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# DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST CITY TOURNAMENT ?

IF YOU DO YOUR MUCH OLDER THAN . . . .

On the 29th of this month the tenpin clan will gather at Bowl America Silver Hill for the opening of the 22nd Annual City Tenpin Championship Tournament. More than 3000 bowlers are expected to display their talents and to vie for a share of a jackpot that may exceed \$15,000.00.



ABC Past President Germann

With the big one set to get underway, we wonder how many bowlers can recall the association's first city tournament. It was held at the Arcadia Lanes in February 1946. (See cover photo) Entered were 23 teams, 41 doubles, or singles and 69 all events.

The prize fund for the initial contest totaled \$468.60. The team event with eight winners divided \$172.50 of which \$38.50 went to the team champions. In the doubles, eight pairs shared \$123.00 with the winners collecting \$25.00. The singles prize list amounts to \$111.00 for the eight who

qualified with \$15.75 earmarked for the top set. First prize for the nine all events winners was \$13.50 out of a \$62.10 total.

Tenpins Inc. of Alexandria with a 2683-324-3007 was the first team champion. The doubles were won by W. Rapp 586-63-649 and C. Bures 593-57-650 with a 1179-120-1299 total. A 586-180-706 by C. Grau was top in the singles with the all events crown going to G. Olson with 1601-288-1889.

The 46 tourney had an added feature that is rarely if ever experienced by a city association. The tournament was officially opened by Gerhard S. Germann, who was then President of the American Bowling Congress.

Over the years as the association grew, so did participation in the annual tournament. From a start with 23 teams, there have been more than 600 entered during the past few years. In the not too distant future a prize list exceeding \$20,000.00 is envisioned.

As the clan gathers for the 22nd annual, city dwellers will greet their country cousins and renew acquaintances. Association affairs will be discussed while the bowlers await their turn on the lanes. Ideas will be exchanged, questions will be asked and those without answers will find their way into the tournament office. The already overworked officials will happily delay their routine duties to supply the necessary answers.

There will also be the usual run of complaints. The lanes will be too fast



Matt Bennie and his Naval Gun Factory team that bowled in the first tourney

for some, too slow for others. Those who score well will offer congratulation on the excellent conditions and the true bowlers will admit that their poor scores were of their own doing. A few will find a discrepancy between their telescore and the official score sheet despite the fact that all are cautioned to keep a close check on the official score-keeper.

Before long the 22nd annual will be in the record books. The tired administrators will happily move their records and equipment back to the association offices and begin the long task of verifying averages, scores and prize winners. Within 24 hours telephone calls will dominate the directors day. Anxious participants will be seeking information about the amount of their winnings and the method to be used to distribute the prizes.

In time activity will return to normal. Reports will be rendered, records will be filed and plans for the 23rd annual will be underway.



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