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"Quote"

of the Quarter

Remember, when you look up and see a man standing on top of a mountain, he didn't fall there!

Anon

2006 Senior Triple Crown

On 8th & 9th April, Northern Ireland played host to the 2006 Senior Triple Crown.

The Triple Crown is played between England, Ireland, Isle of Man, Guernsey, Jersey, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland.

Such was the standard of play, it's hard to know where to begin. The Men's



Singles was won with a 725 series shot by Ireland's John Wilson, followed by Scotland in Silver & England in

Bronze. Northern Ireland's Sam Hull just missed out in 5th place. The Ladies Gold went to Yvonne Randall from Ireland narrowly beating our own Christine Robinson by only 2 pins with England again in 3rd. Unfortunately no medals were won during the trios

event but the Doubles proved a more successful event for NI with

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Better Late Than Never — N.I. Open

This is one maxim that can certainly be applied to the winners of the 2006 Northern Ireland Open, held on 17th and 18th June, at Brunswick Super Bowl. The first time winners were Scotland's Laura Rhoney and Paul Stott Jnr from Dublin. Both of them left things to the last minute in one way or another. Laura was one of the last entries to the event, only getting in on a cancellation, but has assured us she will book much earlier for 2007 in order to attempt to defend her trophy. Meanwhile Paul just preferred to lie on in bed on both Saturday and Sunday mornings, leaving his arrival for the second morning so late he

only had 30 seconds to spare! The event was played on the warmest weekend of the year and the standard of a lot of the bowling was pretty hot as well.



Ladies Winners, left to right, Lyn Watson (3rd) City Mayor Cllr Helen Quigley, NITBF VP Allen Sinton, Laura Rhoney (1st) & Carol Catchpole (2nd).

The early leaders after the first 4 games were Christine Robinson, Lyn Watson and Lorraine

Weldon, for the ladies, with Graham Turner in front of Del Delaney and Billy Nimick in the men's event. But as always things change quickly in the bowling world with several dramatic movements, both up and down, during the afternoon sessions. Lyn moved clear of the pack with a 905 series which left her averaging over 209 for the first 8 games, with Laura Rhoney moving from 11th to 2nd after an 867 series. Carol Catchpole from Wicklow continued her steady improvement moving up to 3rd. The men's section major movers during games 5 - 8 were Paul Stott Jnr who went from 17th to 8th and Jose Santos from Belfast climbing from 10th to 1st. Jose's series of 932 included the high game of the weekend, a 290.

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Can I quote you on that?

Welcome to the July edition of the Turkey Times. Before everyone gets too engrossed reading about the Senior successes in the Triple Crown or the other tournaments filling our pages this quarter, there are a few notices and reminders that need to be got out of the way beforehand.

Firstly- and very importantly—the starting time for N I Ranking tournaments is moving to 9.30 am. This will take effect from the World Cup Qualifier (which is also the first N I Ranking event) 20/08/06 and will continue for the rest of the season. Secondly, anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the Federation Accounts discussed at the AGM held on 06/04/06 can do so by

contacting our Treasurer, Mr Joe Littlewood. So now that we have all the business stuff out of the way we can move onto pleasanter things. Anyone would think that with the Summer Season upon us the pace would be easing off a little, but I'm told that Ken Marshall shot his first 700 series (717 no less) in Dundonald International Ice Bowl in April followed by Grant Dungan

at the start of June (252, 245 & 205). Incidentally, together with Helen Tambllyn they shot a 1316 between them that day. Not to be outdone, Jonathan Gilliland in Brunswick Superbowl shot two personal best high game in as many weeks. Keep up the good work everyone—and keep letting the rest of us know. It doesn't half frighten the competition!!

European Gold Cup Report

On 6th May I flew out from Dublin to Luxembourg to represent Northern Ireland at the 30th European Gold Cup. On arriving in Luxembourg the first thing I noticed when I stepped off the plane was the heat heating me in the face, finally some summer weather! Later that evening I had official ball check so I could check out the bowling centre to see how it compares to those back home. The centre was superbly run and managed by a man interested in bowling as a competitive sport, a difference to back home. On the Sunday I had a free day so I got to visit Luxembourg city to see some of the sites. It was a lovely place, very clean and similar to Germany in terms of architecture. Monday was the first bowling session at 8am for official practice. The tournament conditions were excellent and it took a while to adjust to the sport pattern. Tuesday was the beginning of qualifying at 9am, after the first set of 6 games I was lying 4th overall with a 1068 total for 6 games. 2nd set began at 5pm in which I shot 970 leaving me in 14th position at the end of the day on a 2038



*Grant Dungan in Luxemburg
7th—12 May 2006*

scratch total. Wednesday was the final set of qualifying and all I needed was to hold my nerve to make the top 16 finals. I shot 1040 for this set leaving me in 13th position after qualifying so I had made the Top 16 Finals. Thursday was the start of the finals, 6 games to be played with the top 8 players making it through to the next round. I ended up playing a 1022 for the 6 games which was not enough to improve my overall position and I exited the competition in 13th position missing the top 8 cut by 55 pins. Overall I can say that the experience of the competition will prove to be priceless, I learnt more in that one week than I have done in my years of bowling. Apart from the bowling the people I have met from all across Europe made the trip even more special and enjoyable. I know I have made friends for life and I just hope that the rest of my teammates from Northern Ireland will get to experience this truly great step into the international bowling scene!

By Grant Dungan



**R – L Nathan Chan (6),
Zack Millar (10) &
Carter Bryson (8)**

Saturday Morning Juniors

The Junior Club runs every Saturday morning from 10.30am until 12.30pm at Dundonald International Ice Bowl, Belfast. Cost is £5 with help and instruction always on hand for our up and coming bowlers. Just like 10 year old

Megan, who Karen assures me is “turning out to be great wee bowler”! 10 year old Carter Bryson will show you how it's done (right).



Caption Competition



“Look I’m only going to show you one more time!”
 I just thought it was nice of someone to buy the poor homeless man breakfast, but this quarter’s caption winner is Jean Martin. 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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Ranking Round Up

April in Brunswick Superbowl saw George McKee claim another tour win. Good performances also from Tony O’Hare in 10th and a welcome return to Mickey Ennis with a well deserved 15th place. Ladies winner was Karen Payne with Christine Robinson and Sam Hull winning the Senior Section. The Dundonald Ranking in May

was won by David Seay with the help of a 300 game along the way. The ladies section was won by Lynda Watson with the Senior Section being won by Jean Martin and Alan Smith. Good performances this month by David Frame (10), Peter Lilburn (11) & Raymond Chan (12). The Odyssey Bowl played host to the 10th Ranking

Event in June. Winners were Kenny Donnelly & Donna Horton. Senior winners were Len Wrightson & Christine Robinson. This proved a good event for Junior winner Grant Dugan who also took high series (838) and handicap section. Another junior making headlines was Megan McKee in 10th place, notching up a 211 game along the way.

Alan Murphy 24/11/51 - 28/04/06

Sadly this quarter, tenpin bowling suffered the loss of Alan Murphy. Alan died peacefully at home after brief illness. His employment saw him work throughout Northern Ireland before returning to L’derry after taking early retirement. As well as being a regular league bowler at Brunswick Superbowl, Alan was an integral part of the Northern Bank tenpin



bowling team as a Corporate Games medalist, two time winner of the IBOA All Ireland Championships and a further two time winner of the Irish Interbanks Trophy. He will be remembered for his sense of humour, his Louis Armstrong impression and his racing tips, but most of all, his friendship.

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Bowler Profile — Jonathan Gilliland

This quarter's Bowler Profile features Jonathan Gilliland from Brunswick Superbowl. Jonathan started bowling about 8 or 9 years ago. He likes bowling as it gives him the opportunity to meet up with everyone on League Nights and enjoys the competition of Ranking Events.

Over the last year Jonathan has been proud of his continu-

ing improvement. He set a personal best high game of 258 during the



recent Northern Ireland Open event and followed it up by going a

pin better the next week. He attributes this new confidence to the help and coaching of other experienced bowlers and would especially like to thank Kevin, Mickey, Paul and Willie for their time and advice.

Jonathan's ambition is to one day win through to the Northern Ireland Open stepladder or perhaps have the opportunity to bowl in a tournament in another country.

2007 Northern Ireland Open

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The top 8 ladies and 16 men progressed to a further 4 games on Sunday morning, prior to the step ladder finals. Laura continued her climb finishing 1st in front of Lyn and Carol. From the men's perspective Paul continued on where he had left off on Saturday progressing from 8th to 2nd. Ballymena's Kenny Donnelly had a great morning climbing up to a 3rd position in the step ladder from 12th overnight. Jose

kept his number 1 position in front of these two with Billy in 4th and Del in 5th. An excellent band of supporters turned out for the finals, giving lots of encouragement to all the players. Carol got off to a great start against Lyn with an early 4 bagger and proceeded to a clean game of 237 against 179. The final didn't reach quite the heights of earlier rounds, but

went down to the last frame, with Laura completing a North/South double, winning 197 - 181. The mens finals produced some excellent scores,

starting off with Del beating Billy 257 - 233.

Kenny then accounted for Del bowling 228 - 184, but his 203 game couldn't compete with Paul's super 262.

This left Paul against Jose in the final and as happens all too often in step ladders, the person leading through to this stage loses out. Paul won in a

low scoring match, which none the less, was very exciting for the spectators. For the record the scores were 169 - 165. The formalities were completed by the City's Mayor, Helen Quigley, presenting our trophies and bringing the curtain down on an excellent weekend.

By Allen Sinton



Men's Winners, left to right, Jose Santos (2nd), Paul Stott Jnr (1st (1st) & Kenny Donnelly (3rd).

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Christine Robinson & Pat Duffy claiming a Silver Medal place behind England and in front of Ireland. Highest placed Northern Ireland men's duo were Allen Sinton & Earl McComb in 10th. The last event of the weekend was the Team Event which I personally think is the most difficult event to medal in. The 5 "man" team makes for a long drawn out set of games and requires all players to be playing well at the same time. Concentration is difficult with long intervals between shots. I'm delighted to say the Ladies turned in an impressive performance to win a Bronze Medal behind England & Ireland. A solid performance all through the weekend saw Christine Robinson also win a Silver Medal in the All Events. Congratulations to all the team on a highly successful and enjoyable weekend. **Report by Lyn Watson**