

The Inside Line



Dorset's Local Association Grant Success!

The first successful local association grant has been awarded to the Dorset area after submitting a project to run a regular coaching course for beginners in the 19-24 year old age range. The project is also part funded by the Sport England Sportivate fund, which is aimed at getting more of the 12 to 24 year old age group in to sport across the country.

The Dorset initiative will run an 8 week coaching course for 12 new members of the BTBA at a cost of £3 per week per person. The course will include class room theory as well as on lane coaching each week, and giving each member a

training plan and objectives to aim for at the end of the 8 weeks. Each person that signs up to the 8 weeks will receive their own bowling ball to keep, and the group will receive assistance from the Dorset area to set up a short duration beginners league with the aim to encourage further participation in future years.

In order to deliver this project the Dorset association has partnered with Steve Thornton from Powerplay pro shop who is providing the coaching and bowling balls at a reduced rate, and Bowlplex Poole who are supplying access to the lanes at a discounted rate. The project is also

receiving funding from the BTBA along with a Grant from the Sportivate initiative and Dorset Local Association.

Further information on this application can be requested via the BTBA Head Office, plus you can find Sportivate at:

<http://www.sportengland.org/our-work/children-and-young-people/sportivate>

An application form for the BTBA Local Association Grant can be found here:

http://www.btba.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=507&Itemid=80

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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!

Chairman Pat White to stand down at 2014 AGM

Following this decision Vice Chairman Ron Griffin said, "After many years of distinguished service, members will be pleased to know that Pat is not walking away, she's making way, and she will continue to be an active and enthusiastic supporter of all that we are trying to achieve as we look to secure a healthy and viable future for the BTBA". The next Chair will be elected by delegates at the AGM, and although they will be nominated by National Council, the nominee does not necessarily have to be a

member of the National Council. Indeed, they are entitled to consider someone from outside their ranks if they feel that person will have the necessary skills and experience to lead the National Council.

The Chief Executive is therefore inviting expressions of interest from the BTBA Membership if they wish to nominate an individual for this demanding and very important role. Matt Miller said, "Clearly the National Council will be setting their

sights high, and so I would have thought that they would be looking for someone who is very knowledgeable about the sport and has the strategic vision to deliver the continuing programme of change".

Nominations are to be submitted to Head Office through either a Local Area Association Secretary or BTBA Regional Officer, or a member of the National Council by **12 February 2014** using the downloadable registration form on www.btba.org.uk

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Co-editors sought for The Inside Line

Since its creation a few short months ago *The Inside Line* has grown rapidly. We are now seeking enthusiastic individuals to join our existing editor in helping to transmit BTBA news and stories from around the country to our membership.

If you would like to join the team and

continue to drive things forward we would like to hear from you.

Please send a short expression of interest to frazerbowen@btba.org.uk or Head Office by 12th February.

Register & Win - December 2013

Written by Stuart Watson

The BTBA and Brunswick, in association with



Bowling Vision

invited bowlers, both members and non-members, to register their email with us and obtain a free entry into our first regular prize draw

We are delighted to announce the winners were Chloe Blaxhill who chose a new Brunswick Mystic Aura bowling ball, Ruth Rathbone who

received a new Brunswick three-ball roller and Chantelle Russell and Glenn Tillet who each won a free coaching session.



Keep watching the BTBA website and BTBA Talk Facebook page for news of our next Prize Draw.

Pat Blaber Retires from London County TPBA Committee

After 43 years of service to the London County TPBA, Pat Blaber has retired from the committee.

Pat has held various committee positions during this time including Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. She has also mentored many of the current committee, passing on her wealth of knowledge and experience.

Pat's tireless commitment to both London, and the sport of tenpin bowling as a whole, cannot be understated. Her experience and never-ending knowledge has helped the association overcome many obstacles over the years, and she

hands over a promising and stable association to the incoming committee.

On behalf of London County TPBA, I would like to pass on my heartfelt gratitude to Pat for all of her hard work over the years. As a token of our appreciation, Pat was presented with an engraved trophy pin at the AGM in January 2014.

I am sure that we will continue to see Pat down on the lanes at Lewisham as she enjoys her retirement!

Ross Porter (Incoming Chairman, London County TPBA).

Bedfordshire Christmas Raffle

Written by Dan Bonfield

The winning tickets have been drawn...

But before I tell you who has won, I want to say thank you to my raffle ticket sellers: **Allison Taylor, Martin Stackpoole, Kevin Minniss, Shirley Penny, Jackie Scott, Aiden Wright, Ian Lee, Kate Wicklow**, and finally **Pam Maberly**. Then I want to thank every one who bought tickets - thank you so much for your support - we raised a massive **£564!** Awesome stuff. Final thanks of course to PC World and Curry's for donating all the prizes.

So, who won:

Samsung TV - **Sue Hands**

Headphones 1 - **Richard Purser**

Headphones 2 - **Hayden Richardson**

Sat Nav - **Keith Hooker**

Camera - **Peter Lynch**

Telescope - **Aiden Wright**

MP3 - **Alex Mc Niesh**

Digital photo frame - **John Murphy**

Binoculars - **Aston Wilson**

Panasonic Phone - **Ian Lee**

BT Phone - **Peter Higgins** (C/O Jackie Scott)

Idect Phone - **Dylan Maciuk**

Now TV Box - **George Storey**

Panasonic Sound Bar - **Stacey Drury**

Sony in-ear headphones - **Adam Bootle**

Contact me if you're a lucky winner to organise how and when you can get your hands on your prize:

drwbonfield@yahoo.co.uk

Again a massive thank you for everyone who bought a ticket! £564 quids - awesome.

High Rollers - records broken and personal bests set

High Rolling continues at Worcester

by Sue Allen

Tuesday night Classic League saw a flurry of high scores.

At the end of November **Andy Jones** rolled his first **800** series under great pressure – he needed to spare the 10 pin on the last frame of the last game; individual games of 234, 277, 289 to score 800 dead.

In December **Peter Stevenson** (mentioned in Issue 1) carried on his good form scoring his first sanctioned 300 game. He followed this with games of **228** and **246** for a **774** series.

The break for Christmas and New Year didn't affect **Andy's** performance – on Tuesday 7th January he bowled another **800** series together with a 300 game - 300, 246, 268 to give 814 series.

Congratulations to both Peter and AJ.

House record broken

On Tuesday 7th January 'Hot Shots' broke the Trios house record at MFA Bowl, Worcester bowling 2225 in the Classic league. Team members Andy Jones (814), Dave Allen (671) and Ben Dyson (740).

Congratulations to all bowlers.

Thanks also to Simon Gardiner (Chief

Technician, MFA Bowl, Worcester) for his dedication in continuing to provide excellent lane conditions for the bowlers.

Bedfordshire

We reported in Issue 1 how **Andy Giles** had his 12th **300**, well at Dunstable on Monday 02/12/13 bowling in the Meg Jordache Trios league, Andy went and had his 13th, but unlike his 12th, this time Andy managed to shoot a **700** series. Games of 245,211 followed for a 756 series.



Andy Giles in action!

Then on the 08/12/13 **Danny Bates** in Dunstable's Sundowners Doubles league shot his highest game with a 299. Really unlucky not to convert it into a 300 after throwing a perfect 12th shot only to see the 10 pin standing. But he

had the consolation of taking the league team high game as his partner **Simon Mooring** shot a **235** for a 534 team game.

Essex

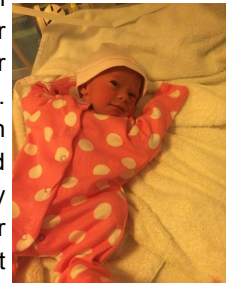
Sophie Thompson who is a 13 year old from Essex bowled a personal best of **702** - games of **253**, **225** and **224**.

(Sorry for the delay in featuring this, Sophie!)

Baby Bootle

Bedfordshire Association would like to congratulate Bedfordshire committee member and bowler Alison Bootle and her Dunstable league bowling husband Adam Bootle on

the birth of their baby daughter Emma Louise Mai. Emma was born premature and weighed in at only 4lb 8oz's, but after some excellent care at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital, baby is now doing really well and has all ready been introduced to all the crew up at Dunstable bowl.



Lorna Scott wins Sports Achievement Award

Congratulations to tenpin bowler **Lorna Scott** who recently won the Sports Achievement Award at the Network at Dunstable 2013 Business and Community Awards. She also won the coveted title of 'Champion of the



Year' which was sponsored by ASDA.

Lorna is a Dunstable YBC bowler, and has been bowling since she was 6 years old and practices and trains at Dunstable's Gobowling.

Lorna had a great 2013 where she was 1st in her age group at The South Coast Junior Challenge in Havant, 1st

in her age group at The South of England tournament in Singles and All Events and 2nd in Doubles, 2nd in Singles and All Events and 1st in Doubles at The Junior Nationals in Coventry, 2nd in Doubles at the British Junior Open in Nuneaton and won Gold at the World Sports Festival in Vienna. And lastly is Bedfordshire Ladies County Champion.

Southern Region Report

Written by Lisa John

With Christmas a distant memory, it is now time to set our sights on the year ahead.

The local associations will be conducting their AGM's in the first part of the year, so take time to speak to your local association secretary about any new ideas, thoughts or suggestions that you might have. Your local associations are the key to the future of bowling in your area and they need your help. In 2013 the BTBA introduced the new Grant Scheme; an opportunity to introduce new ideas and initiatives to increase membership numbers in your county. If you have any ideas

that you think would be of interest to your local association, please let them know.

County Trials will now be well under way to determine the teams heading off to the various Inter-County Championships in 2014. The southern region has some great bowlers so good luck to all the teams this year.

Staying with the theme of the Inter Counties, we are currently on the hunt for a centre to host the Southern qualifying round of the Adult Inter Counties in September. If you think your centre is up to the challenge,

please contact your Area Secretary for more information.

Finally, if you have any questions about anything that is happening in the Southern Region or if you have any ideas, please contact me via email at: lisajohn@btba.org.uk

Nottingham Fives

MFA Bowl Nottingham is hosting a handicapped Fives tournament on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February 2014. For an entry form or more information please contact: Nottingham@MFAbowl.com

Dorset Christmas Festivities

Written by Ron Griffin

Once again Dorset County kicked off Christmas with a fun evening of bowling, games, and a pub quiz. This annual event attracted both bowlers and non-bowler as the fun was designed for everyone to have a chance at winning something. Rob Tanner once again acted as compare and quiz master and somehow managed to give away 3 cases of chocolate bars as spot prizes.

The night started with a 2 game set for the scratch bowler's prize and then all the scores were used to provide handicaps for the next game. As we ended up bowling off 230 there were some extremely high handicaps awarded. During these three games we played poker by drawing a card for every spare and a prize went to the best poker hand in each game. Plus we drew out several lucky

bowlers to try their hand at our "Blackjack Shootout", where they needed to score exactly 21 bowling three balls at a full set of pins.

During Games 4 and 5 we played Bingo with prizes for a line and a full house. Game 4 was a No-Tap game and we saw two 300's bowled (well they scored as 300). The final game was Yatzee. In this game only your first ball counted and you had to get one of each score and any duplicates scores counted as Zero.

The main event was the Christmas Raffle that was organised again this year by Lynne Squibb. We managed to get more than £1,400.00 worth of prizes this year and managed to cover the cost of all the nights prizes and also provide a small amount for the county funds.

Overall it was a great night that would not have been possible except for all the hard work done by our band of volunteers and of course, all the bowlers and their guests for joining us.

Norfolk Sunday Singles Challenge

Norfolk Association and Anglian Pro Shop are holding a Sunday Singles Challenge tournament on Feb 23rd at Nacmo Norwich bowl.

The event is a handicap event based on 75% of 225 and is 5 games and only £25 to enter, with £10.50 going straight into the prize fund.

To enter, or for more details, contact Teresa McCarthy:

norfolkbtba@gmail.com

Time to spare...make these lovely bowling cake pops!

Written by Lesley Miller

What you need:

1 sponge cake (9" by 13") either homemade or shop bought, vanilla, chocolate or your favourite flavour (I like red velvet best)

1 tub of readymade frosting

Cake pop sticks (available in ASDA)

White chocolate/candy melts/silver spoon buttons. White for the pins, and any colour of your choice for the balls

Red food colouring pen (available in all cake shops)

Greaseproof paper

1 block of polystyrene



Method:

1. In a mixing bowl, crumble your cake until it resembles breadcrumbs (works best if you cut off the hard bits and just use the middle).
2. Mix in 2 table spoons of readymade frosting until you have a workable (not too sticky) mixture.
3. Mould into bowling pin and bowling ball shapes (use the end of your cake pop stick to make 3 holes in each ball) and place onto greased proof paper.
4. Dip your sticks into a small amount of melted chocolate and then insert your stick into the cake pops. This would act as a gluing agent (only push your sticks in half way through the pops).
5. Leave to set in the fridge for 30 minutes.
6. For the bowling pins, melt the white chocolate and dip each cake pop until fully coated, allow to dry in your polystyrene stand to set in a cool place.
7. When dry, draw 2 red lines around the neck of the pin with your red colouring food pen, using your creativity. For the bowling balls, use coloured candy melts in your choice of colours, and be creative to make the balls different colours.
8. Have fun making these and we look forward to seeing your creative designs, please send in your photos if there are any cake pops to spare!

Northern Region Report

Written by Colin Laing

It has been a busy time in the Northern Region, with a number of the counties approaching their Trialling season – more on that next issue! I am also very excited to say that I have received my first Local Association Grant applications, which I hope I shall be able to sign off and update you on in the next issue as well! It has been a difficult time for bowling in the North, with a number of centres choosing not to re-certify, and YBCs struggling in places to maintain

numbers, but I think that this is reflective across the Country. What I **will** say is that we are working hard – both as Regional Officers and on a national level – to try and improve this and offer assistance where we can to all who are affected by this.

In other news, the Midland Scratch League is also in full swing, with all four divisions having some closely fought matches – there will be a full update in the next edition after all the divisions have bowled their next

round. The League is also expanding, with Northeast and Southern versions both being launched by the end of March. The dates and venues for the formation meetings are still to be finalised, but will take place over the weekend of the 7/8 February. There will then be further details available via leaflet at the YAC Counties the following weekend, or by emailing me at:

colin.laing@btba.org.uk

Ones to Watch at the Universities and Colleges Nationals

Written by Rachael McKenzie

With the most prestigious student competition and highlight of the year less than a month away, BUTBA reflects on the performances from last year and this year so far to bring you the bowlers and clubs we feel will be topping the tables this year to get those all important BUCS points for their universities and hopefully being selected for BUCS Team GB.

With new awards for the highest placed 2nd team, best newcomer, and most improved there's more reason than ever to visit www.bucs.org.uk and fill out the player registration form before 29th JAN - or speak to your Athletic Union/Sports Officer who often fund entries.

Female Individuals

Rebekah Hamlet (Lincoln) Topping the Female Individual tables at BUCS last year with a 214.4 average, Bekah is definitely one to watch this year. Bekah is consistent, accurate and isn't afraid to play down the edge to give herself an advantage over her competitors.

Rachael McKenzie (Leeds Met.) BUCS Captain for 3 years and 2nd place in the Female Individual tables for 3 years, this year Rachael is determined to be at the top. Currently 3rd in the 2013/14 OOM tables and averaging 182 over two events. Though lacking sometimes in accuracy, she is competitive and MFA Firth Park is one of her best scoring centres.

Hannah Bratton-Smith (Kent) Coming 5th in the Female Individual tables in 2011/12 she climbed to 3rd last year with a 197.7 average and represented the GB Team in Paris. Hannah's unique style amongst women gives her a great advantage, combined with her ability to perform well under pressure, this year could be her year at BUCS.

Others to watch:

Tiffany Nock (Leeds Met.) 170+ ave

Rachel Hodds (Coventry) 170+ ave

Louise Parker (Man. Met.) 178 ave

Hui Erh Tey (Imperial) 199

Danielle Ediker (Nott.) 173 ave

Female Teams

Imperial College Coming 3rd last year, Imperial look good to come in the top 3 once again.

Nottingham Trent Coming 2nd last year, Nottingham Trent University have only looked to get better this year.

Male Individuals

Jonathan Spivey (Portsmouth) Despite dropping from his 2011/12 BUCS performance of a 215.9 average and a bronze medal to a 209.3 average last year, Jon can do nothing but go up from here. Jon is a calm bowler, and rarely gets distracted, giving him a great advantage over the less experienced BUCS competitors.

Sean Khua (Nottingham) Another newcomer to the Nottingham club, Sean has bounded above the rest this year, currently 6th in the OOM - unsurprising given his 211 average this year. If he can keep this up, he could give old hat BUCS competitors a run for their money.

Matt Fidgett (Lough.) Currently on a 190 average, just shy of his 205 average last year. However, if he can repeat his performance of last years BUCS, winning bronze in the Men's Individuals with a 217.7 average, Matt looks set to be in the GB rep squad again. With his easy style and experience giving him an edge on newer bowlers.

Brian Gillespie (Edinburgh Napier) A Scottish YAC and international star, Brian debuts in student bowling this season at BUCS, representing Edinburgh Napier. With his past

experience and long list of achievements at all levels, he looks to be the one setting the pace this year.

Chris Lam (Manchester) Overall winner of the Men's Individual last year on a massive 226.7 average, Chris made the GB rep squad last year and looks set to return this year to do the same.

Others to watch:

Mark Hodds (Lough.) 214 ave

Saiful Salihudin (Nott.) 205 ave

Curtis Hooper (Lough.) 212 ave

Mike Hurst (Lough.) 208 ave

Male Teams

Nottingham With their amazing performances in the Tour so far this year. 7th last year in BUCS, however, they have greatly improved this year and have gained many good bowlers. We have also seen a massive turnout from Nottingham this season, which makes them look set to not only have one brilliant team in BUCS but the possibility of a second.

Nottingham Trent Having won the Men's Team last year at BUCS, Nottingham Trent should be confident to repeat a medal position this year, with many of their bowlers showing a great improvement on their last years averages.

Loughborough Long standing BUCS medallists and GB rep squad producers Loughborough look confident to repeat, if not better, their 2nd and 16th place finishes from last year. A confirmed Loughborough A team of Mike Hurst, Mark Hodds, Jordan Wong, Curtis Hooper, Matt Fidgett and Matt Harris could well see all BUCS teams have to truly bring out their best at the competition this year.

We wish everyone at BUCS this year the best of luck and hope that it will be as exciting a competition as it looks set to be.

BTBA Travel Partner Confirmed

The BTBA are pleased to announce the appointment of Matchpoint Tours Ltd as the Official Travel Partner for 2014. Their responsibilities will include the coordination of all international travel for BTBA Officials and Teams together with the coordination of all UK based accommodation and travel for Team England, National Tournaments and The National Council.

Through this process the BTBA expect to benefit from reduced travel costs for Team England and guaranteed licence fee income. CEO Matt Miller believes that the transfer of responsibility of International Travel

from Head Office to a specialist company is a significant step forward releasing BTBA staff to other duties and welcomes the £1500 licence fee the partnership secures.

Finance Director Ron Griffin also welcomes the partnership which he sees as the first of many. Speaking after the announcement he commented; 'This makes perfect sense and is long over due. It demonstrates the new approach being taking by the National Council and is one of a number of commercial partnerships we expect to announce in the coming months which will improve the efficiency of the BTBA,

secure guaranteed licence fee income and the prospect of royalty revenue for the future'

Follow the BTBA website for announcements of international bowling opportunities that will be coordinated by Matchpoint Tours including the European Senior Championships in Finland during June 2014.

The National Council is hopeful that in time a commercial partnership will emerge with a company geared for individual travel that will offer benefits to BTBA Members.

Hollywood After Show Party!

Written by Cherise Denham

On Saturday 16th November 2013, myself and Nikki Harvey held a 'Hollywood After Show Party' in aid of Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research.



The night was a great success, with a Hollywood theme and a total of 90+ guests all dressed to impress, the

atmosphere was immense. There was a 3 course meal, games throughout the night, entertainment, photography and much more.

These events are so successful because of the support from not only our guests but to everyone who has donated money, time or items. After fund-raising all year for this wonderful and very worthy charity we raised a staggering £5068.61. This money was donated to 'The Centre of Excellence' based at Birmingham University.

The charity choice for 2014 is 'Multiple Sclerosis (MS)' – keep your

eyes posted for more details on upcoming events.

Women's Council Appointments

Head of Women's Council, Karen Parslow, is pleased to announce the appointment of new members to the Women's Council - Nikki Harvey, Ann Nagle, Emma Ashton, Katie Jowsey, Lisa John and Linda Buckland.

Working together this dynamic and diverse group of Ladies will progress Women's Tenpin Bowling in England and look to the future to the wider topic of Equality and Diversity supported by other members within the Sport.



Inter County Championships Update

Written by Jo Cundy

The last few months have been pretty busy for me and my team. I am sure that you have all seen the changes on the website related to Team England and the new BTBA Tour events. I do not want to go over these too much but would like to say that dates and venues are close to being finalised and published. Please get your intents in by the 28th February, if you are thinking 'oh that's ages away', please stop thinking about it and just do it!

A county think tank was held in November and I would like to thank the Area Secretaries and representatives that attended, I was really pleased with the turn out,

chocolate biscuits and cake will be on offer again! A lot of interesting discussion was had; it was a long meeting but a productive one. Please see the downloads section on the website for the up to date ICC Rules.

In short the Seniors will now increase the number of men's teams at the finals and decrease the number of ladies.

In the Adults qualifying regions will now align with the BTBA regional structure of Northern, Central and Southern groups. All teams will bowl on one day so no more draw at the nationals, and the bonus pins at the rounds are now gone.

I am going to put together a beginners guide to the counties to help any new county managers and give a refresher to those who have been doing it for a while.

Regional officers have been emailing area secretaries asking them to hold an adult qualifying round in September, this is a great opportunity for your area to fund raise and put their county on the map. Please do not be put off thinking that you can not do it, there is plenty of support from me and the regional officers.

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

High Scores and County Trials Results from Surrey

Written by Paul Dale

A few high scores for you (all bowled at Tolworth):

John Wells bowled his 61st, 62nd & 63rd 300 games as well as 3 sets of **800+** Using his Brunswick Mastermind. **Richard Knight** narrowly missed out on his 2nd 300 game, bowling a **299**. **Paul Dale** bowled his 7th & 8th 300 games in under 2 weeks using his Brunswick Karma Pearl. **Andy Argent** bowled his first ever **300** game on 8th January 2014 using a Roto Grip Mercury. **Jason High** bowled his first ever **300** game at the Surrey County trials on 19th January using a Storm Hyroad. **Richard Knight** spared 'The Big Four' 8th January 2014.

Surrey held their County Trials for all age groups on the 11th & 19th of January 2014 at Tolworth Bowl. Receiving a higher number of entries than in the previous 6 years. The top two players in each division were as follows: (all players played 6 games)

Senior Men: **Mark Cox** who rolled a massive 1443 scratch including an 820 series in his last three games and **Larry Exell** (1248)

Senior Women: **Pam Marcham** (1064) and **Angela Steward** (1029)

Adult Men: **Andrew Argent** (1373), **Paul Dale** & **Peter Naylor** both (1372)

Adult Women: **Laura Ivory** (1311) & **Jo Cundy** (1241)

YAC Men: **Steve Spiking** (1370) & **Jason High** (1358 including his 300 game)

YAC Women: **Jenna Buller** (1240) & **Rebecca Spiking** (1160)

Under 18 Boys: **Jamie Gore** (1237) & **George Ackerman** & **Matthew Spiking** both (1157)

Under 18 Girls: **Jenna Buller** (1240) & **Rebecca Spiking** (1160)

Under 15 Boys: **Daniel Wall** (812)

Under 15 Girls: **Caitlin Kinch** (1046) & **Katie Watson** (1000)

All scores are scratch.

Junior Team England Training Session

During the latter half of 2013, it was agreed we should totally revamp the elite system within the BTBA to make it inclusive to all, I know elite and inclusive are not compatible as concepts, but as Director of Sport Development, Terry Searle has made it his task to ensure everyone has access to opportunities, be that quality coaching at all levels, tournaments and events that people will want to enter, and ensure all BTBA members have a chance to be all best they can be.

You will see from the other announcements we now have a new Team England management team with quality and experience in depth, a new coaching system to be launched that will focus upon player development at all levels, a Women's National Committee reformed to include the most well know ladies in English bowling, Technical are to launch a new agenda during second quarter 2014, and the NAYBC has continuing plans to support the clubs, volunteers, and our juniors into 2014 and beyond.

One of the first decisions of the new Team England management group was to hold an event where the 2014 junior squad can learn from the 2014 adult team members, following a long hard day for all involved, at Romford on the 12th Jan 2014.

These are the comments from the juniors:

Rebecca Spiking

Last weekend was brilliant, I learnt a lot from the experience and made me really grow as a bowler and my confidence towards other team members.

I have been feeling very proud of my bowling after this event and the help from Katrina, The event really made me feel as if I can be the best. Thank you for a good weekend it has boosted me as a person and a bowler.



Alex Green

I thoroughly enjoyed the training session at Romford last Sunday and I think it was a great way to improve the communication between Junior and Adult Team England.

In particular I enjoyed bowling with Elliot Crosby as I found it very helpful in learning to adapt to some of the challenging lane patterns that we played on last week. In addition it helped me to identify some weaknesses in my game; I intend to continue to work on these to improve by abilities as a bowler.

Emily Allen

Firstly I thought last Sunday was a great way for us junior bowlers to get to know the adults we look up to and really gave us a brilliant opportunity to learn something new from the Adults. I thought that pairing us with the Adults and competitively playing against the other pairs was a lot of

fun and really helped us all get to know our partners. The challenging patterns really gave the partnerships chance to share ideas and learn that communication within a partnership is the key!

I thoroughly enjoyed the day and felt that each person came away with something new!

Arron Falconbridge

I found bowling with the adults for the day was a good experience for me. I got to learn new skills and gain more knowledge about the sport as a whole. I not only had the chance to bowl with Matt Chamberlain but also had the opportunity to talk to and watch all of the adult England team. This has made me realise just how much time and effort it takes to become one of the best and how much you really need to want it for it to happen (and I do). I only hope that one day that will be me mentoring the younger England bowlers and that they will feel as if I have helped them as I feel they have helped me.

Please pass my thanks on to Matt for his support and thank all those that made the day possible.

Becky Daly

I thought the Romford weekend was such a good experience as it gave us the opportunity to mix with the adults. Also I personally learnt a lot of Hayley Rumkee with how to read patterns early and work out which is the best line into the pocket.

All of the adults where really friendly and helpful, overall I found it really fun and I think we should do things with the adult team England more often.

Thanks to Team England and the BTBA you for organising such a fun weekend.

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Junior Team England Training Session, continued...

Keira Reay

I thought the junior adult idea was brilliant and had the chance to interact with the adults which hardly ever happens and it's sometimes hard for people coming out of juniors to adults to try and mingle. I've grown up looking to Autum Chamberlain since being about 12! So was really good that I got paired with her, got lots of information and tips about my future bowling career and had such a good laugh with all the adults and now feel more comfortable

Ben Mellars

Personally I thought that the day at Romford was extremely helpful and a great experience working with the adult team. I found that working with somebody on a one-to-one basis who

has a lot of experience was extremely useful as I took in a lot of advice that would enable me to improve my game. I have taken a lot from that weekend and have already been using some of the techniques shown to me by Ray which I feel has given me more of an insight on how to read the lanes better, how to play in areas that aren't necessarily within my comfort zone and some breakpoint work which I have taken in and used since Romford. Overall I feel that the weekend was a huge success and I am grateful for all of the experience and coaching I have gained whilst working with team England.

Adult team England also learnt many new things from the junior squad, but that is a whole new story...

Alex Hamilton, newly appointed Adult Manager added: "It was a great day! The adult bowlers really enjoyed the day and especially giving something back to the sport. We were all so happy to see the talent on display, with many of those juniors already close to mixing it up with the adults. Everyone left feeling they were able to give a few pearls of wisdom to their respective partners and asking about doing something similar again in the future."



The QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup, A History. Part 1 - Winners

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To describe the QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup as just a tournament would be as much of an injustice to it as calling Wimbledon just another tennis match. A few weeks ago the event, the largest annual sports competition in terms of participating countries, found its way to Krasnoyarsk, in Siberian Russia for its 49th gathering.

Starting its run in 1965 at the then 12 lane Stillorgan Bowl in Dublin, when it was called the International Masters, it moved on to London's Wembley Stadium Bowl, then to Bowling de Paris and has been globetrotting ever since.

Volumes have been written about it but

the majority is of scores, results and statistics. And when you're looking at a 49 year history it is hard not to consider some of those facts. The legendary Paeng Nepomuceno is the only man ever to be the World Cup Champion more than twice. This power house from the Philippines won it when he was only 19 years old, and he remains the youngest ever male winner – Britain's Gemma Burden holds the distinction for the fairer sex when winning when she was just seventeen. But Paeng then went on to capture the coveted title at the ages of 24, 36 and again in Belfast when he was 40. There have been a few girls that have carried off the title twice. Pauline Smith (Buck), (Great

Britain), Jeanette Baker (Australia), Shannon Pluhowsky (USA) and Aumi Guerra from the Dominican Republic were joined this year by Canada's Caroline Lagrange who was the winner in 2009 when the spectacle was in Melaka, Malaysia. But it is back to Aumi Guerra if you are looking for a woman that is trying to achieve Bowling World Cup Legend status. After consecutive wins in Toulon, France (2010) and Johannesburg (2011), she followed on to be the runner-up in Wrocław, Poland (2012) and third this year in Krasnoyarsk.

Next month we take a look at participation levels.



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