

B.T.B.A. Inter-County Championships Finals

The Essex Ladies travelled to Sunderland for the County Finals on the 22nd — 23rd September. The eight counties taking part were, Essex, Durham, Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Dorset, Oxford, Hampshire and Surrey.

All the teams at this stage are strong opposition and our first two games with Durham and Yorkshire went against us but not without a fight.

Our old rivals Surrey were next and we recorded our first win by just 30 pins.

With the last game on Saturday coming up, we needed a win to draw for the day. We all started well and battled player against player until the last frame when the Dorset girls got the edge and we lost by 18 pins.

Saturday evening Gala Dinner in the form of a "Wild West Evening" held in a Marquee in the grounds of the Hotel was a very enjoyable affair, dress cowboy style — we were saving our "big guns" for Sunday's matches. We had to win all our remaining matches for a chance of a medal.

First match against Hampshire was close fought and we came out on top this time by 24 pins. Next game against Staffordshire was another nail-biter with all players shouting their encouragement and we eventually lost by only 12 pins. Undaunted we still had a chance for 3rd place if we could increase our pinfall.

Our seventh game was against Oxford, again old friendly rivals of ours. They beat us at last year's final, and we were out for revenge. Lots of good hearted banter from all the girls and Essex managed to win by 23 pins.

At this stage Durham and Yorkshire were way out in front; first place to be decided between them with five teams on equal points deciding 3rd place.

The last position round. Essex were once again drawn against Oxford — let battle commence!!!

Each girl bowled against the pressure and each other, determination foremost in their minds right to the last ball and the points could have gone either way. Essex managed to hold on by 4 pins — another good win but not enough pins to take 3rd place.

A very enjoyable weekend was had by one and all and we look forward to qualifying for next year's final.

This event is open to any player within the Counties, they need to take part in the County Trials usually held each year during Feb/March. When the teams are chosen by the County Committee, they participate in two rounds in an attempt to reach the finals where only 16 county teams, 8 men, 8 women compete to become the Champions.

RESULTS Inter County Champions Ladies

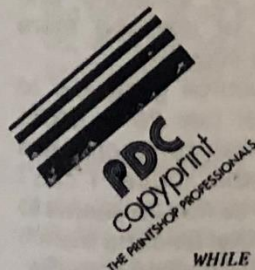
1st	Durham
2nd	Yorkshire
3rd	Staffordshire
4th	Hampshire
5th	Essex
6th	Dorset
7th	Oxford
8th	Surrey

RESULTS Inter County Champions Men

1st	Durham
2nd	Yorkshire
3rd	Middlesex
4th	Hampshire
5th	Oxford
6th	Sussex
7th	Surrey
8th	Huntingdon

The Essex Ladies team was: Jan Cormack, Sue Wright, Ruth Molineaux, Ann Finch, Shirley Molineaux, Marion Drury, Joan Nutt.

Report by Joan Nutt the Inter County Organiser for Essex.



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Cool Corner

Now pay attention you lot, I shall be asking questions later. The subject for debate today is legs. Men's legs in general, male legs in particular.

In the last edition of Bowling News there appears under the heading "For Your Information From the B.T.B.A." the following gem regarding "Bowlers Appearance":—

"The Council of the B.T.B.A. has confirmed that short trousers may not be worn by men in sanctioned play."

With that specific heading in mind I checked the rule book. "Bowlers' Appearance (Ref: Rule 26) on page 70 and reads:

"Any member reporting under the influence of liquor or who in the opinion of the officials of the league is not dressed in a presentable manner will not be permitted to bowl. His future status shall be determined by his team captain or referred to the Board of Directors for consideration.

Rule 26 page 10 is under the heading "Penalty for Unfair Tactics". It fills a page and covers among other matters, as gaining unfair advantage, tampering with pins, failing to distribute team prize fund money as per agreements and at the bottom of the page, para e. "By committing an act considered by the Council of the B.T.B.A. conduct derogatory to the best interest of the sport. Penalty — suspension of membership."

Hang in there my little chickadees in a matter as grave as this we go without benefit of station identity or a word from our sponsor direct to our Milwaulkee studios for a play by play analysis of this momentous pronouncement.

"Bowlers' Appearance" on page 70 makes that item specifically a matter for league officials, no ambiguity at all. Rule 26 on page 10 might have some relevance in the following passage:— "a. Attempting to gain an unfair advantage." but then clauses under this rule seem specifically to rule it out, check 'em for yourself.

So try "b. Placing the game of tenpins in jeopardy of unfair criticism by the use of disreputable tactics in connection with the game of bowling."

Hmmm, unlikely, me thinks. Paragraphs c and d can't possibly apply, which leaves us with a paragraph (clause?) of catchall dimensions, namely "e.

By committing an act considered by the Council of the B.T.B.A. conduct derogatory to the best interest of the sport."

So I utilised Mr Graham Alexander Bell's fine instrument and had converse with one of the members of the B.T.B.A. Council in order to have things clarified. Boiled down it amounted to:—

Men in shorts might deposit sweat on the approaches.

Sound enough. Are we then to expect female bowlers to be required to wear stockings or tights or some such leg coverings to ensure they don't drop sweat from their legs? Or, reverting to the appearance aspect, is it assumed that shorts wearers are de facto scruff bags? That all wearers of long trousers are paragons of sartorial elegance?

Or could it just be that it was a long session and all the rest of the Council wanted to get home and watch the latest episode of whatever particular enthralling dramatic offering was due on in ten minutes time so they all said "Aye" to an apparently sappy resolution put by someone who couldn't think of anything more constructive to suggest?

The same source gives me to understand that rule 26 is under review and is likely to be changed in the foreseeable future. I can't argue with that as rule 26 seems to give the power that be carte blanche to do what they like when they like.

I would like however to refer you to page 56 of the rule book, which contains a note to the effect that once a season is under way, a unanimous vote is required to change league rules. These rules and regulations are considered a binding contract. Before the season gets under way members have the option of refusing to bowl under any particular rule or rules to which they object. Once the

season has started the members are considered to have accepted the rules and regs. and therefore no such option exists. Therefore, to change the contract requires a unanimous vote. It seems in order to question the moral if not the legal right of the B.T.B.A. to tell us, the membership, "Do as we say, not as we do".

My final question on this subject: Do national associations in tropical parts have a similar ruling or do the lane proprietors in such areas have some super duper floor dressing which nullifies sweat and thereby obviates the need for such as rule?*

Have we all got our lanes booked for Walton in May? My league has. And our overnight accommodation for the last Saturday and Sunday nights.

So if you see someone (indeed, several someones) having difficulty making it the whole length of the approach it's because they've only five or six hours previously eaten the largest breakfast this side of a Lord Mayor's banquet, and it's no use even asking the name of the hotel where such a dawn gastronomic blow out is to be had. My lot have booked the entire establishment for that weekend.

We may not make ALL the top spots, but we won't starve, baby. See ya there. Keep Fed. STAY COOL.

*ED'S NOTE: The Council of the B.T.B.A. does have the right to change the playing rules and regulations of our sport, and as it can be seen in 'From the B.T.B.A.' page a new rule has been added as rule 36 Bowlers Appearance.



Scene Around SEBA

The 1984/85 Season has started, which leads me to wonder how many times I shall have to listen to the old excuses for not sanctioning their league when some poor sod hits 300, and recognition is refused.

Or why a League President thought the Treasurer was STRAIGHT, and after the treasurer had failed to bank the leagues money for the season and can't be found at any of his many addresses!

So why should I think this season will be any different from any other?

I don't really, I just hope that it might be!

In all honesty if the PRESIDENT was to take his responsibilities seriously, and adhered to RULE 102 the odd bent or careless treasurer would not be able to make a mess of YOUR LEAGUE.

Mr President if your league uses a Building Society make sure that the account is in the name of the league, that two signatures are required to withdraw any money. EXAMINE the PASS BOOK every month, ascertain that the amount shown is the amount that should be there.

If you use a bank the same applies, the account should be in the name of the league, and the statement is sent to your address, make sure that the leagues funds are being paid in on a regular basis. If you don't MR PRESIDENT you deserve all you get.

One last thing before I get off my soap box. The Local Association is not the SWEENEY; it does not dash off to the offenders drum and jump up and down on their legs.

If someone has nicked your funds, drag yourself round to the Old Bill and have charges of theft preferred against the offender.

The Local Association only acts in respect of "if the offenders deserve to retain the membership in the BTBA."

And if any PRESIDENT wants sympathy, it's between SHAME & SYSTEM in the dictionary.

The 1985 S.E.B.A. Area Championships are to be held at Walton-on-Naze during May.

The Area Secretary John Cudmore has made arrangements so that teams book their squad in ad-

vance.

The squads and dates are as follows:

Saturdays 4th, 11th and 25th May 1985

1.00 pm Singles and Doubles

3.30 pm Singles and Doubles

6.00 pm Team event

8.30 finish

Sundays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th May

9.00 am Singles and Doubles

11.30 am Singles and Doubles

2.00 pm Singles and Doubles

4.30 pm Singles or Doubles only (or Masters)

6.00 pm Team Event

8.30 pm Team Event

11.00 finish.

The Ladies Masters Championship will replace the 4.30 pm squad on Sunday 12th and the Mens Masters Championships will replace the 4.30 pm squad on Sunday 26th May.

All you have to do to reserve a squad is to send £1.00 per person per event in advance to the Area Secretary

J. Cudmore
59 Manor Way
Barnehurst
Bexleyheath
Kent.

Tel. (0322) 54660.

The advance fee is returnable in the event of an entry being received, so there we are, money, squad, and alternative times to J.C.

BEXLEYHEATH

I have received a letter from Sheila Phillips and I am now her devoted fan for life. She said and I shall quote:

"Dear Ted,

I know you made some boo-boo's in the last issue (131), but for me it was superb. Because at the moment I am in Farnham Manor Clinic. Gordon brought in Bowling News not having read it. I can tell you Ted you gave me the brightest half hour in the day watching Gordon's face, so thank you very much.

Love

Sheila Phillips

P.S. Just one thing, when you quoted verbatim from my letter I did sign it Sheila not Shiela."

Thank you Sheila you have made my YEAR. I hope you are well on the way to a full recovery and I look forward to seeing you soon at Bexleyheath.

Fireball League

Terry Connolly of Raw Power hit his personal best game of 224, his game included 6 in a row. Well done Terry.

Roundtable

Keef Luxton in the Tuesday Scratch League hit 267, 223, 214 for a 704 series, his series wrested the league high series from Keith Hodge.

A few weeks later Keef lost the high game to Derek Hannan with a 9 spare, strike, 9 spare, 9 in a row 270. Derek followed this up with another two two hundred games, all this after an eleven week lay off.

Monday Invicta League

Gerry Cooper and John Lineham. Psychic Probe have become the new owners of the leagues high game 231 + 242 did the trick for 473.

CAROL LEEDS of Tequila Sunrise on the first night of the season followed a 174 game with 264 that included 8 in a row. Her last game was 148 for a 586 series. Too much Tequila I suspect.

Friday Fours

V. J. Trophies, scored a single game of 837 late in July, ALAN KIRK 242, GORDON PHILLIPS 223, ERIC WHITE 188 and JOHN MAY 184. Well done lads, is Eric still taking the tablets?

The Crusaders hit a nice series 2280. Keith Nott made his presence felt with 644, Steve Conquer 553, Paul Lakey added 548 and Tom Wakeman with 535. Well done chaps 10th place in last seasons Hi's.

Paul Hinch member of the Atlanta Hawks scored 224-225-183 for a 632 series. No he is not a candidate for the silly score brigade! He bummed up the 9th frame of his last game, and that cost him the Jackpot now standing at £400 and

Scene Around SEBA

the league high game and series. Not a bad Failure that Paul, in fact, almost as good as brother Johns.

The Belvedere Daihatsu (Olympic) League

The Olympic League is now sponsored by Belvedere Daihatsu for a weekly prize for the player who adds with handicap the most pins above their average. An enhanced prize fund at the completion of the season. At Christmas time two hampers of enormous proportions, is the weekly prizes.

All this plus the services of Belvedere Daihatsu at their fully equipped workshops, for services and repairs, not only on the Daihatsu range of vehicles but on other cars.

One other advantage is the discount against the purchase of Daihatsu cars, I know of one deal that has saved a league member a tidy sum of money.

Sponsorship is deserving of our patronage, so if you are contemplating buying Er-in-Doors or yourself a new motor, give Arthur the elbow, and buy from Daihatsu Belvedere.

The Chessmen had a smashing time on November 8th having survived November 5th.

Bill Bridge led the way with 656, that included a 257, and 221 game, Eric 'E' Davis scored 596. The rest of the team Alan Franklin, Norman Roud and Chas Painter scored the rest, in their 2831 series, that included a 983 game. Get the joke Eric? November 5th? Bonfire night?

O'Please yourself!!

Gerry Cooper kicked off the first game on the 15th November with 6 in a row, and by the end of the game had scored 242.

His sister Dawn weighed in with 206, and the Rebel Rousers had won the first game against the Team With No Name.

Dawn continued her support of the Rousers with a second game of 222, that included 5 in a row, and strikes in all the important places for the Jackpot.

I'm not sure what Gerry had done in the second game, his other sister Lyn did not say, so perhaps it's Failure Club material?

Well any way; Dawn continued to support Gerry and the rest of the team with a 3rd game of 177 taking her total for the night to 605. BUT! She failed to strike out in the 3rd frame of the 3rd game in her chase for the £400 pound Bexleyheath Jackpot.

O'dear I have found Gerry's scores for the 2nd and 3rd games. O'dear, how sad, poor boy. It's a shame you know, but I should never mock the afflicted. It's all them wild women that does it you know? Lucky little devil.

Frank Lesbirel hit his first 200 with 201 on the 15th November. Frank had a spare in the 9th, a strike with the first ball in the 10th, then doubled in the 10th for a total of 194, with one ball to go, the question was would he hit 6 or more!

Well as you can see he did, but it was a very nervous 7. Well done Frank, the first one is always the best one.

Michelle White aged 9 played her first game (non league) on 15th November and scored 21, her second game was 31. Michelle is disabled and has more spirit than most of us put together.

WELL DONE MICHELLE.

You are an example to us all.

CLIFTONVILLE

Irene & Chas Dunnelt have bowled into the Area Hi's at the last minute with a 401 mixed doubles game and a 1055 series.

During their game Irene hit 4 in a row 188, and Chas started with a double, then left the strikes until the 5th frame, tapped the 6th and 7th frame, then finished the game with 3 in a row 8 spare, and all this effort left chas with 213. It's amazing that one open frame can take so much out of a game.

I always feel that someone has added the score up wrong, being certain that it should be at least 240!

Is that no so Chas??

Well done Chas & Irene, new names to the Area Hi's.

DAGENHAM

MASTERS LEAGUE

The Masters League has got off

to a mighty rush, with a dodgy 1814 series that included a 853 game, a little correction is called for here, for Dodgey is Terry Saunders, Pete Butcher and Alan Kersey.

The All Stars are not far behind the game stakes with 644. They are George Brown, Bernie Joel, Alan Reed and Gerry Sackwild.

I don't know if these scores are the League Hi's or not? Perhaps someone will tell me.

The Individual High Game is, or was, Mike Greenberg with 257, followed by Alan Reed 256 and Pete Butcher 245, who has the series 657.

Marc Carver, according to the League Secretary Joan Nutt should be in the Failure Club with 207-215-256 for 678, apparently he made a mess of the 9th frame in the last game took the high series, but not the game.

Well there we are then!

Another high scoring Failure Club Member.

WALTON

John'O has sent a few more high scores during July and August.

Paul Scottow	239-234-201 = 674
Andy Smith	246-205-207 = 658
Bob Button	181-222-243 = 646
Errol Flynn	179-224-214 = 617
Debbie Heffer	236-190-179 = 605
Shirley Prevost	168-212-222 = 602
Martin Green	258 game
Terry Hewitt	264 game
Finally the Four Aces	
Bob Finch	221-220-177 = 618
Andy Smith	193-243-166 = 602
Brian Green	200-174-279 = 653
Colin Newstead	201-193-194 = 588

815 830 816 = 2461

WHITSTABLE

The Premier Scratch League has been won by THE BROTHERS — SEAN & KERRY PURCELL with a points total of 112. Second place produced a tie between ANGLE — Bob Potts and Chris Smith and DARK HORSES — Tim Berry and Lyn Purcell. High Average went to Kerry Purcell with 185, brother Sean was 2nd with 183. High Team Series:—

THE TOPPERS 1233
KEEF LUXTON & DAVE BUCK
1231

Scene Around SEBA

2nd place Team High Series The Brothers with 1208.

Team High Game:
THE BROTHERS
482

SEAN & KERRY PURCELL
2nd place Team High Game:
The Toppers with 469.
Individual High Game:—

Sean Purcell 258
Dave Buck 252
Individual High Series:—
Sean Purcell 655
Dave Buck 654

Sean's High Series was rolled on the last night of the season it read:
211-242-202 = 655.

A Singles League runs concurrently with the doubles and was won by LYN PURCELL
2nd SEAN PURCELL
3rd KERRY PURCELL

Nothing like keeping it in the family.

Congratulations to you all.
Thank you Lyn for the report.

List of Club Members 1984

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and a
Happy New Year
to all our readers and contributors

