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## Editorial

Here you are, my second attempt at *Bowling News*. My thanks to Jackie Fenton, the manageress at Top Ten Bowl Cliftonville, for all the news she has sent me, to Alan Petherick and John Boulton for the articles and to the very few league secretaries who have sent me the high averages from their leagues, but where is the rest of the promised copy. If I don't know about it I can't print it, if you think your achievement should be in this issue or your name in the list of Club members and its not, your league secretary has not sent it to me so take it up with him, not me.

I received just three letters since the last issue, two offering congrats and best wishes for the future of *Bowling News* and one from the B.T.B.A. saying that I had printed their. Fax number wrong, as it turned out it was their mistake not mine (this time!). If you have any comments, ideas or grievances on our game of bowling I would like to hear from you, we will put them on a letters page.

To keep the costs of *Bowling News* to a minimum I intend to take Advertising, the rates for which are given inside this issue. *Bowling News* is one of the services given by our Area Association, KTBA its services are free and our sole source of income is by voluntary contributions by way of our 5p scheme. Many people think we receive financial support from the BTBA or the proprietors, **we do not**, our **only** income is from your contributions which the BTBA insist must be voluntary.

I intend, work and family commitments permitting, to bring out six issues of *Bowling News* each year, the next issue will be in July for which the copy date is 21st June.

## Club Tournament for 1990

The K.T.B.A. Club tournament for 1990 took place on Sunday 24th March at the newly opened Hollywood Bowl, Margate. Entry this year was very good, with an extra squad being put on and more lanes being made available for the early morning squads. The total entry was 136 made up of 28 600 Club members, 38 550 Club, 32 500 Club and 38 200 Club.

For those who have not yet been to the Hollywood Bowl, it is situated behind the Safeway Supermarket, not far from the Margate sea front, it is a 24 lane centre with lots of room to move about behind the lanes, the staff were friendly and helpful and the bowl was always kept spotlessly clean.

The Club Tournament is in 4 sections, the 200 and 500 being played as a handicap tournaments while the 550 and 600 are scratch.

In the 200 Club the pace was set

in the first squad of the morning by Michael Sequenza with a 611 series, to be overtaken in squad 3 by Gill Cook with a 667, Fred Willsmar 656 and Don Cook 650. Try as they may, there was no challenge to the leaders in the next two squads but in the last squad of the day saw Colin Ottaway with 631 and Doreen Lodge with 629 while Mandi Shrimpton made a great effort to catch Gill, but alas finished just 6 pins short with a 661 series, Mandi has now been second in the last two K.T.B.A. tournaments, maybe third time lucky.

For the 500 Club, Sally Fuller set the pace with a 616 series in squad 1, challenged in squad 2 by Brenda Field 583 and Elaine Hinch 578 and to be overtaken in squad 3 by Doreen Lodge with a 638, also squad 3 saw 583 series from both Lesley Pope and Poppy Cope. Later

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### PROVISIONAL RESULTS

200 CLUB		500 CLUB	
Gill Cook	667	Doreen Lodge	638
Mandi Shrimpton	661	Sally Fuller	616
Robert Gentry	659	Jeanette Bartrom	604
Fred Willsmar	656	Lita Andrews	604
Don Cook	650	Sandra Denyer	589
Collin Ottaway	631	Brenda Field	583
Doreen Lodge	629	Lesley Pope	583
Michael Sequenza	611	Poppy Cope	583
Mark Stephen	600	Elaine Hinch	578
550 CLUB		600 CLUB	
Toni Rossi	595	Jan Hodge	608
Sally Fuller	576	Roy Memmott	594
Graham Roff	570	Chris Smith	589
Beryl Drury	546	Sally Fuller	585
Poppy Cope	542	Fred Spears	576
Don Cook	538	Nick Mullins	567
Steve Allen	532	Steve Carnall	561
Steve Milham	530	Keith Hodge	547
Ron Houston	527	Kevin Raison	537

## Club Tournament

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squads saw both Lita Andrews and Jeanette Barton make 604 series and Sandra Denyer a 589 but all were unable to catch Doreen or Sally.

Don Cook, 538 and Ron Houston 527 opened the 550 Club. Squad 2 saw most of the best scores for this division with Toni Rossi 595, Sally Fuller 576, Graham Roff 570, Poppy Cope 542 and Steve Allen 532. In squad 3 Beryl Drury made 546 to get on the score board as did Steve Milham 530, in the last squad of the day. Local bowler, Chris Smith set the pace for the 600 Club with 589 series in the first squad of the day. The next three squads saw challenges from Nick Mullins 567, Sally Fuller 585, Steve Carnall 561, Kevin Raison 537, Keith Hodge 547. In squad 5 we had a 576 series from Fred Spears but a new leader with Jan Hodge making the only 600+ series of the day with 608. The last squad of the day saw Roy Memmott fall 16 pins short with a 594 series.

My congratulations to all the winners of the K.T.B.A. Club Tournament for 1990, three sections being won by the ladies, come on chaps do better next year. A special well done to Sally Fuller who finished second in the 500 and 550 Clubs and fourth in the 600 Club.

Lastly our thanks to Christine Lodge and all her helpers for another tournament well run, and to the management and staff of Hollywood Bowl, Margate for making us so welcome.

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## Kent Tenpin Bowling Association

For those who read the last issue of "Bowling News" I tried to explain what the KENT TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION was and its objectives.

Briefly to remind you the objects of our local association throughout the year are to:—

- Increase the number of members through strengthening leagues.
- Improve and increase the services to members.
- Help to train officials in the operation of leagues.
- To organise and distribute all materials necessary for the operation and sanction of leagues.
- Hold four Council meetings each year and an Annual General Meeting for league delegates.
- To organise and run tournaments for our members.
- Provide a direct means of communication through Bowling News and to give advice and guidance on the rules and regulations of our sport.
- Set up investigation committees when complaints of rule breaches occur.
- Work with other organisations in the Bowling and Sporting world for our mutual benefit.

Any Association must have funds in order to operate, in just the same way as a league K.T.B.A. has to be self sufficient and only survives by using a simple economical system of asking bowlers to voluntary contribute 5p to the K.T.B.A. funds each time they bowl in league play.

All our services would disappear and many others without the 5p contributions being made.

Your 5p enables postage to be paid on a variety of letters and

parcels including league materials that are sent out all over Kent and answering the many queries that arise by telephone.

Your 5p helps produce this "Bowling News" which is distributed free to all contributing leagues.

Your 5p pays for the general administration and costs of the Area Office, the organisation of council meetings and the operation of the association covering four centres with over 40 leagues.

Your 5p means each year we have an Area Championships, Inter Centre Championships for all levels of league bowlers, Mixed Doubles Tournament, the 200, 500, 550, 600 Club Tournament, it also helps with the Kent County teams in the National Inter County Championships.

Your 5p enables the proper presentation of documents to the B.T.B.A. and minutes for meetings, league information sheets etc. It pays for important contacts and the liaison between centre managers and the proprietors on mutual problems and information etc.

These all go to make our sport one of the best organised in the country.

The choice is yours, its like the fire brigade, its there when needed.

K.T.B.A. does not receive any financial assistance from either the B.T.B.A. or the proprietors it relies solely on your voluntary contributions as its source of income.

If your league does not contribute to K.T.B.A. funds but would like to do so, further information on how to contribute is available from our Area Secretary, Christine Lodge at 28, Heathside Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 4PZ. Telephone 081-303 5591.

## Moss Ryder — 712 Series

On Friday 8th March, Moss Ryder, bowling for The Woolwich Fours league had a 289 game and a 712 series, only the second 700 plus series of the new Bexleyheath Bowl.

Moss helped his team to a 2379

series, which now tops the Area Highs.

The team details are:—

Keith Knott	195 175 194 =	564
Moss Ryder	289 233 190 =	712
Paul Lakey	180 192 216 =	588
Tom McQuade	155 160 202 =	515

817 760 802 2379

# The Night the Lights went out in Blackpool

Well it's here at last, the 16th of March, the date of the 1991 B.T.B.A. National Championships at Blackpool. I am off, with most of the other loonies from the five teams we have entered, to catch the 10.49 a.m. from Bexleyheath Station, have to meet the rest at Euston. With minutes to go before the Blackpool train leaves we are still one missing, time to panic? But as last he arrives, his train from Maidstone was cancelled (the delights of British Rail).

Arrived at Blackpool North on time having listened to the Rugby (England v France) on the way up. Six of us squeeze into a old London taxi for our Hotel on the sea front, bowling balls perched on the open boot lid. I hope none fall off into the middle of the road.

Only time for a quick wash and change into our bowling shirts before we must go and register at the Bowl. It's only 5 minutes walk, we are told. Someone's watch can't work, for it was at least 15 minutes, and to make matters worse it was raining.

Into the Bowl, time to get the formalities of registration over, only one change this year, one year all 25 who say in December that they will come in March will actually bowl.

Our first event is the five man team, at 6.00 p.m. It's 10 to 6, the lanes are empty, so let's get down to lane 30, our lane, will we start on time? But no, out comes the lane dressing machine to dress 36 lanes, should this not have been done as soon as the lanes were free?

Six thirty we start bowling, these lanes are bad, still it must all be in my mind for it is our National Championships so they must be OK, for the B.T.B.A. would not sanction a tournament on sub standard lanes.

With just two team frames to go before the end of our match THE LIGHTS WENT OUT. The lights above the lanes, over the seating area and at the back of the lanes went out. We are told over the PA system, luckily still working, that the main switch gear had blown and they were sending for an electrician.

Now how will they get an electrician to come out at 9.00 pm on a Saturday night I ask myself.

What would have happened if all the scores had been lost, for somehow the power supply to the machinery had not been cut off. We all sit there for about 15 minutes, nothing seems to be happening to restore the power, some teams have started to bowl under "moonlight" conditions. We have had no instructions from the tournament organisers and no idea from the bowling management as to how long the power would be off. Some clever chap from our opponents asked if the team squad, which was still to go on after we had finished, would be off the lanes before he bowled his doubles the next day.

At last the power is back on, a temporary repair we are told, lets get the match over with before anything else happens.

Match over at last, must get a bit of fresh air and something to eat. The lights in the bowl have gone out again, to make a permanent repair, what time will the 9.00 p.m. team squad start.

Out on Blackpool sea front in search of a decent restaurant, but alas they are all closed. Only place open this time of night is a seedy looking fish bar and a fried chicken take-away. We choose the chicken, which we eat in the rain walking back to our hotel.

Sunday 17th, we are all out of the hotel by 9.30 a.m. do not have to be to the bowl until 11.00 a.m., let's all go up the Tower.

Charged £3.50 entry to the tower then told we cannot go up it until 11.00 a.m. when the lift opens and not into the Ballroom until 12.30 when that opens so there is nothing to do until then. The Tower is owned by First Leisure PLC. After much argument with the manager we get a refund, it must have hurt him.

On to the bowl, with only one squad before us this morning, we must start on time, but no, we are 15 minutes late. A very enjoyable doubles and singles playing against bowlers who are far far better than me, but do not think they are above me, a pleasure to play against such

people.

Should be off the lanes by 1.30 p.m. but we are still bowling at 2.00, can only put this down to not being told to start our singles straight after our doubles, and allowing people to go off for a drink or such things.

Finished bowling, rush to get a sandwich from the bar and back to Blackpool station for the 3.32 p.m. train to Euston. Across London on the tube and out into Kent on Network South-east.

We have had a very enjoyable weekend, pity about the bowling, for it spoilt a perfect weekend, but without bowling there would not have been a weekend in Blackpool.

Thank you B.T.B.A. for our National Championships, can it be nearer to London next year.

Congratulations to husband and wife Keith and Jan Hodge. Jan is the Category 'A' Singles Champion with 640, she also came third in the All Events with 1688. Keith was third in the Category 'A' Singles with 675 and finished sixth in the All Events with 1836.

Some other local bowlers who cashed in the Tournament were:

## Category 'A' Doubles

9th Bob Ockelford and Chas Painter

## Singles

16th Chas Painter, 18th Neil Webb, 41st Cliff Dew.

## Category 'B' Singles

27th Steve McElwaine, 33rd Keith Allsop, 35th Alan Petherick.

## Bexleyheath Jackpot

Last Autumn the League Jackpot was restarted at the New Bexleyheath Super Bowl, it is exactly the same format as the old bowl, 4 set strikes in the 2nd game and 3 in the third, bowlers wishing to take part pay 10p.

On Tuesday 12th February we had the first winner of this new jackpot, bowling in the Broadway league Terry Archer managed to get the seven strikes in the right frames to carry off the pot, congratulations Terry.

INTER-COUNTY TOURNAMENT

# New House Record at Cliftonville

by Alan Petherick

Cliftonville was the venue for the Kent County Roll-Off this year.

Although some people struggled to score on the conditions, there was some fine bowling by the top qualifiers. None finer than Keith Hodge, who in his second set of three rolled 245, 200, 276 for a magnificent 721 and a Cliftonville House Record. This added to his 601 in the first set, came to a total of 1322 to finish in top spot. Mike Luckhurst also bowled well and finished second with 1282. (He must have been inspired being partnered with me!) Alan Hutchins was third with 1147.

In the ladies Sheila White crawled out of her sick bed to hit 1043

and qualify top, with Cliftonville's Jill Houston coming second with a consistent set to total 1020. Beryl Drury Was third and mother and daughter Doreen Lodge and Elaine Hinch couldn't be separated in equal fourth with 1002.

We had 52 competitors this year which was a bit down on the previous two years.

My thanks to Teddy for the way he prized money out of everyone for the raffle, with a smile and a veiled threat; and to Jackie Fenton and her staff at Cliftonville for their help and co-operation. It's a pleasure to run a tournament at Cliftonville.

The 15 qualifiers in each division were:

## MEN

Keith Hodge  
Mike Luckhurst  
Alan Hutchins  
Chris Smith  
Steve White  
Peter Baldwin  
Rod Wickens  
Keith Carrott  
John Boulton  
Jeff French  
Tom McQuade  
Alan Kirk  
Paul Pateman  
John Hinch  
Steve Carnall

## LADIES

Sheila White  
Jill Houston  
Beryl Drury  
Elaine Hinch  
Doreen Lodge  
Poppy Cope  
Chris Lodge  
Gaenor Houston  
Sandra Knapp  
Carol Fullman  
Lesley Pope  
Doreen Belsom  
Gloria Pattinson  
Carol House  
Penny Allsop

## 1991 Club Members

### 200 CLUB

Doreen Lodge	BEX 216
Mandi Shrimpton	BEX 218
Angie Thick	BEX 214
Joyce Chapman	CLIF 211
Robert Gentry	CLIF 210
Allan Thompson	BEX 208
Phillip Higgins	BEX 208
Geoff Webb	BEX 207
Pat Overy	BEX 206
Ted Shrimpton	BEX 206
Gill Cook	CLIF 204
Andrew Krangel	BEX 204
Grace Coman	BEX 204
Adrian Conners	BEX 204
Emma Drury	BEX 203
Lesley Pateman	BEX 202

### 500 CLUB

Penny Allsop	BEX 677
Gill Cook	BEX 573
Lita Andrews	BEX 549
Beryl Drury	BEX 546
Poppy Cope	BEX 542
Mandi Shrimpton	BEX 542
Christine Lodge	BEX 540
Sally Fuller	MAR 538
Doreen Lodge	BEX 535
Angie Thick	BEX 534
Vera Roper	BEX 531
Lesley Pope	BEX 531
Jill Houston	CLIF 524
Elaine Hinch	BEX 522
Rosemary Bentley	WHIT 520
Lesley Pateman	BEX 517
Sandy Knapp	BEX 511
Margaret Shrimpton	BEX 504
Sue Trott	WHIT 502
Sandra Denyer	BEX 501

### 550 CLUB

Penny Allsop	BEX 677
Poppy Cope	BEX 600
Doreen Lodge	BEX 593
Gill Cook	CLIF 573
Graham Roff	BEX 570
Allan Thompson	BEX 564
Brian Millgate	BEX 560
Beryl Drury	BEX 552
Jim Middleditch	BEX 552
Robert Gentry	CLIF 550
Barry Denne	BEX 550

### 600 CLUB

Keith Hodge	BEX 727
Penny Allsop	BEX 677
Peter Baldwin	BEX 633
Doreen Lodge	BEX 612
Steve White	BEX 612
Jan Hodge	BEX 608
Christine Lodge	BEX 601
Poppy Cope	BEX 600

## 1991 Tournament Calendar

	DATE	CENTRE
KTBA Junior Championships	4 May	Bexleyheath
KTBA Area Championships	11, 12 & 19 May	Bexleyheath
KTBA Masters Championships	19 May	Bexleyheath
Inter County Championships 1st Qualifying Round	2 June	T.B.A.
KTBA Inter-Centre Championships	June	T.B.A.
Inter County Championships 2nd Qualifying Round	8 September	T.B.A.
KTBA Fours Tournament Oct	T.B.A.	
Inter County Finals	26, 27 October	T.B.A.
Coach and Four Tournament	December	Bexleyheath

To include your tournament in this calendar send full details to the editor by 21st June 1991.