

AND 96P FROM THE 1978 AIRPORT 'NATIONALS'

The 17th annual B.T.B.A. Championships were the largest since the boom days of the sport when the 1966 event was held at the old Wembley bowl. An excellent entry this year, the second largest championships of all time and, in relation to the number of members, the largest ever. The Airport Bowl was the venue for the second time - the last occasion being 1963 - and high scoring was the order of the two complete weekends bowling with tournament records being smashed in all directions over the 24 lanes. S.E.B.A. members fared particularly well as recounted below:-

REGULAR ALL EVENTS HANDICAP was won by PAUL SCOTTOW from Walton on Naze with team mate ROBIN GARTON the runner-up. JOHN BASHAM of Bexleyheath was 8th and others to cash in the listings were DAVE LOFTS and DAVE COHEN from Dagenham. Paul's average for his 9 championship games was a remarkable 214 with Robin Garton making 211. Very well done.

REGULAR ALL EVENTS SCRATCH was naturally won by PAUL SCOTTOW and the runner-up again was, of course, ROBIN GARTON. JOHN BASHAM again cashed.

LADIES ALL EVENTS HANDICAP was won by Pauline Bowry from Tolworth. LESLEY POTTER of Bexleyheath cashed in 4th slot.

LADIES ALL EVENTS SCRATCH was also taken by Pauline Bowry with a fine 198 nine game average with Jane Virof of Harrow second and LESLEY POTTER third.

REGULAR TEAM HANDICAP was won by the SCHLITZ ALL STARS from Dagenham with Walton's MARTELLO team fifth alongside the Dagenham SAINTS.

REGULAR TEAM SCRATCH was a S.E.B.A. benefit with the ALL STARS first on 3001 and MARTELLO the runners-up on 2946.

LADIES TEAM HANDICAP event ended in a two way tie between the Sea Hawks and the Olivettes with the HUSHAWAYS third; a team that contained JANET MORRISON and LESLEY POTTER.

LADIES TEAM SCRATCH was won by the HUSHAWAYS with 2625.

REGULAR SINGLES HANDICAP was won by John Ledner with a handicap total of 721. BILL SHEAD from Basildon was third with 715 and BRIAN FROST from Dagenham fifth on 705. Others to cash down the line were DOUG HARTLEY from Walton, JOHN BASHAM and MARTIN SIMPSON from Bexleyheath, ALAN WHITE and DAVE LOFTS of Dagenham, GEOFF HOARE of Basildon and (we missed one!) CHAS BAULK of Bexleyheath.

REGULAR SINGLES SCRATCH was won by D. Harwood with a fine 699 (oh for just one more pin!). RAY HOOK's 647 came into 7th position, DOUG HARTLEY's 629 was 11th, JOHN BASHAM rolled 608 for 20th slot and Prospect of the year MARTIN BOOTH from Southend totalled 607 for joint 21st place. We told you the scoring was high!!

LADIES SINGLES HANDICAP was taken this year by Jane Virof with a 681. This area's only 'casher' was WYN COLLISON in at 10th.

LADIES SINGLES SCRATCH was also a victory for Jane Virof with 617. None of our girls made the listings here.

REGULAR DOUBLES HANDICAP was won with a formidable 1418 by R. Stent and J. Staplehurst and with a score like this it was just a question of who made the placings. In fact PAUL SCOTTOW and DAVE HOLDEN from Walton made third, JOHN BASHAM and BRIAN NEWSON from Bexleyheath were sixth, ED SEARLES and BILL SHEAD from Basildon cashed eighth, BARRY MCGREGOR and ROBIN GARTON of Walton and ALAN SAMUELS and EDDIE HARVEY of Southend were 14th and 15th respectively and others to cash were MARTIN SIMPSON & DAVE COHEN of Bexleyheath and Dagenham, ALAN KERSEY & BOB SPOONER of Dagenham, JOHN MILLS & DOUG HARTLEY of Walton and 'Our Pres' TED SHRIMPTON with RAY LAROCHE from Bexleyheath.

REGULAR DOUBLES SCRATCH was taken by Alan Jordache and Neil Lever from the home centre with a fine 1270 and two Walton pairings (the little Walton centre and the MARTELLO team in particular really had a fine National Championships) were in second and third placings. PAUL SCOTTOW with DAVE HOLDEN fired 1262 whilst BARRY MACGREGOR and ROBIN GARTON made 1252. JOHN BASHAM and BRIAN NEWSON were eighth on 1202 and ALAN SAMUELS and EDDIE HARVEY hit 1184 for 12th place.

LADIES DOUBLES HANDICAP needed a 1326 for the winning score and this was posted by Jane Virot and Pauline Bowry. LESLEY POTTER with Marie Beenham collected third position prize and JENNY MYHILL and CAROLE BROWN from Dagenham were 7th in the prize listings.

LADIES DOUBLES SCRATCH was also a victory for the Jane Virot/Pauline Bowry combination with a fine 1212 and LESLEY POTTER was second on this occasion with Marie Beenham with 1137.

On The County Trail

WITH ESSEX AND KENT AT LAST ALLOCATED TO DIFFERENT GROUPS FOR QUALIFYING PURPOSES WE WERE HOPEFUL OF GREAT THINGS THIS YEAR AND FOLLOWING ROUND 1 EVERYTHING LOOKS ENCOURAGING FOR BOTH ESSEX MEN AND LADIES WHO BOTH HAVE 8 POINTS FROM THE FIRST 5 GAMES AND ARE BOTH HEADING GROUP 6 AND FOR THE KENT LADIES WHO ALSO TOP GROUP 5 WITH THE SAME TOTAL. KENT MEN CONTINUE THEIR BAD LUCK STORY - IT REALLY IS TRUE. WINNING ONLY ONE OF THEIR 5 GAMES AT THEIR OWN CENTRE WAS A CONSIDERABLE DISAPPOINTMENT PARTICULARLY BEARING IN MIND THAT EACH OF THE OPPOSING TEAMS SEEMED TO HIT THEIR BEST GAME AGAINST THEM INCLUDING LONDON WHO WON WITH 993 AGAINST KANT'S 988 AND CONSIDERING THAT THEY HAD THE HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORER OF THE TOURNAMENT WITH PHIL PUTTICK AVERAGING 202 FOR HIS 5 GAMES. ROUND 2 FOR ESSEX IS PLAYED AT AYLESBURY ON 20TH AUGUST COMMENCING AT 1P.M. AND KENT ON THE SAME DAY AND AT THE SAME TIME PLAY AT WORTHING. BOTH TEAMS COULD DO WITH YOUR SUPPORT. S.E.B.A. COULD HAVE THREE TEAMS IN THE FINALS THIS YEAR - AND WITH A MINOR MIRACLE COULD EVEN HAVE ALL FOUR!

GROUP 5 TABLES

<u>MEN</u>	Pld	W	L	Pins	H.G	Avg	Points
HAMPSHIRE	5	5	0	4624	990	924	10
SUSSEX	5	4	1	4792	1003	958	8
SURREY	5	3	2	4492	949	898	6
LONDON	5	2	3	4545	988	909	4
KENT	5	1	4	4521	988	904	2
MIDDLESEX	5	0	5	4327	888	865	0
<u>LADIES</u>							
LONDON	5	4	1	4358	991	871	8
KENT	5	4	1	4079	848	815	8
MIDDLESEX	5	3	2	4248	922	849	6
SUSSEX	5	2	3	4161	856	832	4
SURREY	5	2	3	4118	874	823	4
HAMPSHIRE	5	0	5	3772	775	754	0

GROUP 6 TABLES

MEN

	Pld	W	L	Pins	H.G	Avg Points	
ESSEX	5	4	1	4504	959	900	8
PETERBOROUGH	5	3	2	4702	1022	940	6
HERTFORDSHIRE	5	3	2	4525	936	905	6
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	5	2	3	4429	896	885	4
OXFORDSHIRE	5	2	3	4379	997	875	4
BERKSHIRE	5	1	4	4350	945	870	2

LADIES

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	5	4	1	3973	822	794	8
ESSEX	5	4	1	3836	816	767	8
BERKSHIRE	5	3	2	3874	811	774	6
HERTFORDSHIRE	5	2	3	3930	857	786	4
OXFORDSHIRE	5	2	3	3865	816	773	4

WHITSTABLE'S JUNIOR BOWLER OF THE YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP

A number of centre's have a Bowler of the Month board where the high series of the month is posted and where the 12 top bowlers play a tournament at the end of the year for the title Bowler of the Year. Whitstable is no exception but last year included Junior scores for the first time. The first JUNIOR BOWLER OF THE YEAR event was held there in February and the first champion turned out to be the only girl competing with the boys, young MERYL WILLIAMS! Well done Meryl and also well done to runner-up ANDY SALT and third placed TREVOR JOSLING. Hard working BRIAN JOSLING organised the event and also presented the prizes.

SOUTHEND REOPENS

We are very pleased indeed to report that the Humber centre at Southend reopened on Good Friday after the fire that was suffered there the previous October. The 18 lanes are all new, the machines are new and the whole centre has been tastefully redecorated.

The Humber centre at Hull that was razed to the ground by fire a few years ago has also reopened as a completely new building and, from all accounts, is doing remarkably good business.

A JUNIOR 700

Tolworth Junior NEIL WYATT bowling in the Charrington House Championships rolled games of 220-277-211 for an excellent series of 708 equalling the identical score set by S.E.B.A. 1978 Masters Champion BARRY MCGREGOR at Walton some six years ago when he was also a junior. It has not been reported whether the series was officially sanctioned or not. If the Championships were not B.T.B.A. sanctioned it will be a shame that such a fine score will never appear in official records.

A FEMALE 800

The all time World record 3 game series for a lady player was set a few years back by BEVERLEY ORTNER of the U.S.A with an 810. It still stands but only just! 17 year old NIKKI GIANULIAS from Calafornia recently hit games of 274-257-279 for the second ever female 800 set, an 802.

MECCA SPONSOR TREETOP

Our old friends the TREETOP team have obtained a fine sponsor-ship from Mecca Sports reported to be 'a four figure amount'.

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

For services to the B.T.B.A. and to tenpin bowling Essex Councillor BILL AINGER was presented with a silver pin at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. We cannot think of a more deserving award.

At the same meeting both BILL AINGER and TED SHRIMPTON were re-elected as B.T.B.A. Council members for Essex and Kent respectively.

BRIAN LANGFORD remains as an Executive member of B.T.B.A. serving as Chairman of the New Equipment Committee. In this capacity he is soon to travel to Brussels to view and observe a new pinsetting machine that has been developed

NEW SEASON 1978/1979

All League Secretaries must complete the Form LK102 before any league equipment for the new season can be issued. The forms will be out within the next few days.

There is a new Membership Application Form designed to cut down the chore of form filling at the bowlers end and the chore of filing thousands of individual membership applications every season at Head Office. First time B.T.B.A. applicants must complete all sides of the original white card. First time members who have already joined through another league must complete the blue application card as before. Bowlers who were members in the 1977/1978 season, however, don't have to complete a card! All that needs to be done is for your full name, BTBA number and 20p to be passed to your league secretary and he/she then completes the new form which lists all those who join on the new basis. The top two copies are sent direct to BTBA and the third one is retained. League Secretaries should make a note on the individual record card of each bowler of those that have paid membership through the league. Often membership cards arrive and the secretary doesn't know who to give them to! **NOTE WHO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION THROUGH YOUR LEAGUE AND DON'T BE CAUGHT OUT.**

TOURNAMENTS ON THE WAY FOR THE NEW SEASON

The 1st. Annual SEBA Junior Championships are coming up in the Autumn and the actual date will be confirmed shortly. There are likely to be four events, three classified doubles with maximum entering averages of 240, 280 and 320 and a trios with a maximum entering figure of 420. All YBC coaches should commence thinking about their teams now.

The SEBA Inter-Centre are coming around again and are due in the Autumn. The Championships allow for 18 bowlers to represent their centre. Think about your team now. Entry Forms will be issued shortly.

The Eric Baker Memorial Tournament will again take to the Dagenham lanes in November and the dates for your diary are 5th, 12th, 18th and 19th. The tournament is a doubles handicap event. Watch out for the entry forms!

The first Junior Inter-County Championships are being organised for Ilkeston, Derby in January 1979. Further news as soon as it comes to hand.

ODDS & BITS!

It has been suggested that a 5 year membership card be issued for 1979 at a fee of £1.50. With inflation still with us it sounds a bargain!

BTBA obtain tournament sponsorship from LADBROKES and the first event, a trios, runs in September with participating centres including Bexleyheath.

VIEW DATA - the television news and information service that could one day replace the newspaper will include 10 pages of tenpin bowling through the BTBA and the Sports Council.



"They're bowling scores!"

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

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	SCHLITZ ALL STARS	3075	DAG
		SCHLITZ ALL STARS	2999	DAG
		MARTELLO	2994	WALT
	1 GAME	SCHLITZ ALL STARS	1064	DAG
		MARTELLO	1063	WALT
		THE COMMITTEE	1056	DAG
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	MARTELLO	2443	WALT
		MARTELLO	2431	WALT
		MARTELLO II	2363	WALT
	1 GAME	MARTELLO	875	WALT
		MARTELLO	845	WALT
		MARTELLO	843	WALT
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	SCHLITZ ALL STARS	1916	BEX
		THE COMMITTEE	1800	BEX
		KINGCRAFT	1772	DAG
	1 GAME	APOLLO 78	712	DAG
		COMETS	684	DAG
		SCHLITZ ALL STARS	683	BEX
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	RAY HOOK & BOBBY MANSFIELD	1286	DAG
		GEORGE BLACKMAN & TREV AYRES	1232	BAS
		KEN MORRIS & GEORGE ALLCOCK	1197	BEX
	1 GAME	TERRY MILLER & KEITH KNOTT	454	BEX
		KEN MORRIS & GEORGE ALLCOCK	443	BEX
		TERRY MILLER & KEITH KNOTT	442	BEX
MIXED DOUBLES	3 GAMES	POPPY COPE & MAC MCCARTNEY	1149	BEX
		PAM MALYAN & PETE BOYD	1142	BEX
		JANET & BUZZ MORRISON	1139	BEX
	1 GAME	LESLEY POTTER & MART SIMPSON	448	BEX
		POPPY COPE & MAC MCCARTNEY	446	BEX
		DENISE RONDEAU & ROY MYHILL	435	DAG
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	ROBIN GARTON	725	WALT
		PHIL RUSSELL	702	DAG
		ROBIN GARTON	698	WALT
	1 GAME	ROBIN GARTON & CHRIS WINTER	279	WALT
		GEORGE PATEL	270	DAG
		NEVILLE D'COSTA	268	BEX
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	JOAN KRUSE	625	BEX
		AMANDA POTTER	601	BAS
		EDITH CHALLONER	599	BEX
	1 GAME	SUE HIGHWAY	246	BEX
		SHIRLEY PREVOST	245	WALT
		POPPY COPE	244	BEX
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3 GAMES	CAROLINE GRIFFIN	618	BAS
		MARTIN BOOTH	610	SOU
		MARK PRESLEY	607	BAS
	1 GAME	MARK PRESLEY	258	BAS
		TERRY MUNSON	243	BEX
		CAROLINE GRIFFIN	231	BAS

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BEXLEYHEATH	17
WALTON ON NAZE	13
DAGENHAM	11
BASILDON	6

SOUTHEND	1
CLIFTONVILLE	0
WHITSTABLE	0