

BOWLING

kent
area

EDITOR B.T.B.A

NEWS

MARCH 1966
ISSUE NO.7

The entry forms for the 4th. Annual Kent Area Championships are now available in limited numbers. The Excel Bowl, Cliftonville is already preparing for what promises to be the best tournament yet held in Kent. All 24 lanes will be used and the earlier your entry is received the better chance you have of obtaining one of the centre lanes. See your league secretary or local B.T.B.A. representative without delay. Sample entry forms are shown on your B.T.B.A. Notice Board. Dont delay.. Closing date 1st. April.

For those wishing to bowl early on Sunday without the strain of getting up early and encountering a longish drive preparatory to bowling an overnight stay is recommended on the Saturday night. If you want to be with bowlers on the championship eve and have a comfortable bed with breakfast guaranteed before your squad times contact Tom Ballingall, 1, Stanley Road, Cliftonville. Bed & Breakfast and a good time to be had by all - 14/-d!

KENT AREA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27th. March is the date - commencing at 3p.m. All league representatives should now have been notified to the Area Secretary in accordance with last month's Bowling News. If your league has missed out dont complain if we are not doing all that you consider we should do. A report on the proceedings will, in any event, be published in our next issue.

MOTTO OF THE MONTH

The easiest way to make friends in bowling is to ask for instruction. The easiest way to lose them is to give instructions without being asked!

KENT'S HIGHEST AVERAGE

Mike Luckhurst, rolling in the Ship League at Whitstable currently holds an average of 190 over 60 games - one of the highest averages in the Country. Mike is also the Whitstable Bowler of the Year having rolled 1163 pins over 6 games for an average of 194 to win this year's title. Mike is also topping the Kent County Travelling League averages and appears set for his best ever season.

KENT COUNTY TRAVELLING LEAGUE

Positions as at 27th. February 1966:-

	Won	Lost	Total Pins	Average	Hi Game	Hi Series	Pts
1. WHITSTABLE CLASSICS	26	7	27760	841	966	2662	52
2. WHITSTABLE OYSTERS	24	9	27772	842	989	2658	48
3. BEXLEYHEATH AMBASSADORS	19	14	27237	825	920	2669	38
4. CHATHAM LIONS	18	15	26861	814	900	2608	36
5. BEXLEYHEATH COURIERS	15	18	26401	800	883	2567	30
6. CLIFTONVILLE MASTERS	13	20	26496	803	920	2699	26
7. CHATHAM TIGERS	11	22	25281	766	877	2521	22
8. CLIFTONVILLE KINGPINS	6	27	24941	756	848	2456	12

High Averages:- MIKE LUCKHURST 178 - MIKE TONG 178 - BRIAN SNOOK 177 - JIM BURCH 173
High Series:- JAMES INGRAM 634 - MIKE TONG 625 - MIKE LUCKHURST 605 - JIM BURCH 600
High Games:- JOHN BARNES 253 - JAMES INGRAM 244 - BRIAN SNOOK 243 - MIKE TONG 237

With only three matches to play the fight for the championship seems restricted to the two Whitstable teams who have rolled very consistantly throughout the whole season. The late run by Chatham & Bexleyheath appears too late.

DONT DESPAIR

Joe Guarneri of Connecticut is firmly convinced that bowling is an unpredictable sport. On November 17th. last year he struggled for a 440 series in the local Industrial League. The following night playing in the Shop League however was a different story - he shot up to a series of 714, the highest ever bowled in the league's 31 year history. Dont despair - it could happen to you!

KENT'S HIGHEST EVER GAME

Rolling for Wellington Motors in the Olympic League at Bexleyheath on 10th. February Pat Duggan really hit a string of strikes. Striking in the first frame of the second game Pat went on striking right up to the tenth frame. On the eleventh delivery the whole of the 70 bowler league held their breath. The ball was a good one but a shade slower than the first ten and in consequence came up a little high on the head pin. It could have struck but unfortunately the 6 pin was stubborn and Pat finished with a 288 game and a series of 667, the highest so far this season in the Kent Area. Special badges have been ordered by the Area showing in black the legend "288" and "10X". The nearest yet to a 300 in Kent - maybe it won't be long after all. •

ONE PIN WORTH 500 DOLLARS!

First prize in the Pat Harkins Classic Tournament in Illinois was 1000 dollars. The highest scratch series over 5 games was declared the winner and the runner up received 500 dollars. With 1083 pins Ed Besse took first place with Chuck Wagner just one pin behind with a 1082! In top league or tournament play it often pays to be certain of the one pin in a big split rather than attempt a conversion and miss them both. It could cost you money and a title.

A NEW SPONSORED TEAM

Les Jarman writes to tell us of the newly sponsored 5 man team based at Chatham, the "Audeovid Record 5" sponsored by the Audeovid Record dealers of Star Hill, Rochester. The teams first match in a series of challenge matches was against the formidable Committee from Bexleyheath. Caring nothing for reputations and caring not for the tannoy announcement that their opponents two days previously had rolled a 1010 game and 2771 series the Audeovids ran out winners over the series by 38 pins, high series by John Mitchell, 569 and John Court 532. For the Committee Tom Turner was high man with 538 followed by Buzz Morrison with 535.

The return match was also a real cracker with John Mitchell again the high man on 516 and Andy Brown closely behind him with 509. On this occasion however the Committee were in devastating form and opening with a game of 1003 they proceeded to roll 2791 which the Record 5 just could not hold. High men were skipper Dog Bit Davis and Bill Bridge, both with 578. It is understood that a decider is to be arranged at a neutral bowl. It should be worth watching.

AN UNSHAVEN 600

Kent Area Executive Director Tom Ballingall of Cliftonville was having a welcome Sunday morning lay in bed when the telephone rang. Not due to bowl that morning in the Wakey Wakoy League Tom was nevertheless urgently required as a team mate was unable to turn up at the last minute. A quick wash but no time to shave, hurriedly dressed and Tom yawned onto the lanes just in time to bowl his first frame. At the end of ten frames Tom had woken up. His score was 246 - a personal best! Following with games of 181 and 199 Tom clocked a 626 - his first 600. Next time this happens we suggest that Tom should roll in his pyjamas - you never know it could be a 700!

BOWLING FILMS

The Kent Area Executive have agreed to hire a 16mm projector in order to arrange a show of films on bowling which are now obtainable by Areas from the BTBA. Watch your notice boards for details as these shows will come to each Kent Bowl in turn. The films are very good indeed and include instruction, top pro bowling and actual films of 300 games being rolled. Yet another service of the Kent Area!

NEW LEAGUES FOR BEXLEYHEATH

7.45p.m. on future Wednesday evenings will see the beginning of a new league which promises to be one of the toughest in the Kent area - THE METROPOLITAN CLASSIC, for scratch 5 person teams. The league is a classified one and a minimum team average of 800 is needed to gain entry. A number of teams from the Olympic League will be crossing over but their place will be taken by other sides who have been waiting to come into it and bowl on a handicap basis. Enquiries regarding both leagues should be made to Kent Area 1st. Vice President Brian Morrison.

The Metropolitan Classic will finish shortly after 10p.m. and it is hoped that another scratch league will follow at approximately 10.15p.m. finishing at 11.30p.m. The suggested league name is the ALL STAR and this will be for doubles with a minimum entering average of 160. There is a shortage of scratch doubles leagues in Kent and this one should fill a long felt need, particularly as the highest scores in bowling come from this type of play.

AREA SECRETARY FOR ADVANCED INSTRUCTION!

The Kent Area B.T.B.A. Secretary, Brian Langford was recently invited onto the AMF Advanced Instructors at Corby Bowl, Northants. A very interesting weekend involving group instruction, advanced instruction, ball measuring and drilling etc resulted in Brian passing the course and receiving his membership card, diploma and shirt insignia. Well done Brian and we are sure that your knowledge will prove very handy to the Area generally.

MARATHONS

The B.T.B.A. will not sanction a marathon but as a number of bowlers in the Area are interested in this type of self torture and have in fact entered the marathon tournament being held by Lee-West Promotions they may be interested in the accepted world record for an individual bowling continuously. Between June 12th and June 17th 1964 Richard Dewey of the U.S.A. completed no fewer than 1073 games in 121 hours and 45 minutes! It is not reported whether he is still living!

TOGETHERNESS?

Bowling in an early evening league it was a certain bowlers practise to return home about 8p.m. when his wife would then leave to play cards. One evening he came home after a particularly bad night when his team had lost a vital match and he had played abysmally. As he slumped into a chair despondently he noticed his wife putting on her hat to leave and whimpered "Darling, I've had such a bad night wont you stay home?" "I cant" she replied, "this is my bridge night" "Then wait for me" he retorted "we'll jump off together!"

PUZZLE SERIES

Zan Hassin of California recently achieved a series of 698 in league play. Nothing unusual by American standards but the series was accomplished without a 200 game! He bowled 199-199-300.

WHAT A FINISH!

In the 1957 American Bowling Congress Tournament Bob Allen saw that he had a 726 series to beat and win the singles title. After 2 games Bob had totalled 428, a good score but hardly good enough when his final game had to be a 296. Wanting no fewer than eleven strikes in a row Bob threw caution to the wind and really came on in a big way. He made his eleven in a row and finishing with an eight count he took the title with a great series of 729. One of the finest finishes in American tournament history.

CALLING ALL DADS

Heredity is something a father believes in until his own son throws a gutter ball in a crucial situation! The same dad has mixed emotions when the wife he taught to bowl starts beating him. He doesn't know whether to smile because he is such a good instructor or cry because he is such a rotten bowler!

KENT AREA HIGH SCORE RECORDS UP TO AND INCLUDING 28th. FEBRUARY 1966

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>PENTAD</u>	BEX	2773
		<u>THE COMMITTEE</u>	BEX	2771
		<u>THE COMMITTEE</u>	BEX	2760
	1 GAME	<u>THE COMMITTEE</u>	BEX	1010
		<u>THE BARBARIANS</u>	BEX	998
		<u>THE COMMITTEE</u>	BEX	980
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>THE ORPHEEIAN</u>	WHIT	2394
		<u>THE ORPHEEIAN</u>	WHIT	2292
		<u>THE LOOSE ENDS</u>	BEX	2169
	1 GAME	<u>THE ORPHEEIAN</u>	WHIT	870
		<u>THE ORPHEEIAN</u>	WHIT	849
		<u>THE LOOSE ENDS</u>	BEX	807
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>THE NIGHTRIDERS</u>	BEX	1783
		<u>THE VICARS</u>	BEX	1760
		<u>THE PENDRAGONS</u>	BEX	1722
	1 GAME	<u>THE NIGHTRIDERS</u>	BEX	635
		<u>THE VICARS</u>	BEX	625
		<u>THE CHEETAHS</u>	BEX	617
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>JANET MORRISON/FRED WYLES</u>	BEX	1168
	1 GAME	<u>JANET MORRISON/FRED WYLES</u>	BEX	440
		<u>THE ZODIACS</u>	BEX	413
MENS SINGLES	3 GAMES	<u>PAT DUGGAN</u>	BEX	667
		<u>MIKE TONG</u>	WHIT	664
		<u>NEVILLE D' COSTA</u>	BEX	659
	1 GAME	<u>PAT DUGGAN</u>	BEX	288
		<u>CHARLIE WOOLSLEY</u>	BEX	267
		<u>REX PILE</u>	BEX	266
LADIES SINGLES	3 GAMES	<u>ANNE HENDERSON</u>	CLIF	626
	1 GAME	<u>ANNE HENDERSON</u>	CLIF	241
		<u>TRUDI HEDGES</u>	CHAT	236
		<u>NORMA BRIDGE</u>	BEX	235
JUNIOR SINGLES	3 GAMES	<u>PETER FLEMING</u>	BEX	601
	1 GAME	<u>PETER FLEMING</u>	BEX	247
			<u>GRAHAM LENNOX</u>	WHIT

X/X

Apologies to the Barbarians whose 2nd place Area high game of 998 was erroneously credited to Pentad last month. Congratulations to the Nightriders on taking both the 3 person team series and game records to date.

2853 FOUR MAN SERIES!

The Top Score Lane Maintenance Four playing Braasch Bowling Supply Four in league at the the Freeway Bowl, California in January this year set the 4 man team record for the U.S.A. for the 1965/66 season. Top Score opened with an 863 game against their opponent's 834 and then with games of 278, 266, 246 & 224 they hit a 1014 team game - and lost! Braasch with 299, 268, 246 & 204 made 1017, a U.S.A. season's record. Top Score took the third game with a 976 totalling 2853, the 7th highest in bowling history for a four man team. Beat that!