green and 179 by Tony Samuels at Leytonstone. Ladies were all at Stamford Hill – 152 by Mitzi Rose, and 151 by Enid King and 150 by Rhoda Brewer.

I have many great memories of bowling especially from the great days of bowling in the Supreme league at Stamford Hill when there were so many great bowlers in the teams there – Len Gaston, Brian & Joe Michaels, Bobby Mansfield, Tony Samuels, Bernie White, Phil Russell and many more..

Bowling has been a major part of my life!!

Tunbridge Wells Tuesday Singles League - Simon Herbert reports...

The top of the table continues to change on a weekly basis as the league edges closer to half way through the season.

New high scores and personal bests continue to roll in with 278 being the season high scratch game so far (set by Andrew Tapping). However the handicap high game is now a magnificent 301 set by Rod Ringor (277 scratch) and closely followed by Charles Pomfret with 298 (which was his new scratch high of 266). Still plenty of time for these targets to be smashed...

Competition will also continue to be tight for the two knockout competitions run along side the league. The League Knockout Shield and Caroline Barker Plate are both about to kick off properly following a slight change to the opening rounds this year.

Just 16 places were available in each knockout meaning that all 38 league members had to fight it out over a six games with 1219 being the cut for the shield and 1120 for the plate.

We now move into the elimination rounds, which will be spaced out over the coming months.

You can get in touch and follow all of the weekly action as it unfolds on our website www.bowltuesday.com.

Central Region - update from your officer, Dan Bonfield



I want people to have a think about how they can make the sport better. I want people to ask themselves WHAT CAN I DO?

Since the last newsletter, Mark Heathorn has released all the information on the new BTBA coaching programme. He has worked incredibly hard making sure that what will be delivered will be fit for purpose and flexible enough to change as our

game evolves. We now have one of the best and most comprehensive coaching programs in Europe. Many of you will be thinking about what you want achieve in 2015. Your local associations always need volunteers to help them out. Why not volunteer to be a Local Area centre rep? It would be great if every centre had one. I hope you all have a great 2015!

Central Region - League and Centre news

Bedfordshire – Dan Bonfield reports...

The Bedfordshire Tenpin bowling team have had a great year. The team won the Central England Challenge Shield, gained promotion from Division 3 of the Midland Scratch league in their first year, and the ladies team qualified for the National Finals for the first time in 8 years. But their sporting year was rounded off nicely when at the Networking @ Dunstable business and community awards evening held at Dunstable's conference centre the team won the Sporting Achievement Award. The award was collected on behalf of the team by Kate Wicklow and was presented by David Tooley and was sponsored by the towns HQ sports bar. The team have had some great support from local businesses this year, so we would like to thank and share our success with Go Bowling, Tesco Express Stopsley and Electrolux, and Currys/PCWorld.

Bedfordshire's Bowler of the Month

Dan Bonfield reports that "there were many great nominations for November", namely:

Jeff Taylor - a great 3rd place bowling in Gibraltar in the Rock Masters, and in the scratch league shot a 300 and an 800 series.

Dan 'basher' Bonfield - great bowling in the Hampshire Diamond Trios winning the singles and the all events by whopping 227 pins with a 237 average.

Jackie Wyatt - bowling for the Bedfordshire Ladies team in the National final averaged a great 191 on extremely testing conditions.

Paul Griffiths - bowling in the company 4's on Tuesday has put in a series of great performances and added 6 pins on his average in 4 weeks,

Our Juniors also had a great month:

Hayden Hewitt - bowled outrageously well in one weekend and qualified for 8 badges, 450, 500, 525, 550 & 575 series as well as his 3,4 & 5 strikes.

Toni Melton - her 350 & 400 series badges

Ria Hunter - her 400 series badge

Dominic Chapman - his 6 strike badge

Some strong candidates this month...at one end of the age spectrum is Jeff Taylor who has bowled great and the other end the YBC bowlers... and the bowler of the month, winning a £30 voucher from Ballmaster Pro shop is **Hayden Hewitt**... well done Hayden. 8 badges in one weekend! Hopefully in a few years' time Hayden will be joining Jeff and myself in the county team!



Hayden with Award sponsor Shirley Penny of Ballmaster Proshop.

Central Region - League and Centre News

300 games - Dan reports...

Congratulations to Suffolk Area Secretary Chris Thorogood who bowls in Martlesham Heath's Monday trios league and, on 2 December, opened his set with a 300. Congratulations also to Warwickshire county bowl Maria Gilderoy bowling in the Thursday doubles at Acocks Green on 27 November also opened her set with a 300. Unfortunately neither league is BTBA sanctioned so sadly no high score certificates, but it's still a great achievement!



Simon Mooring - 300

Massive congratulations also to Simon Mooring (above) who rolled his maiden 300 on 2 December at Dunstable's Scratch Trios league. This is a sanctioned league!!

Congratulations to Hertfordshire county bowler Keith Hooker (below) who bowling for t-t-t-Tara team in Dunstable's Comwake league on 12 November opened up with a 269, then was perfect for a 300 and rounded out a great set with a 255 for a brilliant 824 series. Well done Keith!



Keith Hooker - 824!

Aylesbury - New Bowling Centre Opens - Karen Parslow and Dan Bonfield report...



Rogue Leisure Bowl - Aylesbury

Aylesbury's new and long-anticipated tenpin bowling centre opened its doors on Saturday 6th December 2014. Rogue Bowling in Gatehouse Way opened to the public at 10.30am, with guest appearances from Cinderella and Buttons from this year's Aylesbury Waterside Theatre panto.

Aylesbury has been without a bowling centre since the sad closure of Jardines in 2012, but many will be pleased to see familiar Jardines face Kevin Pollard who is centre manager of the new 14-lane facility and brings with him over 40 years experience. Kevin will be assisted by another of Jardines former employees, Ian Bishop.

On the opening night it was the honour of Jardines former owner, Stan Adams, to roll the first ball, with Buttons (local man Andy Collins) throwing the second.

The air-conditioned warehouse unit has a fully licensed bar and café-style restaurant serving drinks and hot and cold food as well as ample parking. There is also free wi-fi for all customers. Rogue Bowling will be open 10am until 11pm Monday – Thursday, until midnight Friday and Saturday and until 10pm Sunday.

With Kevin being a great ambassador for the sport - discussions are already taking place about which tournaments can be held at Rogue Bowling. Sanctioning will be applied for in the New Year with the Buckinghamshire Adult & Senior County Roll-offs being held there during 2015.

Rogue Leisure Limited has been providing indoor karting facilities in Aylesbury since early 2005 (under the Rogue Racing name) and the plan is to move the karting next to the bowling during Summer 2015.

Visit the Rogue Bowling website on <http://www.roguebowling.co.uk/> or search Rogue Bowling on Facebook.

Central Region - League and Centre News

Dunstable – Dan reports ...

Dunstable's **Monday Handicap Trios** has just come to the end of their 2014 season and it was the Dad's Army team (Sukky Gill, Garry Champriss, Robert 'zippy' Browning, Neil Saunders, James Kelly) that took the league title. They won the 44 week league season by 10 points from the Whirl Pins team. Dad's Army also took High team game (793) with High Team Series going to the King Pins with 2045.



Dad's Army

Individual high game with handicap went to Duncan Lee with a 313 and high Series went to Sukky Gill with a 766. Ladies High game went to Carol Saunders with 278 and ladies high series went to junior Ria Hunter with a 693.

The new season recommences in January and as always the league will welcome new teams or new bowlers - if you're interested contact Dan Bonfield or Derek Hobbs 0777-188-8 9 0 2 or email d.hobbs37@ntlworld.com.

Dunstable's **Regency League** has also come to the end of their season with the Aylesbury Ducks (Tim Robinson and Paul Walker) winning the league by 7 points from the Atlantis team (Ian Tellentire & Scott Mucklestone).

The Aylesbury Ducks also won team high series and high game with 549

and 1475. And Aylesbury continued their dominance in the individual awards with Paul Walker winning high series with 746 and high game with 279. The female individual awards were won by Zoe Disson with 261 game and a 682 series.

Dunstable – Stephen Miller reports...

The **Monday Handicap Doubles** has ended its fourth season at The GoBowling Centre at Dunstable and is recommencing at the new Rogue Bowling Centre in Aylesbury. Supreme Legacy duo of Sam Burch and Michael Kent have retained their title winning it by a record breaking 58.5 points. In their final match they romped home 18-2 against The Rank Outsiders who once again held up the rest of the league. Sam Burch maintained his top average of 226 finishing with a 677 series.



Michael Kent and Sam Burch

The Caputa family finished runners up and had son Tony to thank who held the team together finishing with a 665 series. The Aceflers edged above The Dohnuts into third place by a point after beating them 17-3 and were thankful that Jack Stone was in sparkling form with games of 279 and 266 for his new high series of 773 series. Alpha lost out on fourth place by just half a point when they were beaten 13-7 by lowly placed Little & Large. Despite a 653 series from Barry Price Charaz had to settle for

sixth place with Fallen Apart once again relying heavily on Richard Purser who made 640 in their final win over The A.Ties.

Comment from Bedfordshire Area Secretary Dan 'basher' Bonfield..."it will be sad to see this league leave Dunstable, but its understandable that they should want to go back to bowling in Aylesbury. The have all supported our area raffles really well and have played in a great spirit throughout their time at Dunstable".

Dunstable – Dan reports...

One of the longest running leagues at Dunstable is the **Sunday morning doubles** league and it's just come to the end of another successful season. Despite an 8-0 loss in the last week the Sharks team of David and Glyn Tompkins and Chris North took the title by 5 points from the Los Dos team. Personal honours went to Steve Mc Allister with a 294 high game and to David Tompkins with a 763 series. Amy Maxwell took the ladies high game and high series with 274 and 732.



The Sharks

The league will re-convene in February and there are vacancies for teams and individuals ... If you like to join this fun and well run league please contact Pam Maberley - p.maberley@ntlworld.com

Central Region Northern Region

Nuneaton – Dan Bonfield reports...



Issy Allen

Young starlet Issy Allen went and beat her high game on the 10 December bowling in the Nuneaton doubles league. Issy, who is only 12 years old, went and rolled a 275 game, beating her partner and sister, England International Emily who could only manage a 224. Pretty good team game there girls, well done! Come on Emily, you need to up your game, you can't have your little sister beating you, haha!

Peterborough YBC – Dan reports...



Elle Sarter

8 year old Elle Sarter is bowling in her first full league season at Peterborough YBC and is beginning to do some top skitting. Currently she holds an average in the 90's, but on the 29 November Elle hit a personal best high game of 134 and personal best high series of 359: Well done Elle!

Lincolnshire – Jill Hutcheson reports...



Lincolnshire Seniors

Super Silver Seniors! Whole-hearted congratulations to our Senior County Team of **Pete Tiffney, Paul Maddock, Mark “Mav” Loughborough, Al Hutchison, Brian Greenbeck, Dave Rawding, Mark Fullbrook** and their Team Manager **Gary Jeans**, who set the seal on their silver-winning Inter-County performance at Nuneaton with a massive **1169** scratch game, a Senior county record only 24 pins off the Adult CT record. **Mark Loughborough** rolled the top average for the entire tournament with **225.0**, finishing with a 280 game. All took their turn at rolling match-rescuing scores, and not surprisingly, **Gary Jeans** will be TM again next year!



Jacky Whitbread, Rebekah Hamlet, Kirsty Granados, Faye Elkington, Al Hutchison, Fiona Hallam, and Sarah Wilson

Silver for the Ladies, too! Would you believe it! Even with bowling supergirl **Danni Hopcroft** absent in Poland, our wonderful Lincolnshire ladies managed to go one better than last year and move up from the bronze medal to the silver. **Rebekah Hamlet** (High game **258**) and **Faye Elkington** (**257**) played all 11 games at lead off and anchor respectively, with **Sarah Wilson** (200.2 Saturday average), **Fiona Hallam** (215 Sunday average), **Jacky Whitbread** and mega-sparer **Kirsty Granados** taking turns in the three spots in the middle. **Al Hutchison** came in as an extra Team Manager on the day so that Captain **Faye** and TM **Fiona** could concentrate on their own bowling; an inspired decision as it turned out.

The girls weren't the only ones with silver (behind Surrey). **Gary Newton**, representing Derbyshire, took home Men's silver behind Dorset on the weekend's high average of **228**, with high games of **261** and **274**. Plenty of room for that vertical backswing at Coventry!

Northern Region - League and Centre News

Ilkeston – Gill Hutchison reports...

The first name to feature on the results list at the prominent **Derbyshire Shield Diamond Fours** at Ilkeston was that of someone who gives a great deal to bowling in general and this County in particular – **Ian Hutchison**. He won the singles with a 2-game total of 512 for Grantham team *Loud and Proud* with **Porky Maddock** in 3rd for RAF team *Raptors*. Ian finished 5th with **Lee Pennock** in the Doubles and 6th in the Trios with the addition of **Clare Dowling**. However, it was *Puppy Strikers*, featuring **Katie Tagg**, who began to show their mettle in the Trios section and finished 2nd in the Fours just ahead of *Raptors*, a position which these two teams maintained in the All-Events also.

Lincoln – Gill reports...

Returning from the Senior Champs, **Porky Maddock (247)** and **Al Hutchison (257)** stayed on a roll to post a Men's Trios record with **784** for *The Who?* in Lincoln's Tuesday Trios on Oct 21st, though *Smashing Crew* still own the Mixed Trios record from 796 back in 2010. *The Who?* were anchored by amazing young **Myles Duke** on **280** (7 pin stood in the 2nd frame). Myles is on no end of a roll – the previous Friday he smashed in 30 out of a possible 36 strikes with no misses and still didn't beat his own PB!



Amazing Fact number two – the game in the RAF Fours at Dunstable in which **Andy Yeomans** put in that 300 wasn't a 4s record for *The Flintstones* (above). **Andy (211)**, **Simon**

Yeomans (289 pb), **Pete Bromley (233)** and **Kylie Bromley (245)** had smashed that in the previous game with **978**.

It could have been that the lanes at Lincoln were particularly kind on Oct 21st. As well as that record going in, **Arron Machin** posted **299, 765**; **Myles 280**, **Simon Yeomans 692**; **Matt Curtis 268**; and the ever-encouraging **Lee Pennock 260, 662**. Or it could be that our bowlers are just damn good these days!

Finally, 300 for the Maverick, writes Gill...



Delighted to report that it has happened at last for **Mark (Mav) Loughborough**. After his record-breaking feat with the Senior lads at Coventry in October, he returned to his home county to go one strike better – **300** in the Lincoln Bowl Thursday Trios on Nov 6th. Bowling with his **IQ Pearl**, Mav anchored his team of *Clueless idiots* (**Dave Simpson** and **Dave Chester**) to a win over *The Firm* (**Glenn Robson**, **Bob Kennard** and **Carleton Spence**) who did manage to take a few points (thank goodness for Petersen) but not many. On the good side for Mark, his *Midland Scratch* team will no longer be able to take the mickey about him being the only player without a 300 to his name!

Scunthorpe – Gill reports...

MFA Scunthorpe saw a double PB for young **Matt Curtis** on October 27th. Bowling with his *HyRoad Pearl*, Matt

strung the strikes together for a PB game of **279** AND a PB series of **739**. Consider yourself a fully-paid-up member of the Lincs 700 Club, Matt!

Great bowling doesn't always have to be in the stratosphere. **Simon Yeomans** has had several series higher than 671. However, the way he did his latest one is worthy of note, **224, 221, 226**, giving him a PC – personal best for consistency.

World Cup Experience of a Lifetime, writes Gill...

Congratulations to **Danni Hopcroft** (13th) and **Kylie Bromley** (25th) who represented **England and Wales** respectively in the World Cup in Wroclaw, Poland. Hands up who sat glued to the Live Streaming to watch how they were getting on? Everyone in my household, for a start!



Our girl Danni has frequently returned with medals from international tournaments, but always as part of a team. Well done for achieving this remarkable result on a solo outing!



Although Kylie has been in her life a top junior, a top YAC and a top adult, representing Wales is her first taste of international competition. Long may it continue!

Northern News Rock Masters 2014

Uttoxeter YBC, Gareth reports...

November and December of 2014 became Uttoxeter YBC's months of nail biting Saturday's for it's members.

Throughout the year the bowler's and their instructors have worked hard to prepare in readiness for their **B T B A STRIKE OUT FOR SUCCESS** examinations.

Paul, Andrew, Mike and Gareth are praised for their efforts and determination through their voluntary work every Saturday getting ready for this vital time of year. The YBC members and their instructors have put in time, effort and shown great dedication whilst attempting to gain their respective levels.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that all members of Uttoxeter YBC passed their examinations and gained the level as listed below, with a maximum STEP 10! achieved by...

STEP 1:

LEROY BOYES
KIRSTIE WILKINS
SHAUN WILKINS

STEP 2:

DANIEL BOYES
ADAM LAUDER

STEP 3:

JACK ASHBY
AMY COOK
DAVID COOK
JORDAN HUNT

STEP 6:

LOUISE FINNIE
HOLLIE HUNT
HARRY JONES

STEP 10:

JORDAN ORCHARD

The instructors and officials wish to thank all of the YBC members for their enthusiasm and hard work throughout the last 12 months and look forward to another year of development within the sport.

WELL DONE ALL!!!

Kings Bowl, Gibraltar. Tony Brown reports...



The Rock Masters is a Seniors tournament, which is organised by Matchpoint Tours who also run the Tenpin Tour Seniors tournaments. The top six male and female bowlers on the tour order of merit each year receive free entry and hotel accommodation for the tournament.

This year the format of the tournament was changed from previous years, to mirror that often adopted on the European Seniors tournaments, with qualification being through two blocks of 6 games, making a twelve game qualifying total. Re-entry squads are available to allow bowlers to improve their total qualification score. Additional qualification spots were available for the men through Turbo games and a Desperado squad. Age bonus was set at one pin for every year of age over 50. The pattern for the tournament was Kegel Easy Street, which for some was to prove anything but easy.

Unusually, it was not possible to pre-book qualification squads, the six available squads were filled by a

random draw which took place the night before the first squad, thus ensuring that all competitors were in Gibraltar before the tournament commenced. All bowlers were scheduled to bowl one squad on Wednesday and one on Thursday, with two optional re-entry squads on Friday.

At the end of Wednesday, all bowlers had completed six games, and in the men's section, American Ed Roberts was in the lead, some 20 pins ahead of Scot Alan Keddie, with Ken Burton some way behind in third place. The ladies section was led by Angie Brown, ahead of Angie Morgan and Liz Griffin.

Wednesday evening saw the first of the informal tournaments held each year, the Nations Cup. Bowlers and non bowlers were organised into 5 man teams, and were representing a nominated nation. Some flexibility is always allowed in the team names, this year the little know nation of East Anglia was well represented. After two games of baker format, the field was cut, and a further game cut to just four nations. *Continued on the next page...*

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These four battled it out in matchplay format, with Scotland emerging victorious, comprising Alan Keddie, Gordon Humphries, Sandra Boswell, Catherine Wills and Liz Griffin.

The Thursday qualifying squads saw more high scoring. Ed Roberts stayed at the top, but now had only a slight lead from Tony Imren who had a very strong second block, with Dave Rawding moving into third place. The top two men would miss first final round, so everyone was keen to be in the top two positions. In the ladies section, Angie Brown retained top spot, a little ahead of Angie Morgan, with Jan Steiner now moving into third place.

Following on from the Thursday squads was the second informal tournament, the Partner's Cup. This was nominally restricted to 'other halves', but some leniency was available. After two games of Scotch Doubles, the top 14 teams played a further game before the final four teams played one deciding game. Thanks to the support and coaching of Graham Coles, the Gibraltar Association president, this was finally won by Angie and Tony Brown, the left/right handed combination helping greatly in a Scotch Doubles format.

A good number of bowlers elected to bowl in the re-entry squads, but the positions at the top in both sections remained unchanged. The cut to the men's finals was 24th place, taken by Colin Crouch, and the final qualifying lady in 8th place was Sue Richards. Phil Boswell also qualified as the Turbo winner, and Andrew Ward took the last spot through a great Desperado competition. For those

who failed to make the finals, they would get a further chance to compete on finals day in the Plate competition.

The first finals round of 4 games took place on Friday night, this was comfortably won by Mike Sykes, ahead of Jeff Taylor and Barry Knox. Only 14 from this round would go forward, and the final place was Richard Morgan.

Early Saturday morning saw the Plate competition for those who had not made the final day. John Dunmall won the men's section with an excellent score of 922 over the four games, ahead of Dave Montgomery. Catherine Wills took top spot in the ladies, ahead of Julie Johanssen.

Next came the semi-final round, and after 6 games it was again Ed Roberts and Alan Keddie at the top. Sixth and final qualifier for the final was Richard Morgan. The ladies section also had familiar names at the top, Angie Brown leading from Angie Morgan with Sue Richards being the sixth and final qualifier.

Ed Roberts started the men's final strongly, with 244 with bonus to take an early lead in the six person Round Robin. Ed continued to bowl consistently, making good use of his 21 pins per game bonus to finish the fourth game just two pins ahead of Alan Keddie. The final game saw the two leaders pitched against each other, and Ed Roberts ran out an easy winner 279 to 218, with Alan Keddie finishing in second place, ahead of Jeff Taylor.

In the ladies section, Sandra Boswell started 260, 218 to open up what

looked like a commanding lead over Angie Morgan. Previous leader Angie Brown had a disastrous start with 158, 183 to be well at the back of the field. Sandra had another solid game in Game 3, and then the end pair caught her out in game 4 with only 145 to slip behind Sue Richards. This opened the door for one of the trailing bowlers to make a big push for the line. Sandra moved past Sue with a 206 game, but Angie Brown finally got matched up, and finished 219, 239 to squeak a 6 pin victory.



Angie Brown (right), victorious in 2011, 2013, and 2014.

The honours board at the Kings Bowl now shows Ed Roberts victorious in 2013 and 2014, with Angie Brown the winner in 2011, 2013, and 2014. January 2015 will see a return to Gibraltar for many of the bowlers, as the Kings Bowl is the location for the January Team England training event. Those who have not been before can look forward to bowling in a unique environment, which is always welcoming to those competing.



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