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## KENT "MEN" FINISH A CREDITABLE FOURTH IN THE INTER-COUNTY FINALS.

HAMPSHIRE are MEN'S CHAMPIONS - LONDON take the LADIES TITLE.

by Alan Petherick

The Inter-County Finals were again held at Nottingham over the weekend of 9th/10th November, with twelve Counties in each of the Men's and Ladies Sections.

Each County bowled one game against each of the other Counties and Kent started well beating Sussex by 4 pins and Berkshire by 47 pins. Steve Carnall had 200 games in both matches and Keith Hodge a 205 against Berkshire. Their third match against Yorkshire was lost by 40 pins despite another 200 game by Steve Carnall and a 207 from Steve White. Next they came up against the eventual champions, Hampshire, who did not lose a game throughout the Competition. Kent gave them a good fight, losing 972 to 996 with a fourth 200 game in a row from Steve Carnall and a 222 from Mike Luckhurst. They then finished the first day on a high note by rolling 996 to beat Glasgow (840) with 200 games from Keith Hodge, Mike Luckhurst and John Hinch.

The second day started with two wins against Bedfordshire (906-873) and Warwickshire (916-864) with both Steves still bowling 200 games. Then we had our lowest game of the Tournament losing to Northumberland by 896 to 948 where only Keith managed a 200 game, followed by our high game of 1064 to beat Worcestershire (958), with games of 268 by Steve White and 236 by Mike Luckhurst. Winning our last two games against Midlothian (933-892) and Essex (965-918) kept us ahead of those chasing but the three Teams above also kept winning so we had to be satisfied with fourth place.

Individual averages of the team were:-

	<u>Pins</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Steve White	1825	9	202.7
Steve Carnall	2217	11	201.5
Mike Luckhurst	1788	9	198.6
Keith Hodge	2052	11	186.5
John Hinch	535	3	178.3
Chris Skudder	1346	8	168.2
David Percival	668	4	167.0

When the results are studied in detail, it will be seen that Kent won more games than the Team who finished in the Bronze position, but Kent lost out on pinfall under the Rules which have been introduced in recent years.

The Final Standings of the Counties taking part were:-

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Pins</u>	<u>Total</u>
HAMPSHIRE	11	10713	129.13
Yorkshire	9	10849	126.49
Northumber'ld	7	10828	122.28
Kent	8	10431	120.31
Essex	6	10287	114.87
Sussex	6	10030	112.30
Berkshire	4	10179	109.79
Midlothian	5.5	9852	109.52
Beds.	3	9681	102.81
Worcestershire	2	9768	101.68
Warwickshire	1.5	9846	101.46
Glasgow	3	9527	101.27

The Team Pinfall Game Average of the top four Teams was:-

<u>County</u>	<u>Average</u>
Hampshire	194.8
Yorkshire	197.3
Nothumberland	196.9
Kent	189.7

The wife of the Kent Captain is Jan Hodge has always bowled for the County of her birth, London. She now has an extremely good record in the County Finals. The County have only reached the Final on four occasions when she has been in the Team and each time she has come away with the Gold Medal. Many congratulations, Jan. Final Scores:-

<u>County</u>	<u>Pinfall</u>	<u>Points</u>
LONDON	9951	117.51
Co. Durham	9943	115.43
Yorkshire	9655	110.55
Berkshire	9604	110.04
Sussex	9666	108.61
Northamptonshire	9586	107.86
Lanarkshire	9451	106.51
Essex	9602	106.02
Staffordshire	9525	105.25
Hampshire	9444	104.40
Warwickshire	9100	95.00
Stirlingshire	8655	86.55

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# BERT & VICKY TIMMS MEMORIAL MIXED DOUBLES

by Christine Conner, Tournament Manager.

Yes, I know you've already read a report on this Tournament this year. No, we aren't that short of copy! No, we haven't finally sent for the men in white coats! Please let me explain.

Our Mixed Doubles event has always been fairly popular but our committee have often been told that it falls at the wrong time of year, in February, when there are too many other Tournaments running. So we decided to change it to an October event and rather than let you go too long without the competition we put two in one year. Right now we've got that sorted out, on with the Tournament news.

First of all, a big thank you to Jon Smith and his staff at Pentagon Bowl, Chatham, for hosting their first KTBA event and for the welcome they gave us.

The lane conditions were challenging to many bowlers, although some big scores were rolled, with the prize winners coming from all over the County.

The bowlers were split into three groups by their averages - Division A were bowlers of a combined average of 310 or under, Division B was 311 to 350 and Division C was over 351. The Memorial Trophy was to be awarded to the team beating their combined entering average by the most number of pins, so this need not be a Group winner.

In the top average Group there were fewer entries than last year but nevertheless some good bowling. In only the second squad Keith Allsop posted a 614 series and with partner Tracy Dew a 1128 score to lead the Group. Tracy however was not finished for the day. She switched partners to Steve White and encouraged him to a 605 series, threw in a few pins of her own and they walked off with a 1130 series and topped the Group.

In the lowest average Group several good scores were rolled on the first squad. Julie Cudmore and partner Alan McPherson rolled a 905, especially pleasing to Alan in his first Tournament. Whilst local bowlers Paul Tuff and Laure Sutherland recorded a score of 974, both hitting a 487 series.

This was when we discovered the lack of ladies bowling at Chatham! Laure had already agreed to bowl twice more with different partners, Rosemary Moll bowled three times and Marilyn Godley had

## RESULTS

### Division "A" - 25 entries

#### First Place

Debbie & David Bright 1018

#### Second Place

Paul Tuff & Laure Sutherland 974

#### Third Place

Alan McPherson & Julie Cudmore 905

### Division "B" - 28 entries

#### First Place

Sandy Knapp & Adrian Conner 1093

#### Second Place

Bill Potter & Pat Burr 1082

#### Third Place

Elaine Hinch & Jerry Lodge 1036

### Division "C" - 7 entries

#### First Place

Tracy Dew & Steve White 1130

### Memorial Trophy.

Bill Potter & Pat Burr as they beat their combined entering average by 149 Pins.

found four partners! We hope all of you recovered before too long.

Whilst Laure bowled, Paul set out to wear a rut in the carpet as he paced the floor checking the scores of all the bowlers in their Division. Several teams threatened the lead but it was not overtaken until David and Debbie Bright from Whitstable rolled a 1018 on the third Squad. As previous winners of the trophy David and Debbie were keen to take it again and the score of 100 pins over average was looking good, but more of that later.

More teams threatened the leading scores but Paul and Laure hung on to second place as Paul was quick to confirm with the Audit Team at the end of the day. We're sure he didn't have those grey hairs when he arrived this morning!

Division B had meanwhile been equally hotly contested and all the final prize winners had been affected by a bad back! Doreen Lodge's name does not figure in the list of winners but it might well have done had it not been for her back muscles seizing whilst gardening. This left husband Jerry and son-in-law Adrian Conner looking for substitute partners.

Daughter Elaine Hinch stepped into the breach to bowl with Dad and the early morning must have done her some good, as she rolled a 561, the highest Series by a lady on the day. Their combined score of 1036 would eventually be third.

Adrian meanwhile was searching the bowl for a partner, he had already bowled with 'the missus', Area Secretary Christine, and the least said about that the better. After "fighting them all off", his words, "oh well If you can't find anyone else", her words, Sandy Knapp stepped into the breach. After a mediocre start Adrian found a strike line and his seven in a row for a 258 caused Sandy to realise something might be on here. They carved out the leading score of 1093 between them. Sandy nearly joined Paul in pacing the carpet but she couldn't see the scores anyway, without her glasses!

Enter the arena, Bill Potter and Pat Burr, well Pat sort of hobbled. A bad back for Pat and Bill was enquiring about blind scores, replacements etc. as alternatives. This Whitstable pairing took to the lanes fully expecting to be retiring after a few balls but Pat struggled on to hit a 558 and, as a pair, their score of 1082 took second place in the Group. Their magnificent efforts were also rewarded in that their Total Score above average was 149 pins and they ran out worthy winners. They will now hold the Bert & Vicky Timms Memorial Trophy for the coming year.

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Are YOU good enough  
to bowl for  
KENT  
in either the  
COUNTY TEAM  
or the  
SENIORS COUNTY TEAM.

For more details  
see the Article on Page 5.

Enter the Trials  
and support  
YOUR County.

## K.T.B.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & QUIZ.

This year we are incorporating an Inter-League Quiz to follow the A.G.M. of the K.T.B.A.

Why not enter a Team from your League.

Teams of Three - Cost £2.50 per head, including a Finger Buffet.

The venue for this Event is:-

**THE FARLEIGH BULL Public House**  
**Lower Road, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.**

**SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY 1997.**

A.G.M. 6.45pm for 7.00pm.

Every member of the K.T.B.A., i.e. all bowlers in registered Leagues, may attend the Annual General Meeting and all are welcome. Should any matters come to a vote, only the registered DELEGATES may vote.

DELEGATES are appointed by the individual Leagues at their Annual Meetings.

Has YOUR League appointed a Delegate for this A.G.M. ?

QUIZ to follow the AGM at approximately 8.15pm.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Editor,

#### Family Rivalry.

High games & high series are talked about every week when bowlers meet, always trying to find out who had the high's this week.

When I met " THE " family, the rivalry was fierce, especially between the two daughters. Suddenly I found myself joining in . Well I could not be second best behind Christine, could I.

Between the old bowl at Bexleyheath closing and the New One opening in 1989, different teams were formed and on Friday nights it became " us and them " so now there was Team rivalry as well!!

In the Red Corner there was:-

- 1 : The Leader - Jerry Lodge
  - 2 : The Backbone - Doreen Lodge
  - 3 : Simply the Best ? - Christine Lodge
- In the Blue Corner was:

- 1: The Newcomer - John Hinch
- 2: Baby of the Family - Elaine Lodge

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Seven years down the line and not a lot has changed besides a few names and some grey hairs .

CHAOS

- 1 : Jerry Lodge
  - 2 : Doreen Lodge
  - 3 : Christine Lodge [now Conner]
- ATLANTA HAWKS

- 1: John Hinch
- 2: Elaine Lodge [now Hinch]
- 3: Adrian Conner

One big happy family you may ask, It was until new highs were reached, Atlanta Hawks just missing the Bexleyheath High for a Four Man Team, and 700's being bowled.

Doreen & Jerry always have the last say. Every time we walk into their house, on the bookcase by the front door is the "LADY MASTERS" Trophy.

But the family standings are:-

	<u>Game</u>	<u>Series</u>
John	279	707
Adrian	251	704
Jerry	233	
Christine	267	660
Doreen	257	632
Elaine	266	644

Jerry, "The Leader !", Lodge , Editor of Bowling News , He who must be obeyed - Still has not bowled a 600 Series !!!!!

Yours sincerely,

John Hinch.

[Editors Note: My High Series is 599, was bowled in the Inter-League Tournament, when I left three pins standing with my last ball.]

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## K.T.B.A. ANNIVERSARY HANDBOOK.

To celebrate the 35th KTBA Area Championships, we are producing an Anniversary Handbook for every League Bowler playing in a BTBA Sanctioned League in Kent.  
Publication Date will be in May at the time of the Area Championships.  
If YOU have any information, either current or historical, which you think maybe of interest for inclusion in the Handbook, please send it through to the Editor, Jerry Lodge, no later than the end of January 1997.

### NEWS FROM THE CENTRES.

#### BEXLEYHEATH.

by Jerry Lodge

The Double TT's League at Bexleyheath has many ladies who have been drawing their Pension for several years and most bowled in the League when it first started at the Old Bowl in 1969. This Season, one of the oldest members of the League, Peggy Willmore, bowled Seven Strikes in a Row for the first time in her life in a 234 game whilst bowling off a lowly 120 Average. Well done, Peggy.

#### CHATHAM.

by Jerry Moll

Some High Scores which may feature in Season Highs are:-

##### Two-Person Team.

Gordon Smith/Tony Sales - 468 Game.

##### Junior Boy.

Mark Godley (15 years old) -

High Series 637 - High Game 268.

#### MARGATE.

##### Monday Doubles.

by Rosemary Bentley.

A special mention for Mel Allerton for bowling the second best series ever bowled in this Centre, with games of 234-256-269 for a 759 Series, which, not suprisingly, was a personal best.

Also, with his team-mate, Tony Baker, they bowled a Team Series of 1340.

Tony	239-234-216	689
Mel	200-217-234	651
	439-451-450	1340

##### Current High Averages:

##### Men.

Shane Wilson	199/39.
Mel Allerton	197/39.
Andy Allerton	197/39.
Tony Baker	190/27.

##### Ladies.

Rose Bentley	166/36
Linda Allerton	164/36.

#### SENIOR INTER-COUNTIES.

by Jerry Lodge.

The Ladies who represented KENT in the inaugural Senior Inter-Counties Finals at Wellingborough all came from the Double TT's League at Bexleyheath, namely Jeannette Bartram, Beryl Drury, Sandy Knapp & Doreen Lodge. It is fair to say that they did not bowl to their potential over the week-end of this very enjoyable Tournament where the Title was won by Yorkshire, led by Sue Megson who bowled a 300 game in their second match. Mind you, Kent then beat Yorkshire in the final game on the Saturday. Essex finished in second place with Middlesex third. The Kent Ladies finished in seventh place out of the ten finalists, but are

already looking forward to next year's event, when qualification for the Team will be decided in the Trials to be held at Margate in February.

The Kent Men narrowly failed to qualify for the Final, which was won by Dorset with Northamptonshire in second place and Surrey third.

#### WHO BOWLS for KENT!

##### See Page 5 opposite.

An analysis of the bowlers who have represented KENT in the Inter-Counties over recent years shows that:

Nobody has bowled every year.

Men. Over an 11 year period, 39 bowlers have bowled for their County, of which 11 have bowled more than three times. The bowlers with the most appearances are:-

Steve Carnall, Steve White, Keith Hodge and Mike Luckhurst. Those who have bowled for three years or more are John Amos, Mark Bird, Roland Foxley, Alan Kirk, Gordon Phillips, Richard Post & Kevin Raison.

Ladies. Over a 10 year period, 27 Ladies have bowled for Kent, of which 13 have bowled more than three times. Those with most appearances are:- Christine Conner, Sheila White, Elaine Hinch & Sue Trott. Those with at least three years involvement include Poppy Cope, Beryl Drury, Irene Dummett, Doreen Lodge, Jan Luckhurst, Lesley Pope, Lyn Purcell & Sandy Sawyer.

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