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BOTH BEXLEYHEATH & WHITSTABLE YBC'S STRIKE GOLD AT THE JUNIOR NATIONALS

A full Report on the Junior
Nationals appears on Page 7.

Pictures on Right:
Annalise Edwards & Alex Reed
[Bexleyheath YBC]

Kevin Franks & Ben Frost
[Whitstable YBC]



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AMF EXPAND INTO KENT

AMF have recently announced that it has completed the acquisition of 11 Bowling Centres in the United Kingdom comprising 241 lanes. Seven Centres have been purchased from Bass Leisure and in a separate transaction four more bought from Kent based Pentagon centres. Among the Centres bought from Bass Leisure is Hollywood Bowl in Margate.

AMF now operate Six Centres in Kent, namely:-

ASHFORD [18 lanes]
 CHATHAM [16 lanes]
 GRAVESEND [24 lanes]
 MAIDSTONE [18 lanes]
 MARGATE [24 lanes]
 WHITSTABLE [10 lanes]

AMF have always been committed to the promotion of properly constituted leagues and tournaments in addition to open bowling.

As an Association we look forward to working with AMF in the expansion of league and tournament bowling in the County in the furtherance of our sport.

INTER-COUNTIES UPDATE

SENIOR INTER-COUNTIES.

The first round of the Senior Inter-Counties was held at Bracknell. After the second round later this year, the top two teams in each Group will go through to the Finals.

Men.

Although there were only four teams in this Group, each team had to bowl five single games, including a bye, of five person team. Kent won only two of their five games but are still in a position to qualify if they have a good performance in the second round. Representing Kent at Bracknell were:-

	<u>G</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Chas Painter	5	203.0
John Amos	4	195.2
Mike Luckhurst	5	189.2
Dave Buck	4	172.2
John Boulton	3	159.3
Clive Smith	4	157.0

Ladies

With only four teams in the Group, the Ladies had only three games of four person team to bowl. At the end of the day, Kent were lying second marginally in front of Berkshire behind Hampshire who were leading.

Representing Kent were:-

	<u>G</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Sandy Sawyer	3	172.0
Jackie Playford	3	160.3
Doreen Lodge	3	159.0
Peggy Hammond	1	154.0
Sandy Knapp	2	148.0

REGULAR INTER-COUNTIES.

The opening round of the Regular Inter-Counties was held in Kent at Bexleyheath. There were seven Counties for both the Men and the Ladies - all being five person teams - and following the second round, to be held at Raynes Park in September, two teams from each Group will advance to the Finals.

Men.

Hampshire opened up with a 1137 game with Kent and Middlesex also winning. Game 2 saw wins for London [1138 game], Middlesex and Sussex whilst Hampshire sat out for their bye.

The third game saw four teams exceeding 1000 with wins for Hampshire, Middlesex and Surrey, Kent losing with a score of 1008. Hampshire lost their only game of the day in Game 4 despite bowling 1055 to Middlesex [1090] and Surrey and London recorded wins.

Hampshire returned to winning ways in Game 5 with 1034 with wins by Surrey & Sussex. Although the scoring dropped slightly there were wins for Hampshire, London & Sussex in Game 6 and for Hampshire, London and Hertfordshire in the Game 7. The positions at the end of bowling were:-

	<u>Pinfall</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Hampshire	6183	71.83
London	6163	69.63
Middlesex	6048	68.48
Surrey	5693	62.93
Sussex	5606	62.06
Kent	5834	60.34
Hertfordshire	5745	59.45

Representing Kent were:-

	<u>G</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Steve Carnall	6	220.00
Keith Allsop	6	204.17
Neil Webb	6	197.17
Steve White	5	190.40
Keith Hodge	4	174.00
Kevin Snook	2	161.50
James Pateman	1	135.00

The Tournament Average for the Men over 210 games was 196.53.

Ladies.

The Ladies Group is still very tight and even though Kent finished last, they can progress if they bowl well and beat the right teams in the second round.

Positions after the Bexleyheath round are:-

	<u>Pinfall</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
London	5498	64.98
Surrey	5273	60.73
Hampshire	5313	59.13
Sussex	5211	58.11
Hertfordshire	5147	57.47
Middlesex	5015	54.15
Kent	4984	51.84

There were some very close games, but London put in a very consistent performance to lead at the end of this Round.

Representing Kent were:-

	<u>G</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Elaine Hinch	6	194.17
Angie Thick	6	171.33
Sheila White	6	161.67
Annalise Edwards	6	159.50
Sandy Knapp	2	146.00
Jennifer Beale	4	143.00

The tournament average for the Ladies was 173.53.

KEITH HODGE BREAKS FOUR RECORDS at the K.T.B.A. AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1998 Kent County Area Championships were held over three weekends in May at Buggy's Bowl in Cliftonville. For many, it was the first opportunity to study the Bowl since its major facelift and to enjoy the monitors detailing the speed of delivery and unusual graphics.

In the listings of the results, those winning prize money are shown in bold type.

The highlight of the Tournament was the bowling of Keith Hodge by breaking all previous records in the Regular Singles and All Events when averaging 239.4 over his nine games. His individual games were 279, 259 & 227 in the Singles, 246, 224 & 244 in the Doubles and 237, 216 & 223 in the Team - an awesome performance and a delight to watch.

REGULAR SINGLES

The leader after the first day was David Conner, a new bowler from Bexleyheath who bowled his first ever consecutive 200 games to give him a total with handicap of 701. This was eclipsed by Jeffrey White on the middle weekend, Jeffrey having come through the Junior ranks at Bexleyheath and maturing rapidly as an adult bowler to challenge his Mother and Father, Sheila and Steve White. Then came Keith Hodge to shatter the records but on the last day even he was being challenged by Jack Denne, a regular league bowler from the Fireball League at Bexleyheath of many year's standing who put together one of his best ever series to eventually finish in second place.

Despite all this high scoring, there were only seven bowlers who beat the 600 series mark in the Scratch Singles with some local bowlers filling many of the positions although second place went to Keith Allsop, a member of Keith Hodge's team from Bexleyheath.

The only two 600 series not entered in the Scratch Section were by David Conner and Jeffrey White who, not surprisingly, would not have anticipated finishing in the high ratings of the Scratch Section.

Handicap Section [97 Entries]

1. Keith Hodge	771
<i>[Tournament Record]</i>	
2. Jack Denne	744
3. Jeffrey White	711
4. David Conner	701
5. Steve Fox	671
5. Simon Young	671
7. Colin Ottaway	669
7. Keith Allsop	669
9. John Smith	668
10. Jeff Higgs	664
11. David Jones	663
12. Steve Collings	654
13. Alan Haley	653
14. Ted Shrimpton	651
15. John Boulton	649
15. Malcolm Fuller	649
17. Chris Smith	645
18. Steve Clark	639
19. Jon Santinella	637
20. Dave Hampson	636

Scratch Section [53 Entries]

1. Keith Hodge	765
<i>[Tournament Record]</i>	
2. Keith Allsop	630
3. John Smith	623
4. David Jones	621
5. Chris Smith	618
6. Colin Ottaway	612
7. Simon Young	602
8. Malcolm Fuller	598
9. Neil Webb	594
10. Alan Haley	584

REGULAR DOUBLES

Local bowlers John Smith and Dave Buck took the Doubles Titles in both Handicap and Scratch, but new names appeared in second place of the Handicap with Alistair Smith and Graham Knight from Chatham. In the Scratch Section, Clive Mitchell dropped to a 149 in his third game, caused by a hand injury which despite the 714 series by Keith Hodge left them in second place. Among the less familiar faces, mention must be made of Jack Denne whose 597 scratch series along with Roy Memmott's 489 brought them up to seventh place in the Handicap Section.

Handicap Section [57 Entries]

1. John Smith/Dave Buck	1370
2. Alistair Smith/ Graham Knight	1348
3. Trevor Myhill/ Spencer Snow	1325
4. Kevin Snook/ Glenn Snook	1323
5. Dave Leeds/ Phil Eldridge	1291
6. Clive Mitchell/ Keith Hodge	1287
7. Jack Denne/ Roy Memmott	1270
8. Neil Webb/Rob Packman	1266
9. Chris Skudder/ Steve Carnall	1260
10. Peter Williams/ David Ross	1259
10. Steve Collings/ Celia Weller	1259
12. Fred Spears/ Alan Kirk	1258

Scratch Section [25 Entries]

1. John Smith/Dave Buck	1277
2. Clive Mitchell/ Keith Hodge	1248
3. Neil Webb/ Rob Packman	1203
4. Kevin Snook/ Glenn Snook	1200
5. Trevor Myhill/ Spencer Snow	1196
6. Chris Skudder/ Steve Carnall	1194
7. Alistair Knight/ Graham Knight	1183
8. Mike Luckhurst/ Chris Smith	1165

REGULAR TEAM

The opening score of 2912 scratch on the first day was enough for Hook Bowlers in the House from Whitstable to take both Handicap and Scratch events. All their bowlers had entering averages in the 170/189 range and they triumphed against the determined effort of Mean Machine which left them to fill second place in the Scratch Section just ahead of Cliftonville All Stars. In the Handicap Section, the Juniors from Whitstable made second place, just.

LUCY CUDMORE takes SINGLES & ALL EVENTS TITLES

Handicap Section [27 Entries]

1. **Hook Bowlers in the House**
Peter Williams 3224
Colin Johnson
Vic Butler
David Ross
David Jones
2. **Flintstones** 3078
3. **The Ville** 3076
4. **Cliftonville All Stars** 3069
5. **Pin Reapers** 3014
6. **Mean Machine** 3009
7. **Whitstable Raiders** 3002
8. **Alpha Omega "C"** 2987
9. **Drive** 2980
10. **Helmsmen** 2973

Scratch Section [13 Entries]

1. **Hook Bowlers in the House** 2912
2. **Mean Machine** 2850
3. **Cliftonville All Stars** 2820
4. **Pin Reapers** 2753
5. **Highwaymen** 2733

REGULAR ALL EVENTS

As described in the introduction, Keith Hodge broke all the records set by Cliff Dew last year at Margate.

In the Handicap Section, he finished over 100 pins ahead of Jack Denne, who had completed his best Tournament, by far. In the Scratch Section, it was obvious on the last day that all the local bowlers were looking for second place which stayed with Chris Smith.

Handicap Section [73 Entries]

1. **Keith Hodge** 2173
[Tournament Record]
2. **Jack Denne** 2045
3. **John Smith** 2013
4. **Glenn Snook** 2003
5. **Chris Smith** 2000
6. **David Jones** 1971
7. **Graham Knight** 1936
8. **Alistair Smith** 1926
9. **Simon Young** 1920
10. **Trevor Myhill** 1897
11. **Steve Collings** 1894
12. **Jeffrey White** 1890

Scratch Section [46 Entries]

1. **Keith Hodge** 2155
[Tournament Record]
2. **Chris Smith** 1919
3. **John Smith** 1878
4. **Glenn Snook** 1877
5. **David Jones** 1845

LADIES SINGLES

On the first day, Lucy Cudmore set the standard opening with a 601 Series, which turned out to be the only 600 bowled in the Singles but in the Handicap Section was challenged by Jan Smith [Chatham], Kate Foxley [Whitstable] and Sandy Sawyer [Margate]. In the Scratch Section, Sandy finished in third spot being piped to second by Jan Hodge.

Handicap Section [42 Entries]

1. **Lucy Cudmore** 670
2. **Jan Smith** 651
3. **Kate Foxley** 650
4. **Sandy Sawyer** 642
5. **Doreen Lodge** 627
6. **Jennifer Clark** 625
7. **Sotira Hyde** 620
7. **Brenda Field** 620

Scratch Section [16 Entries]

1. **Lucy Cudmore** 601
2. **Jan Hodge** 563
3. **Sandy Sawyer** 552
4. **Doreen Lodge** 549
4. **Jan Smith** 549
6. **Elaine Hinch** 539

LADIES DOUBLES

Local bowlers, Sandy Sawyer and Patricia Smith took the Handicap title by a mere six pins from Sandy Knapp and Elaine Hinch from Bexleyheath, Elaine rolling 605 scratch, which was the highest series by a lady in the Tournament. In the Scratch Section, Sandy and Elaine were also second, just three pins behind Sheila White and Annalisa Edwards from Bexleyheath.

Handicap Section [21 Entries]

1. **Sandy Sawyer/ Patricia Smith** 1272
2. **Elaine Hinch/ Sandy Knapp** 1266
3. **Jeanette Bartram/ Sandra Smith** 1265
4. **Sheila White/ Annalise Edwards** 1251
5. **Paula Pitman/ Sotira Hyde** 1245

Scratch Section [6 Entries]

1. **Sheila White/ Annalise Edwards** 1089
2. **Elaine Hinch/ Sandy Knapp** 1086

LADIES TEAM

Although there was only a small entry in this Section, competition was very close until the last squad when the Junior Bowlers from Whitstable arrived and swept to an easy win. Had they entered the Scratch Section, they would have beaten Tutti Frutti by 59 pins.

Handicap Section [6 Entries]

1. **Oysters** 3119
Joanne Hill
Anne Perkins
Lisa Wraight
Jennifer Beale
Helen Perkins
2. **Tutti Frutti** 2814

Scratch Section [2 Entries]

1. **Tutti Frutti** 2394

LADIES ALL EVENTS

Lucy Cudmore won the Handicap Section by 18 pins from Sandra Smith from Bexleyheath bowling in her first Area Championships with Jennifer Clark from Whitstable in third place.

Handicap Section [25 Entries]

1. **Lucy Cudmore** 1894
2. **Sandra Smith** 1876
3. **Jennifer Clark** 1872
4. **Elaine Hinch** 1853
5. **Annalise Edwards** 1843

Scratch Section [9 Entries]

1. **Lucy Cudmore** 1687
2. **Jan Hodge** 1630
3. **Elaine Hinch** 1628

TOURNAMENT STATISTICS.

Total 200+ Games	190
Total 600+ Series	36
Total Games	1380
Total Pinfall	227210
Tournament Average	164.6

KTBA JUNIOR AREA CHAMPIONSHIP/JUNIOR COUNTY ROLL-OFF

by Martin Beale

As last year, the Kent Junior Area Championships were combined with the Junior County Roll-Off. The tournament was held at Buggy's Bowl, Cliftonville over two weekends in April.

Top of the tree overall and assured of at least one game in the Junior Counties in September were **Helen Perkins** of Whitstable, who rolled two solid, consistent series of 568 and 564, with **James Pateman** of Bexleyheath topping the boys table with 560 and 594 including three double-tons.

Whitstable girls generally had an excellent tournament, ten-year-old **Claire Ward** winning her division comfortably with a personal best 165 game in a 368 series; **Veronica Wood** topping Division 2 with a 141 average and, of course, **Helen Perkins** taking Division 3, her 568 series being the girls' best of the tournament. She was one of four Whitstable girls in Division 3's top five. Top girls game score was 212 from Whitstable's **Jennifer Beale**.

The boys spread things about a bit, with Chatham putting in the best overall showing. **Jason Butcher** won Division 4; **Kevin Cranfield** and **David Lowe** taking 1st and 2nd in Division 5 with **Mark Godley** turning in a nice finishing 580 series to end up runner-up to **James Pateman** in Division 6. Top boys series was a super 601 from Bexleyheath's **Nick Weston** which included the boys high game of 256 - a personal best. **Michael Davenport** of Margate also made 600 with a very nice 192, 205 and 203.

The team game was won by the Whitstable Pearls consisting of

Anna Symes
Richard Lyall
Pandora Symes
Kevin Franks

with another Whitstable team in the runner-up slot 20 pins behind, young **David Foxley** slotting in 189, a new personal best.

STOP PRESS

KENT SENIOR Team finish second in INAUGURAL COUNTY "BAKER" TOURNAMENT sponsored by FIRST LEISURE plc at MILTON KEYNES.

A Kent Senior team was invited to participate in a Baker Tournament at Milton Keynes on June 13th. Kent were one of twelve teams including Team England Men and Team England Ladies. The Tournament was run as a Round Robin with a two game match against eleven opponents with two points for each game won plus two points for total pinfall making six per match.

Bowlers selected for Kent were:-

Mike Luckhurst [Capt.],
John Amos
John Boulton
Chas Painter
Alan Pallett
Clive Smith
Chris Smith

with Alan Petherick as Team Manager. Kent started positively winning their first three games 4-2, 6-0, 4-2 but in the next two games they lost 0-6, even though they bowled their highest of the day.

A buffet lunch was served at this point which seemed to put new life into our bowlers. Over the next six games they dropped only two points, ending the day only one point behind the winners, to take second place. All the participants enjoyed the format and found it very competitive.

Result:

Team England Men	49 pts.
Kent	48 pts.
Warwickshire	42 pts.

The event was sponsored by First Leisure and run by Cass Edwards.

Top placings:

Division 1 - Girls, ave. under 100

(3 games)

1	Claire Ward	WHI	368
2	Helen Skudder	MAR	338
3	Phillipa Skudder	MAR	313

Division 2 - Girls, ave. 100-129

1	Veronica Wood	WHI	847
2	Tracy Saunders	CHA	833
3	Sarah Stevens	CHA	820

Division 3 - Girls, ave. over 129

1	Helen Perkins	WHI	1132
2	Annalise Edwards	BEX	994
3	Anna Symes	WHI	976

Division 4 - Boys, ave. under 120

(3 games)

1	Jason Butcher	CHA	441
2	James Dyer	CLI	440
3	Richard Lyall	WHI	410

Division 5 - Boys, ave. 120-144

1	Kevin Cranfield	CHA	982
2	David Lowe	CHA	919
3	Neal Sullivan	CLI	858

Division 6 - Boys, ave. over 144

1	James Pateman	BEX	1154
2	Mark Godley	CHA	1116
3	Nicholas Weston	BEX	1109

BEXLEYHEATH & WHITSTABLE YBC's STRIKE GOLD AT JUNIOR NATIONALS

KEVIN FRANKS & BEN FROST from WHITSTABLE YBC win GOLD at NOTTINGHAM

By Martin Beale
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WHAT a terrific week for the Whitstable YBC junior tenpin bowlers! We have some national doubles champions and, for the second year running, a qualifier for the England junior team to play the home international competition, the Triple Crown, at Carlisle later in the Summer!

A squad of 22 went to the NAYBC Junior National Championships in Nottingham over the Bank Holiday weekend and returned with successes galore. This tournament runs through the whole month of May. Some 2300 youngsters enter from 101 YBCs all around the country - an entry that makes the event the biggest junior tenpin tournament in the world. No other country - not even the USA or Japan - can boast a junior tournament anywhere near this size.

Consequently, winning, or even coming close to winning, *anything* in these Championships is something very special indeed! 12-year-olds **Kevin Franks** and **Ben Frost**, both from Whitstable, won gold in the Junior Boys Doubles with a superb performance. Kevin bowled steadily rolling 176, 160, 177 for an excellent 513 series whilst Ben had some trouble in the first game but stormed back with two super double-centuries, 112, 202, 207 for 521, giving the duo an excellent total of 1034 in conditions that certainly were not ideal. Kevin also picked up a bronze medal in the Junior Boys All-Events. His 1530 gave him a 170 average over the nine games - no mean feat for any bowler! Whilst this was Ben's first-ever Nationals medal, Kevin has now won *at least one medal every year for the past four years* - a record that will take some beating!

In the Senior Boys division, **Andrew Wraight**, 15, bowled a 182.8 average over his nine games. Whilst this was not enough for a medal, it was enough to put him into the top six under-16 boys in the country, and gain him that magical Junior England status for the Triple Crown tournament in Carlisle in August. Andrew follows Jennifer Beale, who qualified for the equivalent competition last year, becoming the first Whitstable *male* junior to make this grade in the YBC's ten-year history!

Jennifer, meantime, learned that she will be the sole Whitstable junior in the Kent County *adult* team due to play the first round of the Inter-County Championship at Bexleyheath.

Even the youngest local juniors (ten years and under) did superbly in the Nationals but couldn't quite make the podium. The five-person team missed the bronze medal by *just one pin*, finishing fourth. Nine-year-old **Nico Joiner** was the unluckiest of the team, having held a medal position in *all four* disciplines in his age-group - singles, doubles, team and all-events - yet coming home empty-handed. **Emily Frost** (Ben's younger sister - just ten years old) also at one time shared the bronze medal position in the singles whilst **Kirsty Belchem**, just eight the week before the tournament and the YBC's youngest member, shared a potential silver doubles medal with Nico, only to be edged out of the medals in the final squad. **Michael Thompson**, 10, the eldest of the team, rolled two series of 457 and 452 in the singles and doubles, both beating his previous personal best, whilst ten year-old **James Oliver**, bowling in his very first Nationals, beat his previous best series in the team game with 293.

ANNALISE EDWARDS & ALEX REED from BEXLEYHEATH YBC win GOLD at NOTTINGHAM

The Gold Medal in the Junior Girls Doubles event at the NAYBC Junior Nationals was won by **Annalise Edwards** and **Alex Reed** with a score of 1062 [Annalise 546, Alex 516].

Bexleyheath YBC bowled on the first weekend of the Championships and had to wait four weeks to find out if they had won any medals. When they left the Bowl, several Bexleyheath bowlers were on the leader board, but as often happens most were overtaken leaving the girls as the only winners.

As mentioned in the Whitstable report, the winning of any medal at these Championships is a tremendous performance and deserves every praise.

The tournament has the usual format of Singles, Doubles, Five-Person Team and All-Events [9 games].

To show the strength of the competition, the following scores won no medals.

Phillip Press

Singles	602
Doubles	550
Team	544
All-Events	1696

James Pateman

Singles	616
Doubles	486
Team	552
All-Events	1654

Nicholas Weston

Singles	542
Doubles	585
Team	453
All-Events	1580

Annalise Edwards had an All-Events score of 1522 not enough to win a medal and special mention must be made of nine-year old **Peter Rogers** bowling in his first Nationals having a personal best series of 490 including his first ever 200 game.

ALL-TIME HIGH SCORES

From all known records, the current All-Time High Scores in the County are:-

High Series

High Game

FIVE-PERSON TEAM.

Mean Machine	BEX	3171	Mean Machine	BEX	1130
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FOUR-PERSON TEAM.

Climax	BEX	2542	Climax	BEX	898
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THREE-PERSON TEAM.

Bowl Masters	CLI	1941	Pocket Pickers Dave Grant, Robin Baxter & Mike Hand	BEX	762
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TWO-PERSON TEAM.

Clive Mitchell & Keith Hodge	BEX	1394	Chris Skudder & Mike Luckhurst	CLI	513
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MIXED DOUBLES.

Sally Fuller & Chris Smith	MAR	1302	D. Nicholson & C. Crowther	BEX	488
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INDIVIDUAL LADY.

Carol Callow	BEX	724	Myra Kelsey	BEX	289
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INDIVIDUAL MAN.

Cliff Dew	BEX	823	Pat Duggan [2]	BEX	300
			Mike Luckhurst [2]	CLI	300
			Chris Skudder	BEX	300
			Andy Allerton	MAR	300
			Chris Smith	MAR	300

JUNIOR GIRL

Jennifer Beale	WHI	628	Amanda Ottaway	CLI	248
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JUNIOR BOY

Ben Marsh	MAR	756	Nathan Clark	WHI	279
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If you have any information on scores in excess of those listed above please advise the Editor or the Area Secretary.

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