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CLIFTONVILLE win the INTER-CENTRE with RECORD ENTRY of NINE CENTRES

by Rosemary Moll

There was a record entry this year for the Kent InterCentre Tournament. Nine of the ten centres within the KTBA's catchment area sent teams. The tournament was held at AMF Margate tenpin bowling centre on Sunday 15th July 2001. For some of the newer Centres it was their first taste of this kind of event. The tournament is played for the honour of being the Kent Inter Centre Champions and the winning team takes the "Kent Messenger" trophy to display in their home centre for the year.

The tournament consists of seven different events giving the opportunity for ladies, gentlemen, junior and the over 50s a chance to compete against each other. Points are awarded for each event - 10 for first place, 7 for second, 5 for third, 3 for fourth and 1 for fifth and at the end of the tournament each team has to select one event to drop from their points tally.

The tournament got under way with the Doubles events - Men's Doubles and Senior Mixed Doubles.

MENS DOUBLES

The men's doubles event was the most hotly contested event with six of the teams averaging over 400 per game. Nine players rolled series in excess of 600 - Steve Williams (Bexleyheath) 614, Justin Shaw (Gravesend) 626, Dan Costello (Tunbridge Wells) 649, Steve Brough (Margate) 653, Chris Smith (Cliftonville) 662 and Dave Ross (Whitstable) 688. The top three bowlers in the event all scored series above 700. Jerry Moll (Chatham) achieved his first 700+ series in sanctioned play with a 703 comprising games of 221, 232 and 250. Daniel Harman (Margate) bowled a 714 series with games of 265, 279 and 170.

The day's most spectacular achievement was the 774 series bowled by Whitstable's Pete Williams. He recorded a superb 774 series, which included a 300 game. He actually bowled 23 strikes in a row, five at the end of the first game, 12 in the second and six at the start of the third. His first game was a 247 and the last a 227.

The Whitstable Doubles team score (1462) equalled the Kent Record for Men's Doubles Series, which was set by Margate's Steve Brough and Daniel Harman just a few months ago. Williams and Ross's highest game score of 535 is a new Kent record.

Needless to say, Whitstable came first. Winning scores and points for the event were as follows:

1 WHITSTABLE	1462	10
2 MARGATE	1367	7
3 CLIFTONVILLE	1232	5
4 TUNBRIDGE WELLS	1210	3
5 CHATHAM	1209	1

SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES

The Senior Mixed doubles event is aimed at players over 50 years old. An extra pin is added to the score for each year the competitor is over 50 years old (players under 50 get one pin per year deducted).

Cliftonville's Tom Sawyer was the highest scoring man with a 609 scratch series, which included an excellent 235 game. With his wife, Sandy, their joint total secured the winning score.

Chatham's Jan Smith was the highest scoring lady in the event with a 534 scratch series. She and husband Bob took the second place points.

The team from Bexleyheath, Alan Petherick and Beryl Drury had the most bonus pins, picking up 41 per game. They finished in third place.

Event winning scores and points as follows:

1 CLIFTONVILLE	1140	10
2 CHATHAM	1103	7
3 BEXLEYHEATH	1088	5
4 WHITSTABLE	961	3
5 GRAVESEND	943	1

LADIES SINGLES

Emma Drury (Bexleyheath) rolled the highest series, 554, winning ten points for her centre. Seven points went to Margate's Linda Allerton who finished in second place with a 536 series, which included a 216 game. Laure Sutherland claimed the five points for Chatham, taking third place with a 505 series including a 203 game. Whitstable took fourth place and Cliftonville was fifth.

MENS SINGLES

Andy Allerton rolled games of 200, 205 and 250 for an excellent 655 series and 10 points for Margate. John Smith finished in second place for Cliftonville with a 641 series, which included games of 216 and 257. Rob Packman bowled a 605 series, including games of 215 and 201, to take third place. Tunbridge Wells were fourth and Chatham fifth.

LADIES TRIOS

Cliftonville ladies 1448 team series took the ten points for first place. Sally Wells rolled the highest ladies series and game of the day with a 572 series and a 230 game.

Bexleyheath ladies were second with a 1434 team series. Janet May was their highest scorer with a 501 series.

The Chatham team was third with 1401 team series. Top scorer for Chatham was Tracy Saunders, contributing a 524 series. Whitstable took fourth and Margate fifth.

After a break for lunch the two team events got under way on freshly prepared lanes.

JUNIOR FOUR PERSON TEAM

The junior event was for a Four person team with at least two of the players required to be under 16 years old. There were some good scores recorded.

FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENT

Bert & Vicky Timms Memorial Mixed Doubles Tournament

Sunday 28th October 2001

AMF Bowl - WHITSTABLE

**Entry Forms available from your local Centre representative,
or from the Area Secretary, Rosemary Moll - Tel. No. 01634-366891**

CLIFTONVILLE win the INTER-CENTRE

The Top Ten series in the Junior Four Person Team event were:-

1	600 Neil Jeffery	Chatham
2	596 Andrew Wraight	Whitstable
3	587 Ian Whitbread	Margate
4	572 John Venables	Cliftonville
5	567 John Reynolds	Chatham
6	551 Ben Frost	Whitstable
7	535 Gareth Simpson	Cliftonville
8	521 Nikki Lewis	Cliftonville
9	496 Simon Skudder	Cliftonville
10	493 Andrew Wood	Ashford

The Top Ten games were:-

1	247 Ian Whitbread	Margate
2	233 Ben Frost	Whitstable
3	228 Andrew Wraight	Whitstable
4	221 Neil Jeffery	Chatham
5	218 Andrew Wraight	Whitstable
6	213 Nikki Lewis	Cliftonville
7	209 Frances Avery	Gravesend
8	203 Alex Grace	Margate
9	202 John Venables	Cliftonville
10	200 John Reynolds	Chatham

With all four players from Cliftonville featuring in the top ten series, not surprisingly they won the event with a 2124 team series. Team places, scores and points as follows:

1	Cliftonville	2124	10
2	Whitstable	2107	7
3	Chatham	1934	5
4	Margate	1916	3
5	Bexleyheath	1903	1

FIVE PERSON TEAM

Open to all bowlers, ladies, men, juniors or seniors but bowlers have to comply with restrictions on entering averages.

One bowler - 199 and under
One bowler - 189 and under
One bowler - 179 and under
One bowler - 169 and under
and One bowler - 159 and under.

Colin Johnson (Whitstable) achieved the highest series with 637, which included games of 236 and 231. His teammate, Steve Gore achieved the fourth highest series, 606 - including a 221 and a 205 game. Even with these scores Whitstable could only finish in third place. The second highest series in the event was bowled by Mel Allerton from the Margate team. His 629 series included a 224 game. The Margate team finished in second place. Top team was Chatham for whom Keith Porter was leading scorer, his 608 series included games of 212 and 217. Three other Chatham players also achieved games in excess of 200, David Pitt 211, Gordon Smith 218 and Ben Seaden 213.

Colin Ottaway was the only other player with a series in excess of 600 with 605 including games of 215 and 204. His team, Cliftonville, finished in fourth place.

Five Person Team places, scores and points as follows:

1	Chatham	2803	10
2	Margate	2735	7
3	Whitstable	2732	5
4	Cliftonville	2637	3
5	Bexleyheath	2401	1

At the end of play the teams were required to drop points for one event. Only Cliftonville and Chatham had scored in every event and each dropped one point.

Final leading team places, scores and points as follows:

1 st	Cliftonville	45 points
2 nd	Margate	35 points
3 rd	Chatham	33 points
4 th	Whitstable	31 points
5 th	Bexleyheath	29 points.

John Cudmore, President of Kent Tenpin Bowling Association, presented the impressive silver Kent Messenger Trophy to John Boulton, Manager of the Cliftonville team and a framed certificate to Peter Harman, Manager of the Margate team, who finished in second place.

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RESULT of RAFFLE held at INTER-CENTRE TOURNAMENT

Prize	Winner	No.
Whisky	Emma Drury	146
Champagne	Chris Skudder	578
Martini	Bob Smith	457
Wine	Adrian Conner	535
Bathroom Set	Ron Lovett	516
Quality Street	Elaine Hinch	32
Figurine	Allison Higgs	194
Chocolates	Carole Lakin	613
3 Tier Table	Peter Baldwin	638
Chocolates	Jerry Lodge	347
Figurine	Roy Memmott	662
Stationery	Simon Rampling	405

THREE KENT TEAMS reach the FINALS of the INTER-COUNTIES

by Alan Petherick & Chris Conner

The qualifying round for the adult competition was held on one day at Cheltenham on Sunday 2nd September. The men bowled eight games and the ladies seven. This meant there was an 8.30am start and a 7.15pm finish for the Kent teams and I felt that it should have been run over two days as originally agreed when the tournament was reformatted, as we had an overnight stay anyway.

REGULAR MEN win and LADIES finish THIRD in their GROUP

Debutantes Pauline Hogg [Orpington] and Sandra Smith [Bexleyheath] joined some familiar names in the ladies team for Kent's opening foray in the 2001 Inter-County Championship. By the end of the day we had all experienced the tension and excitement that makes the County Championship such a unique event.

Each five-man team plays every other county on a head to head basis with pinfall plus bonus points for victory determining the top teams. Three teams qualify for the finals.

Kent ladies got off to a great start with a win against Hampshire, always a strong team. Word filtered through that the Kent men were struggling against South Wales; 70 pins down in the ninth they pulled off a remarkable finish with 17 strikes in a row and all five bowlers turkeying out, to pull off an unlikely win as the anchor for South Wales missed a spare in the tenth. Shell-shocked Welshmen were seen wondering about for the rest of the day. Jason Bass & Steven Letchford making their first appearances in the men's team had a real baptism of fire and Sean Purcell, returning after several years' absence, also played his part.

The men's second game against Dorset also proved to be a close contest with only eight pins proving the difference between the teams. John Hinch proved the star turn this time with a 226 Game.

The ladies meanwhile were taking on the ladies of South Wales but didn't need to repeat the men's escape act to clock up another win.

Game 3 saw the first defeat of the day for the ladies who were caught napping by Wiltshire who after a slow start were to prove a thorn in our side all day. Kent men had now settled in to a great rhythm

and were clearly the form team on the day they never looked back and went on to win all their games growing in confidence as the day progressed. As the averages show they all contributed and a team average of 198.0 was an excellent performance.

	<u>G</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
John Hinch	7	213.2
Keith Hodge	7	207.0
Steve Williams	3	203.0
Steve Carnall	5	198.6
Steve Letchford	7	196.8
Sean Purcell	4	190.5
Steve White	4	179.7
Jason Bass	3	172.6

The ladies obviously decided that our small but loyal band of supporters needed a little more excitement. Two more losses in the afternoon left Kent battling for the third qualifying spot with Wiltshire. Wilts were only 12 pins behind Kent going into the last game so assuming both teams won Kent had to ensure that their pinfall was no more than 11 pins less than Wiltshire. Wilts played South Wales on the adjoining lanes to where Kent played Devon. A hard day's bowling was going to come down to a few tense frames.

Kent's experience showed as our bowlers eased into a lead over Devon although we were mindful of Wiltshire playing a good game. The ladies did score enough to keep Wiltshire out but a huge cheer of relief was heard when the South Wales anchor struck to beat Wiltshire and our third spot was guaranteed.

	<u>G</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Alex Reed	5	184.2
Sheila White	7	177.8
Emma Drury	3	175.6
Pauline Hogg	3	174.0
Chris Conner	4	172.0
Lucy Percival	7	171.7
Elaine Hinch	4	169.0
Sandra Smith	2	152.5

An excellent day for Kent but we all know the job is only half done, now to Nottingham in November for the finals.

KENT LADIES win their GROUP in SENIORS EVENT

At the second qualifying round of this year's Senior Inter-Counties, the KENT LADIES continued their excellent form from the first round. With an entry of six Counties from South East England, Kent started in pole position having won all their five matches in the first round. At the Mid-City Lanes in Croydon they went through the day winning four out of the five games, the only loss being against Essex. The minor places changed with London coming through to take second place and automatically qualify for the Final in Chester on 6th/7th October with Essex in third place waiting to see if they qualify in the last two slots available for the highest scoring counties.

The results were:-

Kent	88.00
London	84.22
Essex	79.56
Middlesex	74.85
Surrey	70.64
Sussex	67.50

Representing Kent were:-

	<u>G</u>	<u>Ave</u>
Doreen Lodge	5	180.4
Sandy Sawyer	5	174.0
Angie Thick	5	169.0
Peggy Hammond	3	161.6
Beryl Drury & Sandy Knapp each		
bowed only one game.		

Despite valiant efforts, the Men could not make up their deficit from the first round to qualify for the finals ending in fourth place.

Representing Kent were:-

	<u>G</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Chris Smith	5	217.4
Keith Hodge	5	210.0
Steve White	5	209.2
Chris Skudder	5	185.6
Bob Potts	5	176.0
Bill Shrimpton was also in the		
Team but unfortunately did not get a game.		