

The Inside Line



First FUNdamentals Instructor Workshop



First FUNdamentals Instructor Workshop heralds the dawn of a new era

Sunday May 10th 2015 will prove to be a landmark date in the history of B.T.B.A. coaching as the first five FUNdamentals Instructors completed their learning with a 6-hour workshop at Namco Norwich Bowl.

Phil McCabe (left) and Steve Hamlet (right) were the first accredited coaching tutors to deliver this ground-breaking workshop and helped Daniel Frazer, Helen Gibbs, Trevor Gibbs, Karl Chown, and Stephanie Tilson enter the world of coaching.

This workshop complimented the five online learning modules each person completed before attending the workshop.

Norfolk County Chairman Trevor Gibbs stated "finished the fundamentals course today which is very useful in knowing how to get the basics over to the newer bowlers, thank you".

With four more events in the planning stage for the next few weeks it is an exciting time for coaching and we

anticipate a busy time over the coming months.

Remember if you want to become an instructor you just need to follow [this process](#) and our partners Sports Structures will do the rest!

From early June 2015 our exciting new qualification at European Level 1 – Foundation Coach – will be formally launched and available to all new and existing instructors and coaches. As with our FUNdamentals Instructor qualification there will be a mixture of online learning modules followed by a 2-day practical workshop. By registering online and completing these modules first it allows us to plan workshops in a more effective manner. Initially though we have planned 3 workshops, one in each of our administrative regions as follows:

North - GoBowling Shipley 25th-26th July

South - MFA Newbury 8th-9th August

Central - Hollywood Shrewsbury 22nd-23rd August

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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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Team England's Lisa John visits Yeovil YBC

On Saturday 9th May, I made the 120 mile journey west to the little town of Yeovil to meet a very special YBC.

In Volume 2, Edition 1 of the Inside Line you'll remember reading about a bowler by the name of Kila Kinchin. Kila has a daily battle against 'hypermobility' meaning that at any given time, her joints can just 'pop out'. As you can well imagine, this makes bowling a tricky thing – it's hard enough when your joints behave themselves! The story that we received from Steve Herbert, Yeovil YBC and Somerset Area Secretary, was one that the National Council found very touching. Then we received a letter from Kila herself and along with Steve's letter, it found a very special place in all of our hearts.

This story couldn't go without some kind of recognition from the BTBA and the National Council felt that it was worthy of a voucher against bowling equipment to be used at the pro shop of Kila's choosing. In most cases this would nearly be the end of the story, but in the case of Yeovil this is only the beginning! The voucher was sent to Steve Herbert who would be making all the necessary arrangements for my trip way out West.

On the morning of my visit, I was greeted with big smiles and an atmosphere that was very welcoming. I was made to feel part of the Yeovil YBC family instantly! The kids started to warm up before the morning's league, while Steve was continuing to cook up his plan. Once the bowlers had finished their practice session we all gathered on the lanes for a quick chat/explanation as to why I was there. Of course Steve told everyone how wonderful I was but handed over to me to explain the real reason for my visit which was to present Kila with a voucher for £100 towards a bowling ball of her choice.

Upon opening the envelope, Kila found a note from Steve to say that the BTBA had sent him the voucher and he had



Lisa John with Kila Kinchin, the Yeovil YBC bowlers and instructors

spent it! Kila's face was a picture. Little did she know, Steve, very sneakily had arranged for a new bowling ball to be drilled in advance of my visit to Yeovil, as Kila had had her eye on his Storm Optimus and was itching to get one of her own. The bowling ball was then presented to Kila, who for the first time that morning, was rendered speechless...it will go down in Yeovil YBC history!

Following the presentation, we had a short picture session with Kila and all the bowlers from the YBC. Then the fun could begin and the kids could take to the lanes. I was invited to bowl with them that morning and jumped at the chance, although I was a little nervous at how it might go and starting with a split wasn't really what I wanted. I soon loosened up and was in full swing, when I looked up to see that I was taking a real beating from one of the boys, Louie! He was absolutely smashing me and there was nothing I could do about it...wow, now that was a real welcome to the YBC. Louie went on to beat me by nearly 30 pins in game one and I made a fairly respectable 216. I then went on to have 2 further games of 216, which is a first for me and I just about managed to redeem myself against Louie.

During the course of the 3 games I was able to spend a bit of time with some of the bowlers and try to give them a few pointers and I loved every minute of it. These guys are the future of our sport and I love the enthusiasm

that they have for the game. After the league a few of the bowlers stayed on the lanes to have a few more games... brilliant.

For such a small YBC, there are some incredible stories and there is a massive sense of community. Steve told me about one of the boys, Rhys, who has had Leukaemia twice and cancer...all by the age of 17, and he's still coming back week in week out to bowl, truly inspirational.

Thank you to Steve Herbert for bringing the story to our attention. Thank you to the YBC for being so welcoming. Thank you to MFA Yeovil for allowing my visit to take place and for ensuring that the lane machine was fixed in time. I feel very honoured to have spent the day with these kids, along with Steve and his YBC officials. It was a very humbling experience and one that will live with me forever. I hope to return to Yeovil again in the future, as long as Louie promises to go easy on me!

Editor's note: As Lisa mentioned, this wonderful day was at risk of being cancelled when Yeovil's Phoenix lane machine broke down just a few days prior! A benefit of the BTBA's new partnership with MFA has been how closely the two organisations have been working together, in this instance to resolve the issue so that the surprise could go ahead as planned. All involved were very thankful!

National Council positions up for renewal

Well all good things come to an end, or maybe! The following National Council positions are to be advertised in the months ahead because their respective tenures are drawing to a close.

So in advance of the adverts being released on the BTBA website, we thought it would be helpful for readers to have an early 'heads up' to generate interest and possibly even consider joining the team. Each of the positions carry a two year term of tenure and applications forms will be available when the adverts appear on the website.

If anyone has any questions about what the roles and responsibilities are for any of the advertised posts please speak to Matt Miller, the CEO in the first instance through ceo@btba.org.uk or the Chairman, Ron Griffin at rongriffin@btba.org.uk

Position	Post holder	Term of Office ends
Director of Sport Development	Terry Searle	31.7.15
Director of Business and Finance	Marcus Buckley Bennion	31.7.15
Head of Elite Bowling	Jo Cundy	31.8.15
Head of Coaching	Mark Heathorn	31.8.15
Chair of NAYBC	Martyn Wenger	31.8.15
Regional Officer – North	Colin Laing	30.6.15
Regional Officer – South	Lisa John	30.6.15
Communications Manager	Frazer Bowen	31.8.15
Head of Business Development	Vacant	Vacant

Membership Services Update

Written by Jerry Moll, Director of Membership Services

You want to hear from us - We want to hear from you!!

When I started my role at the BTBA last September, a grumble I heard from some members was that they felt they weren't kept sufficiently informed and were often unaware of news and developments at the BTBA.

Consequently, the Regional Officers have been emailing more frequent newsletters to their Local Association Secretaries for circulation to League Secretaries to share with their bowlers and more news items are being posted on the BTBA's website and Facebook.

It's obviously important that Head Office holds email addresses for as many members as possible. This will allow us to more easily contact individual members and, of course, to send "Inside Line" newsletters straight to your inboxes! League Secretaries have been sent a special form asking them to fill in the email addresses of their league members and return to BTBA. Your co-operation with this important exercise would be much appreciated however if for any reason you do not wish to supply your email address, that's fine.

Local Association webpages

It has become increasingly apparent that there is a need for all bowlers, whether members or not, to be able to easily access relevant details of Local Associations via the BTBA website.

We are pleased to tell you that we have now gone live with this initiative. To see for yourself, go to btba.org.uk, click the "THE BTBA" tab at the top of page and then "LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS DIRECTORY". You will see that Sussex shows a link to [more information](#). Here you can see the new Local Association's webpage which includes details of their Committee, local bowling centres, sanctioned leagues/tournaments and much more. Of course, many LAs have their own excellent websites/Facebook pages therefore links are included as this new facility is not intended to replace them.

We are now starting the process of requesting the required information from Local Associations so hopefully it shouldn't be too long until this project is completed.

We hope you find this new facility a useful addition to the ever-expanding BTBA website.

Calling all tenpin bowlers of Worcestershire!

We are looking for bowlers in the Worcestershire area to re-form the local area association. Unfortunately at the moment Worcestershire aren't eligible to take part in any of the BTBA county events as there is no local association committee. We are seeking enthusiastic people to step up and reform the association to support the bowlers of Worcestershire and to promote the sport of tenpin in your county. For those interested please contact the central regional officer **Daniel Bonfield** who will provide you with all the guidance and support you need to get this up and running. Email: daniel.bonfield@btba.org.uk

Transition test update

Nearly 200 coaches have already registered for this mandatory test prior to the 30th June cut-off where it is **free of charge**. To date, 155 have completed the test and passed, so please register now, and complete within three months. Details on how you can register can be found by clicking [here](#).

Save the date...

The next Women's National Council Tournament will be on Saturday 10th / Sunday 11th October – the location is to be finalised but it will be in the Central Region. Diamond Trios format. Entry form will be out soon. Anyone interested please e-mail Karen.parslow@btba.org.uk

Central Region - Update from your officer, Dan Bonfield



I want to congratulate the county bowlers of Warwickshire. As reported in the last issue, both the boys and girls YAC teams rolled over the opposition and were crowned the YAC Inter County champions. This is the 2nd year in a row for the ladies, a great achievement. Well done to all the bowlers, and the coaches and managers.

I hope you all are pleased and encouraged to see the BTBA announce the MFA partnership. It will really give us all some great benefits as BTBA members and goes some way to answering the age old question of 'what do i get for my money?' Now as a BTBA member in a MFA centre you will have cheaper league bowling, cheap practice rates and reduced rates at the snack bar. If you're not a league bowler at an MFA centre, then you can still feel the benefit as the BTBA and MFA are bringing you a National Team Tournament.

Take a look at the BTBA website www.btba.org.uk - there is some really good stuff on there. The BTBA calendar is constantly being updated, and the entry form section contains plenty of entry forms available to download, and there is now a high score page. It shows all the 298,299,300's and 800's rolled in

recent years. For instance if you click on B and scroll down you will find BONFIELD and the long long list of 300 games that I've rolled - but I don't like to talk about it.

Finally a bit of bad news. Worcestershire have lost their BTBA charter as they don't have enough volunteers to form a committee. As a sad consequence, the County are no longer permitted to play in this year's Inter County Championships. However there is still time to salvage the situation and if there are any readers out there willing to come forward and form a county committee, please make yourself known to either the BTBA Head Office or to myself.

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Northamptonshire County Roll-Offs – report from Craig Ellis

This is the first year in many years that the attendance at the roll offs has been over 30 people and even more amazing, we now have a senior male team to field. As to my knowledge we haven't had one before.

Nikki Hayes hit a personal high game of 268 which was the highest game of the tournament, Dale Blunt in his first outing at any county event beat the entire senior field to win by 64 pins averaging 183, Caroline Cunningham from Kettering won the female division by 66 pins averaging 186. Craig Ellis won the Men's division by 128 pins and was the only person to average over 200 for the day hitting a 210 average over the 9 games.

We also had new elections to our committee:

Marcel Aarts (Kettering New York Thunderbowl YBC) - elected as President

Alan Wills (Wellingborough YBC) - elected as Secretary (moving from President).

All the fund raising and the committee's hard work has seen our county bowling attendance grow for the past three years and its going from strength to strength,

Also the Northamptonshire bowlers would like to say a huge thank you to Patricia York for her many years of outstanding service to the county association after she stepped down this year from the role of Secretary

Hertfordshire County Roll-Offs - written by Daniel Bonfield

Hertfordshire County roll offs this year held in the new Rogue Bowling venue in Aylesbury. In the Seniors there were 7 competitors and there was a clear leader by 143 pins. The oldest competitor Allen Jordache (pictured below left) rolled 1251 scratch and 1383 with age bonus stormed to victory in the seniors division with Tony Imren in 2nd on 1240. In the Adult men's division there was 10 competitors and the winner was Welsh International bowler Stew Bryden (pictured below right) with 1284 with Mark Secker-Bag in 2nd on 1252.



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Gloucestershire - Simon Bartram writes

"Thank you to all who supported the County Trials this year for Gloucestershire held at Stroud Bowl on the 7th and 12th of February and the 14th of March. We had a total of 16 bowlers competing for places, which considering we only have around 60 members in Gloucestershire is not a terrible turnout but could have been more!! Congratulations to Callum Westwood who along with Martin Clements and Mark Patrick were the only three bowlers to average over 200. We all bowled 8 games on two different patterns, the first being Middle Road and the second being Beaten Path. This proved a good challenge as many people seemed to struggle to score.

The sad thing was we only had 2 lady bowlers, so well done to both Nicky Prout and Kerry Bartram for turning up and bowling. Hopefully next year we can field a Ladies team as well as a Senior Men's and an Adult Men's team. Callum and Martin automatically qualify with the rest of the team being selected by the end of March from the rest of the bowlers that entered. Many thanks to all who attended again and well done for raising the funds needed to enter the teams.

Just a quick shout out to Nicky Prout's mother as well, who has knitted me well over 100 chicks with crème eggs in them to sell to raise money for the Gloucestershire County team – to date we have raised nearly £100, and she won't let us pay for a thing!! Massive thanks to Mrs Prout for all her fund raising help.

Northamptonshire U15s – written by John York (Junior Team Manager)

Under 15's Junior Inter Counties competition was held at Tolworth Bowl on Saturday 28th February 2015.

Northants took two teams consisting of 6 Boys (Jai Allen, Jack Barwick, Cory Dudfield, Aidan Lowrie, Harry Meyers and Matthew Wilcock) and 6 Girls (Ellie Allen, Georgia Cochran, Natalie Coleman, Ellie Dudfield, Elyse Giddens and Evie Giddens) who qualified at the Junior trials in November.

The Teams comprised of five bowlers each with low man drop after each game.

The boys finished 11th. After a slow start from all bowlers, Jack Barwick (aged 10) raised his game with a 214 and finished on an average of 172. The afternoon saw all bowlers raise their game and contributed to the team score and all seemed to enjoy the day.

The girls team achieved a fantastic 5th placed finish, which could perhaps have been higher. However, many congratulations to Evie Giddens who won the highest tournament score for the girls of 257 and finished the day on an excellent 200 average.

I would like to thank Daren Cochran and Paul Meyers for helping on the lanes and for all the parents that attended and provided support for the bowlers.

Norwich – Dan Bonfield reports

On the 1st of Feb, The Norfolk association held the first of the 2015 Sunday Singles Challenges at Namco Norwich. 15 bowlers turned up and James Tidd laid down an early marker, starting his competitive bowling year in style with a 300 game. The top 4 bowlers went through to a step ladder final. In 4th was Allan Rockach, 3rd was Karl Chown, and despite a 300, James qualified for the final in 2nd. Top spot was Billy Warnes who rolled a score with handicap of 1219 a 243.8 average.

Into the step ladder finals. Match 1 saw Karl beat Allan 203-228, to set up a match against James Tidd. James shot a modest 208, but Karl had gone off the boil and could only manage a 189 and James who progressed to the championship match against Billy. Billy shot a 219 with his handicap, and James couldn't recapture the form of the opening game and finished with 212 and Billy (pictured below) claimed the title.



Please contact norfolkba@gmail.com for future entry forms to be sent to you.

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The 2015 Warwickshire Area Championships

Nuneaton played host this year to the 2015 Warwickshire Area Championships. There was a good turnout for this year's event and this included a mix of junior, YAC, adult and senior players. Warwickshire's finest, as always were on top form, and it was an event that witnessed plenty of high scores and a lily (sorry Sam).

Individually, this included a 275 game from Lol Ellis, and a 278 game from Emma Brown, however topping the high game leader board was Gareth Greaves with a solid 279 game. Series wise, Emma Brown showed great form shooting a 648, whilst in the men's division Sam Rose topped the list with a high series of 781.

The handicap team event was won by The Brookies shooting a handicap score of 2673. This consisted of Ian Brown with a series of 577, Elizabeth Harris with a series of 695, Sarah Palmer with a 698 series and Lee Ferraro with a 703 series. The scratch team event was won by team Spartans with an overall team total of 2551, and was made up of Pete Stevenson who shot a 689 series, Alex Howell a 651 series, Gareth Greaves a 582 series and Gavin Greaves a 629 series

The doubles event was to see Sam Rose and Mark Ellis on great form. They were unbeaten in both the scratch and handicap division, shooting a scratch total of 1406, with Sam shooting a 781 series and Mark a 625 series.

The last event was the singles event. The scratch male singles title was to remain in the Greaves household for another year. Gavin Greaves won it last year with a 693



series, and this year his brother Gareth Greaves was to win the title with a 734 series. The handicap male singles was won by one of our younger players, Sean Forsyth with a handicap series of 853.

Nicky Donowski also decided to retain her scratch singles title for another year, this time with a 622 series. The handicap female singles was to be won by another one of our young enthusiastic players, this was Elizabeth Harris with a handicap series of 733.

Finally after a tremendous day's play, Warwickshire were also able to crown their All Events Area Champions. The results are listed below, but a special mention has to be made to Sarah Palmer who again has retained her all events title for the second year running.

Handicap Male All Events:
Sean Forsyth 2187
Scratch Male All Events:
Sam Rose 2016

Handicap Female All Events:
Keisha McDonald 2172
Scratch Female All Events:
Emma Brown 1839

Handicap Junior Male All Events:
Sean Forsyth 2187
Scratch Junior Male All Events:
Aaron Faulconbridge 1817

Scratch Junior Female All Events:
Sarah Palmer 1462
Handicap Junior Female All Events:
Elizabeth Harris 2149

Well bowled everyone and the Warwickshire County Tenpin Bowling Association look forward to seeing you all at the Warwickshire County Trials which aim to take place at the beginning of January 2016.

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Dunstable – Dan Bonfield reports

Gobowling Dunstable Thursday night handicap trios league recently came to the end of their season. It was TARA London who again claimed the league title.



TARA London - Sukky Gill, Stew Bryden, Barry Wiggs(c).

The 'In like Flynn' team came 2nd despite playing several weeks with a blind score and in third were the Strike a Muppett team. In like Flynn (Richie 'revs' Lewis, Alison Taylor and Peter Lynch) may have missed out the league title but they took team High Game scratch and handicap with 787-855 and high series with handicap with 2232. Graeme Wilson took high game with a lucky 300 game!, but only came 2nd in the men's high game with handicap with a 317, as Jason O'dell shot a 322. High series scratch went to Tara's Stewart Bryden with 791 and handicap series went to Richie Lewis with 838. The ladies high game awards were won by Kat Allen 265 – 303 with handicap, and the series Awards went to Alison Taylor with 702 – 786 with handicap.

Grantham High Scores - Gill Hutchison reports...

Katie Tagg took the house record with **268** in YBC on 07.02.15. Her **676** series, though a lane record, missed the house record by 6 pins.

In the last newsletter, **Ali Curtis** was approaching 700. He's approaching it no longer. **269 - 248 - 236** in the *Thursday Doubles* at Grantham smashed it with **753**, more than half way towards his 800! Ali finished the YAC Trials with 602 but started too slowly to make the squad. Was this payback? Was it a lane record? Ali is very grateful to his partner **Dave "Sparrow" Jackson** and everyone who rallied round to cheer him on.

Just in time for this newsletter, Grantham's **Matt Haynes** did the double too; a PB 610 series helped along by a massive **247** PB game. Well done Matt!

RAF bowler Matt Hall selected for 2015 Team England



We're used to congratulating our RAF players who are selected to represent Wales, but here's something different.

Tony Lee said:

Huge Congratulations to current RAF No 1 Matt Hall on his selection to the 2015 Team England Squad. A great reward for all your hard work. Good luck for the forthcoming season, I'm sure it'll be a fantastic adventure. Well deserved mate.

Couldn't agree more. As well as being a great bowler in his own right, Matt does his bit on the organisational side too. Enjoy what you have earned, Matt.

Lincoln – Gill Hutchison reports



Duncan McNaney

He was one of the first to roll a perfect game, then he got another a couple of years back and now **Duncan McNaney** has done it again. Thank you Andy Mansell for posting on our Fb page the video clip of Duncan's final shot for a **300 game** in the Lincoln Bowl Tuesday Trios on Jan 20th 2015. *Quite a surprise, says Duncan. My recent form hadn't hinted towards getting such a good score. Great atmosphere last night, everyone was so nice. Well of course they were, Duncan!!!! Well done!*

Also in the 300s at Nuneaton, with a PB 807 finish was **Colin Laing**. Clever boy Colin for establishing a 269 average on your first appearance in the league. Hmmm....

Cleethorpes - 300 Number 17 for the Boss – Gill Hutchison reports



Gary Jeans, Team manager of Lincoln's successful Senior squad, had his **17th 300 game!** It was bowled at Cleethorpes on Feb 26th.

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Lincolnshire Adult County Trials – Gill reports

Congratulations to all who took part in the Lincs BTBA Adult County Team Trials for 2015. By arrangement, the games of those who bowled prior to Feb 8th were also sanctioned – Sundays are a problem for some.

In fact the top two Ladies bowled early; **Danni Hopcroft** with a **231.3** average from a **278** high game and **737** second series. She was followed by **Fiona Hallam (661, 635)** on a **216** average with a high game of **277**. Congratulations to both girls.



Danni Hopcroft and Fee Hallam

Not that anyone is likely to miss out. **Faye Elkington** (206.7 ave, **268** game), **Rebekah Hamlet** (197.0) and **Sarah Wilson** (194.5 ave, **252** game) are regulars in the squad, but that's only 5 bowlers for a 5 person team. Problems? Definitely not.



Debbie Gibbons



Lefties - Myles Duke, Lee Pennock, and Gary Jeans

Up stepped **Debbie Gibbons**, bowling in the Adult Trials to make up for the disappointment of no YAC girls' team this year. Debs is happily back to bowling after quite a time away and although less experienced than the other ladies, she rolled a 175 average over 6 very steady games – well done.

And the men...

Fresh from winning the YAC trials on the previous weekend and rolling a 300 game in between, **Myles Duke** started like a train with **280, 782** over the first three and after an uncharacteristic sub 200 game "recovered" to 623 and a **234.2** average. Another leftie, **Lee Pennock** down with 24 hour flu the day before, secured 2nd place with series of **685, 699** and a **279** finish, resulting in 230.7 ave, the second automatic qualifying place.

The next four places were occupied by **Lee Brown**, easily the most consistent player with 680, 660. **James Conolly** ten pins behind Lee with a 268 high game, **Matt Curtis** (265 high game) and **Gary Jeans** (212.3 ave - leftie again) with no huge games, but no team-binning low games either.

The rest of the top 10 consisted of **Gav Roberts** who put in the first 10 for 277, **Dan Cook** on a 1223 total 2 pins ahead of **Gary Leggate** and yet another of our talented lefties, **Craig Parker**, one pin short of a 200 average.



Gav Roberts

Congratulations also to **Arron Machin, Al Hutchison, Simon Yeomans, Daz Patchett** and **Jamie Smith** who also made the squad of 15.

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Grantham hosts successful Senior Trials – Gill Hutchison reports

Dave Rawding is no stranger to winning the Lincs Senior Trials and even before the age bonuses were added in, he had made a determined bid for top spot, finishing his first three games with **279** and a **684** series. Close behind him after the first set on **678** was **Paul “Porky” Maddock** with a **242** opener, then **Mark Fullbrook**, **673**, high man scratch overall and the only player to go through the whole Trials without dipping below a 200 game.

Brian Greenbeck’s 268 was the second-highest men’s game, with **Brian Sempers** up there too on **255**. The steadier bowling of **Mark “Mav” Loughborough** (650) and **Al Hutchison** (633) kept them in the reckoning too. **Pete Tiffney**, **Terry Jones** (**234**) and **Steve Bilner** finished with 200+ games which kept them in the running.

Scores in the second set were generally lower, only **Semps**, **Mav** and **Mark** hitting 600s, which allowed **Andy Yeomans** who had pre-bowled two very steady sets, to climb the table and finish 7th. On home turf, **Steve Speechley** rolled 565 and 568, one of the few men not to dip after the break. **Dave Pennock**, also of Grantham, rolled 214 to go with his 212 from the first set. **Bob Kennard** seemed to have a wish to bowl games only in the 160s or the 190s. Luckily there were more of the latter in his



Dave Rawding, Gary Jeans, and Brian Sempers

second set and he climbed the table too.

After the ceremonial adding of the age bonuses, **Dave Rawding** and **Brian Sempers** emerged as the two male players who are guaranteed two games at the qualifying round. (See scores file). Hard luck to **Keith Finter** and to the wonderful **Dave “Sparrow” Jackson**, whose mighty 168 pins (!) of age bonus didn’t quite lift him into the top ten.

Whereas the men battled with the lanes in the second set **TM Jem Cook’s** ladies had a great time. The top scorers from the first set, **Pat Skeates** (536) and **Ann Thurlow** (534) continued to bowl well, but most of the others made an enormous upward leap. Cleethorpes lady **Jaci Rowbotham** shot up to 547, **Jackie Cook** up from 506 to **558** (including the ladies’ high game of **220**) and **Anita Bromley** up by over 100 pins to 516. Unfortunately **Margaret Swaby**

had to drop out at this point due to injury.

As usual, it was left to everyone’s favourite, **Wendy Fullbrook**, to provide the voice of reason. Finishing her own ongoing battle with a hard-won **202** game, Wendy rolled two consistent series of **526** and **521**, finishing second scratch to **Jackie Cook**.

With the addition of age bonus (hard luck, **Gwyn Smith**, you still don’t have much!) the person who finished top was the one who has been deserving this honour for a long time – **Pat Skeates on 1123**. She was followed by our new “find” **Ann Thurlow** – maybe now you will believe how good you are, Ann! - two pins ahead of the less well-bonused **Wendy Fullbrook**.

Well done to all. And congratulations to whoever it was who had the wisdom and foresight to get this super little Bowl up to this standard.

Mark & Wendy Fullbrook 1st and 2nd at Army Championships! - Gill Hutchison reports



Mark and Wendy Fullbrook

At the Army Tenpin Bowling Championships. Mark finished at the top of the podium as the **2015 Champion** with Wendy in second place. What a tremendous combo they are!

Wendy writes: *We were up at 5am to be at Nuneaton to bowl at 9am. Mark didn’t start too well and said he wished he had stayed in bed. However, I was the opposite, which I think made him wake up as he didn’t want to lose to me! I had a slight dip in the middle but got my second wind with high games of 222 and 225. I made the top 4 for the Masters and finished 2nd. By this time, Mark had woken up and started bowling like he does. He finished the weekend after 23 games on a **220 average!** His high games included a **279** and **257**. He was then crowned Army Champion!*

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Elliott Spindley being made a Sport Ambassador

Elliot Spindley chosen as Sport Ambassador for Scunthorpe (and bowls two 700s to boot!) Gill Hutchison reports...

Feb 27th was the Big Day – well, one of them anyway – for **Elliott Spindley**, who finished with 9 on the bounce for **214, 246, 254, a PB 714**, at *Scunthorpe Steelers YBC*. Not one for resting on his laurels, Elliott then pitched up at Lincoln to start in the *Tuesday Trios* and rolled **258, 203, 267 for 728**. Not much handicap to look forward to, then. Elliott is pictured receiving a trophy and cheque from the Mayor of Scunthorpe *for being chosen as Sport Ambassador!* Couldn't happen to a more deserving player.

No sooner had Elliott's Mum **Jane Spindley** stopped biting her nails for both boys in the YAC AND **Oliver Spindley** in the U-15s AND Elliott with his PBs, than they were all off to the JTE Academy. Elliott and Oliver both won their mini-tournaments on Final Exam day (**Brad Redfeam** came 3rd in the mini). Results are through for Y3 already and Elliott has passed.

Lincolnshire - Junior Inter County Championships – Gill Hutchison reports...

Gold for Girls and Bronze for Boys

In a second triumphant weekend of tournament bowling for our youngest players, who must have been falling asleep at their desks on the Monday, the U15 boys brought home bronze medals from their **Inter-County Championships** at Tolworth on Feb 28th. Lincs girls, not content with U18 Gold completed the Double by becoming **U-15 Champions**, too. Congratulations to all, including coaches Natalie and Dave Tagg, Dan Leahy and the indefatigable Terry Jones; Jess Melton's 186 average and Jess, Jacob & Liam for 200+ games.

The Lincs girls won by a long way, so **Jessica Melton** (14) hadn't needed all her strikes. She put the left over ones to excellent use two days later in the *Lincoln Bowl Monday Doubles* blasting in **176, 246, 259** for a terrific **681** series. That's two huge PBs! Imagine younger brother **Toby Melton** watching all this, making up his mind.... The very next Monday, Toby, still 11 years old and in Y6, flung in a **247** game and **593** series! Oh yes, and now Jess had had a six with all three games over 200, a milestone for anyone. What do you feed them on, **Wendy Melton**? We could all do with some of the same!



Lincolnshire Girls



Lincolnshire Boys

Northern Region - League and Centre News

Lincoln YAC Lads make the cut – Gill Hutchison reports...

After an absolutely shattering weekend during which the lads played 5 games on the Saturday and 2 more on the Sunday morning to qualify, then 7 more games in a Round Robin Final, Lincolnshire YAC finished in a cluster of teams on 4 points – all the more heartbreaking because they had lost their first two head-to-heads by 4 pins and 13 pins.



Lincolnshire YAC Boys

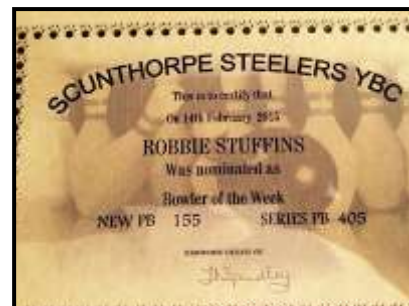
Congratulations to this very young team, managed by **Andi Turner**. Unlike some of the other Counties, Lincolnshire will be able to field this line-up – or one very like it – for several more years to come. Big scores came from **Myles Duke (243, 245)**, **Elliott Spindley (252, 238)**, **Kevin Walters (248)**, **Brad Redfearn (225)**, **Jacob Brook (224, 224)** **Oliver Spindley (214)**. The parents ended up with sore feet, empty wallets, chewed nails and thanks from everyone for their unstinting support.

Danni, Rebekah, Wendy and Matt – Team England! – Gill Hutchison reports

Our Lincolnshire players who have been selected for Team England duty now know where they will be going. Well, to be fair some have known for a while but they had to wait for the official announcement. **Wendy Fullbrook** will be bowling in Ireland from April 16th to 20th with the **Storm Senior Triple Crown Team**. Well done Wendy, and we hope that **Mark Fullbrook** will recover rapidly from his back operation. **Rebekah Hamlet** joins **Matt Hall** in the **Storm Adult Triple Crown Team** bowling Scotland in September.

The amazing **Danni Hopcroft** gets two bites of the cherry; playing in the **European Champions Cup** along with Matt Miller in San Marino, 19th to 26th October. Then in December she'll be off to **World Women's Championships** in Abu Dhabi, UAE in a team with Emily Allen, Lisa John, Jo Allsebrook, Katrina Maciver and Keira Reay.

Scunthorpe - Robbie follows in bowling family footsteps – Gill Hutchison reports



One of the best things about writing a newsletter is having the opportunity to celebrate our youngest bowlers. **Robbie Stuffins** is only 7 years old, but this certificate is all about a double PB – a remarkable 155 game and 405 series. Robbie has an illustrious bowling background; the names **Keith and Pete Stuffins** will resonate with many, and his Grandad **Rick Stuffins** rolled Lincolnshire's first ever 300 game, also at Scunthorpe Bowl.

Southern Region - League and Centre News

Gravesend - Steve White reports

The league finished on the 5th February with the Mean Machine consisting of Rob Packman, Steve White, Neil Webb, Keith Hodge, Cliff Dew and Roy Hudson winning the league by 9 points from last seasons joint winners The Venomites. It was a close run thing throughout the season but when The Mean Machine took the lead in week 7 out of the 33 weeks they were never to relinquish the lead.

The Men's High average was won by Cliff Dew with a 199 and the Ladies by Jan Hodge with a 185, these averages were achieved on bowling on 3 different lane patters throughout the season, Abbey Road, Main Street and Beaten Path, Main Street being the easier pattern that the league scored best on.

The Individual Knockout that runs throughout the season was won by Paul Fox and the team knockout was

won by the Headliners. The league jackpot which ran for the first time this season was won three times with Glen Richardson winning £238, James Knapp £130 and John Hinch £120.

The new season started again on the 19th February unfortunately with just 10 teams, it seems new teams are hard to come by!

Adult Team England Trials 2016, Stop 1 - Poole

The first stop of the 2016 Adult Team England Trials, supported by Kegel, took place at Bowlplex Poole on April 18th & 19th.

Bowlers completed 6 games on each of the WTBA Patterns Stockholm (short), Seoul (Medium) and London (long).

Overall, Leon Devlin and Lee Cocker shared the honours for the men, winning stop #1 with 200 points each, and Danni Hopcroft won the ladies with 250 points.

Thanks very much to Bowlplex Poole for a well-run weekend, and to all the bowlers for making a great first weekend. The second trial will be held at Tolworth in July; we'll see you there!



WTBA London underway...

Pos	Name	Total	
		Average	Points
1st	Leon Devlin	222.78	200
2nd	Lee Cocker	211.39	200
3rd	Brandon Roberts	210.89	188
4th	Adam Cairns	209.39	188
5th	Paul Moor	210.72	170
6th	Elliott Crosby	206.61	151
7th	Matt Miller Jnr	206.78	138
8th	Chris Lam	212.22	136
9th	Jamie Bottomley	203.17	127
10th	Matthew Clayton	205.61	125
11th	Chris Matthews	189.83	116
12th	Curtis Hooper	199.83	115
13th	Glen Bailey	202.61	112
14th	Chris Oates	199.67	108
15th	Pete Stevenson	202.00	100
16th	Luke Sanders	194.56	100
17th	Steven Kay	202.00	98
18th	Adam Michaels	198.28	94
19th	Sam Rose	198.72	89
20th	Matt Ayles	193.83	84
21st	Darren Cundy	190.06	77
22nd	Gary Newton	186.22	74
23rd	Lee Chatfield	187.56	66
24th	Joe Cooper	179.11	62
25th	Adam Purnell	178.39	58
26th	Dan Balsom	177.78	58
27th	Hadley Morgan	202.33	51
28th	Kevin Brockman	175.89	51
29th	Andy Tapping	168.06	51
30th	Paul Marks	174.11	50
31st	Tim Ives	172.61	49
32nd	Curtis Berry	173.44	47
33rd	Dave Dugmore	174.22	45
34th	Colin Laing	57.22	18
35th	Shaun Parsons	57.11	17



WTBA Stockholm underway...

Pos	Name	Stockholm		Seoul		London		Total	
		Average	Points	Average	Points	Average	Points	Average	Points
1st	Danni Hopcroft	213.33	100	182.33	100	184.67	50	193.44	250
2nd	Keira Reay	206.50	70	215.67	70	205.83	70	209.33	210
3rd	Lisa John	187.83	60	189.17	70	216.83	80	197.94	210
4th	Emily Allen	206.17	80	174.67	65	187.67	60	189.50	195
5th	Laura Marcham	185.67	55	178.50	60	188.17	70	184.11	185
6th	Kim Oakley	196.50	70	169.67	45	186.33	55	183.83	170
7th	Chloe Bruton	167.67	35	165.33	35	197.83	100	176.94	170
8th	Claire Oakley	146.00	30	182.67	80	79.83	30	136.17	140
9th	Becky Daly	175.50	50	169.50	40	182.67	45	175.89	135
10th	Ange Brown	165.83	34	174.17	50	170.67	34	170.22	118
11th	Frankie Plewis	170.17	45	164.17	34	163.83	32	166.06	111
12th	Tracy Wallace	168.50	40	163.33	33	163.67	31	165.17	104
13th	Jacqueline Wyatt	156.00	33	156.00	31	182.67	40	164.89	104
14th	Louise Parker	155.83	32	146.33	30	179.00	35	160.39	97
15th	Charlotte Rathbone	151.83	31	161.50	32	167.33	33	160.22	96

Senior Team England Trials 2016, Stop 1 - Tolworth

Barry Walker and Angie Brown win 2016 Senior Trials Stop #1

Charrington Bowl Tolworth, 9th and 10th May 2015.

The first stop of the 2016 Senior Team England Trials too place at Charrington Bowl, Tolworth on May 9th & 10th. Bowlers completed 6 games on each of the WTBA Patterns Stockholm (short), Seoul (Medium) and Tokyo (long).

Barry Walker and Angie Brown won the short-oil block with 1213 and 1082 resp., Kim Johnson and Jan Hodge won the medium with 1199 and 1070 and Larry Exell and Angie Brown won the long with 1170 and 1097. Overall, it was Barry Walker and Angie Brown that won the opening stop, with 273 and 283 points.

You can follow the rest of the Senior Team England 2016 Trials as they happen by 'liking' their Facebook page, found [here](#).

Overall Points

Position	Name	Medium	Short	Long	Total
1	Angie Brown	83	100	100	283
2	Nicky Prout	95	83	90	268
3	Jan Hodge	100	85	82	267
4	Catherine Willis	90	80	95	265
5	Liz Griffin	84	95	84	263
6	Jan Steiner	85	90	83	258
7	Sandra Boswell	80	81	85	246
8	Denise Dyke	81	84	80	245
9	Diane Johnson	82	82	81	245

Overall Points

Position	Name	Medium	Short	Long	Total
1	Barry Walker	83	100	90	273
2	Larry Exell	90	81	100	271
3	Kim Johnson	100	85	78	263
4	Paul Morris	81	95	83	259
5	Gordon Humphries	95	79	81	255
6	Paul Coles	74	80	95	249
7	Keith Hodge	79	84	82	245
8	Mike Sykes	82	79	84	245
9	Stephen Bose	85	75	85	245
10	Suren Johanssen	75	90	72	237
11	Tony Holmes	80	77	80	237
12	Jeff Taylor	76	83	77	236
13	Mark Fullbrook	78	82	75	235
14	John Strettle	84	74	74	232
15	Anthony Robson	77	71	73	221
16	Brian Wright	70	72	79	221
17	David Bristow	72	76	69	217
18	Ron Griffin	71	69	76	216
19	Ken Burton	73	70	71	214
20	Alan Willis	69	73	70	212

Junior Inter-counties Championships 2015

The 2015 U15 Junior County Championships took place on Saturday, February 28th at Charrington Bowl, Tolworth.

Teams from all over England bowled two three-game sets at fives pace, watched by an appreciative crowd of supporters. The NAYBC would like to extend their thanks to the bowl, the technicians and staff, and the

volunteers who helped make the day a roaring success.

For the boys, it was Hampshire that took the honours after leading both morning and afternoon squads with 5,549, followed by Yorkshire in second with 5,145 and Lincolnshire third with 5,054.

For the girls, Lincolnshire lead the morning with 2,334 and added 2,328 in

the afternoon to take first with 4,662. Second place saw Yorkshire bowl 4,615 ahead of Hampshire in third with 4,550.

High Game awards went to Hampshire's Lewis Johnson (266) and Northamptonshire's Evie Giddens (257). High Series went to Hampshire's Nathan Lews (604) and Staffordshire's Isabel Allen (641).



Boys Champions - Hampshire



Girls Champions - Lincolnshire



Boys Second Place - Yorkshire



Girls Second Place - Yorkshire



Boys Third Place - Lincolnshire



Girls Third Place - Hampshire

BTBA Press Release



Director of Sport Development announces new 'Youth Team England' Tour



YOUTH TEAM ENGLAND (YTE) DETAILS 2015

In what will be seen by many as a major shake up to youth bowling in England, a new and exciting Tour has been introduced to encourage wider participation on the Under 21 circuit.

Aimed at bowlers of all abilities, the 2015 YTE Tour will stage 8 events between June and December, and will include 2 'stand-alone' youth events and entry into 6 events falling within the JTE/BTBA programme. This will culminate in an end of season Masters Tournament where the top 12 seeded Boys and top 12 seeded Girls who have competed in at least 6 of the qualifying rounds will do battle.

A ranking list will determine bowlers' positions throughout the Tour and will be similar to the existing format used by the JTE and BTBA Tour (see <http://ytetour.org.uk>).

The stakes will be high with the first placed bowlers of the YTE Tour and the winners of the Masters gaining automatic selection to the elite World Youth England squad of 6 boys and 6 girls. From this squad, the two teams of 4 men and women will be selected to represent their country in the World Youth Championships (WYC) in Nebraska, USA in July 2016.

In the event of the same person winning both categories, a fifth bowler will be selected to join the squad in accordance with existing criteria.

Terry Searle, who has been co-ordinating the new look Tour with Steve Allen and Neil Warland, was keen to point out that this is much more than elite bowling, *"We are looking at exciting ways of making bowling in organised tournaments much more appealing to the Under 21s and Under 25's. We recognise that later evening tournaments might be attractive to a certain age group with opportunities to enjoy the social aspects of the sport which sometimes get overlooked. For many their focus will not be on Nebraska next year, but rather more to enjoying the company of friends who share a love of bowling. I am also open to any ideas from bowlers who want us to try something different, so long as it is legal"* he joked.

Looking ahead, the Tour will run from January in 2016 and in alternate years when the WYC does not take place, teams will be selected to compete in the German Youth Open.

Does your **date of birth fall between 1 January 1995 and 31 December 2002**? If so register for the YTE Tour by visiting <http://ytetour.org.uk/register> . The good news is that it costs very little to join; just £10 for existing JTE members and £20 for all other bowlers and cards will be issued to all YTE members provided they are BTBA members.

Yours in sport

Terry Searle

Director of Sport Development. **B.T.B.A**





Boys Take Team Bronze

Junior Team England's boys took bronze in the Team Event after qualifying in second place with 5,064, behind Finland in first with 5,193 and above Sweden in third (4,948) and Germany in fourth (4,926). The semi-finals would see England defeated by Sweden with just 8 pins the difference. *Germany defeated Sweden 895-802 to take team gold.*

The Bronze Boys are pictured here, left to right: James McMinn, Sam Martin, Keith Bringloe (coach), Brandon Roberts and Jamie Elliot. Neville Nock, Team Manager is pictured in the foreground.

The Bronze medal in the boy's team event was the first for 5 years, the girl's had a disappointing event when based on the results, but the whole team had a great event as a group of bowlers, learning how to cope with the ups and downs of top level competition. Each bowler took something away from the event:

Sophie Thompson:

"The entire experience was amazing. I will never forget this trip, the friends I made or the memories."

Harriet Harmon:

"Overall, I enjoyed EYC, and I am very thankful that I got the chance to be a part of such a great team and had an experience which will stay with me forever."

Emily Allen:

"This year's EYC experience was amazing from start to finish. Although us girls may have not won a medal we all feel proud and believe we have something valuable we can take away from the trip."

Becky Daly:

"The whole event was an amazing experience which I have learnt a lot of lessons from to build on during practice."

Sam Martin:

"The whole experience was the best experience of my bowling career so far and I hope that it isn't the last."

Jamie Elliot:

"I really enjoyed my first EYC experience. I feel that this experience will help me with my future career in bowling and help me take it further."

Brandon Roberts:

"I went through a lot of emotions but it was great and the best EYC I have been to especially getting a medal. An EYC I will never forget."

James McMinn:

"I would like to thank my parents, the coaches and everyone who made this event possible. It truly was the best experience of my life and I made great friends and learnt so much! More hard work to follow!"

England's Seniors Retain the Crowns

The 2015 Senior Triple Crown took place over the weekend of the 18th & 19th of April in Tallaght, Ireland.

Senior Team England were rewarded with a clutch of medals on their way to heading the Points Standings, that saw the men 26.5 points clear of second-placed hosts Ireland, and the ladies 2 points clear of Ireland again, in second.

Summary

In the singles, the men were unable to find the podium, with Jeff Taylor best-placed for England in 6th. For the ladies, it was 1-2-3 with Catherine Wills taking gold, Jan Hodge silver and Liz Griffin bronze.

The doubles saw Barry Walker and Steve Carnall take gold for the men. Liz Griffin and Triss Neal took

silver whilst Sandra Boswell and Catherine Wills took bronze for the ladies.

Trios saw bronze for the partnership of Steve Carnall, Jeff Taylor and Ian Buckland, and silver for Jan Hodge, Sandra Boswell and Catherine Wills.

In the team event, Steve Carnall, Barry Walker, Larry Exell, Jeff Taylor and Ian Buckland bowled a hard-pushed final game of 1,024 to take gold, whilst the ladies, Jan Hodge, Sandra Bowell, Liz Griffin, Triss Neal and Catherine Wills took the team silver.

Finally the mixed doubles saw Wendy Fullbrook and Mike Sykes partner, for a 4th place finish.

All Events

Bringing the results together for the All Events, Barry Walker finished in 5th, Steve Carnall 6th, Jeff Taylor 7th, Larry Exell 9th and Mike Sykes 21st. Catherine Wills took 1st place, Jan Hodge 3rd, Triss Neal 8th, Liz Griffin 10th, Sandra Boswell 11th and Wendy Fullbrook 13th.

Cutting to the top-8 for three more games in the finals, Barry Walker took gold, after a strong set which included game of 256 and 237. Jeff Taylor finished 4th and Steve Carnall 5th. Triss Neal included a 242 game as she collected gold, over Catherine Wills who took silver, and Jan Hodge who finished 7th.

Official Website

<http://www.tenpinbowling.ie/seniortriplecrown.html>

Men's Points Standings						
Position	Team	Singles	Doubles	Trios	Team	Total
1	England	138	81	87	65	371
2	Ireland	149.5	86	69	40	344.5
3	Scotland	130.5	63	78	70	341.5
4	Guernsey	96.5	38	66	55	255.5
5	Wales	112	61	33	40	246
6	Northern Ireland	118.5	43	36	45	242.5

Ladies Points Standings						
Position	Team	Singles	Doubles	Trios	Team	Total
1	England	124	46	27	15	212
2	Ireland	113	40	27	30	210
3	Northern Ireland	35	10	0	0	45
4	Scotland	10	0	0	0	10

2015 NAYBC Junior Nationals, MFA Nuneaton, May 2015

The results are in, the trophies and medals presented, and another superb NAYBC Junior National Championships closes its books.

The NAYBC want to say a huge thank you to Sandra Boswell and her staff at MFA Nuneaton, and to all of the volunteers, helpers and officials who made this years event another resounding success. And of course we wish to thank you, the bowlers and parents, for taking part and supporting the great sport of bowling here in England.

New Championship Records

This year saw the new U21 category bowling, and naturally new records were set: Dylan Maciuk (673) and Samantha Sargent (600) in singles, Gavin Cox/George Ackerman (1308) and Megan Slingsby/Sian Craven (1052) in doubles, George Ackerman 1890 and Maisie Howarth (1712) in All Events. Darcey Kinnear bowled 1684 in All Events to set a new Championship Record for Junior Girls.

Click for [Winners List](#)
Official [Website](#)

Thanks to Stuart Watson and Simon Parrot for the pictures.



Junior Superstar—Bromborough's Charlie Upton needed help to carry his awards home!



Bantam Girls - All Events



Junior Boys - Singles



Junior Girls - All Events



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