

From Your Secretary

by Christine Lodge

It has recently been brought to my attention that there is a lack of information reaching our members about the role and activities of both the Secretary and Council of the KTBA. Hopefully I can go part way to curing that.

Firstly, both I and all the other council members are **volunteers**. I do not receive a salary for acting as Secretary. I actually hold a full-time job as an Accounts Office Supervisor at a local pharmaceutical company. Therefore, if you call me during the day I will not be around.

Your BTBA and/or KTBA contributions do not result in any payment being made to officials of the Kent Association. So what do they go on? The BTBA funds allow our sport to have a National Association, recognised by the Sports Council, who are able to fight on our behalf to have Tenpin Bowling recognised as a sport by the proprietors, the media and other sports bodies. The BTBA does have a full-time Secretary and a supporting office staff, who can be contacted during office hours on 081-478 1745.

KTBA are first and foremost an extension of the BTBA, we represent them at a local level. We are responsible for promoting the sport locally, helping to establish leagues where possible, distributing the league kits for sanctioned leagues, running the Area Championships, arbitrating on any disputes within the area, etc.

Neither KTBA nor any other local association, receive any funding from the National Association, which is why we need to raise our own funds.

The 5p scheme was introduced many years ago and consists of league players contributing 5p every time they bowl. It was considered at the time that this was the easiest and least painful (to the bowler) way of collecting moneys.

Regardless of whether a bowler contributes to KTBA they are entitled to receive our services as specified by the BTBA including eligibility to enter the Area Championships, providing they have taken out BTBA membership. However, without fun-

ding the services we can provide to bowlers are severely restricted. The price of postage alone is a major cost to the Association. Without funding we would be unable to run as many tournaments as we do, printing, telephone calls, stationery, visits to the bowls, etc., they all cost money.

Regular income in this way allows the Association to have a realistic view of its income and to budget our services on that basis.

An individual may become a member of KTBA by paying the equivalent of 5p each time he or she plays direct to the Association, if their own league has decided not to contribute, but we would urge everyone to try to persuade their leagues to join both BTBA and KTBA. The benefits on an individual basis are as I have listed above but in addition, if we want our sport to be taken seriously by proprietors and the media, we must be able to demonstrate that we can organise, finance and run our own administration successfully. It really is down to you!

KTBA Council — Early in the New Year each League Secretary

will be receiving an invitation to attend the KTBA Annual General Meeting. If you are interested in attending the meeting or standing for election as a Council member please ask your league secretary for these papers. Alternatively contact Christine Lodge, our Secretary, directly at 28 Heathside Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 4PZ, or by phone on 081-303 5591 after 6.00 pm.

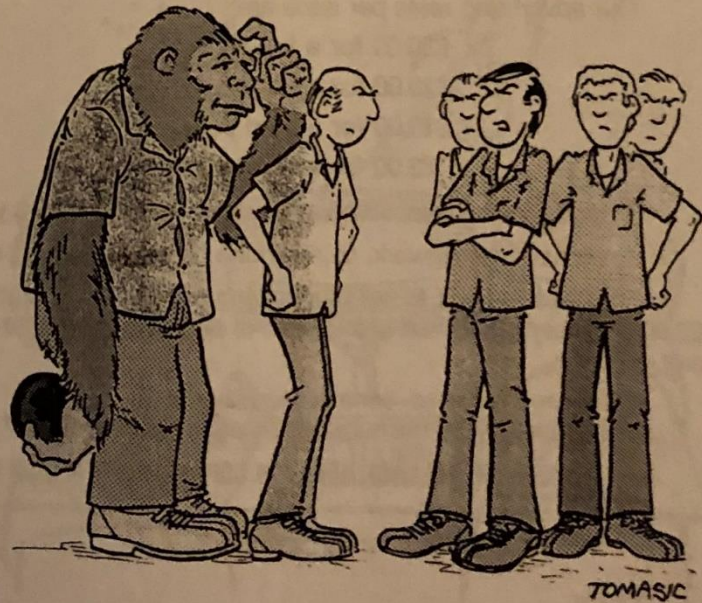
Each league is entitled to have a delegate for voting purposes but anyone is welcome to attend.

Any KTBA member is eligible to stand for election to Council. The council currently has 19 members but we are allowed to have up to 30.

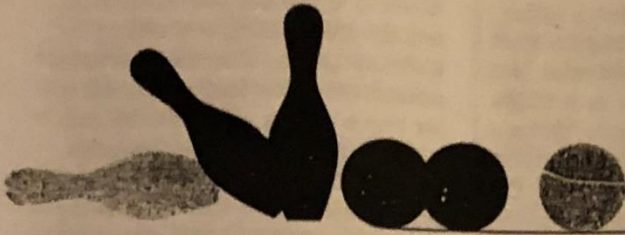
This very magazine is also only possible because of the funding you provide. If you travel to other parts of the country look at how many other local associations produce a newsletter. Very few and certainly not to this standard of presentation.

Criticisms are levelled at KTBA that the Council, which run the association, is a closed shop. This is simply not true, any member of the BTBA who holds a current BTBA card showing their registration to have been made through the Kent county are eligible to be council members.

So, why don't you get involved?



"And I say our team doesn't bowl until we see his BTBA card."



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Did You Know?

A team captain in our league wants to make a change in the roster for the new season, but doesn't have a really good reason. In fact, he has only stated he wants to bowl with his brother, so someone has to go. Does a captain have to ask the same members to return next season?

While a captain does not have the authority to drop a member from the team during the season without having an acceptable reason, he may do so after the season ends.

All teams are automatically disbanded at the end of the league schedule. Therefore, not only is the captain not obligated to ask all persons who were members of the team to return the following season, the team members would have no obligation to return to the same team if they do not wish to do so.

To whom does the team spot in a league belong?

The captain holds the team franchise, as long as he is acceptable to the majority of the league management committee. The spot is his, not just for one season, but from season to season.

Most leagues require captains to notify the league officers by a specified date whether they will be retaining their franchise for the following season. If a captain decides not to retain his franchise, it reverts to the control of the league management committee. The committee may offer the franchise to another member of the team or to someone else.

Our league has one team captain who doesn't violate any rules, but he is just downright nasty when things don't go his way. Can anything be done before our new season begins?

During the off-season, it is a relatively simple matter to withdraw a franchise. A franchise in a league is held by a team captain as long as he is acceptable to the majority of the league management committee.

Therefore, if the majority of the

committee agrees that a captain is no longer acceptable, the team captain's franchise can be recalled during the off-season, and the committee is not required to give a reason. If the league committee wants to vote on the acceptability of one of the captains, however, it is important to remember all members of the committee would have to be given verbal or written notice of the meeting, including the captain involved.

What procedure would a league have to follow if a captain's franchise is to be recalled during the season?

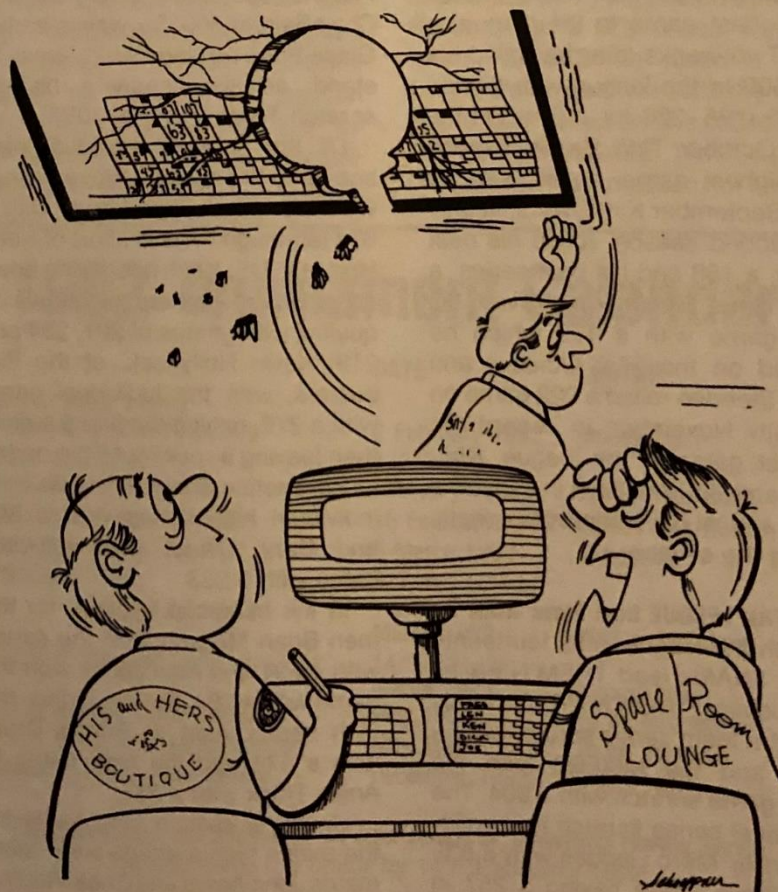
If a franchise is to be withdrawn during the season, just cause must be given in order to take the captain's franchise away. If a majority of the league committee believes there is sufficient reason to recall a captain's franchise during the season, that action would not automatically dismiss the captain or the team from the league.

The withdrawal of the franchise merely takes the captaincy from the person holding it. The committee would then have to assign the captaincy and franchise to someone else on the team. If an individual or an entire team is to be dismissed from a league during the season, the procedures would have to be followed; and a two-thirds vote of the board would be required.

I am a team captain, and a member of my team resigned. The secretary told us she has a bowler to fill the vacancy, but I've got someone else in mind. Does the secretary have the right to place a bowler on our team.

The team captain is responsible for the personnel and attendance of the team in league play. In addition, the captain is authorized to "organise and enter a team in league play".

In view of these provisions, a captain would not be required to accept a player he did not want. While league officers may assist in obtaining bowlers for teams, they do not have the authority to require a team to accept a member.



"Damndest backswing I ever saw!"

Around the Centres

BEXLEYHEATH

INVICTA LEAGUE from Paul Chatley

The season ended on the 18th November. Team Aye Gee won the league three points clear of the Architects with the Woolwich six points behind them. On the last night of the season Bernie Arbery rolled a 606 series to win the Individual Series Scratch. The Woolwich won the Team Series Scratch with a 1699 and The Cabmen won the Team Game Scratch with a 612. Paul Chatley won the Individual Game Scratch with a 255, which was his lifetime best. Brian Millgate was first in the averages with a 181 over his 63 games and Gary Munting was our most improved bowler with +10.26.

On the 14th October, Julie Chinnery rolled a 235 game, her best score in the league, funnily enough Paul Chatley rolled his 255 the same week but the two of them were on opposing teams. The week before that Julie had improved her best series in the league rolling a 189, 193, 202 for a 578 series. On the same night Phil Wond bowled his highest game in the league, a 236. Two weeks later he rolled his first 600 in the league with games of 183, 195, 226 for a 604. On the 28th October Tina Brookes rolled her highest game, a 180. On the 23rd September Kirk Owers, in only his second season, rolled his best game, a 188 and his best series, a 475. Gary Munting improved his best game with a 199 which he bowled on the 21st October and Chris Steeden rolled a 222 game on the 4th November to record his highest game in the league. Kirk, Gary and Chris all bowl in the same team and all have improved greatly during the season.

SPARTAN LEAGUE from Steve White

With the league in its fourteenth week SNAFU lead THEM'N'ER by 1.5 points. THEM'N'ER currently lead the team series scratch with a 1689 and the MIXERS lead the team game scratch with a 604. The individual series scratch is currently lead by Marc Geddes with a 638 with Steve White having a 257 in the scratch game section. On the

ladies front, Sheila White has a 597 scratch series and Sylvia Thomas a 240 scratch game to lead their respective sections. Steve White is currently leading the men's averages with 186.21 and Sheila White, the ladies averages with 175.00.

OLYMPIC LEAGUE from Steve White

To decide the winners of the Olympic League this season went down to the final week of the 33 week season. With the Mean Machine being just 2.5 points in the lead from Glaze-Rite. With Glaze-Rite losing their first game in the last week so giving the league championship to the Mean Machine.

Although Glaze-Rite just failed to win the league, they did win the scratch Team High Series and Game. On winning the Team High Series they set a new House Record (for the old and new Bexleyheath centres) of 3014. In doing so Keith Hodge had a personal best series of 745 with games of 234, 279 and 232. Keith was backed up with scores of John Amos 597, Paul Fletcher 566, Sheila White 506 and Chas Painter 600. Six weeks earlier Glaze-Rite bowled what was to stand as the league's highest scratch Team Game of 1067.

Of the scratch individual high scores of the season, Steve Carnall won the league high series with a 674 (although 71 pins short of Keith Hodge's 745, Keith not having bowled sufficient number of games to qualify) with games of 201, 254 and 219. Kevin Hollyhock, of the Pinbusters, won the individual game with a 279, having the first 9 strikes then leaving a rocking 10 pin. In the ladies section Sheila White was the individual high series with a 606 and Beryl Drury, the individual game with a 233.

In the handicap section, for the men Brian Millgate won the series with a 691 and Alan Jones won the game with a 264. For the ladies, the high series went to Emma Drury with a 674 and the high game to Angie Thick with a 250.

Having a season long battle for the men's high average were team mates John Amos and Chas Painter, this ending in the favour of John

Amos with half a pin a 190.80 to Chas's 190.37. In third place was Steve White 189.01, fourth Steve Carnall 186.95 and fifth Kevin Raison 182.23. Sheil White won the ladies average with a 177.23, second was Christine Lodge 172.51, third Lesley Pope 168.75, fourth Beryl Drury 165.02 and fifth Lita Andrews 161.83.

The season long Knockout Competition was won by Brian Millgate with Keith Carrett the runner up. Also in the league this season we had the 7-10 split spared not once, but twice. Firstly by Sheila White and then by John Cook.

How about a new competition editor? What is the biggest score difference between two consecutive games? My starter is Ivan Amos with games of 245 followed by 144 giving a difference of 101. Do you know someone who can beat this?

Question — What's got seven heads, fourteen legs, likes the odd drink and has seven red balls.

Answer — The Highwaymen, the whole team have all bought identical coloured bowling balls at the same time.

BEXLEYHEATH YBC From Carol Fullman

The new season got off to a high scoring start, the very first game for ZIPPY & Co was to set the pace with scores of 170 from Jeffrey White, 224 from Grant Machin, 208 from Lucy Cudmore and 166 from Lynne Fullman for a scratch four man team game of 768, not bad for a team with an average age of 14. To go with Grant's first game of 224 he added games of 200 and 164 for a 588 series. Also in the first week of the season David Mills bowled games of 173, 182, 184 for a 539 series.

On the 26th October Jeffrey White was again on form with games of 194, 218, 197 for a very steady 609.

Other recent high games and series and personal bests include a 210 and 535 from David Mills, a 201 from 9 year old James Pateman and a 189 from Matthew Yeates.

WOOLWICH LEAGUE

Chas Woolsey on the 25th September, the first week of the new season, bowled his best ever game and series of 264 and 648. Being the first week of the season his average was an impressive 216, which I hope he can keep up to the end of the season.

FIREBALL LEAGUE from John Cudmore

We are now half way through our 1991/2 season with last season's champions, The Pinslayers, setting the pace with 81 points. In second place with 74 points is It's Us and third with 66 points is Rigormortis. The individual averages are lead by Roy Memmott with 183, and for the ladies Vicky Preston with 147.

A few scores of note, a personal best from Joe Keys with a 652 series, a 595 series from David Percival and a 631 series from Roy Memmott.

CLIFTONVILLE

Supplied by Jackie Fenton JUNIOR LEAGUE

Congratulations to Dominic Steventon for bowling 172, 210, 155 for a 537 series. Steve Hatt was close behind with games of 211, 164, 126 for a 501 series. Steve also won a trophy of the week with a 240 High Game handicap. Linsey Allerton achieved her personal best of 122 and Andrew Reynolds really pulled out the stops with four strikes in a row for a 168 game. Jason Thompson bowled the highest scratch game with a 215 and the Three Amigos are holding the Team High Series with 1783.

Junior Bowlers from Kent took part in the first annual South-Eastern YBC Challenge Tournament at Whitstable on Sunday 10th November and the Top Ten Junior bowlers brought home to Cliftonville the "TEAM EVENT" trophy. The team consisted of Dominic Steventon, Jason Vigneron, Amanda Ottaway and Jason Thompson, their combined total pinfall of 1734 (scratch) was sufficient to take first place. Amanda Ottaway also took 2nd place in the scratch singles. Chris Harris took 2nd place in the senior scratch section. The doubles team of Andrew Icke and Chris Harris also gained 2nd place in the junior section with 652 scratch,

1027 handicap, while Peter Hinigan and Jason Thompson were second in the senior section with 970 scratch, 1141 handicap. It was a very successful tournament for everyone who took part and a special congratulations to the Cliftonville Juniors who did so well on the day.

BLACKPIN LEAGUE from Dave Buck Week 8

The top of the table clash between ON-STRIKE and CAPOS resulted in a 6-2 victory for CAPOS, who are now our league leaders thanks to a 500+ series from Bob Avery and Mike Sequenza that made all the difference.

BOWLMASTER inflicted a crushing 8-0 defeat on the NOMADS aided by a 603 series from Mike Luckhurst. For the Nomads Pete Baldwin continued his consistent form with a 575 series. The FOUR MUSKETEERS defeated KAMIKAZI TRIO 6-2 thanks to series of 546 and 543 from Malcolm Fuller and Graham Roff respectively. S & S MOTORS won a close encounter with MANHATTANS 6-2 with the help of a 603 series from Dave Buck.

EASTENDERS drew 4-4 with HIGH ROLLERS with Steve Milham contributing a consistent 566 series and for the Rollers John Boulton managed a 562 despite the inconvenience of a Hallux Fracture (sounds good anyway).

Week 10

The FOUR MUSKETEERS crushed the NOMADS 8-0 and in the process rolled the league high series of 1886. Solid scores from all three players gave them three very consistent games. The individual scores were, Graham Roff 586, Malcolm Fuller 582 and Don Cook 535. League leaders, EASTENDERS defeated DEMOLITION 6-2, with Steve Milham supplying a 548 series to retain the top spot, but they have the FOUR MUSKETEERS and CAPOS breathing down their necks only two points behind.

CAPOS easily defeated KAMIKAZI TRIO 8-0 with Dave Davies 577 series being the deciding factor.

Week 11

Now we have joint leaders of the league with the FOUR MUSKETEERS being far too strong for ON-STRIKE and securing 8 points, so joining EASTENDERS who defeated SPLITZ 6-2.

BOWLMASTER crushed CAPOS 8-0 with Gary Steventon doing the damage with a 608 series. HIGH ROLLERS moved up the table with a 6-2 win over MANHATTANS with the prolific Paul Crundell rolling a 620 series, ably supported by John Boulton with a 573 series, for the losers, Clive Smith rolled a 580 series. Peter Baldwin lead the way with a 606 series as the NOMADS defeated KAMIKAZE TRIO 6-2 to consolidate their position hot on the

1992 Tournament Calendar

	DATE	CENTRE
Bert & Vicky Timms Memorial Mixed Doubles	2 February 1992	Bexleyheath.
Matchplay Singles (Qualifying Rounds)	1/2/7/8/9 February 1992	Walton Pier Bowl.
Matchplay Singles (Final)	16 February 1992	Walton Pier Bowl.
Club Tournament for 1991 Classified Trios	8 March 1992 6/7/8/13/14/ 15/20/21/22 March 1992	Cliftonville. Walton Pier Bowl.
B.T.B.A. National Championships	14/15/21/22 March 1992	Airport Bowl. To be advised.
K.T.B.A. Area Championships	May 1992	To be advised.
K.T.B.A. Junior Championships	May 1992	To be advised.
Coach and Four Tournament	December 1992	Bexleyheath.

To include your tournament in the next edition of **Bowling News** send full details to the editor by 14th February 1992.