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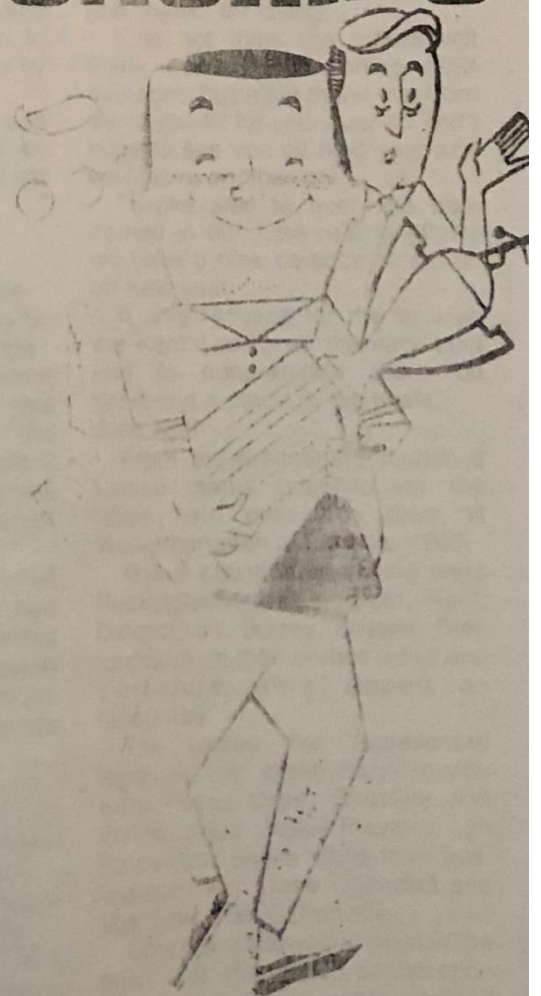
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24th ANNUAL SEBA AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

BEXLEYHEATH BOWL

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Inter County Championships

As a part of the SEBA Inter-County preparations in the Kent v Essex challenge, the second round took place on Sunday the 14th July at Dagenham.

Both counties fielded 12 men and 10 women: Essex had a 64 pin lead after the first match, and after the first game of three to be played Essex extended their lead to 273 pins thanks to high games by Dave Lehrian 222, George Sturgeon 213, and Tina Thorogood 214. Gordon Phillips for Kent was the loan ranger in replying with 204.

The second game saw an attempt by Kent to stage a comeback led by Doreen Lodge with 204 and Bill Hawkes scored 199. Essex held off the challenge and extended their lead thanks to scores of 199 by Debbie Heffer, 190 from Tina Thorogood and a three in a row finish by Marc Carver for 198, and Essex went further in to the lead by another 13 pins.

Kent were never to regain any of the lost ground, in fact Essex sailed away and won by 396 pins. Congratulations to Joan Nutt and her Essex squad of:

Dave Holden	Ann Finch
Marc Carver	Ruth Molineaux
George Sturgeon	Sue Portsmouth
Roy Myhill	Debbie Heffer
Mick Eggleton	Vai Eggleton
Kevin Wright	Sue Wright
Dave Lehrian	Jenny Myhill
Peter Coote	Shirley Molineaux
Mark Presley	Jan Cormack
Brian Green	Tina Thorogood
Alan Samuels	John Coote

High Series Essex

Dave Holden 583
Debbie Heffer 575

High Game Essex

Dave Holden 232
Tina Thorogood 214

Kent

Chas Painter	Lyn Purcell
Bill Hawkes	Sue Trott
Gordon Phillips	Poppy Cope
Ken Barnard	Chris Lodge
Keith Knott	Peggy Hamond
Bob Potts	Irene Dummett
Mark Bird	Doreen Lodge
John Cudmore	Beryl Drury
Steve Conquer	Carol Fullman
Aubrey Belson	Dave Middler

High Series Kent

Mark Bird 545
Sue Trott 526

High Game Kent

Gordon Phillips 204
Doreen Lodge 204

The next outing for the Inter-County teams was to be at the Airport in the final qualifying session to decide who was to go to Wolverhampton for the finals.

Each of our County teams were in with a chance, but it would not be easy to qualify from this one of the strongest zones.

Essex have by far the best record of our two counties in making it to the finals, but it was to be the Kent Ladies who are to carry the SEBA banner to Wolverhampton.

The Kent Ladies scored wins over Berks, Surrey, Middlesex and lost to Norfolk then went on to defeat London and finally Essex by only two pins.

Their average as a team was 175.7, Sheila White led with an average of 187. Sue Trott was not far behind with 182.8.

The Team

Sue Trott	Chris Lodge
Lyn Purcell	Jackie Playford
Sheila White	Elaine Lodge
Poppy Cope	Irene Dummett

Team Manager of the day was Alan Petherick and he said "the team spirit was first class and if they show the same attitude at the final they stand a good chance of winning."

The Kent men's team had what can only be described as a bad day. They lost the first four games changing players after each game trying to find a winning formula. They won the last two games against London and Berks.

The Team

Keith Hodge	Roland Foxley
Steve Carnall	Keith Knott
Chas Painter	Steve Conquer
Gordon Phillips	Keef Luxton

The team average was 175.7 and the high average went to Steve Carnall with 190.80.

Report by Alan Petherick.

Essex

To say we are disappointed this year for neither Essex Teams to reach the finals must be an understatement!

We tried hard and fought well, the team spirit was good all the way through but we just did not produce the pinfall on the day which is what these County games are all about.

I would like to congratulate John Mills, for our Men's team, who over the team rounds bowled a very very good consistent average of 200.6 over 12 games — well done John — also Mark Presley who averaged 180.2 over a total of ten games — well bowled Mark.

For the Ladies Ruth Molineaux was our star, bowling well all the way through with a 184.3 average over the 12 games. Well done Ruth and thanks for trying!

I do not think the others will thank me for mentioning their averages, but a big thank you from me to you all for your support and I hope to see you all next year and we'll have another go!!

Thanks also to everyone concerned in our fund raising efforts we have a nice balance to set us off next year.

It only remains for me to wish the Kent Ladies all the very best and to congratulate them on achieving a place in the finals. Joan Nutt.

From the preliminary rounds 8 Ladies teams qualified for the finals held over two days at Wolverhampton in October 1985.

The 8 counties qualifying were Buckinghamshire, Durham, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Sussex, Staffordshire on their homes lanes and Yorkshire were tipped as favourites.

The Ladies that represented Kent in the preliminary rounds were Poppy Cope, Christine and Elaine Lodge, Jackie Playford, Lyn Purcell and Sheila White from Bexleyheath with Irene Dummett and Sue Trott from Cliftonville.

Only 6 are allowed to bowl in the finals and after much deliberation Poppy and Elaine were omitted from the squad. They did attend

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the finals, and were very much involved in the weekend giving constant encouragement and vocal support together with a galaxy of other supporters.

On Saturday morning, we assembled at dawn to meet the mini coach provided by Chas Dummett from Cliftonville. After roll-call by Big Al, off we dashed up the M25.

After ten minutes there were alarms and excursions when two cases were seen flying along the motorway and an emergency stop was made to the cry of "whose laundry is that on the road?" Luckily the cases did not hit any of the following cars and did not break open. Chas Dummett carried out an excellent recovery act dodging in between the cars on the centre lane. After re-packing all the cases inside the mini-bus our journey continued with no further alarms to arrive in Wolverhampton on time.

We arrived at the Bowl which looked in very good order to start the competition which consisted of a single game against all the other finalists, plus a position round. Four games Saturday, a further games on Sunday to decide the winners.

Kent Ladies opened against the home team Staffordshire and in a low scoring game won 827 to 781. High game went to Kent Captain Sue Trott with 189. Other winners in this round were Surrey, Sussex and Oxford.

During this first game there was high excitement in the Men's section with Hampshire breaking the all time British record for a single five person team game of 1238. The low man scored 222. Dave Sakkas opened with 9 strikes in a row, leaving a single pin on the 10th frame which he converted, then finished the game with a strike to give him a 279 game. Hampshire men went from strength to strength and were the eventual winners from Durham and Yorkshire.

Back to the ladies, where in the second round Kent came against Surrey and scored far better winning 972 to 920 with 215 from Sheila White and 205 from Lyn Purcell.

Wins from Yorkshire, Durham and Sussex left only Kent and Sussex with maximum points after two games.

Kent then bowled against Buckinghamshire anchored by GB international Shelagh Leonard and bowled their lowest game of 824 against 909 from Bucks with no individual score above 171. Sussex won again as did Yorkshire and Oxfordshire.

The last game of the day was against Yorkshire who were fielding 3 GB bowlers, Gina Wardle, Sue Megson and Ena Robinson. rising to the excellent encouragement from their supporters, the Kent Ladies put in a magnificent team game led by Irene Dummett with a 201 to gain a close victory 862 to 816 leaving Kent in second place 2 points behind Sussex who won again to have the maximum 8 points for the day. Buckinghamshire were level with Kent. Yorkshire and Oxfordshire were next with 4 points.

All teams returned to the hotel for the customary dinner/dance at the tournament where it was noticeable that some bowlers retired early and others continued to the end of the entertainments. Interestingly enough, the ones staying up latest still seemed to perform better on Sunday.

On the second day the Kent Ladies opened with a match against Oxfordshire and although Sue Trott had a slow start she was well supported by the rest of the team to win a tight game 959 to 934 with a high game of 223 from Christine Lodge, 210 from Sheila White and 208 from Irene Dummett.

Sussex lost their first game to Durham. Buckinghamshire beat Surrey and Yorkshire beat Surrey. This put Kent into the lead on pin-fall difference from Sussex. The next game was against Durham, who were obviously not firing on all cylinders. The support noise went up a few decibels and the Ladies went mad with only one open frame from one bowler in the first 9 frames. Eventually the high ladies team score for the weekend of 1018 went to Kent against a score

of 944 by Durham. Individual scores were: Sue Trott 192, Irene Dummett 190, Christine Lodge 227, Lyn Purcell 185, Sheila White 224.

Yorkshire continued their winning way against Staffs and Sussex beat Oxfordshire with Surrey picking up 2 points against Bucks. Kent were now back in the lead with a pin-fall of 5462 and 10 points from Sussex with 5136 and 10 points. Yorkshire 5575 pins but only 8 points.

There was then a 1 hour break for lunch, a time for reflection and thinking towards the games to come. By chance or fate Kent then had to play Sussex but Kent Ladies could not raise their game to the heights of the morning and lost rather disappointingly 779 to 854. Meanwhile Yorkshire beat Surrey, Buckinghamshire beat Staffs and Oxford beat Durham.

So going into the position round Kent Ladies knew they could now finish 2nd, third or fourth. If Yorkshire beat Sussex to win and Kent won again they would finish second but provided they did not lose by more than 113 pins to Buckinghamshire they were guaranteed to finish third.

On the adjacent lanes all attention was on the Yorkshire Sussex match with Yorkshire inching ahead coming into the 10th frame. However, Sussex fought back and a turkey by Tracy Neal bowling in fourth position, giving her a 212 game, left all to play for by the anchor bowlers. Ena Robinson (Yorkshire) bowled first taking out 8 pins leaving a comparatively simple spare which meant that Sally Pead (Sussex) needed a double to win. A reasonable ball heading for the pocket left an unbelievable 5-7-10 split — tears, anguish and a total dejection by the Sussex team — Ena picks up the spare — triumph for Yorkshire with a great comeback on the second day. Typically, the Yorkshire Ladies were the first to commiserate with the Sussex team who had provided great excitement in the tournament.

Meanwhile, the Kent ladies were bowling very steadily but Shelagh

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Leonard decided to leave her mark on the tournament started a run of strikes on the third frame and eventually finished with a 249 game to give Buckinghamshire a win by 911 to 843 but not enough to rob Kent of the third place.

Jubilation all round for the Kent Ladies for a great effort and over the weekend consistent bowling as the following averages show:—

Sheila White	180.6
Irene Dummitt	179.5
Lyn Purcell	176.2
Christine Lodge	175.4
Sue Trott	175.3
Jackie Playford	173.6

Congratulations to the Kent Ladies Team.

Thanks to all the supporters and everyone who contributed to the

fund raising events co-ordinated by the County Organiser Doreen Belson. Roll on the 1986 season where we hope to see teams from both Counties in our area in the finals, and two sets of medals.

Reporter Jerry Lodge.

Results

Ladies

	P	W	L	P'F	AVE	HG	PTS
Yorks	8	6	2	7431	928	1005	12
Sussex	8	6	2	6907	863	917	12
Kent	8	5	3	7084	885	1018	10
Bucks	8	5	3	7039	879	936	10
Oxford	8	4	4	6797	849	934	8
Durham	8	3	5	7134	891	950	6
Surrey	8	3	5	7084	885	1012	6
Staffs	8	0	8	6574	821	863	0

Ladies High Game

A. Teesdale (Durham)	249
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Ladies High Averages

A. Teesdale (Durham)	201 x 8
S. Leonard (Bucks)	196 x 8
T. Darville (Surrey)	194 x 8

Men

	P	W	L	P'F	AVE	HG	PTS
Hants	8	6	2	8105	1013	1238	12
Durham	8	6	2	7652	965	993	12
Yorks	8	4	4	7714	964	1033	8
Oxford	8	4	4	7692	961	1042	8
Surrey	8	4	4	7548	943	989	8
Middx	8	3	5	7583	947	986	6
Warks	8	3	5	7425	928	1002	6
Bucks	8	2	6	7694	961	1050	4

Mens High Game

D. Sakkas (Hants)	279
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Mens High Averages

B. Williams (Bucks)	211 x 8
D. Sakkas (Hants)	211 x 6
N. Lemanquais (Hants)	205 x 8

SEBA Travelling League

Sunday 22nd September had arrived, the day I had planned ever since the Area Championships at Walton Pier back in May.

An early start was needed to get to Walton before the teams taking part arrived. I still did not know how many teams would be starting the league, 5?, 6?, 7?, 8? the number was still a mystery. Whitstable were definitely non starters, Bexleyheath were still trying to raise a team on Saturday night.

After a detour, self inflicted, through Harwich and Dovercourt, we arrived at Walton Pier at 9.30, set up our stall and waited!! Who would turn up??

First to arrive was Ernie Setchell who announced that Walton had two teams. Next to arrive was Kevin Norris with his Southend Pinsetters squad. Bob Hayter was next with his Dagenham Squad and trailing last and late as usual the two Cliftonville teams. What do you expect when the driver doesn't read road signs "What A12 turn off?" my navigators missed it".

So it was to be six teams, only half the number I had hoped for, but we were not going to let that spoil our day.

The team managers got together to make one or two amendments to the rules, which as it hap-

pened turned out to be for the better.

It was decided that we would play one round of fours, and one round of trios, and that this would apply to all league matches.

The prize fund was to be paid out as follows, £75 to the winners, £50 to the runners up, and the balance of the prize fund would be paid out from first to last place based on the number of points each team had won.

It was also decided that in the event of a team having to bowl a blind score the blind score would be 135 pins.

The maximum number of games that any player could play was set at four and this was carried.

The team managers also asked to persevere with the other centres who were missing, to see if they would try and manage to enter squads for the next five fixtures.

The remaining fixtures are as follows:— Sunday 24th November 1985 Whitstable, Sunday 19th January 1986 Southend, Sunday 23rd February 1986 Bexleyheath, Sunday 24th April 1986 Dagenham, Sunday 4th June 1986 Cliftonville.

The second round of the league was held at Whitstable on Sunday 24th November. Bexleyheath were

the seventh team to join the league, and there are distinct possibilities that Whitstable will join us in time for Southend.

Apart from running later than anticipated everyone appeared to have had another great day with some very highly competitive and close games.

Walton with 12 wins and only two defeats widened the gap at the top to six points. Jill Hardy improved on her ladies high game and there was 200 plus games by Darren Garner and Jill Hardy.

Southend climbed from 5th to 2nd place by winning 11 of their games. Dave Lewis hit their high game of 213.

Cliftonville (1) took 9 games and held on to third place. High game was by Andy Jasper 211.

Dagenham held on to 4th place winning 7 games. Bob Hayter scored their high game 203.

Cliftonville (2) remained in 6th place winning 6 games. Joe Barnes made their high game with 166.

Bexleyheath won six games out of fourteen of their debut. Keith Knott scored 231 the high game of the day.

On display was the main trophy presented by First Leisure P.L.C. Plus nine replicas for each

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member of the winning team.

A.M.F. Humber have donated Angle Bowling Bags for the Mens and Womens High Game.

The prize fund has now reached £400 and subject to seven teams reaching the final round the prize fund should rise to some £960. Negotiations are in hand for a sponsor for the 1986/87 season, and as soon as these negotiations are successfully concluded an announcement will be made.

Report by League Secretary
Chas Dummitt

The position after 3 rounds:

	p	w	l	pt
1. Walton	24	18	6	36
2. Southend	24	15	9	30
3. Cliftonville (1)	24	15	10	28
4. Dagenham	24	12	12	24
5. Walton Spittires	24	11	13	22
6. Cliftonville	24	10	14	20
7. Bexleyheath	14	6	8	12

High Game (M) F. Jones 240

High Game (F) J. Hardy 207

High Average

Name	Total Pins	gmsave
B. Button	1809	10 180
K. Boydon	1794	10 179
D. Garner	1780	10 178
A. Smith	1772	10 177
D. Summers	1755	10 175
J. Hardy	1751	10 175
B. Green	1826	10 172
F. Jones	1726	10 172
I. Tester	1723	10 172
P. Duligal	1706	10 171

Bert Timms

Sorry! This is not your ace reporter "Shrimpton". The Bert Timms Mixed Doubles at Whitstable this year was "Ted-less", not Shrimpy-less but more of that later.

Whilst Ted was laid up with the flu the SEBA Tournament Road Show hit the A2 to Whitstable. The sun shone, the prizes were hotly contested and a good day was had by all, we hope.

10 o'clock on a Sunday is far too early to be bowling! Yet this didn't seem to affect Jill Baldwin and Laurie Walmsley from Cliftonville, who set the early pace, in both scratch and handicap divisions, but they were only two pins in front of Marg and Len Lazarus from Dagenham. Incidentally Marg seems to have had an excellent year's bowling in 1985, at Stevenage recently she hit a terrific 663 series in the Feminine Focus Tournament, congratulations Marg.

Squad 2 saw the arrival of some of our friends from Walton, the Holdens and the Heffers, very welcome but not their turn for the prizes I'm afraid. Into the lead went Jan and Keith Hodge, Keith hitting the high series of the day with 642. Not far behind was Keef Luxton with 606 (don't panic I have spelt his name right).

The Shrimpy contingent had also arrived, 'Er in doors' (Maggie to the rest of us) had scoured the countryside for a replacement for Ted. Jack Denne stepped into the breach and then wished he hadn't, never mind Jack you'll just have to stake your claim for Maggie earlier next year.

Several of Bexleyheath's Junior Bowlers had entered the contest, although none of them figured in the final listings they acquitted themselves well and in them rests the success of the future SEBA events.

Jan Hodge having changed partners to Steve Conquer bowled another good series and their 1100 scratch placed them in the prizes. However Jan was not finished yet, enter Keef Luxton, yes him that can't spell, their 1177 scratch rolled out the eventual winning score add their handicap and they stood in first place scratch and handicap.

Competing in the same squad was Sue Trott and Ken Bernard their 1297 equalled Jan & Keef's handicap score. Double checking by the hardworking auditors could not split the two teams and so for the first time in this tournament joint winners were declared.

Bowling was not of course over for the day just yet. Coralee Haynes and John Machin challeng-

ed hard with 1273 handicap, as did Pete Murray and Jan Cormack 1256. Indeed the last squad changed the leader board too when Sue Foxley and Sean Purcell came close with 1250.

What of last year's winners? Well all of you who had put with Mark Bird's 'modesty' throughout the year will be pleased that Mark and yours truly could not even get close, but be warned Mark says "I want MY trophy back".

Ace Report, Christine Lodge.

Results

SEBA Mixed Doubles

Champions

1st Sue Trott & Ken Barnard	1297
Jan Hodge & Keef Luxton	1297
3rd Coralee Haynes & John Machin	1273
4th Jan & Keith Hodge	1265
5th Pete Murray & Jan Cormack	1256
6th Sue Foxley & Sean Purcell	1250

Results Scratch

1st Jan Hodge & Keef Luxton	1177
2nd Sue Trott & Ken Barnard	1141
3rd Jan & Keith Hodge	1133
4th Jan Hodge & Steve Conquer	1100