

## 26TH CLASSIC SINGLES TOURNAMENT 2002

Sunny Margate by the sea was the venue for this year's Classics, not that we saw too much of the sun. But what we were treated to was a fabulous display of ten-pin bowling over the weekend. This was my first outing as Tournament Manager for a N.A.Y.B.C. merit event, and it was a great pleasure being involved with such an exciting weekend.

We started on the Saturday with divisions 5 + 7 for the young men and divisions 6 + 8 for the young ladies. The format was six games scratch with the top six in each division going through to a nail-biting stepladder final. The standard of bowling was incredibly high, with 31 YBC's taking part.

Notable high's for the day were Jake Plewis (Cliftonville) with a high game of 242, Nick Owen (Margate) with a high series of 639, Nicola Templeton (Grantham) with a high game of 196, Sarah Jackson (I.O.W) with a high series of 502, Bradley Wretham (Margate) with a high game of 209, Stuart Pyle (Whitstable) with a high series of 534 and Stephanie Longworth (Mill/Southampton) with a high game of 193 and series of 430. The six finalists in each division played a one game win or lose situation with 1st place playing 6th, 2nd playing 5th and 3rd playing 4th place. The highest game out of the three winners took them directly into the play-off for 1st and 2nd place awaiting the winner of the remaining two bowlers. As you can see by the format, the finals were very tense and made for an exciting ending to the day.

### The Winners.

Div 8: 1st Catherine Smith (Mar), 2nd Charlotte Lambkin, 3rd Gina Taylor (Mill)

Runners-up: 4th, 5th & 6th—Lisa Horn (East), Gayle Jackson (IOW), Stephanie Longworth (Mill)

Div 7: 1st Bradley Wretham (Mar), 2nd Andrew Sykes (Mill), 3rd Stuart Pyle (Whi)

Runners-up: 4th, 5th & 6th—Lee Budgen (Cha), Michael Lambert (Mar), Matthew Forsythe (Enfield)

Div 6: 1st Rebecca Jones (Mill), 2nd Patricia Page (Basildon), 3rd Carrie Langston (East)

Runners-up: 4th, 5th & 6th—Sarah Jackson (IOW), Nicola Templeton (Gran), Lesley Brown (G.Yar)

Div 5: 1st Daryl King (Mill), 2nd Alex Batts (Watf) 3rd Jake Plewis (Cli)

Runners-up: 4th, 5th & 6th—Simon Boothley (Mar), Nick Owen (Mar), Joshua Pink (Mill)

Then, when we thought things could not get any better, entered into the fray were the higher average bowlers in divisions 1 to 4 on the Sunday. We were all privileged to witness an amazing day's bowling. It all started with some great games bowled by many individuals. Here are just a few of the highs of the day; Ben Frost (Whi) with a high game of 287 and series of 705, Vicki Gillespie (Bracknell) with a high game of 255, Amanda Greening (Tamworth) with a 704 series, Jessica Deevoy (Basingstoke) with a 223 game and 605 series, but the highlight was the display of cool under pressure from a young man from Whitstable YBC, Kevin Franks, bowling a perfect 300 game and a 759 series which was a new Kent Junior record.

### The Winners.

Div 4: 1st Jessica Deevoy (Bas), 2nd Rose Manning (Bex), 3rd Zoe Hardwick (Wat)

Runners-up: 4th, 5th & 6th—Emma Brown (Cov), Melissa Coleman (Hav), Leanne Denham (Poole)

Div 3: 1st Stuart Clark (Bas), 2nd Daniel Fanospour (Lake), 3rd Samuel Baker (Bas)

Runners-up: 4th, 5th & 6th—Matt Robinson (Lake), Greg Langton (East), Alex Thistleton (Bex)

Div 2: 1st Amanda Greening (Tam), 2nd Laura Marchman (Brac), 3rd Hollie Coffey (Lake)

Runners-up: 4th, 5th & 6th—Laura Ivory (Chol), Sarah Hoperoft (Brac), Vickie Gillespie (Brac)

Div 1: 1st Adam Purnell (East), 2nd Ian Whitbread (Mar), 3rd Robert Twell (Norw)

Runners-up: 4th, 5th & 6th—Kevin Franks (Whi), Ben Frost (Whi), Sean Templeton (Gran)

The tournament produced 47—600+ series of which four were over 700!!

So my congratulations go out to every bowler who took part over the weekend, and my thanks to the staff of A.M.F. Margate for being so accommodating and helping us to ensure the smooth running of the event

My personal thanks go out for all the help I received from the gang at Whitstable YBC, who were doing all the running around, lane marshalling and greeting and meeting people with a happy face. Also to Pat Harries and Keith Brinlow for their support and experience in running these events. All the bowlers who took part showing what a great sport we have. Even though the competitive spirit is there, they can conduct themselves with courtesy and fair play to each other.

Lastly, but certainly not least is a friend of mine who thankfully persuaded me to help run this tournament, and with his support throughout the weekend helped make it a very enjoyable experience, he is Eric Harvey—who need no introduction.

My only regret was not running it over two weekends so that we didn't have to turn away any YBC's. Still there's always next year.

*Richard Lambkin*

## KENT INTER CENTRE TOURNAMENT 2002

The tournament consists of seven events encompassing a wide range of bowlers, ladies, men, juniors and seniors. The ten centres from the Kent Tenpin Bowling Associations catchment area are invited to enter a team of eighteen players. This year seven teams entered. (Ashford, Orpington and Tunbridge Wells were unable to enter a team). This year the tournament was held at AMF Gravesend.

### MENS DOUBLES

As in previous years, the men's doubles was a high scoring event. The Bexleyheath Duo of Steve Williams and John Hinch were in the lead from the start with a 441 team game, improving with each game of the three game series. Their second game was 452 and the last one 471 as Williams rolled the highest game of the day with a 268. Williams also registered the highest series of the tournament with 711 while his partner rolled the second highest series of the day 653. All six games from the Bexleyheath team were above 200 and, needless to say they took the 12 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place with a team series of 1364.

The Chatham pairing of Mark Godley and Jerry Moll also got off to a good start with a 434 team game, Godley scoring 213 and Moll 221. Moll went on to score 234 in game two but went off the boil in the third, finishing with a 596 series. Chatham's team total of 1134 was good enough to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Cliftonville's Dave Buck and Chris Smith took the 7 points for third place with 1115. Smith achieved a 617 series including a 235 game.

The Gravesend players, Lee Stickells and Darren West were only 1 pin behind Cliftonville with a 1114 team series. Stickells contributed a 599 series including a 232 game.

Other players to achieve 200+ games were Simon Mellin (Margate) 203 and Steve Gore (Whitstable) 202.

**Points awarded: Bex - 12, Chat - 9, Clif - 7, Grav - 5, Whit/Marg 2.5 each, Maid - 1.**

### SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES

In the Senior Mixed Doubles players must be over 40 and were awarded 1 extra pin per game for every year above 50 or 1 pin less for each year under 50. The team with the highest age bonus was Bexleyheath, gaining 59 extra pins per game while Margate was lowest, losing 11 pins per game.

The Margate pairing, Linda and Andy Allerton finished top with 1107 (with age bonus adjustment). Linda's super first game of 257 and her series of 578 were the highest ladies scores of the tournament. Andy Allerton's 562 series included a 213 game.

The Cliftonville team representatives, Janice Hewson and Tom Sawyer, took second place with 1052. Chatham took third with 1044. Paul Clark (Whitstable) achieved a 204 game and Brian Major (Chatham) rolled a 201 game.

**Points awarded: Marg - 12, Clif - 9, Chat - 7, Whit/Bex - 4 each, Grav - 2, Maid - 1.**

After the doubles events there was a three team tie at the top with 16 points between Bexleyheath, Chatham and Cliftonville.

The next events to take to the lanes were the Men's and ladies singles.

### LADIES SINGLES

In the ladies singles Gravesend's Helen Tester finished in first place with 529, including a 202 game. Bexleyheath's Alex Reed was second with 513 while Amanda Ottaway finished third for Cliftonville with 510.

**Points awarded: Grav - 12, Bex - 9, Clif - 7, Whit - 5, Chat - 3, Maid - 2, Marg - 1.**

### MENS SINGLES

Steve White topped the table in the men's event with a magnificent 646 series, which included games of 247 and 225. Dave Ross finished in second place for Whitstable with a 608 series and games of 227 and 202. John Smith (Cliftonville) rolled 575 including a 201 game, which was good enough to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place. 200 plus games were also registered by Margate's Dan Marsh with an excellent final game of 246 and Gary Kerr (Chatham) who finished his series with a 203.

**Points awarded: Bex - 12, Whit - 9, Clif - 7, Marg - 5, Chat - 3, Grav - 2, Maid - 1.**

After four events Bexleyheath were beginning to pull away from the rest with 37 points, Cliftonville were in second with 30 and Chatham third with 22.

### LADIES TRIOS

The ladies trios was the next event and once again Bexleyheath players dominated the proceedings. Elaine Hinch, Emma Drury and Chris Conner achieved a superb team series total of 1654, no less than 269 pins ahead of the second placed team, Chatham.

Elaine rolled the second highest ladies series of the day with 569, featuring a high game of 216. Emma's 566 series was third highest and included a 203 game. Tracy Saunders rolled the highest score for the Chatham ladies with a 527 series. Whitstable came in third place with a 1349 series featuring a 504 from Carole Lakin.

**Points awarded:** Bex - 12, Chat - 9, Whit - 7, Clif- 5, Maid -3, Grav- 2, Marg - 1.

After the fifth event Bexleyheath were even further in the lead with 49 points, Cliftonville in second with 35 and Chatham third with 31. The final two events took place in the afternoon; they were the Junior Four Person Team and the Adult five-person team.

### JUNIOR FOUR PERSON TEAM

In the junior event the rules stipulated that players may not be older than 18 - at least two had to be under 16.

The Whitstable Junior team, Kevin Franks, Emily Frost, Craig Lambkin and Ben Frost, came top with a team total of 2104. Bexleyheath came second with 2080 and Chatham third with 2049.

There were some impressive scores - Kevin Franks of Whitstable rolled a brilliant series of 642 comprising games of 209, 232 and 201. Margate's Ian Whitbread was second highest scorer with game of 194, 228 and 203, giving him a 625 series. Bexleyheath player, Karl Banks rolled the third highest series of the event with 573, while teammate Samantha Denne was the highest scoring of the junior ladies with a 520 series.

Other 200 plus games were scored by Craig Lambkin (Whitstable) 202, John Venables (Cliftonville) 207 and Chatham's John Reynolds with a magnificent 258, highest of the junior event.

**Points awarded:** Whit - 12, Bex - 9, Chat - 7, Clif- 5, Marg -3, Maid- 2, Grav - 1.

### ADULT FIVE-PERSON TEAM

The Adult Five Person team event required bowlers to fit within certain averages for eligibility, one had to be 199 and under, one 189 and under, one 179 and under, one 169 and under and the last 159 and under.

Bexleyheath won the Adult five-person team event, 220 pins ahead of the second placed team from Cliftonville. Their team players, Ken Morris, Alan Petherick, Lesley Pateman, George McElwaine and Paul Pateman all bowled above their averages.

Lead-off player, Ken Morris, contributed a 604 series including games of 234 and 210, while the anchorman, Paul Pateman, exceeded this with a 612 series featuring game of 210 and 232. Their other double centurion was George McElwaine with games of 200 and 203 in his 580 series.

Malcolm Fuller bowled highest series in second placed Cliftonville's team with 587 including a 221 game, while team mate Trevor Brown scored 572 including a 211 game.

Top series for Whitstable, who came third, was Colin Johnson with a 589 series and high game of 224. Tony Gamble rolled a 212 game and Andy Chawner a 206 game.

Chatham's anchorman, Colin Pepler rolled the highest series of the event with games of 215, 222 and 183 for a 620 total.

Maidstone celebrated as Roger Haley rolled the second highest game of the event with a 233 at the same time as teammate Simon Wallace achieved a 224 game.

**Points awarded:** Bex - 12, Clif - 9, Whit - 7, Chat- 5, Marg -3, Maid- 2, Grav - 1.

At the end of the tournament each team dropped their lowest points score from their points total.

Bexleyheath were presented with the Kent Messenger Trophy and a framed certificate for coming first with 66 points. They had averaged an impressive 187 over the entire tournament. Cliftonville were presented with a framed certificate as runners-up (44 points). They had finished on equal points with Whitstable but had higher total pinfall.

*Jerry Moll*

## BERT AND VICKY TIMMS MEMORIAL MIXED DOUBLES 2002

The Bert and Vicky Timms Memorial Mixed Doubles Tournament was held at AMF Maidstone on 27th October 2002.

We have no full report but the top scores in this event were as follows:

### HANDICAP RESULTS

1	Jack Denne / Sam Denne	1413
2	Carole Lakin / Gavin Grant	1344
3	Graham Millgate / Chris Venamore	1291
4	Paul Clark / Jenny Clark	1268
5	Margaret Shrimpton / Ted Shrimpton	1259
6	Bill Shrimpton / Angie Thick	1253

### SCRATCH RESULTS

1	Jack Denne / Sam Denne	1191
2	Carole Lakin / Gavin Grant	1158
3	Bill Shrimpton / Angie Thick	1106
4	Graham Milgate / Chris Venamore	1051
5	Margaret Shrimpton / Ted Shrimpton	1046
6	Mark Godley / Marilyn Godley	1027

Top scoring man was Jack Denne with a superb scratch series of 719 (815 handicap).

Top scoring lady was Carole Lakin achieving a 566 Scratch series (656 handicap).

## KENT MEN ARE 2003 YAC (U24) COUNTY CHAMPIONS!!!

### LADIES REACH THE FINALS...

Kent Men won the Inter-Counties Tournament that took place at Nottingham on 15/16 February 2003! They easily qualified for the Finals as a result of excellent scoring by Nathan Clark (204 - 9 games), Steve Letchford (203 - 9), Ryan Adlem (186 - 6), Ben Frost (207 - 5 games), Kevin Franks (190 - 5) and Craig Lambkin (171 - 2). Then they moved up a gear for the Round Robin Finals which saw them win five out of eight games, enough to secure overall victory! All bowled exceptionally well, Steve averaging 213, Ryan 210, Nathan 206, Kevin 191 and Ben 188. Congratulations to Nathan and his team for a fine win!

The Ladies team made it into the Finals, thanks to excellent scores registered by Jenny Beale (183 - 9 games) and Emily Frost (182 - 9) who were ably assisted by Karla Winch (164 - 8), Samantha Denne (166 - 6), Tracy Saunders (148 - 3) and Anna Winch (142 - 2). Unfortunately only Team Captain Jenny retained her excellent form in the Round Robin Finals by averaging 184, so the Ladies struggled to just one win in seven. Hampshire were the final winners.

*Jerry Moll*

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2001-2

The "CLUB" Championships for 2002 was held at AMF Margate in January 2003, The entry was not up to expectation, we must ask if the tournament was too near to Christmas when bowlers minds and money are on other things.

The results are listed below. The 200 and 500 Club events are decided on handicap scores and the 550 and 600 clubs on scratch scores. The 600 club is decided over six games whereas the others are over three games.

The lady with the highest scratch score in the 500 Club receives automatic invitation to the Kent Masters, which is held during our Area Championships. This year, Laure Sutherland.

The winner of the 600 club also receives an automatic invitation to the Masters. This year, Simon Rampling.

### 200 CLUB

23 entries

1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Murphy	718
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Collin	665
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert White	640
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Tarr	617
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Knapp	601

### 500 CLUB

25 entries

1 <sup>st</sup>	Laure Sutherland	657
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elaine Hinch	608
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Margaret Shrimpton	595
4 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Drury	593
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mandi Buckley	586

### 550 CLUB

25 entries

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jeff Weatherill	607
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sandra Smith	562
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tex Moustache	556
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gavin Grant	554
5 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Murphy	547

### 600 CLUB

31 entries

1 <sup>st</sup>	Simon Rampling	1281
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nathan Clark	1246
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Andy Chawner	1220
4 <sup>th</sup>	Darren Moore	1215
5 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Moore	1159

Lastly I would like to thank Rachel Lintern and all her staff for making us so welcome at AMF Bowl Margate.

*By John Cudmore*

# News from the Centres

## HARBOUR LEAGUE - WHITSTABLE

In another highly successful season, the HELMSMEN, led by Brian Snook took the 2001-2 title, with the spot on the last night of the season from the JOKERS (Tim Beale).

On the individual front, Sean Purcell excelled, taking three awards. The high average of 192 over 111 games was the league's best ever. He also had the high game with a 289 scratch and the high series of 695 scratch.

For the ladies the awards were shared round with Jennifer Beale taking the high average with 166 average over 75 games. The high series went to Pauline Senior with a 596 scratch (632 handicap), whilst the high game went to Paula Snook with a 242 handicap game.

On the team front, the Jokers took both the high game and series with a 2357 series and 869 game. The latter ensured the Jokers were the first recipients of the Daphne Snook Cup, kindly presented to the league by Brian Snook in memory of his dear wife, who was a former member of the league.

In the leagues end of season tournaments, Kevin Snook took the singles title with a 617 scratch series narrowly beating Steve Gore, who had a 609 scratch. In the doubles, Kevin and Glenn Snook took the title with a 1217 scratch series, both bowlers rolling 600+ series, a 612 and a 605 respectively. In the second game Kevin had a 254 whilst Glenn had a 222, making a fantastic 476 scratch game. Once again Steve Gore was runner up, this time accompanied by Tim Beale with a 1205 series. In the first game, Steve had a 246 and Tim a 189, making a 435 game.

At the halfway point in the 2002-3 season the league is being led by the HELMSMEN with a 22 point lead over the ROUGHNECKS and THUNDERBIRDS — only 6 points separate the 2nd team down to 6th.

Several records have been equalled or broken with some fantastic bowling. Colin Johnson rolled the league's first 700+ series with a 723 (247 / 259 / 217). On the same night Dan Marsh rolled a 682 series (278 / 211 / 193) and Sean Purcell a 671 series (198 / 290 / 183). On the second game Sean started with a 9 spare and then struck out to equal the league's individual game record. All in all there were 6 X 600+ series on that night, another league record.

Like the proverbial No. 7 bus you wait ages then several come along together. The very next week, Nathan Clark rolled a 712 series (239 / 185 / 288). In the third game, he opened with 10 strikes before leaving a 10 pin. That same evening there were 5 X 600+ series.

On the individual front, Sean Purcell and Nathan Clark are leading the averages with 196 average from 45 games, whilst for the ladies Jenny Beale leads the way with a 178 average from 36 games.

Teamwise, Helmsmen lead the way with a 2362 scratch series whilst the Jokers rolled an 837 single scratch game.

*Report from Roy Fillier—Secretary Harbour League*

## JOHN HINCH - 300!

### SPARTAN LEAGUE - BEXLEYHEATH

After bowling for 21 years, like most of us, John Hinch only thought of bowling the Perfect game. But on Tuesday 18/06/02 in the Spartan league at Bexleyheath it became a reality, he bowled a superb 225 300 246 = 771. Watching the 300 game John looked as though he was bowling just any other game, he was composed and all the balls were in the pocket very well deserved.

His previous highest game was 279 and series was 771.

When asked about his 300 John said "I hadn't realised that I had the first 7 strikes as I was talking to Alan Hart about work, I didn't get anxious as I had bowled 10 strikes in a row before and the 10<sup>th</sup> was a good ball, the 11<sup>th</sup> my legs started to wobble but the ball was good, the 12<sup>th</sup> I composed myself but as I bowled the ball I pulled it just inside my mark but it held up and went straight into the pocket for the 300".

John bowls regularly in the Spartan, Woolwich and Olympic Leagues and occasionally for the Friday Fours, his highest average is 211 and he has been a county team member for the past 6 years.

I look forward to more great things from John as the way he has been bowling lately I'm sure there will be some more personal bests.

*Report by Tim Letchford*

# News from the Centres

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## OLYMPIC LEAGUE - GRAVESEND

The Olympic League has run at Bexleyheath Bowl since 1964 as a 5 person league. The latest management decided that they would have to put our lineage up from £2.50 a game to £3.95. The league found this totally unacceptable and so I made enquires at Gravesend bowl who were only too glad to have us there. The same unacceptable price increase was applied to the Friday 4's and some of their teams joined our 8 teams at Gravesend. We reduced our league from 5's to 4's and ended up with 12 teams.

On the second week of bowling (10/4/03) the Mean Machine broke I believe (going by the anniversary book) the area record for the series and the game, they bowled a 2553 series with a team game of 905. Individual scores listed below.

Steve White	224	187	209	<b>620</b>
John Hinch	231	184	160	<b>575</b>
Steve Letchford	244	242	207	<b>693</b>
Neil Webb	206	215	244	<b>665</b>
	<b>905</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>2553</b>

Other equally good scores that night came from the Rookies with their middle game of an 855 (Simon Carter 223, Alan Cross 185, Dave Godwin 222, Jason Bass 225) with Jason having a 212 and a 247 to go with it for a 684 series.

On the third week of the league The Rookies broke the Mean Machine's record of 905 with a 920 (Simon Carter 186, John Scott 225, Sam Bass 242, Jason Bass 267), Sam also went on to make a 654 and Jason Bass a 678. Unfortunately, 'The Barmy Army', new team to the league and to league bowling, were on the receiving end to both matches.

On Thursday 24/4/03 at Gravesend and only week 4 of the league we have now had a 300 game bowled, this was achieved by David Percival in his second game. This was David's first 300 and also Gravesend's. His first game was a 196 and his last a 193 for a 689. The Mean Machine chasing the Rookies hi game of a 920 came within 1 pin of it with a 919 with Keith Hodge contributing a 256 & Steve Letchford a 265. The area hi series set by the Mean Machine a few weeks ago with a 2553 was also beaten by the Mean Machine with a 2563, (Rob Packman 598, John Hinch 584, Keith Hodge 703, Steve Letchford 678). Another 703 was bowled by Paul Fox. Along with Dave Percival's 689 two more 680's were bowled by two players of the Highwaymen, Chris Skudder a 680 and Steve Carnall a 682. With two 700's, three 680's, one 670 plus five other 600's and a perfect game all on one night, Gravesend is certainly the place to bowl at the moment. The whole league is pleased to be at Gravesend and are made to feel very welcome.

*Steve White*

## PROBALL SCRATCH LEAGUE—WHITSTABLE

The 2001-2 season finished with Dave Ross in pole position, Sean Purcell in second place and Stephen Gore in third. The high average was Sean Purcell's 194, Dave Ross had second highest average with 190 while Andy Chawner took the third slot with 179.

High game of the season was bowled by Carole Lakin with 254, just 1 pin higher than Duncan McLellan and Andy Chawner in joint second place on 253.

Dave Ross achieved the highest series with 668 followed by Sean Purcell with 659 and Tony Gamble with 639.

*Facts submitted by Colin Johnson*

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