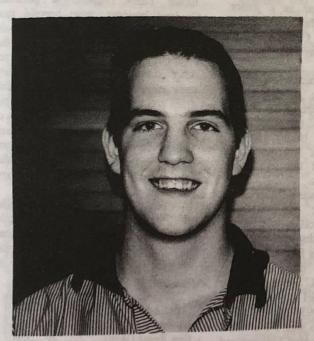
## MORE from KENT join the "300 CLUB"

PETE WILLIAMS [pictured right] bowling for Whitstable in the Inter-Centre Tournament at AMF Margate bowled a 300 Game during the Men's Doubles event. With Dave Ross, they equalled the County Record with 1462, Dave contributing 688 and Pete 774.

Pete's individual games were 227, 300 and 247 during which he bowled 23 strikes in a row, five at the end of the first game, 12 in the second game and six at the start of the third.

Pete Williams, now in his late thirties, lives in Tankerton, near Whitstable. He started bowling as a Junior, took a break in his late teens, but then came back to bowling in the last ten years. He bowls regularly at Bexleyheath, in the Round Table league, and at Whitstable.

Speaking about his 300 game, he said that he had not bowled for two weeks before the Tournament, but found the lane conditions to be fairly easy. As he stood on the lane for his eleventh strike, he suddenly realised that everybody else had stopped bowling. This made him more determined to concentrate on hitting his mark and the rest, as they say, was history.





STEPHEN LETCHFORD [pictured left] is the youngest addition to those who have bowled a sanctioned 300 game in a Kent Centre.

Stephen reached his eighteenth birthday this month, and two weeks before this date, rolled a 300 game whilst bowling for Mean Machine in the Olympic League at Bexleyheath. This year he has bowled for Kent both as a Junior and in the Adult team.

Encouraged by his mother and father, Sharon and Tim Letchford, Stephen has been bowling since he was five years old. All their hard work has come to fruition as he represented England Juniors in the recent Triple Crown Tournament in Stirling, where he won two silver and one bronze medals. Later this year he is in the trials for the England Junior Team to compete in the European Championships in Italy next year. Stephen, we wish you all good fortune.

**KEITH PORTER** from CHATHAM achieved his first 300 game bowling in the FIRESTONE TRIOS league on 27 June 2001. His 300 was the first game in the series, he followed it up with a game of 234 and finished on a 189. Keith's 724 series was his first in excess of 700.

On studying the League Final Standing Sheets we have discovered that JOHN KING has bowled a 300 game in the MONDAY DOUBLES League at TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

Our congratulations to them all.

#### JUNIOR NEWS

#### WHITSTABLE'S RECORD MEDAL HAUL

At the 2001 Junior National Championships in May at Nottingham - still the biggest tenpin tournament in Europe with around 2,200 participants Whitstable YBC enjoyed great success coming home with no less than 17 silver and bronze medals covering seven events. Ben Frost came home with three medals - assisting his quest for a place in the Team England Trials with Kevin Franks, Harry Steen and Hannah Kohler managing two each. Kevin Franks now has no less than seven Nationals medals collected over the years (one gold, three silver, three bronze) and he's still collecting!

The full honours list is as follows:

Team: Girls – 2nd Whitstable Angels (2558) Jennifer Beale (627), Emily Frost (539), Lisa Digby (530), Anna Winch (445), Hannah Kohler (417)

Team: Boys – 3rd Whitstable Awesome (2682) Kevin Franks (644), Andrew Wraight (598), Ben Frost (522), Richard Lyall (481), Craig Lambkin (437)

Doubles: Girls Junior – 2<sup>nd</sup> (948) Kirsty Belchem (496), Hannah Kohler (452)

Doubles: Boys Senior – 2nd (1171) **Ben Frost** (657), **Kevin Franks** (514) Singles: Boys Bantam – 2nd **Harry Steen** (494)

All Events: Boys Senior – 3rd Ben Frost (1787)

All Events: Boys Bantam – 2nd Harry Steen (1361)

Scores are getting better every year and medals more difficult to come by. The girls' team Whitstable Angels are a good case in point. This was the fifth season for the girls' team event, won outright in its inaugural year of 1997 by Whitstable Oysters (Helen and Anne Perkins, Jennifer Beale, Lisa Wraight and Joanne Hill) with 2529.

The 1999 winners had only beaten this year's total of 2558 once before — an invitational multi-YBC all-star team who rolled 2760. Since then, the rules have been revised to only permit teams to be comprised from a single YBC so the total of 2587 from winners *Raynes Park Rockers* was both a surprise and a disappointment to the Whitstable girls who thereby couldn't quite emulate the 1997 team performance when the girls took gold and the boys got bronze.

The whole day was a triumph of personal bests for the Whitstable participants. Six p/b games were headed by Jennifer Beale's 250 in her last junior Nationals whilst no less than eleven p/b series were returned, the two most notable being Ben Frost's 657 and Kevin Franks's 644.

#### JENNY FINISHES ON TOP

In her final year as a junior, **Jennifer Beale** finished top of the rankings in the girls Over-18 2000/1 Merit Table with an average of 190.3 from 15 games.

At the Whitstable YBC Presentation Evening in July, she, along with fellow retiree Lisa Digby, was presented with the customary retirement keepsake trophy, formed from a bowling pin, and an album recognising some of her significant bowling achievements.

Amongst these was an impressive list of 'firsts'. She was the first Whitstable girl to roll a 600 series (1994); the first Whitstable junior to bowl for Junior Team England (Triple Crown, 1997); the first Whitstable winner of the NAYBC Masters (1994); the first Whitstable girl to win a Junior Nationals medal (1993) and the first Whitstable bowler to win a Nationals gold. (She now has 2, plus 3 silvers and a bronze.)

She is continuing to work with Whitstable YBC as they enter the new season, utilising her position as a licensed BTBA Instructor and her expertise in the 'mental game' as she starts her degree course at the University of Kent where she is reading Psychology.

#### TWO KENT JUNIORS MAKE TEAM ENGLAND TRIALS

As the 2000/1 Junior season comes to an end, we must congratulate two Kent boys for making the top 24 in the Merit Tables and earning the right to compete in the Team England Trials on 29th/30th September in Nottingham. Steve Letchford (now bowling at Lewisham) finished second in the table with a superb average of 199.2 over 54 games. Ben Frost (Whitstable) – still only 15 – took 21st place with an average of 186.3 over 57. Good luck to both of them!

## JUNIOR INTER-COUNTIES

The Junior County Championship was decided at the annual competition in Nottingham on September 9th/10th.

The Kent boys, fielding three Junior Team England or potential England bowlers, were hopeful that they might make this year's finals though it is recognised that the competition gets better every year. After starting well with 1001, they were unable to hit such dizzy heights again and they finished a creditable but disappointing ninth (out of 31). Pick of the team was captain Steve Letchford who averaged 208 over six games and Kevin Franks (187 average) whilst Dan French started well with the boys top game of 243.

For the girls, captain **Jennifer Beale**, playing her very last junior tournament, started with a magnificent personal best 277 but couldn't maintain the impetus. The team finished 13th out of 22. Representing Kent were:-

	G	Ave.	
Steve Letchford [Lew]	6	208.0	
Kevin Franks [Whi]	6	187.2	
Ben Frost [Whi]	6	180.7	
Daniel French [Lew]	5	178.6	
John Reynolds [Cha]	2	164.0	
Craig Lambkin [Whi]	4	162.5	
Gareth Simpson [Cli]	1	127.0	
Jennifer Beale [Whi]	6	178.5	
Rose Manning [Bex]	6	166.0	
Emily Frost [Whi]	5	164.8	
Nicola Lewis [Cli]	4	154.5	
Tracy Saunders [Cha]	4	154.3	
Kelly Lewis [Cli]	3	140.0	
Kellie-Anne Wickenden [Orp]			
	2	105.5	

#### LETTERS

The following letter was sent to the County Organiser, Alan Petherick and permission has been granted by both parties for the letter to be published.

31 July 2001

Dear Alan,

#### **Re County Qualifiers**

Many thanks for your letter received last Thursday informing me of my selection for the Kent Team to participate in the County Qualifying competition being held in Cheltenham on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2001.

As you are aware from my previous correspondence dated 19/10/2000 and 4/6/2001 my feelings are that the existing method used for the County Roll-Off is flawed. The team selected for the qualifiers at Cheltenham finished in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10th, 15th and 17<sup>th</sup> positions in the Kent County Roll-Off. The people finishing in 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> positions being 'Wild Card' picks.

As the BTBA force counties to take the people who qualify in the first three places of the roll-off, the choices made by yourself and/or Keith Hodge or whoever picks the county team are the people finishing in 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10th, 15th and 17<sup>th</sup> position. This seems to vindicate my view that the County Roll-Off is not working.

It seems grossly inequitable that people who take the time, trouble and expense to enter the county roll-off, bowl well enough to make the squad are then bypassed by the 'selection panel' for the County Team. The only reason that Kent holds a roll-off would seem to be that the BTBA forces this on counties. The methods used to pick the actual team apart from the top three qualifiers seem to bear no relation to the performances achieved at the roll-off. The current method of team selection is seen by many as a 'clique'.

I feel very uncomfortable with the selection process and have therefore decided to withdraw from the County Qualifiers at Cheltenham.

Yours sincerely

Dave Ross

[Sean Purcell replaced David Ross in the team. Ed.]

## NEWS from the CENTRES BEXLEYHEATH

Olympic League by Steve White

Mean Machine from Bexleyheath have again broken the Kent and Bexleyheath House Records with a 1154 Game and a 3348 Series.

The individual scores were:-

 Steve White
 205-225-228-658

 Jeff White
 154-183-161-498

 John Hinch
 235-278-258-771

 Neil Webb
 223-202-254-679

 Steve Letchford
 234-266-242-742

 TOTALS
 1051-1154-1143-3348

Not suprisingly, the 771 Series by **JOHN HINCH** was a Personal Best.

#### WHITSTABLE

Harbour League by Roy Fillier

The league title was not decided until the final night of the season, when the top two teams met. Going into the game, the ROUGHNECKS, led by Ken Barnard, had a four point advantage over the HELMSMEN [Brian Snook]. In a real ding dong battle, which could have gone either way, ROUGHNECKS emerged the victors to consolidate their lead to 12 points. On the individual front for the men KEVIN SNOOK upstaged NATHAN CLARK's earlier brilliant 686 series with a magnificent 695 series (277-175-243). On the High Average front, SEAN PURCELL took the season's honours with a 186 average over 102 games, as both DAVE ROSS [190 over 27 games] and NATHAN CLARK [189 over 39 games] did not bowl enough to qualify. JENNIFER BEALE had a 172 average over 72 games for the ladies.

In the league's tournaments, on the singles front, RON LOVETT had a 624 handicap series [612 scratch] to just beat PAUL RIVERS [620 handicap - 554 scratch], whilst in the doubles ROY HUBBARD & BRIAN SNOOK rolled a 1070 scratch [1178 handicap] to take the title from PAUL HIGGINS & RICHARD SHINGLESTON on 1101 handicap [1059 scratch].

After another highly successful season, all that remains is for me, on behalf of the league, to thank you for all your very hard work.

Editors Note: Your kind thoughts are much appreciated.

### **CLUB QUALIFIERS**

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#### 600 CLUB

JASON BASS	011	BEX
CRAIG BLAKE	609	CLI
MARTIN BOYD	648	BEX
MICK BROWN	618	BEX
VIC BUILER	636	WHI
STEVE CARNALL	660	BEX
NATHAN CLARK	644	WHI
STEVE CLARK	608	BEX
ADRIAN CONNER	637	BEX
CHRIS CONNER	638	BEX
JEFF COOPER	644	CLI
EMMA DRURY	629	BEX
PHIL ELDRIDGE	647	BEX
EDDIE FLETT	600	BEX
ERIC FRANKLAND	602	WHI
MALCOLM FRANKI	AND	
	621	WHI
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DANIEL FRENCH	610	BEX
PAUL FOX	613	BEX
BEN FROST	623	WHI
TONY GAMBLE	632	WHI
ANDY GILES	655	BEX
DAVE GODWIN	618	BEX
PETER GOLDSMITH	706	BEX
DUNCAN GOODFELL		

	103	DLA
STEPHEN GORE	698	WHI
ALAN HALEY	606	WHI
DARREN HATTON	620	WHI
BOB HAYTER	645	BEX
JEFF HIGGS	643	BEX
ELAINE HINCH	602	BEX
EARL JARVIS	603	WHI
NEIL JEFFERY	600	CHA
COLIN JOHNSON	657	WHI
TIMLETCHFORD	630	BEX
RON LOVETT	612	WHI
GEORGE McELWAD		

# DAVE McGRATH 610 BEX DUNCAN McLELLAN 618 WHI

CLIVE MITCHELL	645	BEX
SELWYN MORGAN	685	BEX
TEX MOUSTACHE	624	WHI
TREVOR MYHILL	600	WHI
DEAN OSBOURNE	607	CLI
KEVIN OSBOURNE	611	BEX
PAUL PATEMAN	618	BEX
COLIN PERYER	602	WHI
BOB POTTS	638	WHI
SEAN PURCELL	625	A Sales and the
GORDON PUXTY	653	BEX
ALEX REED	645	BEX
LOL RICHARDSON	627	<b>Brooksetchia</b>
MIKE ROOT	624	BEX
JON SANTINELLA	631	BEX
TERRY SAUNDERS	634	BEX
GARY SEAL	617	Total Section
ANDREW SENIOR	639	WHI
BILL SHRIMPTON	735	Contract Co.
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SIMON WALLER	651	CL
JEFF WHITE	601	
DAVE WICKENS	698	BEX
PETER WILLIAMS	690	BEX

CLUB QUALIFICATION

The THIRD list of bowlers who qualify during the Bowling Year from 1st September 2000 to 31st August 2001 are:

	CRAHAM SEVMOUR 201 BEX	LESLEY PATEMAN 556 BEX	NEIL JEFFERY 561 CHA
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	DAVE SILVE	ALEXREED 645 BEX	SANDY KNAPP 560 BEX
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JEANNETTE BARTRAM 211 BEX	DRIMIT SHOOK 200	PAULINE SENIOR 554 WHI	DOREEN LODGE 593 BEX
	CHRISTOPHER STAMP	MANDI SHRIMPTON 503 BEX	JERRY LODGE 569 BEX
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LAD DIG ID DOCK	AMANDA THOMAS 215 BEX	SARAH STOCKER 537 CLI	562 WHI
JODITH DROOM	HOWARD THOMAS 214 BEX	ALYSON WALLER 530 CLI	ALAN MCPHERSON 565 BEX
DAVE CHAMPION 217 BEX	SYLVIA THOMAS 200 BEX	ALIBOR WALLER	ALAN MILLS 552 BEX
ALAN CHAPMAN 237 CLI	JOHN VENABLES 201 CLI	VAL WEDD	PETER MYHILL 551 WHI
DAVE CONNER 232 BEX	ALYSON WALLER 201 CLI	DAWN WEDSTER	ANDREW NUTTER 554 WHI
MANDI COOPER 209 BEX	CRAIG WATSON 211 CLI	SALLI WILLS	DENESE OSBORNE 559 BEX
BEN DANIELS 200 BEX	JEFF WEATHERILL 201 CLI	550 CLUB	DEAN OSBOURNE 607 CLI
BOB DANIELS 212 BEX	VAL WEBB 202 BEX	SANTIAGO ALVIAR 577 CLI	IAN OTTAWAY 551 CLI
DEBBIE DASH 213 CLI	COLIN WILSON 204 WHI	SAM BASS 581 BEX	LESLEY PATEMAN 556 BEX
STEPHEN DAVIS 213 BEX	JOAN WOOD 209 BEX	MARTIN BELL 563 CHA	ALAN PETHERICK 550 BEX
KAREN DAWSON 203 CLI	TIM WOODHOUSE 212 CHA	RICHARD BLAKE 577 CLI	WILLIAM POTTER 572 WHI
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ANNETTE HICKSON 220 WHI	PAT BURR 582 WHI	ALTE CHOSE	SPENCER SNOW 571 WHI
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JAN LAWRENCE 213 BEX	BRENDA FIELD 577 BEX	ERIC FRANKLAND 602 WHI	SIMON WALLER 651 CLI
SHARON LETCHFORD	KATHY GOODWIN 506 BEX	MALCOLM FRANKLAND	BARRY WARE 591 CLI
211 BEX	ANITA GREEN 516 BEX	591 WHI	JON WELLS 572 CLI
JANET MAY 205 BEX	LINDA HALEY 522 WHI	CRAIG FREATHY 588 WHI	SALLY WELLS 555 CLI
JAMIE MCDONALD 206 CLI	ELAINE HINCH 602 BEX	BEN FROST 578 WHI	JOHN WHORLOW 553 WHI
ALAN MCPHERSON 219 BEX	JAN HODGE 628 BEX	DAVE GABRIEL 576 CLI	KEITH WILSON 554 WHI
CATHERINE MIRAMS	WENDY HUBBARD 525 WHI	TONY GAMBLE 576 WHI	JOHN WRIGHT 569 WHI
202 CLI	JEAN KINGMAN 513 BEX	IAN GLOVER 553 WHI	BARRY YOUNG 562 BEX
ROGER MORRIS 231 WHI	SANDY KNAPP 560 BEX	LAURENCE GLYNN 579 WHI	
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