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ANDY ALLERTON HITS THE FIRST "300" GAME at HOLLYWOOD BOWL, MARGATE

Many congratulations to Andy Allerton (pictured below) on rolling the first ever 300 game at Margate recently. Full story on Page 3.
Photograph: Courtesy of ISLE OF THANET GAZETTE.

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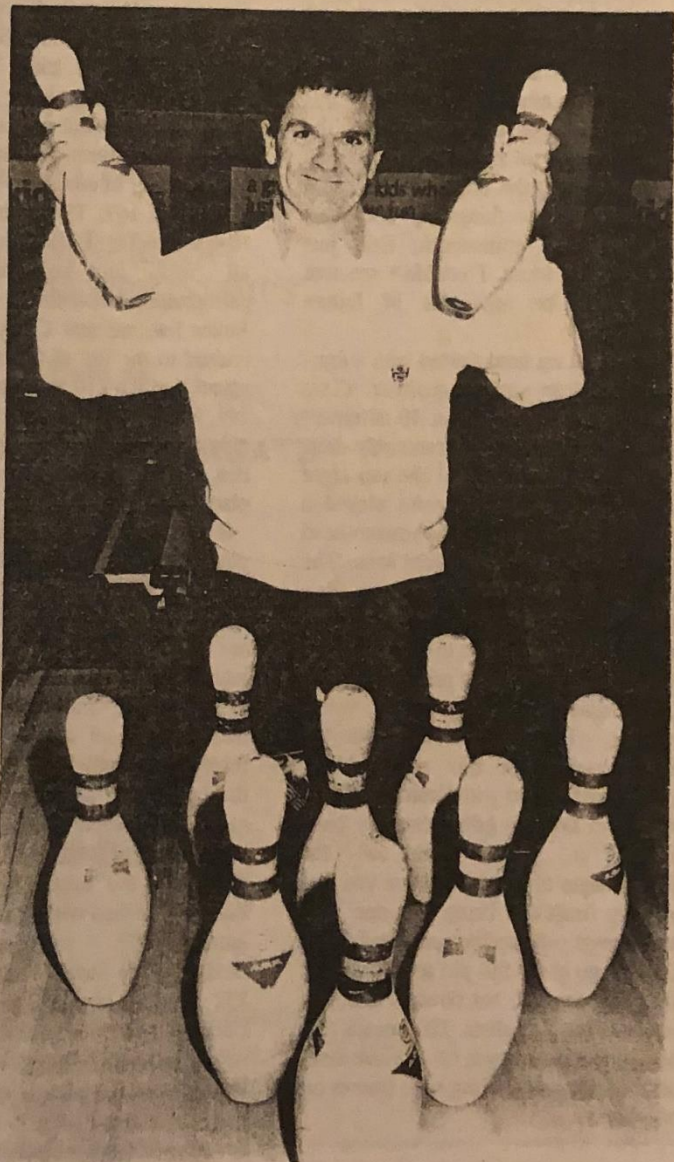
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The First PICK 'N' MIX TOURNAMENT - Whitstable, 26th January 1997

By Martin Beale

I had the great good fortune to assist larger-than-life Eric Harvey in promoting and organising something a little different. We both wanted to bring more tournaments to AMF's little centre at Whitstable, and Eric's idea of trying 'Baker' system was too intriguing a prospect to pass up. Our thoughts were to encourage bowlers of any age to compete for a decent cash prize in a competition that combined skill and handicap, luck and novelty. As a result, the *Pick 'n' Mix* was born.

We have generally been impressed with what has been happening at Whitstable recently. Manager Steve Maple is always interested in trying something new, and the intimacy of Whitstable's little ten lane Centre lends a certain charm and friendliness to any occasion. Couple this with the fact that the reliability of the equipment is, to my mind, currently second to none, the only way we could fail was to screw things up ourselves! However, with enthusiastic Eric just bursting with ideas, I couldn't see that there could be any risk of failure whatsoever!

The format we used started with a four-game handicap singles qualifier. (Two squads were needed for our 40 entrants.) The top eight ladies then randomly drew a lane and a partner from the top eight men, and the resulting pairs played a one-game 'Baker' scratch head-to-head with the pair on the adjacent lane. The four winning pairs, in order of their second round scores, then played a three-game 'Baker' stepladder to determine the winner of the £150 First prize. Second to Fourth also picked up cash worth winning. Perhaps a word about the 'Baker' system at this point. Many bowlers are familiar with Scotch Doubles, where two bowlers bowl alternate balls through a game. One of the disadvantages of 'Scotch' is that you can get very frustrated being the one who must always pick up the spare and never getting a go at the full pin set! 'Baker' is similar in concept, but bowlers alternate frames rather than shots. This means that each bowler only bowls on the one lane; his or her partner dealing with frames on the other one.

The entry list was most interesting. England internationals, county bowlers and local occasional league players - the oldest with bus passes and the youngest still at primary school - seemed to indicate that a fascinating day was in prospect. And so it proved as the first round got under way.

Conditions were challenging. Eric had asked for an unusual (for Whitstable) lane preparation which had the effect of eliminating any advantage the home bowlers might have thought they had!

Not that it made much difference as far as the ladies were concerned as five of the top eight qualifiers were local. And it didn't seem to bother the offspring of the tournament managers, either, a situation that is always a trifle embarrassing! Nikki Harvey topped the ladies section with a 198 average and a top score of 243, and 13-year-old Jennifer Beale tagged along in second averaging a very respectable 167. The other 'kiddo' was 18-year-old Tim Beale, who surprised us all with an absolutely stunning performance. Lewisham and England Junior International Craig Wanden had cruised to the top of the men's table in squad 1 with a 210 average and a high of 248. But then Tim popped up in squad 2 to bowl 188, 220, 240, 216 for a personal best 216 scratch average and the top placing!

But nothing could compare with the pleasure of seeing the highest score of the day being made in squad 1. A 258 game is no mean feat for any bowler. When you are a last-minute injury substitute, the youngest bowler in the tournament at just 11 years old, and have a sanctioned personal best of only 192, it is sheer magic! Whitstable's little Ben Frost was the bowler in question - and it was a game full of super shots, his seven-in-a-row making it look as if he did it every day! For the men, Lewisham's Nick Ricketts finished with the second highest game - 257 - to take third place; Bexleyheath's Steve White finished with 232 to pull him up to fourth whilst Beckton's Terry Searle's third game 219 helped secure the fifth slot. Bexleyheath's Paul Fox and Adrian Conner put in one good double-ton each to take sixth and seventh, leaving eighth for Whitstable's

Tony Gamble, whose pair of 190+s did the business for him.

The ladies' third place was taken by Whitstable's Kate Foxley with a most consistent 159 average whilst local YBC member, Helen Perkins, rolled a lovely 547 series in her first three to qualify fourth. Helen's younger sister, Anne, bowled well above her league average to also qualify in eighth place. Bexleyheath's Penny Allsop and Sandy Knapp pitched a couple of 200s to fill fifth and sixth respectively whilst Dagenham's Lesley Carnall's 210 made sure of seventh slot.

There were several other very satisfactory and satisfying showings. In game 3, a certain Mr and Mrs Jerry Lodge both delivered 200s - a joint achievement that so obviously gave them a great deal of pleasure - but we can only sympathise with Whitstable's Ron Lovett, who missed the top eight by just one elusive pin!

The draw can often lead to interesting or perhaps hilarious pairings. I shall not make any comment. I shall just report that:

Penny Allsop/Terry Searle beat
Kate Foxley/Tony Gamble 190-147
Jennifer Beale/Steve White beat
Sandy Knapp/Nick Ricketts 194-141
Lesley Carnall/Paul Fox beat
Anne Perkins/Craig Wanden 200/183
and

Nikki Harvey/Adrian Conner beat
Helen Perkins/Tim Beale 196-170

Two of the three final games were extremely tight. Penny and Terry just eased Jennifer and Steve into the fourth prize slot 185-179, then only just lost themselves to Nikki and Adrian 170-166.

Only the final game could in any way be called decisive. Lesley and Paul (157) had to be satisfied with the £76 runner-up prize as **NIKKI HARVEY** and **ADRIAN CONNER** smashed strike after strike for a superb winning 255.

Was it a good tournament? Well, it was not for Eric or I to judge, but we didn't hear any complaints, so we cleared up our things and gratefully retired to the New Inn for a well-earned tippie or two and to mull over a few thoughts about another idea... But more about that at a future time.

AREA SECRETARY - CHANGE of ADDRESS

Chris and Adrian Conner are in the process of selling their present house. For the next few weeks, until they move to a new home, please send all correspondence and enquires to:-

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ANDY ALLERTON'S "300" GAME at MARGATE.

Andy Allerton bowls in the Hollywood Singles League at Margate and last month achieved every bowler's dream with a "300" perfect game. This was in his first game of the night which he followed in the second game with six more strikes eventually finishing with 257 and a 227 in the third for a 784 series, beating the previous league record of 763 held by Pete Williams. However, the House Record stands at 823 and remains a target for all the league bowlers at Hollywood Bowl. Andy started bowling some 25 years ago, bowled regularly for 8 years, took 10 years off and returned to full-time league play in 1990. He is a qualified BTBA Coach and drills his own bowling balls. This was the first outing for a Columbia "Pulse" which Andy had drilled the night before. He was happy with most of his deliveries although he admits frames eight and nine were tight, but helped to relief the pressure, particularly as everybody else stopped bowling for the eleventh and twelfth strikes. The "Isle of Thanet Gazette" has given Andy some very good publicity and we are indebted to them for the photograph on the front page. It was certainly Andy's lucky week as he scooped the house jackpot of £315 a few days earlier. Many congratulations, Andy.

ENTER YOUR AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 35th ANNIVERSARY KENT AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

will be held at

HOLLYWOOD BOWL, MARGATE

on

Saturday 10th May 1997

&

Sundays 4th, 11th & 18th May 1997

ENTRY FORMS are available from

Your Local Bowl

or

**Area Secretary, Christine Conner
28 Heathside Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA7 4PZ
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BEXLEYHEATH win the "COACH AND FOUR" for the first time since 1989.

by Jerry Lodge, Tournament Manager.

This year, the Tournament was moved from Saturdays to Sundays and inevitably clashed with other Junior Events. Consequently, the Home Centre YBC, Bexleyheath, found they had the opportunity of bowling in the last Squad as against their usual "Dawn Patrol" slots. The first Sunday was the most popular date and Bexleyheath had no teams participating that day, and the Crawley "D" Team (Coach - Nick French) went into the lead from Team Stoke, who rolled the highest scratch score of the Tournament with 2841, and Portsmouth 3 with Coach - Paul Evans. Team Stoke had entered only one Team and their individual scratch scores were Alan Edwards [517], Nikki Stonier [568], Andy Barker [621], Steve Hodges [539] and "Coach" Neil Coe [596]. However, the main excitement on the first day came from Airport YBC with 16 year-old Emma O'Neill bowling the highest series of the Tournament of 680 with games of 247,236 & 197, six-year old Richard Teece bowling his first 200 game with a 208 in a 457 Series and then one of their Coaches, Adam Sharp rolling a perfect game in the third game of his Series. Although this was not Adam's first 300 game, the pressure did mount as he was on the last squad and bedevilled with numerous machinery breakdowns on his lanes which left him with plenty of time to think about the game. However, not to be upstaged completely, Portsmouth 5 then had a go at the House Single Game record of 1088, missing out by only ten pins with all five bowling 200+ games, Phillip Hopkins [223], Graham Moriarty [205], Steven Reid [230], Duncan Milne [212] and Coach Rob Moriarty [208]. They could not maintain this form in the other two games and eventually finished sixth in the Scratch Section. Rob Moriarty had to present "I Beat My Coach" badges to all four members of his Team.

The second Sunday saw a challenge coming from both Bexleyheath and Whitstable with a Team from Bexleyheath moving into the lead with

a total of 3199 and scratch scores of Nick Weston[554], James Pateman [538], Annalisa Edwards [522], Philip Press [525] and "Coach" David Percival [667]. The Flintstones Team from Whitstable moved into second place with 3146, the scratch scores being "Coach" - Stephen Gore [562], Andrew Wraight [460], Andrew Senior [592], Tim Beale [583] and Nathan Clark [583].

The last Sunday started quietly, but in the last Squad there came a determined and noisy challenge from another Bexleyheath Team which proved successful with scratch games of 886, 884 & 978 to sweep into the lead with a Handicap Total of 3252. This winning team, with their scratch scores, was James Pateman [620], Chris Grant [412], Ashley Cooper [548], Julie Cudmore [499] and Coach Neil Webb [669]. Not suprisingly, Neil had rolled the highest scratch Series among the Coaches, but still 11 pins behind Emma O'Neill. As a late replacement, "Coach" Shelagh Leonard bowled for Milton Keynes and rolled the highest Series in her Division with 645. This was the Tenth Year of the Tournament and the first time that the Home Centre has won since 1989, and who do you think was the "Coach" in that year, none other than Neil Webb.

The principal results of the Tournament were:-

TEAM RESULTS.

Handicap Section.

1. Bexleyheath 17. [Neil Webb]	3252
2. Bexleyheath 5. [David Percival]	3199
3. Whitstable Flintstones	
[Stephen Gore]	3146
4. Crawley "D" [Nick French]	3093
5. Team Stoke [Neil Coe]	3087
6. Beckton CRS 8 [Dave Alcock]	3072
7. Portsmouth 3 [Paul Evans]	3071
8. Whitstable - Hot Stuff & Sam	
[Samantha Cooper]	3050
9. Dunstable 3. [John Denton]	3044
10. Bexleyheath 8. [Neil Webb]	3036
11. Peterborough -Four + One	
[Nigel Curtis]	3034
12. Acocks Green -Panthers	
[Nigel Lewis]	3032

Scratch Section.

1. Team Stoke [Neil Coe]	2841
2. Portsmouth 1. [Maurie Phillott]	2827
3. Ipswich Solar 1. [Chris Johnson]	2817
4. Bexleyheath 5. [David Percival]	2806
5. Enfield "A" [Keith Bringloe]	2796
6. Portsmouth 5. [Rob Moriarty]	2784

Tournament Statistics:

Teams: 205. Pinfall: 431168.
Games: 3072. Game Ave.: 140.3.

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

Prizes were awarded for the High Series, both Handicap and Scratch and High Game Handicap and Scratch in each Division, but a bowler in the Tournament may only win one prize.

Bowlers from Kent who won these prizes were:-

HIGH SERIES.

Division 1

Hdcp. David Percival (Bex)	703
Scr. Neil Webb (Bex)	669

Division 5

Hdcp. James Pateman (Bex)	692
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Division 7

Hdcp. Ashley Cooper (Bex)	701
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Division 10

Hdcp. Sam Denne (Bex)	665
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Division 12

Hdcp. Laura Donaldson (Bex)	558
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HIGH GAME.

Division 2

Hdcp. Lucy Cudmore (Bex)	254
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Division 4

Hdcp. Leanne Wise (Bex)	244
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Scr. Helen Perkins (Whi)	213
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Division 10

Hdcp. Veronica Wood (Whi)	227
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The number of "I Beat My Coach" badges presented to Juniors this year was 90 out of a possible 820. 25 of the 37 YBC's that entered won prizes but it was undoubtedly Bexleyheath's year with Whitstable taking second place in the Prizes List, Portsmouth third and Ipswich-Solar fourth.

This year, the Tournament was dedicated to the memory of Christine McQuade from South East Pro Shop, who again, generously supported the Tournament.

REVIVAL of the "FAILURE CLUB".

One of the most popular features of "Bowling News" over the years has been the "Failure Club". For new readers, this Club is open to all KTBA members who appear in the columns of the "Failure Club" when reported to and accepted by the Editor as having deserved such honour for an event anywhere remotely relating to bowling.

Our first entrant for 1997 is Billy Howland. The Harbour League at Whitstable always hold a Buffet & Raffle at Christmas, at which Teams or Individuals bring along food or prizes. These are then laid out by a couple of ladies whilst the League is bowling. However, at this years "do", someone duly delivered their food for the evening in a biscuit tin, which was inadvertently put amongst the Raffle prizes. Billy Howland suitably advised by his wife, duly picked up the said tin, feeling very pleased at winning something. However, once the party finished, the League Officials were asked to return the "empty" tin to its owner, which meant looking through loads of rubbish bags, without success. The tin owner's son told Dad on the way home that he was sure the tin went into the raffle, which dad dismissed without further ado.

However, once the Christmas festivities had died down, Billy decided that he felt like one of the delicious cream biscuits. Looking at the "Sell By" date on the tin, he thought someone had bought cheap seeing the date was Nov. 1994. Imagine his face once he opened the tin to discover it contained some now strong smelling ham sandwiches. Never mind, Billy, a Bottle of Wine would be much simpler next time.

[Editors Note: Contributions to the "Failure Club" would be most welcome - send to usual address.]

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YOUNG ADULTS CLUB INTER-COUNTIES.

For the first time, Kent entered teams this year in the Inter-Counties for the YAC [Under 24 years old] at Manchester, where they found the competition to be very strong. Kent finished in lowly positions in both the Mens and Ladies sections. Representing Kent in these events, and the scores they achieved, were:-

	G	Ave.
Men		
Tim Beale	9	185.4
James Pateman*	6	179.7
David Percival	9	176.0
Robert Gore	6	167.8
Nathan Clark*	3	159.7
Alex Bushell	6	148.5
Chris Stevens	3	148.0
Glen Roberts	3	126.3
Ladies		
Lucy Cudmore	7	168.6
Jennifer Beale*	4	164.0
Annalisa Edwards*	4	160.3
Mandi Shrimpton	7	153.0
Joanne Shrimpton	5	140.8

* indicates Junior: only one permitted per game.

Although the performances were not up to the standard required, many lessons were learned and teams will hopefully be entered again next year.

SUCCESS FOR ANNALISA EDWARDS in SCUNTHORPE JUNIOR TOURNAMENT.

In the Scunthorpe Junior Grand Prix Singles [a Junior Merit Tournament] in March, 15 year old Annalisa Edwards from Bexleyheath won her Division [Girls aged 13 to 15] bowling 6 games on the Saturday and 14 games on the Sunday. After the first six games scoring 1091, she was in fourth position and after the next two rounds involving four games had dropped to fifth with a total pinfall of 1732 [ave. 173.2.] In the Round Robin final, Annalisa won four out of five games beating Gemma Greening 172/165, Zoe Wilson 203/163, Selina Williams 241/133 and Natalie Maslen 213/170 only losing to Fiona Banks 163/193 but this was sufficient for her to win her Division with a total pinfall of 2724 [ave. 181.6]. The tournament then had a Grand Final where all Division winners played each other and Annalisa had a notable scalp beating local boy Gary Leggatt with a magnificent game of 254 against his 190, which apparently silenced the home crowd. In this final section of five games Annalisa scored 942 [ave. 188.4] which gave her a grand total over her twenty games in the weekend of 3666 [ave. 183.3] Many congratulations, Annalisa - we shall watch your progress with interest.

We understand Daniel French, also from Bexleyheath bowled well in this Event - more details in the next Issue.

STOP PRESS.

Annalisa finished in first place at the BTBA Adult Nationals Tournament held in Nottingham. This was in the "All Events" section of the Ladies "B" Division with a score of 1657 [ave.184.1].

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DID YOU KNOW?

The lowest Series, which included a 300 game, recorded in the U.S.A. in sanctioned league play is 476 by Reed Townley in Gadsen, Alabama on January 18, 1989. He opened with an 89 game, declined a bit in his second game with an 87 and then belted a 300!

(I wonder what adjustments he made?)
Source: *The Moan and Groan Report on the Internet.*

The oldest man to roll a 300 game in sanctioned play in the U.S.A. is 86 year old Joe Norris in San Diego in 1994. The oldest woman to achieve this feat is E. Lois Morgan [71] in 1995-96 at Lees Summit, Montana.

Source: *Age is a state of mind ... on the Internet.*

RECORD ENTRY for the KENT COUNTY "ROLL-OFF".

There was a record entry for the County Roll-Off this year, which was held at Hollywood Bowl, Margate. A total of 89 bowlers entered, 59 men and 30 ladies, some only entering the "Seniors" events.

After a total of six games, those bowlers with the highest scratch scores in their section, occupying the first thirteen places, qualify for entry into the "Kent" squad for the 1997 season and the Kent organiser then nominates two extra bowlers from the entries to become part of the squad.

The squads for this year are:-

MEN.	
Shane Wilson	1275
Keith Hodge [Captain]	1231
Andy Allerton	1220
Simon Coppins	1177
Mike Luckhurst	1174
John Hinch	1167
Robin Baxter	1166
Nathan Clark	1149
David Percival	1148
Euan Jennings	1137
Richard Topham	1121
Ron Lovett	1120
Kevin Hollyhook	1116
Steve White	1116
Simon Carter	*

LADIES	
Tracy Dew	1144
Chris Conner [Captain]	1125
Sheila White	1116
Lesley Pateman	1081
Doreen Lodge	1073
Elaine Hinch	1060
Amanda Ottaway	1054
Jenny Beale	1041
Emma Drury	1028
Mandi Shrimpton	1018
Lucy Cudmore	1012
Sylvia Thomas	985
Linda Allerton	981
Helen Perkins	*
Sandy Knapp	*

The first round of the Inter-Counties this year is on Sunday 1st June with the second round on Sunday 7th September. Venues have not yet been announced.

The scores in the Seniors Event include bonus points, one pin being added on each game for every year of age over 50 for the bowler concerned.

SENIOR MEN.	
Mike Luckhurst [Captain]	1186
John Boulton	1154
Aubrey Belsom	1138
Alan Valsler	1134
Ron Lovett	1126
Alan Petherick	1117
Tex Moustache	1103
Jerry Moll	1099
Jerry Lodge	1084
Eric Frankland	1070
Roy Memmott	1066
Paul Clark	997
John Amos	983
Tom McQuade	*
Chas Painter	*

SENIOR LADIES.	
Doreen Lodge	1139
Sandy Sawyer	1102
Peggy Hammond	1021
Doreen Belsom	1004
Dot Edwards	963
Jackie Playford	952
Beryl Drury	939
Jeannette Bartram	873
Sandy Knapp	860
Maureen Memmott	814

Alan Petherick will act as Captain for the Ladies Team. The first round is on Sunday 18th May with the second round on Sunday 3rd August and again, venues have not yet been announced.

In the matches, the bowlers who finished in the top three places of their sections will be invited to bowl at least two games for their County in this year's competitions.

NEWS FROM THE CENTRES.

Bexleyheath

by Steve White.

On 6th February, **Mean Machine** in the Olympic League broke the House Record for a five-person team with a score of 3047, the previous record being held by Glaze-Rite on 3014. The main contributors were Keith Hodge [248,245,217=710], taking the current league individual high series, Neil Webb [224,267,195=686] and Keith Allsop [198,237,192=627].

However, on the following Thursday, 13th February, the same team broke the record again with 3167 and also took the House Single Game record of 1130. These scores are also new County Records. The Team and their scores was:-

Steve White 198- 181- 201- 580
Tracy Dew 222- 205- 179- 606
Keith Allsop 195- 214- 178- 587
Neil Webb 258- 255- 226- 739
Keith Hodge 257- 151- 247- 655
 1130-1006-1031-3167

The Team Game House record was previously held by Mean Machine with 1088. As you can see Keith Hodge's high series record lasted only one week being surpassed by Neil Webb with 739.

Whitstable

by Roy Fillier

Halfway through the season, only 7 points separate the top four teams in the Harbour League with **Roughnecks** and **Startrekers** leading the way with 102 points followed by **Scream Team** [96] and **Helmsmen** [95].

On the individual front, **David Jones** leads with a 186 ave. from 63 games with **Nikki Harvey** on 183 [30] and **Glenn Snook** on 180 [60]. Alan Haley has the high game with 267 whilst Glenn Snook has the series on 663. Nikki Harvey has rolled a 236 game and 606 series.

On the team front, **Helmsmen** lead with an 816 game, closely followed by **Dambusters** on 806. **Roughnecks** lead the series scores with 2245 from **Helmsmen** on 2200.

First KTBA Junior Tournament at Chatham

by Peter Cox

Sunday 2nd February saw the first BTBA sanctioned Junior Tournament to be bowled at the Pentagon Bowl, Chatham, and was the first Home-Tie for the Chatham Juniors.

Being among the early starters, DAVID WILKOSZ from Chatham posted a high scratch score of 571 including a 211 game for a 709 series, with handicap to lead after the first squad. If this was motivation, then it was all David needed as in his doubles match with colleague PAUL TUFF they inspired each other to a scratch score of 984 [1245 with handicap] to hold first place including a 215 scratch game from Paul. Despite the spirited challenge from all the other Kent YBC's these scores were to remain at the top of the board to give Chatham bowlers resounding home victories.

In the girls singles AMY-JO CHARLESWORTH, also from Chatham rolled a 458 scratch series and was only prevented from giving Chatham a clean sweep by KIM HEWITT from Whitstable who pipped her by a single pin to take first place.

This Tournament, in the regular series of KTBA Junior Events, finished with the usual single game Four Person Team Event where after a closely fought battle found WHITSTABLE YBC winning yet again.

Many thanks to the staff at Pentagon Bowl and to the members of the Early Birds and Super Leagues who gave up their normal Sunday Morning Leagues to allow the bowlers of tomorrow to display their skills

The results from this Handicap Tournament were:-

Singles

Boys

1. David Wilkosz [CHA]	709
2. Darren Constable [CLI]	638
3. Nat Ash-Vie [WHI]	619
4. Nico Joiner [WHI]	612
4. Andrew Wraight [WHI]	612
6. Darren Holness [WHI]	601
7. Phillip Reeve [CHA]	600
8. Wayne Smith [CLI]	589
9. Paul Tuff [CHA]	588
9. Ritchie Loney [CLI]	588

Girls

1. Kim Hewitt [WHI]	630
2. Amy-Jo Charlesworth [CHA]	629
3. Dawn Webster [BEX]	599
4. Rebecca Ward [WHI]	597
5. Tracey Saunders [CHA]	594
6. Joanne Hill [WHI]	575
6. Lisa Wraight [WHI]	575
8. Sarah Stevens [CHA]	571
9. Jennifer Beale [WHI]	559
10. Sam Denne [BEX]	551

Doubles

1. Paul Tuff & David Wilkosz [CHA]	1245
2. Nat Ash-Vie & Darren Holness [WHI]	1214
3. Daniel Castle & Daniel High [CHA]	1186
4. Helen Maple & Tracey Saunders [CHA]	1176
5. Robert Collins & Ritchie Loney [CLI]	1167
6. Andrew Wraight & Lisa Wraight [WHI]	1162
7. Samantha Scrutton & Hannah Jones [CLI]	1157
8. Richard Lyall & Simon Scott [WHI]	1154
9. Andrew Senior & Nathan Clark [WHI]	1152
10. Kim Hewitt & Joanne Hill [WHI]	1150

Team Event:

1. Whitstable Oysters Joanne Hill Nat Ash-Vie Kim Hewitt Darren Holness	786
2. Cliftonville B Robert Collins Damien Ackhurst Ritchie Loney John Hopkins	764
3. Chatham Hitters Andrew Casey Sean Casey David Wilkosz Paul Tuff	752

LADIES PIONEER TOURNAMENT

Several Kent bowlers competed in the Annual Ladies Pioneer Tournament at Watford with the following successes.

Div. 1 Singles [160-169 ave.]	
4th. Sandy Knapp	541
5th Lesley Pateman	540
Div. 2 Singles [150-159 ave.]	
4th Annalisa Edwards	533
Div. 1 Doubles [311-350 ave.]	
3rd. Elaine Hinch & Angie Thick	1122
4th Christine Conner & Sandy Knapp	1097
N.B. 1st & 2nd Place scores	1123

K.T.B.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Following the Annual General Meeting, the Council for 1996/1997 were elected as follows:-

<u>Executive Officers.</u>	
PRESIDENT:	
John Cudmore	[Bexleyheath]
1st VICE PRESIDENT:	
John Boulton	[Cliftonville]
2nd VICE PRESIDENT:	
Keith Hodge	[Bexleyheath]
3rd VICE PRESIDENT:	
Martin Beale	[Whitstable]
JUNIOR SUB-COMMITTEE	
CHAIRMAN:	
Peter Cox	[Chatham]
SECRETARY/TREASURER	
Christine Conner	[Bexleyheath]
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Doreen Belsom	[Whitstable]
Joyce Chapman	[Cliftonville]
Colin Foster	[Cliftonville]
Pat Foster	[Cliftonville]
Alan Haley	[Whitstable]
Ed Lane	[Bexleyheath]
Jerry Lodge	[Bexleyheath]
Roy Memmott	[Bexleyheath]
Jerry Moll	[Chatham]
Scott Novak	[Chatham]
Alan Petherick	[Bexleyheath]
Honorary Member.	
Ted Shrimpton	[Bexleyheath]

As there is no elected representative from Margate, John Boulton has undertaken to look after their KTBA affairs.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP for 1996.

The Club Championship for 1996 was open to all Kent bowlers who qualified for the various clubs during 1996 in league and tournament play. The Championship Tournament was held at the refurbished Bugsy's [formerly Top Ten] Bowl at Cliftonville over the two days of 22nd/23rd March 1997.

In the 200 Club and the 500 Club, the scores include handicap and in the other two Clubs the scores are scratch.

The final provisional results [subject to usual checks on entering averages] and prize-winners were:-

200 CLUB

Total Entries: 61.

1. Trevor McGill	665
2. Kate Foxley	664
3. David Pitt	662
4. Gary Seal	651
5. Kevin Cranfield	629
6. Daniel Castle	611

500 CLUB

Total Entries 30

1. Jackie Pullinger	629
2. Annalisa Edwards	621
3. Grace Coman	603
Top Scratch Score:	
Christine Conner	534

550 CLUB

Total Entries: 40

1. Ron Lovett	557
2. Nathan Clark	556
3. Sandy Knapp	555
4. Jeff Higgs	550

600 CLUB

Total Entries: 32

1. Chris Skudder	601
2. Dave Godwin	590
3. Mike Luckhurst	584

The bowler with the top scratch score in the 500 Club and the 600 Club Champion will be invited to compete in the Masters at the 35th K.T.B.A. Area Championships.

Congratulations to all the Prize Winners and we look forward to the 1997 Club Championships.

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NEW BOWL OPENS IN ORPINGTON.

A new Bowling Centre opened in Orpington at the end of March. This 14 lane Centre is located over the Marks and Spencer Store in the main Shopping Complex.

Both Adult and Junior Leagues are planned for this Centre once the lanes have been sanctioned.

The General Manger is Steve Chapham, who is also responsible for the Bowl in Sutton, Surrey and the Bowl Manager is Phil Kendall.

The full address is 5-7 Homefield Rise, Orpington, Kent, BR6 0RT
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DID YOU KNOW.

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The following statistics relate to sanctioned league play in the U.S.A.

The most consecutive gutter balls, all in one game, was by Richard Caplette in Danielson, Conn. on Sept. 7th, 1971, when he also established the lowest score at the time of 3! Whether it was his first or last delivery that stayed on the lane is unknown.

(Possible excuses: New bowler, first night of the season and hadn't bowled in a while, lane shorter than most.)

The lowest recorded game in league play is 2 by Mike Kappa from Racine, Wisconsin on Sept. 20th, 1981, some ten years after the previous low game.

The greatest game margins have been:

213, Jeff Tyler, Phoenix, Nov. 5th, 1979 followed a 299 with an 86, sharing the record with Reed Townley [see Page 5] who went from 87 to 300.

During the 1971-72 season, Lynne Santucci, Rochester, N.Y. set the WIBC record by coming back from an 87 to fire a 299.

(Oh, those changes in lane conditions.)

Splits, most consecutive, individual:

14 by Shirley Tophigh, Las Vegas, 1968-69.

12, Dr. Glyndon Rowe, Detroit, Feb. 1964.

Splits, most in one game, individual:

11 by Don Braxton, Pawtucket, R.I., 1969 and Catherine Sloan, Alexandria, La., 1969-70 (A record that will never be broken!)

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