A Nasty Taste

The 2nd. Annual Junior Youth Bowling Club Championships were held in Coventry two week-ends ago and were highly successful. One trophy came to the Area, namely a third place in the Bentam Singles, won

by young Gary Edwards of Harlow.

Only one thing really marred the event and that was the menner in which one proprietor apparently brought Tenpin politics into this children's tournament. Originally the event carried a BTBA Moral Support Sanction, which meant that the achievement of any child who was a member would be automatically recognized but that no child who was not a member would have to pay dues. A fine arrangement for a child's event where no one could be the loser, but was this one proprietor satisfied? No! - he demanded that the sanction be withdrawn or his centre's would not support the event! The organisers were left with no option but to withdraw the sanction and the BTBA members who participated were left without official recognition for their scores.

This action, in our estimation, was taking matters to the bottom of the barrel and we only wish that we could name both the

individual concerned and his company in these pages.

One band of folk who will be mentioned, however, were the East Midlands BTBA Area Officials who, despite the nasty taste in their mouths continued to work hard as tournament officials and even went so far as to award Area BTBA Badges to the youngsters for their achievements in a non-sanctioned event. Well done Geoff Arbuckle and crew - it's nice to know that the BTBA can rise above the niggardliness of some of the men who purport to operate this sport of ours.

AN IDEAL MANAGER?

Bill Pace, PBA Member and Manager of a Kansas City Bowling Centre recently made this statement during an interview with a reporter from the Kansas City Star:-

"Bowling in leagues serves a double purpose for me. I like to bowl and I like to be with bowlers. I can hear their gripes and I can hear their suggestions. If they are griping, there must be reasons. Our job as managers is to eliminate these reasons."

We would venture to suggest that if all the Bowl Managers in this country had a similar approach to their job that a lot fewer centres would have closed their doors and the industry

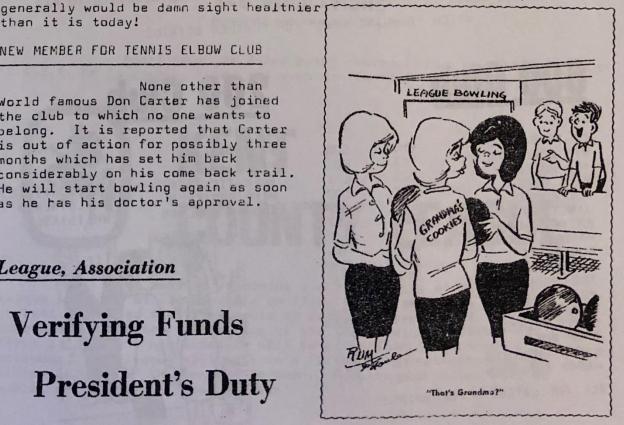
than it is today!

NEW MEMBER FOR TENNIS ELBOW CLUB

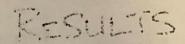
None other than World famous Don Carter has joined the club to which no one wants to belong. It is reported that Carter is out of action for possibly three months which has set him back considerably on his come back trail. He will start bowling again as soon as he has his doctor's approval.

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Verifying Funds President's Duty

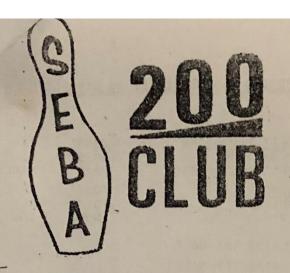


2nd Annual FALLING LEAF DOUBLES TOURNAMENT



The five divisions of the tournament resulted in a bumper entry of well over 100 teams as against a modest 46 for the event last year. The general condition of the pins and machines resulted in a number of complaints from the entrants but despite some troubles in this respect the tournament organisation was excellent and compensated to a great extent for the rather lower than average scores in some divisions. This event is now a regular on the tournament calendar and we look forward to the 1969 'Falling Leaf' exceeding the 150 mark. Well dome Executive Vice President TOM BALLINGALL and the Cliftonville Executive Officers.

Executive Officers.		
MIXED DOUBLES - HANDICAP(Unratified)		
1. JOYCE & NORMAN COVUS 2. DORIN & STAN SHRIMPTON 3. GWEN WILLIAMS/DENNIS KITE 4. J. BAILEY/M. JOLLIFFEE 5. PAULINE DENHAM/TED BANNISTER 6. GRACE KNOWLES/POP FHILPOTT 7. JOYCE & BOB WILSON 8. IRENE BARNETT/TOM BALLINGALL 9. MARGIE BALLINGALL/JOHN SAWYER 10. BETTY PAINE/JOE COOPER	CLIFT BEX CHAT CHAT CHAT CHAT BEX CLIF CLIF BEX	1186 1181 1171 1167 1155 1154 1149 1146 1140
LADIES DOUBLES - SCRATCH		
2. VERA PEACOCK/JOYCE WILSON 3. MARGIE BALLINGALL/JANET MORRISON	DAG BEX CLIF/BEX CLIF BEX	1037 963 955 955 939
LADIES DOUBLES - HANDICAP (Unratified)		
1 TRENE BARNETT/FISTE NAYIER	CLIF CLIF/BEX CHAT BEX CLIF	1148 1109 1106 1105 1093
MENS DOUBLES - SCRATCH		
1. GUS BOURCIER/POH FOTTS 2. LEN MUNDAY/TED BANNISTER 3. FRED SHRIMPTON/VIC PEACOCK 4. DOUG WHITE/JOHN BUSHELL 5. PETE BOYD/STAN SHRIMPTON 6. BUZZ MORRISON/PAT DUGGAN 7. TERRY SAUNDERS/RAY COLE 8. NIGEL HOLGATE/JOHN GRIFFIN 9. PETE WOODWARD/MIKE POPE 10. MIKE LUCKHURST/ROMAND MORELLI	CLIF CHAT BEX CLIF EEX BCX DAG CHAT CLIF	1088 1086 1051 1038 1030 1029 1027 1026 1014 1008
MENS DOUBLES - HANDICAP (Unratified)		
1. B. PRESTON/R. HINDSON 2. LEN MUNDAY/TED BANNISTER 3. B. WREN/K. BUTCHER 4. J. DANSIE/D. DANSIE 5. R. DWYER/R. WESTLEY 6. G. CHILD/R. MILLAR 7. P. TOPLISS/J. TAYLOR 8. JIM CARPENTER/RON NAYLER 9. FRED SHRIMPTON/VIC PEACOCK 10. DENIS SHRIMPTON/VIC PEACOCK	DAG CHAT DAG SOU CHAT CHAT CHAT CLIF BEX CLU	1245 1234 1193 1190 1183 1174 1166 1162 1149





The 1st. Annual '200 Club' Tournament was held at Humber Bowl, Whitstable on 20th. October and after a closely fought event the champion for 1968 was MIKE EDWARDS of Bexleyheath. Results with handicap of the first ten were:-

MIKE EDWARDS	BEX	585
PHIL KINGSNORTH	CHAT	580
ROY WESTLEY	CHAT	563
GORDON NICHOLS	BEX	555
GEORGE WHITE	CHAT	552
SUE CARELESS	CLIF	552
JOYCE COVUS	CLIF	550
BOB WILSON	BEX	547
BRIAN MANN	CHAI	545
MIKE GRIFFITHS	BEX	542
	MIKE EDWARDS PHIL KINGSNORTH ROY WESTLEY GORDON NICHOLS GEORGE WHITE SUE CARELESS JOYCE COVUS BOB WILSON BRIAN MANN MIKE GRIFFITHS	PHIL KINGSNORTH ROY WESTLEY GORDON NICHOLS BEX GEORGE WHITE SUE CARELESS CLIF JOYCE COVUS BOB WILSON BRIAN MANN CHAT

A.G.M. SHOW-CASE

The S.E.B.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING shown in last month's issue as being held on 24th. November is to take place at BEXLEYHEATH commencing in the Club at 4p.m. Leagues should note that the name of their delegate should be in the hands of Brian Langford by 17th November.

Preceeding the A.G.M. delegates and officials - and guests and onlookers for that matter - are in for a rare bowling treat. A form of British Team Trials is going on before the meeting and the Chairman of the B.T.B.A. Selection Committee, TEDDY TINLING, has invited 28 of the top lady bowlers in the country to compete. Coming from as far afield as Scotland and Wales, not to mention Yorkshire, Cumberland, Dorset etc the girls are to play four games each for sponsored prizes. In addition a new experimental scoring system will be in operation.

Those who have accepted invitations are as follows:-

ANNE GARRETT London	AUDREY TEW MARY BETTS	Northants
ENA GRANT EUNICE GRANT DOLLY HART ESSEX ENID KING DOLLY MILES KAREN SHARPE MEG COOMBES MARGARET LITTLE BETH OWEN SUE BACCHUS PAULINE THOMPSON RHODA BREWER SHIELA JACKSON London London	JOYCE MORRIS AUDREY POND NORMA BRIDGE WYN COLLISON ANNE HENDERSON JANET MORRISON VICKY TIMMS PAULINE EATON ENID PLANT TILLY CAMPBELL AUDREY MURRAY MARGARET CROCKER	Essex Essex Kent Surrey Kent Kent Kent Hampshire Scotland Scotland Wales

Without doubt this will be one of the finest tournaments ever held for ladies and will prove of great interest.

AREA HI'S!

FOR PERIOD 1st SEPTEMBER to 31st OCTOBER

5 PERSON TEAMS	3	GAMES	WEMBLEY ALL STARS COATES CIDER WEMBLEY ALL STARS	2895* 2878 2860 1052*	HARL SOU HARL
	1	GAME	CHESSMEN SCORPIONS BIG W's	1019 1002	BEX SOU
-4 PERSON TEAMS	3	GAMES	NO CLAIMS YET MADE		
	1	GAME	NO CLAIMS YET MADE		
3 PERSON TEAMS	3	GAMES	ROUGHNECKS	1742	CHAT
	1	GAME	ROUGHNECKS	637	CHAT
2 PERSON TEAMS	3	GAMES	PHIL CAIRNS/1ED MURRAY BILL BRIDGE/LES GEORGE DEL BROUGH/ERIC BAKER	1230* 1183 1180	DAG DAG DAG
	1	GAME	PHIL CAIRNS/TED MURRAY RON BAKER/BOB ROOKS FRANK TURNER/ROGER THOMP	467 417 SDN415	DAG DAG DAG
MIXED/LADIES DOUBLES	3	GAMES	DOLLY HART/NORMA BRIDGE JANET MORRISON/FRED WYLE	1141* 5 1135	DAG BEX
	1	GAME	DOLLY HART/NORMA BRIDGE	422	DAG
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3	GAMES	NO CLAIMS YET MADE		
	1	GAME	RON BAKER	257	DAG
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3	GAMES	JANET MORRISON DOLLY HART WYN COLLISON	643 616 606	BEX DAG BEX
	1	GAME	DOLLY HART JANET MORRISON	236 230	DAG BEX
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3	GAMES	NO CLAIM YET MADE		
	1	GAME	NO CLAIM YET MADE	*New Area	Record
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This first listing for the new season is, without doubt, the most impressive yet produced and it rather appears that the majority of the existing Area records will be broken before the end of 1968/69.

As prophesied the DAGENHAM MASTERS league has the field to itself in the doubles divisions and big 2800's have been the order of the day from the HARLOW NOMADS and SOUTHEND SHRIMPERS. The Harlow league unfortunately ceased operations due, we understand to sponsor trouble, but looks like being replaced within the Area by the PARAMOUNT League which is commencing promotions at Bexleyheath. Already the Wembley All Stars, Nomads, Chessmen and Fords of Woolwich have accepted invitations and this league could well vie for top national honours with the Supreme from Stamford Hill and the Major City of Wembley. More news next month.

The Chessmen from Bexleyheath howling at Harlow equalled the previous area 5-man game record of 1052 and, of course all three of the 5-man team series exceed the old record of 2855. The 2900's and possibly the 3000 plus set should be only a matter of time.

The ladies are already prominent and it is nice to see our old stalwarts NORMA BRIDGE and JANET MORRISON back in the SEBA listings together with area newcomers WYN COLLISON and DOLLY HART. Following a season of experimentation with a number of balls Janet's 14lb semi finger tip seems to be doing the trick as the 643 listed above is, we understand, a personal best.

In the trios division the ROUGHNECKS are setting the pace from. Chatham and their very nice 1742 was openhed by a 638 from this partial character.