

REGULAR SINGLES SCRATCH

1. Gary Oakley	610	£50
2. Geoff Liddiard	607	25
3. Bernie Caterer	600	12.50
J. Thurley	600	12.50
5. PAUL CRUNDELL	581	8
6. Brian Michael	579	7
7. A. Ward	578	6
8. Trevor Wood	577	5
9. Loke Coleman	576	5
10. E. Lee	575	2.33
Ron Shepherd	575	2.33
T. Watson	575	2.33
13. CHRIS SMITH	565	2
14. Douglas McNulty	563	1

LADIES HANDICAP SINGLES

1. C. Richards	669	£40
2. Jane Virod	667	20
3. Hilda Clifford	656	12
4. Irene Lyons	655	10
5. Pam Corby	652	10
6. LINDA CUMMINGS	624	8
7. Carole Cuthbert	623	8
8. Kay Metcalfe	619	6
9. JOAN NUTT	618	5.50
Jean Thatcher	618	5.50

LADIES SINGLES SCRATCH

1. Jane Virod	599	£20
2. Hilda Clifford	570	12
3. Kay Metcalfe	569	8

4. Carole Cuthbert	561	£5
5. LESLEY POTTER	555	3

REGULAR DOUBLES HANDICAP

1. P. Ashman & B. Ashman	1333	£170
2. T. Wood & K. Davey	1320	85
3. S. Challice & G. Allen	1286	40
4. C. Cole & J. Mills	1273	20
5. D. Gilbert & D. Fitton	1268	20
6. JOE ARTNER & D. ROE	1266	15
7. MARTIN SIMPSON & VIC POTTER	1260	11
C. Burdett & J. Logue	1260	11
9. PAUL MAYOR & ALAN WEALL	1256	10
10. K. Tizzard & J. Darvill	1255	10

Other S.E.B.A. pairings to cash were PAUL STEVENS & ALAN ELDRIDGE, TONY PYLE & JOHN COOK, COLIN PRESLAND & KEITH PORTER and NORMAN WESTON and TREVOR YOUNG.

REGULAR SCRATCH DOUBLES

1. T. Wood & K. Davey	1206	£70
2. C. Cole & J. Mills	1191	36
3. C. PRESLAND & K. PORTER	1171	20
4. JOE ARTNER & D. ROE	1156	8
5. K. Lamb & M. Clancy	1150	6
6. G. Liddiard & B. Michael	1141	4
7. S. Pugh & J. Baccolini	1134	2



"He just shot his first 600. . ."

In this section LESLEY POTTER, POPPY HOWIS and MEG SHAW also were in the money.

LADIES DOUBLES HANDICAP

1. LESLEY POTTER & MARIE BEENHAM	1265	£60
2. B. Randall & N. Armstrong	1252	30
3. Sue Frain & Mavis Riley	1237	15
4. Sandra McCrea & June North	1233	8
5. Judy Robins & Nesta Lillicrap	1221	6
6. Joyce Presland & Karen Rolls	1217	6
7. Pat Corby & Pat Headland	1216	2
Lindsay Charsley & A. Dunlop	1216	2

LADIES SCRATCH DOUBLES

1. LESLEY POTTER & MARIE BEENHAM	1137	£20
2. Sue Frain & Mavis Riley	1087	11
Judy Robins & Nesta Lillicrap	1087	11
4. MEG SHAW & Ena Prattley	1075	4
5. Sandra McCrae & June Nortn	1073	2

REGULAR TEAM HANDICAP

1. Lochside Rollers	3076	£220	6. HUSTLERS	2954	£15
2. Corkwood Bowl	3020	110	7. Greyhounds	2952	15
3. Treetop	2992	50	8. Slimeys	2940	10
4. CHESSMEN	2980	30	9. New XXX's	2914	5
5. Alpha	2961	20	10. Hank's Mob	2908	5

REGULAR SCRATCH TEAM

1. Lochside Rollers	2794	£60
2. Corkwood Bowl	2712	40
3. Greyhounds (Airport)	2702	20
4. Alpha	2687	10

LADIES TEAM HANDICAP

1. Bluebelles	2978	£60
2. Tynesiders	2960	30
3. Moonseekers	2954	15
4. Susettes	2914	5
5. LEIGH TOWN	2908	5
6. HUSHAWAYS	2895	5

LADIES SCRATCH TEAM

1. HUSHAWAYS	2563	£25
2. Bluebelles	2556	15

1976 LADIES MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The new knock-out format for this year was very successful and for the first time brought about an actual head to head final. The 16 girls that were selected first played a 5 game qualifier and some of the surprise eliminations here were JANE VIROT, BERTHA HILL, WYN COLLISON and, by a mere 5 pins, JANET MORRISON. Round 2 saw an end to the attempts of KAY METCALFE, ENA PRATTLEY, LESLEY POTTER and DORIS BROAD and Round 3 put paid to CAROLE CUTHBERT, PAT DEW and left for the final MEG SHAW and PAULINE BOWRY. In Round 3 Pauline had bowled a finé 626 set to give herself a 15 pin advantage for the final and with Meg's split thumb not helping her at all the title went to PAULINE BOWLRY with a total pinfall of 2623 for a 14 game average of a creditable 187.



"You children better run upstairs to bed, daddy had a bad score in the tournament."

1976 B.T.B.A. INVITATIONAL MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

24 men competed for this years Masters title and the format, like the ladies event, was on a pinfall knockout basis to produce an actual final - and what a final it was to be with everything depending on the very last frame of the 17th and final game.

S.E.B.A. were well represented with 5 contestants - PETER EABCT, PETER JACKSON, DAVE MABERLEY, KEITH PORTER and BERNIE WHITE. After the first 5 game elimination Peter and Dave had fallen by the wayside but were in the excellent company of the likes of BRIAN MICHAEL, COLIN PRESLAND, COLIN BROWN and TONY IZZARD!

Round 2 saw an end to Peter Jackson together with the likes of NEIL LEVER, BERNIE CATERER and JOHN BACCOLINI and Round 3 put paid to the efforts of local lad COLIN CHANDLER together with DOUG MCNULTY, NEIL THOMPSON and ALAN LLOYD. The final four places went to KEITH PORTER and BERNIE WHITE of S.E.B.A. and to PHILIP LEE of Birmingham and to RALSTON REID of London Airport. Philip and Keith both went out here and the final between Ralston and Bernie was a real cliffhanger. Before the first of the three games Bernie had just a 5 pin advantage on 2660 to Ralston's 2655. This was greatly increased after a cautious game that went to Bernie by 191 to 167, with Ralston somewhat split prone. Game two was a different story, however, with Bernie coming up with the splits and losing out 193 to 166. The last game was up and down right to the 10th frame when Ralston had to double to take the 1976 Masters Crown. He made it to the roar of the audience and finished with 3211 pins to Bernies total of 3200 exactly. And so to 1977.

NEW LEGISLATION FOR SOFT COVER BOWLING BALLS

At this year's American Bowling Congress Convention it was passed that all bowling balls in sanctioned league or tournament play must have a minimum hardness of 72 on the Durometer D scale. The decision, which is automatically taken up throughout the World by F.I.Q., was the result of hundreds of hours of tests and studies and more than 30,000 balls were tested for hardness in order to bring about a standard that does not give any player an unfair advantage over another and does not affect scorability to any great degree. This new ruling makes many balls already in the field ineligible for sanctioned competition and includes the earlier production models from Columbia including the Shur D and also the Brunswick original Crown Jewel. Both the Magnum 6 and Columbia Yellow Dot just make the grade but a few other current production lines could be ousted very shortly as being under the prescribed 72.

In the U.S.A. at least the new ruling will probably bring about a mini boom for durometer manufacturers. No doubt B.T.B.A. will obtain one but for the rest of Great Britain League and Tournament secretaries will likely have to rely on the name on the ball. This legislation, of course, relates to balls that are manufactured with a soft cover stock. Those that are artificially softened were banned last year.

NEW WORLD RECORD

The world record for a 6 game block was held by NORMAN MEYERS on 1533 - an average of over 255! That was until the Archway Tournament held at the renowned high scoring Crest Bowl in St Louis. The record went when RICK KERBY hit 1560 and then went again when VERN WUNNENBURG strung together games of 290-289-280-257-206-278 for a total of 1600 and an average of over 266. He explained that the lousy 206 in the middle was due to being told that he had just beaten the world record for a 4 game block and that it took him a missed 10 pin and a 5 - 7 conversion before he recovered! In the same tournament came about the back-to-back 300 games noted on another page and three other 300's as well!

Norma Bridge Memorial

The 6th. Annual NORMA BRIDGE MEMORIAL TROPHY was held at Dagenham on 20th/21st March with the usual 5 games across 5 lanes format. At the final count the 1976 Champion was JANET MORRISON of Beasleyheath who became the first name to appear on the trophy for a second time. Her 195 average over the 5 games was an excellent performance and took the top prize of £15.00. The top 15 places were as follows:-

1. JANET MORRISON	BENLAYSHEATH	210	180	225	199	161	975
2. JUDY ROBINS	PETERBOROUGH	175	169	202	146	218	910
3. LINDA WATKIN	HARROW	160	201	210	149	157	877
4. LESLEY POTTER	TOLWORTH	174	161	157	202	181	875
5. MARGARET DIBBLE	HARROW	181	156	186	143	188	854
6. SANDRA MCCHEA	TOLWORTH	156	189	164	194	150	853
7. NESTA LILLICRAP	PETERBOROUGH	158	170	182	168	167	845
8. EAREN ROLLS	HARROW	167	175	141	154	205	842
9. JOYCE PRESSLAND	HARROW	176	148	182	156	179	841
10. JEAN CUMMINGS	DAGENEAM	172	166	188	147	161	834
11. JANE VIROT	AIRPORT	152	179	180	168	147	826
12. LINDA CUMMINGS	DAGENEAM	156	163	167	183	151	820
PAULINE DENHAM	WHITSTABLE	171	183	137	190	139	820
14. WYN COLLISON	BENLAYSHEATH	180	145	116	172	202	815
15. HELEN DIXON	HARROW	151	169	158	188	147	813

Second place payed £10.00 and third £3.80. With the B.T.B.A. National Championships being run the week-end following this event a number of the usual participants were unable to make the long trip from the north on two successive weeks and the entries were, in consequence, a little down on normal. With the Nationals likely to be held at the London Airport Bowl in 1977 it is likely that the Norma Bridge championship will be held on the same week-end in order to avoid two trips.

TWO HUNDRED POUNDS FOR PETER BABOT

The newest member of the London All Stars team, Southend's PETER BABOT, bowled very well indeed to win the Scratch Bowlers Club Tournament at Sheffield held on the same week-end as the ladies scratch tournament detailed above. His win over second and third placed Chris and Geoff Buck won him the fine sum of £200.00 and with an average of 202 over his 26 games he thoroughly deserved it.

ATTENTION ALL LEAGUE SECRETARIES - IMPORTANT!

We have been asked by B.T.B.A. to remind all League Secretaries that a stamped and addressed envelope as well as the money must accompany all applications to B.T.B.A. for Award Badges. If you haven't received YOUR badge it is probably being held at the offices of B.T.B.A. until the envelope and/or money arrives. With the price of postage these days B.T.B.A. cannot keep advising league secretaries of the omission and the applications are retained as pending.

Another problem that still exists with some is that the league Final Standing Sheet is being sent to B.T.B.A. instead of to Brian Langford. Whilst the sanctioning application is now made direct to B.T.B.A. the final sheet must be forwarded as before.

3RD. F.I.Q. EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS - BELGIUM

Held in Brussels from the 12th to 16th April this year nine nations competed for the medals in fives, doubles and all events and the Great Britain team included STUART EVANS from Bexleyheath and the reserve was Southend's DAVE RACE. The Great Britain side were not to bring home any medals on this occasion but, nevertheless, they played very well indeed and two of the number were good enough to reach the cut-off of 24 for the all events final - and one of these was STUART EVANS. A fine performance to finish in the top 20 in Europe.

The five person team event was won by Sweden with a 5448 total and the British youngsters were 6th scoring as follows:-

ANDY PLESTED	AIRPORT	189	181	185	197	207	179	1138
GRAHAM MANNERS	TOLWORTH	167	178	156	158	178	152	989
ANDY BARRETT	TOLWORTH	180	172	171	192	155	135	1005
STUART EVANS	BEXLEYHEATH	158	214	176	233	172	154	1107
SYD SYMMONDS	HARROW	212	170	180	176	158	190	1086

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The doubles was won by Sweden also with a fine 2409 total with the British lads finishing 8th, 12th and 15th. Scores as follows:-

ANDY PLESTED	AIRPORT	203	165	193	178	182	208	1129
SYD SYMMONDS	HARROW	185	181	168	166	189	154	1043

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ROSS GOODRIDGE	BIRMINGHAM	172	152	190	193	204	136	1047
STUART EVANS	BEXLEYHEATH	174	216	160	197	178	181	1106

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ANDY BARRETT	TOLWORTH	148	206	153	184	151	191	1033
GRAHAM MANNERS	TOLWORTH	137	205	174	172	188	196	1072

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ANDY PLESTED and STUART EVANS both qualified for the final 6 game Individual All Events and finished 6th and 19th respectively with averages of 189.3 and 179.9 over all 18 games bowled. The winner of the individual event was MICHAEL SCHAFER of West Germany with a formidable average of 198.7.

Our lads were all smartly attired in white shirts, red cardigans and black trousers and, as the rest of Europe will testify, were always a force to be reckoned with. Team Manager was TOM GILLMAN who did a fine job with all the organisation from the initial selection right through to the travel home.

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INTER - CENTRE ' 76

The 4th. Annual S.E.B.A. INTER-CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS, as reported in the last Bowling News, is scheduled for the PRINCESS BOWL, DAGENHAM on Sunday, 4th. July 1976. Entry Forms are already in the hands of each centre bowl representative who, in conjunction with those centre managers who are interested, will be selecting the appropriate 18 players to represent their centre. The cost per centre this year will be £25.20 which represents £1.40 per head and some centres are already fund raising in this respect. The current holders are BEXLEYHEATH.

SEX DISCRIMINATION ACT 1975

Many enquiries are being received regarding the difference in prizes offered to women in leagues. The relative section of the Act reads as follows:-

PART V - SPORT ETC - " Nothing in Parts II to IV in relation to any sport, game or other activity of a competitive nature where the physical strength, stamina or physique of the average woman puts her at a disadvantage to the average man, render unlawful any act related to the participation of a person as a competitor in events involving that activity which are confined to competitors of one sex."

What this means after translation into English is that it is quite permissible for women to be classified in a different category to men for the purpose of prize or tournament classification! In other words - carry on as if it had never happened! In tenpin bowling that is.

S.E.B.A. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

It is the intention of SEBA to organise and run an annual area event for our junior bowlers. Discussions are now underway to decide the format for this tournament which is provisionally scheduled for 26th. September this year at a centre to be decided.

Some would like to see the event run on similar lines to the NAYBC Nationals, i.e. with a variety of sections for each age group and for boys and girls whereas others would prefer a handicap event open to all the young players where those who bowl the most pins over their entering average would be declared as the winners regardless of sex or age. If YOU have any views on the matter please drop a line to the Area Secretary, BRIAN LANGFORD at 111, Vigilant Way, Gravesend, Kent.

B.T.B.A. NATIONAL BOWLING COACH

For many years BTBA have been aware that one of the major points of contention in regard to British bowling has been the absence of a person qualified to instruct bowlers through all grades. With this in mind they are now exploring the possibility of finding an individual who could be suitably employed as a National Coach.

It is understood that it is not necessary to maintain a high average and the person selected will be required to travel to the U.S.A. to take a course in coaching and instruction generally. Any interested person should contact the Area Secretary.

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

5 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>LONDON ALL STARS</u>	DAG	3085
		<u>PALOMA BLANCA</u>	WHIT	3050
		<u>PALOMA BLANCA</u>	WHIT	3003
	1 GAME	<u>LONDON ALL STARS</u>	DAG	1083
		<u>PALOMA BLANCA</u>	WHIT	1079
		<u>BEXLEYHEATH ALL STARS</u>	BEX	1075
4 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>PERSUADERS</u>	WALT	2345
		<u>MARTELLO IV</u>	WALT	2343
		<u>MEAN MACHINE</u>	BEX	2341
	1 GAME	<u>MARTELLO IV</u>	WALT	843
		<u>PERSUADERS</u>	WALT	830
		<u>RACERS</u>	DAG	829
3 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>HUSTLERS</u>	SOU	1828
		<u>STING</u>	BEX	1777
		<u>THE COMMITTEE</u>	BEX	1768
	1 GAME	<u>APOLLO</u>	DAG	653
		<u>HUSTLERS</u>	SOU	650
		<u>STING</u>	BEX	650
2 PERSON TEAM	3 GAMES	<u>ROY MOON & BARRY KEELING</u>	DAG	1260
		<u>KEVIN RAISON & STEVE CARNALL</u>	BEX	1224
		<u>ROGER HOWSE & N. CRANEFIELD</u>	SOU	1222
	1 GAME	<u>ROY MOON & BARRY KEELING</u>	DAG	498
		<u>PETE MATTHEWS & DAVE RACE</u>	SOU	440
		<u>KEVIN RAISON & STEVE CARNALL</u>	BEX	438
MIXED DOUBLES	3 GAMES	<u>LESLEY POTTER & MARTIN SIMPSON</u>	BEX	1192
		<u>WYN COLLISON & BILLY PRESTON</u>	BEX	1183
		<u>JANET & BUZZ MORRISON</u>	BEX	1157
	1 GAME	<u>JANET & BUZZ MORRISON &</u>	BEX	455
		<u>LESLEY POTTER & MARTIN SIMPSON</u>	BEX	455
		<u>DAWN SWANDALE & PETE BOYD</u>	BEX	447
INDIVIDUAL MEN	3 GAMES	<u>BILLY PRESTON</u>	BEX	695
		<u>BILLY PRESTON &</u>	BEX	693
		<u>PETE MATTHEWS</u>	SOU	693
	1 GAME	<u>BILLY PRESTON</u>	BEX	288
		<u>BILLY PRESTON</u>	BEX	288
		<u>PETE MATTHEWS</u>	SOU	269
INDIVIDUAL LADIES	3 GAMES	<u>SUE MORDEN</u>	BAS	675
		<u>LINDA CUMMINGS</u>	SOU	659
		<u>MARG BULL</u>	SOU	634
	1 GAME	<u>LINDA CUMMINGS</u>	SOU	268
		<u>WYN COLLISON</u>	BEX	257
		<u>MARG BULL & SUE TROTT</u>	SOU	250
INDIVID JUNIORS	3 GAMES	<u>DAVE RACE</u>	SOU	673
		<u>DAVE RACE</u>	SOU	658
		<u>DACE RACE</u>	SOU	649
	1 GANE	<u>DAVE RACE</u>	SOU	278
		<u>DAVE RACE</u>	SOU	246
		<u>DAVE RACE</u>	SOU	245

<u>CENTRE LEADERS</u>	BEXLEYHEATH	18	WALTON ON NAZE	4
	SOUTHEND	16	WHITSTABLE	3
	DAGENHAM	6	BASILDON	1