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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES — JAN 14th 67.

YES - JANUARY 14th - YOU HAVE ONLY A FEW DAYS IN WHICH TO ENTER THE TOURNAMENT - THE ANNUAL B.T.B.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS, 6th. ANNUAL. DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE BY FORGETTING THE CLOSING DATE - SEE YOUR LEAGUE SECRETARY OR CENTRE MANAGER NOW AND IF YOU HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY CONTACT YOUR AREA SECRETARY BRIAN LANGFORD NOW AT HIS NEW ADDRESS:-

111, VIGILANT WAY,
RIVERVIEW PARK,
GRAVESEND, KENT.

The Night of the 876

JUST TEN PINS SHORT OF THE ALL TIME WORLD RECORD SERIES OF 886 THAT HAS STOOD SINCE 1939. 56 YEAR OLD CARL WILSING OF WISCONSIN, U.S.A. BOWLING IN HIS LOCAL 5 MAN LEAGUE OPENED WITH 11 IN A ROW AND FINISHED WITH AN 8 FOR A 298. HE MADE NO ERROR WITH HIS 2ND GAME AND PILED IN 12 IN A ROW FOR A 300. HE OPENED HIS THIRD GAME WITH 9 STRIKES AND AFTER NO FEWER THAN 21 STRIKES IN A ROW HE WANTED JUST ONE MORE TO BREAK THE WORLD RECORD. THE BALL LOOKED PERFECT BUT UP CAME A TEN PIN TAP! NO DOUBT DISAPPOINTED CARL WENT FOR HIS SPARE AND AFTER 21 IN A ROW DULY CONVERTED THE TEN PIN, FINISHING WITH A 278 AND A FANTASTIC 876 SERIES. WITH THIS KIND OF ENCOURAGEMENT HIS TEAM ROLLED GAMES OF 1183, 1236 and 1012 TO TOTAL 3431 - AND THEY ONLY WON 2-1 !

SLOW START BUT GREAT FINISH -

THE YULETIDE CLASSIC SINGLES AT GRAYS

A good entry for a scratch singles tournament - 56 players coming from all seven bowls in the area - the eventual winner coming from Basildon, the runner-up from Southend, the third and fourth from Whitstable and Bexleyheath respectively - a truly representative result.

Due to illness there were difficulties in the first morning squad with a lack of official scorers. Most of the competitors in the first squad had to score for each other and one or two from the home centre were rather vociferous as regards the matter. Things had been sorted out for the second contingent, however, and from then on the bowling got better and better.

A last minute substitute in the first schedule led with a 5 game series of 864, giving the next squad something to aim at. The substitute was STAN SHRIMPTON of Bexleyheath, who is not yet a high average bowler but with games including 181, 191 and 193 he was easily ahead of the 9 other competitors at this stage.

The mid-day squad put up four scores of 900 plus with DAVE TURNER of Bexleyheath leading the field with 944 and closely followed by Bexley bowlers FRED WYLES and BILL BRIDGE with 925 and 909 respectively. The first home player also showed on the listings - BERNIE WHITE of Grays with 918.

The first afternoon squad had the holder JACK MORTON competing for his title, but this was not to be Jack's day and he could muster 862 only. A special ladies prize was offered this year due to the number of lasses who had decided to have a go at the men, and the leader after this squad was DORIN BAKER of Bexleyheath with a very creditable 846.

The fourth squad - and the pace really hots up. New leaders in both sections - JIM INGRAM from Whitstable - high game 201, low game 182 and very steady stuff - 952. JANET MORRISON from Bexleyheath, who turned out to be the lady winner with 863

The last contingent of twelve and all eyes upon GERRY WARD and MICK BURRIDGE from Southend and MIKE LUCKHURST from Whitstable. Needing a good 200 plus game to overhaul Jim Ingram in the 5th, Mick opened this final game with 2 big splits. It appeared all over but Mr Burridge is made of sterner stuff. Five strikes in a row, a converted tap and two more strikes and with a total of 956 nearly everyone applauded the man they thought had won. On lanes 11 and 12, however a man was quietly rolling a 211 to total 974 and take the title. These two lanes had been nearly everyone's bogey during the day and no one was even looking at the great finish for the 1966 championship by ROY NORTHROP of the Mini Men. High game of the event went to DAVID JUDGE of Bexleyheath with 255. The winners trophy was presented by the 1965 holder Jack Morton and cheques have now been posted to the top five. Final placings below:-

1. ROY NORTHROP - Basildon - 176-223,170,194,211 = 974
2. MICK BURRIDGE - Southend- 211,179,189,160,217 = 956
3. JIM INGRAM - Whitstable - 198,189,201,182,182 = 952
4. DAVE TURNER - Bexleyheath - 153,205,167,194,225 = 944
5. E. MURRAY - Basildon - 178,202,175,232,146 = 933
6. FRED WYLES - Bexleyheath - 186,204,166,158,211 = 925

THE YULETIDE SINGLES - RESULTS CONTINUED

7.	B. WRIGHT	- Basildon	-	190,226,174,166,167	= 923
8.	BERNIE WHITE	- Grays	-	170,193,201,167,187	= 918
9.	BILL BRIDGE	- Bexleyheath	-	204,168,201,186,150	= 909
	DAVID JUDGE	- Bexleyheath	-	151,129,152,222,255	= 909
11.	ALF ROGERS	- Bexleyheath	-	190,234,172,147,146	= 889
12.	JESS MORLEY	- Southend	-	221,170,173,156,166	= 886
13.	BRIAN SNOOK	- Whitstable	-	152,178,175,182,189	= 876
14.	STAN SHRIMPTON	- Bexleyheath	-	191,148,151,181,193	= 864
15.	JANET MORRISON	- BEXLEYHEATH	-	137,175,198,161,192	= 863
16.	JESS COOPER	- Chatham	-	148,186,139,187,202	= 862
	JACK MORTON	- Bexleyheath	-	178,181,183,155,165	= 862
18.	T. SAGGERS	- Basildon	-	202,163,143,165,187	= 860
19.	D. DEBNAM	- Basildon	-	186,194,143,169,167	= 859
	ERNIE HAY	- Bexleyheath	-	175,167,192,171,154	= 859

Well done everyone who competed and in particular the top twenty listed above. This annual event will again be the Christmas attraction for 1967.

"PEOPLE, IT HAS BEEN SAID, CAN BE PLACED IN THREE CLASSES: THE FEW WHO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN, THE MANY WHO WATCH THINGS HAPPEN, AND THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY WHO HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HAS HAPPENED!"

With this all too true quotation in mind we present :-

"FACTS & FIGURES" - by kind permission of The Berks & Bucks Area Magazine.

Population of United Kingdom	50,124,680
People of 65 years and over	13,019,426
BALANCE LEFT TO DO THE WORK	37,105,254
People of 18 years and under	16,163,942
BALANCE LEFT TO DO THE WORK	20,941,312
Those working for the Govern- -ment	10,628,143
BALANCE LEFT TO DO THE WORK	10,313,169
People in Armed Forces	2,503,147
BALANCE LEFT TO DO THE WORK	7,810,022
People in the Nationalised Industries	7,608,629
BALANCE LEFT TO DO THE WORK	207,293
Those in Hospitals etc	132,420
BALANCE LEFT TO DO THE WORK	74,850
Spivs, Centre Managers and those who wont work	62,850
BALANCE LEFT TO DO THE WORK	12,000
Persons in Jail or those who <u>should</u> be in jail	11,998
BALANCE LEFT TO DO THE WORK	<u>2!</u>



"Who cares what they say, sponsors are hard to find these days"

Yes TWO! - you and me - and you had better pull your socks up because I'm getting fed up with running this country all by myself!

CONGRATULATIONS

To ERIC TERRY of Whitstable and ALF TUFFREY of Chatham - not for anything accomplished on the lanes, but for their new positions. The B.T.B.A. now have a Chairman who is the Association's chief executive officer - that person is Eric Terry. There is now an association of Tenpin Writers - a founder member is ALF TUFFREY of the "Kent Messenger", whose articles regarding our sport appear weekly, and who is a fine supporter of the B.T.B.A. in these times when others ----- No! - we'll give Mr. Newman a rest this month to get over his 'printing dispute!'

Habberley Happily Hits 289!

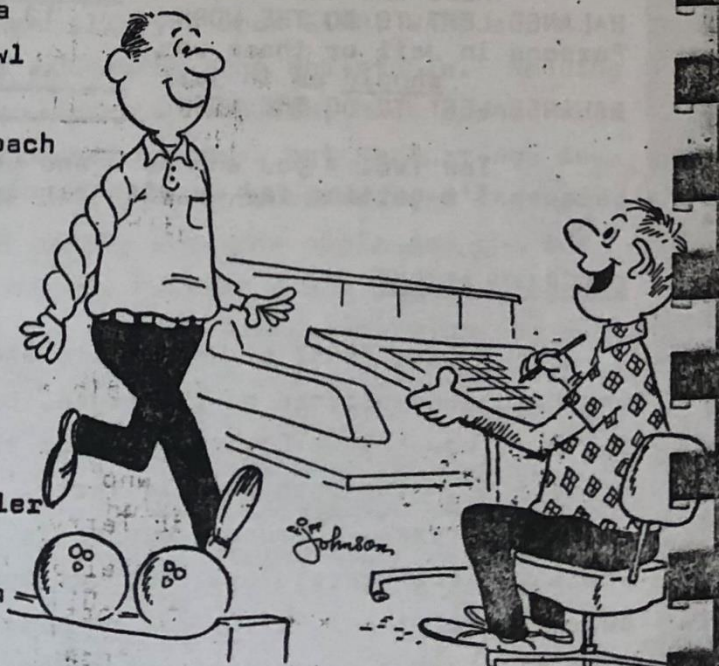
JOHN HABBERLEY of the Nightriders rolling in the Metropolitan Classic League at Bexleyheath last month beat the Area high game record held jointly by Pat Duggan and Alf Rogers with 288. John opened with 10 strikes in a row but met a stubborn 4 pin on his eleventh delivery. Undeterred he spared to beat the record by one pin. Well done John and when this record is broken it will have to be with 11 strikes in a row. That perfect game is getting nearer and nearer.

CAN YOU WRITE? TURN YOUR SPARE TIME INTO READY CASH THROUGH THE 'PIC' SCHOOL OF WRITING. BE RICH, BE FAMOUS.....IN JUST 3 WEEKS! THEIR SATISFIED PUPILS SAY,..... "at larst I can xpress meself, me larst artichel was axseptid at wonce, thank yu....." SEND NO MONEY - JUST A POSTAL ORDER FOR £1 FOR DETAILS OF THE 'PIC' SCHOOL OF WRITING!

IS YOURS A S L O W LEAGUE?

Does the league that follows yours always have to start late? Does the centre manager complain that yours is the Tortoise League? You should do something about it Mr. Secretary. Do you start on time? This means do ALL your teams start on time. One tardy player can upset a complete evening's league scheduling. Are any of your bowlers marking score when it's their turn to bowl? Do they show excessive courtesy to players four or five lanes on either side of them? Do they chat with bowlers from other teams and wander about the concourse when it's their turn or are they to be found having a drink or playing the one armed bandit? Here are six points that should be stressed to every member of your league:-

1. Turn the scoring duty over to a team mate when your turn to bowl is coming up.
2. Be ready to bowl near the approach when the pins are up.
3. Give right of way to bowlers already on the approach but be ready to pick up your ball and take position without delay.
4. When waiting for your ball to come back stand back on the approach to allow the other bowler to take his shot.
5. Give precedence to the bowler on the right unless he has a full deck of pins and you are shooting for a spare.



"That's quite a curve ball you have there George"

