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This latest edition of KTBA's Bowling News includes a summary of tournaments and general new items covering the past 12 months. After too long a period since the last issue, the next edition will be published during the autumn. I would like to encourage you to send me details of any tournament successes, league reports and contributions to our letters page.

It is a sad fact that the number of BTBA sanctioned leagues in Kent continues to decrease as does the number of bowlers participating in the official KTBA tournaments, i.e. our Area Championships, Club Tournament, Bert & Vicky Timms mixed doubles and the Inter-centres which, after a year's gap, is planned for this autumn. It was also the same story of low turnout for the KTBA county trials, held at AMF Ashford during April.

The KTBA always sends tournament entry forms and posters to all Kent centres for display & distribution but we are told by many bowlers that they never see them. In order to improve this situation, the KTBA is introducing a new system to communicate important news. We are asking each sanctioned league to provide e-mail addresses for up to 3 of their bowlers. Preferably, these e-mail addresses will be of league officers, but this is not essential. When a KTBA tournament date has been announced, the details will be e-mailed to them. As the closing date draws closer, a reminder will be sent. The idea is for the recipients to pass on the information received to their fellow league bowlers. To get this underway, volunteers from each sanctioned league are now requested to e-mail their contact details, including their telephone number and the name of the league they are representing, to the KTBA Area Secretary at [rosemary.moll@btopenworld.com](mailto:rosemary.moll@btopenworld.com).

Although there was a certain amount of upheaval this season with changes to those who run our county junior teams, once again it has been a very successful season and congratulations are due to all those involved. The two highlights were the Silver Medal won by the Girls Under 16 team at Strykers Bowl, Tamworth in October and Kent's first junior Gold Medal won by the Girls Under 14 team at the same venue in December. Come on you boys, don't let the girls have all the success!! 2003 saw the introduction of the Academy which was held at AMF Maidstone over 3 Sundays for eligible junior bowlers. As cited by contributors to our letters page, it was unquestionably a resounding success! The good news is that Richard Lambkin and his team of experts & helpers hope to run the Academy again this year.

I am delighted to introduce John Jowdy who has kindly agreed to contribute to our publication. John lives in San Diego, California and has a veritable lifetime of experience as a bowler, author and coach. He is a member of both USA's PBA (Professional Bowlers Association) and ABC (American Bowling Congress) Halls of Fame. He coaches many of the leading competitors on the USA Pro Tour and has been National Coach to the United Emirates national team. His first thought-provoking article concerns versatility and 'one condition' bowlers.

Finally, if you work for or know any company that could be interested in sponsorship, please let me know. It is a continual challenge to cover the cost of entry fees, travelling expenses and uniforms for the teams that represent Kent.

**Jerry Moll—Editor**

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## JANET MORRISON

Tenpin bowlers in Kent celebrated the life of Janet Morrison who sadly passed away during October 2003.

Members of the Leagues in Bexleyheath, Whitstable, Cliftonville and Margate agreed that there were no limits to Janet's talents. She had a great influence on the sport of tenpin bowling and was one of the best NAYBC recruitment sergeants in the business. She was also one of the most approachable managers - ever.

Her career in bowling management started in 1965 as secretary to John Paull, General Manager at Bexleyheath. She joined husband Brian (Buzz) in management in the 1970's and went on to be his "guv" after being promoted to Regional Manager, then to General Manager of First Leisure Sports Division. Her responsibilities included Squash and Golf as well as bowling. During this time Janet never lost touch with the grass roots of tenpin bowling.

Janet's enjoyed a distinguished playing career. She partnered Fred Wyles in 1966 and appeared in "Bowling News" for her high game and series. Amongst her many achievements, Janet was SEBA & Kent Ladies Master champion no less than five times.

The height of Janet's bowling career must have been her selection to represent Great Britain at the 1967 World Championships in Malmo Sweden, and her selection to represent Great Britain in the USA. The British teams competed in the Women's International Bowling Congress Championships. Janet's achievements were many.

Tenpin bowling will never see another Janet Morrison.

## K.T.B.A COUNCIL MEMBERS 2004-5

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|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
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| George Krajewski | Tunbridge Wells |
| Richard Lambkin  | Whitstable      |
| Paul Pateman     | Bexleyheath     |
| Lucy Percival    | Bexleyheath     |

### Honorary Members:

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Ted Shrimpton | Bexleyheath |
| Jerry Lodge   | Bexleyheath |

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         | Mike Winch       |
| Cliftonville    | Richard Lambkin  |
| Gravesend       | Alan Petherick   |
| Maidstone       | Keith Hecken     |
| Margate         | Richard Lambkin  |
| Orpington       | Lucy Percival    |
| Tunbridge Wells | George Krajewski |
| Surrey Quays    | John Cudmore     |

Qualifiers for the KTBA Club Tournament should now be registered with John Cudmore.

Councillors telephone numbers can obtained from the Area Secretary—Rosemary Moll  
Tel. 01634 326322.



# REPORTS FROM THE 2003 AGM

The AGM was held on February 7th 2004 at the Bull Inn at East Farleigh and was well attended. Many of the people attending stayed on to take part in a Quiz Night. A most entertaining quiz was organised and compiled by David Pitt. It raised £172 for the KTBA funds.

The main points discussed and excerpts from reports at the AGM are as follows:

In his opening address, the **K.T.B.A. President, John Cudmore**, welcomed everyone. He gave a personal thank you to Doreen Belsom, who is not seeking re-election this year. She has given many years of service in a variety of roles. The President thanked the councillors for their hard work throughout the year.

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

The **Area Secretary, Rosemary Moll**, reported that, once again, fewer leagues were applying for sanction. However, she did not think that we have lost too many bowlers. They just appear to be bowling in fewer leagues. Tournaments have been poorly subscribed. We have held four full council meetings, two EGM's and the Executive have had an extra two meetings during the year with good attendance. We have welcomed two newcomers since the last AGM. Keith Hecken from Chatham YBC, who has taken over the job of Chairman of the Junior Sub-committee – and Nathan Clark from Whitstable has also joined us and is a very welcome younger face on Committee. John Carr has now left us for pastures new. He is enjoying life in a Devon Village.

**Alan Petherick, Inter County Organiser** reported that the 2003 Roll Off was held at Gravesend in April with 125 entries. The qualifying rounds for the Seniors were held at Dunstable Bowl, and AMF Bowl, Gravesend. The ladies team qualified for the finals at Mid City Lanes, Croydon. The Senior men failed to qualify, finishing in fifth in their group. The teams were: Men—Steve White, Keith Hodge, Tex Moustache, John Scott, Paul Clark, Sam Bass, Chris Smith. Ladies—Sheila White, Sandy Sawyer, Angie Thick, Dot Boyd, Brenda Field, Beryl Drury and Lesley Pateman. The finals were held at Croydon in October. The team did not bowl well enough for a medal and finished in fifth place. The Adult teams went to Lewisham for their qualifying round, where they played seven games on the Sunday. The men bowled well but failed to qualify, finishing sixth. The ladies finished fifth and failed to qualify for the finals. The teams were: Men - Steve White, Keith Hodge, John Hinch, Sean Purcell, Steve Letchford, Steve Williams, Luke Huxtable and Michael Alsop. Ladies – Sheila White, Elaine Hinch, Carole Lakin, Chris Conner, Lucy Percival, Julie McPherson and Laure Sutherland. The 2004 Roll Off will be held at AMF Bowl Ashford over two Sundays starting at 9.30 am on the 18<sup>th</sup> April.

**Keith Hecken, Junior Sub-Committee Chairman** reported that a new Junior Sub-Committee was formed in November 2003 due to the dissolution of the previous committee. The aim of the new Committee is to further enhance the junior bowling in Kent and to encourage unregistered YBC's to become part of the junior set-up. Keith went on to report various successes.

Kent won the Challenge Shield at the Southern Counties Challenge at Eastbourne on the 7<sup>th</sup> September. The Under 16's was held at Tamworth on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2003 with the boys finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place, The girls finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place to win the Silver medal. The bowlers being Emily Frost, Natasha Krajewska, Hannah Kohler and Kirsty Belchem.

The Under 14's was also held at Tamworth on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2003 with the boys finishing in a very creditable 8<sup>th</sup> spot. The girls won the Gold medal! This win was very hard fought and all credit goes to the girls for maintaining their composure throughout the whole event, eventually winning by 1 pin. The girl's team was Hannah Kohler, Kirsty Belchem, Chelsie Pyle and Chloe Monks

The Academy that was held last year was not officially recognised by the KTBA. It was extremely successful with 60 junior bowlers being invited to attend (see letters page). It is hoped to run a similar programme this year, after seeking approval from the KTBA, with details to be published at a later date.

**Mike Winch, Under 24's Sub-Committee Chairman** reported that 2003 got off to an excellent start with the men's team winning the Inter Counties at Nottingham on February 15/16 (this win was reported in the last edition of Bowling News).

We held an Under 24's Roll Off for 2004 at Gravesend on 21<sup>st</sup> December. 24 bowlers entered which was the same as last year 19 men and 5 ladies. The teams were decided from this. The Men: Steve Letchford, Ben Frost, Nathan Clark, Alex Thistleton and Kevin Franks. The Ladies: Emily Frost, Jenny Beale, Samantha Denne, Karla Winch and Anna Winch. They will travel to Nottingham on the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> February to represent Kent.

He finished his report by saying " We plan to offer anybody under the age of 24 training if they require it. It is our intention to encourage young bowlers to stay in bowling after YBC and not to give up. I believe this may take several years until satisfactory numbers are achieved".

*Rosemary Moll*



# TOURNAMENT ROUND-UP

41st Kent Area Championships—May 2003—Whitstable

Our 2003 Area Championships were held over three Sundays in May at AMF Bowl Whitstable and the final results were:

## REGULAR SINGLES HANDICAP - 96 entries

|     |                |     |
|-----|----------------|-----|
| 1.  | Peter Williams | 710 |
| 2.  | Frank Weston   | 694 |
| 3.  | Andrew Oldham  | 692 |
| 4.  | Jack Denne     | 683 |
| 5.  | Steve Gore     | 682 |
| 6.  | Kevin Franks   | 673 |
| 7.  | Andy Baker     | 668 |
| 8.  | Keith Hodge    | 667 |
| 9.  | Stuart Ashdown | 653 |
| 10. | Nathan Clark   | 652 |

## REGULAR ALL EVENTS HANDICAP 72 entries

|     |                |      |
|-----|----------------|------|
| 1.  | Gavin Grant    | 1994 |
| 2.  | Andrew Oldham  | 1988 |
| 3.  | Steve Clark    | 1945 |
| 4.  | Jack Denne     | 1937 |
| 5.  | Steve Gore     | 1916 |
| 6.  | Rob Packman    | 1914 |
| 7.  | Craig Lambkin  | 1905 |
| 8.  | Andy Senior    | 1900 |
| 9.  | Peter Williams | 1895 |
| 10. | Brad Bottone   | 1893 |

## REGULAR SINGLES SCRATCH 48 entries

|     |                |     |
|-----|----------------|-----|
| 1.  | Keith Hodge    | 640 |
| 2.  | Nathan Clark   | 628 |
| 3.  | Steve Gore     | 625 |
| 4.  | Peter Williams | 620 |
| 5.  | Sean Purcell   | 619 |
| 6.  | Colin Johnson  | 616 |
| 7.  | Dave Ross      | 596 |
|     | Brian Major    | 596 |
| 9.  | Chris Smith    | 584 |
| 10. | Rob Packman    | 577 |

## REGULAR ALL EVENTS SCRATCH 42 entries

|     |              |      |
|-----|--------------|------|
| 1.  | Nathan Clark | 1812 |
| 2.  | Andy Senior  | 1774 |
| 3.  | Rob Packman  | 1770 |
| 4.  | John Hinch   | 1767 |
| 5.  | Steve Gore   | 1745 |
| 6.  | Keith Hodge  | 1742 |
| 7.  | Sean Purcell | 1737 |
| 8.  | Gavin Grant  | 1724 |
| 9.  | Steve White  | 1718 |
| 10. | Dave Ross    | 1717 |

## REGULAR DOUBLES HANDICAP 54 entries

|     |                             |      |
|-----|-----------------------------|------|
| 1.  | Gavin Grant/Colin Johnson   | 1359 |
| 2.  | Steve Gore/Nathan Clark     | 1349 |
| 3.  | Kevin Franks/Ryan Adlem     | 1311 |
| 4.  | Rob Packman/John Hinch      | 1294 |
| 5.  | Craig Lambkin/Ben Frost     | 1291 |
| 6.  | Ryan Hadlow/Jonathon Pottle | 1279 |
| 7.  | Graham and Spencer Snow     | 1259 |
|     | Andy Senior/Tim Beale       | 1259 |
| 9.  | Steve White/Keith Hodge     | 1255 |
| 10. | Steve Clark/Alex Hoskins    | 1240 |

## FEMALE SINGLES HANDICAP 31 entries

|     |                   |     |
|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 1.  | Jenny Beale       | 702 |
| 2.  | Mandi Buckley     | 650 |
| 3.  | Sandra Smith      | 629 |
| 4.  | Charlotte Lambkin | 628 |
| 5.  | Laure Sutherland  | 623 |
| 6.  | Jan Hodge         | 616 |
| 7.  | Julie McPherson   | 609 |
| 8.  | Dot Boyd          | 605 |
| 9.  | Emily Frost       | 599 |
| 10. | Carol Wagner      | 598 |

## REGULAR DOUBLES SCRATCH 26 entries

|     |                             |      |
|-----|-----------------------------|------|
| 1.  | Steve Gore/Nathan Clark     | 1268 |
| 2.  | Gavin Grant/Colin Johnson   | 1242 |
| 3.  | Rob Packman/John Hinch      | 1213 |
| 4.  | Steve White/Keith Hodge     | 1207 |
| 5.  | Kevin Franks/Ryan Adlem     | 1200 |
| 6.  | Craig Lambkin/Ben Frost     | 1159 |
| 7.  | Andy Senior/Tim Beale       | 1142 |
| 8.  | Kevin and Glen Snook        | 1140 |
| 9.  | Peter Williams/Sean Purcell | 1128 |
| 10. | Jason Cooper/Keith Porter   | 1121 |
|     | Ryan Hadlow/Jonathon Pottle | 1121 |

## FEMALE SINGLES SCRATCH 14 entries

|    |                   |     |
|----|-------------------|-----|
| 1. | Jenny Beale       | 642 |
| 2. | Jan Hodge         | 568 |
| 3. | Emily Frost       | 527 |
| 4. | Christine Conner  | 490 |
| 5. | Charlotte Lambkin | 481 |
|    | Lucy Percival     | 481 |

## FEMALE DOUBLES HANDICAP 13 entries

|    |                               |      |
|----|-------------------------------|------|
| 1. | Julie McPherson/Lucy Percival | 1277 |
| 2. | Elaine Hinch/Christine Conner | 1258 |
| 3. | Sandra Smith/Sandy Knapp      | 1218 |
|    | Mandi Buckley/Samantha Denne  | 1218 |
| 5. | Gwen Green/Dot Boyd           | 1197 |

## REGULAR TEAM HANDICAP 24 entries

|    |                      |      |
|----|----------------------|------|
| 1. | Bexleyheath YBC Boys | 3231 |
| 2. | Team Proball         | 3212 |
| 3. | Jovial Jesters       | 3098 |
| 4. | Atlanta Hawks        | 3092 |
| 5. | Tunbridge Wells      | 3073 |

## FEMALE DOUBLES SCRATCH 5 entries

|    |                               |      |
|----|-------------------------------|------|
| 1. | Elaine Hinch/Christine Conner | 1114 |
| 2. | Julie McPherson/Lucy Percival | 1109 |
| 3. | Emily Frost/Jenny Beale       | 1037 |
| 4. | Beryl and Emma Drury          | 943  |
| 5. | Annette Hickson/Lynn Johnson  | 938  |

## REGULAR TEAM SCRATCH 11 entries

|    |                        |      |
|----|------------------------|------|
| 1. | Mean Machine           | 2832 |
| 2. | Team Proball           | 2816 |
| 3. | Atlanta Hawks          | 2798 |
| 4. | Smart Party            | 2662 |
| 5. | Cliftonville All Stars | 2658 |

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**FEMALE TEAM HANDICAP 5 entries**

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| 1. Pentagon Pals         | 2983 |
| 2. Bexleyheath YBC Girls | 2894 |
| 3. Pink Ladies           | 2839 |
| Kentish Maids            | 2839 |
| 5. Fireball Ladies       | 2720 |

**FEMALE TEAM SCRATCH – NO ENTRIES****FEMALE ALL EVENTS HANDICAP 23 entries**

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| 1. Jenny Beale        | 1859 |
| 2. Julie McPherson    | 1848 |
| 3. Sandra Smith       | 1847 |
| 4. Mandi Buckley      | 1822 |
| 5. Lynn Johnson       | 1821 |
| 6. Laure Sutherland   | 1816 |
| 7. Christine Venamore | 1815 |
| 8. Elaine Hinch       | 1793 |
| 9. Samantha Denne     | 1790 |
| 10. Emily Frost       | 1786 |

**FEMALE ALL EVENTS SCRATCH 12 entries**

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| 1. Jenny Beale      | 1679 |
| 2. Elaine Hinch     | 1577 |
| 3. Emily Frost      | 1570 |
| 4. Julie McPherson  | 1569 |
| 5. Christine Conner | 1505 |
| 6. Lucy Percival    | 1496 |
| 7. Samantha Denne   | 1489 |
| 8. Carole Lakin     | 1474 |
| 9. Lynn Johnson     | 1443 |
| 10. Vanessa Ross    | 1374 |

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 successful tournament and lastly to thank the Lynn Johnson and all her staff at AMF Bowl Whitstable all the help they gave.

*JOHN CUDMORE*

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| <b>ELAINE HINCH AND NATHAN CLARK ARE KTBA MASTERS CHAMPIONS FOR 2003</b> |
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The KTBA Masters Championships for 2003 took place during our Area Championships, which last year were held at AMF Bowl Whitstable.

Entry is by invitation only. Those invitations go to the defending master, for the men the 600 Club Champion and for the Ladies the highest scratch score in the 500 Club Championships, last years Area Championships scratch singles winner. The remainder of the invitations go to the top finishers in last years Area Championships Scratch All Events

The invitees were:

| <u>Ladies</u>    | <u>Men</u>     |
|------------------|----------------|
| Chris Conner     | Tim Beale      |
| Elaine Hinch     | Nathan Clark   |
| Jan Hodge        | Steve Gore     |
| Sandy Knapp      | Keith Hodge    |
| Julie McPherson  | Colin Johnson  |
| Lesley Pateman   | Brian Major    |
| Lucy Percival    | Trevor Myhill  |
| Alex Reed        | Simon Rampling |
| Laure Sutherland | Chris Smith    |
| Sheila White     | 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 four qualifying games across different pairs of lanes, the top six go forward for two more games with score carrying over. After the sixth 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.

**Ladies Masters**

After 4 games the positions were, 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Conner 817, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elaine Hinch 729, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sheila White 720, 4<sup>th</sup> Julie McPherson 718, 5<sup>th</sup> Laure Sutherland 695 and 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Hodge 687. These six going on for 2 more games.

After the next 2 games, Chris Conner was still in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 1181. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Julie McPherson with 1111, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Hodge 1108, 4<sup>th</sup> Elaine Hinch 1051, 5<sup>th</sup> Laure Sutherland 1049 and 6<sup>th</sup> Sheila White 1046. Chris, Julie, Jan and Elaine now going on to the knockout stage.

The semi finals saw Jan Hodge defeat Julie McPherson 184 to 179 and Elaine Hinch beat her sister, Chris Conner 191 to 160.

In a very close final Elaine Hinch defeated Jan Hodge 211 to 204 to become our 2003 ladies masters champion.

**Men's Masters**

After 4 games the positions were, 1<sup>st</sup> Colin Johnson 843, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan Clark 834, 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Williams 812, 4<sup>th</sup> Brian Major 786, 5<sup>th</sup> Chris Smith 778 and 6<sup>th</sup> Simon Rampling 745. These six going on for 2 more games.

After the next 2 games, Nathan Clark had moved into 1<sup>st</sup> place with 1266. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Colin Johnson with 1264, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Smith 1192, 4<sup>th</sup> Steve Williams 1189, 5<sup>th</sup> Brian Major 1142 and 6<sup>th</sup> Simon Rampling 1093.

Nathan, Colin, Chris and Steve going on to the knockout stage.

The semi finals saw Nathan Clark defeat Steve Williams 266 to 182 and Chris Smith beat Colin Johnson 193 to 161.

In the final Nathan Clark defeated Chris Smith 235 to 170 to become our 2003 men's masters champion, for the second year running.

*JOHN CUDMORE—TOURNAMENT MANAGER*



## Kent Junior Roll-Offs – 20th July 2003.

In all my years as a junior bowler, an instructor and onlooker at many bowling events, never have I seen, or heard, what I did on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2003. To get into the junior county team was always my biggest ambition as a junior and the competition was always very tough. But with more YBC's in the county with qualified instructors, our kids have gone from strength to strength.

Kent junior bowling is getting better year on year, with all the county teams proving their metal against some improving opposition. Junior bowlers making the Young Adult and even Adult teams, show signs that the under 18's would begin to dominate even in the older levels. Rarely do we see a team that gels and bonds well, functioning as a whole. We seem to rely on one or two individuals to shoot the high games on the day. But in these new teams this year, it would appear we might have a chance at some more county gold medals.

AMF Margate. Synonymous with some exceptionally high scores at all the recent tournaments and league nights to date. All the competing juniors in this tournament have the ability and the talent to add to that impressive tally and they did just that. But they also had something else. A secret weapon that, for me, felt as though now they'd all won the day. A genuine enjoyment and a love of the game.

This tournament was a shining example of just how good the younger bowlers are becoming, with eight bowlers qualifying for more than one county squad with their scores! As for results, well, when a 184 average is the cut for the boys Under 18 squad and there are three bowlers with 200+ over the twelve game roll-off, things would seem to look good. Kevin Franks, doing what he does best, shot the high games of 258 followed by a 266 in his twelve, to take the pole position with a 206 average. Second place was S. Wallace of Margate with some exceptionally consistent shooting of 230, 233 (twice) and 225 to be just 27 pins behind Kevin, and only 6 pins in front of Bexleyheath's Alex Thistleton, to both average 203.

As for the girls team, five averages in the high 160's with the cut being 156 sounds like a closely rounded team for the finals. Top three places going to Whitstable's Emily Frost (169), Natasha Krajewska (165) and Kirsty Belchem (165). With all three also qualifying for the Under 16 girl's squad, as well as Whitstable's Hannah Kohler (167). High scores coming from Kirsty with 223 and 233 in her set.

For the boys Under 16 team, Bexleyheath's Peter Rogers qualified as the winner with an impressive 195 average over his twelve. This result also put him into fifth place in the under 18 squad! Whitstable's Carl Gilbert (172), Chatham's S. Hecken (180) and Bexleyheath's J. Knapp (172) complete the line-up.

In the Under 14 squad, Whitstable's Nico Joiner (179 average), Harry Steen (154) and Chatham's Iain Smith (154) took the top three places. While Whitstable's Kirsty Belchem (181), Hannah Kohler (167) and Chelsie Pyle (162).

But it wasn't the incredible results that impressed myself and a lot of other people watching. Just listening to the kids after the results had been announced was inspirational! There were cheers, laughter, screams of delight and more shouts of well done and hugs to another team mate than I've ever witnessed before or since. Truly a huge credit to the tournament manager, and a pleasure to write about. With this amount of team spirit, all the teams deserve to do well.

*Tim Beale*