

The Inside Line



World Sports Festival



*The Academy Junior Team England at the 2014 World Sports Festival in Vienna
3rd - 6th July*

Every summer since 2008 young athletes aged 11-21 have been rewarded for their hard work with the opportunity to compete in an excellent World Sports Festival where the underlying message is the promotion of fair play. The Festival has seen a total of 15,000 athletes participate since its inception, with bowling being one of 12 sports on offer. The Festival has become something to really look forward to for our young bowlers, and this year the squad and officials were:

Boys: Robert Abbott, Rhys Bean, James Harris, Sam Martin, Liam Mudge, and Callum Simmons.

Girls: Mia Bewley, Lucy Crouch-Ewers, Elyse Giddens, Amy Teal, Sophie Thomson, and Amy Sedgwick.

Officials: Terry Searle, Paul Rumkee, and Keith Bringloe.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Festival, and especially those who placed:

Teams

**1st Sophie Thomson
2nd Callum Simmons**

Singles

**U19 Boys
1st Liam Mudge
2nd Callum Simons**

Singles

**U14 Boys
1st James Harris
2nd Robert Abbott**

U14 Girls

**1st Sophie Thomson
2nd Mia Bewley**

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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 News Round-Up

The BTBA are currently making a number of appointments to the National Council, please keep an eye on the [homepage](#) of the BTBA website for updates.

British Junior Open results can be found on the [website](#).

NAYBC Bowlers Club Finals 2013/14

Tenpin Coventry hosted the finals of this years bowlers club. 36 bowlers took part, and for the first time in recent memory, ladies took first place in all divisions.

Louise Finnie won Division D with an average of 156. Division C saw Hollie Hunt victorious with an average of 162.25. In Division B Katie Tagg bowled a superb 205 average to take 1st place. While Division A saw Lorna Scott (216 average) crowned winner. In the Champion of Champions round robin Louise came out on top. Full standings can be found [here](#).

International Seniors Bowling Tour - Antwerp

Congratulations to Angie Brown for another IBST win in Antwerp, with Jan Hodge close behind in second place. Congratulations to Ron Oldfield for winning the Men's section.

Senior Team England Qualifiers

The second of three qualification weekends for the 2015 Senior Team England squad took place on the 12th & 13th July 2014 at MFA Bowl, Sheffield. Qualification was over three blocks each of six games, using WTBA patterns (Stockholm, Athens and Mexico City) with the winners decided by their overall pinfall across all patterns.

Chris Skudder and Angie Brown were the Stockholm pattern winners, Jeff Taylor and Jan Hodge were the Athens pattern winners, and Les

Grant and Triss Neall the Mexico City pattern winners. Overall, **Larry Exell** and **Angie Brown** won the event - [full results](#) are now on-line.

BTBA Tour Lincolnshire 5's

The provisional results from the latest stop on the BTBA Tour can be found by following this [link](#).

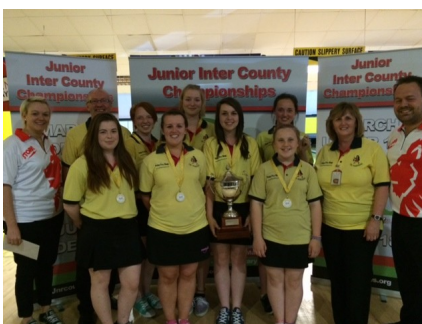
BTBA Tour Poole Senior Open

Congratulations to Steve Jeeves and Jan Hodge for winning the event, played on Kegel's 'Bourbon Street' pattern. A full report and results are available [here](#).

Under 18, Inter-County Championships

The 2014 U18 ICC took place at Tenpin Coventry on the 5th & 6th of July. The Championships saw teams bowl 8 games of qualifying at 5-person team pace with a cut to the top eight each of boys and girls.

The top-8 teams played brackets, with first playing eighth, second playing seventh and so on until Warwickshire boys and Lincolnshire girls emerged victorious.



YAC London International Entries Open

Guaranteed First Prize—£300

Or a Storm Tournament Set

Prize for daily winners (minimum of 20 entries per day)

New for 2014 - Changes to finals, handicap changed

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday 1st August - Squad 1 - 9.30am, Squad 2 - 1.30pm

Saturday 2nd August - Squad 3 - 9.30am, Squad 4 - 1.30pm, Squad 5 - 5.30pm (re-entry only)

The Venue: Airport Bowl, Harlington, Middlesex, England, UB3 5AL

Qualifying: 1st/2nd August 2014

Finals: 3rd August 2014

Enter by post or e-mail full details to: brendateec@yahoo.co.uk or online: www.juniorli.co.uk

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YAC England ranking event

BTBA Senior Tour Stroud Singles - Geoff Brown wins

Presented by Stroud Bowl & Xtreme Revolutions Pro Shop, the BTBA Senior Tour Stroud Singles took place on the 29th/30th June at Stroud Bowl in Gloucestershire. The results are listed on the [BTBA website](#).

The 20th Dave Bamford Junior Grand Prix, Junior Triple Crown, and 36th Classic Singles results are also still available from the [NAYBC website](#).

Central Region - update from your officer, Dan Bonfield

News from around the Central Region has been thin on the ground. I make pleas to your area secretaries for news, but of course they can't be everywhere all the time. So they need your help! If you know of someone who has beaten their high game or high series then email your area secretary and let them know. Also if your league season has come to an end, why not write up a short report and send

it on, perhaps with a photo of the league champions.

I've challenged the area secretaries to try and get more bowling news into the local papers. But it needn't come from the Area Secretary, it can come from any of you. A quick google search will get you the contact details and perhaps the name of the sports editor of the local paper in your area. These free

local papers are desperate for news so we can use it to raise the profile of our game, making people aware there are leagues and tournaments, and that bowling doesn't just have to be a once in a while social thing.

Last thing, well done to Hertfordshire's and, I can barely say it, T-T-T-Tara's Ian Buckland for winning the Tenpin Tour event at the Airport!

Central Region League and Centre News

Dunstable, Dan Bonfield reports...

Congratulations to the magnificent Basher Bonfield who rolled his 3rd 300 of the year. This time in Dunstable's Comwake league.

Now, is converting a 7-10 more of an achievement than a 300? Ryan Bartlett bowling in Dunstable's Company 4s went and spared it recently. So, is a 7-10 pick-up harder than a 300 game? I've had 12 300's (I don't like to mention it) [Editor's comment: Yes he does!!] but I've only picked up the 7-10 twice. So, which is harder? Answers on a post card please...

This time last year Dunstable and Bedfordshire's little star Lorna Scott was going through a bit of rough patch, but she's worked so hard and with Andy Penny's help, she has re-found her form. In the Tuesday league at Dunstable she hit 267,278,226 for her PB 771 series. Brilliant!

Dunstable's Regency league at Go Bowling have 2 staff teams. Both teams are made up of employees who are all new to bowling, and it is unearthing some unexpected bowling talent. Hayley Ferguson only



Mr Wilson celebrates his 300!

averages 71, but I happened to watch her highest ever game. It didn't start off too well, with Hayley taking just 1 from a full a deck. But she spared that and went and rolled 3 strikes in a row. Even a 3 miss didn't stop Hayley getting her highest game - a 167. Also in the Regency league, Jonnie Bentley shot his highest series with games of 207,221,203 for a 631 series. Well done Hayley and Jonnie!

It's with much joy and glee that I can report that Graeme Wilson is closing

the 299 club. Mr Wilson usually saves his high games for the London International desperado squad, but on 3rd July in Dunstable's Thursday Handicap trios, he went and rolled his first 300!

Norwich, Dan Bonfield reports...

Norfolk Association's Sunday Singles Challenges are back and the next event is 27th July at Namco Norwich.

For more information email norfolktba@gmail.com

Southern Region League and Centre News

Lewisham

The London Handicap Doubles were held over the weekend of the 5th and 6th July at MFA Lewisham. The results from the 'best five from six' tournament are listed on the right.

London's only BTBA sanctioned league - **Twilight Doubles** - are seeking individuals and teams interested in joining.

We are a friendly bunch that bowl on a Wednesday evening. The league roll off at 9pm at MFA Bowl Lewisham. **We welcome bowlers of all abilities** - if you are looking for a challenge, or just want to try your hand at something different, we want to hear from you.

Our prize fund is one of the best around. Last year each team played for a share of nearly £3,000!

To find out more, please speak to our secretary, John Cronin, via email:

johncronin76@gmail.com

or call:

07818 005514

Results (Best 5 of 6)

Pos	Name	Gm 1	Gm 2	Gm 3	Gm 4	Gm 5	Gm 6	Scr. Total	Hcp	Grand Total	Scr. Avg.
	Neil Taylor	193	201	159	153	198	180		82		180.67
	Kirk Taylor	214	168	190	184	182	238		58		196.00
1	Ballrocks	407	369	349	337	380	418	1923	140	2063	
	Val Hopcraft	157	158	167	153	180	179		168		165.67
	Steve Dickson	246	163	200	178	190	131		71		184.67
2	Betty's Bowlers	403	321	367	331	370	310	1792	239	2031	
	Pat Blaber	171	155	133	141	172	158		153		155.00
	Triss Neal	188	168	179	189	172	158		103		175.67
3	Susken	359	323	312	330	344	316	1672	256	1928	
	Lesley Sevel	144	130	154	157	150	153		176		148.00
	John Cronin	177	172	143	178	195	144		118		168.17
4	Hit man & Her	321	302	297	335	345	297	1600	294	1894	
	Mike Jones	195	164	133	182	150	116		142		156.67
	James Ford	129	172	160	166	152	151		142		155.00
5	Hit & Hope	324	336	293	348	302	267	1603	284	1887	
	Chris Frankland	102	141	168	142	133	129		206		135.83
	Malcolm Frankland	203	123	147	169	150	130		131		153.67
6	Family Ties	305	264	315	311	283	259	1478	337	1815	
	Fran Rosser-Davies	136	140	120	121	105	143		245		127.50
	Adrian Rosser-Davies	137	123	156	145	133	142		174		139.33
7	Bay Twosome	273	263	276	266	238	265	1363	419	1782	
	Dot Boyd	128	145	146	148	113	150		189		138.33
	Tom Bridges	147	159	186	130	139	146		48		151.17
8	Raiders	275	304	332	278	252	296	1485	237	1722	
	Julie Bridges	158	157	143	140	119	121		180		139.67
	James Lessey	140	151	132	155	107	111		80		132.67
9	The Green Team	298	308	275	295	226	232	1408	260	1668	
	Simon Crook	105	142	144	116	153	108		75		128.00
	Adam Green	192	151	169	148	172	125		3		159.50
10	Windy Millers	297	293	323	264	325	233	1502	78	1580	

Highlighted cells indicate the dropped team game to determine the best 5 of 6 games

Tolworth - Lee Crosby reports on Mike Farrar's 300

Mike is a great guy and loves his bowling. Mike is originally from the USA (Ohio) but came over here in 2007 on September 13th. He landed at Heathrow at 8.55am with nowhere to go but extended his education at Roehampton achieving a Masters degree.

This is Mike's 15th 300 game but I believe the first in England, and as the conditions in the USA are so easy (so I have been told) I guess the previous 14 don't count?? However, with this recent one being in Tolworth then we (the English) will accept the others anyway...oh it's a similar pattern so all is fair in love and war I guess.



That brings up the question...why is Mike staying in England...it's love, and we (the bowlers) are glad he is staying as he is such a great guy. Mike has a laid back attitude that many could learn from.

Well Mike has always had a favourite ball and that was a 'Quantum Helix black/gold' but the one he bowled this 300 with was a Storm Victory Road (slightly tamed) and as Mike says "it goes where I tell it...just sometimes I tell it wrong". Well not **THIS** time Mike and congratulations.

We all wish you well in the future Mike with your fiancé and glad you're staying here fella.

Southern Region - League and Centre News

Tolworth - Lee Crosby reports...

Leagues – why they are so good....

At Tolworth there is an early evening league (The MBM League) which has a huge mixture of bowlers. Seniors, Adults, YACS and Juniors, often mixing the age groups within teams (Trios League) and including special needs bowlers for next season from the Surrey squad which will be brilliant. This league encompasses why tenpin bowling is such an “inclusive” sport and why it is such a great ‘sport’ to be involved in.

The MBM league has a big difference...**it is a sanctioned league!** A few years ago I wrote an article for the BTBA magazine (Go Tenpin) about Keira Reay shooting a 300 at 12 or 13 years old. Marvellous achievement, but unfortunately it wasn't officially recognised (like Chris Lam's first 300) as it wasn't in a sanctioned league or event. A 300 game is a fantastic feat (and anyone who bowls this should be acknowledged for it) but if it isn't in a **sanctioned** event or league then it is



not recognised officially.

Obviously from the picture, Lucy, Sarah Jane and Nicole love the MBM league...They love bowling and that is great to see. Sarah Jane recently bowled with the successful Surrey U18 girls team who just missed out on 1st place but scored a massive win with silver place in the County Championships. We wish them all well

for next season, and if they score a perfect game then it will be recognised and recorded as such.

So join a sanctioned league for next season...

Dan Lewis's 300 - Lee Crosby reports...

Dan (and his family) have been stalwart supporters of bowling over many years. Dan is known by many bowlers in the Surrey and South England area and he has been very close to the perfect game for a little while. It was only a matter of time before it happened but we all know about time...it drags on and you do get frustrated as it seems the perfect score will pass you by.

Well fortunately for Dan it didn't and he finally got one. A terrific achievement and all of those who know you say BRILLIANT.

Dan has been a Surrey bowler and was a member of the squad when the



County won the U18 Counties and all your friends say “well done”.

Surrey - Lee Crosby reports...

During the latter part of the season (although we had our fair share during the main part too) there were a spate of 300's and high scores in the Surrey area sanctioned leagues.

Notable achievements were Kylie Garrard and Dan Lewis [featured throughout IL8] plus Matt Engell, Richard Knight, Andrew Argent, plus copious amounts from that 300 "machine" *and not only in Surrey* Johnnie Wells...

We also had quite a few noted High Scores (Mark Cox, Jonnie Herbert, Stephen Jeeves - to name but a few) and all these duly noted and recognised as they came from sanctioned leagues.

Southern Region Special Olympians join TE Trialists

Kylie Garrard's 300 - Lee Crosby reports...

Kylie was introduced to tenpin bowling by Fred Gray who carried out the presentation on behalf of Paul Dale (Surrey Area President) at Tolworth centre. In Fred's words Kylie was "knee high to a grasshopper" when she started bowling and Fred was her coach and mentor. Well as you can all see from the photos, Kylie has grown a bit since then, or alternatively Fred must have shrunk a little!



Either way this was a very popular presentation and highly emotional, as Kylie has been on the bowling scene for a fair while, and Fred just a little longer...

Kylie is now a fully qualified physio specialising in sports injuries with many top bowlers in her clientele (*Elliot Crosby soon to go to the Worlds in Hong Kong being one of them!*) and is a keen supporter of the sport.

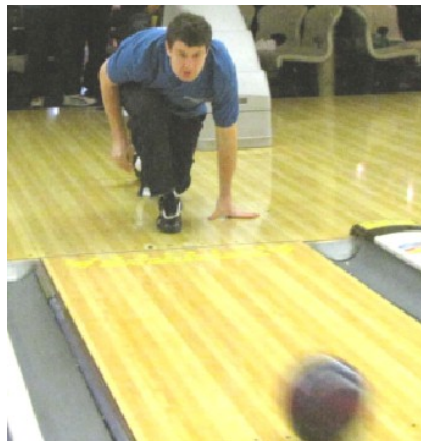
Well done Kylie.



Recently at Romford the Adult team England Trials were held and in the morning the bowlers had a special treat, bowling scotch doubles with some elite bowlers from the Special Olympics Surrey league.



Well they all had a great time and shot some terrific scores with many shooting above par games, and it wasn't all one sided either. It was a great event, with both the adult trialists and the Special Olympians leaving the event with mutual respect and some very very special memories and some new pals too.



Plus it was a double birthday celebration for Mikey Lines of the Special Olympian squad and Chloe Bruton from Surrey - a Team England trialist. *Many congratulations to both bowlers.*

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Cliftonville (Margate) – Jerry Moll reports...

Bugsy's Bowl celebrated its 50th anniversary with a number of events held in June. Please note Bugsy's new website address is bugsys.co.uk

Tunbridge Wells – Simon Herbert reports...

The 2013/14 season of our Tuesday Singles League ran for 31 weeks with 38 bowlers and saw more than 450,000 pins being toppled, 22 x 700+ series, 2 x 750+ series, 606 x 200+ games, 49 x 250+ games, 2 x 299 games, overall season league average of 172.

As impressive as these statistics are it's not just the numbers that define a season or a league. We are a league with members of all abilities and levels of experience. Some are seasoned veterans returning for another go at the title or hoping to improve on their last season scores but this year has also seen lots of new faces. Some are venturing into the world of adult leagues after leaving YBC and others are just discovering bowling as a sport. Some of the newcomers may be a little older than others, but that doesn't seem to make any difference. There have been surprising results throughout the whole season and points have been

won and lost in the tenth frame on more than one occasion.

One highlight of this season came in week 10 as last season's champion Tim Standell took on Hannah Smith. Tim had a slight advantage gaining 4 pins per game although he didn't need them for the first game as he fired a 268 against Hannah's 252. An impressive start, this was already looking like an exciting night. Hannah wasn't going to give in though and came back in game two with 267 while Tim dropped back to 209. All level going in to the final game and still four points to play for, but Hannah was now carrying a 42 pin advantage (well actually, 38 pins with Tim's handicap). It didn't take long for Tim to start stringing the strikes and fight his way back, hammering home 265. Hannah's series lead was almost gone but she finished strong with 225. The final series scores were 742 to Tim and 744 to Hannah. Amazingly close, but remember that handicap? It meant 6 points to Tim and just the 2 for Hannah!

It was however the turn of Andrew Tapping to take the top honours in the league, with 177 points. Followed by Darren Moore on 162 and Simon Herbert on 160 (closely followed by Josie Bricknell, 156 and Hannah Smith, 155). As well as the main

league title, there are two knockout competitions up for grabs. Up first, the League Knockout. This was won by Charles Pomfret in his first season in an adult league beating his way through four rounds to beat Ian Humphrey in the final. The second knockout saw Tim Standell make it to the final only to be beaten by James Mansell. A great conclusion to a great season.

Other honourable mentions this year include:

- Monique McPherson who bowled her highest series to date with 731 (258, 258, 215) and followed it just two weeks later with a new high game of 287
- Simon Herbert with a new high series and game (299, 701)
- Francis Morgan in his first season hit a high of 196

It's now time for a summer break before regrouping in September. You can follow the action or get in touch to find out about joining us on the league website:

www.bowltuesday.com

Northern Region - League and Centre news

Gill Hutchison reports that Colin Laing, BTBA Northern Regional Officer, has helped himself to another **300**, this one sanctioned! Colin, who is the mover and shaker behind the success of the very competitive **Midland Scratch Fives League** (have a look on its FB page) rolled 269, 201, **300** at Tenpin Stafford. I'm amazed Colin manages to pause for breath to bowl himself as the MSL will

have five divisions next season - five! He also runs the Southern Scratch League and the North West Fives. These three huge travelling leagues deserve your attention. Well, everybody's attention if it comes to that as next season Colin will be juggling a total of 67 teams over 9 divisions and roughly 730 bowlers. Interested? Contact Colin Laing on secretary@mslnetwork.org.uk.

Scunthorpe – Gill Hutchison reports Speaking of Grantham bowlers [see other articles this issue], here's one with a special PB. **Ali Curtis**, who has been on the verge of cracking a 600 so many times, finally decided not to wait for his own bowl to reopen and rolled 166 - 212 – 226 for **604** at First Bowl, Scunthorpe! That team of "The Devil's Rejects" certainly do get around.

Northern Region - League and Centre News

Grantham Bowl re-opens - Karen Slator reports...

The grand re-opening of Grantham Bowl took place on Friday 4th July with an American themed celebration. The Mayor of Grantham, Ian Selby, cut a celebratory cake and enjoyed a game of bowling on the new synthetic lanes.

Guests arrived in 1950s style fancy dress and were entertained by live band 'Sebastian' who played a selection of Rock 'n' Roll classics.

Bowling competitions were held throughout the evening and a team from the University of Nottingham won the best score of the night

Grantham Bowl had been closed for 10 days whilst refurbishments took place. The old wooden lanes were taken out and donated to a variety of local projects.

The restaurant has been transformed into *Jak's Diner*. Complete with red and white booths and chequered floors. Guests were served a variety of delicious samples from the new diner menu, which includes ice-cream sundaes, milkshakes and alcoholic hard shakes.

The refurbishment includes a new Hollywood themed party room, decorated with 1950s memorabilia and life size pictures of Hollywood's elite. [Editor's note: Grantham Bowl are actively looking to get their new lanes sanctioned - great news!]

Oh Vienna! Gill Hutchison reports...

It was time again for "The Corporates" aka the **44th European Corporative Bowling Championship** and **once again** players who bowl in the Lincs centres were out there in their droves. Two teams made the cut for the Semis, and one - **RAF Red** driven along by the force of nature that is **Tony Lee** (278, 256, 259) also made the Final, finishing 7th overall. Well done **Tony Lee**, **Chris Jaap**, **Matt Hall** and **Chris Matthews** (265, 246). **Paul Maddock** with **RAF Raptors**



(misspelled throughout as "Raffers"??) made the Semis, but not the Final. RAF Blue with **Chris Maddock** and **Chris Smith** were only 6 places off qualification. Sadly for Raptors Blue, **Kev Sykes** slipped on the approaches and will be out with injured tendons for some weeks. **Al Hutchison** on 1641 was high man for the jovial RAF Vets One, closely followed by **Andy Yeomans**.

Grantham – Gill Hutchison reports...

The Grantham Bowl reopened on 4th July with brand new synthetic bowling

lanes. The friendly and hilarious crowd who are the Grantham "regulars" have been looking forward to this for a long time and Bill is hoping to reward their patience with a "Diamond Fours" tournament. Once again, the bowling community are pulling together. Our Northern Regional Officer, **Colin Laing**, put Bill in touch with **Sarah Newton** of Nottingham Bowl and she has provided the organisational details. All they need now is the bowlers...

Northern Region - League and Centre News

Liverpool – Gill reports...

In the recent **World Corporate Games** in Liverpool, all of the RAF players who competed brought home a medal of one colour or another - yes, every single one of them, including **Simon Whitbread** (silver for open singles & handicap 2s), **Chris Maddock** (team) and **Porky Maddock**. **Dave Greig** (who rolled his first 300 at the RAF Champs at Lincoln) won the Over 40 singles and came 2nd in the 40+ 2s with **Porky**. Of the two RAF Teams, Raptors A came second in the scratch division and Raptors B won the handicap section. Congrats to all!

Nuneaton – Gill reports...

300 Tony Lee 300



It's there twice because he did it twice! The tremendous bowling from **Tony Lee** in the RAF Doubles at Nuneaton was the talk of the RAFTBA page on Facebook with comments like "What were you bowling with, Tony, a grenade?" **Chris Maddock** set a puzzle: *How do you score 769 without a 200 game?* Easy, if you start "cautiously" and then roll two **300** games back to back! Not only that, but Tony continued with **279** (one

stubborn 9-pin refused to fall) - a breathtaking run of 33 strikes that Tony says had him at the point of a nervous breakdown. It couldn't have happened to a nicer person! Perhaps this is Fate repaying Tony for all the brilliant encouragement (also interpreted as a lot of stick) that he gives to other bowlers.

Indeed, on the same pair of lanes, newly married County Champion **Matt Hall** was busy rolling an even higher series of **236, 267, 280** for **783**, 12 pins up on his previous PB. Congratulations on all three counts, Matt. Try to pick a time for your next PB when your good buddy isn't rolling consecutive perfectos!

Another bowler up there with them was **Simon Yeomans**, equalling his PB game of **278**. He finished on 682, only to find that his Dad, **Andy Yeomans** (see picture) had rolled 683. Best get used to it, Simon, the Golden Oldies do it on purpose!



Andy Yeomans

Lincoln – Gill reports...

Lincoln YBC currently has something it will be even more pleased about in a few years' time – lots of up-coming very young bowlers trying like mad to win those precious badges. **Bethany Lee** shot two PBs in one go yet still

left herself something to aim for, clever girl. Her **174** PB game is one pin off the first blue (adult) badge, and her **489** closes in on a 500 series.

Toby Melton (yes, him again) hit 176, 178, 170 for a remarkably steady **524** PB series, one pin off his 525 badge, though the way he's going I suspect that won't be his PB for long.

Thea Hallam, who would like to thank "that nice man" i.e. instructor **Andy Redfearn** for his coaching, rolled a **160** PB game with 7 consecutive spares.

and finally, a heart-warming story from Gill of determination and success...

During the last couple of years, **Sue and Alan Loft** have spent more time in hospital or visiting each other in hospital than they have on the lanes. The less-than-welcome score between them currently stands at 3 hip replacements, 3 knee replacements, two wrist, one ankle, one major back and one major shoulder op, not counting time out waiting for the procedures and recovery afterwards. All these operations have left them with restricted mobility, especially as regards hand/arm movement. Most people would pack it in, but this determined couple asked me for coaching instead. And it's working! My favourite moment so far is watching Sue **convert the 6-7-10 split** as well as the 9-10 and the 6-10 (twice in a row) – and they weren't accidents. Then I overheard Alan's happy comment: "I picked up more spares in this one game than I generally do in a series!"

Storm in a TE Cup - BTBA welcome new sponsorship deal

Written by Stuart Watson

In June BTBA Chairman, Ron Griffin, was delighted to unveil bowling industry giants Storm as the new Team England Sponsors.

In his first public announcement he said, "I am delighted to welcome Storm into the Team England family. They will obviously take a very keen interest in our international performances but are also keen to encourage the sport at all levels. Excited as I am with this sponsorship deal, I would also like to place on record our gratitude to Brunswick with whom we have enjoyed a very healthy relationship for many years."

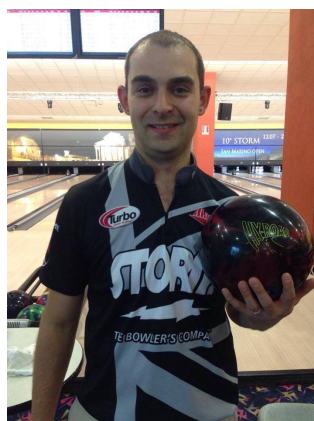
Explaining this change of direction, he added "We will always respect the support Bowling Vision and Brunswick have provided and we hope to continue to work with them in different areas of the sport in the months ahead".

The CEO and Founder of Storm, Bill Chrisman was equally enthusiastic in tying up the new sponsorship arrangement saying, "Storm is very pleased to be supporting Team England. We see this as an opportunity to help the top bowlers, to promote bowling in England and assist the BTBA in these efforts."

As a show of support for the wider bowling scene in England, Storm has also agreed to support the BTBA Tour Masters event later in the year. They are also working with the Finance and Business team to develop merchandising opportunities, so keep an eye out on the shelves of your local pro shops! Storm ball and accessories products are distributed throughout the UK by Bowltech UK Ltd so the infrastructure is already in place to support a very meaningful business and sporting relationship.



Already the sponsorship has had a big impact - with the two new styles of Team England shirt on display with our Ladies team at the EWC in Denmark.



10th San Marino Open

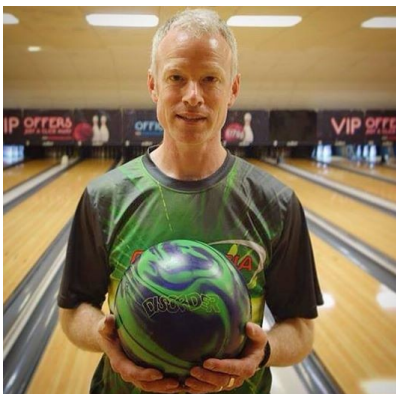
The success for Storm Team England bowlers continued from the EWC and into the 10th San Marino Open. Following eight days of fierce competition the final was an all-English affair, pitting Dom Barrett against Stu Williams. Barrett emerged victorious, 671 - 610, picking up the winners cheque for 8,000 Euros and his 10th EBT title.

QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup Qualifier

Written by Stuart Watson



The 2014 World Cup Qualifier, which determines the English bowlers that will represent their country in the 2014 World Cup Qualifier, was held at AMF Peterborough on the weekend of the 29th & 30th June 2014. After qualification and finals rounds that include pinfall and a round-robin, Steve Thornton and Danni Hopcroft, who bowled one of two 300-games during the event (the other was men's runner-up Chris Oates) were to emerge winners and will represent England in Poland.



The QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup, A History: Perfect Games

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There were a number of things that took time before they were seen at a Bowling World Cup. Women and 300 games are just two. It wasn't until the 8th in Hamburg that there was a women's division when Mexico's 45 year old Irma Urrea took the title and to this day remains the oldest female champion. The men's first winner back in Dublin was Lauri Ajanto from Finland. It wasn't until 1994 in Hermosillo, Mexico, when it reached its 30th anniversary did the World Cup see its first perfect game. Canada's Jack Guay managed the feat and as if to show it was no accident he did it again the following year in San Paolo, Brazil. Since then and until number 48 there have been forty 300 games rolled by men and nine by women. Apart from having the most participating nations in 2004 Singapore had the most perfectos with eight. All change in Krasnoyarsk when a new record 14 were bowled. In the past Jason Belmonte from Australia and Osku Palerma from Finland had both had a deuce of 300s in an event in 2011 and 2006. It was when Ireland's Christopher Sloan repeated the feat in Krasnoyarsk that it made you think that a two-handed delivery was a pre-requisite - not at all. During the 24 game qualifying Tore Torgersen (Norway) finished his 9th game with 6 strikes in a row, moved lanes and had 12 more and moved lanes again and had another 12 - thirty strikes in a row and consecutive 300 games. Tore had earlier missed out with a 290 and later in qualifying was to hit 299.

Editor's note: Here's hoping Steve and Danni can add to this impressive record of perfect games!



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