

The Inside Line



Bowling World Open 2015, Tokyo



Keira Reay, Dom Barret, Danni Hopcroft, and Paul Moor in Tokyo

Dom Barrett Wins Bronze in Showcase Event

Danni Hopcroft, Keira Reay, Dom Barrett and Paul Moor were chosen to represent Storm Team England at the World Bowling Open in Tokyo, between the 9th and 12th of July 2015. The event had been organised as a showcase for tenpin bowling ahead of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, in a bid to raise the profile of the sport to have it included in the Olympics Games themselves.

Our bowlers bowled alongside and against elite bowlers from all over the World in an attempt to win the top prize of 10,000,000 yen (over £51,000) in both the Men's and Women's divisions.

Dom Barret led qualifying and earned top seeding going into the finals. There he was defeated by Isao Yamamoto (JPN), 256-224. Yamamoto faced Osku Palermaa (FIN) in the final, and was defeated 248-224.

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BTBA Grants approved for new YBCs

We are delighted to report that BTBA Grants have recently been made to enable new YBCs to be established at Lewisham (London) and Rustington (Sussex) in September.

Neil Taylor, London Association's Treasurer and YBC Secretary commented, "The London Association is excited to be launching a YBC at MFA Bowl Lewisham...we are immensely grateful to the BTBA for its

guidance to us in setting up a YBC and gaining the relevant coaching skills and its financial support, through its funding grants."

Sussex member Carol Sargent said, "We are delighted to have been awarded a grant from the BTBA to help us with the start-up and promotion of a brand new YBC at Rustington, Sussex - which we hope will attract new junior bowlers to this amazing sport.

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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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European Men's Championship, 2015

ENGLAND'S MEN TAKE SILVER IN TEAM OF FIVE



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Bowled over two 3-game blocks, Darren Cundy stood-aside as England built a block 1 total of 3147 (211.6) to lead both after game 1 and the end of the squad. At the end of squad 2 when all remaining countries teams had bowled their opening three games, England were in third-place, behind the Fins with 3158 (210.5) and the Danes in first, on 3252 (216.8). 6th man Darren Cundy bowled for his All Events in one of the make-up teams, adding 589 to his scores.

In Block 2 England bowled tightly and were never more than a few pins adrift of Denmark who would just squeeze-ahead into third place in the squad, putting England fourth, with their squad total 3080.

Overall with the two blocks combined, England totalled 6227 (207.6) to take third-place ahead of the finals, behind the Danes with 6355 and the Finns, who headed qualification with 6378.

In the semi-finals, England defeated Denmark comfortably 1139-957 to setup a final with Finland, who had defeated Sweden 1072-1037. In a stunning final that was impossible to



Storm Team England taking Silver in Denmark!

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SINGLES BRONZE FOR ADAM CAIRNS

Adam Cairns took England's first medal at the European Men's Championships 2015 after finishing in second place in the singles, with a superb 1372 (228.7 avg.) over six games of qualifying. A powerful set comprising games of 191, 255, 221, 200, 238 and a finishing 267 placed him just 20 pins behind Ramon Hilferlink from the Netherlands who headed qualifying. Paul Moor finished in 6th with an equally superb 1333 (222.2), John Wells 14th with 1313 (218.8), Leon Devlin 33rd with 1259 (209.8), Darren Cundy 55th with 1220 (203.3) and Chris Oates 67th with 1199 (199.8). Just 70 pins separated the top-10 bowlers.

In the semi-finals, Adam would lose to Denmark's Thomas Larsen 218-227,

whilst Romain Franchi (FRA) defeated Ramon Hilferlink (NE) 241-231. Larsen would go on to defeat Franchi in the final to take gold.

Full results and write up from each section is available on the [BTBA website](#).



Adam Cairns and Jon Zadel

Richard Teece wins 2015 Track Open

After completing qualifying in 9th place on 1334, Richard next bowled in Finals Step 2, taking 7th place with a four game total 850, but would head Finals Step 3 with 913.

Cutting to the top 4 knockouts, Richard headed Step 4 with 199, and also Step 5 with 214 before defeating Joonas in Finals Step 6.

Elsewhere, Stuart Williams reached Finals Step 3, John Wells and Paul Moor Finals Step 2, and Dominic Barrett, Curtis Hooper, Sam Rose, Jo Allsebrook, Chris Lam and Ben Howison-Johnston reached Finals Step 1.

James Hemsley completed qualifying in 161st with 1030, Sophie Thompson in 126th with 1113, Cesar Lopez in 115th with 1139, Elliot Crosby in 57th with 1225, Jamie Elliott in 56th with 1227 and Adam Purnell in 53rd with 1231. The BTBA congratulate you all, and especially Richard Teece, on your first EBT Event victory!



Matt Forsyth medals at Deaf Bowling Open

The BTBA congratulates English Deaf Bowler Matt Forsyth, who competed in the 2015 Deaf International Bowling Open, held at the Bowlingcentre Schillerpark GmbH in Berlin this weekend, 4th-6th June 2015.

Matt won Gold in the singles with 1345, silver in the doubles (with Frenchman Freddie Desol) rolling 1302, and was second in all-events headed into the top-48 bracket-Masters, in which he finished eighth, with 217 avg. over the 19 games of the event. Unfortunately no further details or results are available at the time of writing, and we thank Gerri Forsyth for sending us news of Matt's achievement. *Matt adds these medals to those in March from Vienna, where he also took gold in the singles, and followed this with doubles bronze and Masters Gold.*

Katie Tagg Junior Sportswoman 2015



After a stunning year on the junior bowling circuit where she won her first National titles and JTE event title, tops the U18 girls' rankings and qualified for her Country at the Junior Triple Crown for the fourth consecutive year, 17 year old Katie Tagg from Melton Mowbray was recognised for her achievements by her local community. At the Melton Times Sports award held on June 25th Katie was presented with the Junior Sportswomen of the Year award, beating national champions in Equestrian and Cycling. Congratulations Katie from the BTBA.

BTBA e-mail

The BTBA has a new email address

The BTBA regrets and apologises for the difficulties we have been having with our email address, 'btba@btconnect.com'.

New Address = admin@btba.org.uk

Despite the best efforts of our provider, BTConnect, it has not been possible to speedily rectify the matter, and we have now completed the move to the new email address above.

Please update your address books at your first convenience, thank you.

BTBA Foundation Coach Workshops



First BTBA Foundation Coach Workshop Takes Place at Bromborough

Another coaching milestone was achieved on 30th & 31st May as the National Coaching Manager put 10 existing coaches through their paces as they were the first people to complete the Foundation Coach workshop (E.T.B.F. Level 1) and became leaders for our sport.

The classroom was a mix of every Phase holder but every single coach thoroughly enjoyed the two days and learnt many new principles about modern day coaching and techniques. Several hours were spent on the lanes developing training skills and understanding how a series of specific drills can help develop the key elements of swing, timing and release

for bowlers at this level. Bromborough Bowl were superb hosts, and credit must be given to owner Stuart Jaap and his excellent team for providing great facilities, and for helping to promote the sport of bowling. It is clear to see why their Y.B.C. is thriving in such a positive environment.

Much of the ethos of the E.T.B.F. Education system is teaching coaches how to coach, as much as what to coach. Practical experience can only be gained out on the lanes post-workshop practicing the drills you learn and understanding and seeing the effects of our methods.

The attendees at Bromborough included Calvin Murray (Scotland); Bill Riches; Dave Tagg; Derek Slinn;

Martin Woodworth; Simon Tapp; Lee Hart; (all B.T.B.A. Coaching Tutors); Simon Herbert; Neil Hunter (Central Regional Coaching Manager); and Derek Simpson (North Regional Coaching Manager).

One week later another 11 coaches made the trip to the equally hospitable Stroud Bowl for another very successful and enjoyable workshop. Attendees included Ron Griffin (B.T.B.A.Chair); Terry Searle (B.T.B.A. Director of Sport and Development); Keith Bringloe (Junior Team England Head Coach); Richard Iambkin (Academy Director); Chelsea Piggott (B.T.B.A. Performance Coach); Hadley Morgan; Andre Davidson; and Phil McCabe (B.T.B.A. Coaching Tutors); Jamie Phillips (Bowling Proprietor); Colin Laing and Richard Beck.

Important Transition Test changes

Now ONLY available via our partner website Sport Structures – do not contact “coaching” for login details.

As previously advertised there will be a fee of £25.

Important Points to remember when your coaching licence needs renewing, you must ensure you have a current qualification. A current qualification is defined as:

A successful pass of the “transition test” (80% - 20/25)

A FUNDamentals Instructor

A Foundation Coach (E.T.B.F. Level 1)
 A Development Coach (E.T.B.F. Level 2)
 A National Coach (E.T.B.F. Level 3)

A current qualification remains active for 3 years

To clarify, if you are an existing Phase Instructor/Coach, and you qualify as either a FUNDamentals Instructor or Foundation Coach prior to your licence renewal there is no requirement to pay for the transition test

ALL instructors and coaches must be insured annually from September 1st 2015 regardless of their current licence

period which will remain in place.

From September 1st 2015 ALL new licences and renewal licences will be annual.

Once every 3 years all instructors and coaches must complete “re-fresher training” which will be specific to each qualification UNLESS you have moved up a qualification within that timeframe.

Thank you for your continued support of our sport.

Mark Heathorn – National Coaching Manager

Membership Services Update

Written by Jerry Moll, Director of Membership Services

Emma Ashton appointed Regional Officer - South

The BTBA are pleased to announce the appointment of **Emma Ashton** to the post of Regional Officer - South for three years which took effect on 1 July. Taking over from Lisa John, Emma will look to establish a strong bowling network in the South which will help inform and support the on-going BTBA change programme.



Emma Ashton

Chairman Ron Griffin said, "Emma will prove a valuable addition to our team. She is very tuned in to what bowlers want at all levels of the sport and is held in high regard right across the bowling community. I wish to place on record my appreciation for the great service Lisa has given in this post over the last couple of years and am heartened to learn that she will be supporting Emma as she settles into her new post."

Emma commented, "Those of you who know me will have no doubt about my passion for the sport of bowling. It has been a large part of my life for more than 20 years both as a bowler on the lanes, working in and managing centres, and organising tournaments. I will be drawing on this experience in my new role and I look forward to hearing from as many bowlers in the south as possible so I can hear their ideas on how together we can help shape a brighter future for bowling. So be prepared, you will be hearing from me soon!" I am sure you will give Emma your full support and encouragement in her new role. As she says, you will be hearing from her soon!



Colin Laing

Colin Laing has been returned as Regional Officer - North

Colin says, "I am very pleased to be continuing in my role as Regional Officer in the north. It will give me the opportunity to build on the progress which has already taken place as we look to develop new ideas and fresh initiatives. I am equally pleased that I will be supported by two Assistant Regional Officers, Dave Malpas and Alan Bennett both of whom are highly respected in the bowling world. We will work closely as a team with the aim of building a strong network of 'bowling people' in the north who are prepared to inject enthusiasm and energy into our sport. I believe that bowling is as popular as ever and I want to spread the word that the more people who are prepared to contribute good ideas and maybe a few hours of their time the greater the benefit for all"

I'm also happy to confirm that Daniel "Basher" Bonfield continues in his role as Regional Officer - Central for the third year of his term.

New Local Association Directories

The BTBA welcome the Local Associations of Bedfordshire, Co Durham, Hampshire, Lincolnshire, London, Norfolk, Northumberland, Oxfordshire, Shropshire and Sussex to the new Local Associations Directory.

These pages bring together lots of valuable information for members and potential members, including details of committee members, websites, social media features and listings of sanctioned leagues in the area. You can access the pages from the Local Association Directory link under the 'THE BTBA' menu item. This new Local Association Directory replaces the previous PDF download file.

Hopefully, we will soon receive responses from the other Local Associations to enable you to see your own area included!

Save the date...

The next Women's National Council Tournament will be on Saturday 10th / Sunday 11th October – the location is now confirmed as Rogue Bowling Aylesbury! 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 all the counties from the Central region who qualified recently for the Senior Inter County Finals. Well done to Hertfordshire,

Warwickshire, Oxfordshire.

I want to urge all the readers of this to regularly check:

www.btba.org.uk

Where news updates are posted regularly and there is some important news.

Mark Heathorn's new coaching program continues to grow and evolve. There are the minutes from the BTBA AGM and for the first time these include the notes from the informal question and answers session. It's interesting to read and to see what your Local Associations are asking the National Council and what the replies are. It provides an insight

to the work we have been doing and what we are trying to achieve for you all in the long term.

If you're reading this and wondering why your achievement isn't featured, it's probably because the editor isn't aware of it! You can do something about that, simply email me reports and photos of anything that happened in your area or leagues and we will do our best to get it printed within these pages.

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A heat warming letter from Cherise Denham, Nuneaton...

The Poole Hospital Cancer Unit have taken excellent care of my family over the years and are still currently treating my mum Sue. So I try and raise as much money for them as I can to help them continue the excellent work that they do, so I recently organised a Scotch doubles tournament at MFA Nuneaton bowl.

The event was a great success with a total of 66 entries, over 4 squads. Everyone got into the spirit and there was some great bowling on show. Winning the event was Rob Harding and Sam Rose, with 10 year old talent Jack Barwick and Team England manager Alex 'jughead' Hamilton in 2nd, with Stacey Gould and Tom Walster-Prince in 3rd. Young Jack Barwick then teamed up with PBA title holder and multiple ETBF winner Paul Moor. Paul had a struggle keeping up with Jack but he just about managed it and they grabbed 4th.

Along with the bowling there was also lots of fundraising stalls. The overall vibe of the day was brilliant, people were having fun and helping this great cause. We raised a total of £597.30 for the cancer unit which was amazing!

I would once again like to thank all the bowlers, helpers and Donators for this year's event, without you these events wouldn't run. Thank You, Cherise.



Lorna Scott, Basher Dan, and Mike Bloye

Bedfordshire County Roll offs

This year's roll offs comprised for the first time trials for Under 15 & 19 Junior teams, and YAC teams as well

the usual Adult and Senior teams. This generated a record turnout. However there were not enough entrants for any Under 15 teams or an Under 19's girls team.

The trials as usual played at Gobowling, Dunstable over two weekends. The Under 19's was won by Jonathan Bentley with an average of 185 average. The YAC title went to Sam True in boys with an average of 219 and Lorna Scott in the girls with a 221 average. In the Adults Basher Bonfield was going for 4th consecutive win. And Basher always delivers! He won the division with a score of 1442, a 240 average. Lorna Scott is only 15 but she herself was going for a 3rd consecutive win and a 1326 gave her a 3rd win in a row.

In the seniors Mike Bloye was also trying to make it 3 in a row, and with a 1283 with senior bonus it also gave him a third consecutive win. Must mention a fine 288 from Jackie Wyatt and 299 from Shaun Ellingham, both of whom finished 2nd in their divisions.

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Dunstable – Daniel Bonfield reports

Congratulations to Reece Parker who rolled his very first 300 game at Dunstable Gobowling in the Meg Jordache scratch trios. Reece has been on fine form lately shooting some big sets and after 10 years of bowling he finally rolled a perfect game. Well done Reece from the Bedfordshire Tenpin Bowling Association...and the BTBA !

Double Perfection at Dunstable –



Dan Bonfield reports

Bedfordshire bowlers Ian Lee and Sukky Gill both secured perfection bowling in Gobowling's Dunstable Monday night trios league recently. First was Sukky went and rolled 12 perfect strikes in a row for the maximum score of 300. The following week Ian Lee proved lightning strikes twice by also rolling 12 strikes for a 300 !

Dunstable – Dan Bonfield reports

On May 24th The Bedfordshire Association held a friendly match

between some neighbouring counties at Dunstable Gobowling.

Teams of 5 from Northamptonshire, Kent, Essex, Cambridgeshire and of course Bedfordshire, played an uncomplicated format of 6 games in their county team and shirts with the winners being the team that knocked over the most pins. All the teams looked resplendent in their county shirts and the tournament was played in a great spirit and was a great showcase of friendly competitive bowling, with plenty of banter flying about, mainly aimed at me, as I suffering from a severe dose of the 'trots'

There was no prize fund, so teams were just playing for honour and pride.. some great individual performances.. Kents Glen Richardson rolled a 221 average, but top bowler on the day was Essex's Barry Myhill with a 223 average.

The team event winners were the Essex Team - Steve Warner, Dan Sear, Barry Myhill, Craig McArthur and Scott Cleaver. Even though there was no prize fund, the Bedfordshire association spared no expense in getting the biggest trophy they could afford. You can just about make it out being held by all of the Essex Team.

As well the great bowling there was also a raffle and the prizes were supplemented by Local company Electrolux who the Bedfordshire Area Secretary (ME) managed to secure

some sponsorship from in the form of some top of the range vacuum cleaners and coffee machines. The



raffle raised in excess of £250 for the participating counties.

Dunstable's YBC Strike Success at NAYBC Nationals – Dan Bonfield reports

Dunstable Youth Bowling Club, yet again, came home with several trophies and medals in this year's NAYBC Nationals held at Nuneaton

In the Senior Singles Event Lorna Scott sealed a silver medal with a 632. The Doubles Event saw gold for team mates Ria Hunter & Elle Sarter in the Bantams and Lorna Scott / Ki Leighfield in the Seniors.

Team Event was a gold for our peewee bowlers Lewis Carden Elle Sarter James McCormick and Ria Hunter.

In the All Events category, Lorna Scott claimed another gold along with Maisie Howarth who bowled in the new U21 division and finally Ria Hunter achieved another medal, this time a silver.

Well done to all the Dunstable YBC juniors, coaches and helpers.



The winning Essex team

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Bedfordshire Area Challenge Championships

The Bedfordshire Area Association held their annual Area Challenge Championships at Dunstable's Gobowling centre. The tournament is open to all bowlers with a Bedfordshire BTBA card. It is the 5th year running the association has held this event.

It's main purpose is to declare county champions at under 17, Adult Men's and Ladies champions and a Senior champion. The name of the tournament has the word 'challenge' in it, so rather than the usual house pattern, a kegel challenge pattern was put down.

The under 17 prize fund was boosted by the generous sponsorship of Andy and Shirley Penny at Ballmaster



Bedfordshire Challenge Champs!

Proshop. The winner was Kyle Chapman who bowled brilliantly shooting a handicap score of 1083 - the highest score across any division.

In the men's division last years surprise winner Bert Mamaril proved that it was no fluke by defending his title with a handicap score of 1074. For the Seniors, Paul Griffiths took the title with a score of 1031.

The ladies title was a fiercely fought contest with just 3 pins separating the

top 4. Jackie Wyatt looked to have the titled sewn up, but a final game of 156 allowed the rest of the field to catch her up. And taking full advantage was Bedfordshire's Junior England starlet Lorna Scott who shot a final game of 213 - it meant that both bowlers had tied at the top with a handicap score of 1014.

A great tournament, enjoyed by most and as always, Bedfordshire use these events to raise some much needed funds – so thank you to everybody who bought raffle tickets.

Dunstable's Comwake League's end of Season report – Dan Bonfield reports...

The Comwake league, must be one of the longest running leagues in the country. It certainly was about in 1974 as my Grandad's team won it and he has the trophy to prove it, but just like me he doesn't like to talk about it! History has it that COMWAKE was a name of a local building firm and the league was created by builders who were creating the new housing estates in Hemel Hempstead and used to meet up at Hemel Bowl for weekly competitions, this evolved into a league.

Since the closure of Hemel Bowl in the 80's the league has had a couple of different homes. But its home now is Dunstable's GoBowling and the league has just come to the end of another season.

The league title wasn't decided until the final week of the season. The



Micky, Chris, Basher, Gary, and Ian from Roundabouts (absent: Terry and Ben)

Roundabouts were in pole position with the Tara team in 2nd. The title was secured in the 2nd game with The Roundabouts securing the points they needed. Tara had to settle with 2nd place this time around, but they had the consolation of securing Team High game and series.

There were 3 300's bowled - Keith Hooker, Danny Bates, and Mick Takas. High series went to Keith Hooker with 827. Ladies high game and series was won by Tina Spence with a 264 and Leanna Maderia with a 697.

It was a sweet success for the Roundabouts as they lost key player Chris Buck half through the season after Chris suffered a serious illness. Chris was there for the final week of the season to make sure we didn't mess it up. And of course winning this leagues means a lot to me.. it was the first adult league I ever played in when I was just 10 years old at Hemel bowl.

For those who know Chris Buck, he's doing amazingly well, mobility almost back to 100% so don't be surprised to see him back on the lanes later in the year!

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Tara's quiet double PB

Sunday Evening Doubles at Lincoln Bowl and it was the turn of Tara Colcombe, bowling with Helen Pople, to whack in 187 for a new PB game, and then follow it with 153, 140 for a 480 series, 20 pins up on her previous best. Well done!

Junior Bowling, Gill Hutchison reports...



On June 26th Oliver Spindley (pictured above) took Myles Duke's long-held record by becoming the youngest bowler to roll a 300 game in the County. Well, nearly. Myles still holds the record as the youngest person at 14 to roll a sanctioned 300 as Oliver, still 13, threw his perfect at Cleethorpes.

The ball Oliver used in his 717 PB series is a Hyper Cell Skid from the Rotogrip range and he credits former top junior Dave Jones (come back Dave!!) for the timely reminder about his second step. Great to see our successful bowlers sharing their expertise!

Triple Crown Trials, Poole

Most sets of parents had one day to panic and one day to recover. Not so poor Jane Spindley, who spent the entire weekend of June 20th/21st on tenterhooks. In the younger age group, Liam Kelk, Jacob Brook and Oliver Spindley received the coveted invitation to the Trials and at one point all three Lincs lads were in the top six. 16 games in one day (I still say it's too many for U-16s) took their toll. Oliver hung on for the 6th qualifying place by

many tournaments at weekends that it's a bit sparse on Saturdays!

If you have relatives in North Lincs with youngsters of the right age, please do recommend that they go along to find out what it's all about.

I visited to do the DBS verifications for their new committee and instructors, and was delighted to do some coaching with Joshua Hicks (potential



Brothers in action - Elliot and Oliver Spindley

3 pins, whilst Jacob and Liam finished 9th and 11th respectively.

On the Sunday – U18s - Katie Tagg terrified her fans by not having her accustomed thunderbolt start and having to work her way up from 11th place. However, she did it (we knew she would) and will represent England at this event for the 4th consecutive year. Elliott Spindley, also a Triple Crown vet, calmly stepped into the top six at the start and hung in there throughout, finishing 5th as the highest placed Lincs qualifier.

New-Look Scunthorpe Steelers YBC reinvented as an after-school league

Date for your diaries – Wednesday, September 2nd at MFA Scunthorpe, 6pm. Scunthorpe Steelers YBC are holding a Meet and Greet to tell everyone what they're all about, in the hopes of attracting a few more players at a different time – there are now so

leader here), Robbie Stuffins (good listening skills), Jack Kerr (future strong Lincs leftie) and chirpy birthday boy Luke Taylor. Big thanks to the new committee of Jane, Lindsay, Sarah and Danny; coaches Danny and DanDan, soon to be joined by Keith - and to Helen Ford for holding the fort for these past seasons.

Youngest and oldest juniors with PBs

Congratulations to Leon Smalley for earning his 4 strikes badge with a PB of 163. PLEASE will someone get a video next time he does his strike celebration. I am told it was the star turn of the County Champs!

Connor Taylor (18) is clearly going for multiple PBs. No sooner had instructor Andy Brown alerted me to Connor's 632 in YBC, than the lad was improving it again, this time in the Bowlers' Club Finals at Nuneaton where he raised his PB by another 27 pins to 659.

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Ali and Matt – nearly men!

Grantham lanes have served up their monthly slice of glory – almost. On June 18th, Ali Curtis rolled a PB 279, finishing with 9/X in the tenth, even more annoying because his first two balls in the next game were strikes. Do it in the right order, Ali!

We are even more gutted for Matt (I hate the 9 pin) Haynes, who on June 29th rolled 299 with his Storm Optimus, drilled by Robbo's Pro Shop, anchored by Ali of course. Grantham is currently enabling some whopping scores!

Biting into a Marathon or two

Chris Maddock is turning his considerable energies to fund raising – this time in the form of a Bowling Marathon on August 8th from 10am to 10pm. It's in aid of The St Francis School, Lincoln, the RAFTBA's chosen charity for this year. To take part, contact Maddogg on m4d_d0gg@hotmail.co.uk or ask at Control.

On the same weekend, out in Cyprus, John Glasscoe will be doing a 24 hour Bowling Marathon for the Alzheimer's Society and is hoping to raise funds via his JustGiving Facebook page. Many will remember John's Dad, Mick Glasscoe, who was diagnosed in 2002. I remember how crossover strikes always made that big man giggle helplessly.

Bradley and Dave – doing Lincolnshire proud!

The NST arrived with its usual fanfare at Scunthorpe MFA and after changing to his Octomus, local man Dave Rawding found himself in striking form, first against top senior Ron Oldfield, which he says helped him to focus, then on equal terms against the best known names in English Senior bowling. Undaunted, Dave smashed in a series of whopping games including 4 x 245 (see report attached) averaging 230 scratch over 12 games, changing lanes after every game. This huge win (by the end, nobody else was anywhere near him) left Dave – as he

says – “chuffed to bits”. Keep that smile on your face, Dave, This is only the start!



Dave Rawding

Bradley Redfearn, on the other hand, chose a venue as far away from home as it's possible to get and still stay in England – Poole, down in Dorset – to roll that magic game – his very first 300.



Bradley Redfearn

Thanks to Facebook and a few seconds of video, we were able to see Bradley composing himself with his Storm Crux Pearl for his final shot. He says he was “shaking inside” but you couldn't tell; he looked so cool!

Earlier, 15 year-old Brad had been the highest-placed Lincs player at the British Junior Open in Norwich with 647 + 647, his last 5 games all 200s after a word or two from coach Richard Lampkin. However, that pales into insignificance compared with his new PB – 222, 204, 300 for a massive 726! Now Brad has to do a repeat performance for his fans in Lincoln – I

know Andy and Trina are disappointed to have missed this one!

Danni Hopcroft is 9th IN THE WORLD!

Many congratulations to the truly amazing Danni Hopcroft, seen here with Keira Reay in a very excited selfie as they set off for Japan to represent England at the World Bowling Open in Tokyo. With games of 213, 235, 203, 257, 236, she established herself in 4th place but was overtaken despite 239 in the semis.

Well done to the Queen of the cheeky selfies – 9th out of the whole world is no mean achievement. Roll on the Olympics – surely bowling will on the list of sports this time!

Lez Rogers Memorial. Success guaranteed – if your name is Chris!

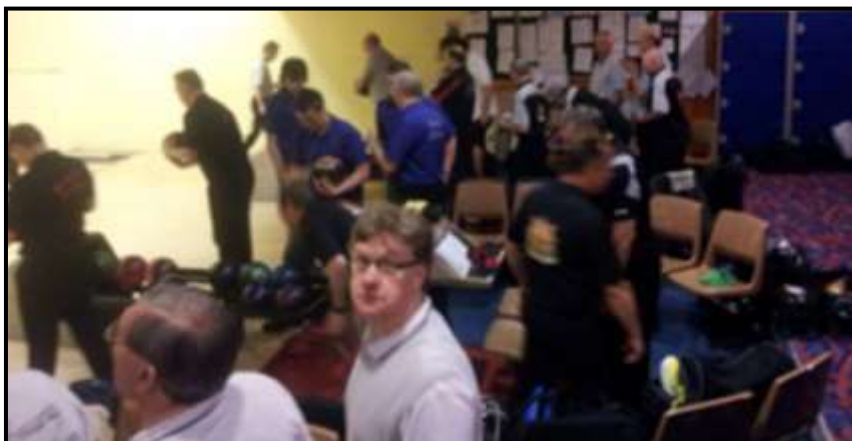


Thank you to Chris Maddock for news of the Lez Rogers Memorial, held at Cwmbran on July 18th. Chris writes:

Great weekend at the Lez Rogers Memorial tournament. Congrats to Tony Lee and Chris Lee for winning.

Other notable RAFTBA placings include RAF Two Chrisses in 2nd (Chris Maddock, Chris Smith), Chris Lee, Carriane Rogers in 3rd and RAF Top Trumps (Chris Smith, David Greig) in 4th. And not forgetting the newlyweds Mac MacPherson and Sarah MacPherson (was Stroud) in 5th. And massive congrats to Mac on his 300 game this weekend!!!

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Northumberland

Sunday Trios League:

Highest team game above average: Juke of Hazard, +108 (557). Team of the month (highest average above last month's average) Blind Trios (+18.8)

Companions League:

Congratulations to Kate Krasicka (March player of the month), who bowled her first ever 200 and a personal best 207 on 21st May. Northumberland team next year Kate?

Only three weeks' worth of fixtures were bowled in this league during May so the results from 4th June have been included.

Highest team game above average was Poles Apart (with Kate) +97 (364). Team of the month was Triple X who bowled 12.2 above last month's average. The highest individual game above average was Kate's 207 (+94). Other decent scores included a huge 231 by Sam Wilson, a 215 from Peter Hickson and a 212 from Phil Henderson. The most consistent bowler over the month was Dave McGill. Individual bowler of the month was Phil Henderson who bowled 42.3 above average, but Phil only played 3 games so we'll give it to Kate Krasicka (again) who bowled 19.2 above average.

Northumberland v Durham

The two north-east bowling giants clashed in a "friendly" match at MFA Newcastle on 19th May. Results were as follows:

Some noteworthy scores:

Ryan Wilson 257, Ricky Frolidi 251, Adam Cairns 139, 248, 239, Jimmy Atkinson, 238, Matty Clayton 236, Ian Hays 236, Billy Ballantyne 234, Catherine Jepson 225 and a 610 series by Sarah.

Northumberland v County Durham

Men team A 6 v 2

Men team B 6 v 2

Senior men A 2 v 6

Senior men B 0 v 8

Ladies 8 v 0

Overall 22 v 18

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Gravesend - Steve White reports...

With 19 weeks out of the 36 weeks gone The Rookies top the league with 80 points with Climax 2 points behind them and The Mean Machine just 2 points behind them so all very close. Steve Williams is the top bowler at the moment averaging 200 and having had a 738 series and a 289 game. Jan Hodge leads the Ladies at the moment with a 178 average.

This season I have introduced an alternative league table with each team playing all the other teams every game. The teams game with Hcp is compared to the other nine teams and the team wins a point for every team it beats or equals, this is done for all three games making a maximum a team can win is 9 points per game and 27 on the night.

After 19 weeks The Mean machine are leading on 296 with The Venomites on 282 and the Rookies 276. The full listings can be found on my Web Site - olympicleague.weebly.com - along with a whole host of other facts and figures. I also run a Jackpot for the league with each team paying a £1 a night and with 9 teams taking part £9

is put into the kitty each week, The latest winner of this was Keith Hodge getting the 7 strikes in the correct place and winning himself £162. For further news go to.

Rochester - Jerry Moll reports...

Hollywood Bowl Rochester Kent, which opened in 2013, held its first tournament on 8th July. Although their 24 lanes are now BTBA licensed, this event was not sanctioned as they needed this opportunity to test their upgraded scoring software and recently re-coated lanes.

The tournament was a Scratch Singles re-entry and the event was promoted solely on social media. It attracted a far higher than expected entry of 45, including several of Kent's leading bowlers. After Joe Cooper had set the bar with an excellent 693, Cliff Dew crept past on the last squad with games of 186, 269 and 245 for a splendid 700 and so took home £200, Joe having to settle for £100. Lee Robinson earned himself £60 by taking 3rd place with a 643. Adding to the excitement was a 7 - 10 split conversion by Bob Ockleford!

Tournament Manager John Reynolds

commented "I would like to thank everyone that took part in Rochester's first ever tournament. The response was overwhelming and due to this popularity, I have no hesitation in running another tournament in the near future, I'll also consider making it a regular quarterly event. Thank you once again for all who took part in making the event possible and a special thank you to Jerry Moll for your continued support. I would like to congratulate the worthy winners-great shooting guys!"

A new Wednesday evening handicap doubles league is planned to start at Hollywood - Rochester in September. This will be great league at a great bowl! For further details please email to mrjohnreynolds2012@hotmail.com.

Kent's Glen Richardson blasts 1629 over 6!

Glen blasted 279 277 300 215 279 279 averaging 271.5 over 6 for 1629 at South East Travelling league at Airport Bowl on 12 July with an 856 for his first 3 games! It is not yet certain if this is a European record for six games.



**London's
Youth Bowling Club**

**Are you aged between 5 and 18?
If so, you are invited to join London's ONLY
Youth Bowling Club (YBC)**

Operating out of MFA Bowl Lewisham (Belmont Hill, Lewisham), London's YBC would like you to consider joining us for the upcoming 2015/16 season on Saturday mornings from 10am from 19 September 2015.

You will get to play 3 games of bowling each week, make new friends and receive free coaching from our instructors. The cost of being part of the club is £8 per week. This includes the cost of bowling and soft drinks as well as travel to the annual national BTBA tournament and achievement awards (subject to minimum participation requirements).

Interested or want more information?

Please contact the YBC Secretary and London TPBA representative, Neil Taylor, at LondonYBC@londontpba.co.uk or 07449 648504.

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Romford - The Sunday Trios League ended its 2014/15 season the way it began - by staging a charity bowl to raise funds for vital community work.

At the start of the season, the league, with the help of City Pavilion, Romford, raised £400 for Hospice Care in Exeter in memory of one of its bowlers.

At the end, the league raised over £500 for Newham charity Community Links, which does such wonderful work in the community and with whom the league's secretary has been associated for over 40 years.

Phat B's retained their scratch title in another pulsating season, with Pinpals second again. Lucky Three came third. In the handicap league, Clappers triumphed with Alley Gators second and Misfits third. Once again, every single one of the league's bowlers will be picking up an honour in the annual presentation of awards before the league starts again in September.

The league is celebrating 25 years next season and remains one of the friendliest yet competitive leagues around.

Individual highlights were: High male game: Paul Mitchell 279, female Rachel Thacker 211

High male series Mike Hayford 700, female Rachel Thacker 552.

High league averages went to Mike Hayford with 184.1 and Rachel Thacker with 163.

Most improved bowlers were Mick Gosling and Natasha Lowe.

Sportsmen and women of the year awards went to Colin Grainger and Jane Kingston.

The league also staged a mixed teams tournament won by Colin Grainger, John Hearne and Stephen Day. The individual scratch tournament was won by Mehmet Gul (men) and Rachel Thacker (women) and the individual handicap was won by Paul Mitchell (men) and Georgia Tugwell (women).

The season opener charity bowl in memory of bowler Brian Martin was won by Adam Kirby (men) and Rebecca Martin (women).

The Community Links end of season tournament titles went to Allan Park (men) and Rebecca Martin (women).

Secretary Colin Grainger said: "We are very grateful to City Pavilion for their commitment to our two charity bowl's, which reflects their support for worthy causes in the community. I have supported Community Links for 40 years when I was editor of the Newham Recorder, in particular with their Christmas Toy Appeal which provided over 15,000 new toys every year for needy youngsters. But their vital work goes on all year round.

"I am proud of our bowlers for giving up their time and supporting Links and also Hospicecare in memory of Brian, who we all still miss. He passed away after suffering a heart attack while bowling when our league was based in Beckton, and it is a fitting way to keep his memory alive."

The league resumes in September 13. New teams are welcome. Contact Colin at colingrainger@btinternet.com



Poole Senior Open 2015

The Poole Senior Open was held at Bowlplex Poole on July 19th. This years entry was slightly lower than last year and this is mainly due to a clash with one of the European events being held on the same weekend. We tried to make the event a little more challenging this year and put down – Kegel's Beaton Path Challenge pattern.

The first round saw local bowler Paul Coles leading the men's section from Chris Skudder and another local Liz Griffin leading the ladies just ahead of Jean Macdonald. The field was then cut to the top 15 men and top 5 Ladies who went on to bowl a further 4 games.

At the end of the second round Paul was still leading but Mike Sykes had

overtaken Chris who was now in Third place. Mark Fullbrook made up the 4 that would then go through to the step ladder. Chris beat Mark in the first game (203-180) but was beaten by Mike Sykes (265-229). The final was a nail biting affair with Mike just edging past Paul in a very close game. (189-180).

In the ladies section, Liz Griffin continued to lead the pack with Lynn Squibb in 2nd place, Jan Hodge in 3rd and was leading all the way through the tournament, with Lynn Squibb (2nd), Jan Hodge (3rd) and Jean Macdonald making the 4 for the step ladder final. Jan beat Jean (191-187) in the first game and went on to beat Lynn

(218-169) but finished 2nd after being beaten by Liz in the final (174-158).

So it was a positive result for "Storm Team England" with their bowlers taking both the men's and Ladies' titles. Well done guys.

The atmosphere throughout the day just was just great, it was just like a group of friends getting together to enjoy each others company over a few games of bowling. For some of us too few, but everyone had an enjoyable day and we are now looking forward to next year when we hope that more bowlers will come down south for the 21st Poole Senior Open.

2016 Senior Team England Trials - Basildon

GORDON HUMPHRIES AND CATHERINE WILLS WIN 2016 SENIOR TRIALS STOP #2

Stop #2 of the 2016 Senior Team England Trials took place at Basildon Bowl on July 4th & 5th. Each bowler bowled 6 games on each of three WTBA patterns, Los Angeles (short), Montreal (medium) and Paris (long).

Lawrence Ellis and Catherine Wills won the short-oil block with 1274 and 1196, and they also won the medium-oil block with 1227 and 1130. Catherine would continue to take a trio of wins by winning the long-oil block with 1139, whilst Lawrence would take second place as Gordon Humphries won the long-oil block with 1393.

Senior Inter-Counties 2015					
North Group					
Saturday					
Men			Ladies		
	Grand Total	Pins+Age		Grand Total	Pins+Age
1 Q Yorkshire	6907	6367	1 Q Staffordshire	4775	4255
2 Q Lincolnshire	6309	5889	2 Q Yorkshire	4600	4140
3 Q Staffordshire	5965	5645	3 Lincolnshire	4514	4054
4 Northants	5785	5465			
5 Cambridgeshire	5396	5246			
6 Derbyshire	5157	5107			

Senior Inter-Counties 2015					
South Group					
Saturday					
Men			Ladies		
	Grand Total	Pins+Age		Grand Total	Pins+Age
1 Q Warwickshire	6176	5756	1 Q Warwickshire	4631	4151
2 Q Nottinghamshire	6029	5689	2 Q Lancashire	4527	4047
3 Q Durham	5940	5600	3 Norfolk	4416	3976
4 Norfolk	5815	5515	4 Nottinghamshire	4002	3722
5 Lancashire	5779	5519			
6 Northumberland	5448	5308			

Senior Inter-Counties 2015					
South Group					
Saturday					
Men			Ladies		
	Grand Total	Pins+Age		Grand Total	Pins+Age
1 Q Essex	6,772	6,322	1 Q Essex	5,227	4,667
2 Q Dorset	6,702	6,262	2 Q Sussex	4,895	4,415
3 Q Hertfordshire	6,380	6,060	3 Dorset	4,768	4,368
4 Buckinghamshire	6,145	5,935			
5 London	5,972	5,752			
6 Sussex	5,865	5,745			
7 Bedfordshire	5,474	5,434			

Senior Inter-Counties 2015					
South Group					
Sunday					
Men			Ladies		
	Grand Total	Pins+Age		Grand Total	Pins+Age
1 Q Middlesex	6,976	6,556	1 Q Kent	5,038	4,538
2 Q Hampshire	6,752	6,392	2 Q Hampshire	4,919	4,439
3 Q Oxfordshire	6,669	6,329	3 Surrey	4,783	4,343
4 Kent	6,617	6,317	4 Berkshire	4,273	4,013
5 Surrey	6,345	6,185			
6 Berkshire	6,240	6,080			
7 Gloucestershire	5,836	5,776			

Adult Team England Trials 2016, Stop 2 - Tolworth

Darren Cundy and Emily Allen win 2016 Adult Trials Stop 2...

The second stop of the 2016 Adult Team England Trials took place at Charrington Bowl, Tolworth on July 11th & 12th. Bowlers completed 6 games on each of the WTBA Patterns Sydney (short), Montreal (Medium) and Paris (long).

Overall, Darren Cundy won the Men's division for stop #2 with 195 points, and Emily Allen the Ladies' with 250.



WTBA Paris underway...

Pos	Name	Total	
		Average	Points
1st	Darren Cundy	215.72	195
2nd	Eliot Crosby	214.44	185
3rd	Sam Rose	209.39	177
4th	Matt Miller Jnr	211.33	155
5th	Hadley Morgan	202.61	154
6th	Pete Stevenson	198.17	151
7th	Leon Devlin	208.67	150
8th	Chris Oates	204.72	144
9th	Adam Michaels	201.06	136
10th	Jamie Bottomley	206.78	134
11th	Chris Matthews	204.72	126
12th	Curtis Hooper	200.83	109
13th	Lee Chatfield	191.17	108
14th	Brandon Roberts	196.56	107
15th	James McMinn	196.56	93
16th	Adam Cairns	157.78	93
17th	Matthew Clayton	190.56	88
18th	Chris Lam	193.78	83
19th	Matt Hall	191.94	79
20th	Lee Cocker	190.94	79
21st	Glen Bailey	190.22	77
22nd	Matt Ayles	189.33	76
23rd	Adam Purnell	188.94	73
24th	Dave Dugmore	186.56	69
25th	Tim Ives	187.33	68
26th	Mark Ellis	178.06	66
27th	Andy Tapping	180.06	61
28th	Luke Sanders	181.56	59
29th	Steven Kay	181.00	57
30th	Dan Balsom	180.50	57
31st	Gary Newton	179.11	55
32nd	Joe Cooper	177.00	52
33rd	Kevin Brockman	174.56	46
34th	Curtis Berry	175.89	45
35th	Jonathan Sturt	168.50	34
36th	Shaun Parsons	167.28	34
37th	Paul Marks	164.72	34
38th	Colin Laing	164.78	28



WTBA Paris finalists, won by Hadley and Laura

Pos	Name	Sydney		Montreal		Paris		Total	
		Average	Points	Average	Points	Average	Points	Average	Points
1st	Emily Allen	174.17	100	192.33	80	196.67	70	187.72	250
2nd	Katrina Maciver	165.83	60	202.00	100	195.67	80	187.83	240
3rd	Laura Marcham	185.17	80	170.00	55	212.50	100	189.22	235
4th	Kim Oakley	171.00	70	170.17	60	171.33	40	170.83	170
5th	Becky Daly	155.17	40	169.33	50	219.00	70	181.17	160
6th	Chloe Bruton	164.17	55	183.17	70	168.83	35	172.06	160
7th	Jacqueline Wyatt	168.33	70	163.00	40	178.17	45	169.83	155
8th	Tracy Wallace	159.50	45	154.67	34	188.83	60	167.67	139
9th	Charlotte Rathbone	143.83	35	172.33	70	167.50	34	161.22	139
10th	Louise Parker	164.17	50	159.33	35	179.33	50	167.61	135
11th	Frankie Flewis	138.33	34	165.33	45	182.67	55	162.11	134
12th	Lisa John	0.00	0	0.00	0	100.50	33	33.50	33

Bowling World Open, Tokyo

Dom Barrett Wins Bronze in Showcase Event

Danni Hopcroft, Keira Reay, Dom Barrett and Paul Moor were chosen to represent Storm Team England at the World Bowling Open in Tokyo, between the 9th and 12th of July 2015. The event had been organised as a showcase for tenpin bowling ahead of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, in a bid to raise the profile of the sport to have it included in the Olympics Games themselves.

Our bowlers bowled alongside and against elite bowlers from all over the World in an attempt to win the top prize of 10,000,000 yen (over £51,000) in both the men's and women's divisions. After invitations and local qualifications had completed, qualifying bowlers bowled 5 games in Qualifying to make the top 33 in each division. A further 3 games would then determine the top 4 (8 game total) who went on to bowl one game elimination semis and finals.

The Top 33

After five games, the cut to the top-33 bowlers would see Dom, Keira and Danni through to the next round, and it was unfortunate to see Paul miss the cut by just 27 pins. Dom started qualifying with a 300-game, and



continued to bowl games of 225, 201, 259 and 288 to lead after the first round with 1273 (254.6 avg.). Danni completed round 1 in 4th place, with a set comprising games of 213, 235, 203, 257 and 236 for 1144 (228.8) and Keira close behind - just 69 pins - with 1075 (215.0) total from games of 230, 196, 238, 222 and 189.

The Top 4

Dom would add games of 256, 226 and 214 to maintain his lead in qualifying, and earning top seeding to the finals with 1969 (246.1). Osku Palermaa (FIN), Bill O'Neill (USA) and Isao Yamamoto (JPN) completed the line-up. Danni added games of 174, 169 and 237 to finish in 9th place on

1724 (215.5) and Keira games of 196, 213 and 211 to finish in 19th place on 1695 (211.9). The women's top-4 were Birgit Poppler (GERM) 1834, Joey Yeo (SIN) 1820, Karen Marcano (VEN) 1795 and Kelly Kulick (USA) 1794.

Finals

In the finals, Dom would be defeated by Yamamoto 256-224 and O'Neil was defeated by Palermaa 266-255. Paalermmaa would defeat Yamamoto 248-224 in the finals to win the Men's Division. For the women, Poppler defeated Kulick 258-227 and Yeo defeated Marcano 234-181. Yeo went on to defeat Poppler in final 207-204 to win the women's division.



Bowling World Cup Qualifier

Keira Reay and Sam Rose won the Ladies' and Men's divisions of the 2015 PTBC World Cup Qualifier.

Report courtesy of PTBC:

23 year old Sam Rose led the Men's division from start to finish, averaging 231 for the event. Hadley Morgan was not far behind however, and with a stunning 277 game in the final match of the round robin, forced Rose to double and make six-count in the tenth frame, Morgan trailing by just 4 pins at the final hurdle.

In the Ladies' division, Lisa John made a huge return from injury to lead the field in Saturday's squad, and retain the lead during Sunday when Keira Reay came closest, 23 pins behind John's 1758. Once again, it all came down to the final game in the round robin, where Lisa and Keira faced each other head to head. Keira would need to beat Lisa by at least 26 pins to take victory, no mean feat against Lisa who not only has previously competed at the World Cup, but had been leading the qualifier at every stage. Lisa shot her only sub 200 game of the day with a 182, which allowed an on fire Keira to shoot 248 and jump into the lead position by 41 pins.

About the World Cup of Bowling

Sam's Town Hotel and Gambling Hall in Las Vegas will host QubicaAMF's classic event for the second time in the tournament's 50 year history this November.

"A warm Las Vegas welcome is awaiting all our bowlers and guests this November," said John Sou, Sam's Town Vice President and



General Manager. "We are excited to welcome back this great event."

The 56-lane centre will be showcasing QubicaAMF's BES X Scoring and Management System, the world's only Bowling Entertainment System. BES X is designed to provide exciting competitive play at any level and uniquely allows bowlers to review their game statistics on-lane, live and on-demand directly from the

SuperTouch LCD bowler console.

During the tournament, through BES X, you will also be able to keep up with your favourite bowlers with live, Online Scoring. You can view scores in real time, see what lanes bowlers are bowling on and their standing at any given moment. You can even stay connected with your favourite bowlers through the unique Facebook feature!



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