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## BERNIE'S World Cup SINGAPORE

Against the top amateur bowlers from 35 other nations from Australia to the Republic of China and from Kuwait to Panama at the 9th attempt a name from these shores goes onto the magnificent trophy - that of BERNIE CATERER. One of the best liked of Great Britain's top players and a very consistent performer for many years Bernie certainly did not have things all his own way and in fact fought his way to the top the hard way.

He had to beat the U.S.A. representative L. SNOW in the qualifying 'round robin' in order to stay in the competition and made it despite having a 200 game shot against him. In fact his pure competitiveness kept him in on a number of occasions until he eventually made the final where he met the top scorer of the whole competition, the Canadian G. WATSON. Here Bernie recovered from an opening 258 against him and after the second of the three game final he had still to make up 17 pins. After converting a back line split in the 8th frame the Canadian also split but missed the conversion and going into the very last frame Bernie had to produce 29 pins to win. Amid the fantastic atmosphere that always accompanies a top international of this type he got his first strike then his second and to the type of silence that keeps one holding their breath a 9 count on his final delivery was just enough. BERNIE CATERER was the new holder of the Bowling World Cup by 643 pins to 642!

Everyone associated with the championships agreed that this one in Singapore had been the finest and certainly the most exciting of all the World Cups and this win by Bernie Caterer is the best thing that has happened to British bowling since Dave Pond won the World title in 1967.

For the ladies our representative ENA PRATTLEY from Durham couldn't find form and finished in 16th position. This section was won by PIMOLRAT SRIVISES from Thailand with LUISA DELGANO of Mexico second and Ireland's EILEEN CUNNINGHAM third. Top placings for the men were as follows:-

1. B. CATERER	GREAT BRITAIN	9. D. SAUER	W. GERMANY
2. G. WATSON	CANADA	10. D. MURPHY	IRELAND
3. M. BAIGTS	MEXICO	11. M. LIONELLO	ITALY
4. L. SNOW	U.S.A.	12. A. DAWOOD	EGYPT
5. H. TAN	SINGAPORE	13. R. MITCHELL	1972 CHAMP.
6. G. GRAPE	SWEDEN	14. T. VALENZUELA	ARGENTINA
7. S. BANYEN	THAILAND	15. H. NIWA	JAPAN
8. L. LOPEZ	PANAMA	16. K. KIANI	IRAN



The Dagenham AUTUMN FOURS tournament produced an entry good enough to pay out a prize fund of £125.00 without sponsorship of any kind and as usual the standard of play was very good. The ALL STARS team of BERNIE WHITE, COLIN PRESLAND, DAVE MABERLEY and BOBBY MANSFIELD took the top place with Bobby hitting the high series of the event a scratch 679 on games of 207-258-214. Others over the 600 mark were DAVE LEHRIAN and ALAN SAMUELS with MALCOLM HICKS, JOYCE PRESLAND, BARRY WRIGHT, HAROLD KING and BRIAN NEWSON all just missing out by a few pins. Top ten placings were:-

1. ALL STARS	2520	£70.00
2. ALMA MATA	2496	£35.00
3. ARGONAUTS APHILATED	2485	£15.00
4. CEA HAWKS	2484	
MYSTERONS	2484	
6. COMETS	2468	
7. TRAVELLERS(BLUE)	2410	
8. ALL SORTS	2398	
9. THE SAINTS	2392	
TREE TOP	2392	

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## On The League Front

STEVE BATES the Secretary of the Southend BANKERS LEAGUE has written to us with some interesting facts concerning the league. It was formed soon after the Pavilion Lanes was first opened and became the Banker's Handicap League in order to encourage the lower average performer but is now known as the BANKER'S LEAGUE and the teams contain both men and women. Since the date it was first formed the league has missed only two Tuesday's bowling, once when Christmas day fell on a Tuesday and once when the day fell on the date that the banks are required to balance their books!

JIM LUKER of the Comets team has been with the league for five years and has never missed a league night! His partner DOT STEVENS has missed only one roll and both are a real credit to the league. The Comets have never managed to win the league championships but are nearly always close contenders for top honours but Jim has won the high average prize on a number of occasions.

One member of the original league is still actively playing and that is the league treasurer RON CULLINGFORD. His partner STEVE BATES is league secretary and he joined them in 1966. Rod and Steve partner each other as the Hot Rods and have been league champions on no fewer than five occasions. With Christmas again falling on a Tuesday this year, once again their third break in something like thirteen years is coming up. Quite some record!

## FALLING LEAF

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Open  
Doubles  
Tournament  
(B.T.B.A. SANCTIONED)

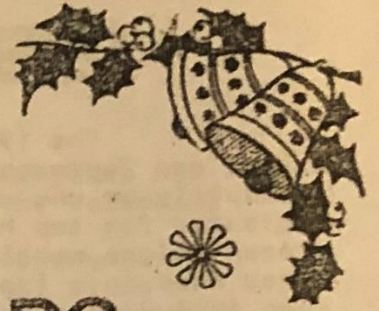
Re-Entry

The Cliftonville Bowl  
Cliftonville, Kent



# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

TO ALL  
OUR READERS



As can be seen from the Area Hi's on the back page we already have two 700 series recorded for the new season from ROY HUDSON and PETER BABOT. Roy's was recorded for the MYSTERONS in the Dagenham Supreme League but at the time of going to press we have not received the individual game details. It was his second 700 set, the first being recorded at Wembley in 1971. Peter's first super set was hit in the Basildon Hunters League and was made up of games of 242-226-234. Nice bowling fallas.

Due to the absence of the Area President in Aberdeen on business for over three weeks our A.G.M. which was due for the month of November was not held. Now with the position as it is regarding petrol a decision as regards the meeting will be made as soon as the national situation has been better clarified.

The petrol situation also affects the running of the S.E.B.A. 600, 550 and 200 Club Tournaments scheduled for January 1974. Dates and venue will be decided as soon as the transport situation generally has been resolved. Meanwhile all those who have qualified for membership of either club but have not submitted the appropriate form should do so before the second week in January when the books will close and our next issue will list all members for the year in the usual way and the badges will be ordered.



"Pop gave me a handicap—he stopped and had a few drinks before we bowled."

Our next issue will include the 1974 calendar to date. All centres who have scheduled tournaments for 1974 should ensure that the dates and tournament names are passed to BRIAN LANGFORD by the end of the year. If this is done clashing tournament dates could be avoided for 1974!

The PLAYBOYS from Cliftonville have made it two major tournament successes in a row. Following their Concorde Doubles victory they kept at bay many of the top London duos to share first place in the Booth's Gin Doubles at ABC Harrow. CHRIS SMITH and TONY CROSBIE took a clear lead on the Saturday with a handicap 5 game total of 2112, scratch 2037 with Chris on 1055 and Tony 982. The Brunswick Jets, however, equalled their handicap total on the Sunday and both teams took home £127.50 for their efforts. The Playboys have also dominated the Whitstable Petersen Classic League which has now completed a Summer and Autumn season. ROGER EVANS and TONY CROSBIE are the new league champions and team mates COLON PEPLER and JERRY MOLL are runners-up.



# 'PERFECT' ESSEX SHIELD

The 1973 BOOTH'S GIN 'ESSEX SHIELD' is billed as the 'Premier 5-Man Team Tournament in Great Britain' and after this years event there is absolutely no one who will argue! Twelve of the top teams in the country contested for top honours from 10a.m. on the Sunday morning until the presentations nearly 12 hours later. Each side was required to play the other once on a 'round robin' basis and some terrific play was witnessed even including a perfect game! The bowler concerned was MIKE PARKER of RICHMOND GRILLE and it was his side that eventually came out on top for the first prize of £100.00.

The leaders after the first game were the holders, the ALL STARS, who were attempting their third successive win but they then lost their lead after a surprise defeat at the hands of the young Crawley side SPECTRUM and never recovered the lead for the rest of the day eventually finishing in a surprising fifth place having won 7 games and lost 5. The Surrey County team in the guise of TOLWORTH SPORTING PROMOTIONS held the top spot from game two until taking consecutive beatings from MANAGEMENT and the MYSTERONS in games 6 and 7. From this point RICHMOND GRILLE went into pole position and held off every one else right to the final position game to add their name to the illustrious ones that have captured the Essex Shield over the years. The SCEPTRES bowled very well all day, losing only three of their twelve games but whilst in runners-up slot for most of the competition could never quite close the gap on the leaders.

The most successful S.E.B.A. team turned out to be THE COMMITTEE who won 8 games and lost four to finish in a very creditable fourth place and they, in fact, were the team to finally destroy the Sceptres chances of taking the Shield when they beat them in the 8th game of the afternoon.

Four team games exceeding 1,000 were recorded and far too many 200 plus games to record. Top placings with one point awarded for a game win and a further point for every 1,000 pins bowled were as follows:-

TEAM	HOME CENTRE	WON	LOST	POINTS
1. RICHMOND GRILL	PORTSMOUTH	10	2	21.395
2. SCEPTRES	HOUNSLOW	9	3	20.158
3. TOLWORTH SPORTING	TOLWORTH	9	3	20.019
4. THE COMMITTEE	BEXLEYHEATH	8	4	18.678
5. ALL STARS	DAGENHAM	7	5	18.192
6. SPECTRUM	CRAWLEY	6	6	16.300
7. MYSTERONS	LEWISHAM	5	7	15.611
8. TREE TOP	DAGENHAM	5	7	15.397
9. D.B.A. PRODUCTS	AIRPORT	4	8	14.754
10. TRAVELLERS	SOUTHEND	4	8	14.606
11. FOUNDATION	CLIFTONVILLE	4	8	14.302
12. MANAGEMENT	HARROW	1	11	11.140

The winners took away the guaranteed first prize of £100.00 with the runners-up receiving £50.00 and the third team £20.00. The new format will certainly be repeated again next year and this time it is hoped that a number of the top teams who entered after the tournament was already full will be able to compete. Sides such as MALLORY INTERNATIONAL, BRUNSWICK JETS, MARGAMATICS and TAVERN AUTOMATICS could only have enhanced the days play.



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TENPIN BOWLING TOURNAMENT





# 'SOAKER' BANNED

One of the noisiest bowling controversies for years has now been resolved by the American Bowling Congress adopting the following recommendation:-

"The use of chemicals, solvents or other methods to change the hardness of the surface of a bowling ball after it is manufactured shall be prohibited."

This rule operates with effect from 15th. October this year and as F.I.Q., the World governing body, accept the specification rules of the Congress as World standards the use in any sanctioned event of what has become known as a 'soaker' is now strictly illegal.

It all started about a year ago when American Pro bowler DON McCUNE decided to try a softer surface on his ball because the lane finishes that he was playing on were regularly very oily and would not take a hook with a normally manufactured ball. After an amount of experiment a chemist suggested the use of a solvent called Methyl Ethyl Ketone or MEK as it has become known and when the plastic type ball is soaked in this substance it softens the shell quite considerably allowing the ball to grip even an oily lane. McCune almost immediately shot into the top money bracket but only managed to keep his secret for a few months when some 80% of the professionals were using the 'soaker.' Whilst a ball so treated has a quite devastating effect on the pins and whilst, at that time, there were no regulations to prohibit it's use a number of problems naturally arose. Firstly MEK and all like solvents are very inflammable indeed and in addition brief exposure to the chemical in an enclosed room can cause skin irritation and quite severe respiratory problems. Also the substance causes the ball to swell and also adds weight to that which was originally manufactured thus putting many 16lb maximum specification balls completely out of specifications.

In addition to the danger to life and health, however, there is the question of the unfairness to opponents who are 'non soakers', the effect that this type of experimentalism can have on the average bowler and, of course, the basic sanctity of the game itself. Already in this country money has been won and 'records' created with such a bowling ball and the user of a plastic ball who starts shooting much higher than usual is going to be suspect, particularly when two or three members of the same team all use one ball!!

Some may argue that now this new rule has been brought into force that the bowling ball manufacturers will act to provide a ball that meets the 'soakers' standards without actually using MEK or any of it's sinister sister solvents. This would not be so bad as the job would be done under controlled conditions by experienced technicians but in fact is unlikely to happen. The American Bowling Congress in it's wisdom has commenced a research programme in order to legislate on the hardness specifications of balls at the manufacturing stage and no manufacturer is likely to expend a lot of money on producing a ball that could well be banned at the next Congress Convention!

The day of the 'soaker' is legally over but we must still be on guard against the cheater. Lead loading a bowling ball has been illegal for years but a few members still risk suspension of membership and use this and other 'aids' to gain an unfair advantage. Make sure that you are not one of them.



"Looks like Sue is having trouble with her hook again."



# CAPRI 1,2&3

The 3rd. Annual CAPRI MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS at the ABC Dagenham produced a good 58 team entry that included most of the major talent in and around London. With the prize monies equally divided between scratch and handicap the scratch division was well tied up from the Saturday squads when JOYCE & COLIN PRESLAND smashed the old Area Mixed Doubles by a considerable margin in recording a 1276 total which looked like this:-

JOYCE PRESLAND	192	201	204	597
COLIN PRESLAND	214	222	243	679
	406	423	447	1276

This score left the way open in the handicap and PAT GORDON & JOE ARTNER combined here for a fine 1183 actual giving them 1349 with handicap added. Here again the old Area Record when for six when Joe on 263 and Pat with 226 hit a 489 final game. RAY HOOK with 620 combined with EDNA SEEL's 567 for an 1187 actual, 1305 handicap for runners-up and BERNIE WHITE 648 and JANE VIROT 539 scooped the second place prize in the scratch division with an identical total. DOUG McNULTY fired series of 632 and 625 but just missed the money places and BRUCE PEARCE was another over the average mark with a 603 as was JOE ARTNER on 619. Top ten placings in each division with a team only being able to appear once were as follows:-

## SCRATCH

1. JOYCE & COLIN PRESLAND	1276	£25.00
2. JANE VIROT & BERNIE WHITE	1187	£12.50
3. EUNICE GRANT & BRUCE PEARCE	1158	£6.00
4. ENA GRANT & DOUG McNULTY	1135	
5. CAROLE CUTHBERT & DOUG McNULTY	1131	
6. JOAN NUTT & PETER BABOT	1107	
7. CAROLE CUTHBERT & ERIC BUTCHER	1092	
8. LESLEY POTTER & GEOFF LIDDIARD	1067	
9. WYN COLLINSON & TED TINLING	1061	
10. ENA GRANT & ERIC BUTCHER	1058	

## HANDICAP

PAT GORDON & JOE ARTNER	1349	£25.00
2. EDNA SEEL & RAY HOOK	1305	£12.50
3. PEARL & DAVE LEHRIAN	1270	£6.00
4. DOLLY HART & BARRY WRIGHT	1256	
5. JEAN & BILL CUMMINGS	1240	
6. PHYLLIS DARKE & ERIC BAKER	1231	
7. JUNE LEAPER & BILL SUTTON	1221	
8. PAT GORDON & TERRY SAUNDERS	1214	
9. JOAN GROOM & JOHN BASHAM	1200	
10. GILLIAN & J.E.S. MORLEY	1193	
ANITA GARNHAM & ROY HUDSON	1193	

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 5th/6th JANUARY, 1974

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5-person team handicap tournament  
with scratch prizes



# RECORDS

It is always strange how bowling centres go through a period of very high scoring and then level out again. A prize example was the Dagenham Bowl two years ago when no fewer than 7 European records were set up in a period of about 6 months. Since then standards have continued to be good but not exceptional. Harrow then followed for a short time followed by the Airport Bowl and now it seems to be the turn of Bitterne where some of the scores coming in are quite remarkable and two of them set new British and European standards. The Richmond Grille pairing of DAVE SAKKAS and CLIVE THOMAS have recorded a tremendous doubles set of 1447 and the DIRTY DOZEN which is again Richmond Grille bowlers have hit a 2674 four man team set and followed it with a 2671, the two highest fours anywhere this side of the Atlantic. The individual scores were as follows:-

DAVE SAKKAS	235	287	204	726
CLIVE THOMAS	221	257	243	721
	456	544	447	1447

The teams 544 game is also a new European Record and as a matter of interest the 1447 lies third in the World at this time with the 544 second!

DAVE SAKKAS	233	185	237	655
MIKE PARKER	253	225	226	704
MO KNAPP	199	256	174	629
CLIVE THOMAS	214	214	258	686
	899	880	895	2674

DAVE SAKKAS	246	230	140	616
ROGER CREAMER	159	245	243	647
MO KNAPP	279	266	188	733
CLIVE THOMAS	256	186	233	675
	940	927	804	2671

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# S.E.B.A. AREA HI'S

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>ALL STARS</u>	2908	DAG
		MYSTERONS	2881	DAG
		FRONTLINERS	2804	DAG
	1 GAME	<u>ALL STARS</u>	1011	DAG
		ALL STARS	1004	DAG
		MYSTERONS	1001	DAG
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>ALL STARS</u>	2324	DAG
		MCRAE'S MARVELS	2204	DAG
		RACERS	2165	DAG
	1 GAME	<u>MCRAE'S MARVELS</u>	805	DAG
		ALL STARS	795	DAG
		RACERS	784	DAG
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>ALL STARS</u>	1795	DAG
		FRONTLINERS	1714	DAG
		TREE TOP	1714	DAG
	1 GAME	<u>ALL STARS</u>	689	DAG
		THE COMMITTEE	633	DAG
		TREE TOP	633	DAG
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	No Claims Yet Received		
		1 GAME	No Claims Yet Received	
MIXED DOUBLES	3 GAMES	<u>JOYCE &amp; COLIN PRESLAND</u>	1276**	DAG
		PAT GORDON & JOE ARTNER	1183	DAG
		JOAN NUTT & PETER BABOT	1107	DAG
	1 GAME	<u>PAT GORDON &amp; JOE ARTNER</u>	489**	DAG
		JOYCE & COLIN PRESLAND	447	DAG
		JANET & BUZZ MORRISON	433	BEX
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	<u>ROY HUDSON</u>	718	DAG
		PETER BABOT	702	BAS
		COLIN PRESLAND	679	DAG
	1 GAME	<u>LEB ORCHARD</u>	679	DAG
		JOE ARTNER	267	WRIT
			263	DAG
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	<u>JANET MORRISON</u>	604	BEX
		JOYCE PRESLAND	597	DAG
	1 GAME	No Claims Yet Received		
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3 GAMES	<u>KEVIN RAISON</u>	608	DAG
		1 GAME	No Claims Yet Made	

\*\*\*\*\*  
 \*\*NEW AREA RECORD\*\* The above are the only applications received to date  
 \*\*\*\*\* for the new season commenced 1st. September. Already  
 there are two new Area Records both recorded in the Mixed Doubles division  
 and coming from the Dagenham Capri Doubles Tournament. No doubt when some  
 others can see the standards to beat a few more claims will come in!