

Regulating pins would be a simple process. It would not affect manufacturers, nor would it necessitate a grandfather clause for pins currently in use. Sadly, the USBC hasn't purposely overlooked the pin situation in bowling. In an aforementioned paragraph, Neil Stremmel expressed concern over the effects pins with a lower center of gravity would have on youth, senior and some women bowlers.

Isn't this a shocking revelation? Has our governing body sacrificed the game's integrity to placate youngsters, seniors and women at the expense of proficient bowlers who have spent time and money to hone their skills? Where, in any sport, are rules relaxed to accommodate less talented athletes? Naturally, in many sports, a separate set of regulations and perimeters are established to distinguish men from women, seniors and youths. Shouldn't bowling do the same?

If Roger Dalkin, the head honcho of USBC, approves the three levels of bowling, Sport, standard and bumper bowling, why not segregate the three multiple levels and use the pins that fit these categories? This would require only two type sets of pins; one for Sport and classic league competition, the other for recreational players. Seems pretty simple to me.

But, alas, I have always suggested this plan and the answer is always the same. Proprietors do not want to stock and ALTERNATE two sets of pins. Proprietors own the playing field. To quote an old professional poker player, "Amarillo Slim" on the Johnny Carson show about 20 years ago, "we play by the Golden Rule. Them that put up the money, make the rules".

During the past 15 or 20 years, when the governing bodies were rejecting high scores due to illegal lane conditions, proprietors threatened to withdraw their ABC sanctions and set up their own rules. Bowling proprietors have exerted enough clout and influence to reduce bowling from a legitimate sport to a mere recreation. Un-reined and easy scoring conditions have permitted mediocre bowlers (in numerous areas) to record far better averages than PBA stars and top-rated amateurs.

Is it any wonder bowling is held in such low esteem by sports editors and leading sports authorities around the country?

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Re: Under 14 Inter-County Championships
AMF Nottingham
Sunday 3rd December 2006.

Re: Kent Under 14 Teams

Girls: Hannah Frost, Katie Reeves, Hannah Smith, Lisa Thomson, Lesley Waters
(All Whit)

Boys: Glen Richardson, (BH) Tim Standell (TW) Ashley Savage (TW)
James McMinn (Clif) Chris Hunnisett (Whit)

It wasn't to be for the Kent boys this year, but they bowled well as a team and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

However the girls got off to a flying start, in the first game Hannah Smith bowled a 223 game which eventually won her the Girl's High Game of the Tournament. The team with the highest pinfall after four 4-person team games would be declared the winners and the girls were leading after the first three games. They were in the same position last year, only to be beaten in the last game into second place. Determined for it not to happen again - they held on, beating last year's champions Yorkshire, and they were then declared the 2006 Under 14 County Champions. Over the 16 games bowled in total, the girls bowled an average of 162. Katie, Hannah Smith, Lisa and Lesley will all move up an age group next season so it was extra special for them to go out of the Under 14 age group on top!



K.T.B.A. AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2006

FINAL RESULTS

REGULAR SINGLES HANDICAP

53 entries @ £4.00 = £212.00

1. Brian Major	679	£ 75.00
2. Rob Packman	652	£ 40.00
3. Buck Bromwich	649	£ 30.00
Keith Porter	649	£ 30.00
5. Nigel Webber	646	£ 22.00
6. Steve Taylor	643	£ 7.50
Mark Horsfield	643	£ 7.50

REGULAR SINGLES SCRATCH

23 entries @ £4.00 = £ 92.00

1. Rob Packman	631	£ 45.00
2. Brian Major	622	£ 30.00
3. Keith Porter	592	£ 17.00

REGULAR DOUBLES HANDICAP

41 entries @ £8.00 = £ 328.00

1. Reg Belchem/Trevor Myhill	1385	£130.00
2. Dot Boyd/Brian Godden	1274	£ 85.00
3. Rob Packman/John Hinch	1264	£ 53.00
4. Terry Cook/Keeff Allen	1251	£ 37.00
5. Buck Bromeich/Gary Kerr	1225	£ 23.00

REGULAR DOUBLES SCRATCH

15 entries @ £8.00 = £120.00

1. Rob Packman/John Hinch	1186	£ 80.00
2. Justin Shaw/Brian Major	1107	£ 40.00

REGULAR TEAM HANDICAP

19 entries @ £20.00 = £380.00

1. Whitstable Rejects	3057	£200.00
2. The Munsons	3035	£120.00
3. Der Management	3010	£ 60.00

REGULAR TEAM SCRATCH

6 entries @ £20.00 = £120.00

1. Chatham Crusaders	2661	£ 80.00
2. Mean Machine	2642	£ 40.00

REGULAR ALL EVENTS HANDICAP

38 entries @ £4.00 = £152.00

1. Harry Steen	1884	£ 68.00
2. Alan Jones	1877	£ 40.00
3. Paul Clark	1865	£ 27.00
4. Rob Packman	1858	£ 17.00

REGULAR ALL EVENTS SCRATCH

21 entries @ £4.00 = £ 84.00

1. Rob Packman	1795	£ 50.00
2. Alan Jones	1688	£ 34.00

FEMALE SINGLES HANDICAP

15 entries @ £4.00 = £60.00

1. Dot Boyd	706	£ 40.00
2. Samantha Denne	666	£ 20.00

FEMALE SINGLES SCRATCH

6 entries @ £4.00 = £24.00

1. Dot Boyd	577	£ 24.00
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FEMALE DOUBLES HANDICAP

5 entries @ £8.00 = £40.00

1. Elaine Hinch/Emma Drury	1197	£ 40.00
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FEMALE DOUBLES SCRATCH

1 entries @ £8.00 = £ 8.00

1. Elaine Hinch/Emma Drury	1044	£ 8.00
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FEMALE TEAM HANDICAP

4 entries @ £20.00 = £80.00

1. Allsorts	2974	£ 80.00
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FEMALE TEAM SCRATCH

No Entries

FEMALE ALL EVENTS HANDICAP

13 entries @ £4.00 = £52.00

1. Dot Boyd	1960	£ 34.00
2. Joanne Green	1806	£ 18.00

FEMALE ALL EVENTS SCRATCH

7 entries @ £4.00 = £28.00

1. Dot Boyd	1573	£ 20.00
2. Elaine Hinch	1564	£ 8.00

FAILURE CLUB

In the dim and distance past in a galaxy far far away, when we were all much younger, there was a Bowling News editor well and truly stuck for copy as usual, drew upon the force and came up with the **Failure Club**.

Many rich and famous Ten Pin Bowling personalities have been made club members, forced to purchase a badge and taken in to the nearest bar to buy the editor a pint if he caught them wearing their badge upside down.

I know I'm rambling I have the rest of the page to fill and I have already set the font on p14. If I can't fill the page it will have to go up even bigger, perhaps I should take it up any way for those of us who need glasses and can't find them.

Or I shall make the picture of Roy bigger!! I knew that would shut you up

What? How dare you! There's a genius at work, I bet Ann Hathaway never told Will Shakespeare to get on with it! "You're always in your room playing with your quill". does that sound familiar?



IT'S THE FAIRIES!

Here we go, our first hero had scored 150, or was it 173 (*I can't remember and I have lost my notes*), by frame 6 and finished with 199. When interviewed he said the opposition had rubbed his line out when he was not looking. I think it was the fairies.

What reason should be on his membership application? Expecting a line at Bexleyheath? Losing the line once he had found it?

Welcome to the Club
CHRIS GENOVESE.

Oops apocalypse

Our next hero is Brian Major, and just for all you who just love statistics. 185 average in the Early Birds at Chatham. Right handed second arrow. Brian scored 209, 279 - 488 after two games, would the next game be 300???

After his match Brian said I scored 488 after two games and only,,ONLY needed 212 for 700.

Oops apocalypse - 134!! for a 622 series

We, (JC & me) were having a chuck on the next pair of lanes and noticed Brian's fan club.

Let me introduce Marilyn Godley, 5 foot 2 1/2 inches tall, blond *and* a Kent County Team senior player. O 'yes Marilyn was not the only member of Brian's fan club. While Marilyn was watching Brian, we were watching her. I know why Brian scored 134, it was the fairies again..

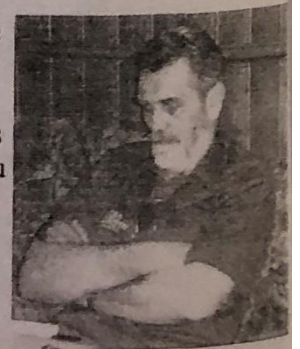
I demanded to replay my singles because I was distracted, the tournament management said "on yer bike". I think that meant no, how unkind. Welcome to the Failure Club. BRIAN MAJOR.

Whilst I was gathering the data on Brian Major, my very good friend of some 40 years was saying that he never managed to make it in to the Failure Club.. I thought I had captured everyone. Unbeknownst to me at the time Roy had been "Captured" on film by Kent Area Secretary Rosemary Moll. Now pay attention, I feel you are drifting off with Roy. This is the first time I have featured a photograph on the Failure Club Page, I know I KNOW it should have been Marilyn, but you will have to make do with Roy. Don't complain, you could be next.

So is falling asleep during the KTBA Annual Championships sufficient qualification for membership to the Failure Club? After giving the matter very careful consideration the answer is NO. Consider this, Roy had been at Gravesend all day watching you lot chucking balls at a heap of sticks sixty feet away is enough to send anyone to sleep, it used to drive me into the bar. So sorry Roy application refused.

REVENGE

Not long after being refused membership Roy made another application. This time its silly score time 214- 149-277 for a 640 series. Does that qualify? Well let me tell you after 40 years of trying he has now made it in to the Club. His last game read 3X 8/ 7X 9 for 277. So was it the 149? Well it could be, but the real reason for allowing Roy's membership he was playing against ME. I should have allowed his previous application and I would not have been trampled under foot in the last game. Well played Roy, welcome to the Club.. Love the Photo.



2006 MASTERS

JAN HODGE AND JUSTIN SHAW WIN 2006 KENT MASTERS COMPETITION

The 2006 Masters event took place on Sunday 14th May at AMF Gravesend. Eight men and eight women had been invited to take part. The competition started with all players bowling four games and the two players with the lowest scores in each section were dropped. The remaining six players then had to play two further games with the scores continuing to accumulate. After these two games a further two players were dropped from the contest and it continued to a stepladder final. The player in fourth in each event had to play against the player in first place and the players in second and third place played each other. The winners of these two matches then played each other for the honour of becoming the Kent men's master and Kent ladies master. Justin Shaw, after a rather rocky start to his campaign reigned victorious and at the end of the contest accepted his trophy from Area Secretary, Rosemary Moll. Jan Hodge finished in top place for the ladies and received her trophy from KTBA President, John Cudmore.



Congratulations Justin & Jan!

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