

BOWLING NEWS

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Good Luck to the 77!

Considering the trials and tribulations of 1966/67 the entry for the B.T.B.A. National Championships is very encouraging. Most people anticipated a much worse response than has been the case and a glance at the fine Tournament Brochure will, itself, give an indication of the type of tournament we can look forward to. Our own area association has done very well indeed and we would like to wish every success to the 77 hopefuls who will be making the pilgrimage to Hounslow this coming weekend. Watch out for the following, give them every encouragement, and we hope to report some S.E.B.A. National Champions in the next issue:-

B. ABBOTT - R. ADDISON - R. ARIS - T. BALLINGALL - K. BARNARD - P. BENNET
D. BLIZZARD - B. BRIDGE - M. BURRIDGE - J. BUSHELL - T. CAPON - A. CHAPMAN
L. COOPER - T. CROSBIE - E.D. DAVIS - P. DUGGAN - A. FLOWER - T. GAIGER
GAMBRILL - P. GREGORY - R. GYLLENSHIP - J. INGRAM - B. JOHNS - D. JUDGE
B. KANE - T. KITCHING - D. LEHRIAN - G. LENNOX - E. LOVE - E. MILLAR
MITCHELL - B.E. MORRISON - C. O'FLYNN - V. PEACOCK - T. PEARSE - R. POTTS
R. PRICE - A. ROBINSON - A. ROGERS - T. SALMON - T. SELL - J. SHADE
SMITH - B.R. SNOOK - J. SOUTHWORTH - J.M. STANFORD - B. STREET - T. STURTON
J. TAYLOR - B.R. TONG - D. TURNER - D.J. TRITTON - K. VAUGHN - D. WAKELING
WALDOCK - G. WARD - R. WEBB - B. WHITE - D. WHITE - A.J. WILKINSON
C. YOUNG - and the ladies:-
D. BAKER - M. BETTS - G. COVENEY - J. COX - B. GAIGER - A. HENDERSON -
HORN - M. JOHNS - M. KELSEY - P. MACKENSIE - L. McKEOWN - J. MORRIS
J. MORRISON - V. PEACOCK - J. SHIELDS - V. TIMMS .

AFTER THE NATIONALS YOUR AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS!

The 5th. Annual Area Championships are to be held this year at Ambassador Lanes, Basildon on Sunday, 16th. April. The entry forms are nearly ready for distribution. Get your entry in early and select the squad time you prefer. The Championships are to be run on both a handicap and scratch basis and are open to 5 person teams, doubles, singles and all events with sections for men and women. With the addition of bowlers from Basildon, Grays and Southend the pace will be hotter than ever and we look forward to a number of new tournament records being set.

Newman and the PIC!

Mr. John Newman of the 'Tenpin Pictorial' is still doing his biased, lopsided best to discredit and destroy the B.T.B.A. Our issue of December last detailed his apparent policy of 'a lie a month' and we are now rather concerned that the "Sicktorial" is coming out twice a month, giving the man double the opportunity to publish his lies and distortions.

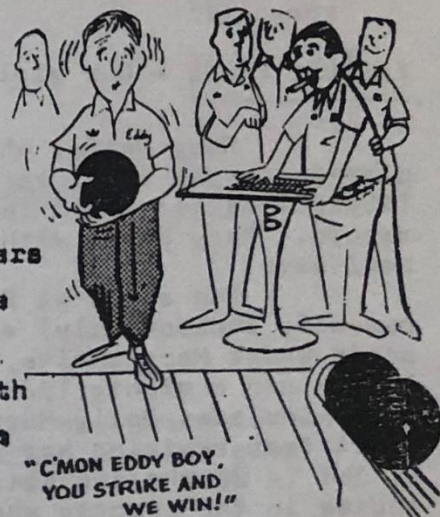
The issue of 4th. February is a pathetic example of how the man works. In the editorial column he calls 'Tenopinion' he refers to a rumour that the B.T.B.A. cannot last very much longer. Without taking a breath he then goes on as if he had published a statement of fact and commences to expound the dubious virtues of a "new" association. This is so called reporting at it's lowest and is bad enough but - when the reader turns the page low and behold, an advertisement for all Bowling Clubs to apply to 'Box 39, Tenpin Pictorial' to form a new association!

The two pages read together are so pathetically obvious in their intention that any further comment is really superfluous. All we would like to say is that a number of bowlers throughout the country are not serviced by an area news sheet and, these people, who see only the words of Newman probably do not realise that all that they read JUST IS NOT TRUE.

It is our opinion that John Newman has done more in the past nine months to fan the flames of the bowler/proprietor dispute than any other single individual in Great Britain. The B.T.B.A. suffers by a diminished membership, the proprietors suffer by reduced lineage and a lost clientele and without doubt the 'Tenpin Pictorial' suffers by a large reduction in readers. Why you are doing this to the detriment of bowling in general is not completely clear but it is to be hoped that you will soon return to a sane level of reporting before your readership sinks any further. The Tenpin Monthly used to be a good magazine - what happened? What's in a name?

THE BEST OF THE BEST

Congratulations to MOLLY JOHNS and MIKE LUCKHURST who both retained their Whitstable Bowler of the Year titles in an exciting play off for the events held at Whitstable on 4th. February this year. Over six games Molly amassed a pinfall of 996 and converted a last game 8th frame split to edge Diane Field into the runners up slot by only 5 pins. In the men's division Mike averaged over 184 for a total pinfall of 1107 with runner up Malcolm Price breathing down his neck with 1086. Bowler of the Year Shields were given by the Sunset Caravan Co. of Whitstable and presented together with cash prizes by Mrs. Monica Miles.



Petticoat Lanes - No.2

FRESH AS A DAISY

You need to take just as much care over personal freshness when you bowl as when you go to a party or a dance. Perspiration by itself has no bad odour but odour is caused by the action of the perspiration upon the bacteria that is always present on the skin, so you will need a deodorant to kill this bacteria. With all the excellent products on the market today no one need be 'not nice to be near', and always remember to wash that bowling shirt each week and a little talc INSIDE your bowling shoes can only be regarded as most feminine.

CREOLE CHICKEN - the Month's Recipe

For 4 servings you will need: 4 Joints of Frying Chicken
Seasoning
2oz Oil or Butter
1 Large Onion
1 Green Pepper
1 Large Can Condensed Tomato Soup
or Tomato Sauce(not Ketchup)

- Method:
1. Season the joints of chicken and fry in hot oil until golden brown
 2. Cut 4 rings from onion and chop remaining pieces.
 3. Blanch Green Pepper, cut 4 rings and chop remainder.
 4. Place chopped onion and pepper in base of ovenproof dish.
 5. Place chicken joints in dish and arrange onion and sliced pepper on top of chicken.
 6. Pour tomato sauce mix over chicken.
 7. Cover and bake in moderate oven(375 deg.F .. Gas Mark 4) for 45 minutes or if you have a match to play set oven very low and SCAM

HOW TO BLUFF AT BOWLING - With compliments to "Wessex Bowler"

Many girls who are not personally addicted to bowling have asked us how they can follow their husbands or boy friend's bowling talk. For their guidance here are a few basic things you can throw into the chat here and there to bluff your way through:-

1. Don Carter bowls with a bent arm! Really!
2. The lanes look patchy. Umph - like my makeup!
3. I think the 5 pin was off spot. I hope the manager likes you!
4. Have you tried a finger tip? - (proceed with caution over this one)
5. The lanesman has been off sick this week. Thats his story!
6. You wuz robbed! I hope you were insured!
7. Does it matter that the league isn't sanctioned? Whoa! You're heading for trouble!
8. You don't get enough practise or
9. Too much practise can make you stale. To be used according to circumstances
10. D A R L I N G would a slower(or faster)ball help? End of beautiful romance!

FEATURE PRESS - Our girl from Basildon, MARY BETTS

Mary Betts, who has been bowling 3½ years, shook the veteran players in the Stamford Hill Supreme league recently, when she bowled 178-223-254 for a 655 series and smashed this year's high score award record. Mary bowls with a 10lb ball that she bought secondhand from a bowl mate.

The girls at Basildon in the Diana League(which Mary sponsors herself, incidentally) are feeling very proud of her as apart from this achievement Mary admits, upon interview, to a current 180 average in league and a mighty 192 for tournament play. Mary's team is the Minimaids which includes Dolly Hart, Enid King, Joyce Morris and Doris Blackman, so apart from admiring her accomplishments we must admire the company she keeps

On the subject of averages, incidentally, there are only three ladies in the country who have entered the B.T.B.A. Nationals on 180 average and two of them come from this area - Mary Betts and Janet Morrison.

