

# Turkey Times

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## "Quote"

of the Quarter

**"Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes"**

Oscar Wilde

## April sees change in bowling approach

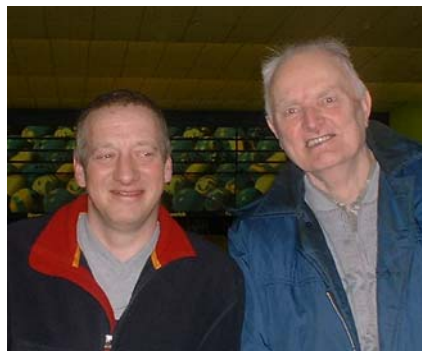
After lengthy discussions the NITBF are pleased to confirm their involvement in a new joint "partnership in sport" initiative created by the Council of Sport. Considering the similarities which already exist between our two sports, our partners for the incoming year will be the Golf Federation of

Ireland. Whilst we will see many benefits from our partnership, concessions will need to be made to bring our sports into alignment for joint marketing purposes. From 1st April 2006, a new Ladies Foul line will be implemented in all sanctioned bowling centres. This means the men will continue to bowl from 60 feet while the ladies will instead bowl from 55 feet. Regular

bowlers will also know that provisional trials of caddying bowling bags has resulted in very positive feedback. At the January Committee Meeting it was unanimously passed that the trails be extended to all lady bowlers. From the 1st April 2006, all ladies bags are to be carried from the car park to the bowling alley and left on the lanes. Your assistance is appreciated.

## Brunswick's High Rollers

Let me introduce Billy Moore and his son-in-law David Burnside. Billy and David are regular league bowlers in Brunswick Super-bowl and each Monday night they form a Doubles partnership capable of taking on the best. On 6th February David began with 8 in a row in the Singles against our experienced (Ed - notice how I didn't call you old Key) international Kevin Horton finishing on a 240 scratch game. The



David Burnside & Billy Moore

following week David continued to string the strikes together and threw a 223 game in his Doubles. Not to be outdone, father-in-law Billy

decided to teach the youngster a lesson and after beginning with 6 in a row, bowled a 231 scratch game to finish. (Did I mention Billy has a 39 handicap that still had to be added on?). All joking aside lads, impressive bowling – but next time ..... pick a match that isn't a

Bye!!

Scoring for the set of games were as follows:

Billy 154, 164, 231 (Scratch)  
David 153, 223, 196 (Scratch)

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## Can I quote you on that?

### Welcome to the April edition of Northern Ireland Tenpin Bowling Federation Newsletter.

Normally I have to rack my brains to think what to include in the editorial section of the Newsletter, but this quarter we're overflowing with "deserving mentions".

Firstly let me welcome a few sheep back to the fold ... or should that be bowlers back to the alleys. After an absence of over 6 years Mary Beth King was quick to notch up a 209 game (just like she'd never been away) in Brunswick Superbowl and David Williamson made a welcome return to the Ranking scene in Dundonald in February. February also saw

Grant Duggan back to better health and producing a terrific display of bowling. I'm sure everyone will join me in hoping that Grant continues his spectacular recovery. New faces to recent Ranking tournaments include Christopher Walkinshaw and Carol O'Reilly. We hope you felt welcome and will be encouraged to play in more events. I must also give a quick

mention to Zara Payne who won her first game off her mum Karen in Brunswick Superbowl's Ranking in January (it's all down hill from here Karen)!!! And I couldn't go without mentioning Granny Bertha who did her bit for Junior Development with the introduction of grand-daughter Mia. Anyone you think deserves a mention, let me know. *Ed*

## The Big 3-0-0

Word on the grapevine is that there's some pretty hot bowling on the lanes at the minute. In Dundonald David Williamson has had no less than two perfect games since the start of the year and he's not on his own. Not to be outdone, Billy Nimick also achieved another league 300 at the start of the year and yet another (we've lost count at this stage) on Sunday morning practice at the end of March. But the outbreak isn't confined to Dundonald. Brunswick Superbowl hit back with Mark Wilson throwing his first perfect game in the

Monday Night Singles League. He was closely followed by Lloyd Smyth (on the same night) who only just missed out in the last frame. And Brunswick's "adopted son" David Seay cleared all in his path on Monday 20th March by throwing a 1396, 6 game series (232+ average). But whilst it's great to hear and see all the big scores, don't forget, we all started somewhere. Every achievement is worth a mention—big or small. If there's someone out there with a Personal Best, make sure they get a mention.

## Pin Badges

As most bowlers will know it is customary to swap pin badges with opposing teams or players at Triple Crown tournaments and International events. If anyone is interested in buying badges for forthcoming competitions. Please contact Karen Payne or another member of NITBF committee who will place an order on your behalf.

## Senior Triple Crown

The Senior Triple Crown will be held over the weekend of the 8th & 9th of April in Dundonald International Ice Bowl. This will be an opportunity to see bowlers from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Jersey, Guernsey and the

Isle of Man bowling locally. And don't forget our own medal hopes. Why not call by and lend your support. Our bowlers would all appreciate your encouragement. We'll let you know how they get on in our next issue.



**“I told you mine was bigger than yours!”**

Thanks to Donna Horton who is this quarter’s caption winner. 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*

Why not have a go?

You know you want to ....

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## Birthday Boys

Two of our regular bowlers and indeed committee members, celebrated birthdays last quarter. Many happy returns to Paul McCauley and Jose Santos.



## Sports Personality Awards

Many of our local bowlers turned out to support Kev Horton and Paul McCauley in their quest for the Derry District Sports Council male personality of the year award.

A very enjoyable evening was hosted at the Everglades Hotel by our Sports Council jointly with the sponsors Derry Credit Union. The various awards were presented by the former Minister of Sport Kate Hoey MP, who delivered an excellent speech. She emphasised the importance of development



of facilities for our young sports stars of the future, with London 2012 being their ultimate goal.

Unfortunately Kev and Paul were unsuccessful in their challenge for an award, with athletics claiming the top places. Thankfully tenpin bowling did not go home totally empty handed. Nicki Lang from the Belmont Special Olympics team won the top prize in the Sports with Disabilities category.

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## Bowler Profile—Raymond

**This quarter's Bowler Profile features Raymond Chan from Dundonald International Ice Bowl.** He is married to Katherine and has a 6 year old son, Nathan. Although Raymond has been bowling for fun since about 16 it is only in the last 2 years he has been involved in league bowling. Whilst he practices about 3 times a week, his work commitments



mean he can only bowl in one league. Raymond tells us he's proud of the continued improvement in the accuracy

and consistency of his game over the last 6 months. To date 216 is his best game and 580 his 3 game high series. Raymond says he enjoys bowling because it is a very sociable sport which gives him the opportunity to meet lots of new people. We asked what advice he'd give to any other would-be bowlers, "Get advice from other bowlers and practice, practice and more practice".

## Irish Open—January 2006

**The organising committee of this years Irish Open must be congratulated for having their tournament upgraded to European Tour status. The main result this had was to increase the standard of the competitors who travelled to Dublin, as well as the numbers who took part.**

An excellent few days bowling culminated in Svein Roger Olson from Norway and Scotland's Laura Rhoney both coming from behind to triumph in the step-ladder finals.

Once again we saw the number one seeds fall at the final hurdle with England's Paul Moor and Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark suffering defeat on this occasion.

The woman's deciding match didn't provide a lot of strikes but went down to the last frame with Laura winning 197 - 191.

In contrast the mens final game saw

Paul opening the first frame and Svein start with a 7 bagger, to run out the winner 265 - 216.

Northern Ireland's best performances came from Helen Tamblin finishing 36th with a 181.75 average and David Williamson who ended up 46th averaging 206.5. Well done to both of them. The social side of the Irish Open was as usual excellent with a good contingent of N.I. bowlers making the trip. We might not have been the most successful country there but the craic was good.

Roll on next January !!!

One aspect of the trip to Dublin which was very encouraging, was the interest being shown in our own N.I. Open event scheduled for the 17/18 June at Brunswick Superbowl. There was a group of approx 20 bowlers from Dublin who have travelled up for the last 2 years and would not miss the event for anything. They even had their entry list prepared

before we got there and we were just handed all the names in one go. The social side of a weekend in Derry is hard to beat and our organising committee is more than hopeful of another excellent turnout this year. Da Vinci's Ramada Hotel is once again looking after our visitors and we would urge anyone who wants accommodation to book it as soon as possible. The Scottish Federation President is also organising a party to travel over for the weekend, which includes several new faces this time. As I'm sure everyone is aware there are 3 squads on the Saturday morning, 8.00, 9.30 and 11.30. As I write this the C squad is virtually full with the places in the 9.30 one filling up fast. So make sure you avoid disappointment and get your entries in pronto !!! You can either ring Allen on 07708372843 or e-mail Barbara or Lynda on either address below. b\_l\_fowler@hotmail.com or lblackindustries@hotmail.com

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