

SOW THE SEEDS, WATCH THE

RAYNES PARK WAS FORMED AFTER A MASS MOVE FROM STREATHAM, TRANSFERRING TO RAYNES PARK IN 1993 WITH AROUND 40 BOWLERS, REPORTS BARRY EASON.

STREATHAM, THE original home for the club was set up by the John Williams The British Tenpin Bowling Association's then (and up until around 1998) Coaching co-ordinator and Graham Knight (who was last seen at Orpington Bowl with their YBC I am led to believe) in or around 1987.

The club moved from Streatham and lost the red shirt, and took on the green of Raynes Park in 1993. Some of the bowlers to move where up and coming junior internationals, Rob Evans and Jenny Brown, who is now making a comeback after a few years away from the scene and had a good result at Norwich in the European Fives and the BTBA Nationals and still bowling Counties with London. Both of them have represented Raynes Park at international level. Robs parents Mike and Hazel, were the clubs driving force then. The London County junior teams had a large majority of Raynes Bowlers although the club has never really numbered over 40 bowlers. The few successes with Jenny and Rob making the Triple Crown teams in Ireland and Wales kept things ticking over and the standards set.

In the next few years after Mike and Hazel left in around 1995 there was a certain amount of rebuilding to be done. Most of the Streatham ties were lost through bowlers having other commitments at work and leaving through age.

The current committee led by Tom Farr and John Whiffin took the reins with other parents working hard in the background, fund raising (always a problem for small clubs) and coaching the new bowlers coming in to replace the old! Success was not far away. In 1997 Daniel Eason resumed the International recognition for the club followed by Peter Gauntlett the next year 1998, both in Triple Crown teams. In 1999 three bowlers went to the Triple Crown

in Scotland. Daniel Eason, Craig Churcher and Jemma Smith. Jemma also made the full international squad in 2000 and went to Holland to win European championship medals with England. 2000 has provided another three bowlers to go to the Triple Crown. Jemma and Craig Churcher the second year in a row. Heather Stewart for her first time, although she has been first reserve on two other occasions.

Apart from International success, domestically things were taking off as well. A large majority of the Surrey Junior County teams were now supplied by Raynes Park bowlers reflecting the move from London to the Surrey area. Many of the Surrey juniors are now representing the Adults; with noticeably the ladies being placed second this year at the Inter County Championships. A total of 14 out of the squad of the junior squad of 25 came from Raynes. There was also a large representation in YAC and adult teams.

In 1998 RP won the South of England Team scratch with a tremendous performance taking the SOE team record and repeated the feat again in 1999. They dropped off in 2000 only having the runners-up and third in the team scratch division! But winning the most trophies (19) in the tournament. In the same year, 1999, they won the Nationals Regular-team with a National Championship record and last year, 2000, won the Boys AND Girls team trophies, the boys

with a new National Championships record. The JST finals always eluding them, but 2000 finals became the boy's year as well. The much talked about Junior Millennium tournament was another good weekend away. RP coming third overall and figuring in the doubles (Winning), trios (Third) and five person team (Third) showing that they are becoming very strong in Youth bowling, especially in the five person team arena. Many say that there are not enough five-person team events. Go and watch the Junior Scratch Tour finals or the last day of the Junior Nationals if you want to see it at its best in junior bowling.

There has been a trickle of young up and coming bowlers joining RP over the past few years. Jemma and Jason Smith, Craig Churcher, Heather Stewart, Sam and Mark Preece, All recognised Junior Team England bowlers, or soon to be! All of them picking up National and local medals with Raynes.

Deciding to be part of the Raynes Revolution this year are Cheryl Morley, Holly Towersey, David Overall. All from last years Triple Crown. David's sister Sarah and her sidekick Donna Plush also a new club member have already started to play havoc in

the junior age group this year. Donna being a winner at Bushbury, Sarah was third. Donna was also the Wolverhampton All-Events winner. Cheryl and Holly also making their mark taking their Doubles trophy at the Wolverhampton home again.

Latest success for the club is winning the 2000 Coach and Fours team Scratch event, another five-person team event! With a score of 2855, not bad with a dodgy instructor!

Keith Kendall has joined the coaching set up to help and having adult Team England member Geoff Buck has made a big difference to the club with Geoff's coaching expertise and advice are invaluable. He has played a big part in the last year or so as the results show. New members for the 2000/2001 season, some moving from other local clubs will ensure the success continues.

However the RP has always considered

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RAYNES PARK ROLL OF HONOUR

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL HONOURS.

TRIPLE CROWN

Jenny Brown 1994, 1995, Robert Evans 1994, Daniel Eason 1997, 1999, Peter Gauntlett 1998, Jemma Smith 1999, 2000, Craig Churcher 1999, 2000, Heather Stewart 2000.

EURO CHAMPS 2000

Jemma Smith Squad member 2001, Berlin

MAJOR EVENT JUNIOR TROPHIES WON LAST TWO YEARS.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS
Boys Team 2000, Regular Team 1999

SOE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

Team 1999, Graduate All Events Boys 2000 Peter Gauntlett, Graduate All events Girls 2000 Heather Stewart, Junior All Events Girls 2000 Samantha Irwin

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS 1999

Team Regular Gold, Graduate Singles Gold Daniel Eason, Graduate All-Events Gold Daniel Eason, Graduate Doubles Bronze Heather Stewart/Kylie Argent, Senior All-Events Gold Craig Churcher, Senior All-Events Silver Heather Stewart, Intermediate All-Events Bronze Jemma Smith

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS 2000

Team Boys Gold, Team Girls Gold, Graduate All-Events Bronze Craig Farr, Graduate Doubles Bronze Craig Farr/Peter Gauntlett, Senior Doubles David Whiffin/Mark Preece, Junior All Events Gold Samantha Irwin, Junior Singles Bronze Samantha Irwin, Junior Doubles Bronze Mark Williams/Louise Hewitt

JUNIOR SCRATCH TOUR

1998 Boys 4th, 1999 Girls 6th, 2000 Boys Champions

M GROW!

itself a family club and sadly the last founder member of Streatham left Raynes Park this year. Peter Gauntlett has bowled with the club for 13 years, won many medals and trophies and together with Daniel Eason be the last playing tie and longest serving members of the club to leave will be sorely missed. Bowlers now in there early twenties are now still involved in the scene. Rob Evans, Paul and Younger brother Darren Lamb continue to play at Raynes in the Jupiter scratch league and Darren, one of the most talented bowlers in the area not to have bowled a YBC career, he gave up at 14, collected a team medal at the South of England this year.

Looking forward to the next few years will be a challenge and there is some exiting talent still to be uncovered. The likes of Samantha Irwin, John and Mark Williams, Jason Smith, and Louise Hewitt are yet to be heard of on the junior circuit in any force, but they are making their mark, most of them medal winners at last years National Championships and none over the age of 14 yet. Samantha Irwin only having a couple of outings on the merit circuit and winning All-Events at the SOE and Nationals in the junior division.

All this achieved with a club that has never number more than 42 bowlers and at times has been as low as 24. This should give some hope to the smaller clubs out there that successes can be achieved through hard work and enthusiasm and you do not have to have 150 plus club members to do it.

There are several other tournaments where individuals have won recognition. Sadly the list is not up to date or as comprehensive as Rita Woods. We bow to your record keeping and organisation Rita, but Yorkshire people are always a canny bunch and very organised, so they keep telling us!

As a parent you often wonder is it all worth it? Travelling the country at ungodly hours, lost weekends, overdrawn bank balances, cars with mileage higher than the space shuttle and a staple diet of KFC and McDonalds from motorway service stations as we do I would say that over the last few years, watching the club (it was successful before as Streatham it must be said) flourish along with the National junior scene, gives more than enough reasons to say an unmitigated yes to that question.

Junior bowling, with all the tears and heartache when it doesn't go quite right is far out weighed by the successes achieved, however small.

It does make it all worthwhile at the end of the day, don't you think?



AIRPORT BOWLENNIUM

THE MABUHAY Strikers league kindly invited yours truly to their annual end of year party and presentation in Greenford last December. An all round great evening, with an unexpected cabaret (thanks Romy - how's your head?) and all the bowlers and their families having a great time celebrating our sport. That's the way to do it.

AMF MAIDSTONE

THE ANNUAL KTBA Inter-Centre tournament was held in July and was won by Bexleyheath by just one point ahead of Chatham. The tournament comprises many events - men's doubles, senior mixed doubles, men's singles, ladies singles, ladies trios, junior fours and a five person team, giving individuals in each bowler some opportunity to play. (Courtesy KTBA's Bowling News).

AMF NOTTINGHAM

FIFTY-FOUR men and 18 ladies competed in the AMF Senior Bowlers Club Masters, the end of season annual event and both titles were taken by the winningest bowlers of the season. Pat Blaber rounded off her fine season by defeating Eileen Powney in the ladies final to make it a fifth tournament win this year. Al Jenkins only got into the knockout stages as bottom seed (no 16), but he bagged top seed Robbie Skinner before defeating Billy McKnight, Paul Noon and finally Pete Cornwall in the final to make it four wins on the year..

XMAS SINGLES

AMF Lewisham - December 12th			
ADULT			
1 Rowan Buteux	744	£100	
2 Daniel Hanscombe	684	£55	
3 Daniel Martin	679	£37	
SENIOR			
1 Paul Yeomans	690	£50	
2 Graham Scott	645	£22	
JUNIOR			
1 Stuart Robertson	660	£75	
2 James Forte	623	£35	
3 Nicola Millet	619	£22	

YAC RANKINGS

MEN			
1	Andy Marsh	6	209 203
2	Allan Pearson	7	208 196
3	Craig Farrar	6	206 199
4	Brian Watkins	6	203 195
5	Chris Evans	7	199 190
6	Stewart Bryden	6	198 186
7	Steve Hodges	6	194 185
8	Mark Bloor	6	192 185
9	Kevin Marsh	5	179 176
10	Ryan Grainger	5	176 175
LADIES			
1	Allison New	7	206 196
2	Nikki Stonier	6	194 190
3	Michelle Wallis	6	190 186
4	Emma Madeley	5	181 179
5	Karen Parslow	6	178 171
6	Sarah Charlton	3	173 174

AMF SENIOR BOWLERS CLUB MASTERS

LADIES		Peter Cornwall 405 - Bobby Mansfield 349		
QUARTER FINAL		Roger Peartree 432 - Frank Stander 364		
Jacqui Cooper 339 - Jean Macdonald 363		SEMI FINAL		
Maureen Seeney 307 - Paula Johnson 363		Al Jenkins 484 - Paul Noon 421		
Eileen Powney 413 - June Terry 338		Peter Cornwall 409 - Roger Peartree 399		
Pat Blaber 346 - Di Wilson 308		FINAL		
SEMI FINAL		Al Jenkins 448 - Peter Cornwall 370		
Jean Macdonald 374 - Paula Johnson 367		FINAL RANKINGS (best 4 count)		
Eileen Powney 314 - Pat Blaber 392		MEN		
FINAL		POINTS		
Jean Macdonald 382 - Pat Blaber 403		1	Philip Conacher	195
MEN		2	Al Jenkins	195
THIRD ROUND		3	Roy Wilson	191
Al Jenkins 407 - Robbie Skinner 369		4	Geoff Gardner	171
Bill McKnight 397 - Ralph Morgan 385		5	Allen Jordache	169
Paul Noon 457 - Max Ashman 382		6	Les Grant	165
Barry Early 333 - Allen Jordache 412		LADIES		
Pete Cornwall 424 - Geoff Gardner 379		POINTS		
Bobby Mansfield 476 - Bob Stocks 379		1	Brenda Pratt	96
Ron Deacon 408 - Roger Peartree 518		2	Marilyn Morris	95
Bob Newfield 360 - Frank Stander 389		3	Jacqui Cooper	87
QUARTER FINAL		4	Pat Blaber	85
Al Jenkins 407 - Bill McKnight 404		5	Di Wilson	84
Paul Noon 401 - Allen Jordache 357		6	Carol Barter	81

NOVEMBER DOUBLES

Airport Bowlnnium - November 25-26th 2000			
360 MAX HANDICAP DIVISION			
1	S.Everitt/J.Dorsey	2736	
2	P.Carter/L.Garrett	2673	
3	N. Whittaker/G. Branigan	2669	
4	Craker/Gardener	2649	
5	M. Moran/M. Hallett	2645	
6	D. Hamilton/M. Hamilton	2639	
MIXED HANDICAP DIVISION			
1	P.Hempsall/M.Beard	2764	
2	P. Hempsall/T. Hemsall	2642	
3	M. Gribben/Welsh/J.Southgate	2560	
4	A. Smith/M. Secker	2550	
5	B. Ruffles/P. Brown	2534	
6	T.Gardner/M.Gardner	2527	
SCRATCH DIVISION			
1	M. Ross/S. Wilson	2778	
2	R. Bruce/J. Horrell	2774	
3	S. Wilson/B. Mansfield	2773	
4	I. Horrell/C. Buck	2714	
5	M. Ross/C. Buck	2702	
6	A. Jordache/B. Mansfield	2670	
MEN'S MASTERS			
1	Michael Ross	1745	
2	Robert Bruce	1722	
3	Chris Buck	1701	
4	Ian Horrell	1685	
5	Iain Curkendale	1670	
6	Dave Williams	1622	
7	Matt Hamilton	1545	
8	Jason Searle	1536	
LADIES MASTERS			
1	Lynne Walker	1252	
2	Ann Smith	1095	
3	Marilyn Morris	1011	
4	Joanne Clark	1002	
5	Maureen Seeney	955	
6	Sally Horsburgh	907	

NAYBC MERIT TABLE

BOYS				22 Steven Cave Portsmouth 181.00	
1	Gary Marcus	Blackpool	204.22	23	Sean Creighton Sheffield D 181.00
2	Kevin Postill	Washington	200.00	24	Kevin Ladds Boston 180.38
3	Nicholas Gollop	Norwich	198.33	GIRLS	
4	Adam Graves	Boston	197.50	1	Emma Stone Ipswich Solar 196.67
5	Mark Hughes	Sunderland	194.00	2	Emma Tooze Chesterfield 192.20
6	Thomas Butcher	Keighley	193.11	3	Katie Jowsey L.A. Leeds 191.87
7	Ian Allison	Peterborough	190.90	4	Joanne Beaumont Barnsley 188.33
8	Antony Beadle	Teesside Park	189.67	5	Vanessa Bromley Lincoln 183.17
9	Stephen Letchford	B/Heath	189.33	6	Laura Ivory Crawley 181.83
10	Andrew Baxter	Norwich	187.00	7	Fiona Banks Sheffield 179.92
11	Kieran Tracey	Enfield	186.33	8	Emma Madeley Tamworth 179.67
12	Stuart Meale	Norwich	186.00	9	Rebecca Pallas Sunderland 179.58
13	Alex Ward	L.A. Leeds	185.33	10	Jon Billingham Washington 177.89
14	Jon Mitchem	Wokingham	184.67	11	Joanne Alsebrook L.A. Leeds 177.00
15	Craig Barras	Washington	183.50	12	Amy Kempton Bushbury 175.73
16	James Tidd	Norwich	183.48	13	Leanne Bean L.A. Leeds 175.20
17	Alex Perry	L.A. Leeds	183.47	14	Rebecca Jolly Peterborough 174.54
18	Adam Carter	Washington	183.00	15	Holly Towersey Raynes Park 174.50
19	Gareth Stone	L.A. Leeds	182.29	16	Stephanie Cairns Sunderland 173.08
20	Daniel Davies	Liverpool	181.33		
21	Sean Croke	Firth Park	181.33		