

BTBA INTER-COUNTIES 1971

The B.T.B.A. Inter County Championships are underway again this year but without teams representing Kent. The sanction for the SEBA Annual Championships had been on the calendar since last November but the county representatives, nevertheless, decided to run the first round on the same days as our second week's play. This would have meant most of the tournament officials being at Crawley on the second Sunday plus a number of bowlers would have had to forsake their Area entry as for a variety of reasons they were unable to bowl on the first week or one or other of their team mates couldn't make it. The problems mounted and it was decided to seek a pre-bowl or postponement of Round 1. London and Surrey were quite understanding and were prepared to change the date. Sussex, however, could not or would not and very reluctantly Kent had to withdraw for 1971. By hook or by crook they'll be back in 1972!

Essex did not have the same problems and happily the Area does have county representation in the event. Following trials the Essex County players selected were as follows:-

MEN

ROBIN GARTON
RAY HOOK
CHRIS LEAVY
LES GEORGE
WILL CLARKE
JES MORLEY
TOM OWEN
JOHN WYNDHAM
BILLY PRESTON
D. HOLDEN

LADIES

NELL BOWEN
MIDGE CRIPPS
JEAN CUMMINGS
MAUREEN HALL
AUDREY POND
D. BUGG
PAT GORDON
C. BARBER
DOLLY HART
AUDREY WOLTON

Round 1 was played at Ipswich where the Essex men over the two matches averaged 908 with a high series of 2865 and high game of 987. They won 5 points out of 8 to lie second to Middlesex with 6. The ladies won 4 points and lost 4 and lie second to Hertfordshire who have a won/lost ratio of 7 to 1.

Round 2 was played 'at home' at Basildon and Executive Officer BILL AINGER did a fine job with all the arrangements. The days play was very exciting with two centre records being broken and the Essex men LOSING a game to Middlesex 1042 to 1005! Against Suffolk the Middlesex had already hit a record 1071 game and they came out of the round as firm favourites to qualify for the final but with Essex still in with a chance in second place. The other record was from DOLLY MILES playing for the Middlesex ladies who recorded games of 202-223-211 for a fine 636 series. Top scorer for Essex was NELL BOWEN.

Up to date tables with two rounds to go read as follows:-

GRG JP 4 (MEN)

	W	D	L	PINFALL	GAMES	AVGE	H/GAME	H/SERIES	PNTS
1. MIDDLESEX	14	0	2	11460	12	955	1071	2968	28
2. ESSEX	9	0	7	10977	12	915	1005	2865	18
3. SUFFOLK	6	0	10	10603	12	884	952	2765	12
4. HERTS	3	0	13	10626	12	885	940	2640	6

GRG JP 4 (LADIES)

1. MIDDLESEX	11	0	5	9818	12	818	941	2762	22
2. HERTS	10	0	6	9772	12	814	943	2586	20
3. ESSEX	8	0	8	9326	12	777	856	2434	16
4. SUFFOLK	3	0	13	9483	12	790	930	2432	6

The final two rounds are to be played on 4th July and 1st. August with the finals at Coventry on the week-end of 16/17th of October 1971.

8th BIRTHDAY 4 + 2 TOURNAMENT



Fifteen 600 series bowled throughout the day and many more 590's and no fewer than nine of the teams entered cashed. The organisation throughout was excellent and this third 4 + 2 is now a permanent fixture on the National tournament scene.

RESULTS & PRIZE ALLOCATION

Handicap Fours

1. CHEYENNES	£20.00	2554
2. BURR'S FOUR	8.00	2485
GEMS	8.00	2485
4. RAPIERS		2423
5. THE BROTHERS		2421
6. DUSTPINMEN		2416
7. THE COMMITTEE		2411
8. RANDOM ROLLERS		2349
9. SILVER STARS		2336
10. TREE TOP		2329

Scratch Fours

1. CHEYENNES	£15.00	2292
2. THE COMMITTEE	7.80	2267
3. THE BROTHERS		2263
4. BURR'S FOUR		2247
5. GEMS		2239
6. TREE TOP		2215
7. NOMADS		2196
8. RAPIERS		2191
9. MYSTERONS		2172
10. FIENDS		2127

Handicap Doubles

1. MICK OLLEY/MALCOLM YULE	£18.00	1287
2. BOB WREN/BILLY PRESTON	9.00	1251
3. FRED HARDY/PHIL CAIRNS	6.00	1244
4. VIC BAKER/DENNIS LOTT	1.50	1240
RON KEEBLE/KEITH PAIN	1.50	1240
6. ALAN NORRIS/ALAN HUDSON		1238
7. JIM SHRIMPTON/JACK MORTON		1232
8. RAY COLLINS/BRIAN BURR		1221
9. BERYL SHRIMPTON/JOYCE WILSON		1190
10. PAT DUGGAN/ALAN WILKINSON		1186
NOBBY HADLEY/BUZZ MORRISON		1186

Scratch Doubles

1. ALAN NORRIS/ROY HUDSON	£12.00	1172
2. BOB WREN/BILLY PRESTON	7.00	1167
3. VIC BAKER/DENNIS LOTT	3.80	1158
4. FRED HARDY/PHIL CAIRNS		1142
5. JIM SHRIMPTON/JACK MORTON		1138
6. PAT DUGGAN/ALAN WILKINSON		1132
7. PAUL MAYOR/MALCOLM GLOVER		1126
8. NOBBY HADLEY/BUZZ MORRISON		1108
9. FRED & STAN SHRIMPTON		1105
10. TERRY SAUNDERS/COLIN CROWTHER		1104

Handicap All Events

1. BILLY PRESTON	£13.00	1338
2. JIM SHRIMPTON	6.00	1315
3. COLIN CROWTHER	3.00	1288
4. GERRY WARD		1284
5. FRED HARDY		1276
6. PHIL CAIRNS		1254
PAUL MAYOR		1254
8. NOBBY HADLEY		1249
9. DICK POTTS		1229
10. ALAN WILKINSON		1223

Scratch All Events

1. BILLY PRESTON	£13.00	1250
2. COLIN CROWTHER	6.50	1212
3. JIM SHRIMPTON		1207
4. PHIL CAIRNS		1190
5. GERRY WARD		1180
6. PAUL MAYOR		1178
7. DICK POTTS		1173
8. NOBBY HADLEY		1169
ALAN WILKINSON		1169
10. JACK MORTON		1164

A total of £159.10p has been paid out allocated as above. High individual series of the day went to MALCOLM YULE with a fine 661 and the high game was authored by NOBBY HADLEY on 254. Other 600 men were JOHN EAST with 634, PAUL MAYOR 634, JIM SHRIMPTON 633, BILLY PRESTON 632 & 618, ALAN WILKINSON 628, NOBBY HADLEY 623, DENNIS LOTT & ALAN NORRIS 621, PHIL CAIRNS 618, ALAN FRANKLYN 615, COLIN CROWTHER 614, DICK POTTS 605 and GERRY WARD 601. The Basildon DUSTPINMEN opened their team event with a fine 855 game that goes into third spot in the Area Hi's. RON KEEBLE led with 233, MICK OLLEY and KEITH PAIN both hit 216 and MALCOLM YULE rounded off the score nicely with a 190.



"You children better run upstairs to bed, daddy had a bad score in the tournament."

SUMMER INTERNATIONAL

5 & 6th JUNE 1971

B.T.B.A's first SUMMER INTERNATIONAL at Wembley was a great success with a team entry of 34 including sides from Belgium and France. With all the top talent in the country the scores were expected to be high and nobody was dissatisfied. A 3101 was the winning total in the 5 person team event, a 2457 in the 4's (played European style with one game bowled on each lane), 663 in Singles and 8963 for the 45 game Team All Events. A magnificent tournament atmosphere pervaded throughout and we are looking forward to next years tournament being even better.

TEAM ALL EVENTS

1. HARRY STILLER RACERS 1	8963
2. SCEPTRES	8757
3. AMBASSADOR BOWLING LTD	8568
4. HARRY STILLER RACERS 2	8537
5. TAVERN AUTOMATICS	8375
6. WEMBLEY ALL STARS	8342
7. MALLORY CHARGERS	8341
8. BRUNSWICK JETS	8267
9. GREYHOUNDS	8227
10. ODDS ON	8041

5 PERSON TEAM

1. SCEPTRES	3101
2. HARRY STILLER RACERS 1	3006
3. MALLORY CHARGERS	2932
4. HARRY STILLER RACERS 2	2893
5. WEMBLEY ALL STARS	2868
6. TAVERN AUTOMATICS	2800
7. THE COMMITTEE	2783
8. BRUNSWICK JETS	2747
9. AMBASSADOR BOWLING LTD	2727
10. RACING MOTORSERVE	2707

LADIES TEAM ALL EVENTS

1. SQUAWS	8014
2. PETALS	7978
3. THUNDERBIRDS	7850
4. BELGE ROUGE	7824
5. BELGE BLEU	7737
6. WEMBLEY LIONESSES	7687
7. FOLLOWERS	7644
8. MALLORY CHARGETTES	7543
9. ARMSTRONGS	7450
10. CASTAWAYS	7449

LADIES 5 PERSON TEAM

1. BELGE ROUGE	2665
2. SQUAWS	2605
3. PETALS	2593
4. THUNDERBIRDS	2592
5. MALLORY CHARGETTES	2514
6. WEMBLEY LIONESSES	2502
7. ARMSTRONGS	2463
8. CASTAWAYS	2460
9. BELGE BLEU	2458
10. FOLLOWERS	2450

The 4 person team event was won by AMBASSADOR BOWLING LTD with 2457 led by BOB PALMER's 713, the high set of the Championships and the Ladies 4's was taken by the Belgium Blue team bowling 2351 with Mesdames WOLF and VAN HERPE hitting 642 and 619 respectively. A glut of 600's marked the Singles with top spot going, eventually, to BRIAN WILKINS of the Jets with 663.

MENS SINGLES

1. BRIAN WILKINS	663
2. GEOFF BUCK	648
3. TOM WOOTEN	646
4. DON ESCLARD	634
5. KEN PRING	630
6. DAVE TAYLOR	624
7. Msr BESSEMANS	618
8. ERIC BUTCHER	617
9. A. THORNTON	615
10. JIM BREWER	611

LADIES SINGLES

1. EDNA SEEL	612
2. Mdm COUDERE	607
3. EUNICE GRANT	577
4. ANGIE FLETCHER	569
KIM WHEELER	569
6. J. DONALDSON	567
7. JANET MORRISON	564
Mdm VAN HERPE	564
9. MARGARET LITTLE	556
10. CAROLE COLLIER	551

The All Events Individual titles were won on a new format for this country with the bowler placed 4th overall playing the won in 3rd place, the winner playing the 2nd and so on. For the men JOHN DAWSON in 4th spot beat TOM WOOTON and ERIC BUTCHER to make the final but fell to the leader BOB PALMER for the title and in the ladies section EDNA SEEL from 3rd position beat EUNICE GRANT and Mdm KINDEMANS but lost to KIM WHEELER in the final.

MENS INDIVIDUAL ALL EVENTS

1. BOB PALMER	1849
2. JOHN DAWSON	1815
3. ERIC BUTCHER	1829
4. TOM WOOTON	1823

LADIES INDIVIDUAL ALL EVENTS

1. KIM WHEELER	1717
2. EDNA SEEL	1689
3. Mdm KINDEMANS	1693
4. EUNICE GRANT	1687

Individual high game prizes for the week-end went to EDNA SEEL with 249 and TERRY SAUNDERS with 267. The L.A.B.A. did a magnificent job with both the organisation and the final brochure produced incredibly within minutes of the final scores being rolled.

SPRING TRIO'S

NUMBER BOWL WHITSTABLE

The £75 guarantee was duly paid out at Whitstable over the Spring Bank Holiday tournament where the star of the week-end was TED CULLEN playing for the ORPHEEANS who rolled games of 241-185-235 for a 661 series and paced his side to the top handicap prize of £15. A make up team from Whitstable and Crawley clicked well in the scratch division and belying their adopted name of the TWITS proceeded to make the £15 top place in the scratch section their own. The MORGAN'S POMMETTES team took the ladies prize and the other results went as follows:-

SCRATCH DIVISION

1. THE TWITS	1747	£15.00
2. B.E.T.	1690	7.00
3. THE COMMITTEE	1657	5.00
4. SKI-BOLTS	1640	3.00

HANDICAP DIVISION

1. ORPHEEANS	1894	£15.00
2. CLIFTON ALL STARS	1806	7.00
3. DAKOTAS	1801	5.00
4. OUTCON	1799	3.00

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600 Club - LATEST MEMBERS - 200 Club

JIM MIDDLEDITCH	600	BEX
BILLY ORR	616	BAS
RON HILLS	605	BEX
MIKE PORTER	610	BEX
MIKE GRIFFITHS	623	BEX
JOHN SAWYER	622	WHIT
TEDDY TINLING	603	DAG
WYN COLLISON	612	DAG
JIM SHRIMPTON	627	BEX
JOHN AMOS	631	BEX
EDDIE CHAPMAN	622	BEX
BOB WILSON	620	BEX
EDDIE BELLINGER	615	DAG
BEN CORETTE	614	BEX
PHIL PUTTICK	601	BEX
GRAHAM CHILD	609	BEX
STUART EVANS	607	BEX
ALAN AMOS	603	BEX
ALAN WILKINSON	626	BEX
ARTHUR ROBINSON	600	BEX
MIKE HAND	618	BEX
ANNE SHARPE	623	BEX
JEFF BOUCHER	606	HAR
BILLY PRESTON	625	BAS
PETER HAWES	626	BAS
JIM FAIRBRASS	611	BAS
ROGER BRIGHT	605	BAS
DEREK EVENETT	604	BAS
DENNIS LOTT	653	BAS
ROBERT WOOD	606	BAS
TONY EDWARDS	610	BAS
JAMES INGRAM	601	WHIT
BRIAN GODDEN	610	WHIT
CHAS KNOWLES	617	WHIT
MAURICE OLDHAM	601	WHIT
TOM BALLINGALL	668	WHIT
GRAHAM TWYMAN	655	WHIT
JIM SIMPSON	609	WHIT
DEREK PILCHER	618	WHIT
ERIC PITTOCK	618	WHIT
KEN PACEY	611	WHIT
TONY CROSBIE	622	WHIT

SHAUN BAILEY	WHIT
PETER OWEN	BEX
STEPHEN WHITE	BEX
JOHN HARRIS	BEX
PHIL BUSER	BEX
PHIL SMITH	DAG
JOHN GARNER	DAG
ALAN DOE	DAG
PHIL LUPTON	DAG
RICHARD WALKER	DAG
ROBIN ANDREWS	HAR
MERVYN PICKARD	HAR
ALAN TAPLIN	BEX
DAWN SWANDALE	BEX
KEN MORRIS	BEX
MARY STEPHENSON	BEX
KEN SUTHERLAND	BEX
ROGER NOTLEY	BEX
REG BIRKENSHAW	BEX
SUE ROBERTS	BEX
DAVID POSTANCE	WHIT
TONY BURKE	WHIT
ALAN KIRBY	HAR
JOE SHEPPARD	HAR
MIKE MITCHELL	HAR
PETER HARMAN	WHIT
MATHEW CURTIS	WHIT
DEREK PILCHER	WHIT
MIKE LONG	WHIT
DENIS ABBOTT	WHIT
JIM SIMPSON	WHIT
FRANK SIMMONDS	WHIT
ALAN TERRY	WHIT
PAULINE DENHAM	WHIT
MARGARET HORWOOD	WHIT
WYN HOULT	WHIT
PAUL RIGDEN	WHIT
BILL LARKE	WHIT

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RECORDS GALORE

It would seem that the continentals are tiring of Great Britain claiming all the European records and have commenced a fight back! First to be recorded - beating the British mark of 2504 from the Brunswick Jets - is a four man series of 2599 set by the French team CHAMPIGNEULLES. The score card looked like this:-

FERRIE	206	185	198	589
HORN	234	209	211	654
MOLINIE	214	203	200	617
CERVELLI	214	246	279	739
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	868	843	888	2599

Cervelli's 739 was a new French series record.

On the home front the WEMBLEY ALL STARS have been at it again and missed a new British record by just 2 pins when recording a new Area Record 2502 for 4 man team in the Summer Supreme League at Dagenham. The score card makes an interesting comparison with the one above:-

PHIL RUSSELL	211	247	187	645
COLIN PRESLAND	216	192	213	621
GORDON HOLLIER	224	248	166	638
DEL BROUGH	234	174	190	598
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	885	861	756	2502

A new European record for 5 man team game was recorded at Wembley during the B.T.B.A. Summer International when the HARRY STILLER RACERS rounded off their 3006 set with a great 1175.

Back on the home front again it is nice to see the high scores coming in again from Bexleyheath. A lot of the big scores at Dagenham came about during the few weeks prior to re-surfacing and the same thing has happened at the other ABC centre on the South side of the Thames. The re-surface is now underway but not before FIVE 700 plus series were rolled plus THREE new House Records.

Starting the spree was DAVE REED playing for the MOONSTRIKES in the LATE NITE FINAL LEAGUE and hitting a personal best set of 712. Just three days later MAC MCCARTNEY with 701 paced the MYSTERONS to a new OLYMPIC LEAGUE and Centre record 5 man series of 3010 beating the old mark of 2984 rolled by The Committee last year. Third off the mark was RAY HOBBDAY playing for the KENTISH TIMES in the INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL LEAGUE when he soared to a great 736 set, the second highest series ever bowled at the Centre behind Mick Cope's 745 and just in front of Jack Morton's 734.

The Bexleyheath Doubles record of 1284 from Brian Newson and Pat Duggan has stood for over a year. It has now been headed twice in one week! First DAVE TURNER with the fourth 700 set, a 715, paced a new record of 1335 with FRED SHRIMPTON in the LANG'S DOUBLES and then BRIAN NEWSON and ALAN CHAPMAN in the same event hit 1317. The last 700 before the new lanes was the biggest and another new House Record! Bowling in the SPARTAN DOUBLES LEAGUE only 4 days before the work began on the league lanes and rolling his ball through sawdust from the downstairs lanes ALAN WILKINSON fired strikes galore with games of 235-278-242 for a magnificent 755 set. This brings the total number of 700's rolled within the Area THIS SEASON only to TWENTY!

JUNIOR EURO CHAMPS!

B.T.B.A. General Secretary, MAURICE GLAZER, attended an F.I.Q. meeting in Paris over Whitsun when it was agreed that Great Britain should host the first ever Junior European Championships. All countries present agreed to support the event which will, undoubtedly, be one of the noisiest and most exciting tournaments ever held. More details as soon as they are to hand.

PERIOD
ENDING
12th JUNE
1971



AREA HPS

SEASON 1970/71

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	WEMBLEY ALL STARS	3264**	DAG
		NOMADS	3206	DAG
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	3171	DAG
1 GAME	1 GAME	WEMBLEY ALL STARS	1147**	DAG
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	1144	DAG
		NOMADS	1133	DAG
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	WEMBLEY ALL STARS	2502**	DAG
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	2496	DAG
		BRUNSWICK JETS	2406	DAG
1 GAME	1 GAME	WEMBLEY ALL STARS	885	DAG
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	874	DAG
		DUSTPINMEN	855	BEX
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	WEMBLEY ALL STARS	2038**	DAG
		NOMADS	2007	DAG
		NOMADS	1998	DAG
1 GAME	1 GAME	NOMADS	751**	DAG
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	729	DAG
		WEMBLEY ALL STARS	728	DAG
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	BARRY WILKENS/CHRIS LEAVY	1406**	DAG
		PHIL RUSSELL/DEL BROUGH	1376	DAG
		PHIL RUSSELL/DEL BROUGH	1369	DAG
1 GAME	1 GAME	PHIL RUSSELL/DEL BROUGH	522**	DAG
		PHIL RUSSELL/DEL BROUGH	514	DAG
		BARRY WILKENS/CHRIS LEAVY	504	DAG
MIXED DOUBLES	3 GAMES	PAT GORDON/BARRY WILKENS	1237**	DAG
		PAT GORDON/BARRY WILKENS	1229	DAG
		DOROTHY NICHOLSON/COLIN CROWTHER	1217	BEX
1 GAME	1 GAME	DOROTHY NICHOLSON/COLIN CROWTHER	488**	BEX
		PHYLLIS DARKE/TED BROWN	464	BEX
		JOYCE WILSON/PETE BOYD	449	BEX
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	BRIAN WILKINS	772**	DAG
		BARRY WILKENS	761	DAG
		LES GEORGE	709 & 756	DAG
		ALAN WILKINSON	755	BEX
		RAY HOBBDAY	732	BEX
		BRIAN NEWSON	700 & 728	DAG
		CHRIS LEAVY	717	DAG
		BOBBY MANSFIELD	717	DAG
		WILL CLARKE	706 & 711 & 715	DAG
		DAVE TURNER	715	BEX
		DAVE REED	712	BEX
		COLIN PRESLAND	710	DAG
		DEL BROUGH	708	DAG
		ROGER THOMPSON	706	DAG
		ROGER COOK	703	DAG
		MAC McCARTNEY	701	BEX
		1 GAME	1 GAME	PHIL RUSSELL
LES GEORGE	288			DAG
BRIAN NEWSON	280			BEX
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	MYRA KELSEY	667	BEX
		JANET MORRISON	665	BEX
		JANET MORRISON	645	BEX
1 GAME	1 GAME	MYRA KELSEY	289**	BEX
		VERA PEACOCK	258	BEX
		JANET MORRISON	256	BEX
INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS	3 GAMES	BILLY ORR	616	BAS
		BILLY ORR	612	BAS
		STUART EVANS	607	BEX

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