

Doubles - (40 entries)

1. Chas Painter & John Amos
1165 £120.00
2. C.Mitchell & K.Hodge
1162 £ 60.00
3. N.Webb & R.Packman
1157 £ 40.00
4. D.Bright & A.Moustache
1139 £ 20.00
5. E. & M. Frankland 1109
6. R.Wickens & B.Millgate
1097
7. J.Smith & P.Crundell 1091
8. A.Zobel & A.Haley 1088
9. M.Fields & R.Howland 1086
10. M.Howard & C.Smith 1070
S. & S.White 1070

Team - (16 entries)

1. Mean Machine 2943 £160.00
2. Climax 2808 £ 80.00
3. South East Pro Shop 'A' 2775
4. Whitstable Raiders 2659

All Events - (63 entries)

1. Cliff Dew 1784 £ 80.00
2. Sheila White 1765 £ 40.00
3. Richard Howland
1764 £ 25.00
4. John Amos 1745 £ 20.00
5. Neil Webb 1738 £ 14.00
6. Steve White 1735 £ 10.00
7. Brian Millgate 1729
8. Rod Wickens 1722
9. Ken Morris 1709
10. Alan Haley 1707
11. Clive Mitchell 1699
12. John Smith 1696
13. Richard Post 1695
14. Chris Skudder 1678

LADIES HANDICAP SECTION

Singles - (40 entries)

1. Tam Avery 669 £ 53.00
2. Margaret Shrimpton
661 £ 30.00
3. Elaine Hinch 650 £ 25.00
4. Sheila White 634 £ 12.00
5. Mary Slaughter 628
6. Beryl Drury 619
7. Rosemary Bentley 612
8. Yvonne Bright 594
9. Kaye Cudmore 591
10. Mandy Shrimpton 587

Doubles - (17 entries)

1. Julie & Lucy Cudmore
1269 £ 65.00
2. M.Slaughter & D.Osborne
1228 £ 37.00
3. E.Hinch & C.Conner 1227

Team - (6 entries)

1. Iffy Sox Squad Right
2949 £ 90.00
2. Junior Girls 2853
3. The Hustlers 2841

All Events - (21 entries)

1. Christine Conner 1836 £ 42.00
2. Mary Slaughter 1827 £ 21.00
3. Kathleen Goodwin 1780
4. Kaye Cudmore 1771
5. Annette Hickson 1759

LADIES SCRATCH SECTION

Singles - (12 entries)

1. Sheila White 580 £ 27.00
2. Elaine Hinch 575 £ 9.00
3. Doreen Lodge 518
4. Beryl Drury 511

Doubles - (5 entries)

1. Elaine Hinch & Christine Conner
1104 £ 30.00
2. L.Pateman & S.Knapp 972
3. K.Foxley & H.Perkins 961

Team - (1 entry)

1. Iffy Sox Squad Right 2571 £ 15.00

All Events - (8 entries)

1. Christine Conner 1692 £ 24.00
2. Doreen Lodge 1539
3. Elaine Hinch 1531

Raffle.

The result of the Raffle held during the Area Championships was:-

1. Bottle of Whisky.
106 Blue - Yvonne Bright.
2. Bottle of Sherry.
426 Blue - Martin Beale.
3. Bottle of Sparkling Wine
311 Yellow - Lucy Cudmore.
4. Bottle of Wine.
249 Yellow - Doreen Lodge.
5. Secateurs.
88 Blue - Angie Thick.
6. Clock.
102 Yellow - Bill Shrimpton.
7. Calculator.
402 Yellow - Rob Packman.
8. Chocolates. 133 Blue - Jerry Lodge.
9. Glasses.
499 Yellow - Julie Cudmore.
10. Dishes. 105 Blue - Jean Myhill.
11. Maltesers. 321 Yellow - Neil Webb.
12. Mars Bars. 151 Blue - Dot Edwards.
13. Cuddly Toy.
147 Yellow - Richard Howland.
14. Cuddly Toy.
11 Blue - Maureen Memmott.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Dorothy (Dot) Edwards on bowling her first 600 series in 29 years of regular League Bowling. Dot first started bowling at the "old" Bexleyheath Bowl in the Tuesday afternoon Housewives League under the tutorage and guidance of Janet Morrison. Later she joined the Hits & Misses League when Beryl Topping was Secretary, Beryl later emigrating to Australia. The Treasurer was Lee Jordan, who still holds that position. Dot moved to the Guys and Dolls League, where she still bowls. At other times over the years, she has participated in the Olympic and Fireball Leagues.

Last month in her normal League programme, she opened with games of 189 & 188 and in the third game started with two open frames. Little sign of things to come, but with 5 strikes in a row, the elusive 600 series came into sight. A "split" in the tenth frame seemed to be her undoing, but she picked up two of the remaining pins. Coming off the lane, her partner Pete Boyd solemnly informed her of the importance of the tenth frame and Dot started to add up the score thinking she had just missed out again. Pete then relented to tell her that she had scored a 601 showing just how vital the two pins in the open tenth frame were. Congratulations, Dot - we are sure it will not be another 29 years before the next 600. See you in the 600 Club Tournament in the new year.

NEXT ISSUE.

Articles appearing in the Next Issue will include:-

Latest List of Bowlers who have registered for the Club Tournament through the

- 200 Club
- 500 Club
- 550 Club
- 600 Club

Listings of High Games, High Series in various categories.

Report on the First Round of the Inter-Counties from Guildford.

WHAT IS YOUR AVERAGE ?

by Jerry Lodge

What is your current Average? What is your standing in relation to other League Bowlers in Kent? We have now compiled a Database listing everybody who bowls in a BTBA sanctioned league in Kent and fed in the Averages from the latest completed Final Standing Sheets submitted to the Area Secretary. On this Database, the highest Average from any League is shown, subject to a minimum of 21 games having been bowled. Although this only shows a person's average at one given point in time, it is our experience that the average of an established adult bowler stays fairly constant within a five pin span.

This Database is being kept up to date as each season is completed and the Final Standing Sheet from each League is passed to the Area Secretary. It is also our intention to use this Database in producing the Anniversary Handbook in 1997.

The Database also lists all the Junior Bowlers participating in the five YBC's in the County where averages fluctuate more widely and accounts for most of the bowlers with averages below 100.0.

What can we learn from the statistics?

Some bowlers regularly bowl in Leagues in more than one Centre. In the Database we have allocated these bowlers to the Centre they use the most.

The current number of Sanctioned Leagues and League Bowlers for each Centre in Kent are:-

Bexleyheath	14	-	427
Chatham	2	-	77
Cliftonville	7	-	130
Margate	5	-	49
Whitstable	8	-	156
TOTAL	36	-	839

Currently, there are 54 men with an average above 180, namely:-

1. Mike Luckhurst	CLI	210.5
2. Paul Crundell	CLI	208.6
3. Chris Smith	CLI	207.9
4. Malcolm Fuller	CLI	201.9
5. Keith Hodge	BEX	199.1
6. Gary Steventon	CLI	196.9
7. John Smith	CLI	194.4
8. Robert Hayter	BEX	194.1
9. Steve White	BEX	193.2
10. Chris Skudder	CLI	193.1
11. Cliff Dew	BEX	192.8
12. Andy Allerton	CLI	190.9
13. Tom Sawyer	MAR	190.8
14. Albert Moustache	WHI	189.8
15. Neil Webb	BEX	189.3
16. Clive Smith	CLI	188.5
17. Simon Young	MAR	188.5
18. Glenn Snook	WHI	187.4
19. Melvin Allerton	CLI	187.1
20. David Grant	BEX	187.0
21. Mathew Slade	CLI	187.0
22. Kevin Snook	WHI	187.0
23. Bob Potts	CLI	186.7
24. Anthony Baker	MAR	186.6
25. David Fannon	BEX	186.1
26. Stephen Davey	WHI	185.5
27. Daniel Marsh	MAR	185.5
28. Michael Hand	BEX	185.0
29. Martin Howard	CLI	184.6
30. Richard Howland	MAR	184.5
31. Martin Maine	WHI	184.0
32. Clive Mitchell	BEX	183.9
33. Brian Major	CHA	183.9
34. Fred Spears	BEX	183.8
35. Ben Marsh	MAR	183.6
36. Brian Millgate	BEX	183.4
37. Steve Lewis	CLI	183.1
38. Alan Haley	WHI	182.7
39. Richard Singleston	WHI	182.6
40. Robin Baxter	BEX	182.1
41. Alex Hoskins	BEX	181.6
42. Colin Ottaway	CLI	181.2
43. John Amos	BEX	181.1
44. Paul Prestidge	BEX	181.1
45. Alan Jones	BEX	180.9
46. Ken Morris	BEX	180.9
47. Barry Downing	BEX	180.8
48. Stephen Saville	CLI	180.7
49. Roy Memmott	BEX	180.5
50. John Boulton	CLI	180.4
51. Moss Ryder	BEX	180.4
52. Rob Packman	BEX	180.3
53. Peter Baldwin	CLI	180.0
54. Richard Topham	CLI	180.0

So if you are not on this list, how do you compare with the other bowlers in Kent. Breaking down the averages, we find the following numbers in each average band.

180.0 & above	55
170.0 to 179.9	92
160.0 to 169.9	107
150.0 to 159.9	104
140.0 to 149.9	133
130.0 to 139.9	41
120.0 to 129.9	27
110.0 to 119.9	19
100.0 to 109.9	12
99.9 & under	40

From 563 bowlers in this listing, the averages at various positions are:-

Position	Average
50	180.4
100	173.9
150	169.7
200	164.9
250	160.3
300	155.9
350	151.0
400	143.5
450	134.4
500	116.3
550	77.8

Currently, there are 28 Ladies in the County with an average in excess of 160, namely:-

1. Sally Fuller	CLI	191.8
2. Carole Mowl	WHI	183.9
3. Sandy Sawyer	MAR	183.9
4. Sheila White	BEX	182.2
5. Jill Baldwin	CLI	177.9
6. Tracy Dew	BEX	177.7
7. Jan Hodge	BEX	177.5
8. Jan Luckhurst	CLI	175.4
9. Christine Conner	BEX	174.0
10. Nicola Harvey	BEX	173.8
11. Jackie Playford	BEX	173.1
12. Christine Butchers	BEX	173.1
13. Doreen Lodge	BEX	173.0
14. Tam Avery	CLI	172.1
15. Amanda Ottaway	CLI	171.4
16. Angela White	WHI	171.0
17. Sue Trott	MAR	165.9
18. Pat Burr	WHI	165.5
19. Rosemary Bentley	MAR	165.1
20. Val Harlin	BEX	163.4

21. Angie Thick	BEX	162.6
22. Susan Thomas	BEX	162.6
23. Marion Constable	CLI	161.9
24. Jill Houston	CLI	161.7
25. Lesley Pateman	BEX	161.3
26. Patricia Smith	CLI	160.5
27. Valerie Yeates	BEX	160.3
28. Elaine Hinch	BEX	160.0

The number of bowlers in the different Average brackets are:-

160.0 & above	28
150.0 to 159.9	38
140.0 to 149.9	45
130.0 to 139.9	51
120.0 to 129.9	44
110.0 to 119.9	25
100.0 to 109.9	17
99.9 & under	18

From the 276 bowlers in this listing the averages at various positions are:-

Position	Average
50	155.5
100	143.9
150	135.7
200	123.4
250	104.1

Do you bowl in Kent Competitions or do you think only the top average bowlers win the prize money.

Well, I am a regular Tournament Bowler and my current standing in the Kent Averages is 215. In the 1995 Area Championships, our team finished second and the standings of our five bowlers were 78, 195, 215, 299 & 76(Ladies).

When you look at these statistics your first reaction may be that the average against your name is not correct. We can only produce the up-to-date figures if they are supplied to us.

Therefore, to make this Database meaningful, it is essential that all League Secretaries regularly submit their Final Standing Sheets to the Area Secretary, Christine Conner, at the end of each season.

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NEWS FROM THE CENTRES. CLIFTONVILLE

The entries for this year's Club Championships were disappointing. However, the lack of bowlers did not affect the quality of the performances that were achieved by our bowlers and we had some fine results which were as follows:

The Mens Singles Handicap Champion was **John Smith** with a 676 series and he was 18 pins ahead of **Simon Young**. The Scratch Champion was **Gary Steventon** just 9 pins ahead of **John Smith**. The Ladies Singles Champion in both Handicap and Scratch Divisions was **Jan Luckhurst**.

The Mens Doubles Handicap Event was a run-away for father and Son Team of **Peter and Daniel Harman**, Daniel (still a Junior) led the way with a 702 series and Dad supported with a 633 giving them a total of 1335 and the title of Handicap Champions. The Scratch Event was won by the in-form partnership of **Dominic Steventon**(600) and **Matt Slade**(594) for a total of 1194. The Ladies Doubles Handicap and Scratch Events featured another solid performance by **Jan Luckhurst** ably supported by **Marion Constable**, in the Handicap it was Jan 640 and Marion 556 for a 1206 total and in the Scratch Event Jan rolled 568 and Marion 473 for a 1041 total and the title of Champions.

All the Four-person Teams that entered this year took part in both Handicap and Scratch Events which has never happened before. Perhaps they found the Team composition fairer this year. In the Handicap Event the winners were 3 Men and a Little Lady, bowlers **John Smith** 604, **Jan Luckhurst** 586, **Kevin Milham** 566 and **Paul Crundell** 668 for a total of 2424 a bit close this as they only won by 9 pins, in fact only 12 pins separated the top 3 teams. In the Scratch Event the winners were **March Hares** a team of **Clive Smith** 536, **Simon Young** 512, **Darren Constable** 495 and **Dominic Steventon** 641 for a team total of 2148, this time just 21 pins separated the top 3 teams.

The All Events section revealed just how good some of the bowlers had been performing during the day. In the Mens Handicap it was **Paul Crundell** who came out on top with a 1942 total just ahead of **Dominic Steventon**, but in the scratch section **Dominic** reversed the positions with him coming out on top

with a 1828 total (Ave. 203.1). In the Ladies Event, **Jan Luckhurst** had bowled really well all day and she came out on top with a Handicap total of 1853 and a scratch total of 1637 (Ave. 181.8). The end of a long day and its Congratulations to all our 1996 Cliftonville Champions.
John W Boulton.

Current high averages at Cliftonville are:-

<u>Men</u>	
Matt Slade	204x78 - Blackpin League
Gary Steventon	200x69 - States
Mike Luckhurst	199x66 - Blackpin
Dominic Steventon	196x72 - States
Dominic Steventon	192x42 - Blackpin
Gary Steventon	189x57 - Blackpin
Dave Buck	188x63 - Blackpin
Rick Topham	188x54 - Blackpin
<u>Ladies</u>	
Sally Fuller	181x63 - Blackpin

WHITSTABLE

Current High Averages are:-

<u>Men</u>	
Ricky Post	186x72 - Sunday Trios
<u>Junior Boys</u>	
Andrew Senior	175x92 - YBC
Tim Beale	173x84 - YBC
<u>Junior Girls</u>	
Jennifer Beale	166x92 -YBC
Helen Perkins	165x93 -YBC

BEXLEYHEATH

Under the title of South East Pro Shop, juniors from Bexleyheath entered the Junior Handicap Trios at Guildford in March and performed with credit by finishing second and fourth out of twelve teams. The Team in Second place was **Nick Weston** (500 scratch series), **Phillip Press** (561) and **Jeffrey White** (518). The "B" Team who finished fourth were **Chris Stevens** (558), **Richard Craig** (389) and **Keith Rowell** (482).

Olympic League

On 9th May **Gary Pring** rolled a personal high series of 587 (235,166,186).

On 16th May, **The Mean Machine** scored a high five man series of 3013, with individual scores of **Neil Webb** 634, **Keith Hodge** 613, **Keith Allsop** 600, **Tracy Dew** 598 and **Steve White** 568.

On 2nd May, **Glaze-Rite** rolled a five man game of 1057.

DOREEN LODGE & CLIFF DEW are Kent Masters Champions for 1996.

The Kent Masters Tournament was held during the K.T.B.A. Championships at Whitstable in May.

The format for the Masters was that each competitor bowled four games scratch over four different lanes and the top three bowlers then qualified for a step-ladder final.

Before each competition, medals were present to all the participants by the KTBA Vice-President, Peter Cox.

The Qualifiers for the Ladies Masters were:-

Rosemary Bentley
Yvonne Bright
Christine Conner
Elaine Hinch
Sandy Knapp
Doreen Lodge
Jan Luckhurst
Lesley Pateman
Sandy Sawyer
Angie Thick

There was only one 200+ game in the opening game from Angie Thick (209). In Game 2 Doreen Lodge had a 201 to take the lead by two pins from Yvonne Bright who rolled a 202 for a 367 total with Rosemary Bentley in third place on 363. All bowlers had lower scores in Game 3 but Doreen held the lead with Angie Thick moving into second place. The last game saw Angie moving into first place with a total of 718 (ave. 179.5) from Doreen in second (689) and Yvonne third (678). Other finishing positions were Elaine Hinch fourth (662), Sandy Knapp fifth (647), Jan Luckhurst sixth, Christine Conner seventh, Rosemary Bentley eighth, Sandy Sawyer ninth and Lesley Pateman tenth.

In the second/third play-off, Doreen Lodge bowled steadily to win 169/150 to meet her friend and bowling partner, Angie Thick in the final. An early open frame by Angie gave Doreen the advantage and despite Angie's best efforts, Doreen held her game by having a closed game of 204 to triumph and become the Kent Master for a second time.

The Qualifiers for the Mens Masters were:-

Cliff Dew
Malcolm Fuller
Martin Howard
Richard Howland
Mike Luckhurst
Richard Post
Matt Slade
Chris Smith
Dominic Steventon
Steve White

Again, there was only one 200+ game in the opening game from Steve White (204). Game 2 saw four 200+ games from Chris Smith & Dominic Steventon (both 226), Mike Luckhurst 214 and Cliff Dew (205) with Dominic taking the lead with 423 from Mike Luckhurst on 384. In Game 3 Mike rolled 217 to a total of 601 to lead from Steve White (577) with a 202 game and Cliff (574) having a 204 game. Dominic and Chris Smith were still in contention on 560 and 539 respectively. Mike had a final game of 199 to end on a total of 800 (ave.200), Steve held second place on 772 and Cliff third on 768. Despite a last game of 209, Chris Smith was light by 20 pins in fourth place which was very commendable seeing as he started with a 135 game. Richard Howland & Dominic Steventon finished in joint fifth place on 736, well clear of Malcolm Fuller & Martin Howard in joint seventh on 683. Richard Post finished ninth and Matt Slade tenth.

In the second/third play-off game Cliff Dew beat Steve White comfortably by 207/169 to meet Mike Luckhurst in the final. This was a very closely fought game down to the last frame with Cliff Dew winning by 211 to 197 to retain his title as Kent Master.

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GOLDEN BALL TOURNAMENT.

Each year, the ladies from several Housewives League compete in the "Golden Ball" Tournament in memory of their founder, Teddy Tinling.

The previous year's winners host the event, so in May the ladies travelled to Charrington Bowl at Tolworth, where a record nine leagues competed, two each from Bexleyheath, Harrow and Tolworth and one from Lewisham, Stevenage and Wembley. A total of ninety bowlers took part, but the competition for the main Golden Ball trophy was six games of Handicap Trios, three games either side of lunch. The standard of bowling this year was very high and one of the Tolworth teams retained the trophy with all their bowlers entering on a 168 average and scoring on the day a scratch average of 181.

The Bexleyheath Thursday team of Val Harlin, Brenda Field & Janet May finished second, just a few pins ahead of Bexleyheath Tuesday represented by Doreen Lodge, Lesley Pateman & Christine Conner who between them averaged 182.7, felt they bowled extremely well and couldn't understand how they only finished third. Never mind, better luck next year back at Tolworth.

In the "B" Team Event, Tolworth were again triumphant and Bexleyheath Thursday finished second as well, their team being Sue Manchester, Janet Phillimore & Julie Bridges. In the Visitors Singles Event, Carol Wagner came second and the Trophy awarded to the bowler having the highest entering average was retained by Christine Conner holding a current average in the Tuesday Double TT's League at Bexleyheath of 188.

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