



## Editorial

I HAVE recently represented Kent at two meetings with the BTBA, the first to discuss and set the National Tournament Calendar for 1991/92 and the second the BTBA's Annual General Meeting.

At the Tournament Calendar meeting, to which invitations had been sent to all Area Associations, Bowl Managers and Tournament Organisers, only six of us bothered to turn up. The turn-out for the AGM was better, for I counted 18 delegates, considering there were three from Kent the turn-out should have been a lot better.

Why were these meetings so poorly attended? Is it lack of proper communication? We in Kent try to keep you fully informed through *Bowling News* while our National Association uses the brief "Information Sheets" sent to all league secretaries.

Should the BTBA have its own Magazine or send out more comprehensive information for publication in magazines like *Bowling News*. I believe the BTBA should be more informative, maybe it should have its own press officer. We at *Bowling News* would print any news the BTBA sees fit to send us.

I hope you all liked the way the last edition of *Bowling News* was presented, like a glossy magazine. My thanks to George and Christine Savage of Hedgehog Press for their help and for the continued support of Alan Petherick with the typesetting. With this new print format we can now print photos. So to all of you who send me stories, if you have a photo to go with it, preferably a black and white print, send it along.

## 700 series for Sandy Sawyer

by Jerry Lodge

THE BEST time to roll a personal best must always be in a tournament in a centre other than your own regular venue.

Each year, many ladies from Kent travel to RAF Brize Norton to bowl in the Ladies' Doubles Tournament, excellently organised by John and Dot Toogood.

This year, Sandy Sawyer, who now usually bowls at Margate, rolled out games of 227, 243 and 245 for a 715 series which, not surprisingly, proved enough to win the tournament with her partner Sally

Fuller.

No one pairing is allowed to win more than one prize with the same partner in this combined scratch and handicap tournament. However, it was a good day for Sandy who picked up prizes for high games and another doubles with Rosemary Bentley.

For Western Kent (Bexleyheath), Elaine Hinch and Sandy Knapp together with Theresa Day and Mary Slaughter also won some of the splendid prizes provided at this very popular tournament.

## Bowling Loses Out in 1996 Olympics

The Programme Commission of the International Olympic Committee rejected bowling's bid for inclusion in the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. The Commission gave its approval to the admission of Women's Modern Pentathlon and Women's Fastpitch Softball for the games to be held in Atlanta. Its recommendations were voted upon at the meeting of the International Olympic Committee held in Birmingham in June. We understand that Women's Softball was the ONLY sport accepted by the full membership for inclusion in the '96 Games.

The IOC decision is final and that Women's Softball would therefore be the only new sport accorded medal status for the '96 Games. However, this decision applies only to the 1996 Games and may not have any bearing on future Olympics, because the IOC is in the process of re-evaluating its sports programme for the games of 2000 and beyond. The IOC has indicated that

the sheer size of the modern Olympic Games precludes many host site bidders from accommodating the Games and that extensive pruning and overhauling may extensively change its roster of medal sports after the 1996 Games.

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## From Across the Water

If you make a series of 857, which happens to be a local all time record, you would most certainly expect it to be the league high for the season.

In March of this year Wade Stanley bowled his 857 series in the I.B.T. 810 Classic League in Sacramento, California. One month later, in the very same league 21 year old Andy Udahi sandwiched a 279 game between two perfect games for an 879 series. A single pin was all that stood between Andy and a perfect series.

There is not much room to improve on this record, but, in May of this year 29 year old Mark Benavidez bowling at Cordova Lanes, Sacramento, shot 289 and two 300's for yet another Area Record of 889. This is the second highest sanctioned series of all time, only beaten by the 899 bowled by New Jersey's Tom Jordan in 1989. Mark, a right-hander, left only the 8-pin on the 11th ball of his first game, to follow that with 24 strikes.

League bowling has been going for some thirty years in the UK and there must be many leagues who have been around since 1961. But we hear from across the water that the New York Bankers league has just disbanded after 99 years of

operation. The American Bowling Congress recognise leagues that have been sanctioned for more than 50 years. They have on their books some 101 leagues with over 50 years of which 36 have been in existence for more than 75 years.

## Bexleyheath Jackpot

To win the Bexleyheath Jackpot you must get the seven strikes in the right seven frames, not as easy as it sounds, it often goes on for months, as the cash builds up before it is won. But in July it was won twice.

Firstly by a lesser known bowler from the Friday Fours league, DAVE HARRIS, bowling off an average of 153 bowled the necessary seven strikes to win some £400 to everybody's delight around him. Dave is a once a week bowler who has been in the league for about 10 years, well done Dave.

A few days later, that well known member of the Kent County Team, STEVE WHITE, bowling in the Spartan League managed to get the seven strikes but alas the kitty had not had time to build up and Steve won just £30, well done and better luck next time.

## Tenpin Aims For Firm Connection

Tenpin Connection, the tenpin bowling association set up by the BTBA and four major bowling centre operators have recently approached firms throughout the UK to sponsor the sport.

Tenpin Connection, which was established to promote tenpin bowling as a sport and leisure activity and avoid a decline similar to that experienced in the 1960s, hopes companies will offer sponsorship to help stage tenpin bowling tournaments.

Founders First Leisure, Granada, Themes International, Whitegate and the British Tenpin Bowling Association also want to attract companies interested in making their name synonymous with the game, in the same way as Budweiser is connected with American Football.

One of Tenpin Connection's aims is to get tenpin bowling on a regular television spot. It has received a positive response from Channel 4 and BBC's Good Sport programme but has not yet struck a deal for regular coverage.

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# Junior National Championships

by Jerry Lodge

As briefly reported in the last issue of *Bowling News* the 25th N.A.Y.B.C. Championships (Junior Nationals) were held at the Hollywood Bowl, Tottenham over three weekends in May.

Some of the results are now to hand but we are promised a full computer printout in the near future, quite some task as over 1500 Juniors entered the Nationals from over 51 separate YBC's.

There were the following medal winners from KENT.

In the Boys Peewee (under 10 years old) Singles, JAMES PATE-MAN from Bexleyheath won the event to take the Gold Medal with a 423 series and went on to win the All Events Gold Medal with 1108 pins over 9 games.

In the Boys Graduate (17 & 18 years old) Singles, CHRISTOPHER CURRY from Whitstable came third to win a Bronze Medal with a 595 (192, 224, 179) series, the winner having a 623 set.

However with this large entry, we should try to recognise all those from KENT who finished in the first 25 of each division, who were:—

*Boys Senior Singles* —  
 Keith Willis (BEX) 524 series - 23rd  
*Boys Junior 1 Singles* —  
 Edward Shrimpton (BEX) 534 series - 6th  
 Mark Philbrick (WHIT) 496 series - 15th

*Boys Junior 2 Singles* —  
 Alan Potten (WHIT) 438 series - 15th  
*Boys Bantam Singles* —  
 Rory Snook (WHIT) 409 series - 5th  
 James Andrew (BEX) 358 series - 25th  
*Girls Graduate Singles* —  
 Helen Pacey (WHIT) 490 series - 9th  
*Girls Senior Singles* —  
 Karen Thick (BEX) 464 series - 16th  
*Girls Junior 2 Singles* —  
 Kelly Arthur (BEX) 452 series - 4th  
*Boys Bantam All Events* —  
 Rory Snook (WHIT) 1116 pins - 9th

The Junior Nationals for 1992 are scheduled to be held at the Hollywood Bowl in Liverpool where it is hoped that the KENT Juniors will do better than ever.

## Junior County Championships

by Jerry Lodge

Following trials held at Cliftonville in late July, which attracted 38 entries, the teams have been selected to represent Kent in the forthcoming Youth County Championships.

The competition will take place at Leicester Superbowl on Sunday 15th September 1991.

The full teams are:

**BOYS**  
 Stephen Alexander WHIT  
 Christopher Curry WHIT  
 David Percival BEX  
 Mark Philbrick WHIT  
 Jason Thompson CLIF  
 Jeffrey White BEX  
 Keith Willis BEX

**GIRLS**  
 Lucy Cudmore BEX  
 Lynne Fullman BEX  
 Zoe Houston CLIF  
 Kirsty Jennings WHIT  
 Dawn Lovett WHIT  
 Amanda Ottaway CLIF

The Rules of the Competition are that the Top Boy and the Top Girl qualifiers from our trials are guaranteed at least one game in the finals at Leicester. Jeffrey White followed in the tradition of his parents by bowling his best ever series of 563 off an average of 134 while the top girl on the day was Zoe Houston with a 498 series.

Each County Team will play six games in two blocks of three to decide the 1991 County Champions, the boys playing fives while the girls play fours and I am sure that all of Kent wish our Juniors every success.



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# Classic Singles — Sheffield

by Jerry Lodge

The Junior Classic Singles were held on 22nd and 29th June at Sheffield Bowl with the competition divided into Divisions for Boys and Girls by entering averages.

For most divisions a three game series was bowled and the leading six bowlers then participated in a Round Robin final with a position round and bonuses for winning individual games.

There were two notable successes for Bexleyheath YBC.

frame when the second placed bowler needed just to spare to overtake Jeffrey but got a split.

In division 7, Daniel Patey, Tom Perry, Jason Pateman and Martin Pateman all failed to qualify for the finals in spite of bowling above their averages.

The second Saturday saw the higher average divisions with Bexleyheath sending Steve Dodd in Division 1, Grant Machin, David Percival and Keith Willis for Division



● Jeffrey White and Lucy Cudmore with their trophies

In division 6, Lucy Cudmore (average 133) qualified for the final in sixth place with a 455 series (182, 158, 115), and then in the round robin final, in which the standard was very high, Lucy bowled games of 131(lost), 171(won), 176(won), 131(won), 160(won) and 151(lost) for 920 six games series plus 40 win bonus pins for 960 and fourth place.

In division 5, Jeffrey White (average 135) made the final in third place with his first ever 500 series a 519 to be precise (159, 187, 173) and then in the final proceeded to bowl games of 210(won), 160(won), 127(lost), 133(lost), 159(won) and 125(lost) for a total of 914 plus 30 win bonus for 944 and 1ST PLACE by a very close margin. The championship was settled in the very last

FOUR

3 and Karen Thick and Joanne Dodd for Division 4. Although they all bowled extremely well unfortunately not quite good enough to make the finals. □

## Ashford Leisure Park

An agreement has recently been signed by Ashford Borough Council to build a £9 million leisure park near Ashford in Kent.

Under the agreement Ashford Leisure Park Limited has been granted a 125 year lease on the old Borrow Pit site by Ashford Borough Council, which in turn was granted a 125 year lease by the freeholders of the site, Trinity College Cambridge.

The council are keen to promote a major leisure facility as they feel there is nothing else in the area. The 16.7 acre site will include a night-club, 30 lane tenpin bowling centre, six screen cinema, a theatre, an ice rink, restaurants and a petrol station.

A developer's spokesman said that the park's unique location at a junction of the M20 would give it a potential catchment area of the whole of East Kent in addition to spin-offs from the proposed Channel Tunnel rail terminal. With outline planning permission approved at the moment, final details are being sorted out and final planning permission obtained. If all goes well it is hoped work will start on the site by the end of the year.

Harlow Town FC has won planning permission to build a 24 lane bowling centre as part of its new ground. The club is in the process of constructing a 5,000 capacity stadium within its Harlow Arena project and plans to have the stadium ready for football by the start of the new season and expects the bowling centre to be operational early in the new year. □

## 1991 Tournament Calendar

	DATE	CENTRE
Inter County Championships 2nd Qualifying Round	8 September	Beckton
Youth County Championships	15 September	Leicester
Coast to Coast Doubles Tournament	19/20 October	Top Ten Bowl
Inter County Finals	26/27 October	Cliftonville
Coach and Four Tournament	26, 27 October	Wolverhampton
	30 Nov/7 Dec	Bexleyheath

To include your tournament in the next edition of **Bowling News** send full details to the editor by 14th October 1991.

# Around the Centres

## BEXLEYHEATH

### Olympic League

from Steve (Luke Warm) White

The new season got under way on the 9th May with Paul Lakey bowling a 647 series (185, 226, 236), John Amos a 641 (226, 203, 212) and Brian Dodd a 604 (217, 195, 192). One other notable score from the first week was Steve Carnall, with a league average of 192, he proceeded to bowl games of 152, 145, 125 for a 422 series!

The second week of the season saw the Mean Machine set a new Area High with their last game of 1046, the individual games were Steve Carnall (yes the same one) 245, Steve White 200, Lesley Pope 211, Roland Taylor 200 and Kevin Raison 190. Steve Carnall redeemed himself this week and a 624 series while team mate Steve White bowled a 606. The only other 600 that week was a 605 by Phil Eldridge, someone should have had a 600 series was Gary Harland who having started with games of 231 and 199 he then bowled a last game of 102 (Failure Club material).

After three weeks the Pinbusters were carrying on where they left off last season (winning) going top of the league having dropped only one point.

After Steve Carnall's start to the season he made amends by hitting 600's in weeks 5, 6 and 7 putting his average up to 189. Two other bowlers playing really well at this stage are John Amos on 198 and Phil Eldridge on 191.

More Failure Club material on week 8 with Kevin Smith of the Barbarians bowling games of 192, 119, 223 for a 534 series.

A few uneventful weeks followed but on week 10 the Golden Girls bowled a 3002 handicap series with Emma Drury bowling a 593 scratch. Also in week 10 Glaze-Rite with their last game of the night equalled Mean Machine's Area High of 1046 with John Amos bowling 208, Jan Hodge 187, Sheila White 184, Chas Painter 223 and Keith Hodge 244.

So after 12 weeks the Mean Machine are at the top of the league with the Pinbusters and the Blues Brothers both just three

points behind. John Amos leads the averages with 192 closely followed by Steve White on 187 and Steve Carnall on 186. The Team High Series is led by Glaze-Rite with 2839 and both Glaze-Rite and Mean Machine lead the high game with 1046.

If I have missed anybody's personal best it is because you have not told me.

### Spartan League

from Steve (Luke Warm) White.

After two schedules the Mixers had a large lead over the rest of the teams but SNAFU (look it up in the dictionary) are having a late charge and are just 4.5 points behind. SNAFU also hold the team high series scratch with 1746 and team high game scratch with 640. Top of the men's averages is Steve White 185, followed by Dave Mitchell 181. On the 26th June Paul Fletcher bowled his personal best series with games of 138, 209, 189 for a 636.

Steve White on the 24th July won

the centre Jackpot winning just £30, if he had won it the week before he would have won at least £400 but Dave Harris beat him to it. Steve's wife Sheila said he always was a week behind.

Failure Club material for Syd Goodwin — 181, 200, 118 for a 499 AND 233, 114, 204 for a 551.

### Fireball League

With 4 weeks to go to the end of our season, the Pinslayers have a commanding but catchable lead over Who Spares Wins and Leyland Strikers so all is set for an interesting few weeks bowling.

Some notable scores from recent weeks: Mark Muir with games of 220, 222, 209 for a 651, Mark's highest series and the first 600 with all 200 games. Ray McDonald, not quite making the magic mark with 203, 189, 203 for a 595 but the very next week putting things right with 208, 204, 191 for a 603 and Bill Shrimpton, almost making a "Failure" of things with 224, 240, 152 for a 616.

One notable "Failure" was Alan Terry, bowling for Alpha Omega, he was not too happy with what he had

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left from his first ball so he tried for the spare on the next lane. For those who do not know Alan, he is a big lad, and when the bowling ball stuck to his hand it was first bounce into the next lane, but also he missed the spare, better luck next time.

#### Roundtable League

On the 25th June, Keith Hodge, Clive Mitchell and Keith Luxton bowling as the "Odd Bunch" took over the lead in our Area Highs in both series and game with 1894 and 698. The individual performances were:

Keith Hodge	192	268	226	686
Clive Mitchell	232	220	201	653
Keith Luxton	166	210	179	555
	590	698	606	1894

#### Bexleyheath Boards

A few notable scores from recent weeks, firstly, Julie Chinnery bowling on 16th May had games of 214, 159, 174 for a 547 series to join our ladies 500 Club. Julie, who has an average of 139, achieved this despite having had her kneecap removed last year but still carried on bowling in her plaster. Patricia Read, bowling of a 145 average, on the 20th June bowled games of 183, 200, 220 for a 603 series. Congratulations to you both and keep up the good bowling.

#### WHITSTABLE

##### Harbour League from Roy Fillier

Another highly successful season has drawn to a close, with once again the ROUGHNECKS taking the title. In fact, the first three places ended up exactly as last year. Runners-up were the DAM-BUSTERS with the UNTOUCHABLES in third place.

On the individual and team front, the ROUGHNECKS rolled a 2275 scratch series whilst the WONDERING STARS rolled a 831 scratch game, the individual scores were Ted Bannister 257, Ray Allen 202, Dennis Johnson 198 and Philip Stubbs 174. Another for the Area High board were the AVIONICS who rolled a 826 game with Paul Zakrzewski 233, Mike Farahar 203, Gary Whitcome 202 and Les Long 188.

For the individual High Scores, SIX

Richard Howland rolled a 266 game whilst Paul White had a 661 series. For the Ladies, both Angela Croft and Rosemary Bentley had 232 games with Rosemary having a 598 series. The High average went to Richard Howland with 182, followed by Earl Jarvis on 181 and Mike Fields 180. For the ladies Rosemary Bentley had 168 with Angela Croft on 165.

#### MARGATE

##### Scratch Doubles

Some notable scores from the last few weeks that affect the Area High standings, on the 9th July we saw Larry Saunders bowl games of 171, 180, 170 for a 521 while his partner Dave Buck bowled 205, 256, 232 for a 693. Their second game of 436 and the series of 1214 will put them in second place on the July listings.

A week later, on the 16th July, we saw Tracy and Cliff Dew enter the

Mixed Doubles listings, the individual scores were, Tracy Dew, 183, 276, 195 for a 654 series while Cliff bowled 191, 188, 195 for a 574. Tracy's 276 was her personal record as well as taking first place in the Area year listings, while her 654 series will only put her in second place. Their team series of 1228 and the second game total of 464 will also put them in second place in the mixed doubles sections of the July listings.

Although not an Area High, a special mention must be made that on the 30th July, Rosemary Bentley made her first 600 series for two years with games of 216, 148, 236, well done Rosemary.

#### CLIFTONVILLE

##### from Jackie Fenton Mr & Mrs League

After the first three weeks of their summer season, the lead was held by Iceberg with Climax 2 only three points behind. The high average, at



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