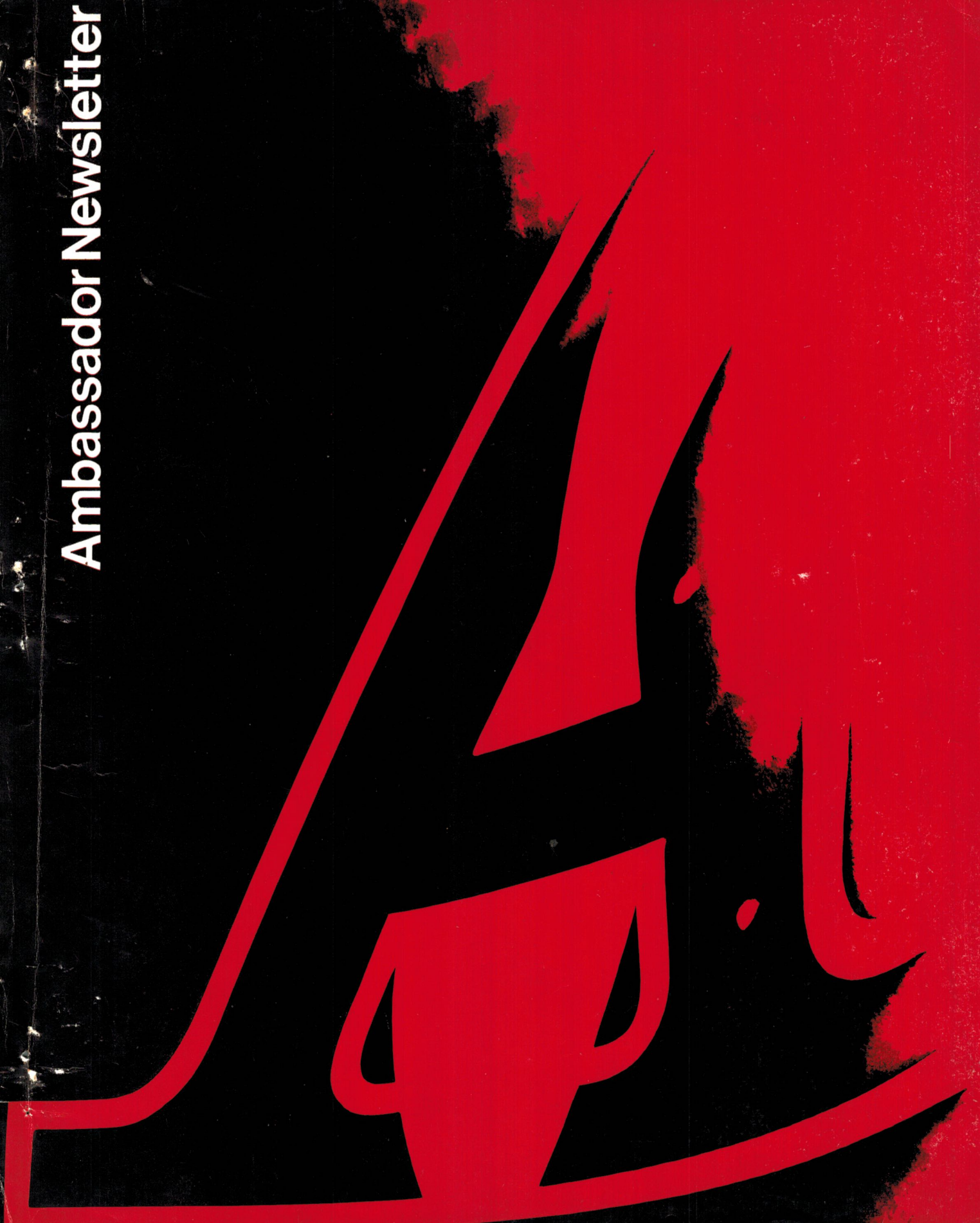


Ambassador Newsletter



LIVERPOOL

Ambassador's Liverpool Centre closed for business on the morning of Thursday September the 1st. The press statement issued by Mr. L.S. Michael, Managing Director of Ambassador Bowling Limited, read as follows:

"With effect from Thursday the 1st September, it has been decided to close the Ambassador Tenpin Bowling Centre at Overton Street, Liverpool.

This decision has been made because it has been found that the level of business experienced at this bowling centre makes it uneconomic to continue to operate it, as the Company's sole site in the north of England."

BOWLER OF THE YEAR

The Bowler of the Year programme this year shows a slight increase in the number of entries, with 361 people taking part. Listed below are the winners and runners up with their scores, Centre by Centre.

BASILDON

	<u>Winner</u>		<u>Runner-up</u>
Scratch	K. Sagers -	4770	S. Edge - 4730
Men's Handicap	J. Green -	4720	G.A. Button - 4710
Ladies Handicap	J. Morris -	4390	M. Betts - 4293
Junior Handicap	M. Yule -	4734	E.D. Green - 4409

EDGWARE

Scratch	M. Gaitt -	5025	R. Tomasi - 4901
Men's Handicap	S. Searle -	4606	P. Taylor - 4606
Ladies Handicap	B. Dickman -	4530	P. Harris - 4226
Junior Handicap	P. Twosome -	4871	T. Harrington - 4729

HARLOW

Scratch	D. Pond -	5062	K. Grenyer - 4853
Men's Handicap	S. Pond -	4745	P. Smith - 4731
Ladies Handicap	N. Bowen -	4690	D. Woolston - 4605
Junior Handicap	Ann Engeham -	4189	Andrew Engeham - 3955

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

Scratch	J. Clements -	4581	I. Powley - 4458
Men's Handicap	F. Dove -	4552	G. Cass - 4437
Ladies Handicap	D. Cass -	4344	M. Powley - 4279
Junior Handicap	D. Morgan -	4367	R. Lay - 4345

HOUNSLOW

	<u>Winner</u>		<u>Runner-up</u>	
Scratch	A. Digby	- 5023	L. Maylin-Tuck	- 4809
Men's Handicap	S. Burgess	- 4956	P. Nash	- 4542
Ladies Handicap	D. Russell	- 4532	E. Grant	- 4522
Junior Handicap	B. Pike	- 4504	T. Westwood	- 4290

IPSWICH

Scratch	R. Smith	- 4825	T. Vaughan	- 4705
Men's Handicap	C. Batten	- 4602	J. Vanderbrink	- 4485
Ladies Handicap	J. Phillips	- 4417	P. Lucas	- 4395
Junior Handicap	B. Jay	- 4592	J. Westbrook	- 4376

LIVERPOOL

Scratch	J. Rourke	- 4860	A. Christian	- 4826
Men's Handicap	A.L. Ewan	- 4780	R. Suffield	- 4602
Ladies Handicap	J. Primmer	- 4641	B. Myrne	- 4197
Junior Handicap	D. Weild	- 4320		

PORTSMOUTH

Scratch	J. Coward	- 4690	D. Page	- 4599
Men's Handicap	L. Tunbridge	- 4786	M. Bonelli	- 4296
Ladies Handicap	J. Wheelton	- 4541	M. Sneyd	- 4532
Junior Handicap	M. Edwards	- 4465	M. Philpot	- 4149

STEVENAGE

Scratch	R. Endersby	- 4649	R. Gentle	- 4569
Men's Handicap	K. Curtis	- 4842	E. Gregory	- 4435
Ladies Handicap	A. Roberts	- 4553	R. Green	- 4515
Junior Handicap	S. Roberts	- 3714		

WOLVERHAMPTON

Scratch	E. Shaw	- 4401	P. Wakeman	- 4396
Men's Handicap	R. Stanley	- 4627	B. Whittaker	- 4300
Ladies Handicap	R. Buntin	- 4228	S. Draper	- 4112
Junior Handicap	M. Colwell	- 4604	R. Woodall	- 4518

It is unfortunate that Peter Twosombe, Junior Winner at Edware, will be unable to compete, as he is on holiday in Italy. Tony Harrington Edware's Runner-up, takes his place in the Final.

Prize winners in the Bowler of the Month Tournament for the Month of August, are as follows:

BASILDON

	<u>Winner</u>		<u>Runner-up</u>	
Scratch	S. Edge	- 2333	D. Lott	- 2269
Men's Handicap	R. Bevan	- 2449	J. Green	- 2330
Ladies Handicap	J. Morris	- 2252	M. Horton	- 2114
Junior Handicap	M. Yule	- 2325	E. Green	- 2166

EDGWARE

Scratch	R. Tomasi	- 2373	D. Deiches	- 2373
Men's Handicap	S. Searle	- 2128	D. Dickman	- 2111
Ladies Handicap	B. Dickman	- 2049	J. Budgen	- 2013
Junior Handicap	T. Harrington	- 2256	P. Twosombe	- 2141

HARLOW

Scratch	K. Greyer	- 2409	J. Wyndham	- 2304
Men's Handicap	S. Pond	- 2379	E. Woolston	- 2293
Ladies Handicap	E. Bowen	- 2337	O. Pond	- 2082
Junior Handicap	B. Beckwith	- 1938		

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

Scratch	J. Clements	- 2206	I. Powley	- 2078
Men's Handicap	G. Cass	- 2187	F. Dove	- 2104
Ladies Handicap	D. Cass	- 2223	M. Powley	- 2106
Junior Handicap	R. Lay	- 2269	D. Morgan	- 2185

HOUNSLOW

	<u>Winner</u>		<u>Runner-up</u>	
Scratch	A. Digby	- 2529	G. Liddiard	- 2433
Men's Handicap	S. Burgess	- 2412	B. Holford	- 2202
Ladies Handicap	D. Russell	- 2354	E. Grant	- 2198
Junior Handicap	V. Lacey	- 2178	B. Pike	- 2100

IPSWICH

Scratch	R. Smith	- 2393	T. Vaughan	- 2328
Men's Handicap	C. Batten	- 2237	J. Vanderbrink	- 2189
Ladies Handicap	P. Lucas	- 2134	J. Phillips	- 2113
Junior Handicap	B. Jay	- 2222		

LIVERPOOL

Scratch	A. Christian	- 2239		
Men's Handicap	A.L. Ewan	- 2222	J. Bond	- 2218
Ladies Handicap	A. Walsh	- 2071	M. Bond	- 2029
Junior Handicap	D. Weild	- 2114		

PORTSMOUTH

Scratch	J. Coward	- 2326	D. Page	- 2243
Men's Handicap	L. Tunbridge	- 2373	B. Rance	- 2349
Ladies Handicap	J. Wheeldon	- 2247	M. Sneyd	- 2142
Junior Handicap	M. Edwards	- 2436	M. Philpot	- 2115

STEVENAGE

Scratch	D. Smart	- 2223	M. Pierce	- 2210
Men's Handicap	K. Curtis	- 2425	E. Gregory	- 2274
Ladies Handicap	R. Green	- 2339		
Junior Handicap	S. Roberts	- 2209		

WOLVERHAMPTON

Winner

Runner-up

Scratch	P. Wakeman	-	2231	E. Shaw	-	2061
Men's Handicap	R. Stanley	-	2255	B. Whittaker	-	2202
Ladies Handicap	R. Buntin	-	2039			
Junior Handicap	R. Woodall	-	2210	M. Colwell	-	2194

FROM THE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

On Thursday, 1st September, 1966, Ambassador Lanes Liverpool closed to the public. All the staff at this Centre have been offered positions at one or other of the various Ambassador Centres. Mr. Woodall, the Centre Manager, will be transferring to Edgware as Manager. Mr. Davis, the Assistant Manager, will be joining Mr. Ryall as his Assistant at Wolverhampton. Mr. McClune, the Assistant Manager (Catering), will also be transferring to another centre and therefore no Management Staff will be leaving the Company. It is anticipated that all the equipment at Liverpool including lanes and machines will have been removed from Overton Street by the time this Newsletter is circulated and the Leagues that were bowling at this Centre will be accommodated at the ABC Centre, Green Lane, Tuebrook.

The Management Trainees - Messrs. Derek Bunce and Brian Welham are now just over halfway through their three month Training Programme and will undoubtedly prove a great asset to the Centres they join as Ambassador Managers as they are assimilating knowledge very rapidly and are already able to converse sensibly and logically on bowling matters. Mr. Welham, prior to joining the Company was employed in the Bowling Industry and therefore had experience prior to undergoing training. These gentlemen have been joined for parts of the training programme by Vic Spree who prior to becoming a Management Trainee was Catering Supervisor at Portsmouth.

Since Mr. Stoten's promotion to Head Office on the 15th July, 1966, as Field Controller, Shaun Ball is the newly promoted Centre Manager at Portsmouth and has been doing a sterling job. The Centre has continued to enjoy the additional holiday business which has presented problems due to language barriers as the majority of lineage has come from students and

visitors from other countries.

We are pleased to report that although we only sent one Woodall to Liverpool there are likely to be two returning as strong rumours continue to circulate that Paul is to take the plunge in the very near future and follow in Brian Nuttgens footsteps, who was married on 27th August, 1966.

ON THE OTHER SIDE

You've heard, of course, about the bowling shirts whose wearers receive a cash reward if they shoot a 300 game. But would you believe that a man could get fined \$5 for wearing the wrong shirt while rolling 300? It happened.

George King was the victim in this strange situation, but he's not complaining. King, a longtime member of the Professional Bowlers association and holder of a 200 average in eight ABC tournaments, was bowling in the opening block of the Archway Bowling Association tournament at Marlborough lanes. In his third game he nailed all 12 strikes for his second ABC sanctioned 300 and his six game total of 1360 gave him the lead.

Nobody ever caught up with King. He topped the qualifying and stayed comfortably in front throughout the 16 games of match play. For this he won the \$500 first prize, plus a \$100 bonus for the perfect game - minus \$5 because of the shirt.

The Archway group, striving to make a favourable impression on the St. Louis area public and create good will among the proprietors who play host to the Archway scratch tournaments, has a rule that all members must wear a blue Archway shirt throughout the meet. For every session in which a bowler fails to be dressed properly he is fined \$5.

AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS

HIGH SCORE RECORDS, 1966

5 man team series	-	White Owl Cigar, New Jersey	-	3533
	-	White Owl Cigar, New Jersey	-	3507
5 man team game	-	White Owl Cigar, New Jersey	-	1282
	-	Rapps General Tyre, Pennsylvania	-	1281
4 man team series	-	Hardwick Lane Master, California	-	2856
	-	Coopers Bowling Supply, California	-	2854

4 man team game	-	Adamo's Italian Cuisine, California	-	1031
	-	Braash Bowling Supply, California	-	1017
3 man team series	-	Oblamski Trio, Milwaukee	-	2156
	-	Nick Zoric, Milwaukee	-	2135
3 man team game	-	Masters League, Miami	-	779
	-	General Welding, Ohio	-	763
2 man team series	-	Havales - Braasch, California	-	1534
	-	McBee - Havales, California	-	1511
2 man team game	-	Dern - Spohn, Ohio	-	587
	-	Metz - Schmitt, Ohio	-	558
High Series	-	Teata Semiz, New Jersey	-	867
	-	Robert Blanks, St. Louis	-	833

BASILDON

All the bowlers and staff at Basildon were more than sorry to say goodbye to Jan O'Brien, one of the longest serving staff, who has manned the shoe and control desk so ably. Unfortunately for us, Jan moved with her husband to Kent, our loss - Kent's gain. We welcome in her place, Mrs. Jean Mitchells.

Vi Bird, (Runner-up in the T.B.P.A. National Invitational Championships), isn't resting on her laurels. This she proved, when playing with the Shell League last Friday night, by rolling a first game of 168, followed by a cracking 220 and rounding off the series with a 233 game, giving her a 621 series, equalling the ladies house record held by Mary Betts. We are all debating the scene at her home that evening, as Vi was bowling against her husband Roger, however, his face is still wreathed in smiles!!

The evening of Saturday 20th saw the Finals of The Eleventh Frame Club Summer Championships. This time, with the help of some skillful handicapping, some different names took the prizes. The winners were:-

Ladies' Handicap	-	Maureen Pittman	-	621 series
Men's Handicap	-	Dick Smith	-	598 series
Scratch Division	-	Len Morris	-	568 series.

Any Centre with teams looking for a challenge, please notify the Management at Basildon. We can supply coachloads of mixed doubles and five man teams on a home and away basis. Our juniors, not to be outdone, also throw out a challenge to any junior team, who are within striking distance of Basildon. Any takers?

Congratulations to Joe Wibden, Brian Tween and Jim York on passing out from Corby as CERTIFIED instructors. It is reported that Joe was at one moment spotted in the Cocktail Bar of the Strathclyde Hotel, in Corby, with a large cleaners' ticket still pinned to the rear end of his trousers, much to the amusement of the other guests.

EDGWARE

Following the presentation by B.B.C. Disc Jockey Simon Dee on the lanes at Edgware, the winners challenged Simon and his guests to a game. Soon a real battle was going on with excited fans cheering on Simon Dee, Graham Bonny, Barry Benson and Jackie Lee, who were playing the local heroes. Simon, who is quite a dab hand at the game, proved his prowess and strength by splitting a pin in half, had a whale of a time and left saying he would give us a mention in his record spot the following Saturday night on B.B.C. Most of the Edgware bowlers listened in on Saturday night to hear Simon tell the world that he had bowled at the Ambassador Lanes, at Edgware, had a great swinging time, and had broken a bowling pin, which the manager had presented to him, etc. etc., and urging all listeners to go along and have a go, which is as great a plug as anyone could wish for. Is this the first ever B.B.C. plug for bowling, we wonder?

The date for the Britvic Tournament, between A.T.V. All Stars, captained by Shaw Taylor, and the A.F.N. Broadcasting Team, was postponed from the 14th August to the 4th September, and plans are now well in hand to make this a topline event. The event is sponsored by Britvic, and in addition to the main event, there will be a novelty event, consisting of a match between a team of male Pirates and a team of Hula-Hula girls, complete with grass skirts, winners get a magnificent treasure chest containing goodies, presented by Britvic. The fun starts at tea-time and everyone is welcome to come along.

Entries for the Ambassador Edgware Trio's Tournament continue to pour in from all over the country from bowlers attracted by high prize money and reputation that Edgware has of well run tournaments. Many 'name bowlers' have shown an interest in the series of events planned for the coming months, so if you are interested in bowling with them, or simply watching top class bowlers, here's your chance.

Place: Edgware Bowling Centre.
Time: Early evening.
Customer: 'Hey, you the Manager?'
Manager: 'Yes I am, can I help you?'
Customer: 'Yus, I've paid for a game, but the grabber don't pick up the bits of wood.'
Manager: 'Grabber, bits of wood?'
Customer: 'Yus, the fink what comes down and grabs the skittles'.
Manager: 'Sorry sir, the machine will be switched on as soon as you are ready to start your game.'
Customer: (departing to lane 16) 'I fink this game is going to be too complicated for a bloke like me.'
Wife of customer: 'Don't mind him Mr. Manager, anyfing other than bingo is too complicated for his ***** mind.'

The above episode is true and is just one of the many lighter sides of a bowling manager's life, the outcome incidentally, was that an instructor was allocated the job of keeping a watchful eye on the two new patrons who have since joined a league to play at Edgware during the 1966/67 season.

It's all systems go again on September 24th, when Edgware holds another of its Crazy Moonlight Parties. Fun starts at midnight, when bowlers roll in to have four games of bowling, a free buffet, film show and a great deal of fun for an inclusive charge of 21/-. Tickets are limited and are on sale at the Edgware Bowling Centre - several Centres are already hoping to get up coach parties to share in the night's excitement.

Edgware bowlers take to the road on Saturday September 24th, when they visit the Granada Bowl at Northampton, to play against the House Corps of Instructors, who are rapidly making their mark in the tenpin bowling world.

Excel, Bitterne, also have a series of home and away matches with Edgware for the Arbiter trophy - matches being played at Bitterne on Sunday October 9th, at 3.00 p.m. and at Edgware on October 23rd at 3.00 p.m.

HARLOW

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

It is with regret that we must, at the beginning of September, say "cheerio" once again to Jacqueline Wainwright for a further year. No! Our Jackie is not a migrating bird, she is about to enter her second year at Anstey College of Physical Education. Jackie, who threw the Javelin for All England (schools), and is a member of the All England Ladies Basketball Team, assures us that being a Control Operator takes nearly as much energy, but even in the bowling field, she has proved a good 'all-rounder' having taken a stint at the grill, pay desk, and as shoe clerk, in previous years before becoming a very competent Control Clerk this summer.

Jackie is also no mean bowler! Claiming not to have bowled for six months, she was promptly challenged by a member of the staff (who shall remain nameless) and ran up a fine 190, 212, 154 for a staggering 556 series. Good luck Jackie! A warm welcome will always be waiting for you at Hemel Bowl.

Peter Bennett is another name that is always cropping up in conversations at Hemel. Holding a current average of 195, over 21 games, in the Manhattan Scratch Singles League, he is causing quite a stir in the four leagues in which he bowls, and has beaten the House Record with a very fine 276 game, despite his very unorthodox back up ball, that has to be seen to be believed. Peter is very shy and the only comment we can get from him is "The lanes at Hemel suit me, and I am having a very good spell".

Hemel is indeed fortunate in their league bowlers, who have supported the summer season in strength, with only one league being absent from the lanes. Such leagues as the Saints and Sinners, the Friendly League, and the Dubloons, who have conducted a full programme through the summer season, with only a few abstentions for holidays, show how keen these bowlers are to continue their sport.

Now, with the advent of Annual General Meetings and the reformation of all leagues for their winter seasons, there are likely to be some changes in the Boards of Directors, and Office Bearers, and we would like to take the opportunity to say thankyou to the bowlers and their league officials for the splendid manner in which they have co-operated in conducting their leagues.

The 'Champion of the Lanes' tournament, which attracted a deal of support during the months preceeding the 'Bowler of the Year' programme, and which was temporarily recessed for that period is restarting on September 5th. With prize money amounting to £25 to £30, the competition is very keen to be the champions to do battle in the final at the end of the month.

Throughout the winter period, novelty tournaments are being promoted for Saturday afternoon play, with Cricket Matches, Turkey Shoots, etc., being listed to add to the variety. Indications are that these events will be well supported.

Starting on 9th October, and continuing through to the Grand Final in mid-November, an Elimination Tournament in Classified Divisions will give all bowlers of whatever standing an equal chance to reach and win the Finals of our next major tournament.

HOUNSLOW

With now nearly 200 members enrolled, the Hounslow Tenpin Bowling Social Club is well formed and has already had a number of successful trips organised. On Saturday 6th August, 50 members went to a midnight showing of the Cinerama film 'Khartoum' in London's West End. Previously 52 members had spent a wonderful time at Coventry. Although they lost the match there, Hounslow did win the Trophy with the overall pinfall.

On August Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday, a Scotch Doubles Tournament will have taken place at this Centre. Sunday 25th September will see Hounslow well represented at Southend with 52 members travelling. We are hoping that the most successful trip of all will be our proposed trip to Paris. A weekend has been arranged for 9th, 10th and 11th of September, when approximately 25 members will leave for a bowling and sightseeing weekend.

Congratulations are again the order of the day. This time for our favourite junior (lady), Sue Winter, bowling very consistently on Saturday 20th August against Crawley Juniors, for a 180, 198 and then a 223 - total 601. Well done Sue! Also to Ena Grant and Wally Denyer bowling for the 'Caps' in the Supreme League when they rolled 450, Wally with a 236 and Ena 214. These two bowling a series of 1203, just missing the house record by 7 pins.

Colin Campbell and Denny Russell, the Hounslow "Ladder King & Queen" are at present sitting very securely on their throne. Even a 585 by Lulu Perkins against them this week was not successful. For three weeks in succession now they have held off all challengers, and at present hold the Tournament record of 1131.

April Fools Day is 1st April, and not Thursday 25th August, as we at first thought at Hounslow, when we opened the mail from H.O. A large 10" x 12" brown envelope was awaiting the Manager on his desk, which he proceeded to open with great anticipation, only to find NOTHING! How many marks does that lose H.O. in the Management Competition?

The members of our Junior House Team, the 'Hounslow Flyers', would like to thank their team Captain, Peter Robinson, for his support during the past two years. Peter is now leaving the Junior Team to join the ranks of the Youth Team.

During the first season, Peter took the High Average Award, and last season, the High Game of 235, High Series, 583, and High Average awards 160 (over 63 games). Well done Peter, and thanks.

The 'Hounslow Flyers' have now reformed under their new Team Captain Barry Pike, and are available for any home or away matches. During the last season, they won 16 out of 25 matches and have opened this season with a victory over Crawley (3 - 1), 2599 against Crawley's 2594, which also breaks the House Junior record, with Sue Winter bowling a 601, a Junior Ladies record, which equals Barry Pike's 601, recorded last month.

Early this year, a country wide tournament was organised for its members, by Barclays Bank Sports Club. The Club is divided into districts and these competed against each other, on a scratch, knock-out basis. There proved to be the interest in this District, but unfortunately, 'Windsor' were knocked out in the first round. A suggestion was made that perhaps a league could be formed in the District, the intention being that, come next year, a stronger team could be fielded.

In April, this embryo idea was taken up at the District Sports Club A.G.M. and the formation of a sponsored league was approved, should there be

sufficient support for one. "Forward thinking" for Bankers, who are normally regarded as very staid and old fashioned! In accordance with the Sports Club Rules, membership would only be open to employees of the Bank, their husbands or wives, and pensioners of the Bank.

Barclabank Windsor League was born.

After much help and guidance from George Mackey, Manager at Hounslow, the first meeting of the league was held on the 7th July, and they will continue to be held on alternate Thursdays, starting at 7.00 p.m. This is essentially a beginners league, but, perhaps, next year, we shall be able to field far stronger teams and win the Tournament ourselves. In the meantime, we are getting known, a challenge has already been received from a London District team for September.

"Barclabank"? No, it is not a spelling error, it is the well-known and used Telegraphic name of the Bank.

On Sunday 31st July, The Tracz Trophy League of Ambassador Hounslow entertained Portsmouth to a challenge match, the result of which was more than close.

	<u>Total Pins</u>
Portsmouth	11629
Hounslow	11623

The Portsmouth organiser, Mr. Peter Symmonds, said that he and the team were very pleased with the result, and with the welcome and hospitality shown to his team after the match, but he is of course, looking forward to an early return match. The Tracz players organized the refreshments after the match, with the able assistance of Catering Manager, Mr. Terry Andrews. The return match will take place at Portsmouth in the near future.

IPSWICH

The first week in August saw a crowd of new faces in the Centre when a Management Training Course was held. We welcomed to the Company Derek Bunce, Brian Welham, and although not new to the Company, new to the bowling side, Vic Spree from Portsmouth. Their days were spent in close session with Messrs. Wolley, Stoten and Lawrence. The evenings were spent in even closer session round the mini-soccer table with Messrs. Wolley Stoten and Lawrence. Seriously though, we wish Derek, Brian and Vic all success in their new venture. The next fortnight saw Vic in Ipswich doing a crash familiarisation course. He was last seen heading back towards Portsmouth muttering, "Switch off power to both machines before multiplying by 40 and dividing by 7 to get units of 3/6. Oh, to get home."

Monday, 22nd August, saw the Friendly League transformed into the Churchmans League. Sixteen five man teams are now bowling as the Churchmans League with part sponsorship by this local cigar manufacturing company. Banners, score-projector transparencies, a magnificent trophy and trophy fund have been put up by Churchmans. The Five Grandees have been taken under Churchmans wing and we hope to see them do well this season. Other sponsored teams in the league include the Deuxieme 5, from the Casino at Colchester, the Valpieres, sponsored by Valpiere Wines, the Music Centre 5, sponsored by the Music Centre, Ipswich, the Evening Star Moonstrikers and the Chug-a-Lugs, sponsored by an American Insurance Agent. We hope other sponsors will be forthcoming to help make this the strongest league in the House.

We would like to thank Terry Heal for the grand work he has done in the organising and formation of the Churchmans League and also for the publicity which he gets for us in the local press.

We welcome to the Centre, Sal Jennings, who has just completed a two year secretarial course at the Ipswich Civic College. Although new to the staff, she is not new to the Bowl, being one of our regular bowlers. We wish her well in her new job.

The final week of the Bowler of the Year saw a close finish between Joan Phillips and Pat Lucas in the Ladies Handicap Division, when, with only 17 pins between them for their eight high series, Pat had to retire with a hurt back. There was also a close fought battle for second place in the Men's Scratch Division when Tony Vaughan pipped Ed Huffman by just six pins for the eight series. Winners in the various divisions were Ray Smith - Scratch, Clive Batten - Handicap, Joan Phillips - Ladies Handicap and Barry Jay - Junior Handicap.

Ken Russell, one of our stalwarts, recently attended the A.M.F. Instructors Forum at Corby and is now anxiously awaiting results. Don't worry Ken, we know they will be successful!

LIVERPOOL

August 10th at 8.00 p.m. saw an unusual night at the Old Swan Public House where 250 regulars were dressed in scarves and hats in the red and white colours of the Liverpool football club. The occasion was the climax to a great effort by the locals in collecting pennies round a tenpin in aid of the Polio League. England and Liverpool right winger Ian Callaghan, mobbed by hundreds of fans on arrival, proved he possessed talent not only as a footballer, but also as a bowler. Taking a 16lb. ball, Ian rolled down a narrow passage the length of the longest bar in England. It was a great first time strike, knocking down the pin, complete with coat of 2139 pennies. A raffle at 1/- a time, was also held to increase the amount of the donation.

The first reformation of the new season took place on Wednesday 17th August, when the supreme League were pleased to receive the 'Pinspotters' from Chester, amongst the ranks of the only five man scratch league in the North West. On the first night of the new season, mechanic Bob Pooley, bowling for the White Eagles, (captained by chief mechanic Reg Wingfield), bowled a magnificent 650 series. This score comprised three games of over 200 in each.

The second week saw no less than 20 games of over 200 rolled in what must be one of the strongest leagues in the country. The Cossacks proved that they still lay title to 'Top Team' rating, with a magnificent 2823 series over newcomers, the 'Pinspotters', who to their credit, rolled a 2699 series but lost all three. This score of the Cossacks fell just 10 pins short of their own House Record.

It was a pleasure to receive a party of 60 young people on August 13th from St. George's Parish Youth Club, St. Helens. Half of their number were German visitors, and the shoe clerk on duty had a difficult time converting continental shoe sizes into English equivalent. All problems were resolved, and the visitors really seemed to enjoy their visit to Wavertree Road.

Promotional activity continued unabated, and it was great to see the enthusiasm of bowlers from Widnes G.P.O., who have been rolling for only a matter of a few weeks. They were getting in a lot of practice for the New Widnes Trios League, which is planning to have a membership of 24 teams, making it the largest trios league in the North West.

In conjunction with the formation of the above League, a film show was held at Speeds Social Club on Friday 26th August. This was so well received that some of the members climbed into their cars straight away and came the ten miles into Liverpool for a bowl.

To the amazement of Mrs. Jean Whalley, the Control Operator, a man came into the bowl at 6.30 p.m. one evening, and asked her for a bottle of Guinness. It took her some time to persuade the gentleman in question that the racks held only shoes and not beer. He left eventually apologising that he had thought it was a club.

FINIS

PORTSMOUTH

We extend a 'sunny' welcome to Derek Bunce, who has joined us for management training for a period of three weeks. One of Derek's hobbies surprisingly enough is cooking and presumably eating, so Jimmy Middleton will probably be listening for any comments in respect of his 'cuisine'. Vic Spree has transferred to the bowling side from catering and Anne Lewis has transferred from control to Secretary.

Thanks to a member of the staff, receptionist Steve Sleaman, a repetition of the Stevenage fire was averted. One night recently, Steve heard the sound of breaking glass coming from one of the shops underneath the Centre and discovered the store of the shop completely ablaze. The firemen were immediately called and the fire was soon brought under control. The 17/6 spent on refreshments for the firemen and police who were present at the fire turned out to be a cheap investment!

The Bowler of the Year Tournament which has just come to an end, once more turned out to be a major success. What a finish for the last month in the Men's Handicap Section. Les Tunbridge, who incidentally will be representing Portsmouth at Harlow in this division, was 16 pins behind Brian Rance, a Butlins Redcoat, at the end of the third week. Brian finished the month with a 606 series with Handicap and was pretty confident on winning the monthly prize. Not to be deterred, Tunbridge came in the Centre on the last day of the Tourney and in his fourth series hit a splendid 642 with Handicap. Poor Brian, his face was a picture of disappointment when he heard this news, but sportingly rose to the occasion. 'Never mind, there is always next year.'

At the time of going to press, the Portsmouth Centre is being advertised somewhere in the Pacific Ocean. The American Cruiser 'Newport News', the largest ship of its kind in the world, will be arriving at Portsmouth on a five day visit in September. The Dockyard Liaison Officer, in charge of social activities for foreign seamen was contacted with the result that a quantity of leaflets advertising the bowl has now been forwarded for distribution amongst the ships compliment. A six team five man challenge has also been arranged with the sailors. Incidentally the U.S.S. 'Randolph' a carrier was in dock recently and a match was arranged with the crew. Taking part was a variety of nationalities, the visiting teams consisted of Hawaiians, Negroes, and Puerto Ricans, whilst one of the Pompey teams consisted of Maltese boys, who now bowl regularly in league at the Centre. Truly a cosmopolitan match.

An Industrial League is now in the process of being formed at Portsmouth and a successful league programme is anticipated. It is hoped in the future, thinking big, that perhaps we might even rival the Industrial League at Edgware.

Our trainee, Derek is soon to be introduced to 'deep sea fishing'. A trip has been arranged to accompany Shaun Ball and league bowler, who is the owner of a fishing smack. The primary object is to catch fish, and a 'whale' of a time is anticipated.

STEVENAGE

Although still without a Centre to call their own, the bowlers from Stevenage have carried on with their away matches, many at Centres quite some distance from Stevenage. They have now piled up quite a backlog of games to be played at home once we are re-open.

The latest of these matches was at the Excel Bowl, Nottingham, when four of the Breakaways and four of the Lyons Maids from Stevenage met the Magicote team and a four-ladies team, the Breakaways lost their game by an overall 100 pins, but the girls carried the honours back to Stevenage. The teams were given a wonderful reception by their opponents and would like to express particular thanks to the team captain of the Magicote team, Lin Scorer, who made sure that they had a great day out and had even laid on refreshments for our teams.

Congratulations to Bob Endersby who bowled a 646 series in the third week of this month's Bowler of the Year competition. Bob has been bowling very well in this competition and looks like coming out on top for Stevenage scratch division.

At a recent meeting here, we were given some very welcome news as to the hoped for re-opening of the Centre. Some kind of moral boost is certainly needed at the present time as interest in the leagues still bowling is dropping off, and secretaries are having a hard time reforming their winter leagues.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Tony Lawton has now been appointed Chief Mechanic at the Centre, and we wish him success in his new position.

The winter leagues will be starting again this coming month and we would like to take this opportunity of welcoming old friends and new. 'Lanes Maintenance' are scheduled to arrive here before the kick off, to iron out a few spots on the lanes. After their visit the lanesman, Colin, and staff, intend to have the finest lanes in the Midlands.
p.s. With one other Bowl only, in the Birmingham B.T.B.A. area, our lanes have already been sanctioned.

The staff would like to take the opportunity to thank the regulars for the assortment of holiday cards received, most of them to say the least, 'saucy!' Now if our New Year Calendars are the same all well and good, but I (T. Ryall that is), only seem to have calendars with roses, dogs, etc.

Paul Sneyd, who is a well known bowler at Wolverhampton, has passed his A.M.F. Instructors Course, and already assisted many new bowlers. Any bowler who wishes to be considered for the course, please see Trevor Ryall.

Prediction Department:- 'N' the mechanic will shave off that beard this month. Girl friend not so keen perhaps!

The new 'Thunderbowl' league has got off to a good start, all teams have names connected with spying - Cottage Spies, for example. Celia, our secretary, bowls in this league, but it is not true to say that she has been planted there by U.N.C.L.E. Trevor, to spy on the bowlers.

Why is it that the teams with the fullest Swear Box, always have Lady members?
