

# BOWLING NEWS

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## ESSEX MEN ~

## WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

The Essex men's team have won the coveted BTBA Inter-County Trophy for the second time since the competition began - and this time the trophy is theirs outright. In a nail biting finish they managed to overhaul the Yorkshire team - who had led throughout - in only the final two frames of the 11 game round robin final. CHRIS LEAVY, PETER BABOT, DAVE LEHRIAN, JES MORLEY, BILLY PRESTON and DAVE HOLDEN wore their Essex shirts with pride and the great team spirit born in the final qualifying round at Streatham was carried through to the finals at Coventry.

The first game was against the Hertfordshire team and good 200's from DAVE LEHRIAN and BILLY PRESTON assured the first points. Game two was against Yorkshire which Essex narrowly lost due to a 267 game from that county's Jack Smith. Surrey were then beaten 972 to 929 and the final game against Wales on the first day was a disaster being very low scoring on the pair of lanes that caused problems throughout the weekend. Two wins and two losses gave Essex fifth position on the Saturday night and they were aware that they could not afford to drop one further game if their ambition of the county champions was to be realised.

After an excellent banquet on Saturday night the team turned out duly refreshed on Sunday morning and went about their task in style beating Dorset, Hampshire, Scotland and Co Durham and giving them second placing with one game to go; being equal with Yorkshire on points but with a slightly inferior pinfall. Essex now had to beat Staffordshire and Yorkshire had to lose to Hampshire or bowl a very bad game indeed. Essex duly came up with a Sunday grand slam and disposed of Staffs by 19 pins and in a frantic final frame the Hampshire men beat Yorkshire by just 13 pins after their anchor man had failed to convert a baby split!

So the Essex six went up to collect the trophy and their medals. They gave a vote of thanks to ALAN SAMUELS who acted as the team manager for the weekend and Alan himself asks for a special mention to be made of DAVE LEHRIAN and BILLY PRESTON who both played superbly for the complete tournament. Dave averaged over 190 and Billy over 187. Well done Essex - already SEBA's TEAM OF THE YEAR.



# Norma Bridge Memorial Trophy

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Why a number of women bowlers complain that there is very little in the way of bowling tournaments for them where they do not have to compete against men and yet fail to support an event designed especially for them is a mystery. However despite a poor entry of just 18 players the annual Ladies Open Scratch Singles played over 5 games across 10 lanes was a very exciting affair with the 1977 title being decided only in the final frame of the last game between JUDY ROBINS and the holder JANET MORRISON. A split put paid to Janet's third title but Judy was a worthy winner with a fine 196 plus average. The top ten with games bowled were as follows:-

1. JUDY ROBINS	PETERBOROUGH	223	169	211	192	186	=	981	£25.00
2. JANET MORRISON	BEXLEYHEATH	216	174	192	211	176	=	969	£11.00
3. JULIE BAREHAM	WALTON ON NAZE	191	166	212	170	180	=	919	
4. LESLEY POTTER	BEXLEYHEATH	158	190	168	166	211	=	893	
5. PAT DEW	STREATHAM	175	153	171	170	219	=	888	
6. ENA PRATTLEY	SUNDERLAND	151	165	188	187	174	=	865	
7. MEG SHAW	NEWCASTLE	165	148	152	195	176	=	836	
8. JOAN KRUSE	BEXLEYHEATH	189	154	151	126	195	=	815	
9. BERYL DRUBY	BEXLEYHEATH	122	171	170	203	148	=	814	
POPPY HOWIS	BEXLEYHEATH	178	155	141	169	171	=	814	

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## THE ERIC BAKER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Dagenham's first open tournament for quite some time was a resounding success as befits an event dedicated to the memory of the centre's SEBA representative and bowling personality for many years, the late ERIC BAKER. Run on a handicap basis some excellent scoring was the order of the day with ROY MYHILL and GEORGE BROWN taking an early lead with a formidable 1290 with ALAN KERSEY and MARC CARVER just behind them on 1285. The Sunday, however, brought about a quick change in the tables when newcomers TRACY STARK and LES STUBBS bowled well over their averages in hitting a fine 1311 and it looked as if the tourney was won. In the very next squad, however, the 1311 was exactly equalled by DOLLY HART and BARRY WRIGHT! These scores stood until the 4.30p.m. squad on the final day when the Schlitz All Stars pairing of RAY HOOK and BOBBY MANSFIELD struck their best form in recording scratch games of 444 393 456 for a 1293 set totalling 1371 with handicap. Centre Manager BUTCH STEER and the DAGENHAM TOURNAMENT PROMOTERS ask us to formally thank all those who participated and to record particular thanks to SEBA Councillor DAVE LOFTS for all his hard work throughout. Their next tournament is scheduled for the Spring - we look forward to details in due course. Top ten finishers were as follows:-

1. RAY HOOK & BOBBY MANSFIELD	1371	£120.00
2. LES STUBBS & TRACEY STARK	1311	50.00
DOLLY HART & BARRY WRIGHT	1311	50.00
4. GEORGE BROWN & ROY MYHILL	1290	25.00
5. GEOFF SMART & JOHN WYNDHAM	1289	18.00
6. ALAN KERSEY & MARC CARVER	1285	16.00
7. PAT GORDON & GEORGE PATEL	1281	14.00
8. COLIN PRESLAND & ALAN WEALL	1277	11.00
GEORGE BROWN & TONY HARTLEY	1277	11.00
10. MARILYN BUCKLEY & MARC CARVER	1270	8.60 etc etc

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STOP PRESS: SCHLITZ ALL STARS ROLL 1912 TRIOS SERIES AT BEXLEYHEATH -  
HIGHEST IN THE COUNTRY FOR OVER 2 YEARS AND A NEW BOWL RECORD.  
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## FIRE AT HUMBER LANES, SOUTHEND

SEBA is temporarily down to six centres as the Humber Bowl at Southend has been forced to close their doors following a nasty fire that started in the roof and brought part of it down onto the lanes. Due to close for a few weeks anyway for new machines and lanes to be installed the closure has had to be brought forward and it now looks as if the centre will be unable to reopen until about April 1978.

Most of the regular league bowlers have found themselves other leagues around the Area in which to bowl at least for the time being but, naturally, they are all looking forward to returning to their home centre once all the work is complete. We will bring you further news as soon as it is to hand.

## TAKE NOTE ESSEX PROMOTERS

The Eastern Regional Office of the SPORTS COUNCIL at 26/28, Bromham Road, Bedford, MK40 2QP publish a regular Sports Calendar of events and it would be a good thing if tournaments that are arranged in any of the centres within Essex are advised to them. Keep our sport in line with all the others that appear such as Badminton, Golf, Hockey, Judo, Lawn Tennis, Netball, Rugby, Swimming, Table Tennis etc etc etc.

## ANNUAL CLUB TOURNAMENTS

The annual 600, 550, 500 and 200 Club Tournaments are scheduled for February 1978. The venue was to be Southend but in view of the temporary closure a new centre is now required. Walton on Naze is to be approached and it is hoped that SEBA's first tournament at this very popular Essex centre will shortly be taking place. Entry Forms will be out shortly as soon as confirmation is received of the venue and the proposed date. Watch your notice Boards!

## NATIONAL EVENTS ON BOWLING CALENDAR

Other Tournaments for your diary include the LADIES PIONEER being held at Mecca, Streatham on 21/22nd January, the annual BTBA NATIONALS at the Airport Bowl on 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th April, the BTBA MASTERS on 16th April and the BTBA JUNIOR MASTERS, also at the Airport, on 28th and 29th July.



"What do you mean, I carry my bowling ball in what funny place?"

## 16TH YEAR OF S.E.B.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEBA's 16th Annual Area Championships are to be held on 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th and 21st May 1978 and are scheduled for Cliftonville with Bexleyheath as reserve centre. It may be early but start thinking about your entries now and watch your holiday dates for this period. The SEBA Championships are the largest of their type anywhere in Europe. Be a part of them and make 1978 another record year. Events to be held are Singles, Doubles, Five Person Teams and All Events, both regular and ladies divisions and each one both scratch and handicap. Closing date will be Sunday, 9th April.

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A STRIKING 1978

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## APOLOGIES TO THE SOUTHERNERS

Although the new SEBA Area Record for a 4 person team game of 914 was duly credited to them in last season's Area Hi's the score, due entirely to an oversight, was not sent on to BTBA for the National Standings listing which they would have won. Sincere apologies to the SOUTHERNERS from the Southend Buisnessman's League whose excellent night's bowling is detailed below:-

DAVE DAVIES	180	173	265	618
STEVE VICTORY	168	177	205	550
PHIL MILLERSHIP	194	162	247	603
JOHN NOBLE	222	154	197	573
	<u>764</u>	<u>666</u>	<u>914</u>	<u>2344</u>

## HONG KONG REPORT BY JOAN NUTT

"The "Pearl of the Orient" is how Hong Kong is known in Asia and I was very fortunate to be able to return there this year for a month's holiday. I was also lucky to choose the time when the Hong Kong Open and Masters Tournaments were being held. Competitors came from Japan, Bangkok, Minila, Singapore and Indonesia and these, plus the Australian, Malayasian and European residents made it a truly international affair. Bowling is very popular, sponsorships are magnificent, enthusiasm is electric and all these factors make even the smaller competitions a pleasure in which to participate.

The "Open" consists of singles, doubles, mixed doubles, team and, of course, all events. One has to qualify for the "Masters" - the Hong Kong players are invited - and all 24 men and 24 lady finalists are presented with mementos which, this year, were silver plated brandy goblets inscribed with the event and year. The ladies bowl 16 games and the men 24! Considering the talent and the fact that I used a borrowed ball I was very pleased to finish in 11th position. In all I bowled 48 games in a week. Some holiday! The weekend ended with a magnificent Presentation Dinner.

After all this practise I was delighted to return home and be able to win our Masters, having been runner-up twice before. Definatly third time lucky for me.

KUNG HEI FAT CHOY AND GOOD BOWLING

JOAN NUTT

## SEBA JUNIORS TRIUMPH AT CRAWLEY

The third annual JUNIOR INVITATION TEAM TOURNAMENT held at the Humber Bowl, Crawley in October was won by BEXLEYHEATH in 1976 who defended their title this year but without the success of 12 months ago. The JOCK CAIE TROPHY, however, was retained within SEBA and now proudly stands in the showcase at WHITSTABLE. They youngsters from the Kentish centre rolled 2804 to take first position from the Airport Bowl with 2788 and Brize Norton on 2717.

The boy's singles was also a win for Whitstable with a 570 bowled by DAVID YOXALL and, to complete a SEBA trio, NICKY HARRIS from Basilson won the girl's singles with a 478. Well done all of you.