

BOWLING NEWS

of the B.T.B.A.

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A CRYSTAL BALL

Any business that loses money must eventually close down. This is obvious and has been the reason why a number of bowling centres have been lost to the sport over the years. The reasons why they couldn't keep in the black were myriad but, generally, appeared to revolve around the policies and knowhow of various management at all levels of the industry. Other centres were unfortunate enough - from the bowlers point of view - to be sited on land that became valuable to the property magnates. The land value spiral has been the second cause of centres closing despite the bowl making a working profit and Stamford Hill and Leytonstone could well have fallen into this category. If a centre makes an annual nett return of, say, £10,000 and a property company offers to purchase it for £500,000 because of the worth of the land the bowling proprietor cannot justifiably refuse 50 years operational profit particularly when that company has shareholders. The third case for a profitable centre closing down is the policy of a Head Office who decides, regardless, to get out of the bowling business and sell or close everything and this was the case both with Top Rank and Magnet.

How safe is your centre and what is the future of the sport in this country? Dusting the cobwebs from our crystal ball we will endeavour to answer these questions that are becoming more and more prevalent from our members as each week goes by.

If your local bowling centre obviously does good business at all levels, i.e. bowling, restaurant and bar etc, is not situated on valuable land that is subject to redevelopment and where the proprietors are not contemplating getting out of the bowling business you would seem to have a hopeful future. If business doesn't appear good - and don't base your views in this respect solely on the night that your league bowls - or if the bowl sits on valuable redevelopment land the future could be questionable. The future of the sport generally? Good. Successful bowls - and there are still plenty of them - are doing better business now than at any time in the last three or four years. Many of these are situated well away from redevelopment areas or are above existing shopping complexes and providing their owners can think of nothing more profitable to take their place there is no reason why they should not still be open in the next century. Belle Vue, Coventry, Crawley, Dagenham, Hoddesdon, Hounslow, Harrow, Tolworth, Sheffield, Peterborough (now operated by the local Council), Wokingham, Walton and Worthing are just a very few of those that would seem to come under these categories and, of course, new centres have opened in the past two years and there is every possibility of more still to come. This publication is confident that those who wish to bowl will always have a centre in which to play the game but like most things your night or nights out might eventually necessitate some travelling. The Ambassador Bowl, Harlow closed down this month but the Classic League has negotiated a spot with Dagenham and under Peter Allin's organisation now travels to and from Harlow every Sunday evening by coach. (Continued page 2)

Nearly 100

Leytonstone bowlers are already fitted in and the International League, who have twice lost their home, are still hoping for room amid all the time shunting that has occurred in an endeavour to fit everyone in. When the Cliftonville Bowl closed for a period two years ago the majority of the bowlers were found spots at neighboring Whitstable, Grays bowlers went to Basildon and Chatham bowlers to Bexleyheath or Whitstable again. Where there is a will there is a way. Keep playing the game, keep supporting your centre, keep trying to introduce new blood into the sport and last but certainly not least, be optimistic and plan for the future. Bowling does have one, of this we are sure!

600 CLUB ⁷²

200 CLUB ⁷²

ALAN MORTON	643	BEX
ROGER MITCHELL	622	BEX
DAVE LEHRIAN	678	BAS
MIKE RIDER	603	BAS
KEITH MAJOR	633	BEX
PETE COLCOMB	610	BAS
BOB YOUNG	643	BEX
CHRIS SKUDDER	612	BEX
JIM CARPENTER	615	CLIF
ALEX HOSKINS	622	BEX
TONY BAKER	611	DAG

DAVE COLLIER	202	BEX
STEVE CLARK	228	BEX
RAY WELLER	200	BEX
BOB BROWN	207	WHIT
DAVID HOPKINS	203	BEX
BILL HAWKINS	215	BEX
JOAN HYDE	200	CLIF
JOHN TYLER	210	BAS
JOHN LEWIS	213	BAS



RULE OF THE MONTH



RULE 122 - DEFAULTING MORE THAN ONCE

When a team or individual defaults more than once in a season, such team or individual may be expelled from the league, and in addition shall be liable for suspension from the B.T.B.A.

Defaulting means failing to show up for a league commitment without reason and any team or individual who does this more than once in a season is liable to suspension. Such a team or individual is of no use to the league as, apart from giving the opposing team a boring walkover, action of this kind can often decide a league championship and cause considerable bad feeling. Point out to all your league this season 1972/73 that they all have entered into a verbal contract with the other league members to play for the complete league schedule and also point out this rule to them. Loss of membership in B.T.B.A. can result and every league bowler should be made to realise his responsibilities.

CALENDAR

With just over three months left of 1972 the current Tournament and events calendar now looks like this:-

OCTOBER	1st.	BOOTH'S GIN MASTERS	HARROW
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	8th.	LANG'S WHISKEY OPEN TRIOS	BEXLEYHEATH
	15th.	B.T.B.A. INTER-COUNTY FINALS	COVENTRY
	22nd.	AUTUMN HANDICAP FIVES	DAGENHAM
	29th.	BOOTH'S GIN "ESSEX SHIELD" ***	DAGENHAM
NOVEMBER	5th.	BOOTH'S GIN "ESSEX SHIELD" FINALS	DAGENHAM
	12th.	S.E.B.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***	DAGENHAM
	19th.	"CAPRI" MIXED DOUBLES	DAGENHAM
	26th.	S.E.B.A. INTER-CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS***	CLIFTONVILLE
DECEMBER	3rd.	COINMATIC FIVES	WHITSTABLE
	9th & 10th.	DAGENHAM DECEMBER DOUBLES	DAGENHAM
	16th & 17th.	S.E.B.A. "KESSEX" OPEN TRIOS	BEXLEYHEATH

***S.E.B.A. PROMOTIONS



"Friday is Andy's regular bowling night, but then you folks dropped in."

U.S.A. PRO STARS IN G.B.

 Keith Hale of the Wembley Pro Shop has arranged for four American professional bowlers to exhibition bowl in this country on Saturday and Sunday 28th and 29th October. The first venue is the Excel Bowl, Tolworth at 2.30p.m. on the Saturday and at Wembley Bowl at 7p.m. the same day. On the Sunday they are playing in the Midlands at a venue to be decided. The bowlers to see? DON GLOVER, BOB STRAMPE, PATTY FORBES and LOA BOXBERGER! All four are on the Ebonite Staff of Champions and will be promoting the Ebonite Ball during their stay. An opportunity not to be missed - either at Tolworth or Wembley or like this publication at both! We'd hate to miss anything!!

LANGS WHISKY

ALL ENGLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

(B.T.B.A. Sanctioned)

ABC BOWL, BEXLEYHEATH SUN. 8th OCT.

HANDICAP & SCRATCH TRIOS Entry Fee: £1.30 per person Entry closing date: 8th October	GUARANTEED MINIMUM PRIZE FUND	£200
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Concorde Open Re-Entry Doubles

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With 49 entries in the regular scratch division, 67 in the regular handicap and 14 in the ladies section for a grand total of 130 doubles teams including re-entries the CLIFTONVILLE BOWLERS COMMITTEE could feel justifiably proud of the success of their annual event sponsored by TRUMAN THE MASTER BREWERS to the tune of £100. In fact the total prize fund was an excellent £334 which was divided as follows:-

REGULAR SCRATCH (Top Ten)

1. TONY BLANCHETT & GEOFF BUCK	HOUNSLOW	1253	£63.00
2. BRIAN NEWSON & ALAN CHAPMAN	BEXLEYHEATH	1219	30.00
3. DOUG WHITE & GEORGE NELSON	CLIFTONVILLE	1213	20.00
4. PAT DUGGAN & ROGER BRIGHT	DAGENHAM	1212	10.00
5. PAUL CRUNDELL & JOHN ELDER	CLIFTONVILLE	1204	5.20
6. ERIC BUTCHER & TONY BLANCHETT	HOUNSLOW	1171	
7. ALAN WEALL & MALCOLM GLOVER	DAGENHAM	1152	
8. BUZZ MORRISON & COLIN CROWTHER	BEXLEYHEATH	1150	
9. RON HORNSEY & GEOFF GATES	HODDESDON	1148	
10. ERIC BUTCHER & BRIAN MICHAEL	WEMBLEY	1132	

REGULAR HANDICAP (Top Ten)

1. TONY BLANCHETT & GEOFF BUCK	HOUNSLOW	1319	£70.00
2. BRIAN NEWSON & ALAN CHAPMAN	BEXLEYHEATH	1315	35.00
3. PAUL CRUNDELL & JOHN ELDER	CLIFTONVILLE	1310	20.00
4. DOUG WHITE & GEORGE NELSON	CLIFTONVILLE	1305	15.00
5. PAT DUGGAN & ROGER BRIGHT	DAGENHAM	1304	10.00
6. RON HORNSEY & GEOFF GATES	HODDESDON	1284	5.30
ENID KING & HAROLD KING	DAGENHAM	1284	5.30
8. BUZZ MORRISON & COLIN CROWTHER	BEXLEYHEATH	1282	
9. ALAN WEALL & MALCOLM GLOVER	DAGENHAM	1260	
10. JOHN PURVIS & JIM CARPENTER	CLIFTONVILLE	1253	

LADIES HANDICAP (Top Five)

1. JENNY SHIELDS & MARJIE BALLINGALL	CLIFTONVILLE	1354	£30.20
2. AUDREY POND & BERTHA HILL	DAGENHAM	1306	15.00
3. LESLIE POTTER & KIM WHEELER	HOUNSLOW	1277	
4. SHIELA ELVES & PEARL LEHRIAN	BASILDON	1259	
5. DOREEN CULLEN & VI MORRISON	WHITSTABLE	1219	

The lanes at the Cliftonville Bowl were in excellent condition throughout as the scores testified. The standard was set from the very first squad on the Saturday evening when the Committee pairing of BRIAN NEWSON (649) and ALAN CHAPMAN (570) totalled 1219 scratch and 1315 with handicap added. This score, in fact, stood until the 1.30p.m. squad the following day when TONY BLANCHETT (625) and GEOFF BUCK (628) made 1253 and 1319 plus handicap which was to stand the test of the remaining six squads for top prize in each division. PAT DUGGAN (607) and ROGER BRIGHT (605) for the Nomads ran the top placings closely as did DOUG WHITE (589) and GEORGE NELSON (624) for Margamatica and PAUL CRUNDELL (602) and JOHN ELDER (602) for the Cliftonville All Stars.

The ladies section of the event was wide open until the 7.15p.m. on Sunday night squad when BERTHA HILL with a fine 608 scratch series and partner AUDREY POND with 547 made a 1306 total with handicap only to be topped by the Playgirl duo of JENNY SHIELDS and MARJIE BALLINGALL. Jennie who carries a 164 average made a 526 set but it was 145 average Marjie who had never bowled a 600 series in her life who made it 'Marjie's Day' with games of 190-204-214 for 608. This timely performance gave the girls top placing in the division and would, in fact, have won them the regular handicap title had they had the temerity to enter with the men! Well done Marjie - Concorde star 1972!!

MEMBERS

OLD SPICE

Including re-entries a total of 43 teams battled out the third year of the OLD SPICE 'Kessex' Doubles with the first four games being bowled at Bexleyheath and the second four, to make an 8 game total, played at Dagenham. Over his eight games GORDON HOLLIER of the Wembley All Stars bowled a remarkable total of 1678 for an average of nearly 210 and assured his team of the top placing. Others with 200 plus averages at each centre were GEORGE STEER with an 803 at Bexleyheath and BOBBY MANSFIELD, MICK OLLEY and JIM BREWER at Dagenham with 868, 836 and 816 respectively. Mick Olley had the high game of 265 with 8X in a row. Total prize fund was £141 and in addition gift packs were presented to the top teams in each division plus a sample 'OLD SPICE' for each contestant. The top ten placings in each division - a team could only place once - were as follows:-

HANDICAP DIVISION

	Bexleyheath	Dagenham	Total	
1. WEMBLEY ALL STARS II	1679	1843	3522	£50.00
RICHMOND GRILLE - PORTSMOUTH	1636	1689	3325	
2. COMMITTEE (BLUES)	1723	1590	3313	£25.00
WEMBLEY ALL STARS I	1588	1717	3305	
3. AGRO TAXIS - BASILDON	1597	1691	3288	£12.00
4. SILVER ROLLERS I	1522	1691	3213	£6.00
5. PROSPECTORS	1612	1597	3209	£3.00
RACERS	1589	1602	3191	
6. KERNELS	1593	1596	3189	
COMMITTEE (WHITES)	1573	1591	3164	
7. HARLOW BELLS	1621	1526	3147	
8. HI-JACKERS	1619	1509	3128	
9. TIPSTERS - BIRMINGHAM	1549	1574	3123	
WENBURY'S - AYLESBURY	1542	1580	3122	
MOONSTRIKES	1551	1564	3115	
SAINTS I - WOKINGHAM	1499	1612	3111	
NOMADS	1536	1564	3100	
10. SAINTS II - WOKINGHAM	1538	1557	3095	

SCRATCH DIVISION

1. WEMBLEY ALL STARS II	1575	1739	3314	
RICHMOND GRILLE - PORTSMOUTH	1508	1561	3069	£30.00
2. WEMBLEY ALL STARS I	1440	1569	3009	£15.00
SILVER ROLLERS I	1418	1587	3005	
AGRO TAXIS - BASILDON	1453	1547	3000	
COMMITTEE (BLUES)	1547	1414	2961	
3. RACERS	1437	1450	2887	
4. NOMADS	1408	1436	2844	
5. COMMITTEE (WHITES)	1401	1419	2820	
6. SAINTS I - WOKINGHAM	1339	1452	2791	
KERNELS	1393	1396	2789	
7. SILVER ROLLERS II	1296	1445	2741	
8. MOONSTRIKES	1359	1372	2731	
9. COMMITTEE (REDS)	1433	1296	2729	
10. WENBURY'S - AYLESBURY	1334	1372	2706	

BOOTH'S GIN **ESSEX**
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FINAL STANDINGS 1971/72

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS</u> THE COMMITTEE WEMBLEY ALL STARS	DAG 3146 DAG 2996 DAG 2990
	1 GAME	<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS</u> NOMADS THE COMMITTEE	DAG 1081 DAG 1069 DAG 1067
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS</u> THE HAWKS & NOMADS BARBARIANS	BEX 2309 DAG 2239 BEX 2228
	1 GAME	<u>THE SPIVS</u> SPORTEES RACERS	WHIT 849 WHIT 838 DAG 832
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS</u> SILVER ROLLERS WEMBLEY ALL STARS	DAG 1955 DAG 1954 DAG 1874
	1 GAME	<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS</u> WEMBLEY ALL STARS RAPIERS	DAG 706 DAG 701 DAG 690
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>BRIAN NEWSON/ALAN CHAPMAN</u> BRIAN NEWSON/ALAN CHAPMAN COLIN RACKLEY/DEL BROUGH	BEX 1328 BEX 1311 DAG 1301
	1 GAME	<u>PHIL RUSSELL/BOBBY MANSFIELD</u> STEVE WHITE/LES INGRAM NOBBY HADLEY/BUZZ MORRISON	CLIF 512 BEX 501 BEX 492
MIXED DOUBLES	3 GAMES	<u>JOYCE & COLIN PRESLAND</u> JANET MORRISON/COLIN CROWTHER PAT GORDON/BUZZ MORRISON	DAG 1230 BEX 1222 DAG 1184
	1 GAME	<u>POPPY HOWIS/STAN SHRIMPTON</u> JOYCE & COLIN PRESLAND MARS & GEORGE WRIGHT	BEX 443 DAG 442 WHIT 441
INDIVIDUAL MEN (700 CLUB)	3 GAMES	<u>COLIN PRESLAND</u> DENNIS LOTT RAY HOOK PHIL RUSSELL MIKE LUCKHURST MICK BURRIDGE PAT DUGGAN ROGER HOWSE DAVE LEHRIAN BARRY WRIGHT BRIAN NEWSON	DAG 728 DAG 727 DAG 719 DAG 712 CLIF 711 DAG 708 BEX 702 DAG 702 BAS 702 DAG 702 BEX 701
	1 GAME	<u>PAT DUGGAN & PHIL RUSSELL</u> PHIL RUSSELL RAY HOOK & BILL EATON	BEX & DAG 300* CLIF 299 DAG 288
	3 GAMES	<u>JANET MORRISON</u> JANET MORRISON JANET MORRISON	BEX 693* BEX 645 BEX 631
	1 GAME	<u>JANET MORRISON</u> VICKY TIMMS JANET MORRISON	BEX 257 WHIT 246 BEX 245
	3 GAMES	<u>COLIN PEPLER</u> COLIN PEPLER COLIN PEPLER	CLIF 667 CLIF 652 WHIT 638
	1 GAME	<u>STEVE DABBS</u> COLIN PEPLER STUART EVANS	HARL 263 CLIF 247 BEX 243

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** AREA RECORDS