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"Quote"

of the Quarter

Experience is a great advantage. The problem is that when you get the experience, you're too damn old to do anything about it.

Jimmy Connors

2005/2006 Ranking Season



Presentations for the 2005/2006 Season were made in Dundonald International Ice Bowl in August. Karen Payne is pictured on the left collecting the Ladies Ranking Shield. The Men's Shield went to George McKee, pictured right.



The Junior Shield was won by David Seay who is pictured right collecting his trophy from the Northern Ireland Tenpin Bowling Vice President, Allen Sinton.



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Senior Ranking Titles went to Christine Robinson pictured far left and Alan Smith pictured left. Both players bowl out of Dundonald International Ice Bowl.

Barbara Fowler was the proud recipient of the inaugural Handicap Scoring Shield sponsored by Powerworld. Powerworld owner, Paul McCualey, is pictured right presenting Barbara with the new Shield.



Can I quote you on that?

Welcome to the latest edition of the Turkey Times which launches us into the New Year. Speaking of the New Year, have you purchased your official NITBF calendar yet? It features all our local bowlers and friends. Contact Bertha Campbell or Allen Sinton before stocks are sold out.

Due to the volume of articles submitted for October's edition, we couldn't possibly print them all, so you'll find some articles carried over to this issue. This shouldn't deter anyone from sending in an article or a competition report, it's just that some months are busier bowling months than others. We will get around to all correspondence. And remember if you didn't get a mention, it's because we

don't like you - only joking - it's because we don't know. Keep us informed. Can't be everywhere at once!

We hope you find something of interest in this quarter's Newsletter and maybe the success stories you read here will encourage and motivate you to feature in the Newsletter during 2007.

Enjoy the New Year.

A word of thanks ... to the sponsors

On behalf of the Northern Ireland Junior Team that travelled to Berlin to participate in the World Youth Championships we would like express our thanks to the following sponsors: RPS Bowling for the sponsorship



of one free ball to each team member and GEM for the sponsorship of all team shirts for the event. Also we would also like to thank the Ulster Sports Trust for the Mary Peters Sports Awards that Grant Dugan, David Seay and Helen Tamblyn received to assist them with expenses of the event. **By Grant Dugan**



L-R David Seay, Grant Dugan, Helen Tamblyn & Peter Lilburn



Brunswick Superbowl Leagues

In the Handicap Scoring Doubles, Barbara Fowler & Pat Duffy lead the League by 6 points from Allen Sinton & Lyn Watson. The entrance of two new bowlers, has resulted in 2 new partnerships joining the League this Season. Stephanie Johnston has jointed Caroline Horan and shows continued improvement each week. Meanwhile Trevor Galbraith has returned to partner David Seay and they are currently in third place. As the remaining weeks become

fewer, the league begins to tighten with Mark Wilson & Willie Watson, Billy Moore & David Burnside and Jonathan Gilliland & Mickey Ennis are all tied on 40 points.

Jonathan Gilliland leads the Singles League from David Seay in second place. With one match still in hand Lloyd Smith is eagerly chasing down David Burnside for 3rd place, while Kev & Donna Horton fight out 5th & 6th place respectively.

Report by Lynda Watson

The annual Junior Irish Open took place at the Leisureplex in Stillorgan this year attracting players from all over the UK and Ireland. Players competed in U12, U16, U19 and U23 sections. Grant Dugan, David Seay and Helen Tamblyn played in the U23 section. Helen started with a 635 in the first 3 game set of the qualifying, with David and Grant shooting 559 and 528 respectively. This left Helen and David within the top 16 cut while Grant was just missing the cut in 17th. In the final 3 game set of qualifying Grant shot a 653 series while David and Helen shot 555 and 458 respectively. All our players made the top 16 cut for the second round, Grant to making the cut in 8th position (197 average), Helen making the cut in 13th position (187.17 average inc. 5 pin ladies bonus) and David making the cut in 15th position (185.67 average).



(l-r) David Seay, Grant Dugan & Helen Tamblyn

Lauren Dugan was playing in her first ever event outside Northern Ireland and started with a very respectable 172 first game. Lauren went on to shoot qualifying sets of 458 and 471 leaving her in 13th position and the chance to play in Round 2 (top 16) on the Sunday. Lauren was first to play her next 3 games in Round 2 on Sunday and ended up shooting a 453

series to leave her in a final position of 13th ended up shooting a 453 series to with a 153.56 average. Congratulations to Lauren on her ever improving performance and hopefully this will have been a more than invaluable learning experience for her.

Grant, David and Helen shot top 16 totals of 543, 581 and 556 respectively. Their final positions for the tournament were:

Grant – 10th – 191.67 average
 David – 12th – 188.33 average
 Helen – 13th – 188.22 average
 Well done to all our competitors and we look forward to improved results next year!

Report by Grant Dugan

Ranking Roundup

Event 2 took place in Brunswick Superbowl in October. The Men's Section was won by Kevin Horton followed in 2nd place by Kenny Donnelly & David Seay in 3rd place. Other notable performances came from Mike Langston in 5th place and local bowler Willie Watson in 11th place. The Ladies Section was won by Helen Tamblyn from Karen Payne in 2nd and Christine Robinson in 3rd. Christine also won the Senior section along with Sam Hull. Newcomer Kelly McDowell is showing continuing improvement in the Ladies Section whilst Raymond Chan won the Handicap Section. Grant Dugan took the honours in the Junior Section. Event 3 took place in the Odyssey. The Men's Section was won by Jose Santos and Helen Tamblyn. Helen also won the Junior Section this month. The Handicap Section went to Earl McComb while Alan & Isobel Smith made a clean

sweep of the Senior Section. A warm welcome is extended to Scott Horton who made an impressive start during his first Ranking Event this month. Event 4 at Dundonald in December proved to be very eventful. The PB's were raining down – must have thought it was Christmas or something! The event was won for the men by Raymond Chan (222 ave) from Kevin Horton and Billy Nimick in 2nd & 3rd places respectively. Raymond's high

an impressive 1752 (219 ave). Warren Press shot his first 700 (3 game) series recording a 708. All fairly impressive stuff. The Ladies Event gave Helen Tamblyn her 3rd successive Ranking win of the Season with a 201 average ahead of Christine Robinson in 2nd place and Barbara Fowler in 3rd. Lauren Dugan also threw in her first 700 (4 game) series with a 701 total for her first 4 game set of the Ranking. The Junior Section was won by David Seay. Good shooting all round.



Raymond Chan
Dec Ranking Winner

game (as at 12/12/06) stands at 267 with a 4 game high series of 964, not to mention his 222 average for December's ranking (not surprisingly, Raymond also won the Handicap Section this month). Not to be outdone, Grant Dugan pushed his high game to 269 and his 4 game high series to 920. His 8 game high series now stands at



Helen Tamblyn
3 Ranking Wins

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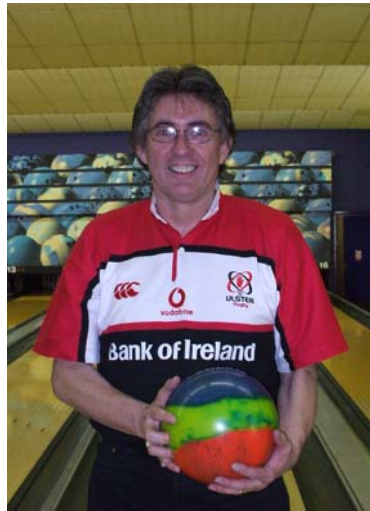


Bowler Profile — Allen Sinton

This quarter's Bowler Profile features Allen Sinton from Brunswick Superbowl.

Like most people Allen played the odd game of bowls for a laugh, before beginning to play regularly with a work team in 1990. Since then he's had successes in the Corporate Games, Irish Interbank competitions and won a Bronze Senior Triple Crown medal, but like most people will tell you the first win is always special and that was his team's Irish Bank Officials All Ireland win in Cork back in 1994. In the last number of years he has taken on more organisational roles in bowling such as the Northern Ireland Open and work-

ing with grant bodies. In fact, he tells us one of the highlights of his "bowling career" was his role of



Team Manager to the Ladies N.I. team who took part in the World Championships in Aalborg, Denmark in 2005. Apart from his lifelong support for Sunderland

Football Club, the other sport in Allen's life is golf. Having missed out on the opportunity to play golf to represent N.I., he thought his chances of playing in a country shirt had passed him by until he discovered tenpin bowling. Given how well Northern Ireland played in the 2006 Senior Triple Crown in Belfast, Allen's New Year Bowling Resolution would be to see Northern Ireland perform as well if not better in Liverpool this April and hopefully for the men to bring back a few medals.

But most of all, Allen reckons the best aspect of tenpin bowling has been the friends the sport has introduced him to over the years.

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Commonwealth Championships

Northern Ireland selected a team of four bowlers, Kenny Donnelly, Karen Payne, Christine Robinson & Ryan Press who along with several supporters travelled the mammoth journey to the land "down under" in Melbourne, Australia.

The championship took place over a week with individual, doubles, mixed doubles and team events played between 16 countries. The tournament proved to be of the highest international standard with many of the world's leading bowlers competing for medals.

The 3rd CTBC was launched with a spectacular opening ceremony featuring a march out of teams from the competing countries and was attended by many national and international VIP's including the President of the Commonwealth Games Sam Coffa; Secretary General of FIQ, Dr Danny Santos from Philippines and President of the Commonwealth Games Federation, Julian Pace-Bonello

from Malta. Key speaker was Cara Hon-eychurch who was triple gold medallist in Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur 1998. On the bowling front the competition was played on both long and short oil patterns which we all found difficult to maintain a good average over. The tournament was well run and there was not a



Ryan Press, Karen Payne, Christine Robinson & Kenny Donnelly

single technical hitch. The singles results were as follows: Christine Robinson placed 14th averaging 185, Karen Payne placed 21st averaging 173, Ryan Press placed 20th averaging 182, Kenny Donnelly placed 21st averaging 180. The doubles results were as follows, Karen Payne and Christine Robinson placed 12th averaging 160. Kenny Donnelly and

Ryan Press placed 9th averaging 186. The mixed team results were as follows: Ryan Press and Christine Robinson placed 17th averaging 188. Kenny Donnelly and Karen Payne placed 25th averaging 174. In the mixed team event N. Ireland were placed 11th with a 174 team average.

The medal tally was as follows; Australia 9, England 7, Canada 3, Malaysia 3, Malta 1, New Zealand 1 and for one man Sonith Lockhart from the island of Abaco in the Bahamas he was jubilant with his first ever historic medal achievement. "I enjoy the camaraderie and competitiveness but at the end of

the day we are all like family, hoping to see each other succeed.... This Commonwealth connection is by far the best connection in the world added Lockhart. We had a lot of fun outside the bowling too with sightseeing, we were within travelling distance from the city centre, the zoo, the harbour and many other attractions ...

Report by Christine Robinson