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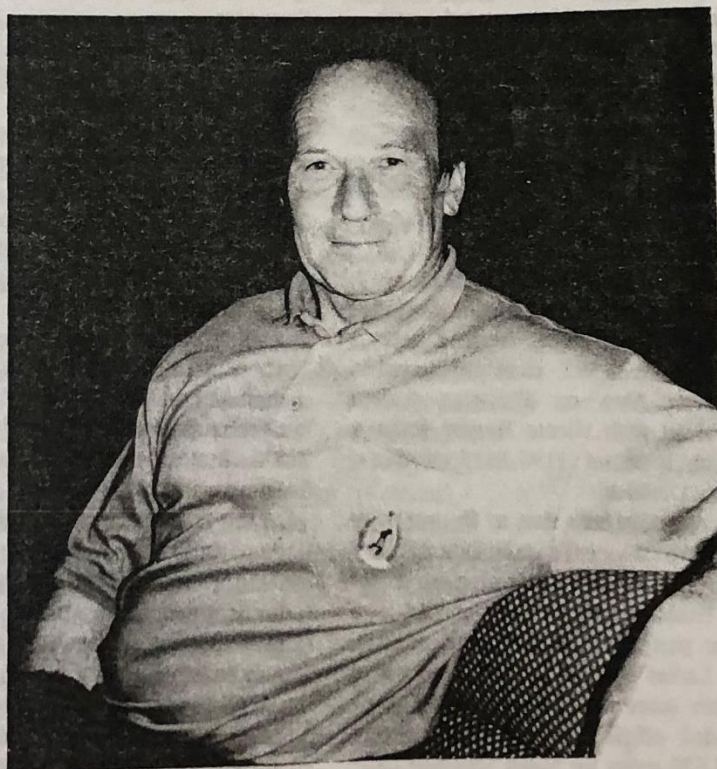
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RECORDS TUMBLE and CHRIS SMITH ROLLS a "300" GAME in the AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS at HOLLYWOOD BOWL, MARGATE

Our heartiest congratulations go to Chris Smith (pictured below) on his great achievement when bowling his first ever 300 game at Margate during the Area Championships. Chris has been bowling for many years and this was a magnificent game during the last squad of the Areas. Full story on Page 2.

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SHATTERED! RECORDS tumble at 35th KTBA AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS.

by Christine Conner.

From the very first squad of this year's Area Championships at Margate we were given warning of the serious assault on the KTBA record book which was to come, culminating in the first ever 300 game to be bowled in any of our tournaments. This ensured that the recently launched KTBA Anniversary Handbook is already out of date!

On the opening squad Cliff Dew, last years Singles and All Events Champion, set about the defence of his titles with games of 259-256-237 for a 752 series. Not to be outdone, team mate Keith Hodge, clocked up a 763 series on the very next squad, to squash the doubles record with partner Clive Mitchell. From then on records tumbled throughout the three weekends with some of the best scoring ever seen at this tournament. Other notable scores on the early squads included Paul Fox with a 652 in the doubles followed by a 688 singles, and Clive Mitchell with a 666. The ladies were also clocking up some good scores with Jan Hodge establishing an early lead in the singles with a 597, closely followed by Tracy Dew on 576. Jan then combined with Nicola Harvey for a scratch score of 1198 to lead the Ladies Doubles.

Nicola, who was due to fly out to South Africa with Team Britain a few days later, was just warming up for the Team. Her 691 series played a major part in Tutti Fruitti breaking the Ladies Team records with a scratch score of 2886. Cliff Dew rounded off his day with another good 670 series for Mean Machine to take the All Events records with a scratch total of 1996. This left just one of the regular records standing at the end of Week One.

Week Two saw both Saturday and Sunday squads as well as the Masters Championship (see separate report), a very hectic weekend for the organisers.

On Saturday Simon Coppins and Dawn Lovett from Whitstable challenged for the handicap doubles with a 1292 total. Whilst in the

Ladies event Carole Lakin of Whitstable took on the Ladies Handicap Singles score with a 664 series only to be beaten by Bexleyheath's Emma Drury with a 691 total. Good games were still being rolled everywhere and 600 series' were almost common place, even some of our juniors getting in on the act. 16 year old James Pateman hit a 602 singles set and then led the Bexleyheath YBC team in the final squad of the day when they recorded a handicap total of 3085 to go third in the Team event, only to be beaten on the same squad by Whitstable's Miss Able's by just three pins.

However, Saturday proved to be the hors d'oeuvres! Undaunted by the early high scoring, local team Hollywood Allstars, set about a serious assault on the scoreboard on Sunday. Using the Masters as a "warm-up" Malcolm Fuller continued his fine run in the Team event. His 656 series was beaten by one pin by his team mate Tom Sawyer whilst leading Clive Smith by six pins. Their Scratch Team total of 3166 shattered the Area Record, with Mike Luckhurst as low man on only 575! The final member of the team Chris Smith was still saving himself.

On the final squad of the day the flagging audit team were sent rushing for the record books and hi-score forms when Chris sent down twelve near perfect deliveries during the middle game of his doubles, to record the first ever 300 game of the KTBA Area Championships. Chris has competed for more years than he cares to remember in our annual event and it was fitting that he should be the player to break our duck. Other good scores rolled on the day included Spencer Davis 1894 All Events total giving him 2110 in the handicap; unfortunately Spencer didn't enter the scratch! Many bowlers hit personal best games or series and its impossible to mention everyone, but our congratulations to all those scoring well.

The final weekend of this year's event clashed with the Senior Inter Counties so the audit team was down to a bare minimum, but we don't think most of the bowlers noticed, so we must have got it right. The local bowlers again came to prominence although some of the Whitstable bowlers helped themselves too.

Early honours however went to the early risers from Bexleyheath and Chatham with Neil Webb rolling a 663 singles and Keith Porter a 616, the latter giving a handicap total of 706. Keith then linked up with brother Dave in the doubles to roll a handicap total of 1325.

Local player Shane Wilson arrived with only minutes to spare for his Singles squad but the rush didn't seem to affect his game, scores of 248-235-226 followed for a 706 series and second in the Scratch Singles. Whitstable player Tex Moustache weighed in with a 256 game to threaten the top scores but faded in the last game.

Even the last squad of the event produced some high games with the Mixers from Chatham hitting form together to challenge for the handicap Team prizes. Their 3128 total eventually landing them second place.

Finally our thanks go to Hollywood Bowl for hosting this event and their prompt attention to the minor problems that we encountered along the way. Special thanks also to the audit team especially John Cudmore, and to Doreen Lodge and Angie Thick who 'warmed up' for the Masters by stuffing envelopes with handbooks in order to have them ready for presentation.

Detailed results are listed on Page 3, with all prize winners shown in bold lettering.

The overall Tournament statistics were:-	
Total Pinfall:	225254
Total games:	1314
Tournament Average:	171.4
No. of 200+ Games:	239
No. of 600+ Series:	57

ANNIVERSARY HANDBOOK

The K.T.B.A. Anniversary Handbook has been published and distributed to all registered bowlers in Kent through the Leagues in which they are listed within the Handbook.
 If you have not received your individual copy and wish to have one, please contact the Area Secretary, Christine Conner, on 0181-303-5591.
 If there are spare copies unclaimed, or a surplus in any family, we would be grateful if they can be returned to the Area Secretary.
 In an exercise of this size, it is not surprising that some mistakes are made.
 Our apologies are extended to Mike Abrol whose average should have been shown as 172 and not 121.

RESULTS of KTBA AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS 1997

REGULAR HANDICAP SECTION

<u>Singles - (98 entries)</u>		
1	Cliff Dew	767
	[New Area Record]	
2	Paul Fox	758
3	Shane Wilson	742
4	Clive Mitchell	708
5	Keith Porter	706
6	Neil Webb	705
7	Malcolm Fuller	702
8	Clive Smith	692
9	Eric Frankland	683
10	Malcolm Geddes	681
11	James Pateman	680
12	Spencer Davis	677
13	Alan Jones	675
14	Richard Post	672
15	John Scott	671
16	Kevin Snook	669
17	Chris Skudder	663
18	Kenneth Barnard	661
19	Peter Baldwin	660
20	Albert Moustache	656
<u>Doubles - (59 entries)</u>		
1	C.Mitchell & K.Hodge	1454
	[New Area Record]	
2	M.Fuller & T.Sawyer	1425
3	D.Pitt & J.Moll	1360
4	H.Thomas & P.Fox	1338
5	Dave & Keith Porter	1325
5	S.Brough & B.Marsh	1308
7	K.Jobson & V.Field	1306
8	S.Davis & S.Snow	1301
9	C.Taaffe & J.Cooper	1299
10	M.Luckhurst & C.Smith	1294
<u>Team - (25 entries)</u>		
1	Hollywood Allstars	3334
	[New Area Record]	
2	Mixers	3128
3	Whitstable Raiders	3119
4	Alpha Omega B	3116
5	Mean Machine	3104
6	Helmsmen	3100

All Events - (78 entries)

1	Paul Fox	2141
	[New Area Record]	
2	Richard Post	2057
3	Malcolm Fuller	2048
4	Spencer Davis	2047
5	Cliff Dew	2041
6	Jason Cooper	2040
7	Tom Sawyer	2038
8	Keith Hodge	2031
8	Gary Seal	2031
10	Chris Smith	2013

REGULAR SCRATCH SECTION

<u>Singles - (56 entries)</u>		
1	Cliff Dew	752
	[New Area Record]	
2	Shane Wilson	709
3	Paul Fox	683
4	Malcolm Fuller	672
5	Clive Mitchell	666
6	Neil Webb	663
7	Chris Smith	637
8	Kevin Snook	621
8	Andy Allerton	621
10	Clive Smith	620
<u>Doubles - (28 entries)</u>		
1	C.Mitchell/K.Hodge	1394
	[New Area Record]	
2	M.Fuller/T.Sawyer	1353
3	M.Luckhurst/C.Smith	1270
4	S.Brough & B.Marsh	1185
5	S.White & C.Dew	1181
6	S.Carter & D.Godwin	1163
7	S.Wilson & A.Allerton	1158
8	K.Snook & G.Snook	1157
9	K.Barnard & R.Shingleston	1151
10	N.Webb & A.Kirk	1140
<u>Team - (7 entries)</u>		
1	Hollywood Allstars	3166
	[New Area Record]	
2	Mean Machine	2954
3	Regulators	2875

All Events - (40 entries)

1	Cliff Dew	1996
	[New Area Record]	
2	Keith Hodge	1977
3	Chris Smith	1958
4	Malcolm Fuller	1958
5	Paul Fox	1916
6	Tom Sawyer	1912
7	Shane Wilson	1896
8	Rob Packman	1837
9	Andy Allerton	1826

LADIES HANDICAP SECTION

<u>Singles - (35 entries)</u>		
1	Emma Drury	691
2	Carole Lakin	664
3	Julie Cudmore	643
4	Tracy Dew	642
5	Jan Hodge	639
<u>Doubles - (16 entries)</u>		
1	N.Harvey/J.Hodge	1285
2	T.Dew/L.Block	1275
3	D.Lodge/A.Thick	1238
<u>Team - (6 entries)</u>		
1	Tutti Fruitti	3204
	[New Area Record]	

<u>All Events - (25 entries)</u>		
1	Tracy Dew	1961
2	Jan Hodge	1922

LADIES SCRATCH SECTION

<u>Singles - (12 entries)</u>		
1	Jan Hodge	597
2	Tracy Dew	576
<u>Doubles - (6 entries)</u>		
1	N.Harvey/J.Hodge	1198
	[New Area Record]	
2	T.Dew/L.Block	1152
<u>Team - (2 entries)</u>		
1	Tutti Fruitti	2886
	[New Area Record]	
<u>All Events - (11 entries)</u>		
1	Jan Hodge	1796
2	Tracy Dew	1763

LUCY CUDMORE & MALCOLM FULLER are the 1997 KENT MASTERS

The qualifiers for the Masters, held during the Area Championships at Margate were:-

Men

Andy Allerton
Adrian Conner
Cliff Dew
[defending Champion]
Malcolm Fuller
John Hinch
Mike Luckhurst
Bill Shrimpton
Chris Smith
Steve White
Shane Wilson

Ladies

Christine Conner
Lucy Cudmore
Tracy Dew
Sandy Knapp
Doreen Lodge
[defending Champion]
Lesley Pateman
Sandy Sawyer
Mandi Shrimpton
Angie Thick
Sylvia Thomas

After the invited participants had been presented with their medals by the KTBA President, John Cudmore, and being the first recipients of the Anniversary Handbook, the competition began. The format was each bowler rolled four games on separate lanes and the top four bowlers went forward to a single game semi-final to qualify for the single game final.

In the Ladies Section, Lucy Cudmore started well to lead after two games of 179 & 202 by 11 pins from Christine Conner with Tracy Dew in third place and Lesley Pateman fourth. In Game Three, the same four bowlers stayed in the leading places with Lesley moving up to third, but in the fourth game, Lucy slipped to fourth spot with her worst game, with Christine Conner taking over top spot with a total of 807 [ave. 201.7] from Lesley in second and Tracy third.

The semi-finals resulted in wins for Lucy Cudmore over Christine Conner 183/168 and Lesley Pateman over Tracy Dew 173/167 and in a low scoring final, Lucy Cudmore came through by 168/153 to become the youngest ever Kent Ladies Master.

Scoring in the Men's Event was very high reflecting the scoring in the Areas with defending champion, Cliff Dew, moving into an early lead after two games on 444 from Chris Smith [432], Malcolm Fuller [423] and Adrian Conner [419]. The third game saw a challenge from Steve White who moved into joint second with Chris Smith after a 223 game but Malcolm Fuller had swept into the lead on 659 which he followed with a 259 game for a four game total of 918 [ave. 239.5] to lead from Chris Smith, Adrian Conner and a late challenger in Shane Wilson with a 244 game. In all, there were 23 games out of 40 over 200 in this qualifying round. The semi-finals produced the best game of the competition with Malcolm Fuller shading it over Shane Wilson by 238 to 236 and Chris Smith winning the other match against Adrian Conner 221 to 193.

The final between two bowlers on their home patch resulted in an easy win for Malcolm who rolled a 262 game against Chris's 179 for **Malcolm Fuller** to become the Kent Master for 1997 having averaged 236.3 over his six games.

First Round of REGULAR INTER-COUNTIES.

Following the first Round of the Regular Inter-Counties, held at Lewisham on 1st June, the Kent Men's Team were lying fourth out of seven teams and the Ladies were sixth.

The Teams were:-

<u>Men</u>	<u>Ladies</u>
Andy Allerton	Chris Conner
Simon Coppins	Lucy Cudmore
John Hinch	Tracy Dew
Keith Hodge	Doreen Lodge
Mike Luckhurst	Lesley Pateman
Steve White	Amanda Ottaway
Shane Wilson	Sheila White

The second Round is being held at Airport Bowl on Sunday 7th September.

A full report on both Rounds will appear in the September issue of "Bowling News".

First Round of SENIOR INTER-COUNTIES

The first Round of the Senior Inter-Counties was held at Bracknell.

Men

The men were required to bowl five games of five-man team, including the bye and Kent were unbeaten on the day, but finished in second place to Hampshire who had a vastly superior pinfall. The only match lost by Hampshire was against Kent in a very close game, Kent winning 895 to 892.

The positions at the end of the day were:-

Hampshire	55.83 pts.
Kent	53.94
Berkshire	49.55
Sussex	48.95
Surrey	46.71

The individual performances of the Kent team were:-

	<u>Pins</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Ron Lovett	897	5	179.4
Mike Luckhurst	705	4	176.2
Aubrey Belsom	863	5	172.6
John Boulton	824	5	164.8
Alan Valsler	478	3	159.3
Eric Frankland	424	3	141.3

Ladies

With only three games to be played in a four-person team format, all five ladies in the Kent team were given a game.

Both Kent and Hampshire won two games and lost one, but Kent finished in the lead, following a high scoring opening game of 767 including a 232 game from Sandy Sawyer.

The positions at the end of Day 1 is:-

Kent	25.04pts
Hampshire	24.81
Sussex	22.49
Berkshire	22.35

The individual performance of the Kent Ladies was:-

	<u>Pins</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Sandy Sawyer	364	2	182.0
Doreen Lodge	544	3	181.3
Jackie Playford	509	3	169.6
Dot Edwards	291	2	145.5
Peggy Hammond	287	2	143.5

The second round is being held at Margate Bowl on Sunday 3rd August and the two top teams in each Section will progress to the Finals to be held in Wellingborough in early October.