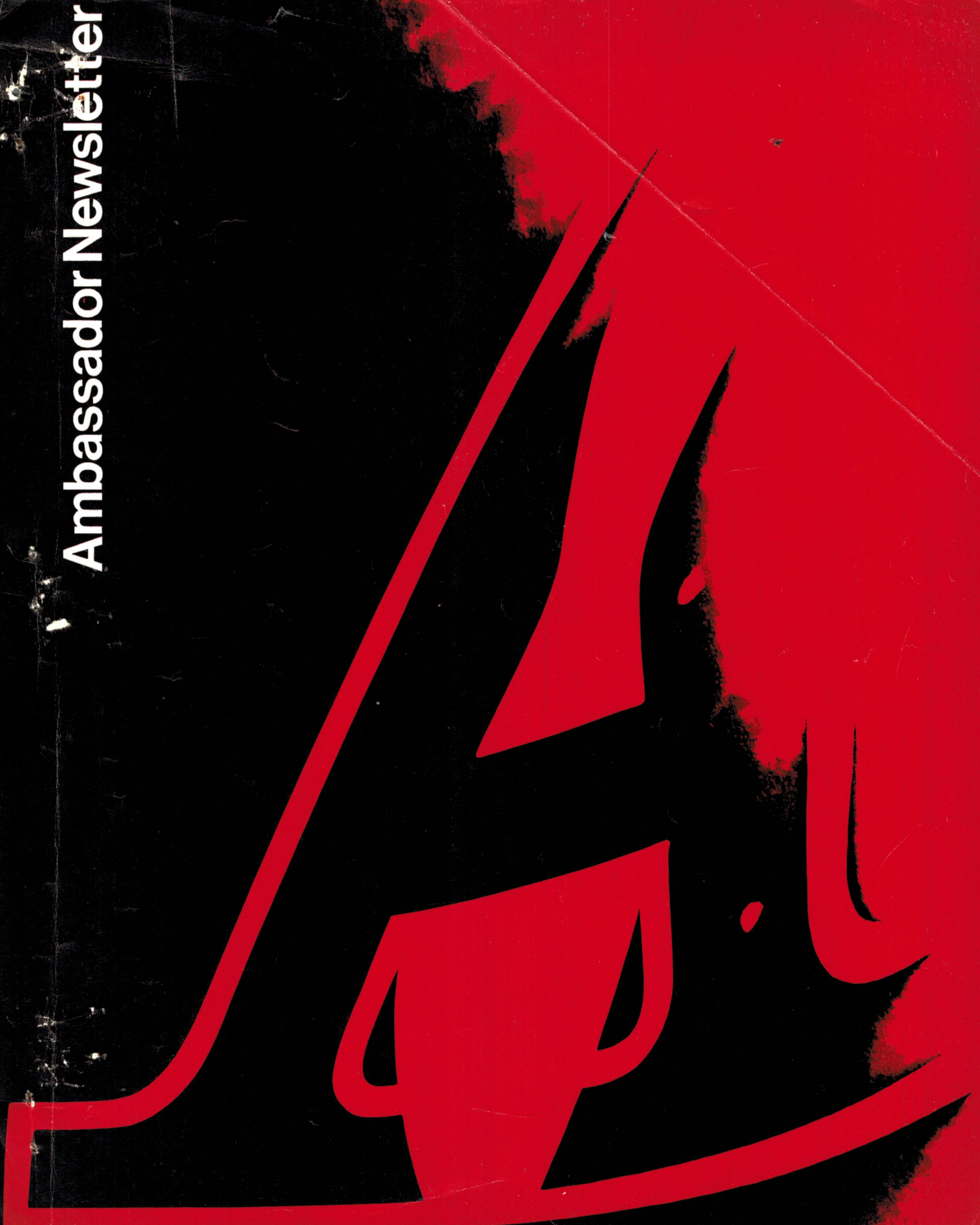


# Ambassador Newsletter



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM L.S. MICHAELMANAGING DIRECTOR OF AMBASSADORBOWLING LIMITED

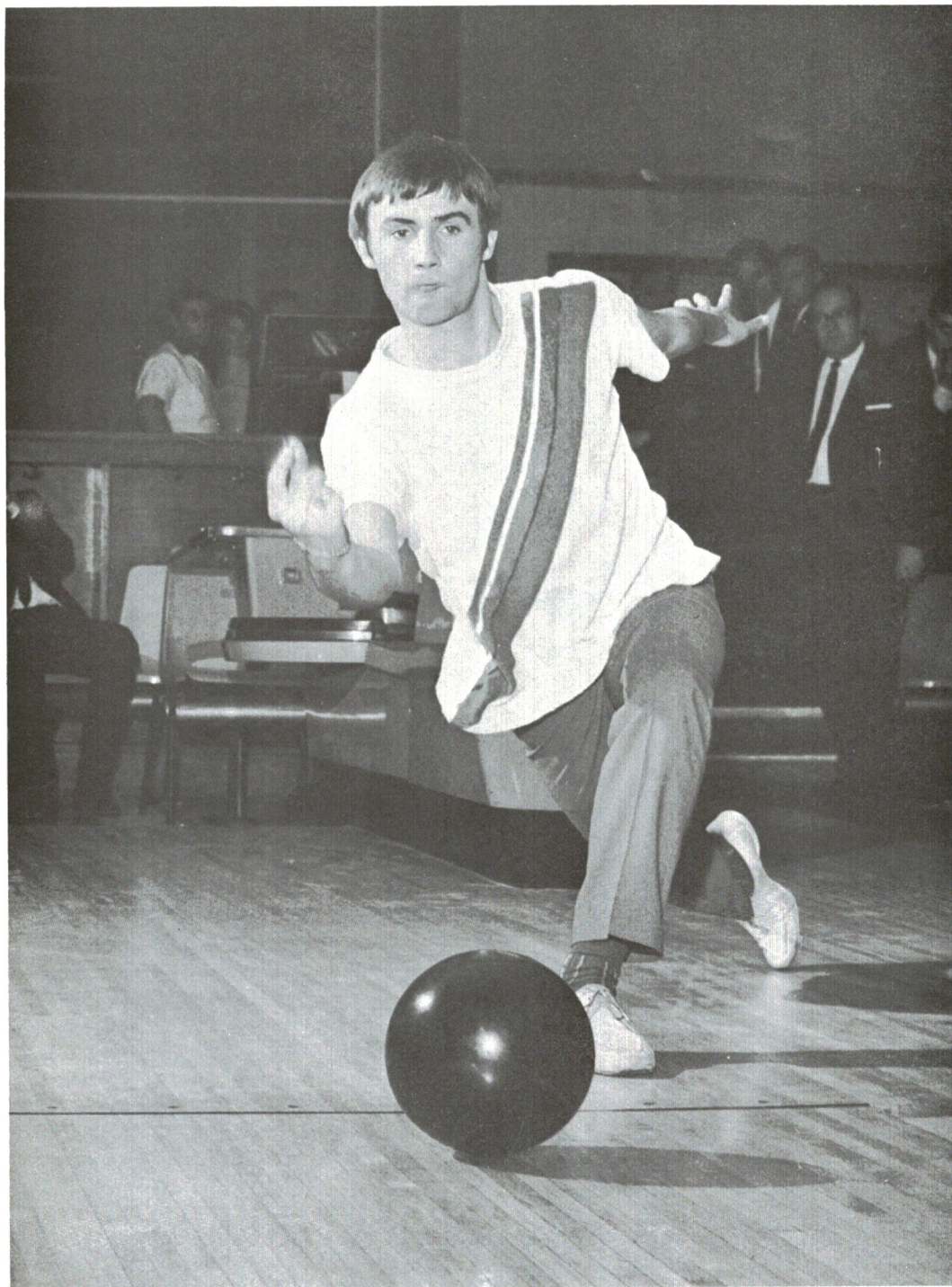
1966 is drawing to a close, and it is time to stand back and take stock. This year has seen many changes, within and outside the Company, and has been an unsettling time for many of us. Government restrictions have made a great impact on all our lives, and a lot of planning, both personal and the Company's has had to go by the board. We have seen the closure of Stevenage, through the fire, and then of Liverpool. I know many opinions have been expressed, both privately and through the press, that bowling is "on the way down", but I firmly believe that the industry is experiencing only a temporary setback, which many now successful industries have been through before.

As far as Ambassador is concerned, our expansion plan is going ahead, Stevenage will re-open early in the new year, and work is well advanced there. Lewisham should open in 1967, and Worthing in 1968, site work at both these locations has commenced.

Most of you know that Ambassador Bowling Limited has the name, within the bowling industry and among many outside firms and sponsors, of being the most successful and reliable Company for running major national promotions. This is solely due to planning in advance and attention to detail. If this same policy was carried out strenuously within your Centre, you would find that from your own point of view, any functions you run would be much more enjoyable and successful. I am looking forward, therefore, to a new year in which you all, by your individual efforts, will help to produce the most successful year yet in the Company's history.

All that is left for me to do now, is to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and a prosperous and profitable new year.

L.S. Michael



CHRIS BUCK, 19 years old, is the youngest of the 24 bowlers who will be competing for the International Masters Championship at Wembley on December 6th, 7th, and 8th. Chris bowls in the Metropolitan League at Hounslow where he holds a 186 average over 24 games. We all wish him the very best for the Championships.

## LEAGUE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' TOURNAMENT

By way of saying thank you to the Ambassador League Committees, the second annual Singles Tournament is being held at each Centre on Saturday, February 4th and 11th, 1967, open only to League Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. The Tournament will be a handicap event and prize money will be £20 in each Centre.

Last year's Tournament was a great success and enjoyed by all participating and it is hoped that this year's will be even better.

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### RECORD HOLDERS' CLUB

The records have been falling again and membership of the Club now totals 33. During the month, there has been some fine bowling and outstanding performances. One bowler, Geoff Liddiard, of Hounslow, qualified by beating three separate records in three days. First he rolled a very fine 279 game in a 653 series, only to beat this series with 661 two days later.

George Hilditch and Hill Shead rolled a new doubles record at Basildon with a 1255. Geroge rolled a 641 and Bill a 614.

The ladies also were not to be excluded. The Sapphyres at Hounslow rolled a 583 trios single game, and Eunice Grant shot a 256 at Hounslow.

Our first member from Portsmouth came this month, when Peter Tanner rolled a fine 278 game.

It seems that our record holders will have a wonderful tournament next year. The date for the tournament has been fixed for the 29th April, 1967, but the format is not yet decided. More will be printed on this later, but with all this good bowling, what scores will they get on the day?

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## A FEW HINTS ON YOUR CHRISTMAS DRINKS

By R. Miller

Measurements      The standard bar measurement is a jigger. It is inclined to vary in size in different areas, but generally it is accepted as  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ozs. (A tablespoon holds half an ounce.)

Sugar      When mixing cocktails where sugar is required always use Castor Sugar or powdered sugar. It dissolves more readily, since sugar is not very soluble in alcohol. Always mix it with the other ingredients and add the spirit last.

Ice      Fine ice can be made by wrapping the cubes in an old towel, or preferably a coarse linen bag, and belabouring them with a mallet or rolling pin.

### A few suggestions for the Festive Drinks

#### Moontimer

1 bottle Hock  
1 liqueur glass Brandy  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  liqueur glass Curacao or Benedictine  
Little lemon peel  
Soda Water

Cool wine and soda. Mix the rest of the ingredients. Pour in wine, add soda.

#### Highball

Pour  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. Brandy over a cube of ice in a cocktail glass. Top up with Soda Water.

#### Millers Special

$\frac{1}{2}$  Gin  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Martini Dry  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Jaffa Juice

### Special Punch

Juice of a Lemon  
1 Teaspoon castor sugar  
1 oz. Brandy  
1 oz. Peach Brandy  
1 jigger of Rum.

Pour lemon juice and sugar into a Collins glass prepared with fine ice. Stir well. Add liquor, top up with Soda Water. Serve with straws.

### X Certificate

$\frac{1}{2}$  Gin  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Campari  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Soda

Add a cube of ice if you like. Serve in a large cocktail glass.

### Upside Downer

Old Tradition. Subtle indication to host that you want some more; turn your glass upside down.

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### REASONABLE WINE TO CHOOSE FROM

#### Claret

Chateau Beau Rivage.      Macau.      Retails at      13/4

#### White Burgundy

Beaugolais Blanc,      La Chapelle.      Retails at      13/4

#### White Bordeaux

Chateau de Barette, Sauternes      Retails at      15/4

#### Burgundy

Beaugolais,      Chateau de Grammont      Retails at      12/10

#### Hock

Niersteiner Gutes Domthal, Schneider      19/9

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SALE

We have available, Ladies Bowling Shirts in sizes

32", 34", 36" and 38".

These are white with blue collars

PRICE        £1. 0. 0.        each

Only a small quantity remains, so hurry to your  
Centre Manager if you are interested.

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AMBASSADOR GOLFING SOCIETY

At a recent Manager's Conference, a seed was sown which blossomed on Thursday, 17th November, when the inaugural meeting of the above society took place at Cuddington Golf Club, Banstead, Surrey.

In sunshine, but with a very strong wind blowing, eleven hardy golfers and non-golfers battled their way round 18 holes. It was agreed that, during the 18 holes, every part of the course was visited by someone, with the fairways being the least occupied. At one time, it was thought that there was some added attraction in the trees, but it was only players searching for their balls. In many cases, the original ball was lost, but a different one was found. It was a possibility that the ball found really belonged to the players following, who were then unable to find their ball, but in searching, naturally found the original one lost. This possibility was strengthened when it was learned that altogether ten balls were lost, and ten different balls were found.

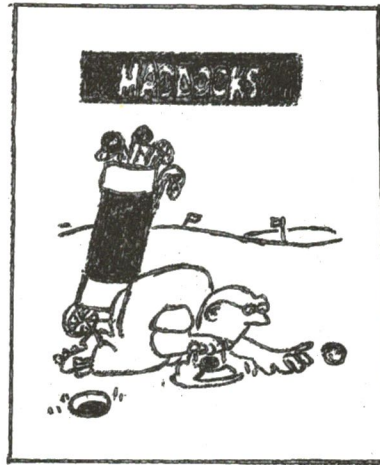
At the end of the day, the winner was Mr. R.P. Miller with a fine gross of 50 for the second nine holes, this made his nett score 38 and deservedly gained him the trophy awarded by Mr. E. G. Forsyth of Atlaforms Automatics. Runner-up was Mr. J. Wibden with a nett 39.

Mr. Forsyth also presented a trophy for the best novice and this was won by Mr. J. Grimwade, who played magnificently and was considered a 'natural' by all present.

Mr. L.S. Michael gave prizes to be awarded for appearance and behaviour, including awards for the best dressed, the sexiest, the thirstiest, etc. A special sealed award, described as "Another Golden Guinea Award" was presented to Mr. Forsyth. Upon opening, this was found to be a bag of tokens!



All in all, a wonderful day and it is hoped to be able to repeat the occasion in the future. It is expected that all and sundry will be out on some golf course, practicing in readiness, and one Manager was heard to say "where can I get golf clubs for Free Game Vouchers".



Uncle George?

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## TELEVISION AT EDGWARE

Tenpin Bowling comes to the television screen again this month, when the ladies will be competing in doubles matches at Edgware. Two shows will be produced, each lasting one hour, and they will be screened on Monday and Wednesday the 12th and 14th December during the afternoon.

All the ladies competing will be Ambassador Bowlers and it is expected that there will be some good bowling to watch. Commentating on the match will be Bill Campbell, from the executive of A.M.F.; Bill is no stranger to television, for he has done programmes back in the States and his comment on the bowlers should prove very interesting.

Monday the 12th also gives T.V. coverage to junior bowling, when the new Teenage programme, "You are Sport" will be featuring an interview with Sue Winter and Keith Pragnell, two of Hounslow's young bowlers. This programme is on the screens at 5.00 p.m. so the 12th and 14th are dates for everyone to note.

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## JIM BREWER VISITS PORTSMOUTH

On Monday the 5th December, Jim Brewer, the British Professional Champion, arrives at Portsmouth for two weeks. Jim will be giving instruction each day and will be bowling on the Sunday evenings in challenge matches against doubles teams on the 11th December, and trios on the 18th December. Prizes will be awarded to all the bowlers who beat his score on these occasions.

Jim Brewer's experience is well known and he is acclaimed as one of the finest instructors in Britain today. His bowling prowess is evident from the fact that he is a past winner of the Gillette Masters Tournament and also the London Match Play Championships. He has partnered such all-time

greats as Buzz Fazio, Jerry Dutler, Bill Lillard and Marion Ladewig during their visits to this country.

This two weeks affords the Portsmouth bowlers a wonderful opportunity to meet Jim in their own Centre. On Tuesday evening, the 5th December, they will be able to consult him on ball measuring when a sales table will be erected on the concourse, and everyone can then be measured for a new ball.

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NEWS AROUND HEAD OFFICE

This month saw yet another engagement in the Accounts Department. Miss Jean Chapman is proudly displaying a very unusual solitaire diamond engagement ring, and she and her fiance, Gianni Alovise from San Remo in Italy, plan to marry in March next year. Congratulations and best wishes to you both.

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Contrary to popular belief, Brian Nuttgens does not wear his football boots in bed.

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We are pleased to be able to report that Mr. Goodstone's cup has survived the rigours of the past month.

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Two days ago, Mr. Stoten offered to deliver scoresheets to both Edgware and Hemel Hempstead, as he was going to those Centres. Mr. Wormald helped him carry them down to the Garage, and then stood waiting with them on the corner while Mr. Stoten went to fetch his car. Ten minutes later, a cold Mr. Wormald staggered with his load to the entrance of the garage and

asked the man on duty whether he had seen a pale green mini leave. "Ho yes,"  
ses the man, "habout ten minits ago, he left the back way". In disgust, Mr.  
Wormald left his load at the garage entrance and returned to the office.

Two hours later, Mr. Stoten (at Edgware) suddenly remembered the  
score sheets - and drove back to see whether Mr. Wormald was still waiting!

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FROM THE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

On Monday 28th November, Messrs. Pat Halliday and Stephen Green joined the Company and commenced their three month training period with George Mackey the Centre Manager at Hounslow, who in addition to these responsibilities is in charge of Management Training. Both these gentlemen are undergoing an initial two week familiarisation period prior to commencing their eight week session of In-Centre Training which covers the whole operation of a bowling centre from griddling wimpy steaks to lanes maintenance. We wish both these gentlemen all the best in their new career with Ambassador Bowling.

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During November, Joe Wibden (Promotions Controller), Mike Saunders (Equipment Executive), Ron Stoten (Field Controller) and Bill Watson of AMF held two bowling product sales evenings at the Edgware Centre and surprised the Management by taking orders for £350's worth of equipment. The customers were surprised that Ambassador retailed such items and the lesson learnt from this exercise was that if customers cannot see retail items on display and if no P.A. announcements are made, we will not sell.

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Following this success, Jim Grimwade, the Manager at Basildon has asked these gentlemen to do a similar session at his Centre and this will have been completed prior to this month's newsletter going to press.

On Tuesday 6th December, a similar session will be taking place at Portsmouth when customers will be measured for bowling balls by none other than Jim Brewer, who has six years' experience of ball measuring and is qualified and capable of satisfying the more detailed requirements of customers. Jim Brewer will be at Portsmouth for a period of two weeks commencing on Monday 5th December, and for those customers who cannot get along to the Centre on this particular day, Jim will do his best to accommodate them at other times.

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Work has commenced on the Ambassador Site at Worthing. The Bowling Centre will have a frontage on the Coast Road, but will also be accessible from Montague Street, the main shopping thoroughfare. As this development will also include terraces, multi-storey car park, and covers an extremely large area it is not envisaged that the Centre will be opened to the public before the summer of 1968.

The next new Centre to open will be Lewisham and as work commenced on this site some considerable time ago, Lewisham will be operational in about nine months time.

Good news for Stevenage bowlers - building work is now well under way at the Stevenage Centre and it is hoped that bowling will be resumed either the last week in February, or the first week in March.

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We are sure that customers, Management and staff alike derived considerable reassurance from the outcome of an incident at our Harlow Centre recently.

A particularly unwelcome individual repeatedly returned to this Centre, despite being subjected to a ban over a period of many months. On the last and most recent occasion, Mr. E. Munn, Assistant Manager (Catering), told the individual concerned to leave the premises, and was promptly subjected to a torrent of abuse. Mr. Munn then exercised his Management prerogative by ejecting the offender with a minimum of physical exertion. As a result of this, the ejected person summonsed Mr. Munn for assault, and the action was subsequently heard by the Harlow Magistrates Court. After hearing the evidence, the Magistrates dismissed the summons. In summing up the case, the Chairman said that Munn had the right to use force in ejecting the offender on the grounds that he was committing a trespass by refusing to leave the premises, and ordered him to pay £10 of Munn's costs.

This case should serve as a warning to all unwelcome visitors to our premises that the law fully supports the view that this Company has always adopted, in that we reserve the right to refuse admission.

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## ON THE OTHER SIDE

The Hudepohl women's team of Cincinnati got the new season off to a sizzling start last month by rolling a 3196 series. They rolled 1063, 1091, and 1042. Anita Vollmer took the honours with a 278, 268, 245 for a 791 series, the highest ever rolled by a Cincinnati woman. The all time women's team record is the 3379 total by Freeway Washers of Cleveland in the 1959/60 season.

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The famed Steve Nagy is seriously ill. The veteran pro. was rendered virtually helpless by a stroke last season, and his condition has now been aggravated by kidney and gall bladder complications. It seems that there is little hope of recovery for this great bowler.

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The highest approved doubles game ever rolled and one of the most dramatic near misses in history highlighted the 1965/66 season as the ABC honoured the nation's leading scorers.

Last November 22nd, Ron Spohn and Tom Dern of Columbus, Ohio rewrote the record for a league doubles team when they carved out a 587 game. Dern's share was the best possible, a 300, while Spohn chipped in with a 287 to erase the 1958 mark of 579 set by Al Savas and Don Krause, both then of Detroit and now of Milwaukee. The game also eclipsed the best tournament game ever rolled, a 586 by E.C. Shipman and Billy Clemens of Hobbs, N.M., in 1963, this giving Dern and Spohn claim to the highest approved doubles game ever.

Equally startling was the scene in Bergenfield, N.J., on the evening of March 25th, 1966. Teata Semiz, a proven star, and probably

one of the East's finest, came within one mark of the all time three game series record of Allie Brandt. Brandt rolled 886 on October 25th, 1939 and had only one spare on games of 297, 289 and 300. Semiz had two spares in his 268 middle game and the 299 which preceeded it and 300 which followed amounted to 867, second highest in history.

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1965/66 Leaders

5 man team series	White Owl Cigar, Paterson	3533
5 man team game	White Owl Cigar, Paterson	1282
3 man team series	Forest Chapel, Milwaukee	2156
3 man team game	Bowling Palace, Miami	779
2 man team series	John Haveles - Dick Brasch, Anaheim	1534
2 man team game	Tom Dern - Ron Spohn, Columbus	567

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BASILDON

November proved a busy month at Basildon. Derek Bunce has been working with Brian Tween, our Chief Instructor, to form a new Youth League to bowl on Sunday evenings at 6.00 p.m. We are expecting at least twenty people between the ages of 18 and 24 to roll off this Sunday and have high hopes of increasing the numbers within the next week or two.

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The Junior League, which bowls on Saturday mornings, deserves a mention and once more the praise must go to Brian Tween and Steve Edge for all the hard work they have put in to make it a success. The J.Y.B.C. Kit is now eagerly awaited so that a real door to door and school to school sales drive can get under way.

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Young Peter Wilkins excelled himself by bowling a 236 game one Saturday morning, missing the Ambassador Record Holders Club Junior Award by a mere four pins. The following week, Peter rolled a 208 game, showing that he is not the sort to give up easily.

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Our House Instructors are becoming more and more involved in running the Basildon Centre. Brian Tween is now on the payroll as a Control Clerk, covering five nights a week, on top of which, he manages to cover two nights and two days as the Duty Instructor. Jim Grimwade admits to feeling rather guilty doing only 90 hours a week, against Brian's 94.

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Alf Alger, another of our Instructors has joined the payroll as a part time mechanic. He covers two nights a week behind the Black Monsters and, in between these evenings, has volunteered to be the Secretary of the Sunday Evening Youth League.

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The night of December 10th, sees the 11th Frame Club Annual Christmas Moonlight. Starting at midnight approximately, 160 of the more hardy bowlers will roll 6 games and eat a handsome breakfast, provided by the Snack Bar, for a total cost to each participant of 5/-. Large hampers full of Christmas Fayre are the top awards for each game, a turkey for each second place, a chicken for third and a box of chocolates for the runners-up. The friendly relaxed atmosphere of the evening has to be experienced to be believed. The crunch comes on the following morning when the Duty Manager has to say goodbye to the home-ward bound Club members and immediately open for the early Sunday morning leagues.

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Jim Grimwade had the pleasure of presenting a cheque for £1 to George Turner, awarded by the Southend Area Bowling Association for George's 250 game rolled one Sunday morning in the Trades League. We hope this will be the first of many such awards won by Basildon bowlers.

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We are all very proud of Mary Betts, who is currently holding the women's National High Average of 185. Mary was thrilled to receive a letter of congratulations from Mr. L.S. Michael, our Managing Director.

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Our congratulations to George Hilditch and Bill Shead for breaking the Basildon House Record for a two person team game. Bowlers at Basildon now have a 483 to beat.

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At the time of writing, we are waiting for 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 30th November, when this Centre has its third bowling equipment sale. If the previous two sales are anything to go by, we are in for a busy evening.

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EDGWARE

Edgware again played host to Head Office this month, but no complaints, for apart from a noticeable increase in Snack Bar Takings, thanks mainly to the enterprise of Joe Wibden and Mike Saunders, we achieved a £350 sale of Kingpin Package Deals, and now have the best equipped bowlers in the country.

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The staff, bowlers and Atlaforms Automatics Ltd., said a sad farewell to Catering Manager, Roger Smith, who was succeeded by Jim McClune on Wednesday 23rd November. We wish them both every success in their new positions.

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On Wednesday the 9th November, we proudly presented Barry Patrick with his regalia as Honorary member of the Ambassador Record Holders Club. Barry earned his membership with a fine 702 series rolled in our Thursday Mixed Doubles League. Not one open frame in his three games of 239, 257 and 206.

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Arthur Rumble, worthy winner of both Scratch and Handicap Sections of the Coca-Cola Tournament with a 187 average over the 18 games, was presented with a travelling alarm clock and a table lighter by actor Mike McStay of "No Hiding Place" fame. Mike, himself no stranger to bowling, will, we hope, be returning to Edgware shortly to assist us with a forthcoming promotion in conjunction with E.M.I.

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Entry forms for our forthcoming Trios Tournament on the 18th December have now been sent to all Centres. This is a Bob Sweeney production which will ensure a well run tournament and we hope this will give us the opportunity of seeing old friends from other Ambassador Centres.

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Congratulations from all at Edgware to Lanesman John Radford who expects the arrival of a new addition to his family in the beginning of next year. Most bowlers have attributed this to John's now famous slick approaches.

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We would like to welcome John MacGregor-Henderson our new "keeper of the shoes". Judging from the number of friends he has already made, John's friendly manner obviously outweighs the disadvantage of an undecipherable highland accent.

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Finally, congratulations to our Sunday morning Scratch Doubles League who, on 13th November, broke every one of their own League Records. Eight teams shot 1,000 plus series, seven teams with 400 plus games, and 15 individual bowlers breaking the 200 barrier. High series and high game went to Paddy O'Grady with a 255 game and a great 665 series.

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HARLOW

Standing in front of the Centre, gleaming in all its glory, was a brand new Ford Anglia; and alongside it, its proud owner, Gen Agar. Congratulations Gen, and may you have many happy (and safe) hours of motoring in it!

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We are at present in the midst of arranging our Grand Christmas Moonlight Bowl to take place on December the 16th. It is to be a swell affair in Fancy Dress, so if you are free, why not come along, you'll be very welcome. Tickets, which are selling fast, are £1 each for four games and breakfast, and the fun commences at 12.30 a.m.

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Great puffings and blowings from the bar last week, when we all carried in (literally) the new and very beautiful, furniture. It had been completely re-decorated, and now it really looks wonderful!

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We are all very sorry to say goodbye to Alan Bridges, our Bar Steward, who is leaving us at the end of the week. Alan has been travelling to and from the Centre every day from Ipswich! However, he says the driving isn't really so bad, as his car knows its own way now. We are wondering how he is going to persuade it to go in a different direction!

Our new Bar Steward, Mr. Popp, is settling in admirably, we wish him welcome, and hope that he will be very happy with us.

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Does anyone know if there is a "Mug Selling Award"? If there is, we in Harlow think we should have a good chance of winning it! We have all discovered that we are excellent Mug Sellers. We have some very nice "Bowling Through the Ages" beer mugs, and really can't produce enough for the demand! The only thing that worries us is that we can't make up our minds if it is the "Bowling Through the Ages" that is so popular, or their ability to hold beer!

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Mrs. Agar ran her first Moonlight Bowl this month. It was in aid of the Aberfan Disaster, and because of lack of time in advance to advertise and sell tickets, etc., the staff here were rather wary, and wondered if it should be cancelled. However, she battled on against all odds, and certainly won the day - or should we say night! We are all now eagerly awaiting the next Moonlight Bowl.

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Mrs. Agar's first month here - although not without problems - has been very successful. She has gained the respect and friendship of us all. We are all unanimous in saying - "We are jolly glad you came".

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HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

An attentive Manager, having noticed that a group of male bowlers were becoming regular late night attenders, decided to "chat up" and encourage them into League bowling. On discovering they were travelling a distance of 25 miles to bowl, he enquired why. Was it the perfect lanes? Machinery that never failed? The atmosphere of the Centre? NO??? The answer received was that this was the only bowling centre around that did not have a waiting list of two hours at that time of night.

Perhaps he got his O.B.'s in the wrong place!

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Highlight of November was the achievement of two of our Juniors who won the Wembley November Doubles (Junior) Tournament. The two responsible were 14 year old David Salih, and 15 year old Paul Banham. Rolling a magnificent total of 1714 pins over 5 games, they beat their nearest opponents from Bristol by 8 pins. David bowled consistently well with games of 179, 175, 173, 185 and 177 for a total of 889, and an average of 178, whilst Paul bowled an 825 total averaging 165. Well done, David and Paul, we look forward to your success in many more tournaments in the future.

Late Flash We have just heard that David and Paul's achievement has been accepted as qualifying for the Ambassador Record Holders Club - congratulations again!

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Talking of juniors, we must not forget to mention the achievement of 15 year old Ray Carter, who won the first Classified Elimination Tournament to be held at Hemel, and what a successful Tournament this turned out to be.



There were far too many close games during the six rounds before the final to record, but bowlers who participated will all agree the atmosphere and tension throughout the tournament were terrific.

The divisional finalists were as follows:

Division 1	(Up to 130 Average)	Ziggy Urban
Division 2	(131-145 Average)	Ray Carter
Division 3	(146-160 Average)	Ron Slow
Division 4	(161 upwards)	John Alexander

The Grand Final was as close a match as you could wish for, both Ron Slow and John Alexander failed to find the form they had previously - both bowling with 180 averages - and tied with 495 pins. Ziggy Urban rolled 503 with handicap, whilst Ray Carter came through strongly on the third game to win magnificently with 505 pins including handicap.

In the deciding game for third and fourth position, John rolled a 193 to Ron Slow's 190, which was typical of the close games throughout the whole Tournament.

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We are pleased to welcome back our mechanic Tony Harvey from the A.M.F. Course at Whitstable, complete with a little red folder which denotes his pass. Congratulations Tony.

We noticed during a brief visit from Tony last weekend that there was either a shortage of razor blades in Whitstable, or that he was establishing that he could grow a presentable facial adornment. However, on his return to duty, the beard had gone! The real secret was out. In his Hotel at Whitstable, Tony had an attic room, and the problem was breakfast - or - shave. (No time for both). Breakfast won!

Whilst Tony was at Whitstable, events had to continue as normal in the Centre, and our appreciation is recorded for the efforts and aptitude displayed by our two young mechanics, Peter Cook and Roy Whitney, and also lanesman Dennis Smith, during this period.

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## HOUNSLOW

Keith Pragnall and Sue Winter, who have defeated all challengers to date, and reigned since October 19th when they successfully dethroned John Jones (not H.O.) and Mary Timberlake in the King and Queen Competition, are going from strength to strength, not only in this Tournament, but entering in the Wembley Doubles on Sunday 20th November, 1966, they really excelled themselves, especially when we remember that Sue is still only 14 years old and Keith 17, for they attained between them an average of 175.8 over 10 games. Although not placed, it was a magnificent effort.

Back to the King and Queen Tournament, on November the 2nd, they bowled themselves into the Ambassador Record Holders Club with a 1120 Doubles Record. Well done Sue and Keith.

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Records speak for themselves:

Sue Winter and Keith Pragnall	1120	Mixed Doubles Series
Eunice Grant	256	Women's High Game
Geoff Liddiard	279	Men's High Game
Sapphyres	582	Women's Trios High Game
A.M.O.C.O.	1016	5 Man Team High Game
The Taps	2826	5 Man Team High Series

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On Saturday November 12th, at the Warren Hotel, the Hounslow Tenpin Bowling and Social Club held their first dinner party, attended by some 40 members. The evening started when cocktails were taken in the lounge before dinner, during which Vic Kettle and his group supplied music and continued for dancing afterwards. Vic was not the only entertainer, as between times there was some effort at community singing to a well-known, long haired cum

bald headed group, namely Eric Perkins on the vibes, Tony Digby on the electric organ and Ron "Ringo" Collins on the "skins". All members voted the evening an outstanding success and are now asking "When is the next one?".

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In October, the Tracz Trophy League went to Portsmouth to bowl their return match against the Major City League - the result being a very good win by our hosts. Final scores were:

Portsmouth	-	12,050 pins
Hounslow	-	11,549 pins

During our visit, we were provided with a very good meal as well as interesting conversation after the match. The Secretary of the Major City League, P. Symonds expressed his desire that this would become an Annual event, with the possibility of a Trophy to play for, which was unanimously agreed upon by both sets of bowlers.

It is always nice to have these 'representative' matches with teams from other Ambassador Centres, and it is perhaps appropriate here that we at Hounslow, with thanks coming from J.W. Lucas (Tracz Trophy League), should have this opportunity for conveying our thanks to all the Portsmouth Bowlers, and our own League organisers for a most pleasing and enjoyable day.

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## IPSWICH

Monday nights at Ipswich are now Churchmans League nights, but this was not always so. In fact, prior to this winter season, Monday nights were "Friendly" nights. Not that they are at present unfriendly in atmosphere, but now the League is sponsored by Churchmans, the cigar and cigarette people. When Ambassador Lanes first opened, the Friendly League was among the first to become organised. However, at that time, most of the bowlers were green to the game and the league was comprised of teams recruited from such sources as the Ipswich Town Footballers, the Rugby Club, the local Nurses Home and so on. Of course, most of the averages were around the 130 mark and most of the bowlers had a happy go lucky attitude to the game, although there were the odd 'stars' such as ex-Town footballer Doug Millward who held a 177 average.

It wasn't long however, before a more competitive spirit crept in and soon there were teams like the Firestone Five and the Pot Hunters trying for top honours. Gradually also, teams began to think in terms of sponsorship and among the first were the Evening Star Moonstrikers, and the Ipswich Music Centre, who entered the field around 1964. One of the biggest surprises of all was when a high handicapped team, the "Fiddling Five" won the Summer 1965 League Championship. No one expected them to do so when their top average bowler, Tony Dye, carried the team with a 156 average. This is one good reason why we have handicapping and should prove a spur to any team who think they don't stand a chance of winning.

At the end of the Summer 1966 League, Churchmans decided to entertain sponsorship of one of the Leagues and eventually chose the Friendly League. Naturally, it was agreed that the name of the League would be changed to bear their name. In fact, that was the only condition laid down. In some degree or other, there are now no less than nine of the sixteen five person teams who have some degree of sponsorship and the League continues to flourish from year to year.

Looking back over the years, many of the original bowlers are still with the League but many of the stalwarts have passed on - the Chennels, the Learners, the Five Imps, the Flolyanas and so on. Yes, those were the days - or were they? I expect if we really search our hearts, we all still enjoy our bowling just as much as anyone did at the start, if not more so.

Here are a few of the records of which we are justly proud:

First team to roll 1000 game	Avengers	
Highest Single Game Bowled	Jack Wessels	279
Highest series bowled	Tony Vaughan	686
Highest Ladies Single Game	Pat Lucas	222
Highest Ladies Series	Joan Phillips	562
Current holders of the		1014 and
Highest Team Game and Series	Colchester Casino	2907
Highest Average ever held	Jack Wessels	189 over 78 games

W. Haig Joyce - League Secretary

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On Friday morning, November 11th, Tony Vaughan and Jim Duncan, this year's B.T.B.A. Doubles Champions, left Ipswich on a 13 hour journey. They were bound for Antwerp to represent Great Britain in the Doubles Championships of Flanders. The official opening ceremony at the luxurious 20 lane Euro-Bowl was at 9.30 p.m., followed by all competing teams playing challengers from the area. The following morning, the teams were introduced to the local Burgomaster at a buffet reception and found time to do a little souvenir hunting before the serious business of bowling, which started at 2.30 p.m.

The Tournament consisted of 12 teams playing a round robin using Petersen Points. Match play continued until 11.30 p.m. and was followed by a sumptuous banquet at the Dock Hotel lasting until 2.00 a.m. The tournament schedule was resumed at 9.00 a.m. on Sunday and was completed by 1.00 p.m. with

the Italians taking first place thanks to some brilliant bowling by Novoletta who bowled so well in last year's World Championships in Dublin. Second place went to the Germans, who were unlucky to catch the Ipswich pair when they pulled out all the stops to take the high game award with 467, Jim rolling 265 and Tony 202, for which they received a handsome porcelain plate and medallions.

Both Ipswich bowlers felt that the travelling had affected their chances of a high overall placing, but returned home with a very good impression of the tournament organisation and were particularly pleased with the friendly atmosphere which prevailed throughout the entire weekend.

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Ambassador's new top bowler? Who? Jim Raudy, a young American Serviceman who is turning in some brilliant bowling virtually every week, particularly in the Friday night Classic League. Over 33 games, Jim at present holds a 195 average, with no less than sixteen 200 games to his credit. He also holds the current Hi-game (259) and Hi-series (647) to his credit. Jim bowls in three leagues at Ipswich, including the East Anglian Travelling League, and holds a 190 average overall.

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## PORTSMOUTH

Big congratulations go to our first member of the Ambassador Record Holders Club, Peter Tanner, who recently 'shot' a high individual game of 278 when playing in the Magpie League. Incidentally, with this score, Peter equalled the House Record set up by that stalwart Rod Bumstead many months ago. After Peter had 8 strikes in a row to his credit, all bowling in the Centre stopped as he came in for his 9th frame, and yet another strike went to him and excitement began to mount. The tenth frame and 9 pins went down and the 5 pin rocked and stayed put. Big groans went up from all around as yet another bowler had just failed to get that elusive 300. Peter spared, struck and finished with a nine to finish with 278.

He was presented with his Record Holders Tie and official card on the lanes in front of the league, by Shaun Ball on behalf of the Company.

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"Gee, fellers, we weren't trying to steal them, we only wanted 'em for souvenirs". That was the comment from two Canadian sailors who were trying to sneak out of the Centre with two of our house balls under their coats recently. After this little incident, a wary eye has been kept on all our visitors.

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The Rebel Ladies Morning League held their prize-giving recently. This is one of those functions that the Management really enjoys, especially when they are asked to present the prizes, and everyone in the league receives one. A buffet was laid out for the ladies by Jim Middleton, and attractive he made it look. Marge Sneyd, the Secretary, was presented with a large coloured brandy glass by the league members in appreciation of all her hard work in making the League a success. The ladies will break off for a short time for the Christmas period, and restart early in January.

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After a last minute hitch about the extension for the bar, the Combination League held their usual end of season social, which once again was a great success, due to the fine efforts of their President, Pete Hampson. Prizes were presented by Mr. John Hunt, the Wessex Area B.T.B.A. Secretary, and bouquets were presented to Mrs. Hunt and the League Secretary, Peggy Spree. It may be interesting to note that this League has never missed a Wednesday night's bowling (except for the socials) since the League was formed when the Bowl first opened.

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## WOLVERHAMPTON

At the request of many local bowlers, a Tournament was held on Sunday 6th November in aid of the Aberfan Disaster Fund. The three sections were Singles, Doubles and Five Man Teams, all on a handicap basis. The outstanding performance of the competition was in the doubles, where 'H' Moule and B. Jeffs rolled a fine llll series scratch to take the honours. Other winners were:

Singles	-	E. Shaw	-	542
Team	-	Bowl Brunswicks	-	2676

Local and National firms were invited to give prizes for this occasion. The response was truly magnificent, there being so many items that it was possible to hold a raffle on each night for the week preceeding the Tournament. The mention of raffle tickets revives the memory of Catering Manageress, Mrs. Madge Kelly, doing sterling service selling literally hundreds each night. When approached with such charm and a bright smile, no-one could refuse.

The total amount raised was £100 and a cheque for this amount was presented on the Lanes, on the 13th November, to Councillor M. James, Chairman of the Wolverhampton Education Committee. Welshman, Mr. James, a well-known figure in local political circles, stated in his speech of thanks that many of the teachers in the Aberfan Disaster were personally known to him. He thanked the Bowl for such a magnificent effort.

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At the time of writing, the entries for the first House Championships, Singles and Five Man Team Events, are pouring in. Perhaps one of the most exciting struggles ahead lies in the Ladies Singles, where Miss Kay Stanhope, who earlier this month rolled a magnificent 610 series, is seeded to meet Miss Sylvia Draper in the Finals, (if both win their early rounds). Sylvia has a current high average of 157 in the Supreme League, and is bowling with increasing confidence each week.

Top seed in the Men's event is Barry Morgan with a current high average of 174 in the Supreme League. Second seed is Peter Alanthwaite of the vastly improved Bowl Brunswicks team who currently head the Lanemasters League. Peter is increasing his average each week. At the moment it is 170, but he confides that his sights are on a 180 plus.

Shock outsider could be C. McIlwraitt, Junior star of the Ever Ready League, who currently holds a 170 average, although only bowling league for four weeks.

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Many bowlers wondered at the sudden stampede to welcome the bearded figure in motor bike gear on Friday 25th November. No! It was not a visitor from Mars, but our own lovable mechanic "H" Moule, returned home from the A.M.F. Mechanics course he had been attending at Whitstable.

Congratulations "H" on a fine 83% mark, which was the highest of the course.

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November has been a heavy month for the promotions department in the person of Assistant Manager, Tony Davis. Monday November the 7th saw the first meeting of the Banks and Finance Houses Tenpin Bowling Committee, where plans were laid for a Knock-out Tournament and League for the New Year.

Wednesday 16th November was the date on which the Harper Adams Agricultural College, Newport, Students League started. Praise must be given to these young men who come 20 miles for their weekly bowl.

Film shows have been given to Goodyear employees and Clinics held for members of Villiers and Contractor Switch Gear firms. The latter two companies hope to start a trios league in the near future.

The first monthly League Secretaries Meeting was held on Monday 21st November with a 90% turnout. The meeting was a great success, and support was given for the new Centre Classic League, which will bowl every other Sunday with representative 5-man teams from each league.

Last but not least, the Wolverhampton College of Technology students started their Trios League on Thursday 30th November.

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A date to remember. Christmas Party, Friday 23rd December, 12.00  
p.m. Tickets £1.

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