



# Kent Tenpin Bowling Association

## South East County Challenge 2023 Report

The South East County Challenge came back by popular demand this year, and what a brilliant event it turned out to be. It took place at Go Bowling Dunstable and was run by Daniel 'Basher' Bonfield. Kent entered two teams, originally and imaginatively named Kent 1 and Kent 2 however, Basher decided to rename Kent 1 to 'Right Bunch Of Kents' without consultation with anybody from Kent, it's what he does! The format used is the same as The Inter County Championships, teams of five bowlers bowl five games with the overall pinfall plus bonuses deciding the winning team. Ladies and age bonuses were also awarded.



### Kent 1

Left to Right :- Stuart Turpin – James McMinn – Joe Cooper – Sean Purcell – Clint Miller

Kent 1 (RBOK) finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place just 31 pins behind 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Bedfordshire. One of the benchmarks to aim for in this event is 1000 scratch pins per team game which Kent 1 did in three out of the five games, so a pretty good effort. The star of this team was Stuart Turpin whose 1060 included 3 scores more than 200 which gave him an average of 212. In fact, his score in games 3,4 & 5 totalled 687, a very nice three game total. Joe Cooper and James McMinn bowled just as well, only a few pins behind Stuart and recording another 5, 200's between them. Another couple of deuces from Sean Purcell and a 211 from Clint Miller supplied the highlights from this very competitive squad. Stuart Turpin and Joe Cooper both finished in the top ten individuals list.



## Kent 2

Left to Right :- **Chris Taaffe – Jan Hodge – Nathan Smith – Chris Skudder – Bob Ockelford**

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Kent 2 finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of 14 teams, but they did finish above London. Bob Ockelford was the outstanding bowler in this team, whose 257 game five score was 7<sup>th</sup> highest score of the tournament. Despite two deuces each from Chris Skudder and Nathan Smith, Kent 2 were unable to score a scratch 1000 pins in any of their team games or individual series'. Jan Hodge started with a good score of 191, and Chris Taaffe may have done better bowling on the Nintendo wi app at home instead!!!

