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## BUGSY'S BOWL at CLIFTONVILLE COMES TO THE RESCUE OF THE SENIOR INTER-COUNTIES.

by Jerry Lodge

Picture the situation faced by the Area Secretary and Tournament Manager, Chris Conner, at the recent Senior Inter-Counties Tournament.

Teams from Berkshire, Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex gathered at Hollywood Bowl in Margate for the second round of the Senior Inter-Counties where Kent were the hosts. All teams registered and moved to the lanes for the practice bowling and the first bowlers sent their bowls down the lanes when POW! ALL THE ELECTRICITY FAILED IN THE BOWL except for the lighting circuit.

The Bowl Management immediately rang the Electricity Board who advised that the main feeder line on the power circuit had failed and repairs could

possibly take up to four hours. Furthermore the Bowl should be vacated as there was a possible fire risk.

The Tournament was due to last for up to six hours and many bowlers had other commitments later in the day. What could be done!!!

Outside in the Car Park, Christine could be seen quietly using her mobile phone and within five minutes had called all the team captains together to ask if all were in agreement that the Tournament be transferred to Buggy's Bowl at Cliftonville as she had spoken to the Manger, Jackie Fenton, who was prepared to oblige. With the prospect of a very long wait at Hollywood Bowl, all agreed and in less than an hour the Tournament was up and running and the whole event was completed on time, even allowing for the retrieval of some damaged balls that had become trapped in the machinery when the power failed. The arrangements were confirmed with the Tournament Organiser and the BTBA advised of the changes. The quick thinking of Christine was greatly appreciated by all the teams and the co-operation of Jackie Fenton and her colleagues was superb. The really happy ending for the local bowlers was that both Mens and Ladies teams qualified for the finals [Report on Page 2].

### Letter from Jackie Fenton.

It was a typically hot Sunday morning in August..I took my time doing the early morning cashing up. Sat and drank a hot cup of tea, probably the first of many on what appeared to be the start of a long slow day !!!

Then the phone rang..it was Christine Conner [KTBA Area Secretary] "Jackie - I have a problem" were her first words.

My first thoughts were along the lines of "What mistake have I made now?" But No - there was Christine with teams of five representing the Counties and nowhere to bowl!!! As luck often has it, with a bit of jiggery pokery, I was able to condense bookings and get the lanes redressed for an 11.30am start.

So what started off as a hot slow day became an exciting five person Tournament.. What an absolute pleasure..these were all bowlers of the "Senior" variety, several of whom I had not had the pleasure of meeting before. I believe a wonderful day was had by all. A roast lunch from "Fat Sam's Diner", great competition and to top it off a Carnival to watch at the end of the day. What more could you want?

But joking aside - it was a real pleasure to meet these bowlers. I hope they will remember their visit to "Buggy's" and pay us another in November for our "Coast to Coast" scratch & handicap doubles. Thank you all for a memorable day.

Jackie Fenton.

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# Both the "KENT" MENS & LADIES Teams advance to the FINALS of the SENIOR INTER-COUNTIES.

Following two qualifying rounds at Bracknell and Margate, the Kent Teams have qualified in first place for the Finals to be held at Wellingborough over the first weekend in October.

In this Tournament bonus pins are awarded in each game with one pin being added for each year of age over 50 for each competitor.

The usual County scoring method then applies with a bonus of 2 points for each game won added to one per cent of total pinfall, including age bonus.

Two Teams in each Section qualify for the Finals from the Regional Rounds.

The individual figures listed are scratch results, excluding age bonus, so the actual ages of some competitors are not displayed for full public knowledge.

## Men.

The Men were lying in second place going into the second round and started with a good win over Sussex with games of 223 from John Amos and 212 from John Boulton for a game total of 995 against 925 from Sussex, whilst Hampshire lost narrowly to Berkshire.

An exciting second game saw Kent drawing with Surrey on 874 during Hampshire's Bye game where the pinfall counts. Kent then had their Bye game whilst Hampshire rolled a 1030 game (988 scratch) and by now it was looking fairly certain that Hampshire & Kent would qualify. Kent then played Hampshire and beat them by completing their best game of the Tournament with a 232 game from Ron Lovett, and 202 games from Chas Painter & John Boulton. Kent finished off with a comfortable win against Berkshire to head the Group.

## Final Positions.

	<u>Pins</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Total</u>
Kent	9094	19	109.94
Hampshire	9478	14	108.78
Sussex	8842	10	98.42
Berkshire	8623	10	96.23
Surrey	8803	7	95.03

## Individual Performances.

	<u>Pins</u>	<u>G.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
John Amos	933	5	187
Ron Lovett	1838	10	184
Chas Painter	907	5	181
Mike Luckhurst	1590	9	177
John Boulton	1748	10	175
Aubrey Belsom	863	5	173
Alan Valsler	478	3	159
Eric Frankland	424	3	141

## Ladies.

As reported in the last issue, the Ladies were in the lead after the first round, but lost their first game at Cliftonville against Sussex but then came back with a resounding win over Hampshire, the other eventual qualifier and finished with a narrow win over Berkshire.

## Final Positions

	<u>Pins</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Total</u>
Kent	4194	8	49.94
Hampshire	4024	8	48.24
Sussex	3962	4	43.62
Berkshire	3958	4	43.58

## Individual Performances.

	<u>Pins</u>	<u>G.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Sandy Sawyer	939	5	188
Doreen Lodge	1024	6	171
Jackie Playford	806	5	161
Peggy Hammond	611	4	153
Dot Edwards	591	4	148

## FAILURE CLUB.

As detailed in previous Issues, we are anxious to revive the "Failure Club", but we need your co-operation. There must be numerous stories linked to bowling where people can be put forward for this Club for which we are hoping to supply appropriate badges.

Any contributions to the "Failure Club" would be most welcome.  
This is **your** magazine - please support it.

Please send your copy to:-  
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## NEXT K.T.B.A. TOURNAMENT

The next Tournament to be organised by K.T.B.A. will be

# The BERT & VICKY TIMMS MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

at BUGSY'S BOWL, CLIFTONVILLE  
on SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER 1997

Entry Forms are available at each Bowl in the County.  
If you are having difficulty finding one please contact the Area Secretary, Christine Conner, on 0181-303-5591.

## The KENT MEN finish third in the Qualifying Rounds of the Inter-Counties and just miss out on the Finals.

This year the qualifying rounds were held at Watford and Airport Bowls.

### Men.

This year there was a change in the Teams competing in this very strong Group, with Oxfordshire coming in for Sussex.

With only two Teams going through to the Final, every game is important, the scoring system still being two points for each game won plus one per cent of total pinfall. Each Team to bowl seven games in each round including one "bye" game where pinfall counts.

After the first round, Kent were in sixth place, but came back strongly in the second round at Airport to eventually finish third, after losing two games by less than ten pins. Although some of the names are very familiar, it was nice to see the new blood of Shane Wilson and Nathan Clark acquitting themselves well and high praise is due to the captain, Keith Hodge, on averaging 215.9 over twelve games.

However, it is frightening to realise that a game average of 190.1 was not enough to progress through to the Finals.

Eight Men represented the County in this year's event and their individual scores were:-

	G	Pins	Ave.
Keith Hodge	12	2591	215.9
Steve White	6	1167	194.5
John Hinch	12	2267	188.9
Nathan Clark	4	751	187.8
Mike Luckhurst	12	2247	187.3
Simon Coppins	6	1049	174.8
Shane Wilson	7	1197	171.0
Andy Allerton	1	134	134.0

The total pinfall over 60 games was 11403 giving a game average of 190.1.

Kent won 7 games out of 12 which was not quite enough to qualify, one more win would have done it.

The final Group results were:-

Oxfordshire	131.12
Berkshire	128.75
Kent	126.03
London	123.13
Surrey	121.85
Middlesex	119.46
Hertfordshire	114.37

### Ladies.

The Ladies did not have a good year and were hit by all bowlers not being available for both rounds and after the first round at Watford were lying in sixth place.

At Airport, they were unable to match some of the very strong Teams in the Group bristling with International bowlers but climbed one place to finish in fifth spot.

Ten ladies represented the County this year and their individual scores were:-

	G	Pins	Ave.
Chris Conner	11	1888	171.6
Amanda Shrimpton	6	1025	170.8
Sheila White	6	1023	170.5
Jennifer Beale	5	833	166.6
Helen Perkins	5	825	165.0
Doreen Lodge	9	1436	159.6
Lucy Cudmore	10	1594	159.4
Tracy Dew	5	787	157.4
Amanda Ottaway	2	272	136.0
Lesley Pateman	1	114	114.0

The total pinfall of the team was 9797 giving a game average of 163.3.

Again, it was noticeable that the game average was not high enough when you are looking at an average of around 170 to succeed.

However, it was encouraging to bring new faces into the team, particularly two juniors from Whitstable, Jennifer Beale and Helen Perkins.



# WHITSTABLE TRIUMPH IN THE REVIVED INTERCENTRE CHAMPIONSHIP 1997

by Christine Conner

On the 13th July 1997, K.T.B.A. re-introduced to our Tournament Calendar an event which was last run in the days of S.E.B.A., when our county was linked to Essex.

The Intercentre Championship was an annual challenge match between all the centres in the area, to determine the best Centre over a variety of formats, no prize money is offered merely a trophy and if past contests were anything to go by the competition would be fierce.

This year four of Kent's Centres took up the challenge:-

Bexleyheath  
Chatham  
Cliftonville  
Whitstable

Margate were our only centre unable to field a team. Each centre was represented by 18 bowlers, who each rolled three games within their respective divisions:-

Men's Doubles  
Mixed Doubles  
Mens Singles  
Ladies Singles  
Ladies Trios  
Junior Fours

Five Person Team

classified by average. No player could bowl more than once, or represent more than one centre. A maximum of 10 points were available for the winners of each category, 7 for second, 5 for third and 3 for fourth, the winning centre to be that amassing the most points over the whole day.

Whitstable played host to the event and their team got off to a good start with **Tim Beale** and **Moira Streetfield** collecting 10 points in the mixed doubles with a score of 985 although Chatham's Jan and Bob Smith were not far behind on 970. In the men's doubles, run at the same time, **John Hinch** and **Keith Allsop** claimed first place with a series of 1102 to give Bexleyheath 10 points, although the home team's Clive Garrett and Ron Lovett took second.

The singles followed and generally the players struggled on some testing

conditions, although **Jill Baldwin** of Cliftonville found the right line to roll a 598 and claim maximum points in the ladies section. Pat Burr again claimed a valuable second place for Whitstable. **Daniel Harmen** made it a Cliftonville double by taking the men's singles with a 572 ahead of Whitstable's Dave Ross.

The overall scores were already shaping up for a Cliftonville Whitstable one and two and that proved to be the result in the ladies trios too. This event ran alone in the middle of the day because of the uneven number of events to be run, but it was a closely contested contest with all the teams keeping one eye on their opponents progress. The Cliftonville team of **Sally Fuller**, **Marion Constable** and **Jayne Bowman** ran out winners on 1432 just holding off Whitstable's trio of Kate Foxley, Carole Lakin and Helen Perkins on 1408. So with just the two events on the final squad to roll Whitstable led the contest with 38 points to 36 of Cliftonville, Chatham and Bexleyheath having been put out of the contest by this stage. Whitstable had not recorded a finish outside of the top two.

We had expected the junior fours to be most fiercely contested but it was not to be. Largely because Whitstable fielded most of their successful team from the YBC Nationals and rolled a 2173 series with **Nathan Clark's** 603 the highlight. Bexleyheath were second and Chatham sneaked in front of Cliftonville to take third, pushing Whitstable in front overall for the first time.

The home team's victory was completed by their five person team of **Steve Gore**, **Simon Coppins**, **Alan Haley**, **Tex Moustache** and **David Jones** who held off Cliftonville's last challenge.

The final scores were:-

Whitstable	58
Cliftonville	46
Bexleyheath	40
Chatham	31

Everybody seemed to have enjoyed the contest and were already looking forward to next year, with revenge on the minds of many, whilst acknowledging that on the day the best team won. As Nathan Clark accepted the trophy from former SEBA president Ted Shrimpton on behalf of **Whitstable**, team manager, Martin Beale and centre manager, Steve Maples were already making plans to display the trophy and considering their strategy for defending the title next year.

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## "COACH AND FOUR" moves to LEWISHAM.

The Annual "Coach and Four" Tournament is in its eleventh year. For varying reasons, Bexleyheath Superbowl is unable to host the Tournament on the required dates and following considerable demand from previous entrants, the Tournament has been switched to AMF Lewisham Bowl to be held on Sundays 30th November, 7th & 14th December 1997.

The Tournament is open to YBC's and is a five person Team Event, the Team being comprised of one BTBA registered Instructor and four Juniors representing their YBC.

Bexleyheath are the current holders of the trophy and the Tournament is returning to Lewisham which was the venue for the first Tournament in the days between the demolition of the old Bexleyheath Bowl and the opening of the new Bexleyheath Superbowl.

Details of the Tournament are available from the Editor.

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