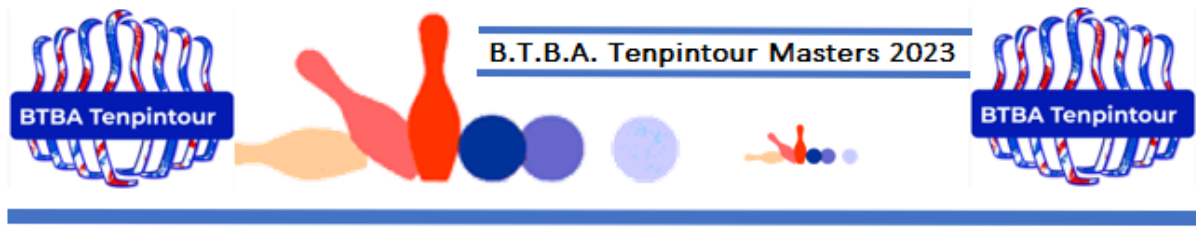


SQUAD E REPORT

We are fortunate enough to have two Steve Thorntons who compete in our tournaments, both of whom are exceptional bowlers. To distinguish between the two, one includes his middle initial of D, and the other we refer to as Stevie. Both guys have 300's to their names, in fact Steve D recorded one at TPT 7 Acocks Green this season. Stevie Thornton runs the pro shop at Stroud and is involved with running the England Senior Squads. But who needs a Steve Thornton when you have Dark Horse Dave Thornton? It was Steve D's cousin who set the lanes on fire in this squad. The moustachioed maestro entered off an average of 174 which gave him a handicap of 47. Dark horse Dave was then possessed by some kind of bowling spectre which elevated him to a standard way beyond anything he had experienced in this or any other lifetime. Game one, 214 – 40 pins above average, game two, 256 – 82 pins over, game three, 233 – 59 pins over, then 256 again! This extraordinary demonstration of bowling prowess totalled 947 scratch (237 average) which incidentally was a lifetime best for 'Our Dave'. This generated the highest handicap total of the entire qualifying round, 1137 was the new target to beat. To give some sort of perspective his first score was 250 pins lower, and three pins below his entering average. Shortly after the squad had finished the spectre left 'Our Dave' and he re entered the realm of normality. He had to endure a short withdrawal period, which was eased by the infusion of tea and relaxation. We were going to employ the services of a masseur for him, but the TPT budget could not justify the expense.

Hilary Cooke finished top of the ladies ladder in squad E with a high score of 204, Sandra Boswell was only five pins behind with a the top score of the squad a very solid 210. Lynn Squibb, who is also off to Columbia with the England Squad rolled a 207, the best of her four, and Erica Gardner graced us with a 204.



SQUAD F REPORT

Keith 'Hodgy' Hodge topped this group as he did his first squad yesterday, but this time his scores were even better, bowling off an entering average of 180, all eight games in the two squads exceeded 200. In this one he rolled scores between 225 and 238 giving him a squad average of 231. With his handicap of 42 added his total was 1091, the second highest of the entire qualifying round. Greg Turvey must have been exposed to some of 'Our Dave's' spectre at some point, he scored 213 – 216 – 265 – 266 for a scratch total of 960, the second best of the entire qualifying round only 14 pins behind Daren's total from Squad D. However, like Daren his low handicap prevented him from taking the top spot. There were so many high scores in this final squad where a total of seven bowlers joined the '200 squad average' club. The highest game was 275 came from the safe hands of Rod Gardner in game four. David North, 246, 257, Harald Grau, 206 to 234 and Nick Longworth, 185 to 242 were the other stars of this the final squad.

Carol Brock treated us to the Ladies High Game of 266 which followed a 232 score in game two. Her other two scores were 184 and 191. This gave her a scratch total of 873, eight pins shy of Sandra Simmonds 881 in squad D, but with a higher handicap was the top Ladies handicap total of the day. In equal second place was another Carole, this time with an 'E'. Carole Orange is also off to Columbia for England, she averaged 202 with high games of 245 and 232 but the handicap difference put her 110 pins behind Carol Brock. Tiny Tina Taylor had the same handicap score as Carole Orange and so shared 2nd place with her. Jan Hodge, Lynn Gammage, Tracy Van Dyk and Anna Yang each recorded scores over 200 in this final squad.

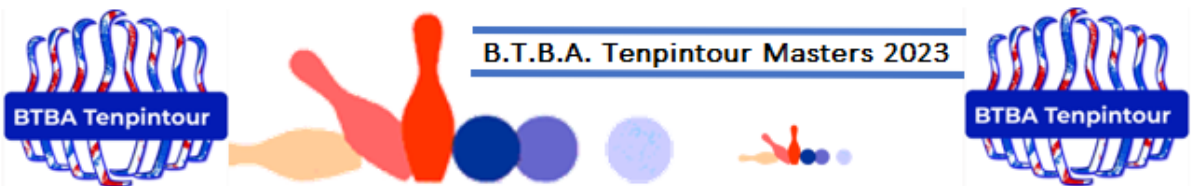
relaxation. You will be pleased to note that 'Our Dave' has fully recovered. Well done Dave!!

This was a high scoring Squad with another five bowlers averaging above 200, one of them, Gary 'The Stylist' Baker recorded an even higher scratch total than 'Our Dave' but Gary is a 215 average bowler, and although averaging 239 in this squad is a brilliant return, it is something Gary would be not necessarily be surprised to achieve, he scored 248 – 224 – 237 – 245 a total he was very happy with. However, with a tiny handicap of 12 only finished 3rd in this squad. Mark Jenkins finished 2nd averaging 220 with a high of 264. Dave Eyre and Barry Knox were the other two show offs to make their application the 'Squad 200 club' Daves top score was a very pleasing 237, and Barry had three deuces the best of which was 216.

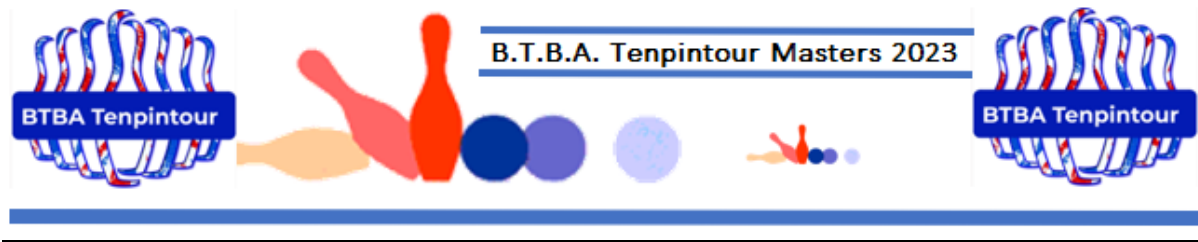
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SQUAD B REPORT



SQUAD C REPORT



David North produced some scores to be proud of as he topped this squad, 248 and 235 being the best, netting a four-game series of 886. Close behind was Greg Turvey who matched David's 222 average, but with a smaller handicap trailed by 29 pins. He did however roll the highest game of the squad, a rather special 267 was his game two indulgence! Two other lads exceeded the 200 average target, all of Daren Knightsbridge's games were above that mark, the best of which was 233 nettin an average of 214. Chris West bowled his best in the 4th game, a very tidy 234 was the best of his three deuces giving him an 841-scratch total. Daren and Chris both bowled well, but they were facing the issue that all good bowlers have in a handicap tournament, low handicaps.

Our newly crowned Order Of Merit Queen, Sandra Simmonds lead this squad from start to finish. A high game of 236 gave her a very impressive 201 average for the squad. Sandra had the top score in each of the first three frames and was third in game four. Anna Yang was the other bowler to record over 200 but still 59 pins Sandra in 2nd place.