

The Inside Line



The 53rd BTBA Nationals

The entry deadline for the 53rd BTBA Nationals has just passed. We hope you got your entries in on time!

Taking place over the weekends of Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th March, along with Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd March it is set to be a highlight of this year's bowling calendar.

For other important dates please see our new upcoming events list on page 3. If you have an event you would like to add just

get in touch!

Entries for the Nationals are being collated as this issue goes to press and we shall keep you updated.

Look out for more informations including a full list of bowlers and averages, squad scheduling, and exciting offers we have for bowlers on both Saturday nights!

For now we are happy to announce the full list of officials who will be presiding over the tournament -

Tournament Officials:

Squadding Manager - Bernie White.

Tournament Managers - Steve Allen and Neville Nock

Tournament Secretary - Jo Cundy

BTBA Support - Terry Searle and Chris Hillman

Scoring Team - Dave Godfrey and Michelle Godfrey

Technical Support - Andy James

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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!

They're coming!! The Southern Scratch League (SSL) and NorthEast Scratch League (NESL) are ready to launch!

If you like what you read around the MSL, and would like to be a part of the new venture and expansion of the MSL Network, then now is the time to let me know! A number of the venues have been booked, and the start dates, costs, and rules are now in place!

The **SSL** and **NESL** both have a couple of extra dates in order to make the season worthwhile, and also get us in sync

with the MSL for next season. The venues have also been chosen with no knowledge of what teams shall be taking part – normally, the fixtures shall be agreed at the AGM, but time has very much been of the essence for this inaugural season.

The MSL Constitution provides the basis for the two new constitutions, with a couple of minor adjustments.

First fixtures:

13/04/14 - MFA Sunderland (NESL) & MFA Newbury (SSL)

01/06/14 - MFA Sheffield (NESL) & Dunstable (SSL)

27/07/14 - Shipley (NESL) & Tolworth (SSL)

For the updates to the constitution, full fixture list, and expressions of interest, please contact: colin.laing@btba.org.uk

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Sub-editors appointed

We are delighted to announce the appointment of two sub-editors here at *The Inside Line*. We welcome Jerry Moll and Louise Parker to the team.

Jerry currently bowls out of the new Hollywood Bowl in Rochester. He was a member of the Kent Tenpin Bowling Association for a number of years

and brings a wealth of experience with him.

Louise is a regular face in the North West Fives, bowling for *Manchester Cosmics*, and on the British Universities Tour.

Look out for next month's edition with a full introduction to the whole team!

Nottinghamshire County Roll Offs

The Nottinghamshire County Roll Offs will be held at MFA Bowl Nottingham on the following dates:

Sunday 16th March - 1.30pm

Monday 17th March - 7.30pm

Closing date for entries is Friday 14th March, 9.00pm.

Contact Mr David Winter:
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Alan Wills steps aside in Northamptonshire

At the recent Northamptonshire AGM long standing secretary Alan Wills has stepped aside and Trish York now takes over the helm.

Alan won't be far away to guide Trish as he now takes up the role of president. I would like to thank Alan for all his hard work for the Northamptonshire Association and wish the best of luck to Trish York.

Oxfordshire County Roll Offs - Written by Daniel Bonfield

As one the smallest counties in the Central region it was a decent turn out for Oxfordshire's County Roll Offs. A total of 25 entries competed in 3 divisions. **Andy Parish** won the men's trials with 1168 a 194.6 average, and top lady was **Carissa Kepke** on 1098 a 183 average and top senior was **Ken Iredale** on 1164 a 194 average.

Congratulations to the winners and best of luck to Oxfordshire when they compete in the inter county qualifiers this year.

Instructors Course Success in Oxfordshire

Myself and the Oxfordshire Committee would like to congratulate **Ant McElvaine**, **Carissa Kepke** and **Sammi Cothier** who all passed their Phase I Instructors qualification - Daniel Bonfield.

Calendar of events for the next quarter

9th March - Student/Alumni Baker Fives, at Rugby hosted by The University of Birmingham TBC

15th/16th March - BTBA Nationals at City Pavilion, Romford

16th/17th March - Nottinghamshire County Roll Offs at MFA Nottingham

22nd/23rd March - Phase II Instructors Course at Bromborough

22nd/23rd March - BTBA Nationals at City Pavilion, Romford

29th March - Student/Alumni Quads, at Firth Park hosted by The University of Sheffield

30th March - Sunday Singles Challenge at Namco Norwich

30th March - London County TBA Inter-county Selection Tournament, held at MFA Bowl Lewisham

5th April - Berkshire County Trials, held at MFA Bowl Newbury

11th-21st April - European Youth Championships in Denmark

13th April - Berkshire County Trials, held at MFA Bowl Newbury

27th April - BTBA Tour, Adult event - Worthing Singles

27th April - Student/Alumni Trios, held at Airport Bowl

11th May - Student/Alumni Fours, held at Chesterfield

18th May - Universities' Cup Final, held at Acocks Green

24th-26th May - BTBA Tour, Adult event - Sheffield Trios

High Rollers - records broken and personal bests set

Bedfordshire

Congratulations to **Andrew 'Gnasher' Glasson** who rolled a **300** game in Dunstable's Meg Jordache Scratch Trios on Monday 17th February. Gnasher can't remember if that was his first 300, he thinks he may have had a couple of 300's at the old Harrow Bowl...that's what happens when you have 12 sugars in your coffee, your memory goes and your teeth fall out - hence the nickname Gnasher!



Gnasher with his 300 ball

Bowling in Dunstable's Monday Trios League (20.01.14), **Sukky Gill** went close but for those pesky single pins! He had to settle for a **299**, but on Thursday night in the trios a team mate of mine, **Richard 'Revs' Lewis**, had his first **300**. It's taken him 32 years and in true Richie Rev's style he celebrated with the exuberance and enthusiasm of someone shooting a 130 game. Richie will certainly take some beating for the league high handicap game as he shot a 328.

Nottingham

Phil Martin shot his first **800** series in the Robin Hood Sunday Doubles league at MFA Nottingham on the 9th February. With games of **235**, **298**, and **279** for an impressive **812** series. Phil left the 6-10 in his 298 game and a single 10 pin in his 279, agonisingly close to perfection! Unfortunately the league is unsanctioned, but

congratulations on your achievement!

During a practice session at MFA Nottingham, **Jack Kerr** hit his first perfect **300** game on 25th February. Well done, Jack, keep up the good work.

Warwickshire

Congratulations to Gavin Cox who shot his 5th **300** on 26/01/14 in the Powerplay Wednesday's Doubles league at Nuneaton. Gavin shot a **773** series and his 300 was even sweeter as his opposition on the night was his dad!



Baby Taylor May Beatrice Bonfield

Bedfordshire Area Secretary and Central Region Officer **Daniel 'Basher' Bonfield** and his glamorous assistant Berkshire County and former international bowler **Alison Taylor** would like to introduce you all to their daughter **Taylor May Beatrice Bonfield**.

Taylor who was born on Friday 7th February at 11.08pm weighed in at only 5lb 10oz's. Basher said, "it was emotional," but of course a more sensible comment came from Alison - "I would like to thank everyone from the bowling community for their overwhelming support and well wishes, it's been amazing."



Congratulations on your new arrival from everyone at the BTBA!

Midlands Scratch League - Round Three



The third round of the Midland Scratch League took place on the 26th January. Now in its 23rd season, it still remains strong and retains the honour of being the largest travelling league in the country. With 33 teams in four divisions hailing from as far afield as Shrewsbury, Lincoln, Stroud and Dunstable, and with averages from 150 up to 220, it really is the travelling league that welcomes all ages and abilities. 16 points are awarded per game, and there are 7 games per round. 2 points awarded head-to-head and 6 points for the overall team game win.

Here are the movers and shakers at the mid-way point

Premier Division – Rugby

Rugby played host to the Premier for their third round, alongside Division 3! Despite its imminent closure, and some tricky conditions it continued to look after us well.

Ilkeston continue to lead the field with **246** points from a possible 336 so far, with **Darren Cundy** bowling the high game of the day with a not-to-be-bettered **300**. However **Merry Hill** aren't too far behind on **205**. The middle of the table is all to play for, with **Riverside** third on **179** just a point ahead of **Waddington**. Fifth-placed **Warwick**, who struggled to maintain their momentum, are just 9 points further back on **169** whilst **Worcester** are sixth just four points further behind. Relegation spots remain with **Peterborough** and

Kettering with **120** and **82** points respectively. However, with 3 rounds left to go, there is plenty of time for this all to change!

Division One – Ilkeston

The highest scoring day seen by Division 1 was had at Ilkeston, where the championship is pretty much certain, but the second promotion spot very much up for grabs.

Stroud are leading the pack on a staggering 1040 average (including 1106 average over the 7 games at Ilkeston) with **267** points! This is followed by a 3-way fight for 2nd, with **Bushbury**, **Shrewsbury** and **Rugby** on **199**, **196** and **180** points respectively. However, don't rule out **Worcester Everoak**, **17** points further back on **163**. The three remaining teams are **Walsgrave (147)** **Lickey End (103)** and **Burton (89)**.

Division Two – Lincoln

Playing a week later than the rest of the league due to one of the teams being in a British Universities' Tournament, **Chesterfield** maintain their lead on **209** points, followed closely by **Gotham** on **200**. A small but not unassailable gap of 27 sees **Northampton** on **173** whilst 4 points are all that separates **Stratford (166)**, **Olton (164)** and **Coningsby (162)** – all of whom are still in contention for promotion, as a 30 point deficit can easily be overcome in 3 rounds! **Birmingham** and **Acock's Green** bring up the final two spots with **143** and **127** points respectively. **Chesterfield** lead with the high game for the season on **1155** – their new league record score – whilst **Gotham (1132)** and **Coningsby (1103)** Complete the mid-season accolades. Division Two certainly remains a division to watch!

Division Three – Rugby

The fact that the MSL will now not fit at Coventry, has led to Division Three joining up with other divisions during the season, as previously all teams have bowled together there, however this year we have too many! This is one such round, where they accompanied the Premier division at Rugby.

Newbies **Trent Lock (258)** and **Bedfordshire (231)** continue to head up the table, whilst **Greyfriars** hold on to 3rd place with **211**. **Fiveways** lead the next cluster of teams with **183**, whilst **Nuneaton** chases them with **170**, and once again less than a games' worth of points separate a number of teams, with 12 points separating Nuneaton in 4th from **Tamworth** in 8th, with **Newcastle**, and **Scrubby Bottoms** filling the gaps. **St. George's (144)** completes the field whose captain, Scot Williams, bowled a 298 in the last round at MFA Nottingham.

As is mentioned above, **Rugby Superbowl** will be closing its doors in the coming weeks. This is a sad loss for the sport, and particularly for the Midland Scratch League. It is one thing when companies close centres that aren't making a profit, but it's another thing entirely when a successful business has to shut down due to its landlord forcing its hand. Rugby shall be sorely missed, and I would like to put on record my thanks, on behalf of the Midland Scratch League, to Andrew, Yasmin and the rest of the team at Rugby who have served us so well. We wish you every luck in the future, and hope that the future works in your favour after what is undoubtedly a difficult time for you all.

Central Region Report

Written by Daniel Bonfield

I want to congratulate the Warwickshire YAC ladies Team on winning the YAC Inter County Championships held at Coventry - great bowling by the girls; Cherise Denhan, Nicky Donowski, Maria Gilderoy, and Stacey Gould. Fantastic Bowling girls, well done to you and the coaches and the Warwickshire Association.

I would like thank the Area Secretaries in the central region who worked hard in negotiating with centre managers to find us a venue for the Inter County Qualifiers in

September (see *Jo Cundy's report on page 10 for more information!*).

In November we launched the Local Area Association Grant scheme. This allows your area to submit a bid for funding that will help drive membership in their county. I'm yet to receive any applications for grants. But perhaps you have a great idea that you need some funding to get it off the ground. If you do, why don't you approach your area secretary and pitch your idea and ask them to submit a grant application to me. For

more details on the Local Association grants visit:

www.btba.org.uk

Also, we need more local news for future issues of the Inside line. So if you have bowled your high score or your team won a sanctioned league or any other achievement you want to share with the bowling world, then contact your area secretary who will send me a report for publication in the next issue.

Sunday Singles Challenge at Namco Norwich

The Sunday Singles Challenge resumed in January, after the festive break, at Namco Norwich and organised by the Norfolk Association.

20 bowlers competed in this round with **Karl Chown** taking the lead in game 2 after bowling a **268** scratch game (307 with handicap). He continued to lead throughout and finished the 5 game qualifier with a **220.4** scratch average. His brother **Jason** tried a late challenge to the lead but just fell short to qualify in 2nd place. Qualifying comfortably in 3rd place was **Allan Rockach** but

the battle was on for 4th. It was a very close finish with only 15 pins between 4th and 8th place but it was **Billy Warnes** who managed to take the last place in the stepladder final.

Onto the stepladder final where the first match saw Allan beat Billy **237** to 210, Allan then went on to beat 2nd placed Jason **254** to 213 but he was unable to beat in form Karl and went down 197 to **258**. The Chown brothers also managed to clean up on the high game prizes apart from the 1st game which was shared between Karl and Allan.



Pictured is Karl Chown, 2nd place Allan Rockach, 3rd place Jason Chown and 4th place Billy Warnes

The next event is on 30th March, to enter and for more details please contact the Norfolk Tenpin Association by email:

norfolktba@gmail.com

Bedfordshire Association News

Written by Daniel Bonfield

We recently held our AGM:

All the executive and non executive committee were up for re-election. Dan Bonfield and Dave Maberly remain Secretary and President and Neil Hunter joins the exec as Vice President and Pam Maberly has been coerced out of retirement to cover the treasurer's role for 1 year.

What's planned for 2014:

More challenge matches for the County Team, more local tournaments including a mid week summer series, and with council funding permitting a scheme to boost our membership number from local ethnic groups, and finally a higher level of advertising

for our existing league programme.

Instructors Course:

Many congratulations Sarah Jephson who gained her Phase I Instructors qualification at the recent course held in Lincoln. Sarah takes up a coaching position at Namco Luton YBC.

Dunstable YBC striking out for success:

Over 400 junior bowlers descended to Dunstable's Gobowling to take part in the South of England Junior Open. Dunstable YBC ended up with a record haul of medals, 25 in total. They also raised £1200 through raffles and tombola's.

The medal winners were:

Lewis Carden

Oliver Elliott

Toni Melton

Ria Hunter .

Austin Taylor

Ki Leighfield

Lorna Scott

Megan Carden

Jonathan Bentley

Kyle Chapman

Remy Bader

Congratulations to all of you!



Pictured left-right:

Back Row - Austin Taylor, Lorna Scott, Ki Leighfield, Remy Bader, Jonathan Bentley, Kyle Chapman & Megan Carden

Front Row - Ria Hunter, Toni Melton, Lewis Carden & Oliver Elliot

Universities and Colleges Nationals Results

Written by Rachael McKenzie



Over 130 student bowlers made their way to Sheffield’s MFA Bowl at Firth Park on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd February. The competition was split into male and female team and individual sections. With each entrant bowling a total of nine games in a variety of squad sizes on three challenging patterns. The winner would be the team and individual with the highest total pin fall.

As ever promised by BUCS Championships, bowling a competition purely based on scratch scores heightened the competitiveness of all concerned. Perhaps even more so this year, with news that the awards ceremony would be presided over by the **BTBA’s Jo Cundy** (Head of Elite), **Team England’s Nicki Ainge**, and **Yorkshire TBA President Les Grant** (many thanks to you all!).



The University of Birmingham

Saturday:

The Championships kicked off on Saturday morning with the Women and Men bowling doubles squads.

After bowling brilliantly all year, nobody was surprised to see Nottingham at the top of the tables somewhere along the line. Their Women’s team was in first place on 1319, ahead of the University of Lincoln. Just 80 pins behind Lincoln were Loughborough.



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The University of Sheffield

One of the most competitive universities this year was Loughborough, particularly on the Men’s side, who were 1st after the doubles. There was more distance between the top three Men’s teams than the Women’s. There was a large gap between 1st and 3rd, with Sheffield some 197 pins behind 2nd place Nottingham on a 3006. Nottingham, following in the footsteps

of their girls, were on a 3203, yet still some 243 pins behind Loughborough.

Sunday:

With the Men’s trios completed Loughborough still led the competition with a final trios set of 3152, giving them a total of 6598, a massive 381 pins ahead of 2nd place Nottingham who, with a final trios set of 3014 are now sitting on a 6217. Sheffield were 3rd, with their two trios teams bowling a total of 2876, finishing overall on a team total of 5882. Birmingham Men shot themselves up the tables with an impressive 2712 from their trios teams, giving them a total of 5498 and a brilliant chance of a medal finish overall.



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Loughborough University

Loughborough were still in the lead at the end of the Men’s Singles, adding 520 to their score, putting them on a 7118 before the 5’s event. *Cont...*

Universities and Colleges Nationals Results

Written by Rachael McKenzie

Nottingham held their 2nd place spot, with an impressive 602 in the Singles, putting their total up to 6819, closing the gap going into the team event. Sheffield lie in 3rd with a 471 from their Singles, pushing them to a total so far of 6353. Birmingham have been knocked down by Nottingham Trent, who climbed to 4th after a 600 series in the Singles.

After the women's trios, Loughborough have climbed to be in the lead adding a 1297 to their total, followed closely by Lincoln on a two person (plus 80 pin blind per game) score of 1249 for the trios. Nottingham have kept their place in the top 3, being on 1182 for their trios.



The University of Nottingham

Lincoln, despite having only two bowlers, impressively climbed to the top of the tables finishing on a team total of 3875 (1343 in the Singles). Loughborough finished in 2nd overall, with their team bowling a grand total of 3828 (1328 in the Singles). Nottingham clung on to their top 3 spot, finishing 3rd overall with a total of 3797 (1296 in the Singles). Going in to the men's five man team event, three universities were battling it out for the top

spot; Loughborough, Sheffield and Nottingham. Despite a valiant battle from Nottingham - hitting an impressive 1,000 pins in the final Fives game and clawing back over 100 pins - it wasn't enough to catch Loughborough. Sheffield clung on to their 3rd place spot on a grand total of 8839. A massive 837 pins in front of Sheffield was Nottingham, finishing on an impressive 9676. However, nobody could stop Loughborough, finishing on a 9871, over 190 pins ahead of Nottingham.



Yorkshire's Les Grant, Team England's Nicki Ainge, and BTBA's Jo Cundy present the medals.

The individual event standings were as follows:

Men's:

- 1st place - Curtis Hooper
- 2nd place - Brian Gillespie
- 3rd place - Curtis Berry

Women's:

- 1st place - Rebekah Hamlet
- 2nd place - Louise Parker
- 3rd place - Hannah Bratton-Smith



Men's Representative Squad



Women's Representative Squad

This year saw new awards given out at the Championships. The 'Highest Placed 2nd Team' went to Loughborough Men's B.

BUCS also introduced medals for both the male and female Most Improved and Best Newcomer.

Birmingham truly proved how much hard work and dedication can pay off in this sport, with both Most Improved Performance prizes being won by members of their university team. For the women, Reena Kaur impressed with an improvement of 323 pins on her performance last year. The men's Most Improved was won by Shaun Parsons, who, finishing 5th this year on a 1697, improved his performance from last year by a whole series, scoring a massive 471 pins more than last year.

Best Newcomer on the women's side was won by Team Wales and University of Lincoln bowler, Carrie Anne Rogers, for her 161.3 average over the weekend. As the winner of the men's Best Newcomer was part of a medalist team, the Best Newcomer was awarded to an individual from outside the medal winners, this year going to UCL student, Will Pearson, who finished in 4th place with a 189.9 average.

From the huge buzz around one of the most challenging BUCS Champs in recent memory we can tell there are already many looking forward to next year!

BTBA Adult and Senior Tours to move to Membership Services

As part of the ongoing shaping of the BTBA the decision has been made to move the responsibility for managing the Adult and Senior Tours to Membership Services.

The Tours are intended to attract players of all levels, not just those considered to be amongst the elite at each age group, and it is felt that this would be better reflected by placing the management of these events

under the Membership Services banner.

Richard Beck, the Director of Membership Services commented "I'm looking forward to building on the solid foundation already set up by Jo Cundy and her team, and creating tours that attracts bowlers of all capabilities and lasts well into the future"

Please note that the Senior event

scheduled for the 30th March is to be postponed until later in the year due to unforeseen circumstances, but already plans are underway to organise a new date and venue with details to be published in the near future.

For further information please see the Tour schedule at www.btba.org.uk or contact Richard directly on Richard.beck@btba.org.uk

Player's Perspective: World Series of Bowling

Written by Tom Smallwood, Brunswick Pro Staff Player

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The World Series of Bowling is one of the most physically and mentally challenging tournaments we bowl. Each day is a completely different tournament!



Patterns:

Day 1 Cheetah - Cheetah is 36 ft. long and you play to the extreme outside of the lane. For me I look for a very smooth ball that does not over react on dry. I threw a Melee with pin in the palm and switched to a little stronger Melee the last few games when the lanes opened up.

Comments/Results

The Cheetah qualifying was pretty disappointing for me. I finished in 98th place averaging 221. I made a few bad moves which cost me pins.

Day 2 Viper - Viper is 39 ft. long and on this pattern you start in the track, (around second arrow) with a medium to weak bowling ball and switch to stronger and stronger bowling balls as the oil carries down. I threw a Versa Max to start and switched to a few different Melees for the last few games.

Comments/Results - Viper has always

been my worst pattern. I just never seem to get the right angles. I ended up finishing 63rd and averaging 210.

Day 3 Chameleon - Chameleon is 43 ft. long and on this pattern we start in the track with medium to strong bowling balls. I threw two different Melees all day, both drilled the same but with different surfaces, one had 2000 grit and the other 1000 grit.

Comments/Results - In my short career, I have always had more success on longer patters and it really showed in the years World Series of Bowling. I ended up leading the 7 game qualifier averaging 243 and after match play, I ended up qualifying fourth for the ESPN Finals! I lost my first match to Ryan Ciminelli. Ryan, a DV8 staffer, ended up winning the Chameleon Championship.

Day 4 Scorpion - This year they lengthened this pattern from 41 ft. to 47ft. which made this pattern play very, very slick. Everyone started a little right of the track with very strong balls and with a lot of surface. I threw a couple of different masterminds and switched to a DV8 Dude the last two games.

Comments/Results - The Scorpion has always been my favourite pattern. I qualified 2nd. On the show I bowled Josh Blanchard. It was a See-Saw match and we ended up in a tie bowling with a

score of 232. The tie breaker is a one bowl roll off. We were both tied again at 4 strikes a piece until the fifth frame. I came out of top with a strike and Josh left a ten pin. The next match I bowled a young up and coming bowler, Marshall Kent. It was a close match the whole game. He threw a 7-10 split in the ninth game making me only needing a mark in the tenth frame to win. Luckily, I kept it all together and spared the 10pin that I left to clinch my second career PBA National Title.

World Championship - The World Championship pattern is 41 ft. long and most players played way right with strong balls and stayed there almost all match-play. I threw medium strength balls including a few Melees with 500 to 1000 grit, I also threw a DV8 Dude.

Comments/Results - To qualify for the World Championship match-play, they take the top 24 accumulative scores from the 4 animal pattern 7 game qualifiers. I qualified 14th. I was close to being in the show most of match-play. I ended up throwing the last 11 strikes the last game of match-play to go from 6th place to 4th, making my third World Championship Final. On the show, my first match was against Pete Weber. I threw a Versa Max the whole game but I made one bad shot that ultimately cost me the match scoring 237-257.

Report from Jo Cundy - Head of Elite Bowling

Dates and venues are now confirmed for the Team England Trials. The closing date for entries was Friday 28th February. I have listened to many bowlers out there and I know that it will not be perfect, yet! Change is never easy but you have to be in it to win it!

During the months of January and February many counties have their county trials I would like to thank all the county secretaries and managers for getting their county intents back to me on time. Special mention for Steph Tilson who not only sent Norfolk's intent but also trials results and registration forms, by the second week in January!

I can let you know that the Southern regions County round will be on Sunday 7th September at Tolworth. The Central regions County round will be on Sunday 7th at Nuneaton. The Northern regions County round will be at Sheffield on Sunday 7th September.

February 8th was a special date in my diary this year, I held the first ever Team England meeting where all age groups managers, coaches, selectors and members from the National Council met altogether. This was an opportunity to talk about the future, working together and the next steps. There was a lot of productive chat and discussions and you will all be

seeing a more proactive Team England for all our members!

The Nationals is less than a month away! Have you got your entry in?? This is a great opportunity for team play, a weekend away with your bowling friends and to play competitively within your bowling average. I am hoping to hold a cake sale over the two weekends, I would love to hear from all you brilliant bakers out there who would love to donate some yummy cakes and treats for this stall.

I look forward to seeing many of you at tournaments in the coming weeks, keep practising!

Coaching Update

[New Team England Head Coaches have been appointed:](#)

Junior Team England - **Keith Bringleo**

U24 (Y.A.C.) Team England - **Mark Heathorn**

Adult Team England - **Jon Zadel**

Senior Team England - **Eric Harvey**

These appointments are limited in timescale by forthcoming championships and as such positions will become available on an on-going basis subject to the requirements of Team England, schedule of major championships and the development of coaches. In addition to these appointments Ray Teece has been appointed as Assistant Head Coach for the forthcoming World Youth Championships (U21's) as part of his development.

We have also created a pool of individuals who have expressed their interest in working as assistants and/or becoming head coaches in the future, and a programme of development and opportunities will be announced over the coming months. As part of the coach development programme opportunities within Team England structures will become more widely available over the coming years.

[Coaches database](#)

Another element of the modernisation of our coaching operation is to create a database of coaches. There will be two sides to this; 1) public access - basic, non-sensitive details searchable via the btba website; and 2) members access - details visible only to certified coaches and officials. Some details will be optional.

During March there will be a form launched on the btba website (in the coaching section) which all current instructors and coaches are requested to complete.

European Youth Championships Team Announced

Written by Terry Searle

This is the team that has been selected to represent England in the 2014 European Youth Championships to be held in Odense, Denmark from the 11th to 21st April 2014.

The selection from the Junior squad was again very difficult due to the high standards of all the players involved.

For those who were not selected on this occasion, I can assure you there

is a list of champions at all ages that were not selected, please see this as an opportunity to get to the next level with the knowledge gained from the JTE training and the determination never to be left out again.

To those who made it, the work starts again, the team visited the North West on the 1st and 2nd of March, details will be available soon.

The BTBA National Council congratulate all those selected and

wish them good luck for the 2014 EYC.

The Team

Boys:

George Ackerman
Alex Green
Sean Hussey
Brandon Roberts

Girls:

Emily Allen
Becky Daly
Frankie Plewis
Keira Reay

The QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup, A History: Part 2 - Attendance

Written by Roger Creamer, EMEA Regional Manager QubicaAMF

Back in 1965, whilst the event achieved massive worldwide press coverage, it attracted only 20 nations and it was men only. Since that time the event has grown and grown and grown. Singapore holds the record for having the most number of participating countries when it attracted 95 in 2004.

The Bowling World Cup has been to some rather challenging locations but probably no more so than the 49th edition in Krasnoyarsk. To get there from New York you have to face at least 2 overnight flights. Although upon your return you can do it in one day but a very long one, as the time difference makes your day 37 hours long! Russia is big and if you route through Moscow there is still another 5 hour flight to be faced.

Expected weather conditions in

November are, for everyone except the locals, bleak. Temperatures are typically around minus twenty Celsius and anything falling from the sky is white. Even so, 76 nations braved the elements. To their surprise, and disappointment to some, Krasnoyarsk was going through a bit of a heat wave. In the beginning it rained, had temperatures that were positive rather than negative and didn't see snow and chilly temperatures until just before everyone was leaving.

For many years, alongside competitors, industry experts have attended to share knowledge with others as the event moves from city to city, country to country. Bowling Centre management and marketing seminars, pinspotter courses and the subject of lane maintenance have all been held and have formed an integral part of this road

show.

But, the Bowling World Cup story is not just about a tournament. It is not just a long list of scores, records, places and seminars. It is so much more but would be impossible to cover it all unless it was written at novel length and then it would probably need several sequels – maybe a volume or two.

What makes the Bowling World Cup unique is probably its people - the people that have participated, the people that have followed its progress at close quarters for nearly 50 years, people who have spread the word and people that have managed its phenomenal success. There have been many over nearly half a century and so many that it would be impossible to name them all - *Next month we take a look at some of the people who have made the Bowling World Cup what it is.*



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