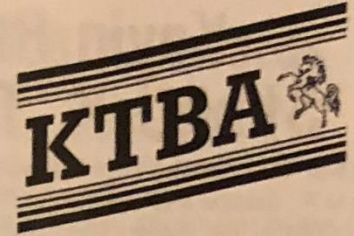




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Kent Ladies win Silver

Report from Alan Petherick

ONCE AGAIN we are motoring up the M1 to the Inter-County Finals — this year to Strykers at Wolverhampton — and once again both our ladies' and men's teams have qualified at the top of their group, the men as defending champions.

This year there are two extra teams in each section from Scotland, making ten teams. The tournament is run as a round robin, each team playing the others once with two points for a win ending with a position round. The team with the highest number of points are the champions (if the points are level then pinfall is taken into account).

When the tournament started it became obvious that the lane conditions were difficult and the only people who had a consistent shot were lefties. The men's team found it difficult to win games with the opposition psyching themselves up to beat the champions.

This year it was the turn of the ladies. Their first game was against Co Durham — one of the favourites with Yorkshire — and although bowling well, were just beaten. They gained their first win against Dorset in the next game, they also gained points against Fife and Aberdeen but lost to Hampshire.

While everyone was watching the progress of the 'big two' Sussex had been piling up the points and finished the day leading with 10 points with Yorks on 8, Durham on 8, Staffs on 8 and Kent on 6.

The ladies had time to relax and let their hair down in the evening at the Dinner Dance (luckily the

clocks went back and we all got an extra hour's sleep!).

Sunday started with something that was either a pagan ritual in the Carnall household or had some

Final Positions — Ladies

| | | won | pins | pts |
|----|-----------|-----|------|-----|
| 1 | Sussex | 8 | 8706 | 16 |
| 2 | Kent | 7 | 8693 | 14 |
| 3 | Durham | 7 | 8599 | 14 |
| 4 | Yorkshire | 6 | 8968 | 12 |
| 5 | Dorset | 6 | 8415 | 12 |
| 6 | Staffs | 6 | 8219 | 12 |
| 7 | Hants | 4 | 8524 | 8 |
| 8 | Warks | 2 | 8252 | 4 |
| 9 | Aberdeen | 2 | 7997 | 4 |
| 10 | Fife | 2 | 7692 | 4 |

other more sinister meaning, Lesley ceremoniously dropped a hot fried egg into Steve's lap! (Makes my eyes water to think about it!)

The bowling started with a good

win over Staffordshire followed by Kent's high game of 929 to beat the leaders Sussex. The next game was against Yorkshire (quite a formidable line-up on paper) but not to be overawed by reputations we beat them by 70 pins with another 900 plus game. The ninth game was against the bottom team, Warwickshire. We seemed to have some reaction to our good start and bowled the low game of our series and lost.

The last game was the position round. Sussex v Co Durham, Yorks v Kent for the medals. If we beat Yorks we knew we had a medal, what colour was dependent upon the top match, if Durham were to win it would be bronze, but if Sussex won it would be silver. That's how it worked out. All the team bowled with determination and good humour and thoroughly deserved their success.



• From left to right, top: Beryl Drury, Sheila White, Alan Petherick (County Organiser), Lesley Pope, Doreen Lodge. Bottom: Christine Lodge and Elaine Hinch.

Kevin Raison wins Skol U.K. Tenpin Classic

Over 300 bowlers from all over the U.K., Europe and even the USA gathered at the Airport Bowl over the August Bank Holiday weekend to contest the first Skol U.K. Classic Singles tournament with its first prize of £5000 the largest prize ever given to bowling in this country.

There were three days of intense qualification by all competitors, while the temperature outside the bowl was in the 80's the score inside were very high which included a 300 game by Sweden's Mats Karlsson in his qualifying victory over Michael Ross 792 to 720.

Karlsson, who was the pre tournament favourite, was not to reach the finals in this double ko format tournament, two defeats and you are out, he was to be defeated by Margate's Cliff Dew.

Cliff was not destined to reach the final stages, he was to be defeated by Bexleyheath's Kevin Raison 202 to 231. Kevin then lost in the final qualifying round to Chris

Buck 234 to 214, so dropping him into the losers section. Kevin who had the lowest average of the 40 bowlers who qualified for the final stages, fought his way through by some fine bowling.

In the televised single game stepladder finals, Trevor Wood defeated Chuck Carrol from the USA 252 to 196 so putting Chuck into 5th place. In the next match Trevor was to be beaten by Dave Huxtable 226 to 144, so it was Trevor who was to be 4th. The third televised match saw Kevin Raison and Dave Huxtable in a very tight match with Kevin finishing with 3 strikes in the 10th frame to take the match by just 9 pins, 209 to 200, so relegating Dave to 3rd place.

The Championship game between Kevin Raison and Chris Buck was a tense affair but the better start by Kevin was to make him the Skol U.K. Single Champion and £5000 richer by defeating Chris 216 to 182.

Editorial

At the recent meeting of the KTBA Council much time was taken up discussing the raising of funds to run our Area Association. All moneys raised by KTBA must be by fund raising events such as raffles, sale of stickers etc. or via our voluntary 5p scheme.

KTBA along with all other Area Associations receive no financial assistance from the BTBA, the Proprietors or any other body.

When I first started bowling in 1964 the annual BTBA membership fee was £1.00 (that must be equivalent to £15.00 today). Of that £1.00, 10/- (sorry 50p) was returned to fund the Area Association. This scheme was replaced with today's membership arrangement by the BTBA in the early 1970's, for what I reason I do not know, but I am sure that the BTBA considered they were doing the right thing for our sport.

In the USA, if I can believe what I read in *Bowlers Journal*, the American Bowling Congress still pass on to their Area Associations part of the bowlers' annual membership fee.

With the new upsurge in bowling, more centres being opened, therefore more leagues for Area Associations to look after, the new understanding with the Proprietors and the BTBA working hand in hand for the mutual benefit of our sport, is it not time that the BTBA looked for some scheme that would fund efficient Area Associations or allow them to levy membership fees but the BTBA maintaining the right to withdraw that privilege should be Areas Association's efficiency of service not meet the set standards.

While our Area Association's officers, who work unpaid for our sport during their spare time, have to spend that time raising funds to allow our Area Association to operate, they cannot give a full and efficient service to our members.

I believe that it is time that the finances of Area Associations were put on a firm basis to allow the officers to work for the mutual benefit of our sport, the BTBA and the Proprietors without having to worry where the money is coming from to allow them to do their duty.

KTBA Council Meet

A full meeting of the KTBA Council took place on Sunday 6th October. It was chaired by our President, Ted Shrimpton, with the following council members in attendance: Christine Lodge, Sheila White, John Boulton, Larry Saunders, Jerry and Doreen Lodge, Ivan Amos, George Savage, Keith Hodge, Ed Lane, Steve White and John Cudmore. Apologies for non attendance had been received from the remainder of the council members.

The President sought and received the approval of council for his appointment to the KTBA Council of George Savage and Gary Pring, these Presidential appointments would only be until our next Annual General Meeting when they must seek election in the normal way.

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Neddy Roberts

by Poppy Cope

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you of the death of Neddy Roberts, one of our old bowling buddies. He was with us for many years in The Chessmen bowling in both the Olympic and the Remington League before it became the Roundtable League. He was a very well liked person and goods sportsman and will be remembered with affection from the bowlers of old who knew him. He was well known for his jokes as well as his bowling and that was obvious from the people who attended his wake who probably feel as I do that he will be greatly missed.

New Secretary for Bexleyheath YBC

After some 16 years as Secretary of the Bexleyheath YBC, Jerry Lodge stood down from the post at the league's recent Annual General Meeting. Jerry made Bexleyheath YBC into the efficient organisation it is today and many of Bexleyheath's bowlers owe their good start in bowling to him.

During the time between the closing of the old bowl and opening of the new one he arranged for a coach to take the league each week to Lewisham Bowl.

He has inspired many of the parents, who came along each week just to watch their children, to take the BTBA Instructors courses so providing his Bexleyheath Juniors with the correct instruction whenever they need it.

He has given up much of his own time in not only the day to day running of the league but seeing that his juniors had every opportunity to bowl in tournaments up and down the country.

The new Secretary of Bexleyheath YBC is Richard Percival who I am sure will continue with the standards set by Jerry.

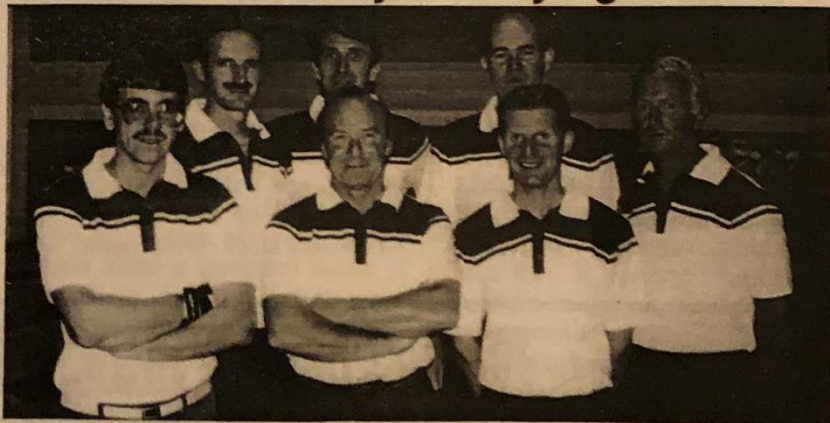
Bowling Writers Honour Maurice Glazer

At the 15th annual World Bowling Writers meeting held during the World Championships in Singapore, the President of the British Tenpin Bowling Association received the World Bowling Writers Distinguished Service award for his services to the B.T.B.A. for more than three decades.

At the same meeting, Germany's Ferdinand Janka was awarded the association's Golden Quill award for outstanding journalism.



Kent Teams at Tolworth for Inter County Qualifying Round



● Back row: Steve Carnall, Mike Luckhurst, Keith Hodge
front row: Alan Hutchins, Chris Smith, Alan Kirk and Steve White



● Back row: Doreen Lodge, Sheila White, Lesley Pope
front row: Elaine Hinch, Chris Lodge, Poppy Cope, Beryl Drury and Jill Houston

B.T.B.A. Awards

Steve White has asked me to remind all League Secretaries at Bexleyheath that he still has a stock of B.T.B.A. award badges.

These badges are for sale at the same price as the B.T.B.A. that is 25p for the Small Oblong Chevron and 60p for the Major Round.

This service was set up, with the approval of the B.T.B.A. at the old Bexleyheath Bowl with the idea of cutting out the Postal charges which today would be at least 36p (postage required both ways) for what could only be a 25p chevron.

League Secretaries who wish to use this service should get in touch with Steve either on his league nights, which are Wednesdays and Thursdays, or by message left for him.

All applications for awards, whether to Steve or the B.T.B.A. must be made on the official B.T.B.A. awards application form.



What is the Failure Club?

When I somehow became editor of "Bowling News" I decided not to keep any of the articles introduced by previous editors, just keep our Area High and Club listings, but the rest would be fresh.

One of the things that will not go away is the FAILURE CLUB which comes up from time to time in these pages and I am often asked by bowlers new to our sport WHAT IS THIS FAILURE CLUB?

I can best answer that by reprinting the first Failure Club article by one of my predecessors, Ted Shrimpton, which first appeared in June 1980.

"BOWLING NEWS HAS OPENED A NEW CLUB"

The Club Secretary, invited you to become members. Entry is restricted and exclusive — you will

rub stories with the rich and famous — No prizes — No Tournaments — No entry Fee. The Club Committee has checked the dictionary, and it states that "FAILURE" is and we quote "Non Occurrence; Non Performance; Running Short; Breaking Down; Ill Success; BUT IS IT? ALL through this game of ours we read of SUCCESS, 300 games, 700 series success in Leagues and Tournaments, PERSONAL HIGH'S. WHAT OF PERSONAL LOW'S.

Have you ever been late for your league, put your shoes on the wrong feet, and wondered why you had trouble with your approach? Travelled 200 miles to a tournament for the 2.00 p.m. squad, only to find you should have attended the 11.00 a.m., the nice chap on registration advises that there is a vacancy at 9.00 p.m.

We have one unfortunate chap who should have stayed at home. It happened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Mrs Arline Carlson bowling in the Friday Night Watson Safeway League at the Mountain View Lanes. She missed the head pin on 12 leaving the 1-2-8-9 spare to shoot at, before she could, MIKE NUMAN on lane 11 stepped up, and this had not been a particularly good evening for him anyway; his next delivery stuck on his thumb, hit

the edge of the gutter, bounced on the ball return track, on to lane 12 and converted Mrs Carlson's spare!!

TONY SAMUELS of Scratch Bowlers Club fame chose a good night to roll a 700 series, at STAMFORD HILL in 1970. He had scored 500 or nearly in the first two games, and bowling well, but not far away TERRY SAUNDERS was attracting a lot of attention. Tony continued bowling, more cheers from Terry's lanes, silence, more cheers, undaunted by this, Tony being the master he is had a last game of considerable proportions, enough to receive accolades of flowers. NOT SO THAT NIGHT — his big 700 plus had been eclipsed by a 300 game by TERRY SAUNDERS: A FAILURE? WELL ALMOST.

Well there I will cut short Ted's article, I am sure that you have got the idea of what the K.T.B.A. FAILURE CLUB is all about.

By popular demand I will reintroduce the Failure Club spot in Bowling News so let me have your applications. Low scores, silly goings on, non achievements etc. etc. and we will print them.

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K.T.B.A. New Year Honours

At the end of each year we read in our national newspapers about who is Sportsman of the Year, or Footballer of the Year or whatever of the year.

We in "Bowling News" would like to know who you think should receive our League Officer of the Year, Prospect of the Year, Personality of the Year and Failure of the Year.

We have printed a ballot paper for you to complete which should be returned to the editor by the 7th December and in the January 1992 issue we will publish the results.

Who should be BOWLER OF THE YEAR?? — should it be Keith Hodge for his 721 series in the Kent County Roll off, should it be Jan Hodge for winning our 600 Club Tournament, should it be Christine Lodge or Neil Webb for being our Masters Champions, should it be Sally Fuller or Chris Smith for set-

ting a new Mixed Doubles record of 1302, should it be Sandy Sawyer for her 715 series. The list is endless, of bowlers who have won tournaments or who have achieved their own personal record during the year. Your vote will decide.

Who should be LEAGUE OFFICER OF THE YEAR ?? — Do you feel your league secretary has worked efficiently during the year, the league sheet is always posted on the notice board early. Do you think your league President has conducted his league meetings by the book, has he kept the league running to the letter of the B.T.B.A. Rule Book. Has your league Treasurer presented his end of year accounts in a manner that all can understand, does he not moan when you have not got the right money on league nights. In short do you think any of your league officers are the best in Kent.

Who should be PROSPECT OF THE YEAR ?? — Come on you secretaries of Junior League's, who do you think in future years will bowl for Kent, perhaps even England.

Who should be PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR ?? — This is not restricted to Kent. Who, in your opinion, has done more in 1991 for our Sport of Tenpin Bowling.

Who should be FAILURE OF THE YEAR ?? — Has anybody in your league made a complete Wallie of themselves, everying they do goes wrong, not had a very good year. Or will I be failure of the year for thinking up this scheme and no one bothering to vote.

World Tenpin Bowling Association

At the recent FIQ World Congress held in Singapore during the recent World Championships, the Tenpin Division of the Federation International des Quilleurs will now be known as the World Tenpin Bowling Association.

Previously, all dues from member associations went to the FIQ organisation in Finland who then doled it out as needed to both the tenpin and ninepin divisions. This had not given the tenpin division enough income to fund their desired bowling programme and had to rely on subsidies from the Bowling Industry, the IOC and the American Bowling Congress.

The new dues programme is based on the total bowler membership of each of the 79 member Nations and is expected to bring in some \$40,000. This will be used to finance changes master-minded by the WTBA President Dr. Nathan and his Council which include a programme to improve tenpin bowling's Olympic prospects.

Other major changes included, adoption of most of the abc/wibc "System of Bowling" equipment specification, to train and certify Official Coaches, run drug tests at world and zone tournaments and to establish a ranking system for bowlers based on performance at tournaments.

It is claimed that these measures will improve bowling's changes for full status in the Olympic Games.

AMF World Cup

It is 10 years since Pauline Smith won Britain's only women's World Cup title. At the recent British finals Pauline averaged 206 for her 24 games to trounce the women's field to represent Britain at the AMF Bowling World Cup in Beijing, China.

Joining Pauline will be Phil Scammell, who has become a regular at the World Cup finals, Beijing will be his fourth. Like Pauline, Phil devastated his opponents at the British Finals, beating his nearest rival by nearly 200 pins.

Please return to:

John Cudmore, Editor Bowling News, 59 Manor Way, Barnehurst, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 6JJ by 7th December 1991.

Bowler of the Year

League Officer of the Year

Prospect of the Year

Personality of the Year

Failure of the Year

You do not have to vote for all five categories, you can vote for as few or as many as you wish.

Coast to Coast Tournament

by John Boulton

Top Ten Bowl Cliftonville staged its first "Coast to Coast" scratch and handicap Doubles Tenpin Bowling Tournament over two weekends in October. 78 participating teams came from most of the Southern Counties, London and some from Birmingham.

The first days play had local brother and sister team, Barbara Edicott and Dave Goodall, (Skin and Blister) in 1st place in both scratch and handicap divisions with 1068 and 1275 pins.

Day two was a much more keenly contested affair with visiting teams coming to the fore. Husband and wife team, Steve and Sheila White, (SNAFU 1) from Bexleyheath leapt to the top of the scratch division with 1138 pins, not to be outdone fellow bowlers from Bexleyheath, George and Christine Savage. (Hedgehogs) turned in 1286 to lead the handicap section.

So far 19 games of over 200 had been rolled with Dave Goodall and Gary Steventon leading, both with games of 222. Day three had some good bowling but no performances to catch the leaders.

The final day had all squads full and 50 teams ready to battle it out for top honours. Squad 1 and still no team catching SNAFU 1 in the scratch section, Graeme Hearne and Steve Hargreaves (Oddballs) from Beckton Bowl turned in a 1293

pin total to take over the handicap division lead.

In Squad 2 no teams could catch the leaders and the positions remained unchanged. Squad 3 saw the action hotting up with Bernie Caterer and Dave Buck (Old Stagers) a Finsbury Park/Cliftonville pairing taking the lead in the scratch with 1187 pins only to be passed by Dave Fannon and Willie Williams (Lewisham Live Wires IV) with 1193 and 1313 which gave them the lead with both divisions. Some fine bowling in this squad with 11 games over 200 and Bernie a 624 series and Dave a 642 series. Squad 4 had most teams doing well but not making any impressions on the leaders.

Squad 5 and the last, all to play for and nothing to lose. Local brothers team of Any and Mal Allerton (Alleycats) turned in a 1165 total scratch to end up third behind Old Stages 1187 and 2nd and Lewisham Live Wires IV 1193 and first place in the scratch section. Oddballs 1293 was enough to clinch them 3rd place in the handicap section with Lewisham Live Wires IV 1313 in 2nd. Honours went to Alleycats with Andy's 256 game and 673 series ably supported by Mal giving the team a total of 1327 pins and 1st place in the handicap section. A splendid tournament played in line with B.T.B.A. ideals, in good fellowship and true sportsmanship.

1991 Tournament Calendar

| | DATE | CENTRE |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|
| Kent Combination Fours | 23/24 November | Hollywood Bowl, Margate. |
| Coach and Four Tournament Bert & Vicky Timms Memorial Mixed Doubles | 30 Nov/7 Dec | Bexleyheath |
| Club Tournament for 1991 | January 1992 | To be advised. |
| K.T.B.A. Area Championships | March 1992 | To be advised. |
| K.T.B.A. Junior Championships | May 1992 | To be advised. |

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

Cliftonville's High Average Tournament

by John Boulton

The annual High Average Invitational Tournament at the Top Ten Bowl Cliftonville as usual provided a demonstration of fine bowling.

The tournament is competed for by 12 of the highest average bowlers at the centre over the previous 12 months, the lowest competing average this year was 174.94. All the bowlers have to play six games over 12 lanes thereby demonstrating their skill at recognising the slight variation needed to bowl good games, the highest pin-fall over the six games is the winner.

In the first game Dave Buck roll-

ed a 208 to take an early lead, the second game had Paul Crundell bowling a 235 (426) only to be eclipsed by Jill Baldwin, the only lady bowler qualifier, who turned in a 233 (427). The third game had Jill 189 (616) and Paul 193 (619) really scrapping it out with Dave not far behind on 176 (575).

Game four had Dave renewing his challenge with a 202 (777), Paul 170 (789) and Jill 189 (805) the new leader. Game five and Dave's 180 (957) still saw him in 3rd place, Paul 175 (964) had him in 2nd place, Jill

meanwhile was not waiting for anybody and rolled in a 215 and 1020 total to stretch her lead.

The last game and Dave's 170 (1127) was enough to confirm him in 3rd place despite a challenge by Matt Slade who rolled a 611 over the last three games. Jill's 158 (1178) was only good enough for 2nd place because Paul had saved a big one for the end, a 222 (1186) was enough to pip Jill by 8 pins and confirm him as this year's champion. Paul had rolled just under a 198 average and Jill just over a 197.