

# Cool Corner

THE other night on one of my yearly visits to the pub (it was February the second, and it'll be exactly one year until I go into the pub on February the second again) I happened to mention in passing that I was fed up with being poor. Some clever clogs with more mouth than the Nile delta went all pious and told me I should be grateful for what I've got. Please let not it be said I'm ungrateful for what I've got currently a set of cracked ribs that are fractionally less painful than the bank balance. My kid has been ecstatically grateful for the mumps. The cat is deeply grateful for the bunch of D.D.T. proof, Pybuthrin proof, machine gun bullet proof fleas that have taken up residence in his highly desirable semi-detached carcass. Still, there's me wife. She's got every reason to be grateful. She's got the rest of us.

Listen in on the chat in the bar after bowling. Chances are you'll pick up something on the subject that is at the moment setting the bowling scene alight with raging apathy. Media coverage, otherwise known as "Why ain't we on the telly?" The need (or desire) to have ones' sport elevated to national popularity. The oft verbalised belief that such coverage would be the best thing for the sport since the invention of the round ball. Look, just get the old cells into something resembling working order and tell me — no, even better — tell yourself (convincingly) why you want tenpin on telly, pinfall on page three? I'll tell you why I want it. It's because I know that the very day the Beeb decided to run a twice weekly tenpin slot they'll automatically contact me to lead the line up. I'll hike the old average up by a mere seventy or so pins and have hoards of nubile young females (the ones that ain't trapped in typewriters) send me their underwear in the post (and pretty damn silly I'll look in it too. The underwear that is. Come to that, the post as well). I'll also become World Supreme Biggy in the sport and get very rich endorsing peoples balls.

So, am I the only dreamer in the sport, or will you admit to similar money grubbing visions? And what's more, you wouldn't give a small stack of second hand lavatory paper to further the cause of more public exposure for the sport unless you could hang onto your dreams of fame, fortune and fornication. Tenpin types have been bamboozled (by themselves as by anyone else) into believing that mass media coverage is per se good for the

sport. No so. Unless your sport happens to be one of the incredibly lucky and rare examples that is played by folks the majority of whom truly are interested in what goes on in other parts of the country, let alone the world. Face it, we're parochial; we've an easier job to identify with our Area than our Country, our Centre than our Area, our League than our Centre, our Team than our League. Nothing has yet occurred to fire our sport with the national type of fervour one would like to imagine exists. On the whole we find it difficult to remember the names of our country's representatives, so how can we expect the likes of David Coleman to present our sport in a knowledgeable manner? In my centre they don't even stock "World of Tenpin" now because virtually nobody bought the bloody thing. W.o.T. is (was?) the only readily available magazine that gives (gave?) coverage of a halfway decent quality to our sport. And the bowlers aren't (weren't?) interested. If we as a group show that type of interest the mass media can only be expected to show somewhat less. Despite this the sport manages to survive. However, don't kid yourselves, you don't kid me. If you truly want big growth in your sport you'll be placing a regular order for the national mag. and deluging the B.B.C. and I.T.V. with petitions to elevate tenpin to a position similar to that occupied by football or snooker. But somewhere in your mind lies a pocket of rationality that knows the truth. Tenpin is a sport to enjoy as a player, but deadly boring to watch if you're not.

Didga see it? On telly? People dressed up like you'd only normally see in the kind of book that's kept on the top shelf of the newsagents, lying on top of one another, wrapping their feet round a couple of razor blades and hurtling down mountainsides (with the accent on hurt)? Dammit, I can't even pronounce it, let alone spell it, but that looge certainly ain't no sport for cissies.

I think it's pretty low on somebody's part (I'm not sure whose) that the British youth team has to pay all it's own expenses when representing the country. It was suggested at the Area A.G.M. that a few donations wouldn't be unwelcome. So, bearing in mind that fact that no less than three out of the twelve players and two of the management/coaching group are from S.E.B.A., wouldn't it be a good idea for everyone in the Area association to dip into their pockets and make a contribution? And yes, my money's where my mouth is, my league is bunging fifty odd quid to where it'll do some good.

So, it's to be heigh ho for Cliftonville this year then. My bunch will be fielding five teams, ten or so doubles and twenty-odd singles. You'd think my local bookies runner would be impressed wouldn't you? But he's still offering odds of a grillion to one against any of my mob getting a result. Never mind, I can dream, and one day I'll walk into the bar, order a pint of shandy and a packet of nuts and say "Can you change a grillion pound note?" See ya there. Stay Cool.





# Failure Club

I'M either running out of Failures, or running out of friends, I'm not quite sure which!

But there seems to be a plentiful supply of people who Fail to sanction their leagues with the BTBA, and then have someone hit a nice big score, that can't possibly be officially recognised. Even better this time, they have published the fact for all to see in the dear ol'e World of TenPin.

All my fans and others have no doubt read my views on unsanctioned leagues! Indeed in the last issue I called someone a Berk and I have been politely requested to moderate my language. Being an Officer and Gentleman I shall honour this request and in future call them "BRAINS" and you will know exactly what I mean. Now back to the story —

Paul McKinney has been made a member of the Famous Failure Club! No not for failing to sanction the league in question, that would be too easy; its for scoring 299 in the National League, the 2nd division on November 27th, when the League was unsanctioned.

## WHY PAUL?

Well! I shall explain.

If it was not the fault of the BTBA, and it wasn't, or the fault of the Leagues Managers, then it must be Paul's for hitting 299. Sorry Paul that's the best I could do.

## WHAT am I saying?

People are breaking their necks to become Failure Club Members! All right! All right! It's for not scoring 300 in an unsanctioned league! Does that make you fell better? I'm sure it makes no difference to PAUL!

## MISSED

Do you remember when you were little, riding in the back of dad's Morris Ruby, or in the side-car on your uncle's motor bike?

Do you recall seeing hundreds of London Roads? They were everywhere wern't they? Did it leave you with the impression that every London Road just had to lead to London?

"Where does that road lead to, Dad?" you would say.

"What road son?" Dad would reply. "That road Dad — that road over there," pointing at the sign that said London Road.

"London" Dad would reply just to shut you up.

"See!!" you would say to your

usually smaller travelling companion, "I told you it goes to London." Feeling all clever.

Have you noticed how much time we had then to indulge in conversations whilst travelling — or the mere fact that the road signs were not covered in aerosol spray paints.

I digress.

Our heroine this time is a lovely girl who has re-inforced my faith in the past, permit me to elucidate. Now there's a big word. Did I tell you that I have discovered ROGET'S THESAURUS? No he had not lost anything, its a book, with all fancy words in, but that's another story. This young lovely had driven all the way down to Whistable to compete for Bexleyheath in the Inter-Centre Championships. She has not been driving very long, and this is the farthest she has driven in her mini. No you fool, her mini car, not mini skirt Oh dear now am I giving our ages away? Well anyway, she arrived in Whistable safe and sound, but all of a shake — have you ever driven all the way to Whistable in an 850 mini? — No? — well if you had you would know why she was shaking. Where was I? Oh yes. She was all of a shake, but nothing that three or four G & T's would not cure — do you get the joke? 850 mini — G.T. — Gin & Tonic — Grand Tourer? Oh never mind, please yourself. Now our heroine fully recovered, bowls, has a nice day, and it is time to go home. Off she sets into the wilds of Whistable and after a short distance she spots a road that says LONDON ROAD and as everyone knows all London Roads leads to London, even if they do go via Tankerton, Graveney and all places west of Whitstable.

"I saw some nice caravans along th' way" said our heroine, when she related her story to me.

Welcome to the Club, CAROL LEEDS, for missing the M2.

Now for not so much a Failure,

more a way of life, well my life anyway.

In the last issue I reported that Alan Downing had hit a 267 personal best single game. When did I do that? Alan thought to himself, 267 that can't be bad, it would be good if I could remember when I did it, perhaps I was under the influence, but I haven't been like that for ages. Poor Alan had one big problem, brother BARRY was just a confused, because it was his game and not his brother's. Ron Apps has also suffered from the trouble I have with my brain after it has been washed. I said his name was Ron Epps, well it ain't it's Ron Apps. I usually have trouble with i before e and all that jazz. Sorry chaps.

Ray McDonald makes a welcome re-appearance with 7 strikes in one game for a score of 183. He had all his strikes in the right places for it was his second game, and had entered the jackpot, but true to form he failed to repeat his success with the jackpot strikes in the third game. Tony Hamilton bowling for the Valiants in the Olympic League, Bexleyheath, hit four open frames, three in a row, another open, doubled the 9th and 10th frame, then hit 8, took only 1 pin for 166. Tony reckons that is Failure Club material? Calling a team the Valiants qualifies the Whole team Tony!

That's all for now, see you all soon.





# Scene Around SEBA

## BASILDON

**Is Basildon to close?** Val Sumner would like an answer from the Council.

**YES or NO.**

## BEXLEYHEATH

John Kirkpatrick, one time NAYBC Member, and senior league bowler, has advised me that he has received his Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Gold Medal at last. John, presently at Bath University, has waited three years to receive his award. His activities for the award were Tenpin Bowling, Swimming, Naval Engineering, Community Services and Cross Channel Sailing, during which he spent one day in Cherbourg next to the QE2 whilst a force 9 gale stopped them from returning to England. Congratulations John. I am very pleased to have been a small part of your success.

Steve White, League Secretary of the Spartan & Olympic Leagues at Bexleyheath has given us food for thought. He says, "Is the 10% practice on blind scores really fair? As we know 10% of a bowlers average is subtracted from his or her average as a penalty for non-appearance. But is it fair that a higher average bowler should be penalised to a greater extent. Recently two teams each had blind scores. Their 10% was deducted from each of the absentee bowlers, the handicap added and the high average difference had disappeared without a ball being bowled. This league uses 75% of 200 as their handicap basis. E.g. 187 ave. would receive a handicap of 9. When absent 19 would be removed from his average, his handicap of 9 would be added, resulting in a blind score of 177. A 120 average would receive a handicap of 60. When absent would lose 12, his handicap of 60 would be added, and his absentee score would be 168. Let us assume that if they had bowled and achieved their average, the difference would be 16 pins, but under the 10% option this difference is reduced to 9 as absentee score, therefore the high average is being penalised. What's the answer you cry? My suggestion is that we add the handicap to the average before deducting the 10%. If this is applied to the example the high average

bowler is only disadvantaged by 2 pins."

STEVE WHITE

Stan Hammond bowling in the Guys & Dolls League hit his personal best single game. He started with an open frame, 2 nine spares, then hit seven in a row for 254. Well done Stanley.

Brian Dodds of the Likely Lads in the Olympic League, scored his first 600 series, 205,205,201. Well don Brian, the first is always the best.

## CLIFTONVILLE

How about this for a team name? THE CRABS

Well I never? The mind boggles. When I tell you that one of the team members is Sylvia Colley you will understand. What do you mean you don't know Sylvia? I must admit I called her friend Joyce Chapman, Sylvia Colley at Whitstable recently, but I have an excuse, it's me BRAIN.

Well anyway, this little lot hit a nice game and series recently in the Seaside League, can you now see the reason for their name? Sylvia 197, husband Brian 181, Ron Mason 241, and Paul Crundell 208 for a four person team game of 827. They went on to score 2199. Did I say that double mentions were becoming a regular practice? Well, three in a row is the only thing that our Sylvia will settle for. With Brian in the His & Hers League they scored 411, Sylvia 234, Brian 176. In the sponsored league Sylvia, teamed up with Ron Mason & Dave Miles for a trios game of 589, and a 1695 series. They used to be known as Rif-Raf, but due to Sponsorship are now known as IKE'S AUTOMATICS. I liked the old name.

Cliftonville's re-fit is well underway and should be ready in plenty of time for the Area Championships.

## DAGENHAM

I have received a letter from Joan Nutt, Secretary of the Masters League, saying: After seeing the last issue of Bowling News and the lack of high scores — she was shamed in to re-checking her league and sending them in. They include a series by the Vice Chairman of the BTBA, Harold King, 629 series, that included a 258 game. It

was Harold's brother, L. E. King, manufacturer of Kingcraft Products, along with Mr. L. A. Wolley of the Brunswick Corporation that sponsored the U.K. Team on their recent trip to the World Championships. May I add our thanks for your help.

Back to the Masters League. Aquilla 1758 series, 633 game. G.P.S.B. 1749 series. Marc Carver 219, George Sturgeon 182, and Mick Mathews 244, for a single game of 645. The Professionals 1709 series, Kingcraft 630 game.

Finally the Dagenham Diamonds, Frank Long 253, Steve Dallas 193 & Roy Ashenden 221 for 667 single game.

The Capitol Doubles have been putting a few good games and series together recently. Ken Butcher and Connie Saunders 410 mixed doubles game. Jenny Myhill 257, in a ladies doubles a 406 with Dolly Hart. Not to be out done by their wives, Roy Myhill and Terry Saunders managed a 451 single game in their 1245 series.

That report by Frank Long.

Micky Frankland in the Constellation League has scored 646, with games of 177, 223, 246. He tried to hide his game scores in case I made him a Failure Club Member! I would not dare Mick.

Consistant bowling from Bob Haytre gives this Hits & Misses League its first 600 series of 1984. Bob now holds the League High H/C series with 640, and the high game 243.

Thank you Helen Sullivan.

Michael and Val Eggleton have won the Polaris League for the past four years, and added the Championship of the Flintstone League 1983. They have been bowling since 1966. You've had plenty of practice then?

## SOUTHEND

Kevin Norris of the Pavilion Doubles has advised us that Rose Bradford and Ian Walker have set a new personal best with 198 and 225. Congratulations to you both.

## WALTON

From our correspondent John Mills.

The 1983 Summer League Winners:

Monday 7.30 teams of 5 persons:— The Avengers, R. May, M.



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Nelson, R. Mitch, V. Hemming and C. Green.

Tuesday 8 teams of 5 persons:— Gonks, W. Rayson, M. Dare, V. Kemp, R. Dear & M. Dare.

Wednesday 8 teams of 5 persons:— R.A.F.A. W. Rayson, V. Hemming, C. Haygreen, M. Green, M. Dean & R. Dare.

Thursday 8 teams of 4 persons:— Shifters, B. Moscrop, J. Creamer, S. Pollard & R. Openshaw.

Friday 8 teams of 4 persons:— Pro-Shop, P. Scottow, P. Garrot, G. Moules & J. Mills.

Saturday 8 teams of doubles:— Mr & Mrs I. Tester, S. Tester.

Saturday 6 trios:— Martinalis Wallys, C. Martinali, G. Bugg & D. Adams.

Sunday 7 teams of 4 persons:— El Cinco, R. Hunt, R. Havill and G. Ramplin.

A few high scores for the leagues during Jan & Feb. 1984. A four person team high game and series that included four high 200 games. 245 from Debbie Heffer in game one, 245 from Terry Hewitt in the second game, 232 from Derik Dane and 265 from Bob Finch in the third game. Their score in the last game would have been 988, if Debbie & Terry could have waited until the third game. But they had to settle for 866 single game and 2450 series.

Ann Finch and Andy Smith hit 211-226 for a single mixed doubles game of 437, and a 1199 series. Six days later Ann & Andy hit 203-243 for 446, but missed their previous series by 40 pins. Roger Smith and John Storey 233-206 for 439 and 1180 series. All this action in the New Beach Doubles League, on the 20th and 27th January 1984. Then on the 10th February Paul Scottow and Nigel Goss carded a 1247 series, that included a 452 game. The following week Michael Fady bowling for the Odd Bods against the Pro Shop bowled a 202 game in only his second match in a senior league. Not bad for an 11 year old. His series read 120 125, 202. In the same match Paul Scottow hit 672. It will not be long before Michael is doing the same.

The New Beach Cash League saw an 800 four person single game, when Ron Peacock scored 213, John Koehler 173, Morris

214, and Derek Dane 200.

The Sovereign League on Tuesday plays host to many fine teams, amongst the is the Pro Shop five of Paul Scottow, Ian Tester, Martin Baker, Barry Rudlin and Clive Moules. They hit a single game of 692, and a 2706 series.

## WHITSTABLE

Roy Fillier sends in the following report, from the Harbour League.

Ken Barnard still leads the way averaging 185. He opened the season with a 644 series, 232, 222, 210, and has been playing well since. I tried to copy him last night by bowling a 650, which included a 244 game. The Roughnecks lead the way with 2254 series, that included a 801 game. Meanwhile the Raiders hold the game prize with 806, and second place in the league.

*Ed Note:* Thank you Roy. League Secretaries around SEBA please note.

My next correspondent takes notes and sends them to me, thanks in advance to the lovely Lyn Purcell.

Sunday January 2nd and ten five person teams lined up for the Inter-League Challenge match. Each team were representing their league, and were prepared to do battle for either the handicap or scratch trophy.

After the first game the Monday Fours league led with 971, that included 200 by Nigel Holgate. The Harbour League was close behind with 964 helped by 214 from Brian Curtis and 202 from Andy O'Shea.

After two games the Monday Fours held their lead adding 888 for a two game total of 1859. Their second game included 233 from Dave Yoxall, 203 from Richard Singleton. The Premier Scratch League's team awoke from their slumbers to shoot 985, Roger Evans 203, Chris Smith 208, and Bob Potts 236, they were now only 3 pins behind the leaders, with only one game to go. The Monday Fours battled bravely, but the power of the Premier Scratch team was too much to withstand. Chris Smith was named as low man with 191 in their 1033 game to take the scratch title with 2883.

The Monday Fours consoled themselves with the handicap

trophy. Roland Fowley, Richard Singleton hit 219, 215 but their team game of 947 was not enough to take the top honour.

Other scores deserving recognition were the Tuesday Doubles, Barry Evans and Chris Cordes, 200, 202 for the Guys & Dolls League. Bob Potts 637, Phill May 603 and Richard Singleton 617. Special mention must be given to the Junior team who took second place in the handicap section.

Congratulations to Alan Webster of the Wednesday Trios League who bowled a personal best game and series of 231, 575. Alan is reserve for the Roughnecks, current leaders of the Harbour League on Thursdays, and is a well known and popular figure in the centre. He can be found giving support to bowlers on almost any night of the week. At the age of 68 Alan is possibly Whitstable's oldest bowler and, when you know that he discovered the sport only five years ago, you realise that what we hear so often is really true — Tenpin is a game for all ages.

Another personal best was bowled by Martin Dawns, a single game of 233 in the Tuesday Doubles League. Martin has been bowling for two years.

## WHITSTABLE BOWLER OF THE YEAR.

Whitstable's Bowler of the year tournament was run in two sections this year, 170+ averages bowled for the scratch title, while others received invitations to the handicap tournament. Almost sixty bowlers turned up for the handicap section which bowled first. Dave Bright shot 233 for one of his four games, but by the end of the first squad was four pins behind Roger Coombs with 839 including handicap.

The Ladies division leader was Teresa Cottingham 798, just three pins ahead of Barbara Coombs. The men held their places through the second squad, but Sue Trott threw a series of 807, while Barbara Austin rolled 801 to become new leaders in the ladies division.

During the third squad, Alan Waller took the lead in the men's with 840, but was eased in the runner-up slot by Ken Davis with 844. The third squad also produced the ladies winner Pat Packman roll-



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ed 846 to relegate Sue Trott to second place. All scores except the 233 game included handicap.

Twenty bowlers in the scratch section bowled on a different format. Six games, and the field was cut to ten, a single game to find the final five for a step ladder finish.

After the first two rounds Bob Potts held pole position with Chris Smith, Phil May, Dave Yoxall and Ken Barnard in that order behind him. Ken and Dave played a close game decided only in the last frame. Ken 159, Dave 155. The next match was closer still, with the last shot making Phil the victor by 170 to Ken's 169. Phil met Chris next, the result again in his favour, this time 196 to 161. The final match

could have gone either way with splits and strikes giving each bowler the chance to snatch the title. The very last frame of the tournament left Phil May (185) as Scratch Bowler of the Year, over Bob Potts (180) as runner up.

Congratulations to Kevin Kennett who bowls in the Guys & Dolls League on an average of 140 in the Tankerton Automatics "B" team, in the recent Courage centre finals. He shot 583 (202, 212, 169) and helped his team mates Mick Smith, Paul Valente and John Arundel to the first place in the handicap section. Heritage Homes' team Vic Green, Sean Purcell, Brian Bentley and Andy Sargent took the scratch

place. Dawn Stanley and Lyn Purcell took the Ladies Doubles place with 1120 scratch. The teams now go to Nottingham for the National Finals.

Mick Chapman started his second game in the Monday Fours League with eight strikes in a row, he was unlucky to get only nine in the ninth, then spared the 3-10, and hit another nine for a game total of 256. With a first game of 198, and third game of 181 his series was 635. Fellow conquistador Mike Hedger scored 576 including a 214 game, Bill Copley 566 including a 240 game assisted by Brian Gunns they won all their points with a team series of 2233.

Ace reporter Lyn Purcell.

## For Your Information From The B T B A

### January, 1984

Our sincere thanks to all those thoughtful members who sent greetings to the staff. Your twenty one year salute broke all records.

It is with deep regret that we inform you that Mr. E. E. Clarke (Area Secretary for Berkshire), affectionately known as "Nobby", passed away during the Christmas recess. His particular brand of humour will be missed at the Secretary's Convention each year and, on behalf of all members we offer sincere condolences to the bereaved.

### Tenpin on TV

We have been assured the Tenpin Bowling will be one of the regular sports to appear on Cable Television as it moves into full production during 1984.

### Scotland

Scotland has been granted permission to apply to F.I.Q. for independent recognition, should the interested parties, North of the border decide to accept the invitation, then members will all remain within the framework of the BTBA but will be entitled to send independent teams to F.I.Q. events.

### League Sanctioning

May we draw your attention to the fact that it is *never too late* in the season to apply for sanction. The only thing affected by late application is recognition of the high scores.

### Green Light for Bowling Centres

It would appear that the go-ahead is clear in this decade for many new bowling centres, the first of which may well be in Peterborough as a press release stated that a Development Company is currently negotiating with the Peterborough Corporation for a site to accommodate a 24 lane centre.

### Employment opportunities

We are continuously receiving enquiries for employees within the industry for: management, coaches and mechanics, for both at home and abroad. If you are experienced in this field and interested in employment, please contact Head Office.

### Bowling Balls

A number of people have approached the BTBA with complaints about bowling balls which have been purchased in good faith and later found that they did not conform to specification requirements.

Any individual purchasing a new bowling ball is advised to ask the supplier for a guarantee that the ball conforms to specifications at the time of purchase.

Should it be found at any time that the ball is out of balance, it should be returned to the retailer from whom it was purchased.

### European Cup for individuals

The European Cup for Individuals will take place during 6th-8th April in Geneva and we are pleased to announce that Mrs Jane Virof and Mr. Chris Buck will be representing Gt. Britain in this event.

### Norfolk

We would like to offer our congratulations to the Sedgwick league, which is the first league to apply for sanction at the Norwich Bowl since it opened several years ago. Together with a re-formation of leagues from RAF Marham and RAF Coltishall, we may well expect the creation of a healthy County Association in Norfolk.

### Membership Cards

Duplicate membership cards are available from Head Office at 50p plus a stamped addressed envelope.

Ladies entering the realms of matrimonial bliss are requested to kindly apply for a new card, with a change of name.

Please do not forget to notify Head Office if you change your address.

When writing to Head Office on league matters, please, please, please quote the current sanction number.

### International Licences

International Licences run from the 1st September to the 31st August. If yours is due, please allow at least seven days for renewal. Send your old card and £10.00, plus a stamped addressed envelope for multiple visits or, 1 photograph and £5.00 for a single event.

### F.I.Q.

It is with deep regret that we have been informed that Mr. Soetopo Jananto, newly elected President of F.I.Q., passed away on Wednesday, 25th January, 1984, after a short illness. He will be sadly missed by the bowling world.





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