

# JUNIORS bowling with ADULTS in COMPETITION.

## BUGSY'S JUNIOR DUO PLUS ONE.

by John Boulton.

Bugsy's Junior Duo plus One is a Tournament that involves Junior bowlers of all abilities and Adults. The Juniors are divided equally into high and low bowlers, from the hat is taken one adult, one low and one high junior and then these form trio teams. The format is then a normal handicap trio event.

After game one in third place were Carol Wynne, Janice Sheppard and Barry Hopkins on 542 pins, in second place Daniel Harman, Robert Collins and Ben Bishop on 548 but leading were John Boulton, Nicola Lewis and John Venables with 554.

Two games and Carol's team now on 1100 and still in third place, John's team now on 1115 had slipped to second, a challenge from Simon Mellin, Darren Constable and David Gambrill had moved them into first place by two pins on a total of 1117.

The final game and everything very close, John's team finished with 1614 and third position. Simon's team on 1621 were second, Daniel, Robert and Ben came up with their best games and with a 1623 total took the title of Champions.

Handicap highs were Junior Game - Darren Constable 227, Junior Series - Felipe Baquero 574, Adult Game - Bill Bowen 229 & Adult Series - John Boulton 583.

While there is always a serious side to all tournaments this should be regarded as a fun tournament and a splendid way to involve adult league bowlers with juniors; we always have more adults than juniors to form teams so it is pot luck if your name comes out of the hat or not. I would commend this type of tournament to other bowls in Kent because at the end of the day everybody has a lot of fun and enjoy themselves which is what bowling should be all about.

## TRIUMPH for FINCHLEY YBC in the "COACH AND FOUR"

by Jerry Lodge.

The Eleventh Annual "Coach and Four" Tournament, organised by Bexleyheath YBC, returned to Lewisham last December as Bexleyheath Superbowl was not available.

The Tournament was won by Finchley YBC, which although one of the newest YBC's has been formed by the coaching staff from the former Tottenham YBC, who have been trying for many years to win the event.

As usual, the tournament attracted a good entry, despite the very crowded Junior programme and a clash with the Under-14 Inter-Counties event. A total of 35 YBC's were represented and for the first time we welcomed teams from Camborne and Truro in Cornwall.

### UNDER-14 INTER-COUNTIES.

Kent entered teams in the Under-14 Inter-County Tournament held in Tamworth last December, the Girls finishing 14th out of 21 and the Boys a very creditable 9th out of 27.

Individual averages over six games were:-

#### Girls

Veronica Wood	WHI	152.2
Kelly Lewis	CLI	141.3
Rebecca Ward	WHI	140.8
Janice Sheppard	CLI	137.2

#### Boys

Stephen Letchford	BEX	171.2
Kevin Franks	WHI	153.2
Daniel French	BEX	152.5
Ben Frost	WHI	150.7

The first "Coach and Four" was held at Lewisham during the period between the closure of the old Bexleyheath Bowl and the construction of the new Bexleyheath Superbowl. We were made most welcome by the Manager, David Gee, and all his staff, and the tournament ran smoothly throughout.

A final total entry of 163 five-person teams provided some excellent competitive bowling with the usual edge from the Juniors trying to win the prized "I Beat my Coach" badges which are awarded to those Juniors who have a higher scratch Series than the Coach in their team. This year a total of 88 badges were given out from a possible 652.

The Tournament will be held again in 1998, but no decision has yet been taken regarding the venue. One Saturday will be included to avoid the clash with the Under-14's County event.

### TEAM RESULTS.

Pos.	Team.	Score.
<u>Handicap Section.</u>		
1.	Finchley Terriers	3057
2.	Peterborough - Dooley's Devils	3031
3.	Whitstable - Flintstones 2	3017
4.	Crawley - Girls on Top	3016
5.	Walton 1	3087
6.	Stoke YBC	2994
7.	Beckton - Mr. Blobby	2994
8.	Portsmouth 1	2960
9.	Eastbourne 1	2956
10.	Maidenhead - Tinky Winky	2923
11.	Havant 2	2918
12.	Portsmouth 4	2917

### Scratch Section.

1.	Team Stoke	2700
2.	Ipswich Solar 1	2682
3.	Portsmouth 1	2651

### Statistics:

Teams:	163.
Pinfall:	334729.
Games:	2445.
Game Average:	136.9.

# "CLUB" TOURNAMENT for 1997.

## KENT COUNTY RECORD for NICOLA HARVEY with 298 game.

The Club Tournament for 1997 was held at Bexleyheath Superbowl on two Sundays in March.

For the first time, the format was changed for the 600 Club, whereby all qualifiers bowled six games instead of three and this attracted a higher entry for the event.

One of the highlights of the Tournament was the 298 game bowled by Nicola Harvey to break the County record for the Ladies High Game, previously held by Myra Kelsey with 289. Bowling on Lanes 27/28, Nicola found the line in her third game of the first set with the first eleven balls going straight into the 1-3 pocket but the final ball was slightly high to leave the 4 & 9 pins. Many congratulations, Nicola, keep going - that 300 game will come one day.

The leading scores are detailed in each of the Clubs, the bowlers highlighted being those who won prize money.

### 200 Club

[52 Entries]

Three games with Handicap.

1. <b>George England</b>	677
2. <b>Annalisa Edwards</b>	647
3. <b>Gordon Rainey</b>	632
4. <b>Margaret Shrimpton</b>	627
5. <b>Gary Seal</b>	627
6. <b>Les Paine</b>	623
7. <b>Jeannette Bartram</b>	622
8. <b>Kevin Cranfield</b>	619
9. <b>Vic Field</b>	618
10. <b>David Jerram</b>	614
11. <b>Tom Stock</b>	610
12. <b>Linda Robins</b>	607
13. <b>Charles Shergold</b>	603
14. <b>Roger Whitehead</b>	598
15. <b>Hing Lam</b>	593
16. <b>David Lowe</b>	589
17. <b>Brenda Field</b>	588
18. <b>Bob Smith</b>	583
19. <b>Daniel Hobson-Wallis</b>	575
20. <b>Beryl Drury</b>	574

The winner George England, from the Woolwich League at Bexleyheath bowled his personal best with a scratch game of 593.

### 500 Club

[31 Entries]

Three games with Handicap.

1. <b>Doreen Lodge</b>	638
2. <b>Lesley Pateman</b>	636
3. <b>Alex Reed</b>	628
4. <b>Janice Shephard</b>	615
5. <b>Emma Drury</b>	599
6. <b>Brenda Field</b>	596
7. <b>Peggy Hammond</b>	593
8. <b>Mandi Shrimpton</b>	592
9. <b>Beryl Drury</b>	591
10. <b>Rosemary Bentley</b>	590
11. <b>Grace Coman</b>	587
12. <b>Doreen Fillary</b>	586
13. <b>Sharon Letchford</b>	583
13. <b>Elaine Hinch</b>	583
15. <b>Kathy Goodwin</b>	581

The highest scratch score in this Club was recorded by Doreen Lodge [585], which automatically qualifies her as an entrant in the 1998 Kent Masters which will be held at Cliftonville during May.

The competition was very close with Lesley Pateman only two pins behind Doreen and Junior, Alex Reed, a further eight pins behind.

### 550 Club

[44 Entries]

Three Games Scratch.

1. <b>Nicholas Weston</b>	620
2. <b>Malcolm Frankland</b>	616
3. <b>Brian Harryman</b>	593
4. <b>Nathan Clark</b>	592
5. <b>Annalisa Edwards</b>	589
6. <b>Peter Carlton</b>	574
7. <b>Dave Godwin</b>	563
8. <b>David Goddard Snr.</b>	560
9. <b>Ian Abrol</b>	553
9. <b>Ray Tarr</b>	553
11. <b>Beryl Drury</b>	551
12. <b>Angie Thick</b>	541
13. <b>Doreen Lodge</b>	538
14. <b>Lesley Pateman</b>	536
15. <b>Jeff Higgs</b>	526
16. <b>Graham Gapp</b>	522
16. <b>Elaine Hinch</b>	522
18. <b>Ed Chick</b>	520
19. <b>Bob Smith</b>	518
20. <b>Malcolm Geddes</b>	517
20. <b>Phillip Reeve</b>	517

The winner of this Club was a Junior bowler from Bexleyheath, Nicholas Weston, bowling on the final squad in a very tight finish.

### 600 Club

[44 Entries]

Six Games Scratch.

1. <b>Adrian Conner</b>	1337
2. <b>Bob Blaber</b>	1297
3. <b>Nicola Harvey</b>	1286
4. <b>John Hinch</b>	1271
5. <b>Carl Vanderhook</b>	1234
6. <b>Dave Grant</b>	1232
7. <b>David Ross</b>	1219
8. <b>John Amos</b>	1210
9. <b>Chris Skudder</b>	1206
10. <b>Steve White</b>	1194
11. <b>Keith Allsop</b>	1185
12. <b>Kevin Snook</b>	1181
13. <b>Keith Hodge</b>	1173
14. <b>David Percival</b>	1158
15. <b>Robin Baxter</b>	1151
16. <b>Frank Weston</b>	1145
17. <b>Jan Hodge</b>	1133
18. <b>Sheila White</b>	1126
19. <b>Bill Shrimpton</b>	1124
20. <b>David Pitt</b>	1109

By the end of the first day, Adrian had posted the leading score of 1337 with series of 639 & 698. The second day started with a challenge from John Hinch with 1271 [610 & 661] to move into second place, but the real excitement went to the final two squads. Nicola Harvey, with her high game had a first series of 711, but with everybody watching her to see what her second set would be, did not notice Bob Blaber bowling consistently with series of 646 & 651 to move smoothly into second place. Mind you in his first set, it was observed that on a tenth frame his last ball went down the gutter - Bob claims his first gutter ball in 37 years of bowling. Nicola's second set was 575 to give her third place just ahead of John Hinch.

By winning the 600 Club, Adrian Conner has earned the right to an invitation to the Kent Masters at Cliftonville in May.

## NEWS FROM THE CENTRES.

### BEXLEYHEATH FRIDAY FOURS LEAGUE

At the end of their recent Season, the League Secretary, **Ken Morris**, produced the League "Hall of Fame" to cover the last twenty years.

The most successful Team has been Climax, who have won the League on 11 occasions and currently hold the Area All-Time High Scores for both four-person Series and Game.

Among the Men, the Highest Average for a Season goes to **Rob Packman** with 196 in 1997, the High Series Scratch to **Ken Morris** [720], the High Series Handicap to **Adrian Conner** [733], the High Game Scratch to **Moss Ryder** [289] and Handicap to **John Medlen** [292]. The most improved average is **John Hinch** from 102 to 192.

High Average amongst the Ladies goes to **Chris Conner** [187] who also has the most improved average from 143 to 187. Not suprisingly she holds the league High Series Scratch [644] with the High Series Handicap held by **Lesley Pateman** [676], the High Game Scratch going to **Elaine Hinch** [266] and handicap by **Sue Higham** [282] back in 1978.

### CHATHAM.

#### A CAUTIONARY TALE.

by *Rosemary Moll.*

I am the League Secretary for the first two B.T.B.A. sanctioned adult leagues at the Pentagon Tenpin Bowling Centre. I find that these positions keep me very busy. It really depends on the individual league secretary how much time the job takes up but the start and finish of the season are particularly time consuming! The vast majority of bowlers at Chatham who are B.T.B.A. members join through the Early Bird League or Super League. I am grateful that I have 42 days in which to get all the dues and relevant paperwork prepared for sanctioning. Then along comes TREVOR!!! Now, I have nothing against Trevor. He's a really nice, normal sort of person, that is until he joins my leagues!!

He joined the Early Bird Doubles League in September 1996, partnering his son Philip. There I was filling out forms, collecting money and telling

myself that I have the next 42 days to prepare everything when Trevor picks up a 7-10 split!!! I track down the relevant form and it says that I have 30 days to apply for the badge. As Trevor's B.T.B.A. membership application was part of the Early Bird sanctioning paperwork it meant that I had to hurry everything up.

It was no real problem, we got there in the end!!!! The League was sanctioned, the badge came through and I even wrote an article in the league's newsletter and the local paper. The most annoying part of the whole episode was that I didn't even see the famous deed.

In September this year Trevor decided to join the Super League, which is divided into three divisions - Premier, First and Second. Trevor's 152 average found him a slot in the First Division. There I was filling in forms, collecting money etc., when I noticed a certain amount of interest being shown in the scores on Lane 1, where Trevor was playing his first match. Trevor had started his game with nine strikes and, as I watched, followed with another two. I was on the verge of panicking, wondering what I had to do if Trevor got the twelfth strike when his last ball went off target and left three pins. Trevor's 297 is the highest score achieved at Chatham under a B.T.B.A. sanction so once again I was looking through the forms and found that, to get his game recognised, it would have to be registered within 30 days. Thanks Trevor! I don't intend to get involved as secretary for any other leagues but if I did I would pray that Trevor wouldn't join! (Only joking Trevor).

Many congratulations Trevor Reeve.

### CLIFTONVILLE.

by *John Boulton.*

Bugsy's at Cliftonville introduced a new format for its Annual Bowler of the Year Tournament 1997. All league bowlers at the centre were categorised into divisions based on their highest league average during the year, this gave roughly 35 bowlers in each of three mens and two ladies divisions.

The format for each division was a four game scratch qualifying round. Followed by the top four bowlers

playing a further two games. The two bowlers with the highest six game accumulative score then played a one game shoot-out, highest score wins. The attraction of the format was that all semi-finals and finals could be played at the same time thus generating a truly exciting and competitive atmosphere within the bowl.

In Men's Div. 3, the top four were Malcolm Yorke 1015, Gary Love 992, Tom Prince 972 and Robert Newman 907, the shoot-out went to Gary Love 161 against Malcolm Yorke 160, a win by Gary by one pin.

Ladies' Div. 2 had Jenny Barlow 919, Doreen Smith 887, Hedi Starmer 869 and Verity Dennis 840. The shoot-out went to Jenny with a 161 against Doreen's 123, too many splits to really be in contention.

Men's Div. 2 resulted in Dave Hampson 1128, Mike Tumber 1081, Phil Allen 1072 and George Brindley 1059. The shoot-out went to Dave Hampson 179 with Mike Tumber on 177, just two pins adrift.

Ladies' Div. 1 saw Jan Saunders on 1145, Amy Cole 1095, Margaret Yorke 1086 and Barbara Endicott 999. The shoot-out went to Jan 191 with Amy on 188 only three pins behind.

Men's Div. 1 resulted in Clive Smith 1156, Mike Luckhurst 1142, John Boulton 1132 and Dave Buck 1100. The shoot-out went to Mike on 220 with Clive on 182.

Items of note, well, Chris Smith's game of 237 and failing to get in the top four by one pin. Margaret Yorke's 775 four game total bowling off a 152 average. Congratulations to all our new Champions, I think the bowlers enjoyed the new format, if they didn't they'll soon tell me.

### BUGSY'S CLIFTONVILLE CHAMPIONS for 1997.

#### Ladies.

Div.1. Jan Saunders.  
Div.2. Jenny Barlow.

#### Men.

Div.1. Mike Luckhurst.  
Div.2. Dave Hampson.  
Div.3. Gary Love.

## ALL-TIME HIGH SCORES.

From all known records, the current All-Time High Scores in the County are:-

### High Series.

### High Game.

#### **FIVE-PERSON TEAM.**

Mean Machine	BEX	3171	Mean Machine	BEX	1130
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#### **FOUR-PERSON TEAM.**

Climax	BEX	2542	Climax	BEX	898
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#### **THREE-PERSON TEAM.**

Bowl Masters	CLI	1941	Heavy Impact	CLI	740
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#### **TWO-PERSON TEAM.**

Clive Mitchell & Keith Hodge	BEX	1394	Roger Evans & John Amos	BEX	504
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#### **MIXED DOUBLES.**

Sally Fuller & Chris Smith	MAR	1302	D. Nicholson & C. Crowther	BEX	488
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#### **INDIVIDUAL LADY.**

Carol Callow	BEX	724	Nicola Harvey	BEX	298
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#### **INDIVIDUAL MAN.**

Cliff Dew	BEX	823	Pat Duggan [2]	BEX	300
			Mike Luckhurst [2]	CLI	300
			Chris Skudder	BEX	300
			Andy Allerton	MAR	300
			Chris Smith	MAR	300

#### **JUNIOR GIRL**

Jennifer Beale	WHI	628	Amanda Ottaway	CLI	248
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#### **JUNIOR BOY**

Ben Marsh	MAR	756	Nathan Clark	WHI	279
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If you have any information on scores in excess of those listed above please advise the Editor or the Area Secretary.