

FAILURE CLUB



The Failure Club moves north to the Seaburn Hotel Sunderland. After "letting the train take the strain", we arrived at Newcastle upon Tyne but not a sign of "Jim" anywhere. It was as much as we could do to console Mark, he was very disappointed, we only went by train to meet "Jim". As you have realised by now this story is not very long and needs padding out — to continue: we arrived at the Seaburn Hotel remembering what happened to the Gen. Sec. when he arrived at the Northern Hotel and said "Kitty Brewer", we played it safe and said to our receptionist "Mr Cudmore". "Mr Cudmore?" she replied "all of you?". Now I know we are not a pretty sight, but who would have thought that gently saying "Mr Cudmore" would have such a devastating effect? "Well not all of us, only him" I replied gesturing toward J.C. "But we are his party". Now my extra powers of perception, were telling all was not well "don't tell us — don't tell us!! we can go all the way to Spain for this you know!!"

Have you guessed yet? yes you are right — they had over booked our rooms — now guess who had to stay

at the Sea Hotel 8 miles away?? Ha.Ha. fooled you all this time! It was not J.C. it was me. I lost the toss. Whose in the Club then? can I hear you saying, wait a minute and you'll find out. My old mate Buzz Morrison had just suffered the same fate along with Bill Preston, Terry Saunders and Steve Carnall and Buzz had negotiated for the Sea Court to pay our cab fares — well done Buzz.

Sunday and its time to check out, cost of B. & B. £10.00 cost of taxis £10.50 — now we have our first non bowling fraternity Failure Club member Beverley Ramshaw, she seems like a nice girl — why Beverley!! Why not!! Wear your badge with pride Beverley.

My "little" bruber Bill is now a Failure Club member. Last frame 3 pins left, 2 needed to make his first 200, your right he only hit one for 199 — Sheila White could have shown him how, she had to make a double to score 138, and that was after scoring 201. Sheila made up for her little failire with a third game of 235. Prior to this episode in the Spartan Trios she scored 215-170-114, it's a good job it's only three games.

Just to prove all is not lost when you appear to be going under for the 7th time — Graham George makes a

welcome reappearance in the Failure Club. 55 in the 7th finished with 5 in a row for 145. John Darby decided it looked better the other way, he started with 5 in a row for 175.

Jackie Playford has been nominated for membership 130-189-245, her third game included 7 in a row, no doubt hoping I would not get to hear of the first game! Now there's a thought!

To close, we have a dispute as to who should be members, The Highwaymen or The Gamblers. Chris Scudder, Alex Hoskins & Brian Williams — 402. John and Steve Williams & Chris Lodge 393. Now the question is: should they all be made members? The Gamblers for only scoring 393 and failing to beat 402 — or The Highwaymen for only scoring 402? I can assist with your decision, The Gamblers won the 2nd game 502 to 443 and then took the 3rd game 487 to 4690. Exciting stuff that, and all in a scratch league. Don't forget wear your badge with pride.

Two weeks before the Kent County Roll-off, Carol Leeds was bowling in the Invicta League on the next lane to the Kent County Organiser. Obviously trying to impress, Carol opened with a 201 game and then followed with a 179. The Kent County Organiser was heard to whisper "only 220 for a nice 600 series". Did Carol achieve this score? No not 220, not 200, not 150, but 115 thereby failing to make a 500 ending with a 492 series. Roll on the Kent County Roll-Off!

Inter County Championships

The Inter County Championships are with us again, the Inter County organisers have held their trials — this year Kent and Essex have been matched against Middlesex, London, Surrey and Sussex.

The first round is at Bexleyheath on the 19th June. The second round is at the Airport on the 14th August.

The finals are scheduled for the 24th/25th September at Sunderland.

Terry Saunders and Jerry Lodge, the Inter County organisers for Essex and Kent have supplied the following successful contestants from their trials:

For Essex: men — Mark Presley, David Holden, Roy Myhill, Alan Samuels, Tom Owen, Mick Matthews, George Patel, Alan Kersey, Peter Babot, Robert Hobart, John Coote, John Ward, Terry Saunders,

Alan West, Gary Collings, Ladies — Tina Thorogood, Joan Nutt, June Leaper, Debbie Heffer, Susan Morden, Ruth Molineaux, Ciss Collings, Susan Wright, Margaret Lazarus, Sheila Staines, Christine Peacock, Christine Brown, Marion Drury, Shirley Molineaux, Nicolette Harris.

For Kent: men — Charles Painter, Steve White, Philip Phillips, Alan Kirk, Kenneth Barnard, Keith Hodge, Nigel Holgate, Steve Carnall, Pat Duggan, Trevor Myhill, Keith Knott, Gordon Phillips, Steve Conquer, Roger Evans, Roland Foxley.

Ladies — Sheila White, Christine Lodge, Sheila Phillips, Dawn Stanley, Carol Leeds, Lyn Purcell, Jackie Playford, Fran Hoñess, Beryl Drury, Denese Taylor, Gwen Green, Elaine Lodge, Julie Wood.

Scene Around SEBA

Did you know that Ann Finch from Walton is the same Ann Finch in the Perishers? And the same Ann Finch that partnered Gillian Wandless? I thought it was, but I was not sure. It's terrible when you're not sure, just in case you say it is, and it's not, and you get a naughty note saying "Look you"! It's not 'er, it's me!

Congratulations Ann, sorry for not giving you credit in my report on the Nationals.

Staying with Ann, she recently competed in the Ladies Section of the Premier Tenpin Bowlers Club at Wolverhampton. Jan Hodge was in the same event and they both made the last six game round robin. Jan Hodge won, after at one stage during the day's proceedings, only just making the cut — I don't know where Ann finished but it could not have been lower than 6th. — Beautiful report that, not one score in sight, and short enough so as not to bore.

Staying with the Hi Rollers, the qualifying rounds for the AMF World Cup have been changed. The old unsanctioned format has been given the elbow, and a "sanctioned" Centre level tournament instituted in its place. Each tournament will take place between the 9th July and the 14th August. Each Centre Tournament will produce a winner who will receive entry to the finals at Firth Park Bowl, Sheffield on the 10th and 11th September for ladies — 17th and 18th September for men.

At each Centre Tournament the first place prize must be a minimum of £25.00 for men and £17.50 for the ladies, and this amount is in fact their entry fee to the 1st Annual British Open Tenpin Bowling Championships sponsored by Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Ltd and AMF Humber — 1st place prize at the Open will be entry to the AMF World Cup.

One of the most encouraging signs for anyone who sets out to produce a successful mag is to receive reports from league secretaries, letters of support, and even criticism. One such report has come from Kevin and Sue Wright from Basildon, and opens our look around our Area.

BASILDON

Senate Summary

After struggling throughout the Winter season to keep our league going, we have now become a trios

league. This meant several teams splitting up and new bowlers joining the league, many of whom had not bowled in a league before.

We are now a quarter of the way through our Summer season and, as expected, The Squad are leading the field, although they have been beaten once by second placed Foundations. Other than The Squad and 160 PLC, who are well entrenched at the bottom, the league has turned out to be a very close fought battle, with only 12 points separating the other six teams.

Despite this closeness, there has only been one 4-4 draw, when Time took the overall pinfall by 6 pins against Internationals.

High series to date is 610 from Steve Metcalf (The Squad) and high game of 235 is held by Ted Koszulinski (Internationals).

Most of the new bowlers have achieved their first BTBA National Award badges, with Chris Bell (The Clangers) gaining four in one game: 4, 5 and 6 in a row in his 207.

We also have a candidate for the Failure Club: Steve Wright (The Clangers) rolled 9 strikes in one game but still only scored 196!

My very revered friend, Bill Ainger, asked if I would include a Ladies Doubles in the Area Hi's — it did not take long to agree. No sooner than I had said yes, and four applications came rushing in from the Housewives Choice league. Doris Ainger and Lilly McNamara, a team better known as Chucklers, scored 413. Doris scored 234. Kathy Scales and Marion Drury the Liverbirds and 1035 series, Valerie Sumner and Lilly McNamara a 999 series. Call the Old Bill, someone robbed them of one pin. Little do you know that Val's effort has earned her another recognition, yes Val, it's the Failure Club for the 109 last game after a second game of 213.

Rose Wheatley and Vivienne Spires, the Ladybirds scored 414, Rose hit 242 and for her pains I missed her when I compiled the back page — sorry Doris 234 drops off the list. Another goof in the last issue was my omitting Shirley Molineaux's 256, sorry Shirley I misplaced your application. I found it again after I had printed the last issue. Oh dear, that score knocks Rose Wheatley off the list before she gets on. With any luck Al will squeeze her in for this issue. Well done Al!

BEXLEYHEATH

Keith Pead bowling in the Round Table Trios had a first game of 277, he finished with a series of 631. The Spartan Trios pays host to Monty Pythons Bowling Circus — Steve and Sheila White and Jackie Playford. Their main attraction during March was Steve scoring 635 — 201-237-197 — his 2nd game included 7 in a row. His 3rd game would have exceeded 197 but for a 5-10 split in the 4th frame. Wednesday the 23rd and Steve continued to top the Bill, a 257 1st game that included 7 in a row and a 646 series that equalled his personal best and a 633 team game for 3rd place in Area Hi's. Not to be out classed by Steve, Sheila qualified for the Failure Club!

The following week it was Jackie's turn — her first game qualified her for the Failure Club but 7 in a row in her 3rd game for 245 helped MPBC to 640 game, that takes 2nd place in the Hi's.

Personal best all the way for Julie Wood, bowling for Drinkers United in the Olympic League, she hit 5 in a row for 200, then shortly after in the Sunday's Rainham Sports League she scored 200-196-160-556 yet another personal best.

Susan Willsher, Julie's team mate in the Misfits, has an average of 92, she scored 133-134-143-410 for her Personal Best.

It's strange how P.B's tend to be ignored when they are less than a telephone number score but they are still Personal Bests.

My bruvver Bill after successfully applying for Failure Club membership made his 1st 200 — my, my, it was tense, we had calculated that he needed a spare, he had left 3 pins — hit two of them for 201 — that proves we can't count as well as can't spell or write — cheers Billy — mines a Fosters.

The Crusaders have found a cause, Friday Fours in their league — no it's not defending the faith from the heathens — they have decided to attack the Area Hi's — 801 puts them in 2nd place to the Jaguars, displacing the Bexleyheath Juniors — SHAME.

Mark Kane 145-202-156 for 503 personal best for the Iron Fist Eagles in the Fireball league, Steve Smith who had the low series in the I.F.E. said Mark is an over excited, under sized, over dressed midget, well I thought he was a nice boy. Mark's series has increased his

chances of the most improved bowler in the Fireball league for the 82/83 season.

Hello, Hello its M.P.B.C. again and that man Steve White 234-235-168 and they lost the last game. Go stand in the corner Steve and save up your pocket money until you have 80p to buy a Failure Club badge.

Mike Barrett of Merlins fame in the Olympic League scored 202 personal best on Thursday 14/4/83. Mike was no doubt inspired by the lovely Sue when she scored 161 only 9 pins away from her personal best of 169. The now famous Halstead league due to the exploits of Roy (Joe Cool) Mitchell now boasts another place in the Area Hi's, Gordon and Sheila Philips. The All Strikes a 440 single game reinforces their claim to the first place. Sheila's 230 game, 577 adds 25 pins to her personal best game and 28 pins to her personal best game.

DAGENHAM

Alan (Lord) White 607 series in the Flinstone mixed doubles. You need a few more pins for the back page Al sir.

In the Enterprise League — Nils Haversham, Pat Sullivan, John Haversham 635 — 1710. Nils series 234-245-191-673 is this a Dagenham Bowl record by a junior and the league's scratch all comers record. Nils average in the Enterprise league is 138. League Secretary Len Lazarus said his series was terrific to watch and an education to see how he coped with the pressure toward the end of his series. Indeed one of the best bowling talents to emerge from Dagenham.

B.T. Bowling Products 867 — 2413 — Terry Saunders, John Helps, George Patel, Pat Duggan.

Now let me see — and this could be wrong — the league in the Capitol Doubles the team Sabantes the bowler Roy Myhill. It was Roy's first match against his old team Black Magic — He scored 223-268-178 for 669 and set the league's all time Hi game and series and into the Area Hi's.

Terry Saunders added 180 to Roy's 268 for 448 for 2nd place in the Doubles.

Another Hi game in the Capitol Doubles goes to Ken Allen 244 in Just Us and Roy Arlenden 233 in the Dagenham Diamonds. One week later and Terry Saunders attacked Roy's game 8 in a row 9 spare 9 spare 8 266. Not put off by this near miss Terry hit 289 game 693 series in the Sunday Ro:lers. 288 game in the

Supreme League. All this greatness is not because of Roy's game — it's all down to Failure Club membership in the last issue.

SOUTHEND

Christine Harvey and Kevin Norris in the Pavillion Doubles scored 1152 and take 1st place in the Mixed Doubles.

There we are — that's all for now. I have received nothing from Whistable, Cliftonville and Walton. In fact with 77 leagues in the Area not much from everywhere.

Closing note from the Gen Sec — if you throw away the rules, you throw away the game.

Closing note from me — if any errors bear no resemblance to the truth it's not my fault.

Sunday Transport League at Bexleyheath have advised us of their current high game and series holders. For the Ladies Miss J. Jordan 152-257-142-551. Men's Hi Series D. Best 226-200-206-632. Men's Hi game J. Prescott 245 and Men's Hi Average 171 D. Best. Thanks to Derrick Best the League's Secretary. Thanks Derrick, how about a few more details, for example, first names, team names, bus routes, anything of interest.

I close this issue with another little gem from Roy (Joe Cool) Mitchell:

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS GUIDANCE DEPT.

"Human relationships etc" I hear you say. "Wot does 'e know about human relationships?". Well I'll tell you. After spending two and a half hours carefully lining up all the heads against their appropriate mark on the edge of our new 3000 piece jig-saw puzzle, and lining up all the corresponding feet against *their* appropriate mark on the edge of our new 3000 piece jig-saw puzzle. I found that all the people's ears were sprouting from their boots. The heads were lined up correctly according to the edge. The feet were lined up correctly according to the edge. The edge was assembled wrongly. My wife assembled the edge. I did not scream at my wife. I did not throw things at my wife. I did not even mildly remonstrate with my wife. I went into the greenhouse and swore at my seedlings.

Since then the seedlings have died and the greenhouse has collapsed, precipitating the rabbit hutch into the fish pond, causing the early demise of one rabbit, uncounted frogs and next door's tom cat (who always did fancy our rabbit). Meanwhile I trapped my fingers in the

plughole of the kitchen sink whilst endeavouring to retrieve the marital wedding ring (this being it's week out of pawn). Having extricated my digit (minus half a nail) I accidentally pulled down the bathroom shelf whilst reaching for the Germolene. I received a severe clout in the eye from a bottle of Optrex, a box of corn plasters (Giant Economy Size) across the instep, a jar of 2000 paracetamols on the headbone and an extra large tube of Germaloids you'd never guess where. Having disentangled myself from the pharmaceutical misfortune I turned the door handle to get the hell out of it and the door knob on the other side fell out, complete with shank. Having succeeded in squeezing through the bathroom window at the expense of only my new "Biggles" genuine plastic leather flying jacket and shinned down the drainpipe without mishap I was congratulating myself on a fine piece of climbing when the hand of our new village bobby (who unlike his six predecessors refuses to make a name for himself by sitting in his car opposite the local boozer at chucking out time and chooses to go round looking for criminals instead) fell on my shoulder.

After only two hours I walked out the police station (actually I slid down the steps on a discarded roller skate) a free man. Returning home I found the house in darkness and my wife in bed. "Hello dear" she said. "How's the jig-saw shaping up?"

My 'wife is alive and well, my wounds are gradually healing, and I'll have only major scars to show for it all. That's what makes me feel I qualify as an expert on human relationships.

Wodger mean, "stick to bowling matters?" I'll bet nearly every bowler has done a jig-saw puzzle at some time or other. Hokay, Bowling matters coming up. Club tournament. Cliftonville 27th February. My tip for the top? Defending champ (500 division) Eve Lewis. Let's hear it for Evie baby. Yeah Eve exclamation mark exclamation mark exclamation mark (you will have gathered that my typewriter is not equipped with an exclamation mark key). See ya there. Meanwhile, the ball is now in old Rugface's court (or on his lane) to get this mag. out in time for distribution before the tournament.

Stay Cool.

Joe Cool

B.T.B.A. News

From the desk of the General Secretary:

Over a period of time, many questions are repeatedly asked regarding the organisation of the B.T.B.A. For the interest of all concerned, we are publishing a series of QUESTIONS and ANSWERS covering those points most frequently asked.

- Q.** As a member of the B.T.B.A., which is a Limited Company, am I a shareholder?
- A.** No. The B.T.B.A. is a Company Limited by guarantee, with no share capital. The nearest equivalent to shareholders, are the delegates elected by the Local Association to represent them at General Meetings.
- Q.** As a member, may I attend the Annual General Meeting?
- A.** No. As with other Limited Companies, only shareholders (in our case, delegates) and Directors (Members of the Council) and invited guests are eligible to be present.
- Q.** How can we have amendments made to the Articles of Association?
- A.** By submission in the form of a resolution through your delegate.
- Q.** Do Council Members represent us, the players?
- A.** No, they represent the B.T.B.A. in a predetermined area, which often covers several countries.
- Q.** How does one become a National Council Member?
- A.** Players are nominated at a special meeting called annually by each Local Association. Up to three names may be submitted to the Executive Committee of the B.T.B.A. and of these, one proceeds to the next stage which is:
If more than a total of 12 names are submitted from Local Association, all are circulated to the delegates for vote by ballot.
- Q.** How are bowlers represented?
- A.** By their elected delegates who attend the B.T.B.A. A.G.M.
- Q.** Are the Local Association required to run their A.G.M. in the same manner as the B.T.B.A.?
- A.** No. Any member may attend but only delegates elected by the league's Board of Directors may vote or speak. The Chairman may invite guest speakers but questions, of which prior notice should be given, may only be submitted through the delegate. The situation is the same as for Government of local Borough Councils wherein Public Galleries are provided, but the occupants are not allowed to participate in the proceedings.
- Q.** How many classes of membership are available?
- A.** Three.
1. Five year membership available through continuous play in sanctioned league, in centres where the proprietors contribute to the B.T.B.A.
 2. One year, known as Direct Membership for non-league players and those in non-contributory centres.
 3. One year for juniors and members of HM Forces. These rates are reduced to Junior Leagues sanctioned through a recognised Youth Bowling Club, or Service Personnel playing in sanctioned league.
- Q.** May the Local Association charge a separate membership fee?
- A.** No. Payments for services by the Local Association are voluntary, but money must be raised to supply even the basic administration requirements. Registration fees for non production of membership cards at tournaments are retained by the Local Associations.

A subscription fee may also be charged in tournaments, providing it is listed separately and shown on the entry form.

- Q.** As a league player only pays a token fee for 5 years membership, where does the B.T.B.A. obtain its finances?
- A.** Apart from the membership fee, the Organisation receives donations from proprietors and grant aid from the Sports Council.
- Q.** Does the grant aid supply our league materials?
- A.** No. Government assistance through the Sports Council provides for 75% of the administration costs of running Head Office. i.e. wages, rent, rates, lighting, heating, post, printing (excluding league and tournament material), telephone and travelling expenses (staff).
- Q.** Can I lose my membership even though it covers a 5-year term?
- A.** Yes, either through disciplinary action, or failure to continue to bowl in sanctioned leagues after the 28th September of any year or if the Proprietor fails to continue to subscribe to the B.T.B.A. It must be clearly understood that the only way the B.T.B.A. can offer membership at low rates is because the balance required is received from other sources.
- Q.** What does it cost to sanction a tournament?
- A.** Nothing. This is a free service provided for the benefit of the members.
- Q.** How do the members benefit?
- A.** By maintaining conformity to the rules and regulations and ensuring equality of opportunity to participants through lane conditions.
- Q.** What difference would it make if the B.T.B.A. did not supervise conditions?
- A.** Lanes could be deliberately dressed to create high scoring conditions. The immediate effect would be to boost the morale of the players whose average could increase considerably.
- Q.** Would this not be helpful to the bowler?
- A.** No. Apart from being totally illegal, in the final analysis the player would suffer as it would not be possible to maintain the inflated average in normal conditions in other centres. The player would then be at a great disadvantage when entering handicap tournaments.
- Q.** Must every player in a league, including substitutes, be members of the B.T.B.A. if sanctioning is required?
- A.** Yes — even non playing officers, managers and team captains must be members as the B.T.B.A. only has jurisdiction over its members who formally agree to abide by its rules when applying for membership.
- Q.** Are double headers permitted within B.T.B.A. rules i.e. Can a team arrange to bowl at another time and or place against scores previously bowled by their opponents?
- A.** No. Rule 112 precludes such action.
- Q.** My league bowls a winter and summer term, are we entitled to two sets of League Champion and Achievement Awards Badges?
- A.** B.T.B.A. provides one free issue to each league upon receipt of a copy of the final standing sheets. Duplicate sets and extras for substitutes are available on payment of current cost.
- Q.** If I do not send my application within 42 days, is it too late to get my league sanctioned?
- A.** No, it is never too late. The 42 days grace period (automatic for previously sanctioned leagues) allows for High Score recognition during that period, providing the application is submitted within 6 weeks of the date of commencement of the schedule.
- New league may apply in writing for coverage during the "grace period".

AREA HI'S

<i>5 Person Team 3 Games</i>	THE STING YES	BEX 2792 WAL 2687
<i>5 Person Team 1 Game</i>	BASILDON '5' THE STING YES	BAS 958 BEX 945 WAL 935
<i>4 Person Team 3 Games</i>	JAGUARS WALTON PRO SHOP BEXLEYHEATH JUNIORS	WAL 2354 WAL 2280 BEX 2217
<i>4 Person Team 1 Game</i>	JAGUARS CRUSADERS BEXLEYHEATH JUNIORS	WAL 872 BEX 801 BEX 774
<i>3 Person Team 3 Games</i>	LEOPARDS AQUILA STARTRECK	CLIF 1750 DAG 1745 DAG 1710
<i>3 Person Team 1 Game</i>	JUST US MPBC STARTRECK	BAS 646 BEX 640 DAG 635
<i>Doubles 3 Games</i>	NO APPLICATIONS	
<i>Doubles 1 Game</i>	ROBIN GARTON/PAUL SCOTTOW ROY MYHILL/TERRY SAUNDERS	WAL 469 DAG 448
<i>Mixed Doubles 3 Games</i>	DEBBIE & PETER HEFFER JENNY & ROY MYHILL	WAL 1150 DAG 1074
<i>Mixed Doubles 1 Game</i>	GORDON & SHEILA PHILLIPS GORDON & SHEILA PHILLIPS DEBBIE & PETER HEFFER JENNY & ROY MYHILL	BEX 440 BEX 434 WAL 426 DAG 421
<i>Mens Singles 3 Games</i>	PAUL SCOTTOW PAUL SCOTTOW TERRY SAUNDERS ROY MYHILL	WAL 742 WAL 709 DAG 693 DAG 669
<i>Mens Singles 1 Game</i>	TERRY SAUNDERS ROGER SMITH ROBIN GARTON ROY MYHILL	DAG 289 WAL 280 WAL 278 DAG 268
<i>Ladies Singles 3 Games</i>	SHIRLEY PREVOST ANN SIMMONS JILL BALDWIN	WAL 621 CLIF 617 CLIF 601
<i>Ladies Singles 1 Game</i>	JILL BALDWIN SHIRLEY MOLINEAUX MARION DRURY ROSE WHEATLEY	CLIF 257 BAS 256 BAS 250 BAS 242
<i>Ladies Doubles 3 Games</i>	KATHY SCALES/MARION DRURY VALERIE SUMNER/LILLY McNAMARA	BAS 1035 BAS 999
<i>Ladies Doubles 1 Game</i>	DORIS AINGER/LILLY McNAMARA ROSE WHEATLEY/VIVIENNE SPIRES	BAS 413 BAS 414
<i>Juniors 3 Games</i>	NIGEL McCALL MARK PRESLEY CLIVE BENTLEY ELAINE LODGE	CLIF 689 SOU 678 BEX 597 BEX 583
<i>Juniors 1 Game</i>	MARK PRESLEY NIGEL McCALL	SOU 265 CLIF 257