

BOWLING NEWS

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of the B.T.B.A.

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Editorial

I was flabbergasted to read the article by Mr Carr in which he stated British Bowling has a lower reputation than the British burger, he then goes on to say he will not tolerate leagues, he acts quickly when he sees one about to be formed in a Megabowl, (I would like to know what action is taken). He then states:

"The average league is male dominated and beer swilling, it's the old darts syndrome, no decent man wants to take his wife or girlfriend somewhere to have a load of blokes wolf whistle at her, we are looking for a happy medium and we think we have found it"

Well, what a comment, if you went to the 120+ centres in the UK you would find leagues of both sexes and of all ages so how can a housewife, grandma or an under 16 be a male dominated and beer swilling league as Mr Carr implies. I myself drive from Faversham to Billericay week after week as a lot of other bowlers drive to their centres and I am sure they don't drink and drive, with 30,000 bowlers involved in tenpin bowling in the UK I think Mr Carr should write a retraction in the Press.

I think if he were to look around the leagues they are mainly interested in bowling as a sport first and leisure activity second, and are looking to improve their game rather than wolf whistling at pretty ladies. I am sorry Mr Carr feels this way about leagues, let's hope when the public get fed up with bowling as with other types of entertainment he will feel able to let leagues into his centres so that he is able to keep them open, rather than in the past like other proprietors, close them down.

B.T.B.A. disband SEBA

AS FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 1990 the South Eastern Bowling Association (S.E.B.A.) ceased to exist and separate associations formed for Kent and Essex.

The decision to disband S.E.B.A. was taken by the B.T.B.A. National Council. The reasons for the decision were reported to be that:

- (a) Kent and Essex fall into separate regions of the Sports Council;
- (b) with the number of new Bowling Centres opening in the area it was becoming too large an association to administer.

This decision was taken without consulting the S.E.B.A. Council and without any members of S.E.B.A. being given the opportunity to give their opinion.

At the final S.E.B.A. Council Meeting in August the council members representing Kent agreed to form the new Kent Tenpin Bowling Association and continue to serve the bowlers in the county.

In February the first Annual General Meeting of the new Association will be held to formally elect a Council. Until this time existing S.E.B.A. procedures will continue.

The Kent Association president is Ted Shrimpton and the secretary is Christine Lodge, any queries you may have should be directed to them.

12 Strikes to Perfection

Mike Luckhurst from the Top Ten Bowl, Cliftonville put himself in the record books on Monday 9th April 1990 in the Animal League on lanes 3 and 4 bowling a 300 game after 26 years of bowling. Mike has been close to the perfect game twice before at Cliftonville but this time struck home, his total series 168 300 214 = 682.

The centre trophy has been at Cliftonville since the days of Excel, it's now so dilapidated through non use that William Youngers Brewery have decided to donate a new trophy and shield plus a personal trophy for Mike. The presentation will hopefully take place during May.

Congratulations to Mike on this great achievement of a perfect game.

Success for Bexleyheath Juniors at this year's Nationals

The Junior National Championships organised by the NAYBC attracted a record entry this year of just over one thousand Junior bowlers aged from 6 to 18. The Event was held at Nottingham 48 lane centre over two full weekends in May with Singles, Doubles and Team Events on a scratch basis divided into age divisions. With the continuing popularity of the event, winning medals becomes more and more difficult each year.

In 1990, teams from all three YBC's in Kent were entered from Bexleyheath, Cliftonville and Whitstable. Bexleyheath had their best year yet, coming home with three sets of Medals. In the Junior 1 Boys Doubles (11 and 12 years old), Michael Griffin and Grant Machin finished second on 932 to win silver medals, Michael Griffin having been in Bexleyheath YBC for only a few months. We have a strong contingent of Girls in the Junior 2 Division (13 and 14 years old) which gave us quite an internal rivalry. Our hearts go out to Sarah Charsley and Joanne Dodd who finished fourth with a 979 set, missing out on bronze medals by only 4 pins. Nicola Harvey and Karen Thick however won silver medals with a 986 set which was 23 pins behind the winners from Weston-super-Mare. Stealing a march on all of them in the Singles came Lucy Cudmore with a 518 to take the bronze medal in Third place.

Others who bowled well without

winning medals were Stephen Murr with a 578 in the Senior Boys (15/16 years) Singles and 1641 (ave. 182.4) in the All Events and Steven Dodd in the same Division with 555 in the Singles and 1631 in the All Events.

The Team Event is so organised that a mixture of ages is required and each team must have at least one girl. A special mention must be made of this year's winners from the Airport Bowl who smashed the Tournament record with a score of 2853 being an average score of 190.2 per game, a score much higher than that achieved in the Adult

National Championships.

Since the Nationals, we have had the Junior Masters Event at Airport Bowl, where Bexleyheath had 3 finalists out of a total of 48 nationwide being Stephen Murr, Steven Dodd and Nicola Harvey. A very creditable performance.

We are informed that around the country, many new YBC's are being formed and that the state of Junior Bowling in Great Britain has never been healthier. 1991 is the Silver Jubilee of the NAYBC Championships and special events are being planned.

Intercountry Tournament Kent Ladies and Men reach Finals

After the first round of the Intercountry Tournament at Tolworth, the Kent ladies were leading their Group having won all their games. The men were in sixth position having won three.

The second round was at Leicester where the men turned the tables and won all their games to finish at the top of the Group with 20 points, and the ladies won three of theirs to finish second to Essex.

This is the first time for a very long while that both Ladies' and Men's teams have reached the finals at the same time.

There was some excellent bowling

and team spirit from both teams. The Ladies' representatives were: Sheila White, Sandy Sawyer, Doreen Lodge, Sally Fuller, Elaine Hinch, Penny Allsop, Christine Lodge, Gill Cook and Carol House.

Appearing for the men were: Steve White, Steve Carnall, Alan Kirk, Alan Hutchins, John Hinch, Kevin Raison, Keith Hodge and Roland Foxley.

The Finals are this year again at Preston in November, and I'm sure that both teams will give a good account of themselves.

It was nice to see so many people turning up to support the teams at Tolworth.

ALAN PETHERICK

List of Club Members 1990

200 CLUB

Brenda Field	BEX 200
Brian Harryman	BEX 200
Masie Manser	BEX 200
Guy Mead	BILL 200
Adrian Conner	BEX 201
Sarah Drury	BEX 201
Annette Stevens	WAL 201
Chris Howland	BILL 202
Brian Eldridge	BEX 203
Malcolm Inch	BEX 203
Ken Jobson	BEX 203
Doreen Lodge	BEX 203
Mike Abrol	BEX 204
Dot Edwards	BEX 204
Stan Hammond	BEX 205
Cyril Drury	BEX 206
Sandy Knapp	BEX 206
Tony Cummerson	BEX 208
Alan Terry	BEX 208
Lita Andrews	BEX 209

Nigel Cash	BEX 209
Sandra Salt	BEX 209
Carol House	BEX 210
Colin Witt	BEX 210
Poppy Cope	BEX 212
Sandra Denyer	BEX 213
Brian Dodd	BEX 213
Stephen Stemmings	BEX 215
Mark Stephen	BEX 215
Carl Bradbury	BEX 218
Fred Willmsmer	BILL 219
John Barnes	CLIF 222
Beryl Drury	BEX 225
Trish Smith	CLIF 234
Dave Gooding	BEX 236
John Cudmore	BEX 237
Barry Mead	BILL 239
Keith Andrews	BEX 252
Terry Rand	BILL 265

500 CLUB

Sandy Knapp	BEX 501
Sandra Salt	BEX 501
Dot Archer	SOU 504
Marge Lazarus	DAG 504
Angie Thick	BEX 506
Sandy Sawyer	BEX 508
Tina Allen	SOU 510
Jeanette Bartrum	BEX 513
Brenda Field	BEX 514
Rosemary Bentley	WHI 514
Gill Cook	CLIF 515
Jan Hodge	BEX 518
Annette Stevens	WAL 520
Doreen Lodge	BEX 520
Lilian Langmead	SOU 520
Sue Trott	CLIF 520
Connie Vaughan	DAG 524
Jill Baldwin	CLIF 526
Yvonne Bright	WHI 526
Sandra Denyer	BEX 527

CLUB MEMBERS

Vera Roper	BEX 529
Trish Smith	CLIF 532
Christine Lodge	BEX 534
T. Neal	BEX 535
Elaine Hinch	BEX 536
Poppy Cope	BEX 539
Debbie Gross	SOU 540
Dot Edwards	BEX 543
Ruth Molineaux	SOU 545
Sally Fuller	CLIF 551
Beryl Drury	BEX 552
Edith Challoner	BEX 552
Emma Drury	BEX 554
Doreen Lodge	BEX 554
Sheila White	BEX 560
Lita Andrews	BEX 563
Carol House	BEX 565
Penny Allsop	BEX 576
Carol Leeds	BEX 580
Marion Drury	BEX 629

550 CLUB

Barry Meadx	BILL 550
Geoff Denniss	BILL 550
Sally Fuller	CLIF 551
Stan Haywood	BEX 551
Beryl Drury	BEX 552
Edith Challoner	BEX 552
Brian Harryman	BEX 552
Nigel Cash	BEX 552
Brian Godden	BEX 552
Keith Allsop	BEX 553
Andy Bennett	BILL 553
Kevin Norris	SOU 553
Emma Drury	BEX 554
Doreen Lodge	BEX 554
Fred Willmer	BILL 554
Alan Petherick	BEX 554
Tony Rossi	BEX 554
Frank Weston	BEX 555
Paul Lakey	BEX 556
Ken Jobson	BEX 557
John Cudmore	BEX 557
Mark Muir	BEX 557
Angie Thick	BEX 559

Roy Blanche	WAL 560
Patrick Chalmers	BEX 560
Richard Hammond	BEX 562
Lita Andrews	BEX 563
Malcolm Fuller	CLIF 563
Stan Manser	BEX 564
Carol House	BEX 565
John May	BEX 567
Ian Walker	SOU 569
Mick Edwards	BEX 571
Penny Allsop	BEX 576
Ed Lane	BEX 579
Carol Leeds	BEX 580
Geoff Baldwin	SOU 582
Ian Ottaway	CLIF 582
Steve Allen	SOU 583
Mo Paget	CLIF 591
Keith Andrews	BEX 596
Tom Sawyer	BEX 598
Poppy Cope	BEX 612
Fred Weston	WHI 623
Terry Rand	BILL 626
Marion Drury	SOU 629
David Yoxall	WHI 633

600 CLUB

John Mills	WAL 600
Nick French	BEX 603
Robin Garton	WAL 603
Alan Hutchins	BEX 605
Christine Lodge	BEX 610
Mark Muir	BEX 611
Poppy Cope	BEX 612
Frederick Shears	BEX 613
Nick Mullins	BEX 615
Matt Rayner	SOU 619
Rudi LaPorte	DAG 620
Barry Wright	BEX 622
Fred Weston	WHI 623
Terry Rand	BILL 626
Martyn Mead	BILL 626
Marion Drury	SOU 629
David Yoxall	WHI 633
Brian Godden	BEX 648
Mick Cope	BEX 675

Regular Section — Scratch

Singles	
1st David Yoxall	633
2nd Alan Hutchins	605
3rd Robin Garton	603
4th Keith Allsop	590
5th David Wain	585
6th Ken Barnard	580
7th Keith Hodge	578
8th Rob Pachman	566

Doubles	
1st N. Webb/N. Mullins	1181
2nd J. Mills/T. Hewitt	1179
3rd S. White/A. Hutchins	1176
4th M. Luckhurst/D. Buck	1150

Team	
1st Pro Shop 2000	2777
2nd Walton Pro Shop	2743

All Events	
1st Robin Garton	1759
2nd Rudi LaPorte	1741
3rd Nick French	1736
4th David Yoxall	1724
5th Alan Hutchins	1720
6th John Mills	1711

Female Section — Handicap

Singles	
1st Marion Drury	650
2nd Ruth Molineaux	634
Brenda Field	634
4th Sue Trott	633
5th Kaye Cudmore	626

Doubles	
1st J. Hodge/S. White	1726
2nd A. Thick/D. Lodge	1262
3rd E. Hinch/C. Lodge	1241

Team	
1st Iffy Sox Squad	3057
2nd Tutti Frutti	2997

All Events	
1st Doreen Lodge	1878
2nd Sally Fuller	1858
3rd Sue Trott	1855

Female Section — Scratch

Singles	
1st Ruth Molineaux	567
2nd Tracy Neal	545

Doubles	
1st J. Hodge/S. White	1148

Team	
1st Tutti Frutti	2591

All Events	
1st Sheila White	1638
2nd Tracy Neal	1605

SEBA Area

Championships 1990

Results

Regular Section — Handicap

Singles	
1st David Yoxall	728
2nd Chris Cunliffe	699
3rd Nigel Cash	684
4th Keith Allsop	678
5th Don Wood	668
Malcolm Inch	668
7th Alan Hutchins	664

Doubles

1st K. Andrews/J. French	1417
2nd R. LaPorte/P. Mobley	1359
3rd N. Webb/N. Mullins	1339
4th R. Perrett/B. Godden	1314
5th K. Drury/S. Allen	1288
6th S. White/A. Hutchins	1288
7th R. Percival/N. French	1282

Team

1st Iffy Combination	3162
2nd Pro Shop 2000	3157
3rd Mercury	3127
4th Black Diamonds	3117

All Events

1st David Yoxall	2009
2nd Rudi LaPorte	1993
3rd Nick French	1964
4th Mo Paget	1933
Chris Cunliffe	1933
6th Alan Jones	1914
7th John Cudmore	1903
8th Nick Mullins	1900
9th Robin Garton	1897
Alan Hutchins	1897

Golden Ball Tournament

May 22nd 1990 arrived and once again it was time for the Housewives Leagues, the Double TT's, to compete for the Golden Ball.

Unfortunately this year the tournament has been overshadowed by the death of Teddy Tinling, our founder and sponsor.

Twenty seven years ago Teddy Tinling started the Housewives League and each year since, leagues from various centres i.e Harrow, Tolworth, Airport, Lewisham and Bexleyheath have competed for the honour of winning the Golden Ball.

This year the hosts were Tolworth and although so ill Teddy, being the man he was, made the trip from Cambridge, where he was in hospital, to Tolworth to see "all his ladies". It was a tremendous effort on his behalf and I know I speak for all the Leagues concerned when I say "Thank you, Teddy tinling for your support and friendship over the years.

The results this year over six games.

Golden Ball

1st Harrow Wed. A. Team	3275
S. Dodd, S. Simons, J. Thorogood	
2nd Bexleyheath Tues. A. Team	3230
V. Roper, P. Cope, D. Lodge	
3rd Tolworth Thurs. A. Team	3202

Shield

1st Tolworth Tues. B. Team	3180
S. Cobb, P. Brightman, D. Dallison	
2nd Bexleyheath Wed. B. Team	3135
S. Manchester, L. Cummerson, C. Wagner	
3rd Bexleyheath Tues. B. Team	3127
S. Salt, A. Thick, P. Hamilton	

Many thanks must go to Iris Caplin for once again arranging another good tournament. We look forward to many more in the name of the "DOUBLE TT'S".

Doreen Lodge

League Secretary

Double TT's - Tuesday - Bexleyheath

B.T.B.A. National Championships GX Superbowl — Birmingham

This tournament was held over two weekends due to the overwhelming entry of 155. This I am sure is due to the upsurge in the sport as a whole. This must give good heart to the bowling fanatics in the UK after being in decline for so long.

On to the tournament and the SEBA bowlers, many who were to bowl for the first time in this event, myself included and were to show that SEBA are still amongst the best.

With the results in the last issue of Bowling News we saw Doreen Lodge from Bexleyheath in the 'B' Division Ladies become not only National Ladies Champion but the Ladies All Events Champion as well and Alison Freeman a creditable third in the All Events. In the Ladies '5' man team the Pussy Cats from Bexleyheath were to come in as runners up to the Lemon Drops from Poole who were just 14 pins ahead.

In the Men's Event 'B' Division Alan Hutchins and Kevin Raison were to become the National Doubles Champions with Peter Babot and Peter Coote in eighth. Kevin was also to become the 'B' Division All Events Champion and 15th in the Singles. Barry Smith, from Billericay, who was bowling in this tournament for the first time, was to become runner up in the Singles and 17th in the All Events, along with Martyn Mead also from Billericay who was 10th in the All Events. In the '5' man team 'B' Division the Mean Machine were to

become 'B' Division National Champions beating the Red Stripe Rollers from Wolverhampton by 58 pins. In 'A' Division John Coote was 13th in the All Events and along with Dave Huxtable were 11th in the Doubles and 11th and 27th in the Singles.

Well done to all SEBA bowlers who went to the Nationals this year. Sorry if you have not had a mention as I don't know all the bowlers.

Congratulations to the Top Hats Team of the Edwardian Club Billericay for a creditable performance at their first national championships.

Special congratulations to Barry Smith who came second in Division B of the Men's Singles.

Finally, well done everybody who took part and better luck next year.

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Midland Junior Open — Acocks Green Birmingham

Congratulations to the Bexleyheath Juniors on their excellent performance in the Midland Open at Acocks Green Bowl. In the Senior Boys Doubles Grant Machin and David Percival were runners up with 1055.

In the Graduate Girls Doubles Mandy Shrimpton and Dawn Wagner were also runners up while in the Senior Girls Doubles Joanne Dodd and Nicola Harvey were third. Nicola however went on to win the Junior

Girls Singles with 511 and the Junior Girls All Events with 1478.

Meanwhile Grant Machin was to come third also in the Junior Boys Singles with a 501 and runner up in the Junior Boys All Events with a total of 1569.

Well done to all the Kent bowlers who participated in this tournament please let us hear more from the Junior Bowlers.

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SPECIAL EDITION

Kent and Essex Double at Inter-County Finals

KENT MEN and ESSEX LADIES won the Gold Medals at the Inter-County Tournament at Preston on November 3rd and 4th.

At the end of the first day, Kent were in equal second place with 6 points, 2 points below Berkshire. The team were bowling very steadily, averaging around 189 per man.

In the evening we went to Blackpool to see the illuminations — very bracing indeed! with the wind coming from the Arctic and the sea breaking over the promenade. They dragged yours truly down the Golden Mile and back, fed me with fish, chips and mushy peas and then invited me to partake of the Big Dipper (not on your nellie!) Did I complain? But enough of that!

On Sunday morning Yorkshire were our first opponents. As they hadn't won a game on the previous day, we weren't too worried, but these Tykes are made of stern stuff and turned it on with a 1020 to our 919, so no points there. Second game against Middlesex, we knew we were their jinx team and beat them by 21 pins. In the meantime Berkshire had also lost and were still one game in front, but were against Kent in the next. Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire were both level on points with Kent but had a superior pinfall.

In the seventh game Kent bowled their hi game of 1055 beating Berks by 77 pins. Oxford and Bucks also won.

This set up an intriguing position round, the top four were all on 10 points with Kent fourth on pinfall — we were about 160 pins behind Berks, 126 behind Oxford and 7 behind Bucks who we were playing.

If we lost we would probably be fourth and out of the medals. If we won we had at least a silver. If we won well we had a chance of gold.

As the game progressed Kent were keeping their noses in front by just a few pins, but they were looking determined and confident. Keeping an eye on the other two teams on the next lane, we could see that we were drawing away. In the 10th frame our lead-off hit X 9/ and the other four all hit a double with 8 or 9 and as we had two strikes in the foundation frame we finished with a fine 1048 and two points.

All eyes then on Oxford and Berks. Oxford had finished on 929 and The Berks anchor man had spared and needed 8 to win 7 to tie with his last ball. Pressure got to him and he took FOUR and gave the game to Oxford and the gold medal to Kent by SEVEN PINS.

Jubilation all around the team and supporters. When I went on the lanes to congratulate them I could hardly speak — with all that shouting and cheering I had practically lost my voice.

It was a proud moment when they were presented with the trophy and medals. The first time Kent has held the trophy — but not the last!

Kent Ladies were not in their best form for this Tournament and finished 5th. Kent were only one of two Counties to have both ladies and men's teams at the finals, a fine achievement.

The Men's team was:
Keith Hodge, Captain
Steve White
Steve Carnall
Alan Hutchins
Alan Kirk
Kevin Raison
and John Hinch and
Roland Foxley who played their part in the Qualifying Rounds.

The Essex Ladies' team was:
Ruth Molineaux
Shirley Molineaux
Debbie Gross
Sue Portsmouth
Alison Freeman
Jacqui Winter

ALAN PETHERICK
Kent County Organiser