

# BOWLING NEWS

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It was September 1965 when a double sided single sheet was first published headed 'BOWLING NEWS'. The very first item was an explanation regarding the publication. At that time the only means of communication between the Area Association and the bowlers was by means of various notices pinned to the boards in the centres and the poor Area Secretary (yes it was still Brian Langford!) was becoming labelled by some as a 'wallpaper hanger!'. The idea of a regular news sheet to incorporate all the information that was required to be passed on to the members was thus born. The first three issues continued on the same basis and included details of the only accredited game of 299½, the formation of the Bexleyheath Roundtable League which is still going strong today, details of the all-time record three game series of 886, results of the Classic Singles Tournament won by JACK MORTON with PAT DUGGAN second and NOBBY HADLEY third and a new Area record for a 5-man team of 2760 rolled by The Committee!

December 1965 saw the first four sided issue and this format continued until April 1966 when the May issue of that year required six sides to detail the BTBA Championships results from Wembley. In this period reports were published of the Blue Riband Tournament won by the Cliftonville All Stars, of the guy from the U.S.A. who bowled twenty consecutive 200 games, of Great Britain's first ever perfect game rolled by Albert Kirkham at the Chester Bowl and the World Record trios series hit by the Pinky's Lanes team of Milwaukee of 2404! The first ever Area Hi's was inovated and the leaders in March 1966 make for interesting reading today. PENTAD now held top spot for fives with 2773, THE COMMITTEE had top game of 1010, the ORPHEEIANs headed the fours with 2394 and 870, the NIGHTRIDERS were top of the trios with 1783 and 635, JANET MORRISON and FRED WYLES topped the mixed doubles section on 1168 and 440, PAT DUGGAN held high game and series with a 288 and a 667, ANNE HENDERSON led the ladies with a 241 and a 626 and for the junior division it was PETER FLEMING with 247 and 601. Nothing here that would in any way disgrace the listings 10 years on.

Publication continued through 1966 when the old Kent Area and Southend Area Associations were merged into one body and became known as S.E.B.A. This period also brought about the conflict between the Proprietors Association and the B.T.B.A. and included the now infamous issue of 'BOWLING NEWS' entitled 'United We Stand' - a second six sided issue. This issue was distributed on a national basis and we like to think that it did at least something towards uniting the bowlers throughout the country into a stand against their Association being more or less taken over by the proprietors of the day.

The Yuletide Singles was won by ROY NORTHROP with MICK BURRIDGE second and JIM INGRAM third and ERIC TERRY became Chairman of the B.T.B.A. JOHN HABBERLEY bowled a new Area record game of 289 and the 600 Club was born. The issue of March 1967 was headed 'Armistice Day' and reported a new cooperation between the Proprietors and the B.T.B.A., although in fact, it was to be some time yet before all the wounds were healed and both bodies really worked together again. The 1967 Nationals gave S.E.B.A. their first ever national titles thanks to JES MORLEY who won the All Events, to DORIN BAKER who won the ladies All Events and to BERNIE WHITE and LEN CROSS who took the mens doubles. It was also in 1967 that JANET MORRISON and JES MORLEY were selected to play for Great Britain in the World Championships in Malmo, Sweden where DAVID POND was to win the individual title for his country and also the Doubles gold medals partnered by Jes. June 1967 reported S.E.B.A's first ever 300 game. MICK BURRIDGE was the author, bowling in Southend's Pavilion League. The Wembley All Stars rolling in the Supreme League at Stamford Hill hit a new European record for fives with a fine 3208 and VERA PEACOCK set a new Area record for ladies series with a fine 658.

1968 was augured in with a 699 from TREB BROWN - the first Area 700 was yet to come - and the first 600 Club Tournament was won by BOB TOMKINS with a 629. The Eagles from Basildon retained the Blue Riband title they had won the previous year and the Maids of Kent won the Ladies team event in the BTBA Nationals held at Belle Vue. VIC PEACOCK bowled a fine 299 at Bexleyheath and the Big W's from Southend bowled what would have been a new Area record for 5-man team of 3062 but their league wasn't sanctioned! The S.E.B.A. Championships held at Bexleyheath bowled 2,259 games and became the largest Area Championships in the country - a situation that has remained to the present day. MIKE LUCKHURST hit the Area's second 700 set and the King Keglers listings was inaugurated. The 1st Annual 200 Club members tournament was won by MIKE EDWARDS and an experimental scoring system tournament set up by TED TINLING was won by JOYCE MORRIS of Basildon.

By January 1969 issue number 40 was in being and the front page was devoted to DAVE POND who had just bowled a new European record series of 771. The Committee won the Chatham Birthday Tournament, TONY VALENTE, with 1015 over five games, took the Classic Singles and JOHN BUSHELL the 600 Club. Great Britain took three Gold medals and one Bronze in the European Championships in Copenhagen and, in the process, broke no fewer than five Championship records. WILL CLARKE bowled a 299 game at Dagenham and the Chatham Skibolts won the Kent League. BOB MANSFIELD hit a 298 at Dagenham and 300 bowler MICK BURRIDGE hit a 299 - sanctioned this time! Top Rank closed down their complete bowling chain and 'Bowling News' fair but very hard hitting report was threatened with a Writ! BOB MANSFIELD and JANET MORRISON were the first King Keglers with respective averages over the season of 202 and 182, JES MORLEY won the Classic Singles, MAURICE OLDHAM the 200 Club Tournament and COLIN PRESLAND rolled the first of his many 700 series. JOHN EAST also made a 700 at Chatham just before it's closure.

MICK COPE opened up 1970 with a fine 299 game and 745 set and TERRY SAUNDERS rolled a 300 at Stamford Hill. The big scores began to roll at Dagenham who, at one stage, held no fewer than seven European highs! Cliftonville closed but later reopened, S.E.B.A. bowlers took no fewer than seven National titles in the Championships at Crawley with ALAN WILKINSON netting three of them, junior COLIN PEPLER hit a record 687 set, the Great Britain Ladies team toured the U.S.A. for a very successful three weeks and NORMA BRIDGE was tragically killed in a road accident. Our sport was officially recognised by the Government and it was now possible for grant aid to come from the Sports Council, thirty four 600 series were hit in one day at Dagenham in the Essex Shield tournament won by Harry Stiller Racers and the NOMADS in the Dagenham Supreme League rolled an 1135 game for a new record only to lose the record on the same night when the All Stars hit 1147 led by PHIL RUSSELL with a 299! The All Stars also recorded a new European record with 3264 which still holds to the present time.

BARRY WILKENS hit a 761 set and backed by CHRIS LEAVY with a 645 recorded a new European Doubles record of 1406. The 'BOWLING NEWS' New Year Honours were inaugurated and the first holders were LES GEORGE, JOHN CUDMORE, the NOMADS, BARRY WILKENS, TED TINLING and the DAGENHAM BOWL in the various categories of Bowler, Official, Team, Prospect, Personality and Bowl of the Year respectively. The Area now had no less than 28 members in the 700 Club with 18 of them coming from Dagenham and 8 from Bexleyheath.

1971 saw the big scores still coming in from Dagenham which Manager BUZZ MORRISON billed rightly as 'The highest scoring centre in Europe' MYRA KELSEY hit a fine 289 game, BRIAN WILKINS bowled 277-277-218 for a new European series record of 772, the NOMADS trios team hit a 751 game and PHIL RUSSELL and DEL BROUGH a doubles game of 522. The Nationals were held at Worthing and JANET MORRISON took the scratch singles crown with WYN COLLISON winning the doubles with KIM WHEELER and CHRIS LEAVY and AL DAVIS taking the men's division. ALAN WILKINSON averaged over 200 for his



9 games but was unable, even with this standard to retain his All Events crown of the previous year. PHIL RUSSELL won the Masters with a fine 1261 over six. BOBBY MANSFIELD and JANET MORRISON were not selected for the 7th World Championships in Milwaukee and their absence from the line-up caused a stir and brought about some acid comments on the front page of Issue 66. The All Stars were still at it at Dagenham and set a new Area standard for 4-man team with a great 2502. The Junior European Championships were inaugurated. JANET MORRISON was invited back into the British team for Milwaukee at the last minute but other arrangements at this stage made it impossible for her to accept. The British teams played well but were unable to repeat their triumphs of 1967 and missed out on the medals of which the home nation took 11. JANET MORRISON chopped the 6 pin off the front of the 10 pin in the final frame of her three game series at Bexleyheath and missed becoming the first women in Europe to total a 700. Her series, however, of 693 was a new European record. PHIL RUSSELL recorded S.E.B.A's first sanctioned 300 game at Dagenham rolling 13 strikes to do so! A pin was missing on one frame and he had to roll again. GEOFF LIDDIARD became the highest scoring bowler in Europe when he made a 775 at Harrow and BTBA commenced a National Badge Award programme. The Committee won the Winter Fives with a 2996, BERNIE FISHER and MALCOLM GLOVER won the Old Spice Doubles with 1239, the ALL STARS and the ORPHEEANS took both scratch and handicap titles in the Kessex Open Trios and WILL CLARKE and TERRY SAUNDERS won the Dagenham December Doubles making a clean sweep for S.E.B.A. members in the end of year tournaments. January 1972 saw issue number 71 and the news that has been contained from then to this current issue number 100 should not require repeating as it all fairly recent. The three pages here have given a precis of the Area for the newer bowler and it is hoped that they have been of interest. For those among you who remember it all it is hoped that your average is as good as it was and even if time is beginning to tell we still hope that you have enjoyed the nostalgia. Here's to BOWLING NEWS Issue number 200!

# TED SAYS :-

THIS YEARS SEBA A.G.M. IS TO BE HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE ABC BOWL, BEXLEYHEATH. DOORS OPEN AT 7p.m. FOR A 7.30p.m. START. LEAGUE SECRETARIES ALREADY HAVE THE NOTIFICATION. MAKE SURE THAT YOUR LEAGUE HAS DELEGATE REPRESENTATION. THE DATE IS NOVEMBER 27th. ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE AREA BYE-LAWS AND ANY NOMINATIONS FOR THE S.E.B.A. COUNCIL MUST BE IN TO BRIAN LANGFORD BY MIDNIGHT ON NOVEMBER 11th.

## BTBA INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1976

Round 1 of this years qualifying zones was reported upon in the last issue. Both teams from Essex and Kent played very well in round 2 at Bexleyheath and only just missed out for a place at the Coventry finals. Essex men finished with 11 points, just 1 point away from qualification behind London and Surrey both of whom completed they games with 12 and the Kent men were just 2 points adrift with 10 points having won all but one of their games at their home centre. The ladies of Essex were also third with 10 points, 2 points away from qualifying and Kent ladies finished 5th. Our Zone 5 is the toughest in the country and, despite the views of many at the Inter-County A.G.M. it is still not thought fair that teams with a far higher scoring ability than most others in the other zones should not be able to participate in the finals. Certainly Wales and Scotland should compete in the event but why should they have an automatic place EVERY YEAR when, frankly, teams that are much more likely to do well are forced out EVERY YEAR solely by the system?

As this 100th issue of Bowling News goes to press we do not have full details of the finals but understand that new names go onto the fine trophies for 1976 - CHESHIRE for the men and SUSSEX for the ladies. Well done both of you.

## EUROPA CUP 1976

This major European event, that used to be known as the Emilio Miguel Memorial Championships, has just been held in Holland and the teams representing Great Britain were:-

### MEN

GEOFF BUCK  
ALAN FAWCETT  
BERNIE CATERER  
KEVIN LAMB  
BOBBY MANSFIELD  
DEL DELANEY

### LADIES

PAT DEW  
MEG SHAW  
LESLEY POTTER  
PAULINE BOWRY  
AUDREY POND  
SHEILA LEONARD

Full details are not to hand at this time but we do know that our teams did very well and finished in the runners-up position in both sections. ITALY won the event for the men and DENMARK for the ladies.

## WORLD CUP 1976

Good luck to our finalists for Tehran - CAROLE CUTHBERT and GEOFF BUCK.

# Master Kevin!

The BOOTH'S GIN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS held annually at the ABC Bowl, North Harrow are recognised as one of the major events of the year in the tenpin calendar. Entries are always massive and the total prize fund always exceeds the guarantee which was, itself, was £1,400 this year. The majority of entrants are for the trios and doubles sections but the prestige section is, of course, the Masters section itself where the majority of the finest talent in the game congregates. 1976 was no exception and after the qualifying rounds just one S.E.B.A. member remained, KEVIN RAISON from Bexleyheath.

Kevin wasn't well placed after the first 4 games of the qualifier with 664 but added over 200 pins on the final 4 games to make the top 14 for the grand final the following weekend. Opening the final 14 game round robin he found form straight away with a 221 game and lay second, having beaten his opponent JOHN BACCOLINI who had 173. His next three games were something of a disaster with games of 170, 170 and 162 against 197, 235 and 226 respectively from his opponents SAM PUGH, JEZ DARVILL and KEITH PORTER and he sunk to 13th position. Then things started to happen! Consecutive winning games of 227-221-225-224-246-259-216-204-190 and a closing 220 pulled him right up the field again and into the winners enclosure. The illustrious names that fell by the wayside were LOKE COLEMAN, KAMBIZ KIANI, BILL LIGHT, CHRIS AUSTIN, BILLY BULLOCK, CASS EDWARDS NIGEL THOMPSON, TONY SAMUELS, TOMMY MARSHALL and KAMBIZ KIANI again in the final position round. A magnificent performance from a young bowler who should be destined for the top. Kevin's first three games after the break on three different pairs of lanes earned him his first 700 badge for a fine 729 set. The name of KEVIN RAISON is now to be added to the illustrious ones already on the fine trophy and the £200 first place prize fund wont come amiss either! The final placings looked like this:-

	<u>Pinfall</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. KEVIN RAISON	2955	213	105.5
2. KAMBIZ KIANI	2850	203	93.0
3. JEZ DARVILL	2801	200	84.1
4. LOKE COLEMAN	2803	200	82.3
5. SAM OUGH	2761	197	82.1
6. CASS EDWARDS	2744	196	78.4
7. KEITH PORTER	2690	192	77.0
8. TOMMY MARSHALL	2681	191	74.1
9. JOHN BACCOLINI	2655	190	71.5
10. BILL LIGHT	2638	189	65.8

## NEW TOWNS FESTIVAL OF SPORT 1976 -- TENPIN SECTION

Competing this year against Crawley, Welwyn/Hatfield and Dacorum(Welwyn), Basildon finished with the highest pinfall of the new towns but, unfortunately, were pushed into second place by just one point by Dacorum. However, well done the Basildon bowlers whose results were as follows:-

	<u>DACORUM</u>		<u>BASILDON</u>		<u>CRAWLEY</u>		<u>WELWYN</u>	
MENS SINGLES	514	4pts	512	3pts	393	1pt	470	2pts
LADIES SINGLES	420	1pt	441	3pts	526	4pts	435	2pts
MENS DOUBLES	1143	4pts	1088	2pts	1103	3pts	891	1pt
LADIES DOUBLES	1003	4pts	891	2pts	955	3pts	850	1pt
MENS TRIOS	1599	3pts	1659	4pts	1276	1pt	1300	2pts
LADIES TRIOS	1227	2pts	1448	3pts	1511	4pts	1160	1pt
TOTALS:	5906	18pts	6039	17pts	5764	16pts	5106	9pts

# E.B.A.

# AREA

# HIP'S

## FINAL STANDINGS

1975/76

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	LONDON ALL STARS	DAG	3085
		PALOMA BLANCA	WHIT	3050
		PALOMA BLANCA	WHIT	3003
	1 GAME	LONDON ALL STARS	DAG	1083
		PALOMA BLANCA	WHIT	1079
		BEXLEYHEATH ALL STARS	BEX	1075
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	PERSUADERS	WALT	2345
		MARTELLO IV	WALT	2343
		PRIZE GUYS	SOU	2343
	1 GAME	MARTELLO IV	WALT	843
		PRIZE GUYS	SOU	834
		PRIZE GUYS	SOU	833
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	HUSTLERS	SOU	1828
		THE COMMITTEE	BEX	1796
		THE STING	BEX	1778
	1 GAME	APOLLO	DAG	653
		HUSTLERS	SOU	650
		STING	BEX	650
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	ROY MOON & BARRY KEELING	DAG	1260
		KEVIN RAISON & STEVE CARNALL	BEX	1224
		ROGER HOWSE & N. CRANEFIELD	SOU	1222
	1 GAME	ROY MOON & BARRY KEELING	DAG	498
		PETE MATTHEWS & DAVE RACE	SOU	440
		KEVIN RAISON & STEVE CARNALL	BEX	438
MIXED DOUBLES	3 GAMES	LESLEY POTTER & MARTIN SIMPSON	BEX	1192
		WYN COLLISON & BILLY PRESTON	BEX	1183
		LESLEY POTTER & MARTIN SIMPSON	BEX	1168
	1 GAME	JANET & BUZZ MORRISON &	BEX	455
		LESLEY POTTER & MARTIN SIMPSON	BEX	455
		MARGE TERRY & KEITH HODGE	BEX	449
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	BILLY PRESTON	BEX	695
		BILLY PRESTON &	BEX	693
		PETE MATTHEWS	SOU	693
	1 GAME	BILLY PRESTON	BEX	288
		BILLY PRESTON	BEX	288
		PETE MATTHEWS	SOU	269
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	SUE MORDEN	BAS	675
		LINDA CUMMINGS	SOU	659
		MARG BULL	SOU	634
	1 GAME	LINDA CUMMINGS	SOU	268
		WYN COLLISON	BEX	257
		MARG BULL & SUE TROTT	SOU	250
INDIVID JUNIORS	3 GAMES	DAVE RACE	SOU	673
		DAVE RACE	SOU	658
		DACE RACE	SOU	649
	1 GANE	DAVE RACE	SOU	278
		DAVE RACE	SOU	246
		DAVE RACE	SOU	245

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FINAL CENTRE  
POSITIONS:-

SOUTHEND 19  
BEXLEYHEATH 17  
DAGENHAM 7

WALTON ON NAZE 3  
WHITSTABLE 3  
BASILDON 1