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Seven out of the eight Regular Division winning totals in the 12th. SEBA Championships held at Bexleyheath and listed on another page were all time tournament records!

For the first time the BTBA Masters ended with a tied first place when KIM WHEELER and EDNA SEEL both completed their 9 games with 1675 apiece. Kim was declared the 1974 Champion by virtue of having 41 strikes to Edna's 35, the first time that this rule has had to be applied. JANET MORRISON was a good third with 1638 and MEG SHAW 6th with 1612. The Men's division was a triumph for BRIAN MICHAEL, now with Bernie Caterer's DBA International Team, with a mighty total of 1921 for a 9 game average of over 213! JAN ROZE was runner-up with 1843, GEOFF

BUCK third (despite an opening set of 703) on 1836 and ALAN FAWCETT fourth totalling 1821. Top SEBA player was 'Mr Consistency' himself BERNIE WHITE who made 7th position in this exalted company with 1748. DAVE MABERLEY had 1722 for 14th and BOBBY MANSFIELD and COLIN PRESLAND completed the Area contingent with 1659 and 1617 respectively

Plans for the 1975 FIQ World Championships to be held from 1st to 11th October at the Charrington Bowl, Tolworth are now well advanced and most of the key personnel have commenced a variety of duties from Tournament Directorate right through to Practise Lane allocation, arrangements for hostesses to be provided for each of some 30 competing nations and everything that goes in between from transport, accommodation, banquet, brochure, opening and closing ceremonies etc etc etc etc!!!

Walton-on-Naze Bowling in the far North of Essex, having gone it alone for some years are now a part of SEBA. This very pleasant little 9 lane Brunswick centre is very welcome and we are now awaiting election or appointment of Executive Officers. Some of the Walton bowlers, particularly PAUL SCOTTOW and ROBIN GARTON, are already very well known indeed and bowling standards at the centre are generally high.

The fight for Bexleyheath goes on and following the petition of 23,000 signatures a remarkable amount of publicity and support has been received including a number of items in the National Press and also a feature on ATV's Today programme.

The position at the other threatened centre at Basildon is still fluid. With everything having been agreed for the Council to run 10 of the lanes under lease from a Bingo company it now appears that the Bingo company cannot obtain the necessary license! Further developments are anxiously awaited.

The THAMESIDE EASTER TRIOS tournament at Dagenham produced a prize fund total of over £150.00 and the major prizes were won by the ALL STARS and TREETOP keeping things nicely within the Area.

The SEBA Annual General Meeting turned out a rather stormy affair when the financial facts as to continuance was put to the delegates. With them reporting back to their respective leagues an Extraordinary General Meeting was convened for the first time in Area history and by a convincing majority of 200 votes to 11 it was agreed that the leagues would support the Area by a contribution of 1p per league or tournament series bowled. Already over £100.00 has come into the Area on this basis and for the first time in over two years they are able to plan ahead and hope to re-introduce a number of the old Area services plus some new ones. Details of how your league can easily participate in the scheme are on another page.



Norma Bridge Memorial Trophy

After three years the winner of the NORMA BRIDGE MEMORIAL TROPHY has, at last, accomplished a 200 average over the five games across ten lanes. The girl who did the trick - MEG SHAW! The top twenty with individual games that tell the story were as follows:-

1. MEG SHAW	SOUTHEND	212-207-248-160-192 = 1019
2. RITA HOLBROOK	IPSWICH	188-203-191-203-180 = 965
3. JANET MORRISON	BEXLEYHEATH	247-191-147-179-193 = 957
4. ANGIE HIGGINBOTTOM	BELLE VUE	158-185-218-203-186 = 950
5. NESTA FRESHWATER	PETERBOROUGH	214-181-164-203-184 = 946
6. LESLEY POTTER	TOLWORTH	203-199-161-189-181 = 933
7. HILDA CLIFFORD	BELLE VUE	193-161-179-224-174 = 931
8. MARGARET DIBBLE	HARROW	181-211-179-181-166 = 918
9. LINDA CUMMINGS	DAGENHAM	172-195-214-152-167 = 900
PAT DEW	STREATHAM	206-179-178-169-178 = 900
11. JANE VIROT	HARROW	164-201-204-147-182 = 898
12. PAULINE BOWRY	TOLWORTH	202-191-175-160-159 = 887
13. ENA PRATTLEY	SUNDERLAND	151-190-158-171-214 = 884
14. JOYCE PRESLAND	DAGENHAM	143-203-190-202-145 = 883
15. TINA HITCHMAN	BIRMINGHAM	165-200-136-176-203 = 880
16. JOAN PHILLIPS	IPSWICH	166-168-168-145-224 = 871
17. LINDA WAKER	HODDESDON	173-177-186-168-162 = 866
18. LILLIAN THOMPSON	BELLEVUE	192-189-154-135-195 = 865
19. CAROLE CUTHBERT	AIRPORT	166-153-243-179-120 = 861
20. PAT GORDON	DAGENHAM	160-209-172-155-158 = 854

In all 31 games of over 200 were rolled and the two hundred game average for the complete tournament was a very creditable 167. The average for the top ten positions was a fine 188 - fine bowling by any standards.

ENGLAND v SCOTLAND

SEBA's JOYCE PRESLAND had her first taste of International bowling in May when she was deservedly selected to play for England against Scotland at the Humber Bowl, Havant. She bowled very well and particularly so in the five-person team event where she was top scorer with a 591 on games of 204-191-196. MARIE BEENHAM from Hounslow won the All Events and overall the girls beat Scotland by 18,821 pins to 17,393. The team was completed by EDNA SEEL and HILDA CLIFFORD from Manchester, Harrow's MARGARET DIBBLE and LYN MORRIS of Belle Vue.

World Cup Champion BERNIE CATERER captained the English men's team of ALAN FAWCETT, ALAN JORDACHE, ROGER CREAMER and NORMAN HIGGINBOTTOM. The men won by 19,757 pins to Scotland's 19,139 but here the Scots had some consolation with the All Events going to GEORGE MONAGHAN with a 197 average over his 18 games.

High spots of the week-end's bowling were a 687 set from Fawcett in the doubles backed by Jordache with 639 for 1326 set to include a 479 game, a 967 game from the English Ladies in the Fives and a nice 2738 series, an 11 strike 279 game from Jordache and a 265 from Scotland's MARGARET TODD.

This was the first international between the 'Auld Enemies' and a return is due next year at Leuchars in the North of Scotland.



A copy of the final average sheet MUST be sent to the Area Association Secretary

INTER COUNTY CUP

The JOHN PLAYER INTER-COUNTY CUP was held again at Ipswich this year and the KENT LADIES bowled very well for a third placing with the men coming 15th. Nineteen counties entered this year and the top 5 placings in each section were as follows:-

LADIES

1. LANCASHIRE	8596
2. MIDDLESEX	8447
3. KENT	8417
4. SURREY	8373
5. YORKSHIRE	8315

MEN

1. SUFFOLK	9343
2. MIDDLESEX	9283
3. NORTHUMBERLAND	9086
4. HERTFORDSHIRE	8952
5. YORKSHIRE	8951

SUPER SETS!

It was just over a year ago when JANET MORRISON bowling in the Baxleyheath Petersen League chopped the 6 pin off the 10 pin in her final frame to record a new record three game series of 693 and very unluckily miss the first ever ladies 700 in Europe. A few months later CAROLE CUTHBERT of the Airport equalled the 693 and there matters remained until May 1974 when Carole, again at the Airport, finally did the trick! With games of 225-247-235 for a fine 707 total one more European Record falls to Great Britain. Well done Carole and may you be the first of many.

Dagenham's BILL MCILVEEN showed that it is not always the well known bowlers who make a 700 when bowling at ABC Harrow in the recent Sixes Tournament. Opening with a 192 he had no thoughts of a super set but duly added a 266 and a 269 for a fine 727. Well done Bill.

PAT DUGGAN's first 700 set was when he shot a 300 game at Baxleyheath. His second was at the end of May in the Dagenham Masters League with games of 227-248-229 for a 704.

ROGER HOWSE of Dagenham made his first 700 in the Men Friday Singles and repeated the dose in the Constellation Trios in March this year with a 718 on games of 255-215-248.

Last of the 700's bowled since our last issue but certainly not least went to Baxleyheath's ALAN NORRIS who made his second such set at Dagenham in March when winning the 1973 600 Club Tournament with games of 190-235-279 for a 704. A report of the tournament appears on another page.

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GIRLS OWN

BTBA Chairman TED TINLING was instrumental in the formation of the Women's National Tenpin Bowling Committee and just five months after coming into being the fruits of their hard work was on display at the ABC Bowl, North Harrow when the first ever WNC Pioneer Tournament took to the lanes with lady bowlers from as far North as Scotland and as far South as Plymouth all competing. Over 700 entries filled the 28 Harrow lanes for a complete week-end and a great time was had by all with the usual tournament roles being completely reversed. This time it was the men who were minding the children and nursing the babies and queuing at the Grillette for drinks and they seemed to be enjoying themselves just as much as the actual competitors.

The Championships were not run on a handicap basis but entrants were classified into graded sections. The Singles event for 170 and over bowlers was won by Edna Seal of Belle Vue with 597 just in front of JANET MORRISON who won a Vidal Sassoon wig for her runners-up position on 590. The Division 1 Singles for the Kent Trophy was taken by Penny Bass from Harrow with a 581 and Division 2 for entering averages from 140 to 154 by SYLVIA FRANKS, also of Harrow with a remarkable 589. The Bantam section for bowlers with averages of under 140 was claimed by Dagenham's LINDSAY CHARSELY but after a recount she had to be content with the runners-up place. Still an excellent performance from her first ever tournament.

The Max Factor Division 1 Doubles went to Harrow's Margaret Dibble and Norma Petty who totalled 1124 and the Bass Charrington Division 2 title to Bexleyheath's JOYCE BIRKENSHAW and SHIELA WHITE who won enough booze to last them until next Christmas and possibly beyond!

The Division 1 team event went to Jane Virots team, again from the home centre, and the Division 2 event even after a recount was won by the Dagenham GEMS team of JOYCE PRESLAND, GLADYS

NOTLEY, ENID KING and MANDY KING. The star player of the complete weekend, in fact, could be said to have been Joyce Presland who really found the Harrow lanes to her liking firing a 611 set in the doubles and was the star of the Gems team with a 626, the highest series of the tournament.

The organisation of the championships were first class and all credit must go to the WNC Tournament Committee headed by MO FISH. The whole thing was accomplished without a cash prize in sight and the men could well take a few leaves out of the WNC's book in the future.



11th Birthday Tournament

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SUNDAY 21 ST JULY 1974



"They may not want to talk about your 290 game!"

ON THE LEAGUE FRONT

As the Area Hi's on the back page show some very good scores indeed have come about during the past three months. Three Bexleyheath Juniors have turned the Junior Division inside out with PETER ALLEN beating the old single game record of 277 by just 1 pin for a 278 and sandwiching this fine game between a 184 and a 194 for the top joint series of the season, a 656. FRANK BRIGGS equalled this total in the Bexleyheath Club League with games of 223-242-191 and in the Thursday Y.B.C. League KEVIN RAISON came very near to both scores with a 264 game and a 650 series. Excellent bowling by any standards, let alone junior ones. The same Bexleyheath youngsters combine in the Thursday Olympic League as the KNIGHTRIDERS and, whilst the total doesn't quite make the listings it is certainly worth recording that their 5-person team has made a team game of 1004.

Spare a thought for Cliftonville's KEITH LUXTON and PAUL CRUNDELL who went on a doubles record breaking spree in the Cassius League. The only trouble was that the Cassius is a trios league and they were a man short! Despite the score not counting for the league it does count for the Area Hi's and duly appears on the back page. The total of 1329 looked like this:-

KEITH LUXTON	197	245	247	689
PAUL CRUNDELL	228	200	212	640
	<u>425</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>1329</u>

In the Ford Trios League from Basildon GAVAN DIXON rolled a 277 game and a 654 series. Fine bowling by any standards but Gavan carries a league average of just 146!

The Basildon Hunter's League continues to put out big scores with PETER COLCOMB's 286 game, a 687 series from KEITH PAIN and a 1233 team series from DAVE LEHRIAN and JOHN ELVES. Not to be outdone the Dozens League from the same centre has recorded a 269 game and a 698 set from TOM BINDER and a 225 game and 615 series from MEG SHAW.

Other scores to appear on the back page but lacking in specific detail are the BUCCANEERS 1044 five person team game from Southend, a 2166 four person team from the Airport League in the same centre and some very nice junior scores from Southend with DAVE RACE making a 589, TIM HULL a 549 and P. MATHEWS a 545. From Whitstable the Harbour League has seen the STARTREKKERS fire games of 801 and 800 in four person team and a 2206 team series and the FOUR ACES from the same league a 797 and a 2212.

All this plus of course the 700's mentioned on another page and you will see that standards throughout the Area are still on the up and up. From the Bexleyheath Late Nite Final doubles comes a 486 game with TERRY SAUNDERS firing a 277 and backed by BRIAN NEWSON's 209 and JOYCE and COLIN PRESLAND combining for a Mixed Doubles 470 with Colin hitting the big one, a 276.

The SPARKS from the Cliftonville Cassius League top the sheets with a 680 game just in front of the JPK SPECIAL's 672 bowled in May as the high game in a fine 1914 three person series. Excellent consolation for Keith Luxton and Paul Crundell's 'doubles record in a trios league score' this time all three players were on the lanes and they combined very well indeed as the score card shows:-

PAUL CRUNDELL	214	213	267	694
JOHN SAWYER	185	210	216	611
KEITH LUXTON	211	199	189	609
	<u>620</u>	<u>622</u>	<u>672</u>	<u>1914</u>

Don't forget to advise Bowling News of any special scores in your league. If you don't tell us we can't report it!!