

# BOWLING NEWS

EDITORIAL

SEPTEMBER/65.

Certain officers of the Kent Area B.T.B.A. have been labelled "Wallpaper Hangers". In an attempt to keep the bowler informed of events our Notice Boards are plastered with paper of all shapes, colours and sizes. Some of it you read, some of it you don't some think that they have read it and still others don't even know where the BTBA. Notice Board is..

The criticism could be justified but what is the alternative ?? We hope this will be the answer; the first of a monthly publication available to all Kent Area League members to keep you informed and upto date with our affairs and bowling activities, it will include Leagues, Tournaments, Rules, Meetings, Reports, Awards and outstanding Acheivements etc etc etc.

As you can see we are starting off in a small way but as time goes on we hope to be able to turn this single sheet into a monthly magazine devoted to bowling, of interest to all our members.

The distribution will be to each team captain and issued free of charge through the already hard working league secretary.

You are reminded that when you have read this first issue please pass it on to another member of your team, he may even like something to take his mind off his bowling that particular evening.

## DO YOU KNOW ??

--- That as a member of the BTBA. you are entitled to use the Associations Discount Service ?? The secretary's of all Sanctioned Leagues are in possession of a Confidential Trading Booklet listing concerns who offer discounts upon production of your current 1965-66 Membership card. You can obtain discounts as high as 25% on some articles and included in the Booklet are: Tyres, Batteries and Car Accessories, Carpets, Radios, Clothing, Wines and Spirits etc. Also new to you is a discount service on Kiddies Annuals and sporting books with upto 12% off the listed prices. This will be just in time for Christmas, see your league Secretary NOW.

--- That your league Officers should arrange for the publication of the League Trophy or Prize list within FIVE WEEKS of your new season commencing. This avoids late season arguments as to wether Joe or Bill should have a Trophy for any particular accomplishment. Publish the list and everyone will KNOW beforehand.

--- That if your ball smashes a pin but half of it remains upright on the lane this counts as a pin standing and should be counted. One poor Gentlemen in the U.S.A. many years ago was credited with a game of 299½.. The twelfth perfect pocket ball left the bottom half of one pins-tanding. Having strived for that perfect game for many years the poor chap was so upset that he took his own life, Another victim of bowling.

--- That as part of its service to you the member, your Sanctioned League funds are protected by a Free Bonding Insurance Policy, the only condition being is that your league President and other Officers do their job properly and bank the weekly dues each week in a recognised Banking institution and publish the league account each month for all to see. If your league funds are likely to exceed £100. please notify in writing the BTBA. General Secretary of the cover actually required.

REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE READ THIS PASS IT ON

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WE HEAR

--- That John Barnes bowling for the Cliftonville Kingpins in the first meeting of this seasons "Kent County Travelling League" opened up with 8 Strikes in row finishing with a 253 game. Well done John.

That the Whitstable Classics in the same league smashed their local bowl record with a very nice 966 game. The 1965 Champions opened the season well particularly as they were bowling on their own lanes at Whitstable, the anchor man of the team Mike Tong finished the series with a 625 his personal best.

That "Kents Premier League" next rolls at Bexleyheath on the 24th October (Sunday)

--- That a Tournament which the Kent Area B.T.B.A. is running will be for 5 person teams and called the "BLUE RIBAND" tournament. It will be a Scratch event and Entry forms will accompany your next issue of this magazine, the date of this Tournament will December 12th Sunday and will be held at the Excel Bowl Whitstable. Start thinking about forming your teams now, as the final entry date is the Friday November 26th at Midnight.

--- That the Secretary of the Area Awards Badge scheme is complaining about League Secretary's and claimants who do not clearly indicate their names when completing an application form. The job is difficult enough so the co-operation of all bowlers is requested.

--- That the Chatham Centre has a new Manager, Mr Pat Hether from the Top Rank Centre in Burton on Trent. We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming him to the Garden of England County and hope that he has bought a few bottles with him.

--- That the Area have several brand new leagues being sanctioned this season, including the Roundtable league at Bexleyheath this is a 3 person scratch league with each team carrying picturesque names from the days of King Arthur. From Cliftonville we hear of a new league called the County League using names of the various county's what about Yorkshire vs. Lancashire in Kent? From Chatham we have the Medway league this league we understand is still short of teams so come you Chatham Keglers.

--- That a new issue of the Area Associations High Score Awards scheme is in operation again, keep your eyes on the notice board for the months Hi's and be ready to apply if your team beats the published scores. Your league Secretary has the application forms.

--- That already arrangements are being made for the "4th" Annual Area Championships 1966. Something new will be the Scratch as well as Handicap events. dates fixed are the 23rd & 24th April 1966. at the Excel Bowl Cliftonville. We also hear that the full 24 Lanes will be used so it looks like being an event worth noting.

--- That the BTBA. are going to award two new badges this coming year. They will be for the most Improved Bowler and for the League high average details will be published shortly.

--- That an article called "The BTBA. Story" is proving to be quite a good one and if you have'nt already read it do so.

We feel that we should give you and your league an opportunity to air their views about bowling and the BTBA. therefore if you have any constructive comments or contributions the Editor will be only to pleased to receive them. Contact the Editor:-