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EDITORIAL

That spasmodic nine pennyworth of anti BTBA that goes by the name of 'Tenpin Pictorial' has been at it again. Under the headline 'DEAD OR ALIVE' the paper suggests that our association is likely to suffer a further "decreasing blow in membership". The only blow, of this nature, that has been suffered in the past was as a direct result of the resolutions passed by the proprietors in June 1966, when many of our members were unable to play in sanctioned leagues or tournaments on BTBA certified lanes. The problems, in this respect, have of course been solved, and far from having a reduced membership there is every indication of a very heavy increase.

So far S.E.B.A. alone has 33 leagues that have applied for sanction and we understand that similar numbers have already applied in other parts of the country. Come off it 'Tenpin Pictorial' and give we bowlers the opportunity of deciding things for ourselves without your inferences to apparently deter a healthy membership.

The BTBA Chairman, Eric Terry, has written to the paper as regards the article and we publish an extract below which is self explanatory:-

The Editor,
Tenpin Pictorial,
1, North End Road,
London, W.14.

Sir,

It is not my policy to 'knock' those who withhold their support, for whatever reasons they may have, at a time when the BTBA as a body needs it most. Nevertheless I feel that I must comment as follows on a feature that appeared in your edition dated September 9th under the heading 'Dead or Alive':

1. Very Much Alive

The disagreement between the proprietors and the BTBA is now a thing of the past and we can look forward to the future with a degree of confidence which would have seemed quite impossible less than a year ago. This is providing all members pull together and realise that the collective good of all is more important than the personal aspirations of the few.

The proprietors have clearly stated that they recognise the need for a National Players Association and that this organisation is the BTBA. IT IS THE FIRM INTENTION OF THE B.T.B.A. TO CONTINUE TO FULFILL THIS ROLE.

2. Promises at the A.G.M.

I am a man of my word. Assurances given at the A.G.M. are now well on the way to fulfilment and the next few months will make this abundantly clear. The BTBA has achieved a great deal in a short time; perhaps the most obvious example being Gt. Britain's present supremacy in the Tenpin World. We have worthy world champions in David Pond and his partner Jes Morley, but had it not been for the efforts of many dedicated members of the BTBA their successes, and that of the British five man team in achieving 3rd place at Malmo

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would not have been possible.....My aim is to foster happier and thus better bowling. This can only be achieved by the perpetuation of a fully democratic Association actively supported by a strong membership.

Yours faithfully,

Eric Terry
Chairman, B.T.B.A.

Since completing the above Editorial we have recieved news from BTBA that no fewer than 1,000 members have joined through their sanctioned leagues IN THE PAST 6 DAYS ALONE. It would appear that BTBA are going to have a very, very busy time in the next few weeks as leagues are applying for sanction from all parts of the country. Possibly the wish indicated in our September editorial will, in fact, come true.

A.M.F. TO PROMOTE S-W-I-N-G-I-N-G IMAGE

It appears that one of AMF's biggest ever promotions in the U.S.A. may shortly hit our shores. With the slogan "Bowling brings out the s-w-i-n-g-e-r in you" the idea could neatly dovetail with the "Next time you bowl, bring a friend" promotion as it will be primarily aimed at the open bowler. It is obvious that leagues are bowling's life blood but there must be a fund of bowlers to keep the leagues up to strength from season to season and a new influx of bowlers is very much needed at this stage of the industry's growth in this country.

Special "Swinger" pins (lapel type) will shortly be given away to assist the promotion and possibly we may even see bowling advertised on national television with a Swingstakes competition for valuable prizes as in the U.S.A.

It would appear that AMF are going to increase their already considerable bowling investment in this little island of ours and already operate many centres under the name Humber Bowling, including Whitstable and Southend in our own area. It is anticipated that the chain of Universal Bowls will shortly reopen under the banner of Humber Bowling and possibly centres that were under construction, such as Sutton and Shrewsbury, may still open their doors.

A major decision of this nature by a giant such as AMF means that bowling is here to stay in Great Britain despite what you may have read in the press to the contrary. Any help that S.E.B.A. can give any promotion of this kind will be readily given and we are quite sure that we speak not only for our executive officers but for all our bowlers.

YOUR BTBA DUES FOR NOTHING!

Watch for the new S.E.B.A. Discount Booklet that is under preparation and will be distributed very shortly. A variety of new concerns are included as well as most of the old ones and the discounts that will be given to you on all different types of purchases could well pay your membership dues many times over in the course of a season.

LEAGUE SECRETARIES - NOTE.

A few cases have come to our notice of sanctioned leagues bowling with non members participating. Any bowler that is signed on by your league after the season commences must complete an application card and if the player is not already a member the appropriate dues must be paid.

It is most unfair for any BTBA member in a sanctioned league to have to risk forfeiting a high score award due to playing with or against a non member. Should you have any problems in this respect contact any member of your executive immediately.





From WHITSTABLE we hear that the ORPHEEANS have completed the Summer Season of the Scratch Trios League with the remarkable record of winning every game played bar one. At the end of the season they were 33 points clear of the runners up the SEXTANTS, who took the second place spot from the HELMSMEN on the final night after the two teams were matched together. This was a very entertaining match to watch apparently and was played in a most sporting manner. League high average went to MALCOLM PRICE with 175.1, with MIKE TONG right on his heels with 174.4.

From HODDESDON has been received details of a very fine 4 man series by the well known MINI MEN. With lead off TED MURRAY firing 603 and DON DEBNAM, TED SAGGERS and KIM GRENYER with 530, 563 and 573 respectively, the team have set a record for the new season of 2269 which will take some beating.

From CHATHAM we are advised by RON GLASSON that the scratch five man league will now shortly be under way and the standard of the teams is such, that they fully expect to come into the AREA HI'S ratings straight away. We look forward developments with interest.

From BEXLEYHEATH we have received a number of high scores for the Area Hi Score Programme and particularly worthy of note is the Mixed Doubles Games and Series of VERA and VIC PEACOCK of 436 and 1160 with Vera shooting a fine 616 series. The NIGHTRIDERS are already on the listings again with the trios high game of 610 and THE COMMITTEE BLUE team have recorded a trios series of 1705 to set the pace in this division. Area Hi's to date are as follows:-

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	No Claim Yet Made		
	1 GAME	No Claim Yet Made		
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>THE MINI MEN</u>	HODD	2269
		<u>THE MINI MEN</u>	HODD	2175
	1 GAME	<u>THE MINI MEN</u>	HODD	775
		<u>THE MINI MEN</u>	HODD	767
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>THE COMMITTEE BLUE</u>	BEX	1705
	1 GAME	<u>NIGHTRIDERS</u>	BEX	610
		<u>THE COMMITTEE BLUE</u>	BEX	585
		<u>THE COMMITTEE BLUE</u>	BEX	584
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	No Claim Yet Made		
	1 GAME	No Claim Yet Made		
MIXED DOUBLES	3 GAMES	<u>VERA & VIC PEACOCK</u>	BEX	1160
		<u>BERYL & FRED SHRIMPTON</u>	BEX	1124
	1 GAME	<u>VERA & VIC PEACOCK</u>	BEX	436
		<u>BERYL & FRED SHRIMPTON</u>	BEX	415
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	No Claim Yet Made		
	1 GAME	No Claim Yet Made		
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	<u>VERA PEACOCK</u>	BEX	616
	1 GAME	<u>VERA PEACOCK</u>	BEX	235
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3 GAMES	No Claim Yet Made		
	1 GAME	No Claim Yet Made		

600 CLUB

Latest members who have qualified are listed below:-

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| JEFF BLUNDELL | BEXLEYHEATH |
| GEOFF MARSH | WHITSTABLE |
| VERA PEACOCK | BEXLEYHEATH |
| RAY SINGER | WHITSTABLE |
| ALAN WILKINSON | BEXLEYHEATH |
| FRED WYLES | BEXLEYHEATH |

FALLING LEAF MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

The final entry figures for the first area tournament of the new season are not yet known as the tournament secretary Tom Ballingall has been sunning himself in Portugal. From all accounts, however, the entry looks quite good and we look forward to announcing the results in the next issue. A word of thanks, incidentally, to Cliftonville Manager, GUS BOURCIER for thinking up the event in the first place and designing the badge and for the assistance given in the staging. Many thanks Gus.

NEW BTBA MEMBERSHIP CARD

Those of you who have received your league sanction will already be aware of the new design of the membership card. Apart from the new folding design there is now provision for your league secretary to sign and confirm your average on the card, which will be used for any tournament where the average is needed for assessment of handicap. Any queries in this respect contact your Area Secretary at 111, Vigilant Way, Riverview Park, Gravesend, Kent or telephone OGR4 61271.

KENT COUNTY TEAM

Arrangements for the Inter County Team Tournament are now well under way and six men and six ladies are required to represent Kent and Essex in the near future. Minimum average for men is suggested as 180 and for the ladies 165. Details can be taken from your league's final standing sheet, for the most part, and invitations will be going out shortly to the Kent contingent. Should anyone WHO RESIDES IN THE COUNTY OF KENT have the minimum average and for any reason think this may not be known to your area executive, however, please write to Brian Langford at the address above with full details. The position regarding Essex is a little more complicated as the bowls in this county are, at the moment, rather spread out and come under the jurisdiction of London Area, East Anglia Area and S.E.B.A. Some liason will be made in this respect, however, and we hope to announce the teams together. The matches will be for trios, doubles and singles and the whole event is to be staged by Terry Heal of Ipswich, who has secured a sponsorship by Churchmans, the cigarette people. Keep reading Bowling News for further details.

FINAL THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

If you drive, dont drink - you may spill it!



**NEXT TIME
YOU BOWL**

