

# Failure Club



ONE of the best ways of becoming a Failure Club Member is to be ME. Now I realise it's not everyone's ambition to be me, but I'm stuck with it, and the undoubted ability to, shall I say drop little Clangers.

Sheila Phillips nominated her husband Gordon for membership, and asked me to keep it secret. Well I did just that, in fact I kept it so secret that I Failed to put her little secret in the last issue. What's even better I've lost it and can't tell anyone any way. So I'll have to avoid Sheila for a while till she forgives me.

Ken Drury should have become a member in the last issue if I had remembered to listen to my little machine. He had been nominated by the lovely Sue Wright. Ken managed 5 in a row, then with a series of splits only scored 173 in the Senate League at Basildon. Now the question must be, how can anyone who can hit 5 in a row at Basildon be nominated for the Failure Club?? But being an Officer and a Gentleman I shall accede to Sue's request.

Staying with clangers, Sue Wright is trying to win herself a new car in a petrol companies scrabble game, she purchased a can of oil just prior to attending her favourite bowl to have a chuck at a few pins.

When Sue arrived she suggested that they used her purchase to dress the lanes. Needless to say her little 'joke' went down like a lead balloon.

Back to my clangers in the last issue.

JOAN NUTT was quite surprised to find that she was bowling with Ken Melchonne at the National Championships. Who happens to be KIM, and she is very much a female. Not content with that, I credited the ESSEX Inter County report to BRIAN MORRISON instead of JOAN NUTT.

I deny any suggestions that it was wind up Joan week.

Finally, sorry to Bob Finch for excluding him from the SEBA placing at the Nationals. He did better than most, although I can't remember exactly where he finished.

At the Club Tournament I tried to flog Eve Lewis at Club Badge only to discover that she had not scored, 200, 500, 550 or anything during 1983.

I was quite taken a back by this astounding revelation, and was forced to ask Roy Mitchell, one time and occasional bowling partner to Eve in various SEBA Tournaments the reason behind this remarkable Failure.

"That's the reasons for Eve not qualifying for the Club Tournament, and would you attribute her failure to bowling in your team?"

"Do What"?

he replied, "Eve does not bowl in my team!! Our league is doubles!" you rug faced looney! My team is Me & Nigel (Blue Circle) Cash. "What's the reason for your question?" "Well" I replied, "I tried to flog Eve a badge, and Eve said she had not qualified, I thought it must be your fault everything else is, including the Gen Sec wanting to beat me about the head and body with a big stick."

So you see blooded but unbowed, I shall have to buy myself another Failure Club Badge.

Val Sumner from Basildon at the Club Tournament travelled to Dagenham to smash in 300 plus series that included a single game of 93, ain't it strange how you try to hide low scores by telling me?

On now to the Area Champion-

ships, what do you get when you sit on a fire extinguisher besides wet legs when it goes off? Yes you're right a wet lane and a wet approach, and another mop up operation swung into gear. Water seems to be creeping in to our Championships, could this be an omen for next year when we shall be at WALTON ON NAZE. I think we shall have to avoid any squads on the high tide.

Hello? Hello? what's this then? O'dear me it's Sheila's little secret! I shall let you have it verbatim.

"Dear Ted

I've been trying for ages to get husband Gordon in the Club and I think at long last I may have done it". (Clever girl).

"Gordon" (husband) "myself" (Sheila) and Phil Phillips (well known Bexleyheath Bowler) bowled in the 'Turkey Trios' at Bexleyheath in the first squad; Gordon was low man with 559. I (Sheila) pipped him by 2 pins. He later teamed up with another friend and son Darren who rolled 561 and beat his dad by 1 pin.

Despite the fact that Gordon, myself (Sheila) and Phil Phillips won the competition, would you not agree that he should be in the Failure Club as his son aged 14 not only scored the highest single game of the tournament with 243, beat his dad by one pin and I beat him by two pins.

Hope you agree.

Sincerely

Sheila Phillips"

How can I refuse? I saw the poor lad the other week and he still had the lumps on his knees, well at least I think it was his knees, they were all sort of knobby and very hairy.

Welcome to the Club — GORDON PHILLIPS.

I've just had a thought! Sheila should be a club member for letting Gordon wear shorts in public.

Now for the silly score brigade:

Bob Swann for Re-Union in the Bexleyheath Spartan Trios, 255-191-110 for 556.

Bob Haytor in the Hits & Misses 255 single game and failed to score 600.

I have this funny feeling that there is more, but I can't find them, so they will have to keep until next time, so keep taking the tablets.



# Cool Corner

It's been a bad couple of months. I've had a lot of trouble with nymphs. Four of 'em. It's true. Honest. Just listen a minute.

Three months ago our frogs were doing what all frogs do at that time of year. No, not off loading their excess highly subsidised grub onto the rest of the E.E.C. Mating. In our pond (I've mentioned our pond before, although you might have used that copy of B.N. to light the fire or line the cat's tray before getting that far into it (the copy of B.N. not the cat's tray). All went well (no reason for it not to, it's a well tried system), and we were duly rewarded by the sight of masses of frog spawn.

Now, the last couple of years the hatching of the frog spawn into tadpoles has coincided with the local dragonflies' plans to provide their offsprings with plenty of fresh grub, so we get a situation where all those thousands of tadpoles get decimated by the pre-flight-stage dragonflies (nymphs). This year the frogs pulled a fast one. After the initial laying there was a gap of a week or so, then, lo and behold, a further batch of spawn. Ain't frogs clever? The first batch gets to hatch out and provide the rations for the nymphs, which then crawl up handy plant stems and metamorphose into adult dragonflies which fly away in search of airborne vittals, leaving their nymph skins floating in the water to be counted by concerned frog breeders.

That's what happened. I counted them in and I counted 'em back out again. Voilan one batch of tadpoles sacrificed for the benefit of the second lot, who will be left to develop in peace. Not so. Within two days of the dragonflies' departure the second bunch of tadpoles were swarming round the pond like a crowd scene. Within two days of that four more nymphs had appeared and commenced to do the number on my flock. Have you ever tried discouraging a voracious dragonfly nymph from treating your pedigree tadpoles as iron rations? Nasty sort of nip they got, innit? So, that's it. I have left (at last count) something in the region of six tadpoles, and they keep coming to the surface and looking at me with that accusing look that tadpoles reserve for a god who's failed to deliver the promised land, and bang goes my contract with Windsor Safari Park.

I witnessed a rather shameful scene at Bexleyheath on Whit Monday (or whatever they call it nowadays). Due to a mix up somewhere along the line, an open bowler was assigned a lane that a league hadn't finished with. In the ensuing exchange of suspected family histories the (assumed) league and BTBA member who had taken it upon himself to turf the member of the public off the lane

offered to continue the argument in the car park. To that bowler I would recommend perusal of his BTBA rule book. Go on, page 52, section 2. Then check on page 70, rule 15. I'm pretty sure that what occurred was in contravention of both those items.

Sure the guy was a right haemeroïd. Sure he just walked onto the lane area before the league bowlers had finished. Sure he was a big mouth. But he was a member of the public who had paid his money to bowl and he'd waited more than two hours for a lane. I can verify that, he was several places in front of me in the queue for waiting tickets. His money as well as yours helps to keep centres open so we can all practise the sport that's best. Your aggressive manner was hardly likely to attract him back to the lanes on days when the lanes are crying out for more paying customers.

Maybe the sport can stand one possible lost customer on one of the busiest days I've witnessed since the early sixties. But that guy and many like him would well go away for good if they are given the impression that the sport is run by a CLIQUE, FOR A CLIQUE, at the experience of non-league bowlers. So how about in future remembering that a member of the public is a potential member of the league?

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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## from the B.T.B.A.

### EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The British Junior Team returned from Sweden with two bronze medals. LEE WISEMAN from Hull and RICHARD DA COSTA from Middlesex tied for third place in the doubles with Norway.

Numerous records were broken, Jari Joasson of Finland rolled a 298 game in the trios, and our Gen Sec Maurice Glazer was awarded a certificate by the European Zone of the F.I.Q. for his distinguished service to the sport.

A bid to hold the first ever European Championships for 18-23 year olds was accepted for Britain and is scheduled to be held in Stevenage during August 1985.

### BRITON BREAKS THE BARRIER

British Army Sgt. Mich Langley rolled an 835 (256-290-289) in a Doubles competition in the 16th Annual Shape Championships. This is the first 800 series bowled in the 34 year history of the U.S. Forces Military bowling in Europe.

### DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Disciplinary action has been taken against various members around the country, and the following is the results:-

Mr. Colin Stanley & Mrs Lesley Stanley from Stirchley, for non and malfeasance of duty they have been expelled.

Mr. Brian Slee from Crawley for non-feasance of duty, 1 year suspension of membership commencing 1st September 1984.

Mr. Robert Donkin from Hull has been barred from holding office.

Mr. Brian K. Barnard from Sussex from malfeasance of duty has received an indefinite suspension.

### G.B. v. NORWAY

The Ladies team won their event by 30 points to 6. In spite of brilliant play by CHRIS BUCK, including a 277 game the men were not quite so successful. On a country verses country basis Great Britain can add another success to its list.

### WORLD GAMES

23 sports will participate in the next World Games to be held July/August 1985. The Tenpin section will be held at Stevenage on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of August.

### MASSTRICH HOLLAND JUNE 1984

This International Tournament was won by a Belgian, ALBERT ROBYNS, with second place going to our own TREVOR BIRCH who bowled a 204 average over 24 games. The Womens' Division was captured by Gina Wardle from Sheffield who maintained a 200 average over 24 games. Gina's performance was a continuation of her recent success in Paris where she won the Paris Singles.

One highlight of the event was Jane Virots' birthday on Sunday 24th, when she was presented with a cake made by Judy Robins who had secretly transported it to Maastrich, where it was conveyed to the kitchen and iced by Rita Glazer who completed the decoration with the appropriate twenty-one candles.

### YBC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Some 5,000 games were rolled by the under 18's during a fantastic two weekend period at the Harrow Bowl. Never has the advantage of bowling under the guidance of qualified instructors been more pronounced than by witnessing the approach and delivery of the new generation.

The tremendous enthusiasm shown by players and parents made every official proud to be associated with the event, and above all the BTBA Council is equally proud to feel that the Management Committee headed by Chairman Ron Wiseman, and Secretary Fran Da Costa can receive so much satisfaction from a job well done.

### BOWLERS APPEARANCE

The Council of the BTBA has confirmed that short trousers may not be worn by men in sanctioned play.

### THE EUROPEAN CUP (Emilio de Miguel).

Will be held in Brussels on the 15th-18th November.

The European Championships (Seniors) has been scheduled for Vienna in JUNE 1985.

The Final of the INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS are to be held in Sunderland, with the grand dinner on Saturday the 22nd of September 1984.

### DID YOU KNOW

According to one of our financial wizards, tax deducted from source from investment with a Building Society can be reclaimed if Corporation Tax is not chargeable. The Leicester Building Society and possibly others will issue a voucher whenever interest is credited, and this may be submitted to the Inland Revenue to support claims for a refund. Contact your local branch for further information. The leaflet issued by the Leicester group is entitled:— Investments by Companies, Clubs, Societies and other bodies.

### AWARDS RECOGNITION

Please note that only the Annual High Score Recognition form (White with Blue printing) should be sent to the Local Association Secretary. All other applications must be submitted within the specified period directly to the Awards Dept., BTBA.

### IMPORTANT

IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD IS WHITE IN COLOUR IT MUST BE RENEWED AFTER THE 1ST SEPTEMBER 1984. THE COST OF THE FIVE YEAR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE £4.00. THE APPLICATION WILL BE MADE ON CHERRY RED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CARDS.

The BTBA draws your attention to the following conditions under which 5 year membership cards are issued.

The greatly reduced fee charged for 5 year membership is solely as a result of the financial support given



# Scene Around SEBA

HERE we are again months after the last issue and summer is almost over. The garden is still a heap, and my schedule for finishing the patio before the next (this) issue is in tatters. As is the schedule for Bowling News.

What can be more official than an announcement from the corridors of power. The importance of such an event is that, it was well-known in advance, what is more, happened on schedule. This event now carries the full seal of approval by appearing in Bowling News.

We are pleased to announce the marriage of:

**PATRICIA KNEIP**

Governor of the WNC  
President of the

Middlesex County Association  
to

**MR BERNIE WHITE**

SEBA member of some renown  
and Secretary of the Inter-County  
Championships

All the best Pat and Bernie from  
the SEBA Members and the Palace  
of Bexley.

## Going Slow

There is one thing that gets me  
off my Bike, and that is SLOW  
BOWLING.

## BTBA INFORMATION

by the proprietor of the Centre in  
which the individual joins.

In order to retain the member-  
ship during the five years, two  
things are necessary.

(1) The Proprietor must continue to  
support the BTBA financially,  
and

(2) the player must continue to bowl  
in at least one sanctioned league in  
each fiscal year.

The 42 days grace period will be  
extended to all members re-joining  
which means that high scores bowled  
during the grace period will be  
recognised, providing the sanction  
application is received within 42  
days of the commencement of the  
date of the leagues schedule or not  
after Friday the 12th of October.  
New Leagues must apply in writing  
for this privilege.

Any BTBA member who wishes  
to receive copies of the BTBA For  
Your Information Sheets they  
should send a s.a.e. to The B.T.B.A.  
at 19 Canterbury Avenue, Ilford,  
Essex.

Some players seem to "Play  
Statues" at their stance, or are  
rabbiting away with absolutely no  
awareness that it is their turn to  
have a chuck. Some insist in sitting  
until the pins have stopped wobbling,  
or someone is moving ten  
lanes away.

What a drag it is to play against  
them? And the first person that  
says "I bowl to enjoy myself" I  
shall scream! — so do I!

Let's get one thing straight, Ten-  
pin Bowling is a competitive sport,  
and should be treated that way! No  
doubt our slow comrades see it in  
the same way, but if they were to  
get on with the game, inject some  
urgency into their play, that will  
reflect in the abilities, and improve  
their averages.

Consider this: when a low  
average team finds form against a  
top average team, they can't wait  
to get back to the lane to have  
another chuck.

At the end of the session, you  
feel great, don't you?

Satisfied? Pleased with your per-  
formance? On a little high? That's  
what competitive sport is all about!  
Sport is not a knitting circle (sorry  
ladies), so get on with the game!

## BASILDON

### Women's all time High Game equalled

The Chuckers, alias Lilly  
McNamara and Dolly Ainger have  
been setting them alight in the  
Housewives Choice League. Their  
averages are 139/150, and on the  
19th June scored single games of  
448 and 402 in a series of 1142  
during which Lilly scored 260, 254,  
179 for 693 to head the SEBA Hi  
Scores and equal the Women's  
single game set as long ago as  
1971.

Lilly's first game read 6 in a row,  
7 spare, 3 in a row 3 spare, her se-  
cond game 7 spare, 7 in a row, 7

spare, 8 spare 9. During the series  
her only open frame came in the  
3rd game, the 6th frame which  
cost her 700, which would have  
broken Janet Morrison's record.

**Contratulations LII. 693 equal  
to the all time SEBA Women's  
Hi Game.** What more can I say ex-  
cept keep chucking.

Staying with the Housewives  
Choice League, The Ladybirds,  
Diane Clark hit her personal best  
series 213, 172, 203 for 588, ac-  
companied by Vivienne Spires they  
hit a 1038 series.

Dianne, a 128 average bowler,  
has qualified for her 4 in-a-row  
badge, 200 game, 550 and 575  
series badges. Plus entry to the  
200 Club, 500 Club and 550 Club.

Linda Payne moves into the  
Area Hi's with a single game of  
222, and a series of 580.

## BEXLEYHEATH

The "Golden Ball" comes back  
to Bexleyheath. One Tuesday in  
May, a coach from Bexleyheath  
travelled across London to Harrow  
Bowl in pursuit of the "Golden  
Ball". Six teams of trios from the  
three Housewives Leagues at Bex-  
leyheath, the Double TTs (Tuesday  
afternoon) the Ladybirds (Wednes-  
day morning) and the Alleycats  
(Thursday morning) took on the  
ladies teams from Harrow,  
Stevenage and Tolworth in the an-  
nual competition for the "Golden  
Ball" originally presented by Teddy  
Tingling for the various House-  
wives Leagues bowling under the  
"TT" banner.

Two series of three games were  
bowled by all competitors in a  
handicap competition with a buffet  
lunch provided for the interval be-  
tween each series.

Following an excellent competi-  
tion the ladies from Bexleyheath  
Ladybirds League emerged trium-  
phant. Jan Hanman who averaged  
169 on the day, Brenda Field  
(averaged 167) and Carol House  
(averaged 147).

The prize for winning, apart from  
holding the "Golden Ball" for one  
year, is the privilege of hosting  
next year's competition.

Plans are now being made for  
the 1985 event and it is possible  
that it will be held on the middle



# Scene Around SEBA

Sunday of the Wimbledon Tennis Fortnight when Teddy Tingling would hope to attend.

## Oh Dear, How Sad

The lovely Sue Cameron has never scored 500, and thought she'd cracked it recently during the Olympic League. Sue had bowled very well and *thought* she only had to score 147! Well, Sue scored 149, but missed 500 by 3 pins!

Brings tears to yer eyes don't it?

Sue did however, hit her personal best single game of 176, so all was not lost.

The Bexleyheath All Stars: Steve White, Bill Bridge and Eric Super Star 'E' Davis rolled a nice 1833 trios series recently, that included a 655 game. Bill Bridge contributed with a 646 series. Can't be bad Billy!

Steve White more than accompanied by his delightful wife Sheila demolished Alan Petherick's mob one night during the week recently. It could have been a Tuesday or Wednesday? I'm not really sure, but it doesn't really matter, but what does matter is their score, 451 game, and 1216 series.

John Walsham a second year bowler hit a personal best in the Olympic League for the Cavemen. A 230 game that included 6 in-a-row, and John finished the night with a 535 series. His previous best was 213, 501.

John was no doubt encouraged by all the young lovelies that follow the Cavemen's fortunes.

Phillip Davis joined the Halstead League five years ago, and has now set a new personal best game and series 222, 158, 203 for 585. Well done Phillip.

Another Halstead League member has come to my attention, he is Steven May. He has been nominated for Failure Club membership with 230, 205, 158. Sorry Steve, if you had hit 58 or 108 you would have been in like a shot.

## Trevor Taylor Memorial Trophy

Alan Petherick 246, 160, 194 for 600 in the Trevor Taylor Memorial Trophy Tournament.

This event is in two divisions

handicap and scratch singles for members of the Friday Fours League.

Trevor, ex YBC and Friday Fours member, passed away at the tender age of twenty from cancer, and the prize fund is donated to Cancer Research.

This year's event raised £44.00. Alan won the Scratch and Elaine Lodge won the Handicap with 593.

Congratulations Alan, I understand this is your first tournament win in 22 years of bowling. It proves that patience is a virtue.

Well done Elaine, at 17 one of our brightest prospects.

## Get Hold Of That!

Jan Hanman and Christine Lodge smashed a few pins around during the Round Table League scorig 1123. Jan Hodge in the same League hit a single game of 258, for a 640 series, and that is no more than we expect.

## Junior Jottings

### BTBA Junior Masters, Airport Bowl, July 1984

The Annual Junior Masters event is divided into two sections, Division 1 being for bowlers having an entering average of 150 and over, with division 2 for bowlers of 149 average and below. Although there were no SEBA juniors represented in division 1 finals, three bowlers made the eight games round robin final of Division 2, being Richard Mapperley from Basildon, Adrian Greenfield and Darren Phillips from Bexleyheath.

The final was very closely fought and Richard who only holds a 128 average at his home centre brought out his best bowling in his life to finish in second place, only one pin behind the winner, Darren Noel who was bowling on his home lanes at the Airport Bowl.

In the position round, Darren Phillips and Adrian Greenfield were contesting third and fourth places with Darren taking the third spot.

In the final sections of the competition Richard Mapperley averaged 156, Darren Phillips 155 and Adrian Greenfield 150. That report by Jerry Lodge.

## Graduated Bantams!

From time to time, Tournament Officials who have learned their craft in SEBA, are asked to use their experience in organising larger tournaments.

The NAYBC Annual Championships now attract over 600 entries being youngsters from the ages of 6 to 18 and in the singles and doubles events are divided into age divisions known as Bantams (under 10), Junior 1, Junior 2, Seniors and Graduates (16 to 18 years old).

The Tournament takes place over two weekends with all medals and trophies being presented at the conclusion of bowling on the second weekend. Unfortunately, all YBC Centres that enter are not always represented at the closing ceremony.

At the 1984 Championships held at North Harrow, the third place in the Bantams doubles event (under 10 years old) was announced as being won by two bowlers from Hemel Hempstead. Despite the closeness of Hemel Hempstead to Harrow the medals were not claimed on the day.

Maybe this was for the best as when the results were circulated, the YBC Secretary from Hemel Hempstead expressed surprise in receiving the bronze medals for that event as the two bowlers concerned were both 16 years old.

Despite the use of computers for calculating the results for the first time this year, the Tournament Manager had fed in the wrong information which had escaped everybody's notice throughout the tournament and listing of results.

Well, Well! Stand up Mr Tournament Manager, for you know the adage of if you feed rubbish in you get Failure Club Membership OUT!

Sorry it's no good trying to hide behind your embarrassment, for I'm about to reveal all.

Welcome back into the Club, Jerry Lodge.

## DAGENHAM

I have a High Score Application from the Polaris League, The Outer Spacers a doubles game of 437, I