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LARGEST AREA TOURNAMENT EVER IN G.B.



Hook Grip Five's 1342 game

Many bowlers who follow the game with more than a passing interest are aware that Allie Brandt's 886 series back in 1939 is the highest 3 game score ever rolled in sanctioned league play. And most are aware that the highest 5-person team series ever recorded in league play was fashioned by the famed Budweiser quintet in 1958 when Don Carter, Tom Hennessey, Pat Patterson, Ray Bluth and Dick Weber combined for that incredible 3858. Just as incredible, though much less heralded, is the alltime 5-person team game record of 1342. That remarkable total was rolled by the Hook Grip Five in April 1950 at Al's Bowl-a-Drome in Lodi, New Jersey, a little 8 lane centre that has long since gone out of business. After 22 years the game still provides plenty of ammunition for discussion.

Oddly enough most of the comment for this world record score centres upon disappointments and 'what might have been.' For with the first four players all opening with 9 strikes in a row none, in fact, could muster a perfect game and, ironically, the only player to turkey in the tenth frame was the anchor man who had been '10 pin tapped' three times and was the only player who was not in a position to record a 300.

Lead off man Pete Kavalski did make two more strikes in the 10th frame but could only muster a six count on his final ball for a 296. Sam Vitola left the 2-5-8 and spared it adding 9 on his fill ball for 276. Third man in the line-up, Tony Lakawicz, rolled what everyone thought was a good-pocket ball but came up with the 8-10 and finished with 266. Stixie Mulick in fourth spot also left the 2-5-8 but chopped the 2-8 from the 5 and was forced to settle for 266. Stan Niemiec, who had missed the first of his ten pin taps went all the way for a 238 rounding off the 1342.

Tony Lakawicz, who is still a fine bowler and active in both ABC and PBA circles recalls that maybe the team tried to be a little too perfect in the final frame and without realising it weren't as loose as they had been earlier. If all four men had gone all the way the game would have totaled 1438 and four perfect games and had the anchor man not been tapped from three good looking pocket balls it could have been a perfect 1500 team game!

There are many records in the books and many of them will be beaten. The Hook Grip 5's 1342 looks safe but what looks even safer is the feat of the four men on the same

team in stringing the first nine strikes. It's always fun to write about high scores and records. That's because it's so much easier to write about them than it is to roll them. It takes a lot more bowling than writing, however, to produce a 1342!



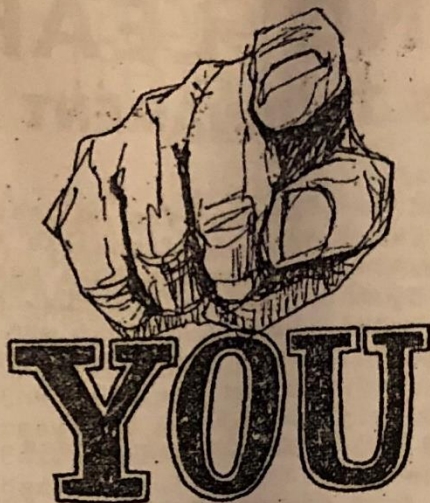
PETE KAVALSKI SAM VITOLA TONY LAKAWICZ STIXIE MULICK STAN NIEMIEC

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PETE KAVALSKI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	296
SAM VITOLA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	237	257	276
TONY LAKAWICZ	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	238	257	266
STIXIE MULICK	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	238	257	266
STAN NIEMIEC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	9	38	58	78	98	118	148	178	208	238

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LOOKING AHEAD

ENTER YOUR AREA CHAMPS



YOU must enter your 1972 Area Championships.

YOU will be a part of the largest event of its kind anywhere in Great Britain.

YOU stand a chance of becoming an Area Champion regardless of your average as every event operates on a handicap as well as a scratch basis.

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YOU bowl in one of over 80 sanctioned leagues at either Basildon, Cliftonville, Harlow, Bexleyheath, Whitstable, Bexleyheath or Southend - all are eligible to compete in Singles, Doubles, Team and All Events.

YOU may not be a part of an existing 5-person team but this does not preclude you from entering. Form a team from your league, your firm, your club or your friends.

YOU have a choice of five different dates on which to bowl and a variety of different squad times as follows:-

SUNDAY 16th. APRIL

9.30a.m. DOUBLES & SINGLES
12.00p.m. DOUBLES & SINGLES
2.30p.m. DOUBLES & SINGLES
5.00p.m. DOUBLES & SINGLES
8.00p.m. TEAM EVENT

SATURDAY 22nd. APRIL

4.00p.m. DOUBLES & SINGLES
6.15p.m. TEAM EVENT

SUNDAY 23rd. APRIL

9.30a.m. DOUBLES & SINGLES
12.00p.m. DOUBLES & SINGLES
2.30p.m. TEAM EVENT
5.15p.m. S.E.B.A. MASTERS(LADIES)
7.30p.m. S.E.B.A. MASTERS(MEN)
9.45p.m. DOUBLES & SINGLES

SATURDAY 29th. APRIL

4.00p.m. DOUBLES & SINGLES
6.15p.m. TEAM EVENT

SUNDAY 30th. APRIL

9.30a.m. DOUBLES & SIBGLES
12.00p.m. DOUBLES & SINGLES
2.30p.m. TEAM EVENT
5.45p.m. DOUBLES & SINGLES
8.00p.m. TEAM EVENT

YOU should complete your Entry Form as soon as it is received in order to obtain the squad time and date of your first choice.

YOU will be able to watch the Essex and Kent teams that are to represent their respective counties in the B.T.B.A. Inter-County Championships compete in the S.E.B.A. Masters Invitational from 5.15p.m. on Sunday, 23rd. April.

YOU may not have transport to travel to Cliftonville. Don't let this deter you. Hand your name in to your S.E.B.A. Bowl representative and he will arrange with the Tournament Manager to find you a car travelling down at the same time as yourself with a spare seat.

YOU may like to travel down on Saturday and stay in Cliftonville or Margate overnight. For accomodation write to Tom Ballingall at 1, Stanley Road, Cliftonville, Kent. Telephone 0843 24198.

YOU will be made a member of the luxurious club for the day where you can partake of refreshment and dine at the Steak Bar - possibly the finest club premises of any bowl in the country.

FALLING LEAF

DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Despite thick snow, a blizzard and freezing fog no less than 109 teams made their way to the re-opened Excel Bowl, Cliftonville to participate in the 3rd. Annual Falling Leaf Tournament sponsored this year by BASS CHARRINGTON to the tune of £100.00 and by the CLIFTONVILLE BOWLERS COMMITTEE for £10.00. The teams battled for a total prize fund that was nearly up to the £300.00 mark and this for a doubles event meant that the competition was fierce indeed. Newly re-surfaced lanes and new pins slowed the scoring down a mite but everyone was very taken with the excellent conversion job that has been done and the overall cleanliness of the centre which was a credit to all concerned.

The tournament was played in four divisions and the top placings in each went as follows:-

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP

1. PEARL & DAVE LEHRIAN	BASILDON	1231	£30.00
2. DOLLY HART & BARRY WRIGHT	DAGENHAM	1214	15.00
3. GLORIA SHERK & GEORGE NELSON	WHITSTABLE	1182	9.60
4.			
5. JOYCE PRESLAND & WILL CLARKE	DAGENHAM	1164	

LADIES DOUBLES HANDICAP

1. GWEN NYE & DORIS AINGER	BASILDON	1220	£25.00
2. DOLLY HART & MARY SABAN	DAGENHAM	1195	5.60
3. MARJ BALLINGALL & PAT O'NEILL	CLIFTONVILLE	1144	
4. JOYCE PRESLAND & PAT O'NEILL	DAG/CLIF	1130	
5. ENID KING & JEAN CUMMINGS	DAGENHAM	1101	

MENS DOUBLES SCRATCH

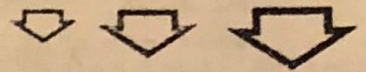
1. PAUL CRUNDELL & DAVE BUCK	CLIFTONVILLE	1195	£45.00
2. GRAHAM TWYMAN & GEORGE NELSON	CLIFTONVILLE	1145	25.00
3. BRIAN NEWSON & ALAN CHAPMAN	BEXLEYHEATH	1136	10.00
4. JOHN ELVES & DAVE LEHRIAN	BASILDON	1134	5.60
5. CHRIS SMITH & TERRY GAIGER	WHITSTABLE	1122	
6. PETE WOODWARD & DOUG WHITE	CLIFTONVILLE	1113	
7. ROGER EVANS & COLIN PEPLER	WHITSTABLE	1112	
8. BILL MCEVOY & DAVE BUCK	CLIFTONVILLE	1108	
9. BUZZ MORRISON & COLIN CROWTHER	BEXLEYHEATH	1103	
10. RON TREADWELL & LEN MYNNE	WEMBLEY	1094	

MENS DOUBLES HANDICAP

1. PAUL CRUNDELL & DAVE BUCK	CLIFTONVILLE	1285	£50.00
2. JOHN ELVES & DAVE LEHRIAN	BASILDON	1240	25.00
3. GRAHAM TWYMAN & GEORGE NELSON	CLIFTONVILLE	1229	16.00
4. DAVE TUCKER & SAM WEST	CRAWLEY	1228	11.00
5. BRIAN HOPKINS & BRIAN WOOD	BASILDON	1212	8.00
6. BILL MCEVOY & DAVE BUCK	CLIFTONVILLE	1210	2.80
CHRIS SMITH & TERRY GAIGER	WHITSTABLE	1210	2.80
8. RON TREADWELL & LEN MYNNE	WEMBLEY	1208	
9. BUZZ MORRISON & COLIN CROWTHER	BEXLEYHEATH	1205	
PETE WOODWARD & DOUG WHITE	CLIFTONVILLE	1205	

The perpetual trophy for the Mixed Doubles division was presented to PEARL & DAVE LEHRIAN during the combined 600 & 200 Club Tournaments at Basildon and all the cash has also been distributed. In every way a very successful S.E.B.A. tournament.

ESSEX & KENT



Although the actual dates for the qualifying rounds of the B.T.B.A. Inter-County Championships are not yet to hand both Essex and Kent Selection Committees are hard at work trying, in their own individual ways, to produce teams to reach the finals. Essex, with a profusion of high average men bowlers, stick to their tried format of previous years and the highest average from league will be coupled with the scores bowled in the trials to produce 12 men and 12 women who will be invited to compete in a special S.E.B.A. Masters event held within the 10th. Anniversary Area Championships at Cliftonville in April. There the top 8 men plus two reserves and the top 8 ladies plus two reserves will form the Essex teams. Entry forms for the trials are already out the they are to be held at the Harlow Bowl on 4th. and 5th. March. Entry fee for men is £1.85 and for women £1.45. Anyone born in Essex or having resided in the county for a minimum of two years and who wishes to be considered for Essex County selection should see their Bowl Representative for an entry form or should contact Dolly Hart direct at 46, Bracken Drive, Chigwell, Essex.

The Kent Selection Committee have done their homework and field work and having considered ability, personality, temperament and consistency among many other things have duly published the following list of Kent players who are also invited to compete with the Essex contingent at Cliftonville in the S.E.B.A. Masters. All 12 players will be registered for their county and the team will be picked in relation to the centre of play and upon current form nearer the date of each round:-

LADIES

JANET MORRISON
ANNE SIMMONS
BRENDA GAIGER
GLORIA SHERK
JOYCE PRESLAND
BERYL SHRIMPTON
VI MORRISON
DOREEN CULLEN
VERA PEACOCK
MARS WRIGHT
DOROTHY NICHOLSON
POPPY HOWIS

MEN

BRIAN NEWSON
EDDIE CHAPMAN
JOHN ELDER
PAT DUGGAN
COLIN CROWTHER
COLIN PEPLER
PETE BOYD
MIKE LUCKHURST
GEORGE NELSON
DOUG WHITE
FRED SHRIMPTON
DAVE TURNER

Should any of the above not wish to play for Kent for any reason they should contact Tom Ballingall or Brian Newson straight away. Should any player feel unjustifiably left out they should write, detailing their case for inclusion, to Tom Ballingall at 1 Stanley Road, Cliftonville

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