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AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE B.T.B.A?

THE TENPIN BOWLING PROPRIETORS ASSOCIATION (Hereinafter called the T.B.P.A.) is the Association to which A.B.C., Ambassador, Excel, Top Rank, etc., all belong. THE BRITISH TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION (Hereinafter called the B.T.B.A.) is the Association to which you all belong as bowlers.

The two bodies are necessary to the sport and generally do not conflict with one another. To the proprietor bowling is a commercial concern and he does his best to make a reasonable profit. You, the bowler, are his customer and provided his lanes are filled it matters not to him whether you open or league bowl or both.

Generally, however, the open bowler can be likened to the patron of a cinema; he bowls when and if he feels like it and his appearance on the lanes can be predicted to a great extent by the weather. The league bowler, however, guarantees to bowl at a specified time each week and come rain or shine the proprietor receives a regular sum of money from the league nearly all the year round.

It is the league bowler who plays tenpin on a serious and competitive basis and although still enjoying the sport he requires more than the open bowler. Rules and regulations are a necessity for any sport and these are provided by his association, the B.T.B.A. In addition this body provides Average Calculators, Standing Sheets, Record Cards, Schedules, Handicap Manuals and the like in order that the league secretary can properly undertake his job.

The B.T.B.A. also measures the lanes annually to ensure that they are fair and conform to the specifications laid down many years ago by the American Bowling Congress in conjunction with the manufacturers, AMF and Bruńswick. It is essential that lanes be certified before the B.T.B.A. are able to renew the annual certificate issued to every centre and before a sanctioned league or tournament bowls on them.

AT A MEETING OF THE T.B.P.A.ON 14th. JUNE 1966 IT WAS RESOLVED NOT TO APPLY FOR LANE CERTIFICATION BY THE B.T.B.A. FOR ANY CENTRE WHICH IS NOT ALREADY COMMITTED FOR THE SEASON. The lanes at Whitstable have been measured and everything here is in order for the coming Winter Season. Bexleyheath, Chatham and Cliftonville are affected, however, and as things are at the present time no sanctioned league or tournament will be able to roll at these centres after 31st. August this year.

Why have the proprietors done this? On the surface it appears that the main bone of contention is that they do not consider that B.T.B.A. Area Secretarys' are sufficiently qualified to measure and certify their lanes. What special qualification is necessary to read a 12 inch ruler, a 100 feet tape measure or a spirit level is not clear but these everyday tools are used by the ordinary working man in a variety of ways and quite successfully. Whilst a surveyor lays down measurements for the builder to follow it is the bricklayer who actually uses the tools to build our houses and of course our bowling centres. Must a surveyor and architect also now undertake the actual building? This is what the proprietors seem to be saying.

It is understandable that a proprietor who has spent thousands of pounds on constructing and furnishing a bowl should want protection for his outlay and that it should not be left to an individual Area Secretary of B.T.B.A. to solely decide whether or not he will allow league bowling on the lanes. No one individual should be allowed to be this powerful and for this reason an agreement was drawn up by the B.P.A. in 1961 and agreed to by the B.T.B.A. Firstly an Area Secretary could only put forward recommendations regarding the lanes to B.T.B.A. Head Office who, if they considered that the lanes were not up to standard, i.e. high boards, large indentations, crossways tilt etc., would advise the proprietor, who in the interest both of his customer and for the good of the sport, would make the necessary rectification.

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If a proprietor didn't agree with the inspection report he was fully entitled, under the agreement, to set up a joint committee of the proprietors and the B.T.B.A. to thrash out the differences and if this committee didn't agree to refer the matter to an independent surveyor who would be a member of the Chartered refer the matter to an independent surveyor who would be a member of the Chartered refer the matter to an independent surveyor who would be a member of the Chartered refer the matter to an independent surveyor who would be a member of the Chartered refer the matter to an independent surveyor.

Logically one must now ask why the T.B.P.A. consider that it is essential for their lanes to be measured by a chartered surveyor. The lanes havn't changed and become more complex, there have been no disputes and generally everything appears to have been going along fine. HAVE, IN FACT, THE T.B.P.A. FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE EXISTENCE have been going along fine. HAVE, IN FACT, THE T.B.P.A. FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE COF THEIR OWN AGREEMENT OR IS THE WHOLE AFFAIR JUST A FRONT TO TRY AND DESTROY THE B.T.B.A? It is known that some proprietors are using the B.T.B.A. as a scapegoat for B.T.B.A? It is known that some proprietors are using the B.T.B.A. as a scapegoat for their own inability to successfully promote the sport within their centres and it could be that the whole affair is designed to cloak the many mistakes that they have made since tenpin bowling was introduced to this country five years ago.

The T.B.P.A. state in their recent press release on the subject that their decision is not in any way aimed at the B.T.B.A. and that their Policy Committee use their best endevours to persuade the B.T.B.A. to accept that lanes will now be certified by a surveyor and not by themselves. The B.T.B.A. may well agree to this suggestion and the press release obviously leaves room for negotiation on the subject. WHY THEN DO THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF T.B.P.A. NOT HAVE ANY MENTION OF AN APPROACH TO THE B.T.B.A. IN THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT? We have heard of a closed shop but this looks more like an iron curtain!

THE 886 SERIES STILL STANDS

As reported in the October 1965 issue of this newsheet the World record three game series has stood since it was bowled in 1939. On games of 297-289-300 for a series of 886 this is not really surprising! On March 25th. this year however the series could well have gone to Teata Semiz, a rugged 31 year old professional from New Jersey. Bowling in the Bergen Classic league Semiz blasted a historic three game series on games of 299-268-300 for an 867, the second highest ever recorded in sanctioned play. A stubborn 4 pin robbed him of a perfect first game but undeterred Semiz opened his second game with 4 strikes in a row. In the fifth frame he buried the ball //plidly in the pocket and had to look again when the 8 pin didn't even budge. I followed with five more strikes and left a 6 pin on his second ball of the tenth frame, converting it for a 268. There was nothing to fault in the final game and twelve perfect balls gave him his third 300 game. But for those odd pins the 886 could well have been beaten, however. For any of you who have aspiritions towards beating Allie Brandt's record 886 it should be pointed out that if you start any one of the three games with two spares it will be impossible to beat him! Work it out.

GREAT WIN FOR THE AUDIOVIDS

Les Jarman reports that the Audiovid Record Five from Chatham recently visited Nottingham to play the well known Magicote Five, who on their lanes have accounted for many top sides including the Ovaltines and the AMF Classics. The Audiovids in fact beat the home side for the first time ever. Well done the men of Kent.

On the subject of challange matches these do not normally get much publicity. If your team does anything which you consider worthy of mention please let us know and we will be pleased to give you a mention.

Preliminary rounds for the 1966 Tournament are to be played at Glasgow,
Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle, Wembley, Cambridge, Portsmouth, Leeds, Walton
France, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Ireland, Belgium, Italy, Sweden AND BEXLEYHEATH.

Over five games the highest 128 male bowlers, 64 ladies and 32 juniors will
compete in the Grand Finals to be played at Wembley Stadium on 27th-29th. August 1966.
The Bexleyheath round is being held on Sunday, 31st. July but all entry forms must
be sent to Wembley Stadium before 17th. July. If you want to enter this international
tournament dont delay, send your entry form to Wembley today. Who knows this may
even be your last opportunity to participate in an International Tournament that is
B.T.B.A. Sanctioned!

THREE 600's IN A ROW

Pete Right, Secretary of the Men O'Kent League at Bexleyheath reports that JACK MORTON established a new league record on 16th. May when he hit a 600 plus series. The following week Jack rolled a fine 643 and proving this was no fluke repeated the dose the third week with a 603, which brought his average up to 186 over 30 games, which average he maintained the next week when he was slightly off form for a 562! Jack qualifies for inclusion in the King Keglers column of the Tenpin Pictorial with this average. Keep it up Jack.

CALLING ALL LADIES

Five Lady Teams are very popular in the U.S.A. and no fewer than 4083 have entered the 47th. Annual Women's International Bowling Congress Championships being held over 47 days at the Pelican Lanes, New Orleans this year. Some recent scores in teams of five ladys' may interest you. Alcamos of Detroit recently shattered the season's records with a team series of 3169 on games of 1081-1055-1, 13 for an individual average of 211 per lady! High series was Elvira Topfer with 276-227-249 for a 752 closely followed by Doris Oblamski with a big 686. The team high average is held by Pitches Lounge of Milwaukee with 965 closely followed by Matthews Bowlerettes of Los Angeles with 954. Individual averages go to Joan Holm and Jean Bopp of Chicago and Milwaukee with 207 and 204 respectively. The high game is held by Jean Holm with 300. Any takers?

QUITE A LEAGUE!

The Winter Season of the California Open League at the Freeway Bowl, Anaheim has finished and nothing but high scores have been left behind. Two such scores were mentioned in our March edition under the heading "2853 Four Man Series", the paragraph ending "Beat that". They did! Every one of the top 4 man team games and series as published by the American Bowling Congress come from this one league and in addition most of the nations doubles records - the league running as four man teams and then splitting into doubles for the next session. The final series was no less than a 2856 by Hardwick Lane Masters with the high team game going to Adamo's Italian Restaurant with 1031. During the season there were six 300 games, three series over 800, 247 series of 700 or better and 200 averages, in both four man and doubles play for all but one bowler in the entire league. He had a 198! High averages were John Haveles in four man play with 222 over 76 games, and in the doubles division Bob Ramirez with 232 over 32 games. Without a doubt one of the finest leagues to be seen anywhere in the World.

DELAY IN TROPHY PRESENTATION

Due to one or two difficulties with engraving plus the time taken in relation to the Proprietors declaration referred to in detail on pages 1 and 2 of this issue, there has been a delay in presenting the majority of the trophies following our 4th. Area Championships. Apologies to all concerned but they will be with you definately this month.

KENT AREA HIGH SCORE RECORDS UP TO AND INCLUDING 28th. JUNE 1966 2773 BEX PENTAD 5 PERSON TEAM 3 GAMES 2771 BEX THE COMMITTEE 2760 BEX THE COMMITTEE 1033 BEX THE BARBARIANS 1 GAME 1010 BEX THE COLMITTEE 1007 BEX THE TOPOJETS 2394 THE 4 PERSON TEAM 3 GAMES THE ORPHEELANS 2292 WHIT THE ORPHEFIANS 2170 WHIT THE HELMSNEN 870 WHIT 1 GAME THE ORPHEELANS 839 WHIT THE ORPHEEIANS 830 CLIF THE UNKNOWNS 1783 BEX 3 PERSON TEAM 3 GAMES NIGHTRIDERS 1760 BEX THE VICARS 1722 BEX THE PENDRAGONS 635 BEX 1 GAME NIGHTRIDERS 625 BEX THE VICARS 624 BEX THE GALAHADS 1226 BEX 2 PERSON TEAM 3 GAMES PETE RIGHT/ALAN ICETON 1197 TERRY CAPON/JEFF MITCHELL BEX 1195 FRED WYLEC/JIM BURCH BEX PETE RIGHT/ALAN ICETON FRED WYLES/JIM BURCH BEX 479 1 GAME 413 BEX 405 TERRY CAPON/JEFF MITCHELL BEX 1168 BEX 3 GAMES JANET MORRISON/FRED WYLES MIXED DOUBLES 1147 NORMA BRIDGE/BILL BRIDGE BEX 1145 DORIN BAKER/BUZZ MORRISON BEX 445 JANET MORRISON/FRED WYLES BEX 1 GAME JANET MORRISON/FRED WYLES BEX 440 DORIN BAKER/BUZZ MORRISON BEX 421 BEX 691 JEFF MITCHELL 3 GAMES INDIVIDUAL MEN ALF ROGERS BEX 673 PAT DUGGAN BEX 667 288 1 GAME PAT DUGGAN BEX JACK MORTON BEX 277 267 BEX ERNIE MILLAR 267 CLIF JACK WILKINSON 267 BEX CHAS. WOOLSLEY 626 CLIF ANN HENDERSON INDIVIDUAL LADIES 3 GAMES 623 BEX MYRA KELSEY 607 BEX JANET MORRISON 252 CLIF PAT HENDERSON 1 GAME 247 CLIF ANN HENDERSON 245 WHIT DAPHNE ELLINOR 245 BEX JANET MORRISON 616 BEX INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS 3 GAMES PETE JACKSON 611 BEX PETER CARLTON 601 BEX PETE FLERING 247 BEX PETE FLEMING 1 GAME

STEWART ASH

GRAHAM LENNOX

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