

BOWLING NEWS

South Eastern Bowling Association
of the B.T.B.A.

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Editorial

Changes in B.T.B.A. Membership Subscriptions

Starting on 1st September 1987, major changes are being made in membership of our parent body, the British Tenpin Bowling Association.

There will now be an Annual Subscription of £2.50 per member, as usual payable through your sanctioned League. In future, there will be no five year memberships. For those still holding valid five year cards, a levy of £1.00 for this season is being levied, except for memberships taken out in 1986 (Yellow Membership Cards), where this levy has been waived.

The reason for this increase in membership is the withdrawal of substantial contributions from the major Proprietors, resulting in the Association having now to be virtually self-funding. Compared with many other sports, an annual subscription to the parent body of £2.50 is still very modest.

The B.T.B.A. is responsible for the organisation of the sport of Tenpin Bowling in the United Kingdom, represents all British Bowlers at the World Forum of the sport, FIQ, liaises with Government through the Sports Council and arranges for the selection and management of our International Teams at all levels.

News from FIQ

The 11th World Bowling Congress of the F.I.Q. (Federation Internationale des Quillers) was held in Finland earlier this year at which the following decisions were made.

Accepted as new members were the following Countries:—

Iraq (353 registered bowlers/
4 Centres/48 lanes)

China (5,000/20/120)

Trinidad and Tobago
(350/1/24)

Northern Marianas (500/1/12)

There are now 73 Countries within FIQ whose influence embraces more than 10 million registered bowlers who compete on 200,000 lanes in 11,000 Centres.

Bowling has applied for demonstration or exhibition status at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, according to Roger Tessman, President of F.I.Q. Tenpin Bowling has already been accepted as an exhibition sport in the 1988 Olympics in South Korea, but its bid for full medal status in the 1992 Games was rejected during a recent I.O.C. meeting in Switzerland.

The 1988 exhibition will be staged on September 18, one day after the opening ceremony. 12 men and 12 women will compete in the one-day event. One man and one woman from Korea will be seeded automatically and the other bowlers (four men and four women) will come from each of its three zones (American, European and Asian) with no country allowed to field more than one man and one woman.

Work starts on new Bexleyheath Bowl

Work has started on Bexleyheath's £3,500,000 ten pin bowling centre.

Building on the site at King George V recreation ground off the Broadway is estimated to last 12 months and the operators,

First Leisure Corporation, hope to open in late summer next year.

A two-tier public car park at semi-basement level with 250 spaces and an entrance in Oaklands Road is included in the scheme.

Bexley Licensing Justices recently granted the bowling centre a provisional drinks licence.

"We now have a 60 year lease on King George's playing field for a 28 lane centre instead of the 26 at the old centre," David Lavender for First Leisure told the magistrates.

The old centre has been demolished to make way for the ASDA supermarket. The new one will open seven days a week.

The centre will open at around 10 am and close at midnight. Until 6pm all customers will be able to buy drinks, then it will be members only, guests and those paying a 50p entrance charge.

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25th S.E.B.A. Area Championships

The Silver Jubilee Area Championships were bowled over three weekends in May at Dagenham and attracted an entry of 56 x 5 Person Teams, 158 Doubles and 246 Singles. We have come a long way from the first Area Championships which were held at Chatham in 1963 when the entry was 7 x 5 Person Teams, 20 Doubles and 23 Singles, according to Buzz Morrison.

Ladies Handicap Singles Champion — Helen Butcher

Local lass Helen Butcher carried off this section but only by 5 pins from Essex bowler Stevie Summers.

Ladies Scratch Singles Champion — Stevie Summers

Just two pins separated Southend's Stevie from Chris Peacock of Dagenham in this category, which once again has quite a poor entry. Looking at the results several ladies who only entered the handicap section, could easily have won prizes if only they had entered the scratch.

Ladies Handicap Doubles Champions — Chris French & Karen Petherick

Karen Petherick chalked up her first ever tournament win in this the Doubles, let's hope it's the first of many (must be all that terrific coaching you've had Kaz).

Partner Chris shared the honours in what had been a most successful season, for her, one which also saw her win a category at the Nationals.

Ladies Scratch Doubles Champions — Sue Trott & Lyn Purcell

Once again few ladies entered this category, which was carried off by Kent regulars Sue and Lyn. In fact only the doubles honours went south of the river in the Ladies Championships this year.

Ladies Handicap All Events Champion — Tina Thorogood

This event was dominated by members of the current Essex ladies team, with Tina running out the winner only a few pins in front of Stevie Summers and Debbie Heffer.

Ladies Scratch All Events Champion — Debbie Heffer

The order changed in the scratch section with Debbie leading them home with a fine 1696 series.

Ladies Handicap & Scratch Team Champions — Sherbet Lemons

Special congratulations go to

this popular Southend team, ably captained by Shirley Molineaux. They were the only 1986 champions to successfully defend their title, for the handicap section and then they topped this with taking the scratch division too. Three in a row girls, may mean you could prise the trophy from J.C.'s hands permanently!

The Ladies prizes were fairly well spread this year, but we would like to see more ladies entering. We know there are many more ladies bowling within the SEBA Area and we would love to see you take part in the Championships, you will be most welcome and whatever your average you have a chance of winning especially in the handicap section.

Regular Handicap Singles and All Events Champion — Barry Leach

There were only 4 scratch series of 600+ bowled in the singles competitions at this Area Championship and local man Barry Leach was delighted to say that his first ever '6' was one of them. Barry continued his good form in both the doubles and the team event to lift the all events title by a good margin.

Regular Scratch Singles

Champion — Colin Rackley
Prior to bowling his singles Billy Preston was expressing his wish to compete in the Masters competition once again. However Billy felt that his average from the notoriously low average centre Dagenham was hardly going to get him in. A kindly official pointed out that the champion of the scratch singles group in the Areas was automatically invited to compete and that this could be his route. Off went Billy in determined mood.

Leading the section at that time was Barry Leach on 604, Billy moved relentlessly towards

a '6', only a spare needed on the last frame. He made it! Billy turned triumphant to his kindly official, only to be told that team mate Colin Rackley had beaten him by one pin!

Better luck next year Billy. Congratulations to Colin.

Regular Handicap Doubles Champions — Barry Leach & Andy Maynard

That man Barry Leach again, this time with partner Andy. Their winning total of 1366 was only 21 pins away from being a new all time record.

Regular Scratch Doubles Champions —

Jeff Davis & Keith Hodge

Darren Garner & Terry Hewitt

As always this section was one of the most fiercely competitive, with many Kent and Essex county bowlers teaming up to compete. So tight was the competition this year that for the first time in SEBA history a section was tied. Honours even remained even between the county's with Keith & Jeff from Kent equalling the 1212 score set by Essex's Darren & Terry.

Regular Scratch All Events Champion — Terry Hewitt

One title was not enough for Terry who bowled at a high and consistent standard throughout the tournament to take this section.

Regular Handicap Team

Champions — High Speed Parcels

The very last day of the Championships was to provide us with the victors in the team event. It wasn't far to travel from Southend for Terry Saunders and friends, and I must squash the rumour that Terry arrived covered up in brown paper and string. Who could believe Our Tel could travel at High Speed anywhere!

Sorry Tel. Congratulations to you and the team.

Regular Scratch Team Champions — T.M.F. Motors

Going into this year's competition the Travellers team from

Area Championships

Southend were looking for their fourth victory in a row in this event, but it was not to be. Although the Travellers score of 2799 looked good for most the the competition, on the very last team squad T.M.F. sneaked the title by just 10 pins, although they finished 3 pins short of High Speed Parcels score in the handicap section.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Areas. In particular it was pleasing to note the number of family's that took part, and aren't those kids tough to beat!

Thanks must also go to the hard working officials who try hard to keep the tournament running to schedule, without we hope spoiling your fun. After all it is you the bowlers who make the SEBA Area Championships the success it is.

Masters Event

This year, the Masters Event was organised whereby 12 Bowlers in each section rolled six games each and the top four in each section progressed to a step-ladder final.

The qualifiers for the Mens Masters were:—
Sean Purcell — Defending Masters Champion
Alan Petherick — 600 Club Champion
Terry Hewitt
Roland Foxey
Marc Carver
Nils Hoversholm
Andy Smith
John Mills
Steve White
Mark Presley
Daren Garner
Dave Lehrain

In the first game, three bowlers rolled 200's, Steve White with 204, Sean Purcell 209 and Daren Garner 212. Steve White went into the lead in the second game when he rolled a 248 and John Mills came up to second place with a 203. Steve then rolled a third consecutive 200 with a 203 to give him a total of 655 after three to lead Roland Foxey by 66 pins after he had rolled a 227. In Game 4, Marc Carver scored 244 to bring him up to fourth place

but Steve retained the lead with a 178 game. Sean Purcell rolled games of 214 and 200 to bring him back to second place only 26 pins behind Steve White at the end of Game 5 with John Mills bowling consistently in third place and Marc Carver in third. Sean Purcell then bowled a 225 game in Game 6 to take the lead with a total of 1209 (ave. 201.5) from Steve White on 1183 (107.1) and Daren Garner in third place with a final game of 209 and a total of 1146 (191.0). John Mills finished fourth on 1138 (189.6).

The standard of bowling dropped in the step-ladder final John Mills beating Daren Garner 195/161 and then losing to Steve White 160/178. In the Grand Final, Sean Purcell won to take the title again in a close match 160/152.

The qualifiers for the Ladies

Masters were:—

Doreen Lodge
Ruth Molineaux
Debbie Heffer
Sandie Sawyer
Poppy Cope
Sheila White
Jill Baldwin
Marion Drury
Jan Hodge
Marge Lazarus
Chris Lodge
Carol Hunt

Ruth Molineaux started the final in great style with a 234 game to take a good lead from Jan Hodge (200) and Marge Lazarus (199). In the second game, Sheila White swept into the lead with a 248 game, at exactly the same time her husband, Steve, was also rolling a 248 game a few lanes away, an amazing coincidence. Ruth slipped to second place and Chris Lodge came up to third with a 204. After game 3, Sheila was still in the lead with 591 from Ruth on 562 and Chris on 555. A spate of low scoring in the fourth game saw Ruth drop to third place and Debbie Heffer move into second place. Marge Lazarus bowled 213 in game 5 to shoot up to second place behind Sheila White who rolled a 238 and Jill Baldwin moved into third with a consis-

tent set of games. Sheila White held on to first place with a last game of 162 and a total of 1160 (ave. 193.3) from Jill Baldwin on 1082 (180.3) and Ruth Molineaux in third spot on 1074 (179.0), with Marge Lazarus fourth on 1054 (175.6).

In the first game of the final, Marge easily beat Ruth 191/156 and then lost to Jill Baldwin 155/169. Again the final was low scoring with Sheila White running out Masters Champion 148/145.

SEBA Master Champions 1987

Men Sean Purcell
Ladies Sheila White

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The 1988 Area Championships will be held at Whistable, during May. Entry forms will be available in all SEBA centres early in the new year.

Junior Jottings

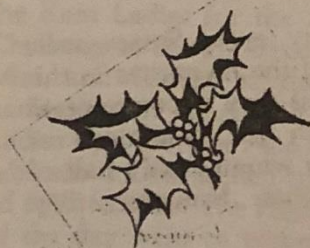
'Great Britain' Junior Squad

The NAYBC are currently evaluating the talent in Junior Bowling to eventually pick their team for the European Championships in the Spring of 1988. Recently, a squad of 15 boys and 15 girls has been selected for further training and there are three bowlers from the SEBA Area in this squad.

Neil Webb from Bexleyheath is in the Boys Squad, with Sue Allen from Southend and Alison Freeman from Dagenham in the Girls Squad.

We wish them all well.

Alison Freeman is only fourteen and in August represented England Juniors against Scotland at Fleetwood, bowled very well and made the top five girls team in the final session missing the England high series by only one pin.



London Ladies & Yorkshire Men win Counties

After qualifying for the Finals by the skin of their teeth, the Ladies of LONDON went on to win the Inter-County Championships at Sunderland in October. Reports heard indicate that they were the only team that ever looked like winning on the day — Congratulations to our near neighbours included in their team the following ladies who are regular bowlers in SEBA. JAN HODGE and ANITA BURLAND-BEECH.

Final positions — LADIES

	Pins	Pts
London	6987	12
Warwickshire	6891	10
Durham	6801	10
Yorkshire	6843	8
Middlesex	6560	8
Buckinghamshire	6599	6
Berkshire	6569	6
Surrey	6333	4

In the Men's Event, the favourites, YORKSHIRE, were triumphant and KENT playing in their first finals for many years eventually finished in seventh place.

The weekend started in the early hours of Saturday and after a six hour ride we arrived at Sunderland in time for registration.

In the first game against Sussex

we hit our highest of the first day — 920 — and lost by 30 pins. In the second game we hit another 900+ and took our first points against Bucks. It then appeared that all the travelling was beginning to tell as the final two games of the day were in the low 800s and no points.

The bright point of the banquet was Mark Bird's jacket! As well as Graham Botting's comedy spot.

On Sunday the lads looked more alert and started by beating Northumberland by five pins 922 - 917. The next was against Oxfordshire who turned the tables on us by seven pins, the consolation was that Roland Foxley hit the high game of the Tournament with 254.

Into the seventh game against the eventual winners Yorkshire. We never really got it together and Yorks took the points.

The final game was the position round in which we drew Bucks and a good team performance took the points by 131 pins. We finished equal fifth on points but seventh on pinfall.

Scores over the two days were:

	Games	Pins	Ave
Roland Foxley	8	1525	190.6
Keith Hodge	8	1516	189.5
Mark Bird	8	1425	178.1
Rich Hammond	4	708	177.0
Laurie Walmsley	7	1122	160.2
Tony Semple	5	757	151.4

Final Table

	Pins	Pts
Yorkshire	7533	12
Surrey	7411	12
Oxfordshire	7386	12
Warwickshire	7258	8
Northumberland	7329	6
Sussex	7219	6
Kent	7052	6
Buckinghamshire	6751	2

Alan Petherick

Qualifying Rounds for Inter-Counties 1987

☆ Kent Men Qualify for Finals in Grand Style.

☆ Kent Ladies miss out on a Final place by two pins.

☆ Essex Ladies have highest pinfall but fail to qualify.

For the first time in many years, The Kent Men have qualified for the finals of the Inter-Counties by winning their group by a clear two points. The Kent Ladies had every opportunity of joining them in Sunderland, but failed at the last hurdle finishing on the same number of points as London but just two pins behind them in overall pinfall.

The Essex Men never really threatened, while the Essex Ladies amassed the scores but dropped vital points in two matches.

The first Round of the Qualifying Section was held at Dagenham on 27th June, with the Second Round at Crawley on 10th August.

Men

In many eyes, Sussex were considered the favourites in this Group, but they never came to terms with the conditions at Dagenham winning only half of their matches. However, they

still posed a threat as the second round would be in their home Centre. Hertfordshire had a good day, only losing one match, but Kent and Berkshire were handily placed at the end of the day with only two losses each.

The table after this round was as follows:—

County	P.	W.	L.	Pinfall	Pts.
Herts	6	5	1	5230	10
Kent	6	4	2	5385	8
Berks	6	4	2	5381	8
Essex	6	3	3	5416	6
Sussex	6	3	3	5225	6
London	6	2	4	5095	4
Beds	6	0	6	4889	0

At Crawley, the expected

challenge from Sussex soon became evident, but Kent held their nerve and ran out deserved winners with some fine consistent bowling from Mark Bird, Laurie Walmsley, Roland Foxey and Keith Hodge. In a tight finish, Sussex made second place on pinfall.

Final Positions

County	P.	W.	L.	Pinfall	Pts.
Kent	12	8	4	11072	16
Sussex	12	7	5	11001	14
Herts	12	7	5	10647	14
Berks	12	6	6	10766	12
Essex	12	5	7	10892	10
Beds	12	5	7	10537	10
London	12	4	8	10777	8

Ladies

At Dagenham, the London Team threw down the gauntlet by losing only one game, follow-

ed by Berkshire, who had improved considerably in one year, bowling very consistently to hold second place in front of three teams, in third place, all on six points, Essex, Sussex and Kent.

Positions and Pinfall after the first round were:—

County	P.	W.	L.	Pinfall	Pts.
London	6	5	1	4690	10
Berks	6	4	2	4749	8
Essex	6	3	3	4914	6
Sussex	6	3	3	4658	6
Kent	6	3	3	4632	6
Herts	6	3	3	4568	6
Beds	6	0	6	4363	0

At Crawley, the Sussex Ladies were unable to follow the example of the Sussex Men, but Kent were bowling well with five wins in a row taking them to top position before the final game. Although London had slipped, Berkshire were still quietly collecting points and all depended on the last game. Kent could afford to lose provided they had a reasonable score, but bowling after their rest game, the spark had gone and one too many tenth frames were opened allowing London through to qualify on a higher pinfall by only two

pins behind Berkshire.

The Essex Ladies easily had the highest pinfall but finished in fourth position.

County	P.	W.	L.	Pinfall	Pts.
Berks	12	8	4	9785	16
London	12	8	4	9684	16
Kent	12	8	4	9682	16
Essex	12	7	5	9912	14
Sussex	12	5	7	9445	10
Herts	12	4	8	9237	8
Beds	12	2	10	8835	4

The eight qualifiers in each Section for the Finals to be held at Sunderland on 11th/12th October are:—

Men

Buckinghamshire, Kent, Northumberland, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire and Yorkshire.

Ladies

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Durham, London, Middlesex, Surrey, Warwickshire and Yorkshire.

Future of the Inter-Counties

After this year's qualifying Rounds, there were some comments circulating suggesting that the present format of the Tournament is becoming "stale".

One suggestion put forward is that there is a 'County Sixes' held over one weekend at one of the larger Centres, so that all County bowlers have an opportunity of meeting each other. Is there room in the Calender for a 'Sixes' in addition to the present Event. Do any of our Readers have any ideas or proposals!

We shall always be happy to pass them on to the Inter-County organisers.

Essex v. Kent

The Annual Kent v. Essex Inter-County Annual Challenge Match was restricted to one match this year bowled at Dagenham and resulted in another win for Essex by 15983 pins to 15522 pins.

There is a strong lobby from the Kent Ladies for the Annual Challenge to be split between the Men and Ladies as the Kent Ladies again beat the Essex Ladies by a score of 7466 to 7405 whereas the Essex men triumphed 8578 to 8056. The High Game of the day went to young Dean Saunders of Essex with a 245.

The Individual Scores over the two Rounds and Final Positions were:

Bowler	Dagenham		Crawley		Total	
	Pinfall	Ave.	Pinfall	Ave.	Pinfall	Ave.
Kent						
Mark Bird	1099(6)	183.1	1271(6)	211.8	2370(12)	197.5
Keith Hodge	1146(6)	191.0	1119(6)	186.5	2265(12)	188.7
Roland Foxey	1121(6)	186.3	1134(6)	189.0	2255(12)	187.9
Laurie Walmsley	1036(6)	172.6	1173(6)	195.5	2209(12)	184.0
Richard Hammond	495(3)	165.0	505(3)	168.3	1000(6)	166.6
Tony Semple	174(1)	174.0	485(3)	161.6	659(4)	164.7
Ken Barnard	314(2)	157.0			314(2)	157.0
Ladies						
Lyn Purcell	1016(6)	169.3	1016(6)	176.8	2077(12)	173.0
Sue Trott	948(6)	158.0	1002(6)	167.0	1950(12)	162.5
Sheila White	908(6)	151.3	1033(6)	172.1	1941(12)	161.7
Christine Lodge			1028(6)	171.3	1028(6)	171.3
Kath Siveyer			662(4)	165.5	662(4)	165.4
Sandie Sawyer	930(6)	155.0			930(6)	155.0
Poppy Cope	277(2)	138.5	149(1)	149.0	426(3)	142.0
Irene Dummett	553(4)	138.2	115(1)	115.0	668(5)	133.6
Essex						
John Mills	779(4)	194.7	787(4)	196.7	1566(8)	195.7
Alan Kersey	1099(6)	183.1	597(3)	199.0	1696(9)	188.4
Andy Smith	695(4)	173.7	583(3)	194.3	1278(7)	182.5
John Coote	1103(6)	183.8	721(4)	180.2	1824(10)	182.4
Terry Saunders	860(5)	172.0	547(3)	182.3	1407(8)	175.8
Alan Weall	201(1)	201.0			201(1)	201.0
Dean Saunders			360(2)	180.0	360(2)	180.0
Terry Hewitt			1047(6)	174.5	1047(6)	174.5
Ray Cole	340(2)	170.0			340(2)	170.0
Keith Webb	339(2)	169.5			339(2)	169.5
Mark Presley			834(5)	166.8	834(5)	166.8
Ladies						
Ruth Molineaux	1026(6)	171.0	994(6)	157.3	1970(12)	164.1
Tina Thorogood	871(5)	174.2	1087(6)	181.1	1958(11)	178.0
Anne Forster	441(3)	147.0	965(6)	161.6	1406(9)	156.2
Joan Nutt	1059(6)	176.5	1062(6)	177.0	2121(12)	176.7
Ann Finch	934(6)	155.6	474(3)	158.0	1408(9)	156.4
Jan Cormack	461(3)	153.6	466(3)	155.3	927(6)	154.5
Val Eggleton	112(1)	112.0			112(1)	112.0