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**KEVIN FRANKS from Whitstable takes the honours
at the K.T.B.A. Junior Area Championships.**

The undoubted highlight of this years Area Junior Championships, which attracted an entry of 111 Junior Bowlers from 5 Centres, was the bowling of 10 year old Kevin Franks from the Home centre, Whitstable. This diminutive left-hander entered the Tournament on a 135 Average and a personal high game of 197. In his first three game set, he scored 169, 166 & 133 for a 468 series and was feeling very pleased with himself. Later on the Saturday, he opened his second set with a 211 game to his great delight and even greater enthusiasm from his supporters. This was followed by a 160 game and reassuring words from his Junior Instructor, Stephen Gore, before rolling a superb 247 game including six strikes in a row, to give him a 618 series.

On Sunday, he returned for the Closing Ceremony enquiring whether he had stayed in the medals and was genuinely surprised to find he was the winner of his Division. With his total of 1086 (ave. 181.0), he was only beaten by two other bowlers in the Tournament, both being Boys in Division 6.

For the first time, the Junior County Roll-Off was held within the Tournament, mainly to decide on a Squad of Boys and Girls for further training prior to the Competitions in the Autumn. James Pateman & Helen Perkins as winners of the respective Sections are automatically guaranteed a game in the Inter-County Tournament. Division 1 was dominated by the young girls from Bexleyheath with sisters Laura and Caroline Pinner taking the first two places. Tracy Ann Price from Cliftonville won Division 2 with very steady bowling and beating her entering average by 32.8 pins. Anne Perkins (Whitstable) chased well but was 21 pins adrift at the finish.

Division 3 for the highest average Girls saw a battle between the girls from Whitstable with Helen Perkins being triumphant averaging 180.3 against her entering average of 164. Jennifer Beale was second (average 177.5) with Samantha Cooper third (173.5).

SENIORS INTER-COUNTIES.

**ARE YOU OVER 50
AND WOULD YOU LIKE TO
REPRESENT YOUR COUNTY.**

The inaugural Senior Inter-County Tournament will be held at Bracknell on Sunday 14th July.

There will be a Ladies Division (TRIOS) and a Men's Division (FOURS). Participants must be 50 years of age or older, as at 30th June 1996. In the Tournament, one pin will be added to each persons score in every game for each year of age over 50.

Anyone who was born in, or has resided in KENT for more than one year, and would be interested in being considered for selection to the KENT team should contact

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In Division 4, another amazing performance from a Whitstable Junior, Ben Frost, who rolled a 455 series for an average of 151.7 against his entering average of 100, an improvement of 51.7%. He was only 7 pins ahead of James Hopkins (Whitstable) and in third place was a first medal for Chatham YBC through David Wilkosz.

The exploits of Kevin Franks in Division 5 have been detailed above, but it should be emphasised that he was over 150 pins ahead of anybody else in his Division.

Daniel High from Chatham was second averaging 155.8 and Robert Windle (Whitstable) third with an average of 149.0. The top Boy's Division came down to a close battle between two bowlers, with James Pateman from Bexleyheath winning with an average of 187.3, with a low game of 171 and a high game of 206 from Tim Beale (Whitstable) who averaged 184.5 with a low game of 168 and a high game of 224.

This year, the Tournament was held over two days and there were two squads of the Single Game Four Person team Event, where the composition of the teams requires no more than one bowler from any Division. One of the Whitstable teams was in the lead after the Saturday Squad, and the winners also came from Whitstable on Sunday to retain the Trophy won last year.

The Tournament ran virtually on time throughout, thanks to the excellent organisation of Whitstable YBC and the enormous help of the well trained lane stewards.

Full Results are on Page 2.

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K.T.B.A. JUNIOR AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS.

Division 1 (Girls average less than 100)

Total over three Games.

1. Laura Pinner	Bex	358
2. Caroline Pinner	Bex	332
3. Laura Howard	Bex	326
4. Emma Riley	Bex	304
5. Joanne Symes	Whi	290
6. Pandora Symes	Whi	286

Division 2 (Girls average from 100 to 129)

Total over 6 Games.

1. Tracy Ann Price	Cli	881
2. Anne Perkins	Whi	860
3. Anna Symes	Whi	791
4. Carina Machin	Bex	775
5. Kim Hewett	Whi	740
6. Sarah Stevens	Cha	733

Division 3 (Girls ave. of 130 and over)

Total over 6 Games.

1. Helen Perkins	Whi	1082
2. Jennifer Beale	Whi	1065
3. Samantha Cooper	Whi	1041
4. Alexandra Reed	Bex	924
5. Amanda Ottaway	Cli	901
6. Dominique Herron	Mar	890

Division 4 (Boys average less than 120)

Total over three games.

1. Ben Frost	Whi	455
2. James Hopkins	Whi	448
3. David Wilkosz	Cha	406
4. Mathew French	Bex	391
5. Scott Oliver	Mar	390
6. Christopher Daniels	Bex	364

Division 5 (Boys average 120 to 144)

Total over six games.

1. Kevin Franks	Whi	1086
2. Daniel High	Cha	935
3. Robert Windle	Whi	894
4. Michael Davenport	Mar	886
5. David Lowe	Cha	884
6. Stephen Letchford	Bex	883

Division 6 (Boys ave. of 145 and above)

Total over six games.

1. James Pateman	Bex	1124
2. Tim Beale	Whi	1107
3. Daniel Harman	Cli	1066
4. Darren Hatton	Whi	1011
5. Christopher Stevens	Bex	1010
6. Andrew Icke	Cli	1007

Four Person Team Event - One Game.

1. Whitstable Wizards	668
(Anne Perkins, Samantha Cooper, Darren Hatton & Stuart Belchem)	
2. Whitstable Clams	660
3. Bexleyheath 2	630

CONGRATULATIONS.

Our congratulations to the following bowlers who performed well at this year's B.T.B.A. National Championships held at Swindon in April.

Regular Section.

Division "A".

Singles - 3rd Place - 709

Chris Smith - (Ave. 236.3)

Doubles - 5th Place - 1301.

Keith Hodge & John Cawthorne

All Events - 13th Place - 1903.

Keith Hodge - (Ave. 211.4)

Division "B".

Team - 6th Place - 2703.

South East Pro Shop B

(Team - Paul Fox, Paul Barton, Kevin Osborne, Duncan Goodfellow & David Percival)

Doubles - 3rd Place - 1203.

Kevin Osborne & Duncan Goodfellow

Doubles - 13th Place - 1166.

Andy Brooks & Tom McQuade

Doubles - 15th Place - 1153.

John Amos & Chas Painter

All Events - 16th Place - 1709.

John Amos - (Ave. 189.8)

Ladies Section.

Division "A".

Singles - 9th Place - Jan Hodge - 607.

Division "B".

Team - 2nd Place - 2596.

Iffy Sox Squad Right

(Team - Doreen Lodge, Angie Thick, Lucy Cudmore, Elaine Hinch & Chris Conner)

Doubles - 2nd Place - 1107.

Angie Thick & Chris Conner

Doubles - 6th Place - 1065.

Jennifer Beale & Louise Jones

Singles - 5th Place - 577.

Amanda Ottaway

All Events - 7th Place - 1582.

Jennifer Beale - (Ave. 175.7)

Division "C".

Doubles - Champions - 1016

Kaye Cudmore Margaret Shrimpton

Singles - 3rd Place - 504.

Kaye Cudmore

All Events - 2nd Place - 1416.

Kaye Cudmore - (Ave. 157.3)

The UK Masters.

By finishing in the top 16 of the Division "A" All Events Sections, both **Keith Hodge & Jan Hodge** automatically qualify for the 1996 UK Masters Championships.

K.T.B.A. COUNCIL.

At a recent Council Meeting, three new Councillors were appointed by the President and will come up for election at the next A.G.M. in February 1997. This brings the size of the Council to the maximum permitted of 18 members. The new Councillors are:-

16. **Martin Beale** (Whitstable)

[Whitstable YBC]

17. **Jerry Moll** (Chatham)

[Earlybirds League]

18. **Scott Novak** (Chatham)

[Earlybirds League]

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Sunday 13th October 1996.

The "Bert & Vicky Timms Memorial Doubles" to be held at CHATHAM.

This will be the second time this year that this Annual Tournament will be held, but the Council feel that the Event will be more successful in October rather than February. If so, the Tournament will be held annually in October.

April 1997.

The "Inter-Centre Tournament is to be re-started, whereby each Centre in Kent can compete for the "Inter-Centre" Trophy. No other prize money or trophies. All bowlers who participate must be B.T.B.A. members. The format of the Competition is that 18 bowlers shall represent each Centre and bowl three games scratch in one of the following events:-

Ladies Singles.

Mens Singles.

Mens Doubles.

Mixed Doubles.

Ladies Trios.

Junior Fours.

Five-Person Team.

(classified by average).

Points will be awarded to the winning Centre in each event and the Centre having the highest Total over the seven events shall be the winner.

Depending on the number of entries, the points per event may be:

1st place, 10; 2nd place, 7;

3rd place, 5; 4th place 3; 5th place, 1.

RECORD ENTRY for the 1996 AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS.

TED SHRIMPTON LEAVES THE CENTRE PRAISING THE CONDITIONS.

Day 1. It is many years since our former KTBA President left a Centre praising the lane conditions but after his performance on the first day of the Championships, there is little else he could do. Bowling his Singles on the first squad, Ted found his line immediately and bowled steadily through his three games of 180, 217 & 204 for a 601 series which, with handicap, put him straight to the top of the Handicap Section on 700 to present a challenging target for all other competitors. His brother, Bill, bowling with him opened with a 236 game but fell away in the second game on 151 to finish with a 569 series. On the same squad, Brian Millgate mounted a challenge with a 619 series (679 handicap) to hold the lead in the Scratch Section on the day.

The few ladies bowling were finding the conditions to be very challenging and at the close of the day, Rosemary Bentley was leading the Handicap Section with 612 (516 scratch) and Doreen Lodge was just ahead in the Scratch Section on 518.

The Regular Doubles Section found David Bright and Albert Moustache from the Home Centre leading the Handicap Section on 1298 from Chas Painter and John Amos of Bexleyheath on 1276. Although well down the field, Ted Shrimpton was slightly less consistent with a 516 series. A new pairing of Alison & Joan Higgs from Bexleyheath held the lead in the Ladies Doubles Handicap on 1212.

Before the Team Squad, the official Opening Ceremony was held and Jeff Higgs from Bexleyheath was drawn to be "Joe Bowler" and roll the first official ball of the Championships, which he did in great style.

The Team Event had only eight entries on the first day, but involved a tremendous battle between Alpha Omega "A" and South East Pro Shop "A", both from Bexleyheath. The lead off for Alpha was that man again, Ted Shrimpton who opened with a 185 to be slightly upstaged by yours truly with a 200 before I fell away in typical style. For the Pro Shop, Chas Painter was the low man in Game 1 with 181, but in

Game 2 the Pro Shop scores varied from 145 to 157, whilst the Alpha Team had games of 217 from Ted Shrimpton and 218 from his daughter, Mandy. This left Alpha Omega well in the lead, but S.E.Pro Shop came storming back with a low game of 171 from Chas and high games of 235 by Brian Millgate and 259 by John Amos. The other two members of the Team were Andy Brooks and Rod Wickens. Meanwhile, Ted Shrimpton finished with a 214 game for a second 600 series on the day with 616 and Mandy on 569 helped the Team with Jerry Lodge, Bill Shrimpton and Alan Terry to total 3112 with Handicap. S.E.Pro Shop thought they had finished four pins ahead, but a mathematical error in adding up the handicaps, corrected by the computer left the team in second place on 3084, but in the lead of the Scratch Section on 2775.

Not surprisingly, the leader of the All-Events at the end of Day one was Ted Shrimpton with a Handicap Score Total of 2027 (Scratch 1730) over 200 pins ahead of John Amos who leads the Scratch Section on 1745. On the day, there were 360 games of which 36 were 200+ with 8 series of 600+ and a game average of 164.6.

Day 2. The only score affecting the leading positions from the first squads was a 511 scratch series by Beryl Drury to put her on top of the leader board in the Ladies Handicap. This was short lived as a helpful male in the afternoon squad suggested to Elaine Hinch that she needed a new ball to be effective, which was like a red rag to a bull resulting in a 245 game, for the highest ladies game to date, a 575 scratch series and a 650 handicap series to leapfrog Beryl Drury into first place.

Little challenge from some of the big names in the Singles, but in the Handicap Doubles, father and son Paul & James Pateman went into the lead with 1312 (scratch 1084) and in the Scratch Section Clive Mitchell & Keith Hodge moved into second place with 1162. Elaine Hinch & Christine Conner took the lead in both Handicap & Scratch Sections with scores of 1228 (1104), with

Christine rolling a 616 series. In the past, these two won the title at Whitstable, long before they were married as Elaine & Christine Lodge. The Team Event featured three Teams of Juniors, a Boys and a Girls Team representing Kent Juniors using the occasion as experience for possible County selection, and a boys Team from Whitstable YBC. The latter Team moved into third place in the Handicap Section just ahead of the Kent Junior Boys, whilst the Girls Team went to the head of their Section. There was no significant movement in the All-Events positions and by the end of Day 2, a total of 70 games of 200+ and 13 series of 600+ had been bowled out of 750 games with a game average of 164.4.

Day 3. On the early squads, Peter Cox and David Pitt moved into fourth place in the Regular Handicap Doubles with 1274 (1079) and in the Ladies Section, Mary Slaughter shot into third place in the Singles and with Denese Osborne took the lead in the Handicap Doubles by a single pin.

Immediately after the Masters was the Team Event for the day where Mean Machine swept to the top of both Regular Sections with a 2943 Scratch Total with Sheila White rolling a 654 series (217,193,244) and husband Steve a 610. Cliff Dew, having just won the Masters was obviously pacing himself as he scored a steady 567 before moving on in the next squad to the Singles Event. Despite several equipment delays, after an opening game of 200 he started his second game with a 7-miss followed by eleven strikes in a row for a 277 game being the highest game so far in the Tournament. His third game of 209 gave him a 686 series and a handicap total of 725 to topple Ted Shrimpton from the top of the Board. A mere 531 score in his Doubles still left him with an All-Events Scratch Total of 1784 (Ave. 198.2) to take the lead in the Scratch Section by 20 pins from Richard Howland.

Ted Shrimpton still holds a comfortable lead in the Handicap Section.

In the Ladies Team Event, a steady performance from Iffy Sox Squad Right

took them into a comfortable lead and Christine Conner to the top of the All-Events with 1836 Handicap (1692 scratch). Sheila White having bowled in two Regular events out of the three, moved into second place of the Regular All-Events with 1927 handicap (1765 scratch). A 611 scratch series (689 handicap) brought Syd Goodwin into third place in the Handicap singles.

A total of 1140 games had been bowled in the Tournament by the end of Day 3, with 95 games of 200+ and 17 series of 600+, the game average having dropped to 161.8.

Day 4. The opening session saw Margaret Shrimpton take second place in the Ladies Handicap Singles with 661 (scratch 553), whilst the young combination of sisters, Julie and Lucy Cudmore, bowling very consistently, swept into first place in the Ladies Handicap Doubles with 1269, having scratch series of 488 by Julie and 535 by Lucy. In the Regular Doubles, Neil Webb(593) & Rob Packman(564) moved into third place in the Scratch Section and seventh place in the Handicap Event.

On the last Singles Squad, Bruce Maguire rolled a 602 scratch series(665 handicap) to ease himself into the lower placings, whilst in the Doubles, Eric and Malcolm Frankland moved into third place in the Handicap Section with 1295 and fifth place in Scratch (1109). The Final Team Squad produced the Team to finish second in both Sections when Climax from Bexleyheath scored 2808 scratch (3120 handicap) which was still over 100 pins short of the winners Mean Machine, also from Bexleyheath. Whitstable raiders moved into 5th place in the handicap section and 4th in the scratch. None of the bowlers on the last day made any real impact on the All-Events scores.

The total entries for the Tournament were the highest since Kent have been running their own County Event, with 38 teams, 150 singles and 86 doubles.

The High Series were scored by Cliff Dew with 686 and Sheila White with 654. The high games were 277 by Cliff dew and 245 by Elaine Hinch.

Over the whole Tournament there were 18 series of 600+, 129 games of 200+, a total of 1530 games with a pinfall of 247102 resulting in a game average of 161.5.

1996 KENT AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Provisional Results & Prize List.

REGULAR HANDICAP SECTION

Singles - (110 entries)

1. Cliff Dew	725	£135.00
2. Ted Shrimpton	700	£ 68.00
3. Syd Goodwin	689	£ 35.00
4. Richard Howland	688	£ 25.00
5. Brian Millgate	679	£ 17.00
6. Clive Mitchell	671	£ 14.00
7. Alan Haley	669	£ 10.50
John Smith	669	£ 10.50
9. Bruce Maguire	665	£ 7.50
Rod Wickens	665	£ 7.50
11. Alan Valsler	650	
12. Malcolm Geddis	649	
13. Bill Shrimpton	647	
14. Albert Moustache	646	
15. Alan Kirk	645	
16. David C Goddard	643	
17. Kevin Osborne	641	
18. Ken Morris	639	
19. Malcolm Frankland	635	
Alan Terry	635	
21. Alan Waller	633	
22. Steve White	622	
Spencer Davis	622	
Richard Post	622	
25. Adrian Zobel	621	
Buck Bromwich	621	

Doubles - (69 entries)

1. James & Paul Pateman	1312	£185.00
2. D.Bright & A.Moustache	1298	£ 92.00
3. E.& M.Frankland	1295	£ 46.00
4. C.Painter & J.Amos	1276	£ 34.00
5. P.Cox & D.Pitt	1274	£ 22.50
G.Seal & A.Hickson	1274	£ 22.50
7. D.C. & D.W.Goddard	1264	£ 12.00
8. N.Webb & R.Packman	1262	
9. A.Zobel & A.Haley	1247	
10. J. & T. Pullinger	1244	
11. C.Mitchell & K.Hodge	1243	
12. D.Lovett & S.Coppins	1242	
13. R.Percival & B.Godden	1229	
14. R.Wickens & B.Millgate	1220	
T.Oljay & B.Savage	1220	
B.Potter & P.Burr	1220	
17. S.Cooper & D.Jones	1209	

Team - (32 entries)

1. Mean Machine	3204	£270.00
2. Climax	3120	£130.00
3. Alpha Omega 'A'	3112	£ 80.00
4. South East Pro Shop 'A'		3084
5. Whitstable Raiders		3037
6. Whitstable YBC		3033
7. Junior Boys		3006
8. Mixers Chatham		2993

All Events - (95 entries)

1. Ted Shrimpton	2027	£120.00
2. Sheila White	1927	£ 60.00
3. John Amos	1916	£ 27.00
Ken Morris	1916	£ 27.00
5. Rod Wickens	1911	£ 18.00
6. Brian Millgate	1909	£ 15.00
7. Richard Howland	1908	£ 10.00
8. Clive Mitchell	1906	£ 8.00
9. Cliff Dew	1901	
10. John Smith	1885	
11. Alan Haley	1878	
12. Neil Webb	1864	
13. Kevin Osborne	1857	
14. Malcolm Geddis	1851	
15. Steve White	1843	
16. Chris Skudder	1840	
17. Richard Post	1839	
18. Clive Smith	1829	
19. Robin Baxter	1828	
20. Bruce Maguire	1820	
21. Paul Crundell	1815	
22. David C Goddard	1809	
23. Ron Lovett	1805	
24. Paul Fox	1804	
25. Pete Williams	1797	

REGULAR SCRATCH SECTION

Singles - (74 entries)

1. Cliff Dew	686	£100.00
2. Richard Howland	640	£ 50.00
3. Brian Millgate	619	£ 26.00
4. Alan Haley	612	£ 20.00
5. John Smith	606	£ 16.00
6. Rod Wickens	602	£ 5.00
Clive Mitchell	602	£ 5.00
8. Albert Moustache	592	
9. Steve White	586	
10. Dominic Steventon	579	
11. Alan Kirk	576	
12. Richard Post	574	
13. Ken Morris	570	
14. Clive Smith	569	
Bill Shrimpton	569	
16. Chris Skudder	561	
17. Bruce Maguire	560	
18. Simon Carter	559	
19. Kevin Osborne	554	