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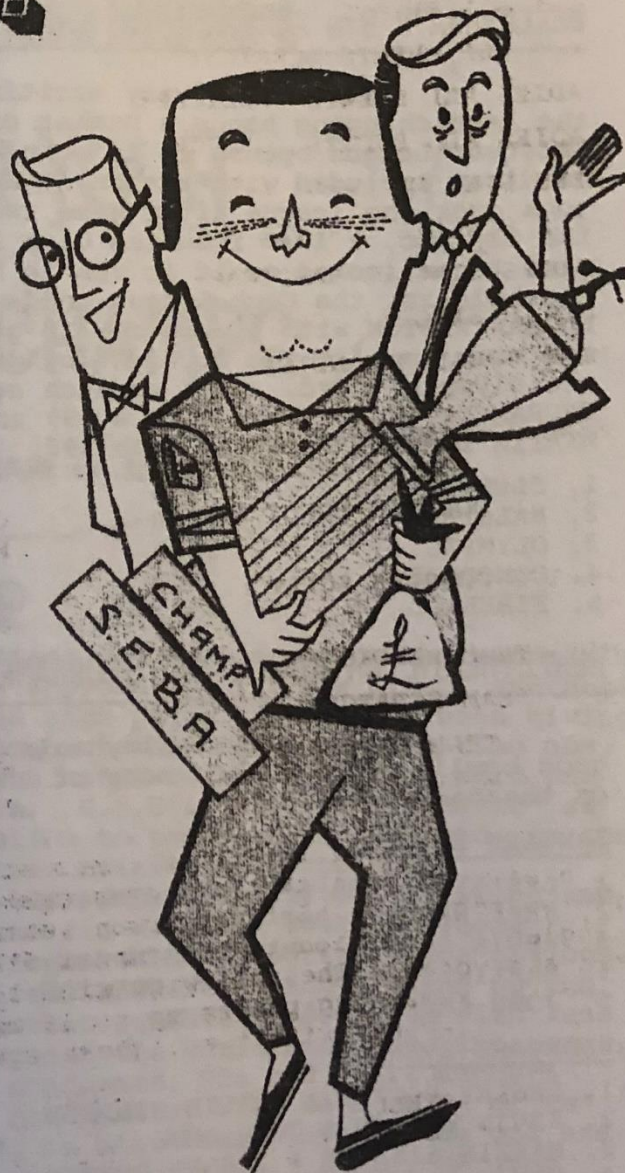
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# AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

## BEXLEYHEATH 9TH ANNUAL LEAGUE OFFICERS TOURNAMENT

This popular event in the Bexleyheath calendar was held in February and the results, with handicap included, were as follows:-

1. HITS & MISSES	1737	The Hits and Misses team of JACKIE PLAYFORD,
2. INVICTA	1730	ALLAN BELLAIRS and LEE JORDAN just held off
3. CLUB	1706	PETER MAY, DAVID HULL and JOHN COLGATE of
4. OLYMPIC	1682	the Invicta by 7 pins to land the title for
5. SPARTAN	1677	the first time in the league's history. Just
6. FRIDAY FOURS	1673	behind in third position came the holders, the
7. FIREBALL	1666	Club League represented by ARTHUR TWITTEY, JIM
8. CONCORDE	1658	BUSHNELL and BOB STRADLING. £22 was paid out
9. GUYS & DOLLS	1636	to the winners with £11 going to the runners
10. PETERSEN	1624	up and all entrants received free drinks in
		the licensed club at the end of the event.

## BEXLEYHEATH 9TH ANNUAL INTER-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

There was a very exciting finish to this tournament with the lead changing hands a number of times through the morning. The Halstead League opened up in grand style with a game of 1047 with handicap included with the Invicta just behind on 1031. The Concorde took over the league after game two with an 1104 game to a 1053 from the Olympic, a 1040 from the Club league and a 1036 from the Fireball. Game three looked as if it was to be a battle between these teams but the holders, the Club League, had other ideas! Lead by their secretary NORMAN WESTON with a scratch 218 game they totalled 1097 with handicap and came home in the straight by just 37 pins with Halstead second and the Olympic third. High scratch series of the day was put up by LES INGRAM of the Olympic with a 599 and the high handicap series was from MARTIN DEAN of Halstead with 596. Top ten positions were as follows:-

1. CLUB LEAGUE	3085	6. FRIDAY FOURS	2953
2. HALSTEAD	3048	7. INVICTA	2902
3. OLYMPIC	2979	8. GUYS & DOLLS	2863
4. CONCORDE	2959	9. N.A.Y.B.C.	2853
5. FIREBALL	2925	10. DOUBLE TT's	2793

## BEXLEYHEATH SATURDAY PAIRS TOURNAMENT

The monthly Bexleyheath tournament is still producing some good bowling and already some of the scores appear in the Area Hi's on the back page.


### JANUARY EVENT

1. LESLEY POTTER & MARTIN SIMPSON	1165	£5.50
2. JEFF DAVIS & PAT DUGGAN	1131	2.50
3. KEVIN RAISON & MARTIN SIMPSON	1121	
4. MARTIN SIMPSON & BILLY PRESTON	1094	
5. JOHN AMOS & ALAN CHAPMAN	1086	

### FEBRUARY EVENT

1. LESLEY POTTER & MARTIN SIMPSON	1107	£2.50
2. KEVIN RAISON & JOHN AMOS	1094	
3. MARTIN SIMPSON & LESLEY POTTER	1082	
4. KEVIN RAISON & BUZZ MORRISON	1078	
5. TONY KITCHING & ALAN CHAPMAN	1072	

IS IT ALL HAPPENING AT BEXLEYHEATH? OR IS IT JUST THAT THEY LET US HAVE A REPORT OF THEIR EVENTS? IF WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT WE CAN'T PUBLISH IT!



**Come out of  
your shell!  
ENTER YOUR  
AREA CHAMPS**

**WHY NOT MAKE UP A TEAM or ENTER JUST ONE EVENT.**

#### NEW LAMINATE BOWLING LANES ARE APPROVED

A lot of maple and pine trees could well escape the woodman's axe with the American Bowling Congress approval of the new G.E.C. synthetic bowling lane surface. The shortage and high price of wood has been giving nightmares to bowling proprietors throughout the world for some time now, and in particular those whose lanes have received some 20 years hard use and are now beginning to show the nails. G.E.C.'s "fantastic plastic" as it has become known seems to be a solution to the wood problem and, in the process, could well cure many other lanes maintenance problems.

The lanes roll on to the old wooden ones after levelling and come in 8 parts from the approach to the pin deck and look and score exactly like a normal lane. The advantages to the proprietor are obvious. Less dressing needed, no lacquer required and resurfacing a thing of the past. To the bowler a much more consistent surface is promised with lane conditions more or less the same throughout the world and, more important, consistent as far as ball movement is concerned. The old "left handers have an advantage over right handers" controversy will be a thing of the past and there will be no worn lacquer, no black marks where lane oil has soaked through and no troughs or indentations of note. A minimum lane life will be about 7 years but, in practise, most sections should last for some 20 years with just the headers and pindeck sections being replaced. All the accepted lane markers are retained and, apart from quite a high gloss, the laminate look identical to wood apart from the fact that they will always look as if a resurface has just been completed. We look forward to the first installation in this country. DBA are marketing the product which could well be the salvation of the bowling industry in many parts of this country and in the world. The trade name is TEXTOLITE.

# 100 MEMBERS COMPETE IN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 600, 500 and 200 Club annual club championships were held at Whitstable on 13th February and the best turnout to date was achieved with good scores throughout the day. Games of 243 - 180 - 234 gave BILLY PRESTON the 600 Club title without too much strain although team mate KEVIN RAISON bowled very well without very much luck for his runners-up total of 603. In the 500 Club DENISE RONDEAU bowled well above her average to capture the title with a 643 including handicap and EDITH CHALLONER was second on 613. In the 200 event - the best supported of them all - it was the turn of ANDY GAISH to take the club trophy with a handicap total of 650 closely chased by PAT OVERY on 642 and RALPH HUGHES with 628. The top ten in each event were as follows:-

## 600 CLUB

1. BILLY PRESTON	BEXLEYHEATH	657	£15.00
2. KEVIN RAISON	BEXLEYHEATH	603	8.00
3. TONY BAKER	DAGENHAM	582	5.50
4. ROGER THOMPSON	DAGENHAM	577	3.00
5. MICK MATTHEWS	DAGENHAM	571	
6. DAVE LEHRIAN	BASILDON	570	
7. ROY FILLIER	WHITSTABLE	563	
8. BILL SHEAD	BASILDON	540	
9. TED BANNISTER	WHITSTABLE	536	
10. MICK FRANKLAND	DAGENHAM	532	

## 500 CLUB

1. DENISE RONDEAU	DAGENHAM	643	£10.00
2. EDITH CHALLONER	BEXLEYHEATH	613	6.00
3. SHEILA STAINES	SOUTHEND	587	4.00
4. JULIE RIX	BEXLEYHEATH	585	
5. LINDA PAYNE	BASILDON	580	
6. GWEN COVENEY	WHITSTABLE	571	
7. JUNE KIDD	SOUTHEND	565	
8. PAT OVERY	BEXLEYHEATH	564	
9. CHRISTINE BROWN	DAGENHAM	563	
10. MARILYN BUCKLEY	DAGENHAM	562	

## 200 CLUB

1. ANDY GAISH	BASILDON	650	£22.00
2. PAT OVERY	BEXLEYHEATH	642	10.00
3. RALPH HUGHES	BASILDON	628	6.60
4. LINDA PAYNE	BASILDON	627	
5. MARILYN BUCKLEY	DAGENHAM	624	
6. JOHN OLIVER	BASILDON	617	
7. REG BENNETT	WHITSTABLE	615	
8. DAVE NEILSON	SOUTHEND	614	
9. PETE MILLS	SOUTHEND	612	
10. RUDI LAPORTE	DAGENHAM	605	

## NEW MEMBERS FOR 1977

PETE WAKENELL	BAS	656	MOLLY JOHNS	WHIT	514	BARRY REYNOLDS	BAS
KERRY PURCELL	WHIT	631	DENISE RONDEAU	DAG	532	DAWN COOPER	WHIT
BUZZ MORRISON	BEX	625	SANDRA OSBORNE	BAS	504	DAVID HOBART	BAS
DAVE PASTFIELD	SOU	646	LINDA ADAMS	BAS	514	RON DWYER	WHIT
KEVIN RAISON	BEX	634	LYN PURCELL	WHIT	574	S. MURRAY	DAG
CHRIS SKUDDER	BEX	622	AMANDA POTTER	BAS	549		
JOHN CHRISTMAS	SOU	646					
MARTIN SIMPSON	BEX	616					
ALAN SAMUELS	SOU	608					
CHRIS WHITE	SOU	600					
BILLY PRESTON	BEX	657					
JOHN AMOS	BEX	628					



"A simple 'You're doing it wrong' will suffice, wise guy..."

# JES Reminisces

JES MORLEY, Secretary of the Southend New Standard Fives League, has written to us regarding some of the personalities who bowl in the league who have made their mark in the sport in years gone by.

TERRY BELL was a member of the very first Great Britain team that competed in the FIQ World Championships in Mexico in 1963 and although now only a once a week competitor Terry still manages a very creditable 174 average for his team the Odd Balls who, at this time, top the league table.

CHUCK REED was one of the country's best known players in the early to mid 1960's and was a member of the Great Britain team that competed in the FIQ European Championships in Birmingham in 1965. It was here that the home country showed the rest of Europe that we were going to have something to offer as regards international competition and our 5 lady team took the gold medal which they have, in fact, held onto ever since. Our men won the gold in the doubles, setting a new tournament record for a single game with a 472 and also set a new standard in the five man team game with a 994. A first international outing for Britain's TONY BLANCHETT was crowned with a fine silver medal in the All Events with the experienced Frenchman RENE FERRIE taking the gold. A year or so earlier Chuck had teamed up with another Southend bowler GERRY WARD of the original Tiny's Taxis team, to take part in the nationally sponsored TPBA tournament played at the Airport Bowl. With sponsors such as National Benzole, Playtex, Eagle Magazine and Pepsi Cola all the big names of the day were out in force from all parts of the country. Chuck and Gerry, however, held off all the opposition to take the doubles title with the Brunswick Jets duo of BOBBY MANSFIELD and NEIL OSBORNE in second position just 3 pins behind. This was a hard event to win and even harder to get into. Chuck is currently carrying an average of 171 but Gerry retired some years ago.

BILL SHEAD was one of the big names of this period and skippered the famous Harp Lager that included the man who shot this country's first ever sanctioned 700 series, KEN STUBBS. Still a force to be reckoned with Bill is now a valued member of the SEBA Council.

GRAHAM CURTIS has returned to the game after a six year absence. A member of the well known Gentlemen team, Graham always lived up to the name and is still renowned for his fighting spirit that is coupled with good sportsmanship. Graham is probably still the only player in the country who won his county qualifying trials but, for some reason unknown to us, was never invited to play. Maybe the 1977 Essex Trials at Southend on April 13th this year will put matters to rights after all this time? Graham is now playing with Chuck Reed in the Full House team and is currently holding an average of 170.

The five names mentioned are just a few of what might be called the 'first generation of British bowlers'. These names and, of course, many that have not been mentioned but are not forgotten were a part of the early tenpin scene in this country and set the standards for the present day and, hopefully, for the future. It was a good foundation.

## DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR ENTRY FORM YET!



# S.E.B.A. Area Hi's

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	THE TRAVELLERS SCHLITZ ALL STARS THE COMMITTEE	SOU 3035 DAG 2933 DAG 2924
	1 GAME	THE TRAVELLERS SCHLITZ ALL STARS HUSTLERS	SOU 1057 DAG 1028 DAG 1024
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	PRIZE GUYS MOONRAKERS BARRACUDAS	SOU 2355 DAG 2219 DAG 2189
	1 GAME	BARRACUDAS PRIZE GUYS McRAE'S MARVELS	DAG 850 SOU 846 DAG 787
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	STING! THE COMMITTEE CONCENTRATE	BEX 1779 BEX 1768 BEX 1765
	1 GAME	CHESSMEN STING! KENTISH TRIO	BEX 655 BEX 647 BEX 644
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	No Claims yet made	
	1 GAME	JEFF DAVIS & PAT DUGGAN TIM HULL & RON STAINES	BEX 435 SOU 408
MIXED DOUBLES	3 GAMES	LESLEY POTTER & MARTIN SIMPSON JANET MORRISON & JEFF DAVIS LESLEY POTTER & MARTIN SIMPSON	BEX 1180 BEX 1172 BEX 1165
	1 GAME	JANET MORRISON & JEFF DAVIS JANET & BUZZ MORRISON LESLEY POTTER & MARTIN SIMPSON	BEX 436 BEX 411 BEX 409
	3 GAMES	JOHN AMOS JOHN BOOTH FRANK YUILLE	BEX 704 SOU 693 SOU 685
INDIVIDUAL MEN	1 GAME	JOHN AMOS TERRY LEADBEATER PETER ROLPH	BEX 278 BEX 278 DAG 278
	3 GAMES	JOAN NUTT JOAN KRUSE LESLEY POTTER	SOU 614 BEX 611 BEX 606
	1 GAME	JOAN NUTT LINDA WALLACE LESLEY POTTER	SOU 264 BAS 230 BEX 227
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3 GAMES	KEVIN BOURLEY	SOU 629
	1 GAME	KEVIN BOURLEY	SOU 232

TOTALS TO DATE:-

BEXLEYHEATH	19
SOUTHEND	11
DAGENHAM	9
BASILDON	1
CLIFTONVILLE	0
WHITSTABLE	0
WALTON	0