BOWLING NEWS

KENT AREA B.T.B.A.

EDITORIAL

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The President, Secretary and Officers of the Kent Area Tenpin Bowling Association would like to take this opportunity of wishing all it's members a very happy Christmas and may your averages improve by leaps and bounds in The New Year will see the third birthday of both Bexleyheath and Whitstable and the completion of the second year of operations at Cliftonville. Our oldest established centre is, of course, Chatham which celebrates it's fourth birthday this month. The averages throughout the area are constantly on the increase and the 180 plus bowler is no longer a dream but a reality with no fewer than 10 of our members falling into this category. As most of you know the first B.T.B.A. Sanctioned 300 game was rolled in this Country during 1965 but by an American bowler. The elusive 300 has still to be sanctioned by a British player and this should come about in 1966 as it is decidedly overdue. The perfect game has been rolled, of course, but without a sanction it does not mean a very great deal. The rumoured 300 this month by the Chester dustman was a fact but we are led to believe that this will not be passed so there is still a chance for you all to roll those 12 in a row that mean so much and to see your name a household one in tenpin circles all over the Country. Remember the average average of bowlers who have rolled the perfect game in the U.S.A. is 154 !

DO YOU KNOW ??

that the most sanctioned 300's by one player is 17. The perfect game specialist is George Billick of Pennsylvania. Another notable 300 acheivement is the feat of Tom Zavakos of Dayton, Ohio. Tom rolled his first twelve striker in 1926, went 31 years and did it again in 1957!

three times. Proving that this is not a feat restricted to the men is Sylvia Wene, who has also bowled twelve 700 plus series.

that B.T.B.A. gives to 300 bowlers in this Country a choice of the following:-

- 1. Diamond studded cuff links with surmounted filligree badge in white gold.
- 2. Diamond studded gold signet ring with reversable insert showing B.T.B.A. badge and diamond on one side and individual name on the reverse.
- 3. Clock of an appropriate design.
- 4. Trophy of appropriate design.
- 5. Gold belt buckle with diamond stud.
- 6. Gold Longine wrist watch lady's or gents.

that by the year 2008 we in this country should be averaging something like 800 perfect games each year. Our basis for this statement? In 1907 the number of perfect games rolled in the U.S.A. was none. In 1908 there were 2 and this number gradually increased with experience and the number of establishments opening until in 1965 the total had reached 769. We have a long way to go but possibly not as far as some of us think.

RESULTS

1. ALL STARS - CLIFTONVILLE	2602
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2. BIG FIVE CHATHAM	2515
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4. ORPHEETANS - WHITSTAPLE	
S & K ACES - BEXLEYHEATH	2511
6 THE BOLEROS - WHITSTABLE	2509
7. WELLINGTON MOTORS BEXLEYHEATH	2493
DEVIEWHENTH	2482
8. THE COMMITTEE - BEADSTILLIAM	2429
9. MEDWAY ROLLERS - CHATHAM	2414
10. HELMSMEN - WHITSTABLE	2412
11. HARBOUR BUOYS - WHITSTABLE	
12. RONNIE SCOTTS' - BEXLEYHEATH	2406
13 THE LATE FIVE - WHITSTABLE	2404
14. THE BARBARIANS - BEXLEYHEATH	2402
15. THE BEAL ALLS - CHATHAM	2306
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Team High Game;	THE LATE FIVE		919		
Individual High	Series: BOB BROWN JIM INGRAM	Bex Whit	582 578		
Individual High	Games: GRAHAM LENNOX RAY WEBB	Whit	239 223		

The five Shrimptons who all bowl in the same league at Bexleyheath and who we mentioned in October rolled as a five person team in the event and whilst not placed thoroughly enjoyed this, their first tournament.

Twelve teams entered from Bexleyheath, eight from both Chatham and Whitstable and seven from Cliftonville, making this a very representative tournament and promising a large entry for the Area Tournament to be held in 1966.

A word for the organisors and in particular JIM INGRAM and BRIAN SNOOK from the home bowl who worked very hard indeed before and during the tournament and set a standard which other organisers will find it difficult to follow.

The Blue Riband holders from 1964, the LATE FIVE from Whitstable could finish no better than 13th. this year and never found their last year's Bexleyheath form when they rolled 2641. The ALL STARS from Cliftonville fielding virtually the same team as played in this years Geneva Tournament were never in trouble and deserve to hold the trophy for the next year when this event will be held at Chatham.

Worthy of mention are the FORD WOOLWICE team who finished third and the fifth placed BOLEROS. Fords set out from home in two cars but unfortunately finished with only one. Half the 'A' Team and half the 'B' Team never arrived due to a mechanical breakdown on the M2. Undeterred they amalgamated the balance of their teams and finished a very creditable third.

The BOLEROS from Whitstable, the only junior team entered showed their seniors up by beating the 30 other entrants and GR:HAM LENNOX startled everyone by opening his last game with 7 strikes in row making a game of 239.

The Standard Kolster League from Bexley-heath entered no fewer than 4 teams and the ACES were in with a chance of the championship up to the third game but nevertheless finished joint 4th. Five small trophies were presented by the Kont Area to the best scoring ladies team and the recipients were the FIVE BELLES from Whitstable.

The heat of something like 300 bowlers and spectators was such that the lanes dried out very rapidly and whilst these conditions were very good experience for many of the entrants, these conditions explain why some players were in difficulty in attaining their usual form Will a home team win in 1966? It hasn't been done yet!

CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENTS FOR LEAGUES

Some Leagues have queried whother a tournament held within the league is automatically really by the league sanction or whether a special tournament sanction has to be obtained. Provided the tournament is held in accordance with the rules governing sanctioned league play, high score recognition etc is automatically extended in these circumstances and no special notification is automatically extended in these circumstances and no special notification is required by B.T.B.A. Novelty events, of course, would not be so covered, i.e. numbered pin games, rolling left handed, Scotch Doubles and the like. Tournaments of four or more games can be covered but only the first three games to are cligable for high series recognition unless 3 games are bowled on one pair of are cligable for high series recognition unless 3 games are bowled on one pair of lanes and say another 3 are rolled on a different pair when both series will be allowed. League Secretarys who are in doubt as to whether a tournament would be sanctioned should contact the Area Secretary or Bowl B.T.B.A. Representative for clarification.

THE "GET ACQUAINTED" DOUBLES

Accept entries from an equal number of men and lady bowlers. Luck of the draw will determine the partners or what might be better, match the sexes on the basis of their respective averages, i.e. the highest average man bowler with the lowest average lady. This tournament could be run on either a scratch or handicap basis and would be covered by the league sanction.

ALIBI TOURNAMENT

This is designed for the bowlers who always complain that they have "one bad game." The tournament simply consists of one 4 game series in which each participant is allowed to drop the game with the lowest score from his or her series. The league sanction would cover the tournament except that only the first three games relied would be allowed for a series award.

MEAD PIN TOURNAMENT

When you miss the headpin you have in fact missed half the lane! A good test of your ability is this tournament where only one ball need be used for each frame if you in fact miss the headpin with your first delivery. Providing you hit the head pin with your first ball you score normally. If you miss it however you score zero for the complete frame. Not sanctionable.

SCOTCH DOUBLES

There are two types of Scotch Doubles programmes that con be used:

1. The partners take alternate shots regardless of the situation.

2. One bowler throws the first ball in each frame and the partner rolls the second if it is necessary. In this case if the lead off strikes his partner does not roll again until a spare is required. This tournament is not sanctionable but can be good fun and of course the bowling rate is such that 6 games can be bowled for the price of three.

3-6-9 TOURNAMENT

This involves a regular game of bowling with the exception that each bowler is given a strike in the 3rd, the 6th. and the 9th. frames. By using less actual frames bowled a reduced bowling rate can be applied for and in fact 4 games could conceivably be rolled for the price of three. Not sanctionable.

LOW GAME

The object is to score as little as possible but to keep the ball on the lane. If the first ball in the frame is a gutter ball this counts as a strike and no second ball is rolled. If you gulley your second ball having knocked down at least one pin on your first delivery, this counts as a spare. A "perfect game" is 20 pins but of course a sanction is not possible!

NUMBERED PIN GAME

The highest score wins. The pin for the number of each frame, i.o. the head pin in the first frame, the number 2 pin in the second frame etc., must be knocked down for any score in that frame to count. If, for example, your first ball takes 7 pins but leaves the headpin standing you score nothing on this delivery. If your second ball, however, takes the headpin and the others left standing with it, the score for the frame is "3". It is NOT a spare. Apart from this strikes and spares count as normal provided the "numbered pin" is taken with the first ball.

CAN SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRIZES BE PURCHASED FROM LEAGUE FUNDS ?

This question is often asked. The short answer is "Yes" but with this qualification. Gifts or prizes for special occasions can be bought from the trophy fund but only if all the league are allowed to participate and only IF THEY ALL AGREE. One dissenter means that the idea must be abandoned. Before the league season begins bowlers have the option to refuse to bowl in the league if they object to any of the adopted rules. Once the season is under way, however, no such option exists and logically everyone should agree to what amounts to a change in the Constitution.

-- the largest tenpin bowling establishment in the World is the Willow Grove Park Lanes in Pennsylvania with 116 lanes. Next in line, subject to anything that has happened in Japan recently!, are the Edison Lanes of New Jersey with 112. If you book a game at control situated at one end of either Bowl and find you are scheduled to play at the other end, there is an added expense of 4d for the bus ride

-the Kent Area B.T.B.A. are to keep permanent record of high scores bowled in all types of sanctioned league or tournament play. In this way players will be made aware not only of the season's high scores but the all time scores to beat. It should be possible to publish these all time standings once a year in addition to the awards which are to be given for the high scores bowled each fiscal year, i.e. from 1st. September to 31st. August.

The Area are aware of all scores which have so far been published on the Area High Score List which commenced in March this year but it is known that higher scores had already been bowled in some instances prior to this service being instituted. An example is the 5 man team game record which is 987 on the listings but in actual facthe all time Area sscore is 1000 pins dead rolled by the CLANSMEN in the Bexleyheath Olympic League in Season 1964/5. The co-operation of all league secretarys(past or present), league captains and individuals is earnestly requested for the records to brought completely up to date. If anyone is aware of either a team or individual score bowled in the Kent Area by a registered Kent Area bowler or team they should advise the Area Secretary as soon as possible. Eligable scores will be readily apparant upon scrutiny of the Area High Score Standing Sheet published monthly in all Kent Area Bowling Establishments.

-Ken and Ker Wedel of Minneapolis recently rolled identical 599 series in th City's Tuesday Scratch League. Their league was not in the least surprised as the Wedels are identical twins!

--over 600 copies of "Bowling News" now go out to team captains every month. 48 leagues are now sanctioned within the Area with a membership total of over 1200. Bexleyheath, Cliftonville and Whitstable have a 100% league programme and members are still coming in at a fast rate.

KENT COUNTY TRAVELLING LEAGUE - POSITION STANDINGS

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1.	WHITSTABLE CLASSICS	13	2	12666	844	966	2633	26
2.	WHITSTABLE OYSTERS	11	4	12350	823	902	2543	22
3.	CHATHAM LIONS	9	6	12258	817	893	2566	18
4.	CHATHAM TIGERS	7	8	11778	785	877	2521	14
5.	CLIFTONVILLE MASTERS	6	9	12183	812	920	2699	12
6.	BEXLEYHEATH AMBASSADORS	6	9	12019	801	895	2550	12
7.	BEXLEYHEATH COURIERS	5	10	11821	788	879	2510	10
8.	CLIFTONVILLE KINGPINS	3	12	11322	755	847	2456	6

On the subject of the Kent County League we understand that Mr. PAT HEATHER, the Manager of Chatham Bowl has suggested that a Ladies Kent Travelling be formed to roll with or following the men's league. All who are interested should contact Mr. Heather c/o Top Rank Bowl, Watling Street, Chatham, Kent; tele; Medway 51181.

KENT AREA ASSOCIATION OF THE B.T.B.A.

Many members are still not certain who their local Area B.T.B.A. Officers are and to bring their names to your notice the names are indicated below. Do not hesitate to contact any one of these "gentlemen" should you have a problem or should you require help of any kind on bowling matters:-

PRESIDENT

: RAY PRICE of WHITSTABLE

lst. VICE PRESIDENT : BRIAN MORRISON of BELLEYHEATH

2nd. VICE PRESIDENT : RON GLASSON of CHATHAM

3rd. VICE PRESIDENT : GEOFF HARRISON of CHATHAM

SECRETARY/TREASURER : BRIAN LANGFORD - UNATTACHED! EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: : BILL SHEER of CHATHAM

: JIM INGRAM & BRIAN SNOOK of WHITSTABLE

: BILL KANE of BEXLEYHEATH

: TOM BALLINGALL & DICK COOK of CLIFTONVILLE