

THE NEW SEASON

BOWLING IS FUN!
LEAGUE BOWLING
IS EVEN MORE FUN.

With another new season now underway, arrangements have been made for supplying sanctioned league pre-season kits and necessary equipment generally for commencing season 1969-70.

Each league which sanctioned last season has been 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.

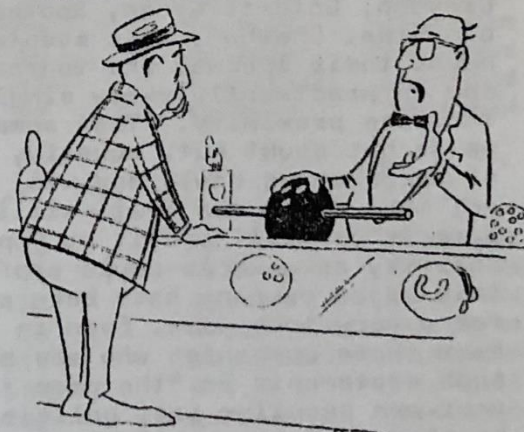
The membership cards should be completed by each and every bowler in the league and returned with the correct dues to the secretary who should then sign the receipt attached to the membership card. All of the cards, and the dues should be collected by the league secretary, the sanction form can then 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.

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"...and I practically guarantee you a .300 game."

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At first, nobody believed us.

The popular press of 24th. September carried various stories to the effect that Top Rank were to pull out of tenpin bowling and intended closing down all their centres over the next few years. Those at Bristol, Chester, Coventry, Hove, Manchester and Oldham have already closed their doors over the past few months but in each and every case their bowlers have had another local bowl to go to and continue play. Magnet Bristol, Humber Coventry, King Alfred Hove and Granada Belle Vue, Manchester, all on their doorsteps, continue to operate and it must be obvious that the interest in bowling at these places is still there. Top Rank could not compete. Why? The answer is plain. Four years ago they decreed that tenpin was not a sport but an entertainment. Out went many regular leagues and in came disc jockeys, pop music and psychedelic coloured lights over each pin deck together with an almost complete stubbornness to even acknowledge any sporting connections with the game. Tournaments staged were at local level only and often without consent or knowledge of head office. Bowling lanes were not, for the most part, certified either by B.T.B.A. or the surveyors and without a certificate to show that they conformed the few league bowlers remaining could often claim no recognition for any scores put up. Top Rank tried way back in 1965 to kill off the B.T.B.A. by means of their notorious '14 Point Plan' but appear to have succeeded only in killing off themselves so far as their bowling interests are concerned.



The bowlers in Blackpool, Bournemouth, Brighton, Burton on Trent, Birmingham, Derby, Doncaster, Gateshead, Leeds, Leicester, Croydon, Golders Green, Southall, Old Trafford, Southampton and from our own area, Chatham, will eventually have to find other centres in which to house their leagues and tournaments and in which to part with their cash, and in practically every single area another bowling centre is, happily, in close proximity. That some regular bowlers will find another interest we do not doubt but, equally, it is sure that many others will carry on at neighboring bowls and will 'cock a snook' at the company that could not make their own multi-million pound investment pay off. Other proprietors will profit by Top Rank's decision and, eventually, the industry as a whole could profit as well as it has been no secret that this major company have been embarrassment to many people in bowling for a very long time. Even in their death throes they still attempt to harm those companies who are happily keeping their heads above water with such statements as "the game just has not caught on." Rubbish! Only your own peculiar past policies have not caught on and to anybody with any knowledge of the bowling industry this last decision was not unexpected.

It is to be hoped that having told your shareholders that they are to lose some £2,000,000 that you will also have the decency to give your loyal customers at your centres up and down the country good notice of when you intend to shut down their individual bowls and at least bow out finally with a little consideration for the poor old long suffering bowler - your customer of many years standing.

Bowling News of August 1966 prophesied what could happen to the company then commencing their policies of suicide but AT FIRST NOBODY BELIEVED US!

Rank's to close down tenpin bowling

KING KEGLERS

From the League Final Standing Sheets submitted by League Secretaries for Season 1968/69 - Winter and Summer - we list below the Area King Keglers. Ladies who have averaged over 160 for a minimum of 33 games and men with 180 plus over the same number. The top ten in each division will shortly receive a specially embroidered King Kegler's Badge with the King and Queen JANET MORRISON and BOBBY MANSFIELD getting one made up in gold:-

		<u>Games played</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>Centre</u>	
1.	<u>BOBBY MANSFIELD</u>	202	72	Masters	Dagenham
2.	<u>MICK BURRIDGE</u>	191	36	Pavilion	Southend
3.	BERNIE WHITE	189	39	Masters	Dagenham
4.	ERIC 'MUDBANK' BAKER	187	93	Masters	Dagenham
	BOB TOMKINS	187	89	Olympic	Bexleyheath
6.	BUZZ MORRISON	186	75	Petersen	Bexleyheath
7.	PETE BENNETT	185	107	Shrimpers	Southend
	WILL CLARKE	185	99	Masters	Dagenham
	COLIN CROWTHER	185	36	Remington	Bexleyheath
10.	RAY HOOK	184	99	Masters	Dagenham
	FRANK TURNER	184	96	Masters	Dagenham
	MICK 'SLUDGE' COPE	184	78	Late Nite	Bexleyheath
13.	DEL BROUGH	183	99	Masters	Dagenham
	REG ARIS	183	97	Shrimpers	Southend
	LES GEORGE	183	84	Masters	Dagenham
	GERRY WARD	183	36	Pavilion	Southend
17.	MIKE LUCKHURST	182	108	Classic	Whitstable
	HAROLD KING	182	90	Masters	Dagenham
	PETER BAYLIS	182	78	Masters	Dagenham
	JACK MORTON	182	69	Men O'Kent	Bexleyheath
21.	DAVE PASTFIELD	181	107	Shrimpers	Southend
	PAT DUGGAN	181	106	Masters	Dagenham
	ROGER BRIGHT	181	96	Shrimpers	Southend
	GEOFF SMART	181	90	Classic	Harlow
	JEFF SMITH	181	57	Masters	Dagenham
26.	BILL BRIDGE	180	105	Masters	Dagenham
	DICK POTTS	180	96	Masters	Dagenham
	RON SAPSFORD	180	36	Pavilion	Southend
	ALAN WILKINSON	180	33	Masters	Dagenham

L A D I E S

1.	<u>JANET MORRISON</u>	182	72	Petersen	Bexleyheath
2.	WYN COLLISON	176	78	Petersen	Bexleyheath
3.	VICKY TIMMS	168	102	Animal	Cliftonville
	MYRA KELSEY	168	78	Guys/Dolls	Bexleyheath
5.	JOYCE WILSON	167	117	Guys/Dolls	Bexleyheath
	VERA PEACOCK	167	33	K.C.T.L.	Travelling
7.	GLADYS KEAR	163	102	Late Nite	Bexleyheath
	BERYL SHRIMPTON	163	75	Petersen	Bexleyheath
9.	DAPHNE ELLINOR	162	102	Harbour	Whitstable
10.	BRENDA GAIGER	161	96	Harbour	Whitstable

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AREA HI'S!

68-69 FINAL STANDINGS

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>BIG W'S</u>	2941*	SOU
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	2895	HAR
		NOMADS	2883	CLIF
	1 GAME	<u>CHESSMEN</u>	1052*	HAR
		FLYING TEES	1029	SOU
		BIG W'S	1028	SOU
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>NOMADS</u>	2248	BEX
		ROUGHNECKS	2188	CHAT
		THE COMMITTEE	2168	BEX
	1 GAME	<u>ROUGHNECKS</u>	810	CHAT
		GOLD STRIKERS	808	BEX
		THE BARRACUDAS	801	CLIF
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS</u>	1874*	DAG
		<u>SILVER ROLLERS "A"</u>	1872	DAG
		COMMITTEE COMETS	1867	DAG
	1 GAME	<u>NOMADS RED</u>	682*	DAG
		FRONTLINERS	677	DAG
		POTMEN	676	BEX
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>BILL BRIDGE/PAT DUGGAN</u>	1253*	DAG
		<u>PHIL CAIRNS/TED MURRAY</u>	1230	DAG
		BILL BRIDGE/ERIC BAKER	1222	BEX
	1 GAME	<u>BUZZ MORRISON/VAUGHAN CLARKE</u>	489*	BEX
		<u>BRIAN NEWSON/NEDDY ROBERTS</u>	483	BEX
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MIXED/LADIES DOUBLES	3 GAMES	<u>BERYL & FRED SHRIMPTON</u>	1194	BEX
		<u>MYRA KELSEY/ALF ROGERS</u>	1147	BEX
		DOLLY HART/NORMA BRIDGE	1141	DAG
	1 GAME	<u>MYRA KELSEY/ALF ROGERS</u>	446	BEX
		<u>DOROTHY & TED CULLEN</u>	441	WHIT
		BERYL & FRED SHRIMPTON	429	BEX
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	<u>BOBBY MANSFIELD</u>	724	DAG
		BOBBY MANSFIELD	704	DAG
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	1 GAME	<u>WILL CLARKE</u>	299*	DAG
		BOBBY MANSFIELD	298	DAG
		BOBBY MANSFIELD	289	DAG
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	<u>JANET MORRISON</u>	669*	BEX
		JOYCE WILSON	649	BEX
		JANET MORRISON	643	BEX
	1 GAME	<u>JANET MORRISON & JOYCE WILSON</u>	266	BEX
		JANET MORRISON	262	BEX
		POPPY HOWIS	256	CHAT
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3 GAMES	<u>ALAN McCARTNEY</u>	624*	BEX
		STEVEN SMITH	552	CHAT
		ROBERT WHITE	536	CHAT
	1 GAME	<u>LES INGRAM & ALAN McCARTNEY</u>	241	BEX
		STEVEN SMITH	222	CHAT
		LESLIE WOOD	220	CHAT

Above the final listings for the 1968/69 Season - and in term of new Area records quite a season it has been. Twenty one new record scores in the course of 12 months and a few scores that were new highs eight months ago no longer appear - beaten 3 and 4 times. Plaques for the members of S.E.B.A. who have won their sections have been ordered and will be presented as soon as possible. On to 1969/70.