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We hope that your entry forms for the B.T.B.A. National Championships at Wembley are now in as if not you have missed the boat - the closing date being 29th. January. If you have missed out make sure you don't do the same thing again for your Kent Area Championships. These are being held at Excel, Cliftonville on 24th. April and the closing date for entries and fees to be submitted is 1st. April - yes April Fools Day - don't forget it!

As stated in our September issue the Area Championships this year are to run on both handicap and scratch so every single one of you has a good chance of bringing home some of the prize money irrespective of your average. The Kent Area will have the exclusive use of the Cliftonville Bowl for the complete day and all 24 lanes will be in constant operation. We have had some first class tournaments in Kent and this looks like being the best yet. We repeat - don't miss out - enter early and have your choice of time and lanes.

KENT COUNTY TRAVELLING LEAGUE

Positions as at 30th. January 1966

	Won	Lost	Total Pins	Average	Hi Game	Hi Series	Pts
1. WHITSTABLE OYSTERS	21	6	22756	843	989	2658	42
2. WHITSTABLE CLASSICS	21	6	22534	835	966	2633	42
3. BEXLEYHEATH AMBASSADORS	15	12	22058	817	895	2565	30
4. BEXLEYHEATH COURIERS	14	13	21662	802	883	2567	28
5. CHATHAM LIONS*	12	12	19696	821	900	2608	24
6. CHATHAM TIGERS	10	17	20734	768	877	2521	20
7. CLIFTONVILLE MASTERS*	8	16	19291	804	920	2699	16
8. CLIFTONVILLE KINGPINS	4	23	20374	755	848	2456	8

* One match in hand.

High Averages: MIKE TONG 179 - BRIAN SNOOK 178 - MIKE LUCKHURST 175 - TONY SALMON 175

High Series: JAMES INGRAM 634 - MIKE TONG 625 - JIM BURCH 600

High Games: JOHN BARNES 253 - JAMES INGRAM 244 - MIKE TONG 237

With over half the season now gone by the Whitstable teams are going to take some catching but it certainly is not over yet. The two Bexleyheath sides started the season very badly and the Ambassadors, in fact, took only one game from their first nine. Beating the Classics 6-0 at Chatham however gave them some encouragement and they won't concede until the last ball is rolled. The Lions from Chatham are another team to watch and with a match in hand could join the 3rd. team in breathing down Whitstable's neck. The next meeting at Bexleyheath could be a real cracker with the two Whitstable sides up against the home teams. Come along and give your teams the support they deserve. 3.20p.m. at Bexleyheath on 13th. February 1966.

RECORDS GALORE

1966 has opened with a bang. THE ORPHECIANS from Whitstable have smashed their existing 4 person team series record with 2394 which also beats the present British record by just 2 pins. In this fine series was included an 870 game which will take some beating. THE COMMITTEE from Bexleyheath took their own 2760 five person series record to a 2771 and in the process rolled a 1010 game. The game still stands but the series doesn't! On Thursday 27th. January FRED DAVIS JNR, JOHN DAVIS, CHAS. STIRK, NORMAN ROBERTS & PAUL STEVENS, collectively known as PENTAD took the record to 2773 - just two pins again.

Included in the Orpheicians was a new season's individual series by MIKE TONG who rolled a very fine 664. The individual single game record has been beaten twice this month and now rests with CHARLIE WOOLSLEY of Bexleyheath with a 267 including nine strikes in a row.

CALLING ALL LEAGUE SECRETARYS

We have been asked by the Kent Area to ask all league secretaries to indicate on the weekly standing sheets the christian names in addition to the surnames of all bowlers playing in the league. This information is essential when checking up on entering averages for tournaments and avoids a considerable amount of confusion that can arise both during and at the completion of each season. An example is J. COOPER. This name appears regularly on league sheets throughout the area and no wonder! We have no fewer than five J. Coopers' registered in Kent alone.

In addition to the reasons outlined above this information will be essential when Kent Area prepares it's first Year Book which could be this year.

It is fully appreciated that this task will add a few more minutes to the Secretary's already hard pressed schedule but it is important and of course places the league on a more friendly basis by everyone knowing everyone else by their christian name.

On the subject of secretaries - do you pay your secretary for the job? The B.T.B.A. recommend that you do. Only those who have undertaken this task know just how long it takes and it is generally agreed that a league is as good as it's secretary and no more. As a minimum the secretary should play in the league free of charge but even this is really not enough and a charge of 6d per player per night is more commensurate with the job. If you don't pay your secretary you can't really complain if he doesn't do his job, can you?

A NEW WORLD RECORD

The World record Doubles game was 586 held by Billy Clemons (300) and E. Shipman (286) and was rolled on 7th. July 1963. On Monday, November 1st. 1965 however, two 29 year old friends made bowling history in the Imperial Classic Doubles at Amos Lanes Columbus, Ohio. Tom Dern and Ron Spohn ended a third game strike parade with respective games of 300 and 287 beating the existing record by just one pin.

UNLUCKY REX PILE

Rolling in the Early Birds League at Bexleyheath on 23rd. January Rex Pile hit eight strikes in a row for a 266 game, the highest rolled in Kent this season.

Before his league secretary could even put the high score sheet into the Area Secretary however the total was bettered by just one pin! Charlie Woodsley rolling for the Vicars in the Broadway League the following Wednesday hit nine in a row for a 267. Well done Charlie and hard luck Rex.

DICK WEBER VS. GEORGE BILLICK

George Billick of Old Forge, Pennsylvania has for many years been bowling's alltime perfect game leader with 17 300's to his credit. He now has a serious challenger however, in St. Louis professional Dick Weber. Weber has been tied in the runners up spot with Al Faragalli and Walter Ward, all with 12 perfect games duly sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress. Weber broke the tie, however, in a big way whilst competing in the Professional Bowlers Association Tournament at Houston, Texas when in the one tournament he hit no fewer than three 300 games bringing his alltime total to 15, just two short of Billick's record. Billick rolled his first 300 in 1937 when he was 27 years old and his 17th in 1962, spanning a quarter of a century. Weber made his first perfect game in 1952 and has taken only 13 years to amass his total of 15.

Billick rolled his 17 'perfects' in nine different bowls and Weber's 15 have come in eleven different locations. It looks like only a matter of time.

DO YOU WANT TO EARN SOME MONEY?

As mentioned in this month's editorial the 4th. Kent Area Championships are being held this year at Cliftonville. Official Scorers are wanted and as usual these are paid for their task from the Tournament expense fund. 4/- a squad is the rate. Anyone interested should write to TOM BALLINGALL, 1, Stanley Road, Cliftonville, Kent. Have the best view of the championships and be paid at the same time!

BEXLEYHEATH LADIES TOP LONDON LEAGUE

With good 6-0 wins over both Streatham and Acton the Bexleyheath Ladies now head the table in the Ladies London League by just one point over Wembley who they have yet to play this last schedule. Standings of the top three teams as at Sunday 30th. January are as follows:-

	Won	Lost	High Game	High Series	Points
1. BEXLEYHEATH	39	15	585	1631	78
2. WEMBLEY	38½	15½	572	1631	77
3. STAMFORD HILL	36	18	577	1637	72

As can be seen from the above the scores for 3 lady teams are very high indeed and we would like to say well done to MYRA KILSEY, JANET MORRISON, NORMA BRIDGE, VERA PEACOCK and DORIN BAKER who have all rolled for Bexleyheath during the season. Keep it up girls and bring back some London trophies to the Kent area.

KENT AREA A.G.M.

The 1966 Annual General Meeting of the Kent Area Association of the B.T.B.A. will take place at CHATHAM on Sunday, 27th. March 1966, commencing at 3p.m.

It is at this meeting that the future policies, rules, regulations etc of the Area are formed. YOUR league is entitled to a say in what goes on and if your league has not elected it's delegate it should do so without delay as the final date for names to be submitted is 27th. February 1966. Similarly this is the final date should your league have any suggested amendments to the Constitution or would like to nominate a player for the 1966/67 Executive Committee.

Each league within the Kent Area is entitled to one representative who carries one vote for every five actual playing members who joined the B.T.B.A. through your league. Some representatives have as many as 14 or 15 casting votes and you should, therefore, ensure that you are represented on the day. Presidents act now - call a meeting and decide upon your delegate. His or her vote could be very important!

KENT'S FIRST 700 SERIES

No it hasn't yet been rolled but is now slightly overdue. The area record is still held by CHRIS PEPLER of Chatham with a 694. The Kent Area B.T.B.A. will present a trophy to the first bowler registered in the Kent Area to roll a 700 either in sanctioned league or tournament play. Who will be the first?

TRAGEDY ON THE LANES!

We recently heard the story of the Cliftonville bowler playing away from home who stuck on the approach and fell headlong onto the lane. An unaccustomed amount of oil was on the lanes that day and before anyone could get to the poor fellow he had drowned! On the other side of the exaggeration fence we hear of the bowler from Bexleyheath who swore he saw a camel walking down the lane when playing for a spare during an away match. It turned out to be a mirage brought about by the dry and desertlike conditions under which he was bowling!

WORLD RECORD 3 MAN SERIES

On April 20th. 1960 PINKY'S LANES, a three man team, took to their Milwaukee lanes for a league match not knowing that they were to achieve a World record that still holds to this day. RAY SCHAMEN was joined on the lanes by the brothers BOB and WAYNE PINKALLA and play commenced. The three put in an excellent first game total of 739 for a 246 average but this was nothing compared with what was to come.

The second game totalled 806 for an individual average of 269 and with all three players opening up the third game with 7 strikes in a row it was clear that a great record was in the making. Both Bob and Wayne Pinkalla went all the way for perfect 300 games and with their team mate making a 259 the fantastic 3 man game and series records were set. 859 for the World record game and 2404 for the series.

Individual series were Bob Pinkalla 837, Ray Schamen 734 and Wayne Pinkalla 833. Bob averaged 279 for the three games, Wayne 278 and Ray 245 for a team average for the series of 267.

To prove that this was not a flash in the pan the team went on to chalk up a series of 2330, 2253, 2230, 2227 and 2215 before the season closed. They won the league!

ANOTHER PERFECT GAME!

We hear of the bowler who came up with a new type of perfect game. No strikes, no spares, no splits - just ten clean misses!

LEAGUE PRESIDENTS

As a footnote to last month's editorial it is felt that a further explanation is warranted regarding the word 'verify' in relation to the president's duty of checking the league accounts. 'Verify' means that the president will not only determine the amount of money on deposit in the bank but will also do some arithmetic to ascertain HOW MUCH should be on deposit. In other words a fleeting glance at the bank statement and treasurers account book is no substitute for a sharpened pencil!

NOT BAD FOR A 14 YEAR OLD MISS

Patricia Roth, a 14 year old miss from Detroit recently turned in a pair of scores in the local Teenage League that were the envy of both junior and senior bowlers in her establishment. She registered a spare and eleven strikes in a row for a 290 game and finished with a 688 series. Both scores were national records for girls in the American Junior Bowling Congress competitions for last season.

AREA HIGH SCORE RECORDS UP TO AND INCLUDING 31st. JANUARY 1966

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	PENTAD	BEX	2773
		THE COMMITTEE	BEX	2771
		THE COMMITTEE	BEX	2760
1 GAME		THE COMMITTEE	BEX	1010
		PENTAD	BEX	998
		THE COMMITTEE	BEX	980
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	THE ORPHEEANS	WHIT	2394
		THE ORPHEEANS	WHIT	2292
		THE LOOSE ENDS	BEX	2169
1 GAME		THE ORPHEEANS	WHIT	870
		THE ORPHEEANS	WHIT	849
		THE LOOSE ENDS	BEX	807
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	THE VICARS	BEX	1760
1 GAME		THE VICARS	BEX	625
		THE EXCALIBURS	BEX	612
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	JANET MORRISON/FRED WYLES	BEX	1168
1 GAME		JANET MORRISON/FRED WYLES	BEX	440
MENS SINGLES	3 GAMES	MIKE TONG	WHIT	664
		NEVILLE D'COSTA	BEX	659
		EDDIE DOHERTY	BEX	658
1 GAME		CHARLIE WOOLSLEY	BEX	267
		REX PILE	BEX	266
		BRYAN BURR	BEX	264
LADIES SINGLES	3 GAMES	ANNE HENDERSON	CLIF	626
		ANNE HENDERSON	CLIF	241
		TRUDI HEDGES	CHAT	236
		NORMA BRIDGE	BEX	235
JUNIOR SINGLES	3 GAMES	PETER FLEMING	BEX	601
1 GAME		PETER FLEMING	BEX	247
		GRAHAM LENNOX	WHIT	235

A WORD FOR NEVILLE D'COSTA WHOSE 659 SERIES WAS MADE FOLLOWING ONLY 7 WEEKS LEAGUE BOWLING. HIS GAMES WERE 231 - 204 - 224.