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Junior Nationals 1985

An excellent tournament was held at Leeds over the last two weekends in May for the 1985 Annual Youth Championships.

Although the total entries were slightly down on 1984, the standard of bowling was higher which is reflected by the tournament statistics with the game average being 134.8 against 131.5 in 1984. The Team Event was won by Fleetwood 1 with a score of 2591 which is a game average of 172.7, a remarkable score when you consider the rules for the composition of the team.

Pride of place individually must go to Robert Bruce of Aberdeen who in the third game of his singles opened with 9 strikes in a row and being on the verge of creating history in the Junior Nationals. His ball on the tenth frame looked right in the pocket but was slightly off line and left the 8-10 split. Taking out one pin his second ball left him with a 266 game to take the high game for the tournament.

The medal winners this year were:—

SINGLES

Girls

Bantams

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Lyndsay McDougall (Glenrothes) | 373 |
| 2. Melanie Isaac (Weston) | 329 |
| 3. Joanne Dodd (Bexleyheath) | 309 |

Junior 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Sally-Ann Alberty (Nottingham) | 434 |
| 2. Elizabeth Lake (Sunderland) | 426 |
| 3. Tracey Skinner (Tolworth) | 424 |

Junior 2

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Claire Oxby (Lincoln) | 516 |
| 2. Yvette Dickerson (Nottingham) | 504 |
| 3. Clare Downs (Sunderland) | 499 |

Senior

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Suzanne Copley (Leeds) | 551 |
| 2. Lisa Shalome (Harrow) | 488 |
| 3. Tracy Fletcher (Hull) | 479 |

Graduates

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Carol Grant (Glenrothes) | 553 |
| 2. Karen Sharp (Nottingham) | 532 |
| 3. Paula Sargent (Worthing) | 527 |

Boys

Bantams

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Martin Lau (Tolworth) | 431 |
| 2. George Ruckert (Glenrothes) | 427 |
| 3. Paul Delany (Wolverhampton) | 397 |

Junior 1

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Martin Chapman (Ilkeston) | 486 |
| 2. Farid Ansari (Tolworth) | 474 |
| 3. James Widdop (Ilkeston) | 465 |

Junior 2

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Dominic Duggan (Bexleyheath) | 508 |
| 2. David Sharpe (Crawley) | 491 |
| 3. Richard Pearson (Leeds) | 474 |

Senior

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Jason Almond (Leeds) | 603 |
| 2. Stephen Wainwright (Fleetwood) | 601 |
| 3. Colin Toogood (Brize Norton) | 597 |

Graduates

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Barry Whitehouse (Wolverhampton) | 592 |
| 2. Robert Bruce (Aberdeen) | 573 |
| 3. Andrew Carpenter (Weston) | 566 |

REGULAR DOUBLES

Bantams

1. Martin Lau/Alex Kevill-Davis (Tolworth) 816
2. Keith Taylor/George Ruckert (Glenrothes) 763
3. Christopher Wright/Joanna Harries (Airport) 628

Junior 1

1. Phillip Jones/Paul Gee (Manchester) 894
2. Martin Chapman/James Widdop (Ilkeston) 850
3. Lee Barnett/Kevin Creamer (Harrow) 743

Junior 2

1. Jarad Collard/David Jones (Weston) 943
2. Gavin Spence/Steven Lawson (Sunderland) 909
3. Ian Ferguson/Peter Ferguson (Dagenham) 902

Senior

1. Adrian Porter/
Stephen Wainwright (Fleetwood) 1081
2. David Petherick/
Robert Petherick (Bexleyheath) 1037
3. Neil Marling/Iain Fitzmaurice (Hull) 1028

Graduates

1. Anthony Matthews/
Paul Matthews (Fleetwood) 1180
2. Mark Allen/
Anthony Whale (Hemel Hempstead) 1117
3. Michael Bennett/Russell Midgley (Ilkeston) 1112

GIRLS DOUBLES

Junior 1

1. Tracey Skinner/Sandra Lau (Tolworth) 871
2. Susan Rivers/Elizabeth Lake (Sunderland) 802
3. Tina Preece/Jennifer Street (Weston) 774

Junior 2

1. Wendy Anderson/Paula Watt (Sunderland) 913
2. Lucie Wells/Nicola Kevill-Davis (Tolworth) 864
3. Claire Fitzmaurice/Cathy Ainsworth (Hull) 825

Senior

1. Amanda Orkney/Adele Dyer (Airport) 1022
2. Claire Downes/Rachel Stametti (Sunderland) 990
3. Beverley West/Lisa Shalome (Harrow) 958

Graduates

1. Jane Crouch/Paula Brigham (Sunderland) 1022
2. Lisa Hill/Karen Sharp (Nottingham) 1006
3. Sharon Lovegrove/
Adele Mildenhall (Tolworth) 996

ALL EVENTS

Girls

Bantams

1. Joanne Ferry (Sunderland) 863
2. Amanda McCorkindale (Sunderland) 849
3. Felicity Creamer (Harrow) 846

Junior 1

1. Sandra Lau (Tolworth) 1328
2. Sally Warburton (Fleetwood) 1291
3. Elizabeth Lake (Sunderland) 1270

Junior 2

1. Wendy Anderson (Sunderland) 1386
2. Claire Downes (Sunderland) 1348
3. Claire Oxby (Lincoln) 1338

Seniors

1. Suzanne Copley (Leeds) 1535
2. Lisa Shalome (Harrow) 1481
3. Amanda Orkney (Airport) 1474

Graduates

1. Paula Brigham (Sunderland) 1570
2. Tracy Price (Airport) 1541
3. Joanne Neesom (Aberdeen) 1528

Boys

Bantams

1. Martin Lau (Tolworth) 1247
2. George Ruckert (Glenrothes) 1207
3. Keith Taylor (Glenrothes) 1172

Junior 1

1. Paul Gee (Manchester) 1369
2. Martin Chapman (Ilkeston) 1346
3. James Widdop (Ilkeston) 1297

Junior 2

1. Richard Pearson (Leeds) 1387
2. Matthew Meakin (Ilkeston) 1379
3. Michael Hutchings (Airport) 1376

Seniors

1. Stephen Wainwright (Fleetwood) 1701
2. Jason Almond (Leeds) 1684
3. Colin Toogood (Brize Norton) 1681

Graduates

1. Barry Whitehouse (Wolverhampton) 1666
2. Spencer Hogg (Manchester) 1646
3. Mark Allen (Hemel Hempstead) 1620
3. Chris Richardson (Airport) 1620

Teams

1. Fleetwood 1 2591
2. Airport 1 2511
3. Fleetwood 2 2437

HIGH GAMES

Girls

Bantams

- Lindsey McDougall (Glenrothes) 162

Junior 1

- Sally Warburton (Fleetwood) 200

Junior 2

- Nicola Kevill-Davis (Tolworth) 199

Senior

- Rachael Stametti (Sunderland) 223

Graduates

- Sarah Mallett (Tolworth) 235

Boys

<i>Bantams</i>	
Martin Lau (Tolworth)	172
<i>Junior 1</i>	
Steven Beresford (Hemel Hempstead)	194
<i>Junior 2</i>	
David Gee (Manchester)	206
<i>Senior</i>	
Robert Underwood (Airport)	246
<i>Graduates</i>	
Robert Bruce (Aberdeen)	266

GAMES AVERAGE

Girls	Singles	Doubles
<i>Bantams</i>	86 (88)	
<i>Junior 1</i>	116 (107)	120 (106)
<i>Junior 2</i>	125 (124)	125 (122)
<i>Seniors</i>	135 (135)	141 (138)
<i>Graduates</i>	147 (143)	147 (140)
Boys	Singles	Doubles
<i>Bantams</i>	98 (92)	94 (89)
<i>Junior 1</i>	114 (109)	110 (108)
<i>Junior 2</i>	126 (126)	122 (126)
<i>Seniors</i>	141 (137)	141 (138)
<i>Graduates</i>	151 (147)	150 (151)
	1985	1984
Total Pinfall	621064	656564
Total Games	4611	4992
Game Average	134.8	131.5
No. of 200 + Games	92	

N.B. 1984 figures in brackets.

FINAL ACTUAL ENTRIES

	1985	1984
Singles	560	633
Doubles	281	307
Teams	84	84

MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Aberdeen	0	1	1	2
Acocks Green	0	0	0	0
Airport	1	2	4	7
Basildon	0	0	0	0
Bexleyheath	1	1	1	3
Brize Norton	0	0	2	2
Cottesmore	0	0	0	0
Crawley	0	1	0	1
Dagenham	0	0	1	1
Fleetwood	4	2	1	7
Glenrothes	2	3	1	6
Harrow	0	2	3	5
Hemel Hempstead	0	1	1	2
Hull	0	1	2	3
Ilkeston	1	3	3	7
Leeds	4	1	1	6
Lincoln	1	0	1	2
Manchester	2	1	0	3
Newcastle	0	0	0	0
Nottingham	1	3	0	4
Stevenage	0	0	0	0
Stirchley	0	0	0	0
Sunderland	5	5	2	12
Tolworth	5	3	2	10
Weston-super-Mare	1	1	2	4
Wolverhampton	2	0	1	3
Worthing	0	0	1	1

Our thanks go to Ian Sharrock (Jackie Merrick of "Emmerdale Farm" for coming along and presenting the team awards and special trophies.

The cup for the Best Presented and Behaved Team was presented to Aberdeen.

The Chairman's Cup was given to Jerry Lodge of Bexleyheath.

Richard Dee presented two encouragement awards to Sarah Devries from Harrow and Martin Nash from Sunderland.

Bowler of the Year awards for 1984, selected by a sub-committee of the NAYBC and generously presented by AMF Humber Bowling were awarded to Joanne Stametti of Sunderland and Tony Commander of Ilkeston.

As Tournament Manager it was a pleasure to be involved over the two weekends and to witness such good bowling in a lovely atmosphere. I hope that all competitors, officials and spectators also enjoyed themselves.

Jerry Lodge

Search for International Bowlers

Wenda Thomas compiles information to assist Dave Broad in the selection of Great Britain teams for international matches.

If you know of any bowlers you think have the potential to be considered for selection please send

details to:

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Yardley,
Birmingham B25 8AH

Well Strike Me

For the past ten years I have watched the Junior Nationals preparation and daily running from afar, occasionally sitting behind a little table trying to flog NAYBC goodies.

1985 dropped me right in it, I had volunteered to act as Deputy Tournament Manager, I was obviously sickening for something. In due course the entries came flooding in through Jerry's (Tournament Manager) letter box, far out numbering the Persil, Bonus Prints, Coffee, Margarine etc leaflets with pennies off. After many hours and many days Jerry had somehow allotted lanes, squads and even days to suit as far as humanly practical the hundreds of requests.

Then came my turn to write out hundreds of score sheets that required days of pen pushing. Came the day, the first of five; with Coaches, Minibuses, and cars converging on Leeds Bowl, some abandoning their cargo lost in the city routes. Fond dads and mums lugging heavy balls, lolling for a compass to orientate themselves on the Merrion Centre.

The bowl management and helpers, bright and early on call joined Jerry and I. Spick and span was the bowl; notice boards etc had been prepared the night before, lanes dressed and mechanics at the ready. Came the hoards — how good to see our YBC friends, and eager competitors.

Welcoming words floated through the air, Jerry at his best on the "mike"; First squad up and ready with minutes to go. The 1985 Nationals had started.

From then for five days there would be great concentration on the job at hand, minutes only to grab

a bite, tea, coffee and chocolate brought by kind people to the Registration tables.

Brilliant organization by Jerry before hand, was now proving its worth, greatly helped by Pat Taylor and her merry band providing scores and auditors.

Five days of great bowling, so many rising far above their normal ability, excitement everywhere, smiles, tears, and joy. St John's Ambulance members always at hand to ease the bumps, and minor ills.

YBC after YBC showered their skills, positions changed on the leader boards, and so the fourth day arrived, the thunderous cheers and shouts during the Team Event, the girls hearts thumping when Jackie of Emmerdale Farm arrived to present medals and trophies for the Team Event. Final day, singles and doubles, sad but brave visit by Stuart McCall and Don Goodman, Bradford City Footballers to collect a wonderful cheque.

PHEW!! nearly done — Gold, Silver and Bronze medals await the recipients — Trophies and T.V Caps. the various groups have left, so many memories, so many friendships renewed, new friendships made. Thank you Jerry for inviting me to take part in this unique experience. Thank you Leeds.

A little thought to my friends the YBC representatives last minute changes of personnel and team order may seem a small item to you, but it is a great headache to the organizers. For the comfort and easing of ulcers in 1986 please no last minute changes (illness, non arrivals excepted) Thank You.

John Williams

Raffles at Junior Nationals — 1985

With the generous support of AMF Humber Bowling two raffles were held at Leeds, one on each weekend mainly to raise money for the 'Bradford City Disaster Fund'

The winning tickets for each raffle were:-

Prize	Winning Ticket	Ticket Holder
First Weekend		
'Angle' Bowling Ball	Blue 59	Steve Turner Crawley
'Angle' Bowling Bag	Green 95	John Williams
'Angle' Bowling Shirt	Biscuit 67	
'Angle' Bowling Shirt	Blue 310	Ron Ashford
Miniature Pictures	Yellow 238	

Second Weekend

'Angle' Bowling Ball	Yellow 617	Claimed
'Ebonite' Bowling Bag	Pink 405	
'Angle' Shirt	White 238	Claimed

Teddy Bear	Pink 342	Claimed
Alarm Clock	Green 284	Claimed
Punch Bowl Set	Yellow 463	Claimed
Watch	Yellow 520	
Cutlery	Mauve 226	Claimed
Travel Bag	Yellow 416	Claimed
Basket of Fruit	Green 246	Claimed
Basket of Vegetables	Pink 288	Claimed

If you have one of the unclaimed tickets please contact Mike Crew at Leeds Bowl who was mainly responsible for the magnificent sale of so many tickets.

During the week between the Tournament dates collections were made from the Adult Leagues at Leeds Bowl and together with a contribution from AMF Humber Bowling we were able to present a cheque at the closing ceremony to two of the Bradford City Footballers, Stuart McCall and Don Goodman of £628.96

Thank you all for your generous support.

Slush Puppie Junior Bowling Report

The Slush Puppie Junior scratch bowling event took place at Streatham bowl on Sunday the 2nd of June. This event is open to anybody qualified to bowl within the three classifications as set below.

This was the 3rd of 4 scheduled tournaments to be held this season. The next event takes place on the 28th of July. This will be followed by a masters event. The top ten bowlers in each group are invited back to Streatham to play the finals.

The event was divided down into three groups.

1. Classified. All bowlers must average under 140.
2. Intermediate. All bowlers must be under 23.
3. Juniors. All bowlers must be under 18.

Classified Event

There were only eight competitors in this event but as usual the enthusiasm shown more than made up for the lack of numbers, having said that it would be very nice to see some more faces.

All of the competitors bowled an initial four games block and were looking for the top three bowlers to play in a stepladder final. The cut fell at 535, Daren Ingrams, with David Sharpe 583 in 2nd and Ian Mcpherson in 1st on 627. Special mention must be made of Ronald May who bowled 532, missing the cut by three pins. This included a 404 series, Ronalds best ever. Ian Mcphersons score included a 188, tournament high game. In the 1st step ladder match David Sharpe beat Daren 164-139, he then went on to beat Ian in the final 174-134. David comes from Crawley and has a current league average of 116, well done David keep it up.

Intermediate Event

This event had twelve entries with all competitors bowling six games, a place in the top three being the aim. Once again although the event was short on numbers it did not suffer from lack of quality with both Simon Browns, Jim O'Dwyer and Andy Megrenahan amongst the competitors. After six games the cut was 1175 David Levisohn, with Jim

on 1210 in 2nd and Simon Brown (lefty) 1229 in first place. High game falling to Simon Brown, Streatham with a 229. Special mention must be made of the 'young ladies' who regularly compete. The 1st match in the stepladder was David versus Jim, with Jim running out the winner 202-190, David was left to rue a missed spare in the tenth. Jim then took on the all conquering Simon, who ran out the winner 235-168, tournament high game of the day.

Junior Event

This was the best supported event of the day with 20 competitors, initially bowling a four game block looking for a place in the top ten. The cut fell at 698 Steven Tate, Gaz Newman bowling the highest game of the non qualifiers with 224.

The top ten then bowled two more games looking for a place in the top three, 3rd spot falling to Tony Commander on 1119, with a high game of 210 (Graham Knight) in this squad. The 1st match was Tony versus James Lambert (1149), Tony winning 179-152, Tony went on to beat Phil Stein in the final 169-159.

Personal View

On a personal note, I would like to express some opinions re these junior tournaments. Bob and Pat Blaber and, to much lesser extent, myself put a lot of time into running these events. The original aims of the events was to promote competition between junior bowlers, this to a large extent has worked with quite a few youngsters progressing into national and international class. The events are subsidised by Slush Puppie and Mecca bowl and because of this the events are reasonably priced. I only make these points as unless there is an increase in the number of competitors I can see in the near future the events disappearing. This would be a great shame and would be another nail in the coffin in tenpin bowling.

Alan Hart

Points Total to Date (after three events)

Juniors			Classified			Intermediates		
1st	J. Almond	22	I. McPherson	26		D. Levisohn	28	
2nd	J. Lambert	21	D. Kay	24		S. Brown (ST)	22	
3rd	T. Commander	20	D. Sharpe	22		J. O'Dwyer	18	
4th	R. Harries	17	P. Turner	17		S. Baker	11	
5th	P. Stein	15	I. Milligan	14		A. Inger	10	
6th	M. Edwards	12	R. May	14		S. Brown (HO)	10	
7th	R. Midgely	11	D. Ingram	12		S. Turner (F)	7	
8th	G. Knight	8	M. Newcombe	11		G. Gibbons	7	
9th	D. Wilson	7	P. Baker	10		K. Gibson	7	
10th	T. O'Rourke	6	J. Harries (F)	8		M. Walround	6	
	S. Ainger (F)	6				M. Presley	6	
	S. Turner	6						

Tournament Calendar 1985

Friday	26 July	}	Junior Masters, Airport
Saturday	27 July		Slush Puppie Junior Scratch Bowlers Club, Streatham
Sunday	28 July	}	England v. Scotland, Hull
Saturday	24 August		Junior Inter-Counties, Airport
Sunday	25 August		Slush Puppie Junior Scratch Bowlers Club, Streatham
Saturday	28 September	}	Swallow Junior, Sunderland
Sunday	6 October		British Invitation Singles, Stevenage
Saturday	26 October	}	
Sunday	27 October		
Saturday	23 November	}	
Sunday	24 November		

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Saturday	25 January	}	Midland Junior Open, Acocks Green
Sunday	26 January		Slush Puppie Scratch Bowlers Club, Streatham
Saturday	1 February		European Junior Championships, Dordrecht, Holland
Sunday	2 February		
Sunday	9 February	}	
	April		Annual Youth Championships — To be arranged
Sunday	20 April	}	Slush Puppie Scratch Bowlers Club, Streatham
Saturday	17 May		Slush Puppie Scratch Bowlers Club, Streatham
Sunday	18 May		Slush Puppie Scratch Bowlers Club, Streatham
Saturday	24 May		
Sunday	25 May		
Monday	26 May		
Sunday	1 June		
Sunday	27 July		
Sunday	5 October		

Youth Bowlers Chronicle

Starting in September 1985, the 'Youth Bowlers Chronicle' will only be published four times a year in:

September/October
December/January
March/April
June/July

Copy for inclusion in each issue should reach the Editor by the 1st day of the first month listed i.e.

1st September
1st December
1st March
1st June

England v. Scotland

The following bowlers have been selected to bowl for England in a friendly match against Scotland at Hull on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August:—

Boys

Barry Whitehouse	Wolverhampton
Anthony Whale	Hemel Hempstead
Stephen Wainwright	Fleetwood
Paul Matthews	Fleetwood
Jon Lidget	Manchester
Steve Gardner	Acocks Green
Ian Bond	Acocks Green
Jason Almond	Leeds
Graham Knight	Streatham
Alan Toogood	Brize Norton

Girls

Jane Walters	Stirchley
Carol Rawson	Leeds
Amanda Orkney	Airport
Lisa Hill	Notts
Joanne Garrett	Stevenage
Tracy Walmsley	Stevenage
Julie Crouch	Sunderland
Adele Dyer	Airport
Janice Beck	Sunderland
Vikki Cragg	Hull

News from the Centres

Dagenham

A very enjoyable weekend was had by all at the Nationals in Leeds. Some very good performances were achieved by the following competitors:

Congratulations to Peter and Ian Ferguson who finished third in their age group in the doubles. Ian bowled a total of 419 and Peter 483.

Samantha Sullivan bowled her best ever game with a score of 189 and Christopher Conner also bowled his all time best with 210 these also in the doubles. In the singles young Alan Bonham also bowled his highest ever game of 155. Scott Crighton and Christopher Conner both bowled a 196.

In the team events Scott Crighton achieved top score in number one team with a total of 572. Top bowler in number two team was Dennis Quirke with a total of 457. In team number three Paul Freeman was top score with 428.

Special mention for Matthew Sloane who bowled his highest ever of 141 in the Dagenham one team, he was our youngest bowler in our three teams.

Congratulations also to the following squad members who bowled well and their behaviour was impeccable Mick Maher, Glen Bartlett, Alison Freeman, Richard Webster, Peter Agg, Tina Kilden and Dean Saunders.

The Dagenham Team and Officials would like to thank everyone at Leeds for making our long journey very worthwhile. The Bowl Staff and the tournament organisers and helpers were first class. Thank you all.

After the excitement of Leeds we are back to League Bowling and special mention to Mick Maher who bowled a 244 game which included six strikes in a row.

I am pleased to report that we now have a few more girl bowlers and membership in general has increased of late.

We would hope in the near future to perhaps have one or two inter-bowl fixtures, anyone interested please contact Alan Webster at Princess Bowl.

Fleetwood

Our most recent activity has, of course, been the Junior Nationals at Leeds. This is one of the most successful tournaments ever experienced by our junior bowlers. Special congratulations must go to Sally Warburton who, bowling in her first tournament, finished second in the girls Junior 2 All Events. Sally also achieved her personal high game of exactly 200 at the tournament.

Congratulations must also go to our other medal winners who were:

Gold Medallists

Anthony and Paul Matthews in the Graduate Doubles.

Adrian Porter and Stephen Wainwright in the Senior Doubles.

Fleetwood 1 in the Team Event.

Silver Medallists

Stephen Wainwright in the Senior Singles.

Bronze Medallists

Fleetwood 2 in the Team Event.

The closing of the winter season saw the Hurricanes winning the league with the Flintstones in a close second place 2½ points behind. High game going to Adrian Porter with 236. High game girls went to Michaela Shepherd with 203.

Other award winners were:

High Series 630 — Paul Harvey

High Series Girls 540 — Michaela Shepherd

Knockout Winner — Lee Nesbitt

Girls Knockout Winner — Caroline Goth

High Series H/Cap 679 — Adrian Porter

Girls High Series H/Cap 657 — Karen Stirzaker

Most Improved Player — Michaela Shepherd

The end of the season saw some of the Juniors in fine form. Paul Harvey hitting his best ever series, 630, consisting of games 194/203/233. Paul Matthews was also in fine form as he bowled a 600 and 604 series in the final two weeks of the season.

Other high scores have been Mark Winnemore 577 series, Paul Marsh 212 game, Stuart Orritt 212 game, Caroline Goth 222 game and Anthony Matthews 236 game.

Hemel Hempstead

Sadly we have said farewell to Dave Fish who has been our treasurer for the last 8 years. Dave is taking on a new roll this month and everyone at the Hemel Hempstead YBC wish you Dave and Ann all the happiness for the future in your forthcoming marriage. Thanks again for all you done in the past years.

The present league with 3 games to go and 24 points at stake stands as follows: 1st The A Team 129 points (Steven Beresford/Philip Bargery), 2nd The Terrible Two 120 points (Rachael Hicks/Michelle Morris), 3rd The Wanderers 118 points (Stephen Chapman/Mark Roberts). We have had some excellent series bowled including personal bests. A. Whale 600, R. Pearce 595, J. Rees 592. High Games M. Allen 242, J. Rees 234, A. Whale

227. Rachael Hicks bowled a best ever 231 which included 8 strikes in a row. Well done Rachel. Lets hope we can repeat these performancnes at Leeds later this month.

Many thanks to Leeds for hosting the Nationals. We as a team enjoyed ourselves. We entered 20 bowlers most of whom were entering their first tournament. Most bowlers adapted to the atmosphere and bowled well.

Steven Beresford, one of our youngest bowlers (95 ave.) rolled a 194 game and a 455 series, both his highest game and series.

Mark Allen and Anthony Whale hit it off in the doubles rolling a 1117 and finishing in 2nd place in the Graduate Doubles.

Well done to Sheldon Rees (Bantam) for consistent bowling in the team.

In our own league at Hemel there has been some magnificent bowling going on. Rachael Hicks on a 125 average rolled a 231 for a 475 series. Her partner Michelle Morris rolled a 156 game so as a team they have high game handicap (with a handicap of 175). High team series scratch is Bruce's Boys, whose bowlers Anthony Whale and John Rees bowled a 600 and 592 respectively.

We have had a change in our handicap system, it is now 200 — bowlers average. This has worked in encouraging the younger bowlers with most of the elder bowlers sitting near the bottom of the league (myself included). Final league positions:

1st A Team — Stephen Beresford and Philip Bargery

2nd Wanderers — Steve Chapman and Mark Roberts

3rd Terrible Two — Rachael Hicks and Michelle Morris.

The A Team finished 13 points clear but a real battle for 2nd place between Wanderers and Terrible Two, with Wanderers taking 2nd place by only 7 points.

Richard Pearce

Ilkeston

Graham Hirst is the 1985 Junior House Champion after beating Darren Parker in the final. 32 bowlers competed in a one game knock-out event on a handicap basis. All the high ranking went to the wall including Tony Commander, who fell to the eventual champion, as did John Widdop and Russ Midgley. Highlights were 5 year old Robert Thurlby going as far as the third round and Martin Chapman's first 200 game in the YBC. Other 200 scratch games were rolled by Tony Commander 222, Mark Parker 206 and Russ Midgley 201.

In the semi-finals, Graham beat Russ 214-191 while Darren Parker beat Mark Parker (no relation)

169-165, putting him into the final, a good achievement for a relatively inexperienced junior. The final saw Graham roll 127-128-145 598 with handicap and his first major win, with Darren a close runner-up on 579 (136-148-148).

1985 was yet again a successful year for Ilkeston's juniors in the NAYBC National Championships at Leeds. Martin Chapman and Jamie Widdop struck again. They have an excellent record in the Nationals. this is their fourth year of winning medals. Martin rolled 486 for gold in Junior 1 singles while Jamie's 465 took the silver. They remain a lethal doubles partnership also, winning silver in Junior 1. Martin took silver in the All Events and Jamie came third (465-395-437). Matthew Meakin took second All Events in Junior 2 (459-422-498) while in Graduate Doubles Russ Midgley, Mick Bennett won the silver. Mark Tunley rolled his highest game (178), David Pearson his highest series (241) and young Robert Thurlby bowled above his home average. Scott Morris rolled his best ever game (148).

Russ Midgley finished in his best position yet in the J.S.B.C. at Streatham, coming fourth. He qualified for the top 11 in 7th place with a 176 average over 4 games and with games of 181 and 178 made the last six. Russ failed to make the stepladder final by a mere three pins.

Congratulations to Pam Clarke who has provided the highlight of recent league bowling by breaking the house record. Pam shot a 575 series, taking Debbie Howley's five year old record of junior girls series (553).

In the Junior Advertiser League Citroes still hold first place with Lee Thurlby continuing to play well. Lee has rolled 617, his personal best and has also hit 611 on a 172 average. Also from the Junior Advertiser, 104 average Susan Parker scored a 444 highest series, Chris Wright rolled a 186 game and Andy Shelton on 148 won his 125 badge.

Best achievements from the Peewee Club include a 162 game by Ian Wilkinson; a 144 game collecting four badges in one swoop by Alan Hardy, 134 from Darren Dobson and 132 Ian Prince.

Kev McNeill

Lincoln

Our Claire Oxby, who is turning into a real pressure bowler, picked a grand time to roll her first 500 series, a 516 in the Junior Nationals. She showed far more agitation waiting to see if anyone would beat her score; those nails must be chewed down to the elbow! Congratulations to Claire on her gold medal in the Junior 2 division.

Russell McCall celebrated his trip to the Nationals by earning his five-in-a-row badge with a 188 game and a personal best series of 461. And he

is finally beginning to bowl as well at Lincoln as he does in away matches — about time too!

Shane Bosworth stayed vertical long enough to crack in a 223 game. This is unusual for Shane, whose bowling style strongly resembles break dancing. If he wasn't so good, we'd sell him to a circus. He was ably backed up at the Nationals by Gordon Jackson, who is proving to be a really steady bowler and Rick Craddock, who bowled well above his regular league average, especially in the 5-man team event.

Our experimental Division 2 has two teams who aren't going to catch up with the league leaders, but don't deserve to be forgotten. "Soc.P.O.P." (Society for the Protection of Pins) contains all our littlest and least experienced bowlers, but their rate of improvement has been remarkable. Stephen Jones has rolled his first 300 series, James Bradshaw and Fiona Hutchinson have each improved their average by 19 pins and Helen Tholen and Helen Stephenson by 12 pins.

"Maniacs Incorporated" (Sharon Kinsella, Sarah Flintham and Jo Tufnell) were more decorative than skilful when they first joined us, but Sarah has improved her average by 18 pins and Sharon has been promoted to Division 1. Collectively, they are considered by the rest of their division as "the team we most like to bowl against."

Sadly, the Lincoln Juniors have to say goodbye to the Cavill family who are moving away. Quite apart from all the work that Val and Pete have done for us, Rebecca was one of our better up-and-coming girl bowlers and Antony has been a fine Junior County Captain and an excellent example of skill and good sportmanship. Their nearest bowling centre will be Tolworth, and we at Lincoln will wait with interest to see if they manage to figure in the Tolworth news. Goodbye and best of luck to them all.

Gill Hutchison.

Stirchley

Bowling in the Quarternion Tournament against Brize Norton, Acocks Green and Wolverhampton, we didn't fair to well in the first round at Wolverhampton in April, winning only 6 games out of 18 and were stuck in bottom position after the first round. There were some good individual scores 16 year old Julie Whiteside after a poor start finished with games of 173-189. Darren Comber's 495 helped Stirchley 3 to win 4 out of 6. 11 year old Lynn Howell bowled very steady with games 125-132-139. Another 11 year old John Meers had scores of 132-144-166. High score of the day went to 18 year old Martin Walton with a 216 (and that was pretty good on the day). Instructor/Official scores

varied also with Karen Blick having a high game of 200, Annette Cartwright also struggled with high games of 160-168. Dek Walters found the lanes different!! and only managed games of 185-210 of any note.

In the second round at Acocks Green scores did improve but only just, the lanes were not dressed on the Saturday morning due to lack of staff, so all teams struggled to find a mark. Stirchley were a little more fortunate this time winning 10 out of 18 which improved our position from bottom to second. Good scores on the day came from John Brueton with 200-207, Martin Walton 196, John Meers with 132-140-143. 11 year old Stuart Buckshaw bowled well with games of 142-149-155. Jane Walters bowled consistently 150-151-156-159. Keith Jeffrey was the pick of the officials with games of 194-212, also Steve Howell bowled good games of 191-211.

On the league front Stuart Garrett's 158-177-207 for a 542 series. John Brueton with 148-178-204 for a 530 series. Darren Comber 157-180-181, 518 series. 6 year old Glen Harris with a 53 ave. bowled a 124 game, Brian Curtiss aged 7 bowled a 108 after 6 weeks with the YBC. Simon Colborn with a 142 ave. bowled a 204 game and a 505 series. 14 year old Jackie Turner with 121 ave. bowled a 197 but pride of place must go to Ann Howell who is only 6 years old and averaging 52 after 9 weeks with the YBC popped up with a 119 game and her smile went from ear to ear!!!

Congratulations to Lynn Howell in her first Nationals came joint 4th missing bronze by 7 pins. Even worse for Jane Walters also coming 4th but by 2 pins, she rued the 5 pin she missed in the 10th frame of the last game.

Dek Walters

Streatham YBC

A quiet period as a number of members are involved in 'O' and 'A' level exams so swotting comes first. However Graham Knight continues to impress with a further two six hundreds, making five so far this season.

Up and coming juniors are Ian McPherson and Danny Simmons.

Sunderland

Recent activities: personal bests from: Michael Atkinson 101 av. 198 game, Martin Nash 64 av. 130 game 293 series, John Ferry 69 av. 128 game 310 series, Andrew Stafford 120 av. 505 series, Gavin Spence 202 game.

Congratulations to Wendy Anderson, Paula Brigham, Jane Crouch, Clare Downes, Joanne

Ferry, Elizebeth Lake, Steven Lawson, Amanda Corkindale, Susan Rivers, Gavin Spence, Racheal Stametti and Paula Watt for bringing back to Sunderland the grand total of 19 medals, 7 Gold — 11 Silver — 1 Bronze and also to Joanne Stametti for being the Junior Girl Bowler award winner for 1984/85 and not forgetting 6 year old Martin Nash with his encouragement award.

High averages

Boys		Girls	
Peter Buckle	173	Joanne Stametti	173
Sean Langley	174	Paula Brigham	157
Chris Milne	171	Jane Crouch	157
Kevin Cooper	169	Julie Crouch	154
Gary Orton	169	Wendy Anderson	157
Gary Elliott	165	Jackie Baker	150
		Janice Beck	147
		Lynn Manning	146
		Diane Buckle	143

YAC News

The 1984/85 league champion is Tony Holmes with Paul Manning as runner-up.

High game and series went to Tony Holmes 255-665.

Sunderland Young Adults Sports and Social Club are holding a 12 hour marathon on Saturday 22nd June, with the money raised going to Cystic Fibrosis and Club Funds.

Wokingham

YAC Singles League

The Berkshire YAC Singles League came to a close on Saturday 27 April with Andrew Merriman winning the league with a total of 176 points, followed by Andrew Read in second place on 157 points. Andrew Merriman also took the high game scratch with 256 with Daren Wilson rolling the high scratch series of 628 along with the high average of 171.

17 bowlers from Wokingham YBC competed in the South of England Junior Classic on 5 May (at Bitterne) with the following results:

Junior Singles

- 1 Paul Richardson (302)
- 2 Emma Barlow (293)
- 3 Simon Fraser (257)

Senior Singles

- 3 Bobby McDonnell (454)
- (2nd placing for Girl) Rachel Edmunds (325)

Senior Doubles

- 2 Bobby McDonnell and Dominic Alston (857)

Team Event

- 2 Team 1 (Richard Barlow, Emma Barlow, Tommy Jones, Bradley Greenwood) (1659)

Several bowlers achieved personal "highest score" results, namely George Prout (15) with high game of 200 including 6 strikes in a row, series 523: Endrew Edmunds (15) with a 521 series and Richard Barlow (14) with a 502 series. Bobby McDonnell (12) had an "all events" average of 148.

It was encouraging to have so many parents with us on this occasion (16 in all). Thank you all very much for your support.

The Wokingham YAC Competition was held on Saturday 25 May with ten bowlers taking part. First place went to Andrew Merriman who also got the trophy for high game. Daren Wilson came 2nd and Ian Howell 3rd.

Wolverhampton

In April 1985 a 12 hour marathon was held at Wolverhampton Bowl in aid of Save the Children Fund. There were four centres that took part, they were Manchester, Stevenage, Nottingham and Wolverhampton. At this point I would like to thank those centres, bowlers and officials that made the day a great success and also raising over £1500 towards Save the Children Fund.

In the 12 hour bowling marathon there was a grand total of 66,668 pins over 96 games with a team average of 692.

Manchester — 2 teams	25,446
Wolverhampton — 2 teams	20,903
Stevenage — 1 team	10,389
Nottingham — 1 team	9,930

On the league front at Wolves the younger bowlers of our club have really been bowling well.

Personal bests this season include: David Foxall — with a 193 game 487 series and maintaining a 130 average. Jason Hitchcroft — with a 155 game 428 series. Ellen Cairns — with a 151 game 367 series. Jeremy Allen — 168 game 376 series. Joanne Williams — 134 game 387 series. Paul Delany — with his highest ever 168 game — 397 series. Tracy Hartil — 143 game 344 series. Mark Delany — 137 game 341 series. Jackie Hartil — 115 game 324 series.

Congratulations to Paul Delany for coming 3rd in the Bantam Division in the NAYBC Nationals at Leeds and also to Barry Whitehouse for coming 1st in the Graduate Singles and All Events.

Well done to Sarah Marriott from all YBC members and officials for qualifying for the Adult Ladies County Team for the first time.

Neil W.