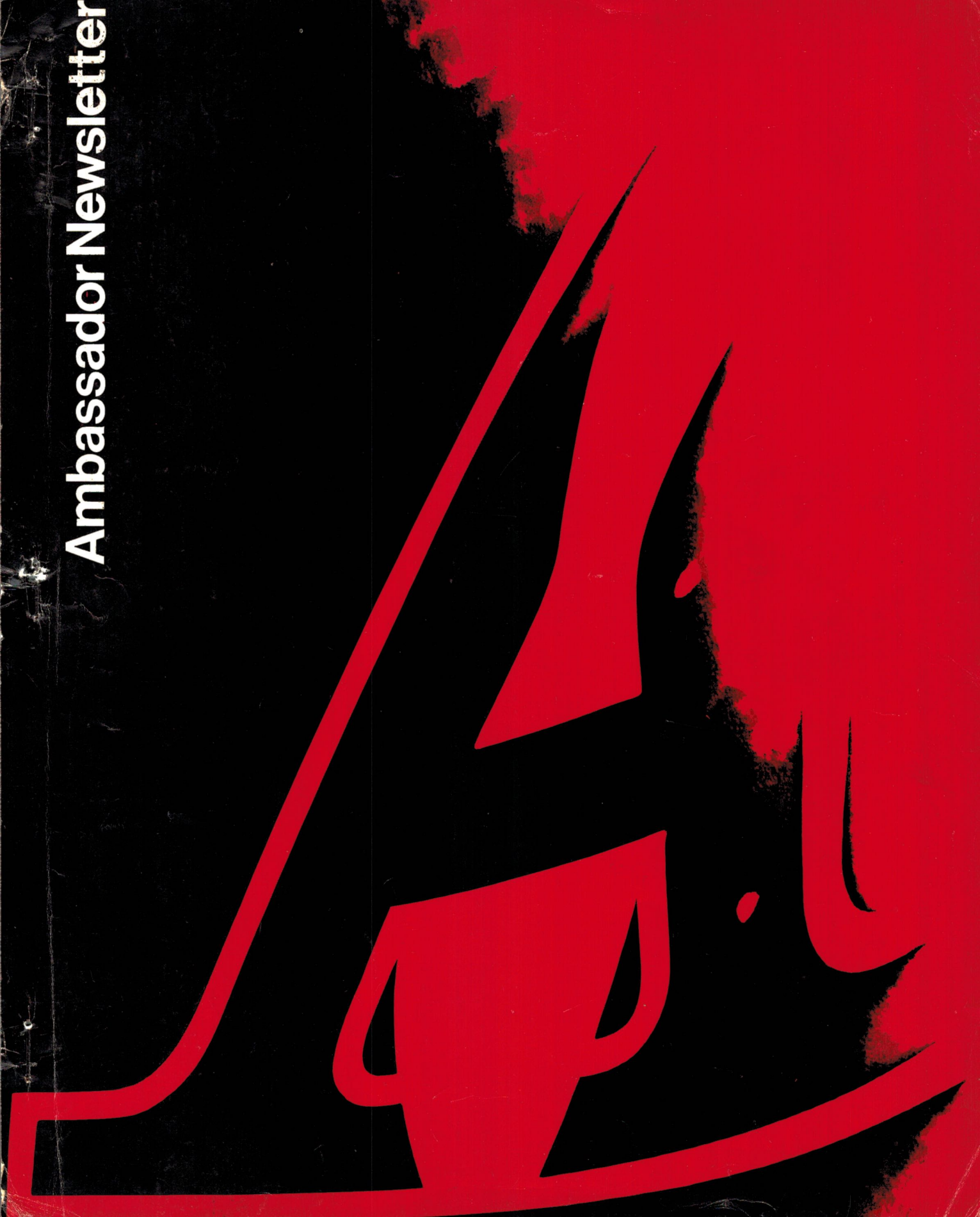


**Ambassador Newsletter**



AMBASSADOR BOWLER OF THE YEAR FINALS, 1966

Ninety bowlers from the ten Ambassador Centres took part in the Finals of the 'Bowler of the Year' and 'Team of the Year' Tournaments at Ambassador Lanes, Harlow, on Sunday the 11th September.

Host Centre, Harlow, took the day's honours with two firsts, and Stevenage and Ipswich each produced a first and a runner-up. A day of top class bowling included over twenty-five 200 games.

Starting early in the morning, the competitors took to the lanes in a head to head match play round robin, with scoring on the revised Petersen Points system, which gave the winner of each match a bonus 50 pins in addition to total pinfall. Each bowler competing had achieved the distinction of being Centre Champion after a minimum of 24 qualifying games had been bowled over a 12 week period. This year there were four divisions; Open Scratch, Men's, Ladies' and Junior Handicap. Winners in each division received £50 and a trophy and runners-up £25 and a trophy and the 12 week tournament had seen over 300 prizes presented in the 10 competing Centres.

Eventual winner of the Open Division was Ray Smith from Ipswich, who over his nine games bowled a 188 average, with very steady bowling, and only in his last game did he relax, being already assured of the championship.

Runner-up Bob Endersby from Stevenage, averaged 185 for his 9 games, and only beat John Rourke into third place during his last match.

Defending champion in the Ladies division, Nell Bowen, retained her title in great style, achieving a 190 average, which was the highest of the day

for men and women. Taking the lead after her third game, Nell never looked back, losing only one match to runner-up Joan Phillips from Ipswich, 217 - 221.

The Junior Division Championship produced the high drama of the day, when the two smallest competitors, Steve Roberts from Stevenage and David Weild from Liverpool, went into the last game with only a few pins separating them, Steve being the eventual winner by only 10 pins.

Stan Pond, from host centre, Harlow, became Champion of the Men's Handicap Section with a clear 100 pin win over comparative newcomer to bowling, Ron Stanley from Wolverhampton. Stan averaged 189 over his games including six 190 games.

'Team of the Year' champions, The Lobos, retained the title for Liverpool (last year's winners were the Cossacks), by the narrowest of margins - 4 pins. It was left to the last ball of the day, Bob Delves needing 5 pins to win, thus beating The Crackpots from Portsmouth 2600 - 2596. Third place team, The Ambassadors from Basildon, were only a further 5 pins behind.

All competitors were presented with their trophies and prizes by Mr. L.S. Michael, O.B.E., Managing Director of Ambassador Bowling Limited.

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BASILDON

SCRATCH

MEN

LADIES

JUNIORS

Ken Sagers  
1665  
7th

Johnny Green  
1647  
4th

Joyce Morris  
1851  
6th

Malcolm Yule  
1796  
3rd

TEAM

3rd

Ambassadors

2591

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EDGWARE

SCRATCH

MEN

LADIES

JUNIORS

Mick Gaitt  
1734  
6th

Sid Searle  
1357  
9th

Betty Dickman  
1890  
4th

TEAM

9th

Demons

2427

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HARLOW

SCRATCH

MEN

LADIES

JUNIORS

David Pond  
1771  
5th

Stan Pond  
1831  
1st

Nell Bowen  
2082  
1st

Anne Engeham  
1634  
4th

TEAM

7th

Apaches

2457

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HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

SCRATCH

John Clements  
1602  
9th

MEN

Fred Dove  
1472  
7th

LADIES

Dot Cass  
1986  
3rd

JUNIORS

Kevin Bentley  
1614  
5th

TEAM

6th

Haig Bandits

2489

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HOUNSLOW

SCRATCH

Tony Digby  
1630  
8th

MEN

Sid Burgess  
1433  
8th

LADIES

Denise Russell  
1705  
8th

JUNIORS

Barry Pike  
1541  
7th

TEAM

8th

Hounslow Youth

2446

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IPSWICH

SCRATCH

Ray Smith  
2087  
1st

MEN

Clive Batten  
1629  
5th

LADIES

Joan Phillips  
2014  
2nd

JUNIORS

Barry Jay  
1372  
9th

TEAM

4th

Albro Wagoners

2574

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LIVERPOOL

SCRATCH

John Rourke  
1882  
3rd

MEN

1st

LADIES

Joan Primmer  
1624  
10th

JUNIORS

David Weild  
1779  
2nd

TEAM

Lobos

2600

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PORTSMOUTH

SCRATCH

Jim Coward  
1832  
4th

MEN

Len Tunbridge  
1686  
3rd

LADIES

Joyce Wheeldon  
1865  
5th

JUNIORS

Martin Edwards  
1528  
8th

TEAM

2nd

Crackpots

2596

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STEVENAGE

SCRATCH

Bob Endersby  
1913  
2nd

MEN

Ken Curtis  
1609  
6th

LADIES

Avril Robarts  
1725  
7th

JUNIORS

Steve Roberts  
1789  
1st

TEAM

5th

Kings

2500

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WOLVERHAMPTON

SCRATCH

MEN

LADIES

JUNIORS

Eric Shaw  
1549  
10th

Ron Stanley  
1731  
2nd

Sylvia Draper  
1682  
9th

Mick Colwell  
1578  
6th

TEAM

10th

Wakefield Spartans

2276

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THE AMBASSADOR RECORD HOLDERS CLUB

A new Club for bowlers is now being formed. Membership will be open to bowlers who achieve record scores in their Centres after 1st October, 1966.

To ensure equality for all Ambassador Centres, minimum scores have been fixed and these must be attained or surpassed in order to qualify for membership. These scores are as follows:-

	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>JUNIOR</u>	<u>MIXED DOUBLES</u>
Individual Single Game	270	250	240	
Individual 3 game Series	650	625	600	
2 Person Team Game	450	400	375	425
2 Person Team Series	1150	1050	1000	1100
3 Person Team Game	650	550		
3 Person Team Series	1750	1550		
4 Person Team Game	800			
4 Person Team Series	2200			
5 Person Team Game	1000			
5 Person Team Series	2800			

The initial members of the Club will be those bowlers who achieve or better the scores, but once a score has been beaten it will be necessary to equal or beat the new scores to qualify for membership in that Centre. Members of the Club will be issued with a membership card, a Club tie for the male bowlers and a head scarf for the Lady bowlers, both of which have been individually designed for the club. It is also anticipated that an annual tournament for Club Members will be held in May of each year.

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## ON THE OTHER SIDE

### TRY FOR A 300 GAME IN MARCH

A survey of 10,600 perfect 300 games approved by the American Bowling Congress from the year 1907 to 1965 has found that the composite 300 bowler is 34 years old, has an average of 188 and has been bowling for 11 years, he also bowls his perfect game in March and it is the third game of the series.

The 299 game bowler is slightly older, at 37, has an average of 184, but has also been bowling for 11 years, the 299 game is also more predominant in March and is the third game of the series. The number 10 pin is the one invariably left.

The first recognised 300's in different countries were bowled by

ENGLAND	Jack Vickers	Upper Heyford	1965
CANADA	Frank Young	Hamilton	1881
JAPAN	Saburo Kasuya	Tokyo	1960
TRINIDAD	Joe Millay	Port of Spain	1944
UNITED STATES	Ernest Fosberg	Illinois	1902
WEST GERMANY	Hans Willie Leibr	Mannheim	1964
AUSTRALIA	Joe Velo	Sydney	1962

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### TOPS IN THE U.S.A. THIS YEAR

With the completion of the 1965-66 season the following are the highest league averages in the United States recorded in one league over 60 games:

229	Charles Jones	Plymouth, Wisconsin
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227	Charles Jones	Plymouth, Wisconsin
227	George McMillian	Los Angeles, California
226	Donald Slama	Broadview, Illinois

Charles (Casey) Jones, had his most successful season ever and in his own 10 lane Centre carried a 220+ average in four leagues, the one most mentioned is the Wisconsin travelling league which visited eight different cities, in this he carried a 220. During the season he had 49 series of 700 or better. He is especially proud of his lanes which he describes as "perfectly matched".

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Highest series of the year belongs to Teata Semiz with games of 299, 268 and 300 for a total of 867 the second highest in American Bowling Congress history.

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Herschel Begley from Detroit picked up the 56th Petersen Classic and a \$32,000 first prize by rolling 1665 over eight games. His winning series was bowled on January 10th and he had to wait until the tournament's completion, six months later, on July 17th, to collect his prize.

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The American Bowling Congress membership during its 71st year remains at nearly 5 million with 1,248,243 teams competing in 127,079 sanctioned leagues.

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NEWS AROUND HEAD OFFICE

After completing nearly 3 years service with Ambassador Bowling Limited as Promotions and Public Relations Controller, James Sargant left on September 23rd to take a more senior position with Madame Tussauds.

He will be missed not only by members of Ambassador staff, but also by the entire bowling industry, as he was responsible for the many successful tournaments promoted by the Tenpin Bowling Proprietors Association whilst Chairman of the Promotion Committee.

We wish him every success in his new venture.

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We would like to welcome Joe Wibden to the Head Office Staff as Promotions Controller for the Company.

Joe, who joined the Company in August 1964, has been Manager at Basildon for the last 21 months. Still living in Basildon with his wife and son, he has joined the band of commuters travelling to and from London.

We hope he will be very happy in his new position.

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Jill Hutchinson, who has been Len Wormald's Secretary for the past three years, has left to take a position closer to her home. In her place, we welcome 18 year old Vicky Meyers, from Theydon Bois, Essex. Her interests are tennis and swimming.

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Kathy Brown, who was responsible for Ambassador wages over the past four years, left the Company on September the 25th, to become a full time housewife. Kathy Clifford, from Maida Vale, has joined the wages staff and amongst her interests are dancing and reading.

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Betty Bedding, who was employed on catering accounts, left Ambassador on the 30th September to take a job nearer her home, having got tired of commuting daily between Amersham and the office.

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Our congratulations are offered to Linda Timms, who will be marrying Michael Cain, on the 22nd October at Kilburn.

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NEWS AROUND THE CENTRES

Congratulations to Jim Grimwade, on his appointment as Manager at our Basildon Centre. Jim has been Assistant Manager under Joe Wibden for the past eighteen months.

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Taking over at Edgware as Centre Manager is Paul Woodall, who has recently left Liverpool. He will, however, be returning on the 12th October to marry a very attractive nurse, Christine Burn. We offer them our congratulations and wish them every happiness.

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Tony Davis has taken up the position of Assistant Manager at Wolverhampton and is already making his presence felt in the promotion field.

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At present completing the final plase of the Ambassador Trainee Management Course are Vic Spree, Derek Bunce and Brian Welham. The final two weeks are being held at Hounslow and Head Office under the guidance of Peter Lawrence from the A.M.F. Management School.

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BASILDON

The Centre is still buzzing with the news of Joe Wibden's promotion to Head Office as Promotions Controller, and we can honestly say it is our loss and their gain. We all offer him hearty congratulations and hope he will be happy in his new position.

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Congratulations go to Anna Kellas, our Secretary, and Dave Martin, our Instructor, on their recent twenty-first birthdays; we wish them every good fortune in their future years.

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Wedding bells are ringing for our ex-Secretary, Jan Bruncker, who is now back in England after a short stay in France, and will marry her fiance Jean-Marie Savoye on October 1st. After the marriage, the couple will be returning to France, where Jean-Marie will be attending his fourth year at College. We all wish them every happiness and hope Jan will not forget the many friends she has made at Basildon.

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We would like to give a warm welcome to Alan Clay, who has joined us as a Mechanic, and who has already proved to be an asset to the Company. We hope he has a long and enjoyable stay with us.

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On Sunday the 11th Frame Club held an outing for approximately 160 members, which consisted of a boat trip from Hampton Court to Windsor Castle. Unfortunately, due to the time that was taken up at various lock gates, they were unable to reach their destination. It appears that luck was not on their

side, as not only did they fail to reach the castle, but rain dampened their spirits and to top it all, one of the three coaches ran out of diesel on the homeward journey. It was agreed by all, however, that this was the first outing which has not proved to be a first class occasion, and we hope that the next one will be as successful as those in the past.

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Ron Bartlett, one of the Mariners Team in the Dozens League, succeeded in converting the 7 - 10 split recently. Keep up the good bowling Ron!!

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EDGWARE

On the 20th September, Edgware said farewell to Manager Pat Cordier, and wishes him good luck with the fishing at Walton Pier. Incoming Manager Paul Woodall was accorded a friendly reception after narrowly escaping a lynching from the House Five Man Team, The Regals, who were feeling as frustrated in their attempts at shirt hunting as Paul was feeling about his flat hunting.

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The Edgware Corps of Instructors took up a challenge from their opposite numbers at Northampton on Saturday 24th September. The result was a fairly comfortable victory for Edgware by 2560 to 2505, Arthur Rumble taking both high game and high series with a 224 and a 564 respectively.

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The House Champions 'The Regals' again beat off a challenge for their title. This time their opponents being "Hell's Angels", who were defeated by 2,400 to 2,378 pins - both these five man teams afterwards requested that the results be announced as for four man teams, and we are naturally obliging them!

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Edgware regret to announce the cancellation of the following:

Singles Tournament - Sunday November 6th - Due to clash of dates with Coca-Cola  
Tournament

Weekend in Paris League - Due to currency restrictions.

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Forthcoming events (watch this column for further details), include two Crown Filter red headpin Tournaments, a new Trios Tournament devised by Bob Sweeny and a spectacular E.M.I. Record promotion engineered by John Howson.

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## HARLOW

We at Harlow, are all very pleased indeed that the Finals Day of the 'Bowler of the Year' contest, turned out to be such a great success.

Our Lady Champion, Nell Bowen, retained her title in real championship style, attaining the highest average of the day - even beating the men! A tremendous 'Well done!' to Nell. May she repeat her performance next year and so get her hat trick!

That stalwart of the Men's Handicap Division, Stan Pond, proved his ability beyond all doubt by finishing his nine games a clear 100 pins ahead of his nearest challenger, thus gaining a second Championship for Harlow. Hearty congratulations Stan.

However, let us not forget the stout efforts made by Dave Pond, in the Open Scratch Division, and Ann Engeham, the only young lady competitor in the Junior Handicap Division, who bowled their hearts out in an attempt to bring all the glory to Harlow. Perhaps they will help to achieve this on away ground - next year!

Our Catering Manager, Ed Munn, took great delight in supervising the serving of a good many Turkey and Ham salads, and reported that he was very pleased indeed with the new and up and coming waiter supplied by the Catering Department, in the form of Mr. Miller! Seriously though, hearty congratulations are due to the Catering Department, under Mr. Miller, and to Ed, for a very successful day's Catering.

Finally, our grateful thanks to all who contributed to the success of this 'day to remember'.

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We are all very sorry indeed to be losing our Manager - Mr. Colin Beckett, who leaves us on October the 6th, after something like two and a half years sterling service. A more jovial character one could not wish to meet, and he has really given his heart and soul to the bowling world, during his stay with Ambassador. We would all like this opportunity of wishing him every success in his new career, and we join with his many friends at Harlow and elsewhere in saying 'Bon Voyage' to a grand guy.

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We have unfortunately had to say 'Cheerio' to our most excellent Bar Steward - Syd Trowbridge - owing to housing difficulties. A great pity. However, we are pleased to welcome Mr. David Crook, an ex-Merchant Navy Steward, and wish him every success in his new position.

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A welcome has also been extended this month to Ricky Mascoll, who has joined us as second Mechanic, and also to young Jimmy Graham, who has joined us from Liverpool.

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HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

The biggest and best yet organised within the Hemel Hempstead Centre is how we describe the Classified Elimination Tournament set for October-November. At the time of going to press, this aim is showing every sign of being fulfilled, as the entries are literally pouring in at a rate that shows how keen the Bowlers are to have a go at this type of Tournament, where they compete within their own average group.

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We can pride ourselves that we have the most perfect lanes in the whole of Hertfordshire. We can pride ourselves on our ability to measure a ball to the exact requirements of our bowlers. We can pride ourselves on the stability of our Leagues, on the friendly atmosphere that prevails within the bowl, but when it comes to achieving the difficult, we must leave this to the experts, the Bowlers themselves.

Such was the case on Monday night, this week, when Brian Chalkey, bowling on those perfect lanes, with a ball so expertly measured for him, set himself a "Big Four" and deliverately aimed for and got it. Congratulations Brian, your name will be included on our Honour Roll.

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The experience of splitting their 20 team league into two divisions with promotion and relegation by the Saints & Sinners League, has proved such a success that the idea has been adopted by all of the major leagues in this Centre, to give the best incentive to their members to stay through season after season.

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"We want a strike". Every Saturday morning we hear this cry raised again and again as our Junior Youth Bowling Club members get together for their Instructional period, under the guidance of George Murray, Len Meecham and Bill Rowe. Beginning in a small way during the summer period and with ever increasing membership, this Club is now starting a very flourishing Junior League with 14 teams on the lanes each week. To keep the competition balanced we have set them into age groups so that their interest is better maintained.

Members of the senior leagues are making trophies available for the Juniors to compete for throughout the season, and fund raising schemes are being worked out to give support to this plan.

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It is a far cry from bowling lanes to Rose Beds and Dahlia Beds, but Len Meecham still finds time from his bowling and instruction to tend his blooms with all the loving care of the expert gardener. Results prove his success in this field as shown by the host of prizes which Len took with his blooms in the Rotax Horticultural section at their open day last Saturday.

Among those present to witness his success and admire his prowess in both work and recreational fields was Centre Manager Bill Yates, who fulfilled a long standing promise to visit the Rotax Plant and see for himself what a large number of our bowlers do when not at their bowling centre.

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Following a telephone enquiry, two attractive wives of local business men presented themselves at the Control Desk promptly at 9 a.m. one morning for instruction in the art of bowling. The lesson seemed to go extremely well and two tired, but happy, wives left two hours later, promising to come again the following week. This they did, although one wife did not look as happy as she might. Upon gentle enquiries into her health, she admitted suffering some discomfort after her previous effort on the lanes. She was immediately comforted and assured that this was not unusual after a first

attempt and would not happen again. They took to the lanes, but four frames later, the lady looked visibly distressed. The (unqualified) instructor, thinking that the customer needed more expert advice on her bowling went to seek the Manager, explaining to the lady that she would find someone to put the matter right.

A quick explanation to the Manager by the instructor resulted in his approaching the lady saying "Now let me see what I can do to help".

The lady made a hasty retreat, explaining to the instructor that she was not prepared to be examined by a Doctor on the lanes.

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## HOUNSLOW

Although disappointed in the results of the 'Bowler of the Year' Finals at Harlow, we at Hounslow, must give credit to all our bowlers for the grand support that they gave us throughout our own Centre Competition.

Congratulations must first be given to our Youth team, who confounded all their critics by NOT 'blowing out' as the team of the Year. Special mention going to Pete Robinson, with an overall average of 195.1. Great bowling Pete.

Credit must also go to someone who is always in the background, George Heron, (Mechanic extraordinaire), ably assisted by Vernon Lacey (throughout the school holidays) by keeping strictly to the 'Lanes Maintenance Schedule' and still allowing all the bowlers to have full use of the League Side, without exception, throughout the Competition.

P.S. We have got over our lanesman problem, having now employed Terry Glover, for the past few weeks, with better and better results. Keep up the good work Terry.

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Hounslow v Paris! Yes, a weekend in Paris (not many wives stayed away from this one), sightseeing and Bowling. Although Hounslow lost by a very narrow margin, the outstanding match was undoubtedly the game in which our trio, Geoff Liddiard, Mick Green and John Perkins took on three of the best bowlers in Paris, and even with two 590 games rolled against them, they still came out on top in their own 'private duel'. Bowling apart, everyone was extremely pleased with the weekend, thanks once again to the 'Hounslow Tenpin Bowling Social Club', and it is hoped that next year a week in Sweden can be arranged.

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Did you hear how certain members of the Cutlers League, who shall remain nameless, whilst on holiday in the Isle of Wight, got the sun-tan of



a lifetime? One day, after climbing down to a secluded bay they stumbled upon a Nature Club using the sun to its full advantage. Did this embarrass our men? Of course not! Quick as a flash, all eight had disrobed, and for the day, decided that they would become honorary members. The story has it that they could not sit down for some time.

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Hounslow King and Queen. George and Pat Mackey. Yes! They are back, with their crowns sitting very tightly on their heads it seems, after winning a very exciting game against Colin Campbell and Denny Russell on September 7th. The first game they won by 12 pins, the second by only 1 pin, and then finally breaking through in the third game to eventually win by 84 pins. Congratulations George and Pat.

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On Sunday 18th September at 8.30 p.m., Hounslow Bowlers revelled in the final Tournament for 'Pye' Marble Arch Records. Altogether 393 bowlers had taken part throughout the week, and by far the most successful bowler was a Hounslow lady (making her mark regularly in the Hounslow Competitions), Brenda Poynter, who won three Long Playing Records. Mike Cogan won two L.P.'s and the rest of the records were won by numerous people, one going as far as Nelson in Lancashire.

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On the afternoon of Friday September 23rd, the telephone rang on the Control Desk at Hounslow:

"Good afternoon, Ambassador Lanes, Hounslow".

"Oh good", is the reply, "My husband has one of your pairs of shoes marked 175, have you his?".

After Investigation ..... "Yes Madam, we have".

"Then will you hold them for a fortnight, and we will be in to collect them."

Dumfounded. Unable to voice an immediate reply... before ...  
Click she's gone.

The questions are: Is he going to use our bowling shoes for the next fortnight? Do we at Hounslow pay for shoe repairs, or do we ask the customer?

Whilst on the subject of bowling shoes, how do we get a pair of shoes back from a French lad, who decided to take them back to France with him after the holidays, especially when he leaves a tatty pair of rope sandals in their place?

Are bowling shoes to become the next trend in fashion? !!!

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May I suggest that you hire out this persons shoes for the fortnight and make a profit on them. In this way you can help the financial freeze and so enable staff wages to be raised.

ANONYMOUS MECHANIC

## IPSWICH

Our Fourth Annual Gala Open Day was very successful, with more than the usual number of events, all of which attracted a good entry.

The Smith's Rose Bowl Tournament attracted an entry of 79 bowlers who played 5 games, consisting of a 3-game scratch series for the main prizes, a break for refreshments, and the presentation, and a further 2-game novelty tournament.

Winner this year of the Rose Bowl and the £10 Sports Jacket from Hepworths was Mr. Ray Smith, with a 598 series. Ladies High Series went to Irene Mackie, with a 534 for which she received a trophy, and a toaster from the Ipswich Co-op Society. Other series winners were Dave Hardcastle, 560, and Shirley Wood, 481. High game awards were made to Bill Morris with a 220, Haig Joyce, 214, Joan Phillips 204, and Hilary Sharpe, 168. Smiths Crisps and Rothmans donated the prizes for the novelty redpin tournament.

Though 12 entries were received for the Bowling Queen Contest, only 6 young ladies appeared on the scene. The winner was 21 year-old Miss Jean Barker of Ipswich. As a novelty item during the judging, we ran a Bowling Princess Competition for girls under 12 years, the winner of which was 2 year-old Miss Susan Russell (daughter of Ken Russell).

The 'Make That Spare' Competition held during the afternoon proved to be even more popular than we hoped and had we not run out of time, and prizes, the competition would have probably continued all evening.

The Junior Tournament was won by 12 year-old Trevor Laws, who received a trophy and a badge. A few new bowlers were introduced to the game in the Novices Tournament and the Scotch Doubles had an entry of 16 teams.

A total of £26 was raised for the charity fund, which went this year to the N.A.B.C.

The Management would like to take this opportunity of thanking all of the staff at Ipswich Centre for their hard work, and thanks also to Jack Pyett for the splendend catering effort.

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Congratulations to our bowlers for their very fine showing at Harlow during the 'Bowler of the Year' Finals. We are very proud of Ray Smith for bringing home the Scratch Title and Joan Phillips for achieving second place in the Ladies Section. Though the rest of our Centre Winners did not take the top places, they did make a fine effort and we wish them better luck next year.

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Our Schools Programme has increased this year even beyond our hopes. We now have over 90 students participating in bowling classes, compared to last year's 30. The classes are run on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the afternoons by Chief Instructor Ken Russell, ably assisted by Gen Agar and John Cooper. Only two schools are taking part at present but other schools have shown interest and we hope soon to include them in the programme.

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The Club Bar League, upon its reformation for the winter season, has undergone a few changes for the better. Formerly 12 teams of doubles, it now has 10 teams of 4, and is being sponsored by the Club Bar Social Committee.

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The Classic League, which was once all 5-man teams, and last year for the first time, admitted an all-female team, 'The Meeces', now has a second ladies team, 'The Bacchantes'. These ladies did so well in their challenge matches last season that they have walked straight into second place in the league, and are, so far, holding their position.

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The Sunday Morning Junior League has reformed with 8 teams of doubles and only five of the bowlers are boys. The girls are definitely taking the lead in Ipswich when it comes to Junior Bowlers.

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Our Instruction Programme is in the process of being revised. Our Advanced Instructors, Ken Russell and Haig Joyce are forming and teaching a team of basic instructors, one of whom will be on duty each evening. When this has been accomplished, Ken and Haig are planning to run a series of classes for both beginner and advanced bowlers.

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We are very pleased indeed to welcome the local branch of the British Polio Fellowship as new bowlers in our Centre. They have been visiting the centre each Saturday afternoon for the past few weeks to receive instruction, and are now forming a League. We think it will not be long before some of these people are bowling better from a chair than some of us do with a standard approach.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Doug Waugh on the birth of their son, Gary. Doug, who is one of our mechanics, had all of us in a dither for a week prior to the event, and he has now enrolled Gary in the Junior League for next year, as it seems Gary will be too busy this year, learning about the pinspotters!

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## PORTSMOUTH

First and foremost, congratulations from all members of the staff to Evelyn Richardson former control clerk, on the safe birth of a son weighing eight pounds four ounces. Her policeman husband Mick was the one to break the news and he could hardly contain himself. A bouquet of flowers was sent to Evelyn on behalf of all members of the staff.

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So near and yet so far! The 'Bowler of the Year' Finals at Harlow did not produce a first for Portsmouth but how well our finalists bowled. The team event, of course, was the final blow to Portsmouth, when Liverpool beat us by only four pins. That anchor man for the Liverpool team deserves a special medal for his score of 28 pins in the last frame, considering the pressure that was on him and the Portsmouth boys were the first to agree that this was bowling at its best.

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After the tremendous success of our last Pyjama Moonlight Bowl, held in the early part of the year, we plan to hold another on November the 4th, at 12 midnight, so an invitation goes to all who are not too modest, and have Gran's nightie available, to join the party.

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Shaun Ball's verdict on deep sea fishing. "You can keep it". He recently went on one of the regular bowlers fishing trips, after a lot of persuasion, and ended up seasick and as green as one could get. Still, he says with a tinge of pride he was the first to catch something on the trip, even though it was only a five ounce flounder!

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Our challenge match with the U.S.S. Newport News, the American Cruiser, which was mentioned in the last Newsletter, was a complete success even though the American boys were a little rusty and the home teams won every game. As a memento for the occasion, the Officer in Charge of the party presented the Centre with a special shield engraved with the name of the ship, and the date of the occasion. This shield now has a special place in the Club Bar.

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A thought on Vic Spree's promotional visit to Colchester. We hope he doesn't forget to visit the detention barracks there. We are sure the occupants would love to have a night out and visit a bowling centre!

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Off the record. One of the regulars, Neil Lewis, tried Moonlight bowling recently and scored a 721 series in open play. He swears blind he actually did it and that he must have cats eyes, for he cannot bowl like that with the lights on.

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## STEVENAGE

Now it's my turn to say SNAP with Hounslow, as last week on opening one of the two large and impressive Head Office brown envelopes that arrived in the morning post, I found that it contained - nothing! And the other one had in it a very short half page memo. Perhaps it is a new tax evasion method??

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I spent a very interesting, but hard on the feet, day at Harlow for the Bowler of the Year finals, the other week, and was very pleased to see our hopes for Bob Endersby almost completely fulfilled when he came home as runner-up in the Scratch event. Well done Bob. Young Stevie Roberts made the day for us all from Stevenage by winning the Junior event, although he gave us one or two tense moments when he seemed to completely forget how to bowl. However, he made it, and was recently presented with the prize he chose, a simply marvellous bicycle. He was last seen charging off to school on it to show his friends what bowling can do for you.

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Never again will I scoff at the Miss World contestants as I sit happily in a chair watching the T.V. Last Saturday, I spent the most nerve wracking couple of hours in my life, as I had been persuaded to be a very unwilling entrant in the Miss A.T.V. Competition. What with the free drinks we were given and the spotlight glaring down, walking along what appeared to be a two inch plank was very difficult - it seemed about three miles long.

I didn't win.

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WOLVERHAMPTON

We welcome to the Centre as Assistant Manager, Tony Davis, and already the leagues are beginning to sit up and take notice! We would also like to welcome Lee Clift as Chief Mechanic. Lee was Chief Mechanic at the Forum, Coventry before it closed down last month.

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We have a new Control Clerk, Miss Norma Graham, who every day gives us a display of the latest Mod Fashions. The trouble is that the higher the mini-skirt rises, the harder it is for the Management to drive the Mechanics and Lanesmen to their work!

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One of our cleaners, Mrs. Hilda Dawson, is recovering in hospital from the effects of an operation and we wish her every success and a speedy recovery. The Staff have sent round to the hospital a bouquet of flowers.

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The Final of the Industrial Tournament took place on Thursday, September 29th, and was won by Manders-Kidd by 9 pins from the second team, the Unknowns from Goodyear Tyres. The final four teams included three from Goodyears, the Manders-Kidd team coming from a concern which makes printers inks and paints etc.

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In last month's issue, we predicted that 'H' would shave off his beard, and suggested it might be due to girl friend trouble. The latest news is that he still has the beard, but has lost the girl friend. We are not so sure if it's a good bargain!!

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Our winter calendar is now beginning to fill up with appointments from Social Clubs requesting talks and film shows from the Management and for party evenings at the bowl. We had a coach party on Friday 30th September, of 85 people who bowled and then at 11 p.m. ordered 85 hamburgers to take on the coach. No panic from the Wimpy Bar, the order was executed within 10 minutes.

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