

Report on the K.T.B.A. Area Championships 2000

It was no surprise that Mean Machine took the scratch title from Ashford Oddballs by a wide margin, which only shows how well the Ashford team bowled to win the handicap section.

Scratch Section [11 Entries]

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| 1. MEAN MACHINE | 2922 |
| [Steve White] | |
| [Jeffrey White] | |
| [Rob Packman] | |
| [Sean Purcell] | |
| [Keith Hodge] | |
| 2. Ashford Oddballs | 2695 |
| 3. Highwaymen | 2640 |

All-Events

The results in the handicap section of the All-Events were very close, with only nine pins separating the first three places.

Handicap Section [81 Entries]

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|--------------------------|------|
| 1. Robert Greenfield | 1940 |
| 2. Graham Knight | 1933 |
| 3. Steve White | 1931 |
| 4. Sean Purcell | 1919 |
| 5. Nathan Clark | 1915 |
| 6. Dave Carter | 1891 |
| 7. Steve McElwaine | 1859 |
| 8. Stuart Roberts | 1840 |
| Alan Petherick | 1840 |
| 10. Rob Packman | 1839 |
| 11. David Ross | 1830 |
| 12. Daniel Hobson-Wallis | 1827 |
| 13. Dave Button | 1826 |
| 14. Alan Jones | 1824 |
| 15. Alistair Smith | 1811 |
| 16. Peter Dockerill | 1805 |
| 17. Andy Chawner | 1796 |
| 18. Peter Williams | 1793 |
| 19. Mark Godley | 1791 |
| 20. Simon Carter | 1778 |
| Graham Gapp | 1778 |

Scratch Section [35 Entries]

The scratch section was comprehensively won by Steve White, whose series were 662 [Singles], 596 [Doubles] and 574 [Team].

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|-------------------|------|
| 1. Steve White | 1832 |
| 2. Nathan Clark | 1780 |
| 3. Sean Purcell | 1757 |
| 4. David Ross | 1749 |
| 5. Andy Allerton | 1663 |
| 6. Alan Jones | 1662 |
| 7. Peter Williams | 1649 |
| 8. Chris Smith | 1647 |
| 9. Graham Knight | 1645 |
| 10. Rob Packman | 1641 |

Ladies Division

The ladies from the Bexleyheath Thursday League dominated the first squad on the first day. Jenny Baughan, a low average bowler, bowled one of her best ever series of 461 with games of 169, 120 & 172 to head the leader board, a position she held throughout the Tournament.

Lynn Kent and Carol Hilbert, from the same league, slipped into second and third places which they never lost.

Later the same day, Carole Lakin moved into the lead in the scratch section with 531, a position she held until the last day when Lucy Cudmore had games of 180, 149 & 223 to take the title.

Singles

Handicap Section [48 Entries]

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Jenny Baughan | 650 |
| 2. Lynn Kent | 643 |
| 3. Carol Hilbert | 630 |
| Carole Lakin | 630 |
| 5. Linda Allerton | 624 |
| 6. Vera Roper | 621 |
| Lucy Cudmore | 621 |
| 8. Barbara Coogan | 619 |
| 9. Brenda Field | 618 |
| 10. Joanne Walker | 616 |

Scratch Section [15 Entries]

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Lucy Cudmore | 552 |
| 2. Carole Lakin | 531 |
| 3. Alex Reed | 521 |
| 4. Linda Allerton | 507 |
| 5. Jan Hodge | 496 |

Doubles

Again the ladies from Bexleyheath Thursday League set a good target with Vera Roper [453] & Sotira Hyde [519] having a 1302 handicap score. Sotira had a 225 game in her series, a personal best.

The challenge to this score did not materialise until the last day with the battle for the scratch title between two sets of sisters when Julie Cudmore [551] & Lucy Cudmore [530] took the title from Elaine Hinch [475] & Christine Conner [574].

Meanwhile, Linda Allerton & Angela Harman from Margate took

third place in the handicap section just ahead of Doreen Lodge & Sandra Smith from Bexleyheath.

Handicap Section [23 Entries]

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|--------------------------------------|------|
| 1. Vera Roper & Sotira Hyde | 1302 |
| 2. Julie & Lucy Cudmore | 1225 |
| 3. Linda Allerton & Angela Harman | 1214 |
| 4. Doreen Lodge & Sandra Smith | 1207 |
| 5. Jean Jobson & Brenda Field | 1201 |
| 6. Elaine Hinch & Chris Conner | 1199 |
| 7. Carol Nicholson & Lynn Kent | 1168 |
| 8. Joanne Genovese & Mandy Shrimpton | 1166 |

Scratch Section [7 Entries]

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|--------------------------------|------|
| 1. Julie & Lucy Cudmore | 1081 |
| 2. Elaine Hinch & Chris Conner | 1049 |
| 3. Doreen Lodge & Sandra Smith | 1030 |

Team Event

On the middle Sunday, the local team of Ashford Wannabies [Mashid Gearing, Margaret Gibbs, Kathy Purfit, Diane Borley & Diane Smith] set a target for a Section attracting its highest entry for many years. On the final squad, the experienced team of Sox Squad came through to win both the handicap and scratch sections quite comfortably.

The individual series were Doreen Lodge [537], Elaine Hinch [531], Emma Drury [524], Sandra Smith [491] & Christine Conner [478].

Handicap Section [10 Entries]

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|----------------|------|
| 1. SOX SQUAD | 2984 |
| [Doreen Lodge] | |
| [Elaine Hinch] | |
| [Emma Drury] | |
| [Sandra Smith] | |
| [Chris Conner] | |

Scratch Section [3 Entries]

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| 1. SOX SQUAD | 2561 |
| 2. Allsorts | 2466 |

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As will be seen from the scores, the handicap All-Events in the Ladies Division was very closely fought with **Carole Lakin** coming out top by just four pins from **Vera Roper**.

The scratch section resulted in an easy victory for **Lucy Cudmore** whose winning series were 552 [Singles], 530 [Doubles] & 522 [Team]

All-Events

Handicap Section [38 Entries]

1. Carole Lakin	1837
2. Vera Roper	1833
3. Joanne Genovese	1825
4. Linda Allerton	1811
Lucy Cudmore	1811
6. Carol Hilbert	1802
7. Doreen Lodge	1769
8. Lynn Kent	1757
9. Sotira Hyde	1756
10. Alex Reed	1741
11. Julie Cudmore	1732
12. Carol Nicholson	1729
13. Elaine Hinch	1720
14. Chris Conner	1718
15. Janet May	1715

Scratch Section [11 Entries]

1. Lucy Cudmore	1604
2. Alex Reed	1525
3. Julie Cudmore	1507

The Tournament Statistics were:-

Total Games:	1539
Total Pinfall:	239905
Game Average:	155.8
Total 200+ Games:	96
Total 600+ Series:	9

The full results can be studied on the KTBA website at www.ktba.org.uk

Over half the teams who entered this year's championships cashed and it was not a case of "always the same people".

Although there were more five-person teams entered this year, entries were slightly down in other events as the overall statistics compared with last year show.

	1999	2000
Games	1511	1539
Pinfall	246567	239905
Average:	163.1	155.8
200+ Games	154	96
600+ Series	23	9

B.T.B.A. National Championships.

There was success for Kent bowlers in this year's National Championships held at Enfield.

In the Men's Team Event, **Keith Hodge** was the anchor bowler in the winning team, Rollrite Originals, who scored 3294 to beat the second team by 94 pins. Keith was bowling with four younger bowlers making their mark on the adult scene, Nick Froggart, Rob Thurlby, Chris Snashall and Darren Cundy.

Sean Purcell from Whitstable figured in the Division "B" All-Events where he finished fourth with 1839 [ave. 204.3]

In the Ladies All-Events, **Nikki Harvey** was 10th with 1766 [ave.196.2] and this included her seventh place in the Singles with 616.

In the Ladies Doubles [Division "B"] **Doreen Lodge** and **Christine Conner** finished fourth on 1094 and in Division "C" **Jeannette Bartram** and **Sandy Knapp** won the title.

Ladies from Bexleyheath figured in the Team Event.

In Division "B", **Iffy Sox Squad** finished in fifth place with a score of 2476, their team being **Elaine Hinch**, **Doreen Lodge**, **Sandra Smith**, **Sandy Knapp** and **Christine Conner**.

In Division "C" **Bexley Broads** finished third with 2145. Their team was **Vera Roper**, **Nicola Humphreys**, **Carol Wagner**, **Paula Pitman** and **Janet May**.

Golden Ball Tournament

The Bexleyheath Tuesday League defended their title in style at Bexleyheath Megabowl during May.

Having won the "Golden Ball" at Stevenage in 1999, it was their turn to host the event, which is a competition between various ladies leagues in Southern England originally founded by the late **Teddy Tingling**.

The ladies bowled three games handicap in the morning and three in the afternoon with an excellent lunch in between which was laid on by the staff of Bexleyheath Megabowl and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After some very competitive bowling the Bexleyheath Tuesday team of **Doreen Lodge**, **Sandra Smith** and **Sandy Knapp** won the trophy by the narrowest of margins, two pins. The result of the main section was:-

Bexleyheath Tuesday	3112
Stevenage	3110
Bexleyheath Thursday	3068

The scratch scores of the winning team were:-

Doreen Lodge	1033
Sandra Smith	936
Sandy Knapp	867

The team of Bexleyheath Thursday was:-

Karen Day	856
Brenda Field	940
Janet May	936

There was a "B" Team event where the result was:-

Tolworth	2957
Bexleyheath Tuesday	2949
Stevenage	2923

Representing Bexleyheath Tuesday were:-

Jeannette Bartram	795
Beryl Drury	866
Peggy Hammond	868

For the ladies not selected for the teams, there was a Visitors Singles Tournament, again over six games, and the leading places were:-

Jakki Ellis [Bex Thu.]	1093
Grace Coman [Bex. Tue.]	1082
Audrey Camp [Stevenage]	1068
Sue Saxon [Bex. Thu.]	1063
Theresa Wyatt [Bex. Thu.]	1050
Shirley Beadle [Bex. Tue.]	1044

TRIPLE SCOTCH? THAT'LL DO NICELY!

by Martin Beale

MAY Day historically celebrates the arrival of Spring; fresh green growth; a new beginning; a triumph of light over darkness; and, more recently, provides an extra day off to get the lawn mown, the front door painted or to pay the annual obligatory visit to great Aunt Maude. Since 1997, it has also given us a chance to participate in one of the strangest bowling tournaments going - Whitstable's 'Triple Scotch' Scotch Trios - possibly unique in the tenpin world, and certainly a real tester!

As a special millennium celebration AMF kindly sponsored the tournament to offer no less than a £1000 first prize, provided a full three squads could be fielded. Sadly, the BTBA had scheduled the UK Championships to clash with this event, hence removing from the reckoning some of the Team England interest which has been a feature of previous years. It also meant that only two squads could be filled, and the top prize reduced to a 'mere' £810, i.e. £270 per bowler. It is believed that the total prize fund of £1,212 made it the richest tournament ever to be held at Whitstable - unless, of course, any of you know differently!

The winners were the all-Whitstable trio of Jennifer Beale, Nathan Clark and Steve Gore, who beat the pre-tournament favourites, Lewisham's Bob Ockleford, David Jones and Cliff Dew, 214-192 in the final. Whilst the big money involved did put significant pressure on the finalists, all six were no strangers to the big bowling occasion and the tension felt by the substantial, appreciative and knowledgeable audience was probably most noticeable as the event reached its climax. With this being the only game occurring in the centre at the time, they watched avidly in complete silence as each ball was delivered, applauding and cheering as each strike or spare was picked up or breathing in sharply and in unison as each split was left.

I should explain that the Scotch Trios format is one in which each game is played by all three team members, bowling just one ball each in strict rotation. In Squad One, it was

game 7 before the first 200 game was bowled by the strong local team of Pete Williams, Colin Johnson and Dave Ross, but, by that time, eventual squad winners Ockleford, Jones and Dew had established a solid lead with Bexleyheath's Alan Mills with Christine and Adrian Conner holding a strong second, 90 pins behind them, a position they maintained to the end of the squad. In this squad no less than eight double-tons were on the board, with Williams, Johnson and Ross holding the high game with a fine 234. The final total for the squad winners was 1888, equalling the tournament record set a year ago.

In Squad Two the eventual winners Beale, Clark and Gore rolled 224 in game 2, but it was their game 8 that really set the tournament alight. With a spectacular ten strikes in a row, they smashed the old tournament game record of 246 with a new 'anagrammatical' mark of 264. Pity their poor opponents, Whitstable's Carole Lakin, Trevor Myhill and Martin Scott, who rolled their best game of 210 only to lose by 54 pins!

This squad finished with nine double-tons; seven of these shared between just two teams - three by the squad runners-up, Ben Frost, Andrew Senior and Andrew Wraight, and four by the winners, whose magnificent point score of 1954 was another new tournament record. With the top two from each squad being joined by the highest scoring losers (Andy Oldham, Adrian Jarman and Mervyn Steen from Squad One), a four-game stepladder final determined the destiny of the big money prizes.

Firstly, Frost, Senior and Wraight consigned Oldham, Jarman and Steen to fifth place 202-156 then proceeded to eliminate Mills and the Conners who finished fourth. However, the power and experience of Ockleford, Jones and Dew halted the younger team's progress and they had to be content with third prize of £132. The final battle between Ockleford, etc. and Beale, Clark and Gore was a superb match. This time, the young Whitstable team rattled the favourites with a killer 4-in-a-row early on, leaving the Lewisham trio to make mistakes as they tried to play catch-up.

KENT LADIES qualify for Final of the SENIOR INTER-COUNTIES

The Kent Ladies team have qualified for the Finals of the Senior Inter-Counties Tournament, to be held later this year at a venue to be announced, by finishing second in the qualifying round held at Dunstable.

The full result was:-

	W	L	Pts
Berkshire	5	0	46.01
Kent	3	2	40.88
Essex	2	3	38.91
Middlesex	2	3	38.85
Surrey	2	3	36.94
Sussex	1	4	35.94

In this competition, there is an age bonus in every game being one pin for each year of age over 50. Kent have some excellent lady bowlers who qualify for plenty of age bonus which had a great effect in the final result, much to the disgust of some of the opposing teams. You play by the rules and all is well.

The team representing Kent and their scratch scores on the day were:-

	G	Pins	Ave.
Doreen Lodge	4	677	169.2
Sandy Sawyer	5	835	167.0
Jan Smith	3	487	157.4
Peggy Hammond	3	468	155.6
Beryl Drury	3	458	152.6
Dot Edwards	2	268	134.0

In the Men's Section, competition, as usual, was very intense and Kent eventually finished in fourth position out of seven teams.

The results were:-

	Pts
Berkshire	67.80
Surrey	67.48
Essex	63.78
Kent	62.22
Bristol & Gloucestershire	61.42
Middlesex	59.97
Sussex	58.32

The team representing Kent and their individual scores were:-

	G	Pins	Ave.
Keith Hodge	6	1265	210.8
Chris Skudder	6	1147	191.2
Bob Potts	5	953	190.6
Roy Memmott	2	339	169.5
John Amos	6	1013	168.8
Paul Clark	3	506	168.7
Alan Valsler	2	296	148.0

CLUB QUALIFICATION

The THIRD list of bowlers who qualify during the current Bowling Year from 1st September 1999 to 31st August 2000 are:-

200 CLUB

PAUL ALLERTON	214	CLI
ALF BEECHING	206	CLI
STEVE BENTLEY	208	MAR
ROSEMARY BENTLEY	200	MAR
JOYCE CHAPMAN	202	CLI
MARION CONSTABLE	223	CLI
BOB DANIELS	203	BEX
JOHN DARBY	200	BEX
DEBBIE DASH	241	CLI
SCOTT FLEMING	202	MAR
PAM FORSDYKE	200	WHI
PEGGY HAMMOND	230	BEX
KIRK HAYES	251	MAR
RÖY HUBBARD	202	MAR
MICHAEL HULBERT	243	CLI
ADRIAN JARMAN	217	WHI
COLIN JOHNSON	200	WHI
CRAIG KNOWLES	202	BEX
PENNY LEFEVRE	202	WHI
CHARLIE LONG	201	CHA
JIM MCNAMARA	208	BEX
PAT NICHOLLS	205	BEX
GRAHAM NUTT	202	MAR
ANDY OLDHAM	233	WHI
DEAN OSBORNE	202	CLI
BILL PEACHEY	226	MAR
DAVID PITT	201	CHA
GORDON RAINEY	205	BEX
ANNE SEALE	203	CLI
VINCE SHAW	201	MAR
JOE SLADE	222	WHI
MERVYN STEEN	232	WHI
JOHN VENABLES	207	CLI
KEITH WALLACE	201	WHI
ALYSON WALLER	213	CLI
ANNE WHITEHEAD	224	CHA
ROGER WHITEHEAD	203	CHA
KEITH WILLIS	223	BEX
JOHN WRIGHT	243	MAR

500 CLUB

ROSEMARY BENTLEY	522	MAR
PAT BURR	523	WHI
JOYCE CHAPMAN	511	CLI
JENNY CLARK	531	WHI
CHRIS CONNER	559	BEX
LUCY CUDMORE	568	BEX
DEBBIE DASH	502	CLI
PAM FORSDYKE	505	WHI
PEGGY HAMMOND	545	BEX
ANNETTE HICKSON	531	WHI
ELAINE HINCH	500	BEX
WENDY HUBBARD	524	MAR
PENNY LEFEVRE	569	WHI
DÓREEN LODGE	504	BEX
DIANE LOWE	504	CHA
HELEN MAPLE	515	CHA
ROSEMARY MOLL	510	CHA
BEV OTTAWAY	523	CLI
ALEX REED	546	BEX
ANNE SEALE	500	CLI
MANDI SHRIMPTON	582	BEX
SANDRA SMITH	501	BEX
ALYSON WALLER	509	CLI
JOYCE WARE	567	CLI
ANNE WHITEHEAD	573	CHA
550 CLUB		
PAUL ALLERTON	569	CLI
JAMES BAX	566	MAR
BILL BOWEN	550	CLI
PAUL DAWSON	573	CLI
EDDIE FLETT	595	BEX
GARY HARLAND	597	BEX
JAN HODGE	605	BEX
MICHAEL HULBERT	569	CLI
COLIN JOHNSON	570	WHI
PENNY LEFEVRE	569	WHI
GREG LEWIS	580	CLI
GRAHAM NUTT	556	MAR
ANDY OLDHAM	550	WHI
IAN OTTAWAY	553	CLI
BILL PEACHEY	568	MAR

DAVID PITT	564	CHA
LOL RICHARDSON	564	BEX
MIKE ROOT	560	BEX
RICHARD SHINGLESTON		
	551	MAR
MANDI SHRIMPTON	582	BEX
JAN SMITH	579	CHA
MERVYN STEEN	550	WHI
ANGIE THICK	551	BEX
JOHN WALSHAM	556	BEX
BARRY WARE	618	CLI
JOYCE WARE	567	CLI
ANNE WHITEHEAD	573	CHA
BRIAN WILLIAMS	550	BEX

600 CLUB

MEL ALLERTON	623	MAR
KEITH ANDREWS	649	BEX
TIM BEALE	620	WHI
STEVE BROUGH	659	MAR
STEVE CARNALL	638	BEX
KEITH CARRETT	618	BEX
JASON COOPER	610	CHA
PETER DOCKERILL	602	CHA
PAUL FOX	633	BEX
BEN FROST	615	WHI
DAVE GODDARD	646	CHA
DAVE GODWIN	652	BEX
DAVE GRANT	605	BEX
ALAN HALEY	603	WHI
DANIEL HARMAN	667	MAR
JOHN HINCH	660	BEX
JAN HODGE	605	BEX
ALAN JONES	610	BEX
JIM MIDDLEDITCH	624	BEX
CHAS PAINTER	614	BEX
COLIN PEPLER	628	CHA
BILL SHRIMPTON	602	BEX
CHRIS SKUDDER	610	MAR
GORDON SMITH	615	CHA
PAUL STEVENS	616	CLI
RICK TOPHAM	605	CLI
BARRY WARE	618	CLI
DAVE WICKENS	651	BEX

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