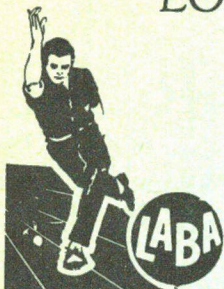


# LONDON AREA BOWLING ASSOCIATION of the B.T.B.A.

Incorporating the Counties of

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May we at this time take the opportunity, on behalf of all Members of the London Area Executive, wish you all good cheer and happiness over the Christmas, and some good Bowling in the year 1971.

Membership in the Area has soared over our expectations and by the signs of Leagues coming in for sanctioning we anticipate a really bumper year.

We wish to extend our good wishes and a good luck message to the Bowlers in the Berks and Bucks Area who have decided to have another go at running their own County Association. For the past two seasons they have operated under the London 'Umbrella'

The new year will see the distribution of the 1969/70 LABA Year Book, which is now receiving its final touches in preparation of going to Press.

The Blue Riband Tournament will have completed its qualifying rounds by the time this edition hits the Centres, a record entry has been shown, we are only sorry that we could not hold this Xmas edition up long enough to cover the results of the final.

## ENTRIES CLOSE 9th JANUARY

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AT WEMBLEY

## NOVEMBER DOUBLES

In the sixth Wembley November Doubles rolled on November 13th-15th JAN ROZE and CHRIS PETTY won the Mens division with a score of 2022 over the five games, beating BOB ELSE and BOB HORNSTEIN, American Servicemen from SHAPE by five pins. The Ladies division was won by JANE VIROT and MARGE ILAS with 1862, with the PAULINE THOMPSON/ENA GRANT combo only ten pins behind, and PAULINE THOMPSON came second in the Mixed Division this time partnered by NED ELLIS losing to ENA GRANT, partnered by BERNIE CATERER.

This was the first time in the event that more than one score of over 2000 was put up in the Men's Division. The two bowlers from the Brunswick Jets, CHRIS PETTY and JAN ROSE rolled on Saturday evening. They started well and by the fourth game a number of spectators felt there might be a 2100 in the offing. Jan rolled 1042 and Chris' score of 980 was very good, especially considering he had spent the majority of the previous week in bed with shingles. In the Ladies Event JANE VIROT, a bowler who we have said before needs watching, with MARGE ILAS, whose husband is serving in London with the U.S. Navy went way out in front when they beat the then leaders, WYN COLLISON and KIM WHEELER by nearly 90 pins. ENA GRANT and BERNIE CATERER did not start too well in the Mixed, their first game was 352 but they followed that with a 401, 371, 433 (Bernie 243, Ena 190) and 371.

In the Junior Division, there with only 13 entries. Here is an event where possibly the sanctioning hurt the entry. Wembley are trying to remedy this with a junior event at the end of November. There was some excellent bowling, R. MARSHALL and P. TAYLOR (Sheffield) won with a 1746 while S. LEAVER of Bristol was the best individual bowler with a 927 (185 average).

PAULINE THOMPSON and BOB ELSE were the top individual bowlers. Pauline averaged 192 (947 and 975) while Bob achieved a 208 (1059 and 1021). Without faking any credit from Pauline, Else performance is all the more outstanding when the story is told that after bowling 1059 in the Mixed he lost his ball bag, and shoes, overnight, KEITH HALE, the resident ball driller and proprietor of the pro-shop, drilled him a new one. Then with a ball that he had never used before and in borrowed shoes, he went down on the lanes and bowled 1021.

This was the first time in the history of the event that the tournament had been sanctioned, not only by the BTBA but also by the FIQ. It was the biggest entry in the history of the event, the first prize in the men's event was £145 and the first time that such a large contingent of bowlers from European countries, Belgium and Ireland. A large amount of credit for the sanctioning of the event must go to the London Area who assisted for years in the organisation of the November Doubles even though it was not a sanctioned tournament. Credit for the visitors from abroad must go to some extent to the BTBA for having the event included on the International calendar.

Everyone contributed to make this yet another successful Wembley Tournament.

## DOUBLE DIAMOND

After cancelling the Double Elimination and substituting a Multiple participation format ABC Nth Harrow saw some of the finest bowling that has been rolled in this country.

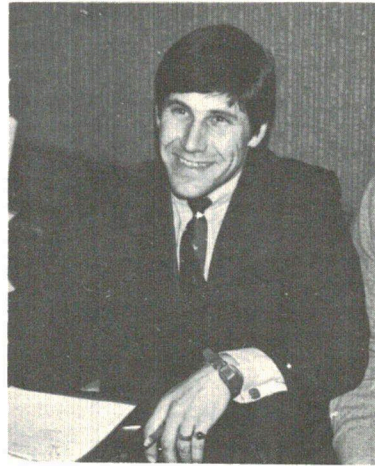
The early rounds were proof that the Bowlers had not 'Only come for the Beer'. In the second squad on Saturday afternoon, BOBBY MANSFIELD set the tone of the scoring with a 288 game in a 711 series. The 700 barrier was to be broken no less than 4 times, the other three being rolled by CHRIS BUCK, TOMMY MARSHALL and JOHN MITCHELL. The climax to the Tourney came on the Sunday afternoon when CHRIS BUCK and his partner BERNIE CATERER rolled a 1356 total, a score that although threatened was to remain at the top of the scratch division.

Top 3 Scratch:  
 C. BUCK/B. CATERER.. £65  
 D. SMITH/D. WILKINS.. £31  
 R. ARTIS/D. STAPLES.. £20

Top 3 H/Cap:  
 G. LIDD IARD/T. MARSHALL £64  
 S. POND/J. WYNHAM.. £30  
 N. GLOVER/A. WEALL.. £20

It is with the deepest regret that we have to report the passing of the longest serving member of our Executive Committee.

With the death of DEREK DRINKWATER on Sunday morning 15th November from a liver cancer, the London Area has lost a staunch worker, bowling friend and personality.



Derek who was only 36 years of age, started in the Bowling World in 1960 as Assistant Manager at the USAF Base at Teddington. When the base closed down he went to Wembley Stadium Bowl and then on to Hemel Hempstead as Manager. Followed this with a spell at Basildon and Greenways Bowl, Luton.

He joined the London Area Executive in 1961 and served for a considerable time as Chairman of the Tournament Committee and was the Executive Teams' first Chairman when the 'New Look' image was set up in 1968, with a 'Figure Head' President, and a working Chairman.

Our deepest sympathy is with his young wife 'Mims' to whom he had been married 8 years, and the two children, a daughter, Carla, who will be 7 in January, and a son, Reece, aged 4.

Derek will always be remembered by Bowlers throughout the country and by many overseas, as long as Tenpin is played, as one who dedicated all of his spare time to assist in making it possible for other people to enjoy their sport. Made apparent by the many floral tributes from all over the country from Bowling Centres, top and ordinary teams, and just individual Bowlers, sent to Kingston Crematorium where so many of his friends gathered together with his bereaved relatives to say 'Good-Bye Derek'.

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I would like to thank all of Derek's friends in the Bowling World for the kindness and consideration at this time of our bereavement, which I know you all share with me. Words are inadequate to express my thanks for the floral tributes and all you have done for my children and myself.

'MIMS' DRINKWATER.

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## B.T.B.A. A.G.M.

The National A.G.M. held at the Cora Hotel, London, on Sunday 29th November, turned out to be -- a happy, cosy, thanks-all-round, social affair, informative and quite well attended from all parts of the country.

The Chairman spoke of the great step forward that had been made with the Government recognition of our sport, and paid tribute to both Morris Glazer and Teddy Tinling in the parts they had played to that end. The Great Britain Ladies Teams had done a wonderful job as ambassadors for our country. He praised the Executive Committee that the National Council had set up to run the every day affairs of the Association expediently and economically, through them the now close alliance between the Proprietors and the Players Association had been formulated.

He announced that the next AGM would be in July 71, prior to the World Championships, and that a full National Council Meeting would be called in February.

A short report followed from the Treasurer, who received the Meeting's approval of his Balance Sheet. Teddy Tinling then filled in the gaps left by the Chairman on International Tournaments. He called for Members support for Dave Pond and Jess Morley, and hoped that Members would do their best to assist them in making themselves worthy of selection to go back and defend their World Titles in Millwalki. He thanked the proprietors for their help and assistance, especially for practice facilities made available for International Bowlers.

The General Secretary reported on last years 7000 Membership, and stated that considering the closures that had taken place in the last year, good progress had been made with bringing the Association back on its feet. He reported the pleasing state of the increase in Sanctioned Tournaments, and the almost 100% Certification Programme of the Association. He called upon all Members to concentrate on bringing new people into the Sport of TenPin.

A new issue Rule Book is now being circulated. He received support from the Meeting to review the Awards Programme in the light of present day finance. He gave glowing report on the hopes of a great 10th Anniversary National Championships at Worthing and the provisional arrangements promised by Ambassador Bowling for its success.

He again reported later on F.I.Q. matters, in an address to the Meeting, reminded everyone that 'The eyes of Europe were at this time on British Bowlers, Europeans were becoming more and more envious of our Champions, and our accumulation of Gold Medals, -- he appealed -- 'make sure we are worthy of their envy'. Announcing arrangements for the World Championships, he stated that he hoped he would receive good support for the package trip of two weeks from 15th to 30th August at an all in price of £155, that he had arranged for anyone wanting to go, --- the trip cannot be advertised outside of our own Members, and any Member who has held a Membership Card for six months may take advantage of a Stateside trip at this realistic figure.

The Meeting approved a proposition that scores of Juniors belonging to the Y.B.C. would receive recognition by the Association, and hoped that it would encourage Juniors to become BTBA Members and take advantage of the Award Scheme and Services that the reasonable Membership Fee would give them.

George Lord of Humber Bowling was invited by the Chairman to address the Meeting, and he took the opportunity to endorse the Executives Officers reports and hopes for the future, and in plain down to earth terms called for a united forward invasion into the future of the Bowling Industry. With further votes of thanks the 1970 Annual General Meeting closed with 2½ hours of its start.

MALLORY CHARGERS American born sponsor and Captain, JOHN SNYDER is recovering from a gall stone operation in the Nuffield Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, and looks like being out of bowling for a couple of months. We look forward to having you back on the lanes John as soon as you are fit again, in the mean time take good care of yourself and get well.



**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL BOWLERS**  
**and a prosperous New Year at the**  
**1971 ABC Tournaments**

**H.T.B.A. TRIOS TOURNAMENT**

**ABC Bowl Hanley**

**Sunday 17th January**

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**Min. Prize Fund £160**

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**NEWS FROM THE STATES**

In the PBA ranks they are thinking of renaming the month of November, "DAVE SOUTAR'S BENEFIT", as the Gilroy, Calif. Pro bowler, wrapped up three of the four Tour stop titles and was only beaten in the final game from making it a clean sweep.

SOUTAR'S incredible streak started when he won the Bellows Valvair Open in St. Louis, by 2 pins from NELSON BURTON Jnr. although it is worth noting that Burton broke JIM STEFANICH'S year old 40 game PBA record with a 9,462 tally (236.3 average). SOUTAR then continued a week later with a victory at Lincoln, Neb. Then came his only failure in the Lincoln Mercury open at Oklahoma City, losing in the Final game.

Then just to wrap up the November titles he swept through the field to win the American Airlines Open in Detroit, Mich., starting from a 5th place at the beginning of match play, trailing DAVE DAVIS by more than 300 pins, but SOUTAR astounded the packed crowds by winning his first nine games in the afternoon and taking over 1st place. Then he won four more at night before losing to TOMMY TUTTLE and the position round game to DAVIS, but by that time it was all over because SOUTAR'S lead was insurmountable.

SOUTAR now lies second in the many winners list with tournament winnings of \$46,419 behind MIKE McGRATH \$51,149.

**FORMER MISS AMERICA TRAVELS FOR TENPINS**

A former Miss America, Sharon Kay Ritchie, is conducting a nationwide tour publicizing tenpins this fall as one of the promotions sponsored by the National Bowling Council during the 1970-71 season.

Dubbed "bowling's travelling girl", Miss Ritchie is visiting 20 major cities to tell about "Bowl-A-Shape", a program of conditioning with a bowling ball off and on the lanes.

Miss Ritchie, who won her Miss America crown in 1956, is appearing on television and radio variety and "talk" shows and being featured in newspaper articles. During her presentations, the attractive brunette discusses her own enjoyment of bowling as a pleasant exercise and perfect family sport. She also illustrates "Bowl-A-Shape", to show how a bowling ball can be used in a regular exercise program at home to supplement regular bowling on the lanes.

## AROUND THE LONDON CENTRES



### TOLWORTH

JIM GREASY, secretary of the SURREY COMET League, seems to be the only Secretary on the Centre who is prepared to send us any news about Tolworth Bowlers. His League has just completed its first quarter, and the top spot is held at that stage by the EAGLES, with CHESTER-PERRY, RICHMOND RACEWAY and INCREDIBLES in pursuit.

During this period four teams have held the league leadership and with only eight points separating the top eight teams, and 8 points at stake at each meeting the leadership looks likely to change hands a few more times in the coming weeks.

Male h.average is held by BOB RANCE, with 193. and FRED REED (656) and JOHN HUGHES (263) have the High series and H.game spots buttoned up at this stage.

The Ladies h.average of 162 is held by JAN SHIPP, with BETTY STAPLEHURST and DENISE SMITH holding the h.series of 555 and h.game of 221, respectively. Centre news is the wonderful response from Tolworth bowlers for the qualifying round of the L.A.B.A. Blue Ribband Classified Tournament, where 29 bowlers entered the Bantam Section, 29 in the Standard, 17 in the Major and 19 in the Supreme, making a grand total of 95 in all for the tournament.



### HODDESDON

The ACE SINGLES a late night Tuesday League, has just finished and was won by BILLY BULLOCK finishing with an average of 183.

TOMMY OWEN gave Billy a great fight and rolled the high game of 266 with KEN CURTIS taking the high series with 653.

Billie we understand has now joined the Merchant Navy and is off to South Africa on his first trip, we wish him well and every success in his new venture, and we are sure he will be much missed at Corkwood especially by the JEMS. Tower Centre 5-man Team Lg. went to the Part-timers,

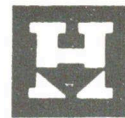
with Groundhogs second and Hillbillies third. JIM WEBB took the high game and Series with 253 and 633, and Janet DELDRIDGE not letting the Ladies down with a 220 high game.

In the TURNFORD DOUBLES the Groundhogs had their revenge beating the Part-timers for first place, with the Invaders third. Here JOHN ALLISON rolled the High game and Set 244 and 587.

Again the Groundhogs excelled themselves by also taking the Friday Late Trios with Centaurs and the Deadbeats trailing, the question now is, What is a 'Groundhog'.

Congratulations to IRIS YOUNG who made history in the Teddy Tinling Doubles by becoming the first to roll a 600 series in this league, a 608 incl. a 234 game. Well done Iris!

We also congratulate ISSY (Dotty) PEARSON when on her recent visit to CRAWLEY she became Queen of the Hill for a Short Glorious Reign



### CRAWLEY

Welcome to two sanctioned leagues on this Centre, one a completely new league, the other an established one, for many seasons. First the new one the PARAMOUNT CLASSIC which rolls Monday evenings and includes teams from Worthing and Tolworth as well as those of Crawley, this is a Scratch Trios League with a Prize Fund of £450. Secretary LES HOPKINS has made every effort to make this the No. 1 League in the Centre, and the bowlers are responding accordingly with good bowling, at the time of going to press the SHED from Tolworth have taken the high spot for game and series 3 times in successive weeks, score on the board at the moment reads 674 and 1849, the Ind. H.game held by PAY NEWBERRY with 267 and PETER HERNE with a second spot of 253, and John SNYDER and VIC BAKER share 3rd with 245. Series-wise, Centre Pin-up-boy VIC BAKER holds on to his 682 despite P. NEWBERRY's 668 and junior DAVE Foord 645, with no less than 75% of the teams being sponsored this league is quoted as being able to hold its own anywhere. The second League is the well established one of THE DIAMOND and League Secretary P. DOLLAN is making a great effort to make this another good league, first week saw Dollan himself roll a 250 game including 7 in a row, with these sort of scores, Crawley is certainly beginning to come to life.



## HOUNSLOW

As we go to press, comes the news that GEORGE MACKAY is back again in Ward C1 of the Ashford Hospital, for an operation to remove a kidney. George expects to be out in about two weeks time feeling much fitter. At the moment he is getting quite spoilt, being a favourite in the hospital with his own room and telly, and visiting hours getting somewhat stretched!! He and ERIC PERKINS have been playing musical chairs with that particular bed, when one goes in the other comes out, it is Eric's turn now to be out, and he is looking a lot better after this last spell. We all hope that they both will soon be fit and well and turn their backs for good on hospitals. In the Blue Ribband Qualifier on 22nd Nov. T. BALDWIN (527), P. HINTON (500) and A. COUCH (500) are the three to go through to the finals at North Harrow for the Supreme Section.

December 5th will see the Ambassador Record Holders Club Tourney, at which an invitation has been extended to the current short list of the Great Britain World Cup Team, so some good bowling should be on view.

TERRY SIMMONS in the METROPOLITAN League, hit nine in a row on the way to a 'perfect' he then hit light leaving the 'Bucket' which he spared and finished with a further seven to make a 274 game. Christmas week has a host of events at the Centre, starting with the Grand Final of the Adult Turkey Shoot on the 20th. The youngsters get an 'Open' chicken shoot. For Christmas Week itself excluding Xmas Day when the Bowl is closed, the Open Mystery Doubles Tournament with holidays to Paris and Amsterdam being offered as prizes.



## WORTHING

The 16 x 4 REGAL League, after 12 weeks of the Winter Season, shows the SOUTHERN SENATORS 'A' team with a 12 point lead. A good start for the League records was made by CLIFF BURCHELL rolling a 634 series and GORDON RATLEY a 245 H. Game, both of which have yet to be beaten. After a poor start PETE SUMNER is beginning to find form and has recorded a 187 average over the last 12 games. Of interest and amusement to the League was when MAURICE JOYES rolled three games of 179 each, discovered that AMF no longer do the triplicate badge that he had his eye on. No comment on Maurice's reply at the time TREVOR WOOD fought his way to be the Under 21 Worthing Champ and now goes to Wolverhampton on 16th December for the under 21 COCA-COLA Grand Finals, which will have colour television coverage.

Forthcoming attractions at Worthing include a Novelty doubles event on Sun. 27th Dec. for those who feel like catching a breath of sea air after Christmas, and trying out the Centre in readiness for the forthcoming 'Nationals'. On the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to Xmas, shot-guns will be at the ready when Worthing stage their Turkey Shoot.

Following nearly a month of very competitive bowling with bowlers travelling long distances to take part, COLIN BROWN hit a 794 series to qualify for the Grand Final at Wolverhampton in the COCA-COLA Under 21 National Tenpin Champs.



## LEWISHAM

Getting closer to that 600 series is JULIE SHEPHERD, of the Devils Brigade, who rolled a 546 series to give her second place in the League averages (172 over 15). A team doing well this season are the SAINTS who finished last season with a 530 team average and now show an improved 558 av. Top position is held by MYSTERONS 'A' who have a clear 5 point lead. A 4 x 4 team challenge match took place between DEVILS BRIGADE and the PARK ROYAL League. DEVILS took the match with 708 scr. plus 373 h/cap.

A new name appears in the top slot of the PETERSEN SINGLES, MICK FRENCH with a 3 point lead after 30 games. In the GUYS & DOLLS Mixed Doubles, no one has yet managed to knock the HILOS pair of MIM and ALAN NORRIS off top spot. Also to their credit are the h. game and series of 350 and 979.

ROY HUDSON is this Centre's winner in the COCA-COLA under 21 Championships. With re-surfacing now completed at Lewisham, the first Tournament will be the LABA Blue Ribband Classified Qualifying Round on 6th December, which sees a line up of 24 competitors bowling in two squads, which should produce some interesting bowling.

Events for note, are the Christmas Holiday Doubles on Dec. 26/27. And the Junior Open Classified which runs from 21-23 Dec.



## WEMBLEY

Two names that appeared among the top prize winners in the NOVEMBER DOUBLES, were not too well known to bowlers who do not regularly bowl at Wembley, were JANE VIROT and MARGE ILAS. Both bowl in the LONDON LADIES SCRATCH on a Wednesday Evening and again on Thursday Morning in the INTERNATIONALS. JANE, who was a regular bowler at the 'Green', before it closed, holds a 169 average in the evening League, and has recently been appearing with the 'HIPPIES' over at Hounslow on a Monday. MARGE, in her second year over here, her husband is in the US Navy, is a keen allround sportswoman, who

enjoys bowling with her husband in the Navy Mixed League on a Sunday, as much as bowling in the Scratch League. Marge holds a 175 average in the London Ladies, and also holds the League high game. When some of the top boys in the shape of the BEL AIRES moved into the STADIUM LEAGUE, there was a little worry among the lesser average teams as to how it would effect the Lower part of the table. One suggestion was to run a monthly 'most Improved Bowler' prize. It has certainly brought to light some interesting improvements. The first month it was by RAY BRADY of the White Knights, who improved 19 pins in the first four weeks. He has maintained that average

for the second month, and it was a team mate of his, JOE PICKETT who took the second month's prize, with 9 pins. JOE had been in a slump ever since the league started, steadily dropping, then at the start of October, he began to pull back. The only fault that can be seen with this system so far is that a bowler like KEN TAYLOR of the Apollo, who improved over two months, 26 pins, and PETER STOYE who went from 161 to 173, at the tough end of the 'scale perhaps need recognition. Still there are a few months to go so perhaps we shall see if the system regulates itself. While with the Stadium League the BEL-AIRES are doing well to beat the handicapper and hold the top of the table.



## STEVENAGE

Bowling at its best was the scene at this Centre throughout the week-end of the COCA-COLA Classic Singles Tourney on November 6/7/8. In the Open Scratch Section, DON HINESLEY of USAF thrilled the spectators with two fine series, his first giving 793 with a 198 average which included games of 167/203/216/207. Local Bowler STEVE ROBERTS, a graduate member of Y.B.C. gave close challenge with a 786 (games 192/199/204/191) as closely consistent as one could wish for, and earned him second place. Not content to leave the competition so close, DON re-entered and put in a terrific series of 835 starting with a cracking 255, 201, 212 relaxing in the 4th

to 167 to consolidate his grip on the prize money. DAVE HONEY from H.Hempstead in his turn came up with a 774 to clinch 3rd place against some of the country's leading bowlers. B. WRIGHT with 760 took 4th place, and Stevenage personality PETE REES' 760 series ran him close to take 5th a single pin above ERIC BUTCHER. DON Hinesley again provided the thrills in the Men's h/cap when he finished his 4th place 650 series with a 277 game, two spares and 10 in a row. TOM O'CONNOR of the MALLORY CHARGERS with 634 scr. (682 h/cap) collected 1st place in a tournament which attracted 137 entries. With three weeks to go in the SCRATCH SINGLES League, the lead is still being held by

BOB ENDERSBY. BOB SPEEDIE came up with a fine 233 game and 562 series only to be beaten by KEN CURTIS with a grand 613 series. TREVOR JONES who started the League slowly has now settled to show some fine bowling. Holding the flag for the Ladies, is the sole female influence on the League, BERTHA HILL who has just come up with a 572 set to show the Ladies still count. Also in fine form at this time are BOB KEMP and HARRY MEIGHAN. A promising youngster is CHRIS ALDOUS who in bowling a 540 series shows that good bowling is not only the prerogative of age. Don't forget the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TRIOS which take place this year from 26th - 28th December on these lanes.





## Nth. HARROW

Wednesday 25th November, MIKE BURCHFIELD nearly realised his ambition of a perfect game, he bowled 10 perfect strikes and in the 11th a very near miss, bowled a good ball but left a 5 pin wobbling making a 289 to equal the house record. The OBSERVER 5's League comes to an end in five or six weeks with the COLONIALS holding a commanding lead of 1 1/2 points. The leaders of the TUESDAY TRIOS, DEVIL BOWLERS, UNION A and DRIFTERS battle it out with only 1 1/2 pnts. separating them, MARK BROWN bowled a lovely 265 game.

The POLARIS League on a Sunday evening is now under way with 12 teams bowling, but they are looking for a few more teams if any one is interested. There is a close battle for top place between Hawaii 5-0 and DISNEY'S MIXTURES the high team game and series rolled over the last two seasons was hit by D. Mixture with 770 and 2137.

The Embassy League's Secretary ARTHUR HARDING has strained his back and has been absent for the last two weeks, and the league has been without his bowling, and they hope to have him back fit and well soon.

The SZARS have regained the No. 1 spot on the COCKTAIL League, after being deposed for one week only by the AZTECS. The CONVERTORS, who caused the upset at the top with their 8-0 drubbing of the Szars are still in contention although having



## EDGWARE

EUNICE GRANT, who has not been holding her usual high average on this Centre, made great improvements to it on Wednesday 29th November, when she hit a 628 series, just missing the Ladies House Record. Her series included a second game of 9-spares, strike, 9-spares and a faultless 8-strike string followed by a final 8 for a high 268 game, Eunice's contribution to the SKELLY HILTON's month long high scoring ability.

THE DRAGONS were the unfortunate losers in a tussle with the all lady SKELLY HILTONS, whose 938/936/949 - 2832 series had scorched the Maple only two weeks previously in an attempt to take the European Record set seven years ago by the JETABELLES. They missed it by a mere 5 pins. Still with the CLASSIC 5's League, the GREYHOUNDS rolling a terrific 2860 series,

were still the losers (2-1) in their encounter with the WEMBLEY ALL STARS who rolled a more consistent 2834 series. A heavy entry has been made for the London Fours Tourney, (max. 660 team max.) and it looks as if the £100 guaranteed prize fund will be strongly fought for.

Congratulations to JOHN GIBBON and SHEENA MARTIN on starting a real life 'Doubles' partnership, John took time off during the honeymoon to return to the Late Hour Doubles League so as not to let his lane partner down, that's bowling dedication if you like! RON PUGH was the victor over CAS EDWARDS for the honour of representing the Centre at the Gran Finals of the COCA-COLA under 21 Championships.

£200 is guaranteed for the Churchman's TOM THUMB TRIOS Tournament to be rolled on this Centre on 19/20th DEC. (Scratch and H/cap sections).

slipped back to fourth place with BLUEBIRDS holding the No. 3 berth.

Aztecs hold the H/game and Series with 638 and 1768. Individual honours are held by KATH FOO 258 game, and PATRICK CROWLEY 651 series, Pat also holds the League h/average with 184 over 21. The Thursday morning TEN TWENTY LADIES League are very proud of JUNE THOROGOOD who, at the beginning of their season opened with a 247, 170 and 221 for the Leagues high series of 638, now after 30 games still holds a 172 average.

## AIRPORT

The Sanctioned SKYPORT LEAGUE who have carried the Association Banner almost alone on this Centre for some years, now look like getting some support from other Leagues, under the improved direction of the Bowl's new management.

The Teddy Tinling Ladies League who have recently moved over from Hounslow is a sanctioned outfit. Now a new Scratch Singles for a Wednesday afternoon is taking shape, which includes some of the top boys like CATERER, LIDIARD, BUCK, STAPLES, BUTCHER, MARSHALL, COVANDER etc., vacancies are still available, phone TOM MARSHALL on 759 1396

## AIRPORT CLASSIC DOUBLES

The Airport Bowl's first major Tournament for many years, made its appearance on Saturday 21st Nov. When TOMMY MARSHALL in his role of Promotions Manager for the new Proprietor, staged the CLASSIC DOUBLES, and made the first delicate step to put the Airport back on the map in the Bowling World. Although he did not receive all the support he could have had from the Scratch Bowlers, probably because of the Saturday Date, and the lack of enough pre-date publicity, he did well enough to whet the appetite of many bowlers that took part to keep their eyes open and make sure they are also included in the next venture.

Some good Bowling was on view, to a format that although arduous, was at least well thought out and had a new style appeal for a Doubles Tourney. Top 8 qualifying doubles, went forward to a round robin and position game, whilst a further tourney was in progress for those knocked out on the major function.

A word of praise for BOB GRIFFITHS and his band of followers, who looked after the Audit side of the event, giving the LABA Team a break from this sanctioned event.

Results: Top 3.... D.POND/D.TAYLOR (H.Stillers) £100  
 J.WALKER/L.MIRANDA (Cheetahs) £50  
 F.EARIS/F.STAMMETTI (Windsor Royals) £25

## Tournament Calender

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- 5th Ambassador Record Hldrs  
HOUNSLOW
- 6th Blue Riband Qualfy Rnd.  
LEWISHAM, LEYTONSTONE.  
TOLWORTH, WEMBLEY.
- 6th Carreras Trios  
HANLEY.
- 6th Scratch Singles  
WOKINGHAM.
- 13th Carreras Doubles  
DAGENHAM,
- 13th LABA Blue Riband Final  
NORTH HARROW.
- 12/13th Coca Cola Classic Fours  
WOLVERHAMPTON.
- 13th Bucks Jrn. Champs.  
SLOUGH.
- 20th Xmas Tournament  
POOLE

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- 2/3rd 1st Annual BTBA & TBPA  
Classic Doubles  
NORTH HARROW
- 4th London Open Champs.  
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# BOOTH'S GIN

## BRITISH MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

COLIN PRESLAND became the British Master Bowler on Saturday, 10th Oct when he forced himself into top position at the end of a sixteen game round robin final pushing CHRIS BUCK who had lead most of the way into second place, with DAVE STAPLES, and in third position, making a late run on his brief 'this tournament only' return from his 'no more bowling' protest stand. Colin who won the H/C Single Section of this tourney 3 years ago, has certainly come along way in a very short space of time, he hit a 198 average over his final 16 games.

Top placings of other sections as follows:

SCRATCH SINGLES	
1st C.PRESLAND	£250.0.0d.
2nd C.BUCK	£50.0.0d.
3rd D.STAPLES	£25.0.0d.

SCRATCH DOUBLES	
1st ERIC BUTCHER & ANN GARRETT	1624 £50.0.0d.
2nd GEOFF LIDDIARD & PAT DEW	1583 £25.0.0d.
3rd B.LIGHT & L. BENNETT	1556 £15.0.0d.
SCRATCH TRIOS	
1st WEMBLEY ALL STARS 'B'	2447 £100.0.0d.
2nd BEXLEYHEATH NOMADS	2337 £50.0.0d.
3rd BRUNSWICK JETS 'B'	2336 £30.0.0d.
H/C SINGLES	
1st B.SEMPERS	921 £100.0.0d.
2nd K.Hawker	895 £50.0.0d.
3rd B.Fisher	884 £30.0.0d.
H/C DOUBLES	
1st THE TIGERS	1736 £80.0.0d.
2nd THE SUCKERS	1673 £40.0.0d.
3rd THE WRIGHTS	1656 £25.0.0d.
H/C TRIOS	
1st TREETOP	2425 £150.0.0d.
2nd BURTON PANTHERS	2417 £75.0.0d.
3rd FINA 5 STAR 'B'	2407 £50.0.0d.

## Coca-Cola World Cup

In a finish that had to be seen to be believed 24 year old CHRIS PETTY from Wembtey, won the National finals of the 1970 Bowling World Cup, held at Ambassador Lanes, Stevenage on 24/25th October and thus won himself a place in the finals at Copenhagen, to compete against the representatives of 43 Nations.

After the 8 game elimination round the sixteen finalists were: R.Endersby, 1627; A.Maskell, 1615; A.Samuels, 1592; C.Petty, 1585; D.McCarthy, 1555; J.Rowley, 1551; V.Baker, 1547; F.Armstrong, 1541; R.Cox, 1535; D.Rees, 1535; B.Sandhu, 1534; B.Wilkins, 1531; M.Smith, 1526; B.Michael, 1521; F.Jackson, 1517

The Sunday round robin finals started well with local favourite BOB ENDERSBY rolling 200's to the echo's of local vocal support, but dropped down slightly as the games progressed.

At the half-way mark FRANK JACKSON from Portsmouth was in the lead with a 1705 pinfall, followed by Belle Vue's Den McCarthy.

The going was getting tougher but still the high scores were prominent and at the end a mere 13 pins separated the winner from ROGER COX of Weston Super Mare who finished in the runner-up spot and has been invited to accompany Chris on his trip to Copenhagen.

The prizes were presented on behalf of the sponsors, the Bottlers of Coca Cola, by Monsieur Hans Kuhne, Minister counsellor from the Royal Dutch Embassy, who remarked that this was the first sporting event that he had attended where the spectators actually played the game they were watching.

CHRIS and ROGER are assured of a warm welcome when they arrive at the Bowlingcentrum, Copenhagen when the finals are fought out on Nov. 26-29th under the direction of the Danish Bowling Association.

## Great Britain in Breda

The second EUROPEAN CUP competition (Emilio de Miguel Memorial Trophy) took place at BREDA, Holland, on October 24th-25th.

Twelve participating countries played one game against each of the other eleven. Two points were awarded for each game won. Teams were of six men from which the respective Captains could select any five for each game. Pinfall for the top three countries was: France: 10630 Great Britain: 10500 Sweden 10488 British Averages were:

Team: 954.5. Presland: 197 x 8 games  
Reeves: 192 x 11 games  
Caterer: 191 x 11 games  
Liddiard: 191 x 11 games  
Pond: 190 x 10 games  
Mansfield: 171 x 4 games

High Game: Presland 229. High Average: Presland 197. As illustrated by a team average of 954, the British team bowled extremely well and gained much admiration from the other participating countries. They were beaten into second place by the French rolling the competition high-game of 1053 and by their slightly superior capacity in maintaining a 966.5 average. A short crisis arose at the end of the final game when a sudden burst of form took the Swedes to within 12 pins of beating us into third place.

This was an extremely well-organised and friendly competition. There was not one machine stoppage and only two pin-jams occurred to interrupt the two days play.

**B.T.B.A. and T.B.P.A.  
CLASSIC DOUBLES**

**SCRATCH & HANDICAP**

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**2/3 JANUARY 1971**

**ENTRIES  
CLOSE**

**29th  
NOV.**

**BITS & PIECES**

PAULINE BOWRY, originally selected to participate in the 1971 W.I.B.C. Championships in Atlanta has been declared ineligible, minimum acceptance age being 19. Pauline's place will be filled by ENA GRANT who will partner Pauline THOMPSON in the Doubles Event.

Too late for publication last month came the news of BRIAN MICHAEL's great win in the T.B.P.A. U.K. Champions Tournament at Walton Pier on Sept. 27th. CHRIS BUCK took second place.

Great news for Association Members in the shape of a lead from AMBASSADOR BOWLING in announcing that any Member producing his BTBA Card at any one of their Centres will not be asked for door charge that may be operating at the time. Let us hope that other proprietors will now follow suit, those that do have a door charge that is.

Sad news comes as we go to press that Executive Member DEREK DRINKWATER has been taken to hospital with some sort of internal complaint, we all wish him well quickly.

**1971 NATIONALS**

B.T.B.A. Nationals will be held over two weekends 20th & 29th March 1971, and go this time to Ambassador Lanes WORTHING. Still under the auspices of the London Area. We are very proud to again be selected to organise the 'mechanics' of the Tourney again this year.

BOWLING MAINTENANCE SEMINAR; 40 experts on British Tenpin Bowling Lanes attended the first Bowling Maintenance Seminar ever to be held in this country. When REMO PICCHIETTI, the President of D.B.A. Products Incorporated, and former president of the National Bowling Council in America, gave a lecture on bowling centre maintenance, as he put it 'from the parking lot to the pit'

Visitors to Wembley came from as far afield as Greenock, Scotland and Plymouth, Devon, and all agreed that it was one of the most interesting days they had spent discussing the current problems of bowling conditions in this country.

LONDON AREA'S OPEN SINGLES takes place on January 24th 1971 at Wembley, Entry Forms should be available in time for the November Doubles invasion.

On very good authority we hear that Wedding Bells will be ringing in December for Area Treasurer and Lady International ANN GARRETT.

Venue for the joint BTBA - TBPA Classic Doubles on 2nd and 3rd January has now been fixed for ABC NORTH HARROW.

WEMBLEY ALL STARS who seem to be smashing all the British and some of the European 'All time' records, having captured the 3-person and 4-person top spots on the Dagenham Centre, had a good 'go' at the 5-person record at Wembley last month with their 3041. Keep going lads!

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## AROUND THE LONDON CENTRES



### SLOUGH

During the weekend of November 13th-15th, a party of bowling enthusiasts from Windsor Lanes and Acorn Bowl, are visiting the Bowl in Scheveningen (Holland). The programme of events for November/December include:- formation of two new leagues...

Adam & Eve Mixed Doubles on Tuesdays at 7.00 p.m.

Moonlight Doubles on Tuesdays at 10.00 p.m.

Champagne Singles/Nov. 1st

Carnival Scotch Doubles

December 5th/6th

BUCKS Junior Championships

(Open) December 12th/13th

Inter League Knockout Trios

(Preliminary) December 19/20th

and many more in the pipeline.

The Supreme League is well under way with 10 x 5 person teams. Already we have seen TONY IZZARD & DICK STEWART in form with 256 games and Tony's 645 series. The Arrows present formidable opposition striking a 993 game recently.

Week 7

Arrows Won 17 Lost 1

Royals Won 13 Lost 5

Odds on Won 12 Lost 6

Crown Won 12 Lost 6

The Windsor Lanes Juniors having recently returned triumphant from a tourney at Bristol, and taking all honours in the recent Berks and Bucks Junior Championships look all set to challenge Junior opposition in future Tournaments.



### EDWARE

In the Wednesday evening CLASSIC 5's League, the all lady team SKELLY HILTONS of KIM WHEELER, PAT DEW, BARBARA MATTHEWS, LESLIE POTTER, EUNICE & ENA GRANT, are causing some concern with their high scores, but it is certainly keeping the men on their toes. Among the team's conquests to date, are the BRUNSWICK JETS and the record breaking GREYHOUNDS. Last week the HILTONS took a game off the SCEPTRES, so men, be warned! Into hospital last month went popular Catering Manageress, LUCY PEARCE, for a major operation. It is expected that Lucy will be missing from the Centre for a few weeks and bowlers all join in wishing her a speedy recovery, and a quick return to Edware.

The Alibi 3 - 6 - 9 event, proved fairly successful and gave a slightly different twist to tournament play.

All the lanes are back in use again following the recent re-surfacing programme.

From 9th Nov. onward, special 'Learn to Bowl' instruction courses will be taking place at Edware in co-operation with 'Marketplan' for new and inexperienced bowlers. Further details from Manager, BRUCE FORD.

Harlow's youth bowlers are planning to converge on this Centre for the 'Coca-Cola' 'Under 21' National TenPin Championship, Area rounds. 28/29th Nov. is the date for the London Fours Tourney, open to teams with a 660 max. team average. Guaranteed £100.



### STEVENAGE

Welcome back to RAY WILDE after an absence of six weeks, due to a bad injury to his wrist. RAY although at present having no feeling in his hand, is determined to finish the season. Good Luck Ray. ROLY BROWN is still holding High Game although we thought to see it go last week. LAURIE STANLEY starting his second game with six strikes on the trot, but didn't hold it, and finished with a 222.

BOB ENDERSBY still leads the League, but when DAVE SMART plays his postponements he could have a surprise rival.

The Centre would like to send Bob their sincere congratulations on the fine performance he showed in the World Cup Tourney, played at Stevenage.

Entries for the Coca Cola Classic Singles are already up on last year and takes place 6-8th November. The Coca Cola 'Under 21' National Tenpin Bowling Championships area round is well under way but please note that the rounds finish on 14th November.

**NEXT TIME  
YOU BOWL**





## Nth. HARROW

A big thanks to all the League Secretarys for all their co-operation in getting so many Leagues sanctioned at Harrow. Nearly every league bowling at Harrow are now members of the L.A.B.A.

The Sunday morning DODGY League is now in the 6th week of their winter season with the BOBOS leading the table. MARRIANNE ARKELL rolled a marvellous Series 212-213-205 making 630. Marriane shares the High game of 213 with MARK BROWN and FRANK HOOPER.

We would like to congratulate PAT CHAMBERS and BOB BATES on their Engagement.

The EMBASSY League has made a good start collecting quite a few award badges, at the moment the League is headed by DOUBLE 'S' with a 7 point lead over the SPOTMEN. The High game a Series 382 x 1055 bowled by the ROAD RUNNERS. MICK POWER has High game 244 and JIM HASTINGS 617 High Series. SUE BEVAN the Secretary of the Sunday LEISURE League has got the Winter League well under way. The UNIAN 'A' Leading but closely followed by the QUASARS and FRESH AIR.

PAUL SNELL rolled a classic 264 game.

The Premier 'B' has now come into the Fold with BOB DAVENPORT the Secretary in charge so we look forward to news of the League in following editions. In the Tuesday Trios PEGASUS have a close lead over the DRIFTERS and UNION A.

Team High Series

The Twisters 1588

The Team Hi Game

Drifters 570

The COLONIALS still have a commanding lead of 13½ pnts. over the HARROW NOMADS 'A' In the OBSERVOR 5 Star the COLONIALS also hold the High series 2957 and the classics high game 1119.

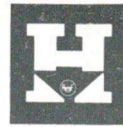
MIKE BURCHFIELD a good 640 for High Series and BRIAN CLARKE a beautiful 276 for High Game. On Friday the 30th of October A.B.C. is giving the House Commuter and all League Secretary's a dinner and get together, an opportunity to talk over the coming house tournaments and for the Secretary's to make suggestions to increase the activities at Harrow.

The house Committee are holding their next Tournament on December the 6th a Trios and are hoping to have plenty of support.

The Cocktail League has made a high scoring start to the season and at present is lead by CZARS closely persued by BLUEBIRDS and AZTECS. League highs at present are Team AZTECS 1711 series and 619 game. Individual game STEVE DALLOZ 240 and series ALAN COUCH 623. Alan also holds high average 185.

A warm welcome to the Booth's Gin Scratch League, for a newly sponsored team from Hemel Hempstead, THE GOLDEN WONDER BOYS, together with their sponsor the Golden Wonder Crisp Company we wish them good bowling.

BOB HENDERSON of the Cheetahs holds league series with his 692, from TONY BLANCHETT of the Sceptres. THE JETS hold the top Team spot with 41 pts. from SCEPTRES & CHEETAHS both with 36 points.



## PICCADILLY

Newest League to the Sanctioned fold in this Centre that of the LEAGUE OF LONDON STORES, have recently played their return match, this time on their own ground, against the Haagse Bowling Bond from Scheveningen in Holland. The League left behind the Magnificent shield presented by the League's Chairman, PETER HAMBLYN in Holland last Easter when this League took somewhat of a thrashing. This time however, SAMMY REYNOLDS by picking up a baby split in the last frame of the match, made sure that the trophy stayed in Piccadilly, at least until next Easter, when they start all over again on the other side of the channel.

After the match the League laid on an all star Charity Bowling Tournament, and filled the Centre with spectators to see stars like, JULIE ROGERS, SAM KYDD, RAY MARTINE, TONY BRANDON, TOMMY VANCE and AIDEN DAY having their fling with a bowling ball. Each bowler in the Tournament had to find themselves a sponsor, with a donation being made for every ten pins hit. Proceeds were given to the Textile Benevolent Association, the charity this League has allied itself to.



## WORTHING

The Coca-Cola World Cup attracted 51 entries during the qualifying rounds at Worthing. An exciting atmosphere was produced by the 12 finalists, who competed for the honour of representing the Centre at the National Final, with several high scores being recorded and it was Ron DORSETT who successfully fought his way to a place at the Stevenage Venue. The 'Under 21' Championships under the same sponsor, got under way and on the second day 19yr. old TREVOR WOOD recorded an 808 series over 4, which put him in the lead. With this standard set, local and longer distance bowlers are already trying to improve on the score before the area rounds close on 14th November.

The Friday Scratch League, successfully got off the ground on 2nd October, with 10 x 2 line up. Since the League formed extra interest has been generated in Worthing's first scratch league. Due to the waiting list to join, plans have been made for the league to roll once round - 9 weeks - only, when it will re-form to accommodate the extra teams and individuals. Sanctioning application has been deferred but upon re-formation they anticipate being the first sanctioned league in the Centre and hope to prove that Worthing can set records flying too. More 'Learn to Bowl' Courses at this Centre from 9th Nov. Details from Manager, MIKE DAWSON.



## WEMBLEY

COLIN PRESLAND the new Booth's British Masters Champion, heads the high Ser. of the London Area so far this season in the MAJOR CITY LEAGUE when he had a 720 recently. As he came off the lanes a request came from his ALL STAR teammates that the score sheet should be sent to the 'Bowler' As we go to press, the NOMADS head the 'MAJOR' table, but the CHEETERS, GREYHOUNDS, ALL STARS and the JETS look like giving them a good run for their money. BRIAN MICHAEL 199 av. in the CITY is not repeated when he bowls on the STADIUM (H/C) League on a Thursday evening, where team mate JOE KILLIAN heads the League average with 192. Joe, who since he had his new ball, is back among the top averages this season. We are all pleased to see this colourful diminutive 'Little fella' back in the scores. AUDREY POND and BARRY WRIGHT took the CLASSIC DOUBLES League. and in the CAMELOT League it's 'PAPP'S' team DOUBLE 2's which is holding top spot. CHEETERS head the table in the EMPSTA League and here it is that LESLEY MIRANDA & DENNIS DIECHES, both with 180+ av. who are doing all the damage in the Friday night League.

WEMBLEY NOVEMBER DOUBLES: A record entry of over 320 teams in this year's event, B.T.B.A. and F.I.Q. Sanctioned for the first time. Over 160 mens team, 40+ womens teams and a 100 mixed teams will compete for the £600 prize money. The junior division is the only division down on last year. Included in the entries are 24 teams from Brussels, amongst who are a number of Belgium International Teams and American Bowlers from SHAPE, together with, as usual, the large Irish contingent.



## LEWISHAM

In the PETERSON SINGLES LEAGUE, Alan NORRIS is steaming ahead, maintaining a 175 average and taking the week's high game 210, and series of 589. In the Devil Brigade, MYSTERONS 'A' are undefeated in the six matches played of the winter season. BILL McCARTNEY leads the hi-averages (187) but the ladies are not far behind as JULIE SHEPHERD is currently on a 171 average.

Two new leagues have been added to the Centres growing League programme, they are the Business Houses League (Peter Seabroke), and the Guys and Dolls Mixed Doubles (Alan Norris).

Re-surfacing is scheduled to take place at this Centre on the week commencing 16th November, and this will necessitate the Centre being closed from midnight to midday each day, but bowling will continue from midday to midnight as usual during the period.

Under 21 Coca-Cola Area Round closes on 14th November. LABA Blue Ribbad Classified Tourney Qualifying Round at this Centre on 6th December, closing date for entries 12th November.




**HOUNSLOW**

The qualifying rounds of the Coca-Cola World Cup produced some very high scores, but it was the ten finalists who attracted most attention. Reigning Champion CHRIS BUCK, started well with 783 over 4, but looked in danger of losing his title at Centre level to GEOFF LIDDIARD bowling a few lanes away, Geoff hit 791 which put him in the lead for the final 4 games, but Chris came back with a 244 for his 1st then continued with 213/217/213 for a 887, Geoff needed a 270 game for his last to qualify and almost did it with his attempt of 255. Centre results: CHRIS 1670, GEOFF 1646, JOHN DAWSON 1521. In the METROPOLITAN League, the Hippies team of PAT DEW, KIM WHEELER, EUNICE GRANT, LESLIE POTTER and BARBARA MATTHEWS came within 17 pins of the British 'ALL Time' record with their 887, 987, and 936 for a 2810 series. The O'MASTERS rolled the 1st 1000 5-man game this season on the same evening. The WEST LONDON SCRATCH Lg. saw their first position night with the CLINTON MASS reducing their lead in the League to just one point by losing 2-1 to the SKELLY HILTONS. With only 9 weeks gone in the League a 245 + game is required to even get a mention on the standing sheet, and ROY FINDLEY keeps his fingers crossed for his 649 not to go each week. Team set is held by the Skelly Hiltons with a 1780. COLIN YOUNG holds the lead in the 'Under 21' Coca Cola with his 722 series over 4

a set he rolled as the 1st entry on the Centre. Entries Close 14th November. Seen around the bowl again for short visits is GEORGE MACKEY, who tells us that ERIC PERKINS has taken over his bed in Ashford Hospital for a brief spell, and hopes to be out soon. We all wish him well very very soon now. LABA BLUE RIBBAND CLASSIFIED qualifying round to be rolled at this Centre on Sunday 22nd November. Close for entries on the 12th. One the week-end of the 5/6th December the Ambassador Record Holders Club Championships are to take place under the Sanctioned Banner. Bowlers will also be able to see the short list of 16 men possibles for the World Champs. in action on the 5th.

**AIRPORT**

Big things look like happening on this Centre with the complete departure of the Brunswick Organisation from the UK Bowling field, Town & Country Bowling which has always been the Letter-head name for the Airport Bowl, has now been taken over by Strand, Ltd., which seems to be no secret as one of the J. Lyons group of Companies. The return to the Centre of well liked TOMMY MARSHALL to the position of Promotions Manager, with special powers for the organisation of both lanes and machines has already shown great strides in the few weeks he has been in office. TOM LEGGETT, still holds the Managers chair, and it looks


**TRAVELLING**

The Baltic International League received a warm welcome from PAUL GRAVES in their opening round at North Harrow on 27.9.70. Just to start the season well, new comer TED WIGGINS rolling his first ever sanctioned game made an award winner out of it with a 248. This took the League's Centre record and with a balanced 4-game series of 771 put Ted at the top of his division. Keeping it in the family, his wife DOLLY took the pole position in the Ladies division. A familiar face topped the 'A' division, namely DENNIS DEICHES hotly pursued by HARRY TANSWELL. This was the same situation at the end of last season so battle has commenced already. ANDY HUMBERSTONE took the lead in 'C' chased by Edgware bowlers TONY MORRIS and FRANK VILLAFANA. This season has started with a representation amongst the members of 15 countries ranging round the world. New members are always welcome, and should contact LES EDMONDS via Wembley Bowl (our post office)

as if the Airport Bowl may well be on its way back to at least some recognisable position in the Bowling World. The AIRPORT BOWL OPEN CLASSIC DOUBLES to be run on Saturday 21st November, with a guaranteed £250 prize fund, is just sarters for what we are told is in store for Bowlers who still have a very soft spot in their heart for this Centre. Closing date for this Journey is midnight 16th November.



## HODDES DON

A new League the EARLY BIRDS has now started on Sunday morning, this is a Mixed Trios of 13 teams and we understand they are applying for Sanction, we wish ALAN MASON secretary and the teams playing the best of luck starting at the 'Earlybird' hour of 10.30 a.m.

Junior news recently has become very sparse, one of the reasons being that most the Centre's more prominent Juniors have now joined the ranks of the Seniors, GRAHAM LEWRY and STEVE ROBERTS being two of the most prominent, running averages at the time of 180+. Dave HOBBS, Charlie PARKER and John HARRISON are between the 170's & 180's, several others are now good enough and now await to bowl with more senior accompaniment. All of this makes the time and effort spent on Saturday mornings and the trips up and down the country playing in tournaments all seem worth while. But they could do with some more youngsters between the ages of 5 and 16, we are sure there are a lot of mums and dads who would like to know where they could leave their children for a couple of hours on a Saturday morning whilst they did their shopping, well Corkwood Bowl is the place, details can be obtained at any time at the Control Counter, and at 2s. per time for coaching and bowling can't be bad, the opportunity is also there to play in the National Junior Championships next April and



## TOLWORTH

October 25th saw the third Annual ANTHONY CRISP Open Autumn Doubles Championships at this Centre, teams from Wembley, Peterborough, Crawley and Basildon joined the Tolworth Bowlers in a hard fought battle for the honours. This year the Tolworth Bowlers proved to be the best, with MIKE MALVERHILL and LEN HAMBLYN taking first place with a total pinfall of 1176 scr. + h/cap a grand total of 1271. Runners-up, only 11 pins behind were PAUL & TREVOR TIMBERLAKE from Hounslow, and 3rd the Bowlrite 'B' Team of Pauline and Phil BOWREY. Prizes were presented to 6th place, the Anthony Crisp Trophy being worth £2 in cash.

On Saturday 12th December, Excel are organising a 24hr. Marathon to raise money to give each of the elderly people of the Malden & Coombe Old Peoples Welfare Ass. a cash Xmas present. It is hoped to raise £200.

A qualifying round of the LABA Blue Ribband Classified Tourney is to be held on 6th Dec. and with the usual large following from this Centre bowlers are reminded that the closing date for entries is 12th Nov.

other Tournaments, all expenses paid thanks to the Corkwood YBC Committee who raise funds for this purpose, and donations to assist these funds would be most gratefully received at this time.

## ADVANCE!

The BTBA & TBPA are pleased to Make the following announcement:

A BTBA/TBPA Liason Committee has been formed and has reached agreement on the following: Proprietors have decided to adopt BTBA certification and inspection of Lanes, 98% have already been inspected. A New national event has been agreed as a joint presentation that of the Annual Classic Doubles, 1st week end in Jan. each year, 1971-Nth Harrow. Proprietors are also encouraging the sanctioning of tournaments and leagues, and bowlers will have noticed already the increase in the number of sanctioned events. A 'National Tournament Calendar' will shortly be issued as a combined operation. A TBPA representative will be invited to attend all BTBA Council Meetings. The Management Committee of the YBC will now include a representative of the BTBA. The two Associations are confident that these measures of mutual co-operation will be a stimulus to both the sport and the industry. The good will, now firmly established, will be the basis for the investigation of further joint activities.