

# The Inside Line



## Welcome from our CEO - Matt Miller

After years in the wilderness wasn't it good to welcome back our very own newsletter. Yes, 'Inside Line' really is here to serve the bowling community and as Frazer, the editor, develops the look and feel of the monthly publication he will be looking for more and more contributions from you the bowler. So do share your interesting stories especially the funny ones and we will publish as many as we can. Last month we received a suggestion from a member to introduce a 'letters' section which I am pleased to say Frazer has in hand for the next edition.

It's been a busy month with lots going on. We had the inaugural Hall of

Fame Induction Ceremony up at the Barnsley Metrodome and of course the coveted BTBA Awards Presentation in Coventry. That really was a sell-out night with a worthy cast of winners being called to the stage by the effervescent host Paul Le-Manquais to receive awards in recognition of their achievements both on and off the lanes.

Behind the scenes there is a huge amount of work going on as we forge ahead with our change programme. One of our key priorities is to increase our membership but we want to do it the right way. What I mean by that is we need a sustainable growth model which not only

attracts new members but also provides the best possible service to existing members. So we will continue on a pathway of improvement which values quality first with a keen eye on growth. On that note I am confident that the new Area Grant scheme will stimulate wide interest and lead to some exciting and innovative projects.

As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Chairman, the National Council and Head Office staff to wish all our members and the wider bowling family an enjoyable Christmas and a successful New Bowling Year!

Yours in bowling,  
Matt Miller.

## Local Association Grant Applications Now Open!

We are pleased to announce, with immediate effect, that it is now possible to apply for Local Association Grants by submitting an application form to your Regional Officer.

The recent economic downturn created

financial pressure on every household, this in turn impacted upon the BTBA and as a result the rebate to Local Associations was sadly withdrawn. Our new policy is aimed at helping fill the gap created by this situation.

It will allow Local Associations to apply for funding to support any ideas or initiatives they might be considering to help strengthen the position of the sport of Tenpin Bowling at either local or national level.

*Full details on the website*

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*We want to stay in touch with bowlers!*

We'd love to hear from you, send in any stories you have.

We'll print them alongside our news, keeping you up to date with everything that's going on in the BTBA!

Be sure to share the newsletter amongst your friends and family!

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## Round up from the previous issue

### Caption competition winner!

We are pleased to announce that the winner of our caption competition is member **Jerry Moll!**

His winning caption can now be seen under the adjacent picture of our Chairman, Pat White, visiting Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.

His prize will be a spare ball donated



"One final item is needed to complete the renovations. Bernie, the bolt please!"

by the *London Pro Shop*, or if he converts to supporting Tottenham Hotspur, some signed Spurs memorabilia!

### Correction

In Linda Buckland's article on the ISBT we mentioned that Mick Ince was from Yorkshire, when he is in fact from Durham. Please accept our apologies.

## Committee members sought for Women's Council

The Women's Council is asking for applications to join the committee. The successful applicants will work with the head of the Women's Council, Karen Parslow, in order to assist in the implementation of the BTBA strategy.

The roles will develop into a wider purpose to encompass the broader context of Equality and Diversity so everybody is encouraged to apply.

For more information and to download an application form please visit [www.btba.org.uk](http://www.btba.org.uk)

## Register to Win extended!

The deadline for the *Register to Win* competition has been extended until the 15th December. So visit our website and register your details to be in with a chance of winning some Brunswick equipment or professional coaching!

## Northamptonshire County Junior Trials

*Northamptonshire County Junior Trials were held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at AMF Wellingborough.* 42 bowlers from Kettering and Wellingborough YBCs entered.

This year was the first year that the age divisions were reduced to just two - Under 15 and Under 18 - so the youngest bowlers of 7 years and up were competing against some much more experienced players. Even so, some very creditable scores were achieved.

Sisters **Evie** and **Elise Giddens** of Kettering YBC topped the Under 15 Girls with averages of **173** and **166** respectively.

Under 15 Boys top average was 9

year old **Jack Barwick** of Wellingborough with **154**, closely followed by **Harry Meyers** with **153**.

Under 18 Girls only entrant was **Abbie Attfield** with another **154** average. The top scores for the Under 18 Boys went to **Ashley Hunter** of Wellingborough who followed a **266** with a **277** to finish with an average of **224**. He was followed by **Dylan Maciuk** with a **202** average and **Dominic Bond** with **201**.

Personal bests were achieved by 7 year old **Brandon Thompson**, who bowled a **133** game, and **Dylan Maciuk** with a **266** game.

A raffle for prizes donated by parents, featuring 2 bowling balls donated by

Craig Ellis of Kettering and Alan Wills of Wellingborough, raised over £150 to go towards Junior County Bowling expenses, largely due to the efforts of Dougie Page in persuading those present to part with their money in a good cause.

Special mention must also be made of Judith and Emma Barwick who spent the day before baking and decorating almost 100 bowling themed cupcakes, the sale of which on the day raised another £100 in support of Junior Bowling.

*Thanks also to Trish and John York, and Catherine Wills for their organisation and scores processing, and staff at AMF Wellingborough for their help in holding this tournament.*

## High rollers - records broken and personal bests set

Here's a round up of some of the high scores in local county leagues around the country:

### Merseyside

We would like to extend our congratulations to young **Maxwell Parrott** who bowled a 200 game on the 16th November.



Aged just seven years, two months, and twenty-two days, Maxwell scored **202** in the Bromborough YBC Junior League!

This has got us thinking - along with reports coming in from across the pond of Hannah Diem (an American girl who bowled a perfect 300 game aged just nine!) - what is the youngest age at which a bowler has scored 200? Or even 300?

**If you know anyone who bowled a 200 game younger than Maxwell, please get in touch!**

### Bedfordshire

The Sunday doubles played early on Sunday mornings at Dunstable *Gobowling* recently came to the end of its season. The champions were **John West** and **Michael Kent** bowling for the *KingPins* teams (pictured below).

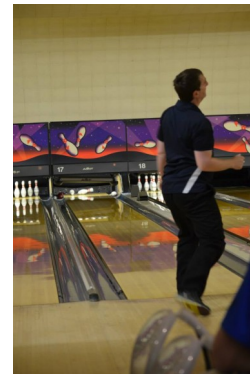


There was a perfect **300** by **Adam Maxwell** and **299** from **Kat Allen** which took the scratch high game awards. **Michael Kent** also won scratch and handicap high series with a **754** and **799**, and **Amy Maxell** took handicap high series with **742**. The new league will commence in February 2014 and if you want to join the league then please contact Dan Bonfield:

[drwbonfield@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:drwbonfield@yahoo.co.uk)

### 28 years of frustration

There was 28 years of pain and suffering and near misses. Then on the 14th November at Dunstable *Go Bowling*, in the Thursday Trio's League **Richard Beck** finally did it. He rolled his first **300!**



Here you can see Richard in action, and a huge sigh of relief when the 8-10 carries!

## High Wycombe YBC in for a treat!

Team England Bowler Mike Quarry will now be on hand at High Wycombe YBC to help and coach the juniors there. With Mike's coaching and the juniors' hard work it won't be long before the YBC is celebrating some tournament success.

## Research into bowlers' mental toughness

Written by Chelsea Piggott

I am a postgraduate student studying Sport Psychology at the University of Gloucestershire, England. Personally I have been bowling 15 years and have represented my country at Junior level.

I have always been very passionate about bowling but feel that the sport does not get the recognition it deserves in the UK.

There is very little academic research that has been published in the UK of the sport psychology of tenpin bowling. For this reason, I have decided to look at the relationship between mental toughness and perceived competence in tenpin bowlers around the world.

If you would like to contribute to my research I would be very grateful. The

link below will take you to my questionnaire and should only take around 15 minutes to complete:

<http://bit.ly/184kD5a>

Please message me if you have any questions or problems - [chelseapiggott@connect.glos.ac.uk](mailto:chelseapiggott@connect.glos.ac.uk)

# Midlands Scratch League

Written by Colin Laing

*The first round of the Midland Scratch League took place over the two Sundays of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October. Now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 after Round 1

## Premier Division – Chesterfield, 13-10-13

Chesterfield played host to the Premier for the first time in 2 years, and didn't disappoint! Despite some tricky conditions on lanes 1+2 in particular, **Ilkeston** (formerly Shelton Lock) lead the field with **82** points from a possible 112 on the day, with **Darren Cundy** bowling the high game of **270**. However **Merry Hill** are close on their heels just one point back on **81**. **Riverside** took **68** points on the day, despite bowling a losing **1063** to fifth-placed **Waddington** who chucked an impressive high-game **1137**. **Worcester** are fourth just one point ahead of **Waddington** on **51**. Reigning champions **Warwick** – the only original team from the MSL's 1991 season left in the Premier – may look out of sorts on **48** points in 6<sup>th</sup> place, but this is a better start than they had last season! Currently in the relegation spots are **Peterborough** and **Kettering** in with **40** and **28** points respectively. However, with 5 rounds left to go, there is plenty of time for this all to change!

## Division One – Worcester, 13-10-13

A great scoring day had at Worcester, with newly promoted **Stroud** leading the field with **83** points and a staggering **1052** team average for the day! This was helped by **Gary Baker** and **Curtis Hooper** bowling **299** and **275** respectively in their team's season-leading high game of **1147**. 10 points further back are **Worcester Everoak** whose home fixture saw them break the 1000 average as well, including an equally impressive **1137**. Third placed **Shrewsbury** (**68**) weren't to be outdone, completing a hat trick of 1100s for different teams with **1143**. Relegated **Bushbury** (formerly Wolverhampton) have started the season in a steady 4<sup>th</sup> place, just 4 points behind **Shrewsbury**, and only 19 off the leaders. The other promoted side was **Rugby**, who are lying in 5<sup>th</sup> place with **55** points. **Lickey End** find themselves ending the first round in 6<sup>th</sup> place on **48** points, whilst the relegation zone currently has **Walsgrave** (**33**) and **Burton** (**24**) in residence.

## Division Two – Chesterfield, 20-10-13

Playing a week later than the rest of the league due to many teams being in Barnsley witnessing Europe's win in the Weber Cup, local boys **Chesterfield** lead the way on **82** points, with the surprisingly relegated **Stratford** second on **60**, although there are only 4 points separating 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, with **Coningsby** on **58** and newly promoted **Gotham**, **Northampton** and **Olton** all on **56**. **Birmingham** and **Acocok's Green** (formerly **Bushbury**) bring up the final two spots with **40** points apiece. **Gotham** took the high game for the day with **1109** - their league record score – whilst **Coningsby** (**1103**)

pipped **Chesterfield** (**1097**) to the high game pot in game 5. Certainly a division to watch!

## Division Three – Nuneaton, 13-10-13

Traditionally, the lowest division is always the hardest to get out of – with new teams entering, it is an unknown quantity what mix you will get.. This has once again been proven with 8 points separating the top 3, with new faces **Trent Lock** (**88**) and **Bedfordshire** (**80**) being split up by ever-present **Greyfriars** (**87**). **Newcastle** end 4<sup>th</sup> on **64**, whilst **Fiveways** have **56**, and the following 4 teams are all less than a game's win away from them, with **Nuneaton** (**50**), newbies **Scrubby Bottoms** (**46**), **St. George's** (**46**) and **Tamworth** (**43**) completing the field.

As is mentioned above, all new teams enter into the bottom division, so a huge warm welcome to **Trent Lock**, **Bedfordshire** and **Scrubby Bottoms**! There are also a few new or returning faces further up the league, so we extend our welcome to **Darren Cundy** (**Ilkeston**), **Nick Long** (**Warwick**), **Curtis Hooper** (**Stroud**), **Emma Madeley** (**Shrewsbury**), **Lol Ellis** (**Bushbury**), **Vikki Burbridge** (**Walsgrave**), **Ian Broster** (**Coningsby**), **Carl Vennell** (**Acocok's**)

*There is a gap for a team in Division 3 this season – please send all enquiries to [secretary@midlandscratchleague.org.uk](mailto:secretary@midlandscratchleague.org.uk)*

*We are also looking to expand our format to other regions, starting with the **South** in January 2014 – again, any age/ability is warmly welcomed, but please enquire on the above email address in the first instance.*

# Norfolk County Report

Written by Teresa McCarthy

*There was a good turnout for the Norfolk County trials this November with 60 entrants competing for places in the County teams. The two-weekend competition has allowed for teams to be entered in 8 divisions this year.*

The U24 and U15 female sections were dominated by **Keah Smith** from **Dereham** averaging a very respectable **176.7**. Keah will be leading a young but talented U24's team this year. There were some strong contenders for the junior male divisions too with **Rob Cater** finishing top in the U15s averaging **183**, which included a **236** game, and **Ashley Bayes** producing some excellent

bowling to lead the U18s with an average of **195**. The U24 male division saw a battle for the top spot by the two Bens; **Ben Punter** and **Ben Green**. Both averaged over 200 but it was Ben Punter who finally came out on top with a **210.5** average over the 6 games.

Now to the adults which had **Paul Cunningham** setting the bar very high with his opening 3 games of **746** but, despite some fierce competition, managed to hold on to the top spot with an overall **218.5** average. Other high games threatened to topple Paul from the lead; **Ben Punter 247**, **Trevor Gibbs 244** and, after a slow start and a precarious gutter ball,

**Steve Utting** pulled it back with a **256** to finish 4<sup>th</sup>. The entry for the Adult female division was up on recent years and saw **Stephanie Tilson** out in front also shooting a **256** game to finish with a **201.8** average.

Finally to the Senior males which was won by **Martin Green** who will captain the squad this year, anyone that knows Martin will know that it is not likely to be a quiet day for the competition.

The Norfolk Area Committee would like to thank everyone that took part in this year's trials and are looking forward to the forthcoming season of inter-county tournaments.

## 5-7-10 Double Disaster!

On 18th November in Dunstable's *Meg Jordache Scratch Trios* league there was some serious 'Lily Action'. **Martin Pattision** from the 'Superflex' team went up, and threw a pocket shot only for the dreaded 5-7-10 to stand staring back at him... queue much hilarity! Next up was team mate **Mick Tackas** and guess what? Another pocket shot and another lily! Queue even more hilarity...Last up was the final member of the team, **John Rechnitz**, you could hear his knees knocking - but luckily he sensibly didn't try and throw a good shot and missed the pocket. Martin (left) and Mick (right) were good sports and agreed to have their pictured taken with their power-leaves, what a pair of lilies!



## Norwich's New Handicap Singles Challenge

Written by Daniel Bonfield

The first in a series of Sunday handicap singles Challenge tournaments organised by the Norfolk Tenpin Bowling Association was held on 27th October at Namco Norwich bowl.

There were 18 competitors taking to the lanes for the first round of 5 games, the top 4 would go through to a round robin final.

The top four were Matt Proctor 4th, Paul Cunningham 3rd, Karl Chown 2nd, and Jason Chown in 1st with a score of 1217.

Into the step ladder final - Game 1 Paul Cunningham edged out Matt Proctor in a close game 241-230. Game 2 was a high scoring affair with Karl Chown gaining victory over Paul 274-260.

So the final game against the brothers Chown, Karl and Jason - it was a

tense affair as they fought out their sibling rivalry, but it was Karl who took the victory and the family bragging rights winning 206-183.

The next event (at time of publishing this) is 26th January 2014 - you can get a copy of the entry form by contacting Teresa Mc Carthy at [norfolktba@gmail.com](mailto:norfolktba@gmail.com)

## NAYBC 2013 UK Championships

Bugsy's bowl in Cliftonville, England hosted the 2013 NAYBC UK Championships on December 1st 2013. The event is for junior bowlers that are too old to compete in the Junior Team England Tour (JTE), and comprises a 10-game qualifying roll-off and elimination knock-out rounds. 1st - **Joshua Ratcliffe** 2nd - **Russell Knight** 3rd - **Steven Swaby**.

## British Universities' Opening Weekend

Written by Rachael McKenzie and James Larkin

*The British Universities Tenpin Bowling Association (BUTBA) bowling season has just got underway. Last year we had 295 bowlers taking part in our tour (242 men and 53 women), bowling 7,197 games, and knocking down a total of 1,193,965 pins!*

This year we have put on a varied program of events, designed to test bowlers of all abilities. Employing a wide range of tournament formats, but also coupling these with some well organised socials, so that win or lose, all our members can go home happy at the end of the day.

*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November saw an addition to the BUTBA calendar for the start of season, with the introduction of a trios competition (where each team were required to have one member that was new to BUTBA). This formed the first part of the Welcome Weekender.*

This tournament also saw the introduction of the new 100% handicap system, which judging by the closeness of the scores over the weekend has created a much more thrilling competition to the Tour.

The trios' three-game qualification was kicked off with **Birmingham's C** team and **Wolverhampton's A** team all bowling above average. **Birmingham C's** (**Sam Bond**, **Justin Suter** and **Julia Greenwood**) and **Wolverhampton A's** (**Adam Kehoe**, **Nathan Whiting** and **Stephen Wyeth**) couldn't keep up the pace to stay ahead of **Nottingham's B** team of **Tom Chester**, **Sean Khua** and **Aiman Bulaiquah**, however. Sean's massive scratch game of **248** (79 pins above average) skyrocketed them to the top of the tables after 2 games. By the end of the third game, **Portsmouth** (**Jamie Kingston**, **James Horwood** and **Zareen Sawant**) too had cranked up their

scores to over take **Wolverhampton A**, finally qualifying 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Nottingham B (on 2183) and Birmingham C (on 2111) with a team handicap series of 2057. **Wolverhampton A** qualified just behind on 2046, followed by **Nottingham A** (2038), **Sheffield B** (2026), **Imperial** (2018) and **Cambridge** (2015).

In the knock-out finals, **Portsmouth** battled through, gaining a place going through to the finals. They, however, came up against big hitters of the day, **Nottingham B**, who scored a massive 736 team handicap game in the finals to win over **Portsmouth's** 637.

Prizes; Men's High Game Scratch – Nottingham's **Adam Maxwell** (**278**), Men's High Game Handicap – **Nottingham's Sean Khua** (299, **248** scratch), Female High Game Scratch – **Imperial's Xin Yan Goh** (**183**), Female High Game Handicap – **Nottingham's Charlotte Richardson** (270, **144** scratch), Most Above Average – **Nottingham's Tom Chester** (32.2 pins), closely followed by **Birmingham's Saqib Shabbir** (30.3 pins).

*The weekender continued on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, with the familiar Nottingham Fives (highest pin fall over 9 games wins), where the ex-students returned to the scene, with all to play for.*

**Nottingham** bounced off their performance the day before to once again dominate the prizes. Their B team picked up first place for the Doubles (1473) and Fives (3552) and their A team placed first in the Trios (2141). The Singles and Quads were won by **Will Beeson** of **Nottingham Trent's B** team (763) and by **Loughborough** with a 2840.

The overall winners, however, by no

surprise, were **Nottingham's B** team of **Marie Smith**, **Alvero Romero**, **Andrew Harvey**, **Mike Hales** and **Sammir Radha**, to secure first place by 120 pins with a 10256. Second and third place were as close as you can get with **Warwick** (**Tom Prickett**, **Alex Minns**, **Gerard Colston**, **Syahmi Nasil** and **Felix Lee**) on a 10136 and **Imperial** (**Gabriel Lim**, **Gavin Lai**, **Xin Yan Goh**, **William Pearson** and **Kelvin Wong**) on 10134, just 2 pins behind!

The ex-student section told a very different story, with no team looking like they were set winners from the get go. **Team Awesome** clawed back near the end of the day to secure first place in the Singles with a 721 from **John Plumridge**, and Fives with a 3514. **The Sultans of Swing** dominated the Doubles with a 1453., but narrowly on a top three spot in the Trios, losing out to **Sam 1**, winning with a 2139, just ahead of **Ex-Notts** on a 2135. The Quads was won by **Be The Ball** with a team series of 2594. **Team Awesome** just managed to do enough in the fives to push them up to second place overall, even after a record team game in the second game of 1152 scratch, to be 45 pins behind victors **P.O.B.B.C** 9925. **Sam 1** managed to keep their top three spot with an overall series of 9845 to come 3<sup>rd</sup>.

After a brilliant and highly eventful first weekend at Nottingham, this year's BUTBA season looks to be one of the most competitive yet. The weekend has definitely set the standards high and shown universities and ex-students alike who the ones to watch are.

Anyone is welcome to join the tour provided they are attending, or have attended, a higher education university or college. Visit [www.butba.co.uk](http://www.butba.co.uk) for more details.

# Sussex County Report

The Sussex Tenpin Bowling Association would like to congratulate the Adult ladies team for their **4<sup>th</sup> place finish** at the recent Inter County Championships.

The county were represented by **Amber Davey, Danielle Woolley, Lisa John, Louise Jolley, Rachel Cox** and **Samantha Sargent**. The team played really well and were sitting in second place after the first day, having won all of their matches. Unfortunately, with 2 losses on day two, the team were just unable to hang on to a medal place and finished a very commendable 4<sup>th</sup> place behind 3 very strong teams. We are incredibly proud of our ladies team

and already looking forward to next year, where we hope they can go one better.

We would also like to congratulate our Secretary, Lisa John, on a fantastic year of bowling. In February Lisa represented England at the Commonwealth Championships in New Zealand where she finished **3<sup>rd</sup>** in the singles and won the all-events. She then went to Las Vegas in August for the World Championships, coming home with a **bronze medal** in the trios. And to finish the year, she has recently been to the European Champions Cup in Slovakia, where she won herself a **silver medal**. What an amazing

year, medals in every championships – we wonder if anyone else can say the same? Answers on a postcard to the Sussex Tenpin Bowling Association.

Finally, congratulations to **Sean Hussey** for a fantastic year and earning himself a place in the Junior Team England Squad, and putting himself in contention of being selected to represent England at the European Youth Championships in 2014.

*Well done to all of our bowlers for a fantastic year, here's hoping 2014 will be just as successful!*

## Devlin Shows International Class

Written by Daniel Bonfield

Chris Thorogood (area secretary for Suffolk) recently held a tournament with a difference. Held at Martlesham Heath's Kingpin centre and in association with the Suffolk Bowling Association it saw bowlers play 9 games but on three different oil patterns. Bowlers played three on a short pattern, three on a medium and three on a long.

There were scratch and handicap divisions, but bowlers could only cash in either one of the divisions, not both.

The field had some decent league bowlers, some good tournament bowlers, but the stand out player showed what is required to become an international bowler.

Team England's **Leon Devlin** smashed the opposition with a **739** set on the short, a massive **798** on the medium and just a **671** on the long pattern. That's an average of

**245**...and with **Adam Clennell** in 2nd on 1798 it gave Leon a winning margin of just 410 !!! - but Adam had the consolation of winning the handicap section.



Bowlers enjoying the Kingpin's 2nd annual 3x3 challenge!

A great tournament enjoyed by all the competitors, who just sat back and looked on in awe at Leon's awesome bowling display.

### Kingpin 3x3 Final standings:

- Scratch  
 1st Leon Devlin  
 2nd Darren Holt  
 3rd Chris Thorogood

- Handicap  
 1st Adam Clennell  
 2nd Steve Warner  
 3rd Ian Bowley

## Bowling Baby Boom

By Daniel Bonfield

After Matt and Zara Giles with baby Leighton, and Emma and Martin Ashton with baby Oliver. Norfolk Tenpin Bowling Association will be getting a new member in 2014! As England Bowler, James Tidd, and his good wife, Catherine, are expecting a baby brother or sister to join the delightful Joshua. The baby is due in May 2014. Congratulations to the Tidd's..another little tiddler.

## Phil Matthey Tournament, Worcestershire

Written by Sylvia Powell

This was the 16th year of the tournament, I have been running it for a number of years now and it never ceases to amaze me how many people I get to come and bowl in it. I know that I have a tendency to badger people but when it is for a good cause I really don't mind.

This year was no exception, a total of 18 doubles teams turned out to bowl; some of the participants bowl year after year but we also see some new

teams joining in the fun too.

The overall winners for 2013 were **Ellie Perks** and **Paul Finch**. The event was fantastically supported by great people and to date we have raised a total of £543.20 for Cancer Research in Memory of a wonderful bowler.

There is still a promised donation yet to be received from the County Association so watch this space for a final total raised!

Editor's note:

Sylvia has run this event in Phil's memory for 16 years, raising many thousands of pounds for Cancer Research. It has always been well supported by local bowlers. We would like to congratulate Sylvia for all her hard work for a very worthy cause.

## Steve Storms the Sunday Singles Challenge

Written by Daniel Bonfield

Namco Norwich was once again the location for the Handicap Sunday Singles Challenge organised by the Norfolk TBA. Thanks to great work by the NTBA they managed to renegotiate a reduce lineage rate which meant more money could be added to the prize fund.

16 bowlers took the lanes for round 1 of 5 games, with the top 4 bowlers going through to the step ladder final.

**Billy Warnes** was top qualifier on 1269, with **Karl Ryder** 2nd on 1189, and **Paul Cunningham** 3rd on 1188 and rounding out the top four was **Steve Utting** on 1177

Into the finals:

In the first game **Steve Utting** shot a great **257** scratch game, that gave him a **283** with handicap and that blew Paul's **222** out the water.

Next up for Steve was **Karl Ryder**. Steve had the momentum and he shot a **240** and Karl could only manage a **200**.

In the final game Steve shot **203**, but **Billy Warnes** chose the wrong time to have his lowest game of the day and could only manage a **181** which gave the title to Steve.

## Junior Team England Eliminator

Written by Stuart Watson

*Then 2013 JTE Junior Eliminator took place at Stroud Bowl on the weekends of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> November 2013. 110 junior bowlers competed on Kegel Middle Road.*

After eight games of qualifying the top-eight boys and top-four girls were seeded for the second round of the elimination knock-out, each round the total of two games.

The eliminator rounds produced some fine bowling, in particular a **461** from **David Cooper**, **460** from **Brett**

**Armer** and **418** for Emily Allen.

**Brandon Roberts** moved to the semis after eliminating **George Ackerman** (388-379). **Ben Mellars** also moved to the semis after eliminating **Jordan Orchard** (365-294). After **Roberts** eliminated **Jake Edwards** and **Mellars** eliminated **Brett Armer** they met in the finals and it was **Mellars** who emerged the winner (428-408). **Roberts** took second, **Armer** third and **Edwards** fourth.

**Emily Allen** eliminated **Natasha Ailes** (345-336), **Keira Reay** eliminated **Aisling Kinch** (389-361), **Frankie Plewis** eliminated **Sophie Thompson** (425-355) and **Becky Daly** eliminated **Chelsie Williams** (429-363). In the semis **Reay** eliminated **Allen** (406-404) and **Plewis** eliminated **Daly** (406-369). **Reay** was to eventually emerge the winner defeating **Plewis** (392-312) in the final. **Plewis** took second, **Allen** third and **Daley** fourth.

## Adult Team England Ranking Tour End 2013

Written by Malcolm Glover

*Steve Thornton and Hayley White close 2013 ranking tour with wins at Romford.*

The last Adult Ranking event of the year took place at Romford on December 1<sup>st</sup>, with an eight game play-off to qualify for the final cut to six men and six ladies to move onto the knockout final competition.

The event was run single handed by Adam Oughton, started on time and ran to time – technically the event ran smoothly - a big tribute to the latest Technical Boss Simon Goodege.

**Sam Rose** opened with **279** but the real on fire player was **Leon Devlin** who led the field for the eight games to total 1970 – Super smooth **Curtis**

**Hooper** was the next closest nearly 90 behind with 1881 – then **Matt Hall** was flying with 1860 including a **289** game – fourth the Old Master **Steve Thornton** 1815 – then home Romford player **Lee Cocker** 1812 – and Essex Boy **Miles Corney** 1782.

A great **278** in the final game got **George Ackerman** to almost make the cut but he fell just short of it on 1778.

For the Ladies **Autum Chamberlain** started out as she carried on with a **248** to end on 1834 – **Hayley White** after a slow start first game punched out for a series of great games including **267** and **279** to be just one pin short of Autum on 1833 – the rest of the qualifiers were **Annaleise**

**Vokes** 1680 – **Katrina Maciver** 1638 – Romford's **Tracy Wallace** 1562 – and finally after a good run of strikes in the last game was **Angie Brown** 223. The unlucky one not to make the cut was local Romford YBC girl **Gigi Chan** 1541.

In the knockouts, **Steve Thornton** defeated **Lee Cocker** **504-430** followed by **Leon Devlin** **526-456** to meet **Curtis Hooper** in the finals. **Thornton** defeated **Hooper** **481-469** to take the title. **Tracy Wallace** defeated **Katrina Maciver** **424-419** and **Autum Chamberlain** **402-378** to meet **Hayley White** in the final. **White** defeated **Wallace** **450-402**.

## Senior Team England Ranking Tour End 2013

Written by Stuart Watson and Tony Brown

*Alan Keddie and Angie Brown (pictured right) close the ranking season with wins at Romford.*



Keddie has been a regular bowler throughout the season, and prior to this event has been holding a 213 average through the six events that he has played, and Brown has just returned from a successful campaign in Gibraltar in the *Tenpin Tours Rock Masters* where she took first place.

Brown has one more tournament to go before some well earned rest after topping the ladies International Senior Bowling Tour (ISBT) rankings, a part of a very successful 2013. She remarked that she was "Really happy with how the end of season has turned out. Nice to finish the Seniors tour off with a win at Romford, on a

tricky pattern. Well done to Alan Keddie who took top spot in the men's section. Just one more tournament this year, then see what next year brings."

After six games qualifying, and bowling together, Keddie and Brown soon led the scratch scoring pace on the Kegel Middle Road pattern. In the men's division, **Keddie** finished with a **221** average, some distance ahead of **Ian Buckland** in second, with **Chris Scudder** in third. The ladies turned out to be a tight finish, with **Liz Griffin** securing first place with age bonus by a single pin from **Jan Steiner**, with **Tricia Lloyd** in third place.

The top 21 men and 7 women bowled a further four games, carrying forward their previous scores. **Robbie Skinner** was top man with **844** scratch, but top after the 10 games was **Chris Scudder**, with **Alan**

**Kiddie** tucked in about 50 pins behind him. In the ladies section, **Brown** had a **797** block to move into a clear lead, ahead of **Lloyd**.

The finals were a four person round robin for the ladies, and a six person round robin for the men. In the ladies, **Jan Hodge** opened up with a **214** game and a win to just get ahead of **Angie Brown**, but games of **221** and **225** meant she finished top by some distance, to record her third successive Seniors win, following successes in the Yorkshire Senior Open, and the Rock Masters. Second place went to **Liz Griffin**.

In the men's section, **Alan Keddie** simply overpowered his opposition. He averaged 216, and won all five games to emerge a clear winner from **Steve Carnall** in second, and **Chris Scudder** in third.

## International and Team England News

Written by Stuart Watson

England International tenpin bowler Dominic Barrett, 28, defeated American PBA player of the year Sean Rash 238-235 to claim the 2013 PBA World Championship held in the South Point bowling centre in Vegas USA.

Barrett from Walton on the Naze in Essex qualified as top seed over five tournaments held in a week over five different lane patterns and became the first Englishman to win a professional tour major and a top prize of \$50,000.

The three time World bowler of the year, UK Hall of famer and Storm staff player had earlier finished second in the Chameleon championship en-route to the World Championship title. Speaking before the final match Barrett said "Winning the World Championship would be a dream, but I have a lot more work to do. One thing you can't do is take anything for granted

with these guys. I can't do anything more than bowl the best I can. I've had a good week so far, so I'll just try to keep it going".



World Champion  
Dominic Barrett raises  
his trophy triumphantly

### 49th QubicaAMF World Cup

The Sibiryak centre in Krasnoyarsk, capital city of the Krasnoyarsk region in Siberia, was host to the 49th QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup from 15th to 24th November 2013.

England's Paul Moor and Autum Chamberlain qualified for the event back in June 2013 through the PTBC World Cup Qualifier in Peterborough.

After 24 games of qualifying, Moor

was in 31<sup>st</sup> place, with a total pinfall of 5,335 (222 average).

Chamberlain was 15<sup>th</sup> through qualifying with a total pinfall of 5,239 (218 average) and would step-forward to the next round, where eight more games would be bowled to cut to the top-eight. Adding games of 170, 237, 254, 213, 259, 195, 205, 215 Chamberlain gained a further place on the field completing her Bowling World Cup in 14<sup>th</sup> place.

*The Cup was won by Or Aviram of Israel and Caroline Lagrange of Canada.*



Autum Chamberlain and Paul Moor at  
QubicaAMF World Cup

## The Bowler's Perspective - World Series of Bowling

Written by Jason Sterner (USA), Brunswick Pro Staff Player

I love this event in Vegas. Fun location and it gives you the opportunity of making five TV show appearances. Also the chance to meet other bowlers from all over the globe and see their unique styles. I haven't got a chance to travel overseas much so it's a lot of fun to sit and watch foreign players compete against our own countrymen.

Unfortunately my performance wasn't as good as last years' WSOB, but I always try to find the positives from each tournament I participate in. I can honestly say I didn't bowl my best, but I never quit or gave up each day. It's

the only reason I finished so well on the World Championship side, placing 36th. Every day I had a chance to make the top 24, but was unable to do so because of missed opportunities and spares. Very frustrating, but it happens and you move on to the next day.

Definitely wasn't expecting the pattern changes this year which took some getting used to. Not making excuses just was unprepared and it showed. Felt like a guessing game in the beginning of each block then I would get it together at the end, just too late. The important thing is to learn

something so you can apply it in the future.

Reflecting on my performance, I had a chance every day to make the top 24 which shows me the progression of my game in the last few years which is due to all the hard work I invest. You won't always have your best each tournament, but grinding is a part of this game and it helps to develop that mental toughness that all the greats possess. Bowling against the best players in the world was a great experience. Look forward to competing again next year.



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