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NEW AREA SECRETARY APPOINTED at A.G.M.

At the recent Annual General Meeting of K.T.B.A., the appointment of **Rosemary Moll** was confirmed as our new Area Secretary. She takes over from Christine Conner, the Area Secretary for the last ten years, who remains on Council as Treasurer. The address of Rosemary Moll for all correspondence is:-
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All queries regarding the Association should now be directed to Rosemary who will also be responsible for distribution of league kits, etc.

At the A.G.M. a vote of thanks was recorded for the excellent work carried out over the last ten years by Christine, who in her address recalled how the year after she was appointed the Kent Association was reborn with the disbandment of S.E.B.A. which then controlled both Kent and Essex - a decision which was not popular at the time but has been proved correct with the passage of time and the proliferation of Bowling Centres in both Counties.

The Council elected for the forthcoming year is:-

<u>President:</u>	John Cudmore Bexleyheath
<u>1st Vice President:</u>	John Boulton Cliftonville
<u>2nd Vice President:</u>	Keith Hodge Bexleyheath
<u>Junior Sub-Committee Chairman:</u>	Martin Beale Whitstable
<u>Secretary:</u>	Rosemary Moll Chatham
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Christine Conner Bexleyheath

Councillors

Doreen Belsom	Whitstable
Joyce Chapman	Cliftonville
Lucy Cudmore	Bexleyheath
Alan Haley	Whitstable
Ed Lane	Bexleyheath
Jerry Lodge	Bexleyheath
Roy Memmott	Bexleyheath
Jerry Moll	Chatham
Alan Petherick	Bexleyheath
David Pitt	Chatham

Where a Centre has sanctioned leagues but no representation on Council, one of the councillors is delegated to represent that Centre. Currently Margate is looked after by John Boulton and Orpington by Jerry Lodge.

EDITORIAL.

It has been a sad time at Bexleyheath over the past few weeks with the deaths of four members of the bowling community.

Tom McQuade, who ran the Pro Shop for some years and was a member of several leagues died after a lengthy illness.

Mick Cope, who had been bowling since the earliest days of the old Bowl and was a member of "The Highwaymen" team, died suddenly although only in his early fifties.

Christine Butchers, from the Invicta Men of Kent league, also died suddenly.

Then tragically, Tracy Williams from the Friday Fours league, gave birth to her third child, a boy, then suffered high blood pressure and died two days later from a brain haemorrhage.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who mourn the passing of these friends from the bowling world.

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CLIFTONVILLE TRIUMPH AT INTERCENTRE

by Christine Conner..

The first snow of winter greeted the competitors for the KTBA Inter Centre tournament, at Ashford. But the warm welcome at this bright and spacious Centre soon thawed everyone out and some very competitive bowling got underway.

This tournament is a unique event in our calendar as it involves teams being selected by the KTBA Centre representatives to play for a trophy and their Centre's pride. The format consists of seven different types of team playing a three game scratch series, pin fall is largely irrelevant in that the teams position against all the opposition determines the points, so a win by one pin gains as many points as a win by 100. This means that the competitors tend to keep a close eye on their opponents all the way through. No one may bowl more than one series nor represent more than one Centre.

Whitstable were the defending champions and Ashford were making their debut in this event.

Alan Petherick acted as tournament manager for the day and despite the weather got proceedings underway promptly at 10.00am with the mixed and men's doubles events bowling concurrently. With most of the bowlers playing at Ashford for the first time the scoring was bound to be a little erratic and so it proved. Bexleyheath's **Steve White and Keith Allsop** were quickly into their stride rolling a 1133 to take 10 points in the men's doubles. Mike Luckhurst and Chris Smith from Cliftonville took a little longer to settle but their 1058 took second. The individual high game of 222 on this first squad fell to local bowler Peter Hutchins who claimed inspiration from the "better" bowlers around him.

In the mixed doubles Whitstable's **Pat Burr and Bill Potter** began their centre's defence in earnest, rolling a 991, with Chatham's Jan and Bob Smith closing fast on 948. Third place went to Angie Thick and Bill Shrimpton from Bexleyheath which was enough to give their Centre the overall lead after the first squad, although it was already becoming obvious that it would be a tight contest.

Into the singles, which the ladies in particular found very hard going. **Laure Sutherland's** 469 was enough to claim full points for Chatham, with Whitstable's Helen Perkins only 3 pins behind and Sandy Sawyer from Cliftonville a further 8 pins back.

In the men's event Whitstable's **David Ross** rolled the best set with the only 600 series of the day, his 612 included a fine 245. Not to be outdone Neil Webb "of no fixed abode" (well he springs up all over the place) kept the Bexleyheath team in the hunt rolling a 262 final game for a 597 series. So at the halfway stage the team totals read:-

Whitstable	28 points
Bexleyheath	25 points
Chatham	23 points
Cliftonville	20 points
Chatham	8 points

The team events traditionally start with the ladies trios. Again the ladies struggled but the Bexleyheath team of **Julie Cudmore, Margaret and Mandi Shrimpton** rolled a 1372 for 10 points including a 211 game from Julie. Second place was tied by Whitstable and Cliftonville on 1326 which left the teams tightly bunched going into the final squad where the Junior Four Person team played alongside the mixed average five person team. Bexleyheath led on 35 points from Whitstable on 34. The general feeling being that the winner was to come from these two teams, but Cliftonville's team manager John Boulton was quietly convincing and cajoling his team into believing that their third position on 26 points was not too far away.

The Bexleyheath junior side had been hit by a fixture clash with many of their regular players away at a junior ranking tournament at Enfield, so their team was short of experience and despite valiant efforts by the four juniors involved were always going to struggle. This fact had not been missed by the other teams who quickly took advantage. Although the scoring was generally low in this section Cliftonville got away to a flier thanks to **Darren Constable's** game of 220 and with the help of his team mates a game of 672 gave them an 80 pin lead

over the opposition that they were not to lose. Ashford's junior's showed much promise in coming second, with **Adam Smith** having the top junior series of the day with a 527. Their 1744 series held off Whitstable by just 14 pins. So with the adults still playing Whitstable led on 39 points with Cliftonville now tied with Bexleyheath on 36. John Boulton had the beginnings of a smile on his face!

The scoring had been very close in the five person event, with Whitstable, led by **Pete Williams** 228, leading at the end of game one. However their challenge faded in game two whilst the steadier bowling from Bexleyheath and Cliftonville allowed them to make up the deficit. Bexleyheath's team were drawn against the pacers in this event which caused them to finish their series several frames in front of the others on a score of 2467 and with Whitstable struggling, Cliftonville knew they had only to beat that score to take the title. Nerves began to show but a good tenth frame could still win the day. **Ron Houston** caused the biggest celebrations when bowling at two he struck out to give them real hope but **Ron, Jeff Weatherill, Dave Hampson and Colin Ottaway** celebrated in earnest when anchor man **Trevor Brown** calmly collected the final pin to beat Bexleyheath by just one, to take the event and the title.

John Boulton was now beaming broadly as the audit confirmed **Cliftonville** to be 1999 KTBA Inter Centre champions and he donned his Vice President hat to present the trophy. The final analysis showed that Cliftonville had been the only team that had not finished last in a group and in the end that tenacity at grinding out the extra points had been the difference.

A day for teams had been thoroughly enjoyed. Alan and his audit team ran the tournament as smoothly as ever, John Smith and his team at the bowl made everyone welcome and comfortable, and John Boulton and his team tripped back to Cliftonville clutching the trophy they fought so hard for and deservedly won.

APOLOGY from the EDITOR

Please accept our apologies for the late appearance of this edition of "Bowling News". In the recent past we have used Printers who have been able to print a very high quality product at minimal cost, but there has been a delay in printing this issue as more profitable work has taken higher priority. We have, therefore, reverted to our original printers whom we shall continue to use in the future to ensure that "Bowling News" returns to being distributed in the month of publication.
Jerry Lodge.

37th ANNUAL K.T.B.A. AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

BTBA SANCTIONED

AT

AMF BOWL

Imperial Business Park, Westmill, GRAVESEND

ON

Sunday 9th, Sunday 16th and Sunday 23rd May 1999

Five Person teams, Doubles, Singles and All Events
Regular Handicap, Regular Scratch, Female Handicap and Female Scratch Divisions

K.T.B.A. Invitational Masters 16th May

All enquires to the Tournament Manager,
John Cudmore at 59, Manor Way, Barnehurst, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 6JJ - Tel. 01322-554660.

SPECIAL OFFER from AMF GRAVESEND.

From 19th April 1999 to 23rd May 1999, practice for participants in the Area Championships is offered at the following rates.

Monday to Friday - daytime before 6.00pm - Three games of bowling for £5.25.

Sunday to Thursday evenings from 10.00pm to close - Three games of bowling for £6.00.

These rates include admission on production of a valid B.T.B.A. membership card.

FULL RESULTS of the K.T.B.A. INTER-CENTRE TOURNAMENT.

Report on opposite page.

	<u>Ashford</u>	<u>Bexleyheath</u>	<u>Chatham</u>	<u>Cliftonville</u>	<u>Whitstable</u>
Mens Doubles	5	10	3	7	1
Mixed Doubles	1	5	7	3	10
Mens Singles	1	7	3	5	10
Ladies Singles	1	3	10	5	7
Ladies Trios	1	10	3	6	6
Junior Fours	7	1	3	10	5
Fives	1	7	5	10	3
TOTAL	17	43	34	46	42

OBITUARIES

MICK COPE

We mourn the sad loss of Mick Cope who passed away on Wednesday 3rd February from an extensive Heart Attack. Mick was a well known character, befriended by all, and was a regular Ten Pin Bowler at Bexleyheath from an early age. He bowled with teams such as "The Committee", "The Nomads", "The P.A.'s" and "The Highwaymen" as well as in various different Leagues. Although he suffered with ill health for some time he rarely complained. Mick's larger than life frame will be missed by many colleagues and friends. From all his associates may he rest in peace or as Mick would have said 'ecaep ni tser'.
Dave Leeds.

TOM McQUADE

I'm sad to announce that Tom McQuade, who ran the Pro Shop at Bexleyheath for many years, died earlier this year after a long illness. Tom, an instructor helped at Bexleyheath Y.B.C., arranged free bowling on a Monday evening for those who asked and wanted help. Tom for a time also helped with the maintenance of the lanes at Bexleyheath, and in more recent years, he was seen at Orpington Bowl. Tom was always available for advice, help with bowling or just if you wanted a chat. He was a credit to bowling, especially in Kent, a man who touched a lot of us, whether we were left or right handed.
David Percival

NEW TOURNAMENT at ORPINGTON SUPERBOWL

Orpington Superbowl staged another of its Sunday Night bowling Tournament on Sunday 21st February. The event attracted a good entry, with a healthy mix of men and ladies.

Each player had to bowl four games with the top three players qualifying for the Stepladder final.

Peter May led the field from the start and capped a good four game series with a score of 235 in the third game. **Samantha Dorsett** kept the ladies interest with a good opening two games and held on to the end. **Justin Shaw**, a very good stylish bowler took some time to get his game together but finished very strongly.

Peter May finished in first place with a 755 series, followed by **Sam Dorsett** with 684 and Justin with 678. A good final in prospect.

In an exciting final Justin defeated Sam by 192 to 152 and sealed a famous victory over Peter by 178 to 170. A great tournament with some excellent bowling.

The next Tournament will take place on Sunday 18th April 1999 at 7.00pm, and we welcome as many bowlers of whatever standard. Anyone interested should contact the Centre Manager, Harry O'Neill on 01689-838333.