

BOWLING NEWS

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A tradition of the new year is the New Year Resolution. Could all league officers be asked to resolve that in 1966 the important duties of their respective offices be carried out better than in 1965? We are not saying that our leagues in Kent are badly run - far from it. Certain aspects however are not given the importance that they deserve. Whilst no major troubles have occurred to date a number of minor catastrophies could have been averted and some ill feeling avoided had each league secretary compiled a Constitution. Similarly incidents and worries could have been eliminated had the league president checked the league cash balance as deposited in the bank each and every month.

There is no need for the secretary to type the complete Constitution for distribution to every team captain, although some in fact have the facilities to do this and make a very fine job of it. All that is really required is for each captain to be in possession of the B.T.B.A. Rule Book at the time when the league decides upon its playing rules prior to each season. This booklet contains all the playing and rule options you will require and as each section is voted and agreed upon the necessary deletions etc. can be made as you go along. All the secretary then has to do is to make out one extra copy (about a ten minute job) for transmission to the Area Secretary and the job is then complete until the following season without trouble or sweat. Once the captains have their permanent record of the rules the secretary will be worried far less with queries and in consequence should be able to concentrate more on his own bowling!

The president's position in the league is far more important than many people realise. The ideal person is one who can conduct a meeting in such a way that it proceeds in a businesslike manner and without deviating from the point. Primarily however it is the president's duty to safeguard the league's prize money. The treasurer's job is an unenviable one and nearly all undertake their duties in a quiet and efficient manner. It is not unknown in this country, however, for the man who holds the purse strings to be somewhat irresponsible and for him not to bank the weekly funds in the prescribed manner, resulting in losses, shortages, queries and sometimes the league having little or no money at the end of the season with which to purchase trophies. Nothing can be more demoralising for a league, following a long and strenuous season to have little or no money with which to purchase trophies and instances of this nature must not be allowed to happen in the Kent Area. As soon as a league is formed the treasurer, in conjunction with the president, must open an account in the name of the league. Thereafter the funds must be deposited weekly by the treasurer and an arrangement made with the bank for the monthly statements to be sent to the president, who, after checking it with the books passes it to the treasurer for his records. In order that the whole of the league can see that their money is safe the president must arrange to indicate on the B.T.B.A. Standing Sheet the amount of the monthly balance and sign it, thus showing to one and all that he has done his job.

Only two small resolutions but two that can make 1966 a really happy and prosperous new year for you all.

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B.T.B.A. 5th. ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Posters are now displayed in your centre for the 1966 B.T.B.A. Championships. Before these will be both on a scratch and handicap basis and for 1966 will be held at the Wembley Stadium Bowl. Your league secretary has been in possession of the entry forms for some time and it is hoped that a very good entry will be received from bowlers in the Kent Area both as regards Team, Doubles and Singles. The closing date is 29th. January 1966 and, therefore you do not have very much time left in which to send your entry. Act now. If you have not seen the entry forms contact your league secretary without delay. The event runs from the 18th. until the 27th. of March and, of course, this is your one chance to compete against bowlers from all over Great Britain and be declared the B.T.B.A. Champions for 1966.

WE repeat - ACT NOW - TIME IS RUNNING SHORT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WHEN YOU HAVE READ THIS NEWS SHEET PASS IT ON TO YOUR TEAM MATE.

the SHIP LEAGUE of Whitstable were invited to a Christmas Dance at H.M.S. Pembroke, Chatham shortly before Xmas, the hosts being the Petty Officer's Mess. Many of the league officers and bowlers attended and we are told that a fine time was had by all. The following week the league secretary was observed giving bowling instruction to a party of officers from the Pembroke and it appears that this reciprocal gesture was equally successful. Unfortunately one of the officers was a Commander and an electronics expert. Following the bowling the man concerned expressed a wish to inspect the machinery which was duly granted. The poor mechanic! Ten minutes of most technical questions had him gasping.

no fewer than 21 plaques have been purchased by the Kent Area and are now in the process of being engraved. These are to be presented at special ceremonies throughout the area to the winners of the various divisions of the Kent Area High Score Awards Scheme 1964/65. Arrangements are already under way for this season's awards to be bought awaiting engraving to the winner's specifications. Many of the records have already been broken and particularly worthy of note is the 4 man team record of the ORPHELIANS of Whitstable which is also noted on the B.T.B.A. Fiscal Year Award Sheet. Keep an eye on your notice board and make sure your league or tournament secretary enters any scores that beat those shown. All applications should be made to the Area Secretary.

to produce the four page Christmas issue of this news sheet that 50 large envelopes were addressed and 50 eightpenny stamps licked. 1200 foolscap sheets were purchased and the handle on the Area Secretary's Gestetner was cranked no fewer than 2,400 times (this is the reason why our secretary has now given up bowling!) some 600 staples were used and one complete bottle of ink was expended.

WE DO HOPE YOU READ IT!!!!!!

one of the most embarrassing moments in bowling caught Don Bredehoft of Ohio just when he was in the middle of one of the greatest tournament performances in bowling history. The 53 year old postman rolling in the Ohio Major Bowlers Association Tournament fired no fewer than 20 consecutive 200 games to equal the World record of St. Louis Dick Weber in the 1962 World Invitational. Bredehoft lost his chance to break the record in the 10th. frame of his final game when he unaccountably fouled on his first delivery finishing with a 186. It was embarrassing enough to have the string ended in that manner and particularly on live T.V. but to make matters worse he nearly lost the Championship due to this mistake. Dennis Taylor of Cleveland needed a double on his last frame to take the title but just failed with a strike and nine. Averaging 222 for the 24 games Bredehoft in fact won in the end by just the one pin earning himself 1000 dollars. The series started with two 200 games and Don then dropped to a 196. He then started the fantastic string scoring 225, 247, 234, 213, 237, 227, 203, 258, 236, 235, 222, 226, 216, 200, 201, 247, 226, 213, 209 and 216.

ROSEMARY LANGMAN of the Bexleyheath HITS & MISSES League is only the second bowler at this centre to qualify for the A.M.F. +100 Award. Holding a 100 average Rosemary followed a game of 95 with a 202. Having a turkey and a line of spares she 'blew' in the ninth frame and wanted a minimum of a spare and 6 pins for her first ever 200 game. She drew the 5-10 split! Undeterred however she picked it up as clean as a whistle and went out with an 8 count. Looking very white faced and surprised with herself Rosemary has started the New Year well and is an example of what can be achieved at this unpredictable sport of tenpin.

the entry forms for the 4th. Annual Kent Area Championships will be out very shortly and you should watch the notice board for details. As most of you will already know the Championships are to be held this year at CLIFTONVILLE. It is hoped that the event will be held on the one day, namely Sunday 24th. April 1966 and therefore the bowlers that propose entering all events will be well advised to commence with an early squad. 9a.m. on a Sunday morning sounds pretty ghastly but as participants to the B.T.B.A. Championships at both Birmingham and Manchester will know it is perfectly alright providing you travel on the Saturday and find some overnight accommodation. With this in mind enquires have been made and whilst Margate and Cliftonville will no doubt have ample accommodation in April it might not be a bad idea to book up with a bowler and his Guest House. Anyone interested in booking early should contact Mr. TOM BALLINGALL, 1, Stanley Road, Cliftonville, Margate, Kent. We imagine that a Guest House full of bowlers on the championship eve will produce great fun and we don't envy Tom the clearing up on Sunday morning!

Have you heard about the 2404 World record 3 man score? Details next month.

Contrary to the rumour in the Christmas issue of "Bowling News" it has now, in fact, been confirmed that the perfect game by a British bowler has been duly sanctioned! A B.T.B.A. communique received a few days ago reads as follows:-

"On December 5th. 1965 Mr. ALBERT KIRKHAM who normally bowls at Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, rolled a perfect game in a sanctioned doubles tournament at Chester, and became the first British member of the B.T.B.A. to obtain this recognition since the Association was formed in May 1961. Congratulatory telegrams may be forwarded to; A.R. KIRKHAM, 14, Crossley Road, Stansfields, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

The score was ratified on Wednesday, 28th. December 1965."

BOWLING MIRROR

It appears that members of the B.T.B.A. will shortly have their own official organ of the Association. A B.T.B.A. communique reads as follows:-

"As a result of successful negotiations with a firm of publishers, it is now anticipated that a tabloid to be known as The Bowling Mirror will be produced towards the end of February 1966. This will be known as the official organ of the B.T.B.A. and will be available free of cost to all B.T.B.A. league members. It is regretted that the high cost of postal charges prohibits direct mailing, and the tabloid will, therefore, be forwarded to league secretaries for distribution to those members who have paid their dues through that league"

This news is very welcome indeed and with Tenpin Monthly or Tenpin Occasionally as it is slowly being called, plus the Bowling Mirror plus of course this little publication the needs of tenpin should be adequately covered in 1966 and for the future.

A word here to league secretaries. Make sure that you are aware of the actual bowlers who joined the B.T.B.A. through your league. If, for example, your league consists of 42 players and you receive 25 copies of Bowling Mirror it means that only 25 people actually paid their subs through your league. Only copies of the publication that belong to the paid member should be given to him. If this is not done properly it will mean that some bowlers are receiving two or more copies of the tabloid and others none at all. If any secretary is unsure at this stage of who joined through his league and who didn't he should contact the Area Secretary without delay. In assessing the number of members paid through your league do not forget those who joined after the sanction was received.

QUERIES

The majority, if not all, of tenpinners have queries from time to time and questions upon any point about which you are unsure will pleasurably be answered by your Executive Officers, whose names were listed in last month's issue and are in any event shown on your Notice Board.

It is not anticipated that you will have reason to trouble B.T.B.A. Head Office but if you do please note that communications should be addressed to one of the various departments that now exist:-

- League Sanctioning Department.
- Lane Certification Department.
- Tournament Sanction Department.
- Membership Services Department.
- Awards Department.
- Accounts Department.

The correct designation on the letter will facilitate a rapid reply.

FINAL STOP PRESS THOUGHT :-

The fame and not to mention money that await Albert Kirkham will be envied by many and already we can hear some mock groans of "There is no point in achieving the 12 in a row now it has already gone" To some extent this is true and nothing will take away the "first time" of any big achievement. Who is the first spaceman you think of? - Gagarin of course! Now the magic 300 has been ~~achieved~~ achieved others will no doubt follow and to anyone who doesn't now think it is worth his while we would refer you to the list of B.T.B.A. 300 awards in our last issue. Also, of course, a lot will await the first lady to crack the barrier!

" ITS NEW TO YOU "

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 16th Jan. Kent County League meets at Chatham.
- 29th Jan. Final Entry Date for BTBA. National Championships.
- 30th Jan. Kent County League meets at Whitstable.
Area Association Executive Meeting at Whitstable.
- 13th Feb. Kent County League meets at Bexleyheath.
Area Association President's Convention at Northhampton.
- 18th Feb. Date for submission of Delegate names for BTBA. A.G.M.
- 27th Feb. Date for submission of your league's Representative's name for your Area Association's A.G.M.
Kent County League meets at Cliftonville.
- 13th Mar. Kent County League meets at Chatham.
- 18th Mar. BTBA. National Championships open at Wembley.
- 20th Mar. BTBA. National Annual General Meeting at Wembley.
- 26th Mar. National Championships end at Wembley.
- 27th Mar. Kent Area Association's Annual General Meeting at Chatham. (Top Rank Bowl) Starting at 3.00pm.
- 1st Apr. Final entry date for your Annual Area Championships taking place at the Excel Bowl, Cliftonville, Kent. (Don't Delay - Enter Today)
- 3rd Apr. Kent County League meets at Whitstable.
- 6th Apr. Your teams and individual's notification should have been received by you for the Area Championships.
- 17th Apr. Kent County League meets at Bexleyheath. This is the final meeting of the league for the 1965 - 66 season.
- 23rd Apr.
& KENT AREA ASSOCIATION'S "4th AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS 1966"
- 24th Apr. with events for 5 person teams, Doubles, Singles and All Events. Scratch and Handicap. Male & Female.
- May & June. Many league's are ending their Winter season and starting a Summer one.
Time to think about your end of season Banquet or Dance.
The election of league officers for coming new Winter season.
The league President and Secretary formulate your coming seasons league rules and constitution.
- 31st Aug. B.T.B.A. Fiscal year ends, 1965 - 66 Membership cards to be renewed. All Leagues should finish their Summer schedules.
- 1st Sep. New Winter season and BTBA. year begins. All Membership cards for renewal. Leagues should start sanctioning immediately. League Constitution Rules and Regulations should be amended through use of Rule book. League Prize Lists set up within 5 weeks of start of schedule. League President starts his duties on checking league funds. Treasurer arranges banking details.
- 25th Dec. Merry Christmas to all our readers.