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# 6th AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS BEXLEYHEATH 68 3rd, 4th & 5th MAY

As each year goes by the S.E.B.A. Area Championships get bigger and bigger. 1968 looks like the year for the biggest event yet staged in this part of the world and arrangements have been made to accomodate 70 five person teams and 70 doubles with no fewer than 140 singles. As usual there will be a special scratch division although the main titles will be on a handicap basis to give every member a fighting chance to win. The opening ceremony will take place at 7.30p.m. on Friday, 3rd: May when the first team squad will take the lanes for the traditional ceremony of selecting Joe Bowler 1968. The upstairs lanes at Bexleyheath will be used throughout most of Saturday, 4.th. May and the whole of Sunday, 5th. May. Squadding must include the Saturday and if you cannot bowl on this day ensure that your entry form is in early. The lane draw will be on a first come, first served basis and the Sunday squads are likely to be filled very rapidly.

Your Entry Form is attached to this edition of Bowling News.

Complete it NOW to avoid any disappointment. See you at Bexleyheath.

ENTRY CLOSING DATE 11th APRIL

# TOMKINS TAKES 1st '600' TOURNEY

That the standard of sportsmapship in this area is second to none was admirably endorsed by the first annual '600' Club Tournament at Whitstable in February. We read that only the amount of prize money attracts bowlers to tournaments these days and so often hear that so and so a team or individual will not be entering an event due to it being "not worth their while." Nearly every member of the '600' Club came to Whitstable just for the FUN of bowling in a tournament. Nothing at stake and just trophies to be won. The atmosphere, in consequence, was very friendly and whilst everyone was keen to win the opponent was just as pleased at someone who bowled well as he would have been had it been himself. The organisation was very good and some fine bowling was witnessed with a good 600 series taking the title. The top fifteen of the 76 entries are shown below:-

179-244-206 - 629
199-195-205 - 599
193-185-200 - 578
177-216-179 - 572
204-165-186 - 555
194-163-197 - 554
175-189-189 - 553
178-196-170 - 544
191-207-145 - 543
168-135-233 - 536
176-179-180535
174-203-156 - 533
197-184-150 - 531
163-194-172 - 529
169-199-158 - 526



"I guess you realize my team bowls in just 15 minutes."

# 600'68 CIIR



"I heat Daddy! He had a mini-skirt

The '600' Club '68 already has it's first nineteen members. If this standard is maintained the 2nd Annual Club Tournament early in 1969 could well be twice the size of the first one.

By request the qualifying scores of new

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JOHN SAWYER	CLIFTO
NIGEL HOLGATE	CHATHA
NOBBY HADLEY	BEXLEY
BOB POTTS	CLIFTO
ALAN BAVIN	BEXLEY
STU SWALLOW	CLIFTO
JACK WALDOCK	CLIFTO
JOHN BUSHELL	CLIFTO
COLIN CROWTHER	BEXLEY
MICHAEL EDWARDS	BEXLEY
VICKY TIMMS	CLIFTO
BERT TIMMS	CLIFTO
TOM BALLINGALL	CLIFTO
REG SEAGER	CLIFTO
JOHN SUMNER	WHITST
TOM SINCLAIR	BEXLEY
CHARLES WHITE	CHATHA
EDWARD CULLEN	WHITST
REG FORDHAM	BEXI

CLIFTONVILLE	613
CHATHAM	639
BEXLEYHEATH	608
CLIFTONVILLE	607
BEXLEYHEATH	628
CLIFTONVILLE	619
CLIFTONVILLE	606
CLIFTONVILLE	604
BEXLEYHEATH	631
BEXLEYHEATH	616
CLIFTONVILLE	620
CLIFTONVILLE	616
CLIFTONVILLE	604
CLIFTONVILLE	612
WHITSTABLE	611
BEXLEYHEATH	609
CHATHAM	601
WHITSTABLE	601
BEXI T ITATH	622

# EAGLES KEEP "BLUE RIBAND

Real top class tournament conditions prevailed at Chatham on 18th. February for the 4th. Annual 'Blue Riband' Tournament for scratch 5 person teams. Very slick lanes and brand new pins made things very tough, particularly for the early squad but the 230 bowlers made up into 46 teams came through very well indeed and with the final squad to bowl the 2716 from the NOMADS still had to be beaten. The holders, the EAGLES, originally from Grays but now from Basildon bowled magnificently, however and with a very fine 2774 kept the title for the second year running.

Len Cross and Jim Southworth took the day's individual hohours both rolling a fine 617 series. High games were 237 by Charlie Woolsley and 234, and 233 from Keith Vaughan and Brian Newson. FORD WOOLWICH "A" put in a new season's record game shown under the Area Hi's, of 1013. Before the tournament commenced a presentation was made on the lanes to our two World Champions JES MORLEY and DAVE POND who, on this occasion, were drawn against each other playing respectively for Tiny's Radio Taxis and Keith's Pro Shop. Centre Managers from Hoddesdon, Southend, Chatham, Harlow, Cliftonville, Whitstable and Piccadilly all took part and like all the S.E.B.A. tournaments this one is getting bigger every year.

The top ten finishers were as follows:-

1.	THE EAGLES	BASILDON	2774
2.	THE NOMADS	CHATHAM	2716
3.	KEITH'S PRO SHOP	HODDESDON	2605
4.	FORD WOOLWICH "A"	BEXLEYHEATH	2597
5.	THE CHESSMEN	BEXLETHEATH	2573
6.	UNKNOWNS	CLIFTONVILLE	2559
7.	COATES CIDER	SOUTHEND	2558
8.	TINY'S RADIO TAXIS	SOUTHEND	2556
9.	THE SKI BOLTS	CHATHAM	2546.
	THE ROUGHNECKS	CHATHAM	2536

Well known teams who were unplaced on this occasion included RAF Wethersfield, Cliftonville All Stars, The Committee, Barbarians, Townbrooke Ltd, Broadway All Stars, Helmsmen, Chatham Housemen and Ronnie Scott's Club. We hope to see them all back, with better luck, for the Area Championships in May.

The slick lanes and new, heavy pins really put the lady's teams in trouble and, almost without exception, all bowled well below their normal best. Those able to beat the conditions best were the girls from Southend who took the two top places.

The top four finishers are shown below:-

SOUTHEND	2345
SOUTHEND	2341
CLIFTONVILLE	2289
WHITSTABLE	2256
	SOUTHEND CLIFTONVILLE



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# Thought

Have you noticed how some bowlers crouch low and creep slowly?

Almost as if they are trying to steal the foul-line!



"It's 'Friend a Bring' night and he's here to take our Pleasure Island bowl-



# LEAGUE FRON T

The Area Hi's this month show many changes and include two new all time Area Records. THE FUGITIVES from Bexleyheath bowling in the Men O'Kent League shot a fine 674 game to knock The Committee from the top spot and a very high trios game indeed will now be needed if the Fugitives are not to take this season's plaques. In the Mixed Doubles division the 1200 series barrier has at last been breached and the new mark to topple is a mighty 1204 shot by VICKY and BERT TIMMS in the Cliftonville Husband and Wife League. Bert hit 616 and Vicky 588 in this scoring spree which included the new Area high mixed doubles game with a 444 now the mark to beat.

As forecast last month the Remington Scratch Doubles League at Bexleyheath has already started to fill the blank spaces in the Doubles Section of the Area Hi's and the top spots are filled at present by BRIAN NEWSON and TONY KITCHING with a series of 1191 and JACK MORTON and VIC PEACOCK with a game of 426. Many more are yet to come we feel sure.

The new leader in the trios series division is the THREE MUSKETEERS who shot a fine 1762 in the Chatham Palace League. Led by a 639 series from NIGEL HOLGATE, ANDY BROWN and RAY PETTITT backed up very well indeed with 569 and 554 respectively. Hot on their heels come the POTMEN from Bexleyheath who now hold down second and third spots with 1749 and 1736. Still with the three man leagues another score worthy of mention is the 638 game set up by the JAGUARS of the Cliftonville Animal League. HARRY BLACKMORE hit a 238 game in this set with ALAN WALTON on a 228 and COLIN LANNING holding up his end with 177.

Our star juniors from previous seasons are now grown up and the gaps in the junior sections of the back page have been self apparent in this respect. A new generation is now on the way up, however,

and the first entry is now shown with GRAHAM HINKLEY's 538 which included a 194 game. With the various junior training programmes in being at most of the centres this score should be the first of a new batch of young names to enter our pages. Young Graham rolls league at Whitstable where the CRUSADERS recently hit a good game and series of 722 and 2095 in the 4-man Windmill League.





"I turkeyed out."

"After nine open frames."

Also from Whitstable a report has been received from Terry Price about the Ship League and Scratch Trios League. The Ship is one of the oldest leagues at Whitstable and is still very strong, rolling across 8 of the centre's 10 lanes. There is a good fight going on for the top spot with the SEXTANTS holding 112 points and the PIRATES and SHIPWRECKERS close on their heels with 99 and 94. All previous records look like being smashed this year with TERRY PRICE of the Pirates holding high average with 177 and DAVE KEAM, who dosn't play regularly, still good enough to lead the individual game and series records with 264 and 598 respectively. Congratulations also to LES DRINKWATER who has hit a 189 game in his first ever league season.

The SCRATCH TRIOS League rolls early on Sunday mornings and top average spot is held by MIKE TONG with 173. The league leaders are the RIOT SQUAD consisting of ROLAND(hate slow lanes but scores well on them!)FOXLEY, RAY SINGER and TED CULLEN. Providing all the league temmember to get up on these cold mornings it looks like being a very successful season.

# INTER-COUNTY POLITICS

Following the front page of our Jaruary issue a number of members complained at the provisional selection of the teams to represent Kent in the Inter County Tournament at Ipswich. Some were of the opinion that they should have been considered, others wanted an actual team trials and a third contingent asked what right S.E.B.A. had to ask it's members to play in, what transpired to be, a non sanctioned competition.

The opinions of our mambers are always respected and an open meeting was called to resolve the issues, being held at Whitstable following the '600' Club Tournament. After lengthy discussion it was a majority decision not to send a team from Kent this year and a letter to this effect was forwarded to the organisers asking if Kent could, in any event, be represented at the meeting to decide the format for next year. An acknowledgement was received in the affirmative and your elected representative, Jim Ingram, travelled to Ipswich.

The nett result of the meeting was that next years Inter-County would again be held at Ipswich in deference to the sponsors, Churchmans and also in view of the experience gained by the present organisers over this years event. The format will be somewhat changed and again it will be a non sanctioned tournament. The voting in this latter respect was, unfortunately, a foregone conclusion as many of the county delegates turned out to be bowling centre managers, at least one of whom was known to be under instructions from his employers to vote against sanctioning.

How a bowl manager can be said to represent the views of the bowlers in his county we do not know but the impression gained by the bowlers at the meeting was the whole issue was fixed. Lancashire won the men's event and Essex the ladies division.

# EARN MONEY AS A SCORER

By offering to score at Bexleyheath in the 6th Area Championships you can earn 3/-d a squad for singles and doubles events and 6/-d for team. Those interested should apply to ALAN CHAPMAN or JANET MORRISON c/o ABC Cine-Bowl, The Broadway, Bexleyheath. First come, first served - don't delay apply today!

# ATTENTION ADVERTISERS!

Following the demise of both Tenpin Pictorial and, possibly, Strike Out the bowling industry is left without a national publication. The lop sided views of the former are happily no more but, at the same time, there is now no way for advertisers to let the public at large know of their products, new innovations or tournaments. Bowling News is able, by virtue of it's printing processes to include advertising in it's pages and will be interested in hearing from anyone who is interested, either tournament organisers, bowling or equipment companies or any concern who considers that their product can be enhanced by using these pages. Well over 1500 people read this publication and the circulation is on the increase. Charges will be relatively inexpensive and all proceeds will go to area funds to be used, both for a bigger and better Bowling News, and for our members benefit generally.

# BEWARE THE NON SMACTIONED TOURNAMENT!

A recent non sanctioned tournament in the South of England guaranteed a prize fund of £200. One well known team took the whole sum and despite the organiser canvassing for re-entries no other prize money was paid out even to the runners up! It would appear that someone made a nice little profit out of the event. A B.T.B.A. sanctioned tournament guarantees that one prize will be paid for every ten entries and protects you and your team against happenings of this type. Beware! — and if you have any doubt over the validity of any tournament contact your executive who will be pleased to advise you.

# CLASSIFIED

Some months ago we recorded the 5-man team record of 3858 set up by the famous Budweisers in 1958. This World Record together with the 2404 3-man set from Pinky's Lanes, are the two least likely ever to be beaten. Details of the series have now been obtained and will probably be of interest to most of our members:-

1st League Game

DON CARTER	X	X	X	X	X	IX	IX	IX	19/	8/9	
DON CARTER	30	60	90	120	150	180	209	229	247	266	266
RAY BLUTH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	87	9/	XXX	
	30	60	90	120	150	178	198	217	237	267	267
PAT PATTERSO	NX	X	X	X	X	9/	9/	X	X	9/9	
THITTENSO	"30	60	90	119	139	158	178	207	227	246	246
TOM HENNESSE	v9/	X	8/	X	9/	9-	X	X	X	XXX	
TOTT TIENNESSE	20	40	60	80	99	108	138	168	198	228	228
DICK WEBER	X	X	X	9/	X	X	X	X	9/	XXX	
DICK WEDEK	30	59	79	99	129	159	188	208	228	258	258

2nd League	Game										1203
CARTER	X	X	X	X	X	IX	19/	16-2	X	I X X X	
CARTER	30	60	90	120	149	169	185	193	223	253	253
BLUTH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9-	XXX	
	30	60	90	120	150	180	209	228	237	267	267
PATTERSON	8-1	9/	9-	8/	X	X	X	X	6/	XXX	
	9	27	46	66	96	126	152	172	192	222	222
HENNESSEY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	XXX	
TICINICISE	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	300	300
WEBER	X	X	X	X	9/	X	X	9/	X	XXX	
MEREK	30	60	89	109	129	158	178	198	228	258	258

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3rd League G	ame					The section			Mar No.		
CARTER	X	9/	X	9/	X	X	X	X	X.	8/7	
LARIER	20	40	60	80	110	140	170	198	218	235	235
DILITII	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	XXX	
BLUTH	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	300	300
	91	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8/ X	
PATTERSON	20	50	80	110	140	170	200	228	248	268	268
HENNESSEY	8/	X	9/	6/	X	X	X	X	9/	X X 6	
HENNESSEY	20	40	56	76	106	136	165	185	205	231	231
WEBER	X	8/	X	X	X	X-	X	X.	9/	XXX	
	20	40	70	100	130	160	189	209	229	259	259

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Being the low man on the team with a 222 game and 736 series Tom Hennessey was looking mone too pleased with his team's fantastic performance and enquired "What's perfect - the most a five man team can possibly bowl for three games?" One of his team mates told him that nine perfect games would total 4500. "Holy mackerel," exclaimed the deflated crew cut Irishman, "We didn't even come close!"

A true story but we are not so sure about this one about the bowler who lost his job, had his wallet stolen, rolled a 98 game in his league, and got home to find his wife had left him. He still can't get over what happened. How could be have bowled such a lousy game!

NEXT TIME

Wife: George, why do you bowl so much? George: Why, it keeps me fit. Wife(Sarcastically): For what? George: Bowling!

Another Thought

How many bowlers would kick the ball return if the ball return could back back?

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# Good Luck At Belle Vue!

It is understood that many of our members have entered the 7th. National B.T.B.A. Championships being held this month at Belle Vue, Manchester. We wish every one of you outstanding success and a rather particular wish goes to the All Events holder from last year, JES MORLEY from Southend. As you all know Jes went on from the BTBA Championships to represent Great Britain in the World Championships at Malmo, Sweden and brought home a Gold Medal in the doubles event. Knock 'em for ten again Jes!

On the subject of the 'Nationals' there were a number of dismal jimmys and 'knockers' who said that this year's event would flop. We understand that the prize fund, in fact, is nearly £2,000. Some flop'. An innovation this year is a special Invitational Scratch Men's Singles Section and the following have been invited to bowl three

series on Petersen Points:-

# Top 14 Pinfall from Preston World Championships Trials

- C. BUCK, Hayes, Middx.
- T. KING, Birmingham.
- C. LEWIS, Preston. D. POND, Harlow.
- S. POND, Harlow.
- J. ROZE, London. J. MORLEY, Southend.
- M. DEPOIY, Birmingham.
  J. EVANS, Weston-Super-Mare.
  T. MARSHALL, Wraysbury, Middx.
- S. RUSSELL, Bradford.
- T. SULLIVAN, Manchester.
- A. WEEKS, Bournemouth.
- J. WEATHERLEY, Stretford.

# Additional Internationals

R. DEACON, Bradford.

T. MERCER, Hounslow.

# Currently Foremost Young Players

- P. RUSSELL, Wembley.
- A. BOSTON, Corby(JYBC Winner)
  B. CATERER, Kenton, Middx. G. BUCK, Hayes, Middx.
- B. NORRIS, Sheffield. B. WILKINS, Leytonstone.

# Nominated Scottich Representatives

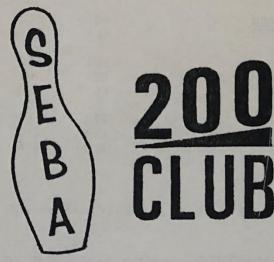
D. WAUGH, Briggs.

D. WOOD, Aberdeen.

# Reserves

D. McCARTHY, Manchester.B. POTTS, Brentwood(15th @ Preston) C. THOMAS, Southampton(16th @ Preston)

The results from this event will be taken very much into consideration in the selection of the teams to represent Great Britain in the Emilio de Miguel Memorial Trophy at Breda, Holland on 30/31st March and in the Triple Crown Championships at Llanelly on 18/19th May.



## LATEST ENTRIES:

ROGER MANNING GRAHAM FIELDS POPPY HOWIS HILARY DUFF TRUDY SEARLES DES KILL B.D. MANN ROY WESTLEY JOHN WARREN BILLIE ETHERINGTON JOHN MOFFAT RAY ALEXANDER

BEXLEYHEATH SOUTHEND CHATHAM CLIFTONVILLE BEXLEYHEATH CHATHAM CHATHAM CHATHAM CHATHAM CHATHAM CHATHAM

ENTER YOUR AREA CHAMPS '68.

# AREA HI'S!

for period ending 28th. February

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5 PERSON TEAM	2 54455	THE CALL DOLLE	CHAT	2805
J PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	THE SKI BOLTS THE EAGLES THE NOMADS	BA5 CHAT	2774 2716
	1 GAME	FORD WOOLWICH "A" THE EAGLES THE SKI BOLTS	BEX BAS CHAT	1013 996 957
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	WEMBLEY ALL STARS WETHERSFIELD "A" THE MINI MEN	HODD HODD HODD	2376 2345 2334
	1 GAME	WETHERSFIELD "A" WEMBLEY ALL STARS THE MINI MEN	HODD HODD	861 853 775
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	THREE MUSKETEERS THE POTMEN THE POTMEN	CHAT BEX BEX	1762 1749 1736
	1 GAME	THE FUGITIVES THE COMMITTEE THE JAGUARS	BEX BEX CLIF	674 640 638
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	BRIAN NEWSON & TONY KITCHING	BEX	1191
	1 GAME	JACK MORTON & VIC PEACOCK JACK MORTON & VIC PEACOCK BRIAN NEWSON & TONY KITCHING	BEX BEX BEX	426 416 410
MIXED DOUBLES	3 GAMES	VICKY & BERT TIMMS VERA & VIC PEACOCK PAT & PETE BOYD	CLIF BEX BEX	1204 1160 1130
	1 GAME	VICKY & BERT TIMMS VERA & VIC PEACOCK VERA & VIC PEACOCK	CLIF BEX BEX	444 436 430
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	TREB BROWN RUSS MERBAUGH DAVE POND	BEX HODD HODD	699 688 684
	1 GAME	RUSS MERBAUGH TREB BROWN	HODD BEX	278 277
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	VERA PEACOCK VERA PEACOCK VICKY TIMMS	BEX BEX CLIF	658 627 620
	1 GAME	VERA PEACOCK VERA PEACOCK PEGGY ASHBY	BEX BEX WHIT	267 252 246
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3 GAMES	GRAHAM HINKLEY	WHIT	538
	1 GAME	No Claim Yet Submitted - Qual	ificati	ion 200

# STOP PRESS.

As we go to press news has just come in of a 299 Game bowled in the Club League at Rexleyheath by VIC PEACOCK. Details next month.