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EDITORIAL

The current circulation of a tournament entry form has resulted in a number of questions asking for information upon the National Tenpin Bowling Council. No it is not a rival organization to the B.T.B.A. and contrary to the entry form in question the National Tenpin Bowling Council has no playing rules. The only playing rules for our sport are those laid down by the B.T.B.A. who hold the copyright.

The National Tenpin Bowling Council is a non policy making, strictly advisory body consisting of the bowling manufacturers, Brunswick and AMF, the Tenpin Bowling Proprietors Association, A.B.C., Ambassador, Excel, Top Rank etc., and the B.T.B.A. The manufacturers, the proprietors and the bowlers are therefore represented on the Council, whose voice is therefore representative of all aspects of our sport but whose actual powers are, regrettably some may think, nil.

SUMMER LEAGUES

A new Sanction Form is not now required for leagues that follow their Winter schedule with a Summer one. All the league secretary now has to do is advise the Area Secretary of the dates that his league is to commence and complete the Summer schedule and the league will be automatically sanctioned for the Summer months. If any of the league officers have changed for the Summer this information should also be given together with any other changes, such as the number of teams or the number of players in each team. Some leagues, of course, who run 4 person teams in the Winter may operate trios in the Summer; five person teams may go down to fours or threes and threes to doubles etc.

On the subject of Summer Leagues there are a number of our members who play only in the Winter schedules. The option is, of course, solely their own but at all times must be borne in mind the gigantic cost of installing and upkeeping a Bowling Centre. It would be quite impossible for bowling in this, or any other country, to continue with the current prices if it became a seasonal sport. A Bowling Centre must have a reasonable daily turnover throughout the year and if we all decided that we were unprepared to bowl in the Summer, either the price of bowling would nearly double or the centre would have to close it's doors. The majority of leagues in the U.S.A. guarantee the proprietor that they will bowl at least 50 weeks in the year and of course many of our leagues do the same. For the future of bowling in this country this spirit of understanding can only strengthen our sport so be fair to your proprietor and if possible enjoy bowling all year. In the alternative you may return for the Winter and find you dont have a bowling centre anymore!

A NEW WORLD RECORD

43 years old, balding and no advert for slimness, DON HOOPER of California is nonetheless the name in the news. Already this season he has bowled series of 801 and 831 and so many 700's that he's lost count. His third 800 of the season came when partnering his attractive wife Sandy in a mixed doubles league. Sandy shot games of 225-234-232 for a series of 691 and 'Super Duper' Hooper, as he is called by his team mates in the California All Star Five, hit a fantastic 278-268-267 for a total of 813. These doubles games of 503-502-499 mean that SANDY and DON HOOPER now proudly hold the official World Record for Mixed Doubles with a team series of no less than 1504. We can see this record holding for a very long time indeed.

KENT AREA 4th. ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
RATIFIED RESULTS AND PRIZE LISTINGS

<u>Regular Team Handicap</u>			<u>Regular Team Scratch</u>		
1. ANDY CAPP FIVE	3019	£30.0.0.	1. THE ALLSTARS	2612	£15.0.0.
2. RONNIE SCOTT'S CLUB	2958	£20.0.0.	2. THE CHECKMATES	2548	£7.10.0.
3. THE CHECKMATES	2950	£12.5.0.			
4. THE ALLSORTS	2887	£ 6.0.0.			
<u>Female Team Handicap</u>			<u>Female Team Scratch</u>		
1. THE FIVE BELLES	2816	£12.5.0.	1. MAIDS OF KENT	2387	£10.0.0.
2. MAIDS OF KENT	2813	£ 7.0.0.			
<u>Regular Doubles Handicap</u>			<u>Regular Doubles Scratch</u>		
1. T. CAPON/J. MITCHELL	1315	£18.0.0.	1. T. CAPON/J. MITCHELL	1197	£11.0.0.
2. J. PURVIS/K. WOOD	1299	£ 9.0.0.	2. W. BRIDGE/R. WEBB	1117	£ 7.0.0.
3. J. CLIFFORD/W. McEVOY	1255	£ 6.5.0.	3. J. WILKINSON/K. GROSVENOR	1090	£ 4.0.0.
4. J. CUDMORE/D. JUDGE	1253	£4.14.6.			
D. WHITE/D. DRURY	1253	£4.14.6.			
6. J. WILKINSON/K. GROSVENOR	1238	£ 2.2.0.			
<u>Female Doubles Handicap</u>			<u>Female Doubles Scratch</u>		
1. B. GAIGER/J. COX	1226	£ 8.8.0.	1. J. MORRISON/M. KELSEY	1097	£6.10.0.
2. J. MORRISON/M. KELSEY	1213	£ 4.4.0.	2. V. PEACOCK/J. GRAYSON	1017	£3.10.0.
<u>Regular Singles Handicap</u>			<u>Regular Singles Scratch</u>		
1. NIGEL HOLGATE	644	£10.0.0.	1. MIKE LUCKHURST	604	£ 9.0.0.
2. BRUCE TONG	633	£ 7.0.0.	2. BRUCE TONG	579	£ 5.0.0.
3. MIKE LUCKHURST	624	£ 4.0.0.	3. GUS BOURCIER	560	£ 3.0.0.
4. BILL McEVOY	619	£ 2.2.0.			
5. BRIAN PAYNE	616	£ 1.1.0.			
6. BUSH BUSHELL	615	£ 1.1.0.			
7. CRAIG TOYER	614	£ 1.1.0.			
8. DAVID JUDGE	608	£ 1.1.0.			
<u>Female Singles Handicap</u>			<u>Female Singles Scratch</u>		
1. ANN HENDERSON	674	£ 5.5.0.	1. ANN HENDERSON	606	£ 5.0.0.
2. LILLIE McKEOWN	662	£ 2.5.0.			
3. NORMA BRIDGE	606	£ 1.5.0.			
<u>Regular All Events Handicap</u>			<u>Regular All Events Scratch</u>		
1. BILL McEVOY	1856	£12.10.0.	1. BRUCE TONG	1607	£ 7.0.0.
2. KEN WOOD	1824	£ 6.0.0.	2. MIKE LUCKHURST	1592	£ 4.0.0.
3. DAVID JUDGE	1815	£ 4.0.0.			
<u>Female All Events Handicap</u>			<u>Female All Events Scratch</u>		
1. ANN HENDERSON	1794	£5.10.0.	1. ANN HENDERSON	1590	£4.10.0.
2. LILLIE McKEOWN	1755	£2.10.0.			

The above listings show where the money went and there are a few changes from the unratified placings published immediately following the championships. Firstly apologies to DAVID JUDGE who was originally omitted from the Doubles listings with his partner JOHN CUDMORE and secondly for misplacing him in the All Events. Cheques for the above were posted a couple of weeks ago with the exception of the Regular Handicap Singles and a few others where there was delay in the league secretary confirming certain averages. The singles was held up by an unusual problem. NIGEL HOLGATE had entered with a 157 average but upon checking it was found that in his league he had not bowled the required minimum number of games, namely 21. Nigel had not read the entry form which had been completed for him by another member of his team. Without the minimum number of games being played it meant that Nigel had to rated on a 170 in accordance with the tournament conditions. This meant that he had lost his first place. On making further enquiries however, it was found that he also bowled in another league which was unsanctioned and which his team mate had not shown on the entry form. His average in this league was acceptable to the Tournament Management and although re-rated as a 164 average bowler Nigel still had enough pins to retain the title. The moral of the story is read your entry form yourself and if someone else completes it for you make sure that it is correct. Trophies and duplicates will be presented to all winners in the very near future.

WHOSE FOR MIAMI WITH THE B.T.B.A?

The B.T.B.A. have chartered a 159 seater aeroplane to visit Miami, Florida, U.S.A. for the 1967 American Bowling Congress Championships. The return fare, with free meals and drinks both ways plus three weeks first class hotel accomodation in Miami has been arranged for an inclusive sum of £145, all meals excluded. The price of the air fare alone is normally something like double this and you therefore have an opportunity of a lifetime to see or even participate in the famous A.B.C. 53rd Annual Championships.

During the period from 19th. April to 11th. May 1967 travellers will also have the chance to see for themselves the American Bowling Congress Annual General Meeting plus the famous Masters Championships in which all the top professional bowlers from the U.S.A. compete.

Extended payment for the trip can be made by instalments with a quarter deposit being required three months before the flight and the balance being paid within nine months of your return. Those who are able to pay the whole sum will be protected by an insurance policy which will refund your money if you are unable to make the trip at the last moment due to illness or the like.

Book a place now by writing the B.T.B.A. General Secretary direct at
212, Lower Clapton Road, London, E.5.

LADIES LONDON LEAGUE

Following the report in our February edition this league has now completed their 1965/66 season. The final result was not known until literally the last ball was bowled. The Bexleyheath ladies went into the final match of the season five points down and with little chance of finishing in top slot. The Wembley side however, lost their first game to Harlow while Bexleyheath took two points from Dagenham. When Bexleyheath won the second game and Wembley again lost, everything was dependent upon the results of the final game of the season.

Both teams were naturally tense and both trailed the oposition right up to the tenth frame. NOPMA BRIDGE of Bexleyheath in anchor position had to turkey to win the last game and possibly the league championship. Three great pocket balls and it was up to Wembley who now had to win their last game for the title. Once again a terrific anchor job saved the day. B.T.B.A. Singles and All Events Champion for 1966 JO FROUD also turkeyed and her team finished the season with 112 points to Bexleyheath's 111.

Consolation for the Kent girls however, was the fine game and series they bowled a few weeks earlier at the Airport Bowl against Golders Green. The final tally sheet is shown below and apart from taking the league high team game and series both these scores now top the country in the national listings:-

MYRA KELSEY	208	170	189	567
JANET MORRISON	201	202	178	581
FORMA BRIDGE	205	165	183	553
	614	537	550	1701

MORE FINE GAMES BY KENT LADIES

A glance at the Kent Area ratings for last month and those in this edition will show a complete change in the Ladies High Game division. It started when DAPHNE ELLINOR of Whitstable put up a new high of 245. This was equalled some days later by JANET MORRISON of Bexleyheath, also with a 245. Then came the turn of Cliftonville whose PAT HENDERSON now holds the top spot with what is believed to be an all time Kent Area Singles Game record of 252. Well done ladies.

A HARD WAY TO MAKE YOUR AVERAGE

On to the men now and a word about Kent Area Executive Director BILL KANE. Bowling in the new Metropolitan Classic League at Bexleyheath Bill was quietly proud of holding the high average spot of 181 after 15 games had been played. On the sixth week however, he hit trouble. A chipped bone in his left elbow was putting him off his game somewhat and after opening with a 129 and following it with a 159 Bill's team mates were heard to take the mickey by informing him that he needed at least a final game of 255 to hold his average! Opening the last game with a double and an 8 spare things began to look a little brighter. Bill then slammed in 7 strikes in a row and finishing with a seven split and two he totalled 264! He who laughs last and all that -- Bill now leads the field with a 182 average. Keep it up Bill.

