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Tournament Officers Report

There were no KTBA Tournaments last year except for the County trials, which The Chairman presides over.

I did however attend The Inter County Championships Adult Ladies Finals in Guildford, where Kent fielded a mixed team of youth and experience. The team did well to qualify for the finals, There were many high quality Counties who failed to make the final, so being there was an achievement in itself. Our team was lead by evergreen Captain Jan Hodge, who alongside Frankie Plewis, Lorna Scott, Jo Green, Dee Dyke and Janet Rankin made up Kents contribution to the Championships. We were fortunate that Richard Lambkin was able to give our Ladies a program of expert coaching prior to the event, which was reflected in the improvement and consistency of each of the team.

We finished 7th out of the ten teams that competed, and that was probably a fair result. We were up against are the very best Counties in the Country, and the quality demonstrated proved that. Frankie and Lorna were outstanding, both averaging well over 200, very few open frames and plenty of strikes. It could be argued that our scores should have been higher, if some of the solid nines had been strikes. However in the end if you bowl a nine, you score a nine, and at this level you have to leave the excuses back in your locker and you have to step up. This tournament used the baker system for scoring, which can be challenging when trying to keep some kind of consistency, but it was the same for all Counties. The baker system will not be used in this year's ICC's. This was a very good performance, considering the opposition and despite the overall position we found ourselves in, the team spirit really made the weekend. Well done ladies. There is a full detailed report on our website.

This year I want to re-introduce the County Championships. I will take advice from the committee regarding format, venue and dates.

I would anticipate a team event, trios or fours, a doubles and an optional overall singles event with each participant bowling six games in total.

The only Centres left in Kent which are sanctioned by The BTBA are Cliftonville (Bugsys) and Rochester, but Rochester only has a Silver Sanction, whereas Cliftonville (Bugsys) has Gold.

As the sanctioning suggests Cliftonville (Bugsys) is the better option so unless anybody has any alternative suggestions, I will be approaching Bugsys for dates.

I will try and get a brochure ready for your perusal in time for the AGM.

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