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The dispute between the proprietors and the B.T.B.A. is as good as over. Since last June a lot has been written and a lot more has been said, what was not generally known however, was that a lot has also been DONE. Negotiations of this type are always delicate and whilst the end solution appears simple the discussions necessary to reach this compromise were quite lengthy and complicated.

As we know the proprietors association recommended to all their members that the B.T.B.A. should not be allowed to certify their lanes and they have been utilising the services of chartered surveyors in this field. The B.T.B.A. were unable to accept this as the surveyors only confirmed that the lanes met the proprietor's specifications (which were unknown), that the lanes fell within these specifications on the day of inspection and in addition no mention whatever was made of the equipment to include pin spotting. The B.T.B.A. certificate allowed for equipment in addition to lane specification and indicated that inspection facilities were allowed by the B.T.B.A. at any time during the continuance of the certificate. The specifications as laid down were known and conformed to those of the World association.

On the reverse side of this page we publish the official press release in full and basically this says that the B.T.B.A. will accept the surveyors certificate providing the specifications are known and published and on the understanding that any agreed discrepancy arising after inspection be put right. In addition the B.T.B.A. will inspect the lanes for any high score award to be given. Equipment and lanes will be included in the specifications and the B.T.B.A. certificate to be issued following the inspection will allow for continuance as before. These points have been agreed by both associations and the way ahead is now clear for complete co-operation and progress in the sole interests of the sport of tenpin bowling. We must all now look ahead and not backwards. May 1967 prove to be bowlings turnpoint.

Press Statement issued at 12 noon, Sunday March 5th, 1967

by the

National Tenpin Bowling Council

The National Tenpin Bowling Council, consisting of delegates from the Tenpin Bowling Proprietors' Association, the Manufacturers and the British Tenpin Bowling Association, has met and after a full and frank discussion on the problems confronting all sections with Tenpin Bowling interests reached unanimous agreement in principle on those important matters where disagreement has bedevilled the sport during the past year or so.

In particular a formula regarding Lane Certification and Sanctioning has been found satisfactory to all parties. A formal Lane Specification will be adopted by agreement between the B.T.B.A., the T.B.P.A. and the manufacturers, and such specification will be published. Proprietors may either arrange for an officer of the B.T.B.A. to measure the lanes and issue the certification or, alternatively, may employ a firm of qualified surveyors, which latter procedure is already mandatory for proprietors who are members of the T.B.P.A. The B.T.B.A. will accept a certificate over the signature of the qualified surveyor which states that the lane measurements are within the tolerances set out in the published specification agreed by the National Tenpin Bowling Council. Upon receipt of such certification the British Tenpin Bowling Association will issue its sanction.

It was agreed that the present Playing Rules should be accepted by the N.T.B.C. as the Rules of Tenpin Bowling and be vested in the N.T.B.C. with acknowledgments to the B.T.B.A. and to the American Bowling Congress, and that the B.T.B.A. Tournament Rules, in so far as they are appropriate, may be used in both sanctioned and un-sanctioned tournaments.

The Proprietors' Association recognises the need for a healthy "Players' Organisation" and the vital part the B.T.B.A. as such has to play. They have no wish or intention to promote any rival organisation and it is hoped that a close co-operation with the B.T.B.A. will develop resulting in better bowling and more bowlers.

There are many details to be worked out and to this end a working sub-committee consisting of the Chairman and Secretary of both the T.B.P.A. and the B.T.B.A. and representatives of the manufacturers has been set up with special reference to drawing up the formal Lane Specification.

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# National Titles For S.E.B.A.

JESS MORLEY of Southend won the scratch All Events outright at the B.T.B.A. 6th. Annual Championships this year averaging over 200 for the nine games played. DORIN BAKER of Bexleyheath won the handicap All Events Ladies title and BERNIE WHITE and LEN CROSS of Grays took the Scratch Doubles title with a very fine 1250 series. A number of other bowlers from S.E.B.A. centres also appear on the final unratified listings and generally speaking we have fared very well. The tournament was a great success and many tournament records were broken. The Ambassador Bowl, Hounslow was packed to the doors for the whole of the three days and everyone appears to have been impressed by the standard of play and the organisation that is so necessary to an event of this importance.

## MEN'S TEAM EVENT - SCRATCH DIVISION

The Americans from Lackenheath set the target on Friday night with a great 2862 series. Teams from all over the country strove to overtake them but without success. The local side the WIMPEY AMBASSADORS hit 2769 and the WINDSOR ROYALS a 2750. Other fancied teams such as the Sherborne Rubber Rollers, London All Stars, Wembley Lions, Modern Classics, Magicote 5 Stars, Phoenix Five, Albro Wagoners, Regal Rebels and Brady Rooftoppers came and went without overtaking them and after nearly 100 five man teams had bowled the powerful men from the home of tenpin were declared 1967 winners. Of the teams entered from our own area some accredited themselves very well and others couldn't find their best form. The UNKNOWNNS from Cliftonville made their presence felt as did the HELMSMEN, STARLINE PAINTS and the REGAL REBELS from Whitstable, Southend and Grays respectively. Worthy of special mention, however, is THE COMMITTEE from Bexleyheath who, you will see below actually finished in 7th place with a very creditable 2716. Playing against the title holders, Sherbornes, they were singularly unimpressed by reputation and in fact won both the first and second games against this famous side that includes Tony King, Maurice Depoij and Les Williams. High scorer for our home side was skipper BILL BRIDGE with 588, including a 224 game but all the team rolled very steadily and received good support from the number of supporters who had made the trip including bowl manager Jack Rowe.

1. LAKENHEATH BASE KEGLERS	2862
2. WIMPEY AMBASSADORS	2769
3. WINDSOR ROYALS	2750
4. SMEDLEY AVENGERS(Poole)	2737
5. SHERBORNE RUBBER ROLLERS	2727
6. WEMBLEY LIONS	2722
7. THE COMMITTEE	2716
8. THE ARISTOCRATS(Preston)	2713
9. BRADY ROOFTOPPERS(Leeds)	2710
10. LONDON ALL STARS	2707

## MEN'S TEAM EVENT - HANDICAP DIVISION

1. THE HARLEQUIMS(R.A.F. Scampton)	3041
2. LAKENHEATH BASE KEGLERS	3030
SCHHH!!! (Airport Bowl)	3030
4. WIMPEY AMBASSADORS	3029
5. THE BLACKJACKS(Manchester)	3001
6. THE LOBOS(Liverpool)	2984
7. WINDSOR ROYALS(Slough)	2982
8. THE ARISTOCRATS(Preston)	2979
9. THE KINGSMEN(Croydon)	2975
10. THE COMMITTEE	2974
U.S. FORCES RUISLIP	2974



"LAST WEEK IT TOOK HIM FORTY MINUTES TO FIND HIS SPOT!"

MEN'S SCRATCH DOUBLES

ALLEN NOBLE and EDDIE PLATT looked like the winners of this division when they hit a fine 1228 series on Saturday afternoon. The pair from Preston had to content themselves with the handicap title, however, as LEN CROSS and BERNIE WHITE from Grays took the winning total to 1250 in the final squad on Sunday night. The other pair from Grays, JEFF SMITH and CHRIS O'FLYNN also played very well to take 3rd spot with 1186.

1. L. CROSS/B. WHITE	1250
2. A. NOBLE/E. PLATT	1228
3. J. SMITH/C. O'FLYNN	1186
4. C. DeYOUNG/B. HELSEL - Lakenheath	1184
5. J. DUNCAN/T. VAUGHN - Ipswich	1181
6. J. LOCKWOOD/D. PERKINS - Bristol	1179
7. J. NICHOLS/R. GARTON - Walton	1173
8. L. COLLINS/R. LOW - Dagenham	1171
W. FORCADE/A. REMSBERG - Wembley	1171
10. M. BENNETT/S. BROWN - MANCHESTER	1167

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES

1. A. NOBLE/E. PLATT - Preston	1334
2. L. CROSS/B. WHITE - Grays	1294
3. L. COLLINS/R. LOW - Dagenham	1271
4. J. SMITH/C. O'FLYNN - Grays	1265
5. B. BAKER/G. ELLIS - Birmingham	1255
6. G. BUCK/J. SINCLAIR - Southall	1254
7. K. JOHNSTON/D. PEARCY - Liverpool	1253
8. P. SUMNER/D. COATES - Hove	1252
9. J. LOCKWOOD/D. PERKINS - Bristol	1251
G. YARDY/F. GRAHAM - Crawley	1251

MEN'S SINGLES - SCRATCH & HANDICAP

The pace setter in both divisions was 196 average ALEX WEEKS from Magnet, Poole with a scratch score of 622. This was overtaken by a number of contestants, however, and the winning total was eventually the fine 658 from NORMAN WEBB of the Sherborne Rubber Rollers. Norman had a fright, however, from our own JESS MORLEY from Southend when Jess opened his 3rd game with eight strikes in a row and only a chopped spare in the ninth cost him the title as he finished just two pins behind in runner up slot.

1. NORMAN WEBB - Birmingham	658	1. J. HASCHAK - Norwich	695
2. JESS MORLEY - Southend	656	2. G. BRIDGES - Birmingham	693
3. A. POLLARD - Villa Park	650	3. J. COBB - USAF Ruislip	691
4. D. PERKINS - Bristol	645	4. N. WEBB - Birmingham	686
5. BILL HELSEL - Lakenheath	641	5. J. MORLEY - Southend	684
6. J. HASCHAK - Norwich	635	6. G. POLLARD - Birmingham	678
7. OWEN KNIGHT - Dagenham	627	7. O. KNIGHT - Dagenham	673
8. ALEX WEEKS - Poole	622	8. D. PERKINS - Bristol	671
9. LES WILLIAMS - Birmingham	616	9. L. WILLIAMS - Birmingham	664
10. C. WINTER - Walton	614	10. D. DEEPROSE - Coventry	662

MEN'S ALL EVENTS - SCRATCH & HANDICAP

As reported on the previous page the overall tournament winner (scratch all events division) is Southend's JESS MORLEY. Fine rolling Jess and hard luck ALEX WEEKS of Poole to be beaten in this division by a mere one pin over nine games.

1. JESS MORLEY - Southend	1806	1. R. JONES - Plymouth	1931
2. ALEX WEEKS - Poole	1805	2. J. MORLEY - Southend	1890
3. R. DEACON - Leeds	1797	T. KING - Birmingham	1890
4. BILL HELSEL - Lakenheath	1787	S. MEADUS - Leeds	1890
5. KEN JOHNSTON - Liverpool	1767	5. J. JONES - Hounslow	1880
6. M. BENNETT - Manchester	1764	6. D. SMITH - Slough	1879
7. ROBIN GARTON - Walton	1752	7. G. MIDDLETON - Bournemouth	1878
8. TONY KING - Birmingham	1740	8. R. DEACON - Leeds	1875
9. D. PERKINS - Bristol	1732	9. M. STOKES - Birmingham	1871
10. CHAS DeYOUNG - Lakenheath	1727	10. K. JOHNSTON - Liverpool	1869

R. JONES of Plymouth entered the tournament with a 159 average and took the handicap all events title averaging in the 180's for his nine games. These titles are not always won by the higher average players and, in fact, the records show that the handicap division almost invariably is won by the average league bowlers. Everyone has a chance at the B.T.B.A. Nationals!

### LADIES TEAM EVENT - SCRATCH & HANDICAP

Our own MAIDS OF KENT were actually drawn against the winners of both divisions the SILHOUETTES from Liverpool, who were strengthened for the occasion by Jackie Austin and June Jackson from Wembley and Hove respectively. The Maids rolled very well with games of 220 and 198 from JANET MORRISON but their opponents were really in tremendous form and rolled a 922 third game and 2673 series, a new ladies tournament record. The MINI MAIDS from Basildon also showed well and finished in the top five in each category.

#### SCRATCH

1. SILHOUETTES - Liverpool	2673
2. WHIPPETTES - London	2532
3. WEMBLEY LIONESSES	2529
4. MAIDS OF KENT - Cliftonville	2520
5. MINI MAIDS - Basildon	2494

#### HANDICAP

1. SILHOUETTES - Liverpool	3023
2. LEES MACAROONS - Glasgow	2872
3. MAIDS OF KENT - Cliftonville	2856
4. WHIPPETTES - London	2840
5. MINI MAIDS - Basildon	2836

### LADIES DOUBLES - SCRATCH & HANDICAP

KIM WHEELER and DOLLY MILES from Wembley took both titles but as can be seen the final issue was very close in both divisions. DORIN BAKER & MYRA KELSEY from Bexleyheath get a mention in the top ten but another of our fancied pairings couldn't make the listings when Janet Morrison was unable to maintain her form of the night before. Partner Lilie McKeown strove valiantly but in Janet's words, "I was too heavy for her!"

Scratch:

1. K. WHEELER/D. MILES - Wembley	1095
2. J. PRIMMER/R. McCULLOCH - Liverpool	1075
3. M. BINGHAM/M. BURTON - Nottingham	1041
4. A. GARRETT/P. CARE - Wembley/Cambridge	1038
5. J. TOLLERUD/R. GOLDSMITH - Lakenheath	1032

Handicap: The above five finished in exactly the same order with respective scores of 1209-1203-1177-1173-1170.

### LADIES SINGLES - SCRATCH & HANDICAP

Really big series from the girls this year. Our own DORIN BAKER is listed in both divisions.

#### SCRATCH

1. JOSIE LEAVER - Poole	580
2. AUDREY FRAIN - Manchester	574
3. PAULINE THOMPSON - St Helens	570
4. KAREN SHARPE - Stamford Hill	544
5. ANITA HARRIS - Manchester	544
6. CHRIS HOWIE - Glasgow	543
7. DORIN BAKER - Bexleyheath	540
8. IRENE DANDY - Glasgow	538
9. JUNE JACKSON - Hove	536
10. MO BINGHAM - Mottingham	534

#### HANDICAP

1. TINA HITCHMAN - Glasgow	667
2. A. HARRIS - Manchester	658
3. J. LEAVER - Poole	654
4. P. THOMPSON - St Helens	646
5. A. FRAIN - Manchester	634
6. M. PRINCE - Blackpool	625
7. P. EATON - Poole	619
8. D. BAKER - Bexleyheath	618
9. C. HARVEY - Doncaster	611
10. E. BUSLEY - Manchester	607

### LADIES ALL EVENTS - SCRATCH & HANDICAP

Three very steady 500 plus series from Bexleyheath's DORIN BAKER earned her the Handicap All Events title for 1967. MARY BETTS from Basildon also bowled well as did Cliftonville's LILIE McKEOWN.

#### SCRATCH

1. RHODA BREWER - Stamford Hill	1610
2. JACKIE AUSTIN - Wembley	1609
3. AUDREY FRAIN - Manchester	1608
4. JOAN PRIMMER - Liverpool	1591
5. DORIN BAKER - Bexleyheath	1587
6. MARY BETTS - Basildon	1582
7. RENE McCULLOCH - Liverpool	1576
8. LILIE McKEOWN - Cliftonville	1559
9. JUNE JACKSON - Hove	1558
SANDRA JACKSON - Wembley	1558

#### HANDICAP

1. DORIN BAKER - Bexleyheath	1821
2. JACKIE AUSTIN - Wembley	1819
3. GILLIAN HUNT - Birmingham	1802
RHODA BREWER - Stamford Hill	1802
5. M. ALLEN - Glasgow	1793
6. R. McCULLOCH - Liverpool	1792
7. A. FRAIN - Manchester	1788
8. A. HARRIS - Manchester	1772
9. J. PRIMMER - Liverpool	1759
10. L. McKEOWN - Cliftonville	1751
J. PHILLIPS - Ipswich	1751

### POSTSCRIPT

The B.T.B.A. Chairman, ERIC TERRY of Whitstable showed that he is not only a very fine chairman but a dab hand at tenpin bowling when he hit a 548 in doubles and a 590 in the singles - both scores scratch. This came in the final squad after a very exhausting day! Well done Eric!!