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**IT'S ALL HAPPENING !**

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**Our Sport - Official**

**British Girls In U.S.A.**

**687 - Colin Pepler Jnr.**

**3 New Internationals**

**Triple Crown**



# Norma Bridge Tragedy

In the early hours of Thursday morning, 21st May, Norma Bridge was killed in a road accident while returning from Assistant Manager duty at the ABC Bowl, Dagenham. Three others also lost their life including centre mechanic Colin Wesson. Norma, wife of Nomad's skipper Bill Bridge, was only in her middle thirties and will long be remembered as one of the nicest people in bowling. She always had a smile and a pleasant word for everyone and she will be sorely missed both at Dagenham and at Bexleyheath where she had bowled in league for the past five years. Norma was Bexleyheath House Champion in 1967, rolled the highest series in the land in 1968 - a fabulous 678, and with Myra Kelsey and Janet Morrison represented Bexleyheath in the Ladies London League where they broke National records galore. In latter years she had concentrated more on the administrative side of the game and had always been a first class instructor, particularly with children. An A.M.F. Forum Instructor her knowledge of the game proved to the benefit of many. Our deepest sympathies go out to Bill Bridge and her great friend John Paull, who was the only witness to the tragic occurrence.

## 600 Club

LATEST MEMBERS:-

VAUGHAN CLARKE	HARLOW	619	JIM FAIRBRASS	BASILDON	615
ERIC TERRY	WHITS	605	KEN WOOD	CLIFTON	654
PETER HAWES	BASILDON	600	GRAHAM CHILD	CHATHAM	600
JES MORLEY	BASILDON	624	JOHN SHADE	SOUTHEND	653
JIM MIDDLEDITCH	BEXLEY	611	STAN SHRIMPTON	PEXLEY	607
VERA ROPER	BEXLEY	603	BOB BROWN	HARLOW	605
COLIN ROWLAND	SOUTHEND	601	HARRY ADELSTON	SOUTHEND	613
ALAN SAMUELS	SOUTHEND	618	STEVE WEHRLE	CLIFTON	612
MYRA KELSEY	BEXLEY	602	ANNE SIMMONS	CLIFTON	632
DENNIS WALKER	CHATHAM	611	JIM CARPENTER	CLIFTON	610
DENNIS LYNCH	CLIFTON	602	PAUL CRUNDLE	CLIFTON	623
BILL STREET	SOUTHEND	621	BOB POORE	SOUTHEND	620
VICKY TIMMS	CLIFTON	627	MIKE WARD	BASILDON	664
ERIC AUSTIN	BEXLEY	611	COLIN PEPLER	CHATHAM	687

The first 50 members have received their 1970 badges - the remainder will be forwarded as soon as the second order is delivered by the manufacturers.

## 200 Club

LATEST MEMBERS:-

JANICE HOADLEY	BEXLEYHEATH	FRED CHEESMAN	BEXLEYHEATH
ALEX HOSKINS	BEXLEYHEATH	BRIAN SMITH	BEXLEYHEATH
MIKE DOCKRELL	CHATHAM	JAMES GREEN	CHATHAM
W. HAMS	CLIFTONVILLE	DAVE GRANT	BEXLEYHEATH
BOB PRETT	CLIFTONVILLE	CHRIS VEASLEY	CLIFTONVILLE
DAVID GABRIEL	CLIFTONVILLE	CHRIS NAYLER	CLIFTONVILLE
BRIAN BRETT	CHATHAM	JOHN COLGATE	BEXLEYHEATH
FRED DUNLEA	BEXLEYHEATH	LINDA TURNER	BEXLEYHEATH
JOE SHEPPARD	HARLOW	ERIC AUSTIN	BEXLEYHEATH
PETER DENSON	CHATHAM	RITA FULFORD	SOUTHEND
FRANK HODGE	CHATHAM		

Those members who have not received their badges are asked to be patient - another delivery is expected any time now from the manufacturers.

### STOP PRESS:

Yet more 700 series - late news just as we went to press - ALAN NORRIS bowling in the Bexleyheath Guys & Dolls recorded a 710 set to pace his team to a new Area Record Mixed Doubles Series of 1236. VI STRAWSON backed him well with 526. The Dagenham Masters and the second super set from COLIN PRESLAND - this time 713. Fuller details in next month's issue.



# Area Champs 1970 !

As forecast the 8th. Annual S.E.B.A. Championships were the biggest yet! No fewer than 224 singles were bowled together with 141 doubles and 56 five person teams. 144 entered the All Events and the total prize fund without a sponsorship of any kind was a record £600 all but a few shillings. The team event and doubles were bowled on the second floor of the ABC Bowl, Bexleyheath against new pins and scores were more difficult to come by than usual. The singles were played exclusively on the lower level against pins that had been used before and it was on lanes 1-12 that the big series came. A report, division by division, is given below and the scratch scores are official but the handicap totals are UNRATIFIED at this stage.

Our thanks to all members for the wonderful support for our championships which makes them the largest of their kind in Great Britain, to the legion of official scorers without whom an event of this size would be impossible, to Alan Chapman, Colin Crowther, Brian Newson, Doris and Bill Ainger who all worked so hard over the two day event, to the others who gave their time and energies and to the bowl management team of Buzz Morrison, Ron Hills, Don MacNaughton and Mrs. Fisher who coped so very well with all our needs. And last but not least to chief mechanic Alan Wilkinson and his team who did a wonderful job in completing the whole tournament without a single stoppage of any kind.

## REGULAR ALL EVENTS SCRATCH

1. LES GEORGE	DAGENHAM	1799	£21. 0. Od.
2. GERRY WARD	SOUTHEND	1748	10. 0. Od.
3. MICK BURRIDGE	SOUTHEND	1731	6. 0. Od.
4. TERRY GAIGER	WHITSTABLE	1723	5. 0. Od.
5. JOHN SHADE	SOUTHEND	1685	4. 0. Od.
6. BOB TOMKINS	BEXLEYHEATH	1681	
7. ALAN WILKINSON	BEXLEYHEATH	1658	
8. JIM INGRAM	WHITSTABLE	1647	
9. RAY HOOK	DAGENHAM	1643	
10. ALAN SAMUELS	SOUTHEND	1633	
ROGER EVANS	CHATHAM	1633	

With series of 558-602 and 639 in singles, doubles and team respectively Les George was a very worthy winner of the scratch crown with an average of 200 over the nine games played. Unlike the majority of bowlers Les played better against the new pins than against the older ones. A Championship Record winning score.

## REGULAR ALL EVENTS HANDICAP

1. LES GEORGE	DAGENHAM	1859	£25. 0. Od.
2. TERRY GAIGER	WHITSTABLE	1855	11. 0. Od.
3. ROB WHITE	CHATHAM	1840	5. 0. Od.
4. JIM INGRAM	WHITSTABLE	1821	3.10. Od.
5. DEN KITE	CHATHAM	1821	3.10. Od.
6. ROGER EVANS	CHATHAM	1813	3. 0. Od.
7. PAUL CRUNDLE	CLIFTONVILLE	1797	
8. ALAN WILKINSON	BEXLEYHEATH	1790	
9. BOB WILSON	BEXLEYHEATH	1787	
10. BILL CONNOR	BASILDON	1781	

Les George's scratch score was also enough to take the handicap section despite Les entering off a 190 average! Terry Gaiger came in very close as did young Rob White who played very well indeed despite being only 15 years of age!

## LADIES ALL EVENTS SCRATCH

1. VERA PEACOCK	BEXLEYHEATH	1649	£6.10. Od.
2. JOYCE WILSON	BEXLEYHEATH	1525	2. 0. Od.
3. JOYCE HOWELL	BEXLEYHEATH	1524	
POPPY HOWIS	CHATHAM	1524	
5. DOREEN CULLEN	WHITSTABLE	1484	

With series of 593 in Singles, 543 in Doubles and 513 in Team Vera Peacock never had any serious challengers in this division which she won by 124 pins. A very fine effort and a new Tournament winning record score.



LADIES ALL EVENTS HANDICAP

1. JOYCE HOWELL	BEXLEYHEATH	1908	£10. 0.0d.
2. VERA PEACOCK	BEXLEYHEATH	1877	5. 0.0d.
3. POPPY HOWIS	CHATHAM	1776	2. 0.0d.
4. ELSIE NAYLER	CLIFTONVILLE	1764	
5. JOYCE WILSON	BEXLEYHEATH	1763	

An example of how championships can be won by the lower average bowler. Joyce Howell has been in the bowling doldrums for quite a long time but found her form just at the right time to take the all events title despite a current average of 136. Another tournament record winning score. A word of condolence to Elsie Nayler who just missed the prize money in this event and would have finished in second position in the scratch all events but didn't think she was good enough to enter! Don't underestimate yourself next time Elsie!

REGULAR TEAM SCRATCH

1. L'ATTELAGE	SOUTHEND	2763	£36. 0.0d.
2. NOMADS	DAGENHAM	2703	15.15.0d.
3. SUEMARK HELMSMEN	WHITSTABLE	2701	10. 0.0d.
4. TINY'S RADIO TAXIS	SOUTHEND	2625	
5. EAGLES	BASILDON	2588	
6. CLIFTONVILLE ALL STARS	CLIFTONVILLE	2570	
7. THE RAPIERS	DAGENHAM	2569	
8. THE COMMITTEE	BEXLEYHEATH	2564	
9. TANAUTS	WHITSTABLE	2553	
10. SILVER ROLLERS	DAGENHAM	2523	

A battle royal here with the first four teams coming from the final squad on the second Sunday. Both L'Attelage and the Helmsmen opened the proceedings with games over the 1,000 mark and a number of big 900's also came in before the close.

REGULAR TEAM HANDICAP

1. SUEMARK HELMSMEN	WHITSTABLE	2975	£40. 0.0d.
2. L'ATTELAGE	SOUTHEND	2959	20. 0.0d.
3. S & K ACES	BEXLEYHEATH	2934	12. 0.0d.
4. BARBARIANS	BEXLEYHEATH	2918	5. 0.0d.
5. HARLOW JETS	HARLOW	2891	
6. JESTERS	CHATHAM	2866	
7. TANAUTS	WHITSTABLE	2857	
8. CHATHAM CLASSICS	CHATHAM	2847	
9. NOMADS	DAGENHAM	2843	
10. THE ROGUÉS	CHATHAM	2842	

LADIES TEAM SCRATCH

1. THE GEMS	DAG/BEX	2407	£10. 0.0d.
2. ASTROMAIDS	BEXLEYHEATH	2359	
3. TRIDENT PETS	CLIFTONVILLE	2350	
4. LADYBIRDS	WHITSTABLE	2312	

LADIES TEAM HANDICAP

1. THE GEMS	DAG/BEX	2865	£14. 0.0d.
2. CHATHAM HOUSE LADIES	CHATHAM	2846	5. 5.0d.
3. ASTROMAIDS	BEXLEYHEATH	2767	
4. TRIDENT PETS	CLIFTONVILLE	2764	
5. LADYBIRDS	WHITSTABLE	2742	

The Gems consisted of three ladies from Dagenham and two from the home centre and the combination, as can be seen, was most successful as they took both scratch and handicap titles.



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REGULAR DOUBLES SCRATCH

1. LES GEORGE & RAY HOOK	DAGENHAM	1165	£30. 0.0d.
2. WILL CLARKE & BILL BRIDGE	DAGENHAM	1155	16. 0.0d.
3. JOHN SHADE & BILL STREET	SOUTHEND	1138	6.12.0d.
BOB WREN & BILLY PRESTON	DAGENHAM	1138	6.12.0d.
5. BERNIE FISHER & VAUGHAN CLARKE	BEXLEYHEATH	1130	3. 0.0d.
6. TONY CROSBIE & KEITH LUXTON	WHITSTABLE	1110	2. 0.0d.
7. TERRY SAUNDERS & RAY COLE	DAGENHAM	1105	
8. MICK BURRIDGE & GERRY WARD	SOUTHEND	1104	
9. NORMAN ROBERTS & BOB TOMKINS	BEXLEYHEATH	1089	
10. ROGER BRIGHT & ALAN SAMUELS	SOUTHEND	1080	

The Nomads took the top two positions in this event with very solid series of 602-563-568-587 respectively. This team has now won every major doubles event held at Bexleyheath over the past two years and this format at Bexleyheath is 'affectionately' known as a 'Nomads Benifit'.

REGULAR DOUBLES HANDICAP

1. BERNIE FISHER & VAUGHAN CLARKE	BEXLEYHEATH	1272	£30. 0.0d.
2. BOB WREN & BILLY PRESTON	DAGENHAM	1260	16. 0.0d.
3. TONY CROSBIE & KEITH LUXTON	WHITSTABLE	1242	7. 0.0d.
4. LES BEDDEN & MIKE EDWARDS	BEXLEYHEATH	1218	5. 0.0d.
5. WILL CLARKE & BILL BRIDGE	DAGENHAM	1217	4. 0.0d.
6. PETER HOWELL & CHRIS RAGGETT	BEXLEYHEATH	1216	3. 3.0d.
7. LES GEORGE & RAY HOOK	DAGENHAM	1207	2.12.6d.
BRIAN SNOOK & JIM INGRAM	WHITSTABLE	1207	2.12.6d.
9. GARY DUNCAN & JOHN BUSHELL	CHATHAM	1205	2. 0.0d.
10. JOHN SAWYER & MICK NAYLER	CLIFTONVILLE	1199	1. 0.0d.
TERRY SAUNDERS & RAY COLE	DAGENHAM	1199	1. 0.0d.

With Bernie Fisher rolling 556 with a handicap of 80 and Vaughan Clarke hitting 574 plus a handicap of 62 this section was never really in doubt although the second and third placings did well to come as close as they did. Another Tournament Record winning score.

LADIES DOUBLES SCRATCH

1. PAT GORDON & JOYCE HOWELL	DAG/BEX	1021	£8. 0.0d.
2. BERYL SHRIMPTON & VERA PEACOCK	BEXLEYHEATH	1012	
3. MYRA KELSEY & PIP SHEER	BEXLEYHEATH	988	
4. PAT BOYD & JOYCE WILSON	BEXLEYHEATH	987	
5. ANNE SIMMONS & VICKY TIMMS	CLIFTONVILLE	979	

LADIES DOUBLES HANDICAP

1. PAT GORDON & JOYCE HOWELL	DAG/BEX	1225	£9. 0.0d.
2. GRACE KNOWLES & AUDREY WHITE	CHATHAM	1174	5. 0.0d.
3. BERYL SHRIMPTON & VERA PEACOCK	BEXLEYHEATH	1172	2. 2.0d.
4. BERYL TOPP & TRUDY SEARLES	BEXLEYHEATH	1166	
5. SHIELA ELVES & JEAN CONNOR	BASILDON	1165	

The Dagenham/Bexleyheath combination of Pat Gordon and Joyce Howell played very well in this section to win both scratch and handicap titles. Only in the scratch section where Vera Peacock made her only error of the whole championships in missing her tenth frame spare were they ever under pressure

REGULAR SINGLES SCRATCH

1. MICK BURRIDGE	SOUTHEND	681	£22. 0.0d.
2. GERRY WARD	SOUTHEND	646	11. 0.0d.
3. ALAN WILKINSON	BEXLEYHEATH	635	6. 0.0d.
4. BOB TOMKINS	BEXLEYHEATH	624	4. 0.0d.
5. JES MORLEY	BASILDON	613	3. 0.0d.
6. ALF ROGERS	BEXLEYHEATH	610	3. 0.0d.
7. JACK MORTON	BEXLEYHEATH	602	2. 2.0d.
8. VAUGHAN CLARKE	HARLOW	582	2. 0.0d.
9. JOHN ELDER	CLIFTONVILLE	575	1. 0.0d.
RAMANO MORELLI	CLIFTONVILLE	575	1. 0.0d.
11. ERIC DAVIS	BEXLEYHEATH	574	1. 0.0d.
12. DEREK COLLIS	BEXLEYHEATH	573	1. 0.0d.

Wonderful bowling in this section with again a new Tournament Record winning score. The top seven places all averaged over 200.



### REGULAR SINGLES HANDICAP

1. SYD EVANS	BEXLEYHEATH	683	£20. 0.0d.
2. ALAN WILKINSON	BEXLEYHEATH	679	8. 0.0d.
3. BOB TOMKINS	BEXLEYHEATH	654	5. 5.0d.
4. JES MORLEY	BASILDON	651	4. 0.0d.
5. JACK MORTON	BEXLEYHEATH	646	3. 0.0d.
6. VAUGHAN CLARKE	HARLOW	644	2.11.0d.
ALF ROGERS	BEXLEYHEATH	644	2.11.0d.
8. DAVE VIDLER	BASILDON	638	2. 0.0d.
9. BOB WILSON	BEXLEYHEATH	633	1.10.0d.
ROB WHITE	CHATHAM	633	1.10.0d.
11. MIKE WHITE	CHATHAM	630	1. 0.0d.
12. PETER TOPLISS	CHATHAM	628	1. 0.0d.
13. TONY BROCKWELL	DAGENHAM	627	1. 0.0d.
14. DEREK COLLIS	BEXLEYHEATH	625	1. 0.0d.
DEREK ROPER	BEXLEYHEATH	625	1. 0.0d.
16. JOHN HOLYER	CLIFTONVILLE	624	1. 0.0d.
17. ERIC DAVIS	BEXLEYHEATH	620	
LEN KIDD	SOUTHEND	620	
19. LES BEDDEN	BEXLEYHEATH	617	
BILL AINGER	BASILDON	617	
JOHN ELDER	CLIFTONVILLE	617	

With a scratch series of 609 Syd Evans - off the final squad - made this year's singles title his own after it had appeared all day that Alan Wilkinson had added to Area title to his National ones.

### LADIES SINGLES SCRATCH

1. VERA PEACOCK	BEXLEYHEATH	593	£7. 0.0d.
2. GWEN WILLIAMS	CHATHAM	555	2. 0.0d.
3. ANNE SIMMONS	CLIFTONVILLE	545	
4. POPPY HOWIS	CHATHAM	534	
5. PAT BOYD	BEXLEYHEATH	533	

### LADIES SINGLES HANDICAP

1. VERA PEACOCK	BEXLEYHEATH	669	£8. 8.0d.
2. GWEN WILLIAMS	CHATHAM	643	4. 0.0d.
3. PAT BOYD	BEXLEYHEATH	623	2. 0.0d.
4. SHIELA ELVES	BASILDON	620	1. 1.0d.
5. GWEN COVENEY	WHITSTABLE	618	1. 0.0d.
POPPY HOWIS	CHATHAM	618	1. 0.0d.
7. ANNE SIMMONS	CLIFTONVILLE	615	
8. TRUDY SEARLES	BEXLEYHEATH	598	
9. JEAN BAILEY	BEXLEYHEATH	591	
10. DOREEN CULLEN	WHITSTABLE	590	

Fine bowling by the ladies in these divisions with Vera Peacock a deserved winner in both sections.

### SUMMER LEAGUES

League Secretaries please note - a copy of the League Final Standing Sheet must be sent to the Area Secretary upon completion of your Winter Schedule. League Champions Badges and Achievement Awards cannot be issued until this is done.

Advise the Area Secretary also of your Summer League. He needs to know the number of teams bowling, the number of players in each team, any changes in the League Officers and the starting and finishing dates. Don't assume that your league is automatically sanctioned for the Summer - it isn't until you give these details in writing.

### S.E.B.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Area Annual General Meeting has been called at Chatham on Sunday, 28th. June to coincide with the Kent round of the 1970 Inter-Counties Championships. Full details next month but meanwhile elect your league delegate and give the Area Secretary his/her name before 21st. June.



# SEBA'S 7 National Titles

Yes no fewer than seven National titles for S.E.B.A. members! Three for Bexleyheath House Champion and Chief Mechanic ALAN WILKINSON and two for ANNE SIMMONS of Cliftonville, our latest England International. One each for BARRY WRIGHT and the CHATHAM HOUSE LADIES. Very well done all of you! Going down the full list of prize winners we find that the astounding total of £776 has been won by our members out of a total prize fund of £2,461 - over ONE THIRD! Definitely S.E.B.A.'s Nationals.

## REGULAR ALL EVENTS HANDICAP

Champion:	ALAN WILKINSON	BEXLEYHEATH	1891	£80. 0. Od.
Runner-up:	JAMES SNYDER	CRAWLEY	1862	40. 0. Od.
3rd.	T. WOLF	BELLE VUE	1856	20. 0. Od.

Other S.E.B.A. bowlers in the money in this division were PETE WOODWARD of Cliftonville, JIM INGRAM, Whitstable, ROLAND FOXLEY, Whitstable, MIKE LUCKHURST, Whitstable and SCOTTY WHITE, Chatham.

## REGULAR ALL EVENTS SCRATCH

Champion:	ALAN WILKINSON	BEXLEYHEATH	1765	£45. 0. Od.
Runner-up:	JON REEVES	POOLE	1745	20. 0. Od.
3rd.	VIC GOODSON	NORWICH	1744	15. 0. Od.

Other money winners from this Area were WILL CLARKE & DEL BROUGH from Dagenham - both of whom represented England in the Triple Crown Championships this month in Dublin.

## REGULAR SINGLES HANDICAP

Champion:	BARRY WRIGHT	HARLOW	718	£125. 0. Od.
Runner-up:	ALAN WILKINSON	BEXLEYHEATH	713	60. 0. Od.
3rd.	M. LEWIS	POOLE	691	30. 0. Od.

Others from S.E.B.A. in the money in this division were FRANK TURNER of Dagenham, ERIC TERRY, Whitstable and BERNIE FISHER, Bexleyheath.

## REGULAR SINGLES - SCRATCH

Champion:	ALAN WILKINSON	BEXLEYHEATH	671	£75. 0. Od.
Runner-up:	BARRY WRIGHT	HARLOW	650	40. 0. Od.
3rd.	DAVE WILLIAMS	BIRMINGHAM	636	20. 0. Od.

In 6th, place with a 619 and £5 came FRANK TURNER of Dagenham.

## REGULAR TEAM HANDICAP

Champions:	GREYHOUNDS	LONDON	3036	£175. 0. Od.
Runners-up:	ALL STARS	CLIFTONVILLE	3013	85. 0. Od.
3rd.	ZING ZINGERS	TOLWORTH	2997	40. 0. Od.
4th.	INCON TRAVEL	CLIFTONVILLE	2981	20. 0. Od.

## REGULAR TEAM SCRATCH

Champions:	GREYHOUNDS	LONDON	2910	£80. 0. Od.
Runners-up:	ALL STARS	CLIFTONVILLE	2815	40. 0. Od.
3rd.	HARRY STILLERS	POOLE	2810	20. 0. Od.

## REGULAR DOUBLES HANDICAP

Champions:	L. SHER/H. LEVIN	BELLE VUE	1402	£150. 0. Od.
Runners-up:	I. BRUMMER/N. POTTS	PLYMOUTH	1315	75. 0. Od.
3rd.	R. BUMSTEAD/J. COWARD	LEEDS	1306	40. 0. Od.

Others in the money from Kent and Essex were PETE WOODWARD & MIKE POPE from Cliftonville, PAUL MAYOR & ALAN REED, Bexleyheath, TONY CROSBIE & KERRY PURCELL, Whitstable and WILL CLARKE & BILL BRIDGE, Dagenham.

## REGULAR DOUBLES SCRATCH

Champions:	L. SHER/H. LEVIN	BELLE VUE	1332	£70. 0. Od.
Runners-up:	I. BRUMMER/N. POTTS	PLYMOUTH	1213	35. 0. Od.
3rd.	R. DEACON/C. THOMAS	LEEDS/POOLE	1207	20. 0. Od.

WILL CLARKE & BILL BRIDGE cashed in 8th. position with 1147.