

KENT AREA B.T.B.A.

BOWLING NEWS

EDITORIAL

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We fully realise that not everyone will read this publication but as time goes on we hope that it will attract enough interest for every member of the Kent Area Association to read and comment on each issue.

The wail "where does all our money go?" is still heard. Over the next issues a clear indication should emerge and if this publication helps stop this question for a few years we are sure that the Kent Area Officers will be very gratified!

"Letters to the Editor" will be a part of the Magazine in the future and submissions should be made to The Editor, c/o 59, Lower Higham Road, Gravesend, Kent. Newsworthy items for possible inclusion should also be forwarded to the same address, marked in the top left hand corner of the envelope "Bowling News". All submissions should be signed and the individual's B.T.B.A. number shown. Names, however, will not be published if the writer wishes to remain anonymous.

DO YOU KNOW ???

-----that the entry forms are now available for the 1965 BLUE RIBAND FIVE PERSON TEAM TOURNAMENT. Contact your League Secretary, B.T.B.A. Official or Centre Manager. This year the tournament will be held at the Excel Bowl, Whitstable on Sunday, 12th. December. As before it will be a scratch event and will run to three squads timed at 10a.m., 12.45p.m. and 3.15p.m. with a fourth squad at 6p.m. if there are sufficient entries. If the number of forms so far received are any criterion this should be the case. The final entry date is Friday, 26th. November, so there isn't long to go. DON'T DELAY AS YOU MAY FIND YOU HAVE MISSED THE BOAT!

-----that the World record sanctioned series is 886 made up of games of 297 - 289 - 300. This record has stood since it was bowled by Allie Brandt of New York in 1939. On 13th. March this year however Jerry Taylor of Sacramento, California turned in games of 300 - 289 - 300 for a series of 889. Unfortunately for Jerry, however, the league in which this great series was bowled was not sanctioned! It only goes to show that this kind of thing can happen even to an American bowler.

-----the story of the bowler who's scores last Season were a bit under par. They weren't just a little below par, they were just plain lousy! In the middle of the Season he became ill and was taken to hospital. He didn't hear a word from his team until finally he received a card that said, "Your bowling team wishes you a speedy recovery - by a vote of three to two!"

-----that many bowlers still do not know the true definition of a foul. All the various fouls are listed in the B.T.B.A. Rule Book which is supplied to every team captain but to refresh your memory a foul is committed when:-

- a) a part of the bowler's person encroaches upon or goes beyond the foul line and touches any part of the lane equipment or building during or after executing a legal delivery.
- b) a ball is in play and a foul may be called after legal delivery has been made and until the same or another player is on the approach in position to make a succeeding delivery.
- c) the foul light comes up or when the light does not come up providing the encroachment as described in a) has definitely been committed. i.e. if a player steps over the foul line but not on it and the light does not come up.

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RESULTS:

1. JACK MORTON	BEX	197-205-187-193=782
2. PATRICK DUGGAN	BEX	179-154-209-214=756
3. NOBBY HADLEY	BEX	180-170-199-198=747
4. RAY WEBB	BEX	214-168-170-194=746
5. BILL BRIDGE	BEX	160-212-180-172=724
6. BRIAN NEWSON	BEX	166-216-149-187=718
7. VIC PEACOCK	BEX	162-181-152-220=715
8. DORIN BAKER	BEX	147-162-200-190=699
9. FRED BUSHELL	CHAT	142-159-210-187=698
10. STU SWALLOW	CLIF	172-165-170-184=691

Congratulations to the home bowlers, Bexleyheath, on taking the first eight places in the Tournament and particularly to JACK MORTON on a very fine winning series. A mention too for DORIN BAKER, the reigning Kent Area All Events Champion, on finishing in the top ten. Dorin was one of the only two ladies to compete and as can be seen above she acquitted herself very well indeed.

WE HEAR THAT

-----there is a very strong possibility of an open 5 person team tournament rolling at Bexleyheath next Summer with a top prize of £500. The tournament will be open to teams from all over the British Isles and the Continent and should attract all the top teams, not only from Kent Area but the Brunswick Jets, Andrews & Dalton Hustlers, Kingpins and Cossacks etc etc etc. More news on this as soon as arrangements are finalised.

-----the Kent County Travelling League still has the Whitstable Classics as the unbeaten 12 point leaders but that three teams with 8 points apiece are chasing them hard, namely the Chatham Lions, Whitstable Oysters and Chatham Tigers. MIKE TONG of the Classics holds the high average spot with 201, followed by JOHN BARNES of the Kingpins with 195 and TERRY GAIGER of the Oysters with 191.

-----another Kent Area junior has been hitting the high spots of late. GRAHAM LENNOX of Whitstable rolling in the Ship League on 18th. October made a 579 series with games of 180-235-164, and on the following Monday with a series of 546 helped his 4 person team to break the Whitstable Bowl record with 2131 pins. In the Ship League Graham plays with his mother, DULCIE LENNOX and his father BOB LENNOX giving an indication of how tenpin is really a sport in which the whole family can compete. Their friend DAVE LYON completes the quartet and Dave had a fine 610 series in the record breaking team score.

On the subject of family bowling the Hits and Misses League at Bexleyheath rolls with no fewer than FIVE of the SHRIMPSON family. FRED, BERYL, STAN, DORIN and DAVE are all to be seen on the lanes at 6.45p.m. every Monday night. Can any Kent Area League beat this??

-----Bexleyheath has the honour of sanctioning the first Junior League for the new Season. These juniors roll at 4.45p.m. every Thursday after school and at the time of writing the JUNIOR COMMITTEE head the table and already a 600 plus series has been bowled. Following hard on Bexleyheath's heels are the Saturday afternoon Juniors of Cliftonville. This league will be sanctioned very shortly under the supervision of ARTHUR WELLS who is doing a fine job looking after the youngsters interests.

If the Area Association gets sufficient junior members this year it is hoped that a special section will be allocated to them in the Kent Area Championships being held this year at EXCEL CLIFTONVILLE on 23rd and 24th. April 1966.

Final thought for the Month - is this the only sport at which a young man can find the utmost difficulty in beating his own grandmother?!

WHEN YOU HAVE READ THIS PASS IT ON TO YOUR TEAM MATE.