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KENT UNDER 24'S WIN INTER-COUNTY TITLE



From left to right—back row : Ryan Adlem, Nathan Clarke, Tim Letchford, Ben Frost Front row Kevin Franks and Craig Lambkin (See page 10 for full report).

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EDITORIAL

Firstly, I must apologise for the extremely long delay in the production of this issue. The past few months have been extremely difficult for me due to both my parents passing away and demands of my job. In addition, my PC totally failed, resulting in my having to purchase a new one!

In this issue, I am incorporating a significant quantity of back news & results, however if you feel I have omitted anything of particular importance, please let me know and I'll do my best to include it within the next issue. The next issue will include results of more recent tournaments such as the 2003 Area Championships. However, don't forget to look at our website for results of KTBA tournaments, see www.ktba.org.uk

Since the last edition was published, John Boulton has sadly passed away. John was a mainstay of KTBA over many years and he worked tirelessly for the Cliftonville Juniors. He is missed by us all.

Jerry Lodge compiled and produced the 2002 Anniversary Handbook, celebrating the 40th Kent Area Championships which were held at AMF Chatham. It was appropriate that, 40 years ago, our first Areas were held at Chatham, albeit at the old Top Rank Bowl! Our thanks and appreciation goes to Jerry for the hard work he put into the production of this excellent booklet which is a veritable mine of information and statistics.

It's sad to see the demise of the only 5 person league in our area, the Olympic League which bowled at Megabowl - Bexleyheath. Due to unacceptable price increases placed on certain evening leagues the Olympic League and Friday Fours have reformed at AMF - Gravesend as a 4 person league. By the look of the scores already being recorded there, and the warm reception they have received from the bowl Management & staff, they have settled in very nicely!

Finally, many congratulations to Kent's Under 24s team who recently became Inter-County Champions. A superb result from a superb team! See the full report within this issue.

Jerry Moll

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Council members have been allocated to serve as a contact for centres that do not have a representative on Council, these are as follows:

Ashford	Jerry Moll
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Qualifiers for the KTBA Club Tournament should now be registered with the co-ordinator for your centre, these are as follows:

Bexleyheath	Chris Conner
Chatham	David Pitt
Cliftonville/Margate	John Cudmore*
Gravesend	Chris Conner*
Tunbridge Wells	John Cudmore
Orpington	John Cudmore
Whitstable	Doreen Belsom

* Temporary measure—may be revised.

At present, there are sadly no sanctioned leagues at AMF Ashford or Maidstone. Contact details for the co-ordinators will be detailed to League Secretaries.

Councillors telephone numbers can be found on display boards at your Centre or obtained from the Area Secretary—Tel. 01634 326322

REPORTS FROM THE 2002 AGM

The AGM was, as usual, poorly attended. The main points discussed and excerpts from reports are as follows:

In his opening address, the K.T.B.A. President, **John Cudmore**, thanked members of the Committee for the hard work that they had put in over the past year. He paid tribute to John Boulton who sadly passed away and will be greatly missed both by Council Members and bowlers (particularly those who bowl at Cliftonville).

County Treasurer, Christine Conner, presented the Accounts for the year. Copies were available for all present to see.

The **Area Secretary, Rosemary Moll**, reported a slight downturn in the number of leagues that have applied for sanction and also in membership numbers. There have been five council meetings during the year with 76 percent attendance. The Secretary pointed out that there is an increasing problem with funding for the County teams. She said that a point that is frequently made is that "people should not be out of pocket to play for their county". We agree with this sentiment but the money has to come from somewhere – the payment we receive from the BTBA will not cover it. The downturn in entries for the KTBA tournaments compounds the problem as these raise funds for the County teams. Alan Petherick - with his helpers (usually Kaye Cudmore) - can be seen at all the events running raffles. John Carr has been working hard in the background approaching companies for sponsorship or donations and applying for various grants – but in this economic climate this is a thankless task – he must be congratulated for gaining two donations this year.

(We would be grateful for any help and ideas you may have for raising further funds).

INTERCOUNTY REPORT—from Alan Petherick, Inter County Organiser

The qualifying rounds for the Seniors were held at AMF Bowl, Worthing and Airport Bowl. The ladies team of Peggy Hammond, Beryl Drury, Jan Smith, Angie Thick, Janet May and Sandy Knapp failed to qualify for the finals. This was due in part to the loss of two of our star bowlers, i.e. the death of Doreen Lodge and the incapacity of Sandy Sawyer.

The senior men, however, did qualify finishing third in their group after the qualifying rounds. The team was: Chris Smith, Bob Potts, Chris Skudder, Keith Hodge, Leslie Paine, Steve White, Roy Memmott, John Scott and Bill Shrimpton.

The finals were held at Nuneaton in October. The team bowled very well and five of our bowlers finished with averages above 200, but such was the strength of the opposition that we could only finish in seventh place.

The adult teams went to Portsmouth for their qualifying round, where we had eight games all on one day. The men bowled well but just failed to qualify, the ladies finished third and qualified for the finals at Bedford. The teams were: Men – John Smith, Keith Hodge, John Hinch, Sean Purcell, Steve Letchford, Steve White, Steve Williams, Kevin Snook and Kevin Franks. Ladies – Elaine Hinch, Tracy Saunders, Chris Conner, Alex Reed, Emma Drury, Sheila White and Laure Sutherland.

At the finals the ladies bowled above average but found it difficult after Alex Reed felt unwell on Saturday evening and did not bowl on Sunday, they finished in ninth place.

JUNIOR REPORT—from Paul Pateman, Junior Subcommittee Chairman.

The 2002 Under 18's County Roll-off was held at Buggy's Cliftonville on 17th, 24th February and on 3rd March 2002. From this teams were formed for the Under 14's, Under 16's and Under 18's, with further training sessions held at Bexleyheath and Whitstable.

The Under 18 boys bowled at Nottingham on 7th and 8th September 2002 finishing in 10th place. They were: Kevin Franks, Stephen Letchford, Ben Frost, Simon Skudder, Ian Whitbread and Richard Lyall.

The Under 18 girls came in at 13th and they were: Tracy Saunders, Sam Denne, Emily Frost, Nicola Lewis, Rose Manning and Karla Winch.

The Under 16 boys bowled at Tamworth on 6th October 2002 and finished in 12th place, they were: Alex Thistleton, Shane Hecken, Karl Banks and Craig Lambkin.

The Under 16 girls, also at Tamworth, attained 5th place and they were: Rose Manning, Nikki Lewis, Anna Winch and Emily Frost.

The Under 14 boys and girls was held at Tamworth on 1st December 2002. The boys finished in 11th place, they were: Nico Joiner, Josh Plewis, Adam Fuller and James Oliver.

The Under 14 girls attained a silver medal for second place and they were: Kirsty Belchem, Hannah Kohler, Chloe Monks and Natasha Krajewska. Kirsty Belchem received a silver medal for high game and Hannah Kohler won the bronze for high series.

The 2003 Under 18 County Roll-Off was held at AMF Margate over 9 games with the top three in the male and female sections guaranteed to be selected. There were two more training sessions held at Whitstable on the 15th December and at Ashford on 19th January. From these the teams were picked. The teams selected to bowl at Nottingham on 1st and 2nd March are as follows:

Boys – Daniel French, Alex Thistleton, Stuart Wallace, Kevin Franks, Craig Lambkin and Ben Frost

Girls – Rose Manning, Emily Frost, Kirsty Belchem, Samantha Denne, Nikki Lewis and Anna Winch.

The Junior Kent Area Championships were held at Bexleyheath on 28th April 2002 with 6 average divisions in the male and female sections. A total of 114 junior bowlers took part.

The Peter Cox Memorial Tournament was held at Margate on 3rd Nov 2002, with a total of 91 junior bowlers entered. In first place was Whitstable with 29 points and tied in second place were Margate and Bexleyheath with 25.

Rosemary Moll

TOURNAMENT ROUND-UP

40th Kent Area Championships—May 2002

Our 2002 Area Championships were held over three Sundays in May at AMF Bowl Chatham and the final results were:

REGULAR SINGLES HANDICAP - 105 entries

1. Lee Robinson	743
2. Tim Beale	723
3. John Reynolds	705
4. Ben Frost	700
5. Keith Hodge	695

REGULAR SINGLES SCRATCH - 59 entries

1. Keith Hodge	692
2. Lee Robinson	671
3. John Smith	653
4. Tim Beale	649
Chris Smith	649

REGULAR DOUBLES HANDICAP - 63 entries

1. Dan Hobson-Wallace/John Reynolds	1362
2. Steve Gore/Nathan Clark	1331
3. Emily and Ben Frost	1309
4. Tony Duggan/Paul Clark	1284
5. Alan McPherson/David Percival	1269

REGULAR DOUBLES SCRATCH - 34 entries

1. Steve Gore/Nathan Clark	1223
2. John Hinch/Keith Hodge	1194
3. Rob Packman/Clive Mitchell	1144
4. Chris Skudder/Steve Carnall	1124
5. Steve White/Keith Allsop	1120
Andrew Senior/Tim Beale	1120

REGULAR TEAM HANDICAP - 26 entries

1. The Flintstones	3241
2. Ricochet	3193
3. Atlanta Hawks	3188
4. Cliftonville all Stars	3132
5. Pin Squad	3120

REGULAR TEAM SCRATCH - 11 entries

1. Cliftonville All Stars	2910
2. Atlanta Hawks	2879
3. The Flintstones	2863
4. Mean Machine	2752
5. Team Pro-Ball	2689

REGULAR ALL EVENTS HANDICAP - 83 entries

1. Tim Beale	2054
2. Ben Frost	1982
3. Keith Hodge	1948
4. Alan Haley	1941
5. Trevor Myhill	1939

REGULAR ALL EVENTS SCRATCH - 46 entries

1. Keith Hodge	1939
2. Steve Williams	1857
3. Tim Beale	1829
4. Nathan Clark	1821
5. Colin Johnson	1774

FEMALE SINGLES HANDICAP 31 entries

1. Mel Chittenden	650
2. Elaine Hinch	629
Jackie Pullinger	629
4. Carol Wagner	615
5. Sue Dobson	614

FEMALE SINGLES SCRATCH 14 entries

1. Elaine Hinch	563
2. Mel Chittenden	524
3. Lucy Percival	523
4. Alex Reed	505
5. Jan Hodge	496

FEMALE DOUBLES HANDICAP 11 entries

1. Elaine Hinch/Christine Conner	1312
2. Julie Cudmore/Lucy Percival	1239
3. Lesley Pateman/Sheila White	1130
4. Jeanette Bartram/Sandy Knapp	1129
5. Jackie Pullinger/Alison Higgs	1127

FEMALE DOUBLES SCRATCH 5 entries

1. Elaine Hinch/Christine Conner	1192
2. Julie Cudmore/Lucy Percival	1047
3. Alex Reed/Jan Hodge	1018
4. Lesley Pateman/Sheila White	974
5. Sonia Clinch/Mel Chittenden	813

FEMALE TEAM HANDICAP 4 entries

1. Tutti Fruti	2948
2. Fireball Ladies	2891
3. Sox Squad	2781
4. Women in Black	2748

FEMALE TEAM SCRATCH 2 entries

1. Tutti Fruti	2606
2. Sox Squad	2325

FEMALE ALL EVENTS HANDICAP 22 entries

1. Elaine Hinch	1875
2. Laure Sutherland	1864
3. Christine Conner	1846
4. Lucy Percival	1819
5. Emma Drury	1795

FEMALE ALL EVENTS SCRATCH 15 entries

1. Christine Conner	1684
2. Elaine Hinch	1677
3. Laure Sutherland	1583
4. Lucy Percival	1576
5. Emma Drury	1543

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all the winners, thank all the KTBA Council members who came along to help with running what I believe to have been a very successful tournament and lastly to thank the management and staff at AMF Bowl Chatham all the help they gave.

John Cudmore

KTBA MASTERS - 40TH AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

JAN HODGE AND NATHAN CLARK TRIUMPH IN KTBA MASTERS

The KTBA Masters Championships for 2002 took place during our Area Championships, which were held at AMF Bowl Chatham.

Entry to our Masters is by invitation only and the invitees were:

LADIES

Chris Conner
Janice Hewson
Alison Higgs
Elaine Hinch
Jan Hodge
Sandy Knapp
Lesley Pateman
Lucy Percival
Jackie Pullinger
Alex Reed
Margaret Shrimpton
Sheila White

MEN

Andy Chauner
John Hinch
Keith Hodge
Colin Johnson
David Percival
Sean Purcell
David Ross
John Smith
Steve White
Pete Williams
Steve Williams

The format has been the same for the past few years, but for those who are not sure I will explain. Each invitee plays five. The top six go forward for two more games with scores carrying over. After the seventh game it becomes sudden death over one game in a head to head contest with fourth place playing first and second playing third. The winners meeting to decide the Masters Champion.

For the ladies. Game one saw Elaine Hinch in first place with a 198 game with Sheila White second with 182, closely followed by Jackie Pullinger with 181

Game 2, Elaine's 233 kept her well in the lead with 431, Jan Hodge came into second place after a 191 game, 357 total, and Sheila White went down to third after her 162 game.

Game 3, Elaine's total was now 621 keeping her in first position, Sheila regained 2nd with a total of 528 and Chris Conner moved from 7th to 3rd after a 203 game for a total of 520. Fourth was Jan Hodge on 504 and joint 5th on 478 was Margaret Shrimpton and Sandy Knapp.

Game 4, Elaine kept her first place with a game of 178 for 799, Chris Conner came from 3rd to 2nd with a 205 game (725) and Jan Hodge moving up to 3rd after her 198 game.

Game 5, the last of the first qualifying block and the first three places stayed the same. The six qualifiers for the second stage were Elaine Hinch with a five game total of 1025, Chris Conner 960, Jan Hodge 874, Jackie Pullinger 860, Margaret Shrimpton 833 and Alison Higgs 832.

Game 6 and 7, the first four places remained the same, Elaine Hinch 1st with 1399, one pin short for a 200 average for her seven games, 2nd Chris Conner 1310, 3rd Jan Hodge 1223 and Alison Higgs 1159.

To the knockout stages, semi finals, Jackie Pullinger defeated Elaine Hinch 170 to 149 and Jan Hodge defeated Chris Conner 178 to 144 and in the final Jan Hodge defeated Jackie Pullinger 203 to 145 to become our Ladies Master for 2002.

Now for the men. Game 1, Pete Williams 1st with 223, Nathan Clark 2nd with 205 and Colin Johnson 3rd with 203

Pete Williams was to keep the lead in game 2 with a 209 game for 432, Nathan Clark kept 2nd with a 209, 414 and John Hinch moved up to 3rd with a 210 for 402.

The first six places after game three were Pete Williams 674 with a 242 3rd game, John Smith 613, Nathan Clark 594, Dave Ross 591, Sean Purcell 590 and John Hinch 583.

Game 4, the first two places remained the same, Pete Williams 156 game for an 830 total and John Smith 197 for an 810. Moving up to 3rd was Sean Purcell with 191 for 781.

Game 5, the last of their qualifying block, and big games were needed to qualify. Keith Hodge with a 250 game for 1027 moved into 1st, John Hinch 264 for 1025 was 2nd, Nathan Clark 245 for 1011 and 3rd, John Smith 189 and 999 for 4th, Peter Williams 158 for 988 and 5th and the 6th and last qualifier for stage two was Sean Purcell with 182 for 963.

Game 6, Keith Hodge kept the lead with 182 for a 1209, 2nd John Hinch also with 182 for 1207, 3rd John Smith 206 for 1205 and 4th Nathan Clark 193 for 1204

Game 7 and Keith's 222 for 1431 was enough for 1st place, Nathan Clark made a 202 for his 1406 and 2nd spot, John Hinch was third after a 186 for 1393 and John Smith after 170 and 1375.

In the Semi final knockout, Keith Hodge defeated John Smith 159 to 155 and Nathan Clark defeated John Hinch 232 to 216 and in the final Nathan Clark defeated Keith Hodge 214 to 174 to become our Men's Master for 2002.

John Cudmore

One Ball Scotch Doubles tournament – 23rd June 2002.

Sunday 23rd June saw 33 doubles pairings descend on Bexleyheath Megabowl for the first and only One ball scotch doubles tournament in memory of Doreen Lodge. It is always fascinating to watch or compete in a tournament that uses a different format from normal league or tournament play as the scoring can be very wide ranging which makes the tournament even more exciting. This excitement was certainly on display from the outset of the first squad when the pairing of Denese Osborne and Gary Knapp, both still seeking their first 600 series in 'normal' play, shot 608 over their first 3 games. Sadly they could not maintain their excellent start but still finished a creditable fourth place with 1142 over 6 games including pin bonus, picking up the drawn pot series prizes for the first squad along the way. Leaders after the first squad were Christine and myself with 1177 followed closely by Alan McPherson and David Percival on 1144.

The second squad started in similar vein as the first squad with Bob and Alistair Smith shooting a 236 opening game to take the lead in the race for the high game prizes. As with Denese and Gary their challenge faltered and there were no changes to the leader board from the second squad. Jeannette Bartram and Sandy Knapp took the prizes for the drawn pot series for the second squad.

Squad 3 began with another challenge for the leadership, Sheila White and Barry Myhill shooting 620 over their first 3 games, their fourth game of 154 had everybody wondering whether they could sustain their challenge. Meanwhile on Lanes 27 and 28, Ken Morris and John Hinch were entertaining the spectators in their third game by stringing together 7 strikes in a row to notch up a 259 game which proved enough to take away the high game prizes. Further games of 223 and 194 for Sheila and Barry were enough to give them first place with an excellent 1221 series including pin bonus. Pot winners for the third squad were Jan and Alistair Smith.




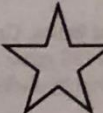
My thanks must go to the Management and staff at Bexleyheath Megabowl who firstly gave us the opportunity to run this tournament at such a low cost and for all they did on the day especially for providing such a first class buffet for all of the competitors. My thanks also to the people who donated the various prizes and to all the competitors who treated the tournament with respect and played in the spirit that we, as organisers, could only have hoped for.

In closing this report I have been asked a number of times if I would consider making this an annual event, my answer, as it was on the day is a definite NO. Doreen Lodge was a much loved and respected member of the Bexleyheath and Kent bowling community, Jerry and the family wanted to have one day whereby her friends could remember her in a way that would be fun but still retain it's meaning. We feel that we have achieved this aim and would not like to see this event turned into "just another tournament"

The Kent County Funds are now better off by £300 and Jerry, Chris, Elaine, John Adrian and the children know that wherever Doreen is now she will have a smile on her face.

Adrian Conner

THREE MORE 300 GAMES IN KENT!

 CONGRATULATIONS 
TO
JOHN HINCH (BEXLEYHEATH)
KEVIN FRANKS (MARGATE)
AND
 DAVID PERCIVAL (GRAVESEND) 

See report on page 11 for more details of John Hinch's 300 game bowled in league play at Bexleyheath. Kevin Franks achieved his second 300 game at the 26th British Classic Singles Tournament held at Margate. Details of this Junior tournament can be found on page (7). David Percival achieved the first 300 game at AMF Gravesend—see back page for report.