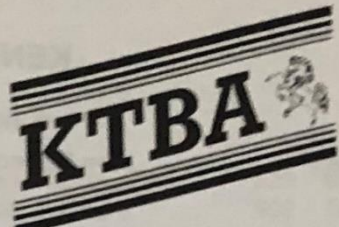




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# I.O.C. PRESIDENT SAMARANCH HINTS AT OLYMPIC STATUS FOR BOWLING IN NEAR FUTURE

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It's the news bowlers around the world  
have been waiting to hear. It is reported  
that the 8th of December edition of  
l'Equipe, the French sports newspaper,  
carried an interview with Juan Antonio  
Samaranch, president of the  
International Olympic Committee,  
conducted at the IOC headquarters in  
Lausanne.

Samaranch was speaking about the  
Olympic Games of the Year 2000,  
which have just been awarded to  
Sydney, Australia, and it was reported  
the Samaranch told l'Equipe, "We need  
to change some obsolete or  
inappropriate disciplines, and it is  
necessary to accept that some new  
sports like Triathlon, Golf and Bowling."

If Samaranch was quoted correctly, it  
marks one of the first times he has  
indicated that Bowling belongs in the  
Olympics as a medal sport and offers  
a ray of hope that Tenpin will be on the  
Sydney agenda.

It has been understood by many in the  
international bowling community that  
Samaranch's personal objections have  
constituted one of the stumbling blocks  
bowling has faced in its quest for medal  
status.

# PAULINE SMITH AND GEOFF BUCK WIN 1994 AIB BANK IRISH OPEN

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Pauline Smith, who had a sensational  
1993 that culminated in AMF Bowling  
World Cup and World Bowling Writers  
Bowler of the Year triumphs, gave due  
notice that 1994 could be more of the  
same by winning her second Irish Open.  
Pauline won the first prize by defeating  
top seed Kimberley Oakley in the title  
match 203 - 170.

Pauline earned the right to meet Kim  
by topping Malaysia's Sharon Low in the  
semi final 240 - 177, after Sharon had  
defeated Norway's Ingunn Oien 233 -  
216.

On the mens side Geoff Buck captured  
his first Irish Open crown by bypassing  
brother Chris 206 - 171, Tore Torgerson  
of Norway 227 - 182 and number one  
seed Lol Ellis 179 - 151 in the steplad-  
der final.

Though he finished third overall, Tore  
Torgerson still made the Open record  
books by recording the event's first 300  
in its six year history. The perfecto was  
only the 12th rolled at Dublin's Stillorgan  
Bowl since it opened in 1964.

# KENT JUNIOR ROLL-OFF

by Jerry Lodge

Although the Junior Inter-Counties Championships are not held until the Autumn, it was decided to hold the "Roll-Off" for both Boys and Girls Teams in January so that further Squad training can be given to the leading Juniors in the Counties during the summer.

A major change is taking place this year in National Junior Bowling in that the maximum age is being reduced from 19 to 18 with effect from 1st September 1994, which means we lose more of our older bowlers for the County Team this year compared with previous years, so the extra training for our Juniors will be very beneficial.

37 boys and 12 girls arrived at Whitstable on Saturday 23rd January for six games of scratch bowling, the winner being promised a guaranteed place in the County Team.

The leading scores were:-

## BOYS

Andrew Senior	1067	WHI
Michael Foord	1062	BEX
Ben Marsh	1061	MAR
Mark Philbrick	1040	WHI
Jason Beard	1017	MAR
Edward Shrimpton	1008	BEX
Matthew Marshall	990	BEX
Daniel Marsh	978	MAR
Rory Snook	970	WHI
Grant Machin	945	BEX
Daniel Patey	944	BEX
Tim Beale	935	WHI
Jonathan Whorlow	921	WHI
Chris Harris	917	CLIF
James Pateman	916	BEX
Stephen Gore	913	WHI
Kevin Milham	902	CLIF

## GIRLS

Kelly Arthur	928	BEX
Julie Cudmore	902	BEX
Jennifer Beale	896	WHI
Helen Perkins	885	WHI
Kirsty Jennings	881	MAR
Amanda Thomas	879	BEX
Samantha Cooper	857	WHI
Dominique Herron	851	MAR
Hannah Scott	844	MAR

## BOWLER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

by Harry Phillips

At the Hollywood Bowl Margate on Sunday January 9th, the finals of the Ladies and Mens Bowler of the Year Competition took place.

The Mens Division bowled in the morning saw 12 competitors start a Round Robin format, to bowl 11 games one against each opponent.

Ron Johnson emerged as the winner with a 200 average over the 11 games. His finishing game of 266 was a compliment to his stamina, and his consistent bowling produced games of 221 - 206 - 203 - 204 - 202 and 266.

Second place went to Mike Luckhurst who's average was a creditable 190, his score contained games of 206 - 224 and 200.

Third spot went to Richard Shingleston with an average of 183 and games of 216 - 216 and 212.

### FINAL SCORES:-

1st	Ron Johnson	2324
2nd	Mike Luckhurst	2217
3rd	Richard Shingleston	2116

Finally a mention for young Daniel Marsh age 16 although finishing in 12th spot, defeated 4 of his senior opponents and had a 165 average.

The afternoon saw the turn of the Ladies Section, Sally Fuller got off to a slow start but by the 4th game began to show her true form with a 201 and 214 and to finish with a fine 237. To win her section with a 183 average.

Jan Luckhurst was second with a 173 average and considering she has only recently recovered from a serious leg injury made her result even more commendable.

Rose Bentley took third place with a 169 average.

### FINAL PLACINGS:-

1st	Sally Fuller	1739
2nd	Jan Luckhurst	1621
3rd	Rose Bentley	1586

Unlucky not to be placed was junior 14 year old Amanda Ottaway, she finished in 5th spot having defeated 6 of her senior opponents and with an average of 160 which included a 206 game.

## MAD MARCH

by Jackie Fenton

John Smith bowling for "Mississippi" in the States League on the 15th March at Top Ten Bowl Cliftonville came oh so close to that perfect game when he rolled eleven in a row in his second game only for a stubborn tenpin to rob him of that 300!.....

Nevertheless, there were no grumbles about a 299 and as usual the fruit machine in the bar bore the brunt of his disappointment.

A week earlier the "young" up and coming Mike Luckhurst created a stir in the Animal League by rolling eleven in a row - the only trouble was that his first frame was a nine spare!

Still the 290 game helped him to record yet another 700 series - 714 to be exact. This by the way was only days after hitting a 731 series in the Seaside League!

With a re-surface due at the end of March who knows what is still to come from Top Ten Bowl Cliftonville.

# COACH AND FOUR TOURNAMENT DECEMBER 1993

by Jerry Lodge

Competition is now very strong to win a new shirt badge which appeared on the Junior Scene, being the "I Beat My Coach" badge awarded to all Juniors who score more than their Instructor/Coach in their Team, over three games total scratch, in the Annual "Coach and Four" Tournament held at Bexleyheath.

For the second year running, this event attracted an entry of 168 Five-Person Teams over two Saturdays including one team from Sterling in Scotland, who travelled down by train for the second year running.

From this entry involving 672 Juniors, the number of badges awarded was 98.

The total number of YBC's represented this year was thirty, and we are seriously considering extending the Tournament to a third Saturday next year.

Although most of the entries came from the Home Counties, we were pleased to welcome Teams from the Midlands and Lancashire as well as the Sterling team already recognised.

Exciting close competition ensued throughout and the eventual winners came from the penultimate squad being a Team from Northampton in the first year they have entered.

The Instructor was Lynn Adams (568 scratch) and her Juniors were Stewart Burrows (549), Selina Battison (366), Daryl Mead (463) and Omar Osman (458), which with their handicap gave them a total of 2914.

The agony that Lynn went through during the last squad, to see if her Team would hold on to First Place, was plain for all to see, but she had no need to worry as no serious challenge came from the other teams in this squad.

In second place was the team from Crawley, (2880), having Nick French as Instructor and the Juniors, Eddie Phillipson, Robert Ditzel, Stuart McKenzie and Nick Head, who earned a badge by rolling the highest series by a Junior in the Tournament of 617.

Third place went to a Team who bowled on the first Saturday, Tottenham 4 with 2840, John Dare being their Instructor and Juniors Mitchell Browning, Peter Obermayer, Duncan Blackmore and Fraser Simpson.

They just pipped Worsley Warriors, from Merseyside, with a total of 2837.

Individual awards were made to bowlers in various age divisions for High Series and High Games, which were well spread amongst the 30 YBC's who

participated.

All the Raffle prizes have been claimed, the Bowling Ball being won by John McRae of the home centre, the other prizes going to bowlers from Harrow, Romford and adult leagues at Bexleyheath.

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## BEXLEYHEATH DAGENHAM CHALLENGE MATCH

by Steve White

The third in the series of challenge matches took place at Dagenham in November. The score being one all, both having been won away from home.

With the usual format of both centres fielding six teams of four the 48 bowlers began battle.

In the first game, good scores came from Dagenham's Carl Vanderhook 200, Tony Clarke 232, Barry Myhill 211, Alan Webster 201, Fred Illing 209 and Will Clarke 210. While for Bexleyheath Chas Painter 221, Dominic Jackson 203, Cliff Dew 209 and Sheila White 205 all having + 200's.

The first game scores were Dagenham 4642, Bexleyheath 4277, a first game lead for Dagenham of 365.

Dagenham fell asleep in the second game with none of their bowlers managing to make a 200, Bexleyheath fared a little better with 3, these being from Dominic Jackson 212, Sheila White 221, and Frank Weston 225.

The total scores for game two were, Bexleyheath 4522 whilst Dagenham fell to 4188, thus Bexleyheath pulled back

334 pins out of the 365 that they were down.

So to the last game with Dagenham just 31 pins in the lead.

For Dagenham Roy Myhill found a 205 (580) Fred Illing a 215 (603) and Pat Webster a 204. For Bexleyheath, both Dominic Jackson and Sheila White failed to produce their third 200 but both made 600 series, Dominic 605 and Sheila 606. Cliff Dew bowled a last game of 214 to make a 612, the highest scorer for Bexleyheath.

So who won? Well in the last game Dagenham rolled 4459 pins and Bexleyheath 4412 thus making Dagenham the first side to win on home ground and by a mere 78 pins.

The Four Person Team prize went to Dean Clarke, Tony Clarke, Lee Chalmers and Barry Myhill and the Doubles also going to Dean and Tony.

So with a nice buffet and a chin wag on all the hard luck stories in the bar afterwards a nice day was had by all and a keen eagerness awaits all for the next match at Bexleyheath.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed,

Ever since the days when a chap called Noah said to his family one day "Do you fancy going boating" (I am sure one or two of you were there!!) "Bowling News" seems to have been produced. This excellent magazine which makes others look like a map of the desert has two characteristics - pickupability and unputdownability, sorry to be technical! It has a warmth and friendliness that belies other magazines.

It's about ordinary everyday people between the ages of 6 - 106 who can be mentioned on the same pages as the famous and the infamous (i.e. the failure club). The last issue which has been affectionately dubbed bowling history due to its appearance being a little late, is a cunning plan by the Editor to "fail" to get the job right.

The motto of the KTBA is "You must

stay in your job until you get it right", but I am afraid Mr. Editor this plan has been scuppered because if you had got it right then you would be able to leave and we can't allow that to happen, now can we!! No it's back to the late nights, valium, hair pulling out etc. Or perhaps another shrewd plan - stay in the job until you get it right!! Circa 1963. Long may bowling news reign over us. Keep up the excellent work J.C.

Best wishes and a Happy New Year Including Lefties, Righties, Crankers, Hookers (er Hook bowlers) Spinners, Chuckers, Straight down the middlers, Bungers, Stokers, and all those who love tenpin bowling.

Don't worry be happy  
Tony Patey.

*Thank you Tony for those kind words, at least one person reads "Bowling News" (I'll see you in the bar later)*  
Ed

## CLIFTONVILLE'S NEW YEARS HONOURS

### BOWLER OF THE YEAR

#### MIKE LUCKHURST

Mike is the sort of bowler we would all aspire to be, he holds high averages in all the leagues he bowls in and normally features high in competitions. Mike has bowled at Cliftonville for many years and in 1993 bowled his second 300 game there, the only bowler to have ever bowled the perfect games in Cliftonville's 30 years. As the only member at Cliftonville of the 300 club Mike patiently waits for someone to join him, hopefully it won't be to long.

### ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

#### STEVE AND PAT MILHAM

Since taking over running the YBC at Cliftonville Steve and Pat have done an excellent job. They now run two leagues on Saturday mornings and have introduced new Junior Tournaments at the bowl. Their enthusiasm for the sport inspires the youngsters and standards have risen.

For away tournaments Steve and Pat make all the arrangements to ensure the youngsters have a stress free time so they can concentrate on the bowling. Steve and Pat both serve on the Cliftonville Bowlers Committee and Steve also is a KTBA Representative.

### PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

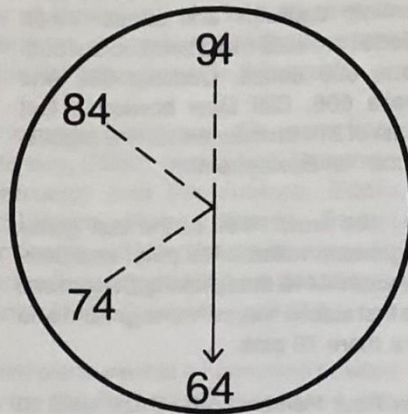
#### JACKIE FENTON

As manageress of Top Ten Bowl Cliftonville, Jackie has the difficult task of balancing the interests of league bowlers and those of open bowlers, I believe she does this admirably. The co-operation she gives to the leagues and tournament organisers is always of the highest calibre. Jackie is a member of the Bowlers Committee and always takes a keen interest in the meetings, she works hard for bowling and bowlers and recognition of this is long overdue.

Quote -

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## LADIES PIONEER, MASTERS

by Steve White

For two weekends in January each year the Ladies Pioneer Tournament takes place at the Airport Bowl Middlesex. This Tournament by tradition is not a money paying tournament but gives out prizes of cut glass etc. to the winners.

For the first time it was decided that an optional masters would take place.

The qualifiers were the top eight bowlers from the all events.

Due to the last week of the tournament clashing with the first ranking tournament some bowlers were unable to take part in the masters, most noticeably being Shelagh Leonard and Jan Hodge.

However three Kent bowlers did make the masters these being Sally Fuller, Sheila White and Gwen Green.

Sally was the highest qualifier to bowl (with the missing Shelagh Leonard) after having an excellent tournament with a 604 in the singles netting her second place, a 610 in the doubles partnered by Jean Clarke of Dagenham, the two of them taking first place, and a 573 in the team, an all events total of 1787 for a 198 average.

So on to the masters this being a round

robin affair with the winner of each game getting a bonus of twenty pins added onto their scores.

Sally in her first game started off in blistering form and opened up with a 225 and a win. Not content with this her second game was a 231, and another win. With strikes being strung together in the third game a 700 looked on, Sally having a pocket as wide as Ian Paisleys mouth, came the ninth frame the 700 was definitely on but Sally made the fatal mistake of seeing what she needed, tightened up and fluffed it (that's not what she said) but a game of 234 and another win for 690 put Sally in a very commanding position.

Games four and five were followed up by two more 200,s and two more wins, 203 and 208.

Sally by now was in a no lose position but come the sixth game she did lose on a 190 but bounced back, her last game being a 203.

For the masters Sally averaged 213 and excellent score for any bowler and a very worthy winner, her average for the day over sixteen games being 205.

In the runners up slot was Margaret King from Crawley and in third place was Sheila White.

The third Kent bowler Gwen Green finished sixth. Gwen was very fortunate to start at all as Fred, her husband, took a few detours around Heathrows terminal four and the cargo area arriving just as the bowlers were being switched on to practice with a reserve in place for Gwen, but all was well in the end.

So congratulations go to Sally, but Sheila got her revenge the following week by beating her in the finales of the Queen of the Hill at Dagenham and thus becoming the first person to defend a "Hills" tournament.

## PRESSMEN, 494 GAME

from Harry Phillips

At the Hollywood Bowl just before Christmas there was a particularly fine Doubles Game bowled, which I feel is worthy of a mention in "Bowling News".

It was achieved by Simon Young and Chris Skudder bowling as the Pressmen in the Hollywood Tuesday Doubles League.

Lead off Simon started with 9 Strikes in a row followed by a 9 spare and a further strike for a 279 game giving them a Doubles Game of 494 which I am sure you will agree is special.

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