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NEW YEAR HONOURS

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BOWLER OF THE YEAR

For aiming at the top and, with determination and effort, getting there and representing her country for the first time. For bowling the highest ever 3-game series by a lady anywhere in Europe - 724. For winning through and representing Great Britain in the 1974 World Cup in Caracas, Venezuela. For ably representing her county. For bowling well throughout the year particularly in tournaments and for her enthusiasm for the sport of tenpin bowling JOYCE PRESLAND

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

For successfully transferring the Empire League from Leytonstone when it closed and keeping the league intact at Dagenham for over two years despite the distance that the majority of the players travel every week. For always sanctioning the league within the proper period and thus protecting the interests of the league players. For always having an up-to-date league standing sheet on the notice board. For keenness and general efficiency and for being cheerful with it BILL YOUNGER

TEAM OF THE YEAR

For winning through the toughest qualifying zone in the country that included the counties of London, Middlesex, Surrey, Suffolk etc. For travelling to Coventry for the BTBA Inter-County finals and for becoming Champion County of 1974. For enthusiasm and team spirit..... ESSEX MEN

PROSPECT OF THE YEAR

For bowling the highest ever game by a junior bowler within SEBA - a 278. For bowling so many 600 series during the year that we have lost count. For coming to the top within a very short period of taking the sport up seriously and for having one of the most lethal bowling balls we have had the pleasure to witness. For remaining modest of his not inconsiderable achievements during the year and for not lauding it over his senior opponents when he beat them, which he usually did PETER ALLEN

PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

For always speaking his mind but always speaking sense. For criticising when he considered that criticism was justified but for always making such comments constructively. For always supporting the BTBA and SEBA regardless of anything. For maintaining a well organised league at all times and for being a real personality EDDIE SEARLES

BOWL OF THE YEAR

Despite not knowing when their centre was due to close for alteration from a 26 lane proprietor operation to a 10 lane council one the leagues carried on under very trying conditions but had the very good sense under the leadership of BTBA Council Member BILL AINGER to reform as leagues of 8 teams in order that the change would be as least disruptive as possible. For agreeing to all the changes that were necessary for the new format with the minimum of complaint and for retaining all the organisation necessary to recommence league play immediately the new bowl opens it's doors. For winning a very long and trying battle to retain the sport of tenpin in the town and for already having everything ready to go for the grand opening. We look forward to staging the 1975 SEBA Inter-Centre Championships on the first Sunday of opening at BASILDON

A Happy New Year

YES SHARE YOUR BOWLING FUN IN 1975
ENTER YOUR AREA CHAMPS

CHAMPIONS ESSEX!

In our last issue we asked, "Can Essex Do It?". They did! After a most exciting week-end's bowling the men's team lost one game only - the very first one - and then proceeded to win every game against every other county to win the coveted B.T.B.A. INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS for 1974. A number of problems arose with regard to eligibility of some bowlers, late arrival of others and consequent disqualification of some and at one time it appeared as if Lancashire would displace Essex on a technicality quite apart from the fact that they had lost two games against only one by Essex. Justice prevailed however and although the protest of Lancashire was upheld - they lost one game to a county who fielded a disqualified player - joint champions were declared and each county will hold the trophy for six months. No one was left in doubt, however, as to who the moral champions were as Essex beat the team that Lancashire lost to and also beat Lancashire themselves for good measure. Sincere congratulations to Essex Organiser ERIC BAKER and his team of PAUL SCOTTOW, DEL BROUGH, ROBIN GARTON, DAVE HOLDEN, PETER BABOT and reserve JES MORLEY.

All the excitement with the men tended to dim the performance of the Essex Ladies who also came back from Coventry with medals for a fine third place and just missed the silver position by 8 pins. Again very well done MEG SHAW, JOAN NUTT, PAT GORDON, SUE CUSH, AUDREY POND and reserve PEARL LEHRIAN.

THE WORLD CUP

JOYCE PRESLAND didn't win the 1974 World Cup in Venezuela but she made the finals and finished in a very creditable 9th position. Had she not been affected by a local bug during the final two days her leading position from the qualifying rounds might well have been maintained. The winner of the Ladies section was BIRGITTE LUND from Denmark who beat DALE GRAY from Australia 573 to 565 in the final. The winners 34 game average was 182 against a 175 over 25 for Joyce.

In the men's section SAM PUGH was never in it. Sam is a bowler who plays off the last line of approach dots and found in Caracas that the approaches are of minimum 15 feet and his normal starting position was off the back! Despite a complete change of approach he still managed a 181 average over 24 games and finished in 25th slot. Any bowler who hopes for international recognition one day be warned. Practise a shorter approach. The event was won by JAIRD OCAMPO from Columbia from veteran LOUIS WILDERMEERSCH of Belgium 587 to 563. The U.S.A. were well out of things this year with the women's representative finishing 20th and their men a remarkable 35th!

A.G.M.

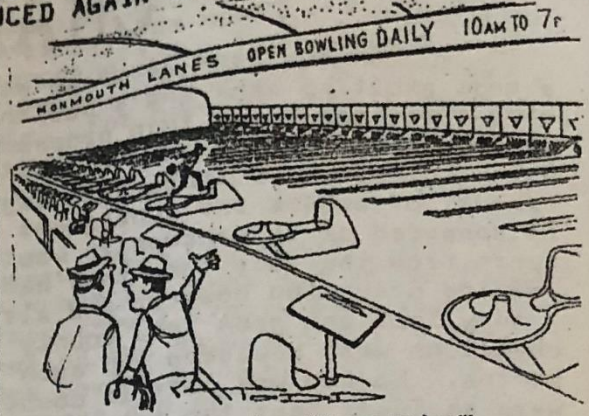
The Area A.G.M. was a very pleasant affair this year with all the Executive Committee Chairmen reporting all that had been done and all that they hoped to do in 1975 and all the motions were carried unanimously. A number of changes in the Area Bye-Laws have had to come about by virtue of the new BTBA Constitution and one that will make a lot of people happy is the provision from next year for Executive Officers to be elected from centre level and thence onto the Area Executive in the same way as County representatives are now elected onto the National Council. The draw for the 1975 Inter-Centre Championships was made and Basildon's name came out first. It is hoped to stage the event at Basildon on the first Sunday after the official reopening which could be in February or March. More details on this as soon as they are to hand.

ALTHOUGH "BOWLING NEWS" No 1. WAS ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER 1965 IT WAS NOT UNTIL NOVEMBER 1966 THAT THE MACHINERY WAS PURCHASED TO UNABLE US TO PRINT TITLES CAPTIONS, ADVERTS AND, OF COURSE, CARTOONS. SINCE THAT DATE MANY CARTOONS HAVE APPEARED IN THESE PAGES AND IN RESPONSE TO A NUMBER OF REQUESTS WHAT ARE CONSIDERED AS THE 'TOP TEN' ARE REPRODUCED AGAIN ON THIS PAGE. GOOD CHUCKLING !!!

TOP TEN



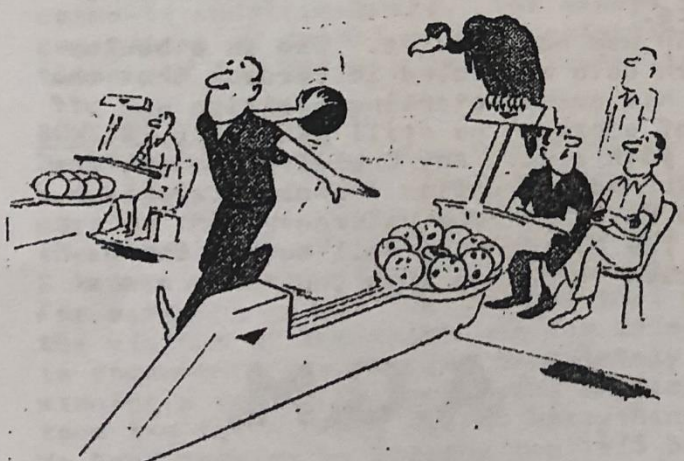
"Look out, he's throwing a big hook again tonight!"



"Nuts! Someone is practicing on our lanes!"



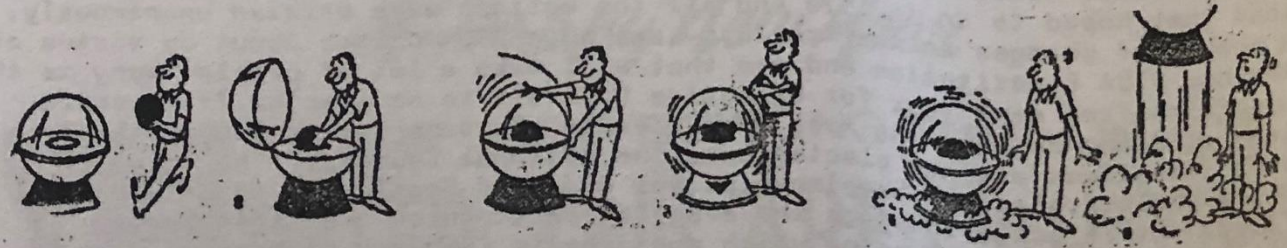
"How about that? My first time bowling and I beat George 205 to 134."



"He sure is throwing a dead ball tonight."



"I don't care what his average is, he can't substitute on your team!"



TOP TEN CARTOONS CONCLUDED



"Now that's what I call a poor loser ..."



"..."



"Just watch that gentleman, Helen. You can learn a lot from his mistakes."

Below is the final listing received of 600 - 550 -200 members applications that have been received for 1974. The three Club Tournaments will be held during February at a venue to be decided and entry forms and the full list of all members for the year will be included in the next issue of 'Bowling News'. Any prospective members for 1974 who have not yet joined must have the Application Form into the Area Secretary by 31.1.75:-

200

550

600

CLUB

- MARTIN MYERS 204 DAG
- PHYLLIS KEEN 202 CLIF
- PAUL WAYLING 203 BEX
- DENIS JOLIN 200 BEX
- JANE LLOYD 209 BEX
- DOROTHY REYNOLDS 205 BAS
- SHIRL MOLINEAUX 205 BAS
- JOAN SUROVIC 201 CLIF
- VERA SCARLES 237 DAG

- MAISIE SMITH 568 BAS
- KATH HARVEY 562 SOU

- ROY FILLIER 600 WHIT
- JOHN GILBERT 615 BEX
- ROGER BRIGHT 648 SOU
- PAUL SUROVIC 645 CLIF
- ALAN GREY 615 SOU
- FRANK YUILLE 609 SOU
- LEO ORCHARD 624 WHIT
- JOHN BOOTH 654 SOU
- EDDIE HARVEY 625 SOU
- PETER MATTHEW 612 SOU



DON'T FORGET!

TENPIN BOWLING TOURNAMENT



Plus the » **200 & 550 CLUB** « event

CAPRI

MIXED DOUBLES

The fourth year of this popular event on the Dagenham lanes saw the usual good entry and a prize fund of £63.00 was produced. With a team only being able to place in one division the top ten at the end of the day looked like this:-

SCRATCH SECTION

1. MARGARET DIBBLE & DAVE MABERLEY	1182	£21.00
2. MEG SHAW & ERIC BAKER	1146	£10.50
3. PAT DEW & BOBBY MANSFIELD	1105	
4. SUE WINTER & BRIAN MICHAEL	1103	
5. JANE VIROT & BERNIE WHITE	1097	
6. MEG SHAW & TONY SAMUELS	1072	
7. JANET MORRISON & BILLY PRESTON	1050	
8. JOAN NUTT & DEL BROUGH	1038	
9. LYNN DONNELLY & BERNIE CATERER	1029	
10. MEG SHAW & BRIAN MICHAEL	1022	

HANDICAP SECTION

1. PAT ROLLAND & DAVE RIDLEY	1332	£21.00
2. ENID KING & HAROLD KING	1259	£10.50
3. PAT GORDON & ERIC BAKER	1252	
4. NORMA HOOK & RAY HOOK	1219	
5. ROCHELLE MYERS & MARTIN MYERS	1218	
6. KATH HARVEY & EDDIE HARVEY	1197	
7. ALISON FROST & JOHN WHITEN	1191	
8. KATH HARVEY & FRANK YUILLE	1167	
9. PEARL LEHRIAN & ROGER THOMPSON	1166	
10. SARI YUILLE & FRANK YUILLE	1156	

A U T U M N F O U R S

The fifth year of this team event was again well supported and the prize fund produced was £138.00. Entries came from far and wide but top dogs for 1974 were the local side of the BEACONS who played very steadily indeed for a scratch total of 2295 giving them a total with handicap added of 2595. Top ten placings were as follows:-

1. THE BEACONS	DAGENHAM	748-751-796 = 2295 + 300 = 2595
2. CORKWOOD BOWL	HODDESDON	668-784-738 = 2190 + 278 = 2468
3. ALL STARS	DAGENHAM	755-815-747 = 2317 + 138 = 2455
4. TREETOP	DAGENHAM	684-687-758 = 2129 + 316 = 2445
5. MARTELLO	WALTON	746-708-779 = 2233 + 200 = 2433
6. PLUS	DAGENHAM	664-648-721 = 2033 + 384 = 2417
7. THE ABBOTS	LAKENHEATH	690-768-711 = 2169 + 230 = 2399
8. SERVSPORT 1	BIRMINGHAM	708-739-731 = 2178 + 220 = 2398
9. COMETS RED	DAGENHAM	670-700-654 = 2024 + 366 = 2390
10. COLT BOWL	COLTISHALL	722-657-641 = 2020 + 354 = 2374

Top place paid out £92.00 with the runners-up receiving £46.00.

THE DAGENHAM SUPREME LEAGUE COMPLETES IT'S CURRENT SCHEDULE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND HAS ONE OR TWO VACANCIES ONLY FOR THE NEW SEASON STARTING IN FEBRUARY. TEAM CAPTAINS OF 5-PERSON TEAMS CONTACT DAGENHAM BOWL OR TELEPHONE FOR A PLACE AT 01-592 0347.