

CENTRE ROUNDUP, CLIFTONVILLE

BY Jackie Fenton

It's been a busy couple of months at "Top Ten". November brought our annual "Coast to Coast" Scratch and Handicap Doubles Tournament which is kindly sponsored by "Bass National sales". Prize money reached £2,480.00 for this increasingly popular event.

1st place Scratch went to Pete Wootton and Ian Buckland of Tara 2 from London with a total pinfall of 1306.

1st place Handicap was won by Jenny Brown and David Tovey Strike 2 bowling out of Lloyds Lanes and Lewisham Bowl.

There was quite a gap in the Scratch section but the top three places in the handicap differed by only 11 pins.

The bowling average for 185 Team entries was 170 which we were more than

pleased with. A splendid Tournament for us and hopefully enjoyed by all taking part.

The week preceding saw Mike Luckhurst, bowling in Blackpin League make his second "300" game. Well done Mike, we are looking forward to the hat-trick. Mike is a popular bowler at Cliftonville and has competed here since his YBC years. (Oh so long ago!)

This month is full of Holly and Mistletoe. Sunday the 12th Dec. was the date set for our Christmas Fun Bowl, where we view our bowlers as we've never seen them before!

Sheila Webster came as a Christmas Tree (lights and all), fairies galore, genies, hairy legs and mandarins. Quite an assortment as you can see. Thanks go to our bowlers committee who take

the time to organise this event and prepare the wonderful buffet.

Our thanks go to all bowlers who worked so hard to collect sponsorship for our "Joan Cole Memorial Trio's". With their support we managed to raise nearly £800.00 which was donated to our Canterbury Hospice who cared for Joan during her illness. Bowlers old and new have to date raised more than £3,000 in this annual event.

Also our good wishes go to Chris Smith who is running our new Pro-Shop. "The Pocket" is it's name and we look forward to offering the very best of service to all bowlers.

Best Wishes to our bowling friends of 1993 and we look forward to making more in 1994. (At only 60p a game for B.T.B.A. members, we should make plenty!).

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(B.T.B.A. Sanctioned)

14th, 15th & 22nd May, 1994

at

TOP TEN BOWL CLIFTONVILLE

INTER COUNTY FINALS

NO MEDALS FOR KENT LADIES THIS YEAR

by Jerry Lodge

The "Inter-Counties" Final for 1993 was held at the Solar Bowl, Norwich over one weekend in November. The staff at Solar Bowl went out of their way to provide excellent facilities for the Tournament.

Ten Counties had qualified for the finals with five matches to be played on the Saturday and the final four on Sunday.

The Kent Ladies started against Glasgow, who were bowling in their first final, and the Scottish Ladies were very nervous and by the fifth frame were over 100 pins down, which allowed Kent to coast home to their first win by 819 to 697.

The second match against London was extremely exciting going down to the wire, with London coming through to win by 12 pins, 874/862, Elaine Hinch having the highest Kentish score of 183.

Surprisingly, the favourites Yorkshire lost their opening game to their close rivals, County Durham, who after the second game were one of two teams only on maximum points, the other being Buckinghamshire.

The other Scottish team, Midlothian, were the opponents in the third game and this time Kent triumphed in a close match 843/826, with Sheila White anchoring with a 198 game. Durham won their third game to remain unbeaten, but four teams were now on 4 points.

Despite a 213 game from Elaine Hinch, the Kent Team had a poor fourth match losing to Staffordshire by 771 to 794, Durham lost their match allowing Yorkshire and Buckinghamshire to catch up level on 6 points.

The last game on Saturday found Buckinghamshire in great form rolling a 944 game against only 780 from Kent, all three leaders winning to open an overnight lead from Glasgow and London with Kent down on 7th place.

On the Saturday evening, all teams attended an excellent Banquet at the

adjacent Hotel, which was obviously going to examine the stamina of competitors on the Sunday.

Kent opened with a win on the Sunday against Dorset 853/736, including a 189 from Lesley Pope and a 191 from Sheila White. Both Yorkshire and County Durham lost this game, leaving Buckinghamshire as clear leaders.

However, in their next game against Yorkshire, the Kent Ladies could not match the eventual Winners losing 856 to 927, although Chris Conner had her best game of the Tournament, 214.

The Event was now developing into a three horse race with Buckinghamshire and Durham also winning, but after game eight all these three teams were on 12 points to set up an exciting final game.

In the eighth game, Kent beat Berkshire 865/762 with a 202 from Lesley Pope.

As usual, the final game become a matter of both points and pinfall for the leading contenders, but Yorkshire rose to the occasion, particularly Gina Wardel who opened up with seven strikes in a row to help Yorkshire to a game of 1005, which was enough for them to retain their title, beating Buckinghamshire on pinfall, with Durham in third place.

The Kent Ladies finished with a win against Durham 818/772, meaning they had an influence on the result. The Kent Ladies finished in sixth place, on the same number of points as the team in fourth spot. The loss by only twelve pins against London on Saturday turned out to be the vital factor, but it is true to say that the girls did not raise their game to the high standard they showed in the second round at Raynes Park.

Nevertheless, they were still respected by all their opposition and came away in high spirits.

Final Positions

	Won	P/Fall	Pts
Yorkshire	7	8297	14
Buckinghamshire	7	8158	14
County Durham	6	8122	12
London	5	7718	10
Staffordshire	5	7615	10
Kent	5	7467	10
Glasgow	4	7412	8
Berkshire	2	7253	4
Midlothian	2	7150	4
Dorset	2	7036	4

The full total scores of the Kent Team over the Tournament were:-

	Pinfall	Ave.
Elaine Hinch	1578 (9)	175.3
Sheila White	1575 (9)	174.9
Lesley Pope	1338 (8)	167.2
Chris Conner	1297 (8)	162.1
Lucy Cudmore	1240 (8)	155.0
Beryl Drury	439 (3)	146.3
TEAM TOTAL	7467 (45)	165.9

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CLIFTONVILLE'S BOWLER OF THE YEAR!!

from John Boulton

Top Ten Bowls annual Bowler of the Year is a competition designed to test all bowlers ability to read the lanes as they are required to bowl six games spread over six pairs of lanes.

Mens Division 3 is for bowlers up to 154 average. In games 1, 2 and 3 Trevor Brown held the lead with a average of 189, Paul Allerton then took over for games 4 and 5.

These two bowlers met in the final game and nerves got the better of them. Lurking five lanes away was Tony Goodall who quietly bowled his own game a splendid 210, enough to press Trevor and Paul and give him 1079 and the title of Mens Division 3 champion.

Ladies Division 2, for bowlers up to 144 average. Ingrid Goodall starts off with a 200 game and steady bowling means she keeps the lead right through to

game 5.

Never far away was Trish Smith and in game 6 when Ingrid falters Trish comes in with a 161 which is enough for her to pass Ingrid and total 1002 pins which is enough to give her the title of Ladies Division 2 champion.

Mens Division 2, for bowlers with averages 155 to 170. Mo Paget starts off in game 1 with a 243 followed by Andy Cook with 216. Mark Icke follows a game of 199 with a 233 then 212, a 644 trio not bad for a YBC bowler.

Mark prophesied he'd win this a follows on with 182, 188 and 158, a total of 1172. 110 pins more than the second bowler. He is, as he said he would be, Mens Division 2 champion.

Ladies Division 1, for bowlers with 145 plus average. Good bowling from Marion Constable and Maz Rice keeps them in

first and second in games 1 and 2.

In game 3, Jan Luckhurst rolls a 204 and passes them both to take the lead on 576. Jan continues to bowl steady and on a 1078 total clinches the title of Ladies Division 1 Champion.

Mens Division 1, for bowlers with 171 plus average. In 18 games the top three bowlers rolled twelve 200 plus games, fantastic. Clive Smith rolls a 262 for the highest game of the day.

Matt Slade 227, 205, 210, 243, 153, 154 a 1192 total and third place. Gary Steventon 217, 194, 192, 203, 207, 205 for a total of 1218 and second place.

Our new Mens Division 1 champion, Chris Smith, rolled games of 194, 222, 247, 182, 235, 217 for a total of 1297, a 216 average. Congratulations to all our new Champions, its getting tougher at the Top Ten.



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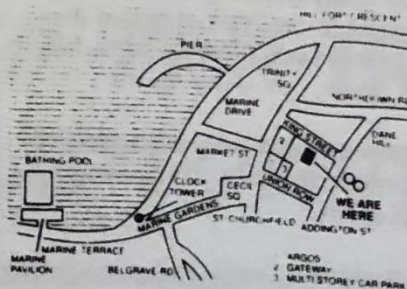
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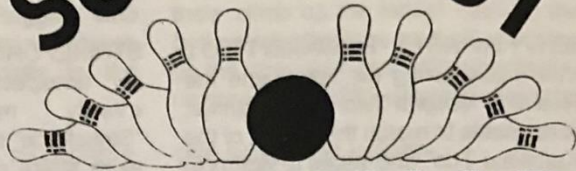
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AROUND THE CENTRES

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BLACKPIN LEAGUE

from Dave Buck

WEEK 7

KAMIKAZI TRIO 3 - DEADLY DOUGHNUTS 0
The "trio" came to life after six weeks of hanging about waiting for the right line. They put together three good games to secure all three points and a massive 4.5 point bonus leaving the "Doughnuts" out in the cold.

HEAVY IMPACT 2 - CAPOS 1
A very quiet sedate game with very sporting support from both sides. Off to a cracking start the "Heavies" easily took the first and second games before slipping up in the third, to allow the "Capos's" to take the last game. However, a 5 point haul for the night lifts the "Heavies" well up the table.

THE RAGGED EDGE 0 - RATNERS 3
The "Rats" after just squeaking the first game did not have any problems with the next two, taking a 45 pin bonus along the way.

STRIKEFORCE 2 - S & S MOTORS 1
"Strikeforce" got back to winning ways at the expense of "Motors" in a mid-table clash by taking the first two games with ease but "ease" gave up in the third and went to play for the "Motors"! "Strikeforce" managed a half point bonus "Motors" didn't.

MANHATTANS 2 - DEMOLITION 1
League leaders "Manhattans" kept the noses in front despite losing the last game to "Demolition" who hang on the second place by just 28 pins.

GENTLE TOUCH 1 - BOWLMASTERS 2
After a two week layoff the "Masters" were involved in a close tussle and narrowly out-pinned the "Gentle Touch" in a comparatively low scoring game.

WEEK 8

DEMOLITION 0 - BOWLMASTERS 3
With an outstanding match still to be played "Bowlmasters" are only 4 points behind the leaders. They had a reasonably easy victory over "Demolition" and picked up 2.5 points bonus.

HEAVY IMPACT 1 - KAMIKAZI TRIO 2
After easily taking the first game the "Heavies" despite two good games, were unable to match the revival of the "Kamikazi Trio" who raced to victory in the 2nd and 3rd games. Both teams made good bonus to help their climb up the table.

S & S MOTORS 2 - MANHATTANS 1
League leaders "Manhattans" were very slow starters and allowed "Motors" to take the first two games with ease. In the third game "Manhattans" found their form and just about had enough pins to take the point that just keeps them in the lead, but it is already getting close!

DEADLY DOUGHNUTS 2 - RAGGED EDGE 1
After narrowly losing the first game the "Doughnuts" had no similar problems as they easily took the remaining two games from the "ankle tappers".

CAPOS 0 - RATNERS 3
In the most exciting match of the night, and probably the noisiest, "Ratners" were lucky to come away with all three points. Our "Reverent Gentlemen" were well worth a point had they played anybody else.

STRIKEFORCE 2 - GENTLE TOUCH 1
"Strikeforce", going through a rough patch at the moment, were given a shock in the second game as the "Gentle Touch" easily took the point but were unable to keep up the pressure.

WEEK 9

HEAVY IMPACT 3 - RATNERS 0
"Heavy Impact" proved too strong for the "Rats" and cruise into second place after another superb bonus result. The "Heavies" are the team in form at the moment and have been averaging over 2 points bonus for the last four weeks.

GENTLE TOUCH 1 - MANHATTANS 2
League leaders "Manhattans" lost concentration and with it the last game after a bright start. "Gentle Touch" kept plugging away and their efforts were rewarded with an extra point for bonus. "Manhattans" retain top spot but they had better watch out next week or they could get caught by the "Heavies".

STRIKEFORCE 3 - BOWLMASTERS 0
An unexpected result in this very evenly matched encounter. "Strikeforce" took full advantage of that extra spare on the handicap that was definitely needed on games 2 and 3 enabling them to win by one pin and seven pins respectively.

KAMIKAZI TRIO 1 - THE RAGGED EDGE 2
Despite a great start the "Trio" fell away and handed over 2 points to the "Raggies" who also made just under a points bonus and getting to grips with the bonus system. The "Trio" haven't had their normal start to the season but even so they remain in the mid-table.

DEMOLITION 1 - S & S MOTORS 2
The notoriously slow starting "Motors" had to wait until the 2nd and 3rd games before they bowled anything like average, but the first game had already cost them half point bonus. "Demolition", after easily taking the first point could not keep it going.

DEADLY DOUGHNUTS 2 - CAPOS 1
The "Doughnuts" took the lions share of the points in this even tussle as the "Capos" - still in training - hung on to the last point. Where was the captain again? Hasn't George got a clean enough car?

WEEK 10

MANHATTANS 0 - BOWLMASTERS 3
Pride of place this week must go to Mike Luckhurst of "Bowlmasters" who rolled his second "Perfecto" in game three, to notch up a 694 series that put paid to "Manhattans" run at the top of the league.

GENTLE TOUCH 1 - S & S MOTORS 2
After losing the first game as usual, "Motors" pulled themselves out of the mire to pocket a 43 pin bonus. The "Gentle Touch" were not to be out-done as they bowled in a massive 3 point bonus that keeps them well in touch with the bulk of the league.

STRIKEFORCE 2.5 - DEMOLITION .5
Although only taking half a point "Demolition" were unlucky to say the least as they drew the first game, lost the second by 6 pins before being well beaten in the third.