

South Eastern Bowling Association

# BOWLING NEWS

of the B.T.B.A.



## MAIDS OF KENT TAKE NATIONAL TITLES

ANNE HENDERSON and VICKY TIMMS of Cliftonville literally 'walked' the Ladies Doubles divisions of the 1968 B.T.B.A. National Championships at Belle Vue, Manchester by over 60 pins from their nearest rivals. Anne shot 203-179-197 = 579 and Vicky 199-185-187 = 571 for a fine 1150 scratch series, not only good enough to win both scratch and handicap sections, but the highest series for ladies doubles bowled in Great Britain so far this season.

Of the total tournament prize fund of over £2,000 the girl's wins netted them a very nice £74 and in addition Anne cashed to the tune of another £10 in both scratch and handicap Ladies All Events. JEAN HOWELL and DORIN SHRIMPTON of Bexleyheath hit 1220 with handicap to take third position in this section and to complete our ladies domination TRUDI SEARLES, with a last minute partner from over the border, cashed in 4th position, picking the 'Nationals' to bowl her best personal series to date.

Others from S.E.B.A. to appear in the prize listings were the 1967 Handicap All Events Champion, DORIN BAKER who, with WYN COLLISON and AUDREY POND, cashed in the Ladies Singles Events. Our men did not fare at all well this year but RAY HOOK from Basildon appeared in the prize lists for both Scratch and Handicap Men's All Events and bowled very well in all three divisions.

The 7th Annual B.T.B.A. National Championships were a tremendous success and needless to say the organisation and setting were superb. Full results overleaf.

Following in the wake of the Nationals comes our own 6th Annual Area Championships and without doubt this will be the biggest event yet held in this area. Bowlers from Cliftonville, Southend, Basildon, Harlow, Hoddesdon, Chatham, Whitstable will travel to Bexleyheath over the first weekend in May to join the home keglers to make this possibly the largest event yet held in the South East. The number of early entries has been quite phenomenal and the most popular squad times were already filled only a week following issuance of the entry forms. From the opening squad at 7.30p.m. held in conjunction with our traditional opening ceremony there will be no let up until the curtains come down for another year at approximately 11p.m. on Sunday night.



"Oh, don't let her playing taps bother you!"

SEE YOU AT BEXLEYHEATH

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# NATIONAL £.s.d.

\* denotes Area bowlers

## MENS SINGLES HANDICAP Top Five Positions

1. R. FARROW	712	£140
2. A. VAUGHAN	709	70
3. D. WILLIAMS	700	15
4. K. WOODLEY	684	5
5. S. SKRABA	682	5

## MENS SINGLES SCRATCH Top Five Positions

1. R. FARROW	666	£70
2. A. VAUGHAN	661	35
3. D. WILLIAMS	656	10
4. K. WOODLEY	644	6
5. S. SKRABA	636	5

## MENS DOUBLES HANDICAP Top Five Positions

1. D. SHEPHERD/K. WOODLEY	1272	£150
2. D. REED/S. MEDDEMEN	1271	70
3. G. HUGHES/D. BUNFORD	1270	20
4. J. KENNY/T. FINN	1268	8
5. D. THOMAS/B. HUGHES	1266	8

## MENS DOUBLES SCRATCH Top Five Positions

1. T. BARE/A. KELZENBURG	1215	£60
2. D. SHEPHERD/K. WOODLEY	1204	30
3. B. DeYOUNG/B. HELSEL	1181	20
4. J. KENNY/T. FINN	1180	10
5. S. KENNON/J. PLANE	1164	10

## MENS TEAM HANDICAP Top Three Positions

1. CAPTAIN SCARLETT	3109	£150
2. THE HORNETS	3080	70
3. HARLEQUINS "B"	3071	30

## MENS TEAM SCRATCH Top Three Positions

1. CAPTAIN SCARLETT	2917	£75
2. KENRAY SPARES	2852	40
3. USAF MILDENHALL	2834	20

## MENS ALL EVENTS HANDICAP Top Five Positions

1. J. KENNY	1986	£90
2. K. WOODLEY	1971	45
3. J. SAWKINS	1931	15
4. P. ELLIOTT	1923	5
5. L. HIPKISS	1918	5

## MENS ALL EVENTS SCRATCH Top Five Positions

1. K. WOODLEY	1851	£50
2. B. DeYOUNG	1835	25
3. E. LUTHER	1814	10
4. J. KENNY	1812	5
5. A. KELZENBURG	1803	5

## LADIES SINGLES HANDICAP Top Five Positions

1. S. COSSAR	686	£40
2. A. TEW	678	20
3. M. EASTON	654	10
4. J. BOLTON	648	6
5. L. HARDY	647	5

## LADIES SINGLES SCRATCH Top Five Positions

1. A. TEW	610	£25
2. J. BOLTON	598	10
3. W. COLLISON*	584	5
4. M. RUDGE	570	5
5. A. POND*	569	5

## LADIES DOUBLES HANDICAP Top Five Positions

1. ANNE HENDERSON/VICKY TIMMS*	1274	£50
2. N. FRESHWATER/AUDREY TEW	1226	20
3. JEAN HOWELL/DORIN SHRIMPTON*	1220	10
4. C. FELLOWES/TRUDY SEARLES*	1217	6
5. KAREN SHARPE/RHODA BREWER	1188	6

## LADIES DOUBLES SCRATCH Top Three Positions

1. ANNE HENDERSON/VICKY TIMMS*	1150	£24
2. N. FRESHWATER/AUDREY TEW	1084	12
3. KAREN SHARPE/RHODA BREWER	1082	8

## LADIES TEAM HANDICAP Top Two Positions

1. WEMBLEY LIONESSES	2958	£50
2. TWENTY TWOS	2930	20

## LADIES TEAM SCRATCH Top Two Positions

1. WEMBLEY LIONESSES	2686	£35
2. WALKDEN LADIES	2593	15

\*The MAIDS OF KENT finished 4th in this event with 2563

## LADIES ALL EVENTS HANDICAP

1. ANNE HENDERSON	1977	£25
2. ANNE HENDERSON	1967	5

## LADIES ALL EVENTS SCRATCH

1. ANNE HENDERSON	1773	£20
2. ANNE HENDERSON*	1639	5



# VIC PEACOCK

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30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	299	

The Bexleyheath Club League was again in the news last month when VIC PEACOCK strung eleven strikes in a row and only just missed the Area's first sanctioned perfect game when the last ball went a shade high and left the six pin rocking. It could well have been a strike but a 299 game is a fabulous performance and still leaves Vic a little room for improvement! Needless to say this is a new area record for single game and a perfect score will now be needed if it is to be beaten. Vic has chosen the B.T.B.A. Gold Watch for his prize and this has been ordered by Head Office with the 299 inscription.

## BIG SPLIT CONVERSIONS

Rolling in the Chatham Classic League ROBIN GOODHEW left the 4-6-7-10 split, commonly known as the 'Big Four', and duly registered what is believed to be Chatham's first ever conversion. Congratulations to Robin and also to TONY VALENTE, who on 24th March at Whitstable converted the 'impossible' 7-10 split whilst rolling in the Scratch Trios League.

## AMBASSADOR LANES, LEWISHAM

The new 24 lane centre at Belmont Hill, Lewisham has been open now for a little time and S.E.B.A. have now had a reply from their application to include this centre within it's jurisdiction. The result of a vote by the B.T.B.A. Council showed unanimous agreement to the effect that the centre should be serviced by S.E.B.A. and we look forward to receiving our first sanctioned league from this centre in due course. 18 of the lanes are standard tenpin lanes and, for the first time in this country, the remaining six are devoted to Canadian five-pin, which is well worth a try. It's not as easy as it may look!

## WHITSTABLE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This popular closed event is being held again this year on 20th and 21st April and as usual bears the B.T.B.A. Moral Support Sanction. The Humber Bowl, Whitstable will, of course, be the venue and there are separate sections for singles, doubles and teams.

## LEAGUE OFFICERS HANDICAP DOUBLES

Sunday, 28th April is the date for the first Bexleyheath League Officers Tournament. This event is the brain child of Bexleyheath Assistant Manager ROGER BLYTH and S.E.B.A. Vice President ALAN CHAPMAN. The event will, of course, be sanctioned and it is hoped that all the sanctioned leagues at the centre will put forward their representatives to make this a very successful event. There are 17 sanctioned leagues at Bexleyheath ranging from the 5-man Olympic to the Petersen and Singleton Singles with many, fours, trios and doubles inbetween. The results of this and the Whitstable Club event will be published next month.







# LEAGUE FRONT

The Outcasts League from Hoddesdon has completed it's Winter Season and as can be seen from the Area Hi's is quite a league. Apart from the Apaches taking high 4-man game and series both on an area basis these scores top the National listings at the present time. World Champion DAVE POND's series of 684 would have taken top spot in most leagues but in the Outcasts it was good enough for only third placing behind TONY STERPE's 690 and RUSS MERBAUGH's 688! The league high game was a 278 and this was a triple tie! DON DEBNAM, RUSS MERRBAUGH and STAN POND shared the honours. League high average went to DAVE POND with 194, closely followed by RAY HAGGAN, KEN LAMBLIN, DON DEBNAM, TED MURRAY and JOHN WYNDHAM with 193, 193, 191, 188 and 187.

The Big W's from the Southend Shrimpers League went on a scoring spree a few weeks ago when with a blind score of only 477 the five-man team hit 2938! Unfortunately the vote for sanctioning the league was narrowly lost and the score cannot qualify for Area rating. Another blow was that PETE BENNETT subbed in the team for the missing player but his score didn't count. With a 601 series added in lieu of the blind score the actual scratch total was 3062 made up as follows:-

R. POORE	651
G. CURTIS	569
R. ARIS	597
R. BRIGHT	644
P. BENNETT	601
	<u>3062</u>

On the subject of five-man teams the sanctioned area record has now really been blown wide open. The Ski Bolts cracked the 2800 barrier a few months ago and now the Bexleyheath CHESSMEN hold the mark to be beaten with a very fine 2855 including the new Area high game of 1038.

Another new entry this month is young DAVE PICKETT of Cliftonville. At 14 Dave is one of the centre's up and coming youngsters and as can be seen on the back page he now leads both Junior Divisions with a game of 207 and series of 565 made up of games of 166-207-192.

We hear from COLIN CROWTHER of the Bexleyheath GUYS & DOLLS league that they have completed another very successful and high scoring season. Top honours went to Trudy Searles and Pat Duggan, calling themselves THE ELITE, with Janet Morrison and Fred Wyles - RUFF & REDDY- in runners up spot and Beryl and Fred Shrimpton, THE SCORPIONS, sharing this position. PAT DUGGAN and VERA PEACOCK monopolised the prize list - Pat taking the high average of 181, high series 647 and high game 254, whilst Vera took ladies high average of 173, high series 616 and high game 235. Some measure of why this league consider themselves to be the strongest mixed doubles league in the country can be gauged by the eight 600 series and the one hundred and twenty seven 200 games that were rolled in the 26 week season and by the fact that six of the fourteen teams rolled series of over 1100 and that twelve team games of over 400 were recorded. Any takers?

JAN HALL of the Chatham Housewives League is 82, yes EIGHTY TWO, years young. Not content with being the Areas oldest bowler Jan has started to make a name for herself in another direction - scoring! A few weeks ago she hit a 176 game and has now beaten this with a fine 184! We look forward to further progress with envy and admiration. There is hope for us all yet!

Also from Chatham we hear from secretary POPPY HOWIS that on the final night of the 5-man CLASSIS LEAGUE the team high game was beaten no fewer than three times. The Ski Bolts held top spot with a big 900 which they broke themselves with 977. The NOMADS then came along with 983 which looked good enough to take the honours, not to mention the cash. The HOUSEMEN, however, had other ideas and went out with a blind game of 944. A great finish to this league which is after some new teams for next season. Prize money paid was £279.



# B.T.B.A. SHOWS ITS TEETH

The following are extracts from a recent B.T.B.A. Council Communique which will be of interest to all our members:-

"In compliance with the wishes of the Delegates expressed at last years Annual General Meeting of the B.T.B.A., this is the first occasion that the Association's A.G.M. is not being held at the same time as the B.T.B.A. National Championships. The A.G.M. for this year will take place at Coventry on Sunday, 12th. May 1968. Several far-reaching changes in the present Constitution will be proposed and the Council hopes that as many B.T.B.A. Members as possible will attend, though it should be remembered that in accordance with accepted democratic procedure for such occasions, voting power will be confined to those Delegates truly representative of their respective Area Associations."

"Many questions have been received in regard to the interpretation of the word 'delegate' as applied to the recent Inter-County Tournament at Ipswich. As there are known instances in which no prior consultation took place between the 'delegates' and the bowlers they purported to represent, and other instances in which the voting 'delegate' was not an elected representative of the county 'represented' the Council feels that the B.T.B.A. must disassociate itself from this event and plan accordingly for future years."

"On March 5th, 1967, a Press Statement was issued by the National TenPin Bowling Council (which is comprised of representatives of the Proprietor's Association, the B.T.B.A. and the Manufacturers) and the B.T.B.A. Council feels it opportune to call the attention of all bowlers to the following extract:

"The Proprietor's Association recognises the need for a healthy 'Players Association' and the vital part the B.T.B.A., as such, has to play. They have no wish or intention to promote any rival organisation and it is hoped that a close co-operation with the B.T.B.A. will develop resulting in better bowling and more bowlers."

"During this past year the B.T.B.A. Council has noted with regret the various attempts that have been made to form rival Associations in certain areas and has been surprised at some of the sources from which these have received encouragement. The Council reiterates it's hope the close co-operation forecast and hitherto anticipated with the Proprietors and the Manufacturers may still develop."

In relation to the above the Tenpin Bowling column of the Daily Express written by Graham Fisher said "the B.T.B.A. have two big assets - they occupy the throne and HAVE THE GUTS ENOUGH TO KEEP IT."

## SUMMER LEAGUES

The Summer Season started on 15th. March and membership is now only 10/-d until the new Winter Season commences on 1st. September. New Leagues have a 21 day grace period that operates after sanction has been applied for. Cards are going out to League Secretaries as their present schedules come to an end requesting details of the league for the Summer. No separate sanction form is required for Summer extensions of this type but details must be given on the card provided if the sanction is to continue. League Champions Badges cannot be issued until the Final Standing Sheet is received by the Area Secretary.



'SUMMER LEAGUE'



# 600 CLUB '68

## LATEST QUALIFIERS

ALAN WILKINSON	BEXLEYHEATH	622
VIC PEACOCK	BEXLEYHEATH	611
ALAN MULFORD	BEXLEYHEATH	606
TONY MAFLIN	WHITSTABLE	604
ROGER EVANS	CHATHAM	620
JESS COOPER	CHATHAM	600
JEREMY MOLL	CHATHAM	606
MIKE LUCKHURST	WHITSTABLE	657
FRED SHRIMPTON	BEXLEYHEATH	621
JACK ROBINSON	WHITSTABLE	604

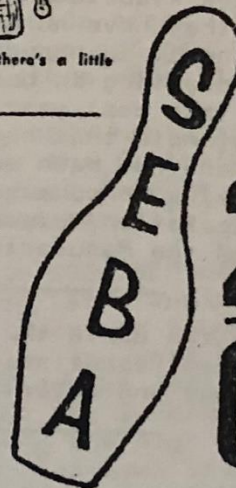
## FALLING LEAF TOURNAMENT BADGES

Participants in the 'Falling Leaf' Mixed Doubles Tournament held at Cliftonville last year were promised shirt patches to commemorate the event. Following an amount of difficulty and confusion these have at last arrived and with apologies for the delay are now in course of being sent out. Better late than never although the delay was no fault of your Area.



## LATEST ENTRANTS - ENTRY CLOSES 31st AUGUST

PATRICIA JOHNSON	CHATHAM
DESMOND JOHNSON	CHATHAM
MAURICE OLDHAM	CHATHAM
GRAHAM CHILD	CHATHAM
ANTHONY TURNER	CHATHAM
GEORGE WHITE	CHATHAM
MIKE GRIFFITHS	BEXLEYHEATH
PATRICIA O'NEILL	CLIFTONVILLE
DAVE EVANS	BEXLEYHEATH
PETER HOWELL	BEXLEYHEATH
EDNA BOXALL	BEXLEYHEATH
BARRY WHEELER	BEXLEYHEATH
SUSAN COLLINS	WHITSTABLE



# 200 CLUB

MALCOLM NICHOLS	BEXLEYHEATH
ROBERT WILSON	BEXLEYHEATH
VI STRAWSON	BEXLEYHEATH
NANCY FOAD	WHITSTABLE

S T O P P R E S S !  
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We are advised by Area Secretary Brian Langford as this issue goes to press that the 6th Area Championships are the largest so far held in this part of the country. With a few days to go to closing date there are already 57 five person teams entered together with no fewer than 109 doubles and 172 singles plus 120 all events. The week end of 3rd, 4th and 5th May is going to be a busy one at Bexleyheath!



# AREA HI'S!

FOR PERIOD ENDING 31st. MARCH 1968

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>THE CHESSMEN</u>	BEX 2855*
		<u>SKI BOLTS</u>	CHAT 2805
		<u>THE EAGLES</u>	BAS 2774
	1 GAME	<u>THE CHESSMEN</u>	BEX 1038
		<u>FORD WOOLWICH "A"</u>	BEX 1013
		<u>THE EAGLES</u>	BAS 996
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>APACHES</u>	HODD 2388
		<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS</u>	HODD 2376
		<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS</u>	HODD 2349
	1 GAME	<u>APACHES</u>	HODD 882*
		<u>WETHERSFIELD "A"</u>	HODD 861
		<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS &amp; APACHES</u>	HODD 853
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>THREE MUSKETEERS</u>	CHAT 1762
		<u>THE POTMEN</u>	BEX 1749
		<u>ROUGHNECKS</u>	CHAT 1742
	1 GAME	<u>THE FUGITIVES</u>	BEX 674*
		<u>THE REBELS</u>	CLIF 654
		<u>THE COMMITTEE</u>	BEX 640
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>BRIAN NEWSON &amp; TONY KITCHING</u>	BEX 1191
		<u>PETE BOWEN &amp; TONY STURTON</u>	BEX 1145
	1 GAME	<u>PETE BOWEN &amp; TONY STURTON</u>	BEX 437
		<u>BRIAN NEWSON &amp; TONY KITCHING</u>	BEX 429
		<u>JACK MORTON &amp; VIC PEACOCK</u>	BEX 426
MIXED DOUBLES	3 GAMES	<u>VICKY &amp; BERT TIMMS</u>	CLIF 1204*
		<u>VERA &amp; VIC PEACOCK</u>	BEX 1160
		<u>PAT &amp; PETE BOYD</u>	BEX 1130
	1 GAME	<u>VICKY &amp; BERT TIMMS</u>	CLIF 444
		<u>VERA &amp; VIC PEACOCK</u>	BEX 436
		<u>VERA &amp; VIC PEACOCK</u>	BEX 430
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	<u>TRED BROWN</u>	BEX 699
		<u>TONY STERPE</u>	HODD 690
		<u>RUSS MERRBAUGH</u>	HODD 688
	1 GAME	<u>VIC PEACOCK</u>	BEX 299*
		<u>RUSS MERRBAUGH, STAN POND &amp; DON DEBNAM</u>	HODD 278
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	<u>VERA PEACOCK</u>	BEX 658*
		<u>VERA PEACOCK</u>	BEX 627
		<u>VICKY TIMMS</u>	CLIF 620
	1 GAME	<u>VERA PEACOCK</u>	BEX 267*
		<u>VERA PEACOCK</u>	BEX 256
		<u>PEGGY ASHBY</u>	WHIT 246
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3 GAMES	<u>DAVE PICKETT</u>	CLIF 565
		<u>GRAHAM HINCKLEY</u>	WHIT 538
	1 GAME	<u>DAVE PICKETT</u>	CLIF 207

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\* DENOTES NEW AREA RECORD

