

# SATURDAY PAIRS

The second of this continuous tournament has now been completed and the third one commences on 7th. June for a further four weeks. The tournament is an open one and anybody can enter either the 11.30a.m. squad or the 3.30p.m. squad each Saturday. The winning scores were again high with both first and second places hitting well over a 200 average.

1. BRIAN NEWSON & NORMAN ROBERTS	1218	£10. 0.0d
2. FRED SHRIMPTON & BOB WILSON	1211	£ 5.10.0d
3. JOHN HABBERLEY & PAUL STEVENS	1180	£ 3.10.0d
4. JOHN HELPS & VAUGHAN CLARKE	1179	£ 1. 5.0d
5. BRIAN NEWSON & NORMAN ROBERTS	1155	
6. BUZZ MORRISON & PAT DUGGAN	1145	
7. LES BEDDEN & BERNARD FISHER	1140	
8. BUZZ MORRISON & ALAN CHAPMAN	1132	
9. BILL BRIDGE & ERIC BAKER	1131	
10. ALAN CHAPMAN & ALAN WILKINSON	1114	

## MANSFIELD'S YEAR

BOBBY MANSFIELD is one of the most experienced bowlers in this country and a player who has been in the forefront of the game since the very early days. Some of us will remember those wonderful matches on television in the early sixties against the seasoned Lee Kates when Bob, as a Leytonstone junior, more than held his own. In latter years, however, whilst he has been playing just as well the name Mansfield seemed buried amongst the considerable talent of the team that he leads, the Wembley All Stars and international honours in World and European Championships somehow escaped him.

The year 1969, however, tells a very different story and he can no longer be overlooked. Playing magnificently he currently holds a 57 game average of 205 in the Dagenham Masters League and having been selected as playing captain of the Great Britain team to compete in the European Championships in Copenhagen this month he will also captain Essex in the BTBA Inter County Championships, where in the first qualifying round, he opened with a 724 three game series! Three days later in the Masters league he hit a 704 including a game of 289 with ten strikes in a row.

Despite his considerable knowledge and experience in the sport Bob remains with the same size hat and in addition is a very likeable bloke and a real sportsman in every sense of the word.

S.E.B.A. wish you the very best of luck Bob in the major competitions in front of you and your teams.

### A HELL OF A WAY TO START

Having completed their schedule in the Bexleyheath Remington League the 'other half' of The Committee decided to join their team mates in the Dagenham Masters League. Calling themselves the Committee Comets, the name under which they won the Kessex Trios last December, MICK COPE, ALAN WILKINSON and ALAN CHAPMAN wondered how they would fare in the illustrious company of such as the Wembley All Stars, Nomads, Frontliners etc etc. They need not have concerned themselves! On the very first night they opened with the second biggest trios set recorded in the Area - a mighty 1867! Mick Cope led with 626, Alan Wilkinson held up the middle on 608 including a closing game of 256 and Alan Chapman anchored with 633. The teams final game was a 670. All the boys now have a 200 plus average with which to commence their new venture. Well done and may this 1800 set be the first of many.

# New 6 Game WORLD Record

Bowling in the Northern Illinois All Star Tournament elimination rounds TOM RIPPENTROP, a 30 year old amateur set a new World Record for a 6 game series on lines of 266 - 256 - 300 - 254 - 225 - 279 for a total of 1580 - average just over 263! Rippentrop, an auto assembly line worker, beat the previous mark of 1568 held by well known pro-bowler Billy Welu. Like BEV ORTNER, the first woman to bowl an 800 series, Tom Rippentrop was using a new ball - again the Dick Weber All-Pro.

Another American bowler to hit the high spots recently is Chicagoan KEN VINCEK. Every season a dozen or so perfect games are rolled in this famous bowling metropolis and most of them by obscure bowlers who have one night of glory. When 23 years old Vincek hit a 300 game, therefore, the blase city were not particularly impressed. When he again bowled 12 in a row a few days later for his second perfect game a few eyebrows raised but nothing more. When he hit his third 300, however, and then a fourth all in the space of 36 days the superlatives really started to flow. Ken now hopes to turn professional and compete on the star studded Professional Bowling Association's tour. If he keeps this form up he should do well!

## ONE BOWLER - TWO AVERAGES

A bowler who broke his right arm started a recent league season in America bowling lefthanded. He wrote to the American Bowling Congress rules department, wondering if it wasn't unfair to force him to use his previous year's average, acquired right-handed, for handicap purposes. The Congress agreed, pointing out that each year there are other bowlers confronted with the same problem where an injury makes them have to change the hand with which they usually play. In such cases the ABC said, a new average is accepted. Back came the following note:

"Since you wrote that I can use my lefthanded average my arm has healed and I am bowling right-handed again. So can you please clear up another question. Seeing that I have a right-handed average from last year and a lefthanded average this season, is there any reason why I can't alternate frames in my Area Tournament and be my own doubles partner?" The request was denied.

## A RHYME FROM SOUTHEND

I rolled my ball - got nine  
I rolled my ball - got seven  
I rolled my ball - got three  
I rolled my ball - into the sea!

Remember, bowlers, that half the people aren't interested in hearing about your bowling troubles - and the other half are delighted that you are at last getting what you deserve!

NOVICE: "Can you show me how to pick up the 10 pin?"

BOWLER: "No, but thanks for the compliment!"



"Here comes Fred with the old 'handicap.'"

# ANNIVERSARY TRIOS TOURNAMENT

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Entry Forms for this one are out and should be forwarded to the Tournament Manager, TOM BALLINGALL as soon as possible and certainly before closing date - 15th. June. The tournament is on SUNDAY, 22nd. JUNE and has sections both for scratch and handicap teams. An error has occurred on the form and averages declared should be your current ones over a minimum of 21 games in any league, sanctioned or not. Handicaps will be 66% of the difference between your highest average and 200

with a maximum of 40 pins for men and 50 pins for women per game.  
SEE YOU AT CLIFTONVILLE FOR THIS ONE!

## 1969 TRIPLE CROWN

England once again captured the honours in the four cornered International at Magnet Bowl Poole, on the weekend of 12/13 April. The Wessex Area Association acting as hosts on behalf of England did a grand job in seeing to every one's needs, and the Management prepared a first class Centre for the 'battle'. The Saturday started with the singles. BRIAN LEVER, TONY SAMUELS and RON DEACON all bowled well for the England Men and RENE McCULLOCH, TINA HITCHMAN and WYN COLLISON rolling a 583, 544 and 540 respectively to give England an early lead. WYN celebrated her England captaincy by driving the wrong way up a one way street on the Friday evening to register a 'head pin strike' on the front of her 'mini' on a surprised motorist coming the correct way.

However, it apparently did not affect her bowling too much as with MEG COOMBES they put England further ahead with a Doubles series of 1091 and KIM WHEELER and ANN GARRETT a close second.

The Men's Doubles produced more individual achievements than team efforts but enough was done by the England bowlers to hold a lead of eight points over Ireland at this stage.

In the Trios event, Englands line-up of DAVE POND, JOHN DAWSON and RON DEACON produced a 1742, followed in 2nd place by TONY SAMUELS, ALEX CAMPONI and BRIAN LEVER with 1713.

The England Ladies combination of MEG COOMBES, TINA HITCHMAN and RENE McCULLOCH romped away with a 1632 total in which TINA hit a healthy 603 set. So Saturdays bowling was completed with England lengthening her lead by some 38 points.

The Saturday evening saw the now usual Banquet, at which everyone had an enjoyable time, and the opportunity was afforded to the Tenpin Writers to make their annual 'Bowlers of the Year' Awards, this time to MEG COOMBES and TERRY SULLIVAN, introduced in his own particular style by GRAHAM FISHER of the Manchester Express.

So after a few hours sleep off they went again, London based Scot., TOMMY MARSHALL showed no ill effects from his dancing efforts the previous evening by hitting a 623 in the 4 man team event, England men very quietly helped themselves to a few more bonus points but were not supported by the ladies this time, but the overall system still allowed England to keep their 38 point lead on entering the 5 man event, which they then proceeded to lengthen to a final 60 points lead over their nearest rivals Ireland.

The Final Event of the weekend - The All Events Play off - saw three England Ladies in the final eight and four England Men in their eight. In the Mens Section JOE McNALLY of Ireland took top place with TONY SAMUELS a good runner-up. JOHN DAWSON, ALEX CAMPONI & BRIAN LEVER finished in 4th 5th and 7th places respectively. Top English Ladies performer was KIM WHEELER who finished 5th with TINA HITCHMAN 6th and WYN Collison 8th. TILLY CAMPBELL of Scotland took the Ladies' Title with a grand 185 average.

So ended another phase of the now established Competition, and all that remains is the looking forward to the trip next year to the fourth host - Ireland.

### ENGLAND TEAMS:

Dave Pond; Alex Camponi; Brian Lever; John Dawson;  
Ron Deacon; Tony Samuels, Harold King (Manager);  
Bernie Caterer; Jeoff Liddiard; Dave Taylor.

Ann Garrett; Tina Hitchman; Rene McCulloch;  
Wyn Collison; Kim Wheeler; Meg Coombes.

If your League is extending it's season through the Summer you do NOT require another Sanction Form completed BUT YOU MUST ADVISE BRIAN LANGFORD at 111, Vigilant Way, Riverview Park, Gravesend, Kent IN WRITING of the new dates and any changes in League Officers. Also tell him the size of the teams for the Summer schedule. ENSURE THAT YOUR LEAGUE SANCTION REMAINS OPERATIVE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS and should you have any problems contact your BTBA Bowl Representative who is there to assist. Remember that new members pay only the Summer rate dues of TEN SHILLINGS - valid until 31st. August.



'SUMMER LEAGUE'

# ESSEX TRIALS

No fewer than 68 men and women entered their Essex Trials to attempt to qualify for the County in the BTBA Inter County Championships. Some magnificent bowling was witnessed, particularly during the first leg at ABC Dagenham, when over the six games WILL CLARKE of the home centre came out on top with 1260 for an average of 210! Close on his heels was Harlow's JOHN WYNDHAM with 1240 and BOBBY MANSFIELD (who opened with a 3 game set of 704) on 1231 with GRAHAM CURTIS from Southend with 1215. CHRIS WINTER from Walton together with TERRY SAUNDERS, DEL BROUGH, RAY COLE and ERIC BAKER from Dagenham all finished with a high 1100 and the top ten from round one, in fact, came out with the amazing composite average over 60 games of 199!

The second leg at Walton Pier Bowl, whilst not quite so spectacular, still produced excellent bowling with ROBIN GARTON, Walton, MICK BURRIDGE, Southend and RAY HOOK, Dagenham all winning their way through to the final ten, who are all shown on the front page of this issue together with the lady qualifiers. Nothing spectacular from the fair sex but a word for MO BINGHAM who made the long haul from Nottingham on both week-ends to qualify for the county of her birth.

Drawn against the county teams of Hertfordshire, London and Middlesex in their zonal competition Essex have one of the toughest tasks to qualify for the grand finals. With bowling of the calibre shown in the trials, however, they must go in as one of the strong favourites to capture the title.

## 600 Club

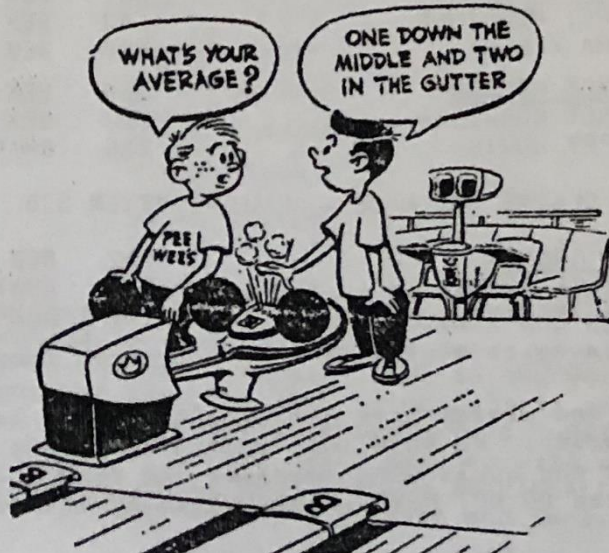
Latest members:-

BUZZ MORRISON	BEX	631
GRAHAM LENNOX	WHIT	616
JOHN WALLACE	SOU	631
BILL HALL	BEX	625
GERRY WARD	SOU	619
TEDDY TINLING	BEX	607
PETER CHAPMAN	CHAT	638
RAY SINGER	WHIT	604
DAVID NASH	SOU	615
PETER TOPLISS	CHAT	617
MIKE JOLLIFFE	CHAT	615
ROGER EVANS	CHAT	603
FRED FOUNTAIN	DAG	605
VAUGHAN CLARKE	DAG	616
JOYCE WILSON	BEX	603
PAUL STEVENS	BEX	610
STEWART ASH	BEX	601

## 200 Club

Latest members:-

TONY BRADLEY	BEX
PERCY SMITH	CHAT
MIKE AUVRAY	BEX
MARY WEBB	BEX
DAVE SMITH	BEX
ROB CLARK	BEX
GRAHAM RALPH	CHAT
LESLIE WOOD	CHAT
PAM MALYAN	BEX
A.L. GILBY	CHAT
ADRIAN WILLIAMS	WHIT
IAN ROSS	BEX
BILL YOUNG	BEX
PETE BROWN	BEX
JIM SIMPSON	WHIT
SHIRLEY SIMPSON	CLIF
WIN HOULT	CLIF
GORDON WEST	WHIT
ROGER DALTON	CHAT
DES JOHNSON	CHAT
PAM BRYANT	BEX
ROGER ELLIS	BEX
ADRIAN NEALE	BEX
BILLIE ETHERINGTON	CHAT
IAN DAWSON	CHAT



BOWLER: "I think my new ball is rubbing my thumb too much."

MANAGER: "What makes you think so?"

BOWLER: "I can feel it rubbing, and you can even see the place where it's irritated. See it? Right there under the blood!"

# AREA HI'S!

FOR PERIOD ENDING 31st. MAY 1969

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	BIG W's	2941*	SOU		
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	2895	HAR		
		NOMADS	2883	CLIF		
	1 GAME	CHESSMEN	1052*	HAR		
		BIG W's	1025	SOU		
		SCORPIONS	1019	BEX		
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	NOMADS	2248	BEX		
		ROUGHNECKS	2188	CHAT		
		THE COMMITTEE	2168	BEX		
	1 GAME	ROUGHNECKS	810	CHAT		
		THE COMMITTEE	767	BEX		
		NOMADS	758	BEX		
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	WEMBLEY ALL STARS	1874*	DAG		
		COMMITTEE COMETS	1867	DAG		
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	1822	DAG		
	1 GAME	POTMEN	676*	BEX		
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	674	DAG		
		COMMITTEE COMETS	670	DAG		
	1 GAME	WEMBLEY ALL STARS	670	DAG		
		MIXED/LADIES DOUBLES	3 GAMES	BERYL & FRED SHRIMPTON	1194	BEX
				MYRA KELSEY/ALF ROGERS	1147	BEX
		DOLLY HART/NORMA BRIDGE	1141	DAG		
	1 GAME	MYRA KELSEY/ALF ROGERS	446	BEX		
		DOROTHY & TED CULLEN	441	WHIT		
		BERYL & FRED SHRIMPTON	429	BEX		
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	PHIL CAIRNS/TED MURRAY	1230*	DAG		
		BILL BRIDGE/ERIC BAKER	1222	BEX		
		BRIAN NEWSON/NORMAN ROBERTS	1218	BEX		
	1 GAME	BRIAN NEWSON/NORMAN ROBERTS	483*	BEX		
		BRIAN NEWSON/NORMAN ROBERTS	482	BEX		
		PHIL CAIRNS/TED MURRAY	467	DAG		
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	BOBBY MANSFIELD	724	DAG		
		BOBBY MANSFIELD	704	DAG		
		DAVE READ	693	SOU		
	1 GAME	BOBBY MANSFIELD	289	DAG		
		FRED NORTH	279	SOU		
		DAVE TURNER	267	BEX		
		JESS COOPER	267	CHAT		
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	JANET MORRISON	669*	BEX		
		JANET MORRISON	643	BEX		
		MYRA KELSEY	618	BEX		
	1 GAME	JOYCE WILSON	266	BEX		
		JANET MORRISON	262	BEX		
		POPPY HOWIS	256	CHAT		
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3 GAMES	NO CLAIMS YET MADE - QUALIFICATION 525				
		1 GAME	LES INGRAM	242	BEX	
			LESLIE WOOD	220	CHAT	
LES INGRAM	207		BEX			

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\*Area Record

Following last month's plea a few claims have come in for Junior high games but still nothing for series. We know that some of our young members have bowled well over the qualifying total of 525 this year - send the forms in. The scores DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE BEEN BOWLED IN JUNIOR LEAGUES.