

CLUB TOURNAMENT 2003

The 2003 Club Tournament was held at AMF Bowl Gravesend on Sunday 7th March 2004. There were 18 entries for the 200 Club, 17 for the 500 Club, 13 for the 550 Club and 20 for the 600 Club. The entry was some 20% down on the 2002 event.

Listed below are the first five bowlers in each section

				Scr	Hcp	Total			Scratch Series
200 CLUB							550 CLUB		
1 st	Philip Reeve	602	69	671	1 st	Alistair Smith		585	
2 nd	Dave Bull	511	96	607	2 nd	Phillip Reeve		560	
3 rd	Peter Myhill	505	96	601	3 rd	Carole Lakin		538	
4 th	Terry Bonds	479	108	587	4 th	David Pitt		520	
5 th	Alan Petherick	483	78	561	5 th	Brenda Field		509	
500 CLUB							600 CLUB (Six Games)		
1 st	Carole Lakin	554	75	629	1 st	Adrian Conner		1236	
2 nd	Jan Smith	485	102	587	2 nd	Brian Major		1207	
3 rd	Sandy Knapp	472	105	577	3 rd	Bill Shrimpton		1163	
4 th	Brenda Field	486	90	576	4 th	Justin Shaw		1156	
5 th	Emma Drury	482	84	566	5 th	Gary Kerr		1145	

My congratulations to the winners. Carole Lakin, the highest scratch score in the 500 Club, and Adrian Conner will be invited to take part in the 2004 KTBA Masters which is to be held during our Area Championships at AMF Bowl Margate.

My thanks to Kay Ackland and all her staff at Gravesend for the help and assistance they gave during the Tournament.

JOHN CUDMORE—TOURNAMENT ORGANISER

YAC INTERCOUNTIES

The Kent Under 24's teams travelled to Nottingham on the weekend of 28th and 29th February 2004 to take part in the Inter County Championships. Sadly the lads couldn't retain their title won last year but both teams, male and female, bowled superbly. Both teams made the finals and continued to bowl well.

22 teams entered the men's competition and the Kent team qualified for the Round Robin Final in 5th place. The biggest achievement was Ben Frost of Whitstable bowling his first 300 game. He did this in his first series of the qualifying round and continued to bowl well throughout qualifying finishing with a 206.11 average over 9 games. Ben also achieved the highest series of the Kent team with 678 which he rolled in the Round Robin Finals. Ben Frost achieved the highest overall average with 212.5 over 15 games. The team average over 64 games was a superb 198.5 but was only good enough for the Kent team to finish in 5th place.

12 teams were entered into the ladies competition and the Kent ladies qualified for the final in 4th position. The ladies team put in some excellent performances. The real star of the day was Jenny Beale who averaged 203.9 over 15 games. The highest series for the Kent ladies came from Emily Frost who rolled a brilliant 668 series. Samantha Denne contributed the highest game for the team with 247. The ladies averaged 185.6 over the 64 games but were only able to finish in 7th place.

The Kent players were:

Ben Frost (212 ave from 15 games)
 Kevin Franks (202—6 games)
 Nathan Clark (199—12 games)
 Daniel French (192—13 games)
 Alex Thistleton (190—6 games)
 Steve Letchford (188-12 games).

The Kent ladies were:

Jennifer Beale (203 ave from 16 games)
 Samantha Denne (181—12 games)
 Emily Frost (185—16 games)
 Karla Winch (180—14 games)
 Anna Winch (158—6 games).

THE BERT & VICKY TIMMS MEMORIAL MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT—26TH OCT '03

After last year's relatively poor attendance at Maidstone (only 32 entries overall), there were high hopes that Buggy's at Cliftonville would threaten the near maximum entries achieved at Whitstable in 2001. However as the entries started arriving, it was clear that this was not to be the case, especially when there were no entries from the home centre. However, by the day of the competition there were 28 entries, the majority of which were in the afternoon squads.

Although the morning entries were low, those that took part all enjoyed the lane condition, with 9 games of 200+ from Mike Eason, Carole Lakin, Adrian Conner (2), Gavin Grant (2), Stuart Ashdown, Peter Myhill and Kirsty Belchem. Adrian produced the highest scratch series of 604. With 3 re-entries a total of 11 teams took part in the morning session. Very disappointing, since these squads usually fill up quickly.

At the end of the morning session, Gavin Grant and Kirsty Belchem led the tournament with a handicap score of 1,325 followed by Adrian and Christine Conner with 1,276.

The afternoon session was far busier for yours truly, with a full squad for the 2.15pm squad. Scores again were high. Although nobody managed to score 600+, there were scores of 579 from Tex Moustache, 593 from Philip Green and 583 from Gavin Grant (including the highest game of the day of 253). The six other 200+ games were scored by Fred Spears, Tex Moustache, Tom Sawyer, Philip Green, Colin Evans and Simon Skudder. At the end of this squad, Colin Evans and Dee Faldon had beaten Gavin and Kirsty's score by 4 pins to lead the tournament with a score of 1,329. Gavin and Kirsty remained in second place and third place was still held by Adrian and Christine.

With 10 teams out of a possible 12, the 3.30pm squad was again busy, re-entries making sure the squad was nearly full. High scoring once more with Craig Lambkin producing 243-172-247 for the highest scratch series of the day of 662. No other 600+ series but 200+ games were scored by Jerry Moll, Kevin Snook, Philip Green, Ben Frost and Fred Spears. Craig was ably supported by his partner, Natasha Krajewska (163-174-175) giving them a combined handicap score of 1,369 and they took the lead from Colin and Dee.

The final squad at 4.45pm consisted of 8 teams, mostly made up of re-entries, having only received 3 entries before the day. The scores were fairly consistent but not enough to challenge the top three positions. Top team in this squad were last year's winners Jack Denne and daughter Sam with a handicap score of 1301 followed by Mandi and Peter Buckley with 1279, good enough to make fourth and fifth positions respectively. Highest scratch score for the squad came from Paul Tuff (581) followed by Ben Frost (572). 200+ games were scored by Alan McPherson, Samantha Denne (2), Mandi Buckley (2), Paul Tuff and Ben Frost.

At the end of all that scoring the final results were :

1 st Place	Craig Lambkin & Natasha Krajewska	1369
2 nd Place	Colin Evans & Dee Faldon	1329
3 rd Place	Gavin Grant & Kirsty Belchem	1325
4 th Place	Jack Denne & Samantha Denne	1301
5 th Place	Mandi Buckley & Peter Buckley	1279
6 th Place	Christine Conner & Adrian Conner	1276

The Bert and Vicky Timms Memorial Shield was won by Craig Lambkin and Natasha Krajewska.

Craig and Natasha also led the standings for the Scratch Trophy but were ineligible under the rules so the Scratch Trophy goes to Gavin Grant and Kirsty Belchem.

For the bowling anoraks, some statistics. (How sad is that ?)

Series 600+ = 2, 550 - 599 = 16, 500 - 549 = 23 Games 200+ = 30

Total no of games (41 x 6)246 (You can work out the percentages !)

May I take this opportunity to thank everybody who took part in the tournament for the excellent spirit in which it was played. It is traditionally a friendly competition and this year was no exception. I hope everybody will have another go next year and I will be sending entry forms to all those who took part this year. If you haven't taken part and want to play in next year's tournament, please contact me and I will add your name to the mailing list.

My final thanks go to Alan Petherick for assisting me on the day and persuading people to part with their money to buy raffle tickets, and also to the staff at Cliftonville for all their help in making the tournament run smoothly while catering to the needs of public bowlers and ensuring no tournament bowler was badly affected. Cliftonville is renowned for excellent catering facilities and I must recommend the sausage and onion baguette washed down by a mug of coffee. It sustained yours truly during the day.

See you at next year's tournament.

Alan Haley - Tournament Manager

KENT ROLL-OFF 2004

The Kent Roll-offs were held at AMF Ashford on 18th and 25th April 2004 in order to determine the squads from which the Kent County teams will be formed.

The top thirteen in each category are included in the Kent squad and two others can be selected by the Inter -County Team Manager, Alan Petherick. This was only necessary in the Men's squad this year.

There was a disappointing number of entries and players that entered found the lane condition challenging, which is reflected in the scores. Players had to bowl 6 games, changing lanes after each game.

The teams have been selected and players notified by post. The successful bowlers are listed below:

MEN				LADIES			
POS	NAME	TOTAL	AVE	POS	NAME	TOTAL	AVE
1	KEITH HODGE	1171	195.2	1	EMMA DRURY	1056	176.0
2	STEVE LETCHFORD	1140	190.0	2	ELAINE HINCH	1051	175.2
3	BOB POTTS	1122	187.0	3	CHRISTINE CONNER	992	165.3
4	DAVID SAVILLE	1117	186.2	4	LUCY PERCIVAL	961	160.2
5	IAN ALSOP	1108	184.7	5	SAM DENNE	912	152.0
6	SEAN PURCELL	1097	182.8	6	CAROLE LAKIN	906	151.0
7	PAUL FOX	1088	181.3	7	ALEX REED	903	150.5
8	STEPHEN BROWN	1085	180.8	8	PAULA SNOOK	836	139.3
9	GARY KERR	1083	180.5	9	ANGIE THICK	835	139.2
10	STEVE CARNALL	1082	180.3	10	DEE FALDON	696	116.0
	ROB PACKMAN	1082	180.3	11	ERICA SMITH	687	114.5
12	DAVID PERCIVAL	1070	178.3				
13	TIM MATTHEWS	1059	176.5				
•	LUKE HUXTABLE	1051	175.2				
•	NATHAN CLARKE	995	165.8				

- Selected for inclusion in the Kent Squad.

SENIOR MEN				SENIOR LADIES					
POS	NAME	SCR	**	TTL	POS	NAME	SCR	**	TTL
1	KEITH HODGE	1171	30	1201	1	PEGGY HAMMOND	837	174	1011
2	BOB POTTS	1122	60	1182	2	SANDY KNAPP	909	60	969
3	FRED SPEARS	1054	42	1096	3	GWEN GREEN	881	48	929
4	JERRY MOLL	1038	42	1080	4	BRENDA FIELD	851	66	917
5	BILL SHRIMPTON	1037	18	1055	5	DOT BOYD	794	108	902
6	ROY MEMMOTT	986	60	1046	6	JAN SMITH	791	90	881
7	LESLIE PAINE	966	60	1026	7	SHEILA WHITE	873	6	879
8	BRIAN MAJOR	971	30	1001	8	ANGIE THICK	835	18	853
9	KEITH ANDREWS	982	0	982	9	CAROL WAGNER	771	78	849
10	DAVID PITT	920	36	956	10	JANET MAY	820	12	832
11	PAUL CLARK	888	42	930	11	JEANETTE BARTRAM	640	60	700
12	PETER MYHILL	672	126	798					
13	ALAN REED	789	6	795					
	STEVE WHITE **	161	24	185					

** RETIRED AFTER 1 GAME

Statistics provided by Alan Petherick—Inter County Organiser.

YOUR LETTERS

I would like to take this opportunity to write to you following the South-East Academy organised at Maidstone. The feed back from my son Alex was very positive. He found it a valuable experience for his own personal training but also meeting up with the other players in Kent.

My own observation was that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves from the bowlers to the instructors. It was a pleasure to come into the Centre to see the smiling faces even though they were working very hard all day. The organisation was admirable and the culminating competition on the final afternoon was a joy to watch with all the other bowlers cheering on the finalists.

Subsequently Alex was playing in the Southern Counties Invitational Competition in the Under-18 team. Because of the Academy he knew all the others in the team and I am convinced this enabled them to be more comfortable bowling. They certainly played well, kept each other going, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves and won the competition.

As a well worn spectator of many years I can see at the moment there is an excellent Kent team spirit. Much of this I am sure is due to getting to know each other better and I think the Academy with Richard Lambkin and his team of Instructors can take a lot of the credit. I certainly hope the Academy could be run each year.

Jill Thistleton.

I felt that I had to write to you to say that Adam and I thoroughly enjoyed being part of the South-east Academy for Tenpin Bowling, which started in June and finished in August 2003.

Adam felt that he had learnt a great deal during the three sessions at Maidstone and hopefully has carried what he has learnt through to his league on Saturday morning at Bexleyheath.

I personally found that all the children taking part in this Academy behaved themselves impeccably, they all got on with each other and showed a great deal of responsibility and enthusiasm throughout the three sessions. I believe this Academy should continue and that other children should be given a chance to experience what my son has experienced.

Many thanks for giving Adam this opportunity and I hope that this Academy continues far into the future.

Alexandra Fuller

EDITORS NOTE:

This Academy was not held as an official KTBA event. I am informed that there are plans by the KTBA Junior Sub-Committee to organise an Academy, under the management of Richard Lambkin, to take place in the summer of 2004. I'm sure it will be just as successful.

Some adult bowlers have mentioned that they think this would be a good thing for adults who have taken up bowling without tuition—do any of you have any views about this? Would you be prepared to pay to attend a coaching day?

News from the Centres

BLACKPIN SUMMER LEAGUE - Cliftonville

Another Summer League completed at Cliftonville during which we had some of the best bowling ever seen in a league during the last 40 years!

A very close finish saw Black Sabbath (Paul Stevens and Steve Wilson) prevail over Black-erty-Blank (Paul Allerton and Colin Ottaway) with Black to the Future (Gary Steventon, Steve Eastop and Andy Cook) in third place.

With a league average in excess of 177 per man the scores were very pleasing across the board. Personal bests from Paul Stevens and Paul Allerton—both 181 average. High league average of 210 from Dave Buck followed by Gary Steventon 208.

We must mention the consistent lane conditions provided the "3 Musketeers" during the league that enabled 154 games of 200 plus and 35 series of 600 plus to be rolled.

We are hoping for bigger and better things in the Winter League.

Dave Buck—League Secretary

News from the Centres

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HARBOUR LEAGUE - WHITSTABLE

Another very successful season, with the standard of bowling being the best yet. Helmsmen retained their trophy by being Champions again this year. Led by Brian Snook they amassed 210 points. Runners-up this year were the Roughnecks with 194 points, led by Ken Barnard. Third were the Constructors captained by Paul Clark.

On the individual front, in an extremely tight finish, Sean Purcell took the high average by just 0.2 pins from Nathan Clark, both amassing brilliant 199 averages, easily the highest the league has seen. Still on the individual front, Ben Frost took the high game with handicap with a 293 (279 scratch). Sean Purcell had a 290 scratch game. The high series (handicap) was taken by Emily Frost who had a fantastic 699 scratch series (750 with h'cap). The league actually saw its first 700 series this year from Colin Johnson (723) and Nathan Clark (712).

On the team front, Jokers retained the High Series trophy with a 2616 handicap series (2367 scratch), with Ben Frost and Geoff Bromley registering 600 scratch series. High game trophy went to the Roughnecks with a 937 h'cap (876 scratch) game, with Colin Pepler and Earl Jarvis registering high 200 scratch games.

In the end of season tournaments Steve Gore and Nico Joiner rolled a 1319 handicap series (1193 scratch). Runners up were Pete Williams and Sean Purcell with a 1293 handicap (1233 scratch) series.

In the Singles. Colin Johnson took the singles crown with yet another 700 set (757—259,255,243) which was a 769 handicap series. Runner-up was Peter Myhill.

Report from Roy Fillier—Secretary Harbour League

EARLY BIRDS LEAGUE - CHATHAM

The Early Birds League reached the halfway stage of the 2003-4 season at the end of December 2003. There have been some high scores registered. The league has been dominated by two teams, Brian Major's Crusaders and Jerry Moll's Playboys, who have each won the title 4 times in the 11 years of the league. At the halfway stage in the 12th season the defending champions are down in 13th place (out of 16 teams) and the Crusaders are in 6th, so it looks as if another team will get a look in at last.

There has been some hot competition to set the highest scratch series. Brian Major of the Crusaders set the target score in the first week of the league with a 664 series. This was beaten in week 5 by 15 year old Shane Hecken (The Hookers) with a 673 series which included games of 265 and 229. Shane's score was beaten in week 7 by Dan Hobson-Wallis (Ricochet) with 685 highlighted by games of 267 and 234. The following week Brian Major claimed back the top slot with a 727 scratch series comprising games of 232, 248, 247. At the halfway stage of the season Mixers are top with 76 points, closely followed by Dambusters on 74 points and Almost Up There and Smudgers both on 70 points. Leading averages after 45 games are Brian Major's 199.89, Mark Godley (Playboys) 190.98, and Shane Hecken 190.47 (36 games).

ROSEMARY MOLL—LEAGUE SECRETARY