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"Quote"

of the Quarter

"Winning can be defined as the science of being totally prepared"

George Allen
(US Sportswriter)

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Northern Ireland move into the World's Top 24

The QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup is the largest annual international sports championship in the world in terms of number of participating nations. 2005 marked the 41st edition of the tournament and took place in Slovenia. Lyn Watson & Billy Nimick represented Northern Ireland. The tournament was memorable for many reasons. There were four "300" games throughout the tournament, a number of returning champions and of course the thrill of competing in World Competition with close to 90 nations taking part.

Interest at home was unusually high, since bowlers had bought ballot tickets (in aid of the men's trip to Korea) for each competing country.

The Last 8

Successive impressive displays from Lynda Barnes of the United States saw her confirmed as number one seed for the quarterfinals, ending her 32 game stint with an outstanding 1926 over the last eight games and totalling 7527 overall pinfall, just under 500 pins above Sweden's

Helen Johnsson. The main focus was on the figure for the lower qualifying places as the women from Bahrain, Australia, Norway, Germany

qualifying rounds with an average of 232.63, five pins more than second-placed Petter Hansen of Norway, last year's runner-up in Singapore.



Billy Nimick & Lyn Watson representing Northern Ireland in the AMF World Cup in Slovenia

Northern Ireland

Our own representatives did exceptionally well. Billy Nimick, playing in his first World Cup Championships, made it into the last 24 in 24th position. In his last day bowling, Billy moved up to 23rd position and will no doubt be back again in the future. After partnering Lynda Barnes for the entire tournament, Lyn Watson also made it to the last 24. Going

and the Netherlands all had chances of beating the cut. Eventually the qualifying pair were Ann Louise Haugen of Norway, the sisiser of World Cup champion Kim Haugen, winner in 2001, and Australia's Clair Johnston. The men's quarterfinals saw Michael Schmidt of Winnipeg, Canada come home with a huge total pinfall of 7444 over the 32 games up until this point. Canada lead a talented bunch of eight players into Saturday's quarterfinals. He hit another great series of 1804 over the last eight games in the top 24 session and finished the

through in 19th position, she also managed to climb a place into 18th during the last day of play. Congratulations to Zara Payne who was lucky enough to select Canada from the fundraising ballot and Allen Sinton who chose Israel. As you might have guessed the Men's Winner was Canada and the Women's was won by USA. A special thank you to Dundonald International Ice Bowl for their continued sponsorship and support of this event. Northern Ireland looks forward to bigger and better results next year, however a venue has yet to be announced. We'll keep you informed.

Can I quote you on that?

It's that time of year again when we all start off with great enthusiasm and even greater resolutions. So before you commit yourself to something stupid like bungee jumping or not eating desserts, why don't we make a few suggestions. In the year when Ten Pin Bowling Federations around the world are fighting to include our sport in the Commonwealth Games in India 2010, let's take a professional approach to the New Year. If you feel something could be done better to improve our sport, don't complain about it – make a constructive suggestion to

make it better. If you want to be selected for a team – make the effort to practice more often. If we want to be treated like athletes, then act like it – stop smoking.

On the subject of 2006, Good Luck to all those selected to represent Northern Ireland in the Commonwealth Challenge in Australia and the Men's World Team Championships in Korea. Special congratulations also to George McKee who secured his Team place by winning his first Ranking Event in the December

tournament.

Everyone starts somewhere. Don't let another year slip away. Start a sport or get better at your sport—this year.

So if you've taken to using a hair-dryer to blow the dust off your son's lego collection only so that you can Hoover it up, you need to go down to the bowling alley more often (you know who you are).

May the New Year bring you good health and good bowling.

Thanks. - Ed

German Challenge Results

	Team	Score	Doubles	
1	BC Gettorf	2394	Sven Burmester/Maico Seidemann	1723
2	BC Eider	2335	Tobias Fürst / Michael Seul	1698
3	BC Eckernförde	2329	Dieter Meissner / Ramin Araghi	1646
	Singles		All Event	
1	Simon Martin	1283	Simon Martin	2680
2	Jose Santos	1254	Jose Santos	2660
3	Michel Langston / Michael Hintz	1226	Araghi Ramien	2612



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Also, keep an eye on our website (www.rpsbowling.com) for all year round deals and special offers!



“What isle for bowling lessons??”

Keve Horton was last quarter’s winner of the Caption Competition (here’s where Bertha finds out what he said). Below right is the new competition. Same rules as before, send your entries into the Newsletter and we’ll print the best of the bunch in the next issue.

Thanks - Ed



Some other worthy contenders from our Regular Reader John Lever in Leeds:

Some days you just can't buy a strike!

She is known to many as 'Molly with the trolley' but some people call her 'the tart with the cart'. (errr, sorry Bertha)

Why not have a go?

... You know you want to



International Representation & Fundraising

A meeting of all Northern Ireland Squad members (Juniors, Seniors & Adults) was held on 6th November following the November Ranking Event at DIIB.

The meeting was called to update bowlers on the current position of Federation finances and highlight the costs of accepting forthcoming international competition places. In summary, the meeting explained that in the last number of years the Federation has had higher expenditure than income figures and without significant fund raising could not expect to contribute to all forthcoming events. The uncertainty and lead-in time of

possible grant applications was also discussed.

Wide ranging views were expressed and several suggestions made. On the whole, the meeting was positively received and whilst some accepted the inevitability of paying for all competitions personally, many others accepted the challenge of raising combined funds towards tournaments and travel.

The Federation would like to thank everyone for their attendance and especially those who suggested practical, fund raising ideas. Special mention goes to George McKee who undertook to run a Special New Year’s Nine Pin Tap Compe-

titution in aid of Federation funds, Pat Nimick who collected ballot money for the World Cup draw and all those who committed to completing Bonus Ball Cards.

Several individuals undertook to approach firms and businesses for sponsorship and we wish them every success. We would remind all Federation members that whilst we encourage fund raising, we ask that the Council be advised in advance to ensure no duplication of efforts and to give us the opportunity to provide possible assistance. Alternatively, anyone who can think of a new or innovative way to raise funds (legally!!), please contact a Committee Member with your suggestion.

From Russia with Love

The Federation of sports bowling of Russia is glad to announce you that since October 2005 the travelling department of the Federation “300 Tour” starts its activity. Our target is to develop and to popularize bowling in Russia and we are ready to offer all amateurs of this sport an ability of active participation in bowling events which are held all over the world – official international tournaments, open commercial tournaments, trade-shows, clin-

ics, master-classes etc.

We are sure that our team-work aimed at the development of bowling-tourism in our countries will have a good influence on the development of the industry as a whole!

Whilst the NITBF have contacted our Russian counterparts to encourage co-operation and participation, due to our current financial standing, we have made no commitment of Northern Ireland’s availability to travel. Anyone wishing further details should contact the NITBF committee..

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2005 German Challenge

After a successful tournament in Dundonald Icebowl, where several German teams belonging to the Strike Busters Bowling Club (Rendsburgh – Germany) came to play on a two day tournament, and the RPS Team formed by Ryan Press, Peter Lilburn, David Williamson and Kenny Donnelly took the shield home, the expected re-match in Germany happened on the weekend of the 8th and 9th of October. George McKee and Michael Langston took responsibility for the organization of both tournaments and even though George could not attend the re-match in Germany, Michael took charge of the organization in the beautiful town of Rendsburgh.

Due to last minute cancellations and substitutions, we were able to send one and a half teams. The first team was made up of Kenny Donnelly, Jonny Fitzsimmins, David Seay and Jose Santos, whilst the second team was formed by Joan Scallan and Carol O'Reilly (Michael Langston decided to accept an invitation and play for his old team (Strike Busters) so two German bowlers complemented our second team).

The team arrived on Lübeck-Airport on Friday evening (after a not so nice flight with Ryanair - team unanimously decided that the pilot did the worst landing ever when the plane bounced off the runway during landing due to excess of speed on touchdown). – *Would it have anything to do with the weight of bowling balls Jose??* – Ed. We were received by Petra and Martin who volunteered to pick us up and drive us all the way to Rendsburg (75 miles). We arrived at the bowling alley where some of the German bowlers that came to Belfast on July were waiting for us. We had dinner and Jose, Kenny and Dave decided to test the lanes with a friendly

game. This first contact with the German bowling alley was not a good memory, approaches were perfect and as it is customary there, the lanes were oiled; however there was a significant lack of back-end reaction (that is to say all the balls were going dead straight) but at the time it was attributed to carry down; however we took this time to formulate plan B just in case the condition was repeated during the tournament.

The tournament started with the Team competition early on Saturday morning; the freshly oiled lanes were characterized by the complete absence of dry-zones in the back end (memories of the Odyssey bowl came to all our minds and comparisons were made that the Odyssey looked like Dundonald Icebowl when compared with the German lanes); but at least all the lanes were equally slick. Struggles started early on when the first team bowled a 688 in the first game (highlighted by a 139 by Kenny which was compensated with Jose's 215 – Jonny and Dave were head to head with a 150+ game a piece). Things got better on the other two games, but the damage was done; team finished 7th (out of 8) 152 pins away from first place. The second team did not fare any better (even though it was a handicap competition) finishing 8th 500 pins behind the first team.

The doubles started immediately after the team event (and after the lanes, to our collective amazement, were re-oiled). David and Jonny along with Carol and Joanne bowled on the first squad while Kenny and Jose bowled on the second squad. David decided to wake up for the doubles and bowled an 830 series (he claimed he is not a morning person hence his 514 opening series on the tem) and Jonny bowled a respectable 719 to go along with his 549 on the team; this was good enough for a 7th place. Carol and Joanne bowled a combined 1355 which landed them in 16th place (only 12 pins from the 15th place which in itself was a vast improvement over the team event given that Joan and Carol had only previously bowled in the 9-pin tap league at Dundonald Icebowl). Jose (656 in the team event) and Kenny (523 in the team event) bowled a 1486 series which was good enough for 12th place. That was the end of the first day in which the all event standings (7 games) found Jose in 6th place (1406), Dave on 16th (1344),

Jonny on 23rd (1268), Kenny 25th (1259) Michael Langston 24th (1266), Joanne 31st (1167) and Carol 32nd (1130). After the bowling the team was invited to a typical German meal which was excellent. After a walking trip back to the accommodation (in which we got lost and the 5 minute walk finished up being a 45 minute adventure) and a couple of hours of rest, we went back to the bowling centre for a night of fun (extreme bowling along with plenty of drinks).

Singles was played Sunday late morning – Jose took advantage of the lanes early on and bowled a 679 on the first three games which located him in second place behind Simon Martin (from Germany). From there it was a tooth and nail fight that finished with Martin defeating Jose in the last two frames of the 6th game (1283 to 1254) third place on the singles was shared by Michael Langston and Michael Hintz (1226).

After the Sunday's bowling, the team was invited by Ingo Dittkrist to an all-Sunday barbecue where the team got stuffed with food and drinks and on Monday a trip was organized to the nearby city of Kiel.

Overall it was a wonderful experience. We were treated great and the food was phenomenal. The lanes never (and I mean not a single time) broke down nor were any of the balls stuck at the back (German Engineering?)

We are looking forward to next year's re-match when we will try and get back the tournament shield. The list of winners for the tournament follows and if anyone is interested in going to bowl in Germany next year, the tentative tournament date is set to be in July with the German team coming to Belfast on October 2006. (More information can be acquired through George McKee or Michael Langston at the Dundonald Icebowl) - Results on page 2

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