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A NEW SEASON A NEW CONSTITUTION A NEW ERA ?

September 1st 1968 is the date for commencement of the new season. Armed with a completely new constitution BTBA is prepared to move ahead with the times and all indications are that 1968/9 could be the start of a new upward trend in the industry. If the "destroyers" will just shut up for a season and give BTBA a chance to work the new constitution everyone must benefit in the long run.

Some bowlers, some managers and some top brass among the proprietors are all guilty of trying to destroy the BTBA and of trying to promote a variety of so called new associations, breakaway associations and splinter groups and none of them appear to realise that it is their own sport or their own industry that must suffer in the long run. BTBA no longer expects any help from these people but if they will leave us alone they may find, to their undoubted surprise, that even they may be better off in the end.

Forty area delegates attended the extraordinary general meeting of the BTBA in July and debated and voted upon each separate section of the new constitution. The delegates, alone, approved everything as the existing BTBA Council were asked by Chairman Eric Terry not to vote. The majority of the many amendments were agreed unanimously and copies of the new booklet will be forwarded to any member who requests one prior to the new season when they will be distributed to team captains of sanctioned leagues in the usual way.

The major change is that an area association will now be based upon County boundaries and one member of each County will serve on the BTBA Council, which will consist of a President, Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer in addition to the representative from each County and Service Organisation.

In terms of SEBA it is up to the bowlers in both Essex and Kent whether they wish to continue to carry on on a joint basis with the present administration or whether each County wishes to set up it's own County Association. Either way both Essex and Kent will have their own Council member and, of course, their own County tournaments and championships. At the moment the four centres in Kent are joined by Basildon, Harlow and Southend, and Dagenham, Walton and Wethersfield must now make their own decisions as to their administration for the new season. The SEBA Executive are very willing to service them if required but have no intention of foisting themselves on anyone.

In terms of the new County boundaries we have lost Hoddesdon and Lewisham and wish them every success under their respective County administrations. The new season could auger a new era. Let us all work to make it so.

FROM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

NEWS FROM THE U.S.A. BY OUR
CORRESPONDENT IN DETROIT -



TONY STURTON

Lubanski Adds To 300 List

Veteran Eddie Lubanski, Detroit's leading sanctioned 300 game peger, added one to his total, making it ten in all, recently in the Detroit All-Star Classic at Crest Lanes. Lubanski counted 707 as his John F. Ivory team hung up 1156 in 3307.

Trailing Lubanski in the Detroit all-time sanctioned 300 race are Walter King and Dave Soutar, eight apiece; Bob Briarton and Joe Joseph, 5 apiece; Matt Furgan, Tony Loiacano and Don Paschke, each 4, and George Howard, Tony Lindermann, Bert Nort, Noble Peters, Dick Preston, Tony Puggle, Dale Seavoy, Emil Wansa and George Young, all three apiece.

Lubanski, 39 and the father of four, heads American Bowling Congress tournament lifetime (20 years or more) averages with a mark of 204.29 for 21 ABC events. His closest rival is Dick Weber of St. Louis, who shows an average of 202.104 for 20 ABC meets. Greater Detroit Bowling As-



EDDIE LUBANSKI

sociation records reveal that a grand total of 732 perfect scores have been rolled in ABC-sanctioned play by male Detroiters since 1911, when the GDBA first began keeping books on such matters.

Besides these 732 perfect games by men, four women have rolled WIBC-sanctioned 300s here. They are Hattie Wooster, 1943; Doris Knechtges, 1948; Edna Dalton (Pikulinski), 1951, and Catherine Hannon, 1959.



"Mrs. Sprinkle wouldn't be such a bad league president, if she didn't refer to the rest of us as her loyal subjects."

A POSITIVE PHENOM

10-Year-Old Rolls Lines Of 256-258, Averages 180

Around Bill Williams' Hazel Park Bowling layout in Hazel Park, hard by the Hazel Park Raceway, they're asking, "Is Bruce Herzog for real?"

What prompts the query are the reports emanating from the Hazel Park site about young Bruce's bowling feats. The lad is only 10, but sports a league average of 180 and recently fired games of 182-256-258 for a series of 696 in a three-game workout.

According to Virginia Williams, Bill's comely

wife, Bruce is "crazy about bowling". Mrs. Williams, secretary of the 32-team Family Twosome League in which Bruce bowls at Hazel Park, adds that Bruce practices from six to ten games a day, and bowls "just like Don Carter".

Bruce's father, Ken, and mother, Angie, also are members of Hazel Park's popular Family circuit. Ken averages around 200, while Mrs. Herzog shoots at a 150 clip.

But young Bruce -- he's something else.

Girl Pegs 279

Dorothy Chamer, 152 average, skyrocketed to a brilliant 279 game after 140-199 for a 618 series in the Oxfordettes Wednesday Afternoon League at Oxford Lanes. It stands as the highest game ever rolled by a woman in sanctioned play at the Oxford site.



"Let's bowl real slow and maybe the boys will show up and pay for our games!"

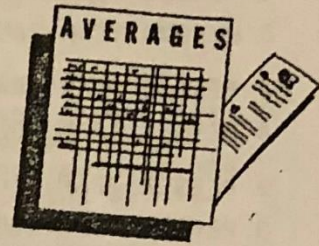
How Close Can You Get?

After 104 games of a 105-game schedule in 1942, two Waterloo, Iowa, teams were tied in the number of games and in the number of pins knocked down. In their final game of the season, the Hub Electrics rolled 865 and guess what the rival Coalmen totaled, 864! One pin difference for an entire season!

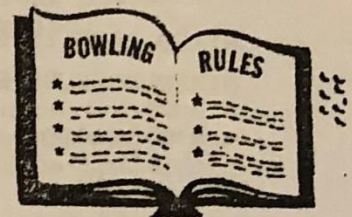
S.E.B.A. SALUTES THE KEY MAN

WHAT IS A LEAGUE SECRETARY?

Statistician! He keeps an accurate record of all individual and team scores and publishes a weekly standing sheet with the averages and team standings. Similar information must be sent to the area association upon request. Many secretaries go a step further, furnishing each bowler with weekly standings sheet along with highlights, both funny and informative. Extras like this help build league spirit and interest.



Counsellor! Armed with his B.T.B.A. rule book, he arranges for the formation of the new seasons league constitution for adoption by the leagues team captains. He on hand for arbitration and interpretation, with the more complex problems going to the league President for possible review by the league's Board of Directors.



Guardian! He knows that the only way to take advantage of B.T.B.A.'s league fund insurance scheme and to qualify his bowlers for high score and other achievement awards is to sanction his league within 42 days from the start of the leagues bowling season. Also to get the individual award application off to the awards secretary in good time. Checking with league presidents that the bank account has been set up with at least two co-signers for withdrawals. Making sure that the league accounts are published each month on the standing sheet and are verified by the league President.



Promoter! Special league events, league tournaments, outings, league presentation dinner these are his pet projects as he aims for 100% participation of all bowlers in his league. He is always alert to informing his teams about deadlines for entering local and area association tournaments, plus the "big one" — the annual B.T.B.A. national championships.



The role you play in keeping your league running at top efficiency is gratefully acknowledged. It is due to the efforts of bowlers like yourself that S.E.B.A. can justly be proud of the claim that it is one of the smoothest running sports organisations in the country.

This salute is dedicated to the "KEY" bowler in S.E.B.A., a bowler who opens the door to enjoyment for his fellow bowlers by performing the services and duties of a league secretary. YOU HAVE OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

YES, A LEAGUE SECRETARY
WEARS MANY HATS ...
WEAR YOURS PROUDLY!

All Time Area Records (official)

A number of members have asked if we will publish the all time Area records in each division. These are below and it is interesting that no fewer than seven of these have been set this season:-

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| 5 PERSON TEAM SERIES | <u>THE CHESSMEN</u> | BEXLEYHEATH | 2855 |
| 5 PERSON TEAM GAME | <u>BROADWAY ALL STARS</u> | BEXLEYHEATH | 1052 |
| 4 PERSON TEAM SERIES | <u>APACHES</u> | HODDESDON | 2418 |
| 4 PERSON TEAM GAME | <u>APACHES</u> | HODDESDON | 882 |
| 3 PERSON TEAM SERIES | <u>NIGHTRIDERS</u> | BEXLEYHEATH | 1783 |
| 3 PERSON TEAM GAME | <u>THE FUGITIVES</u> | BEXLEYHEATH | 674 |
| 2 PERSON TEAM SERIES | <u>PETE RIGHT & ALAN ICETON</u> | BEXLEYHEATH | 1226 |
| 2 PERSON TEAM GAME | <u>PETE RIGHT & ALAN ICETON</u> | BEXLEYHEATH | 479 |
| MIXED DOUBLES SERIES | <u>VICKY & BERT TIMMS</u> | CLIFTONVILLE | 1204 |
| MIXED DOUBLES GAME | <u>DORIN BAKER & B.MORRISON</u> | BEXLEYHEATH | 462 |
| MEN'S SERIES | <u>JACK MORTON</u> | BEXLEYHEATH | 734 |
| MEN'S GAME | <u>VIC PEACOCK</u> | BEXLEYHEATH | 299 |
| LADIES SERIES | <u>VERA PEACOCK</u> | BEXLEYHEATH | 658 |
| LADIES GAME | <u>DORIN BAKER</u> | BEXLEYHEATH | 277 |
| JUNIOR SERIES | <u>PETER JACKSON</u> | BEXLEYHEATH | 616 |
| JUNIOR GAME | <u>PETE FLEMING</u> | BEXLEYHEATH | 247 |

JYBC

The National Junior Youth Bowling Club has been going great guns for a couple of years and in our own Area branches exist to our knowledge at Basildon and Harlow and probably at Southend and Whitstable. Bexleyheath has now joined the field and with a number of talented youngsters hopes to compete in the 2nd Annual JYBC National Championships at Coventry in October. AMF Forum Instructor Janet Morrison is at the helm and with her well known organising ability there are already four junior leagues operating at Bexleyheath under the auspices of JYBC. Send your children along at 4.45p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays or at 10.30a.m. every Saturday morning. They will be properly coached, trained and organised to be our bowlers of the future.

Of course schemes of this type have to be founded upon unselfish interest and encouragement from the unpaid helpers, who must be successful because they believe in what they are doing. In fact the whole future of the sport of tenpin bowling could be in their hands - give them all the assistance and encouragement you possibly can.

BEXLEYHEATH INTER-LEAGUE FUNCTION

For the second year running five Bexleyheath leagues have amalgamated for their Presentation Dance. Being held again at Crayford Town Hall the date this year is 28th. September. Tickets will shortly be available and we are very pleased to hear that all proceeds will be donated to the new Bexleyheath branch of JYBC mentioned above.

ABC Bowling have given a number of prizes and with the known generosity of the bowlers it could be that this function will greatly assist towards the expenses of sending the children to their own championships in Coventry. Any further fund raising activities of this nature will, no doubt, be very much appreciated by the children and their instructors.

BOWLING IS FUN!
LEAGUE BOWLING



THE NEW SEASON

With another season about to begin, arrangements are being made for supplying of B.T.B.A. league pre-seasons kits and league equipment in readiness for the start of the 1968-69 schedule.

Each league which sanctioned last season will be sent a stamped addressed card and a covering letter and those leagues wishing to sanction for the first time are requested to get in touch with the area secretary Brian Langford as soon as possible. As soon as the card has been received, please complete the details and post. A B.T.B.A. pre-seasons kit will be sent by return to the secretary concerned. The kit contains all the necessary equipment for the sanctioning and operation of the league and contains membership application cards, sanction form, record cards, team schedules, award forms of all types and official rule books. plus the standing sheets for the first 6 weeks of operation.

The membership cards should be completed by each and every bowler in the league and returned with the correct dues to the secretary who should then sign the receipt attached to the membership card. All of the cards, and the dues should be collected by the league secretary, the sanction form can then be completed and sent with the cards and the membership dues to the area secretary. These arrangements must be completed within the 42 day grace period granted for this purpose and to cover the league should any high scores be bowled.

The membership dues for the Winter are a combined total of 20 shillings per person for a full year (1st September to 31st August). For junior bowlers (age 16 as at 31st August previous year is classed as a senior bowler) the total cost of membership is 5 shillings per year.

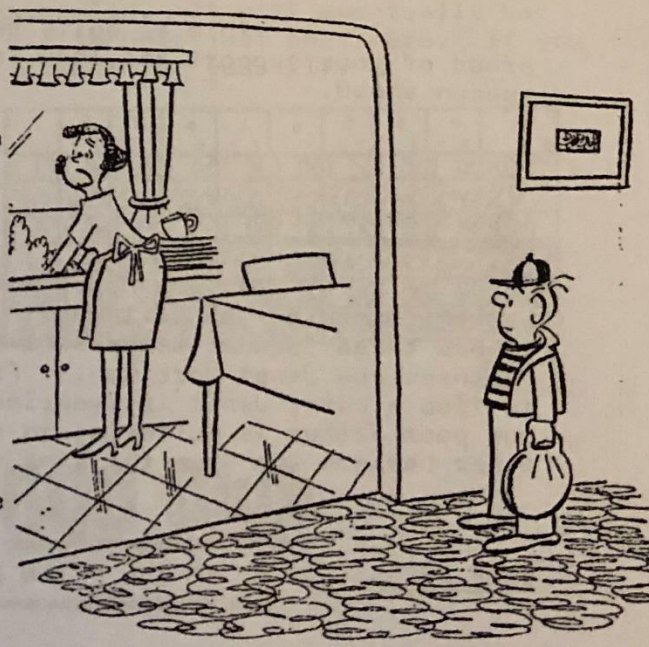
The following points will help you in the leagues operation:

- 1) Setting up a league constitution is a must. Use the suggested league rules section of the rule book.
- 2) The league officers and team captains must decide on a prize list within 5 weeks of the start of the league season.
- 3) The beginning and ending dates of the leagues schedule must be shown on the sanction form.
- 4) Check membership cards of those bowlers who say they have joined the B.T.B.A. through other leagues.
- 5) When working out the league schedule take into account Bank Holidays and tournaments.
- 6) The league accounts must be verified by the league President and published on the standing sheet monthly.

For further information and enquiries, please contact the area secretary:

Tel: Gravesend
61271.

Brian A. Langford,
111, Vigilant Way,
Gravesend, Kent.



"You broke a hundred! A hundred what?"

FOR SALE!

One typewriter for sale, a two year old "ADLER - TIPPA" portable. Hardly used. Price £13. (Including case)
If you are interested contact: Brian Langford (Tel. DGR.4.61271)

S.E.B.A. MEMBERSHIP INCREASE!

With a total membership for the 1967 - 68. season reaching 1120 members, S.E.B.A. has increased its overall membership by some 300 bowlers. Bowling in 40 leagues and taking part in 462 teams of all types the distribution of the sanctioned leagues in the area is as follows:

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| Bexleyheath | 15 Leagues |
| Chatham | 5 |
| Cliftonville | 5 |
| Hoddesdon | 2 |
| Southend | 2 |
| Whitstable | 11 |
| | <hr/> 40 total |

This shows a tremendous increase over last years figure of just over 800 members. This very good sign is important to the future of S.E.B.A. and to the sport of bowling in the area, particularly when it is realised that over one third of our own bowlers who joined the association this year took part in the 6th Annual Area Championships at Bexleyheath recently.

This is quite an achievement and S.E.B.A. is very proud of your support and look forward to it continuing in the new season ahead.

TENNIS ELBOW CLUB!

A very novel and unfortunately a very painful club has be formed at the Bexleyheath centre recently. At the moment it has three founder members namely: Fred Shrimpton, Arthur - Robinson and Janet Morrison. Fred it appears has gone to Majorca to find a cure, Janet is swearing on the power of "Horse Linament" and poor Arthur is suffering in silence. Area there any other other bowlers who have the same trouble?

STOP PRESS!

"FALLING LEAF TOURNAMENT"

News has just reached us the this very good annual tournament will again be held at the Cliftonville centre on the last Sunday in October. With 5 divisions instead of the usual 1 being run, arrangements are in the very capable hands of Tom Ballingall of Cliftonville. Entry forms will be out shortly.

The 5 divisions are as follows:

- Ladies Doubles, Scratch and Handicap.
- Mens Doubles, Scratch and Handicap.
- Mixed Doubles, Handicap only.

TOURNAMENT DATE: SUNDAY 27th October, 1968.



"Fred has quite a bit of left on his ball."

KING KEGLERS



One good thing that the late 'Tenpin Pictorial' did was to keep bowlers all over the country in touch with everything that went on. Probably the most interesting aspect of this was the "King Keglers" listing showing the highest averages attained by bowlers in league play throughout each season over a minimum of 21 games.

To keep SEBA members alive to the performances and abilities of other bowlers in the Area, Bowling News will, from the new season, publish it's own 'King Keglers' list monthly and forms for the purpose will be going out to all Secretaries of sanctioned leagues in Essex and Kent with the new seasons league kits.

This service will be in addition to the popular 'Area Hi's' and the leaders of both male and female divisions at the end of this new season will receive their own specially embroidered shirt badges. The first list should be published in November under the above heading.

CLASSIFIED 886

The World Record for 5-man team published in these pages a few months ago on a frame by frame basis proved of great interest and we have been asked to repeat the treatment with some other historic bowling feats. The most famous series ever bowled was the 886 by Allie Brandt way back in 1938. Despite near misses by Teata Semiz and Carl Wilsing with 867 and 876 respectively over the years the 886 still holds as the highest sanctioned series ever bowled. It will eventually be beaten but to do it you can only afford to have just one spare. If you spare twice you can't beat it! Work it out for yourself.

200 Club

Latest members. Membership for this season closes 31st August. 1st 200 Club Tournament to be announced in our next issue.

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| GEORGE ROSE | CLIFTONVILLE |
| PETER McINTYRE | HARLOW |
| SUSAN CHARLES | CLIFTONVILLE |
| GRAHAM HINCKLEY | WHITSTABLE |
| ALAN NEAME | WHITSTABLE |
| KEITH HUBBARD | BEXLEYHEATH |
| KENNETH LEAK | BEXLEYHEATH |
| TONY BATES | BEXLEYHEATH |
| HILDA COLE | CLIFTONVILLE |
| SHIRLEY SIMPSON | CLIFTONVILLE |
| WIN SEAGER | CLIFTONVILLE |
| STEPHEN POPE | CLIFTONVILLE |
| JOHN CREED | WHITSTABLE |
| 'CHIPS' GREENWOOD | WHITSTABLE |

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600 Club

LATEST MEMBERS:-

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| STEVE CLARKE | HARLOW |
| VAUGHAN CLARKE | HARLOW |
| NEVILLE D'COSTA | BEXLEYHEATH |
| FRED JOHNSON | CLIFTONVILLE |
| PAUL CRUNDELL | CLIFTONVILLE |
| PETER COOTE | SOUTHEND |
