

Ambassador Newsletter





At Hounslow recently some of the largest moustaches in the country were on view when the Handlebar Club held a fund raising event. Pictured are some of the members together with nurses from the Hounslow General Hospital. The object was to raise money towards the cost of installing a paddling pool for mentally handicapped children of the Hounslow Borough.

THE TENPIN PICTORIAL KING KEGLERS' LEAGUE

SPONSORED BY COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LIMITED

Ambassador Bowling Limited are proud to present what promises to be the finest league ever to have rolled in this country. Entry to this league will be by invitation only and the invitations will be extended to the 32 male and the 16 lady bowlers to have the highest averages as shown by the King Keglers ratings in the Tenpin Pictorial issues dated 22nd July, 5th August and 19th August.

The League will commence on Saturday the 2nd September and will continue over an eight week period each Saturday at 4.00 p.m. The venue will be Ambassador Lanes, Edgware and bowlers will play four games singles scratch, match play, with one hour's rest and then a further four games in a similar fashion. Because of the cash added by the Coca-Cola Bottlers Limited there will be awards of £3 for the high game and £3 for the high series over each four games played in each division, and at the end of the league, the prize money will be as follows:

<u>Men's Division 1</u>	1st Place	£150
	2nd Place	£75
	3rd Place	£40
<u>Men's Division 2</u>	1st Place	£100
	2nd Place	£50
	3rd Place	£30
<u>Ladies Division</u>	1st Place	£125
	2nd Place	£65
	3rd Place	£40

Coca-Cola Bottlers Limited will provide each bowler with a bowling shirt which will have to be worn each week during the duration of the league. At the termination of the League, this shirt will become the property of the individual bowler. The entry will be £1. 5. 0. per four games - but remember, to be invited, all participating bowlers must appear in the King Kegler ratings

for the three issues of the Tenpin Pictorial as stated earlier and to qualify for this list, all King Keglers there must have a minimum of 21 games bowled by the 22nd of July.

It is anticipated that some of the finest bowling this country will have ever seen will be witnessed in this league, and we are sure that we shall come out with really worthy champions at the end of the eight week period.

AMBASSADOR MANAGERS' SPRING COMPETITION

Ambassador Bowling announced in April of this year that the Centre Manager who achieved the highest percentage increase in business over the period 24th April to the 18th June as compared with the same period for the previous year would be given as a prize, an all inclusive trip to Malmo, Sweden to cover the World Bowling Championships.

The winner of this competition was Mr. Stan Adams, the Centre Manager of Ambassador Lanes, Ipswich and he will now leave London on the 1st July to spend seven days in Malmo during which time, he will be able to support the British Teams.

We hope to be able to reproduce in the next issue of this newsletter a report on the Championships as seen by Mr. Adams.

RECORD HOLDERS' CLUB

Latest members of the Record Holders Club are three members of the famous Yankee Terrors Team, Dick Smith, Jack Wessels and Truman Nicholas. With Dick lead off man and Captain piling in a 640 series, they collected the British National Trios Single Game Record with a score of 703. Games were

Dick Smith	-	237	-	203	-	200	-	640
Jack Wessels	-	233	-	152	-	150	-	535
Truman Nicholas	-	233	-	187	-	173	-	593

Jack Wessels is well known to the Ipswich bowling crowd as holding the high series record for the Centre - 724. Dick Smith, originally a top scoring bowler in the Liverpool area, is now coming back to form and once again showing his prowess on the East Anglian circuit. Meanwhile Truman Nicholas, a consistently high average bowler hails from the United States of America. The record breaking game was bowled in the East Anglian Scratch Trios League, which bowls every Sunday afternoon at the Ipswich Centre.

Many congratulations go to Geoff Liddiard currently holding a 189 average in the Hounslow Centre, who for the tenth time broke a series record at Hounslow, this time with a fabulous 709 series, built up with games of 233, 256, and 220. During this fantastic scoring spree, which took place in the John Courage Doubles League, partnered by Brian Holford, they also beat the existing Doubles Record by bowling a 459 game. It is an even more remarkable performance to show such consistency, when it is realised that Geoff has been bowling for less than two years.

BOWLER OF THE YEAR TRIOS EVENT

Basildon saw 16 teams take part which included the Apaches from Harlow, and the Tornadoes from Corby who were the only two visiting teams, and who did surprisingly well, taking first and third place respectively. Best performance of the day was from local bowler Dennis Howarth, who rolled an 814 four game series with games of 253, 183, 222 and 156. The results were:

1st	Apaches (Harlow)	2463
2nd	Dead End Kids (Basildon)	2405
3rd	Tornadoes (Corby)	2334

Edgware hosted many visiting teams but the home team made up of Joe Johnston, Jock Irving and Steve Stevenson took first place. High Game during the tournament was Malcolm Branigan's 237. Results:

1st	Peerless (Edgware)	2414
2nd	G.K.M. (Edgware)	2368
3rd	Three Just Men (Hemel)	2332

Harlow Unfortunately the Trios Event was cancelled at Harlow, but entries are already rolling in for the forthcoming Doubles Event on July 30th.

Hemel Hempstead This being the Trios Event final venue, a large number of travelling entries are expected. Hemel bowlers have already done well, particularly at Edgware and Hounslow.

Hounslow A rather small entry, possibly due to many other tournaments being held in the area over the past few weeks, resulted in a visiting team from Hemel Hempstead, the Saints, taking first place. John Wyndham of the Harlow Apaches had an 800 series for his four games. Results:

1st	Saints (Hemel Hempstead)	2415
2nd	Tridents (Hounslow)	2386
3rd	Apaches (Harlow)	2337

Ipswich On Sunday the 8th June, 1967, Ipswich saw the start of the revised and improved Bowler of the Year Tournament and at 10.00 a.m. the first squad started when the Harris Trios Team, the Daleks, shot straight into the lead on the first game and held their position throughout the first squad, finishing with 2297, followed by the Golfers with 2223. The second squad produced no surprises, except perhaps when the Amoco team from Walton did not live up to their expect-

tations but at the end of this squad the winners had not changed, although the Phantoms had moved up into second place with 2295, just two pins behind the Daleks. The next squad was not due on until 7.00 p.m., but the interest was held during the afternoon for the public whilst the Scratch Trios League was in progress with some of the teams using this period for a 'warm up', and at the start of the 7.00 p.m. squad, the Tournament really began to take shape, with the Albro team opening the squad with a 610 game. At the end of the second game, the Apaches team from Harlow began to show their true colours when John Wyndham rolled a 267 helping his team into first position when they rolled 645, but had a bad third game of 481, which dropped them back into line. The end of the third game brought some light on the scoring positions with a number of teams challenging for top honours, but it was here that the Ipswich Chumps team of Ray Smith (who else when you mention Bowler of the Year), Tony (who know who) Vaughan, and Ed (Yank) Huffman started to push their way through into the limelight, with a 613 game. Then in the fourth and final game they rolled a 602 to finish in first position, followed by the Apaches and then the Albro Waggoners. Ipswich Chumps finished up true winners by rolling the highest scratch total. Final positions:

1st	Ipswich Chumps	2457
2nd	Apaches (Harlow)	2446
3rd	Albro Waggoners (Ipswich)	2423

Portsmouth It was nice to welcome a team from the King Alfred Lanes in Hove to the Trios Event although unfortunately, they finished in fifth place. Full credit must go to a fine performance by the Golden Boys, our local heroes, who in winning broke the house game record for trios with a 669 and the house series record for a three person team with 1784. Top scorer for the team was Rod Bumstead who had 811 with games of 193, 216, 232 and 170. Results were:

1st	Golden Boys (Portsmouth)	2529
2nd	Cool School (Portsmouth)	2481
3rd	Avengers (Portsmouth)	2444

Stevenage A small entry for the Trios Event gave rise to some criticism that the tournament clashed with the Area B.T.B.A. Tournament. The Apaches from Harlow came, bowled and conquered to record a very fine win over Ernie Gregory's Stevenage Drags.

Results were:

1st	Apaches (Harlow)	2389
2nd	Stevenage Drags	2322
3rd	Forresters (Stevenage)	2275

Wolverhampton Only a small number of teams entered this tournament and three of these were West Bromwich teams, of which the Hovertravel came out just a snort and a whistle in front of the F.T.Q.'s by 11 pins. Roger Creamer was high series bowler of the day with a fine 793 for the four games. Final results were:

1st	Hovertravel (Wolverhampton)	2447
2nd	F.T.Q. (Wolverhampton)	2436
3rd	Travellers (Wolverhampton)	2386

BOWLER OF THE YEAR DOUBLES EVENT

Entry forms are now available in all Centres for the Doubles Event which commences on the 9th July at Basildon and Stevenage. A greater number of entries are certainly expected. It was generally agreed by all teams participating in the Trios Event that they will certainly be back to try and take a share of the Doubles prize money, with the reasoning that £1 for four games with £40 prize money at stake is one of the best value tournaments held so far in this country.

BOWLER OF THE YEAR GRAND FINALS

Listed below are the prizes to be won at the Grand Finals this year. Besides each person receiving £3 expenses, lineage will be free and lunches provided. Each competitor will receive a Bowler of the Year Finalist patch.

Prize money is as follows:

Trios Event	1st	£45	
	2nd	£27	
	3rd	£18	
Doubles Event	1st	£40	
	2nd	£20	
	3rd	£15	
Men's Singles	1st	£30	
	2nd	£18	
	3rd	£12	
Ladies' Singles	1st	£30	
	2nd	£18	
	3rd	£12	
Junior Singles	1st	£15	(All juniors will receive prizes to the value of quoted amounts).
	2nd	£10	
	3rd	£5	

6TH ANNUAL LONDON AREA BOWLING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's event took place at Ambassador Lanes, Harlow with a greatly reduced number of entrants. It was very unusual to see Rhoda Brewer only working at knocking down the pins, as she recently retired from her secretaryship of the Area. However, in her place, we welcomed Ron Miles, who had previously been on the Executive for the past two years, and working like a dynamo, he managed to make this year's tournament very successful and certainly talked about.

For the first time ever, a separate eight game Scratch Singles Event for Men and Women was included, and some fine bowling by Ray Artis captured the event with a 1578 score. Dolly Miles (Ron's wife) kept the family's name to the fore, winning the Ladies Event with 1495. The handicap singles winner was David Reed from Leytonstone with a 667 total and this score helped him win the all events with a 1852 total. A riotous 1234 by Jim Brewer and Johnny Jones took the Doubles Crown and on their way to this win, only one spare was missed by the combo in the six games bowled. Runners-up, just 17 pins behind were Pat Newbery and Geoff Raper.

The Team Event was a long drawn out affair with the Andy Capps from Leytonstone just coming through with a big tenth frame in the third game to win by nine pins over the Harlow Ambassadors. Other results were:

Ladies Singles	June Goldthorpe	634
Ladies Doubles	Dolly Hart and Norma Bridge	1223
Ladies All Events	Jean Hayes	1765
Ladies Team Event	The Wembley Lionesses	

BRUNSWICK EUROPEAN INVITATION TOURNAMENT

We are pleased and proud to announce that during this Tournament, Geoff (Dunky) Buck who bowls at Ambassador Lanes, Hounslow, established a new record for British bowlers when he rolled a great 705 series in the Singles Event with games of 236, 223 and 246. This is the first time a 700 series has been rolled in a tournament in this country and we are sure that all bowlers on the Ambassador Circuit will wish to say "Well Done" to Geoff and

hope that he is able to record many more fine performances in the future.

T.B.P.A. NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

At the Grand Final of the above tournament held at the Airport Bowl, representatives from Ambassador Bowling did very well and we are very proud that Ron Betts from Ambassador Lanes, Basildon, became the Men's Singles Handicap Champion with a very fine 604 scratch series, and that Steve Turnbull from Hemel Hempstead became the Junior Singles Handicap Champion with a really first class 509 scratch series. The final placings of the Ambassador representatives were as follows:

Men's Singles Handicap	1st	Ron Betts (Basildon)	682
Junior Singles Handicap	1st	Steve Turnbull (Hemel)	641
Mixed Doubles Scratch	2nd	Sally Jennings & Jim Raudy (Ipswich)	1125
Mixed Doubles Handicap	4th	Mr. & Mrs. Crouch (Wolverhampton)	1207
Ladies' Singles Scratch	7th	Mary Betts (Basildon)	513
Ladies' Singles Handicap	4th	Nell Shead (Basildon)	594
	5th	Sally Jennings (Ipswich)	569
5 Person Team Scratch	9th	Destroyers (Stevenage)	2575
	10th	Ambassadors (Basildon)	2559
5 Person Team Handicap	6th	Ambassadors (Harlow)	2862

Congratulations to all of you and your very fine bowling throughout this tournament.

AROUND THE WORLD

Tenpin Bowling in this country does not seem to be going quite so well as in other countries throughout the world.

The number of centres opening in Great Britain has somewhat declined over the past year, although there are still companies who have faith in Tenpin Bowling as a recognised sport, and are still opening new centres, the latest being Corkwoods, a 12 lane centre at Hoddesdon and Cala-Gran's centre in Fleetwood. Ambassador Bowling Limited will shortly be opening at Lewisham and next year, Worthing.

Recent closures include Granada's two Birmingham area bowls at West Bromwich and Aston Villa.

Elsewhere in the world, the building of bowling centres goes on at an alarming rate. The first centre to open behind the Iron Curtain is now being built at Mamaia in Rumania.

The Federation Internationale des Quilleurs, the world governing body for tenpin bowling has 11,000,000 members of whom nearly a third are outside the U.S.A. At present the sport is played in 37 different countries. Japan is the largest bowling country outside the U.S.A. with nearly 7,000 lanes which is double that of the United Kingdom, and Australia has 1,600 lanes. It is estimated that there are 3,500,000 bowlers in Japan compared with around 1,000,000 in this country.

Knights of King Harry League,
Ambassador Bowl,
King Harry Street,
Hemel Hempstead,
Herts.

17th June, 1967

The Editor,
Ambassador Newsletter,
Ambassador Bowling Limited,
Her Majesty's Theatre,
Haymarket,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

On Wednesday the 14th June the league held its presentation. A quiz and humorous novelty bowling was run by Bill Yates. (If anyone hasn't heard of him, he's our manager.) Everyone who attended agreed it was a very successful and enjoyable evening.

However, the league would also like to say "thankyou" to Keith Drysdale, our snack bar manager, who worked flat out to prepare a fantastic assortment of savories, sandwiches and diverse goodies. Well done Keith!

Yours faithfully,

J. GERAGHTY

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League President

important feature of Port - is extracted from the grape skins, which alone contain the colouring elements of the wine.

During the process of fermentation, which starts soon after treading begins, the young wine or 'mosto' is run off from the trough of 'lagar' into great vats and there mixed with a certain quantity of high-strength grape spirit which is the fortifying agent used. The result of this contact of the 'must' with the spirit is that the fermentation, which is itself a natural process by which the grape-sugar is turned into alcohol and carbonic acid gas, is stopped, and a certain percentage of the natural sweetness is retained in the wine.

During the winter following the vintage the wine is transported in Pipes (oak casks of about 115 gallons) from the Douro region to the Lodges or warehouses in Vila Nova de Gaia, the city opposite Oporto near the mouth of the river. This is usually done by train, but barcos rabelos, the picturesque sailing barges, which are specially designed to negotiate the bends and rapids of the river, are still in limited use for bringing the wine down to Vila Nova.

It is a curious anomaly that, although the wine derives its name from the city, there is no Port in Oporto, as by law it has to be stored in Vila Nova, and must be shipped to the outside world over the bar of the Douro at Oporto.

The following styles of port are seen in this country:

TAWNY PORT is matured in cask in Vila Nova. The wines are blends of different years to ensure their continuity of style and character and after several years in cask they assume a brownish or tawny colour to which they owe their name. They do nearly all their maturing in Portugal and are ready to drink shortly after clarification and bottling in this country. Harvey's Hunting Port is a good example of this style of wine, while the Directors' Bin is a supreme Tawny of great age.

RUBY PORT: Wine that is blended in a similar fashion to the Tawnies, but younger and therefore fuller bodied, more robust and deeper in colour. Harvey's Gold Cap is typical.

WHITE PORT: Made on the same lines as Tawny Port, but from white grapes, may be dry, medium or sweet.

VINTAGE PORT: In a year which has produced exceptionally fine wine the Shipper may decide to make a limited quantity of Vintage Port from the best of his wines of the vintage. These are blended together and kept in a cask in Oporto for about two or three years, before being shipped to England or other countries for bottling. The wine is then matured in bottle for ten years or more, during which time it throws a sediment known as 'crust'. For this reason, Vintage Port needs careful decanting. Vintage Port is sold under the name of the shipper (e.g. Cockburn, Martinez, etc.). Good recent vintages were 1963, 1960, 1958, 1955, 1954, 1950, 1948, 1947 and 1945.

LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE: A Port of vintage quality from a single year, which has been allowed to age in wood until it has softened considerably. Vintage year and bottling date will be shown on the label. Cockburn's do an excellent one.

CRUSTED PORT is usually a blend of the wines of several years. It is allowed to gain some maturity in wood before bottling, after which it throws a crust in the same way as Vintage Port, for which it is an excellent substitute. Like Vintage Port it needs decanting.

U.S.A. PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION TOUR

A summer-autumn tournament tour schedule with approximately \$750,000 in prize money was announced recently by officials of the Professional Bowlers' Association, making 1967 the busiest year yet for the nation's top professional bowlers.

First segment of the schedule will be a 15-city summer tour to run June through September. After a short break at that time, at least five or six tournaments will be built into the autumn tour leading up to the 8th annual \$70,000 PBA National Championship, which will be held December 3-9 at the New Madison Square Garden Centre in New York. Combined with the just-completed 13-city winter tour, the activity adds up to possibly 35 major tournaments for the entire year with total prize money in excess of \$1,500,000.

The summer tour will open officially in Seattle, Washington, where it has for the last three years, on June 7-11 and from there will wend its way south to California and then into Texas for three tournaments before heading into the Midwest.

There are three new sponsoring cities hosting PBA tournaments for the first time this summer, and three other former stops have returned to the tour.

The new stops are at Green Bay, Wisconsin, August 24-27; Omaha, Nebraska, for the \$30,500 Nebraska Centennial Open from September 1-4 and the \$27,500 Lubbock PBA Open in Lubbock, Texas from September 7-10.

As the nation's top professional bowlers prepare for this next tour, there is a close race in all departments for top honours. Dave Davis of Phoenix, Arizona is leading the money race with official earnings of \$29,070 while Jim Stefanich of Joliet Illinois, is second with \$28,075.

OHIO MAJOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT

Byron Toth, a 20 year old student at Cleveland State University, broke the ABC 10 game record when he totalled 2472 while qualifying for the Ohio Major Bowling Association Tournament at Youngstown.

In his first six games, Toth totalled 1534 which is the third best of all time (Billy Welu's 1568 is the tops) the last four games added up to 938. En route to his 1534 total, Toth finished his fourth game with six strikes, rolled a 300 game in the fifth and started the sixth game with nine strikes in a row to record 27 strikes on the trot. Even with this high scoring, in the earlier rounds, Toth could only finish in seventh place.

AMF CONTINUES TO PROFIT FROM BOWLING

"AMF has not altered the importance of bowling in its future planning and its bowling business continues to produce significant revenues and profits for the Company," states the 1966 annual report to American Machine and Foundry stockholders. In their report on 1966 operations, AMF Chairman Carter L. Burgess and President Rodney C. Gott, continue as follows "As emphasized last year, bowling's recovery continues to be affected by more competition from other sports and leisure opportunities, the growth of spectator events and the popularity of football on television, a drop in open and casual bowling which has not been offset by the annual rise in the popularity of sanctioned league bowling per bowling lane, and a constant need for improvement in the arts of management and promotion on the part of many bowling proprietors. We had good results from a number of our sales, promotion and proprietor development programmes in 1966. These along with other encouraging signs are indicating that lineage, the number of games bowled per lane per day, may be at the end of its decline."

The report stated that AMF sold a record total of more than 400,000 bowling balls during 1966. It also said that approximately 95 percent of all Pinspotter leases expired in 1966 were extended or renewed.

The Company reported 1966 profits of \$12.9 million, an eight percent gain over 1965. Per share earnings for 1966 were \$1.28, up from \$1.17 in 1965. Gross revenues in 1966 were \$417 million, eight percent higher than 1965. AMF management noted that bowling products and government work comprised 40 percent of the 1966 gross as compared to 63 percent in 1962. During the same period, total revenues from non-bowling recreational products and industrial products have grown from 37 percent to 60 percent of the total.

FROM THE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Gordon Smith on his promotion to Centre Manager at Harlow. Gordon joined the Company in November 1965, since when he has gained experience at Portsmouth, Hemel Hempstead, Edgware and Basildon.

Having completed his in-Centre training programme at Hounslow, Stevenage and Hemel Hempstead, Robin Nelson has been appointed Assistant Manager (Bowling) at Basildon, where he joins newly married Jim Grimwade. Jim is to be congratulated for what must surely rate as the best kept secret on the Ambassador circuit.

We extend a warm welcome to Roger Creamer and Roy Gibson at present undergoing management training at Stevenage and Hounslow respectively.

Mr. Woolley's Secretary, Sue Lawrence, has holiday plans that make most others seem like mere excursions. Sue is travelling to the lone star state of Texas for her annual vacation, which involves a round trip of some 12,000 miles.

NEWS AROUND HEAD OFFICE

Firstly, we would like to welcome to the staff, our telephonist Teresa Gallagher, who joined us on the day we moved into Her Majesty's Theatre. Teresa comes to us from Crown Life Insurance, where she was a junior clerk.

Well, we have moved. On the whole, everything went off very successfully, apart from the fact that Terry got all the stores meant for General Office, and consequently could not get into or out of her office for a day or so without embarking upon a massive great obstacle course. Everything was sorted out and put away (one of general office was heard to mumble that she had never seen so many muscles sprouting overnight), and peace reigned for a little while. Then it started. "I can't find my ..."
"Have you seen ...?" "Do we have any ..."
"My telephone doesn't work"
"Can we have someone up to change ...?" "Can we have ...?" "Can we have ..."
"Can we" etc. Poor Mr. Wormald, having been on holiday for the week prior to the move didn't know whether he was coming or going - and come to that neither did the rest of us.

Ron Stoten managed to lock himself in his office one night by pulling off the doorhandle from the inside - it was very fortunate that someone else was working late, otherwise he would have had to spend the night in the Theatre. However, he did manage to lock his fiancée in with him!

We are having a little trouble at coffee time. Of course at ATV House, there was a trolley from which we could buy coffee, but now we have to make it. It had been anticipated that when we moved into the Theatre, an automatic vending machine would be installed, but so far the thing has not materialised and since Terry was the only member of the staff who owned a kettle and kept it at the office, this is now used to make coffee for the whole firm. Unfortunately it is rather small.....

Another headache for Mr. Wormald has been the post, for as we have no post boy, by some means or other, it has to be got across to the post office. It was very amusing to see his face the other day, when Promotions

sent out not only the parcels containing the leaflets for the Bowler of the Year entry forms to the Centres, but also envelopes containing a poster and a supply of forms for all the bowling Centres in Great Britain including U.S.A.F. and R.A.F. Stations. Since we have no franking machine as yet, the petty cash used to buy stamps is disappearing at an alarming rate!

We have rather an old-fashioned lift, which has a tendency to get stuck between the third and fourth floor. So far every member of the staff has got stuck in it, and so have several visitors, but never for very long. We did hear the other day, that a member of the cast had been stuck in it for an hour and a half, but we also heard that she had a rather attractive male member of the cast stuck in it with her, so whether it was by accident or design is the doubtful point.

On the 28th June, the long awaited Secretaries' Conference took place. Some at Head Office had thought that it would never be held, so it goes to show that one can always be wrong. We have been asked to thank the whole of Head Office for a very pleasant day, and particularly to thank Mr. Miller and Mrs. Carey for the lunch which both looked and tasted beautiful.

BASILDON

Congratulations go to Centre Manager Jim Grimwade and Secretary Anna Kellas on their recent marriage. This came as a big surprise to the bowlers as Jim and Anna had cloaked their activities with great secrecy - but much to their amazement, the staff were well aware of the big day, probably due to the infamous "grape vine".

With Anna resigning, we welcome as our new Secretary, Mrs. Jean Miller who was formerly on the staff as Control Clerk, some six months ago. It seems that looking after a husband and four children and working a five day week is no problem to Jean, all we can say is she must have a highly organised household!

June saw yet another Southend Area Bowling Association Tournament, their first Annual Championships. The big performance of the day, much to the delight and surprise of bowlers and spectators, was by Billy Orr, eleven years of age, who rolled a 509 series scratch and with a big handicap, finished in second place in the Men's Handicap Section. Billy was interviewed and photographed by the local press and became, in the bowling world, Basildon personality of the week. The full results were as follows:

Men's Handicap Singles

1st B. Prince (Bas.) 692
2nd B. Orr (Bas.) 644
3rd P. Bennett (Sou.) 626

Ladies Handicap Singles

1st J. Stockwell (Sou.) 611
2nd D. Ainger (Bas.) 604

Men's Doubles

1st G. Curtis (Grays) 1243
R. Arris
2nd B. Prince (Bas.) 1238
L. Ramsey

Mixed Doubles

1st G. Hilditch (Bas.) 1164
E. Parnell (Sou.)
2nd L. Cook (Sou.) 1139
P. Mackenzie

Trios

1st P. Cootes)
 S. Butterfield) (Sou.) 1752
 R. Moss)

2nd W. Aingee)
 W. Clark) 1716
 J. Thom)

All Events Men

1st J. Thom (Grays) 1901
 2nd G. Hilditch (Bas.) 1854

Five Man Team

1st Grays 2855
 2nd Harp Lager (Bas.) 2841

All Events Ladies

1st P. Mackenzie (Sou) 1871
 2nd E. Parnell (Sou) 1712

Another Tournament that has been going for a month now and finished on the 25th was the 11th Frame Club Double Eliminations. In the first series of the finals, all the original winners lost, and consequently had to roll off another series to determine the Champions.

Men's Scratch G. Hilditch 578 series beat Dave Johnson 556 series

Men's Handicap M. Olley 581 series beat B. Waterfall 522 series (both with H'cap)

Women's Handicap M. Drury 556 series beat M. Pittman 542 series (both with H'cap)

As well as holding huge silver punch bowls for a year, winners received £25 and silver rose bowls. The runners-up prizes were for the Men £10 and a silver table cigarette cases, and ladies £10 and a silver cutlery set.

Basildon welcomes Junior Peter Wilkins into the Record Holders Club with his 246 High Game out of a 574 series bowled in a Centre Challenge Match against the Industrial League of Edgware.

Sunday the 18th saw a challenge match between 18 teams of the Friday Mixed Doubles League and 18 teams from Skimpot Bowl, Luton. In a happy-go-lucky atmosphere, Basildon won the match by some 1,200 pins. Assistant Manager Gordon Smith was roped in to make up the numbers but

unfortunately information on his fabulous series has been lost - says he!
After the match, Luton were compensated for their defeat by a magnificent high
tea prepared by Peggy Waterfall.

EDGWARE

Welcome back to Vince Ryan, Chief Mechanic, recently holidaying in Burnt Oak!

The extension to our licensed bar will be completed shortly, and available for buffets, prize presentations, etc. Bar patrons will now be assured of additional drinking space, and can virtually be guaranteed a seat.

Resulting from discussion at a recent League Secretaries meeting with the Centre Management, plans are being formulated for a visit to a Continental Bowling Centre. It is hoped that a challenge can be arranged against the local bowlers.

Our Promotion Department have advised of two Centres in Holland, most likely to accommodate an organised party. This event will probably take place in the autumn. Further details will be discussed at the next League Secretaries meeting in July. Would bowlers please advise their respective secretaries if a trip of this nature appeals.

Recently the Edgware Residents League held their presentation dance at the White Lion Hotel. Colin Fletcher and his Band provided the music for what turned out to be a most enjoyable evening. Thanks to British Railways, the trophies were sent to a goods siding in Aberdeen (it was discovered later) instead of to Birmingham, and the League would like to thank John Buckland for procuring some replacement trophies at fifteen minutes notice. Ted Gant, the League President, presented the "Presidents Cup" donated by himself, to the Stratfords. The Cup was duly filled and handed round. Photographs of Paul Woodall, who presented the remaining trophies, are available at 5/- each showing him with his head stuck in the

cup. The League would like to express its appreciation to Ralph Edwards and Ian Payne for organising and running the Event.

Edgware bowlers who sportingly entered in our Knock-out Tournament on Sunday the 25th June, enjoyed an evening of friendly competition. Surprise elimination of top favourites Dennis Deiches by June Budgeon, bowling to her current form, Mike Josephs defeating Gordon Hollier and Albe Hunt defeating Arthur Rumble, offered fine entertainment for the many spectators.

Congratulations to the eventual winner, Bev Bailey, who hails from Canada. Second, third and fourth places were earned by consistent bowling from Reg Price, Bill Pearce and Adrian Green respectively. The Tourney was voted a success by all entrants and a request made to Centre Manager Paul Woodall, who presented the prizes, for a similar tournament.

During this event a table lighter was presented to Dennis Deiches who had the distinction of achieving the High Game during the Ambassador Record Holders' Club Tournament held at Edgware recently. This lighter was presented with the compliments of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation.

HARLOW

Our J.Y.B.C. Club now has over 120 members and an average of 80 to 100 children attend each week. Mrs. C. Merryweather, the Secretary has put in a lot of time and has shown great enthusiasm from the start, along with all the other Instructors and helpers.

In moving from Basildon to 'fresh pastures', Mr. Roger Smith is now grazing at Harlow under the watchful eye of Mrs. M. McGill.

Once again, we welcome a new Bar Steward, Mr. D. Hale, to whom we extend a welcome.

We also welcome a new mechanic, Mr. Kenneth Worton, who has obtained his City and Guilds in engineering. He seems to be settling in well and we wish him every success in his new career with Ambassador Bowling.

The Catering Department is being kept busy providing buffets and dinners for various groups organised by the Harlow Urban District Council.

The L.A.B.A. Area Finals were held at this Centre on the 11th June and in the team event the Harlow Ambassadors took second place. This was a follow-up to the 6th position they obtained in the T.B.P.A. National Finals held at the Airport Bowl a fortnight previously. Great Bowling.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

Once again we open Hemel's chapter by offering congratulations to two more new members of the Record Holders' Club. First, our youngest member so far, fourteen year old Stephen Turnbull with a wonderful first game of 234 clinched the T.B.P.A. National Junior Handicap Finals at the Airport Bowl. We are particularly pleased with his performance, for Stephen is a 100% product of our Junior Youth Bowling Club, and by winning this title, not only was it a grand personal achievement, but credit also to the Instructors of the J.Y.B.C. who have assisted and coached him.

Our second new member is George Cass, who, rolling in the Industrial League beat Peter Bennett's long standing High Game record of 276 by 3 pins. George spared the first frame, rolled 9 strikes, then a single pin after a 'wobbler' refused to fall and George had to be satisfied with a spare for his tenth frame bonus, giving him a total of 279. George now joins his wife Dorothy who holds the Ladies High Series Record of 656, on our Record Holders Honours board.

I noted that in the last issue of the Newsletter, my fellow Manager George Mackey was drawing attention to his centre's "Morals". I suggest that any other bowlers accepting challenge matches against George and Paul Lane take along a Chartered Accountant, for judging by the additions printed of the third game and Paul Lane's total they will need one. Yes George, it is surprising "what some people will do for tea"!

This time of the year is always a busy one for the League Officials and judging by the number of trophies that have been arriving at the Centre recently, they have been busier than usual. We - the Management at the Centre - would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our League Officials for their efforts. The strength of any bowling centre's league programme depends of the quality of the officials, and we believe that Hemel's league programme, for the size of our town, is one of the finest in the country, and that goes for

our officials as well.

The arrival of trophies means that they have to be presented, and leagues have their various ways of doing this. The Knights of King Harry decided this year to hold their presentation night in the Centre, and what a wonderful evening it turned out to be. The Concourse was bedecked with trophies, prizes, (over 50), to be won during the evening, and the Catering Department's glorious buffet, it was certainly a sight to behold. With novelty bowling from "Leave 'em Standing" to moonlight Red Head Pins, and a Sports Quiz that the Manager would have wagered no team would get correct, but was proved wrong, the evening went swingingly from start to finish.

Another swinging occasion was the Industrial League's annual presentation and dance, and once again they were honoured with the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress to make the presentations, again a wonderful evening, with everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves.

It is with our very best wishes, both from the staff and customers that we reluctantly say farewell to our popular Bar Manager Fred Wilson, on June 17th. Fred has left us to take up a post with the internal audit of A.T.V. Network Ltd., and we wish him every success. Taking over from him is Charles Blake whom we are sure will keep up the popularity of our bar at Hemel. Charles has many years' experience in the Club trade, and has quickly settled into the environment of a Bowling Centre Bar.

Centre Secretary, Dot McCallion, carefully nurturing back to strength a rather bedraggled fledgling sparrow, rescued from the roof by the repairers, placed the wee birdie in a cardboard box.

The said birdie, having regained his strength and wishing to try his wings again, burst forth from the box. He, (we cannot be quite sure on this point), with renewed confidence in his refound ability, completed a circuit of the lanes, hotly pursued by mechanic Peter Cook, who had paused just long enough to grab the box, calling "Here tweety, tweety". Peter tried all methods to try and coax the creature into the box, and even out of the widely opened double doors, but came back to report that it was sitting on the table of lane 11 poking its tongue out at him!

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IPSWICH

STOP PRESS: Congratulations Yankee Terrors for your National High 703 Trios Game. Dick Smith 237, Jack Wessels 233, Truman Nicholas 233. Bowled in East Anglian Scratch Trios League.

Dear Bowler,

It is my intention to select each month an Ipswich Bowling Personality. A number of persons will deserve mention each month, and many have been considered for this month's selection. For this I am thankful as the assistance given to me during my short time at Ipswich has been most generous.

Of all those considered, and I must state now that these were large in numbers, I have selected:

IPSWICH BOWLING PERSONALITY FOR JULY 1967

Congratulations Terry Heal,

Your coverage of the Centre in your newspaper reports is first-class, and many times you have given credit to others when those same people must have felt that you deserve the credit yourself.

This time you have got it. Disappointment, success, fair and adverse comment as well as topics of conversation have all been covered in your articles which we all know take up a great deal of your spare time, which again is comment that you spend more than your fair share of spare time in the Centre pushing and probing for news. Credit must also go to Sandra your wife for bearing with us, although attempting to read her thoughts, one feels that she enjoys the Centre life and atmosphere just as much as you do, which is all to our benefit.

Many people, not all bowlers, will I am sure, join with me in thinking that you must be the choice for the first of the Ipswich Bowling Personalities, as not only do we read your thoughts through your articles every week, we also know that both you and your wife spend a great deal of time with the organisation of the league programme in the Centre.

Many things can be said, and many things will be left unsaid, but from me personally Terry, very many thanks.

Stan Adams,

One of the many successes at Ipswich in recent months has been the progress made by the Saturday morning JYBC. Now more than 60 youngsters literally wait for the doors to open each Saturday morning and by 10.15 a.m. after a 'Good Morning' from the organiser, Ken Russell, the lanes are a hive of activity. The enthusiasm has to be seen to be believed, and thanks to correct and persistent coaching, the averages are going up and up. Whereas when they started, the youngsters were content with hitting the pins, they are now looking eagerly for big games each week and these are by no means in short supply.

Two leagues are currently in progress, with Ken Russell on the lanes, ably assisted by Brian Skelt and Ray Morgan, while Mrs. Sandra Heal does the secretarial work. A special thankyou to Ray who is one of our American visitors based nearby and who has wholeheartedly joined in the fun of keeping the Ipswich JYBC on the map. One good point about the Club is that all League Bowling is on a scratch basis (taking a tip from the grown-ups) and the youngsters, no matter how good, or how bad, know that they have to fight to get to the top. An example of their enthusiasm was that there was a team from the JYBC entered into the Bowler of the Year Trios Event who by no means disgraced themselves, although not winning honours.

A hint for other JYBC Centres. Ray Morgan has introduced the American idea of a 'beat the coach' session at the end of the league. The youngsters bowl an additional game against Ray and if they can beat him are awarded 'I beat my Coach' certificates which he has specially made. After a few weeks of supremacy it is sad to relate that Ray is what is commonly known as 'catching a cold'. With this sort of opposition let us hope that his certificates are in good supply.

Ipswich are always on the lookout for interesting Tournaments, and Saturday June the 17th was no exception when the Ipswich Schools received six teams from Birmingham in a challenge, and emerged winners on overall average pinfall.

Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon, schools visit the Centre as part of their curriculum and it was from the success of these afternoon sessions that the Challenge developed, with the result that the idea for the Ipswich Inter Schools Competition was born, and will be taking place shortly. This is only the prelude to an area and National Inter Schools Tournament.

One quiet morning in the middle of June,
The fire-engine's bell gave out a great boom,
People scattered and cars made way
Unaware that this was a practice day.

Outside the bowl the fire brigade stopped,
Inside the bowl the Cleaners' mouths dropped;
"Where Oh Where is the fire" they cried,
"Can't you see it" one of them lied.

All were ready and willing to help,
When someone, somewhere shouted "Help",
"The fire engine's water has just run out
Will one of the cleaners bring some out?"

Alice ran out, a pail in her hand,
"Here's yer wata, I erd yer demand"
Poor Alice stood as everyone laughed,
Then slowly said "I don't arf feel daft"!

It is so easy to write items for the newsletter, but it is not quite so easy to write items which are of interest to a great many of you. Remember that this is a newsletter for you, so why not contact me with a view to putting exactly what you want into the Centre space, whenever you feel like it, or if you so desire, every month? If you have done something worthwhile which you think should be printed, either while you are in the Centre or while you are elsewhere, let us know or better still let us have a short story of your item.

A certain person who shall be nameless
Entered the Centre feeling aimless,
Seeing his friends gathered around
He strolled along and happiness found.

The group of friends so over-worked
Joined in a game where frivolity lurked;
Seeing no harm in their game at all
They gaily continued their game of football.

"Slack fitting shoes were never a win"
Sighed our friend as his shoe went up in a spin;
Carried up with excitement the shoe went on
Escaped and free, 'til at last it was gone.

The friends stood aghast and stared at the hole,
Then one by one they started to roll,
Laughter echoed throughout the centre;
Then, they realized, they'd better take shelter.

A missing shoe, a hole in the roof
What more did the Manager need for proof?
The friends all knew what would happen now,
Executed, banned, or maybe a row?

Nevertheless they all rallied round
And down at the back the mechanic they found,
They all marched up, a long ladder in hand,
On which their friend, alas, would stand.

Up through the ceiling our friend disappeared
Whilst his friends kept watch for the man they feared;
Grasping the shoe with glee he jumped down,
To be met by 'The Man' - on his face a frown.

Today is Friday, it's hot and it's sunny,
To the Manager the incident appeared quite funny.
Now the shoe is back, the hole is fixed,
But business and pleasure should ne'er be mixed.

MORAL:

PORTSMOUTH

'Be there a heaven here on earth, it is this, it is this.'

One of the most important functions of bowling management must be the dedicated promotion of human welfare, and particularly that of all the boys and girls in our particular neighbourhood. A blind insistence on adherence to man made rules and regulations will by no means achieve our main aim of greater participation by these youngsters. Tenpin bowling should be looked upon as an essential medium, based exclusively on qualitative character in our own organisation, through which to educate socially, morally, and recreationally the people in our midst. Our own characters must of course be such as to attract and inspire others into our web of true conviviality under the banner of Ambassador. I would earnestly advocate an immediate simplification of life by reducing the number of its interests so that time can be secured for family companionship. Let some ingenuity and expense be devoted to devising ways and means of involving both parents and children in our game in a big way. We live in a period of increasing incomes for the masses, as well as increasing fortunes for the wealthy. The effect upon the family is direct and immediate. The spirit of self-indulgence is encouraged and the simple pleasures of life such as bowling, are forgotten, if not despised. The family spirit must be revived, and this is where we in bowling have such a wonderful opportunity to lead, given character, quality and self-motivation in management. In the large cities, the boy or girl has less contact with nature, less opportunity for wholesome play. The multiplicity of interests and distractions incident to modern life, particularly in cities is of moment to the problem of maintaining normal family life. The young behold evil constantly, they see it tolerated and taken for granted. In such a situation, the problem of preserving nervous balance, wholesome simplicity and close family fellowship becomes very serious. The solution lies considerably in our hands, bearing in mind always our vocation which is to help create and build up in youngsters the right character. Our desire to do this is not an invention, but an inspiration.

Bowling is an ever-increasing popular sport, especially with our students. Highbury Technical College have just completed their first short, but successful season. This league consists of twenty doubles teams, consisting of 'Guys and Dolls'. During the latter part of the season exams interfered with the league programme somewhat, but the league was brought to a happy and successful conclusion. The high game of 214 was rolled by Chau Assakul, who also rolled the high series of 548. The team prize was won by the Big Wheels (Secretary Chris Grieve and Sue Williams), and Chau Assakul and Andy Murfin shared high average with 155. Chris Grieve hopes that next season will be an even greater success with increased support.

An American couple celebrated their 70th birthday this month on our lanes, by rolling six games each, and loving it. Hailing from Kentucky they took up bowling only five years ago. The reason for their rather late start is that the lady in question had been crippled for many years by arthritis. She informed us that almost certainly thanks to bowling, she is now cured and able to enjoy life for the first time.

Travel note - our Major league travels to Hounslow on Sunday 2nd July for a long-standing engagement. Pete Symmons has asked me to warn these Londoners to prepare themselves for a real battle.

Popular and highly efficient Brenda Gilbert, Secretary of the Rebel Ladies League, leaves this month for Greenock and the Clyde, and the least that can be said about this emigration is that she will be sadly missed by everyone here, though the new bowl at Greenock are going to prosper by her presence there.

As the World Championships will be taking place shortly in Sweden, we thought it might be a good idea to make contact with the particular Centre in Malmo, pay our respects and fix up a match. So we sent one of our more experienced travellers, nomadic Collin Deller, to call upon them - which he has done, and now plans are well advanced for a Portsmouth/Malmo match on a home and away basis. Full details next month.

Well, popular George Neeve has come and gone once again. In addition to his being one of the more interesting conversationalists over a pint of beer, it is undoubtedly true that during each visit he devotes a certain amount of time to our lanes. It is equally true to say that he is a veritable mine of information, and knows lanes backwards. Come back soon, lad.

Just a reminder at this stage to all our League Secretaries. Our Meeting will take place on the last Sunday of each month, until further notice, at 7.00 p.m.

Our Club Bar Tournament took place as planned on Sunday the 11th June, and it was a huge success. It was organised as a Summer Singles Scratch competition, and was divided into seven sections, the winners being as follows:

Section 1	Men up to 140 Average	A. Ash	453
Section 2	Men 141 to 160 average	N. Boxall	556
Section 3	Men 161 and over	J. Coward	568
Section 4	Men holding no league average	G. Gilbert	461
Section 5	Women 141 average and over	B. Gilbert	546

Each winner received seven pints of Whitbread Playtime, a Watney's Table Lamp, six Watney's Pale Ales, a bottle of Club Orange, 40 Rothman's Cigarettes and three free games. All the runners-up were also rather well served, and all in all, yet another successful competition lay behind us.

Last but by no means least: Our Seal's (Television) Ltd., "TOP TWENTY" Month. This promotion started on Monday 19th June and will continue until Friday 14th July. Already after our first week we can fairly claim huge successes. Almost 250 people have entered so far, and our first weekly major prize has been won. This was a beautiful Tape Recorder, valued at £24. 3. 0. together with 200 Rothman's Cigarettes. And the lucky winner? A Leading Seaman from H.M.S. Aisne, called WHISKY HAIG. Yes, truth is certainly stranger than fiction, and cross my heart, that's his name.

Many thanks to my other Centre Manager friends for their co-operation in mailing their scores to me. The winning mystery score by the way, was 162. Within the Centre, and remaining for a month, is a really excellent display by Seals of their television sets, refrigerators, washing machines, radios, etc. The great interest created by all this go-go-go in the district is heartening. In fact Mitch Currie has decided to continue until at least next June, a programme of similar promotions, with no break if possible between each. It is interesting to record, incidentally, that some kind of record must have been broken, revenue-wise, in that every single "takings" figure in the Centre throughout the first week of "Top Twenty" is an increase on the corresponding figures of the previous week. An increase of 36 figures out of 36. A start.

STEVENAGE

On the 24th June a Challenge match was played between the Stevenage Corps of Instructors, and "Mick's Roses" from Cambridge. The line-up from Stevenage comprised Mick Bostic, Rodger Brentnall, Fred Bell, Bill Roberts and anchor man Bob Endersby. Stevenage forged ahead during the first game, and lead by 134 pins. However, they were not having it all their own way, and Cambridge fought back to take the second game 912 to 826. This 86 pin win reduced Stevenage's overall lead to only 48 pins - it was obvious to all that the last game was going to be tough. Cambridge anchor-man, Paul Ware-Lane bowled extremely well and finished with a 251 game, but luckily for Stevenage, their own anchor-man, Bob Endersby bowled magnificently, slamming in strike after strike, to finish with 252. Bob certainly was the star of the Stevenage side, finishing with a 574 series. The final result of the match was Stevenage 2559 pins against Cambridge 2482, and the first win for the Stevenage Corps of Instructors.

In the Town Centre League, Ambassador "A", having lost the first two games to the Hawkes, excelled themselves in the third. They pulled out the stops and recorded the highest scratch team game this season with 604 pins. Unquestionably the deciding factor was Bob Endersby's third game of 231.

The Landregis League have now reached the half-way point in their schedule and with only four points separating the first seven places, the top position is still wide open.

At last, a change of place in the No.1 spot in the Lansdowne League, after the position night last Monday.

The Kings, despite Bob Endersby's magnificent 246 game and 634 series, went down to the All Stars, 3 points to 1, leaving the All Stars in top position in the League. Brent's Devils got badly mauled by the Taromax team who beat them resoundingly 3 - 1. Despite this loss Brent's Devils still remain in 3rd place, with Taromax following them in 4th position.

A Detective Inspector severely thrashed a Police Constable, but there will be no court of enquiry, for this happened in the Police 999 League when Detective Inspector O'Reilly beat the League Secretary, Police Constable Dawson by 543 pins to 422. It is rumoured that P.C. Dawson is taking special private lessons in time for their return match!

Entries for the Ambassador Bowler of the Year Doubles Tournament are now rolling in, but there is still time for many more teams to enter. Looking through the entry list, I was amused at some of the team names chosen by bowlers. With names such as the Chipmunks, the Gutter Dusters, and the Mini-sockers, one realises that teams are really entering into the spirit of the Tournament.

Who will win is anybody's guess, particularly as this is a handicapped Tournament, but I strongly tip the Mirabob's and the Banzai for a placing. If Mick Bostic and Bob Endersby, who comprise the Mirabobs, hit form, then they will prove formidable opponents.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Since the last Newsletter, two Bowling Centres in the West Midlands, the Hawthorns at West Bromwich and Villa Park at Aston, have unfortunately been closed. I say unfortunately for, although their closures should mean extra business for us at Wolverhampton, no-one really interested in bowling likes to see a Centre close and there must of course be many now lost to bowling as a sport forever.

Three West Bromwich Leagues have come to Wolverhampton to complete their seasons, the M.E.B., the Crown and the Sealadair, and we sincerely hope to see them playing here next season. The Sealadair in particular showed us some of the finest league play every seen at Wolverhampton, with ten or eleven 200 games, and that before the resurfacing! I can see the Record Holders' Club getting quite a few new members next season.

One of our Catering staff, Kathy Faulkner, bowled a 171 the other day. Nothing remarkable about that, you might think, but normally she has trouble breaking the ton. As well, that same day, she had broken her glasses and the pins were little more than a blur. When interviewed for the Newsletter and asked for the secret of her success, Mrs. Faulkner replied that once you got the habit of bowling over the arrows (which she didn't know previously had existed) everything was easy.

Advertisement seen in the local newspaper, "New Elizabethan Tape Recorder. Usual price 23½ gns. Our price 27 gns." With businessmen like this, how can we fail in the Common Market?

From Sunday 25th June, our scarred and battered lanes are being resurfaced. It'll be very nice to bowl on absolutely level lanes, but nevertheless I think we shall miss having that little extra something to fight against, that element of doubt as the ball swings from one side of the lane to the other and back again. I suppose the origins of the pet names we have for certain lanes will be lost forever, like lane 11 "The St. Gothard Pass", Lane 15 "The Pennines" and not forgetting of course, lane 10 for the wonderful tramlines it had "The Blackpool Prom". Perhaps people will once again refer to us as the Bowling Centre instead of the Crazy Golf Course!
