

# The Inside Line



## Gold for Team England!



Storm Team England Ladies successfully defended their team title at the European Women's Championship in Berlin (6th-14th June) - the first country to do so in its current format. The team of Jo Allesbrook, Autumn Chamberlain, Danni Hopcroft, Lisa John, Hayley Rumkee, and Hayley White performed well all competition, with five qualifying for the Masters. Lisa would go on to take a Silver medal in the Masters, to accompany her Bronze medal from the Singles. Ably supported by Manager Alex Hamilton and Coach Jon Zadel - a huge congratulations to everyone involved. Full coverage can be found on-line: <https://www.facebook.com/TeamEnglandTenpinBowling>

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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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## BTBA Annual General Meeting Written by Stuart Watson

The 2014 BTBA AGM took place at Holiday Inn Express South, Luton on 24th May in front of more than 40 delegates, the National Council and representatives from the multi-medal-winning 2014 European Youth Championships England Team.

Following approval, full minutes from the AGM will be published on -line. These will be accompanied by presentations given by members of the Executive and National Councils.



As Ron Griffin and Dave Steiner were voted-in as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the BTBA, Gill Hutchison lead tribute to retiring BTBA Chair Pat White, to a spontaneous standing ovation from the delegates, who recognise the huge contribution that she has made to the BTBA, especially in directing the BTBA through the "Time to Change" transition period.



Karen Parslow, Head of Women's Council unveils the new Women's Council display and tells the AGM to keep October 4th free for the re-launch of the much missed Women's Tournament. EYC2014 Team medalists Keira Reay, Emily Allen and Frankie Plewis were proud to join Karen to underline

the message that women's bowling and equality is an important part of the BTBA.

Articles on some of the developments being made by the WNC can be found later in this issue.

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

A lot has happened since the last issue of the Inside Line, most significantly at the recent BTBA AGM Ron Griffin was accepted by the delegates as the New Chairperson. Unfortunately I wasn't at the AGM in person, as my baby, Taylor wasn't well. But with Ron's appointment, I'm confident that when Taylor starts her bowling journey in the YBC, the BTBA will be stronger than ever. Talking of juniors and YBC's it was great to see so many successes from the Central Regions junior bowlers. Well done, to not just the bowlers, but to all the

YBC league secretaries and coaches. You must feel very proud when your hard work is rewarded in medals – Well done! Thanks to Coventry bowl for being a great host and Paul Rumkee and tournament staff for making it, once again, a great event.

May was also a time for Areas to hold their own championships. 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. So well done to all the areas in the central region who held an area championship and well done to not just the winners, but to all the bowlers who supported the tournament. A couple of weeks ago, I popped into my local bowl Dunstable, to watch the seniors in the Tenpin Tour event. Just before she started bowling, I gave Nuneaton's Sandra Boswell some local knowledge... which luckily she ignored and then went on to win the event - well done Sandra!

## Bedfordshire Bowler of the Month

Last month I reported on our bowler of the month scheme, where we asked bowlers to nominate through their league secretaries bowlers who they feel are worthy of winning the bowler of the month award. This award is open to all the bowlers of the Bedfordshire Tenpin Bowling Association and is sponsored by the local association and by Andy and Shirley of Ballmaster proshop - The winner receives a £30 money-off voucher at the pro shop.

May's nominations were ....

- Iain Donaldson, 17 - personal best high game of 259
- Kyle Chapman, 15 - personal best series of 667, despite his Nan being extremely ill
- Dominic Chapman, 14 - personal best series of 554, on same day as his brother Kyle's PB
- Jonnie Bentley of the Regency League. From 2011 when his season's average was only 97, his average this month has hit 175 and he also threw a high game of 258
- Elaine Walker for winning the Ladies section of the Bedfordshire Area Challenge, beating her entering average by 9 pins
- Bert Mamaril for winning the



Jeff Taylor with Andy Penny of Ballmaster Proshop

Men's section of the Bedfordshire Area Challenge, beating his entering average by 29 pins

- Jeff Taylor - Won the senior section of the Bedfordshire Challenge with a tournament high score. He also bowled in the senior England trials round 1 and is lying in 2nd winning on the Short Pattern - a brilliant achievement. Jeff has been rolling some big sets and stands 3rd in the averages

with 220.

- Sukky Gill who, in the scratch trios, recorded a new personal best with games of 261,246,254 for a 761.

A list of strong candidates and some fantastic achievements - but we thought there could only be one winner and that is Jeff Taylor. Many congratulations Jeff!

## Bedfordshire Area Challenge

Bedfordshire's Area Challenge Championships were again held at Dunstable GoBowling who supported the event with a great lineage rate. 3 divisions Men's, Ladies and Seniors. Rather than stick with the all too easy house pattern, the tournament manager, Basher Bonfield, decided that as 'challenge' was in the name of the tournament, then a 'challenging' pattern should be laid. So the tournament was played on the Kegel Sport Winding Road pattern, which threw up some surprising results. In the Men's, Bert Mamril took the title with a handicap total of 1126 a

scratch average of 184, which was 29 pins over Bert's entering average. In the Ladies, Elaine Walker was the winner with a handicap total of 1019. But the stand out performance was in the Seniors where Jeff Taylor shot the tournament high score with a scratch total of 1113 a 223 average. Playing on a sport pattern was a real eye opener for some, and they now realise and appreciate just how bowler friendly the usual league conditions are.

Congratulations to Dunstable YBC who again picked up awards at the

NAYBC Nationals. A particular well done Ria Hunter and Toni Melton who, bowling in their first Nationals, finished 3rd in the doubles in their age division with Ria (below) also winning the encouragement award!



## Oxfordshire County Championships

### Darrell Fisher reports...

Oxfordshire County Championships were held at RAF Brize Norton on Sunday 11th May.

The format for all categories was handicapped. A huge thank you to the eighteen people who did turn out and had a wonderful day, we were very grateful to Steve Morgan and his staff for the hospitality shown.

The day started with the Singles,

Ladies and Men's. Although there were only two ladies present, it was a keenly fought contest and Kayleigh Lowthian, 586, just lost out to Carissa Kepke by nine pins. In the Men's competition Kevin Furness with a 638 scratch series (674 h/c) managed to hold off Ken Iredale (617/650).

There was no separation of men and women in the doubles which the men ended up regretting as the girls, Kayleigh (502) and Carissa (684) ran out winners with a 1433 handicap

series with the father & son team of Alan & Kevin Furness 1349 handicap series.

In the team event, the team of Andy Parish, Robin Cooper, Ken Iredale, Kevin Furness and Derek Scanlon ran out winners with 3119 handicap series. Andy Parish leading the way with a 636 scratch series.

We were grateful that Team England's Hadley Morgan agreed to present the trophies to the winners.

## Central Region - League and Centre News

### Acocks Green - Dan Bonfield reports

A BTBA sanctioned Masters Scratch Singles League is planned for Acocks Green from September 2014.

This will be played on Tuesday evenings from approx. 8.30pm (time to be confirmed). If any player would like to be considered for entry into this league could they please contact:

Nigel Lewis, General Manager  
Acocks Green Bowl, 0121 706 1669  
[agbowl@btconnect.com](mailto:agbowl@btconnect.com)

Stating your email address and highest current league average

....and staying with **Acocks Green**. Many congratulations to Gavin Green who recently smashed the house record with games of 269, 280, 299 for a fantastic 847 set. All this using an old Storm Xfactor Ball. A shame for Gavin, as this particular league isn't BTBA sanctioned. Nevertheless, some great shooting. Well done Gavin!!

### British Junior Open

Next month Norwich YBC will be hosting the British Junior Open at its Namco Funscape home in Bowthorpe.

The tournament will be held across the weekends of July 12-13 and 19-20 and is being sponsored by the Norwich Evening News, the sister newspaper of the Eastern Daily Press. Norwich YBC are hoping to have around 200 young bowlers taking part in the competition.

## Central Region - League and Centre News

...Norwich-based GML Consulting have designed and developed a website specifically for the competition for free for Norwich YBC, which can be viewed at:

<http://www.britishjunioropen.co.uk/>

### Norwich YBC, Teresa McCarthy reports...

The club's junior players returned from the NAYBC (National Association of Youth Bowling Clubs) Junior Nationals in Coventry with five gold, two silver and two bronze medals. The youngsters were presented with their various prizes from the competition at their weekly coaching sessions at the Namco Funscape bowling alley in Bowthorpe on Saturday morning.

Vice-chairman Stuart Pates, said: "The buzz around the club at the moment is brilliant. We came away from the nationals with a hefty haul of medals, but the most important thing was that it was right through the age groups.

"We pick up young players from four or five all the way through to 18, and the older ones finish their games quicker, so they all came down to see the youngsters finish and support them, so as a club the camaraderie was great."

In the singles competitions Dominic Welch took the gold medal in the male Inter category with a dominant 612 total to finish 35 points clear of his nearest rival, after scoring 216 and 215 in two of his games, to finish 10th overall in all the divisions. Pates added: "Dominic's previous personal best was 503, so that 600 score was a fabulous new personal best for him, it was outstanding. "I was on the lane next to him and he was just unbelievable. It was fantastic to see his father, other parents and other Norwich bowlers cheering him on, I felt proud of the whole club."



Olivia McCarthy also won the female Peewee gold with a total of 291 and won the all events gold at Peewee level, with a combined total score of 774 from her singles, doubles and team games.

In the doubles Norwich claimed silver at Peewee level thanks to Louie Dawson and Kyle Williams' combined score of 693 and bronze at Bantam after Jake Everitt and Nicola Betts bowled 788.

There was also a silver in the Inter class after Alex Pates and Jordan Simpson registered 1,072 and a gold in the female Inter doubles after Kathryn Betts and Abigail Cater bowled 991.

The combined performances led to an overall male team gold for Norwich, thanks to a combined score and tournament record of 2,374 from Ed Benton, Alex Pates, Robert Cater and Jason Chown.

There was also a team bronze at Peewee level thanks to the combined score of 1,447 from Nicola Betts, Louie Dawson, Kyle Williams and Jake Everitt.

Pates added: "The club is buzzing about the medals and even for those who didn't pick up a medal, they still feel like winners. "As a club I really feel we achieved something extraordinary and as a coach it was great to see all the little ones achieving with their bowling as well."

Four of the club's young bowlers will be returning to Coventry later this month to take part in the Junior Triple Crown Trials, attempting to qualify to bowl for England. Robert Cater, 15, will compete in the under-16 boys' trials and his sister Abi Cater, 13, in the under-16 girls' trials, while Jason Chown, 15, and Ed Benton, 17, will compete in the under-19 boys' trials.

Norwich YBC welcome anyone aged four to 18 to join them, meeting at 9.45am on Saturdays. For more information, visit:

[www.norwichYBC.co.uk](http://www.norwichYBC.co.uk)

## Central Region - League and Centre News

### Warwickshire County Championships - Nikki Harvey reports...

Like most county associations, the beginning of May saw Warwickshire host their Area Championships. This year it was held at Nuneaton, and was an event that was to see some of Warwickshire's finest shoot some great scores!

Individually, this included a 277 game from Damon Arkell, and a 279 game from Gavin Greaves, however topping the high game leader board was Gareth Greaves with a spectacular 299 game. Series wise, Nicky Donowski showed great form shooting back to back 680's with a 682 and a 689. Whilst in the men's division Gavin Greaves topped the list with a high series of 777.

The scratch team event was won by team Warwick, who averaged as a 4 man team, 937 a game. This equated to an overall team total of 2811, and was made up of Gavin Greaves who shot a 777 series, Pete Stevenson a 751 series, Gareth Greaves a 697 series and Jenny Turnbull a 586 series. The

handicap team event was won by one of our younger teams called I can't believe it's not gutter, and they bowled a handicap score of 2907. This consisted of Jay Goodwin, with a 738 series, Kyran Barnes, with a 722 series, Tom Daly, with a 662 series and Chris Daly, with a 785 series.

The doubles event was to see another Donowski (Steve Donowski) on great form. Steve and his partner, Jeff Gilbert were unbeaten in both the scratch and handicap division. Scratch they shot a total of 1360, with Steve shooting a 725 series and Jeff a 635 series.

The last event was the singles event. The scratch male singles was won by Gavin Greaves who shot a 693 series and the handicap male singles was won by Chris Daly with a handicap series of 793. Not to be outdone by her dad, Nicky Donowski also decided to win both the handicap and scratch sections of an event. For Nicky, this was the female singles event, where she shot a scratch series of 689.

Finally after a tremendous day's

play, Warwickshire were also able to crown their All Events Area Champions:

Scratch Male All Events  
Gavin Greaves 2129

Handicap Male All Events  
Steve Donowski 2357

Scratch Female All Events  
Nicky Donowski 1893

Handicap Female All Events  
Sam Short 2199

Scratch Junior Male All Events  
Alex Howell 1836

Handicap Junior Male All Events  
Chris Daly 2299

Scratch Junior Female All Events  
Sarah Palmer 1361

Handicap Junior Female All Events  
Sam Short 2199

Well bowled everyone and Warwickshire County Tenpin Bowling Association look forward to seeing you all at the Warwickshire County Trials which aim to take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2015 and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015.



Warwickshire County Champions - various events

## Southern Region - League and Centre news

### Kent News

#### Open Evening at Hollywood Bowl Rochester- Jerry Moll reports...

Hollywood Bowl Rochester opened last year and now plans to introduce league bowling this autumn.

Centre Manager, Ian Thompson, is keen to hear what you would like, e.g. formats of leagues, days, times and suchlike. An Open Evening has therefore been announced for:

#### Monday, 14 July from 7 p.m.

There will be representatives from all sides of Hollywood Rochester for demonstrations and to answer any questions on the night. You will be able to enjoy some free bowling and to evaluate the new scoring software. Light refreshments will also be provided. Well, it is a "taster!" evening!

This event will give an informal opportunity for league officials and enthusiastic bowlers to drop in and sample the facilities of this excellent purpose built bowl. The 24 wood lanes are not currently BTBA sanctioned, but this is in hand.

Ian and his staff look forward to meeting you, should you wish to attend, please confirm to:

[Rochester@hollywoodbowl.co.uk](mailto:Rochester@hollywoodbowl.co.uk).

The Bowl is conveniently situated just off Junction 2 of the M2 at Medway Valley Leisure Park, close to the Virgin Gym and Cineworld. The full address is: Medway Valley Leisure Park, Chariot Way, Rochester, Kent ME2 2SS. Tel: 0844 243 0077

#### Kent County Championships - Jerry Moll reports...

Due to falling interest, this year the decision was taken to drop Singles and offer just Handicap Doubles and four person team events. This year's Championship was held at Bugsy's Margate.

Congratulations to Sam Gibbins and James Lythgoe who won the Doubles and were again victorious when teaming up with Latham Palmer and James McMinn for the team event. The "all events" was, not surprisingly, headed by Sam, with James Lythgoe as runner up.

#### Gravesend – Steve White reports...

Well, after 33 weeks of fierce competition, the Olympic League <http://olympicleague.weebly.com/> ended up with joint champions, so very well done to Venomites and to Atlanta Hawks.

Glen Richardson topped the Men's average with 205 and Jan Hodge the Ladies with 177.

The new season got underway on the 5<sup>th</sup> June after a week's break and bowling on a new pattern to the league (Abbey Road) the league averaged 180. Glen took top honours this week with a 706 with Cliff Dew having a 650.

Two teams won all their points in the first week those being The Mean Machine and the Headliners. The league is currently running on 11 teams and would dearly love to get back to 12. We bowl on a Thursday

night starting at 8.15 and are a four person league, if you are interested or want to know more then please e-mail me at:

[stevepwhite@sky.com](mailto:stevepwhite@sky.com)

#### Airport Bowl – Wayne Lester reports...

Latest standings in our sanctioned leagues:

Early-Bird League (Monday Trios):  
1st: 329.5 - Squirrels  
2nd: 321.5 - No Pressure  
3rd: 311.5 - Summer Wine

Horlicks Marshalls (Tuesday Fours):  
1st: 153 - Pin Wreckers  
2nd: 148 - Quick Release  
3rd: 143 - Loose Cannons

Scratch League (Wednesday Doubles)  
1st: 314 - London Pro Shop  
2nd: 307 - Davedogs  
3rd: 294 - Xpendables

British Airways (Wednesday Trios)  
1st: 69.5 - Team Awesome  
2nd: 65.0 - TBN  
3rd: 55.5 - Hucks Hounds

Headpin League (Friday Fours)  
1st: 73 - Wrecking Crew  
2nd: 67 - Hammers  
3rd: 66.5 - Sejara

Monarch YBC (Saturday Doubles)  
1st: 147 - Die Pins Die  
2nd: 146 - Destroyers  
3rd: 135 - Lemon

## Northern Region - League and Centre News

### Farewell to Pat White of the BTBA - Gill Hutchison reports...

**Al Hutchison**, as Lincs rep, drove down to Luton for a very well-attended AGM event, with me alongside as a Life Member. It was a poignant moment for **Pat White** who stood down as Chairman of the BTBA after a lifetime dedicated to our sport. I had the honour of being picked to make a speech of thanks



and farewell to her. I sent a card of thanks from all of us in Lincolnshire. I know many of you did not know her personally, but believe me, that lady worked hard!

### Lancashire County Championships – Michael Glover reports...

This year the Lancashire Area County Championships took place at MFA Preston Bowl on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The tournament manager was our Chairman Edwin Whitehead. We had decided this year because of the low number of entries to just have a handicap doubles and a four man team section for juniors and adults followed by a stepladder Masters which would be taken from the scratch scores.

The event was well supported by the junior section but only four adults entered which was disappointing. In the junior doubles section the winners were Olivia Cogley and Connor Mudge from Liverpool YBC who put a commendable 1364 in with handicap followed by Ben Haythornthwaite and

Alice Pell from Preston with a 1292. In third place were Jack Burrows and Joshua Green also from Preston with 1265

In the adult section Dave Glover and Chris Green beat their team mates George Glover and Carl Taylor from Wigan to come top with an 1137.

The junior team event was again won by 4 of the Jim Missen gang from Liverpool YBC namely Terri Rowan, Paige Johnson, Olivia Cogley and Connor Mudge who put a total pinfall plus handicap of 2549 followed again by one of the three Preston YBC teams comprising of Ben Haythornthwaite, Alice Pell, Shaun Eccleston and Ryan Turner. In third position only 7 pins behind second were Jacob Finch, Sam Griffield, Katy Shaw, and Abigail Bowie also from Preston.

The adult team winners were a foregone conclusion with only one entry.

From the scratch scores the stepladder finals took place to find out who was going to be the 2014 adult and junior Lancashire County Champions. In the adults, Chris Green was just beaten by Carl Taylor 199 to 192. In the semi-final Carl went on to beat George Glover 202 to 179, but in the final Dave Glover retained his top position by closely beating Carl 175 to 168

The four juniors to qualify for the final were Connor Mudge in fourth Alice Pell in third Shaun Eccleston second and Sam Griffield in first.

Alice Pell showed her skills and determination to closely beat Conner Mudge 176 to 173 but Shaun Eccleston came in on the semi-final and after a close game came out victorious against Alice 182 to 172. In the final Sam Griffield showed his ability by putting in a 224 against



Dave Glover and Sam Griffield

Shaun's 163.

As a result we had Dave Glover as Adult County champion taking home the full size Wilkinson Sword trophy which the late Albert Pursglove on behalf of Lancashire TBA, bid for and won in a sporting auction back in the 1960s. Sam Griffield was presented with the smaller sword trophy built up by John Barter in 2004. We can't trust our juniors with a full size real sword!!!



Junior Team Winners



## Northern Region - League and Centre News

### The 1<sup>st</sup> Welsh 12-Game Roll-off – Gill Hutchison reports...

Congratulations to two of our young Lincoln bowlers who have come up through the YBC system and are now making a name for themselves on the national and international scenes, Kylie Bromley and Jamie Cunningham.

Held at **STROUD**, this event featured some classy bowlers, judging by the averages! **Kylie Bromley** finished 6<sup>th</sup> on a storming **220 average** which featured games of 257, 268 and 244. More importantly she was **top lady** by a mile, which will help her case no end if she decides to trial for Wales. Kylie puts it all down to her travelling fan club of **Pete & Anita Bromley**, but what she told me about her mental preparation was even more fascinating. Ask her!

In second place overall (but with no recent photo!) **Jamie Cunningham** started horribly, pulled back with 279, continued on 267, 252 and finished off with a run of 258, 247, 278. His overall average was an excellent **235.2**, 15 pins behind the winner. This was especially creditable as the only practice Jamie gets is when he's back in Lincoln. Will he represent Wales at the EEC in Iceland? Watch this space.

**Tony Lee** rolled games of 255, 257, 246 for his 10<sup>th</sup> place, whilst young **Carrienne Rogers** rolled one of her steadiest sets ever, well above average, only to find her mother **Kay Rogers** had crept in two places above her.



Kylie Bromley

## Northern Region - League and Centre News

### Lincolnshire Juniors at NAYBC Nationals – Gill Hutchison reports...

Well done to the Lincs youngsters whose endurance was tested at the Junior Nationals at gloomy Coventry Bowl, many of them playing nine games back to back with no break. The results are on the NAYBC website, if I've inadvertently left anyone out.

**Grantham YBC:** **Katie Tagg** initially came home quite disappointed that the strikes did not run for her, but all that steady sparing brought rewards, Snr **Singles Bronze** with 562 and a terrific **All-Events Silver!** In their final Nationals, **Hayley Pierpont** (512) and **Jack Kelham** with 204, 487 both had hard-won PBs. Congratulations!

**Boston YBC:** **Jacob Brook** won a storming **Silver medal** with 577 in the Intermediate Singles and came 6<sup>th</sup> in

### Scunthorpe Steelers:

Great medals came in two of the Doubles Events, **Josh Hicks** and **Oliver Spindley** taking **Bronze** at Junior level, whilst **Amy Dowell** (556) and **Elliott Spindley** (632) hit their big series for **Bronze** in the hard-fought Graduate event. These four bowlers were also 8<sup>th</sup> in Team, with Elliott 4<sup>th</sup> in the All-Events.

**Lincoln YBC:** Personal bests were the order of the day for this very young squad. **Dominic Johns** did it twice, with 185 in the Intermediate Boys' Event, then again a couple of hours later with **206, 501** whilst bowling the Team event. Another team player of the future is **Ryan Grace** with a PB of 561. **Toby Melton** finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Bantam Singles with the highest game in that section of **214** – a PB for him. Another 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Singles went to Intermediate

**Lauren Lill**, Lincoln's highest scoring girl, whilst the team of **Lauran, Aimee Brown, Jessica Melton & Emma Martin** finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Wellingborough – Gill Hutchison reports...

Over at Wellingborough on May 25<sup>th</sup> it was a laugh a minute as the **Random Partner Scotch Doubles** got underway. Nobody knew who they would be bowling with until their name came out of the hat, so you might get a partner who could spare – or not. **Gav Roberts** proved this when he won the event outright bowling with Dylan Maciuk, but could only manage 7<sup>th</sup> with a different partner. More consistent results came from **Colin Laing, James Hemsley** and **Danny Roberts** who were only one place different with their second partners.

## WE ASKED – YOU SPOKE – WE LISTENED - SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Written by Karen Parslow, Head of Women's Council

First of all a short introduction to the Committee which is made up of Nikki Harvey, Ann Nagle, Linda Buckland, Emma Ashton, Katie Jowsey and Lisa John. For the past few months we have been forming a strategy to put the focus back onto Women's Bowling in England with a view of 2015 being the year of focus on Equality and Diversity.

Secondly a BIG thank you to all that took part in the Women's National Council survey which was mainly gathered from Ladies at the BTBA Nationals in Romford. This has given us a huge insight into the minds of

Women bowlers in order for us to further enhance our strategy and proved to us that we were on the right path. Full results are published on the BTBA website.

Some key points from the survey is that most people asked had been bowling for more than 10 years and participation had increased during that time. Budget is the biggest barrier to entering a tournament, but people would be willing to travel over 50 miles to bowl. Having a tournament that consisted of a combination of events and a social element also appealed to a lot of you

with a buffet or dinner attached to the bowling being a popular response.

Further to our initial thoughts and also having taken into account the responses to the survey the Committee are now in the process of organising a tournament that should fulfil the criteria that you defined in your response so..... SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014. This Premier Ladies event will be held at MFA Nuneaton with further details to follow soon – please keep an eye on the BTBA website or contact me to discuss further on:

[karen.parslow@btba.org.uk](mailto:karen.parslow@btba.org.uk)

## Putting the Focus onto Tenpin Bowling

Written by Karen Parslow, Head of Women's Council

The WNC has also been busy by attending an Us Girls Rocks Festival.



Us Girls Rocks is a female only festival programme. The festivals provide the opportunity for young women to try traditional and non-traditional sport & fitness activities, along with a combination of other activities such as lifestyle advice and beauty treatments. Festivals are fun, informal and give girls and young women the chance to socialise with friends, meet new friends, try new things and win prizes!

Please find below a report from Helen Clark who kindly volunteered to help us out at the event:

The cold frosty morning started at 7am when two Yorkshire bowlers made the journey to Birmingham. Here they met the Head of the Women's Council, Karen Parslow, to participate in the US Girls event.

Once the sports hall had been located, an indoor short mat was set up for non-bowlers to have a go on. Bowling balls were available for everyone to have a look at to try and lift! Lots of different people came along and had a go to see what bowling is all about.

Katie Jowsey was key in setting up the pins and ached afterwards due to this having been the most work she has done in years! Whilst Karen was very influential in demonstrating the correct bowling technique.

Some of feedback was that no-one realised how technical bowling is, but found the information very helpful. Additionally, most people commented on how they cannot wait to take friends to bowling to show off their new skills!



The WNC hope to attend more events like these around the country in the future and if anybody would like to volunteer to help out then please contact [Karen.parslow@btba.org.uk](mailto:Karen.parslow@btba.org.uk)

Please visit:

<http://www.streetgames.org/www/ug/content/about-us-girls> for more information

# British Universities - End of Year Round Up

Written by Rachael Mackenzie

## BUTBA Cup Final



After months of Cup matches, it was whittled down to the best four university teams this season; the University of Nottingham (UoN), the University of Sheffield, the University of Birmingham and Loughborough University, to battle it out for the coveted title of BUTBA Cup Champions. All four teams travelled to Acocks Green Bowl in Birmingham to bowl it out for the cup on Sunday 18th May 2014.

Each university fielded a squad of 12 bowlers spread across 3 teams. Each team would play their equivalent from the opposing university, with individual and team points available for game and series. Being the only other scratch event on tour after BUCS, the competition was set to be fierce.

Semi-final 1 saw Nottingham take on Birmingham - only dropping half a point in the first game, and a single point in the second, Nottingham advanced to the final after winning 58.5 vs 1.5. Semi-final 2 pitted Loughborough (4 -time defending champions) against Sheffield. The match was a close fought affair, Loughborough winning the first game 15 vs 5, and Sheffield winning the second 3 vs 17. Setting up a tense final game which Sheffield won 8 vs 12 (winning 26 vs 44 overall).

Loughborough went into the 3rd vs 4th place playoff which they won comprehensively vs Birmingham 55-5. Sheffield continued to the final to face Nottingham.

Nottingham showed their intent in the first game of the final, winning all but a couple of points. Sheffield staged a comeback in the second game, to make it tense going into the last game, but Nottingham knew the title was close. The standard was very high throughout and the A and B teams exchanged heavy blows, with Sheffield coming away better for the most part, save for a few key points.

There was a convincing win by the C team from Nottingham, which helped secure an 8 point victory in the last game for Nottingham and an overall win of 35-24. The University of Nottingham were crowned BUTBA Cup National Champions in the awards ceremony that followed, and many other high score awards handed out.

## Chesterfield Quads



The final Order of Merit event for the 2013/14 BUTBA Calendar saw teams travel to Chesterfield to play in another matchplay event - this time in quads teams. The student winners were Nottingham Trent University, Birmingham were a close second, followed by Loughborough in third. The ex-student winners were 'Dave and the Finalists'.

## Sheffield Alumni Match



On 10th and 11th May, over forty alumni members of the Sheffield Students Tenpin Bowling club met for their 6th reunion in Sheffield. The club was formed in 1967, so this was their 47th anniversary. Bowlers came from Australia, America, Canada, Indonesia and Europe to spend a weekend with friends, relive memories, and play a challenge match against current students. The next reunion will be in 2017, which will be their 50th Anniversary.

## Nottingham Varsity

One of the most spirited pairings for competition in BUTBA is definitely a face-off between the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> June MFA Nottingham was host to their annual

varsity match - the two universities pitted five of their bowlers against each other in a handicapped diamond fives format. Wins were exchanged throughout the first few games, before UoN began to pull away to a 4-2 lead, but needing just one more point to win they could not quite close the door on a resurgent Trent team who fought back hard to eventually win 4-5.



## Nottingham End of Year Doubles

What better way to finish the season than with a bit of friendly competition? Hosted on Saturday 7th June, the Nottingham End of Year Doubles did just that, with Sarah Newton running a doubles event at MFA Nottingham with the chance to enter as many times as you liked with a different doubles partner. 24 teams entered. High scores and personal bests were aplenty - Tom Chuter (279x2), Mike Hales (521), Declan Greaves (480). Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Adam Maxwell (UoN) and Ben Williamson (DeMontfort). 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Tom Chuter (Trent) and Roy Meng (Loughborough). 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Saiful Salihudin (UoN) and Simon Wilkins (ex-UoN).

## Sports Balls and Awards



Birmingham were invited to attend their awards evening, where Club captain Shaun Parsons was in receipt of the Student Leadership Award for his ongoing contribution to the UOB Bowling programme. In addition to this award, Shaun received the highly prestigious Club Colours in recognition of his individual success - a 5th place finish at BUCS.

At their Sports Ball, Nottingham received the Team Silver Award, in recognition of their outstanding performance at the BUCS Championship. While Club President, Frazer Bowen, was given a Club Award in respect of his ongoing commitment to Tenpin Bowling at The University of Nottingham.

## Coaching Profile - Jon Zadel

- Name: Jon Zadel
- Place of residence: Nuneaton
- Coaching Position held(s): Full Time Bowling Coach, Team England Adult Head Coach, Nuneaton Vipers YBC coach.
- Started bowling: 1988 at 8 years old
- Started Coaching: In 2005.
- Current Qualifications: USBC Silver Certified Coach. BTBA Phase1

• Summarise your "Coaching Philosophy": There are a few principles that I like to follow when I'm coaching. A couple of these are summarised nicely by 2 of Einstein's statements. Firstly, "If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough". This really does sum up my coaching style. Secondly, "Insanity: Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results". This is what I would say to all the people that complain because they don't improve, but are unwilling to make changes to their game or work hard at it so they do progress. I am very interested in the science of the sport and believe that if players understand this, as well as what they are up against, their scoring potential will be much higher. Finally, I believe in using the best players in the world, 'Professional bowlers', to make comparisons to and explain how the sport is played at the highest level.

• Describe your Team England ambitions: I would love for us to retain our Gold in the Team event in the European Women's Championships in June.\* I also want both our women and men to be a dominant force in World bowling. I feel we have a great deal of talent and potential in our squad already, as well as coming through our youth ranks. If we work as a team unit anything is possible.

• What do you enjoy most about coaching tenpin bowling: In the competitive environment, the pressure and adrenaline buzz. I find the strategy fascinating and when we get it right the results can be amazing. On the day to day side during lessons, I enjoy making players bowl better and helping them realise their potential.

• Describe what coaching success is: My first instinct was to say 'Winning'. In today's climate we are all very results based and determine success by how much someone has won. At the top level of the sport I guess this is true. However, not everyone aspires to being a World Champion so my second thought was, if as a coach you help someone to become better and exceed their expectations you've done a good job.

• What one change would you make to improve the sport of bowling in this country: From a coaching and personal viewpoint I would love us to have a national training centre. A Kegel style centre where all BTBA members could use the facility to improve their game. Having access to the latest C.A.T.S, video analysis, high tech lane machine and coaching.

\*Editor's note - Jon has just returned from the EWC in Berlin where he had this ambition fulfilled! Congratulations again, Jon.



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