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ALAN VALSLER wins the inaugural "PETER COX MEMORIAL" CHALLENGE CUP

Alan Valsler has won the inaugural Peter Cox Challenge Cup held at the AMF Bowling Centre in Chatham.

The tournament was created in memory of Peter Cox, who was President of the Early Bird League until his death at the start of the season, and was open to all players involved in the League.

Players had a three-game handicap series in the opening round with the top four then progressing to a step-ladder final. No luck, though, for Mark Godley. Despite rolling a 211 (230 with h'cap) game in his 548 (605) series that was only good enough to leave him joint fifth with Dave Goddard senior on 530 (605).

Iain Booth, on the other hand, was delighted after achieving a 583 (664) series - highlighted by an excellent game of 231 (258) to finish this stage ahead.

Opening clash in the stepladder final was between Tony Sales and Philip Reeve, the players who ended fourth and third in the qualifying round with handicap totals of 608.

Unfortunately, Reeve's form chose an inopportune moment to desert him and he was eliminated 199-156.

Curiously, Sales then suffered himself against Valsler and bowed out after putting in a bad game.

Valsler, second after scoring 562 (631) in the first round, this time rolled a splendid 204 (227) to meet top man Iain Booth in the final.

There was no stopping Alan Valsler now and with a final game of 189 (212) he became the first recipient of the new competition's trophy.

The awards were made by Derry Cox (Peter's widow) and her daughter Joanna who were afterwards presented with bouquets by new League president David Pitt.

Peter Cox had started the season as League President for the seventh successive year but, sadly, never rolled a ball. The League voted his long term team partner and League Vice-President, David Pitt, into office as his successor. Dave Goddard joined David Pitt in the Pinwizard team. The new pairing finish the season having set the team highest scores in all categories, both handicap and scratch, with 462[scr], 521 [h'cp] team games and 1279 [scr], 1456 [h'cp] series. Both players achieved their high score of the season in the same week, David Pitt rolled a 629 [710] series and Dave Goddard achieved 650 [746]. The Pinwizards finished the season with 385 handicap team average, which equalled the winning team, but they finished well down the table.

The league was won for the second year running by the Crusaders, Brian Major and Alan Valsler. The league's most improved bowler of the season was Iain Booth, whose average increased by 23 pins. It was perhaps appropriate that a member of the league champions team and the most improved bowler were the players to meet in the final of the Peter Cox Challenge Cup.

EDITORIAL.

It has been brought to my notice an error that I made in the March 1999 Edition of "Bowling News".

On the front page, the Council elected at the A.G.M. of the Association was listed. Unfortunately, one name was accidentally omitted.

This was

Scott Novak Chatham

My sincere apologies are offered for this mistake.

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CLUB TOURNAMENT for 1998.

by Jerry Lodge.

The "CLUB" Tournament for 1998 was held at AMF Whitstable in April 1999.

The principal results are listed below. The 200 Club and 500 Club events are decided on handicap scores and the 550 and 600 Clubs on scratch scores. The 600 Club is decided over six games, whereas the other Clubs are over three games.

The Lady with the highest scratch score in the 500 Club receives an automatic invitation to the Kent Masters, this year being **Doreen Lodge**.

The winner of the 600 Club receives an invitation into the Men's Masters, this year being **Clive Mitchell** who averaged 212.6 over his six games.

The bowlers listed in heavy type are those who won prize money.

200 CLUB - 32 Entries.

	<u>Scratch</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Alistair Smith	558	644
2. Sandra Smith	543	641
3. David Jerram	536	630
4. Alan Haley	546	609
5. Sotira Hyde	465	603
6. Andrew Wraight	544	588
7. Martin Scott	487	587
8. Lynn Warbey	459	585
9. Margaret Jerram	480	580
10. Lee Fisher	467	572
11. Eric Frankland	477	565
12. Beryl Drury	482	561
13. Doreen Belsom	420	554
13. Victoria Amaira	437	554
15. Ken Jobson	466	550
16. Peter Myhill	431	548
17. Brenda Field	459	547
18. Alan McPherson	413	539
18. Doreen Fillyary	430	539
20. Bob Greenfield	426	535
21. Vic field	460	533
22. Sandy Knapp	444	528
23. Jan Lawrence	440	526
24. Mark Stubberfield	405	524
25. Jeanette Bartram	405	514

500CLUB - 22 Entries.

	<u>Scratch</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Doreen Lodge	564	631
2. Margaret Jerram	527	627
3. Emma Drury	542	613
4. Angie Thick	563	611
5. Doreen Fillyary	474	583
6. Jackie Ottaway	490	571
7. Rosemary Bentley	475	565
8. Beryl Drury	480	559
8. Sandy Knapp	475	559
10. Angie Godwin	453	549
11. Christine Conner	490	546
12. Sandra Smith	446	544
13. Jeanette Bartram	434	543
14. Grace Coman	430	539
15. Jan Smith	441	533

550 CLUB - 23 Entries.

	<u>Scratch</u>
1. Alan Haley	584
2. Andrew Wraight	533
- Dave Godwin	533
4. John Boulton	520
5. Lee Fisher	509
6. Jerry Lodge	507
7. Lesley Barton	505
8. Emma Drury	501
9. Jack Denne	499
10. Sandy Knapp	493
11. David Pitt	487
12. Alan Petherick	483
13. Graham Gapp	480
14. Eric Frankland	476
15. Nick Weston	475

600 CLUB - 41 Entries.

This Club attracted the largest entry for many years - the format of bowling six games for the 600 Club appearing to be very popular.

	<u>Scratch</u>
1. Clive Mitchell	1276
2. Albert Moustache	1155
3. Nathan Clarke	1129
4. David Ross	1124
5. Colin Johnson	1123
6. Simon Rampling	1118
7. Keith Allsop	1111
8. Tim Beale	1110
9. Roy Myhill	1109
10. Pete Williams	1108

11. David Percival	1103
12. Chris Skudder	1102
13. Simon Young	1090
13. Vic Butler	1090
15. Barry Myhill	1084
16. Steve White	1080
17. Sean Purcell	1078
18. Jerry Moll	1052
19. Alan Hart	1048
20. Karl Elliott	1046
21. Adrian Conner	1041
22. Graham Knight	1031
23. David Jones	1030
24. Rob Packman	1029
25. Dean Saunders	1013
26. Alan Haley	1006
26. Kevin Osborne	1006
28. Billy Howland	996
29. Nick Weston	977
29. Chris Smith	977
29. Roy Memmott	977
32. Bill Shrimpton	963
33. Trevor Myhill	957
34. Ken Jobson	942
35. Frank Weston	936

LEAGUE SECRETARIES

PLEASE NOTE

The "CLUB" qualification period for 1999 is from

1st January to 31st August.

In future years, the qualification period will be the bowling year and not the calendar year, i.e.

1st September to 31st August.

Please submit your list of "CLUB" entries for 1999 to the Area Secretary by

30th September 1999.

The HODGE FAMILY triumph in the KENT MASTERS.

The Kent Invitational Masters was held during the Area Championships at Gravesend on Sunday 16th May.

The format of the Tournament was that 12 Ladies and 12 Men bowled five games in Mixed Doubles format changing lanes after each game.

The six bowlers in each section with the highest scratch scores then bowled a further two games and the top four then progressed to the semi-finals.

No scores carried over to the semi-final where a single scratch game decided the finalists and a further single game resulted in the "Master" for 1999.

Ladies.

The Lady bowlers invited to participate were:-

**Chris Conner
Julie Cudmore
Lucy Cudmore
Elaine Hinch
Jan Hodge
Carole Lakin
Doreen Lodge
Alex Reed
Mandi Shrimpton
Angie Thick
Sylvia Thomas
Sheila White**

After the first two games, Chris Conner had opened up a 39 pin lead over Lucy Cudmore, with Carole Lakin in third place and Elaine Hinch fourth. At this stage only one 200 game had been bowled by Chris Conner with a 211 in the opening game. The third game saw Alex Reed move into second place with a 199 game, moving Lucy and Carole down to third and fourth. In Game 4 Chris retained the lead with Carole regaining second spot from Alex and Lucy with Jan Hodge in fifth and Sheila White sixth. In the last game before the cut-off, Sheila White fell away allowing Angie Thick to fill sixth spot.

The bowling hotted up for the next two games with Alex Reed sweeping into the lead from Jan Hodge who advanced to second place with games of 209 & 207. Lucy Cudmore finished in third with Carole Lakin fourth edging out Chris Conner by two pins.

The scores over the seven games by the leading six bowlers were:-

	<u>Pins</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Alex Reed	1262	180.2
Jan Hodge	1248	178.2
Lucy Cudmore	1225	175.0
Carole Lakin	1222	174.5
Chris Conner	1220	174.2
Angie Thick	1125	160.7

In the semi-finals, Alex Reed beat Carole Lakin 159-146 and Jan Hodge beat Lucy Cudmore 148-144, the scores reflecting the nervous bowling to qualify for the final where the experienced Jan Hodge faced the youngest bowler in recent years to qualify for the Masters, sixteen year old Alex Reed. In a tense final, a double in the middle frames was sufficient for Jan to edge ahead to win a close game 198 to 177.

Men.

The bowlers invited to participate were:-

**Andy Allerton
Adrian Conner
Daniel Harman
Keith Hodge
Daniel Marsh
Rob Packman
David Percival
David Ross
Chris Skudder
Bill Shrimpton
Chris Smith
Steve White**

Keith Hodge swept into the lead with opening games of 245, 244 & 232 for a 721 series and after three games was in a commanding lead from Rob Packman [635], Chris Smith [588] and Steve White [579].

Game 4 was only a 155 for Keith and Chris maintained his second place with a 215, Rob stayed third but Adrian Conner and David Percival moved into joint fourth place. Adrian slipped back in Game 5 allowing David Ross to take sixth place, with Steve White in fifth place. Keith had extended his lead with a 268 game in the seventh game to give him an average over the qualifying games of 217.1. The positions did not change during the next two games and the scores of the

six bowlers who reached this stage were:-

	<u>Pins</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Keith Hodge	1520	217.1
Rob Packman	1330	190.0
Chris Smith	1318	188.2
David Percival	1300	185.7
Steve White	1276	182.2
David Ross	1228	175.4

In the semi-finals, Keith beat David Percival 234-190 and in a close game Chris Smith edged out Rob Packman 173-167. The final was a slight disappointment with lower scoring but Keith emerged the winner 162 to 147. Over the nine games he averaged 212.8 to become Kent Master and complete a family double for the first time in the history of the event.

RESULT of the RAFFLE held at the AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Tefal Fryer	G92	Alan Haley
Foot Stool	B993	Jeff Weatherall
Bottle of Gin	B972	Vic Field
Flan Dish etc.	G103	David Button
Aromatherapy	P457	Beryl Drury
Auto Kettle	G112	Dot Edwards
Red Dubonnet	P454	Emma Drury
Tennis Balls	B890	Jeannette Bartram
Champagne	P451	Emma Drury
Perfumes	P636	Chris Conner
Red Wine	P622	Sylvia Thomas
White Wine	B967	Vic Field
Sparkling Perry	G84	Mike Abrol
Pot Pourri	P493	Dave Goddard
Biscuits	B998	John Cudmore
Turkish Delight	P 754	Brian Clarke

Ticket Colours:

G=Green P=Peach B=Blue

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

by Jerry Lodge

The 37th Annual K.T.B.A. Area Championships were held during May for the first time at AMF Bowl Gravesend where everybody was made most welcome by the Manager, Steve Maple, and all his helpful and attentive staff.

The Tournament attracted the largest entry for many years with a total of 35 teams in the Five Person Team event.

The provisional results are listed below:-

Regular Singles - Handicap.

114 Entries.

1. GLENN SNOOK	718
2. Alan Valsler	709
3. Bruce Maguire	704
4. Steve Byrne	699
Steve White	699
6. Brian Major	679
7. Dave Button	677
8. Mark Godley	668
9. Tony Gamble	664
10. Paul Clark	652
11. Buck Bromwich	649
12. Mike Abrol	647
13. Andy Chawner	643
Andrew Wraight	643
15. Fred Spears	641
16. Jon Santinella	640
17. Steve McElwaine	636
18. Trevor Myhill	630
19. Roy Memmott	629
20. Simon Young	627

Regular Singles - Scratch

58 Entries

1. GLENN SNOOK	670
2. Steve White	669
3. Andy Allerton	601
4. Fred Spears	584
5. Keith Hodge	581
6. Andrew Wraight	580
7. Daniel Harman	574
8. Steve Carnall	573
9. Sean Purcell	568
10. Simon Young	564
Adrian Conner	564
12. Chris Smith	561
13. Paul Fox	560
14. David Jones	552
Steve McElwaine	552

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Ladies Singles - Handicap

46 Entries

1. NICOLA HUMPHREYS	670
2. Jackie Ottaway	663
3. Sandra Smith	660
4. Sylvia Thomas	644
5. Carole Lakin	639
6. Janice Sheppard	637
7. Jennifer Beale	632
8. Janet Smith	610
9. Sheila White	608
10. Jan Lawrence	597
11. Kaye Cudmore	595
12. Angie Thick	594
Julie Cudmore	594
14. Jennifer Clark	593
15. Elaine Hinch	590
Emma Drury	590

Ladies Singles - Scratch

17 Entries

1. CAROLE LAKIN	564
2. Sheila White	563
3. Jackie Ottaway	561
4. Sandra Smith	555
5. Elaine Hinch	527
6. Jennifer Beale	506
7. Christine Conner	505
8. Angie Thick	504
Julie Cudmore	504
10. Annalise Edwards	501

Regular Doubles - Handicap

63 Entries

1. ALAN HALEY & SEAN PURCELL	1384
2. Ted & Bill Shrimpton	1368
3. David Button & Andy Chawner	1345
4. Eric & Malcolm Frankland	1330
5. James Middleditch & Bruce Maguire	1298
6. Steve McElwaine & John Hinch	1277
7. Jeff Weatherill & Terry Bolton	1269
8. Trevor McGill & Mike Abrol	1268
9. David Edwards-Brown & Claire Reeve	1261
10. Mark Godley & Brian Major	1254
11. Tom Sawyer & Chris Smith	1243
12. Terry Connelly & Paul Barton	1232
13. Andrew Wraight & Nathan Clark	1225
14. Daniel Harman & Andy Allerton	1215
Jack Denne & Chris Genovese	1215

Regular Doubles - Scratch

30 Entries

1. ALAN HALEY & SEAN PURCELL	1249
2. Daniel Harman & Andy Allerton	1161
3. Clive Mitchell & Keith Hodge	1156
4. Steve McElwaine & John Hinch	1145
5. Tom Sawyer & Chris Smith	1132
Fred Spears & Neil Webb	1132
7. Chris Skudder & Steve Carnall	1114
8. Eric & Malcolm Frankland	1102
9. Keith Allsop & Steve White	1100

CHAMPIONSHIPS - GRAVESEND - May 1999

Ladies Doubles - Handicap

22 Entries

1. ELAINE HINCH & CHRIS CONNER	1303
2. Sotira Hyde & Kathryn Bozier	1266
3. Doreen Lodge & Angie Thick	1234
4. Nicola Humphreys & Paula Pitman	1233
5. Lisa Digby & Jennifer Beale	1205
6. Margaret Shrimpton & Kaye Cudmore	1197
7. Jan Lawrence & Janet May	1194
8. Vanessa Ross & Brenda Rhodes	1189
9. Emma & Beryl Drury	1174
10. Sylvia Thomas & Dot Edwards	1169

Ladies Doubles - Scratch

7 Entries

1. ELAINE HINCH & CHRIS CONNER	1168
2. Doreen Lodge & Angie Thick	1060
3. Sheila White & Jan Hodge	1047

Regular Team - Handicap

28 Entries

1. PENTAGON PLAYBOYS	3200
David Pitt	
Gordon Smith	
Jerry Moll	
Mark Godley	
Brian Major	
2. Atlanta Hawks	3091
3. Mixers	3067
4. Whitstable Raiders	3023
5. Seaside Rock	3012
6. Mighty Quin	3002
7. Whitstable YBC 1	2998
8. Allsorts	2990
9. Team Zone	2957
10. Can't Bowl Won't Bowl	2940

Regular Team - Scratch

11 Entries

1. MEAN MACHINE	2634
Steve White	
Alan Hart	
Clive Mitchell	
Keith Allsop	
Keith Hodge	
2. Definitives	2627
3. Highwaymen	2621
4. Hook Bowlers in the House	2590
5. Allsorts	2585

In the Team event, one bowler was disqualified and his scores erased for violation of Tournament Rules, i.e. consuming alcoholic drink during play, etc. which denied his team winning prize money.

The Tournament Rules are designed to enable bowlers to participate in a friendly, but competitive atmosphere and abuse of the Rules can only detract from the image which we, as an Association, endeavour to promote for the furtherance of the sport of ten-pin bowling.

Ladies Team - Handicap

7 Entries

1. GIRL POWER	3049
Glenis Albin	
Sara Alexander	
Yvonne Bright	
Jean Myhill	
Lynn Seal	
2. Whitstable YBC 2	3016
3. Tutti Frutti	2855

Ladies Team - Scratch

3 Entries

1. TUTTI FRUTTI	2555
Alex Reed	
Lucy Cudmore	
Annalise Edwards	
Sheila White	
Jan Hodge	

Regular All-Events - H'cap

99 Entries

1. DAVID BUTTON	2053
2. Sean Purcell	1976
3. Brian Major	1972
4. Bruce Maguire	1965
5. Steve White	1960
6. Fred Spears	1924
7. Trevor Myhill	1920
8. Ted Shrimpton	1919
9. Keith Porter	1911
10. John Hinch	1904
11. Steve McElwaine	1902
12. Nathan Clark	1889
13. Alan Valsler	1877
Glenn Snook	1877
15. Jerry Moll	1872

Regular All-Events - Scratch

50 Entries

1. STEVE WHITE	1870
2. Keith Hodge	1834
3. Sean Purcell	1814
4. John Hinch	1760
5. Fred Spears	1753
6. Glenn Snook	1733
7. Andy Allerton	1730
8. Rob Packman	1695
9. David Jones	1694
10. Nathan Clark	1691
11. David Ross	1689
12. Chris Smith	1678
13. Adrian Conner	1673
14. Steve Carnall	1658
15. Chris Skudder	1653

Ladies All-Events - Handicap

37 Entries

1. NICOLA HUMPHREYS	1889
2. Carole Lakin	1874
3. Brenda Field	1860
4. Jennifer Beale	1848
5. Sylvia Thomas	1845
6. Sandra Smith	1840
7. Chris Conner	1798
8. Kaye Cudmore	1795
9. Elaine Hinch	1784
10. Sotira Hyde	1774

Ladies All-Events - Scratch

13 Entries

1. SHEILA WHITE	1628
2. Elaine Hinch	1595
3. Chris Conner	1582
4. Lucy Cudmore	1537
5. Sandra Smith	1525

Tournament Statistics.

Total Pinfall	246567
Total Games	1511
Tournament Average	163.1
200 + Games	154
600 + Series	23

High Scratch Series

Men	Sean Purcell	682
Ladies	Chris Conner	602

The only 600 series by a lady.

High Scratch Game

Men	Sean Purcell	268
Ladies	Jackie Ottaway	234

NEWS FROM THE CENTRES

CLIFTONVILLE

by John Boulton

Bugsy's High Average Invitational 1998 used the format of all bowlers bowling a four game accumulative pinfall and changing lanes after two games. The top four bowlers then played a further two games, still accumulative pinfall, and changing lanes after each game. The two highest accumulative pinfall bowlers then played a single game shoot-out, highest games wins.

Tom Sawyer had games of 202 and 218 for a 420 total and the lead after two games. Colin Ottaway rolled a 235 to take the lead with 613 in game three and retained it after game four with a 165 and 778 total. The top four bowlers with two extra games to bowl were **Colin Ottaway 778, Chris Smith 753, Tom Sawyer 748 and Dave Hampson 729**. Tom had a wayward game of 136 in the fifth game and Dave's 190 allowed him to pass Tom, Colins 155 allowed Chris 183 to pass him and take the lead by three pins. The sixth game had Tom doing better with 171 and 1055 total placing him in fourth place, Dave had a 162 and 1081 total giving him third place. Chris rolled a 171 and 1107 total for second because Colin rolled a 187 to retake the lead and first on 1120 pins.

The final shoot-out was then between **Colin Ottaway and Chris Smith**, this was an exciting final as the lead changed between the two bowlers all the way through, and it was not until the ninth frame when Chris put in a double strike, that Colin couldn't match, that Chris pulled away slightly. Chris finished with a 214 and Colin a 209, as exciting a match as you could wish to see. Trevor Brown, the Under Manager at Bugsy's made the presentations of prize money and trophy to our 1998 High Average Invitation Champion **Chris Smith**.

ORPINGTON

by Harry O'Neill

MONTHLY TOURNAMENT.

Neil McNally, a regular bowler at Orpington Superbowl, registered an excellent victory in the Monthly bowling tournament on Sunday 18th April. His opponent was **Phil Peries**

from Sutton Superbowl, who himself proved that he can rattle the pins very successfully.

The competition attracted a good entry and after the first two games there were quite a few players in contention, although Neil and Phil were making their intentions clear. **Billy Funell** was the dark horse, quietly stringing together healthy scores to make the others take note. Also in the frame up to the fourth game were **Ian Walking and Justin Shaw**, a previous winner of the event, but each had a disastrous last game to take them out of contention. It was good to see the ladies give a good account of themselves in particular **Sam Dorsett and Sarah Flack**.

In the end the stepladder was contested by Billy Furnell and Phil Peries for the right to play Neil in the final and after a pretty eventful first few frames, Phil emerged the winner by 201 to 171. This set up an exciting final with each bowler giving a good display of spare shooting, but in the end Neil with the aid of a timely double came out the winner by 182 to 180. The next tournament at Orpington will be on Sunday 20th June.

WHITSTABLE

by Roy Fillier

In the Harbour League, Pirates, led by **Alan Haley**, began the season like a shot out of a gun and quickly established a very healthy 18 points lead. However by the time we reached the third play off night, we had only 12 points separating the top eight teams.

Now we are approaching the end of the season, six weeks to go, the HELMSMEN, captained by Brian Snook have jumped into a ten point lead over the JOKERS, who are closely followed by PIRATES and CONSTRUCTORS.

On the team front, Helmsmen have rolled a 2263 scratch series just ahead of Pirates 2258, whilst on the single game front Pirates rolled an 855 and an 844 scratch.

Sean Purcell leads the way with a 184 average for the men, but **Angela White** has a 174 average for the ladies.

For the single game ladies, **Samantha Cooper** rolled a 245 scratch closely followed by **Kate Foxley** with a 235 and a 234 scratch, while for the men **Colin Johnson** and **Vic Butler** both rolled 261 scratch games, and **Derek Hatton** had a 252.

For the three game series, **Angela White** had three brilliant series of 593, 589 and a 584, whilst for the men **Derek Hatton** had a 649 closely followed by **Andrew Senior** with a 644.

So you can see we are heading for another close finish.

Toast the Triple Scotch

by Martin Beale

The May Day Bank Holiday Monday saw Whitstable host the Third *Triple Scotch* Scotch Trios tournament when 60 bowlers battled it out for a share of the £570 prize fund.

The unique pressures of Scotch Trios bowling severely tested all the teams whose ages ranged from 11 to well past bus-pass qualifying time with skill levels ranging from the "I bowl three times a year" grade to full international champion status. Squad One saw Lewisham's **Michael Whiting, Richard Firth and Craig Wanden** smash the tournament record for overall points scored with a magnificent 1888 from nine games (including winner's bonus points of 210 for their seven wins) to take an unassailable lead, although it was squad 2 that saw the game record go when Whitstable's **Colin Johnson, Duncan McLellan and Vic Butler** rolled an excellent 246.

The final game of squad two provided the second placed team when Whitstable's **Andrew Senior** delivered a last-ball strike to tie the final game 167-167 with the star-studded trio of **Mitchell, Hodge and Hodge** - a perfect name for perhaps a firm of solicitors?

The stepladder final produced some great competition, but finished much as the qualifiers, with the £300 top prize going to the Lewisham trio of **Michael Whiting, Richard Firth & Craig Wanden** with Whitstable's **Andrew Senior, Andrew Wraight and Nathan Clark** taking second.

INTER-COUNTY RESULTS from ROUND 1.

REGULAR COUNTIES.

by Alan Petherick

The first round of the Inter-County Tournament for 1999 was held at Dunstable on June 6th.

It was a first time experience for two bowlers in the men's team, David Ross & David Jones, and both acquitted themselves well.

All the teams' games were in the 900's with an overall average of 971. Keith Hodge was again Kent's highest scorer with an average of 211. This put him third in the overall standing out of 48. I felt we were a touch unfortunate to win only two games as four of the six teams had their high game of the day against Kent! Although in sixth place we are no means out of it with one round to come in September.

Team Scores:

	Pinfall	Points
London	5935	67.35
Hertfordshire	5995	65.95
Sussex	5746	65.46
Middlesex	5857	64.57
Hampshire	5641	64.41
Kent	5824	62.24
Surrey	5587	57.87

Kent Individual Scores:

	Games	Average
Keith Hodge	6	210.8
Nathan Clark	5	206.8
Steve White	6	196.3
David Jones	4	189.5
David Ross	6	186.5
John Hinch	2	167.0
Keith Allsop	1	136.0

The ladies also had two first timers in the team, Samantha Cooper and 16 year old Alex Reed. Alex bowled well with an air of someone who has seen it all before, and wasn't the least bit phased by the international bowlers around her.

Star of the day: Lucy Cudmore with fourth highest average of the day - 201 and second highest game of 235. I don't know what Auntie Kaye feeds her on but we could all do with some!

The ladies won three of their games and are in fifth place but it is extremely tight, there are only four pins between third, fourth and fifth place and Kent are only 76 pins from second.

The second round is at Worthing on September 5th.

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Team Scores:

	Pinfall	Points
Hertfordshire	5479	62.79
London	5492	60.92
Hampshire	5419	60.19
Surrey	5418	60.18
Kent	5415	60.15
Sussex	5536	59.36
Middlesex	5252	58.52

Kent Individual Scores:

	Games	Average
Lucy Cudmore	6	201.0
Sheila White	5	184.6
Emma Drury	3	180.0
Elaine Hinch	6	177.0
Chris Conner	3	174.6
Alex Reed	5	171.2
Samantha Cooper	2	152.0

SENIOR INTER-COUNTIES

by Alan Petherick

The first round of the Senior Inter-Counties was held on May 23rd at Harrow Superbowl.

The men only managed to win two of their six games and all the bowlers found the conditions difficult. Top scorers were John Amos [198 ave.] and Keith Hodge [190 ave.]. The team are lying in fourth position with a lot of hard work required if they are to proceed to the finals.

Team Scores:

	Pinfall	Points
Berkshire	5918	71.18
Essex	5900	69.00
Sussex	5541	61.41
Kent	5654	60.54
Surrey	5570	59.70
Middlesex	5266	56.66
Suffolk	5219	54.19

Kent Individual Scores

	Games	Average
John Amos	6	197.8
Keith Hodge	6	190.3
Chris Smith	6	182.8
Chas Painter	6	179.3
Mike Luckhurst	4	179.2
Ron Lovett	2	155.5

The ladies had fewer games than the men as Surrey and Suffolk didn't enter in the ladies division. Unfortunately one of our bowlers failed to arrive at Harrow due to a car breakdown so we had no reserves. The ladies are lying in third place with every opportunity of

securing a higher place in the next round to qualify.

The second round will be at Bexleyheath on August 8th starting at 10.00am I am sure our teams will appreciate your support.

Team Scores:

	Pinfall	Points
Berkshire	2717	33.17
Essex	2684	32.84
Kent	2750	31.50
Middlesex	2754	29.54
Sussex	2661	28.61

Kent Individual Scores

	Games	Ave.
Doreen Lodge	4	177.5
Sandy Sawyer	4	166.5
Beryl Drury	4	153.2
Sandy Knapp	4	146.5

N.B. In both competitions, the first two teams in each group progress to the finals.

The "GOLDEN BALL" returns to BEXLEYHEATH.

The Annual "Golden Ball" Tournament was held at Hollywood Bowl, Stevenage. This Tournament for Lady bowlers is between various Lady leagues in the Home Counties. The winners traditionally host the event in the following year.

This year, the winning team was from the Bexleyheath Tuesday League who scored over the six games:-

	Pinfall	Ave.
Doreen Lodge	976	162.6
Sandra Smith	1036	172.6
Chris Conner	1069	178.2

The team beat the hosts, Stevenage by 94 pins on the total handicap scores.

In the "B" Team event, the Bexleyheath Thursday League team of Sue Manchester, Janet Phillimore and Jakki Ellis finished in third place.

JUNIOR & Y.A.C. NEWS.

Whitstable Junior Gets Another 299

On the 24th March in the Cliftonville Wednesday Trios, Nathan Clark, Whitstable YBC's top-scoring bowler*, rolled a near-perfect 299 game to beat his own KTBA Junior Boys' record by a clear 20 pins. And this just four months after YBC team-mate Andrew Wraight had rolled the same score at Raynes Park (see Vol 2 No 12).

Nathan's magnificent series of 193, 226, 299(718) equalled his own personal best. So what's the rub? Well, in spite of it all, his team lost their match!

* Up to the end of May, Nathan had rolled 67 200+ games (at least) in sanctioned play this season and 68 500+ series - of which 13 were 600 or more - an all-time Whitstable junior record.

Bowlers Club Win for Andy Wraight

Andrew Wraight [Whitstable YBC] won the Elite Div. A title in the Junior England ranking Southern Bowler's Club at Enfield on February 6th.

Competing against many of the finest junior bowlers in England, Andrew's first round six games of 207, 188, 231, 221, 204, 223 put him 26 pins clear of his nearest rivals, a position he maintained after round two (211, 193) and round three (176, 177). He then defeated Anthony Botibol 178-164 in the Stepladder Final.

Top Place for Andy Wraight and Nick Weston at the BTBA Nationals

The Whitstable-Bexleyheath junior pair Andrew Wraight and Nicholas Weston rolled an excellent 1230 in the BTBA National Championships at Plymouth in March to take the Division B Doubles title by 33 pins. Andrew's 672, along with a 577 and a 515 also earned him the bronze medal in the All-Events.

Junior and YAC Area Championships - Bexleyheath - 22nd May 1999

For the first time in several years now divorced from the Junior County Roll-Off, this is a scratch competition arranged in divisions according to current highest league averages. 89 bowlers competed with no less than 65 finishing with a tournament average higher than their entering average.

The YAC (Under-24) title was revived this year, if, in fact, it has ever been competed for before. With only a few entrants, it was arranged that ladies would receive a 10-pin bonus per game hence only one YAC champion would result.

The junior team trophy was, as usual, the final competition and was retained by Whitstable YBC who have won it no less than four times in the last five years.

Results:

(3 games, unless otherwise stated)

Div 1 (Girls: ave. 110 or less)

1 Anna Winch (WHI) 380

2 Emma Riley (BEX) 371

3 Nina Shrimpton (BEX) 369

Div 2 (Girls ave 111 to 139)

1 Samantha Denne (BEX) 473

2 Lisa Wraight (WHI) 441

3 Emily Frost (WHI) 430

Div 3 (Girls ave 140 + 6 games)

1 Alex Reed (BEX) 1067

2 Jennifer Beale (WHI) 999

3 Rebecca Ward (WHI) 949

Div 4 (Boys ave 120 or less)

1 Paul Cheney (WHI) 429

2 Barry Maydom (WHI) 415

3 Peter Rogers (BEX) 412

Div 5 (Boys ave 121 to 154)

1 Stuart Turpin (BEX) 550

2 Robert Joy (MAR) 509

3 Michael Thompson (WHI) 497

Div 6 (Boys ave 155 + 6 games)

1 James Pateman (BEX) 1168

2 Nathan Clark (WHI) 1129

3 Darren Constable (CLI) 1111

YACs (Age under 24 - 6 games)

1 Samantha Cooper (WHI) 1076

2 Martin Pateman (BEX) 1059

3 Amanda Thomas (BEX) 971

Junior Team

(4-person, no two from the same Division - 1 game)

1 Whitstable Oysters

(Emily Frost, Kevin Franks, Jennifer Beale, Nathan Clark) 714

2 Whitstable Wizards

(Lisa Digby, Ben Frost, Lisa and Andrew Wraight) 621

3 Bexleyheath 4

(James Pateman, Sam Lindfield, Paul Woolsey, Alex Reed) 612

Whitstable Juniors Secure NAYBC Nationals Medals

Held at Nottingham, the largest bowling centre in Europe, the NAYBC National Championships is now held over ten days in May; is the biggest tournament in Europe [of any description] and the biggest junior tournament in the world - and, this year, was the largest ever with 2470 entrants from 113 YBC's!

Whitstable have a proud record of picking up medals each time out in recent years and maintained the habit in 1999 with Lisa Digby and Jennifer Beale taking silver in the Senior Girls' Doubles with 1088 (557 and 531 respectively), just nine pins off gold!

Lisa enjoyed the tournament of her life, also picking up bronze in the All-Events with 1636 and, at one point, lying third with the Whitstable girls' team of herself, Jennifer, Emily Frost, Kirsty Belchem and Lisa Wraight.

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