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KEITH HODGE WINS THE "IRISH OPEN".

KEITH HODGE, the Kent County Captain, had one of the best wins of his bowling career by taking the first European major Championship of 1998, the Pepsi Irish Open.

The event attracted a men's entry of 202 from all over Europe and at the end of the first session, the field was cut to 72 with England's Steve Gomershall and Keith in the top 10. It appears the scoring was quite high with Tore Torgerson from Norway bowling a 300 game to add to the many he has bowled in many tournaments.

The following day saw the field cut to 36 which included nine bowlers from England.

After a further four games, the event is down to ten finalists bowling a round robin to decide who progresses to the stepladder for the top four.

To make the final, the men were averaging 202 or better and in a very close run round robin, Keith Hodge was the only Englishman to reach the step-ladder in second place. The four to make the step-ladder were:-

Tore Torgerson [Norway]
Keith Hodge [England]
Philip Dunne [Ireland]
Pierre Ravez [Belgium]

The Irish crowd at Stillorgan Bowl in Dublin were very noisy during the final stages particularly when local hero Philip Dunne beat Pierre Ravez 235-193.

The men's semi-final had the English and Irish camps trying to outcheer each other as Dunne disappointed his home supporters as Keith Hodge ran out the winner 235-187.

So Keith came up against Tore Torgerson in the final, a bowler for whom he has great respect. Going into the 10th, Torgerson had a double running, but he left the 3-10 baby split, which he'd already missed in the very first frame.

The Norwegian supporters couldn't believe that he would miss it again - but he did, finishing on 184. Keith still had to win the match, though. A spare and a strike were needed. He made the nine spare look easy enough. Now all he had to do was strike. He did and he was champion. A famous victory over a great bowler 185-184.

Well done, Keith, we are proud of your achievement.

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TEAM ENGLAND 1998

The following bowlers from Kent have qualified for the Team England Squads for 1998, from which all Teams to represent England in International Competitions are picked.

Ladies

Nikki Harvey qualified in sixth place.

Jan Hodge qualified in eighth place.

Men.

Keith Hodge qualified in 11th place.

Ranking Tournaments are held throughout the year and the top twelve ladies and top twelve men form the Team England Squad for the forthcoming year.

For the first time, Tenpin Bowling is a recognised sport in the Commonwealth Games to be held in Kuala Lumpur in September 1998 and the bowlers who will represent England are:-

Pauline Buck
Gemma Burden
Wayne Greenall
Richard Hood

We wish them all every success.

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LARGEST ENTRY ever for INTER-COUNTIES "ROLL-OFF" to select the 1998 KENT Squads.

Great interest was shown this year in the "Roll-Off" for the County Teams which took place at Whitstable Bowl on two consecutive Sundays in February.

The Rules for the B.T.B.A. Inter-Counties state that a sanctioned Tournament must be held in a certified Centre. A maximum of 15 bowlers may be registered in each Division, from which the teams are selected. The agreed format in Kent is that six games scratch should be bowled, in doubles format, from which the top thirteen are automatically included in the squad and then two further competitors from the "roll-off" are selected by the County Organiser and Team Captain to complete the squad. The bowlers selected, together with their scores in the "roll-off" are detailed below by and the final two bowlers selected are indicated by * instead of their score.

The Kent Squads for 1998 in the Regular Inter-Counties are:-

MEN. 49 Entries.

Steve Carnall	1240
Keith Hodge	1197
James Pateman	1173
Kevin Snook	1151
Keith Allsop	1150
David Jones	1147
Clive Smith	1115
Simon Carter	1110
Neil Webb	1108
Steve White	1106
Martin Pateman	1094
Stephen Gore	1087
David Percival	1086
Chris Skudder	*
John Hinch	*

LADIES

Entries 21

Chris Conner	1115
Helen Perkins	1078
Angie Thick	1036
Sandy Knapp	1010
Peggy Hammond	977
Sheila White	974
Annalisa Edwards	969
Laure Sutherland	962
Lucy Cudmore	949
Elaine Hinch	935
Jan Lawrence	935
Jennifer Beale	934
Linda Robins	923
Jeannette Bartram	*
Margaret Shrimpton	*

The top three bowlers from the "roll-off" must be given the opportunity to represent their County in at least two games during the tournament preliminary rounds. N.B. This does not necessarily mean that these three players need bowl at the same time or at the same qualifying venues.

The qualifying rounds will take place on Sundays 7th June and 6th September at venues yet to be decided.

LEAGUE SECRETARIES.

PLEASE REMEMBER to send
your
FINAL STANDING SHEETS
to the
AREA SECRETARY
at the end of the Season.

This is a great help in keeping
the Kent Database up-to-date.

SENIORS.

The Rules and regulations for the Seniors Event are exactly the same as for the Regular Counties with one exception. An age bonus of one pin for each year of age over 50 is added to the score for each individual game and the scores detailed below include this age bonus.

SENIOR MEN 25 Entries.

Chas Painter	1182
Clive Smith	1115
Dave Buck	1085
Mike Luckhurst	1075
John Boulton	1067
Chris Smith	1066
Peter Cox	1054
Bob Potts	1052
Aubrey Belsom	1045
Tony Gamble	1033
John Amos	1024
David Goddard	1023
Alan Pallett	1022
Tom Sawyer	*
Roy Memmott	*

SENIOR LADIES 14 Entries.

Peggy Hammond	1115
Doreen Lodge	1059
Jill Houston	1054
Sandy Knapp	1034
Jackie Playford	997
Jan Smith	997
Doreen Belsom	988
Beryl Drury	945
Jeannette Bartram	944
Pat Burr	936
Margaret Shrimpton	916
Dot Edwards	903
Sandy Sawyer	890
Vera Roper	790

The first qualifying round takes place on Sunday 26th April at a venue to be announced shortly.

Tournament Dates.

Enter your AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The K.T.B.A. Area Championships will be held at

Bugsy's Bowl, Cliftonville
on

Sunday 3rd May

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th May

Sunday 17th May

Entry Forms are available from your Local Centre or direct from the
Tournament Manager, Christine Conner, 58 Lodge Hill, Welling, Kent, DA16 1BW

Enquiries regarding Squadding and Availability should be directed to:-
John Cudmore, 59 Manor Way, Barnehurst, Kent, DA7 6JJ - Tel. No. 01322-554660

ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 & 24 ?

The KTBA is well aware that very little is done within the County to target the young adult under-24 bowler, whilst there is a flourishing National Under-24 Team and a competitive County Championship. In an attempt to rectify things, the Junior Sub-Committee, which has the responsibility of looking after the interests of all bowlers under 24, is considering running a specific "Club 18-24" Tournament this summer and/or a travelling-around-Kent-Centres league for the same age group - if the support is out there.

The difficulty is knowing how to get in touch with those of you who may be interested.

If anyone who fits the age constraint *is* interested, we want to hear from you.

Please contact your local YBC Secretary (the YBC's bowl on Saturday mornings at Bexleyheath, Chatham, Cliftonville, Margate & Whitstable) or call the Sub-Committee Chairman, **Martin Beale**, on **01277-274063**, or the Secretary, **Eric Harvey**, on **0181-311-9486**. We need to know your Name and Address, whether you are a BTBA Member or not, and the easiest way of contacting you. Oh, and your date of birth would be helpful.

You could be part of a core group enjoying a series of worthwhile competitions, leading up to a place in a competitive Under-24 Kent County Team. Not only good for bowling, but great fun as well!

Possibly interested? Give us a call! You won't be under any obligation.

LUCY CUDMORE
wins the "MASTERS"
at the
LADIES PIONEER.

LUCY CUDMORE from Bexleyheath won the Masters Event at the recent Ladies Pioneer Tournament held at Watford.

Lucy was joined in the six person Round Robin Final by two other Kent Bowlers, **Tracy Dew** and **Doreen Lodge**. To qualify for the Masters, the top six scores from the All-Events are taken, being nine games from the Singles, Doubles and Team Event.

The Iffy Sox Squad from Bexleyheath entered their usual Teams, in which Lucy Cudmore and Doreen Lodge were bowling as well as **Angie Thick** who just missed the Masters finishing seventh in the All-Events.

In the Singles Event, Lucy Cudmore finished in fourth place in the Classic Singles and **Sandy Knapp** came third in Division 2.

The Division 1 Doubles Event was won by **Tracy Dew** and her mother, **Rene Neal**, on 1323 with **Elaine Lodge** and **Angie Thick** in third place on 1320.

The leading scores from the Iffy Sox Squad were:-

	<u>Pins</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Lucy Cudmore	1694	9	188.2
Chris Conner	1092	6	182.0
Doreen Lodge	1633	9	181.4
Angie Thick	1615	9	179.4
Sandy Knapp	1566	9	174.0
Elaine Hinch	1510	9	167.7
Margaret Shrimpton	1487	9	165.2

In the Masters Round Robin, Lucy Cudmore was lying in second place going into the final game some 53 pins behind the leader, Ali Megranhan, but with a 233 game plus a win bonus of 20 pins, ran out the winner by 42 pins from Tracy Dew who finished in second place. Doreen Lodge finished in sixth place, despite winning three of her games.

Lucy's scores in the final were:-
171/165/185/221/233

to average 195.0, with three wins.

The other bowlers in the Masters were Emma O'Neill from Middlesex and Marsha Godfrey from Sussex.

**FORTHCOMING
TOURNAMENT.**

**TRIPLE SCOTCH
SCOTCH TRIOS
TOURNAMENT**

at the

AMF WHITSTABLE BOWL

on

**SUNDAY
26th APRIL 1998**

Entry Forms available from

Martin Beale
24 Seymour Avenue
Whitstable
Kent, CT5 1RY

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

The Annual General meeting of the Association was held in February at the "Duchess of Kent" public house, Erith.

This was followed by a Quiz Night, organised by Rosemary Moll & David Pitt from Chatham, which made for a very enjoyable evening and was enthusiastically supported by all the participants.

At the A.G.M., the Secretary, **Christine Conner** gave one year's notice of her intention to resign as Area Secretary, due to extensive family and business commitments. The Council will be pleased to hear from anybody who may be interested in being considered for the position of Area Secretary, to take over in February 1999.

There are no changes of personnel on Council this year, except that the Chairmanship of the Junior Sub-Committee has passed to Martin Beale.

**TRACEY DEW
& RON LOVETT**
win the
PICK 'N' MIX.

by Martin Beale.

The first Sunday of 1998 saw the second Whitstable "Pick 'n' Mix" tournament take place with 45 bowlers from around the south-east pitting their skills against each other and then trusting to luck when the draw for the 'Baker System' second round took place.

After a 4-game handicap qualifier, the top eight ladies drew partners from the top eight men and played a one game head-to-head 'Baker' eliminator before the top four pairs played a stepladder final.

For the men, Steve White had a sound and solid four games of 203,204,188 & 221 to lead the table with a 204 average - no mean feat at Whitstable! Chris Skudder followed, averaging 191, and rolling the tournament high game of 257, whilst local bowler Tim Beale took third spot.

For the ladies, Jennifer Clark surprised even herself with a super performance boosted by her high handicap to give the highest handicap total of the day - 850 over 4 games. Top local junior Helen Perkins rolled a 186 average for the second place with Tracey Dew taking third.

Although the qualifying round was handicap, it is interesting to note that 14 of the 16 qualifiers would have gone through if the scoring had been scratch.

To reach the fourth place in the stepladder final, Jan Hodge & Nathan Clark beat Jennifer Beale and Chris Skudder. In third spot, Jennifer Clark & Steve White defeated Kate Foxley & Keith Hodge. To take second place Helen Perkins & Adrian Conner beat Pat Blaber & James Pateman and to take pole position Tracey Dew & Ron Lovett beat Nikki Harvey & Tim Beale.

The stepladder final saw **Jennifer Clark & Steve White** recording two wins by beating **Jan Hodge & Nathan Clark** 166/154 and **Helen Perkins & Adrian Conner** 160/152 to reach the final game only to be comprehensively beaten by the winners **Tracey Dew & Ron Lovett** 191/126.