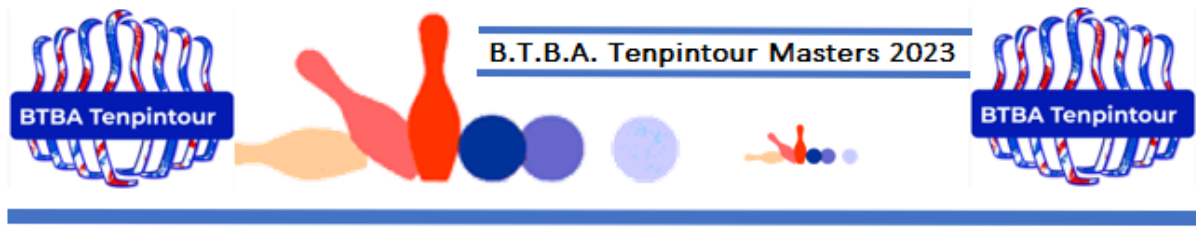


SQUAD A REPORT

We got our Masters event off to a flying start as Tournament manager, Chris Skudder bowled out of his skin, with scores of 259, 223, 265 and finishing off with 181. This was 44 pins above his average of 188 which put him top of the leader board. Steven Gee, Bob Ockelford and Steve Donowski were also on the money, recording between 16 and 32 pins above their averages. Alan Meades who is off to Columbia early in December to represent England in The World Senior Championships had a comparatively modest start, averaging 204 but with a tiny handicap of 9 could only finish 13th out of 17. Daren Knightsbridge was another one bowling out of his skin with an 839 scratch, but still only finishing in 6th place.

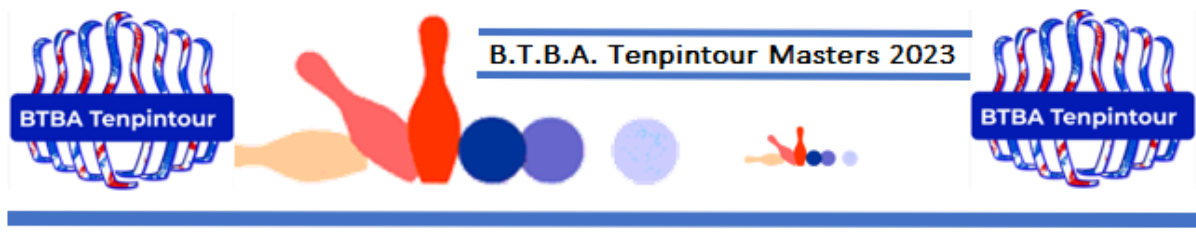
Over in the Ladies competition Carole Brock started her campaign with a pair of deuces and finished 18 pins over her average. Liz Griffin who has seven TPT events in her bag including two Order Of Merit titles, was hot on her tail with a comfortable 213 in game two which enabled her to keep 11 pins above her average.



SQUAD B REPORT

Keith Hodge was the star of this squad; all four games were over 200 only just below his Kent Team mate Chris Skudder's total from Squad A. Ricky Morgan's final game of 227 elevated him to 2nd place in the squad. The sumptuous 268 first game bowled by Barry Knox was a real confidence builder to start any tournament off with, and although he dipped in the next game, his scores of 201 and 225 to finish with gave him a good solid score to build on.

The Ladies squad was headed by Lynn Squibb who has six titles to her credit including a Masters and a Jan Steiner Plate. Lynn was 12 pins up on her average with a high score of 205. Sally Ann Webb was only a couple of pins behind in second place. The highest scratch score of 219 in this squad came from the experienced hands of Jan Hodge in game one.



SQUAD D REPORT

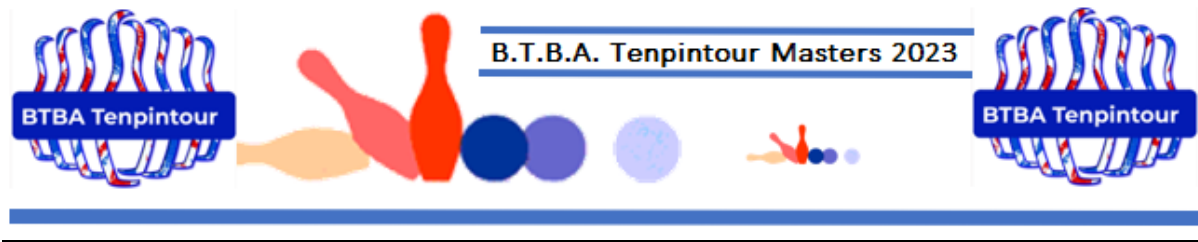
Daren Knightsbridge produced an outstanding exhibition of tenpin bowling in this squad, the highest scratch game, four game series, and three game series of the entire tournament. He entered the tournament with an average of 208, a great bowler who has been working hard on his game to maximise his dedication and talent. Having completed two squads on day one, he had recorded an eight - game average of 212, with all but one of those scores above the 200 mark. Daren started this squad with a 192, followed by 248 – 287 – 247. He was a striking machine; at one point it looked like he was only going to roll strikes. And those strikes were a sight to behold, most of them were absolutely bang on in the pocket and the pins just kept vanishing, very few 'lucky ' strikes, it was a masterclass. The 287 was particularly awesome, he struck the front 9 but frame ten was unkind to him. Despite this enormous scratch total of 974 he was still unable to top the squad because of his low handicap.

Bob Ockleford meanwhile was having a strikefest of his own! He bowled 40 pins above his entering average of 189 to compile a scratch total of 917 with scores of 232 - 191 - 225 and a fabulous 269 to finish. This put him top of the squad, 7 pins above Daren courtesy of his 16pin handicap advantage. Bob scored 981 total in Squad A which added to his 1053 in this one guaranteed him his spot in The Masters Final.

There was something about Squad D that seemed to bring out the best in so many bowlers, former Senior bowler of the year Gary Baker, Andrew Tapping, Nick Longworth and Harald Grau all recorded scores which averaged over 200, in fact three of those guys had all four scores showing red on the results sheet.

Meanwhile over in the Ladies competition Sandra Simmonds improved on her performance from yesterday! All four of her scores were above average and the 200-scratch benchmark. Again, this serial TPT winner led the pack from start to finish and her 232 – 213 – 210 – 226 sequence guaranteed her a spot in the Ladies Masters Final. Diane Johnson is off to Columbia to represent England Seniors early in December and this was her final event before her trip across the World for her Country. She was second in this squad with high scores 223 and 234, proving she is good enough to get on the plane.

SQUAD C REPORT



David North produced some scores to be proud of as he topped this squad, 248 and 235 being the best, netting a four-game series of 886. Close behind was Greg Turvey who matched David's 222 average, but with a smaller handicap trailed by 29 pins. He did however roll the highest game of the squad, a rather special 267 was his game two indulgence! Two other lads exceeded the 200 average target, all of Daren Knightsbridge's games were above that mark, the best of which was 233 netting an average of 214. Chris West bowled his best in the 4th game, a very tidy 234 was the best of his three deuces giving him an 841- scratch total. Daren and Chris both bowled well, but they were facing the issue that all good bowlers have in a handicap tournament, low handicaps.

Our newly crowned Order Of Merit Queen, Sandra Simmonds lead this squad from start to finish. A high game of 236 gave her a very impressive 201 average for the squad. Sandra had the top score in each of the first three frames and was third in game four. Anna Yang was the other bowler to record over 200 but still 59 pins behind Sandra in 2nd place.