

The Inside Line



2015 YAC Inter-County Championships

Double Celebration for Warwickshire, written by Stuart Watson.

MFA Nottingham, 21st & 22nd February 2015

Warwickshire men and ladies made it a double celebration in the YAC Inter-County Championships for 2015, taking honours in both divisions at MFA Bowl Nottingham.

After seven games of qualification on Saturday and Sunday morning, Warwickshire men lead with 6,377 over second-placed Surrey with 5,873 and third-placed Norfolk with 5,806. Lancashire ladies headed their division with 4,921 over Cheshire in second with 4,814 and Warwickshire in third with 4,780. The top-8 men and top-6 ladies (all) teams would all qualify for the round-robin.

With the round-robin completed it was Warwickshire's men and ladies that took the Championship titles with round-robin totals of 5791 and 3914 respectively. Full results available at www.btba.org.uk



Men's Champions - Warwickshire



Women's Champions - Warwickshire

Round Robin - Final Standings							
Men			Ladies				
		Pinfall	Points		Pinfall	Points	
1	Warwickshire	5791	12	1	Warwickshire	3914	10
2	Yorkshire	5432	10	2	Lancashire	3510	6
3	Kent	5375	10	3	Cheshire	3504	6
4	Surrey	5712	8	4	Norfolk	3302	4
5	Lancashire	5498	6	5	Surrey	3437	2
6	Sussex	5589	4	6	Staffordshire	3358	2
7	Norfolk	5429	4				
8	Lincolnshire	5342	4				

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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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Membership Services Update

Written by Jerry Moll, Director of Membership Services

Local Area Rebate Scheme Returns...You asked us to bring back the Rebate scheme. We listened!

I am very pleased to announce a new rebate scheme for Local Associations (LAs) which is based on an award of £1.50 to LAs for each ADULT member they have registered with the BTBA. The BTBA will make minimum payments of £50 to ensure that the smaller LAs are given a helping hand although there will be a ceiling set of £300 per LA. Payments will be based on membership data as of 1st January 2015.

To help encourage LAs to recruit new members, additional £1.50 incentive payments will be made for any adult or junior/adult joining between 1st March and 31st August 2015. To be eligible for this incentive a "new member" will be regarded as someone who has not been a BTBA member at any time after 1st September 2013.

Grants Still Available

Don't forget that there are still funds available to LAs by way of the Grants which are being continued in the same format as previously advertised. It's rather disappointing that there have been only a handful of applications for this scheme which is designed to drive up membership and increase participation at local or national level.

Hopefully at your next Committee meeting you can discuss ideas for an application from your area! Your Regional Officers are happy to assist with any questions you may have and to help with the application process. In the words of our CEO, Matt Miller - "this funding scheme is aimed at helping those local associations who show willingness to help themselves. It's about supporting those who are prepared to put effort into trying something different, something new possibly."

Full details of this scheme are to be found under the 'downloads' section of btba.org.uk

These rebates together with the Grants scheme should encourage your Association and its members to see that the BTBA is making positive contributions in support of your local activities.

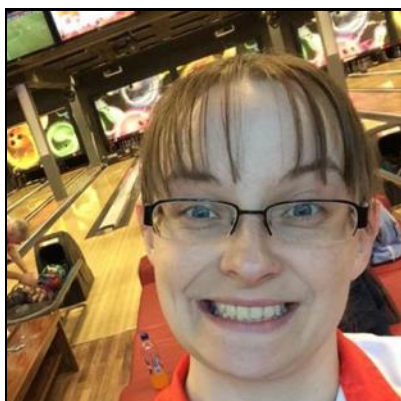
In 2010, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first tenpin bowling centre being opened in this country at Stamford Hill, North London, and soon after, in 1961, the BTBA was established

In recent issues of Inside line, we have featured Steve Wright and Alan White who have both been BTBA members for over 50 years. We congratulated them on this remarkable achievement. Sadly BTBA's paper records were destroyed in a fire some years ago so we are sadly unable to identify other landmark achievements.

The oldest bowling centre still operating is claimed to be the Regent Bowl, Gt. Yarmouth which opened in April 1963. However, it's possible that MFA Whitstable (originally an Excel Bowl) was opened a few months earlier.

We would love to feature any bowlers, leagues or indeed bowling centres that have achieved 50+ years, so please do let us know at insideline@btba.org.uk

Southern Region - update from your officer, Lisa John



2015 has started with a bang with lots of area associations holding your AGM's and County Trials. I would urge all bowlers out there to take the time to attend the AGM in your area.

Your area association work very

hard behind the scenes to ensure we all have the opportunities that we deserve so please do support them however you can. Good luck to all the bowlers who will be participating in forthcoming county trials and well done to those who have already qualified for their teams.

On the subject of county trials we are on the hunt for centres to host the Adult Inter County Qualifiers in September. If you think your centre may be just what we are looking for, please do contact your area secretary who in turn can contact me for more information.

Dan Bonfield will once again be running the Southern Region Inter County Challenge this year so please make every effort to enter a team once the entry form is available.

The BTBA Nationals are this month...hopefully you pestered your Area Secretary with a view to entering a county team – is there a better way to learn how to bowl as a team than to actually bowl together in a team tournament!? I love the Nationals, and want to hear how you all get on - so get in touch!

Does your association have a website and Facebook page? Do you check it regularly for news and updates? If not, then you could be missing out on some vital information regarding your area and the BTBA. Please make sure you regularly visit your Association's website to keep up to date with all the latest information.

Inspirational YBC bowler, Kila Kinchin

Yeovil – Steve Herbert, Secretary of Somerset County Assoc. & YBC, reports...

Thought you might like to hear a story of a little girl overcoming adversity.



Kila Kinchin joined Yeovil YBC as an eight year old back in in 2008. Her step dad Paul Ruddick was already helping out with the YBC after being 'persuaded' to do so by myself. Kila initially came along and bowled a few 'fun games' with the barriers up, but soon decided she wanted to learn how to do things properly.

To say Kila was a quiet, unassuming kid at the time would be an understatement, but she soon blossomed as she grew in confidence and knowledge in her new found sport. If ever you wanted an example of how sport can make kids 'come out of their shell' then look no further.

Last year Kila was diagnosed with a rare condition known as 'hyper mobility' which affects most of the joints in her body. Having this

condition means that your ligaments don't do their job properly and leave the joints with less than normal support. This can cause some very uncomfortable dislocations. Kila has even had her shoulder 'pop out' over a hundred times in one day.

Most kids (and adults!) would have simply called it a day. But that's not Kila's way! We've simply worked on a plan that gives her a very smooth style of bowling and avoids any sudden jerky movements. She has continued to improve throughout her pains and upsets and has bounced back even better than before! Her latest achievement (after being 2014 YBC champ) was to take the seniors scratch singles title at the recent South of England Junior Open at Dunstable with a score of 606 - and that even beat the graduate class. This included a game of 245 that started with the first 7 strikes - only to tap out the tenpin in the eighth!

Kila has always enjoyed this tournament and puts in a new PB nearly every time she plays there. Like the rest of my little YBC she gets made very welcome by Andy, Shirley and the rest of the Dunstable crew who do so much to create a great event.

It won't be easy for Kila in the next few years as there can be no treatment for her condition until she stops growing. But will that stop her bowling? I very much doubt it! I wish I had another dozen like her!

After Steve sent this article in, Kila got in touch with The Inside Line to tell us a bit more about her story:

I have a rare disability called hypermobility, this means my joints come out of place rather easily. This is not the best condition to be living with but I consider myself quite lucky; it can be hard at times, but I manage. My parents give me great support, and so does my little sister, Neisha, who will give me a big cuddle and make me laugh. She may be

annoying sometimes (most of the time), but I still love her.

With my condition it can be quite hard to get out and do sports especially on a bad day but that has never stopped me and I doubt it ever will. Bowling is my favourite sport and always will be. But it's not just bowling that keeps me going, it's everyone there as well, it's not just a club it's a family. I have got some great friends there and some great role models. I'm not someone to put their feelings out there, but I don't think I would have tried this hard to build myself back up again if I didn't have the YBC.

Steve is an incredible person, who keeps the YBC together despite some tough times. He never gives up and he never lets anyone down as long as he can help it. When I joined in 2008 I didn't know anyone and I was very shy, now I know everyone and let's just say I'm not as shy as I used to be. Steve is not just a random person who runs the YBC, he is an instructor (and a very good one), he's a joker (with bad jokes), but most importantly he is a friend. He won't just teach you how to bowl he will help you through any problems you have and he will always stick by you, no matter what, and I am not just saying that I've learnt from past experience. I don't think I could have done any of this without him. Some people have celebrities to look up to, I have him.

If you are reading this then take one thing from it, never give up! Even in the darkest hours, never give up. Someone somewhere believes in you, you might not think it's true, so here I will prove it: I believe in you, and you should believe in you too. Don't do what others want you to do, lift your head up and do what you want to do!

Farnborough Youth Bowlers Strike Out for Trophies

Written by Steve Rowley

19 youths based at the Farnborough Youth Bowling Club (YBC) enjoyed a successful challenge at the recent South of England (SOE) Junior Open Ten Pin Bowling competition held at Dunstable. The club sent a full representation of players, ranging from two newcomers in the youngest "PeeWee" Division for Year 3 and below, right through to the Armstrong brothers, Harry and Bradley in the Graduate and Under 21 Divisions.

A total of 9 trophies were won by the club, representing a very impressive haul, considering 23 other YBCs were represented at the tournament, a total field of 275 boys and 123 girls. One of the beauties about ten pin bowling is the handicap scoring system, allowing novice and experienced bowlers to compete in the same event with trophies to be awarded for the top three in scratch and handicap scores (the winners of handicap medals are different to the scratch medal winners) across each of the age groups.

The Dobinson household in particular may need to invest in a new trophy cabinet as all 3 girls won at least one trophy. In her first year of bowling Grace Dobinson won the PeeWee girls Division, and also scored a personal best 3 game series of 189 in the Team event. Doubling up with elder sister Allyce, who picked up a



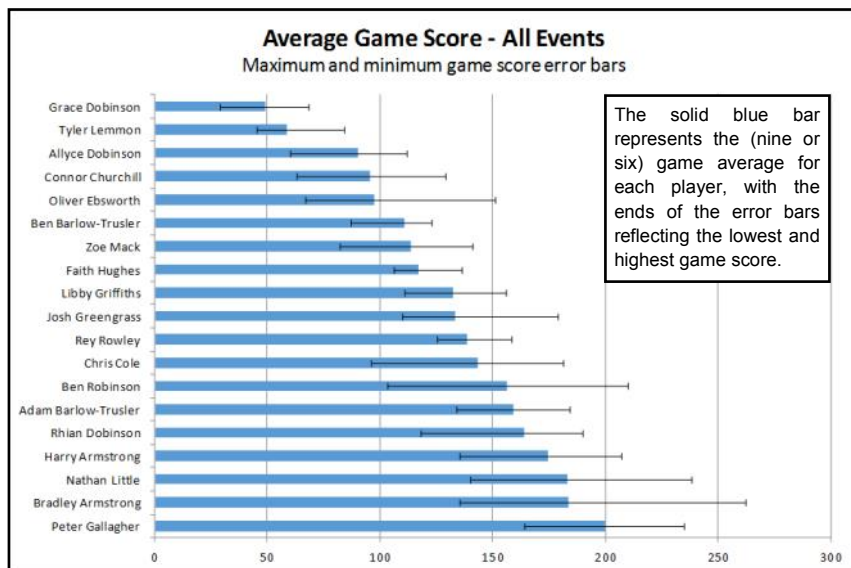
Silver for herself in the Single Handicap in the Bantam division, the girls also won Bronze in the scratch division. The trio of success was achieved when Rhian Dobinson, a member of the England Junior Academy, picked up the winners trophy with her Doubles playing partner Libby Griffiths in the Intermediate Girls Handicap Division, the girls narrowly missing out on a trophy in the Scratch division with 3 game series of 499 for Rhian and 427 for Libby.

Not to be outdone, the boys in the Farnborough YBC also tasted success when Tyler Lemon, another newcomer to the sport this year, posted successive personal best single game and series scores to win the PeeWee boys All Events Handicap Division. Peter Gallagher took an excellent silver in the Scratch Singles in a very competitive field of 64 Senior boys, posting an excellent 658 series with all three games over 200, justifying his status as an

England Junior Academy member. Peter's consistency through the day also earned him first place in the All Events Handicap Division. Peter completed his own personal trio of successes by securing a bronze in the Scratch Doubles with playing partner Nathan Little, who has recently been selected to be a part of the Hampshire County U15 squad, posting an impressive middle game of 238 pins in the Doubles, and finishing 10th in the All Events Scratch.

The other players from the club were very competitive in their respective Divisions, the majority posting above their own personal average scores, including several with personal bests.

The Farnborough club is extremely pleased and very proud of the achievements made by all of the players in the Junior SOE competition. For some it was their first experience of bowling away from the home lanes in a competitive environment where mental and physical endurance for nine games is the main challenge they overcame. The more experienced players collected trophies in highly competitive divisions, whilst for others, a collection of personal bests and improvements from their achievements at the 2014 SOE offers much promise for future competitions. The club will continue to offer a friendly, fun and supportive environment on a Saturday morning, but with a keen eye to maintaining a strong challenge to other clubs around the country for the trophies. The Junior Nationals is the next major competition on the horizon and the Farnborough YBC will head off to Nuneaton in May to compete there in a very positive frame of mind.



Central Region - Update from your officer, Dan Bonfield



Your Local Association's AGM (Annual General Meeting) may be coming soon. Keep an eye open on your bowls' notice boards and Facebook pages. It's important that if you can, you attend the AGMs. These meetings are your opportunity to vote and elect the officers who represent you and promote the sport at a local level. Even better why not get involved and join the committee. If you have ideas and opinions on how to promote the sport within your county, the best way to see these actioned is to join your local association committee. You may read within these pages about my own county Bedfordshire raising funds through a raffle. A simple

book of raffle tickets is the most effective and powerful way of raising funds. A book of tickets can cost as little as a £1 and from that tiny investment you can see a return of several hundred pounds by doing tombolas and raffles. The prizes don't have to be as flash as the ones we have in Bedfordshire. Let's face it we have all received presents that go straight in the cupboard or on top of the wardrobe (because we are too polite to ask for the receipt!) and they just collect dust there. Why not raffle or tombola them off and raise some money for your local association!!

Central Region - League and Centre News

Bedfordshire Bowler of the Month for December:

The Aylesbury Ducks team of Paul Walker and Tim Robinson who bowled every week of the Regency league and that helped them dominate... winning the league title and all the team awards as well!

Adam Booth - putting in some good performances in the Monday night scratch trios, including a 737 on the 15th December.

There has been some great performances from the following bowlers in the Sunday Morning Doubles leagues:

Sam True - 208 x 48 games
Adam Maxwell - 207 x 18 games
Mike Bloye - 203 x 54 games
Michael Kent - 205 x 93 games



The award goes jointly to Paul and Tim (pictured above) of the Aylesbury Ducks whose dedication was demonstrated by turning up every week and showing great commitment.

They will receive £15 vouchers to use at Ball Master Pro Shop.

Not sure if the Bowler of the Month awards will return in 2015 as its open for discussion at the next Area Meeting. I would like to thank the league secretaries and bowlers who made nominations and of course to our sponsors, Andy and Shirley Penny at Ballmaster Proshop. Well done to all those that did win awards throughout 2014!

Bedfordshire Raffle:

Bedfordshire Association hold a Xmas raffle every year. This year, thanks to Currys and PC World, the first prize was a fantastic 55 inch Samsung curved screen ultra HD TV set. We sold 334 tickets, raising a fantastic £668 for the Bedfordshire Area Association. The draw was conducted by Area Secretary Basher Bonfield and the event was recorded and posted on YouTube. The lucky winner was Katherine Allen. As you can see from the picture, Kat is only 2 inches taller than the actual TV! Because so much money was raised, two extra prizes were thrown in and Pamela Kennedy won a Kodak Sports video recorder and Neil Hunter a Kodak Digital Camera.

Thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets. And a massive thank you to Currys and PC World.



Lucky winner - Katherine Allen

Martlesham Heath – Dan Bonfield reports...

Andy Cutting bowling league in league at Martlesham Heath on 19 January may have thought it was going to be just a usual league night after opening with a 213 game. But then the lefty zoned in and with his Storm Natural Pearl ball went and threw 24 strikes in a row for back to back 300 games and an 813 series. Unfortunately for Andy the league isn't BTBA sanctioned, so his achievement won't be nationally recognised. Andy also became a local celebrity when this achievement made his local paper, the "Ipswich Star".



Records made to be broken

Written by Matt Ayles, Branksome

When you notice that the average incorporating all 28 players for a particular league night is 10 pins higher than the season average, you know something special is happening.

Tuesday 3rd February may have been one of the coldest this winter, but the action on the lanes was red hot. On a night which saw more strikes, spares & split conversions than could be counted, Bowlplex Branksome witnessed 4 bowlers beat their previous high series'.

Firstly, we'll start with a young man who has recently been guided down the path to the two-handed style of play. With regular practice, league play and tuition in the YBC, Rob Trott threw games of 169, 139 & 167 for a

new personal best series of 475.

Secondly, after my previous report of a new high series for Jack Sanders, his Father, Pete Sanders, didn't want to feel left out and hit not only a new high series, but his first ever 700+. Scoring 236, 213 & 257 Pete's new best stands at a lofty 706.

Thirdly, another player that works hard on his game and, along with his son Mat, has seen improvement in his game over the last few years. Steve Ferris bowled games of 235, 205 & 172 which sees his new PB at

612.

Finally, a small mention to myself, who with games of 279, 247 & 256

saw my previous best from November 2014 of 774 increase to 782.

I always find these bowlers playing and practicing, and they often approach me with questions, just to try and better their understanding of the game and more importantly, improve their performance. It is no secret that practice and dedication pays off, and these guys are testament to that.

Many Congratulations on behalf of the bowlers & officials of the Tuesday Doubles.

Tenpin Tour, Stop 1 - AMF Peterborough

Written by Malcom Glover

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 January 2015

The worthy winners were Catherine Wills and Mark Fullbrook (pictured, right).

Ladies:

- 1 – Catherine Wills – 2412
- 2 – Julie Johanssen – 2242
- 3 – Jean MacDonald – 2226

Men:

- 1 - Mark Fullbrook – 2457
- 2 – Chris Skudder – 2383
- 3 – Robert Strong - 2375

The first Senior Event of the 2015 season capably run by Dave Steiner – Marcus Buckley Bennion - and Yazmin Bowley.

An entry of 22 ladies and 61 men playing for the cut to the next round of 9 ladies and 22 men.

Everything ran to the anticipated schedule and at times ahead of schedule. A tribute to the organisers and the trouble free lanes at AMF Peterborough.

Altogether a grand day out to both play in the event and meet new and



old friends with a common interest in bowling and plenty of good social interaction.

Tenpin Tour already has a full program and calendar for the 2015 season including both the Senior English Invitational at AMF

Peterborough and the Rock Masters in Gibraltar.

The next Tenpin Tour events are Tolworth on Sunday 1 March followed by Nuneaton on both Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 March.

2014 BTBA Tour Masters Event

Alan Keddie, Angie Brown, Steve Thornton & Lisa John Win Inaugural Event

AMF Nottingham, England. 8th February 2015.

The inaugural BTBA Tour Masters for 2014, squadded from the standings tables of the newly formulated BTBA Adult & Senior Tours for 2014, took place upstairs at AMF Nottingham on Sunday, February 8th. Well received, the winners won both a share of the prize fund and brand-new bowling balls from Storm Bowling, sponsors of Team England.

Round Robin Finals

Adult Women:

1. Lisa John - 2780
2. Jo Allsebrook - 2677
3. Hayley Russell - 2519
4. Tracy Wallace - 2451

Adult Men:

1. Steve Thornton - 3376
2. Peter Stevenson - 3255
3. Lee Cocker - 3132
4. Sam Rose - 3101

Senior Women:

1. Angie Brown - 2511
2. Jan Hodge - 2178
3. Wendy Fullbrook - 2069
4. Nicky Prout - 2021

Senior Men:

1. Alan Keddie - 3183
2. Mark Fullbrook - 3076
3. Ron Oldfield - 3039
4. Lol Ellis - 3019

Congratulations to Alan Keddie and Angie Brown winning the seniors division, and to Steve Thornton and Lisa John winning the adults.



Angie Brown and Alan Keddie, Senior Division Champions



Lisa John and Steve Thornton, Adult Division Champions

2015 Storm Senior Team England Announced

Written by Jo Cundy, BTBA Head of Elite Bowling

It is with great pleasure the BTBA can announce the Senior **Storm Team England** Teams for 2015.

Before selections began, we discussed our philosophy and direction for Senior Team England, not only for this year, but in doing the best to ensure future success of the team.

With the above all in mind, we feel we have selected teams able to compete at the highest level from our pool of extremely talented bowlers, all worthy of wearing a Team England shirt!

Senior Triple Crown - Ireland. 16th to 20th April 2015:

Men - Ian Buckland, Steve Carnall,

Larry Exell, Mike Sykes, Jeff Taylor and Barry Walker

Women - Sandra Boswell, Wendy Fullbrook, Liz Griffin, Jan Hodge, Triss Neal and Catherine Wills

Senior World Championships – Las Vegas, USA. 23rd to 30th August 2015:

Men - Lol Ellis, Keith Hodge, Gordon Humphries and Barry Walker

Women - Angie Brown, Jan Hodge, Jan Steiner and Catherine Wills

The Storm Team England committee would like to thank all those bowlers who participated in the trials last year, we hope to see you again this year. The trials were a new step forward for the seniors and in

consultation with the seniors and other factors the trials have been improved and adapted accordingly. Taking that step is not always an easy one but with hard work and determination you too could reach your goals.

We would also like to thank Storm for their continued support of the team and look forward to working with them in the future. I am sure that you will join me in wishing all the teams the very best of luck. The hard work really will begin now!

Performance Coach Announced

Written by Stuart Watson



Chelsea Piggott, MSc. Sport and Exercise Psychology, has joined the coaching department in a voluntary position as Performance Coach for an initial period until 31st August 2015.

Head of Coaching, Mark Heathorn commented: "Ever since my appointment in 2013 it has been my

intention to bring on board specialists in various areas, and I am delighted to finally reach an agreement with Chelsea. Her academic studies coupled with her understanding of our sport will allow us to produce a range of materials and workshops - free and paid for - to enhance the performance of our youngest bowlers, to our oldest bowlers, our league bowlers to our elite bowlers, and of course our coaches."

Over the coming months Chelsea and Mark will work closely with our Team England coaches and players, our Academy coaches and players as well as providing learning opportunities for all levels of bowler and coach.

The first in a series of new coaching

tips written by Chelsea are available to download from the BTBA website. These unique articles cover an Introduction to Sport Psychology, a short insight into the uses of Sport Psychology and Talent Identification Development. See COACHING TIPS under the COACHING menu on the BTBA homepage.

Sport psychology looks at the psychological foundations, processes and consequences of the psychological regulation of sporting activities. It is now believed that in a high standard of competition a game is played as 10% physical and 90% mental. The stronger the mind, the stronger the performance.



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