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## MEAN MACHINE smash the HOUSE RECORD at BEXLEYHEATH SUPERBOWL

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, the Mean Machine took apart the previous House Record for a five-person team.

The team was Steve White, Bob Hayter, Rob Packman, Neil Webb & Keith Hodge.

Ironically, the previous Thursday, the "Phoenix" lane dressing machine broke down at Bexleyheath with a motor being burnt out. No spare motor is carried at the Bowl and the replacement did not arrive until the Wednesday. One wonders if this is a new way of dressing lanes to improve conditions by having no dressing for six days and then laying down a fresh oil pattern.

The scratch scores of the team was:-

Steve White	233	277	218	728
Bob Hayter	210	217	189	616
Rob Packman	169	214	234	617
Neil Webb	217	206	181	604
Keith Hodge	278	169	210	657

This gave a team total of 3222 which is a game average of 214.8.

As you can see there were 11 games over 200 and looking at the print-outs only 20 open frames were recorded out of the 150 frames.

As there is no longer a Jackpot held at Bexleyheath, Mean Machine have created their own within the team. Each bowler puts in 10pence per game and the bowler to first bowl seven strikes in a row scoops the pot. Obviously, this "pot" builds up over the weeks. On this evening, Keith Hodge bowled seven strikes in a row in the first game and picked up £32.00. In Game 2, Steve White repeated the feat and promptly picked up 50 pence. There is no justice in there.

Looking back at the last issue of "Bowling News" the standings of these bowlers in the Leading Kent Averages was Neil Webb [1], Keith Hodge [2], Steve White [3] and Rob Packman [6]. Bob Hayter has recently rejoined the team and is not currently listed on the Kent Database.

Despite all the obvious talent in the Mean Machine team, it is interesting to note that at this stage of the season they are lying in only seventh place in their 12 team league.

The current leaders of the league are Pin Reapers whose main bowlers are Dave Wickens, Jim McNamara, Paul Fox, Andy Giles and Jeff White – yes, that is Steve's son.

Andy Giles is holding the high average at 201.8 over 33 games.

Our congratulations to Mean Machine; the next meeting with the Management to discuss problems at the Bowl which often results in comments on lane dressing should be very interesting.

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# The KENT LADIES finish FOURTH in the Y.A.C. (Under 24s) INTER-COUNTIES

By David Percival

This year's Y.A.C. Inter-Counties [age group 17-24] were held on the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February at Nottingham Bowl, and with 18 Men's teams and 11 Ladies' teams it was going to be tough to qualify in the top six for the final. Bowling nine games, six on Saturday and three on Sunday morning before a round robin final Sunday afternoon.

The men did not get off to a good start hitting only a 806 in a five man team format, but they recovered with a 965 in the next, thanks to a 238 from Euan Jennings, but the recovery faltered as in the next game they slumped to a 791, the best individual over the first three games being Euan with 587.

After lunch they picked up again with a 919 and we thought that a recovery was still possible, but once again, unfortunately, in the next two they hit 844 and 872, giving us a very poor position in a tough field. On Sunday morning with the team now looking to have no real chance of qualification we hoped for a miracle, this however did not come and games of 841, 840 and 830 were the best we could manage.

Although the men had a very enjoyable weekend and did not seem to go home too unhappy, maybe next year they will perform better and make amends for the unfortunate poor effort that seemed to be applied to some of the bowling this year.

The bowlers who represented Kent in the Mens team and their scores were:-

Bowler	Pins	G	Ave.
Euan Jennings	1679	9	186.5
James Pateman	1069	6	178.1
Nathan Clark	1204	7	172.0
Jeff White	1007	6	167.8
Andrew Wraight	1002	6	167.0
Daniel Harman	959	6	159.8
Steve Gore	788	5	157.6

The Ladies' Section was bowled as a three person team, which I thought, was a bit strange, but as there was a poorer turn out of teams compared with the men, I believe it was a good idea.

On Saturday our Ladies showed good enthusiasm and started off really well, with scores of 514, 533 and 552, Alex Reed bowling a consistent 197, 180 and 194, backed up by Helen Perkins with games of 213 and 199. In the afternoon however although the enthusiasm was just as good, the scores dropped. The first two games of 444 and 484 did not put us in a qualifying position, but with a superb 564 in the last game of the day, we made seventh place, just three pins behind sixth.

So on Sunday morning the Ladies came out of the blocks flying with a 525, Alex was now showing her class as a top bowler in England. What happened next was just thrilling, with games of 222 [Sam Cooper], 220 [Helen Perkins] and 207 [Alex Reed], a 649 game. In the last game on Saturday the Surrey Ladies had bowled 650, but that was because Charlotte Pawsey had a huge 286 game, ours however a huge team game that moved them into second place and looking really good to qualify. They managed a 518 in the last qualifying game, which saw them through in third place behind Surrey and Yorkshire and ahead of Derbyshire, Durham and Essex.

The scores for the qualifying rounds were:-

Bowler	Pins	G	Ave.
Alex Reed	1676	9	186.2
Sam Cooper	1075	6	179.1
Helen Perkins	1608	9	178.6
Lisa Wraight	297	2	148.5
Amanda Thomas	127	1	127.0

It was a shame to see the London men miss qualifying by a mere seven pins, although they are our main rivals, but to miss by only seven was harsh. It certainly was a different feeling to see them go home as we stayed for the final for a change.

The Kent Ladies couldn't perform in the final to the same standard that they achieved in the qualifying nine games. They started off brilliantly beating Essex 499 - 490, but the next game though was against Surrey and they went down fighting 442 - 538. So it was on to Derbyshire, again a lower score than we wanted was scored but it did result in another win by 492 - 454. Yorkshire was no match for our ladies, another high 400 game of 482 was not good enough. The last game of the day was a closely fought match with Durham, with spares and strikes a plenty, it all went down to the last frame, Alex once again though proving her worth by shooting a confident spare to shut them out by nine pins, 515 - 506. The ladies enjoyed the experience of the final and it was a shame to finish in fourth place on pinfall, seeing that Durham [1<sup>st</sup>], Yorkshire [2<sup>nd</sup>] and Essex [3<sup>rd</sup>] all won only three games as well as us. Surrey finished a disappointing fifth and Derbyshire came sixth.

The Kent scores for the final were:-

Bowler	Pins	G	Ave.
Alex Reed	897	5	179.4
Amanda Thomas	161	1	161.0
Sam Cooper	788	5	157.6
Helen Perkins	299	2	149.5
Lisa Wraight	285	2	142.5

I would like to thank all the bowlers who played this year for making it a great weekend and a successful one as well; also to the few supporters that we had for cheering our teams on. I hope that we can get the long talked about challenge match against London because I don't think we will have any worries with our Ladies team. Also, Lynn from Essex has talked about a Y.A.C. challenge; we must be doing something right.

**FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENTS.**

**THE K.T.B.A. AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2000**

**Sundays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May 2000**

**at AMF ASHFORD  
Station Road, Ashford.**

**Closing Date for Entries: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2000**

**Why not enter a team this year?**

**Regular Singles      Female Singles  
Regular Doubles    Female Doubles  
Regular Five-Person Team  
Female Five-Person Team  
Regular All-Events   Female All-Events**

**K.T.B.A. Invitational Masters – May 21<sup>st</sup>**

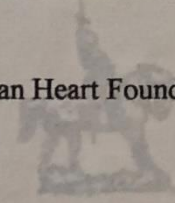
Entry Forms available at your Bowl or from  
the Area Secretary, Rosemary Moll Tel. 01634-326322

**World Corporate Games 2000.**

Tenpin Bowling is to be featured in the World Corporate Games to be staged in Aberdeen  
from July 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 2000.

Full details of the 24 sport programme can be found on the Official Games Web site which is  
[www.corporate-games.com](http://www.corporate-games.com)

Sir Alex Ferguson is the Patron of the Games and the Official Charity is the Grampian Heart Foundation.



# Club Tournament 1999 Results

## John Hinch averages 222.8 to win 600 Club

*By Rosemary Moll.*

The K.T.B.A. 1998-1999 Club Championships were held at Bexleyheath on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2000.

The run up to the tournament was somewhat problematic. Names of people who had qualified for the tournament were still being submitted right up to a week before the tournament. The fact that the qualifying period had been changed and the tournament moved to January had been missed by a lot of leagues, despite the fact that the details had been featured in *Bowling News*!

There were further problems getting the application forms out to qualifiers caused by the Christmas break. We also had players saying that they could not afford to take part because it was too soon after Christmas.

Steps have been taken to rectify the situation for next year's tournament. Although it will still be scheduled to take place in January, I shall endeavour to get forms out in late September or early October so that you will have plenty of time to submit your form and entry fee.

**In order for this to be successful I shall be relying on league secretaries to get their final lists to me as soon as possible after the closing qualifying date of 31 August 2000.**

In the 200 Club, Chatham based Dan Hobson-Wallis bowled in the third squad of the first week. He found the conditions to his liking and his 561 scratch series included a game of 214 (which qualifies him for next year's tournament).

He then had to wait through seven more squads to see if his score remained in the lead. The player who finished in second place, Beryl Drury from Bexleyheath, bowled on the second Sunday and her 515 (611 h'cap) series pushed Bill Potter down into third place.

Having posted her prize-winning entry in the 200 Club, Beryl Drury followed that up by taking first place in the 500 Club. Her winning score of 526 (622 handicap) qualifies her for next year's 500 Club tournament as did Carole Lakin's 527 (611 handicap) scoreline.

Chatham's David Pitt was in the lead after the first week of the 550 Club competition; his score had been boosted by a splendid second game of 239. This score was overtaken by Tony Gamble from Whitstable, whose winning score of 577 included a game of 210. As with the winners of the 200 and 500 Clubs, this will qualify him for the 550 Club next year. Whitstable's Carole Lakin added to her prize money by taking third position.

Nine players rolled series in excess of 600 in the course of the 600 Club competition. The three prizewinners each registered two 600 series and are based at Bexleyheath. All three of these players entered on the first Sunday.

Clive Mitchell bowled in the first and second squads and registered series of 621 and 617. Rob Packman bowled in squads two and three and bowled series of 613 and 622, taking him to within three pins of the lead. The star of the tournament, John Hinch, bowled in squads three and four. His first three games 214, 221 and 211, gave him a 646 series. He followed this up with an even better series of games 243, 227 and 221, totalling 691. Not surprisingly his 1337 was the winning total.

All four Club winners have qualified for next year's tournament!

### 200 CLUB - 27 ENTRIES

<b>1. DAN HOBSON-WALLIS</b>	<b>657</b>
	(handicap series)
2. BERYL DRURY	611
3. BILL POTTER	600
4. PHILLIP REEVE	599
5. SANDY KNAPP	587

### 500 CLUB - 17 ENTRIES

<b>1. BERYL DRURY</b>	<b>622</b>
	(handicap series)
2. CAROLE LAKIN	611
3. BRENDA FIELD	596
4. CLAIRE REEVE	591
5. SANDY KNAPP	590

### 550 CLUB - 28 ENTRIES

<b>1. TONY GAMBLE</b>	<b>577</b>
	(scratch series)
2. DAVID PITT	544
3. CAROLE LAKIN	530
4. ALAN FOREMAN	525
5. CHAS WOOLSEY	512

### 600 CLUB - 28 ENTRIES

<b>1. JOHN HINCH</b>	<b>1337</b>
	(6 games - scratch)
2. CLIVE MITCHELL	1238
3. ROB PACKMAN	1235
4. SIMON CARTER	1229
5. STEVE WHITE	1206



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