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Editorial

League Bowlers . . . would you like to see a list of Area Averages in each edition, if so then tell your league secretary to send me a copy of your league standing sheet and I can get on with the list. The more leagues that contribute the bigger the list will be. So send them in, it's your magazine.

Any items of news, anything amusing that's happened to you or your friends connected with bowling, reports and results of any tournaments in which SEBA bowlers are involved, any views you may have concerning any aspect of bowling will be most welcome and published in *Bowling News* — within reason of course. So come on, instead of just voicing your views, put pen to paper. I would also like to hear from juniors, get your YBCs to submit your averages and items of interest. *Bowling News* was designed to carry the news of SEBA area to the bowlers in the area, but that's not possible unless I hear from you!

By now most of those with Sky Channel TV will be aware of the excellent coverage of Bowling by the ABC Network of the Professional Bowlers tour, a must for the bowling enthusiast as the coverage is superb with shots of the bowler's delivery and spare and split conversions a delight to watch, showing all TV stations that tenpin bowling can be enjoyable to watch. As a friend said when he found I went bowling "yeh, I saw it on Sky, wasn't it great!" Quite encouraging from someone who isn't a bowler.

Keep it up please, there are lots of interested people in this country who are starved of good bowling coverage, hopefully this will show the way to other TV stations in this country.

What is SEBA?

Time after time bowlers ask "What do I get by being a member of SEBA?" Well here is a list of a few benefits you receive for your contributions:—

1. Affiliation to the BTBA thus giving representation for all league bowlers in Kent and Essex via the SEBA Council.
2. It pays for all correspondence and annual despatch of league kits to league secretaries in the SEBA Area.
3. Answering the numerous telephone enquiries.
4. General administration costs of the area meetings and operation of the association.
5. Preparation of all entry forms for the association tournaments.
6. To assist in the running of the association tournaments.
7. To purchase the badges for the 200, 500, 550 and 600 Clubs.
8. To give support to the County bowling teams, by raffles etc.
9. To give advice and guidance on all rules and regulations of the sport.
10. To print and distribute Bowling News.

Not bad for an association that receives no funding only that of the 5p contributions from the leagues and through raffles run at the association tournaments.

All this for a small cost of 5p per series. Come on support SEBA it's your association. If your league does not contribute to SEBA and you would like to, further information is available from the Area Secretary.

SEBA Junior Champs

The SEBA Junior Championships have been fixed for Saturday 5th May at Cliftonville and entry forms are available from the Area Secretary.

There is one major alteration to the format of the event, with the introduction of a one game, four person team event, to be held while the other results are being collated.

The response to this tournament will enable the officials to judge the strength of junior bowling in the area. So come on all juniors prove to the adults that the juniors are alive and going strong.

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Triumph for Iffy Sox Squad

SEVERAL teams from Cliftonville and Bexleyheath travelled to RAF Brize Norton to compete in the Ladies Handicap Fours Tournament in late October. Prizes were awarded in the Singles, Doubles and four person Team event as well as for the overall total team score and individual All Events.

Iffy Sox Squad Right from Bexleyheath came away with many of those prizes winning the Team Event and the Overall Team Event. The team with their nine game scratch average was:

Elaine Hinch (nee Lodge)	165.8
Christine Lodge	195.2
Doreen Lodge	177.0
Angie Thick	164.6

24 teams entered the event with a total of 96 bowlers and competition in most events was very close. In the singles, however, a score in the opening session sealed the event when Sarah Marriott from Wolverhampton rolled games of 242, 238 and 174 for a scratch series of 654 to eventually win the event by over 70 pins. The highest placed SEBA bowler was Gillian Cook from Cliftonville with a 535 series.

The doubles event was won by Marsha and Michelle Godfrey from Worthing with sisters Elaine Hinch and Christine Lodge in fourth place, 31 pins behind. The team event was very close at the end of the second game of the final squad with both Pussy Cats (Poppy Cope, Beryl Drury, Pat Overy and Sheila White) from Bexleyheath and Cliftonville Smashers (Sally Fuller, Sandy Sawyer, Gillian Cook and Patricia Saunders) in contention but a strong consistent finish saw Iffy Sox Squad through to victory by a margin of 57 pins from Quattro's and The Diamonds, both local teams.

The winning margin for Iffy Sox Squad in the overall team competition was only 24 pins with Lyneham 1 in second place. In the individual All Events, despite her magnificent singles, Sarah Marriott only finished in second place, being beaten by 80 pins by Elizabeth Cullen from Brize Norton who averaged 196.6 over her nine games. Christine Lodge finished in third spot, just three pins in front of Sandy Sawyer. From the Iffy Sox Squad Left team, Linda Prestidge averaged 169.6 to finish eighth and Christine French with tenth averaging 167.5.

The Tournament was well run and organised by John and Dot Toogood, with a well supported raffle bringing even more loot back to the South-East.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1990

RESULTS

LADIES CATEGORY 'A'

TEAM	GT Pro Shops	2864
	Globe Trotters	2628
DOUBLES	L. Giles / K. Coote	1189
	S. Ayling / L. Pond	1155
SINGLES	K. Coote	604
	H. Clifford	571
	K. Johnson	564
ALL EVENTS	K. Coote	1796
	S. Leonard	1724
	T. Darvill	1687

LADIES CATEGORY 'B'

TEAM	Lemon Drops	2493
	Pussy Cats (Bexleyheath)	2479
	Passion Fruits	2414
DOUBLES	R. Brown / R. Allcock	1117
	M. Glover / M. Harrison	1078
	L. Richardson / K. Johnson	1073
SINGLES	D. Lodge (Bexleyheath)	573
	D. Morris	571
	F. Stanley	553
ALL EVENTS	Doreen Lodge (Bexleyheath)	1640
	M. Godfrey	1612
	Alison Freeman (Dagenham)	1601

MEN CATEGORY 'A'

TEAM	N.W.S. 2	2809
	Team Autair	2793
	Witney Specials 1	2786
DOUBLES	K. Johnson / G. Baker	1264
	R. Goldsmith / D. Richardson	1242
	D. Laing / M. Behagg	1237
SINGLES	I. Buckland	679
	L. Thurlby	658
	A. McCracken	647
ALL EVENTS	R. Langman	1852
	N. Ogbonson	1834
	B. Newfeld	1833

MEN CATEGORY 'B'

TEAM	Mean Machine (Bexleyheath)	2759
	Red Stripe Rollers	2701
	Nils Desperandum	2667
DOUBLES	Alan Hutchins/Kevin Raison (Bexleyheath)	1201
	T. Henley / R. Hammond	1169
	S. Kirk / R. Wolfe	1166
SINGLES	A. Turner	650
	B. Smith	639
	S. Turner	631
ALL EVENTS	Kevin Raison (Bexleyheath)	1768
	C. Wilcox	1747
	B. Reynolds	1743

Essex Lose County Organiser to Norfolk

Essex are losing their County Organiser, Joan Nutt, who has moved to the wilds of Norfolk. This will be a sad loss not only for the Essex County team but to the SEBA Council and friends.

However, this departure has not gone unrewarded. The SEBA Council has given to Joan, and rightly so, the distinguished honour of life member,

for all of her past work on SEBA Council and her services to tenpin bowling. This honour has only been bestowed once before — Brian Morrison is the only other Life Member. Good luck and all the best to Joan from all members and friends in SEBA.

Into the shoes of County Organiser

steps a very experienced bowler, Ruth Molineaux, who I am sure will give the Essex teams the inspiration they need to stay at the top end of the Inter-Counties tournament.

Good luck for the future and we all look forward to some promising results from both the ladies' and men's teams.

1989 SEBA Club Tournament

This year the Club Tournament was again held at Bexleyheath SuperBowl, yet again I hear you say, well this was the only venue available at the time.

With the total entry of 102 the entries were slightly down on last year, so come on all you league bowlers get your entries in and come along to next year's tournament, let's make it the biggest entry on record.

On to this year's tournament, and the 600 Club title went to Steve White who started off in the dawn squad of 9.30 am. This is not early you say, well don't forget the clocks went forward an hour, this didn't seem to bother Steve who started his title bid with a 200 but slipped away in the next with a 157, this was followed by a superb 232, this was to give him a total series of 589, and first place in the 600 Club, he was followed in second place by Steve Carnall and in third by Roy Ashenden.

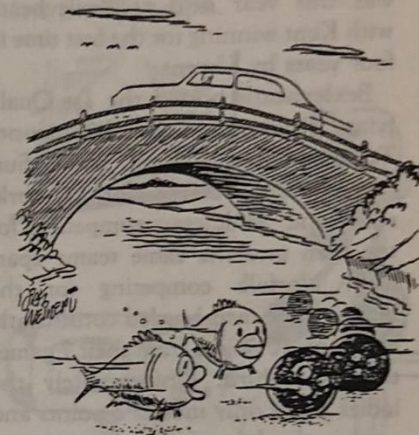
In the 200 club Nicola Harvey was to miss the top place to Larry Saunders after some consistent bowling of 166, 183, 166. This was just short of Larry's previous scores of 180, 147, 228. This gave Larry the top place and the 200 Club title with Nicola just 17 pins behind in second and Peter Hinnigan in third just beating Angie Thick by 2 pins. Very creditable performances from Nicola and Peter who are both juniors.

In the 550 Club Rosemary Bentley from Whitstable bowling with the men on Lanes 23 and 24 was to show them how to do it in style, the young lady started off with a 205, then a 206 but slipped away in the last game with a 169, however, this was to be enough to give her the title with Steven Eastop

second and Don Cook third, the young lady proved worthy of her place.

In the ladies 500 Club Sheila White started off her claim to the title with a 190, 205, 190. This was to keep her in first place on the leader board right up to the last squad of the day. This turned out to be quite a turn around, firstly Pat Overy who had just washed and polished her ball in the machine, put in a superb series of 212, 191, 188. This was to put her in first place and Sheila into joint second along with Val Eggleton who also bowled in the last squad with a series of 169, 189, 198, this was to displace poor Sandra Salt who until then had been in the runner up position.

Well done to all who participated in this tournament and to all the winners and to all the SEBA officials on an excellently run tournament, and let's hope with that with more bowlers next year it will be bigger than ever.



"Plenty of low scores bowled last night!"

New SEBA Area Secretary

Congratulations to Christine Lodge on her election to the office of Area Secretary of SEBA. This is after a long spell as Assistant Secretary to John Cudmore. We hope she will enjoy the new post and will receive all the help she needs from the other council members and from all the bowlers in the SEBA area, good luck Christine.

200 CLUB

1. Larry Saunders	180	147	228	555	649
2. Nicola Harvey	166	183	166	515	632
3. Peter Hinnigan	102	196	186	484	612

500 CLUB

1. Pat Overy	212	191	188	591	689
2. Sheila White	190	205	190	585	629
3. Val Eggleton	169	189	198	556	629

550 CLUB

1. Rosemary Bentley	205	206	169	580
2. Steve Eastop	191	166	199	556
3. Don Cook	190	167	189	546

600 CLUB

1. Steve White	200	157	232	589
2. Steve Carnall	209	186	176	571
3. Roy Ashenden	181	201	183	565

Inter-County Tournament

County Organiser's Report for Kent

The Roll-off was held at Bexleyheath on 1st and 2nd April 1989. There were 43 entries in the men's section and 26 in the ladies', which was most encouraging. Scoring was fairly high in the men's with 199.8 being the top average down to 180 at 15th place.

The Kent v. Essex Challenge Match was this year held at Bexleyheath with Kent winning for the first time in four years by 53 pins.

Bexleyheath hosted the 1st Qualifying Round of the Intercountry Tournament with Kent, Essex, Surrey, London, Sussex, Norfolk, Berkshire and Middlesex competing for the men and the same teams apart from Norfolk competing for the ladies. Kent men bowled consistently and took 10 points from their 7 games to stand third. Unfortunately the ladies could only muster 2 points and were at the foot of the table.

The second round was at the Airport Bowl where both teams seemed to relish the conditions with the ladies winning all their games but having left themselves too much to do only finished third. The men, meantime, encouraged by captain Keith Hodge, won five of their seven games, taking the high team game of 1054 on the way and finished top of their group with 20 points with London second.

The Finals were held at the new Mill Bowl at Preston, although this bowl was only opened 10 days before, and workmen were still beavering away for most of the weekend. Kent were drawn against London in the first game and made a good start by defeating them by 73 pins. Unfortunately the rest of the day was barren of points and there were one or two postmortems before the Dinner Dance in the evening.

Sunday saw us bowling against

Yorkshire in the first game and it was against Kent that they rolled the highest game of the tournament 1054 with Ron Oldfield hitting 254. The next game was against Lincolnshire who like us had only managed two points, we didn't quite find enough form and lost by 31 pins. Against Oxfordshire we started to put it together and beat them by 26, at this point we were in last position and had to beat Lincolnshire in the Position Round to move up. We did decisively by 76 pins and finished in six place. The tournament was won by Dorset Men and Yorkshire Ladies.

Many thanks to the Double Ts league for their generous donation of £90 and to all the ladies who put so much time and effort into making the raffles and tombola the success that they were. And I hope that I can count on them again this year.

Alan Petherick

County Organiser's Report for Essex

The County Roll-off for 1989 was held over 15th/16th April at Princess Bowl, Dagenham. Entries were again good, 52 in all — 34 men and 18 ladies. Ruth Molineaux did most of the work in this department this year and the running of the roll-offs went smoothly. My thanks to her for her willing co-operation here. She's not too bad a bowler either! And again with her help and a little from Jackie Winter from Walton, Annette Thompson and Alison Freeman from Dagenham, our good "Ole Timers" Ann Finch and Shirley Molineaux, the Ladies team bowled well at both Bexleyheath and the Airport to once again secure themselves a place in the finals. Although the men on average bowled fairly well in both rounds they lost matches by the odd spare or two (literally) and for the want of those spares the Final was lost or at least out of reach. The Essex men have got good bowlers quite capable of beating any good five man team but somehow they seem to lose heart with an Essex shirt on their back. They can only do better in the future and I hope to see many of the bowlers who did get to play last year enter this year with a stronger determination to win their

place in the county team.

The Finals this year were held at the new Mill Bowl, Preston. The conditions were, to say the least, tough and missed spares were all too evident. The atmosphere at these events is very good and although everyone bowled well and had an enjoyable weekend we were unlucky not to win the Bronze medal, coming equal third on points but fell to fifth place with an unfortunate last game which diminished our pinfall.

It has been pretty difficult to run the County team now I am living in Norfolk but I am very proud of "my girls" as I like to think of them. Without their help and support my job would have been far more difficult but I have enjoyed the challenges each year because of them, their loyalty and most of all their friendship, which I am pleased to say I still enjoy because of my connections with Essex.

Since I have left, I am often asked "What do you do with yourself in Norfolk?" To give you a brief idea the last four to five weeks have been spent like this: two days after New Year my daughter-in-law decided to present me with my first grandson five weeks

early, so I spent a lovely few days in Rochford with my son and family until baby Daniel came home. Back to Norfolk for four days then I get a call from my daughter to say she thinks my other grandchild might be coming earlier than expected. After four days nothing has happened so I go home, to get a phone call from my Aunt's neighbour to say she is not too well, so off once again, to Ilford this time. She is better so after five days I decide to go home when my daughter asks me to 'pop in' on the way. Needless to say, I ended up staying the week with the odd funny noise from my daughter. On the Tuesday morning she said we had better get to the hospital and we arrive at quarter to noon, by ten past I had another grandson, Christopher. They came home two days later and the day after that I went home. That was this Thursday and here I am back in Southend on Saturday! Shall I move back?

What all this is leading up to is this: although I am a very sad County Organiser who is saying "Cheerio to you all, good luck and good bowling", please keep in touch with a very happy Grandma.

Joan Nutt

Coach & Fours Tournament

Although this annual tournament is organised by Bexleyheath YBC, considerable help is received from SEBA officials. This year there was space for 84 teams and some entries had to be turned away.

The top three teams with their handicap scores were:

- 1st Sizzling Spider and the Stunning Stars, Neil Webb Bex 2862
 - 2nd Bournemouth 2, Alan Barr Bournemouth 2848
 - 3rd Crusaders, Simon Brown Peterborough 2805
- From the 84 teams the total scratch

pinfall was 179,244, giving an average game score of 142.26. The total number of juniors who beat their instructors was 51 out of a possible 336.

Some excellent individual games were rolled in the tournament and the following beat previous tournament records:

10 years and under		
Luke Cundle	Lewisham	179
11 - 12 years		
Chris Eccleston	Newcastle	207
15 - 16 years		
Paul Alexander	Cliftonville	221
Instructors		
Alan Barr	Bournemouth	267

Club Entries

If you wish your name to appear in the club column of Bowling News during the year and you have bowled a score which you feel good enough to qualify ask your league Secretary for a form, the entry costs nothing. Qualification to the various clubs are as follows:

200 Club for bowlers with average of 159 and below, or first year bowlers.

500 Club for ladies only of any average . . .

550 Club for bowlers with an average of 169 and under . . .

600 Club for anyone . . .

Providing your league, or you as an individual, pay contributions to SEBA you are eligible to enter, and only bowlers who send in entry forms are invited to compete in the SEBA Club Tournament. This is held each year at various centres throughout the SEBA area. This year it will be held at Bexleyheath, so if you want to enter for next year then get bowling and get the forms in to the Area Secretary. Come on support your Club Tournament. Juniors this includes you so come on enter.

Bert & Vicky Timms Memorial Mixed Doubles Tournament 1990

Scratch Section

Sheila White & Tom McQuade	1112
Lilian & John Langmead	1102
Penny Allsop & Ed Lane	1081
Lesley Pope & Steve Carnall	1071

Handicap Section

Lilian & John Langmead	1309
Katherine Ward & Stuart Lewis	1276
Penny Allsop & Ed Lane	1273
Lynda Brown & Geoff Baldwin	1270
Sheila White & Tom McQuade	1254
Christine & Geoff Baldwin	1247
Lesley Pope & Steve Carnall	1232
Connie Vaughan & Bert Ballard	1229
Annette Stevens & Adrian Elliott	1224
Annette Stevens & Royston Blanche	1216

Trophy Renamed

On a sad note, on the announcement of the death of Vicky Timms in the last issue of bowling news, it was felt by the SEBA Council that it was only right that the trophy Vicky donated to SEBA when her husband, Bert died, should be renamed the Bert & Vicky Timms Memorial Mixed Doubles Trophy.

As I did not know either Bert or Vicky I am sure that all who did will feel that is a fitting tribute to a warm and friendly couple.



Area Hi's fall

Congratulations to husband and wife team Malcolm and Sally Fuller of the Cliftonville Mr & Mrs League on their superb series on Wednesday 21st March. They not only laid claim to the mixed doubles Area Hi but to the Cliftonville house record as well. Here is the result line:

Malcolm Fuller	210	246	175	631
Sally Fuller	204	233	175	612
	414	479	350	1243

This was to give them a team average of 207.17. Well done both on a wonderful set of scores.

Another Area Hi claim comes from the Glaze Rite team from Bexleyheath who in the Olympic (Whitehouse Volvo) League rolled in a five man team score as follows:

John Amos	225
Paul Fletcher	179
Ivan Amos (Capt)	255
Sheila White	183
Chas Painter	181
Total	1023

Well done to all who bowled these great scores and to all who sent in to *Bowling News* so that we can all enjoy the achievement.