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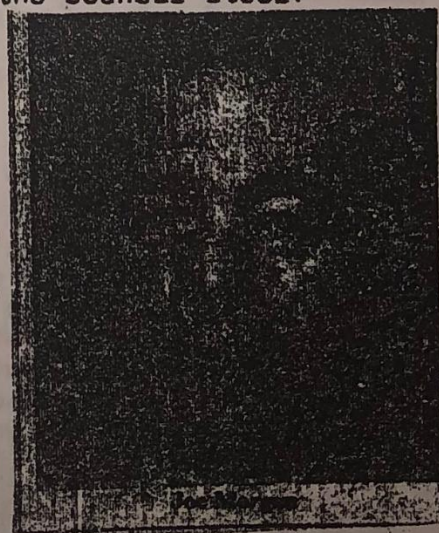
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FIGHT IS ON

The Basildon edition of the 'Standard Recorder' newspaper published on 26th. January last that, "The life of the Basildon Bowl is coming to an end. Months of speculation about it's future ended this week with a statement from ATV, the parent body of Ambassador Bowling, that the bowl has been running at a loss for some time and as we were unsuccessful in our application to change it's use to a bingo hall or other special amenity we are now in discussion with a number of other companies who might want to take it over."

Last year following representations to the Basildon Development Corporation, who are the landlords for the property, the bowlers of Basildon were given a respite when the bingo application was turned down. This latest move would have signalled the end for most people but the men and women of the Basildon lanes are made of sterner stuff! Organised by JEAN CONNOR, TOM BINDER and EDDIE SEARLES with valuable assistance from JOHN BUCKLEY and BILL AINGER over 5,000 signatures were obtained to a 'Save our Bowl' petition. This culminated in Councillor JOE MORGAN taking up their case with the Council itself when, after more than 300 bowlers complete with banners, placards and a loudspeaker besieged the Town Hall, a motion was passed that 'THIS COUNCIL INVESTIGATES THE PURCHASE OF THE BASILDON BOWL SO THAT IT WILL REMAIN AN AMENITY OF THE PEOPLE OF BASILDON'

A council owned bowling centre is not a novelty in this country as Peterborough paved the way last year in buying the Magnet Bowl for their borough and, from all accounts, they are doing very well. The bowling industry sees a very healthy upsurge at the present time with centres up and down the country reporting business as high as 20% up on the year before - and 1972 itself was very much better than 1971! If the Basildon Council decide to emulate Peterborough and operate the centre themselves we are confident that the investment will be a very worthwhile one that in the end will require no subsidy from the ratepayer at all and could be the means of eventually helping with the rates. The bowl contains over 550 members of the B.T.B.A. and is the largest member bowl in this Area Association. In addition to these regular league players it is reported that some 2,000 open bowlers use the centre every week. These bowlers must not be lost to the Sport. Lead the way Basildon!



FALLING LEAF

With only twelve lanes and ten squads the 1973 Falling Leaf Tournament was fully subscribed and finished with a total of 173 entries on both a scratch and handicap basis and a fine total prize fund of £307.60 which was divided as shown on the listings below:-

REGULAR HANDICAP DIVISION

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------|--------|
| 1. JOHN PURVIS & STU SWALLOW | CLIFTONVILLE | 1389 | £60.00 |
| 2. MICK COPE & ALAN WILKINSON | BEXLEYHEATH | 1313 | 24.00 |
| 3. PAT DUGGAN & ALAN WILKINSON | BEXLEYHEATH | 1308 | 15.00 |
| 4. BRIAN NEWSON & ALAN CHAPMAN | BEXLEYHEATH | 1296 | 11.00 |
| 5. CHRIS SMITH & TED CULLEN | WHITSTABLE | 1285 | 7.00 |
| 6. MICK MAYHEW & ALAN FROST | DAGENHAM | 1278 | 4.00 |
| 7. WILL CLARKE & MICK COPE | DAGENHAM | 1273 | 3.00 |
| 8. CHRIS SMITH & TED CULLEN | WHITSTABLE | 1255 | |
| 9. JOHN PURVIS & JIM CARPENTER | CLIFTONVILLE | 1254 | |
| 10. FRANK BUTTERY & TOM ROBINSON | CLIFTONVILLE | 1251 | |
| WILL CLARKE & MICK BURRIDGE | DAGENHAM | 1251 | |

REGULAR SCRATCH DIVISION

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------|--------|
| 1. JOHN PURVIS & STU SWALLOW | CLIFTONVILLE | 1225 | £46.40 |
| 2. MICK COPE & ALAN WILKINSON | BEXLEYHEATH | 1191 | £22.00 |
| 3. CHRIS SMITH & TED CULLEN | WHITSTABLE | 1187 | 12.00 |
| 4. PAT DUGGAN & ALAN WILKINSON | BEXLEYHEATH | 1178 | 9.00 |
| 5. RON HINDSON & MICK OLLEY | DAGENHAM | 1174 | 6.00 |
| 6. PHIL RUSSELL & RAY HOOK | DAGENHAM | 1167 | 3.00 |
| 7. WILL CLARKE & MICK COPE | DAGENHAM | 1159 | |
| 8. CHRIS SMITH & TED CULLEN | WHITSTABLE | 1157 | |
| 9. BRIAN NEWSON & ALAN CHAPMAN | BEXLEYHEATH | 1152 | |
| 10. WILL CLARKE & MICK BURRIDGE | DAGENHAM | 1147 | |

LADIES HANDICAP DIVISION

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|---------------------------------|--------------|------|--------|
| 1. ELSIE NAYLOR & MARS WRIGHT | CLIFTONVILLE | 1268 | £20.60 |
| 2. DOLLY HART & MARY SABAN | DAGENHAM | 1262 | 10.00 |
| 3. MARG IVERS & MEG SHAW | SOUTHEND | 1239 | |
| 4. JOYVE PRESLAND & MYRA KELSEY | BEXLEYHEATH | 1230 | |
| 5. SHIELA ELVES & PEARL LEHRIAN | BASILDON | 1226 | |

MIXED DOUBLES - for the FALLING LEAF CUP

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------|--------|
| 1. BARRY MILLS & PAT ROLLANDS | RAF COLTISHALL | 1322 | £27.60 |
| 2. DOLLY HART & BARRY WRIGHT | DAGENHAM | 1272 | 15.00 |
| 3. POPPY HOWIS & TED BANNISTER | BEXLEYHEATH | 1259 | 8.00 |
| 4. SHIELA & JOHN ELVES | BASILDON | 1245 | 4.00 |
| 5. NELL & BILL SHEAD | BASILDON | 1226 | |
| 6. SHIELA & PETER ROGERS | CLIFTONVILLE | 1224 | |
| PEARL & DAVE LEHRIAN | BASILDON | 1224 | |

The winning total in both regular divisions came off the very first squad of the event at 11.30a.m. and stood up throughout. The winning score in the mixed division came off the 12.45p.m. but in the ladies section it was not until 9.15p.m. in the evening that the top score appeared. High series of the tournament for the ladies was MEG SHAW with a 637 despite a 154 opener and for the men BRIAN NEWSON with 655. High individual game of the week-end came from STU SWALLOW on 264

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AND BETTER THAN EVER

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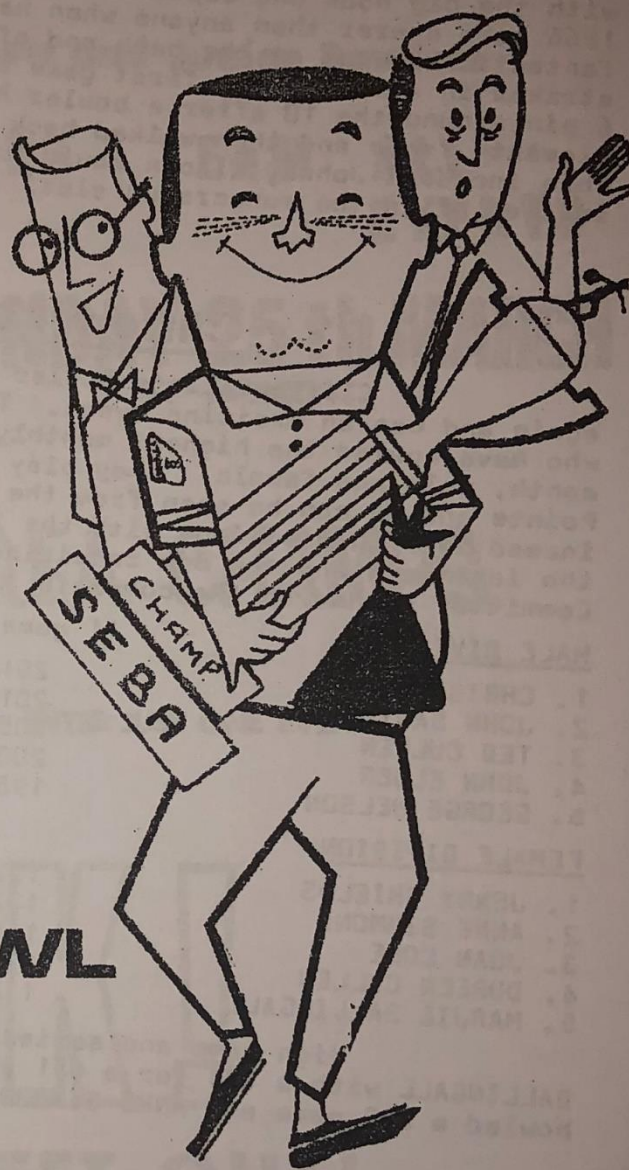
8th, 14th & 15th
APRIL 1973

**THE
BASILDON BOWL**

**11TH
ANNUAL**

AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

LARGEST AREA TOURNAMENT EVER IN G.B.



WOW!

Allie Brandt's famous record for a three game series, an 886, has stood since 1939. JOHNNY WILCOX who is remembered as the lefthander with the big hook who captured the Coca Cola World Cup title at Wembley in 1966 came nearer than anyone when he shot games of 287-298-300 for a fantastic 885 set at the back end of last year. A missed spare after 10 strikes in a row in the first game cost him the record when he flipped the 6 pin around the 10 after a bowler had approached with him at the start of eleventh frame and then walked back breaking his concentration. But for this incident Johnny Wilcox could have been on top of the record books instead of in the runners-up slot!

Cliftonville Bowl

news

Cliftonville's Bowler of the Year Tournament has been held again and was an exciting event. The event is made up of the 12 bowlers who have bowled the highest monthly series, so there is one bowler per month, male and female. They play a round robin of 11 games on Petersen Points and as can be seen from the tables below things were very close indeed in both divisions with the ladies champion being decided only on the last game and the men requiring a roll-off. The Cliftonville Bowlers Committee sponsored the complete tournament:-

| <u>MALE DIVISION</u> | 11 game pinfall | Average | Prize |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------|-------|
| 1. CHRIS SMITH | 2014 | 183 + 1 | £4.00 |
| 2. JOHN SAWYER | 2014 | 183 + 1 | £1.00 |
| 3. TED CULLEN | 2059 | 187 + 2 | |
| 4. JOHN ELDER | 2006 | 182 + 4 | |
| 5. GEORGE NELSON | 1980 | 180 | |
| <u>FEMALE DIVISION</u> | | | |
| 1. JENNY SHIELDS | 1828 | 166 + 2 | £4.00 |
| 2. ANNE SIMMONS | 1872 | 170 + 2 | £1.00 |
| 3. JOAN COLE | 1906 | 173 + 3 | |
| 4. DOREEN CULLEN | 1791 | 162 + 9 | |
| 5. MARJIE BALLINGALL | 1720 | 156 + 4 | |

High game and series of the men's event was bowled by TOM BALLINGALL with a 244 for a 651 series and for the ladies JOAN WHITE bowled a 228 game and ANNE SIMMONS a 555 series.

ON THE

LEAGUE FRONT

146 average bowler ALAN ALTON in the Whitstable Ship League strung 10 strikes in a row on 8th. February for an excellent game of 280. Only 8 points separate the top 7 teams in this league with over half the season finished. In fact the lead has changed every week for the past 4 weeks! The Southend Businessman's League welcome former Lancashire County bowler and instructor NED POTTS to their ranks. League Secretary STEVE CHAPMAN writes that Ned will be a big asset both to the league and to the Area. With so many of the Area Hi's for 4-person teams coming from this league which is one of the newest at the centre we look forward to reporting further developments from the Businessmen of Southend.

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600 CLUB ⁷²

50 '600 Club' members contested the 1972 Championships at the Humber Bowl, Whitstable on Sunday, 18th. February and the top 20 are listed below. The 1971 Champion GEORGE STEER started away very well with a 220 game and a number of other players had a good beginning but none could maintain their form except Dagenham's FRED FOUNTAIN, the new Club Champion:-

600 CLUB CHAMPION 1972
 RUNNER-UP
 3rd.
 4th.
 5th.
 6th. joint
 7th. joint
 8th.
 9th. joint
 9th. joint
 9th. joint
 12th.
 13th.
 14th. joint
 14th. joint
 16th.
 17th.
 18th.
 19th.
 20th.

FRED FOUNTAIN
 JOHN AMOS
 CHRIS SMITH
 COLIN PEPLER
 MIKE LUCKHURST
 PEPER HAWES
 JACK WILKINSON
 BRIAN NEWSON
 GEORGE STEER
 COLIN JEAL
 JANET MORRISON
 BILL SUTTON
 PETER CHAPMAN
 MICK OLLEY
 PEPER BABOT
 TED CULLEN
 ROY FILLIER
 JOHN DARBY
 JOHN SHADE
 NOBBY HADLEY

| | | |
|--------------|-----|---------|
| DAGENHAM | 621 | £ 16.00 |
| BEXLEYHEATH | 591 | 9.00. |
| WHITSTABLE | 590 | 5.00. |
| CLIFTONVILLE | 567 | 3.00. |
| WHITSTABLE | 560 | 2.00. |
| BASILDON | 557 | |
| CLIFTONVILLE | 557 | |
| BEXLEYHEATH | 551 | |
| DAGENHAM | 548 | |
| BEXLEYHEATH | 548 | |
| BEXLEYHEATH | 548 | |
| SOUTHEND | 540 | |
| BEXLEYHEATH | 537 | |
| BASILDON | 535 | |
| SOUTHEND | 535 | |
| WHITSTABLE | 534 | |
| WHITSTABLE | 532 | |
| BEXLEYHEATH | 530 | |
| SOUTHEND | 529 | |
| BEXLEYHEATH | 523 | |

200 CLUB ⁷²

Only 15 members contested the '200 Club' Championships but proportionately this was a much better turnout to previous years when the membership was much larger. The future of this Club will now be decided at the next executive meeting of S.E.B.A. although as stated below there is now a new club in existence for our lady members, the 550. Top 5 placings at Whitstable were as follows and the 1972 Champ is TONY PEASE of Basildon:-

200 CLUB CHAMPION 1972
 RUNNER-UP
 3rd. joint
 3rd. joint
 5th.

TONY PEASE
 MIKE SMITH
 DAVE HUMPHREY
 JOHN TYLER
 DAVE COLLIER

| | | |
|-------------|-----|---------|
| BASILDON | 611 | £ 7.00. |
| BEXLEYHEATH | 564 | 3.30. |
| WHITSTABLE | 563 | 1.00. |
| BASILDON | 563 | 1.00. |
| BEXLEYHEATH | 558 | |

*all scores include handicap

550!

Forms will soon be out for the new ladies '550 Club' to be run in conjunction with the annual '600 Club' Any lady member of S.E.B.A. who bowls a sanctioned 550 or over three game series in league or tournament play is entitled to become a member for 1973 on the same terms as both the existing 200 & 600 Clubs. All scores from 1st. January this year qualify. Contact Brian Langford for any further information.

ESSEX

Shocks and high scoring were the order of the day when the Essex County trials took place at Dagenham to find the teams to wear Essex shirts in the 1973 B.T.B.A. Inter-County Championships and those to represent Essex in the S.E.B.A. Masters. Only MICK OLLEY, TOM OWEN and PAUL SCOTTOW retain their places from 1972 and a number of new names come into the reckoning, particularly those from Walton. Top qualifier was Walton's ROB CLARK who fired an excellent first 4-game block of 844 and over the 8 qualifying games plus the 9 game composite entering average he finished with a 17 game average of 198. Even the 844 wasn't the top series of the trials, however, as another Walton player, FRED WARREN, totalled a fine 886 on games of 196-224-227 and 236 to average 193 overall and make the number two spot. MICK OLLEY was third also with a 193 composite with PETER JACKSON from Southend fourth, TOM OWEN fifth, DAVE HOLDEN of Walton sixth and PAUL SCOTTOW and PETER BABOT tied to the pin in seventh position. The five next in the listings to appear for Essex in the 'Masters' are WILL CLARKE, JOHN SHADE, DAVE JOHNSON and BARRY WRIGHT. Surprise non-qualifiers for Essex were RAY HOOK, JES MORLEY, MICK BURRIDGE, MALCOLM GLOVER, JOHN WYNDHAM and ROGER BRIGHT.

The ladies section of the trials was rather more predictable with MEG SHAW - eligible for Essex for the first time - topping the list followed by MARGARET BULL from Basildon, MARION HALL of Walton, LINDA PAYNE of Basildon, JOAN HISKETT of Basildon, PAT GORDON from Dagenham and JOAN NUTT from Southend. Qualifying for the 'Masters' were DOLLY HART, AUDREY POND, JEAN CUMMINGS, MARY SABAN and LILY SAPSFORD. Despite some of the top names failing this year the Essex County Committee appeared quite pleased with the overall results and state that they are confident of Essex doing well in this year's county events.

KENT

Shocks also for Kent in their trials which took place at Cliftonville using the same format as Essex. PAT DUGGAN and BRIAN NEWSON from the 1972 squad couldn't make the cut-off figure and others who were expected to qualify but just failed were PETE BOYD, TED CULLEN and PAUL CRUNDELL. Top of the shop were COLIN PEPLER with a composite 196 in front of CHRIS SMITH 184, TOM BALLINGALL 183, MIKE LUCKHURST 183, NOBBY HADLEY 182, JOHN SAWYER 181 and BOB POTTS 181. The five, in addition to these, to play for Kent in the S.E.B.A. Masters will be PETE BOYD, JOHN AMOS, KEITH LUXTON, DAVE DRUCE and ROGER EVANS.

The ladies team is a strong one of ANNE SIMMONS, DOREEN CULLEN, VICKY TIMMS, JANET MORRISON, JOYCE PRESLAND, POPPY HOWIS and VI MORRISON with the five for the 'Masters' still to be decided.

1st. 700

The Area's first 700 of the season has been a little late in coming but PHIL RUSSELL bowling for the All Stars in the Dagenham Master's League has now broken the ice with games of 234-257-238 for a fine 729, a personal best. Another bowler with a personal best was young 14 year old CHRIS BOWDEN who, playing in the Bexleyheath Industrial & Commercial League strung 9 strikes in a row to equal the all-time Area record junior game set three years ago by BUTCH GARRETT of Bexleyheath with a great 277. Chris finished with a fine 595 series.

ENTER YOUR AREA CHAMPS

S.E.B.A. AREA HI'S

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|--------------------|---------|----------------------------------|-------|------|
| 5 PERSON TEAM | 3 GAMES | WEMBLEY ALL STARS | 2932 | DAG |
| | | NOMADS | 2841 | DAG |
| | | WEMBLEY ALL STARS | 2820 | DAG |
| 1 GAME | 1 GAME | WEMBLEY ALL STARS | 1078 | DAG |
| | | ROAD RUNNERS | 1042 | DAG |
| | | WEMBLEY ALL STARS | 1033 | DAG |
| 4 PERSON TEAM | 3 GAMES | BARRACUDAS | 2192 | CLIF |
| | | MONARCHS | 2181 | SOU |
| | | BARBARIANS | 2130 | BEX |
| 1 GAME | 1 GAME | BARBARIANS | 815 | BEX |
| | | BUCCANEERS | 784 | CLIF |
| | | BUCCANEERS | 776 | CLIF |
| 3 PERSON TEAM | 3 GAMES | WEMBLEY ALL STARS | 1882 | DAG |
| | | PLAYBOYS | 1852 | CLIF |
| | | WEMBLEY ALL STARS | 1744 | DAG |
| 1 GAME | 1 GAME | PLAYBOYS | 663 | CLIF |
| | | WEMBLEY ALL STARS | 647 | DAG |
| | | PLAYBOYS | 638 | CLIF |
| 2 PERSON TEAM | 3 GAMES | GORDON HOLLIER & BOBBY MANSFIELD | 1307 | DAG |
| | | DENNIS LOTT & MICK OLLEY | 1269 | DAG |
| | | RON SAPSFORD & DAVE JOHNSON | 1255 | BAS |
| 1 GAME | 1 GAME | ARNIE COPE & PETER BABOT | 485 | BAS |
| | | DENNIS LOTT & MICK OLLEY | 484 | DAG |
| | | ARNIE COPE & PETER BABOT | 469 | BAS |
| MIXED DOUBLES | 3 GAMES | MEG SHAW & TERRY CORNEY | 1211 | BAS |
| | | MEG SHAW & TERRY CORNEY | 1208 | BAS |
| | | MEG SHAW & TERRY CORNEY | 1206 | BAS |
| 1 GAME | 1 GAME | JANET MORRISON & COLIN CROWTHER | 458 | BEX |
| | | MEG SHAW & TERRY CORNEY | 451 | BAS |
| | | SHIELA AMOS & STAN SHRIMPTON | 448 | BEX |
| INDIVIDUAL MEN | 3 GAMES | PHIL RUSSELL | 729 | DAG |
| | | GORDON HOLLIER | 684 | DAG |
| | | PETER BABOT | 681 | DAG |
| 1 GAME | 1 GAME | JOHN STRETTLE | 290 | DAG |
| | | ALAN ALTON | 280 | WHIT |
| | | TOM BALLINGALL | 279 | CLIF |
| INDIVIDUAL LADIES | 3 GAMES | MEG SHAW | 681 | BAS |
| | | MEG SHAW | 652 | BAS |
| | | MEG SHAW | 637 | CLIF |
| 1 GAME | 1 GAME | WYN COLLISON | 255 | BEX |
| | | MEG SHAW | 243 | CLIF |
| | | MEG SHAW | 242 | BAS |
| INDIVIDUAL JUNIORS | 3 GAMES | COLIN PEPLER | 657 | CLIF |
| | | MARION KIRBY | 621 | BEX |
| | | STUART EVANS | 609 | BEX |
| 1 GAME | 1 GAME | CHRIS BOWDEN | 277** | BEX |
| | | COLIN PEPLER | 246 | CLIF |
| | | MARION KIRBY | 236 | BEX |

Scoring in the 4 and 5 person team events is still low by previous season's standards but the trios have perked up over the last two months with two 1800 plus series and that 1301 doubles is still far and away the best so far although it wouldn't have got a look in last year or the year before! The ladies section is high thanks to Meg Shaw and Wyn Collison and we are pleased to welcome the season's first 700 from Phil Russell.