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NEW YEAR HONOURS

BOWLER OF THE YEAR: Les George

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR: John Cudmore

TEAM OF THE YEAR: Nomads

PROSPECT OF THE YEAR: Barry Wilkens

PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR: T. T.

BOWL OF THE YEAR: Dagenham

So many SEBA members have accomplished so much in 1970 that the choice of BOWLER OF THE YEAR was not an easy one. TERRY SAUNDERS bowled a perfect game, VICKY TIMMS equalled the national high series for ladies with 682, MYRA KELSEY set a new single game standard with a 289, ALAN WILKINSON heaped honours upon himself in taking three titles at the National Championships to include the coveted scratch all events, MICK BURRIDGE took out 1969 with a sanctioned 299 game and went on in 1970 to finish in fourth place in the Masters Championships and first in the SEBA Classic Singles and Area Singles as well as making the Essex County team. JANET MORRISON was our ambassador in the U.S.A. for three weeks with the British Team and bowled very well indeed throughout averaging over 186. If anything her play has improved since her return to these shores and apart from a great many 600 plus series she is holding a current average that is much nearer to 190 than 180.

MICK COPE started the year with a 299 game and 745 series under his belt and proceeded to shoot another 700 super set in tournament play, won the '600 Club' Tournament with the only 600 series bowled during a difficult day's play, was a valuable part of the Nomads' fabulous 3206 series and played with distinction for the Kent County Team. VERA PEACOCK and JOYCE HOWELL, between them, dominated the ladies sections of the SEBA Area Championships and Joyce went on to take the Bexleyheath House Championships remaining unbeaten throughout six head to head games of singles. BRIAN NEWSON has hit a 600 so many times during 1970 that he must have lost count, his tournament record is very impressive indeed and to round off a most consistent year he rolled a 280 final game to make exactly a 700 series. BARRY WILKENS emerged from among the not inconsiderable talent at Dagenham to set a new Area Record series of 761 which brought about a new European Doubles record of no less than 1406. WILL CLARKE vied with Brian Newson for the title of Mr. Consistent and in the process bowled about six or seven 690 series but has still to break the 700 barrier. Team mate LES GEORGE, however, had no trouble. He soared to a 758 set in pacing the Nomads to a 2007 trios series and repeated the dose with a 713 in tournament at Bexleyheath. His 202 average over 65 games in the Dagenham Masters League is a new SEBA record and he has played a tremendous part in all the Nomads successes during the year. He won the SEBA Area All Events titles, both scratch and handicap, and also took the doubles crown. Bowler of the Year? Well done LES GEORGE!!

Throughout 1970 league officials, tournament officials and even your own area officials have, in many cases, worked very hard for little or no financial reward. To list but a few would be impossible but BILL AINGER who has done so much for Basildon and the BTBA generally must be mentioned as must those hard working beavers of the tournament scene BRIAN LANGFORD, ALAN CHAPMAN, COLIN CROWTHER and BRIAN NEWSON. The man who successfully held the Supreme League together after Stamford Hill closed and has guided it from strength to strength over the years was PERCY WHITE. Those who worked so hard and brought a team from both Essex and Kent into the Inter-County Championship Finals - DOLLY HART and TOM BALLINGALL. Possibly the most efficient and dedicated official of 1970, however, was JOHN CUDMORE, the secretary of the Bexleyheath Olympic League. So many little touches that make for a strong and trouble free league, a complete knowledge of the rules of the game, a fast, informative and very neat standing sheet every week and full liaison and co-operation with the bowl management at all times. OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR - JOHN CUDMORE!!

Naturally there are fewer contenders for the title Team of the Year but, nevertheless, a number of sides came into the reckoning. From Southend the perennial TINY'S RADIO TAXIS more than held their own on both league and tournament scene, L'ATTELAGE (late BIG W's) took the scratch Area title with SUEMARK HELMSMEN winning the handicap. STARLINE PAINTS won the Area Hi's for team series and COATES CIDER took the game. INCON TRAVEL UNKNOWNS made a name for themselves on the tournament scene with high placings in a number of events including the Booth's Gin and THE COMMITTEE gave themselves a healthy bank balance in taking the 4+2 title, the MINI MARATHON TRIOS and finished 1st and 2nd in the Kessex Doubles event. In addition they were the first team to break the 2900 barrier at Bexleyheath which feat they repeated on two further occasions. The NOMADS clinched the Kessex Trios at the turn of last year, took the other title available in the 4+2, won the Chatham Trios and the Blue Riband and pipped the All Stars for first place in the Dagenham Masters League. In addition they bowled a 3080 and 3206 in fives and a 2007 and 1941 in trios. Team of the Year? Well done the NOMADS!!

During 1970 a number of new names forced their attention on the bowling scene including RAY HOBBDAY and JEFF DAVIS from Bexleyheath, CHRIS SMITH from Whitstable and BILLY ORR a 600 shooting youngster from Basildon. All could well make the top grade but one newcomer stands out over the rest. His achievements have already been detailed on page one and it only remains to congratulate BARRY WILKENS on being the PROSPECT OF THE YEAR!

Two other titles will be awarded in future years but for 1970 they were both one horse races. PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR - for all he has done for the sport both in this country and abroad and for being a real personality in a sport that often lacks colour - TEDDY TINLING!

BOWL OF THE YEAR can only be awarded to ABC DAGENHAM - home of both the Supreme and Masters leagues plus the Essex Shield and within their walls having no fewer than FIVE European Records an very many National, Area and County ones to boot. During 1970 it has all happened at Dagenham - BOWL OF THE YEAR!

ALL SANCTIONED - ALL GO !

YOUR TOURNAMENT DIARY FOR 1971

The tournament scene over the whole country looks as though it is going to be even bigger than in 1970. Some week-ends already boast three different events at as many centres. Most tournaments will have the guarantee of a B.T.B.A. Sanction but not all. Follow the Rosette in 1971 and keep the following dates clear in your diaries:-

10th. JANUARY NEW YEAR TRIOS & MIXED DOUBLES BASILDON

An event with Moral Support Sanction open only to bowlers who have played a minimum of 21 games in league play at the Basildon during this current season.

24th. JANUARY '200 CLUB' ANNUAL TOURNAMENT WHITSTABLE

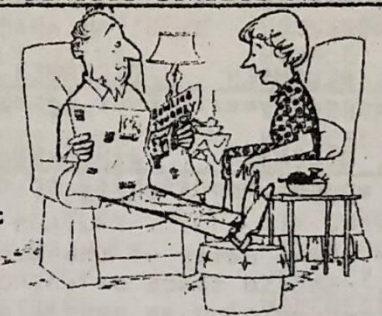
Open only to 1970 members of the 200 Club. Three games with handicap and the entry form is attached to this edition of 'Bowling News'.

31st. JANUARY '600 CLUB' ANNUAL TOURNAMENT BEXLEYHEATH

Open to all 1970 qualifiers in the '600 Club' only. This year four games will be played with the lowest game being dropped to assess the total. A scratch event with the entry form attached to this copy of the 'Bowling News'.

21st. FEBRUARY 7th. ANNUAL BLUE RIBAND BASILDON
and 1st. ANNUAL LADIES OPEN CLASSIC SINGLES DAGENHAM

Yes SEBA are now big enough to run two major but non-conflicting events at two different centres on the same day!! The Blue Riband for scratch 5-person teams is a long standing event in the calendar that needs no introduction. The Ladies Open Classic Singles, however, should transpire one of the most important events for lady bowlers in this country! Bowling for the NORMA BRIDGE MEMORIAL TROPHY it is anticipated that all the top female talent within these shores will converge on Dagenham on 21st February to play 5 scratch games across 10 of 'Europe's Highest Scoring Lanes'. Entry Forms will be out within days. A NEW MAJOR EVENT FOR THE S.E.B.A. TOURNAMENT CALENDAR!



"You can't enter a singles tournament. Everybody knows we're married."

20/21st & 27/28th MARCH 10th NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WORTHING

Entry Forms for the major event of the year will be out within the next few days. It could well be one of the biggest yet!

3rd/4th APRIL Y.B.C. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS EDGWARE

The Juniors major event of the year. Worth visiting - the atmosphere of this one is quite unbelievable!

11th. APRIL NEW TOWN TRIOS HARLOW

An open event for trios over 4 games - scratch and handicap with prize monies equally divided. Another new event on the SEBA Calendar!

25th. APRIL 4 + 2 BIRTHDAY TOURNAMENT BEXLEYHEATH

The third year of this popular event for teams of four splitting into two doubles with an 'all events' section. Always 'full up' well before closing date. Get in quickly as soon as the entry forms are out!

9/16th. MAY 9th. ANNUAL S.E.B.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS DAGENHAM

The largest Area Championships in Great Britain! Need we say more?

22/23rd. MAY 5th. ANNUAL 'TRIPLE CROWN' SCOTLAND

England havn't been beaten yet but as always the Scots, Welsh and Irish think they have a better chance in 1971. The Scots could be right!

5/6th. JUNE B.T.B.A. SUMMER INTERNATIONAL WEMBLEY

A new 'big one' for the calendar. F.I.Q. sanctioned. Details later.

YOUR TOURNAMENT DIARY continued

20th. JUNE FALLING LEAF DOUBLES WHITSTABLE
Ladies Doubles, Mens Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Something for all!

4/11th. JULY 2nd ANNUAL KESSEX OPEN DOUBLES BEXLEY & DAGENHAM
Rolling scratch and handicap with four games at Bexleyheath on the first Sunday followed by 4 games at Dagenham on the second. All winners decided over the 8 games played. A different event that will go big in 1971!

22nd to 28th AUGUST F.I.Q. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MILWAUKEE
If you aren't playing why not take advantage of the special charter trip arranged by B.T.B.A? See last month's 'Bowling News' for full details of this great offer.

19th. SEPTEMBER 11th. ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT DAGENHAM
Billed in 1970 as the highest scoring tournament ever. For teams of 6 playing 3 doubles, two trios and one 5 person.

31st. OCTOBER & 7th. NOVEMBER 'THE ESSEX SHIELD' DAGENHAM
Qualifying rounds on the first Sunday and the grand finals on the following one. The event for all the finest scratch teams in G.B.

5th. DECEMBER COINMATIC FIVES WHITSTABLE
The third year of this popular event for scratch or handicap teams of five.

12th. DECEMBER DECEMBER DOUBLES DAGENHAM
The second year. Four games of doubles with re-entry.

19th. DECEMBER 4th. ANNUAL KESSEX OPEN TRIOS BEXLEYHEATH
Your annual opportunity to cash in time for Christmas.

The dates of one or two of the above events are provisional only. Should there be any changes 'Bowling News' will give as much advanced warning as possible.

MATES!

Opening his Petersen Match Play Singles League match against fellow Committee team-mate ALAN CHAPMAN, BRIAN NEWSON began well with a game of 225. Following with a 195 it looked as if he would bowl quite a good 600 plus set. No one anticipated a 700 but after a second frame spare Brian proceeded to string 10 strikes in a row to record a fine 280 game and a series of exactly 700. As can be seen from the 'Saturday Pairs' results in this issue Alan is STILL his team-mate!

STOP PRESS - BRIAN NEWSON - DAGENHAM - 268-218-242 - 728 - 1st 1971

ALLS WELL THAT ...

On the front page of 'The Bowler' magazine only a few months ago the selection of the British team squad was discussed and the comment upon COLIN PRESLAND was ".....about him we can say little since we know nothing. Whatever he may have done to impress the selectors, we didn't hear about it." Happily not afraid of poking a little fun at themselves the main columnist of the paper, KEITH KNIGHTS, in their 'Personalities of the Year' column refers to this boob and goes on to mention the large number of comments that they received from all quarters of the bowling world. As a result the name Colin Presland has become one of the best known in the sport. Keith Knights choice of Personality of the Year? Yes - COLIN PRESLAND! Well done to you both and also to the other National personalities nominated by the paper, MORRIS GLAZER, BOBBY MANSFIELD, columnist of the Birmingham Sunday Mercury, BARRY JAMES, and 'en bloc' the GREAT BRITAIN LADIES TEAM that visited the U.S.A. The European Team of the Year was, of course, the HARRY STILLER RACERS and the British Team of the Year, the SCEPTRES. Promoters of the year, the R.A.F. ASTRA BOWL, BRIZE NORTON. On to 1972!

THE CREAM

The invitation list for the 1971 Masters Championships has just been published with no fewer than 19 S.E.B.A. members included. Most are repeat performers but new faces on the top scene are BRIAN NEWSON, BARRY WILKENS and MYRA KELSEY. May you all strike your best form at Worthing in March:-

MEN

RAY ARTIS	WEMBLEY
KEITH BIRCH	SHEFFIELD
ROY BOWERS	BIRMINGHAM
JIM BREWER	COVENTRY
DEL BROUGH	DAGENHAM
CHRIS BUCK	HOUNSLOW
MICK BURRIDGE	SOUTHEND
ERIC BUTCHER	WEMBLEY
ALEX CAMPONI	SHEFFIELD
BERNIE CATERER	WEMBLEY
WILL CLARKE	DAGENHAM
ROGER COOK	WEMBLEY
ROGER CREAMER	SOUTHAMPTON
JOHN DAWSON	HOUNSLOW
JIM DEMERY	SHEFFIELD
MAURICE DEPOIY	BIRMINGHAM
BOB ENDERSBY	STEVENAGE
ROBIN GARTON	WALTON-ON-NAZE
LEN GASTON	HARROW
LES GEORGE	DAGENHAM
PHIL HARDING	BRISTOL
GORDON HOLLIER	EDGWARE
RAY HOOK	DAGENHAM
KEVIN LAMB	MANCHESTER
GEOFF LIDDIARD	HOUNSLOW
DERRY McCARTHY	MANCHESTER
BOBBY MANSFIELD	DAGENHAM
HEC MEADUS	LEEDS
BRIAN MICHAEL	WEMBLEY
JES MORLEY	BASILDON
BRIAN NEWSON	BEXLEYHEATH
CHRIS PETTY	WEMBLEY
A. PICKERING	BURTON-ON-TRENT
DAVID POND	HODDESDON
COLIN PRESLAND	DAGENHAM
JON REEVES(Holder)	SOUTHAMPTON
PHIL RUSSELL	WEMBLEY
LES SHER	MANCHESTER
D. SMITH	TOLWORTH
DAVE SMITH	WOKINGHAM
DAVE STAPLES	WEMBLEY
DAVE TAYLOR	SHEFFIELD
CLIVE THOMAS	SOUTHAMPTON
JIM WALTERS	BIRMINGHAM
BARRY WILKENS	DAGENHAM
BRIAN WILKINS	LEYTONSTONE
BERNIE WHITE	DAGENHAM
SCOTTISH REPRESENTATIVE	
WELSH REPRESENTATIVE	

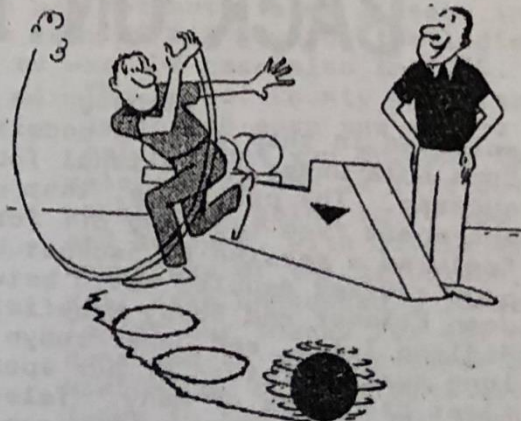
LADIES

LILY BENNETT	AYLESBURY
MO BINGHAM	NOTTINGHAM
NELL BOWEN(Holder)	HARLOW
PAULINE BOWRY	TOLWORTH
RHODA BREWER	COVENTRY
HILDA CLIFFORD	MANCHESTER
WYN COLLISON	BEXLEYHEATH
MEG COOMBES	STH SHIELDS
IRIS DANDY	MANCHESTER
PHYLLIS DARKE	BEXLEYHEATH
PAT DEW	WEMBLEY
HELEN DIXON	STEVENAGE
ANGIE FLETCHER	MANCHESTER
ENA GRANT	HOUNSLOW
EUNICE GRANT	HOUNSLOW
BERTHA HILL	WEMBLEY
TINA HITCHMAN	BIRMINGHAM
MYRA KELSEY	BEXLEYHEATH
MARGARET LITTLE	STH SHIELDS
BARBARA MATTHEWS	HOUNSLOW
DOLLY MILES	WEMBLEY
JANET MORRISON	BEXLEYHEATH
BETH OWEN	BILLINGHAM
AUDREY POND	HODDESDON
JOANNA PORCH	CORBY
LESLEY POTTER	WEMBLEY
ENA PRATLEY	STH SHIELDS
JOAN PRIMMER	LIVERPOOL
MUZ RUDGE	WEMBLEY
EDNA SEEL	MANCHESTER
KAREN SHARPE	WEMBLEY
ANNE SIMMONS	WHITSTABLE
AUDREY TEW	CORBY
LILY THOMPSON	MANCHESTER
PAULINE THOMPSON	MANCHESTER
ANN THORPE	WEMBLEY
VICKI TIMMS	WHITSTABLE
JANE VIROT	WEMBLEY
KIM WHEELER	HOUNSLOW
PAT WRIGHT	EDGWARE
SCOTTISH REPRESENTATIVE	
WELSH REPRESENTATIVE	

Reserves

TERRY SULLIVAN	MANCHESTER
CHRIS LEAVY	DAGENHAM
TONY CANTOR	DAGENHAM
JOHN WYNDHAM	HARLOW

BOTH LADIES AND MENS MASTERS EVENTS ARE BEING COMPLETELY SPONSORED BY THE GIANT BREWERY COMPANY OF WHITBREAD FREMLINS LTD.



"Man, that's a real working ball!"

D A G E N H A M D E C E M B E R D O U B L E S .

Despite a number of cancellations due to the thick fog that enveloped London and the Home Counties throughout the day the prize fund, without sponsorship, still made over £100. As always at Dagenham the standards were high and over 4 games two players topped the 900 mark! KEITH GREYSTOKE of the Brunswick Jets made top spot of the day with 910 closely followed by WILL CLARKE of the Nomads with 908. Top placings are listed below - no team could appear in both sections, hence the method of prize distribution:-

SCRATCH SECTION

1. DAVE LEWIS & KEITH GREYSTOKE	1695	WEMBLEY	£25
2. WILL CLARKE & MICK COPE	1649	DAGENHAM	14
BARRY BROWN & ALAN WEALL	1630	LEYTONSTONE	8
3. LES GEORGE & RAY HOOK	1599	DAGENHAM	8
RICHARD HILLIER & BRIAN BARNARD	1594	CRAWLEY	3
4. DAVE SMITH & BRIAN WILKINS	1581	WEMBLEY	2
5. TOM OWEN & JOHN WYNDHAM	1579	HARLOW	1.2/-
6. PHIL RUSSELL & DEL BROUGH	1578	WEMBLEY	1.2/-
7. CHRIS PETTY & JAN ROZE	1567	WEMBLEY	
STAN POND & TED MURRAY	1527	HODDESDON	
8. BARRY WILKENS & RAY COLE	1509	DAGENHAM	
MICK BURRIDGE & GERRY WARD	1494	SOUTHEND	
9. BUZZ MORRISON & ALAN CHAPMAN	1488	BEXLEYHEATH	
RON HORNSEY & VAUGHAN CLARKE	1481	HARLOW	
PAT GORDON & MYRA KELSEY	1474	DAGENHAM	
PETER BAYLIS & MALCOLM GLOVER	1473	LEYTONSTONE	
10. ROGER HOWSE & TERRY SAUNDERS	1461	DAGENHAM	

HANDICAP SECTION

1. DAVE LEWIS & KEITH GREYSTOKE	1795	WEMBLEY	
1. BARRY BROWN & ALAN WEALL	1722	LEYTONSTONE	£25
2. RICHARD HILLIER & BRIAN BARNARD	1718	CRAWLEY	14
WILL CLARKE & MICK COPE	1681	DAGENHAM	
3. STAN POND & TED MURRAY	1655	HODDESDON	8
4. DAVE VIDLER & TERRY NYE	1646	BASILDON	3
DAVE SMITH & BRIAN WILKINS	1645	WEMBLEY	
5. PAT GORDON & MYRA KELSEY	1642	DAGENHAM	2
6. MICK BURRIDGE & GERRY WARD	1626	SOUTHEND	1.2/-
7. RON HORNSEY & VAUGHAN CLARKE	1625	HARLOW	
LES GEORGE & RAY HOOK	1615	DAGENHAM	
TOM OWEN & JOHN WYNDHAM	1615	HARLOW	
BARRY WILKENS & RAY COLE	1613	DAGENHAM	
CHRIS PETTY & JAN ROZE	1611	WEMBLEY	
8. PETER BAYLIS & MALCOLM GLOVER	1593	LEYTONSTONE	
9. GEDFF SMART & STAN ASHBY	1592	HARLOW	
10. FRED SHRIMPTON & BOB WILSON	1588	BEXLEYHEATH	

BACK ON THE BOX

Although we couldn't see for ourselves as it wasn't screened in this area we understand that the television coverage of the Coca Cola Under 21 National Tournament from Wolverhampton was a great success. The programme, that went out on 16th. Devember, was in colour and apart from the play off for 1st and 2nd places in the tournament featured a session of jackpot bowling between Paul Lane and Bob Palmer plus a mixed doubles match between Kim Wheeler and Chris Buck against Joan Primmer and Bobby Mansfield. The commentators were Shaw Taylor of Midland I.T.V. and Jane Probyn of Anglia T.V. Let us hope that this long awaited return of our sport to the television screens will be the first programme of many. Television is the finest possible medium to introduce new blood to the game but quite apart from this bowling CAN be good television as has been proved across the Atlantic over many years. In the U.S.A. the top sponsors support bowling with a lot of dollars and bowling is peak time viewing. It COULD be done in this country! What about it?