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All For A Petty Penny!

All the bowlers at BASILDON, BEXLEYHEATH and DAGENHAM are aware of what the 1p contribution to S.E.B.A. is worth to them. Most of the bowlers at SOUTHEND and WHITSTABLE are of a similar mind as are some from WALTON ON NAZE but, unfortunately CLIFTONVILLE remain the odd ones out. They miss out on all S.E.B.A. sponsored activities to include the new Badge Award scheme, this publication, all S.E.B.A. Tournaments such as the 600 Club, 500 Club, 200 Club, Inter-Centre Championships etc etc, paid participation in the B.T.B.A. Inter-Counties and a general feeling of belonging to, what many consider the most go ahead local association in the country, and certainly the largest.

Without doubt the biggest S.E.B.A. event each year is the Area Championships, the biggest by far anywhere in Great Britain. All S.E.B.A. card holders must be allowed to compete and that includes the bowlers from CLIFTONVILLE and some from SOUTHEND and WHITSTABLE who stay out of the scheme. This situation is unlikely to change without a change in the Constitution itself but the S.E.B.A. Council thought it unfair that those who do not support the Area Association in any way should receive exactly the same considerations as those who do and without whom the Area would not exist to run the tournament in the first place. With this in mind it was proposed and carried unanimously at the last S.E.B.A. Council Meeting that the tournament expense fund for the 15th S.E.B.A. Championships to be held in May 1977 at Dagenham be levied by a minimum of £1 per event to all entrants who do not contribute to the 1p scheme. If it is your intention to enter in 1977 it will now benefit you in EVERY way to pay as you play. Is just 1p per series really worth all the bickering and politics? We dont think so and you shouldn't think so!

INTER - CENTRE ' 76

The 4th. Annual S.E.B.A. Inter-Centre Championships were held on 4th July at the ABC Princess Bowl, Dagenham and after an enjoyable days bowling BEXLEYHEATH held the title they gained at Basildon last year with DAGENHAM and SOUTHEND joint second. Despite Cliftonville not contributing to the S.E.B.A. 1p support scheme the Area Council decided, as a measure of good faith, to invite them to compete but their verbal acceptance was unfortunately followed by a letter indicating that they were unable, after all, to compete. As before each centre had to enter 18 different players for the events and points were awarded as 10 for a section win, 7 for second, 6 for third and so on down the line. The full results with the pinfalls recorded were as follows:-

	BASILDON *****	BEXLEYHEATH *****	DAGENHAM *****	SOUTHEND *****	WHITSTABLE *****
FIVES	2519 6	2355 5	2551 10	2536 7	2296 4
JUNIOR FOURS	1681 7	1902 10	1671 6	1322 4	1476 5
LADIES TRIOS	1406 7	1417 10	1184 4	1339 6	1334 5
MENS DOUBLES	1003 7	843 4	1035 10	1002 6	929 5
MIXED DOUBLES	856 4	1113 10	961 5	991 7	964 6
LADIES SINGLES	493 5	566 10	436 4	532 7	494 6
MENS SINGLES	416 4	535 10	475 5	509 7	487 6
TOTAL PINFALL	8374	8731	8313	8231	7980
TOTAL POINTS	40	59	44	44	37

The Bexleyheath Juniors, JULIEN COPE, ANDY MUNRO, ALAN KIRK and STUART EVANS rolled very well on the opening to gain the lead for Bexleyheath - one that they were never to lose throughout the day. The Ladies Trios of POPPY HOWIS, SUE AMOS and SHIELA WHITE made it a maximum 20 points for Bexleyheath after two events although Basildon's LINDA PAYNE, DORIS AINGER and TINA LUMBARD were very close behind. The Mens Doubles was won for Dagenham by BILL MCILVEEN and TERRY MARSHALL but Bexleyheath came back with a vengeance in the Mixed Doubles with MARGE TERRY and KEITH HODGE leading the field by a mile with an 1113 series including a final team game of 449 ranked third in the Area Hi's for the current season. LESLEY POTTER and JOHN AMOS carried on Bexleyheath's winning ways in both the Ladies and Mens Singles and the home side made maximum points in the Fives with ALAN CROWTHER & NAT MYERS leading the way.

TRIPLE CROWN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1976

The only bowling centre in Wales, the Scotlanes Llanelli were hosts to this years event but, unfortunately, we are unable to detail the full results in the usual way as, to date, we have been unable to obtain them. We have discovered that England retained their titles both in the male and female divisions and that the men nearly didn't make it and it is also believed that S.E.B.A.'s BERNIE WHITE won the men's individual title and rolled a 700 into the bargain. It would also appear that PAULINE BOWRY won the ladies individual title but what else occurred nobody seems to want to let us know. What about it Wales?

N.A.Y.B.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

It is usual at this time to congratulate our junior bowlers around the Area for their annual accomplishments in their own junior tournament - held this year at the Charrington Bowl, Tolworth. Unfortunately, as with the Triple Crown, we cannot trace any results as having been issued. It is all very well running a prestige event but it would also be nice if someone could finish off the job and PUBLISH SOMETHING!

B.T.B.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS 1977

Prepare yourselves for a Spring holiday at the seaside next year. It looks as though the 1977 Nationals may well be held at Poole. Confirmation is awaited before confirming definitely.

S.E.B.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS 1977

No confirmation required for this one. It is definitely on at the Princess Bowl, Dagenham from 1st May to 15th May. Start thinking about it now.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS BADGES

Would all league officers please take notice that these will shortly be available but can only be issued in exchange for a copy of your league's final standing sheet. Please apply to Brian Langford at Area Office and don't forget the copy of the final standing sheet!

B.T.B.A. INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1976

The final round of the qualifying events is taking place at Bexleyheath as this issue goes to press and a note of the successes or otherwise of Essex and Kent will appear in the next issue of Bowling News. After round 1 the Essex men were in joint second place with Kent fourth and the Essex ladies in fourth place with Kent fifth. Whilst on this subject we still do not consider it fair or even reasonable that Yorkshire, Cheshire, Lancashire, Northumberland, Durham, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire have to battle it out for a finals place. That Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Lincolnshire, Suffolk, Peterborough, Hertfordshire and Northants have to battle it out for a finals place. That Hampshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Dorset, Somerset, Berkshire and Gloucestershire have to battle it out for a finals place. That Essex, Kent, Surrey, Middlesex, Sussex and London have to battle it out for a finals place but both Scotland and Wales get an automatic ticket into the finals when they usually finish last anyway and that most of the English counties knocked could beat either of them even on an off day. We are very pleased to see both Scotland and Wales in the Inter-County Championships but they should have to qualify in zones just the same as everyone else!

NEW SEASONS LEAGUE KITS

Would all League Secretaries please note that the application form LK102 needed to obtain all your equipment for the new season is now available from your local council member. This is issued with a two page instructional leaflet. Please read this BEFORE completing the LK102 which should be returned to your local councillor or direct to Brian Langford. No league materials can be issued without this form.

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

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The Annual General Meeting of the B.T.B.A. was held at the Mount Royal Hotel in London on 17th July and all members will be interested in a number of new ideas and innovations that are coming their way for the new season:-

Membership Application Cards - Those who bowl in more than one league will be delighted to learn that they now have only the one white double sided card to complete in the league through which they join. Once your 20p is paid the card with any other league is a single sided blue one and, if you are lucky, your league secretary may even complete this for you! Don't forget - the usual white card when you join the B.T.B.A. and the blue one for all other subsequent leagues.

New Rule Books - It has taken a very long while for the necessary and considerable finance required to become available for new and updated League Books but these will now be issued to all leagues from September 1st this year. Free copies will be provided to the league president and secretary and members who require a personal copy can obtain one direct from B.T.B.A. at a cost of 20p. Your Area President is also Chairman of the B.T.B.A. Rules Committee and has done a fantastic job in revising, generally Anglicising and updating the complete book. He is now halfway through the Area Constitution. An exacting and very difficult task for which he deserves, but is unlikely to get, the utmost praise from all members.

New National Award Badges - New 'Strikes in a Row' award badges will be available from 1st September direct from B.T.B.A. Head Office in the usual way. These start at 4X IN A ROW, and progress upwards and the applications should be made on the standard green form. The charge for the major round blue badge remains at 25p and the chevrons cost 10p. DO NOT FORGET TO ENCLOSE A STAMPED AND ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO B.T.B.A. WHEN SENDING THE APPLICATIONS AND DON'T FORGET THE APPROPRIATE CHEQUE OR POSTAL ORDERS.

International F.I.Q. Bowling License - Unfortunately this is no longer tied to sterling but to the Swiss franc. Our inflation has therefore put the charges up to £4.50 with renewal now at £1.25. Applications to be made direct to Head Office B.T.B.A., 19, Canterbury Avenue, Ilford.

Junior Leagues - These will now be treated in exactly the same fashion as senior leagues in as much as membership will be 20p per annum. The old system of giving free membership to B.T.B.A. but not providing award badges has not been very successful and the juniors will now be in a position to receive all the same services as their parents.

Humber Centres - Bowlers at Southend and Whitstable who have enjoyed free membership to B.T.B.A. will, from 1st September, come into line with the other centres and will be charged the same nominal 20p for a years membership to B.T.B.A.

Special Badges - New B.T.B.A. shirt badges will be available soon from S.E.B.A. Area Office at a cost of 25p and in 1977 special Silver Jubilee badges are to be issued and will be on sale from the same source and at the same cost. Inflation permitting!

Tournament Calendar - This service has been re-started and the first published calendar should already be on your notice board.

League President's - Included in all new league kits from B.T.B.A. Head Office will be a special President's instruction leaflet which, if read and digested, by the appropriate officers, will ensure far less problems for YOUR league than you have ever encountered before. TED SAYS refers.