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## "Quote"

of the Quarter

**Adversity causes some men to break, others to break records.**

**William A Ward**

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## 2006 Adult Triple Crown at Nantgarw, Cardiff

Congratulations to the above players who represented Northern Ireland at their recent Triple Crown. Northern Ireland

finished second in the final standings losing out to England in first place.

Nations in attendance this year were; England,

Guernsey, Ireland, Jersey, N.Ireland, Scotland and Wales. A minutes silence was held during the opening ceremony for Lez Rogers, who sadly passed away while on international duty at the Commonwealth Invitational in Melbourne. Billy & Kenny got off to a great start in the singles finishing in the top ten with Billy hitting a 247 game and scoring top points in his group. Donna was outstanding in the Ladies Singles scoring top points in her group and winning the Gold medal. In the Mens Doubles, Northern Ireland Teams 1 & 3 scored top points in their groups with Kenny & Kevin winning the silver medal

both hitting a 200 average. Donna & Karen won the silver medal in the ladies doubles with Karen hitting a 241 game. Both teams in

finishing on a 235 game. Kenny Donnelly was in 2<sup>nd</sup> position overall and Karen Payne in 8<sup>th</sup>. They then went onto represent us in the Masters. Kenny bowled a 200 average in the masters while Karen bowled a 185. Excellent bowling considering the very warm conditions in the Bowling Alley. Conditions on the lanes were difficult as bowlers struggled to adjust to approaches that were extremely slippy on parts. Heat was also a considering factor as the temperatures were high outside and the Bowling Alley had no air condition-



ing. The weekend ended with an excellent carvery style dinner in a lovely hotel. The food and drink were good. An excellent weekend was had by all with everyone bringing home at least one medal.

Report by Caroline Horan



# Can I quote you on that?

Welcome to the October edition of the Turkey Times. Firstly let me thank everyone who contributed to this quarter's Newsletter. It really is bursting at the seams. Secondly, I must apologise for the articles I had to "bump" to the next issue to give them the space they deserved.

If I had a vote for the most improved bowlers over the last season, these next two bowlers would be high on my list. Not content with setting a new personal best, Lauren has been seen to beat her own personal best 3 times in one week. At the time of going to print her high game was 212 with a series of 533. Another high achiever who has not gone unnoticed this quarter is Jonathan Gilliland who featured in our last Bowler Profile. Jonathan hit a

"purple patch" with 235, 245 & 214 in a row during Dundonald's Sunday Singles tournament and followed on by achieving a personal best of 266 the following week in his home centre of Brunswick Superbowl. And Lauren's big brother Grant shouldn't be forgotten either. Grant went front 9 for his high game of 277. So keep sending in your articles and news. Next quarter we'll be here about the Commonwealth Championships in Australia and much more.

## European Gold Cup Standings

Ranking Number one in August was not only the World Cup Qualifier but also the start of this season's European Gold Cup (EGC) Qualifier Tour. The tour will take place in the first 7 events of the season and the winners of both the male and female section will represent Northern Ireland in the Gold Cup which this year will take place in Cyprus.

The EGC is the only handicap tournament in the European Tenpin Bowling Federation calendar and is regarded as the first step for bowlers to go into the international scene; this statement is ratified by the eligibility criteria set by the ETBF and which can be seen in the enclosed document. Because of these requirements, the table of results for the first 4 events of the tour is going to be subject to changes as new bowlers meet the entry requirements

or current participants fail to meet the average or minimum number of games criteria. As the first event finishes, some bowlers already meet the average and minimum number of games criteria, however, as the level of play increases, this can easily change. On the first event Allen Sinton and Megan McKee won their respective sections and received 12 points, also participating in the event were Jonathan Gilliland (2<sup>nd</sup>), Steve O'Brien (3<sup>rd</sup> – needs 18 games), David Seaby (needs 10 games), Gerald Mackenzie (needs 42 games), Michael Langston (needs 42 games), Raymond Chan (needs 10 games) and Mike Terry; on the ladies section Lauren and Zara finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively.

Also eligible as of the first ranking this year and still with a chance to play in the tour are Richard Jamison, Warren Press, Steven Sinclair, Chris Walkingshaw, Willy Watson and Neil Whitaker and on the ladies section Pat Duffy and Carol O'Reilly. For more info on the tour or the requirements contact Jose Santos at: ([jose.santos@nitbf.org.uk](mailto:jose.santos@nitbf.org.uk)). Remember that to complete the minimum number of games only ranking events, UK & European open tournaments, Dundonald singles tour (sanctioned tournament) and night Owls league (sanctioned league) can be used to add games, but for them to be used towards your minimum games, you need to bowl in at least 1 ranking event between now and December.

**Report by Jose Santos**

## First Ranking of 2006/2007 Season

The first Ranking Tour event of the season was also the 2006 World Cup Qualifier. Congratulations to Billy Nimick and Karen Payne who will represent Northern Ireland in Venezuela in November.

Given the Summer break and the early date for "September's" ranking (played in August, it could only happen here), we've only got the first ranking of the Season to report this issue. That said,

there was no shortage of performances deserving a mention. In the men's event, it all came down to the last game with Billy beating Ryan Press by only 13 pins. Jose Santos also had a very consistent (and high scoring) day finishing 95 over in third place (I'm getting used to this male jargon – for the rest of us that means he bowled over a 211 average!) Congratulations to a very focused David (Phil) Frame finishing in a well deserved 4<sup>th</sup> place just ahead of David Williamson in 5<sup>th</sup>. A

special welcome as well to Michael Langston and Gerald McKenzie who both turned in +165 averages in their first ranking tour event. We look forward to seeing you in October's Ranking Tour to be played in Brunswick Superbowl. The ladies event was just as closely fought with Karen beating Christine Robinson by just over 30 pins to claim her first tour event win of the year. Helen Tamblin narrowly beat Donna Horton to decide 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placings respectively. First three plac-

ings in the Senior Ranking went to Ken Marshall in first place with Sam Hull narrowly beating Allen Sinton to decide 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. In the ladies section, Christine Robinson took the top spot ahead of Isobel Smith in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Barbara Fowler in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the Junior Rankings, David Seay's steady 201 average gave him first place. Lauren's constant improvement has paid off giving her great 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish.

**Report by Lyn Watson**

**“If these shirts are to bowl ‘em over, I’ll be in the bar” and there I was thinking we looked the part (if nothing else)! Our caption winner this quarter is Brian Hasson—customer service official from Brunswick Superbowl. Thanks Brian**



Never let it be said that the Turkey Times is not an intellectual piece of reading. Let’s see how many of these questions the old grey matter can answer—without phoning a friend!

- 1) How many strikes does it take to get a 300? 2) What is the actual term for the gutter? 3) How much does a bowling pin weigh, 4) What is the space between the middle and ring finger called? 5) What country was 10 pin bowling created in?

## Book Early & Don’t Be Disappointed

Just to make sure you’re right .... Answers at the bottom of the page

Places are already being snapped up for the 2007 N.I. Open, which is due to be held at Brunswick Superbowl, on 2nd & 3rd June next year. As previously advised, booking and paying by 31st December 2006, will get you in at 2006 prices which stand at £50 or €75. Leave it until the New Year and 2007 prices kick in, namely £60 or €90. Da Vincis

Ramada Hotel are also holding their prices for next year at £35 per person sharing or £55 single. Quite a few of our visitors left their accomodation booking late last year and couldn't get into Da Vincis, missing a lot of the craic. So why not ring 02871 279111 now,

quote the reference 10 Pin Bowling, and book it! It costs nothing to book early. Contact Lynda at [lblackindustries@hotmail.com](mailto:lblackindustries@hotmail.com), Barbara at [b\\_l\\_fowler@hotmail.com](mailto:b_l_fowler@hotmail.com) or myself on 07708372843, for any other details you require. Don't miss out on a good weekend in the North West, get your entries in NOW ! ! !

## World Youth Championships 2006

On Thursday 20th July 2006 a team of 4 junior Northern Ireland players arrived in Berlin. The team consisted of Grant Dugan, Peter Lilburn, David Seay and Helen Tamblin. On arrival the team knew this was going to be a tough competition with the best players from all over the world competing in the largest ever WTBA junior event that has been held in history with a total of 268 players. Another factor that was to come into play was the extreme heat that Berlin was experiencing at that time, 30°C at 1am in the morning, with this hitting the high 30s during the day. With no AC in either the hotel or bowling centre this was going to be some experience! “Hot”, Helen says “Very hot. In fact, I believe my exact words once we disembarked were ‘stuff this; I’m going back on the plane!’ Big words indeed for a girl with a fear of flying, who spent much of the flight clinging to the arm rests for dear life.” Although it was the same conditions for everyone so we can’t complain. Saturday seen the official practice sessions and the opening ceremony. During practice it was apparent that the dual lane conditions of short and long oil would play a major part in this event. The short condition proving very unforgiving and tough for all players while the long condition was somewhat easier. David agrees, “It was my first experience of a tournament with short and long oil which provided a tough challenge, as I had never played on these conditions before. The short oil I found to be very difficult as accuracy was very important here but shooting a good solid set

in singles help me settle. The long I found to be similar to home but still had to adapt to it.” On the Sunday Helen was the



first of the team to officially begin the event in the Woman’s Singles played on short oil. Helen ended the 6 games with a total of 929 placing her 83rd position. With no partners for the doubles and team event Helen’s next scores would only be counting towards her all event total. Helen shot 1041 in doubles and 1006 in team, leaving her in 82nd position overall with a grand total of 2976 for 18 games. The male events started on the Monday with Grant, Peter and David all competing in the singles. David played the first squad and ended in 71st position with a 1075 total. Grant and Peter played in the second squad and shot a total of 999 and 934 respectively leaving them in 124th and 147th positions. In the doubles event Grant and Peter were to be our team and they didn’t disappoint with some unforgettable victories over Finland and Hong Kong. They finished in 49th position with a total of 2215 (Grant 1103, Peter 1112). David played for his scores to count in the

all event total and ended the doubles with a 1096 giving him an all event total of 3179 and 117th position overall. Grant finished on a 3119 total (125th position) and Peter finished on a 3001 total (147th position). “The eventual winners were Mads Sandbaekken from Norway and Sharon Koh from Malaysia”, adds Helen “in what proved to be an exciting final to watch and learn from. The team spirit amongst their supporting teams was something we can all learn from”. Overall a lot can be learnt from this trip and we hope to see some improved results in Orlando, USA 2008 for the next World Youth Championships! We would like to wish Peter the best of luck in his future bowling career as this was his last junior event and we hope this invaluable international experience will bode him well in future competitions.

**Report by Grant Dugan**

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## Bowler Profile — Lauren

**This quarter's Bowler Profile features Lauren from Dundonald International Ice Bowl.** At the age of 17, Lauren is one of the newest faces to the Northern Ireland Ranking Tour.

Lauren took up bowling last year at the age of 16 after big brother Grant bought her a bowling ball for her birthday. She practises every Saturday morning and also takes part in two leagues at Dundonald International Ice Bowl.

After a lot of hard work and dedication, her first 200 game was bowled on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

September with a clean 209, the day before the Singles tournament. She went one better during the



tournament and topped it with a 212 game and shot her very first 500 series to go along with it – a

533, shooting another one just a week later, meaning that she is well on her way to fulfilling her aim of representing Northern Ireland in the Gold Cup in Cyprus.

She thoroughly enjoys the sport and would advise anyone thinking about taking it up to give it a go.

Lauren would also like to thank everyone who gave up their time to help her on a Saturday morning – especially Jose Santos and Big Bro Grant who have been there from the beginning. It won't be long until we see this young lady in the Northern Ireland squad!

*Report by Helen Tambllyn*

## Rendsburg — May '06 German Challenge

Trains, busses and cars and we met at Dublin Airport for the flight to Hamburg for the German – NI 10 Pin Bowling Annual Challenge. Check-in, tasters in Duty Free and we boarded the lunchtime flight. The pilot announced that we were about to take off for Frankfurt – to a few titters from the passengers, he quickly announced he had made a mistake and we were Hamburg bound – Maybe he wanted to take the scenic route! The plane seemingly took forever to leave the runway – must have been the weight of all those bowling balls! Finally we were airborne. Two in-flight magazines and some coffee later and we landed in Hamburg to be met by Uve and Andy with a German welcome as warm as the weather that hot Friday. The bright early evening hour afforded us the opportunity to see the German countryside while on the hour's journey to our weekend home of Rendsburg. It must be the freedom of the Autobahns but I reckon some of the drivers were Grand Prix training! Oh to have a soft top! A quick change at our base for the weekend – Nord College and we joined our German hosts at Dab Bowling centre where we acclimatised our bowlers to the German lanes. Different conditions gave different results and we were happy it was just practise as our games fluctuated! After 3 games each Andy and Uve took us to what looked like a housing estate where was hidden a superb Greek Restaurant. With excellent food and company, the beer flowing well we all tried our hand at some German phrases. The more we drank the better the German! And some very happy visiting bowlers returned to Nord College that night. Saturday – match day, the 'Men (and Woman) in Black' met our hosts at Dab Bowling centre. Team photos and Ingo Dittkrist officially welcomed us to the



alley. Kleinfleisch Schnapps declared the match was on. Doubles event was first and Jamie Shilliton paced himself for the first game before rolling a PB of 246. With his partner Carol O'Reilly this secured a 9<sup>th</sup> overall position in the Doubles event, and 1<sup>st</sup> of the NI teams in this handicapped event. Michael Langston, despite being an original member of the German team 'Strike Busters' decided to bail the NI teams and partnered George McKee to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> NI team and 10<sup>th</sup> overall, while Richard Jamison and Ken Marshall bowled and ave of 185.5 to secure 11<sup>th</sup> overall and 3<sup>rd</sup> NI team. The German pair of Maik Beitz and Jorg Romey with an average of 208 took 1<sup>st</sup> place overall. In the 4 man team event, the German team 'Eckernforde' took 1<sup>st</sup> place while Michael Langston's German home team of 'Strike Busters' finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Maybe Michael will change sides next time! The Icebowl teams with an average of 183.42 could only finish in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. This means Germany won the plaque – we hope to take it back when they return to DIIB in October! - After all we have a few months to practise! Saturday night and our hosts invited to a BBQ on the bank of the River Eider at Uve's place. Good food, drink and company and the craic was mighty! As dusk fell, the log fire was lit in the open air

and on such a lovely evening the conversation flowed until the small wee hours. Sunday lunchtime – Ingo and Andy collected us took us to Büsum – a small fishing town 70 kms north of Rendsburg and situated on the North Sea coast. Lunch was fresh fish on a crispy roll – McDonald's eat your heart out! With live music from Panpipes at one of the pier and traditional German music at the other end, we strolled through the open market full of typical German wares. Our return journey took us through the town of Friedrichstadt, so picturesque it could almost be a painting/postcard. Back to the bowling alley and a friendly was called for – only this time the Beer frames we real! Bowling was better after a few Brandy Cola Schnapps – strange enough! But all in a good cause! Monday gave us the opportunity to see Rendsburg town as we went shopping for the obligitory "Kanalwasser" – Rendsburg's own liquor schnapps – and to be recommended. Some souvenirs and we headed for the airport after a quick lunch at Ingo's and a weekend to remember. Many thanks to Ingo and his team for the Bowling Challenge, but mostly for the warm and welcoming reception given us. For most of the team on this trim, it was their first experience of Germany and it gave an opportunity to make friends and see a part of the world relatively unknown but not to be forgotten. We all look forward to meeting the friends we made when they make the return visit to DIIB in October and hope we can make their trip to NI as pleasurable and warm as they made ours - Until October – Vielen danke and Auf wiedersehen. Wir alles ein schönen aufhalt in Rendsburg hatten. Wir hatten viel Spaß – Nord College is ausgezeichnet. Da wieder du zum Nord Irland kommst, hoffentlich können wir am besser spielen and nehmen wir die Trophy wieder – Grüß aus Nord Irland und bis Oktober.

*Report by Carol O'Reilly*