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## "Quote"

of the Quarter

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.

Thomas Jefferson

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## 2007 European Gold Cup—Cyprus

This year Northern Ireland was represented by Lauren Dugan (18) and Jonathan Gilliland (37) at the 31st European Gold Cup in Paphos, Cyprus

from 7th-13th May. Both of these players won their respective qualifying sections in the NITBF National Ranking Tour for the chance to participate against players from another 24 countries across Europe. The players were joined by Grant Dugan (Team Coach/Manager) for the trip to Cyprus.

After the opening ceremony the first action of the event would be in the mixed doubles. With both players representing Northern Ireland for the first time this would be a good nerve-settler before going on to play in their re-

spective singles sections. Both players started the 6 game set of mixed doubles steadily which continued leaving them with an overall mixed doubles total of 2057 earning them 21st place. The winners for

set total was 973. At the start of her 2nd set Lauren made a fantastic start with opening games of 185 and 196. Again Lauren continued to play steadily for the remainder of her 18 qualifying games and

finished with a 2924 total earning her 23rd position overall.

Afterwards Lauren summed up her tournament, "I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I learnt many new things. I have also made new friends from across Europe. I look forward to many more international tournaments if this one was anything to go by. Also thanks to my brother Grant

Dugan for coming as my coach."

Jonathan was also playing in his first international event and was to have a great finish in the men's section in which he made the Top 16 cut and narrowly ....

the mixed doubles event were Poland.

Next it was Lauren's turn to get the ball rolling in the start of the women's singles event. With Lauren only being 18 and having just started bowling 2 years ago she made a great steady start with games of 173 and 171. Lauren's first 6 game



**Representing Northern Ireland, Lauren Dugan & Jonathan Gilliland pictured with Team Manager Grant Dugan (centre)**

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## Can I quote you on that?

Welcome to the latest edition of the Turkey Times. Hopefully there's enough here to keep you reading over the Summer break and inspire you to come back into the new Season rearing to go.

With extra flyers included this quarter, be careful not to miss anything. There's your chance to become a qualified instructor as well as an entry form for the 2007 AMF World Cup Qualifier to be held in Dundonald International Ice Bowl on Sunday 19th August.

There will be plenty happening between now and the next Newsletter, such as prize draws and new events so keep your eyes on the notice boards and pop into our website every once in a while just to make sure you don't miss anything. You'll find us at [www.nitbf.org.uk](http://www.nitbf.org.uk).

Enough from me, I'll leave you to your reading. Remember if there's something or someone you'd like to see in the Newsletter next time around, let me know. Myself or any member of the Federation can be contacted on [contact@nitbf.org.uk](mailto:contact@nitbf.org.uk)

*Report by Lyn Watson*

## Simply a Game of Trying to Knock Down the Most Pins

One of the most common mistakes I see amateurs making is a reluctance to play the lanes in a place that is outside their normal comfort zone. Insisting on playing the second arrow, when it is obvious that the third arrow is the place that provides the best margin for error is a sure way to sink your score. A perfect example of this is the PBA's Cheetah pattern, which is always the highest-scoring of the five patterns used on Tour. In fact, critics have said for years that the Cheetah pattern is too easy and produces a ridiculously high scoring pace. Some have even said that it should never be used again. But the interesting thing, now that there are PBA Experience Leagues sanctioned by the USBC, is that the Cheetah pattern is actually the LOWEST scoring pattern for amateurs. The reason for this is that most amateurs are not comfortable playing the extreme outside part of the lane, which is where you must play in order to take advantage of the Cheetah pattern's short oil dressing and extremely dry backends.

Consequently, while the pros average 21 pins higher on the Cheetah pattern than the more difficult Shark pattern, amateurs actually perform better on the Shark because there is more oil and it allows them to play closer to their comfort zone.

That leads us to my final topic, which is the importance of experiencing as many new conditions and environments as possible through practice. The way that most of us pros reached the level we're at today is through a constant desire to learn new tricks and new ways to play lane conditions which we found difficult in the past. We can see proof of this desire in the ability of some of the players on Tour to compete equally on widely diverse lane conditions. The best of the best have learned the most efficient way to play on all of the five different oil patterns to give them a chance to win any given week. And they gained this knowledge and experience the old-fashioned way, through hard

work, perseverance and a willingness to keep an open mind and try new things.

An open mind is your biggest asset in bowling, because the environment is constantly changing from week to week, game to game and frame to frame. And the more you practice and experience new environments, the more tools you'll be able to access when the time comes to use them.

At the end of the day, bowling is simply a game of trying to knock down the most pins in the fewest number of shots. The reason the pros are the pros is because we have this down to an art of throwing away the fewest pins possible. On Tour, the difference between averaging 225 and 220 for a season can put you tens of thousands of dollars apart in the standings. For amateurs, the consequences are not nearly as severe, but the satisfaction of knowing that you're making strides toward your own personal goals can be just as satisfying.

*by Brian Voss*

*"Maxing out your score"*

*Bowlers Paradise.com*



missed out on the Top 8 by only 1 pin! Jonathan started slowly in the men's event but soon made up for a poor start with 2 200+ games giving him a first 6 game set total of 1103. Jonathan then continued to grow in confidence and this certainly showed when he scored a fantastic 247 game in his 2nd set. A solid steady finishing set of 1134 would see Jonathan make the Top 16 cut with a 3340 18 game total in 10th position.

It was then onto the Top 16 for Jonathan in which all previous scores were wiped and the players remaining would start again from 0. Jonathan again played steadily and a 4th game

of 225 put him in a great position to stand a chance of making the Top 8 cut. Unfortunately Jonathan was to miss the



Top 8 cut by 1 pin to Babiuc Serghei of Moldova, who ended up going on to win the gold medal!

Jonathan said, "I learnt a lot from my first international event experience and I really enjoyed the competition. I am very pleased with my finishing

position and look forward to building on this."

The winners of the event were Patrycja Suszczewicz (Poland) in the women's and Babiuc Serghei (Moldova) in the men's.

Overall this was a great performance by the Northern Ireland Team with both players playing above their averages. Jonathan can also take the glory of being the top placed player from Great Britain. Personally I would like to congratulate both of the players on their performance and I am certain that you both learnt a lot from the experience. Wishing you both the best for the future!

**Report by Grant Dugan**



The 2007/08 Season will see a few changes within the Junior/YAC Ranking Tour. From next Season the Junior/YAC Ranking Tour will be divided into two sections—(U24 Open Scratch & U19 Handicap).

All U24 NITBF members will participate in the U24 Open Scratch section by which your Junior/YAC ranking position will be determined for squad selection. **\*To be eligible you must be under 24 as at 1st September 2007.**

An U19 Handicap section will be run alongside the U24 sec-

tion with handicap calculated as 75% of the difference from 190. **\*To be eligible you must be under 19 as at 1st September 2007.**

All Junior members under 19 should be aware that from next Season you will be required to pay the full adult ranking fee if you wish to earn points in the adult ranking section. If you pay the usual junior fee you will only receive junior ranking points. If you have any questions regarding the new Junior/YAC Ranking Tour please contact Grant Dugan at (grant.dugan@nitbf.org.uk)

## 300 Game



On 21st May 2006, David Seay not only won his first Ranking Tour event, he did it with the help of a perfect 300 game. David is pictured above collecting his certificate from the NITBF, the sports governing body in recognition of his official 300 game. Let's hope there are many more to come in the new Season.



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## Bowler Profile — Kevin Horton

**This quarter's Bowler Profile features Kevin Horton from Brunswick Superbowl.**

Kevin has been bowling for 25 years and in that time has travelled extensively to represent Northern Ireland in 5 World Cups and 5 European Championships. He is the holder of 3 official 300 games and a

further 9 unofficial perfect games. To date his career highlights include winning the Northern Ire-



land Open in Ballymena and a top 13 finish in the World Cup in Honduras. Behind the scenes, Kevin

has held the position of Vice President of the Northern Ireland Tenpin Bowling Federation for the last 2 years. He is responsible for the FIC committee and also assists with organising travel arrangements for Northern Ireland players in world wide competitions. Asked what his advice is to other bowlers, he sums it up very simply, "Adapt & overcome".

*Report by Caroline Horan*

## Junior Irish Open & World Youth Championships

Are you a new star on the bowling horizon? Looking for competition experience? Want to compete for prizes against players of the same age group? Then look no further than playing in the Junior Irish Open this year!!!

As part of our expanding junior numbers we are interested in taking more participants to the Junior Irish Open in November this year, at Leisureplex, Stillorgan. The competition comprises of U12, U16, U19 and U23 sections and attracts juniors from all over the UK & Ireland. All arrangements for the competition will be made by the NITBF Junior Committee making it an enjoyable weekend for all Northern Ireland junior representatives.

Interested???



Next year the NITBF are hoping to send a youth squad (U23) comprising of a maximum of 4 girls & 4 boys to participate in the prestigious World Youth Championships in none other than Orlando, Florida! The selected players will gain the chance to represent Northern Ireland

internationally in an once-in-a-lifetime event where they will play against some of the best young players on the world scene.

The experience gained will be invaluable and you never know you could be the next World Champion! So what are you waiting for? In order to stand a chance of representing Northern Ireland at this competition it is necessary that you join the NITBF Junior/YAC Ranking Tour in the 07/08 season. Based on numbers interested, selection will be decided using the all new Junior/YAC Ranking Tour next Season.

If you have any questions regarding the new Junior/YAC Ranking Tour or indeed any aspect of junior bowling please contact Grant Dugan ([grant.dugan@nitbf.org.uk](mailto:grant.dugan@nitbf.org.uk)) who will be happy to answer any queries.