

The Essex Under 24 Tenpin Bowling Teams travelled to Stirchley in Birmingham on Sunday 15th September for the first Young Adults Inter County Championships.

Rainham based Consolidated Glass showed that local firms do care about what's going on in the County by contributing some £54 to the teams' expenses.

The Mens team was Mark Presley (Capt), Keith Webb, Steve Diack, Paul Clayton and Robert Hobart of Southend, with Terry Hewitt and Graham Hartley from Walton.

Representing the Ladies were: Ruth Molineaux (Capt.) Tracy & Tina Thorogood and Jane Lewis all from Southend.

A dismal start resulted in the Ladies being sixth and the Men tenth at the half way point.

The Ladies some 400 pins behind Co Durham, the eventual winners, were handicapped by a muscle injury to Jane Carter which restricted her mobility. With no reserve bowler available the other girls matched Jane's courage with extra effort, and pin by precious pin they clawed their way to a four pin advantage over the third place team. Four silver medals to Essex.

Meanwhile at the far end of the Centre the Men too had a gap of several hundred pins to make-up,

their opening block of 803 812 and 838 for a set of 2453 coming as a rather unpleasant shock for Essex. Eventually though the "class" showed through, they opened the last block of games with an 802, followed with the tournament High Game of 1026, and finished with a solid 958 for a tournament High Set of 2876 and a total pin fall of 5329 to gain a comfortable second place at the finish.

Seven more silver medals for Essex, plus special medals for the high game and series. To cap a Captain's day, yet one more medal, (making a total of 22), for Mark Presley's three game block of 674, another Tournament high.

A spectacular and exciting fight-back by both Essex Teams made this first Young Adults Inter County Championships one to remember.

On to September 28th then, when the Essex Youth Teams (under-18) are off to Heathrow for their Inter County Championships; can they show the under 24 team how it should be done? Well they'll be trying, that's for sure.

Seeking to improve upon the performance of the under 24's the thirteen youngsters of the Essex under 18 squad travelled to the Airport on Saturday the 28th September 1985.

From Dagenham: Tina Martin, Alison Freeman, Dean Saunders



and Micky Maher.

From Walton: Colin Martin and Darren Garner.

From Southend: Graham Norfor, Lee Isley, Jason Muller, Alison Hampton, Terfri Simpson, Amanda Stepney and Susan Allen.

The girls did not do too well, they tried very hard, but lacked some of the strength that was lost when Basildon closed. But they were there in the Championships, and the experience was valuable. Thanks for the effort girls.

The Essex boys set the pace, so on this occasion it was the other counties chasing Essex. But gold and credit went to Co Durham boys who scraped home to win by only 29 pins. Essex collected seven silver medals.

The Essex under 24 men rolled the high game and series at Birmingham, only to be copied by the Essex boys at Heathrow.

Twenty-nine medals in just thirteen days, 19 silver and 10 special performance awards, is true merit in a year when our senior teams didn't qualify for the Inter County finals, our youngsters have kept the Three Sceaces flying proudly over Essex.

Many thanks to the twenty four members of "Young Essex 1985"; to Consolidated Glass of Rainham for their contribution of nearly £100 towards our costs. To Alan Webster, the management and staff of Dagenham for their efforts during the team trails; and to Joan Nutt, Essex Inter County organiser for Essex seniors for her support and enthusiasm, and for loaning us the County Shirts.

Reporter Brian Molineaux



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Failure Club

Loves Labour Lost

In days of old when Knights were bold, the brave never lacked power.

A maiden fair would let down her hair for a knight to climb the tower.

One fair lass alack and alas was locked up by the Sherrif of Bexley.

Here you will stay, you can't get away for I have taken the key.

Now this fair lass alack and alas was forlorn and very unhappy.

What I need now, this very hour is a big and very strong chappie.

Not far away, and wasting his day, was a Knight of the Round Table.

Dirk Barm was his name, saving maidens his game, was free, willing and able.

Brave Dirk heard tell of this young miadens hell, and made ready to ride off to Bexley.

But before he could ride, food was needed inside, and a nap to charge up his battery.

When Dirk awoke, at five on the stroke, his day had drifted away.

Oh dear Dirk thought, all day I've done nought, got up and staggered and swayed.

I will save her tommorow, one more night of sorrow, locked up she can't get away.

The very next day brave Dirk made his way, to find the Bexley tower.

His trusted steed made haste and good speed, and was there within the hour.

To find the way in, the tower looked grim, Dirk climbed up to the buttress.

He looked inside and was quite surprised to see an empty fortress.

Looking for me? said she, with lots of glee, I have escaped from the tower.

Said Dirk quite shocked, stood there quite rocked, said you could have waited an hour.

Said she to Dirk Barm, you'll come to no harm the Sherrif returns next Monday.

He will give you a badge, to be worn upside down, a man thought of one Sunday.

So ends our tale please do not wail, all good things must come to an end.

Poor ol'e Dirk Barm has come to no harm, he has got what he has always wanted.

Jack Denne has at last found his way in to the Failure Club for his attendance to the 1985 National Championships.

His story goes something like this.

My brother Bill had been per-

suaded to enter a team into the National Championships and in forming his team asked his BEER rival Jack if you would like to bowl. Not half, or something like that was his reply. Susan, Jack's "Trouble and Strife" who has recently given birth to their first child, a girl they have called Samantha. Nice little thing she is too. No I don't know her weight, length and colour of her eyes, she is just like the rest all pink and crinkley.

Well any way, why is Jack the latest member of the Failure Club? Well it was his 6th Wedding Anniversary, and the last thing Susan wanted was to sit around Stevenage while Jack had a chuck, trying to make his mark on the Bowling World, on their 6th Wedding Anniversary.

Welcome to the Club Jack Denne.

Now it's silly score time.

Keef Luxton 202-113-203. Information received on half a beer mat and yes I have spelt his name right.

Jim Buchanan a 159 average bowler from Cliftonville was competing at the Airport in the Spring



Doubles his a personal best game of 258, then followed it with the magnificent total of 115.

Cathy Dodd had an all white game, 9 with the Likely Lads in the Belvedere Dhiatsu, or is it the Sidcup Toyota League?

All White game?

Not one single closed frame in ten frames. Didn't she do well?

Colin Salmon remember the little lad who invited me to meet Elaine Gristwood? Well he had a funny turn 277-103-146 in the Capitol Doubles at Dagenham.

A personal Best Game I do believe.

Once a trend has been set it starts to become the in thing to do. Buzz Morrison started it recently at Dagenham, and Leo Miltiadous of the Jokers had a pin laying in the right hand gutter on lane sixteen at Bexleyheath and decided the best way to clear it was with a ball and why not!

Out went the ball and missed the pin in the gutter, but successfully spared Eric Coopers, 5,8, spare on lane 17.

Just to prove that Eric did not need Leos help, the pins were reset for Eric to have a go a on his own. He spared them of course, that's why he bowles for R & R Sports Trophies.

That's all for now suffice it to say that the Inter-County Medals have now been presented to the Kent Ladies, at the Bexleyheath Sixes. It was most fortunate that Bernie White the Inter County National Organiser had entered the tournament, and he agreed to do the honours.

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For Your Information

For your information sheets by agreement with the proprietors should be displayed at all centres. The following is from these sheets supplied by the BTEA General Secretary's Office Ilford.

It is with deep regret that we report that Mrs. Alberta Crow, President of the Women's International Bowling Congress for 21 years passed away on the 2nd October 1985.

Alberta always took a great personal interest in British women bowlers. She will be sadly missed by millions of players throughout the world.

AMF Humber Bowl, Lewisham

The new look 24 lane centre at Lewisham officially opened on Tuesday 8th October. At last at last bowling is being elevated to the standard it justly deserves. Although the cost per game for open play at £1.50 sounds high to current players, it will be interesting to see how many will be only too delighted to pay a little extra for the comfort and service to be found there.

Lincoln Bowl

The Lincoln Bowl has added a further four lanes providing a neatly packaged twelve lane.

Membership Dues

5 year applications for eligible members should have been submitted on straw coloured cards together with the £5.00 fee.

One year membership is optional to:

(a) Serving members of the Forces joining through sanctioned leagues £1.00 (not dependants and relatives, nor civilians working on bases).

(b) Juniors joining through YBO Sanctioned leagues £1.00 (Juniors joining through adult leagues are

required to pay the full £5.00 fee).
(c) Direct Members £2.00 i.e. those players joining in centres which do not support the BTBA and non-league bowlers.

Young Adults Club

As a result of representation made by some of its members, the YAC is to be reformed to conform to the original concept, i.e. an adult Chairman who will appoint a committee of members within, or just outside the age group of the YAC.

Legal Action

Zoe Brooker (Mrs) Sussex, barred from holding office indefinitely and suspended in abeyance for 2 years.

Ian Goodger Middx. expelled.
David Williams Middx. suspended in abeyance for one year.

Appointments

We are please to announce that the Chairman of the BTBA has confirmed the following:—

Mrs Pat White Chairperson of the Women's National Committee.

Mr Arthur McDonnell as Chairman of the British Tenpin Bowling Instructors Association (has since resigned).

Judy Suffers in Korea

"So near yet so far" is the only way to describe the disappointment felt by Judy Howlett who with great grit and determination battled her way through to the top place only to have the concerted title snatched from her grasp in the step ladder final by the Irish representative.

Never was there a better reason for re-examining the step ladder final, wherein the person in top position can practice on entirely different lanes and walk in cold against another player who has had the benefit of playing the lanes for one or more games.

Dave Taylor bowled extremely well but just couldn't string the

strikes together when needed, and finally missed the cut by only 3 pins.

The venue for the finals next year was announced as Copenhagen in October. At least one can expect a slightly more stable climate than Korea, which produced a blizzard one day, sunshine the next, rain the next, back to snow and so on.

Considering it was their first attempt at organising a major international event, the Korean Bowling Congress guided by Alison Driscoll's savoir faire, presented an overall excellent show.

High Score Recognition

There has been a spate of exceptionally high scoring throughout the country.

Several of these scores have failed to obtain official recognition because the league secretary did not send the application for sanction until after the 42 days grace period, or just didn't apply at all.

IF YOU, THE PLAYER, has any doubt, ask to see the sanction certificate, and check the date of validity. YOU elect YOUR secretary to work for you, so please don't blame the local association, the proprietor, or head office, if YOUR representative fails in his/her duty.

Please Note Action to be Taken

In the event of rolling a 298, 299 or 300 game, Head Office must be informed by telephone, 01-478 1745 no later than 24 hours after the game has been rolled, unless a centre is otherwise notified.

The pins from both lanes (4 sets) must be boxed and set aside, the local Association Secretary must weigh each pin and record same on the special blue application form. Head Office will advise of any further action to be taken.

NAYBC

Mr Ron Wiseman has been re-appointed as Chairman of the NAYBC.

Scene Around SEBA

The Basildon District Council has decided in it's infinite wisdom to close the Bowl.

They set aside all the protests and advice from the Tenpin Bowling fraternity and just pulled the plug.

Basildon opened under the Trans-World Banner in February 1962. 53 year old Chas Hollingbery hit one of the countries first perfect games, all be it in open play.

After passing through the hands of Ambassador Bowling, the Centre nearly closed in 1974 but 10 out of the original 26 lanes were saved by the Basildon District Council when the building was divided in half. Bingo one end Tenpin Bowling the other.

After a chequered history the doors have been closed and the sport has lost another 10 lanes, all at a time when proprietors are talking of expansion.

BEXLEYHEATH

I have received a letter from a Reader!

I am writing on behalf of my team "Stan's Angels" — and I am sure many other teams will agree — to congratulate Keith Knott and all his helpers for the way they ran their tournament "Combination Fours".

My team bowled the first Sunday and we all agreed the lanes were great, the atmosphere very relaxed and some tremendous scores were up on the board at the end of the day.

Everything went like clockwork (except poor old Stan, I think his hair spring had gone). If this was the organisers' first attempt at running a tournament I hope it will not be their last.

Congratulations to you Ted, I saw your name on the board. That is one of my ambitions to have my name on the board amongst the winners. Who Knows!

See you Thursday, Peg.

(Ed note: Thanks Peg, I hope Stan has found the winder for his spring, and the following list is the results).

Overall Team

Tutti Frutti	7806	£240
Sunshine Squad	7504	110
R.A.F. U.K.	7450	70
T.M.F. Motors	7371	40

Guys & Dolls	7365	10
Mean Machine	7336	10
The Famous Four	7324	10
Earlybirds	7315	10
Unholy Alliance	7288	10
Gremlins	7278	10

Doubles

J. Hodge — S. White	1354	£ 45
S. Davis — J. Dodd	1318	25
S. Drynan — S. Brown	1314	10

Singles

D. Phillips	725	£ 30
K. Rodenhurst	712	15
J. Hodge	712	15

Four Person Team

Tutti Frutti	2549	£ 90
A.M.F. Angels (2)	2532	45
Unholy Alliance	2507	20

Mens All Events

D. Phillips	1988	£ 25
M. Smart	1982	15
T. Shrimpton	1975	10

Ladies All Events

S. White	2033	£ 12
M. Smart	1948	5
S. Trott	1922	2.50

Mens High Series

D. Phillips	£ 15
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Mens High Game

P. Duggan	£ 10
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Ladies High Game and Series

S. White	£ 25
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Jan Dodd 135-197-168, no idiots, that's not her measurements in metric, they add up to 500 and that is her personal best series bowled with Sue Davis during the Combination Fours.

They jumped on to the leader board at 2nd place with only one squad to go.

"Where did they finish" did I hear you say?

You have not studied the results have you?

Monday Misfits

Mark Muir, Tony Rossi, Les, better known as the Mean Machine bowled well on the 9.9.85. Both Mark and Tony made it in to the 1985 200 Club List, the team hit a 568 game and a 1514 series. Not enough to make the back page but a fine series for 150 average bowlers.

Rainham Sports

Mark Muir bowling for the Mean

Machine hit a personal best 236 game. His 562 series helped his team win 8 points to nil scratch and 8 points to nil handicap. Mark earlier in the year had hit his personal best series of 572 in the Monday Misfits.

London Transport

The league during the middle of December was being led by the "Bulldozers" with 31½ points, followed by the "Beens" with 27 points, and third the "Mad Atters" 26 points. One or two personal best scores were:

D. Best 214-265-169 648.
P. Sellors 201-129-217 547 then 170 174 243 for 587.
B. Carpenter 203-188-190 581.
A. Nazer 179-188-225 for 592.

Roundtable

The Chessmen make it in to the Area Hi's Bill Bridge and Jeff Mitchell scored 234 each, Mike Hand hit 195 for 633. Whether it makes the back page you will have to read through to the end. The Crusaders have soon put paid to the Chessmen's score with a trios single game of 670 followed by a 1808 series. I unfortunately do not have the names of the bowlers involved, or their scores, but it could be any of the following bowlers: Keith Knott — Steve Conquer — Paul Fletcher — Paul Lakey — Richard Hammond and Tom Wakeman.

Guys & Dolls

Edith Challoner takes the Ladies High Game with 266, and takes first place in the Ladies Area Hi's.

Belvedere Daihtsu

League Secretary Steve White scored 184-276-201 for a 661 series. His efforts included a personal best game and series, but was a little upset because he said and I quote "cocked up the Jackpot". A few weeks later the rest of the team helped Steve's efforts with a 1010 five person team game. Steve White 269, Brian Williams 178, Alex Hoskins 147, Alan Jones 209 and Chris Scudder 207.

For their efforts that night they creep on to the back page. A few weeks ago the same mob found form again with a 2877 series. But

Scene Around SEBA

they will not make the back page until the next issue because it was scored during September.

Failure Club Gold Badge holder and super star Karen Petherick (I have to grovel a little because Karen typesets BN. I did ask her if she would like to transfer to Wot, but she declined saying "she liked my style"), well anyway Kazy has hit her personal best game of 203, I think it was her first 200, but I'm not sure, if I'm wrong she will no doubt add a typesetter's note somewhere about here. (*You're right, Ted. Er, no you're wrong. Er, you're right about me sticking my oar in, you're wrong about the first 200 and my best series is a 490. Er, well you know what I mean!*)

I do know she bowled her little socks off in her efforts to score her first 500 series but failed, so her 167-163-146 for 476 stays her personal best series.

By the way Karen is still a member of the NAYBC.

I'm not quite sure if this qualifies or not but who cares. The Chessmen dragged John Jones back from Walton after the Area Championships where during the team event (I think) hit a 363 series. No one has denied the rumours that he had to sit outside the car, but he has made amends with a 228 game during their 812 game scratch excluding their absentee score. Their league is fives, and they have applied for a place in the Area Hi's in the Fours.

Friday Fours

The Crusaders preceded their success in the Roundtable Trios with a four person team game of 840. Steve Conquer 236 — Keith Knott 215 — Tom Wakeman 201 and Paul Fletcher 188. They finished the night with a 2268 scratch. Keith Knott found form with 613.

Two weeks on and the Crusaders were to hit yet another high game this team 842. Their team Paul Lakey 212 — Tom Wakeman 235 — Richard Hamond 224 and Steve Conquer 161. Well done team. But what happened to the series?

NAYBC

Ann Lesbirel a single game of 223. (no other details).

Elaine Lodge a 594 series (no other details).

Spitting Image a trios game of 608, followed by a 1540 series, take a bow Darren Phillips, Nick Mullins, Danny Dalton.

Nick Mullins a single game of 232 during his 586 series. Then within a few weeks hit a personal best 239 game during another personal best 604. Well done Nick.

Dawn Wagner averaging 125 has rolled a personal best series of 451 with 146-141-164.

I suppose I can be accused of interest in the next item. Edward Shrimpton aged 8 averaging 50, on the first week of the NAYBC season he scored 80-107-86 for a personal best game and series. Add his handicap and he collected the Bowler of the Week Trophy. Not content with that he lifted the Trophy again the following week. Well done Shrimpie.

Joanne Shrimpton not wishing to be out done by her little brother won her first Bowler of the Week Trophy the following week. Well done Carrotts.

Fireball League

Billy Shrimpton hit a six in a row 266 personal best game, then needed 145 in his last game to score his first 600. After a nerve racking 6th and 7th frames he managed to finish with a 150 game for a personal best series of 605.

Club League

Returned to their Sunday night spot after their summer break and soon produced some pretty good scorelines.

David Hoare of the "Stellers" hit 8 in a row to give him a 250 game. Clive Swift of "Contact" rolled a 619 series. "Prelude" consisting of Sue Davis and Andy Horgan turned in a 431 scratch game.

The individual high scores took a beating on Sunday the 13th October when Simon Porter of "Double X" rolled 267 — then hit 157. Eric White suggests that the last game must qualify him for the Failure Club? Not with a 685 series Eric!!

DAGENHAM

Elaine Gristwood smashed a personal best at the National

Championships and guess what I left her off the list that showed where SEBA Members finished.

What could I say when a little lad named Colin said Elaine wanted to have words with me when we met at the Bexleyheath Combination Fours.

I felt like a Government Minister who had been summonsed to see Big Mummy.

"Hello" said I, desperately trying to remember who she was. "What did I leave out?", "Me" she replied "Me in the Ladies Doubles in the National Championships."

By this time Colin had returned and was sitting there grinning like a Cheshire Cat.

Big Mummy then advised me of the error of my ways and during this time I did have the presence of mind to ask her what her name was.

Now this may be the longest apology ever, but there is a reason, I have thrown all my National Championships research material away, so I still can't say where Elaine Gristwood and her partner finished in the Ladies Doubles at the 1985 Championships at Stevenage.

As for Colin, I shall get my own back on him later.

Solar League

The League completed it's season mid June, and The Dagenham Diamonds won the title for the second time. Brunswick Bullies were second and Knights 'A' were third.

Bob Hayter has submitted a list of high scores during the last three months of the season and wishes for congratulations to go out to the following three bowlers for their 600 plus series:—

Hi-Series
Dave Kerry 220-184-203 = 607
Roy Ashenden 201-203-200 = 604
Alan Crowther 234-211-159 = 604
Hi Game

Mrs Anne Ross 235
Alan Crowther 234
Bob Hayter and Owen Jones 233
Ted Bellinger and Alan Parker 226

Team Hi Series
Dagenham Diamonds 1127 1173 1195
Brunswick Bullies 1124 1116