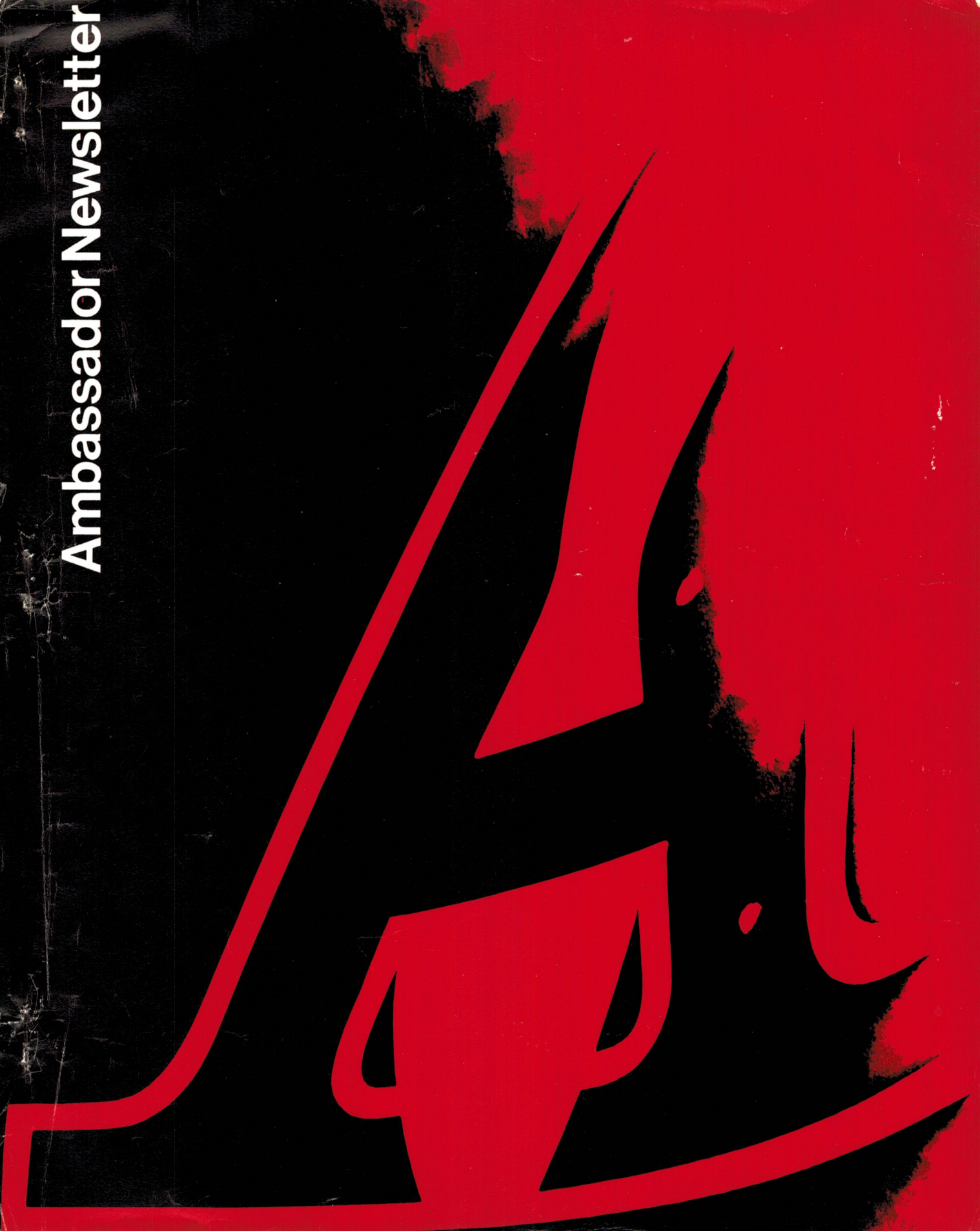


Ambassador Newsletter



AMBASSADOR BOWLERS ARE RUNNERS-UP IN BOTH DIVISIONS

For the first time an Ambassador Centre, Ambassador Lanes, Edware, was the venue for a national bowling tournament - the Tenpin Bowling Proprietors Association 4th Annual National Invitation Singles Championships. Appropriately enough, Ambassador bowlers were in among the honours, being the runners-up in both Ladies and Men's Divisions.

The 60 bowlers invited to the Championships were certainly among the top average bowlers at present in this country, and for this year's tournament, a new format had been devised. In the qualifying rounds, competitors were placed in sections of six and played a round robin on the Petersen Points scoring system. The two leaders in each section then qualified for the Grand Final.

Leading the qualifiers from the Ladies Section was Brenda Clapper, who bowled 1021 pins over the five games for an average of 204. The Men's leader was Tony King, with 1035 for an average of 207. JOHN ROURKE, the youngest competitor taking part, had ten strikes in a row in his fourth game for a 269 total, which was the highest game of the day. Brenda Clapper achieved the Ladies' high with a 244 game. During the qualifying round of the Ladies' Section, the main surprise was the complete eclipse of the strong Liverpool contingent of six, including four of the SILHOUETTES team.

The Grand Final, also a round robin, was played over 9 games, the final winner being the bowler with the highest number of points over the 14 games. Competition in the Finals was extremely keen in far from comfortable conditions, due to the heat of the day. Unfortunately, two bowlers in the Men's Division had to retire with split thumbs during the final. First, Bill White from Leeds, who had had his bowling bag, ball and shoes stolen from his car on the evening prior to the tournament, used house equipment to take him

into the Final, but the strain of using a borrowed ball was just too much and he retired after just two games of the Final. The number of games was also too much for JOHN ROURKE, retiring after 6 games of the final.

Brenda Clapper, a housewife with a young daughter, representing Top Rank Southampton and the winner of the £300 First Prize in the Daily Mirror Ladies' Scratch Singles Championships, ran out a comfortable winner for the Ladies, scoring 63.24 points for an average of 187.

Runner-up was VIOLET BIRD, also a housewife, from AMBASSADOR LANES, BASILDON, who, throughout the day had bowled steadily and carefully to total 61.44 points, for an average of 180 over the 14 games.

The Men's Division proved to be a very tight struggle and with two games left, any one of the eight remaining finalists still had a chance of winning. Joe Kilian, entering from Stamford Hill, but in fact one of the Brunswick Jets, came out eventual champion, scoring 63.30 points, knocking down 2,665 pins, just 53 more than Brenda Clapper. HARLOW bowler, 17-year-old DAVID POND, entering from A.B.C. Dagenham, was placed second with the highest pinfall of the tournament, 2720 for an average of 194 after the 14 gruelling games. Unluckily David could not win enough of his matches to give him the necessary points to beat Joe Kilian, finishing with just 62.40.

A newcomer to big time bowling, MICK GAITT, entering from AMBASSADOR LANES, EDGWARE, bowling in rental shoes and using a house ball, led the Men's Section comfortably up to the end of the 10th game, but unfortunately the pace proved a little too much and his scores dropped badly to pull him down into 5th place over the final four games.

To a fanfare of trumpets of the Royal Marines Herald Trumpeters from the Deal School of Music, the magnificent T.B.P.A. trophies were presented to the winners and runners-up, by the Chairman of the T.B.P.A., Mr. L.E. Carpenter.

Other finalist placings were as follows:

LADIES

3	Vera Harrison	Top Rank, Blackpool	59.02
4.	Kim Wheeler	Wembley Stadium Bowl	57.40
5.	Sue Bland	Top Rank, Old Trafford, Manchester	56.54
6.	Melle Coatsworth	A.B.C., North Harrow	55.44
7.	Ann Garrett	Wembley Stadium Bowl	55.26
8.	Ethell Parnell	Excel, Southend	54.90
9.	Renee Plaskow	Excel, Southend	53.34
10.	Claire Williams	Brunswick Advisory Staff	53.14

MEN

3.	Michael Luckhurst	Excel, Whitstable	60.08
4.	Jimmy Brewer	Brunswick Advisory Staff	59.50
5.	MICHAEL GAITT	AMBASSADOR, EDGWARE	57.90
6.	Tony King	Top Rank, Warley	57.86
7.	Adrian Remsberg	Wembley Stadium Bowl	57.52
8.	Tony Blanchett	Top Rank, Old Trafford	55.70
9.	{ William White	Excel Leeds	RET
	{ JOHN ROURKE	AMBASSADOR, LIVERPOOL	RET

Points and placings of other bowlers entering from or normally bowling at Ambassador Centres were as follows:

LADIES

Joan Primmer	-	Liverpool	-	3rd in Section 'A'	-	20.84
Renee McCulloch	-	Liverpool	-	4th in Section 'A'	-	19.84
Joan Lewis	-	Liverpool	-	5th in Section 'A'	-	19.76
Beryl Jones	-	Liverpool	-	3rd in Section 'B'	-	18.98

Francis Clark	-	Liverpool	-	4th in Section 'B'	-	18.78
Eunice Grant	-	Hounslow	-	5th in Section 'E'	-	18.12
Kay Zapelli	-	Liverpool	-	5th in Section 'C'	-	17.36
Mary Betts	-	Basildon	-	6th in Section 'C'	-	17.06
Nell Bowen	-	Harlow	-	6th in Section 'D'	-	16.44

MEN

Barry Patrick	-	Edgware	-	3rd in Section 'E'	-	20.46
Paul Lane	-	Hounslow	-	5th in Section 'C'	-	19.48

1966 BOWLER OF THE YEAR

At the end of the third week of the programme, 217 competitors are still participating. Leaders and runners-up in each section, Centre by Centre are as follows:

<u>CENTRE</u>	<u>SCRATCH</u>		<u>MEN'S HANDICAP</u>	<u>Score Inc.</u>
				<u>H^ocap.</u>
BASILDON	L. MORRIS	1674	J. GREEN	1526
	R. HORTON	1573		
EDGWARE	M. GAITT	1857	S. SEARLE	1693
	R. TOMASI	1841	D. DICKMAN	1652
HARLOW	D. POND	1827	P. SMITH	1731
	K. O'BRIEN	1798	J. PELCZAR	1722
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	J. CLEMENTS	1676	F. DOVE	1723
	H. RICHARDS	1645	D. CROMBIE	1597
HOUNSLOW	A. DIGBY	1734	S. BURGESS	1894
	A. MAYLIN-TUCK	1715	B. HOLFORD	1684
IPSWICH	R. SMITH	1806	C. BATTEN	1683
	E. HUFFMAN	1774	K. RUSSELL	1606
LIVERPOOL	J. ROURKE	1807	A. EWEN	1770
	A. CHRISTIAN	1764	D. O'HARA	1738
PORTSMOUTH	C. DYER	1684	B. PAINTIN	1484
	T. WIGFORTH	1672		
STEVENAGE	R. ENDERSBY	1722	K. CURTIS	1780
	D. SMART	1591	L. MAXWELL	1634
WOLVERHAMPTON	P. ALENTHWAITE	1693	R. STNALEY	1695
	E. SHAW	1623	R. HIPKIN	1565

<u>CENTRE</u>	<u>LADIES' HANDICAP</u>		<u>JUNIOR HANDICAP</u>	
		<u>Score Inc.</u> <u>H^ocap.</u>		<u>Score Inc.</u> <u>H^ocap.</u>
BASILDON	P. COPELAND	1449	M. YULE	1659
	M. BETTS	1410	K. ROGERS	1376
EDGWARE	B. DICKMAN	1674	P. TWOSOMBE	1820
	P. HARRIS	1643		
HARLOW	E. BOWEN	1728		
	D. WOOLSTON	1649		
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	D. McCALLION	1605		
HOUNSLOW	1) B. POYNTER	1646	B. PIKE	1750
	2) I. STOCKLEY	1603	T. WESTWOOD	1594
	3) D. RUSSELL	1590	B. JAY	1781
IPSWICH	J. PHILLIPS	1618	J. WESTBROOK	1597
	J. LUCAS	1597	D. WEILD	1527
LIVERPOOL	J. PRIMMER	1735	J. McNALLY	1336
	B. MYNNE	1540	C. PAINTIN	1289
PORTSMOUTH	J. WHEELDON	1682		
	P. HUMPHREYS	1599		
STEVENAGE	R. GREEN	1418		
WOLVERHAMPTON	R. BUNTIN	1595	M. COLWELL	1665
	S. DRAPER	1552	R. WOODALL	1617

High games bowled are for men, a 254 by S. Burgess of Hounslow, a 245 for ladies by Nell Bowen of Harlow and for juniors, a 252 by T. Harrington of Edgware. The highest scratch 3-game series for men was bowled by D. Pond, (Harlow), 667, for ladies by Joan Primmer of Liverpool 645, and for juniors, D. Anscombe of Edgware, 630.

ON THE OTHER SIDE

£100,000 Firestone Tournament of Champions. With more than 9,000 fans jammed into Riviera Lanes, Akron, Ohio, plus millions of televiewers, this great tournament reached its climax with Dick Weber playing Wayne Zahn. All eyes were on Weber who was a very hot favourite to take the title but he bowled his one bad game of the tournament, a 170, and meanwhile Wayne Zahn bowled a 203 to win his first ever professional tournament, and a cheque for £25,000.

The latest novelty tournament which has been held at St. Louis¹ Western Bowl is a Lo-Co mixed doubles tournament. The first game is regular bowling with a prize for every strike on the red headpin.

Throughout the event are a variety of awards for both men and women. In the case of a 300 game, the bowler receives a life size autographed picture of the Manager in shorts. Or, if he prefers, he may select another prize of equal value!

The second game is somewhat different. In the first frame, everybody bowls from a chair - first ball right handed, second ball left handed. After that come frames in which the bowler turns his back to the pins, couples walk to the line with their arms round each others waist, the bowler kicks the ball down the lane, or bowls blindfolded or uses both hands or a one step approach.

Nobody starts the third game until everybody has stumbled through game No.2 because the lights are turned out, except those on the pin deck. Then the couples bowl scotch doubles style for a straight third game.

"Bill Brown bowls perfect 600 game", It could be possible - Carom Bowling is a new innovation of the Brunswick Corporation. Installations for this new game are under way now in six towns in the U.S.A.

The game has been under test for a year in Wisconsin, and many of the bowling industry's leaders have seen Carom in action.

Carom Bowl is played on regulation lanes, with one glaring exception: the gutters are raised to expose rubberized edges not unlike the cushions on billiard tables. Contestants simply roll the ball against either or both cushions and hit regulation tenpins at the end of the lane.

Beginner bowlers love Carom Bowl because it is impossible to throw a gutter ball. But oldtimers grouse over the fact that a good conventional shot is penalized. To earn bonus points in Carom Bowl, a player must hit at least one cushion.

In Carom Bowl the player earns a five point bonus for hitting one cushion and a 10 point bonus for using two cushions when making a strike or spare.

ON THE GRAPEVINE

Can we believe the rumours we hear? Is it true that Paul Woodall is to be married? Very unofficial sources state that Paul's wedding day is the 4th October, and that he is marrying a nurse called Christine, and that's all we know.

TELEVISION OF BOWLING

The television cameras came to Edgware once again on Saturday 4th June to record tenpin bowling, this time for the London area programme "A Look on Sunday" shown on Sunday 5th June.

Bowlers invited to take part were Jim Brewer, Paul Lane, Claire Williams and Ena Grant, the girls were invited after their very fine performances in the recent National Championships.

Jim and Paul led off with a singles match which proved extremely exciting, Paul taking a 42 pin lead after two games and Jim finally coming back with 208 to win by 2 pins, 592 to 590.

For the first time on television, Paul teamed with Ena and Jim with Claire to play a one game scotch doubles match and high scoring and good bowling resulted with Paul and Ena winning by 214 to 192.

Shaw Taylor acted once again as commentator and was in top form throughout seeming to particularly enjoy the novelty and speed of the scotch doubles match.

BOWLING ACCESSORY

SALE

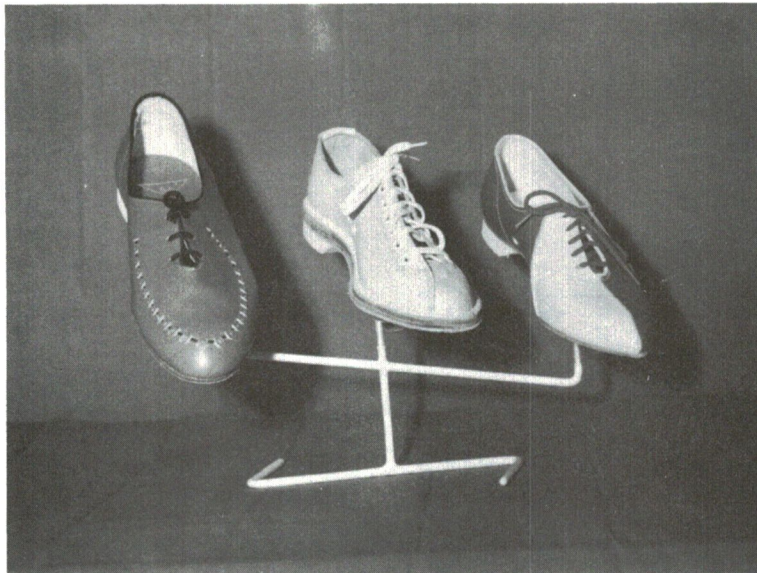


As stated in last month's edition of the Ambassador Newsletter, we now have pleasure in giving you illustrations and full details of the Bowling Accessory Sale.

All shoes except Ladies Flair and Men's Black Ace are on offer at 25/- per pair, the Ladies Flair being 27/6 and Men's Black Ace 32/6 per pair. The Black Watch Shoe Bags are 11/6 each but should a customer require Bowling Shoes in addition to a Shoe Bag then the price is reduced to 9/6.

Should there be any Electra Bowling Bags in stock at your Centre, then these are reduced from £4. 19. 6d. to £4. 5. 0d.

All requests for any of the illustrated accessories are to be made by Centre Management to the Equipment Executive in the form of a memorandum.



Left Hand Shoe

Ladies Flare - Bright red with black stitching available in sizes $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$.

Middle Shoe

Ladies Kingpin - Full laced pale blue shoe available in size 3 only.

Right Hand Shoe

Lady Geste - attractive pointed toe ladies shoe in red and white quartered colours, available in the following sizes, 3, 4 and $4\frac{1}{2}$.



Left Hand Shoe

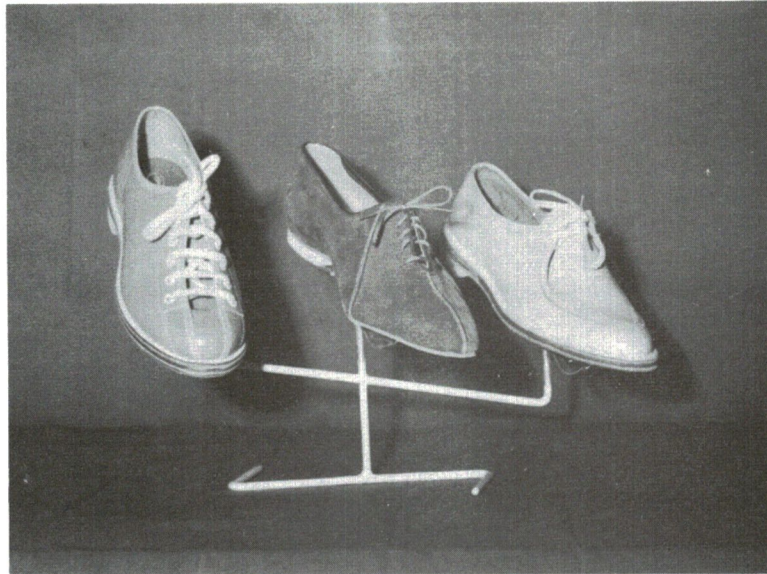
Gimpy Victor - Full laced men's shoes in white, available in both left and right hand sizes as follows: 11, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 12 right hand, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$, 11, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 12 left hand.

Middle Shoe

Black Ace - Men's black shoe with white stitching, being one of the lightest men's shoes on the market. Available in the following sizes; 6, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$, 11 and 12.

Right Hand Shoe

Men's Kingpin - Light blue single laced universal shoe (right or left hand), available in sizes 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.



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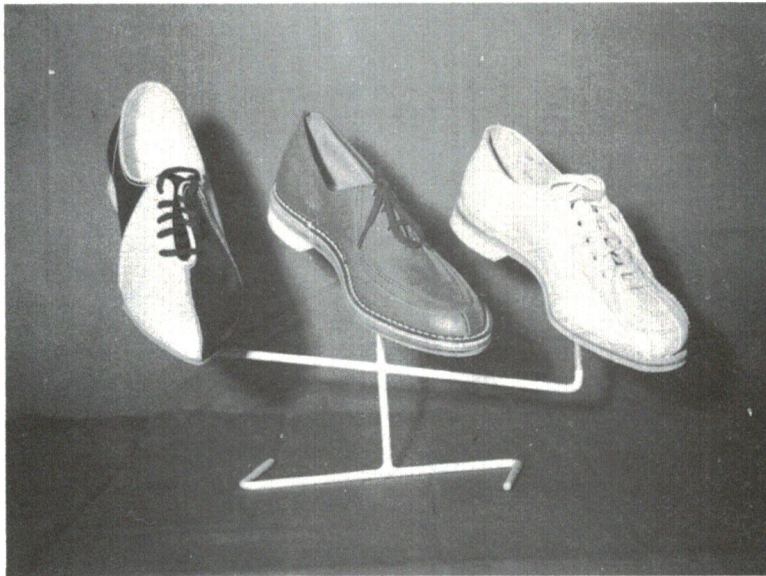
Ladies Kingpin - Full laced kingfisher blue shoe available in sizes 3, 3½, and 4.

Middle Shoe

Diablo - Very attractive ladies shoe in suede, for quartered colours (green, blue, red and yellow), available in size 8½ only.

Right Hand Shoe

Ladies Kingpin - Pale blue single laced shoe, available in sizes 3 and 3½



Left Hand Shoe

Lady Geste - Attractive pointed toe ladies shoe in deep blue and white quartered colours, available in sizes 3 - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Middle Shoe

A.M.F. Shoe - Ladies shoe in deep brown, available in sizes 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 3.

Right Hand Shoe

Lady Valcourt - Heavy wearing full laced ladies shoe in white, available in the following sizes, 1, 2, 3 and 6.



Left Hand Shoe

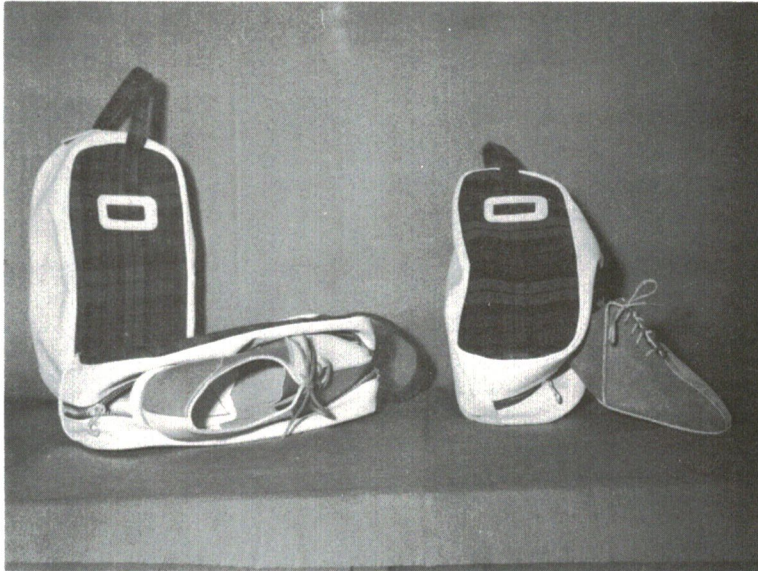
A.M.F. Shoe - Men's full laced left handed shoe in cream available in sizes 4 and 7.

Middle Shoe

Gimpy Victor - Full laced men's black shoe available in right or left hand sizes, as follows:
5½, 11½ and 12 left hand, 11½ and 12 right hand.

Right Hand Shoe

A.M.F. Shoe - Ladies deep red shoe, only one pair in stock, size 4.



Shoe Bag

Neat and attractive Black Watch Shoe Bag, accomodates all women's shoe sizes and is ideal for children's shoes, a bargain at 11/6d.

BASILDON

We regret that we have had to do without the services of Jim Grimwade for three weeks, but this has had nothing to do with the engagement reported in last month's issue. In fact, Jim has been at Whitstable studying the complications of the automatic pinspotter, so that he can return fully equipped to take over a night shift at the machine end.

To cover Jim's absence, Shaun Ball from Portsmouth came to Basildon and we were very pleased to welcome him. In view of the fact that Basildon had beaten Portsmouth into second place in the first month's results of the Ambassador Competition, it was viewed with suspicion at first, in case any sabotage was intended. However, as we have not yet been able to find the bomb, we presume the rumours were wrong. The important thing in this exchange of management staff is that if Portsmouth should beat Basildon in the current month, we can credit it to our teaching Mr. Ball the correct way to operate a Centre! Seriously though, we would like to return the congratulations given to us by Portsmouth in last month's issue, for Portsmouth did in fact reverse the positions in the second month of the competition, and we are all eagerly awaiting the result of the third month to see how we have fared.

Now that the summer season is with us and leagues are beginning to reduce in size due to holidays etc., we are pleased to say that one league in the Centre has had the reverse happen. The Lathol league, normally four man teams, decided to roll singles for the summer on a two division basis. This has proved so popular, that there is now a waiting list to join the league and it is hoped that this can be continued in the winter on even a larger scale.

We were pleased to welcome a party of Mixed Doubles from Luton on Sunday the 19th and some good bowling resulted. The fortunes of the match swung back and forth with only ten pins separating the teams after the second game. We are pleased to record, however, that the third game proved decisive for Basildon, who ran out winners by 13246 to 13016.

Congratulations to Dennis Turner and his wife on the birth of their first child, a very bonny girl. The birth was on Monday 13th of June and we are pleased that baby Barbara allowed Dennis to finish his shift on the Sunday evening without interruption.

Since the departure of our Secretary, the position has been very capably filled by Anna Kellas, who was previously the Chief Control Clerk. We wish Anna all the very best in her new job.

Over the past week, Dominion Fashions Ltd., of Upton Park have been offering a ladies suede or leather coat as a prize in a tournament. The winner would be the bowler who scored, or was nearest to a sealed single game score. At the time of writing this report, the results have been checked and it is discovered that there are five people with the exact mystery score. In accordance with the rules of the tournament, these five will be invited back to roll against each other. The highest score on the day will determine the winner. Other prizes of suede or leather handbags are being given for lucky score sheet numbers. It is hoped to be able to make this a regular competition over the next few months. Meanwhile, the entrance to the Centre is guarded by three models wearing the suede and leather coats, and it is rumoured that they have even been successful in turning away undesirables!

EDGWARE

A team of 7 house instructors has now been selected at the Edgware Centre, consisting of: D. Searle, D. Harris, Ray Tomasi, John Gibbon, Don Dickman, Arthur Rumble and Les Cummings. All the instructors will be receiving instruction within the Centre covering all aspects of Bowling and will in due course be sent on the Official A.M.F. School at Corby. They are all experienced bowlers, playing in the Centre league programme and are well liked by everyone. The In-centre instruction will cover use of the P.A., lane conditions, bowling clinics and classes, ball measuring and how to instruct.

The recently formed tournament committee is now in full swing and is proving a useful asset in the Centre, organising and planning tournaments, special events and helping form new leagues. The committee is made up of representatives from each league and meetings are held monthly.

A very successful house teams tournament was held here for the two A.M.F. Challenge Trophies. The winning teams (Men and Women) hold the trophy for one month and have their team names engraved on them. Each team will then meet one challenge a month and if beaten will step down and take their turn to re-challenge the new champions. All winners will receive a medal. The first winners triumphing in the initial roll off were:

Men: The Regals
Ladies: The Demons

A short time ago, local bowler Barry Patrick rolled a magnificent 700 plus series and not content with this has rolled a 275 in league play last week. Barry, one of our better bowlers here at Edgware, would like to play

some challenge matches on a home and away basis, so if anyone is interested, please contact the Edgware management, who will be delighted to do the necessary organising.

Our second moonlight party went off well, despite the fact that numbers were smaller than expected. However, those bowlers who took part in the fun were treated to many surprises, including an appearance by the Pinner Carnival Queen in her full regalia attended by her two princesses. Radio Caroline newscaster David Williams was with us and took over the microphone and everyone had the time of their lives as balloons popped and crazy messages were received by bowlers in the thumb holes of their bowling balls thanks to the mechanics. A magnificent buffet was laid on and more than 100 prizes and novelties were distributed with everyone taking home a souvenir at the end of the evening.

Whilst Assistant Manager Tony Gavaghan wrestles with the electronic wiring and other pinspotter problems at the A.M.F. Course at Whitstable, we have Tim Tidball as relief Assistant Manager at Edgware. Tim has proved very popular with the staff in the Centre as well as all the bowlers and it is everyone's wish that he will stop in Edgware instead of finding fresh fields to conquer.

On Sunday 17th July, Edgware opens its doors to all doubles teams from all over the country, who are entering the 1st Annual Edgware doubles tournament. With more than £100 in prize money to be won plus the advantage of using Ambassador 3 for 2 vouchers, it should be a dandy tournament. Entry forms are available from the Control desk of all Centres and we look forward to meeting many visiting bowlers. A free buffet is being supplied after the tournament for all competitors.

HARLOW

After two postponements the A.T.V. v A.F.N. Challenge Match got under way at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday 5th June.

The A.F.N. skipper, Harry Kettle, was unable to bowl due to an injured shoulder, but was here to direct his team strategy from the concourse. Brian Goodall, Skip Mahnke, Dick Allen and Don Smith represented the American Forces Network team and the Match got off to a good start with A.F.N. leading A.T.V. by one pin after the first game. After the second game, A.F.N. had increased their lead by 47 pins and then decisively won the last game, to win the match by 246 pins.

The members of the winning team were each presented with an ice bucket and bottles of Britvic by Mr. Blythe of Britvic Ltd., Chelmsford. Shaw Taylor was presented with an ice bucket and his team members each with champagne glasses.

Guests included Mr. Briggs, Managing Director of the Harlow Citizen, and his wife. Ambassador Bowling was represented by our Catering Controller, Mr. Miller, Promotions and Public Relations Controller, Mr. Sargant and his Secretary, Miss Doherty.

A most enjoyable evening was completed by a Redpin Tournament, prizes again donated by Britvic.

We are very proud at this Centre to have a female and male representative in the T.B.P.A. Fourth Annual Invitation National Singles Championships. They are Nell Bowen, whose entering average held at Wembley was 169 and Dave Pond whose entering average was 185. We wish them the very best of luck and feel sure that they will acquit themselves very well.

Our Bowler of the Year entries are still coming in, and we are pleased that certain of our keener entrants have been and still are, locked in deadly combat to wrest the leading position from Dave Pond who is still top with a scratch series of 667. Dave rolled this series in the first week of the competition and as yet has not been able to better it himself, although he has come very near to this in the second week when he rolled a 661 scratch! Second and third places in the division are currently held by K. Grenyer with a 633 and Kevin O'Brien with a 620. John Wyndham is close behind with a 610.

In the Men's Handicap Division, Ron Hornsey leads with a 595 series closely followed by Dave's dad Stan Pond who has rolled a 577 and a 566! Third place is currently held by Pete Smith who has achieved a 565 and a 562.

It goes without saying that Nell Bowen leads the Ladies Handicap Division. She has rolled a 594 series with a high game of 245 and in second place so far is Mrs. J. Sinclair with a 579. Miss Pam Troughton and Mrs. E. Woolston are tieing for third place with 551.

We are anxiously looking forward to the completion of the resurfacing of our lanes. Work on them starts on June 26th. We shall welcome George Neeve with outstretched arms when he arrives on the scene with his gang of expert workmen.

A warm welcome has been extended to Mr. Peter Palmer, who recently joined us as our new Centre Assistant Manager - Bowling. We all feel sure he will make a great success of his new appointment.

Also, welcome back to friend Ed Munn who strolled back into the office last Saturday with his charming wife, both of them looking extremely well and bronzed, after two weeks in Italy. He arrived just in time to supervise the catering arrangements for a group of 50 Supervisory Electricians. It was noted that Mr. Miller, Mr. Beckett and Mr. Munn became for this occasion, the highest paid washers-up in the Company's catering operation.

Our congratulations to John Wynhdam who at the moment leads the field in the Open 'Classic' Tournament at Walton on the Naze, with a total pinfall of 1213. We feel that John stands a good chance of winning this year's Tournament as he did last. He has already become the first bowler to pass the 1200 mark in a six game series.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

It is not unusual for bowlers to make a round trip of 70 miles to enjoy their bowling at Hemel Hempstead, but this is just a jaunt to the journeys that two of our regular league bowlers undertook.

That popular American "Skip" Allen, who covers the country as a computer expert travelled from his home in Great Yarmouth recently to take part in the Annual Championships, has now moved much nearer the Centre, but it is still a 120 mile round trip. Skip rolls in two leagues and is more than often ready to roll before his team mates who live five minutes walk away. John Booth recently moved to Southend, but still considers bowling at Hemel twice a week is worth the trip and has been rewarded by his team, The Scrubbers, taking the championship title of the Chiltern League on the last match of the season. When we say goodnight to bowlers like Skip and John and safe journey home, we really mean it.

A tradition of the majority of leagues at Hemel is to hold their presentation nights in conjunction with a dance, buffet or dinner, and the management calendar is always full at this time of the year with these events. The problem which usually arises is who the league can request, persuade or by other means get to present their prizes. This year the Industrial and 6.30 Special Leagues who are combining their presentation, deserve mention for the Mayor and Mayoress of Hemel Hempstead have kindly consented to present their trophies at Adeyfield Hall on Saturday 2nd July.

The last of the Charity Bowls in aid of the N.S.P.C.C. was held on Friday 10th June commencing at midnight. With over 120 prizes to be given away, an excellent buffet laid on by Keith Drysdale and his staff, a full house with everyone in a happy mood, the evening, or rather, morning, went with a swing. One of the events which did not lack volunteers was when a male bowler

from each lane was requested to go into the bar. When they arrived they found the bar screened off to knee level and were asked to roll their trousers up to find the bowler with the knobbiest knees. Ian Powley, Secretary of the Industrial League, won by a majority vote on the last twitch and his wife Michelle stated she never had any doubts about him winning, as she has been suffering with bruises on her back during the whole of their married life.

Ted Taylor, who was our Chief Mechanic at Hemel, has been transferred to Ipswich his home town, where he will be setting up home after his recent marriage. We wish Ted every success in his new domain, and thank him for services rendered to Hemel. Meanwhile, our mechanics John Poulter and Terry Harvey are doing an admirable job of keeping the wheels turning.

With the close of the winter season, some exciting tussles are taking place for final team placings in our leagues.

The unassailable league leaders of the Knights of King Harry League, the Haig Bandits, suffered an overwhelming defeat at the hands of the TeeVee Services team, who were fighting hard to snatch third placing from the Oddfellows. The TeeVeEs really piled on the pressure and raised hopes of taking the house record after their second game, only falling short by 19 pins in the final game.

Most surprised team of the year were the Gulley Jesters, base team in the Friendly League, when they received the trophy for the most improved team of the season, having raised their team average considerably but unrewardingly throughout the season. Here again, the tussle for the top was carried right to the last night, with the Trojans, Abos, Avengers and Vikings taking the final placings, with only 9 points between them. George Murray of the Abos, Singles Champion in the recent Hemel Championships, again took away an armful

of trophies for High Game, High Average, as well as Team prize for 2nd place,
while Keith Saunders took the High Series prize for the season.

HOUNSLOW

On Sunday June 5th, 1966, we at Hounslow accepted the challenge thrown out by Edgware, to bowl against their 5 man teams, but, it must be emphasised here that we did not bowl blindfolded, as they had suggested we might, as we had no wish to make excuses when we were beaten.

Perhaps they would like to put forward this excuse themselves now, as it appears that they could not live up to their own expectations, and left for home having been beaten by over 900 pins. 'The bigger they are, the harder they fall'.

However, if anyone now wishes to accept a challenge from us, we can always offer them a good game, with no conditions laid down, or promises of being beaten, either with a 5 man team, ladies or gentlemen, youths or juniors, in fact why not combine all four and have a pleasant day out?

Yet another successful presentation has been held at the Centre. This time: Hairdressing - On Tuesday 7th June at 10.30 a.m., over 125 women attended a display by Pountney International Hairdressers on a carpeted approach of lanes 1 - 16. Mr. Pountney Jnr. the Compere, held the women enthralled throughout an hour long display, answering numerous and various questions on the topic in hand. After this, tea or coffee and biscuits were served, while the women held their own personal discussions.

Then Mr. Mackey invited all those present to try their hand at bowling. The staff were at once fully occupied, together with some of our experienced league bowlers, in teaching the rudiments of the game. The idea appears to have caught on, as it was almost under protest that they left the lanes, and an offer had to be made to the ladies to return the following Tuesday at the same time to continue and possibly form a new ladies league.

Shouts of "Robbed", "Should have been ..." and "Someone screwed that pin down", echoed through the Centre on Saturday night 28th May, as a battle royal developed between the visitors from the North East of England, representing the 'Spastics Children's Society' and the 'Capstans', representing Hounslow, in a five man friendly challenge charity match.

The visitors edged out the 'Capstans' by 3 pins (after a re-count), in the first game, but not to be outdone, the home team, taking a round turn and two half hitches round that capstan, turned in an 814 in the second game to win by 20 pins. The third game was cut and thrust all the way, finishing in a win for our visitors by just 13 pins, (lucky for some).

The Wilson family were out in bowling force for the visiting teams, looking resplendent in their team blazers with the White Rose of Yorkshire emblems. The family provided Dad Wilson, (winner of the Coca-Cola 'Trip for two to Egypt'), and two sons for the five man team, not forgetting Mum and Tich Wilson who lost to a three man centre team playing at the same time, in spite of Mum's magnificent 540 series, supported by Tich's 375 total pinfall, and he's only seven years old!

A fine game was had by all, on completion of which, each member of the visiting team was presented with a Hounslow Ambassador Middlesex County Badge by the Home Team Captains. A total of £2. 11. 0. was collected for this very worthy cause in collection boxes positioned adjacent to the lanes.

The Whitsun Cricket Tournament held at Hounslow produced a number of comments, some unrepeatable but the overall result was 'success'. The opening round produced some lively cricket, coming mainly from our 'home' instructor Ray Wicks, with an average of 28.0, taking him easily into the next round.

Special mention must be made here, first of the only lady competitor to reach the semi-final, Christine Lake, who went out to the eventual winner, and also of Peter Garland (our Secretary's son) who travelled down from Manchester to take part in the game, reaching the semi-final only to be beaten by the runner-up.

The Final - a triangular one - was contested by Ron Misseldene, (the winner), Pat Gurney, (runner-up), and Ray Wicks (3rd place). These three were battling for the £6 prize money, with interesting results. Pat, batting first, was out in the 7th frame, by which time he had only succeeded in reaching 69 pins (runs) an average of 6.9. Then Ron batted but Pat and Ray (two of the Centre's most successful bowlers), could only manage to get the 10 wickets, (strikes or spares), between them at the end of the 9th frame, by which time Ron had amassed the insurmountable total of 126 giving him an average of 12.6. Unluckily for Ray both Pat and Ron had bowled themselves out of their rut, and proceeded to obtain the necessary 10 wickets in the 6th frame, at which point Ray had only managed to get 55 runs (pins) average 5.5.

We, at Hounslow, hope that the above has been interesting to readers and are now quite willing, having patented the idea, to let other Centres try this as a novelty tournament. Queries to Hounslow please.

The month of June saw two Ladies House Records being broken, starting with Ena Grant, bowling in the Presidents League on Monday 13th June, amassing a 620 series. Extra credit to Ena too, as she started off with a lowly 154 in her first game. Three nights later, Denny Russell bowled herself into the limelight by scoring a 244 on Thursday 16th.

Special mention must also be made here of Mel Wilby, bowling in the Maple League, one of the three beginners leagues, his third game had the whole Centre agog with expectation. 7 strikes to start, but falling off in his last three frames, thus finishing with a 224.

Congratulations to all three, from all the staff at Hounslow.

IPSWICH

Resurfacing of our lanes has just been completed, but we have been carrying on with business as usual on 12 lanes. Our customers have been most co-operative, despite the inconvenience to them, and we should like to thank them for bearing with us during the resurfacing programme.

On Sunday, 19th June, we held the first Annual Junior Team Tournament, sponsored by the National Dairy Council. The bowlers were 18 years and under, but one would never guess from the scores that they were of such a tender age. The winners were the Norwich Junior Team "Parish Bros." with a total pinfall of 2645 - their games 905 - 835 - 905. The team were presented with a shield from Ambassador Bowling which they will hold until next year's event. The Dairy Princess for East Anglia, Miss Mary Tile, presented each of the team members, C. Parke, C. Scott, D. Gilham, R. Farrow and C. Mayhew with a wrist watch.

The runners-up, "The Wembley Cubs", and "Les Byrds" from Stamford Hill also put in some very fine bowling with series of 2482 and 2438 respectively. High individual series went to D. Jones of Wembley who rolled a 614, and C. Scott of Norwich with a 603. Highest games of the day were a 232 by J. Sheehan of Stamford Hill, closely followed by two 226 games rolled by D. Roe of Stamford Hill and R. George of Cambridge.

Fourteen teams took part in the Tournament and we at Ipswich were very pleased to welcome them all, especially as many of them travelled a considerable distance to enter. We hope that next year's event will be even bigger and better.

On Sunday, 12th June, a Tournament was held in aid of the Ipswich Council of Youth, who are raising funds for a new Youth Centre to be built in Ipswich. The Tournament was sponsored by National Savings who donated vouchers and savings stamps to which we added a number of smaller prizes.

A total of 80 bowlers entered the event and the main winners were Sally Jennings and Peter Wood. This was Peter's first time as a major tournament Centre winner.

Our next Tournament will be held on July 3rd and will be run on a "Summer Holiday" theme. Again the entry fees will go the Club Bar Social Fund. Organiser Ray Smith is planning a series of these Club Bar Tournaments throughout the year and if any of the other Centres would like to bring a party along to enter, dates and details can be obtained from Gen Agar, who will be pleased to handle entries for visiting parties.

A great many changes have taken place in the Centre over the last few weeks. We welcome John Cooper as our new Centre Manager and hope he will be happy in his new home Centre. There is also a change in the line up of mechanics. Ted Taylor, formerly of Hemel Hempstead has joined us as Chief Mechanic and for the past fortnight we have also seen the familiar face of Tony Emmerson once again. Our new lanesman, Graham Catchpole, has just completed a Lanes Course at Edgware and is attacking his job with great enthusiasm.

We wish every success in their new jobs to our former Manager, Dick Smith and former Chief Mechanic, Bob Fletcher.

LIVERPOOL

Star of the Trios Tournament on Sunday 19th June was Andy Christian, who shot a 172, 220, 192, 237, and 179 for a 203 average over the six games. Runners up were Ken Johnstone and Maurice Singleton of the 'Lobos' A., who shot 1155 and 1113 respectively. Best of the ladies was Joan Primmer with a 1048.

The Tournament was rolled in two parts. The first comprising three Singles Squads and the second a Trios event. After the Singles squads, the Loo Bloom Casuals from Wolverhampton were leading with a 1636, but during the Team event the scales tipped in favour of CAB and 'Lobos' A. CAB were the eventual winners of the Scratch Section, Bob Pooley rolling 1096, Clive Dyke 1037 and Andy Christian 1217, for a team total of 3350. The Handicap Section went to the Buenos, Fred Farrell, Cyril Isaacs and Sid Williams with a 3725.

Plans are now under way for a sanctioned 6 man team event on the 4th September. Teams will roll in a six man team event, two trios events and three doubles events. Entry fees will be £20 per team and entries will be limited to 20 male teams and 8 ladies teams.

Prize money will be:	<u>Men</u>	<u>Ladies</u>
1st	£75	£30
2nd	£50	£20
3rd	£25	

There will also be prizes in the Doubles and Trios Sections as well as for an individual high series over nine games. We are hoping to augment all the prize monies by obtaining a local sponsor.

It is hoped that this year Ambassador will be able to hold the Daily Post Tournament for 5 man teams.

Outstanding league performance of the month comes from Dave Horlick with a 234, 246 and 201 for a 681 series in the Friday night Rothman's League.

Sob story of the month from Mary Hoe, 'Oh why didn't I enter for the T.B.P.A. Invitation Championship'. Mary would certainly have stood an excellent chance of qualifying, as other bowlers have been accepted with equal averages.

PORTSMOUTH

Our second mechanic, Graham Bryant is now recovering from a hernia operation which kept him in hospital for two weeks. We hope that he will soon be fully recovered and look forward to his joining our team once more.

A large number of Cinerama tickets have now been given away on Sunday nights in conjunction with our red-head pin tournament, which is being held throughout the summer season. Incidentally, as there are two separate cinerama shows, lucky winners are coming to bowl week after week to try and ensure seeing both.

After spending a fortnight with Joe Wibden at Basildon, Shaun Ball is now back in the fold. He was hardly recognised on his return, for when he left he was sporting a Southsea sun-tan and returned looking extremely pale. Still, he informs us that he enjoyed his short stay at Basildon and that the bowlers there are some of the friendliest he has met.

In true hospitable fashion, six of our teams entertained a like number from Hemel Hempstead on Sunday June 12th, which resulted in a 4-2 win for the visitors. Consolation though, was derived with a victory for us between the two top teams and, as this was on a home and away basis, we hope to take our revenge when we travel to Hemel.

Two little incidents that befell members of the staff. Gin Peckham our chief mechanic, having left the key to his flat inside, was climbing through the bathroom window with the help of a ladder, when the arm of the law intervened. As it was 2 a.m. this wasn't surprising, and it took all of half an hour before Gin could persuade the constable he wasn't trying to burgle the place. Secondly, Ron Stoten on leaving the centre one night, found that someone had tried to force his car door, and, because of this, his key didn't turn in the lock. Ron, for almost the first time had to walk more than 20 yards from the Centre.

16 teams got off to an eventful start in the first round of the Harry Semour scratch doubles elimination tournament, being played on Sunday nights at 7.30 p.m. The greatly fancied favourites Rod Bumstead and Jim Coward were knocked out in the first round by rank outsiders Mick Abrams and Bill Paintin, who won all three games. Mick must be congratulated on his 555 series in this match. Unfortunately, they themselves were knocked out in the subsequent round. Four teams are now waiting to go into the semi-finals. Results of the tournament will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Nobby Clarke, one of our regular league bowlers, had the misfortune of breaking his bowling arm 'wrist' at work and has been unable to compete in his league games for six weeks. Nobby wasn't absent during this time, but was regularly seen cheering his team on when they were playing. We are now happy to say that the wrist is now as good as new and doesn't seem to have affected his bowling.

STEVENAGE

The promotion idea of film shows for interested groups or clubs is certainly paying off. So far this month we have given two shows and have another one booked for the end of the month. The women's clubs seem to be particularly interested and several of them intend visiting the Centre in a group as soon as we are open again. From this, we have every hope of developing a women's bowling club.

It is heartbreaking the enquiries that have had to be turned down lately from clubs and youth groups, who wish to start their own leagues or bowling clubs; however we hope that perhaps Harlow and Hemel are benefitting.

The two most infuriating questions of the month "How are they getting on with it then" or "what's your opening date". The next two people to say this may get quite a surprise!

Stevenage has been very pleased to receive a further visit from our sister town in Germany, Ingelheim. The visitors should have been bowling some matches against our bowlers, but of course this was not possible, so instead they used the snack bar and club bar and the bowling took place elsewhere. It was a pity to miss this opportunity, as they will not be back for another two years, as next year we visit Germany.

Despite the fact that I was half asleep after attending a Moonlight bowl in Edgware on the Saturday night, I was able to take up the very kind invitation of both Colin Beckett and Len Blyth of Britvic to visit Harlow on Sunday 5th June for a tournament between the A.T.V. Team and one from A.F.N. under the leadership of Harry Kettle. Lack of sleep was soon forgotten however, and it was a wonderful evening out. It's a pity that all bowling tournaments and matches are not conducted in quite the same spirit of enjoyment and good sportsmanship.

final. Because of the average age of the contestants, we have to finish if possible before 10.00 p.m. so it looks like being a hectic night for all concerned.

WOLVERHAMPTON

We welcome to the Bowl as our new full time Control Clerk, Mrs. M. Barber.

As part of the student exchange scheme, Wolverhampton is to be visited this coming month by a party of German Students, and arrangements have been made for them to visit the Centre. They are playing against some local teams and afterwards are being treated by the Wolverhampton Council to a good old fashioned English meal in the snack bar, (Bender and Chips).

A new league has been formed by the industrial concern J. Sankey of Wellington, who are well known in this area. They are part of the G.K.N. Group, and at their factory in Wellington, Salop., make, amongst other things, motor car components, armour track vehicles for the army and car wheels. We welcome them and hope that for many years the sport of tenpin bowling is a successful section of their large sports and social club.

Bowler of the Year has got off to a promising start, although the scores at present are not particularly good, the 600 series has still to be cracked. Up to the 2nd week the lead in the divisions are held by, M. Colwell, Junior, R. Bunting, Ladies, G. Small Men's Handicap and P. Wakeman, Scratch.

On Monday 27th June, 1966, the Staffordshire Council of Youth are holding their annual Tenpin Tournament for all youth organisations in the area. It is a knockout competition with 35 teams taking part, three divisions and a

After a disappointing number of entries for the first week of the 'Bowler of the Year' Tournament, in which we found ourselves at the bottom of the table, things are now beginning to improve as more of our bowlers seem to be getting interested in the cash prizes waiting to be won. Theo Wigforth, our bowling 'Hotelier', took the lead in the scratch division in the first week's play by hitting a 555, but dropped to third at the end of the second week. As Theo is one of our most ardent lovers of the sport and never gives up, we can be sure that he will be eventually amongst the prizewinners.
