

# Ambassador Newsletter







Pictured above with L.S. Michael, Esq., O.B.E. Managing Director of Ambassador Bowling Limited, are the winners of the Singles Divisions of the Ambassador Bowler of the Year Tournament. Steve Harris, from Ipswich took the Junior title with a magnificent 543, Mary Betts from Basildon, the Ladies title with a 551 and Dave Buckley, again from Basildon, who won the Men's Singles Division with a 539.





Pictured receiving their prize from Joe Wibden, Promotions Controller, are the "Hovertravel" Team from Wolverhampton who won the Trios Event with a 1617 three game series.

The Doubles Event was won by Colin Tucker and Don Wood from Basildon with a 1111 three game series.





## TELEVISION SHOWS AT EDGWARE

During the month of September a television show has been produced each week at Edgware. Every week two girls from The Bunny Club have been partnered by two expert male bowlers in a series of challenge matches. In the final programme the bunnies who, incidentally, are all beginner bowlers rolled off against each other to see who could knock down the most pins over three frames, and the winner received a prize and the title of Miss Television Bowling Princess.

Throughout the series Shaw Taylor and David Goddard ably commentated.



Seen in the photograph from left to right are Margo Glee, Thalia Vickers (Miss Television Bowling Princess, pictured with her prize of a portable television set), L. S. Michael, Esq., O.B.E., Managing Director of Ambassador Bowling Limited, Shaw Taylor, Heidi Bohlen, Eran Stratton, Julie Van Booren, Kathy Bascombe and Julie Holmes.



## AMBASSADOR BOWLER OF THE YEAR GRAND FINALS

### Great day for Basildon

The finals of the 5th Ambassador Bowler of the Year Tournament were held at Ambassador Lanes, Stevenage on the 17th September and, against competition from all Ambassador centres, this year's champions emerged.

Don Buckley, from Basildon, was the winner in the Mens Singles event; Mary Buckley, again from Basildon, became the Ladies Singles champion; and the Ambassadors, Don Wood and Colin Tucker, also from Basildon, took the Doubles title. This was a really wonderful achievement on the part of these Basildon bowlers and our congratulations go out to them for their truly fine performance.

In the Junior Singles event Steven Roberts, from Stevenage, was unable to match the form of Steve Harris, from Ipswich, who came out a worthy winner in this event.

In the Trios section a very close finish resulted in the Hovertravel team, from Wolverhampton, winning by 4 pins over the Portsmouth team. The anchorman of the Wolverhampton team had to strike in his tenth frame of the final game to ensure victory and this he did without showing any nerves whatsoever. A word of commiseration for Portsmouth, who became runners-up for the second year in succession. To them we say 'Better luck next time'.

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## Record Holders Club

This month saw five new members welcomed to the Record Holders Club, three of the members for performances in the Coca-Cola King Keglers League (Tenpin Pictorial), namely Ann Garrett whose 254 ladies game becomes a house record, Phil Russell whose 679 series beat the existing record, and Ron Deacon's latest of 690. Young Steve Harris, from Ipswich, was elected to become a member on his wonderful performance in becoming Ambassador Junior Bowler of the Year, and also Laurie Ramsey from the Ambassadors team at Basildon who was the only player of the team not previously a member. His team won the 1967 Newtown Festival of Sport Tournament.

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## ON THE OTHER SIDE

### \$32,000 to Petersen Champ

Ed Takacs of Cleveland is \$32,000 richer, thanks to his victory in the 57th Petersen Classic. Takacs shot an eight game series of 1678 to outscore 17,535 other contestants in bowling's biggest singles event. Jerry Farrow of Philadelphia ran second with 1673 to win \$17,000 and Ray Ivis of Chicago picked up \$8,000 for his third place total of 1660. The tournament, which is conducted at Archer-35th Recreation in Chicago, paid out a total of \$491,008 in prizes.

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### Hoinke Crown to Hopper

Herschel Hopper of Nashville, Tennessee, is \$22,000 wealthier because of his win in the singles handicap division of the 25th annual Hoinke Classic in Cincinnati. Hopper shot a five game total of 1218, including 105 pins handicap, to easily outdistance Billy Bruce of Gainsville, Ga., who took the \$11,000 runner-up cheque with a gross total of 1167. Ben Visan of Bedford, O., won the \$3,500 scratch title with an 1136 total.

Five Kings of Philadelphia, Pa., won \$9,000 for a 3286 gross total in the team handicap section. The \$1000 actual top prize went to Schoenlings All-Stars of Cincinnati who had 3148.

The 20 weekend tournament paid off a total of \$235,000 in prizes.

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### Shoots 812 in AJBC League

James A. Nelson, 15, bowling in the Ft. Irwin, Calif. AJBC league, set an all-time Junior Congress series record when he put together games of 266, 247 and 299 for an 812, the first time an AJBC member has rolled over 800. Nelson started bowling 18 months ago. Both his father and mother are active in Ft. Irwin adult league competition and introduced their son to the game. He has developed into a 199 average star and earlier this season had sets of 700 and 739.



## BASILDON

After a very interesting and successful Scotch Doubles Summer League the Monday Mixed Doubles have started their Winter Season with a healthy 18 lane schedule.

The Committee, made up of Bill Shead - President, Tommy Bender - Vice President, Keith Templeman - Secretary, and John Buckley a very competent Treasurer, would like to welcome all our old friends back to the winter season. A very big welcome goes to Ray and Norma Hook, who hail from the Playbowl Grays. Incidentally, Ray brings with him a 190 average. Also new to the league are George and Sophie Castle - they also bowl in another league on Monday nights. Eddy Buckley and his partner Mavis Gorrard have just joined the league, determined that they will beat Eddy's brother John and wife Anne; it's no walk over, Anne can roll a crafty ball. Another new member is Shirley Caie - the wife of the very well known bowler and organiser - who at the moment is bowling with the President's son, Billy Shead.

The President of the M.M.D. would like to throw out a challenge for a match with another Centre on a home and away basis. Anyone interested can always write to Ambassador Lanes, Basildon. Averages can be sorted out afterwards!!

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We extend a warm welcome to two new members of staff; our new receptionist Dave Whisby, and junior mechanic Les Morrell.

Also joining the ranks of the mechanics is Mick Olley, late of rental shoes. To everyone's amazement he even had a hair cut to celebrate the appointment.

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### Ambassadors Win Inter New Town Tourney

The Ambassadors, representing Basildon in the Inter New Town Tourney at Bracknell on September 9th, won the the event with a 2686 series. A first game of 886 put them in third place, three pins behind Crawley and 86 pins behind Stevenage, but a second game of 996, breaking the house record by three pins put them into an 80 pin lead. This game included a 243 game from



Dave Buckley, whose final series of 623 was his third 600 plus series of the week. The third game was a very poor 804, but the Ambassadors were never under any pressure and won by 70 pins.

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The 'S.T.C. Jets' have completed their summer league with the 'Lightnings' leading followed by the 'Buccaneers'. This is the reverse of the winter league where the 'Buccaneers' pipped the 'Lightnings' at the post, coming top of the league by  $\frac{1}{2}$  point, the league being decided on the last game on the last night. 'Buccaneers' only just managed second place in the summer league by  $\frac{1}{2}$  point from the 'Seahawks'. Once again it was a "last night" decision.

There is a rumour going around the league that the Waterfall family are trying to take over, having Stan (Lightnings), Bob (Buccaneers), Pam and Peggy (Tridents) already bowling in it, whilst Lesley is learning the ropes in the Bantam division of the J.Y.B.C.

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#### Lathol -v- Lathol Green Bowls Section

At The Lathol Clubhouse on Tuesday, 19th September a strange sight was seen on the Bowling Green, 3 teams of 4 had challenged the old 'uns to a match and, after a few ends instruction, woods were flying everywhere (bias forgotten).



HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

Hemel Hempsteads' Happy Hippy Harem continue to make sporadic appearances bringing with them a faint tinkle of their baubles and beads, adding a mite of new colour to our already colourful centre.

The Happy Hippies being peaceable and peace loving citizens (we are told) have not created any disturbance to our placid procedures other than a constant clicking sound caused by the swivelling of eyeballs as they follow the manoeuvres of this manifestly motley medley of mankind.

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Thinking of those hippies and their jangles, remind us of Bill Yates' latest, when he was asked why he wasn't wearing his cowbell he replied that he had just won the 'Nobell' prize.

Personally, we think it was because he was afraid of dropping a clanger. (This was not censored as Bill is on holiday.)

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There seems to be a competition going the rounds among the minor misses to decide the wearer of the miniest mini ..... Prize to date goes to the modern miss who appeared on Monday, escorted by a youth who has just taken a team place in the Chiltern League.

Her appearance on the Concourse created the greatest number of gutter balls ever bowled in any league at the same time, when all eyes clicked in unison to follow her meanders, accompanied by the howls of the "Friendly League" "Wolves" who were in action at the time.

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Which leads to stocking tops! We all love to see these minis on parade but when they come to bowl, it is such a pity that they must wear stockings - why not tights? - they are much more pleasant and don't break the flow line of our visual thoughts.



HOUNSLOW

True story overheard on the lanes -

Joe: "I say, I thought you said your name was Vernon."

Vernon: "It is."

Joe: "So why do you have the name 'George' on your ball?"

Vernon: "That's not my name - it's the name of my ball!"

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Our Get Together League is living up to it's name and 52 members will meet at the bowl at the ungodly hour of 6.30 a.m. Saturday, 14th October to depart for Blackpool and a sight of the illuminations. The League Secretary, Dave Goodberry spent his own holiday in Blackpool this year and apart from fixing the trip to see the 'lights' he has arranged an overnight stay at a caravan park in Fleetwood followed by an inter-league challenge match with a league from Fleetwood Bowl. It is anticipated that a good time will be had by all. There will be a further report next month.

On the subject of League Secretaries, we now have our Winter Programme in full swing and would like to record a vote of thanks to all the hard working secretaries, without whom a comprehensive league schedule of this type would be quite impossible. Thank you JOHN PERKINS - Presidents League

FRANK WARD - Regal League

JOHN DOUGHERTY - Comet League

VERONICA HALSTEAD - Honeywell League

MO FISH - Double TT's League

LAURIE GASCOIGNE - Metropolitan League

SID BEENHAM - Industrial League

MYRA ABBOTT - Valentine League

JUDY MORRIS - Spartan League

MRS E. SIMS - Ladies Coffee League

DAVID WARREN - Tracz Trios League

DAVID GOODBERRY - Get Together League

IDA STOCKLEY - Ladies All Star League

POM LILLICRAP - Big 'A' League

SYLVIA JONES - Spring Guilders League  
LAURIE GASCOIGNE - Leisure League  
COLIN CAMPBELL - British National Trio's  
PATRICIA MARSH - London Classic League  
DAVE COLLINS - Moonshiners League  
COLIN CAMPBELL - Courage League  
POM LILLICRAP - Churchills League  
OLIVE & TOM GILMAN - Monarch Junior League  
IDA STOCKLEY - H.L.D. League  
BARRY ANDREWS - Central League  
CHRIS GASCOIGNE - Concord League

Our latest addition is the H.L.D. League rolling at 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons. This is a ladies doubles league and they will welcome any new bowlers who wish to participate. Please contact Ida Stockley or the management.

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#### Weather Conditions, by "A Trainee Manager"

The Manager's 'Daily Report' is a complicated looking foolscap document that, with practise and a higher degree in advanced mathematics, is fairly easy to complete, even at 3 a.m. when one should really be in bed!

There is, however, one exception - what to write in that nasty little box headed 'Weather Conditions'. You were on duty until the small hours the previous day and in consequence didn't wake up until lunch time. What explains the low morning take? - Did it rain, snow, or was it too hot? - In the afternoon there were flashes of sunshine, some rain and a pretty stiff breeze. In the evening the centre was packed and it was dry but rather on the warm side. It was also dark! What to write in the little box? One can hardly give a complete weather report, and this being a normal day for English weather a paragraph would be needed to cope with the climatic variations. Looking back at previous reports for inspiration one observes "Dull", "Rain", "Cold", "Colder" (thinks - colder than what?), "Cloudy", "Hot", "Sunny and Hot" (thinks - what else?), "Warm", "Warmer" (thinks - no comment!), and a variety of permutations of these and others. Has anyone a suggestion as to how this horrible little



box can be utilised to it's best advantage, or alternatively can Head Office tell one precisely what to do?

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On Sunday, 1st October the members of the staff gathered in the Manager's office to present Jim McClune, Hounslow's Assistant Manager Catering, with a silver tankard and a table lamp made from a bowling pin signed by all the staff.

To the chorus of "Best of luck, Mac", Jim ended his service with the Company.

Each of us will remember the help and words of wisdom we have received from this 64 year old "youngster".

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### Tracz League Report

The Summer Season has now finished, and final placings were not decided until the last night. Whilst Ron Winter's ICICLES Team topped the league throughout and lost very few points the runners-up position was hotly contested between the ROULETTES and TAGS with the Roulettes eventually taking 2nd place after a battle royal.

The top game for the season went to Geoff Stalk 256 with Keith Pragnell one pin behind on 255. High ladies game went to Ann Richards on 241. Top Series - men and ladies - John Goodrick 681 and Kathy De'Ath 633. High Team Game with 613 was the ICICLES against the Roulettes on the final night and high team series went to the CHIPPIES with a fine 1700.

All the league trophies, apart from the high average, are awarded for scores that include handicap.

The highlight of the season was the home and away match with Portsmouth, reported in the previous Newsletter. We also intended to have a match, on a similar basis, with Hove but unfortunately nobody bothered to reply to our challenge.

The League will be organising a dance in November. Tickets are limited, so that members and friends will be given priority. If YOU would like

to join a league contact the writer or George Mackey. You may even be lucky!

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### London Junior Invitational Tournament

Centre rounds for this event are being held between 30th September and 7th October. We anticipate a good response, as many juniors are already keyed up for the J.Y.B.C. Finals, and those who failed to qualify will want another try at a top class junior event. The finals are at this centre on Saturday 28th October, with the bowlers playing in trios and five person teams qualifying for a special All Events section. The sponsors, Cantrell & Cochrane (Southern) Ltd., have already sent their representatives round the centres to help with the promotion and, the slight 'comedy of errors' with the Entry Form and subsequent letter, have helped bring the tournament to the eyes of some, who might otherwise not have bothered! We know the Entry Form contained a printers error upon the eligibility date, and we know the letter of amendment made matters worse instead of better. So many telephone calls were received as regards the matter that we were able to promote the tournament by word of mouth at the callers expense! In case anyone is still in any doubt the event is open to all bowlers born after October 1st 1951. There is no section for expectant mothers! Come along on 28th October. With anything up to 32 five man junior teams competing one against the other it should be really something to see - and hear!

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We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Pete Nash on winning both the scratch and handicap singles divisions of the Hounslow Bowler of the Year. Pete, who has yet to bowl a league 600 series hit 824 scratch for the centre titles, and went on to take third position in the final at Stevenage. His games were 216, 174, 203 and 231.

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## IPSWICH

The Chief Constable of the Suffolk Police, Mr. Peter Matthews paid tribute to the work which had been done when he visited the Centre on the final night of the Ambassador Road Safety Week.

For seven days the Suffolk Police has staged their own Road Safety Exhibition in the Centre, while on the lanes, and in the car park, doubles partnerships had taken part in a bowling/car manoeuvrability competition. In addition there was a special class of bowling competition for the J.Y.B.C. section.

The idea, originally by centre manager, Mr. Adams, had received the wholehearted support of the Police, The Institute of Advanced Motorists and the Automobile Association. In addition, more than twenty local firms donated prizes enabling the winners to receive something right down to the tenth place. Although not associated directly with Road Safety Week, the centre was also in the public's eye throughout the week as Europe's first 'Motique' - a boutique inside a converted caravan - gave its official launching at Ambassador Lanes, and during the week was featured on Anglia Television.

Prize donators are too numerous to mention but amongst their gifts were £10 worth of tyres from the Regional Tyre Service which went as the first prize to bowling centre personalities Ray Smith and Brian Burrell. The Best Drivers award went to Inspector Shields of the Suffolk Police but regarding himself as a professional, he declined to accept his prize which went instead to his nearest rival, bowling mechanic, Paul Webster. No prizes for Club Bar Stewardess, Mrs. Mary Wright - she forgot to stop on the course and sent officials diving to rescue their timing equipment as Mary's car went ploughing through an obstacle.

This week could not have been such a success without the valuable assistance of Mr. John Bird and Mr. Dave Rodgers, representing the Institute of Advanced Motorists who were always on hand to carry out the marshalling on the test course.

The Chief Constable presented the prizes and received, from Mr. Adams, a cheque for £25 to be donated to the Suffolk Police Benevolent Fund. Mr. Matthews said that some of the money would probably go to a Suffolk policeman who, while attending the scene of a road accident was himself knocked

down by a passing vehicle. It was confirmed that this will become an annual event at Ipswich and in addition the Suffolk Police plan to use the Centre for an anti crime exhibition sometime prior to Christmas.

TERRY HEAL.

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Nearly 200 participants partook in this novelty bowling and driving tournament combined, and overall bowling winner was Dave Falconer with a 213 scratch. The team prize went to Ray Smith (Driver) and Brian Burrell (Bowler) who dropped only 175 marks between them, followed by Paul Goodwin and Brian Gant losing 176 marks. Third was Jim Clarke and Jim Duncan with 180, and Inspector Shields and Sandra Heal fourth with a 201. Ten team prizes were given away as well as the top five women prizes with Mrs. Barbara Howard (local traffic warden) being the overall lady driving winner with 86 losses.

On Saturday morning the 23rd, a special bowling and Road Safety Quiz was arranged for the Juniors in four age groups - up to 10; 10 to 12; 13 to 14; 15 to 16 - and here congratulations to D. Hurren, R. Cantom, K. Bunker and P. Gaskin, who all attained 100% in the Road Safety Quiz.

Just to finalise this grand week, I would like to give a special thank you for all the help the local bowlers gave, to make this week the success that it was. Namely, John Boswell, Terry and Sandra Heal, Brian Skelt and Colin Prime.

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## Bowling Personality for October, 1967

When in trouble - send for Russell. This has been a fond cry at the centre in the past and is likely to be in the future. That is why this month we have chosen Ken Russell as our personality.

Chief Instructor, J.Y.B.C. organiser, **founder** of Ipswich's inter-schools championship ..... when it comes to helping others on the lanes, Ken's assistance in the centre is unprecedented.

He often claims that instructors do not make good bowlers - they are too busy analysing others faults to devote enough attention to their own bowling.

This may be perfectly true, but on the credit side his conscientious instructional periods for open bowlers - during the Sunday evening peak hours - have helped a lot of "fun" players get more enjoyment out of the game.

Ipswich can be proud of its J.Y.B.C. record and here Ken has played a major role. From a rather odd assortment that first passed through the doors when the J.Y.B.C. was formed, he has moulded them into a club which now seems to respect centre property, shows sportsmanship and responsibility, and a flair for providing Ipswich's league bowlers of tomorrow.

Perhaps the best tribute to Ken Russell's efforts has been the entry of a J.Y.B.C. team into an adult league. Named the J.Y.B.C. Allstars, they have started off the season with a bang.

Ken bowls in the same league though. Could be that he will have mixed feelings if he finds himself on the end of a beating from his young protegeés.

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The long awaited inter-county challenge match between Suffolk and Cambridgeshire took place at Ipswich on September 3rd.

Suffolk men won their match by 16 points to 8, while the ladies found the going tougher and had to be content with a 12-12 draw. A feature of the match was the fine doubles bowling by Dick Smith (607) and Tony Vaughan (611) which included an opening team game of 649. Even then, it was only good enough by ten pins to take the game. Suffolk men were represented by Colin Prime, Doug Vaughan and Les Greenacre (trios); Dick Smith and Tony Vaughan (doubles); Ray Smith (singles). The ladies team was Irene Mackie, Pat Lucas



and Sal Raudy (trios); Sandra Heal and Sheila Stringer (doubles); Joan Phillips (singles).

Ambassador kindly presented a set of Suffolk county badges to commemorate the occasion and these were presented to the local teams by John Newman, editor of the "Tenpin Pictorial".

At an informal meeting afterwards it was decided to go ahead with an inter-county tournament at Ipswich shortly. Applications are invited from county teams and there will be a separate competition for men and ladies. The playing format will be slightly different. Teams will still consist of 6 players, but this time all will play trios, doubles and singles, making a total of 3 series per bowler in all. Points will be awarded at the rate of 1 for every 50 pins scored, with a bonus for 200 games.

It is hoped that at least every county within the Ambassador network will make a serious attempt to send along teams. This will be the forerunner of what is hoped to be a national inter-county championship next year, and a meeting on that day will be called to formulate a county playing association.

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It has just been confirmed that Churchmans, the Ipswich cigar manufacturers have agreed to promote the proposed inter-county tenpin bowling championships in Ipswich.

The event was originally scheduled for November 19th but in view of the planning involved it has now been decided to put back the tournament to a date still to be fixed.

More details will be announced in the near future.

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At Ipswich the Churchmans League, and the 'Friendly' as it was known previously, has now been rolling almost as long as this centre has been open.

Many of the original 'Friendly' League bowlers are still going strong, although naturally the present League has, of necessity, had to broaden it's ranks to progress in size and stature. Generally speaking, the great majority of the 'Old brigade' have through the years improved their averages, consistent with the experience gained, but there are still quite a number of regular

bowlers who are hard pressed to maintain even a moderate 150 average at times.

It is very strange therefore to comprehend why bowlers to not take advantage of the facilities at their command to improve their bowling averages. In the whole country, there are roughly 25 to 30 A.M.F. fully qualified advanced instructors. The Ipswich centre is fortunately placed in having two of these instructors at the centre, available to give instruction to the lower average (and even the better average bowlers to assist them in bettering their averages.

Presumably, if it were circularised in the centre, that an A.M.F. Instructor were to visit the centre from a more distant part of the country to hold a bowling clinic, there would no doubt be quite a response from the bowlers generally. It would appear on the face of it, however, that familiarity does breed contempt, and we are prone to assume that the bowler we know, can teach us little that we do not already know. This however, is not the case. It should be common knowledge that a good instructor does not have to be in the professional 200 average class of bowler before he can impart his knowledge to other bowlers.

The A.M.F. Advanced Instructor course was designed with the prime object to assist all bowlers to achieve better pinfall and better averages generally. Why not therefore take advantage of the facility provided to improve your average. In Ipswich, either Ken Russell or myself will be only too pleased to assist you, and we would take a great pride in seeing your bowling improve in stature.

W. HAIG JOYCE

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Churchmans Ltd., the Ipswich cigar manufacturers, again did the Churchmans League proud when it finished its summer season.

Mr. David Way, publicity manager of Churchmans, presented their giant trophy to Nick Hardy, who captained the Gamblers to an excellent summer run. The team lost only one match throughout the entire campaign. Churchmans made a cash donation to the league trophy fund, and in addition cigars in presentation cases were presented to Nick Hardy and Doug Vaughan, the captain of the runners-up the Colchester Casino. Other team members and all individual trophy winners received smaller packs of cigars.

The winter league has reformed with 20, 5-person teams.



## Gala Day

Another name for Gala Day might just as well have been Tournament Day, as six tournaments were being run, some novelty, some serious.

Commencing at 11 a.m. and finally finishing at approximately 11 p.m., a first-class tournament was forthcoming.

The first tournament of the day was a 3 - 6 - 9 tournament which was won by Graham Isom. This was quickly followed up with a tenpin cricket knockout tournament which consisted of a number of Norwich bowlers who, throughout the day had over sixty bowlers participating in the different events. The over-all winner was D. Snodgrass with an average of 11.8 followed by I. Cook with 12.2 and F. Herrell with a 12.5. This was a keenly contested tournament throughout and it was only after a re-assessment that the final winner did emerge.

The eagerly awaited tournament between Suffolk and Cambridgeshire took place at 2.30 p.m. The Gala then continued into the annual 'Rose Bowl' tournament commencing at 8 p.m. This was won by M. Newell from Norwich who took the Rose Bowl from last year's winner Ray Smith, with a 585 scratch series.

G. Isom, S. Poulson, D. Jones and L. Greenacre were the four winners in the Handicap Section.

To finish off a very successful day, fourteen entries commenced at 8.30 p.m. for the five-person team event. The winners being Albrow Wagoners (Ipswich) followed by Benson's Sweets from Walton.

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## J.Y.B.C. National Championships

They're through! Who?

Sunday September 16th saw the Centre Finals of the J.Y.B.C. tournament singles. The winner in the 14 to 16 class was Stevie Harris with a 545.

Not only did Stevie win this event but he really went to town when he partnered David Hurren to take the doubles in this age group with a 961.

Although many other attempts were made in other sections of this tournament only one other winner was produced when Terry Rodgers won the 14 section with a 271 over two games.

Congratulations to all three.

We trust that you will carry the Ipswich flag high at Wolverhampton in  
October. Good luck.

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## PORTSMOUTH

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mike Coffin and "Sammy" Betts, our two Public Security men to the Portsmouth Staff. Both of these lads are doing a very good job, and both have the right attitude and pleasant manner for the position they hold.

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At the time of writing, the town of Portsmouth, including our Centre, is getting ready for the invasion by 1,200 sailors from the U.S.S. Springfield. We are looking forward to many challenge matches which they have requested by radio ahead. We have also arranged to keep two lanes permanently open for their use throughout the day. We would like to thank Lt. Commander Dean of H.M.S. Dryad, who is acting as liaison officer, for all his help. More news in the next issue about results etc.

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"Our Maggie", in other words Miss Margaret Brown, who graces our Control with her ready smile and happy nature, dashed out the other night after finishing her turn of duty to the Public Car Park near the bowl, and jumped into her car all anxious to get home quickly, when she felt all was not right with her Mini Van. Upon getting out for an inspection, to her dismay, she found the two back wheels missing. This was disaster enough in itself, but worst of all it was her boyfriend's car. Believe it or not they are still on speaking terms. Bad luck Maggie, we promise not to mention wheels to you in future.

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Plans are now under way; with the help of a Centre Tournament Committee which is in the progress of being formed; to have many more matches and tournaments, both serious and of a good fun nature. Any ideas, requests or information, will be gratefully received and considered. Even if you think an idea is a silly one, or not possible, please mention it, as it is surprising how often a silly idea can bear fruit into something exceptionally good.

## The New Arrivals

After weeks of anticipation on the part of all regular bowlers at Portsmouth, the great event took place on Wednesday 6th September. The arrival was heralded by a gentleman with a blue coloured note, which caused all Department Heads to be summoned, bringing joy and relief to their faces. Who should handle the 'new arrivals'? Of course the obvious choice was 'Gin' Peckham and Mick Gallagher, but even so, both were warned that the new arrivals being so precious, should be handled with great care. After a while the chosen two reported that the cargo was safely in the Centre and was ready for all to see. With great care 'Gin' removed the first covering, and there they were, so bright that all onlookers were blinded by their brilliance. Different thoughts running through peoples heads. The Managements naturally thought of the pleasure that the new arrivals were going to give the League Bowlers, the mechanics were thinking of the trouble that their predecessors had given them and work that should now be saved.

There they were in all their purity, so round, so chubby .....

THE NEW PINS.

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WOLVERHAMPTON

Congratulations to the Hovertravel team for winning the Trio's section of the Bowler of the Year at Stevenage, and also a well done to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, and young Bob Langman for putting up a good show in the Singles event.

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I have been led to believe that it is in order to congratulate Mr. Ronald and Mrs. Maureen Stoten on their recent marriage - some people do keep it quiet.

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Another happy event took place on Saturday 23rd September. John Farrington, the Wolves Footballer got himself engaged to an attractive young lady, also by the name of Maureen. The moral being to we batchelors BEWARE of girls named Maureen.

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This month we are holding the National Finals of the J.Y.B.C. here. I would like to wish the best of luck to all competitors and hope that they have an enjoyable weekend at Wolverhampton. I would like to warn every driver who is a stranger to the area - please be careful if driving "H", Moule has just bought his first car. If you are not driving, be more careful, walk in the middle of the road, he will never hit you there.

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Another piece of staff motoring news. Jean John, our attractive Control Clerk, last week won an Autocross driving her Ford Cortina G.T. This event took place just outside of Wolverhampton, and the trophy was awarded to the "Best Performer on Grass", Motor Racing of course!

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