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## OO'S AND TENPIN BOWLING

In this Olympic year many bowlers have enquired about the chances of Tenpin being included in future Games and with Mexico now over it is appropriate to give this summary of the factors involved.

The plain truth is that under present conditions Tenpin Bowling is simply not eligible for the Olympics. This is due to the fact that it is a prerequisite for inclusion in the Games that a sport be acknowledged as a 'majority sport' in a minimum of 25 countries. At present only one country, the U.S.A., gives bowling the status of a majority sport, although Japan may soon make this number up to two.

This year 15 majority sports were recognized by the necessary number of countries and at one time there appeared a ray of hope for Tenpin under a secondary clause in the eligibility rules. Under this clause the Host Nation at each Olympics may nominate two additional sports of it's own choice for inclusion in the Exhibition Section of the Games, this being non-competitive. Remembering the enthusiasm for the Sport that Mexico has frequently displayed and the fact that they won Gold Medals in Malmo, nearly all Tenpin bodies in the World submitted applications as soon as the venue for the 1968 Games was decided three years ago. Alas Lawn Tennis and Pelota were eventually selected.

Beyond this, the President of F.I.Q. has, for some years past, been pressing constantly for the inclusion of a Bowling Section in the Olympics and his efforts still continue. Unfortunately some political deterrents also lessen his chances of success in this direction as Bowling is considered by most of the Iron Curtain countries to be an essentially capitalist affair and it's recognition would undoubtedly be vetoed by a corresponding number of votes.

Inevitably, the matter of Tenpin amateurism has also received some scrutiny in this context, although the controversies of the recent Winter Games in France and the allegations of sponsorship by a sporting shoe manufacturer in regard to the track events these past weeks, clearly show the need for the Olympic concept of amateurism to be radically overhauled. In the U.S.A., where Tenpin professionals clearly define themselves as such, the question of amateurism is fairly easily resolved, but in this Country present trends give several of our top performers the appearance of wishing to play only for money. This could certainly debar them from eligibility for future Olympics and it may, therefore, be a blessing in disguise that, in this respect, at least time is on our side in getting our systems and personalities sorted out.

S.E.B.A. acknowledges with thanks the information provided by the B.T.B.A. Press Officer Teddy Tinling in compiling the information for this Editorial.



# FROM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

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



## TONY STURTON

### Match Game Records Set by Philadelphian

Dom DiCicco, who helped the Food Fair team to its second place finish in Regular division play in the 1968 ABC, warmed up for his visit to Cincinnati with a record performance in a Philadelphia area BPAA All Star qualifying test. DiCicco set ABC match game tournament marks for eight and 16 games.

For his final 16 games, DiCicco averaged just over 254 in posting a record 4070 actual total. This broke the former mark of 3992 set in the 1963 World's Invitational by Jim St. John.

DiCicco's first eight games were a record 2093, topping the 2022 by Seattle's John Guenther.

He beat runnerup Joe Frick by 638 actual pins. DiCicco's games were 234, 279, 244, 266, 290, 233, 289, 258, 226, 211, 245, 279, 289, 232, 267, 228.

### Brooklyn Bowler, 65, Averages 216 in 90 Games

At the age of 65, John Engan of Brooklyn, N.Y. is still pounding the pocket in ABC league competition. Engan, in the 1967-68 season in the Does and Pros Doubles Classic at Brooklyn's Bedford Bowl, compiled a fancy 216 average in 90 games. He had several 700's and a high single of 280.

Engan's son, Ralph, is a member of the Professional Bowlers association.

• Nearly 20,000 men are members of all-senior bowling leagues for men 55 and older.

## Stefanich Rolls Along In Pro \$\$\$ Race

AKRON, O. — Jim Stefanich of Joliet, Ill., continues to roll along at the top of the Professional Bowlers Association money-winning list with earnings, as of Sept. 3, of \$63,040.

A pair of southpaws, Dave Davis of Phoenix and Bill Allen of Orlando, Fla., are second and third in the race with earnings of \$38,737 and \$33,172, respectively.

Here are the top 20 in the standings:

Jim Stefanich, Joliet, Ill.	63,040
Dave Davis, Phoenix	38,737
Bill Allen, Orlando, Fla.	33,172
Billy Hardwick, Louisville	31,515
Don Johnson, Kokomo, Ind.	30,490
Dave Soutar, Detroit	25,050
Pick Rfger, Hartford, Conn.	24,075
Wayne Zahn, Atlanta	23,137
John Guenther, Seattle	23,077
M. L. ...	18,305

### 12 Year Old Milwaukeean Youngest to Record 300

A Milwaukee boy has become the youngest bowler in history to roll a 300 game. He is 12 year old Dale Mesenbrink who recorded his perfect game Jan. 14 in open play at Echo Bowl.



MESENBRINK

According to ABC records, the youngest 300 rollers previously were Billy Bybee, Long Beach, Calif., and Raymond Russaw, Kansas City, Mo., both 13. Bybee registered his perfect game in 1964; Russaw got his last year.

In addition to his 300 he also rolled a pair of 181 games, giving him a 662 series.

Mesenbrink's highest previous game had been 200, also in practice. In the Echo Bowl junior league he is averaging 136. Last season, his first in league competition, he averaged 109 using a 13 pound ball. He now uses a 16 pound ball. "I was very lucky," said the five foot four inch, 180 pound youngster in reviewing his perfect game. "In the fifth, eighth and ninth frames I got crossover strikes."

### RECORD EVENT

The largest and richest "Championship Tournament ever held by the Woman's International Bowling Congress was in 1967, when 6,094 five-woman teams (more than 30,000 women) competed for \$296,760 at Rochester, N.Y.

## Meet A Frank 300 Bowler

By JOHN N. SABO

For a bowler who had just rolled a 300 game, William H. Cope was refreshingly frank.

Asked if he wasn't worried about leaving a 10-pin on a solid hit after an 11-bagger, Bill laughingly replied, "Shucks, I was more worried about staying behind the foul-line and keeping the ball out of the gutter."

Bill's night of bowling fame came at Grand Central Recreation, where he has been rolling in the Junior House League all of his bowling career of 12 years. The 39-year-old Cope didn't wait long. He opened with his 300 game and followed with 200-233 for 733. It was his first 700 league series.

Cope is pretty much of a veteran around Grand Central. He has an average of 189 in the House League and 184 in the Sunday League.

Cope had 29 strikes in his three games, striking out in the tenth frame of each contest.

## National Leaders

(Unofficial)

5 MAN TEAM SERIES

Bluemound Bowl, Milwaukee, Wis.	1286
Bluemound Bowl, Milwaukee, Wis.	1279
Ernie von Schladern, Milwaukee, Wis.	1233
Bluemound Bowl, Milwaukee, Wis.	1227
Fertel Trophy, Akron, Ohio	1221
Midland Densin, Detroit, Mich.	1217
C. D. Lewis, Detroit, Mich.	1211
Zawerschik Plumbers, Milwaukee, Wis.	1207
Brookfield Rambler Motors, Chicago, Ill.	1203
Isagrossis Tile, Schenectady, N.Y.	1197

5 MAN TEAM GAME

Dividend Bonded Gas, Sioux City, Iowa	1286
Caldwell Motors, Sheboygan, Wis.	1279
Zawerschik Plumbers, Milwaukee, Wis.	1233
Ernie von Schladern, Milwaukee, Wis.	1227
Ernie von Schladern, Milwaukee, Wis.	1221
Bluemound Bowl, Milwaukee, Wis.	1217
C. D. Lewis, Detroit, Mich.	1211
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4 MAN TEAM SERIES

Orange County Bowler, Costa Mesa, Calif.	2786
Orange County Bowler, Costa Mesa, Calif.	2780
C.K.C. Musie, Costa Mesa, Calif.	2772
C.K.C. Musie, Costa Mesa, Calif.	2766
C.K.C. Musie, Costa Mesa, Calif.	2760
Team 1, La Habra, Calif.	2754
Top Score Maintenance, Anaheim, Calif.	2748
C.K.C. Musie, Costa Mesa, Calif.	2742
Cooper's Bowling Supply, Anaheim, Calif.	2736
C.K.C. Musie, Costa Mesa, Calif.	2730

4 MAN TEAM GAME

Flax Branson Co., Lywood, Calif.	1096
National Fire Protection, Anaheim, Calif.	1090
Cooper's Bowling Supply, Anaheim, Calif.	1084
C.K.C. Musie, Costa Mesa, Calif.	1078
Cooper's Bowling Supply, Anaheim, Calif.	1072
Cooper's Bowling Supply, Anaheim, Calif.	1066
C.K.C. Musie, Costa Mesa, Calif.	1060
Orange County Bowler, Costa Mesa, Calif.	1054
Orange County Bowler, Costa Mesa, Calif.	1048
National Fire Protection, Anaheim, Calif.	1042

3 MAN TEAM SERIES

Gallucci Builders, Schenectady, N.Y.	2786
The Towne Tavern, Schenectady, N.Y.	2780
The Towne Tavern, Schenectady, N.Y.	2772
Fidela's Barber Shop, Madison, Wis.	2148
Caldwell Motors, Sheboygan, Wis.	2073
John's Restaurant, Youngstown, Ohio	2067
Joseph's Restaurant, Newburgh, N.Y.	2061
Metro Trophy, Louisville, Ky.	2055

3 MAN TEAM GAME

Bonny Motors, Louisville, Ky.	777
Techopp Upholsterers, Middletown, N.Y.	771
The Towne Tavern, Schenectady, N.Y.	771
The Towne Tavern, Schenectady, N.Y.	771
Silver Shield Lanes, St. Louis, Mo.	771
Lady's Supper Club, Youngstown, Ohio	771
Modern Woodmen of America, Highland, Wash.	771
Gallucci Builders, Schenectady, N.Y.	771
Straniero's, Matawan, N.J.	771
Tiny's Little Tavern, Youngstown, Ohio	752

2 MAN TEAM SERIES

Reger Fink-Terry Booth, Lodi, Calif.	1481
Leroy Buske-Les Unerrall, Troy, Mo.	1475
Elvin Moser-Bill Walden, Sullivan, Mo.	1469
Jack F. Jolley-Howard Holmes, Anaheim, Calif.	1463
Joe McCue-Dick Brasch, Anaheim, Calif.	1457
Ed Ryder-Wilbur Smith, Staunton, Ill.	1451
Remo Lero-Jerry Stutz, Union, N.J.	1445
Dick Ruse-Jim Shaw, Columbus, Ohio	1439
Ray Ori-Les Camden, St. Louis, Mo.	1433
John Hines-Jack Kinney, Anaheim, Calif.	1427
Howard Holmes-John Haines, Anaheim, Calif.	1421

2 MAN TEAM GAME

Elvin Moser-Jerry Walden, Sullivan, Mo.	578
Elvin Moser-Bill Walden, Sullivan, Mo.	570
George Sullivan-Ken Matthews, Plainfield, Ind.	553
Ray Ori-Les Camden, St. Louis, Mo.	547
Dick Ruse-Jim Shaw, Columbus, Ohio	541
Roger Fink-Terry Booth, Lodi, Calif.	535
Kan Ryder-Wilbur Smith, Staunton, Ill.	529
Samuel Newman-Gary De Krall, Brookings, S.D.	523
Ed Thomas-Eob Brown, Columbus, Ohio	517
Glenn Estes-Don Dubro, St. Louis, Mo.	511
Butch Soper-Jack Arnett, Anaheim, Calif.	505

300 SERIES

Vio Koss, Madison, Wis.	505
Kenneth Pence, Kansas City, Mo.	505
Jeffery Parrell, Detroit, Mich.	505
Ralph Rasmussen, Albuquerque, N.M.	505
Ken Gray, Watsonville, Calif.	505
Fred White, Buena Park, Calif.	505
Bill Tuttle, San Jose, Calif.	505
Earl Barb, Seattle, Wash.	505
Dick Stoelmer, Costa Mesa, Calif.	505
Dick Stohli, Prairie du Chien, Wis.	505
Don Brown, Rochester, N.Y.	505
Gary Hinchaba, Zanesville, Ohio	505
Larry Matthews, Sacramento, Calif.	505
Joe Lebak, Chicago, Ill.	505
Otis Smith, Youngstown, Ohio	505
Jerry Burdick, Monticello, Calif.	505
Roger Fink, Lodi, Calif.	505
Gerry Sorano, Milwaukee, Wis.	505
Paul Vaughn, Madison, Wis.	505
Bob Stranberg, Milwaukee, Wis.	505
Jim Thomas, Schenectady, N.Y.	505
Paul Loder, Madison, Wis.	505
Casey Jones, Plymouth, Wis.	505
Don Dubro, St. Louis, Mo.	505
Bill Tuttle, San Jose, Calif.	505
Sam Labat, Marshall, Minn.	505
Ernie Cuhar, Council Bluffs, Iowa	505
Joe Robbins, Charlotte, N.C.	505
Al Hester, Fairmount, Mass.	505
Joe Kinter, Sullivan, Mo.	505
Yerry Booth, Lodi, Calif.	505
Nick Nicholson, Hillsdale, N.J.	505
Dick Donahue, San Jose, Calif.	505
Walt Hieb, Sioux City, Iowa	505
Tom Dittmar, Westland, Mich.	505
Harry Mellara, San Diego, Calif.	505
Ed Thomas, Columbus, Ohio	505
Rudy Milantoni, Detroit, Mich.	505
Nelson Barton Jr., St. Louis, Mo.	505
Bob Sawyer, La Habra, Calif.	505
Conrad Kush, Detroit, Mich.	505
Alie Clark, Cleveland, Ohio	505
John Martin, Milwaukee, Wis.	505
Jim Platoni, Daly City, Calif.	505
Dominic Palozzi, Liverpool, N.Y.	505
Bill Tuttle, San Jose, Calif.	505
Howard Holmes, Anaheim, Calif.	505
Tom Fackler, Westland, Mich.	505
Rick McCaffrey, Detroit, Mich.	505
Bill Laly, Portland, Ore.	505
Cecil Argetinger, Portland, Ore.	505
Ray Yano, Detroit, Mich.	505
Dave Robertson, Detroit, Mich.	505
Mike Eastland, Detroit, Mich.	505
Al Kirtin, Scarborough, Ont.	505
Casey Jones, Plymouth, Wis.	505
Bill Tuttle, San Jose, Calif.	505
Norris Lasecki, Milwaukee, Wis.	505
William Ploetz, Sheboygan, Wis.	505
Nick Losen, Newburgh, N.Y.	505
Don Westcott, Grand Rapids, Mich.	505
Al Fuscarino, Paramus, N.J.	505
Jim Spittiger, Sheboygan, Wis.	505
Bob Van Wagoner, Los Angeles, Calif.	505
Bob Vinski Sr., Southampten, N.Y.	505
Jack Flanagan, San Jose, Calif.	505
John Kerlin, Milwaukee, Wis.	505
Ray Yano, Detroit, Mich.	505
Bill Tuttle, San Jose, Calif.	505
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# DIVIDE AND RULE

# BUT UNITED WE STAND !

In our estimation it is time for some straight talking and we are pleased indeed to publish below a copy of a letter written by our BTBA Chairman Eric Terry to the Manchester publication 'The Bowler'. Despite assurances from the Proprietor's Association over two years ago we are receiving complaints from more than one centre within the Area regarding playing conditions and in particular the state of the pins and machinery. On this basis the letter is particularly pertinent and is unabridged, although the capitals are ours:

To: The Editor of 'The Bowler'

"Sir,

The column 'Talking Points' in your October issue makes very sound common sense and indeed, as Chairman of the B.T.B.A., I have been trying to persue the policy that you set out ever since I took office.

I have in fact had many meetings, both private and public, with successive Chairmen and members of the Proprietors' Association at which I have tried most sincerely to reach an agreement. After 18 months I have come to the conclusion that many of the Proprietors do not want an agreement because the B.T.B.A. is a convenient whipping boy upon whom they can blame their own financial problems which arise from their own short-comings and lack of understanding of the simple but hard facts of commercial life. These can be summed up quite simply that the customer is - at any rate sometimes - right!

Unfortunately from the Proprietors' point of view, even though the bowler may be right when he requires a good standard of equipment and maintenance, this tends to be expensive for the Proprietors AND THEY WOULD THEREFORE RATHER THERE WAS NO-ONE TO REPRESENT THE BOWLERS INTERESTS THUS SAVING THEMSELVES SUBSTANTIAL SUMS OF MONEY.

Clearly the Proprietors generally have continued with their policy of 'Divide and Rule' and have TRIED TO KEEP THE BOWLERS FRAGMENTED for what can easily be seen to be a short term advantage and a financial saving to themselves. They do not seem to realise that the continued persuance of this policy is likely to be the DEATH OF THE SPORT.

As to the suggested 'Face to Face' with my opposite number of the Proprietors Association, I would certainly not be averse to this but I doubt very much whether the Proprietors would be prepared to agree to such a confrontation.

In conclusion let me say that when I took over the chair of the Players Association I did so with a completely open mind and my investigations since then have shown that, apart from one or two matters of relative unimportance the allegations made by the



" - Proprietors, and various other people, upon the B.T.B.A., and in particular upon it's General Secretary, HAVE BEEN PROVED TO BE COMPLETELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) ERIC TERRY

Chairman,  
British Tenpin Bowling Association."

30th. October 1968

FROM 299 OVER ONE TO 357 OVER THREE!

The ability to laugh at oneself and face troubles with a smile is not common particularly among the tenpin fraternity. Our congratulations and commiserations to Area record holder VIC PEACOCK, our 299 shooter who recently had a diabolical night in the Bexleyheath Roundtable League and suffered an all time low series of 357.

Vic himself, sent us the report of this and accompanying it was this little cartoon.

**ALL TIME HIGH SCORE CARD**

By special request we publish below the National All Time High Score List correct up to the time of going to press.

MENS DIVISION

5 Person					
3 Game Series	Wembley All Stars	3208	ABC S/H		1967
Single Game	Andrew & Dalton				
	Husitlers	1117	Amb Hounslow		1965
	Brunswick Jets	1117	ABC S/H		1968
4 Person					
3 Game Series	Greyhounds	2457	ABC S/H		1968
Single Game	Tynochs	915	ABC S/H		1968
3 Person					
3 Game Series	Brunswick Jets	1916	Amb Hounslow		1966
Single Game	Sherbourne Rubber Rollers	711	Birmingham		1964
2 Person					
3 Game Series	Wembley All Stars	1546	ABC Dagenham		1968
Single Game	Buccaneers	503	Excel. Tel		1968
1 Person					
3 Game Series	W. Grant	742	T.P. Southall		1965
	T. Samuels	742	ABC S/H		1968
Single Game	Jack Vickers	300	RAF. Gaydon		1965
	Albert Kirkham	300	Chester		1966

LADIES DIVISION

5 Person					
3 Game Series	Brunswick Jetabelles	2028	S/H		1965
Single Game	Whippettes	1006	S/H		1966
4 Person					
3 Game Series	Brunswick Jetabelles	2166	S/H		1965
Single Game	Aristocrats	820	Hounslow		1965
3 Person					
3 Game Series	Wembley Lionesses	1752	Wembley		1967
Single Game	Silhouettes	687	Wallasey		1965
2 Person					
3 Game Series	Supremes "B"	1179	Blackpool		1966
Single Game	Supremes "B"	437	Blackpool		1966
1 Person					
3 Game Series	Eleanor Love	682	Headingley		1967
Single Game	Maureen Dodsworth	179	Bradford		1965



"LET'S HEAR NO MORE ABOUT THAT 299 GAME. EH!!"

NEW LEAGUE SPONSOR

We hear from the Secretary of the Chatham Memphis League, ROY FILLIER, that the new Medway Evening Paper, the EVENING POST is to sponsor the league for their new season. A change of name for the league is envisaged and the sponsorship could well inject new life into this old established league. The League President is our old friend LES LONG.

We look forward to publishing further news from the league in future issues of 'Bowling 'News'.