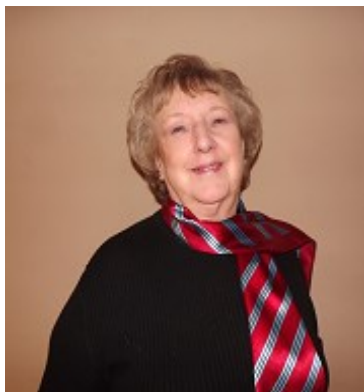


The Inside Line



40 Years Loyal Service

The BTBA are celebrating **40 years** service from one of the sports most loyal servants, Head Office Manager, Bernice Bass. Bernice first started working on a three-days-a-week basis on September 2nd, 1974 for Maurice Glazer, who was at that time the BTBA General Secretary, as well as the President of what is now recognised as the European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF). Her office was above a shop in Crambrook Road, Ilford, with access via the fire escape.



Bernice told us that she, "*knew nothing about tenpin bowling,*" however her role and responsibilities changed in time and she has become an enviable source of knowledge of bowling administration and function. Bernice added, "*I would like to think that among the many people with whom I came into contact, there are some very good friends*".

BTBA CEO, Matt Miller captured the mood of thousands of members through the years - "*By any standards this is an incredible milestone - 40 years in one job - and I understand it all started as a temporary appointment, which brings a whole new meaning to the word 'temporary'*".

He went on to say, "*there will be a great many members over the years who will be very grateful for the loyalty and commitment Bernice has shown over four decades. She is a walking encyclopaedia of all things BTBA and has a wealth of knowledge that is unsurpassed by anyone. I'm not sure whether she plans to spend the next 40 years with the BTBA but I know I speak for members the length and breadth of the country when I say thank you to Bernice for such distinguished service*".

NAYBC MASTERS

Congratulations to Jamie Elliot and Becky Daly, Masters Champions. Pictured here with Brandon Roberts and Sophie Thompson, Runners-Up. The full results can be found on the NAYBC [website](#).



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A Thank You from the BTBA

The BTBA has been through a period of great change over the past 12 months. As we enter the first re-election phase for the posts that have reached their natural tenure, I want to assure you that the drive and desire of the Council and the BTBA remains as strong and focussed as ever.

We are acutely aware that the members perception of the BTBA is that everything is about the Elite and Team England, and nothing for the average member. This is not true. Please reassure your bowlers that Elite bowling is essential in attracting the sponsors and recognition needed to maintain the sport of bowling in England. Costs of funding the Elite are reduced by these sponsorships and by contributions required of the players themselves, and the prospect of bowling for England drives many bowlers to stay with the sport for life.

In addition to the benefits listed on the BTBA website under THE BTBA / BTBA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION menu, a brand new BTBA Tour has been established providing quality events in quality hand-picked venues, with full sanction in support, recognising achievements, providing proper management, application of rules and encouraging a mix of elite, league and leisure bowlers to take part. More than 350 men and almost 100 ladies having played in one or more event so far, not including the 96 men and 26 ladies that have played on the Senior BTBA Tour.

This season has also seen a totally new concept in Team England adult and senior qualification, reducing the costs to £500 for the series, a marked decrease from the previous costs, estimated to be £1,200 per bowler. Some 30 men and 15 ladies have opted to play the Adult trials and a similar number in the Seniors. These reductions have been possible following consultations with the players, managers and coaches and by closely planning and managing the events to provide some of the most demanding and challenging conditions for both prospective England bowlers as well as those that just want to be a part of the experience. The introduction of the Team England training camp to be held in January will also help us to develop some real bonds and team spirit between the players.

Members will all benefit from a BTBA with more effective council structure with individuals responsible for one or more areas of management. From the development of financial models and budget controls, and the formulation of an overall business plan, all of which will be under constant review and improvement.

All this being said our focus must be on what we can do for the individual members, who turn up every week, and while we have always been working with the proprietors to deliver consistent playing conditions, with the Local Associations to deliver fair play, based upon agreed practices, rules and regulations, the protection for league players with financial insurance cover, and the safeguarding and protection of all our junior and vulnerable bowlers, we know that we need to do more.

In the last year we have launched our Local Association grant scheme that makes money available to Local Associations that can present us with a project or an initiative that will develop the sport of Tenpin Bowling within their community, improve the BTBA's reach and therefore support membership growth. We are working on redesigning our Coaching programs not just to update our training programs but to make sure that good quality coaching is being made available to all. We are also looking for ways to improve communications and get closer to our membership. All the recent development in the social media programs and the production of the "Inside Line" Newsletter are a testament to that. But it would be interesting to hear what you think, so I ask each of you and the members of your leagues:

- What ideas do you have that we could be considering?
- What type of benefits could we introduce that you would consider as adding value to your membership?
- What else should we be doing?

You will find all our contact details on the BTBA website so you can contact, Head Office or any of the National Council members if you have something specific to their area of responsibility or you can contact me directly on the email listed below.

In closing, and on behalf of the BTBA and the National Council, I would like to thank you for what you have done for your league bowlers in the past, and even more so in advance for the work that you are now undertaking for this coming season. Your work in promoting and maintaining membership and sanctioned league play is important, and the BTBA promises to do everything that it can, given the resources and skills at its disposal to provide you with the support and backup that you need.

Yours, in bowling,

Ron Griffin, Chairman, British Tenpin Bowling Association - rongriffin@btba.org.uk

BTBA News Round-Up

Here you'll find short summaries of some of the news stories you may have missed from the BTBA website. Simply click on the title of the story and it will take you directly to the full article on-line!

[Coaching Fundamentals](#)

As part of the new coaching structure we are looking to recruit a team of "Coaching Tutors" to help deliver the new Entry Level coaching award - Fundamentals Instructor. Coaching Tutors will play a significant role in the future of coach development in this country and we require a team of 15-20 initially to geographically cover the country.

[2014 Inter-County Qualifiers](#)

The BTBA are pleased to report the results for the 2014 Inter-County Championships Qualifiers, held at Sheffield (northern), Nuneaton (central) and Tolworth (southern). Congratulations to everyone that have qualified for the finals. These results are not yet verified.

[2014 Annual General Meeting](#)

The BTBA are pleased to publish the minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting, held at the Hotel Inn Hotel, Luton on 24th May 2014.

[BTBA Press Release – Appointments](#)

The BTBA are delighted to announce the following appointments with effect from Monday 1 September 2014 following the recent selection process of National Council posts: Director of Membership Services – Jerry Moll, Director of Business and Finance – Marcus Buckley Bennion and Head of Legal Services – Dave Steiner.

[Are you bowling abroad?](#)

This is an important notice for bowlers who are, or may, bowl abroad.

[Barnsley Senior Singles 2014](#)

Lawrence (Loi) Ellis and Angie Brown won the Barnsley Senior Singles 2014, played at Barnsley Bowl on the 9th and 10th August 2014. Report and results available now.

[Junior London International Results](#)



Jamie Elliott of Cheshire, England has become the 2014 Junior London International champion. More than 150 entries/re-entries were bowled over the four days of qualifying on a testing pattern.

[2014 BTBA Tour & UK Championships](#)

Junior qualifiers for the BTBA Tour Finals and the NAYBC UK Championships for the 2013/14 season have been posted up. The BTBA Tour Event Finals will crown the BTBA Tour Champions in their respective age groups for 2013/2014. The NAYBC UK Championships which is for the bowlers in their final junior year will determine the NAYBC UK Champion for 2013/14. The event will be held at the The City Pavilion, Romford on Sunday 5th October 2014.

Team England at the Junior Triple Crown

The Junior Triple Crown took place at Tenpin Coventry between the 22nd and 24th August 2014.

Boys and girls competed in teams of six in both the U16 and U19 divisions, playing against teams from Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

Junior Team England performed exceptionally well, taking home a total of 24 Gold, 8 Silver, and 12 Bronze medals.

Thanks to our sponsors, Brunswick DV8, and all those involved in running the event. Full results available [here](#).



Central Region - update from your officer, Dan Bonfield

It's been a few turbo busy weeks for me. As reported within these pages I held two tournaments, the South East County challenge at the Airport and the Central Region Challenge at Nuneaton. It was great to see so many people bowling and enjoying themselves and representing their county with pride. I want to make a special mention to a lovely 'little' girl Kara Zucca from Warwickshire, bowled her heart out and allowed me to steal one of her loom bands, a special one that changes colour in the sun!

It's the time when most of us are renewing our memberships. The easiest way of doing this and making

it easier for your league secretary is by renewing online. So, if you haven't already done so, please visit www.btba.org.uk and by selecting 'auto renew' it takes away the hassle of doing it again in 2015.

It's been a year since the new BTBA National Council came together. The first half of the year was tough and in many respects we were still feeling our way, and trying to get the council to fit together. But at the end of the first year we have made some significant ground. We have launched a new way to qualify for the Adult and Senior National teams, launched a new series of tournaments. We have introduced a Local Association grant

scheme and we are streamlining and modernising the processes at Head Office. We have also bought you this newsletter - which I hope you agree is brilliant! We are always open to ideas and suggestions - so please get in touch!

I'd like to finish by thanking the area secretaries in the central region. I collected the membership numbers for November 2013, and I've recently compared them against the numbers for July 2014. It's a fantastic 18% increase across the central regional counties. Well done, these figures really show the counties that are putting in the hard work.

County Challenge Tournaments

A long long time ago in a galaxy far far away I had an idea...In 2012, I was a year into my first term as Bedfordshire Area Secretary and I was dismayed at how poorly the county trials were supported by our bowlers, and as a result, how poorly we performed in the qualifying tournaments. I picked up on a common theme, not just in my county but also surrounding counties being that many bowlers didn't attend the trials because they felt that it was just the same faces that got picked year after year and the majority never got anything out of it. After all there is only 1 county tournament a year.

So I thought I would create another county tournament and hold it at the Airport bowl, as that was where the county qualifiers happened to be held that year. I invited all the other counties in the South East and I would allow them to enter as many teams as they wanted - with just one proviso. All the bowlers selected must have attended the county trials.

I thought it would be a bit of competitive practice for the teams and also give a chance to those who wouldn't normally get one. I kept the cost to a minimum and, because I knew a lot of counties were struggling financially, I pestered people for raffle and tombola prizes so each county could sell tickets and raise some money.

I honestly didn't know how it would go...that first year 24 teams entered - 120 bowlers...and I panicked a bit.

Then because of the success in 2012, not only did I hold the tournament again, but Colin Laing talked me into holding a Midland County Challenge at Rugby.

This year I wasn't sure I would hold them again...because I have baby, Taylor, now but I went for it, much to Alison's dismay! I changed the Midland Challenge to the Central Region Challenge and the venue to Nuneaton - as that's where the qualifiers are. But apart from that it was all the same.

So that's the boring history out the way!

So first up was the South East County challenge at the Airport bowl, another fantastic turnout with 20 teams (100 bowlers), with the exception of the host county Middlesex, every county invited entered a team.

The team to beat was the Hampshire Ladies team who had won the first two challenges. This year there was again some great bowling and the tournament's first ever 300 game. Surrey Men - Dave Overall, Dave Whiffen, Daniel Lewis, Jonathon Herbert and James Parrott took 3rd place on 5055 a 202.2 average. Then after a scoring correction, caused by a scruffy score sheet, Sussex Men's team of Phillip Scammell, Mike Weed, Terry Webb, Daniel Blann, and Alex Kimpton took 2nd place on 5111 a 204.4. But winning the title for 2014 were the Kent All Stars team - Sean Purcell, James Knapp, Adam Green, Andy Tapping, Simon Carter who shot

County Challenge Tournaments continued...



5239 a 209.5 team average. One of the main reasons for Kent's success was the great bowling of Sean Purcell who rolled the tournament's first ever 300 game and finished with a 241 average.

Then on the 3rd August we moved to Nuneaton and the Central Region Challenge. It proved harder to attract the counties to this one, but I still got 14 teams, with 70 bowlers. The participating counties were:

Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire.

It was as close as you can get and a big game from one team completely changed the outcome of the tournament. In 3rd place was Northamptonshire's 1st team – Julian

Crawthome, David Chinn, Dan Birch, Alan Wills, Jack Barwick on 4872 a 194.8 average. In 2nd after leading pretty much from game 1, was the Northamptonshire 2nd team – Craig Ellis, Kirsty Drain, Keiron Patel, Steve Giddens, Mike Smith on 4875. But a final game of 1139 by the Bedfordshire Bandits...headed up by their chief bandit Basher Bonfield, and supported by Neil Hunter, Mike Bloye, Kevin Minnis and Shaun Ellingham, saw them surge through the field to take the title by just 8 pins! In fact, the top 3 were separated by just 11 pins overall.

Of course, one of the main reasons for these tournaments was to raise some money. Well, from the raffle we raised £544 at the south east county challenge and £391 from the central

region challenge...a total of £935 for Local Association Bowling. Thanks to Bowling Vision and Bowltech and, of course, Currys and PC World for their prizes. Thanks also to Matt Miller from London Pro Shop and Alex Hamilton from Power Play who also donated prizes. When you add the money raised through the tombola, it takes the total to £1,270.

Lastly, a few thank yous. The bowlers, the team captains, and my support staff! – My suffering significant other Alison, and her parents Maureen and Pete who helped run the tombola.



Massive thanks to my friend Andy 'the dolly' James for helping with the scoring and to the managers of the two bowling centres who gave me great game rates and anything I wanted on the day.

So thankfully that's it!! Hopefully I will be motivated enough to run these events next year...I just need a break right now!

Central Region - League and Centre news

Dunstable – Dan Bonfield reports.

June's Bowler of the Month.



Nominees are made through the league secretaries in Bedfordshire and by their area committee. Once again, there were some fantastic achievements and PB's bowled. But the winner of Bedfordshire bowler of the month for June was junior bowler Lorna Scott who rolled her high series in league, then smashed up the Under 16 junior Triple Crown trials, winning with a 208 average. Bowling league at Dunstable on 29 July, Lorna bowled her first ever 300. Many congratulations!

July's Bowler of the Month.



Another strong list of candidates for this awards sponsored by Ballmaster Proshop Danny Bates rolled his first 300 and Neil Hunter shot his first 800 set. Personal bests by Sukky Gill and Ria Hunter. Great team dedication from the ICE Tyrone Duke, who bowled 108 games, every week in the Scratch league. There were also some great tournament performances by Bedfordshire bowlers Tina Spence, Ron Sterling and Neil Hunter. But there can only be one winner -and that is Neil Hunter who wins a £30 Ballmaster voucher. Previous winners were April – Ki Leighfield and May– Jeff Taylor.

League champions!

Bedfordshire's only scratch league is the Meg Jordache Trios at Dunstable. Again for a 6th year, the champions were the London Pro Shop Team (Matt and Steve Miller and Chris 'gibbo' Gibson). They were pushed all the way by Itchy Trigger Finger (Basher Bonfield, Kev Minnis, Ice Man Tyrone Duke and Aiden Wright). However, this year it went to the final week! But a 14-6 win gave London Pro Shop the title. Bowling in this league is of the highest standard. There were 7 300's rolled - 2 by Chris Gibson, and not surprisingly Chris also won league high average with a 231.14 over 90 games. (Editor: If you know of a higher average over this full season, let us know at insideline@btba.org.uk)

The Comwake League has to be one of the longest and oldest leagues in the country. I know my granddad's team won the league title back in 1974 because he still has the trophy on the mantelpiece. So it's at least 40 years old. Over the years it has moved to various centres from its origins at Hemel Hempstead's old AMF bowl. Its home in recent years has been Dunstable's Go Bowling and this year the league was won by the TARA team of (Steve Dynes, Keith Hooker, Ian Buckland and, while Top Gear has the Stig, TARA has the Stick aka Stewart Bryden! Does anyone know the full history of the Comwake League or indeed a longer running league? If so, let us know at insideline@btba.org.uk.



Some high rollers in Bedfordshire

Danny Bates rolled a 300 game in Dunstable's Sundowners league 6 July. Neil Hunter on 8 July, bowling in the Tuesday league at Go Bowling Dunstable rolled games of 268, 289,

245 for a superb 802 series! PB's run in their family as Neil's 9 year old daughter Ria went and rolled her high game of 191 in the Monday handicap trios!

Central Region - League and Centre news

Dunstable Youth Bowl Club has gone from strength to strength over the years. This year, the Junior Team England Triple Crown trials were held at Coventry and four Dunstable Junior bowlers earned invitations. Austin Taylor, Lorna Scott and Ki Leighfield in the Under 16 category and Remy Bader in the Under 19 category.

A year's worth of work boils down to one long day of trials with the aim was to get into the top 6, who would go on to represent England.

There was great success, tension and drama, as well as some heart-breaking disappointment. In the Under 16's trials - Austin was leading for much of the day, but a tough afternoon session saw Austin start to slide down the table, but the young left hander rallied and qualified for the team in 4th place averaging 189. But there was heartbreak for Ki Leighfield who finished just outside the team in 7th place. But the star of the show was Houghton Regis's Lorna Scott who qualified for the girls under 16 team in 1st place with a 208 average which would have also won the boys qualifying, a truly amazing performance!



In the under 19's boys qualifying it was very close and Remy Bader left the best till last. In the last game Remy shot the highest score and earned maximum points and that saw him move from 14th all the way to claim the final qualifying space in 6th place.

So three Dunstable YBC bowlers in the England Team!! Testament to all

the work the coaches and bowlers put in.

The bowlers have been practicing non-stop and they had the support of *Go Bowling* who gave the youngsters free lane time and big thanks to International coach Andy Penny who between coaching the Norwegian National team has been spending time coaching these youngsters.

Northern Region - League and Centre news

PBs at Lincoln YBC, Gill Hutchison reports...

On July 12th I had a grandstand view of the excellent sparing that gave 10-



year old **Max Smalley** a new PB **148** game and **407** series at *Lincoln YBC*. Max dropped out of bowling for a while and wow – aren't we pleased to see him back! He evidently inspired his team mates too, because just a week later, **Thea Hallam** also of *Triple Trouble* upped her PB series to **383**. I got an even closer look at **Jessica Melton's** PB **563** series of 210, 189, 164 as she was bowling after me - covering, some might say - in the same *Thursday Trios* team. As well as displaying a healthy strike

rate, Jess left - and picked up - an assortment of spares which appeared to defy the laws of physics. *Go girl!*



Northern Region - League and Centre News

Congratulations to our wonderful Lincolnshire Inter-County U-18 girls!

(Back row) **Amy Dowell** from Scunthorpe, **Aimee Brown**, **Emma Martin**, **Jess Melton** from Lincoln (front) **Katie Tagg** from Grantham, **Jenny Pollard** from Boston and **Lauran Lill** from Lincoln.

After bowling steadily to qualify in the top eight (Jenny 205, 225, 205; Katie 215, 216, 202, Emma 199) the Lincs girls found themselves playing "brackets" (1st plays 8th, 2nd plays 7th and so on). After rolling **939** to take out their friendly rivals Yorkshire one place above them, the girls repeated their winning ways twice more to bring back the cup to Lincolnshire. It was last here in 2007 and for a good run in '91, '92 and '93.

Amy Dowell and **Jenny Pollard**, in her last Junior Inter-Counties (sob) both rolled 190 averages in the knock-out round, supported by the ever-positive **Katie Tagg** (227 game),



Jessica Melton (198) and youngest player **Lauran Lill**.

Better luck next year to the Lincs Lads **Elliott Spindley** (215, 198, 183), **Jack Waby** (233), **Oliver**

Spindley (190), **Ben Jacklin** (165), **Oliver Thomas** 213; and two very consistent bowlers **Bradley Redfearn** (197, 216, 184) and Scunthorpe's **Kevin Walters** (191,180, 185).

Grantham, Gill Hutchison reports

First big scores from Grantham Bowl. With the new, improved conditions comes new, improved bowling, and the first to take advantage was 21 year-old **Ali Curtis**.

Ali has been improving steadily, developing a "bowler's brain" in leagues at Lincoln and Scunthorpe. Now, to celebrate the reopening of Grantham, he's gone right over the top, improving his league PB series by 46 pins up to **650** and his PB game from 257 to **276**. Congratulations on these massive leaps of faith, Ali! PLEASE NOTE everyone from that neck of the woods - I'm looking forward to adding a regular Grantham update to the newsletter so more of the same, please! STOP PRESS: Unbelievable! Before I had published this newsletter – in fact before I had

even finished writing it – this newly-refurbished Centre had already got something else to report. **Ali Curtis** is now the proud possessor of a **679 PB** series, rolled on July 24th alongside Mick Jones in the Grantham Thursday Doubles.

In a further triumph for Grantham, 16-year old **Katie Tagg** came home with a **Silver Medal** from the 2014 British Junior Open at Norwich Bowl on July 20th. True to her perfectionist form, Katie wants to thank her teammates, **Jamie Elliott**, **James McMinn** and **Shola Attryde**, for "carrying her through" though, knowing Katie, I bet she was the little rock on which they could all depend. "I've never thrown so many splits in my life!" Katie says, though her 210 game with no opens tells me that she must have done a pretty good job of converting some of them.

Having lain awake as many of us did through the stormy night preceding the tournament, Katie was then faced with a condition that broke down rapidly on Norwich's wood lanes in the suffocating heat – yet she still managed to go out with a four bagger and stay ABOVE her NAYBC tournament average. Can't say I'm surprised. Packed into that 5ft 2ins frame (she's generally the littlest one in the photos) young Miss Tagg has more determination than a lot of adults I know! So congratulations KATIE and congratulations GRANTHAM BOWL, who have taken the huge and very welcome step of SPONSORING her. Katie and her family supported the Centre when all was not going so well and now she's going to take the name of Grantham into the wider world of tenpin bowling. We all look forward to the result!

Northern Region - League and Centre News

Lincoln, Gill Hutchison reports...

Lincoln Bowl hosted the BTBA Combination Fives on Jul 6th and 13th. The only complaint anyone seems to have about Lincoln Bowl is its location. Sorry, folks, you'll have to blame the Romans for founding Lindum Colonia a bit off the beaten track. True to its growing reputation for excellent food, amenities and **bowling conditions**, Lincoln lanes let the country's top players do what they do best, use their skills to produce some awesome scores.

Doubles: When one player of doubles partnership shoots a 300 game, and the other partner immediately follows it with a perfecto of her own, it's a dead cert that their total will be hard to beat! Congratulations to **Rob Harding** (257, 300, 257 for 814) and **Finny Banks** (765) who stormed away with the Doubles event, posting a team total of 1594, though Finny's 305 (Ladies' 5-pin bonus) looked a bit odd on the scoresheet! They also finished with the high averages for the tournament, Rob with 248.0 over the six games as high man and Finny topping the Ladies' table with 238.17. **Keira Reay** almost joined them on a perfecto with 294 (289) and 765, teaming up with another talented youngster, **Emily Allen** to take second place for the "World Youth Cup Girls Team". In fact, they snatched second from under the noses of the "WYC Boys Team" despite a brilliant start from the lads – the tournament high game of 577 game when **Chris Lam** put in 290 and **Elliott Crosby** almost matched him with 287. "Power Play Lincoln", **Arron Machin** and **Lee Brown** (781) finished 4th just ahead of another local duo, "That'll Be 9 Then", **Mark Loughborough** and **Tom Turner** matching each other strike for strike for 669 and 666.

Trios: The Trios was won by "Steve's

Pro Shop" with a quite remarkable display of strike bowling from all three players. **John Woodhouse** rolled 234, 247, 245; **Lee Turner** 245, 211, 216; and **Barrie O'Reilly** 226, 238, 247 for a great team total of 2089. Second high men's average overall, **Jamie Bottomley** rolled an even more consistent 243, 246, 245 = 734 for "Power Play Poole", together with **Chris Oates** (700) and **John Wells**, making sure that the leaders could not relax for a moment with their 2053 second place. "That'll Be 9 Then" consisting of **Colin Laing** and his Midland Scratch lads, local leftie **Myles Duke** (760, 244 ave overall) and **Jamie Elliott** managed to keep the "Power Play Ladies + One" (see below) at bay long enough to bag 3rd by 22 pins. The High Trios Game of 747 was rolled by 5th placed "London Strike Power" **Matt Ayles** (235), **Luke Sanders** (244) and **Adam Purnell** (268), followed by those ladies again featuring **Faye Elkington** with a storming 284.

Fives: The team event was tight all the way but eventually that same wonderfully rowdy line-up of "Power Play Ladies + One" led off by local girl **Faye Elkington** (264, 736), cheered and supported each other to a 3363 total. **Jo Cundy** (247. 685), **Nicki Ainge** (240, 642), **Laura Marcham** (221, 629), and **Hayley White** (241, 671) and **Faye** who finished on a 233.33 average squeaked in just 12 pins ahead of "Power Play Poole" **Matt Chamberlain** (586), **Steve Thornton** (639), **Jamie Bottomley** (739), **Chris Oates** (710) and **John Wells** (677). To be fair, the girls did have a bit of extra help in the form of a very special mascot, the much-missed **Pat Harries** making a welcome visit to the UK, plus of course the Ladies' 5-pin bonus. In the third place but starting with the highest team game were the "Rob Harding" team, featuring **Harding** himself (245), **Finny Banks** (253),

Norman Hamed (250), **Wayne Greenall** (236), and **Mark Smith** (237). In fact it was Mark, continuing with 268 and 279 for 784 who clinched third place from "WYC Boys and Monty". **Chris Lam** (279), **Elliott Crosby** (201), **Curtis Hooper** (269), **Matty Clayton** (224) and **Ray Teece** (216) for "WYC Boys and Monty" "pounded in a great second game and continued in the same vein but had left themselves too much to do after a "cautious" start.

Overall: With so many team names appearing multiple times, it was no surprise to see "Rob Harding" team finishing top, followed by "Power Play Poole", then "Power Play Ladies + One". Well bowled, all of you.

Congratulations to all the bowlers and spectators – the atmosphere was electric. And of course multiple congratulations to Centre Manager **Andi Turner** aided by **Faye Elkington**, and their friendly, efficient staff – not forgetting the mechanics! Yes, Lincoln may be somewhat out of the way, but it is a great place for tournaments! "Mark my words" as wise old persons are apt to say; we have some real potential amongst our up-and-coming junior bowlers.

Scunthorpe – Gill Hutchison reports ...

299! It's a terrific score, but no-one knows quite whether to congratulate the player on all the pins that fell or commiserate about the one that didn't! In this case, the player was excellent junior **Kevin Walters**, the venue was Scunthorpe Bowl and the pin was – a nine pin. Well, that's a bit different. Kevin, a valued member of the Lincs U-18 team, is in his final year as a junior and is looking to put something back into our sport by taking the Phase One Instructor Course, though these are a bit thin on the ground at the moment. Maybe this dedicated young man will have his Perfecto by the time one comes up!

Southern Region - League and Centre News

Jerry Moll reports a couple of notable recent achievements by **Kent** bowlers, Congratulations to **Sean Purcell** (Whitstable) for leading the Kent All Stars to victory in the recent South East County Challenge by rolling a 300 game and a 241 average on the day. Please see Dan Bonfield's article "County Challenge Tournaments" elsewhere in this publication! Congratulations also to **Jan Hodge** for bowling a splendid 287 on her way to achieving runner-up in the recent Barnsley Senior Singles. Full results can be found on www.btba.org.uk

Romford - Colin Grainger reports...

PHAT B'S were officially crowned champions at the end of July as the Sunday Trios scratch and handicap league seasons completed at City Pavilion Bowl, Romford. They won the title by four points from last year's winners Pinpals, with Clappers wrapping up third place. Phat B's team of Mehmet Gul, Bobby Mitchell and Paul Mitchell were pipped to the title last year but came back strongly. In the handicap division, Lucky Three lost on the final night but clinched the title by one point from Misfits in the closest of finishes, with Alley Gators third.

Mike Hayford topped the men's averages with 186, with Neil Emmons second with 183. Rachel Thacker topped the women's section, averaging 167, with Lisa Sherer second on 156. Neil Emmons hit the season's highest game with 266 and the highest series with 670.

The league now holds a summer break, resuming on September 14 with its charity tournament in memory of bowler Brian Martin and the league's 2014-15 season starts a week later.

Rochester – Jerry Moll reports...

A very successful Open Evening for league bowlers was held at the excellent Hollywood Bowl, Rochester on 14th July, hosted by the Centre Manager, Ian Thompson and his staff.

In addition, Roger Whichelow and colleagues from Bowltech displayed a selection of new balls and signed up new members to their bowlers club, bowltechbowlersdub.co.uk. Mike Rich, On-The-Ball ProShop, was on hand to offer equipment advice.

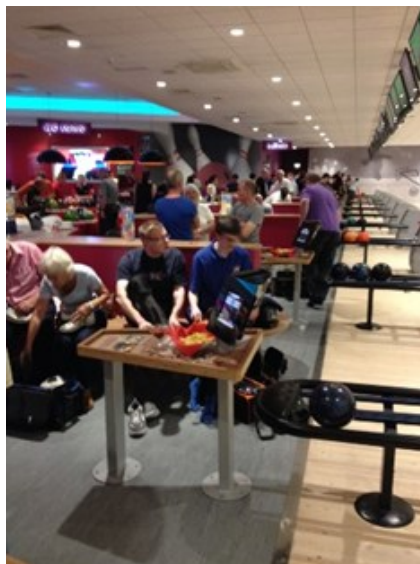


In excess of 60 Kent area league bowlers attended the event and were given the opportunity to evaluate the lanes and the brand new scoring system. Some good games were bowled, the best being Whitstable's Sean Purcell with a 660. Sadly though, some of the lanes were not able to be dressed prior to the event due to a major problem with the dressing machine, now resolved. Those affected have been invited to return to re-access the lanes.

That aside, the scoring system proved successful and, impressively, no lane breakdowns. A range of very tasty snacks were laid on which were certainly enjoyed by all!

Ian Thompson said "The next step is to build on our new relationships with Kent bowlers and get our leagues up and running. An application for BTBA lane sanctioning is in hand. With free parking and easy access, we will try

to meet and exceed your needs and to offer you a great league experience with competitive rates.



In the meantime, we have a special practice rate for league bowlers. Just £1.00 per game up until 5 p.m. Mon-Fri and £2 per game after 5 p.m. Mon – Thurs. This offer is valid up until 30 September 2014".

If you are interested in joining a league, or transferring your league to Rochester, please email your details to Ian at:

rochester@hollywoodbowl.co.uk

Congratulations to **Frank Stander** of Essex for a fine 2nd place in the finals of the **ISBT Masters**, which took place at Nieuwegein in Holland on Monday 4th August, beaten only by top player Carlo Greulich from Germany. Senior bowlers from all over Europe take part in the tour each year and 15 English players had participated in the Dutch Open just a few days earlier. Wife Ruth had also qualified for the Masters, for which qualification took place in 2013.



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This was the 11th World Youth Championships that I have had the privilege to manage but the buzz that I got was no different from the very first in Mexico.

All the teams that I have travelled with have been special to me and this one was no different.

These young bowlers have worked extremely hard to, initially get themselves in a position for selection, and then having secured their place they have all strived to up their game to the level that will be required.

So with all the arrangements in place the day arrived, 4th August, when we all met at Heathrow Terminal 3 for our 12 hour evening flight directly to Hong Kong. Everyone was in good spirits but keen to get the journey completed.

On board the aircraft we were handed a 'Good Luck' card signed by all the parents and also our pilot.

The long journey over we finally

arrived at Hong Kong International, early evening the following day. We were greeted by Cindy Law, our own dedicated liaison for our time in Hong Kong. First stop was the bowl to drop off the bags and then on to our hotel about 20 minutes drive away.

The following day was Wednesday and the last day for teams arriving, the Managers Meeting in the afternoon and the Opening Ceremony in the evening so there was an opportunity for the players to relax through the early part of the day and attempt to get rid of some of the jetlag.

It was a very proud moment to see Team England parade out with the other 45 countries at the Opening Ceremony.

Thursday and we had the first squad of official practice which went well, then the rest of the day was free and to prepare for the first singles squad on Friday. As announced at the Managers Meeting on the

Wednesday the squads were to be changed from those published in Bulletin 3 with the Ladies and Mens squads playing at the same time. We were less effected than many other teams by this change to the normal format as it was only the Singles Event where Ladies and Men bowled at the same time.

It goes without saying that the whole team responded to this with an attitude that was a credit to them all. 'This is how it is and we need to still get the job done'.

All the scores through the tournament are available on www.wyc2014.com but it must be said that everyone played the prevailing conditions with skill and determination and true to Team England WYC standards fought from the first ball to the last.

Anyone who has bowled in this event in the past will know that the competition is extremely strong and everyone needs to play to their best. This was the case for everyone there

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and they should be proud of the efforts they made to compete.

For the Men's team they got off to the best possible start on the first day of the Team Event with a wonderful 965 game an absolute pleasure to watch. Unfortunately a 640 3rd game left them in 6th place with some work to do the next day.

The following day and our team set about the task at hand by laying down a 909 first game and with an 822 & 833 to follow we were in the semi finals in 3rd place and would meet Malaysia.

The semi final saw a good start for England keeping in touch with their opponents but then Malaysia went up a gear and we failed to keep up with the game ending 909 to 738.

At the end of this we had a WYC Bronze Medal in the Men's Team the first ever for England in the history of the event. A very proud and emotional moment for us all.

Along with this achievement we had two bowlers into the Masters, Chris in 20th place and Keira at 21st.

With six games to play and all scores carried forward Chris finished 21st and Keira 20th.

These are their positions in the WYC World's and we are very proud of this.

This just leaves me with a long list of people I need to thank.

Thank you to the BTBA for their continued support not only for the team but for me personally.

Thanks to Storm for their sponsorship support.

Thank you to Ray Teece as our Coach. His knowledge and International experience was a valuable asset to everyone. For all his hard work at the event, sometimes under difficult circumstances, also all the hard work that went into the assessment and

training sessions.

My thanks go to the selectors, Mo Teece, Roger Hunter and Martin Ashton for their devoted efforts to what is never an easy task. Also a thank you to Stroud, Airport and Lincoln Bows for all their help and cooperation through the long process of selection.

We had an army of supporters

travelling to Hong Kong and they did not fail to make themselves heard and gave us the much appreciated moral support for our team.

Last but by no means least my thanks to the TEAM for their dedication to our wonderful sport.



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The President/Chairman
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Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: 13th CGSE World Youth Championships
August 6 – 15, 2014, Hong Kong

It was indeed a happy moment when Hong Kong was given the opportunity to host "The Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange Society World Youth Championships". Although the championship was considered very prestigious in itself in receiving the "M" Mark branding from the Major Sports Events Committee under the Sports Commission of the HKSAR Government, we felt that your team's presence in Hong Kong have made it even more so.

On behalf of Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress, we thank you very much for your participation and support without which the event would have lost much in colour, magnitude and vitality. With your continued support, let us hope that all future World Championships will become more blessed and more successful.

With our heartiest appreciation, we thank you once again with every wish that the best will be with you and your federation all the time.

Yours sincerely,
Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress

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