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THE NATIONALS

BRITISH TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

1969

THE NATIONALS really lived up to it's title in 1969. The winning scores were quite fantastic and the Men's Masters Event, sponsored by AVEN TOOLS LTD, must have been the most remarkable tournament ever held this side of the Atlantic! A nine game average of 200 is almost certain to win any event of this type but this year such an average was only good enough for FIFTH place! The top twenty listed overleaf averaged 196.6 over their 180 games!

In the Team Event all previous championship records went to the wind when HARRY STILLERS RACERS shot a mighty 3007 series to take both scratch and handicap sections. The Doubles was won with a series just one pin under 1300 and a 600 set in the singles was good enough for only eighth place. The scratch All Events winner averaged nearly 206 for his nine games and taking everything into account it was a week-end likely to be remembered by those participating for a very long time indeed.

The heavy contingent of SEBA members did very well for themselves in this illustrious company and particular mention must be made of Basildon's JOYCE MORRIS, Whitstable's PENNY FOXLEY and DAPHNE ELLINOR and Bexleyheath's BERYL SHRIMPTON and WYN COLLISON in the Ladies Events and BOB TOMKINS, ALAN CHAPMAN, JOHN HABBERLEY and ALAN WILKINSON from Bexleyheath together with RAY HOOK from Dagenham in the Men's Divisions. Full Unretified Listings overleaf.

After the Masters Events the BTBA Selection Committee announced the teams to represent Great Britain in the European Championships in Copenhagen in June and the English sides for the 3rd. Annual Triple Crown at Poole, Dorset next month. All four teams look quite strong enough to take all four titles and the British Mens side look like World beaters! Congratulations to SEBA members AUDREY POND, DOLLY HART and HAROLD KING on their selection as Team Managers and to WYN COLLISON of Bexleyheath and VICKY TIMMS of Cliftonville on being chosen for the English Ladies Team. The complete line-ups are as follows: for the British Teams in Copenhagen DAVID POND, PHIL RUSSELL, CHRIS BUCK, BOBBY MANSFIELD(Capt), TERRY SULLIVAN, CLIVE THOMAS, JON REEVES, BRIAN MICHAELS and BERNIE CATERER(Reserve) and for the girls MEG COOMBES, DOLLY MILES(Capt), JOAN PRIMMER, KAREN SHARPE, AUDREY TEW, PAULINE THOMPSON and ANN GARRETT(Reserve). For the Triple Crown ALEX CAMIONI, BERNIE CATERER, JOHN DAWSON, RON DEAKIN, BRIAN LEVER, GEOFF LIDDIARD, TONY SAMUELS(Capt) and of course DAVID POND. Reserve DAVE TAYLOR and this time the ladies are MEG COOMBES, ANN GARRETT, TINA HITCHMAN, RENE McCULLOCH, KIM WHEELER, WYN COLLISON and reserve VICKY TIMMS. The best of bowling to you all!

BRITISH MASTERS INVITATIONAL SCRATCH SINGLES - MEN

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| 1. PHIL RUSSELL | 190-233-229-233-186-256-180-178-259 = 1944 |
| 2. JOHN DAWSON | 176-226-220-211-210-208-202-199-232 = 1884 |
| 3. RON DEAKIN | 189-172-235-230-188-234-234-188-209 = 1879 |
| 4. GEOFF LIDDIARD | 214-170-207-240-227-168-211-172-224 = 1833 |
| 5. RAY ARTIS | 158-192-240-211-190-175-151-194-256 = 1797 |
| 6. BERNIE CATERER | 1788 |
| 7. BRIAN LEVER | 1777 |
| 8. DAVE TAYLOR | 1774 |
| 9. BRIAN MICHAELS | 1771 |
| 10. CLIVE THOMAS | 1760 |
| 11. TERRY SULLIVAN | 1757 |
| 12. BOBBY MANSFIELD | 1747 |
| 13. JOHN WYNDHAM | 1745 |
| 14. DAVID POND | 1727 |
| 15. ALEX CAMPONI | 1715 |
| 16. JIM SINCLAIR | 1706 |
| 17. TONY SAMUELS | 1705 |
| 18. KEN WOODLEY | 1690 |
| 19. ALAN FORREST | 1689 |
| 20. ERIC BUTCHER | 1683 |

LADIES DIVISION

A shortage of space this month precludes a full listing of the ladies event but suffice to say that the top ten averaged over 180 for their 6 games and the winner JOAN PRIMMER from Liverpool averaged 191 in turning in a series of 1147. In second position was local girl TINA HITCHMAN with 1124 and in third spot RENE McCULLOCH on 1118.

REGULAR TEAM SCRATCH

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|--------------------------|------|
| 1. HARRY STILLERS RACERS | 3007 |
| 2. ALCONBURY SPARTANS | 2858 |
| 3. WEMBLEY ALL STARS | 2841 |
| 4. AMOPACHEES | 2821 |
| 5. BREWERS AUTOSPARES | 2676 |
| 6. CENTURY 21 | 2675 |

REGULAR TEAM HANDICAP

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|--------------------------|------|
| 1. HARRY STILLERS RACERS | 3107 |
| 2. AMOPACHEES | 3003 |
| 3. WEMBLEY ALL STARS | 2977 |
| 4. CANAMS | 2966 |
| 5. ALCONBURY SPARTANS | 2958 |
| 6. SINDOWNERS | 2958 |

LADIES TEAM SCRATCH

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|----------------------|--------|
| 1. WHIPETTES | 2624 |
| 2. YARDLEY FIVE | 2607 |
| 3. WEMBLEY LIONESSES | 2606 |
| 4. MAGPIES | 2495 |
| 5. MINI MAIDS | 2461** |

LADIES TEAM HANDICAP

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|----------------------|--------|
| 1. YARDLEY FIVE | 2949 |
| 2. THE AVONS | 2889** |
| 3. WHIPETTES | 2882 |
| 4. MAGPIES | 2867 |
| 5. WEMBLEY LIONESSES | 2836 |

REGULAR DOUBLES SCRATCH

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|------------------------------|--------|
| 1. RON DEAKIN/CLIVE THOMAS | 1299 |
| 2. JOHN DEMERY/DAVE TAYLOR | 1196 |
| 3. JIM SINCLAIR/T. SULLIVAN | 1180 |
| 4. TED MURRAY/JOHN WYNDHAM | 1170** |
| 5. ERIC BUTCHER/B. CATERER | 1167 |
| 6. NEDDY ROBERTS/BOB TOMKINS | 1151** |
| 7. JIM BREWER/ALEX CAMPONI | 1149 |
| 8. A.CHAPMAN/A.WILKINSON | 1145** |

REGULAR DOUBLES HANDICAP

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1. RON DEAKIN/CLIVE THOMAS | 1341 |
| 2. A. LENTON/G. CLARKE | 1306 |
| 3. M. COLE/K. CLENCH | 1288 |
| 4. A.CHAPMAN/A.WILKINSON | 1257** |
| 5. J. DEMERY/D. TAYLOR | 1252 |
| 6. TED MURRAY/J. WYNDHAM | 1244** |
| 7. M. DEWSNAP/D. HARDCASTLE | 1233 |
| 8. J. PETERS/R. BRADBURN | 1232 |

LADIES DOUBLES SCRATCH

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|------------------------------|--------|
| 1. ENA & EUNICE GRANT | 1130 |
| 2. DOLLY MILES/WYN COLLISON | 1121** |
| 3. SUE WINTER & KIM WHEELER | 1096 |
| 4. CHRIS WARMAN & MARY BETTS | 1092** |
| 5. T. HITCHMAN & D. WILKES | 1090 |
| 6. B.MATTHEWS/JANET MORRISON | 1088** |

LADIES DOUBLES HANDICAP

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|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1. P. MEADUS & M. JARROM | 1233 |
| 2. ENA & EUNICE GRANT | 1228 |
| 3. S. GRANT & E. WILLIAMS | 1222 |
| 4. PENNY FOXLEY/DAPHNE ELLINOR | 1218** |
| 5. SUE WINTER & KIM WHEELER | 1214 |
| 6. D. ENGLAND & L. ENNIS | 1202 |

Sportsman's Night 1969

The Programme of this years big Sporting Charity was particularly interesting as accompanying such famous sporting names as DAVID HEMERY, SIR ALEC ROSE, JANE BULLEN, SCOBIE BREASLEY, DAI REES, CLIFF MORGAN, GEORGE COHEN, LILIAN BOARD, GRAHAM HILL, SIR STANLEY ROUS and the MINISTER OF SPORT, DENNIS HOWELL came our own World Champion, DAVID POND!

The appended extract from the Programme is very readable and BTBA Press Officer TEDDY TINLING must be heartily congratulated on his magnificent efforts to get TenPin Bowling on the map with the Press. This major triumph on his part must help very considerably in this direction.

Tenpin Bowling

BRITISH TALENT ENCIRCLES THE WORLD

by Teddy Tinling

Hon. Press Officer of
British TenPin Bowling Association

Such is the appeal of TenPin Bowling that it is now played as a sport in forty-one countries throughout the world.

It is still the youngest of the minority sports in England, yet in this country alone some fifty million pounds are invested in the properties and equipment of the eighty centres where the game is played every day of the year by at least twenty-five thousand people.

From a Sportsman's point of view, probably a more interesting aspect of the game is that the current champion of the world is David Pond, a twenty-year-old Englishman from Harlow, Essex.

To those who have never seen TenPin played, it is best described as a highly sophisticated and mechanised form of skittles.

Egyptian history of 5000 B.C. provides us with an authenticated beginning to a skittle game decidedly similar to our TenPin, but today TenPin is played in an air-conditioned and carefully light-focussed "centre" by players wearing specially designed, non-pairing shoes on "lanes" of specially treated woods certified for true level to within 1/40,000 of an inch!

And beyond this even quite mediocre bowlers often spend months finding a ball of weight, colour and finger-holes to their personal taste while the behaviour of the "pins", as well as the oil-dressing of the lanes (the Americans still call them Alleys), are daily sources of contention wherever there are TenPin bowlers.

These many refinements are part of a gradual process which has been going on for the past hundred years, but the mechanisation of TenPin, which has been the prime factor in its present popularity, dates only to 1951. At that time American patents for the present electric pin-setting mechanism were already pending, but the urgency of post-war conditions put an end to the essential availability of Pin-Boy labour even in the United States, and brought it to immediate success.

Ten years later mechanised TenPin came to London. From here it has spread to nearly every major city in Europe, yet the game, as we now play it on this side of the Atlantic, is still less than ten years old.

Against this background young David Pond managed a virtual miracle in beating all the most distinguished champions of twenty-one countries who took part in the 1967 World Championships — for the most part all greatly senior in experience to the English.

The secret of his success probably lies in his close-knit family background. His parents were dedicated competitive ballroom dancers who took to TenPin when looking for a new pastime which could include the growing fourteen-year-old only son. A remarkable combination of natural co-ordination with a completely "unflappable" temperament seems to have been an inherited outcome.

The next World TenPin Championships take place in Milwaukee in 1971. David Pond now competes in London leagues or tournaments on five out of every six nights. On the sixth night he practises for three hours with the shining end-ambition of retaining his world title against the American masters of the game on their own lanes.

Not only David Pond, but also our British women bowlers are preparing for a forthcoming pilgrimage, the women to Copenhagen in June with the hope of retaining the European Team Championship title that they won from fourteen nations at the last European meeting.

And as an additional British export attraction a high proportion of the machinery required to meet the recent world development of TenPin is manufactured here and exported from England under American licences.

So TenPin spreads and spreads. The latest "recruit" country is Japan where the enthusiasm is such that "business-men's leagues" are organised to start at six o'clock in the morning!

It must be gratifying to all sportsmen that in a truly world-wide activity so much of the vital impulse still derives from British talent.



"I am going to see a patient. He's my bowling partner."

200 Club

MICK BUSHNELL	BEX
MIKE HAND	BEX
RAY KELLEHER	BEX
KEITH AUSTER	CLIF
GEORGE CROSBIE	CLIF
SUSAN CARLESS	CLIF
GERRY SMITH	WHIT
BRIAN BENTLEY	WHIT
STEVEN SMITH	CHAT
(Steve is 11 years old)	
STEVEN BECKETT	BEX
KEN ROSE	CLIF
HARRY HILL	CLIF
JOHN MAJOR	CHAT
BARBARA KAWKA	HAR
WENDY GODDEN	WHIT
ALAN BROOKER	BEX
MIKE TAYLOR	BEX
ALAN CLARKE	BEX
METHVEN KIRKWOOD	BEX
PAT O'NEILL	CLIF
JOYCE COVIUS	CLIF
DAVE NELSON	BEX
TIM WARREN	CHAT

THE ABOVE ARE THE LATEST CLUB MEMBERS.....

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SATURDAY PAIRS

This open tournament runs at Bexleyheath every Saturday with two squads, one at 11.30a.m. and the other at 3.30p.m. The prize fund is a nominal 2/6d per entry but despite this prizes totalling over £10 were paid out at the completion of the March competition. Teams can enter just once or as many times as they like and with the same partner or a different one. Scores for the first Month were very high with the first 12 placings all over 1100.

1. BILL BRIDGE & ERIC BAKER	1222	£5. 5.0d
2. BRIAN MORRISON & ALAN WILKINSON	1192	£3.10.0d
3. EDDIE CHAPMAN & MIKE COPE	1177	£1.10.0d
4. NEDDY ROBERTS & BRIAN NEWSON	1141	
5. BRIAN MORRISON & MIKE COPE	1138	
6. JANET MORRISON & ALAN CHAPMAN	1127	
7. JOHN HELPS & BRIAN MORRISON	1120	
8. BRIAN NEWSON & NEDDY ROBERTS	1113	
9. BILL BRIDGE & ERIC BAKER	1106	
10. WILL CLARKE & RAY HOOK	1104	

The next competition commences Saturday 5th. April and will run through until Saturday 31st. May. Saturday 3rd. May will be out as Bexleyheath are running the National Junior 'JOE 90' Championships on this day.

Another tournament for this busy centre is the Area Round of the LONDON INTERNATIONAL MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS. Full details will be out shortly.

CANNOT FIND YOURSELF A TEAM FOR THE AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS????


READ PANEL BELOW.

NOTE: ANY BOWLER WHO REQUIRES A TEAM BERTH SHOULD WRITE IMMEDIATELY TO BRIAN LANGFORD at 111, VIGILANT WAY, RIVERVIEW PARK, GRAVESEND. MAKE UP TEAMS ARE BEING FORMED FOR THOSE WHO REQUIRE TO ENTER ALL EVENTS

LAST CHANCE

TO ENTER THE

7th AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

PAVILION LANES SOUTHEND 

SUNDAY 4th & SUNDAY 11th MAY 1969

Open To All Men, Women and Junior Bowlers

(HANDICAP & SCRATCH)

SINGLES DOUBLES TEAM ALL
EVENTS

ENTRY CLOSING DATE

SUNDAY 13th APRIL

AT MIDNIGHT

AREA HI'S!

FOR PERIOD ENDING 31st. MARCH 1969

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	BIG W'S	2941*	SOU
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	2895	HAR
		NOMADS	2883	CLIF
	1 GAME	CHESSMEN	1052*	HAR
		BIG W'S	1025	SOU
		SCORPIONS	1019	BEX
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	NO CLAIMS YET MADE		
	1 GAME	ROUGHNECKS	810	CHAT
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	WEMBLEY ALL STARS	1832*	DAG
		HAPPY PANTHERS	1801	SOU
		POTMEN	1791	BEX
	1 GAME	POTMEN	676*	BEX
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS NOMADS RED	674 660	DAG BEX
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	PHIL CAIRNS/TED MURRAY	1230*	DAG
		BILL BRIDGE/ERIC BAKER	1222	BEX
		BUZZ MORRISON/ALAN WILKINSON	1192	BEX
	1 GAME	PHIL CAIRNS/TED MURRAY	467	DAG
		ROGER THOMPSON/FRANK TURNER BILL BRIDGE/ERIC BAKER	446 435	DAG BEX
MIXED/LADIES DOUBLES	3 GAMES	MYRA KELSEY/ALF ROGERS	1147	BEX
		DOLLY HART/NORMA BRIDGE	1141	DAG
		JANET MORRISON/FRED WYLES	1135	BEX
	1 GAME	MYRA KELSEY/ALF ROGERS	446	BEX
		DOROTHY & TED CULLEN PAT & PETE BOYD	441 423	WHIT BEX
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	DAVE READ	695	SOU
		WILL CLARKE	693	DAG
		FRED NORTH	689	SOU
	1 GAME	FRED NORTH	279	SOU
		DAVE TURNER JESS COOPER	267 267	HAR CHAT
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	JANET MORRISON	643	BEX
		MYRA KELSEY	618	BEX
		PENNY FOXLEY	617	WHIT
	1 GAME	POPPY HOWIS	256	CHAT
		JANET MORRISON TRUDY SEARLES	247 246	BEX BEX
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3 GAMES	NO CLAIMS YET MADE		
	1 GAME	NO CLAIMS YET MADE		

A number of fine scores come into the ratings this month and we have a new Area Record for trios series from the WEMBLEY ALL STARS bowling in the Daganham Masters League with 1832. Will Clarke's 693 that has topped the listings for months has been put down to second place by DAVE READ of the Southend Shrimpers League who shot a very nice 212-256-227 set for a 695.

A very welcome return to the Area from MYRA KELSEY who comes into the ratings with ALF ROGERS in the Mixed Doubles and on her own count with a 618 in the Ladies Series. The doubles list appears due for a shake up by virtue of the new Bexleyheath SATURDAY PAIRS TOURNAMENT running every Saturday throughout the year and already the high 1100's and one 1200 seem the order of the day. Full details on another page.