

MYRA'S 289

Some years ago the Area recognised a 734 set from JACK MORTON when it was not possible for national recognition to be given due to the fact that the lanes in question were not certified at the time the score was made. The Area are prepared to do the same for MYRA KELSEY whose 289 game would have been a new national high game for women bowlers but unfortunately the pins on which it was bowled were not retained. Myra was not aware that her game was a record one and after her league went off on two weeks holiday. Only when the game was observed on the League Standing Sheet was something done but by this time it was too late as new pins had been installed and the necessary certification for high score ratification could not be fully completed. Hard luck Myra but your misfortune could be the means of avoiding the same thing happening again. The whys and wherefores of when and when not lanes are measured need not trouble anyone BUT IF IN DOUBT ON ANY HIGH SCORE, and this applies to bowler and league officer alike, ALWAYS 'PHONE BRIAN LANGFORD FOR CLARIFICATION AND ADVICE. His telephone number is shown on every notice board of every bowl within the Area. Let your motto for the future be IF IN DOUBT FIND OUT!

WHITSTABLE RECORDS

Although only 15 teams competed in the postponed BOXING DAY HANDICAP DOUBLES held at the Humber Bowl, Whitstable on 31st. January, the standard of bowling was remarkably high throughout the day.

The highlight of the tournament undoubtedly came from the team of JOHN BUSHELL and JOHN EAST who shot a very fine 1236 scratch giving them an unbeatable 1401 with handicap. John East made 546 and John Bushell a great 690 on games of 201-233-256 which included seven in a row on two occasions. Both the 690 and the 1236 are new centre records.

Other fine scores came from DAVE BUCK 628, BRUCE JENNINGS 621, TOM BALLINGALL and TED CULLEN both with 599 and a 564 from 150 average bowler JOHN TERRY - a fine performance. Ted's 599 coupled with good bowling from his wife DOREEN CULLEN gave the pair a 1294 total to include handicap and runners up place. Over the day fifteen 200 games were bowled and on overall pinfall everyone improved on their entering averages by 9 pins per game, a good reflection on 'mystery man' DENIS SHERK whose help and advice on lane conditioning has considerably improved the general standard of bowling down Whitstable way.

600 Club

LATEST MEMBERS

200 Club

PAT GORDON	DAG	607
DOUG WHITE	WHIT	601
JOHN BUSHELL	WHIT	690
BRYAN BURR	BEX	615
FRED SHRIMPTON	BEX	618
TED PINK	BEX	608
CHAS. BAULK	BEX	619
ALAN McCARTNEY	BEX	605
COLIN CROWTHER	BEX	667
STAN SHRIMPTON	BEX	611
DOUG MOYCE	BEX	682
CHRIS SKUDDER	BEX	615
PHIL ELDRIDGE	BEX	603
KEN WOOD	WHIT	601

No new applications
this month.....



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A bowlers idea of an outdoor man is one who has to walk to the centre from a side street because the car park is full!

DAGENHAM HI SCORES - WHY?

'Bowling News' asked Dagenham Centre Manager and former SEBA President, BRIAN MORRISON, why so many high scores are coming from his centre and to answer the comments that we have heard to the effect that they are all being bowled on one particular pair of lanes. We taped his reply which went as follows:-

"Firstly Dagenham has always been a high scoring centre but it is only since a number of the leagues have been BTBA sanctioned that the scores have become known as 'official'. Tony Spavins rolled a 300 game here nearly 8 years ago and Maggie Fullick a 295 game some 4 years ago. Neither was sanctioned so outside Dagenham the scores are unknown. With bowlers of the calibre of Mansfield, George, Prasland, Brough, Clarke, Saunders, Wilkens, Cook etc etc rolling in league regularly at the centre high scores; if conditions are right, must come and with the extra incentive brought about by the top opposition in such leagues as the Masters and Supreme the scores DO come! Most top players like the lanes at Dagenham. Why? They have been dressed in the same way by the same man for over 10 years giving a consistency of conditions that possibly no other centre can boast. Our lanesman, 74 year old George Swift, takes extreme pride in his job and in the scores although he has never bowled a ball in his life! What we try to do is to give the bowler conditions where any bias put on the ball is translated into a degree of movement commensurate with the release - no more and no less. This means that the player is rolling his natural ball and with the same amount of turn on each pair of lanes has the best chance to play at peak. Of course conditions are such that we don't always succeed in pleasing everybody all the time but we do try and the successes that have been had are very gratifying to the effort involved. As far as the scores all being shot on one pair of lanes are concerned most centres have a favourite pair and Dagenham has it's favourite two pairs, namely 17-18 and 19-20. A number of the high scores have, naturally, been rolled on one pair or the other but certainly not all! End lanes 13-14 have seen a 728 and 23-24 a 717, 709 and 3171 team set. 21-22 boast a 704, 706 and 710 and so it goes on. The lanes are not grooved, trick dressed and neither are the pins specially spotted as any B.T.B.A. representative who has had occasion to certify the centre will testify. We are proud to bill ourselves as 'Europe's Highest Scoring Bowl' and obviously hope that our claim can be maintained in the future."



"This game isn't anything like driving the car, dear... I can't hit a thing."

GREAT BRITAIN TEAMS - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MILWAUKEE - SELECTION COMMITTEE

For the task of selecting the teams to represent Great Britain at the forthcoming world Championships at Milwaukee, the Chairman B.T.B.A., ERIC TERRY, has agreed to TEDDY TINLING's request that, in addition to BOBBY MANSFIELD already co-opted, the following also be co-opted to the Selection Committee:

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| TOMMY BLACK | - | Manchester |
| RHODA BREWER | - | Coventry |
| DOLLY MILES | - | London |

These bowlers have agreed to serve with immediate effect and it is anticipated that the teams for Milwaukee will be announced at the end of May this year.

Also an international match between Great Britain and Sweden has been arranged for Saturday, 22nd. May at Lee-West Lanes, Dunstable. Format will be Singles, Doubles and Fives for both Men and Women. This will be worth watching.

3 MORE 'EURO' RECORDS

World Champion DAVE POND's European Record Series of 771 has been beaten after two years. With games of 277-277-218 for a 772 bowled in the DAGENHAM DOUBLES Saturday afternoon tournament BRIAN WILKINS of the Jets is now top man. Apart from the occasional tournament Brian has never played at Dagenham and last Saturday decided to come and see what all the high scoring was about - he found out! The score card went as follows:-

1		X	X	X	8	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
BRIAN WILKINS	30	58	78	98	128	158	188	218	248	277	277	
2		X	X	X	X	8	X	X	X	X	X	9
	30	60	88	108	128	158	188	218	248	277	554	
3		9	X	X	6	8	1	X	X	X	7	8
	20	46	66	84	93	123	153	180	200	218	772	

Other 700 series bowled since last month were a mammoth 756 from SEBA Bowler of the Year, LES GEORGE, who has already authored a 709 and 758 at Dagenham and a 713 at Baxleyheath. This time Les whipped in games of 221-247-288, the last game pacing the NOMADS to a new European Record trios game of no less than 751. Score card below:-

		9	X	8	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
WILL CLARKE	20	40	57	77	107	137	167	196	216	236	236	
		7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
LES GEORGE	20	50	80	110	140	170	200	230	260	288	524	
		X	7	X	X	X	9	X	8	9	X	9
RAY HOOK	20	40	70	99	119	139	159	178	198	227	751	

In the Dagenham Doubles again DEL BROUGH hit games of 256-205-247 for a 706 and with partner PHIL RUSSELL making a final game of 267 the pair beat the European Doubles Record for a single game with a 514. This wasn't good enough for them, however, and the following week the same pair shot games of 265 and 257 to raise the level again to a formidable 522. The score card looked like this:-

1		X	X	X	X	X	X	6	X	X	X	9
PHIL RUSSELL	30	60	90	120	146	166	186	216	245	265	265	
2		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9	9	X	X
DEL BROUGH	30	60	90	120	150	179	198	207	227	257	522	

Still at Dagenham and still in the pairs ROGER THOMPSON made a name for himself when totalling 706 on games of 266-219-221 and in the Dagenham Masters League CHRIS LEAVY hit the high spots for The Committee with a 717 on games of 268-224-225. For mixed doubles PAT GORDON and BARRY WILKENS with 607 and 622 respectively made second spot in the Area Hi's with a 1229 and the big games of Russell and Brough gave them series totals of 1369 and 1376 - remarkable scoring by any standards. The big 751 of the Nomads gave them a series of 1998 - good enough for third place in the listings would you believe?

Other big ones to enter the listings were from the Bexleyheath Guys and Dolls League where last month DOROTHY NICHOLSON and COLIN CROWTHER smashed the Area Game Record with 210 and 278 respectively for a great 488 and where this month JANET MORRISON came within two pins of the Area Record for ladies with a 665 set including a 256 game. With this series Janet boosted her average to a very fine 190 over 69 games, not only the highest of any bowler in the centre but the highest average over this number of games ever held by a lady bowler anywhere in Europe!

PERIOD ENDING
28th. FEBRUARY
1971



AREA HPS

SEASON 1970/71

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS</u>	3264**	DAG		
		NOMADS	3206	DAG		
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	3171	DAG		
1 GAME	1 GAME	<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS</u>	1147**	DAG		
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	1144	DAG		
		NOMADS	1133	DAG		
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS</u>	2496**	DAG		
		1 GAME	874	DAG		
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	833	DAG		
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAME	<u>WEMBLEY ALL STARS</u>	2038**	DAG		
		NOMADS	2007	DAG		
		NOMADS	1998	DAG		
1 GAME	1 GAME	<u>NOMADS</u>	751**	DAG		
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	729	DAG		
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	728	DAG		
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>BARRY WILKENS/CHRIS LEAVY</u>	1406**	DAG		
		<u>PHIL RUSSELL/DEL BROUGH</u>	1376	DAG		
		<u>PHIL RUSSELL/DEL BROUGH</u>	1369	DAG		
1 GAME	1 GAME	<u>PHIL RUSSELL/DEL BROUGH</u>	522**	DAG		
		<u>PHIL RUSSELL/DEL BROUGH</u>	514	DAG		
		<u>BARRY WILKENS/CHRIS LEAVY</u>	504	DAG		
MIXED DOUBLES	3 GAMES	<u>PAT GORDON/BARRY WILKENS</u>	1237**	DAG		
		<u>PAT GORDON/BARRY WILKENS</u>	1229	DAG		
		<u>DOROTHY NICHOLSON/COLIN CROWTHER</u>	1217	BEX		
1 GAME	1 GAME	<u>DOROTHY NICHOLSON/COLIN CROWTHER</u>	488**	BEX		
		<u>JOYCE WILSON/PETE BOYD</u>	449	BEX		
		<u>VERA PEACOCK/FRED SHRIMPTON and JANET MORRISON/MALCOLM NICHOLS</u>	448	BEX		
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	<u>BRIAN WILKINS</u>	772**	DAG		
		BARRY WILKENS	761	DAG		
		LES GEORGE	756	DAG		
		BRIAN NEWSON	728	DAG		
		CHRIS LEAVY	717	DAG		
		BOBBY MANSFIELD	717	DAG		
		WILL CLARKE	715	DAG		
		WILL CLARKE	711	DAG		
		COLIN PRESLAND	710	DAG		
		LES GEORGE	709	DAG		
		DEL BROUGH	708	DAG		
		WILL CLARKE	706	DAG		
		ROGER THOMPSON	706	DAG		
		ROGER COOK	703	DAG		
		BRIAN NEWSON	700	BEX		
		1 GAME	1 GAME	<u>PHIL RUSSELL</u>	299**	DAG
				LES GEORGE	288	DAG
BRIAN NEWSON	280			BEX		
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	<u>MYRA KELSEY</u>	667	BEX		
		JANET MORRISON	665	BEX		
		JANET MORRISON	634	BEX		
1 GAME	1 GAME	<u>MYRA KELSEY</u>	289**	BEX		
		VERA PEACOCK	258	BEX		
		JANET MORRISON	256	BEX		
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3 GAMES	<u>BILLY ORR</u>	612	BAS		
		BILLY ORR	602	BAS		
		STUART EVANS	594	BEX		
1 GAME	1 GAME	<u>BILLY ORR</u>	246	BAS		
		BILLY ORR	237	BAS		
		COLIN DEPLER	236	WHITE		

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