

TRAD VERSAS NEW

Nearly all the top women bowlers of Gt Britain took part in the BTBA Experimental Scoring Exercise at Bexleyheath last month.

Considering the TRADITIONAL scoring system first the top six ladies bowled a corporate average of 190 over four games. This is the best level bowling seen in any British women's event during the past two years, including the ten trial events of the British women's team for the Malmo World Championships. All very encouraging with the European Championships drawing close.

The second group of six ladies bowled a corporate average of 179 - very good indeed, and even allowing for the fact that the four ladies at the bottom only rolled a corporate average of 149 the overall average of the 28 competitors was still a very creditable 170.

Considering the EXPERIMENTAL scoring system there is no doubt that this encourages good bowlers to go for their strikes. The top seven ladies in experimental scoring order all had higher scores under the new system than the old. Four game series for these were as follows:

		<u>Old Scoring</u>	<u>New Scoring</u>
1. JOYCE MORRIS	Basildon	801	842
2. PAULINE THOMPSON	Manchester	747	785
3. SUE BACCHUS	Manchester	723	772
4. MEG COOMBES	Newcastle	755	768
5. MARY BETTS	Basildon	764	765
6. ENA GRANT	Hounslow	733	755
7. VICKY TIMMS	Cliftonville	710	750

Taking the top six placements only one would have been different under either system: on the traditional scoring ANN GARRETT would have come in for Sue Bacchus.

Eight ladies out of the 28 had LOWER scores under the experimental system than they did under the traditional and the biggest difference in the two methods was again Sue Bacchus with a difference of 49. The smallest differences were Mary Betts and Audrey Pond with only one pin in it. The lowest scoring was identical under both systems, Rhoda Brewer 586 old system and Enid Plant 586 on the new.

Summing up the experimental system is undoubtedly good "show bizz" as the scores are easily followed frame by frame and good bowlers able to go for high scores are stimulated to do so. As was proved good scores tend to be better still with a high proportion of strikes. Please note however that IT HAS NEVER BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THE NEW SYSTEM MIGHT REPLACE THE TRADITIONAL ONE in any sphere except where spectators are of paramount importance, such as television.

Our thanks to Bexleyheath Manager, BUZZ MORRISON, the exercise manager, the army/scorers who did so well to score under both methods simultaneously, the band of 'instant auditors' and hard working ALAN WILKINSON who was responsible for the very neat score board that kept everyone informed of the proceedings.

600 Club

LATEST MEMBERS:

DENNIS CHASTEY	DAGENHAM	639
PAT DUGGAN	DAGENHAM	620
BILL HALL	BEXLEYHEATH	614
PETER WOOD	SOUTHEND	606
BOB WILSON	BEXLEYHEATH	610
ROGER EVANS	CHATHAM	608
LES DANSIE	SOUTHEND	615
JES MORLEY	SOUTHEND	622
DAVID BUTTON	HARLOW	630
TOM STANTON	HARLOW	622
KEITH ROBINSON	BEXLEYHEATH	604

Entry to the 1968 Club close 31st December.
2nd Annual Tournament to be held in February!



"Mother couldn't squeeze all her belongings into her suitcase when she left, so..."

KENT COUNTY LEAGUE



Kent's Premier League is now underway, having completed two matches at Bexleyheath and Whitstable. Invitations were sent out to all four of the Kent centres but unfortunately Cliftonville were unable to participate and Bexleyheath have filled the breach with the additional teams required. Team high series is held at the moment by the CHATHAM SKI BOLTS who shot 2769 against the Whitstable Natives at Bexleyheath. Individual series to beat is a nice 629, including the high game of 246, from Whitstable Manager BRUCE JENNINGS, who found the Bexleyheath lanes to his liking. The League Table after the two rolls reads as follows:-

	Won	Lost	Pins	Points
1. BEXLEYHEATH AMBASSADORS	5	1	5112	14
2. CHATHAM SKI BOLTS	4	2	5351	11
3. WHITSTABLE OYSTERS	3	3	5131	7
4. CHATHAM ROUGHNECKS	2	4	4944	6
5. BEXLEYHEATH COURIERS	3	3	4743	6
6. BEXLEYHEATH BRAVES	2	1	2441	6
7. BEXLEYHEATH DEVILS	2	1	2526	6
8. WHITSTABLE NATIVES	0	6	4840	0

NEXT MEETING: TOP RANK CHATHAM, SUNDAY 5th JANUARY

ESSEX TOO ?

BASILDON, BAGENHAM, HARLOW, SOUTHBEND, WALTON and USAF WETHERSFIELD. These are the centres in Essex and some have indicated that they would be interested in an Essex County Travelling League operating in the same manner as the one in Kent, i.e. two teams from each bowl and playing every other Sunday. Letters will shortly be sent out to Centre Managers and Bowl representatives throughout Essex with the view to getting this league off the ground early in the New Year. Start thinking about YOUR teams now!

CHATHAM BIRTHDAY

To celebrate their 7th Birthday the Chatham Birthday Tournament for 5 person teams is scheduled for Sunday, 15th December. Last year the tournament manager applied to BTBA for a Moral Support Sanction but due to the open nature of the event it could not be granted. SEBA supported the tournament, however, which was a complete success.

This year the BTBA Moral Support Sanction was again asked for but for the same reasons, without success. As before this Area will support the event, which we know, will be run in accordance with BTBA Rules, but unfortunately a mix-up occurred and a number of teams that would have competed have declined to do so due to the Entry Form showing that the 'rules' of the National Bowling Council will apply. This error occurred solely as a result of a Top Rank entry Form for another event being copied en bloc and the tournament organisers were somewhat upset when the boob was realised, especially as the forms came out at the same time as the November 'Bowling News', wherein a whole page was taken up with these non-existent rules. We live and learn and despite the error wish Chatham's 7th Birthday Tournament every success.

WIBC'S First 800

Only a few months ago we reported a new World Record Ladies Series of 794 by Ruby Chong and mentioned that the 800 barrier would be soon be passed. It's happened already! Miss BEVERLY ORTNER, a 30 year old farm girl from Iowa, U.S.A. bowling in the Classic League at Harmony Lanes, Sioux City on October 10th, shattered the existing super set by putting together games of 267-264-287 for a mighty 818 three game series. The first lady bowler in history to breach the 800 barrier. Beverly is a right-hander who averaged 206 in league last season, the second highest in the U.S.A., and is a dedicated bowler who drives 240 miles each week to compete in two leagues 60 miles away. She already holds the WIBC 4-game series record of 1005 and has consistently placed high in major Women's International Bowling Congress events. She will receive the new WIBC 800 Series award, a replica of the WIBC Emblem done in gold and with eight diamonds. She deserves it!

200 Club

LATEST MEMBERS



"About these bowling blosser you purchased for us, Mr. Figgely..."

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| FRANK SIMMONDS | CHATHAM |
| SUSAN ELLIS | BEXLEYHEATH |
| PHYLLIS BOWEN | BEXLEYHEATH |
| ERNIE PHILPOTT | CHATHAM |
| COLIN GLASSWELL | SOUTHEND |
| MARJORIE BALLINGALL | CLIFTONVILLE |
| COLIN SMITH | HARLOW |
| DAVID TANNER | HARLOW |
| BRIAN CURTIS | CHATHAM |

MORE ABOUT 800's

The 1967/68 Season of the American Bowling Congress produced no outbursts like the 878 by Carl Wilsing or the eight 300's & six 800's by Elvin Mesger in Season 1966/67. It was a noteworthy year just the same, however, as there were a record number of 800's rolled in sanctioned league and tournament play - no fewer than 78! Heading the list was Vic Koss of Madison whose 852 was the 10th highest in history and his 32 strikes in a three game series also equalled the existing record. His games were 278-277-297. Runner-up was Ken Pence with an 846 on games of 278-268-300, and a pin behind came Jetulio Perelli on lines of 246-299-300 for 845. Probably the most remarkable performance of the season, however, was that of professional Bill Tuttle who found the San Jose Garden City Doubles Doubles tournament to his liking and fired no fewer than four 800 plus sets in the one tournament!

APOLOGIES TO CHATHAM

Contrary to last month's report of the '200 Club' Tournament this event was, in fact, held at Top Rank, CHATHAM not Humber, Whitstable. Our thanks to Ernie Philpott for pointing this out and for mentioning the number of entrants from the home bowl for the event which was most encouraging. Apologies also to Poppy Howis whose news from the Chatham Housewives League has had to be left over to next month due to lack of space.

AREA HI'S!

FOR PERIOD ENDING 30th. NOVEMBER

5 PERSON TEAMS	3 GAMES	<u>BIG W'S</u>	2941*	SOU
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	2895	HAR
		COATES CIDER	2878	SOU
	1 GAME	<u>CHESSMEN</u>	1052*	HAR
		BIG W'S	1025	SOU
		SCORPIONS	1019	BEX
4 PERSON TEAMS	3 GAMES	NO CLAIMS YET MADE		
	1 GAME	<u>ROUGHNECKS</u>	810	CHAT
3 PERSON TEAMS	3 GAMES	<u>ROUGHNECKS</u>	1742	CHAT
	1 GAME	<u>SABRE JETS</u>	651	HAR
		ROUGHNECKS	637	CHAT
2 PERSON TEAMS	3 GAMES	<u>PHIL CAIRNS/TED MURRAY</u>	1230*	DAG
		<u>BILL BRIDGE/LES GEORGE</u>	1183	DAG
		<u>DEL BROUGH/ERIC BAKER</u>	1180	DAG
	1 GAME	<u>PHIL CAIRNS/TED MURRAY</u>	467	DAG
		<u>ROGER THOMPSON/FRANK TURNER</u>	446	DAG
MIXED/LADIES DOUBLES	3 GAMES	<u>PHIL CAIRNS/TED MURRAY</u>	417	DAG
		<u>RON BAKER/BOB ROOKS</u>		
	3 GAMES	<u>DOLLY HART/NORMA BRIDGE</u>	1141*	DAG
		<u>JANET MORRISON/FRED WYLES</u>	1135	BEX
	1 GAME	<u>DOLLY HART/NORMA BRIDGE</u>	422	DAG
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	<u>WILL CLARKE</u>	693	DAG
		<u>FRED NORTH</u>	689	SOU
		<u>REG ARIS</u>	663	SOU
	1 GAME	<u>FRED NORTH</u>	279	SOU
		<u>DAVE TURNER</u>	267	HAR
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	<u>ROGER THOMPSON</u>	263	DAG
		<u>JANET MORRISON</u>	643	BEX
		<u>DOLLY HART</u>	616	DAG
		<u>WYN COLLISON</u>	606	BEX
	1 GAME	<u>DOLLY HART</u>	236	DAG
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3 GAMES	NO CLAIM YET MADE		
	1 GAME	NO CLAIM YET MADE		

*New Area Record

The BIG W's from the Southend SHRIMPERS LEAGUE hit this months headlines with yet another new Area 5-man team record - a resounding 2941. With games of 941, 975 and 1025 the LOW man rolled 520 and the high scorer 663. Complete totals were REG ARIS 663, PETER BENNETT 623, GRAHAM CURTIS 584, BOB POORE 551 and skipper ROGER BRIGHT 520. Roger has a first class 'excuse' for being low man - he is a proud new Dad and undoubtedly losing some sleep in consequence. Another Southend bowler to hit it big was FRED NORTH of the PAVILION LEAGUE stringing strikes for a 279 game and 689 series. The game tops the listings but the series can only make second place to a fine 693 from WILL CLARKE of the DAGENHAM MASTERS LEAGUE.

Other notable changes this month concern the SKYWAYS LEAGUE from Harlow where the SABRE JETS smashed the House Record with a fine 651 game led by SEBA Executive Officer PETER ALLIN with a 257 and the high individual game department where ROGER THOMPSON of Dagenham can make only third spot with a 263! Apologies here to DAVE TURNER of the Bexleyheath CHESSMEN who's very fine 267 game, with 9x in a row was omitted from this column last month and is now only good for second place! Sorry Dave. Other very good games reported, but that can't get in, were a 258 from VIC PEACOCK of Bexleyheath and 257 from WILL CLARKE. More next month