

DAGENHAM KING OF THE HILL TOURNAMENT

by Bob Hayter

The Dagenham King of the Hill Tournament, held recently, was a great success for the organisers, Will Clarke and Bob Hayter, and for all concerned. It was nice to play on a condition that was hard but fair.

The shot was there to be found. It was not just a case of hitting the pocket anyhow and strike - a few people will vouch for that.

The cut for the Step Ladder final was 1009, a 201.8 average for the 5 qualifying games.

48 bowlers started out. There was a £50 prize for the highest score for each game. those were won by:

Tony Clarke	237
Steve McLean	245
Paul Freeman	246
Steve Carnall	244
Frank Brown	242

In the Step Ladder final, 5th place

Bob Hayter played 4th place Steve Carnall, with Bob coming out the winner with a 212 game to Steve's 157.

Bob Hayter was now firing on all cylinders and in the next match beat third placed Roger Hunter with a 200 game to Roger's 158.

Next in line for Bob was second placed youngster, Paul Freeman. This was Bob's closest match so far but he managed to beat Paul 184 to 167. This set up a match for the final of King of the Hill against Frank Brown, who had qualified in first place.

The first few frames were pretty close but a couple of splits for Frank was all Bob needed to power his way to the title, bowling a 201 to Frank's 139

Congratulations to Bob Hayter for winning the £100 first prize, bowling just over a 200 average for the day on fair conditions.

and Lindsey Allerton who came as St. Trinians Ladies? For the men Andy Allertons Roly Poly Batman had to be seen to be believed, a real hoot on the lanes and an unchallenged winner. The ladies winner was Jackie Ottaway who came as Donald Duck, her style of bowling in that outfit can only be admired but not necessarily copied.

After game 2 the raffle was held and with over 40 prizes there were many happy winners though at times it did appear as if it was an Ian Ottaway benefit night. We now know the reason why Baz Skelton carries so much bulk, every time he won he took the chocolates, I thought it was because the lady likes, well never mind. On to game three, is that the time, where had the evening gone, soon this is over and on to the numbers draw. Again many happy winners, me too, I got a flowering Cactus plant.

The game winners got their prizes, that made them happy. All in all a good night that seemed to go well. Thanks are due to many people who contributed in one way or another to make the evening a success. God bless them, hope to see you all next year, including our friends from Bexhill.

Come on pass the broom or we'll never get home tonight.

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Bowlers

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CLIFTONVILLE FUN BOWL

by John Boulton

On a Sunday evening in December the Cliftonville Bowlers Committee put on its annual Fun Bowl for the bowlers. There was 3 games of bowling, a sumptuous buffet, a grand raffle, a lucky numbers draw, game prizes and fancy dress prizes.

From the moment the door opened it was obvious the evening was going to go well with so many bowlers coming in fancy dress. It was great to see the parents of Junior bowlers who do not usually bowl willing to have a go and to see Senior and Junior bowlers together having a great time. The bowling was a bit academic but that didn't matter it was fun the name of the game.

Between games 1 and 2 an interval was declared and the hordes descended on the buffet, there seemed to be enough to go round even to the extent that some came for seconds of the fruit flan, christmas crackers and party poppers added to the happy atmosphere and happily all bowlers went on to play game two.

The judging of the fancy dress was difficult, for the Juniors joint prizes were awarded to Amanda Ottaway

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JUNIOR NATIONALS, NOTTINGHAM

- Part 1 by Daniel Patey, aged 13
I am sure that, at the Nationals at Liverpool this year, there will be some bowlers for whom it will be their first Nationals, it was mine in 1990, held at Nottingham Bowl. I shall remember that weekend as one of the great experiences for me and urge all new bowlers to remember their weekend at Liverpool too and make the most of it. If you bowl well into the bargain then that is an added bonus to the atmosphere of the tournament.

My memories of that early morning start:-It was the 19th May 1990, the time, 6.15am. My first major tournament, at the age of 11. As I eased myself out of bed I certainly did not feel like bowling. Dad, who was going with me, was already up and pottering about as I put on my jet black trousers and mauve T-shirt. My cereal did not taste of anything that early morning in May. I looked at the video clock. It read 6.28am.

Half an hour to have a wash, clean my teeth and phone a taxi to transport us to Bexleyheath Superbowl. We had packed our things the night before so we were all ready to go. Mum got up to see us off as the hooter of the blue Sierra estate sounded. Our taxi was here. Seven minutes later we were speeding down Bexleyheath Broadway, heading for the Superbowl. I had just begun to wake up.

The sun was out, but it was still very cold as we bundled out of the

taxi with our luggage. The few people already there were standing in a little group chatting. It was 6.49am. Dad and I walked briskly up Oaklands Road carrying our luggage, that consisted of a kerry blue clothes and toiletries bag, a green rucksack containing a flask of tea and some books, and my bowling bag, in it my jade green Columbia 300 bowling ball, which was to be my partner for the weekend.

The coach pulled in at 7.04am, four minutes late. But what was four minutes. Our spirits were quite jolly, even though they did not match our faces. We loaded our luggage into the compartment in the side of the coach. I kept my rucksack back to have with me on the coach.

More people had arrived, and when everybody had settled down, registration began. The last name was called as the coach passed Trading World, skimming through the light traffic. We were all set for a great weekend out.

To be continued.....

MARGATE YBC'S COACH AND TWO TOURNAMENT

by Harry Phillips

On Saturday 18th January Ken Dyer organised a tournament for Margate YBC which was based on the very successful Coach and Four Tournament run each year by Bexleyheath YBC, but called the Coach and two.

The youngsters in Margate YBC are at a very basic beginners stage, but if enthusiasm is anything to go by they have something to build on. Eleven teams of three entered and my impression was that the seniors enjoyed it as much as the juniors.

Winners were "Just Do It" led by Sally Fuller with very creditable support from junior Nigel Crutterdon who bowled 147, 162, 116. Second was "Pick & Mix" for which a young lady called Dominique Herron rolled 129, 138, 124.

Not earth shattering, but from little Acorns big Oaks grow.

OVERHEARD AT STRYKERS BOWL DURING THE COUNTY FINAL BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE BTBA AND THE KENT COUNTY ORGANISER

KCO: Well Maurice, how's your health these days?

MG: Not too bad at the moment, I've got to return to hospital in the near future, and after that I should be 100 per cent, and then I shall retire from the BTBA.

KCO: I'm pleased to hear it Maurice, because if you were in the Kent Area Association you realise that you wouldn't be allowed to retire?

MG: Really? Why's that?

KCO: I'm afraid that we have to stay in office until we "get it right!"

MG: Ho! Ho! Let me tell you Alan, had I been involved in the Kent Association I am sure I would have been kicked out long ago!

KCO: I feel unable to comment on that at the moment, Maurice.

MG: Ho! Ho! Ho!

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FUND RAISING

At the KTBA Annual General Meeting Ed Lane and Ivan Amos undertook the task of being a fund raising committee under the chairmanship of the KTBA president, John Cudmore. Their job is to raise sponsorship for the five tournaments which KTBA run, as well as raising funds for our County Teams.

They plan to send out letter to firms in the Kent area and are prepared to visit anyone interested in sponsoring any of our tournaments. In doing this it will be you, the bowler, who will profit.

They would like to ask you, the bowler, that should you have any leads to anybody interested, even if it is only to place an advert in this magazine to let either Ivan Amos or Ed Lane know, they will only be too pleased to come and see you. You can always ring them on their home telephone, the numbers are given below, they would ask that if you do telephone, please do so in the evening or at weekends. They both bowl at Bexleyheath on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings.

They have started fund raising by proposing to produce a County Pin Badge and car stickers. They also hope to have a full range of jumpers with the county badge on them. As soon as these are available we will let you know.

You can reach Ivan Amos on 0322 441995 and Ed Lane on 081 850 3154. If you should have any trouble getting in touch with Ivan or Ed you can always phone the editor of Bowling News on 0322 554660 and he will pass your message on.

CLIFF DEW WINS WOLVERHAMPTON NST

by Harry Phillips

I am please to report the success of Cliff Dew who rolls in the Tuesday Scratch Doubles league at Hollywood Bowl, Margate.

On 19th January he entered the NST at Wolverhampton and ended up Champion after rolling 19 games and finishing with a 215 average.

This is a ranking tournament and has earned Cliff valuable points towards selection for the G.B. squad. He also came away with a handsome £600.00 cheque.

KTBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Kent Tenpin Bowling Association took place at the Castlemere Hotel, Broadstairs on Saturday 8th February 1992. Minutes of this meeting together with the KTBA balance sheet will be distributed to all league secretaries in Kent in due course and it will be their job to circulate these to their league members.

In the absence of the retiring President, Ted Shrimpton the meeting was formally opened by the Vice President, Sheila White, who welcomed all delegates. Our Secretary Treasurer, Christine Lodge, then reviewed the bowling year for Kent and reported on the Associations finances.

At the election of KTBA Council members all those whose term of office had expired at that AGM had submitted their nomination forms for re election together with Trevor Myhill and Jean Myhill, from Whitstable and Harry Phillips from Margate who were seeking election for the first time, although Trevor Myhill had been a council member some years ago.

As the total membership of the council would not exceed our maximum of 30 all were duly elected.

The Officers and Council Members of the Kent Tenpin Bowling Association for 1992 are:-

PRESIDENT	John Cudmore	59, Manor Way, Barnehurst Bexleyheath, Kent. DA7 6JJ	0322 554660
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TREASURER			

These five members make up the Executive Committee of the Kent Tenpin Bowling Association.

The Council Member, with their home centre and telephone numbers, are:-

Ivan Amos	Bexleyheath	0322 441995
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John Moore	Whitstable	
Jean Myhill	Whitstable	0227 277297
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Alan Petherick	Bexleyheath	0322 555547
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Sheila White	Bexleyheath	0322 225781
Steve White	Bexleyheath	0322 225781
Kevin Williams	Cliftonville	0843 581977

TEAM BRITAIN

To qualify for the 1993 TEAM BRITAIN SQUAD which is open to all British Nationals, you must be eligible to hold a British Passport, points have to be accumulated by participating in the 20 ranking tournaments shown below. Points will be 100 points for first place down to 1 point for 100th place.

January	18th-19th	NST
February	8th-9th	PTBC
	29th-1st March	NST
March	14th-15th	BTBA Nationals (All events "A" Division)
April	4th-5th	Fosters Fours
	11th-12th	PTBC
	25th-26th	NST
May	30th-31st	NST
June	20th-21st	PTBC
	27th-28th	NST
July	18th-19th	Brunswick Open
August	8th-9th	Sponsored Singles
September	12th-13th	PTBC
	17th-20th	British Open
	26th-27th	NST
October	17th-18th	PTBC
	31st-1st Nov	NST
December	5th-6th	PTBC
	12th-13th	Sponsored Trios
	19th-20th	NST

Qualification is for a minimum of 8 events to be played with only the top 12, out of 20, events counting for the final points total. At the end of each year the top 12 men and top 12 ladies will be asked to form the TEAM BRITAIN squad for the following year.

The following bowlers have been asked to form the TEAM BRITAIN squad for 1992:

MEN

Phil Scammell
Geoff Buck
Ron Oldfield
Trevor Birch
Nev Robinson
Chris Buck
Phil Stein
Lol Ellis
Simon Brown
Neil Walker
Maurice Phillott
Jez Darvill
Syd Symonds
Cass Edwards
Mario Joseph
Ron Deacon

LADIES

Pauline Smith
Gina Wardle
Alison Teasdale
Kim Cootie
Shelagh Leonard
Carol Callow
Lynne Giles
Tina Darvill
Ruth Molineaux
Jan Hodge
Lesley Martinkovic
Ann Finch
Sue Megson
Chris Parker

BOWLER OF THE YEAR TOURNAMENT

by John Boulton

The Bowler of the Year 1991 Tournament at Top Ten Bowl Cliftonville had many new faces in the various divisions, this was good to see as the standards have gone up over the last 12 months and it is harder to qualify in the top 12 of the various divisions.

The Men's Division III title went to Nick Cayzer who started with a 190 game, Simon Fassam had a 386 two game total to lead in the second round but Nick then came back to rattle in good games and was never headed again, his total of 1072 over his six games gave him a 178.5 average. Second was Paul Stevens who included games of 201 and 205 in his 978 total, and third was David James with 971.

The Ladies Division II trophy has a new name on it, Ann Ward, she finished up with a 916 total, a 153 average. Vicky Johnson led in the first round with a 152 game but Ann's 200 second game put her into the lead which she held throughout. In second was Lyn Baldwin on 867 and third Sheila Webster on 865.

The Men's Division II was a keenly fought affair, Chris Rice with games of 201 and 198 led in rounds 1 and 2, Kevin Stocker then threw in a 241 game to lead round 3, good bowling by Kevin then kept him the lead to the end and he took the title with 1080 pins, a 180 average.

Dave Goodall came second with steady bowling for a 1034 total, and third was Bowlers Committee Chairman, Mick Chapman, on 1032. In this division Frank Boyden had a 226 game and Kevin Miles a 242 game.

The Ladies Division I had Gill Cook leading round one with 193 and Shirley Price round two on 349. Jill Houston then bowled a 236 in round three for a 562 and the lead, she never relinquished this and took the title with 1008 pins, a 168 average. Second was Sally Fuller with 983 and third Shirley Price on 973.

The Men's Division I title went to Dave Buck with a 1114 total, a 185 average. Good bowling gave him the lead in rounds 1 to 4 but a slip in round 5 allowed Andy Wallis to momentarily take the lead. The last round saw Dave back on line and coming out on top. Spirited play throughout by Bob Avery left him only 4 pins behind Dave on 1110 and in second place, third was Andy Wallis on 1097.

The competition to qualify for Bowler of the Year gets harder, see you all next year.

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TIP TALK - REDUCING THE HOOK

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Adjusting to changing lane conditions is essential for success in bowling. When lane conditions disfavour hook bowlers, bowlers should reduce their hook.

There are many advantages to throwing hook a ball when lane dressing conditions favour them. Hook balls have more revolutions than straight balls, and provide more area or room for error on bowling lanes and in strike pockets.

On conditions not suited for hook balls, the sport can become very frustrating. Uncontrolled hook balls will not swing into strike pockets; and will leave a lot of splits, washouts and difficult spares.

In these undesirable situations, bowlers should reduce their hook. There are basically three things they can do to accomplish this goal: change bowling balls, change wrist positions or increase bowling ball speed.

CHANGING BOWLING BALLS

The easiest way to reduce hook is to use a different bowling ball. By changing their bowling ball, bowlers do not have to change their delivery style.

Many bowlers, however, only have one bowling ball. Because lane dress-

ing conditions are always changing, it may be a good idea for bowlers to buy a second bowling ball. When buying a second ball bowlers should talk to the pro shop owner to make sure the second ball hooks less than the first.

Bowlers who cannot purchase a second bowling ball may change their current ball by using a ball polisher. I recommend this advice only to bowlers whose bowling balls have a sanded look. The polisher will make the bowling ball shiny and it will travel further down the bowling lane before it begins to hook.

CHANGING WRIST POSITIONS

A different way to reduce the hook is for bowlers to hold their bowling wrist in a broken position.

To do this, bowlers should begin their approach with a broken wrist and maintain this position throughout their entire delivery.

This delivery change will take some practice, but its affect is worth the effort.

INCREASING BOWLING BALL SPEED

The final way for bowlers to reduce hook is to increase ball speed. This can be done in two ways.

The first is to hold the bowling ball higher in their stance and execute a good pushaway. When pushing the ball away, bowlers should push out - not up. This outward push lengthens armswing, makes backswing higher, and increases momentum and ball speed.

The second way to increase ball speed is for bowlers to speed up footwork. By speeding up, bowlers generate more momentum to the foul line which helps them throw their ball harder. Bowlers using this method should hold their bowling ball lower than normal in their stance. Not to hold the bowling ball lower may throw off their timing.



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