

BOWLING NEWS

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COUNTDOWN

August is nearly upon us which leaves a very short time to the 8th. F.I.Q. World Tenpin Bowling Championships being held at the Charrington Bowl, Tolworth, Surrey between 1st and 11th. October. The countdown with regard to the nations entering is underway and already we are faced with the largest World Championships ever in the history of the Sport. Last year in the U.S.A. some 30 nations took part and American Bowling Congress Secretary Emeritus FRANK BAKER was quoted as saying that about 24 countries would take part in Great Britain. He is so wrong! 32 have already accepted and another 8 still likely to come in before closing date could bring the final total to a staggering 40! Those so far certain to take part are:-

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| ARGENTINA | INDONESIA |
| AUSTRALIA | ITALY |
| BELGIUM | JAPAN |
| BERMUDA | MALAYASIA |
| CANADA | NICARAGUA |
| COLUMBIA | NORWAY |
| DENMARK | PANAMA |
| EIRE | PUERTO RICO |
| FINLAND | SWEDEN |
| FRANCE | SWITZERLAND |
| GERMANY | TAIWAN |
| GREAT BRITAIN | THAILAND |
| GUATAMALA | UNITED STATES OF AMERICA |
| GUERNSEY | VENEZUELA |
| HOLLAND | AUSTRIA |
| HONG KONG | |
| ISRAEL | |

In addition entries are expected from:-

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| BAHAMAS | PHILIPINES |
| COSTA RICA | SINGAPORE |
| GUAM | SPAIN |
| MEXICO | YUGOSLAVIA |

The 9 men and 5 women to take part for GREAT BRITAIN have been announced. A number of surprise names are included and an

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equal number of expected names do not appear. The teams announced

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MEN

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| CHRIS BUCK | POOLE |
| GEOFF BUCK | AIRPORT |
| GERRY BUGDEN | POOLE |
| ERIC BUTCHER | WESTON |
| BERNIE CATERER | HARROW |
| CASS EDWARDS | CRAWLEY |
| ALAN JORDACHE | AIRPORT |
| BRIAN MICHAEL | HARROW |
| JON REEVES | POOLE |

WOMEN

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|-----------------|------------|
| PAULINE BOWRY | TOLWORTH |
| CAROLE CUTHBERT | AIRPORT |
| PAT DEW | STREATHAM |
| KAY METCALFE | SUNDERLAND |
| ENA PRATTLEY | SUNDERLAND |
| MEG SHAW** | SOUTHEND |

Reserves in event of any of the above being unable to participate

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| SAM PUGH | AIRPORT | HILDA CLIFFORD | MANCHESTER |
| RALSTON REID | HARROW | BERTHA HILL | BIRMINGHAM |
| DAVE MABERLEY** | DAGENHAM | | |

** SEBA Members

The omission of PAUL SCOTTOW from the men's line-up is causing some hard words to be said around Walton-on-Naze as it is alleged that he was in the top bracket of the final qualifiers. We can't comment at this stage but as Paul is a SEBA member further information is being sought. With regard to the ladies team two SEBA members were on the Selection Committee and neither are pleased with the fact that the team that they selected is not the one shown above! WYN COLLISON has written a letter of complaint which is supported by MO FISH and it seems likely that BTBA will conduct an enquiry to clear the air.

Initially the Women's National Committee of the BTBA agreed to base selection for the World Championships upon figures submitted by bowlers who considered that they deserved the opportunity to represent their country. In addition practise matches took place up and down the country and these scores coupled with those from leagues and tournaments gradually reduced the original numbers to 20. Thereafter the selectors continued to receive scores from the practise matches and tournaments only and, using these figures as a basis both of form and ability, further reduced the list of possibles to 12 and then to the final 6.

The final Selection Committee meeting was held at the Baxleyheath bowl and, following their deliberations the chairman DOLLY HART personally thanked WYN COLLISON, MO FISH and JANE VIROT, the other members of the four, for all the work that they had put in and for the amicable manner that the final and unanimous selection had been made. DOLLY HART went away to advise the 12 who were in and who were out and the other selectors wended their respective ways home, satisfied that the best choice had been made for their country.

DOLLY HART then either changed her mind or had it changed for her! That very evening the 3 members of the Selection Committee were contacted as asked to attend a further meeting as it was said that objections had been raised to the team. Both Wyn Collison and Mo Fish stated that as far as they were concerned their task had been accomplished and that as the decision of the selectors was a unanimous one that the team selected should stand. DOLLY HART then took the remarkable step of declaring the selection void and indicated that as the two selectors refused to attend a further meeting that they were assumed to have resigned!

The reason given for the objection was later revealed as being that the figures, and only the figures, should have been used to compute, not select, the final six. It is true that the members of the Women's National Committee initially agreed to a system whereby the final choice was to be based upon the final 12 months figures but at no time were the selectors told that all their work was to be based on the selection of a team by figures alone could not have been known to DOLLY HART either as she agreed to the six originally chosen. To add some

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weight to the strange actions it was now stated that the figures upon which the selection was based could have been wrong or incomplete or both and that the team would not now be announced until after they had been checked. In fact 5 of the 6 were announced by the Selection Chairman some three days BEFORE she received the figures from the statistician MO FISH! After checking the figures to decide the sixth position it was stated to some that they were incorrect and to others that they were in order and one statement was made that one girl's average was as much as 5 pins higher than the original.

When reducing the 20 names to 12 computed averages were not taken into account as the be all and end all of the matter and, in fact, one girl who would have made the final dozen on figures alone was discarded! When reducing the 12 to the final 6 computed averages were again not taken as the be all and end all and account was taken of those whose performances were waning and of those who had had hit form. Temperament and experience were also a deciding factor and in the opinion of both WYN COLLISON and MO FISH, and originally DOLLY HART and JANE VIROT as well, that the team was the best that Great Britain could produce. Thanks to the strange events described by Wyn in her letter the team announced now feel that a cloud is over them and there is the added likelihood of further problems with the figures submitted by the girls.

TED TINLING started the women's National Committee when he took office as BTBA Chairman and until now they have completely justified his confidence. It is hoped that an investigation into the events of the women's selectors actions will clear the air and restore that confidence throughout the country.

NAYBC '75

The 1975 N.A.Y.B.C. Championships were held in Leeds closely following upon the B.T.B.A. Nationals. S.E.B.A. youngsters again did very well indeed and particular congratulations go to the SOUTHEND team who won the Chairman's Cup. SUSAN HARVEY from Southend received a special award for Sportsmanship and Turnout and others among the prizes were DAVE RACE of Southend who won the Graduate Boys Singles with a fine 610, JOHN MCELWAIN and CHRIS BOWDEN of Bexleyheath who received silver medals in the Senior Doubles event and J. HARVEY (sorry we don't know the christian name) of Southend who received the gold award for winning the Junior Girls Singles. Well done everyone and may you do even better at Tolworth in 1976.

Rising Star

Congratulations are also due to Bexleyheath's CHRIS BOWDEN who, against quite formidable opposition, won the HARROW JUNIOR MATCH-PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS last month. Chris, a star in the making from the Bexleyheath junior programme, also received a silver medal for the Doubles event in the N.A.Y.B.C. Championships and was one of the junior team who won the recent S.E.B.A. Inter-Centre Championships reported on another page.

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INTER-CENTRE '75

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The 3rd. Annual SEBA Inter-Centre Championships were held on 13th. July at the newly re-opened Basildon Bowl and after a closely fought contest, resulted in a win for the BEXLEYHEATH team with Basildon in second place and Dagenham and Whitstable joint third. Cliftonville didn't enter this year as, unfortunately, they received the forms too late. This year each team had to enter 18 different bowlers, all of whom bowled 3 games and the points were awarded 10 for a section win, 7 for second, 6 for third and so on. The full results with total pinfall were as follows:-

| | BASILDON ***** | BEXLEYHEATH ***** | DAGENHAM ***** | SOUTHEND ***** | WHITSTABLE ***** |
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| FIVES | 2517 6 | 2522 7 | 2404 5 | 2528 10 | 2390 4 |
| JUNIOR FOURS | 1805 6 | 2018 10 | 1675 5 | 1674 4 | 1813 7 |
| LADIES TRIOS | 1415 10 | 1392 7 | 1281 4 | 1283 5 | 1383 6 |
| MENS DOUBLES | 990 4 | 1107 7 | 1106 6 | 1025 5 | 1161 10 |
| MIXED DOUBLES | 1011 10 | 929 5 | 990 7 | 984 6 | 848 4 |
| LADIES SINGLES | 439 5 | 550 10 | 541 7 | 438 4 | 519 6 |
| MENS SINGLES | 517 5 | 473 4 | 603 10 | 538 6 | 567 7 |
| TOTAL PINFALL | 8694 | 8991 | 8660 | 8470 | 8681 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 46 | 50 | 44 | 40 | 44 |

The Bexleyheath Juniors, JOHN MCELWAIN, GRANT SCOTT-JAMES, CHRIS BOWDEN and STUART EVANS, started the day in great style hitting a season's National record for junior fours with a 750 game and 2018 series and gave their centre an early lead. Basildon took over when ALAN WIFFEN and BETTY BLOWES won the Mixed Doubles but Bexleyheath went to pole position again after the Mens Doubles when ROY HUDSON and BILLY PRESTON held off ERIC BAKER and HAROLD KING by just 1 pin for 7 points with the first placing going to the Whitstable pair of KERRY PURCELL and STEVE FIELD. Kerry hit the high set of the day here with a fine 625. In the Ladies Trios it was the turn of the home centre again when their team of SHIELA EVLES, SHIRLEY MOLINEAUX and DOROTHY REYNOLDS made top placing but Bexleyheath took over once again after the Ladies Singles with JANET MORRISON just holding off Dagenham's LINDA CUMMINGS by 550 to 541. Dagenham put in a late challenge in the Mens Singles with COLIN PRESLAND firing the second 600 set of the day and this left all