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- 1st Annual Championships - Stamford Hill, London - 1962
- 2nd Annual Championships - Airport Bowl, London - 1963
- 3rd. Annual Championships - Wylde Green, Birmingham - 1964
- 4th Annual Championships - Old Trafford, Manchester - 1965
- 5th. ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - WEMBLEY, LONDON - 1966

Entries 62% up on the 1965 B.T.B.A. Championships - that was the story of Wembley this year with thousands of bowlers converging onto Wembley Stadium from all parts of Gt. Britain. From as far North as Aberdeen and as far South as Plymouth they came - by car, by train and by plane. The newly chartered Shape Area Association was represented by the Pan-Americans from Paris and in addition the very strong American contingent from the U.S.A.F. Bases in this country was in attendance as usual. Entering averages varied from a startling 210 (one of the U.S.A. Paris team) to around the 100 mark but of course this is the tournament devised for ALL to participate in on reasonably equal footing and the handicap sections ensure that every entrant bowls on a fairly equal basis.

Friday, March 18th saw the opening ceremonies and the first 22 five person teams paraded onto the lanes behind the pipes of the Dagenham Girl Pipers. The Secretary of the British Olympic Committee, Mr. Sandy Duncan formally declared the Championships open and by draw Joe Bowler was chosen to bowl the first ball. Kent Area Executive Director Brian Snook from Whitstable was the 'lucky' one out of the hat and having rolled the first ball he was presented with a silver casket to commemorate the occasion.

Throughout the whole of the 6 day event the lanes were in excellent condition and irrespective of brand new 3lb 9oz pins the scores were very good indeed. Individual high games going to Tony Mercer of London for the men and Brenda Clapper of Southampton with 278 and 237 respectively. High series was a 662 from Jim Duncan of Ipswich.

## MENS. TEAM EVENT - SCRATCH

At the completion of the first schedule on Friday, March 18th the PARIS PAN-AMERICANS had taken a big lead with a series of 2827. Led by a 641 series from AL OBROCHTA the Pan-Ams rolled 925-975-927 and only THE COMMITTEE from Bexley were anywhere near them with 2616, their high man being RAY WEBB with 611. The following Saturday and Sunday the teams came and went without reaching this total and in the process many big names fell by the wayside. The AMF Classics fielding Paul Lane, Lee Frantz and 300 game man Jack Vickers could muster only 2602. The nationally sponsored Ovaltine 5 couldn't quite reach a 2500 and nor could the Yank Terrors from Ipswich. Last years winners, the Regal Rebels from Grays made a valiant effort but failed by 62 pins. Lee Kates and the Phoenix 5 from Manchester could only muster 2505, the Cossacks were never in it and so it went on. The standard had been set and it was going to take a team on top form to wrest the team title from these Americans. On the following Saturday, 26th. March it appeared that it was going to be done when the Greyhounds from Golders Green were clearly in great form. The total was too much, however and they finished with a very creditable 2778. Onto the final day of the Championships and it seemed that Gt. Britain had two hopes left, the SHERBORNE RUBBER ROLLERS from Birmingham and London's own BRUNSWICK JETS. Maurice Depoij, Jim Walters and Tony King were in great form and as the final frame of the third game came to a close Tony King had to spare to beat the previous total. He took the 6 pin cleanly and with a strike to follow the Birmingham side had amassed 2834 and appeared set for the 1966 title. The Jets had other ideas!



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The Jets 'A' side fielded skipper David Miel, Bernie Caterer, Lee Wickham, new acquisition Joe Killian and Jan Roze. A big 900 first game and they were on their way with 200 games from both Joe and Jan. The second game was started badly but they picked up from the 6th. frame for another 900, leaving a 971 game required to take the title. Miel and Wickham who had both been suffering with splits and taps found some luck and set the team on it's way with 216 and 205 games. At the other end of the scale Killian and Roze with four 200's between them until now had started to suffer. Came the last frames. David spared, Bernie struck and spared, Lee doubled and Joe spared. Their total was 2805 with Jan Roze to bowl and wanting nothing less than a turkey for the Championship! The whole Stadium roared when the first ball went all the way to the pocket for a perfect strike. The second delivery was a little light but 'coming in round the back door' swept all ten pins into the back. The last ball of the Championships to be rolled and another strike still needed. It was a good ball but again a little on the light side and taking 9 pins the number 7 pin refused to do anything but rock! Yes the 1966 Scratch Team Championships for the first time ever are declared a draw!

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| 1. SHERBORNE RUBBER ROLLERS - BIRMINGHAM   | 2834 |
| BRUNSWICK 'JETS' A - LONDON                | 2834 |
| 3. PARIS PAN-AMERICANS - U.S.A.F. PARIS    | 2827 |
| 4. THE GREYHOUNDS - LONDON                 | 2778 |
| 5. REGAL ROVERS - GRAYS, ESSEX             | 2770 |
| 6. REGAL REBELS - GRAYS, ESSEX             | 2765 |
| 7. MILDENHALL CHAMPS - U.S.A.F. MILDENHALL | 2754 |

MENS TEAM EVENT - HANDICAP

Again the eventual winners did not emerge until the final day of the Championships. The first leaders were the Paris Pan-Americans but with three 200 plus average bowlers in their side their handicap was small and they were soon overtaken by The Regal Rebels and others.

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| 1. THE DOMINOES - U.S.A.F. CROUGHTON     | 3031 |
| 2. REGAL REBELS - GRAYS, ESSEX           | 3023 |
| 3. REGAL ROVERS - GRAYS, ESSEX           | 3022 |
| 4. BRUNSWICK JETS "A" - LONDON           | 3008 |
| 5. SHAW CONSTRUCTION "ODDS ON" - WEMBLEY | 2980 |
| 6. SAVERY HAWKS - CHESTER                | 2979 |
| 7. THE WONDERS - LONDON                  | 2977 |
| 8. U.S.A.F. LAKENHEATH                   | 2976 |

LADIES TEAM EVENT - SCRATCH & HANDICAP

Once again the standard was set on opening night with the WEMBLEY LIONESSES rolling a very good 2555 series. The Silhouettes came nearest to them in the scratch section with 2498 and The Shiralles were only 17 pins away in the handicap division. No team could overtake them however and these titles stay in London at least until next year.

| <u>SCRATCH</u>         |      | <u>HANDICAP</u>        |      |
|------------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| 1. WEMBLEY LIONESSES   | 2555 | 1. WEMBLEY LIONESSES   | 2909 |
| 2. THE SILHOUETTES     | 2498 | 2. THE SHIRALLES       | 2892 |
| 3. U.S.A.F. LAKENHEATH | 2490 | 3. U.S.A.F. LAKENHEATH | 2890 |
| 4. LEES MACAROONS      | 2481 | 4. LEES MACAROONS      | 2871 |
| 5. JETABELLES "A"      | 2453 | 5. THE MEATBALLS       | 2855 |
| 6. THE MAIDS OF KENT   | 2396 | 6. THE CARABELLES      | 2829 |

MENS DOUBLES EVENT - SCRATCH & HANDICAP

The pace was set for this event when the Paris Americans rolled on the first Saturday afternoon. With AL RISTON, HAL WHITE, JOE BARNWELL all being holders of perfect games anything was likely to happen, particularly when the two British 300 men were on the same squad. JACK VICKERS and ALBERT KIRKHAM, however were not on their best form and the 200 plus games started rolling in from the Paris based Americans. Barnwell and Obrochta treated the large audience to some magnificent play and only bad luck cost them both much bigger scores. Nevertheless they totalled 1165 scratch which held good until the following Friday, March 25th which found both BOBBY MANSFIELD and DAVID MIEL of the Jets in great form with respective series of 626 and 606 for a 1232 total.

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Everyone thought it was all over but JIM DUNCAN of the Ipswich Albion Waggoners team had other ideas on the final day when he hit the Championship high series of 662 and with team mate TONY VAUGHN making 587 the titles, both scratch and handicap go to Ipswich.

SCRATCH

|                                       |      |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| 1. JIM DUNCAN & TONY VAUGHN - IPSWICH | 1249 |
| 2. DAVID MIEL & BOBBY MANSFIELD       | 1232 |
| 3. BRYAN BREWER & J. METCALFE - B'HAM | 1192 |
| 4. MAURICE DEPOIY & TONY KING - B'HAM | 1178 |
| 5. JOE BARNWELL & AL OBROCHTA - PARIS | 1165 |
| 6. ASHWORTH & HAGGAN                  | 1162 |

HANDICAP

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| 1. JIM DUNCAN & TONY VAUGHN      | 1331 |
| 2. DAVID MIEL & B. MANSFIELD     | 1302 |
| 3. BRYAN BREWER & J. METCALFE    | 1298 |
| 4. F. COX & K. EVANS-SLOUGH      | 1298 |
| 5. F. EARIS & D. SMITH-SLOUGH    | 1261 |
| 6. W. WALDRON & J. EVERS -U.S.A. | 1255 |

LADIES DOUBLES-SCRATCH AND HANDICAP

ANN GARRETT and JO FROUD of Webbley were the leaders for eight days with 1088 scratch and 1234 handicap but at the final count had to be content with runners up position in each event.

SCRATCH

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|--------------------------------------|------|
| 1. RENE McCULLOCH/S. CLARK-LIVERPOOL | 1092 |
| 2. ANN GARRETT/JO FROUD-WEMBLEY      | 1088 |
| 3. S. WINTER/G. RUSSELL-BOURNEMOUTH  | 1071 |
| 4. CLAIRE WILLIAMS/GEORGIE ALLINGTON | 1063 |
| 5. KAREN SHARPE/RHODA BREWER         | 1050 |
| 6. J. MARTIN/J. ABEYTA               | 1049 |

HANDICAP

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|--------------------------|------|
| 1. J. MARTIN/J. ABEYTA   | 1259 |
| 2. A. GARRETT/J. FROUD   | 1234 |
| 3. S. WINTER/G. RUSSELL  | 1229 |
| 4. R. McCULLOCH/S. CLARK | 1216 |
| 5. J. TOLLERUD/R. MOORE  | 1214 |
| 6. GOLDSMITH AND SMITH   | 1205 |

MENS SINGLES EVENT - SCRATCH AND HANDICAP

A fairly large 600 series is invariably required to take this scratch title with a low 700 usual for the handicap section. JOE BARNWELL led over the first week-end with 629 when on the second Saturday LARRY LALONE came out with a string of strikes in each game to total 656. Tony King with 644 and Ray Murray tried hard to overtake but without success so far as the scratch crown was concerned. Murray had the bigger handicap, however, and made the handicap title his own by just 10 pins.

SCRATCH

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. LARRY LALONE - U.S.A. LUTON  | 656 |
| 2. TONY KING - BIRMINGHAM       | 644 |
| 3. RAY MURRAY - USAF-MILDENHALL | 640 |
| 4. JOE BARNWELL - USAF PARIS    | 629 |
| 5. LEE FRANTZ - USAF LONDON     | 623 |
| 6. GRAHAM WEST - LONDON         | 618 |
| 7. TONY COLLEDAN - SLOUGH       | 615 |

HANDICAP

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. RAY MURRAY - USAF MILDENHALL | 698 |
| 2. LARRY LALONE - U.S.A. LUTON  | 686 |
| 3. VIC ROTHWELL - BOURNEMOUTH   | 679 |
| 4. J. WHALE                     | 678 |
| 5. GRAHAM WEST - LONDON         | 672 |
| 6. TONY KING - BIRMINGHAM       | 668 |

LADIES SINGLES - SCRATCH & HANDICAP

At the completion of 3 days bowling there was only a 535 to beat in the scratch section but even this was not a bad score bearing that the light bowling balls used by the majority of lady competitors find it tough going against new and heavy pins. The second week-end was a different story however with the total going from 535 to 550 and then steadily all the way up until MARGARET COOMBES of South Shields cracked in a fine 573 giving her also second place in the handicap division won by CHRIS SHEPHERD.

SCRATCH

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. MARGARET COOMBES - STH. SHIELDS  | 573 |
| 2. JUNE JACKSON - HOVE              | 569 |
| 3. JOAN PRIMMER - MANCHESTER        | 555 |
| 4. FREDA MILLIGAN - USAF MILDENHALL | 554 |
| 5. WINNIE GILLETTE-USA F LAKENHEATH | 553 |
| 6. ENA GRANT - HOUNSLOW             | 550 |

HANDICAP

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| 1. CHRIS SHEPHERD   | 645 |
| 2. MARGARET COOMBES | 639 |
| 3. FREDA MILLIGAN   | 628 |
| 4. WINNIE GILLETTE  | 627 |
| 5. JUNE KIRBY       | 627 |
| 6. ENA GRANT        | 624 |
| VALERIE LUXFORD     | 624 |

IMPORTANT - ALL THESE RESULTS ARE BROUGHT TO YOU STRAIGHT FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ARE NOT RATIFIED RESULTS. THESE WILL BE PUBLISHED BY THE B.T.B.A. AFTER EDITING AND CHECKING ENTERING AVERAGES.











MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
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- 15th Mar. B.T.B.A. Summer Season begins.
- 27th Mar. Kent Area Annual General Meeting.
- 1st Apr. FINAL ENTRY DATE FOR YOUR ENTRY INTO THE KENT AREA  
TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION'S FOURTH ANNUAL AREA  
CHAMPIONSHIPS. (Midnight Friday)
- DON'T DELAY ENTER TODAY. "NOW"
- 3rd Apr. KENT COUNTY LEAGUE meets at Excel Bowl Whitstable.
- 6th Apr. Schedules out to competitors for Area championships.
- 17th Apr. Final meeting of the KENT COUNTY TRAVELLING LEAGUE  
at the ABC Cine Bowl Bexleyheath. The Prizes for  
the winners etc., will be given out immediately the  
league finishes. Also the Annual General meeting will  
be held at the same time.
- 23rd Apr  
&  
24th Apr. Area Championships at the Excel Bowl Cliftonville
- Individual Singles events at: 9.15am. 11.45am.  
2.15pm.
- 2 Person Doubles events at: 10.30am. 1.00pm.  
3.30pm.
- 5 Person Team Events at: 4.45pm. 7.30pm.
- These times are for Sunfay only.
- 28th Apr. Your League President checks the league accounts and  
publishes statement.
- May. Many leagues are ending their Winter seasons and  
starting a Summer season.
- Time to think about your next Winter season (1966-67)  
with the election of Officers, setting out your league's  
CONSTITUTION? end of season dance or banquet.

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- 31st Aug. All leagues should be ending their summer seasons,  
Area and B.T.B.A fiscal year ends. B.T.B.A.  
memberships to be renewed.
- 1st Sep. 1966 - 67 League season begins, leagues should start  
sanctioning now. League Constitutions should be drawn  
up, League prize lists should be drawn up within FIVE  
WEEKS of start of league schedule. President and  
Treasurer arranges banking details.
- Late Sep. Kent County Classic Singles Tournament begins.

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IMPORTANT

All league Secretary's are reminded that when they  
are submitting the final league standing sheets please  
ensure that each individuals CHRISTIAN names are included.