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This month should see the publication of a new TenPin magazine, to be called TENPIN SPORT MONTHLY, and will be financed and produced by a consortium of ABC, AMF, AMBASSADOR, GRANADA, Belle Vue and WEMBLEY Stadium Bowl.

The first few issues will be distributed free of charge, and will be available in most Centres throughout the country.

We wish the venture a long life, for whilst the lines of communication to the bowlers are alive, so too will our sport survive and flourish.

A poor entry recorded in our own Area Championships - for some reason London Bowlers will not support their own Championships in any great numbers. It is time our Members realised that this tournament is staged for the sole purpose of finding the London Area Champions, and very many more Bowlers should be ambitious enough to want to become one of those Champions. Ask any Bowler who was there what an enjoyable day it was.

Pictured below, ALAN WATSON, PAUL CARPENTER & ROBERT BUTTON, the lads who took the trophies at the London Area Junior Singles Championships on Saturday morning 8th May, at Ambassador Lanes, Hounslow. ALAN, representing Edgeware, stole the limelight in recording a high game of 248, which, added to his remaining games and his handicap, gave him a series of 628 and overall third place. ROBERT, one of the Crawley contingent, (they supplied almost 50% of the entries), hit a 631 with handicap to earn him second place, and miss by 13 pins the chance to take the perpetual trophy back to Crawley for the 2nd year, Hounslow's local lad PAUL CARPENTER clinched the first place honours when he rolled a first game of 199, a second of 244 followed by a 147, which meant a 644 with handicap.

A provisional presentation was made on the Centre after the Tournament. Their ratified honours will be acclaimed for them on their own Centres on the League in which they bowl.

Squading was arranged so that the juniors and their hardworking Coaches, could return home in time to view the Cup Final.

For our part, we did not care if we got home in time or not those lads and lasses had given us an exhibition that did our hearts every bit as good as the afternoon performance.



BRUSSELS in SPRING

Nineteen British women took part in the Easter Singles Championships held at the Grosly Brunswick Bowl in Brussels. Of these, eleven were members of the official Great Britain team. The remainder were independent entries endorsed by the B.T.B.A.

The championships were played over a nine-game eliminating event leading to a semi-final of the top sixteen who played three more games with pinfall carried forward. The top eight from the semi-final then played a round-robin final starting from scratch but with Peterson points giving a bonus of 30 for every game won.

From the total entry of sixty-seven, the British women finished in fourth, fifth, sixth and eighth place. With the finalists required to survive eight lane changes and some five hours of continuous bowling on the first day followed by four hours on the second day, only those with previous experience of such international conditions were expected to have a fair chance. The current holder of the European All-Events title, NADINE KINDERMANS, was, therefore, favourite and came through to win on a 188 average though the next ranking Flemish lady, MARIA CHRISTIAENS, rolled a 186 average for second place and forced Mme Kindermans to spare the ten pin in the last frame of the tournament to secure the title.

The French under 21 title holder, LILIANE GREGORI took third place wearing abbreviated hot pants and delivering a series of dramatic strike balls for the tournament high game of 247. In capturing fourth place, NELL BOWEN surprised quite a few people by subduing ANN THORPE who, until then, had been in the top three places throughout but was only able to finish fifth.

ENA GRANT and AUDREY TEW managed sixth and eighth places respectively, both having rolled a gallant 180 average in the eliminating event.

The conditions at this tournament were exactly those always encountered at such international events in Europe. From the British point of view the lesson is that only more overseas play and a much tougher approach to international competition will improve our chances.

The Mens Section of this tournament was held separately at the Grosly AMF Bowl, but was still part of the first 'leg' of the mutual support tournament programme agreed for the first time by the national associations of France, Great Britain and Belgium. The remaining 'legs' will be the Paris Whitsun Champs. and the BTBA Summer International at Wembley.

We were unable to obtain a write-up on the Men's Section, by the results board however we gleaned the facts that the HARRY STILLERS RACERS team took the top spot in the team event with a fair margin to spare over their nearest rivals the I.P.B. Team from France who finished in second spot with the Italian TRAGHETTI CANGURO TORINO team third.

The SCREPTRES, JETS and MALLORY CHARGERS finish in 8th, 9th and 10th places respectively.

In the Individual final Singles Event Mallory's ROY BOWERS, Birmingham's 18yr. Old up and coming bowler, finished 2nd to Italy's TONY COLLEDAN, with CHRIS BUCK coming in 4th.

BON VOYAGE

Best wishes go to the Men's Great Britain Team who flew from London Airport on Monday 2nd May for the 1971 ABC Championships in DETROIT.

Following close on their heels, Two Ladies Great Britain Teams, who left Gatwick on Wednesday 4th on their way to take part in the 1971 W.I.B.C. Championships in ATLANTA.

Let us hope they bowl well and above all that they should have an enjoyable time.

The World Championships Teams will be selected from the results of these Tournaments, on their return.



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Old Spice at Harrow

On May 1/2nd, Harrow Bowl House Committee held their first 'Open' Tournament, a Handicap Trios event, with sponsor OLD SPICE putting in six accommodation for one holidays and £10.

No fewer than 89 entries chased the prize fund up to £196.90 and the accent was on high scoring. On the very first squad the SUPREMES combo put together an 1884 Hcp. tally (1834 Scratch), but on re-entry pushed this up to what was to prove an unbeatable 1976 Hcp. Total. Individual performances were STEVE WRIGHT 659, MICK WOOLARD 661 AND CHRIS LEAVY 606.

The GREYHOUNDS 1 trio moved into second spot during Sunday afternoon with a 1957 tally, led by LEN GASTON who put together games of 248,278 and 220 for a 746 series.

A British record is claimed by the OLD SPICERS team, not for their scoring ability, although their 20th position shows that they can hit the pins but for their combined ages. A massive 214 years (71.3 av.) with Glaswegian SAM ABERNATHY leading the parade at 83 followed by home bowler FRED TARBOX 68 and Hoddesdons TED WOOLSTON feeling some thing of a youngster at 63.

SUPREMES B (Wright/Leavy/Woolard)	1976	£65
GREYHOUNDS 1 (Gaston/Johannimier/White)	1957	45
MARCOS FLYERS 11 (Badcock/Aldous/Speedie)	1877	30
SUPREMES C (Woolard/O'Connor/Leavy)	1855	20
UNION (Pardoe/Gibbs/Sharman)	1854	15
GUTTERSNIPEs (Mobey/Clapson/Taylor)	1851	10
GREYHOUNDS 11 (Michael/Suckling/Kilian)	1849	7
HIGHWAYMEN (Porter/Hobday/Skudder)	1845	4.90

LONDON AGM

The London Area Annual General Meeting for 1971 July took place on Sunday 18th April at North Harrow Bowl. Preceded as is now the custom by the League Officers Tourney, won this year by:

ARLEN JERNIGAN & JUDY McCUMBEE of the Harrow Thursday Morning Anglo-American Ladies League a wonderful entry was enjoyed this year, with three squads of Doubles rolling.

Lunch was taken and then the Film show, then down to the now friendly atmosphere of a general get-together AGM. Some good constructive suggestions were brought forward, foremost of these was a unanimously backed recommendation to the National Body for a basic format for guidance of selectors in making their choice for International and Representative Teams.

The Meeting said goodbye to Chairman DAVE BENNETT who was giving up administrative work because of business commitments.

PETER HOPPER and his wife ANN were introduced to the new Board of Directors, as the new Area Secretary and Membership Secretary. And the meeting paid tribute to retiring Area Secretary RON MILES for the work he had done during his four years of office.

The Meeting also thanked the Executive for their year of work and their reports and showed their faith in all those that came up for re-election by returning them back to Office.

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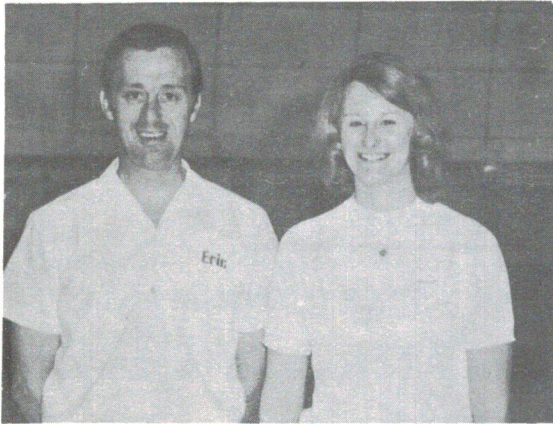
Confirmation has just come to hand, that a party of eighteen bowlers and officials are coming over from SWEDEN for the weekend of 22/23rd May. They will be having an evening meal in the Starlight Restaurant at Wembley Stadium Bowl on the Friday, and then over to the Pool to see the GLOBE-TROTTERS, on the Saturday, after some sight-seeing in the morning they will be taken out to DUNSTABLE for the International Match against Great Britain, and be entertained at Caesars Palace in the evening. They return via London Airport, midday Sunday. It is hoped that many bowlers will give them a welcome at some time over the week end.

Congratulations to ROGER CREAMER, on his bowling a 'Perfect' although not sanctioned, at the Hampshire Trials at Bitturne Bowl, Southampton. Roger, last years runner-up in the London International Match Play, Rolled two 700's back to back in the Vat 69 Tourney at Harrow, and recently featured in this publication when he won the Ambassador's Record Holders Title at Hounslow.

The closing date for BTBA SUMMER INTERNATIONAL is MAY 29th, and it is hoped that by that time all teams that have been contacted with the invitation to participate will have decided their 5 persons to enter, teams from the continent have verbally agreed to support the Event, the first of its kind in this country. Scotland, Ireland and Wales have also said that they will make every endeavour to be represented.

A reminder for all those bowlers who are going to Paris at Whitsun, to make sure they have got their passports up to-date and in their possession, one cannot expect to do the same as AUDREY TEW on her visit to Belgium recently, when she forgot her passport and was allowed into the country on production of her BTBA Card.

It was with the deepest regret that we learned on going to press on our last edition, of the death of Wembley Stadium's General Manager, John Connell. He championed TenPin Bowling in this country and did a great deal towards consolidating the Bowling Association and the Proprietors.



With the Triple Crown having made the full circle this the fifth encounter, brought the Tournament back to where it was conceived and started.

From the most comprehensive programme yet produced, one learns that a total of 157 Men and Women have been given International Status over the four years and countries involved.

The now accepted opening ceremony of the pipers and the parade, got underway at 11 a.m. sharp on the Saturday morning, and the Provost of Greenock Mr. Riddle, opened the 1971 4-country bowling spectacular with the rolling of the first ball that almost got to the pins this year.

Then the usual fights began to topple England from its long established pinnacle Who would be the first to take the title from England? It was not until the second day's bowling that the English teams made their positions safe, it looked for some time as if this would be the year for a turn up.

This is one of the finest sporting encounters on the tournament calendar, and in the surroundings and environment set up and worked on for months by the hard working Glasgow Area Association, the whole weekend was made most pleasant and enjoyable by their meticulous arrangements and their warm friendly welcome.

The bowling - Scoring was found to be pretty hard, but sufficient to show locals that International Bowling had come to their town. The tournament thunder was stolen by England's ERIC BUTCHER and ANGELA FLETCHER, who held off hard challenges to win the Individual ALL Events Titles, with personal averages of 190 and 180 respectively.

Both of them bowled magnificently, Eric, battling it out in the finals with BERNIE WHITE who finished second, and Sheffield's JIM DEMERY, 3rd place -- Angela, fought off Ireland's challenge of the MURPHY girls, ANTONELLA and PATRICK.

In the main International - England's Men had to go into the Doubles event in second place to Ireland, as they finished 2 points behind them in the Singles. An improvement was made in the Doubles, when ERIC BUTCHER and BERNIE WHITE contributed 1628, to Englands 4 double sets total of 1496 and went into the Trios 4½ points up on the nearest rivals Ireland. A 1568 from DEMERY/PRESLAND/PETTY and a 1676 from POND/BUTCHER/WHITE in the two Trios games put England 11½ points up on Scotland who had slipped in front of Ireland by 1 point. The 4's put the title holders further ahead, 99½ points to Scotlands 84 and Ireland in 3rd place with 76, which left an easy run in for the 5-man event, where Scotland took 10 points to England's 8, With the systems overall bonus points made a final points score of:
England..139½ Scotland..114 Ireland..88 Wales..54½

In the Ladies Division, England's girls took the lead from the beginning The Singles saw them in front by 8 points, which they still held on to through the Doubles and the 4's, giving them the chance to increase this margin to 17½ points after the Trios, making a safe margin for the 5-man event to finish in final points position of:
England..106 Scotland..84½ Ireland..81½ Wales..28
Scores of 564/511/492/480/563 by Captain ENA GRANT -- 574/509/594/504/484 by ANGELA FLETCHER -- 528/553/493/448/530 by TINA HITCHMAN gave England three out of the possible four in the Individual ALL Events.

Top series of the ladies was rolled by AUDREY TEW with her 610 after a disappointing three sets of under 500 in the first 3 sets.

ENGLAND TEAMS: Men; D.BROUGH, E.BUTCHER, J.DEMERY, C.PETTY, C.PRESSLAND, D.POND, D.SMITH, B.WHITE, Res. J.WYNDHAM
Ladies; A.FLETCHER, E.GRANT, T.HITCHMAN, M.LITTLE, L.POTTER, A.TEW. Res. H.DIXON.



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The above average temperatures on a fine, sunny, Sunday in May could not deter the Twenty-six Mens and Six Ladies Teams entered in the 10th Annual London Area Championships. Making its first visit to an Ambassador Centre since the 1967 tournament in Harlow, this years championships were held at the 32 Lane Hounslow Centre, and the number of lanes conveniently suited the number of entries taking part, so that a one day schedule was possible.

Coming from the holiday town of Worthing, the weather was obviously to the liking of Mallory Batteries team member ROY GIBSON, who in the second squad of the day put together games of 244, 233 and 206 for a magnificent scratch set of 683 which together with his 32 pin handicap was to prove an unbeatable singles total of 715. The scratch total was also to prove the highest of the many good series registered in any of the events. JOHN ANDREWS must have been feeling fairly safe for the second spot with his 698 Hcp total, but in the very last singles squad Harrow's DAVE STODELL rolled a 235-212-194/641 set for a 699 handicap total and relegated John to the third spot.

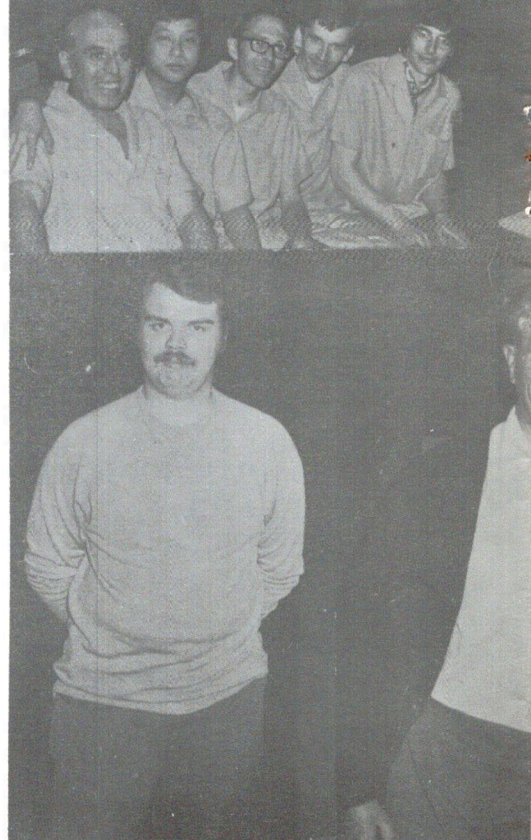
The regular doubles honours also went to the 'umbrella' county of Sussex, with Crawley's KEN BEACH and SAM WEST rushing from their team squad lanes and combining for a 1304 handicap tally, with Ken's contribution being a solid 601 set (Scr.). Only three pins behind came the Odds On pairing of JOHN THORNTON and JOHN PERKINS with the latter getting the 'big-un' a 623. Hounslow's own BOB READER and RON WINTER slotted into the third spot with a 1297 total and Bob's contribution was a 643.

Excitement mounted in the final Team squad as sixteen teams battled to knock the at that time leaders Mallory Chargers off the top of the scoreboard. A tense tussle developed between half a dozen teams but at the end of the squad it was the BALTIC ALPHA that led the field with a handicap total of 3063. Into second spot came the Tolworth based team 'RADIANT' with 3006 and third ODDS ON finishing with a 3000 tally.

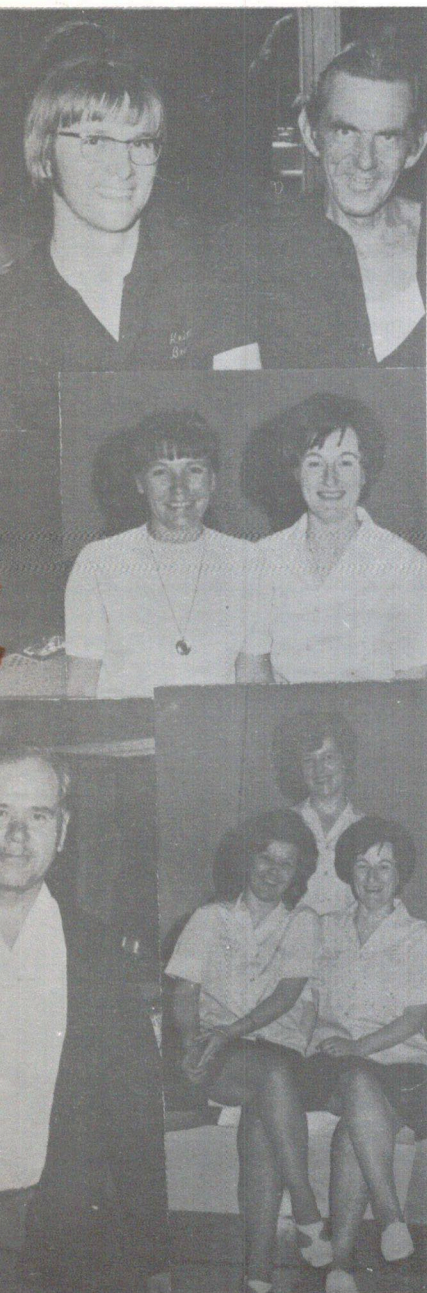
Clear All-Events winner with a margin exceeding sixty pins was JOHN PERKINS, looking decidedly different from when we used to know him as the son of past Area President Eric Perkins. JOHN played his singles and doubles on the very first squad of the day finishing with 575 and 623 scratch figures respectively, but then had to wait until the very last squad before rolling his team set, where a 204-167-257/628 tally put him streets in front of his nearest rivals. John also shared the high game honours of the day, 257, with RON TREADWELL.

ANNUAL AREA C

REGULAR H/C SINGLES	REGULAR H/C DOUBLES	REGULAR H/C TEAM	REGULAR H/C ALL EVENTS
R GIBSON 715	A BEACH S WEST 1304	BALTIC ALPHA 3063	J PERKINS 1970
D STODELL 699	J THORNTON J PERKINS 1301	RADIANT 3006	B WICKS 1907
J ANDREWS 698	R READER R WINTER 1297	ODDS ON 3000	J ANDREWS 1884
M POPE 681	T MORRIS F VALLEYMAN 1286		R READER 1842
T H. COY 656	R TREADWELL L MYNNE 1278		
C HARCANTINO 652	R TRICE M FOGDEN 1245		
FEMALE H/C SINGLES	FEMALE H/C DOUBLES	FEMALE H/C TEAM	FEMALE H/C ALL EVENTS
J VIROT 650	J VIROT P DELV 1295	LIONESSES 1894	J VIROT 1872
L WAKER 642	C FRANKS D RIBINSON 1275		
B WICKS 612			JUNIOR SINGLES
			A CARPENTER 644
			L BUTTON 631
			A WATSON 628



CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Ladies division was as usual a field day for the WEMBLEY LIONESSES. In the doubles it was JANE VIROT and PAT DEW combining for a 1295 handicap total, with the Lion (esses!!) s share of the pins going to Pat who finished with a 607 scratch set. Second spot went to Baltic League pairing of C.FRANKS and D.ROBINSON with a 1275 tally.

JANE VIROT also produced the pins necessary to take the singles title and after starting rather shakily with a 157 game she finished with 227 and 206 for a 650 Hcp score. Hoddesdon's LINDA WAKER finished in second spot with 642.

The team event went to the LIONESSES trio of MUZ RUDGE, CLAIRE HUGHES and (guess who) JANE VIROT who put together a 1686 scratch tally for an 1894 handicap total with the Tolworth Ladies team STENT/McCARTHY/SHIPP in second spot with 1831.

JANE VIROT also mopped up the ALL events crown with sets of 576/590/526 plus handicap for an 1872 total.

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REGULAR.

SINGLES:

R.GIBSON	715	£30
D.STODELL	699	£15
J.ANDREWS	698	£7
M.POPE	681	£5
T.McCOY	656	£3
C.MARCANTONIO	652	£2
D.REED	648	£2
R.SKINNER	643	£2
J.SNYDER	640	£2
I.SMITH	639	£1.30

TEAM:

BALTIC ALPHA	3063	£50
RADIANT	3006	£25
ODDS ON	3000	£16

LADIES.

SINGLES:

J.VIROT	650	£10
L.WAKER	642	£5
D.WIGGINS	612	£3.90

TEAM:

WEMBLEY LIONESSES	1894	£12.60
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DOUBLES:

K.BEACH/S.WEST	1304	£40
J.THORNTON/J.PERKINS	1301	£20
R.READER/R.WINTER	1297	£10
T.MORRIS/F.VILLAFANA	1286	£5
R.TREADWELL/L.MYNN	1278	£5
R.TRICE/N.FOGDEN	1245	£5
R.CZERKAS/T.BASS	1243	4.60

ALLEVENTS:

J. PERKINS	1970	£16
B.WICKS	1907	£8
J.ANDREWS	1884	£5
R.READER	1842	£4

DOUBLES:

J.VIROT/P.DEW	1295	£12
C.FRANKS/D.ROBINSON	1275	£7.60

ALLEVENTS:

J.VIROT	1872	£6.50
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AROUND THE LONDON CENTRES



WEMBLEY

The WEMBLEY ALL STARS won the MAJOR CITY LEAGUE, Winter Season, and in addition took the High Series and Individual averages. All the teams finished the season with an average of 850 plus, a target which the league has been aiming at for a long time. With BOBBY MANSFIELD and BRIAN MICHAEL away from the League on International duty for the A.B.C. Tournament in the States the League and the Centre wish them all the best. The LONDON LADIES LEAGUE, after some six years as a scratch league, is bowling as a handicap competition this summer, and they have eight trios. PENNY BASS is at the helm, and this means that the BASS family have charge of 22 lanes at Wembley on a Wednesday evening. The CLASSIC DOUBLES League goes to 20 lanes for the summer, and another new Lady Secretary takes over, BERTHA HILL. The Winter Season was won by the ZING ZINGERS by just 1 pt. from the COBRAS. The EMPSTA League, is also bigger this summer than for some time, as they have gone to 18 pairs, with PETER LOW still at the helm. The finals of the TEDDY TINLING LADIES League will be at Wembley on Wednesday 26th May. This is the first time that the finals have been held on a Wednesday, but as the Host league usually bowl on that day it was a natural. Wembley Stadium Bowl will be CLOSED FOR RE-SURFACING from 21st June to 26th June, inclsv.



LEWISHAM

A successful handicap Spring Doubles Tournament was held over the Easter Week-end in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Clear winners were the MYSTERON team of ALAN NORRIS and ROY HUDSON who established a new house record with a 1159 series. There were 18 games of 200 plus, with the high game prize going to GEOFF ASHTON with 234.

With only two weeks left to complete the season, the Devils Brigade leading position is held by 'MYSTERONS 'A' by a clear four points from nearest rivals 'THE HURRICANES' DON FALCK'S 264 high game and ALAN NORRIS' 645 series still remain unbeaten in this season.

The 'Guys and Dolls' completed their season with a play-off between the HILOS and the AFGHS who lost the match to take second place. In the Park Royal League, after eight weeks three teams are on equal points at the top of the league, but LES BEDDENS 255 helped the 'GRUNCH' into first place on pinfall.

Newcomers to Lewisham will be the Wiggins Teape League starting a summer season at the beginning of May. Tournaments planned for Lewisham include the House Championships on May 23rd and the Midsummer Foursome for four person teams with a maximum entering average of 660 per team on 19/20 June for a guaranteed prize fund of £75.



LEYTONSTONE

Last season's International League Champions, THE SPURS, are once again at the head of the table, but only two weeks have been rolled and times are early yet. Second place is held by THE HAWKS, who joined the League for the first time this year. ANDY CAPPS hold the third spot and last season's runners-up, THE PACESETTERS are not at the moment in the running. DENNIS CHASTEY holds the Individual High Series and Game, with 581 and 246, whilst his team THE HAWKS have rolled 1126 and 421 to set a marker for the League to shoot at.



AIRPORT

With one week to go, as we go to press, The MASTERS is very close, with CHRIS BUCK, DAVE STAPLES and GEOFF LIDDIARD fighting it out for the top. With the position round making the decision Dave Staples goes in at the top of the three. With averages of 199 BUCK, 197 STAPLES, 196 LIDDIARD and TOM MARSHALL following with 195, it is little surprise that Competition is so hot.

High Game spot is held by the 'LID' and Staples jointly with 279 and makes BERNIE CATERER's 277 only a third runner. High Series goes to Marshall with his 1105, followed by Buck 1096 and Caterer 1090. The League will restart in a month's time and anyone wishing to join should contact TOMMY MARSHALL at the Centre.



HOUNSLOW

Hello GEORGE!. It is great to have you back where you belong. After an absence of 10 months thro' illness Hounslow's manager, George MACKAY returned to the Centre at the end of April to a warm welcome from local bowlers.

LAURIE GASCOIGNE fresh from his success in the League Executive Officers Tourney, is currently leading his team of his brother and KIM & CHRIS WHEELER in the LEISURE LEAGUE, all are in line for individual as well as team trophy awards. For the triple, Laurie (591) hit success by leading the GILLETTE Ltd., team of BRIAN CANDERTON (582), DEN SLATER (586) & JOE KOVANDA (555) to take 1st place in the Business Houses Tourney, with a 2533 pinfall. Their prizes take them to West Berlin this month to compete in the International Corporative Tournament against other English and Continental Companies. Runners up for this title were PERKINS OF FELTHAM, in which team JOHN PERKINS, rolled a personal best series of 744 incl. a 278 game. The House Records have been falling fast and furiously, TREVOR TIMBERLAKE, started when he hit 245/212/232 for a New Junior House Record of 589. In the METROPOLITAN League, BERNIE CATERER of the STILLERS RACERS hit the strike pocket for a 268 and 247 and 237 which started off with a split spare and then a strike out. From 36 possible strikes, Bernie hit 50. His total of 752 broke the previous house record held by JOHN DAWSON by 29 pins, and came close to the national record.

The Open Middlesex Doubles, (Formerly St. Vincent) attracted 92 entries and included many of the country's top bowlers. The Sunday 4 p.m. squad with the STILLERS line-up of CHRIS BUCK & TOM WOOTON put paid to the SCEPTRES old of top place with a total of 2145.



WORTHING

On 20 April Worthing Ambulance Driver, GEORGE WILES struck lucky in the Essentials League to take the jackpot of £233. The last strike of the jackpot was in the tenth frame and George made sure with a turkey.

The Sussex Police League, proudly boasts the fact that it has the largest police league in the country, 18 trios teams. It is made up entirely of Police Officers with every division in the Sussex County Police represented. ERIC NOBLE who is the Statistician is also current police individual singles champion. Sussex Police are one of the counties striving to get recognition for tenpin bowling with the Police Athletic Association.

The ESSENTIAL League must surely be one of the most unique of its kind in the country. With 14 x 4 person teams the league is made up entirely of shift-workers such as nurses, civil employees, police, ambulance men, post office, electricity board plus anyone else that works awkward hours. They bowl all year round

Doubles game record was broken early in the day by ROY ATKINSON & DENNY NEWBURY (497) only to have it snatched by CHRIS & TOM (509). Much of the credit must go to Chris who hit 10 in a row the 11th a bit light left the 7/10 split for a 287 game. Congratulations for superb conditions to Chief Mechanic GEORGE HERON.

Diary Note: AMBASSADOR CLASSIFIED 15/16/23 May, Three Classified Divs.



CRAWLEY

With two more matches to be played, the PARAMOUNT CLASS I&E League championship has already been secured by the SHED, competition is still keen for the second and third spots, no less than 4 teams are fighting for these two places. The League will re-form for the Winter Season late in August, new line-ups will be welcomed, and should be sent to Secretary LES HOPKINS c/o the Centre. During the summer recess there will be a series of Monday night Pot Games, with a guaranteed prize fund of £10 per night. In the GUYS & DOLLS League, a massive 50 point lead is held by HITCHWOOD. JOHN FRASER bowled a 691 series with a 265 game, JUDY LAVERICK beat the Ladies' High Series by three pins with a very nice 570.

and have one of the finest attendances in the country, nearly 100% putting many other leagues to shame. MIKE DAWSON is hoping to repeat the high scoring success of the BTBA Nations with the Top Trend Trios which has a £100 handicap guarantee and takes place on 15/16th May.

Tournament Diary Note: The WENBAN-SMITH DOUBLES which this year is being run over two week-ends, September 4/5 and 11/12. Last year's prize money £397.



HODDES DON

Bowling for the MARLECS in the VALENTINES VARNISH League DEE NICHOLSON had the greatest of bad luck in not smashing two house records for ladies, her high game of 251 and series of 631 only just failing in each case. Better luck next time DEE. CHARLIE SARTER again in the same League became the second player to top a 700, with his 705. Charlie a vastly improved bowler also bowls in the GEMINI League with his wife JO, and here again made the news taking H/game & Series. The TRIANGLES became undisputed champions of this Lg. BOB WICKS & partner DAVE BURGESS showing great form, The CRICKETS and PIRATES followed them in. BRIAN CARPENTER by bowling a 600 in the last night managed to take top average of 179. The most improved team prize went to the LEFT handers and the Luckless BEACH-COMBERS had some consolation when TONY WALLACE took the President's Trophy. The new format has been expanded into 10x3 man teams after 8 years as a doubles. With the girls getting 20 pins a game this should make it a harder league to win.

News of the Juniors is that despite their difficulties, they have again produced a Champion in young 10 yr. old KAY PEARSON, who with a series of 443 won the Junior 1 section of the Y.B.C. Championships. Her good form has no doubt been due to the fact that she has been bowling with Mum & Dad in the Early Birds Sunday Morning League, thanks for bringing her along Early birds.



TOLWORTH

Tuesday 27th April was the final position night of the TRIPLE CROWN SCRATCH League, fighting for the 1st place of £110 were league leaders SHED on 97 pts. and MALLORY CHARGERS 94½. Shed hit a first game of 622 to sew things up and followed this with a 614 & 649, for an undisputed house record of 1885 to go with their recent game of 722. High men were FRED REED 669 and MALC BIGGS 663. The £25 High average prize was won by PETE SUMNER with 190 over 87, and 18 bowlers finished with 180+ averages. RAY FINDLAY's 707 took H/Series and a 280 from ALAN MITCHELL pipped BOB STENT (279) for the h/Game. The new season starts on May 11th, and some vacancies exist in this £500 prize fund League. THE SURREY COMET LEAGUE see the INCREDIBLES 164 pts. SURBITON BRIT. LEGION 158, CHESTER-PERRY 150, RICHMOND RACEWAY 147 and WIMBLEDON SPEEDWAY 145 in the top positions with seven weeks still to go. With the exception of the RACEWAY who have a fairly comfortable run in to the end, the rest have at least 3 matches that bring them head to head with one of the others and a very close finish is forecast. In the '600' stakes BOB RANGE, leads the way with six of them, closely followed by JIM EVELYN with five. In all 40- '600's' have been bowled this season and this is still a handicap league.



HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

The 5th Annual Easter Trios proved very successful at Hemel Hempstead attracting 102 entries. Leading the way in the Handicap section was SAM WEST'S, Troubleshooters with a 1916 pinfall closely pursued by Edgware's Phoenix 'A' (1906). On the home front Burton Dance 11 came close to snatching 2nd spot finishing only one pin behind in 3rd place (1905). In the scratch section it was BRIAN MICHAEL'S Greyhounds who went well into the Lead (1844). Closely challenging were Wolf Sapphires 'A' (1708). Newly appointed Manager, JOE ARTHUR is looking forward to welcoming the bowlers to the Hertfordshire Open Doubles on 29/30/31 May which although handicap was an optional scratch section. There is a £50 guarantee. Running during the summer months is the King & Queen of the Lanes Tournament for a multitude of lane prizes.

The new UNIQUE CHALLENGE CLUB recently formed for the purpose of arranging challenge matches with other bowls, saw their 1st venture on 25th April to Wolverhampton, a good time being had by all. House congratulations go to all YBC Members who brought trophies home from the National Champs. at Edgware recently.



Nth. HARROW

Welcome to two more Leagues who have elected to come under the sanctioned banner, The Thursday STAR-LIGHT League under the guidance of ARTHUR WATSON and TERRY SMITHS Saturday JUNIOR LEAGUE.

In the ELSTREE League PEGASUS are struggling to stay on top against the ACTION Team with 5 weeks to go in the season. DAVE LOUGHBOROUGH holds the series 692.

The PUTNEYS are just holding the lead against the POLOS in the Thursday Morning Ladies League.

In the Wednesday EMBASSY League HIT AND MISS look unbeatable. UNION still lead the Sunday LEISURE League and Secretary SUE BEVAN leads the Ladies with high game 245 and series 622. The PHANTOMS have a 16 points lead in the Sunday DODGY League.

In the INTERNATIONAL Ladies League, the top teams are having a very close fight and BOBBIE MYERSCOUGH holds the high game of 233.

The Tuesday COCKTAIL League leaders have once again changed with AZTECS now holding a 9 point lead over SZARS with BOWLING STONES and BLUE BIRDS in close pursuit.

Following on a Tuesday night the TRIOS is still led by UNION 'A' followed by FORMULA FOUR. GRAHAM HOLDEN recently took the league high series spot with a 667. In the OBSERVER FIVE League top spot has changed again with ROUGH DIAMONDS leading from the HARROW NOMADS 'B', LEN GASTON retains high game and series with 265/719 respectively.



EDGWARE

Sanction Fever. Latest to join the ranks of "sanctioned" at the Edgware Centre are the SUNDAY MORNING DOUBLES League, "EARLY RISERS" and the new handicap 5's "RESIDENTS" League. It is also anticipated that the Centres biggest league the twenty-four team trios A.1. CAR HIRE League will be sanctioning at the start of the new season. Biggest event over the last few weeks was the KEITH ELVINS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT to help raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust. The eventual winner, was GORDON HOLLIER with COLIN RICKARDS in second place. The event raised £100 for Cystic Fibrosis. Top of the new "RESIDENTS" after three weeks are "DAVES ALL STARS" captained by DAVE CROUCH; with eight points to their credit they were surprisingly thrashed last week by MARGE HUNT'S 'LADYBIRDS', PHOENIX hold second place on pinfall as seven teams are equal on points. They also hold H/game so far with 1010. BOB SCHWARTZ just missed the £190 jackpot when the 7th pin stood up in the 7th in the last jackpot frame.

Bitter but friendly rivalry exists in the DIRTY DOZEN Lg. With only three weeks to go BOB ELLIS leads CAS EDWARDS by a point in the league. These two are monopolising the High Game records. Share out for this singles league is expected to be in the region of £300.

Enquiries were made about the new league secretary, but further investigation revealed that it was newly shaven DON SLAVIN who



STEVENAGE

This month at Stevenage a local racing driver, Richard LONG, has launched a team of the town's top bowlers, TREVOR JONES, BOB SPEEDIE PETER REES, BOB ENDERSBY and CHRIS ALDOUS and during the coming season we hope to see them in their specially made shirts in many of the leading Centres in the country to challenge equally enthusiastic teams. This Centre looks forward to receiving many more challenges to add to their already brimming diary.

The SIMMONDS SCRATCH League, Leadership has changed giving BOB ENDERSBY 1st place for the moment but junior STEVE ROBERTS has a game in hand. Steady bowling from NIGEL NEWLING is keeping him in the top three. Friendly MILTON WHITEHEAD is showing that form we expect from the Americans. TREVOR JONES now bowling some good games bowled well in Brussels recently. League President LAURIE STANLEY, a 190 av. bowler in Australia is now beginning to increase his rather low English Average. Oldest bowler in the League JIM WILDE is steadily taking points, Manager TOM SHORTT thanks the competitors who made such a big success of the Easter Doubles this year. Attracting 125 entries, APACHES 1 piped the GREYHOUNDS 1 in the H/cap section. WESTERNERS topped the Scr. section from APACHES 1 by 1 pin. Diary note: SIMMONDS SINGLES on 29/30/31 May for £100 grtd. p. fund.

removed his beard after two unshaven years. Diary Note: COCA-COLA CLASSIC TRIOS 5/6 June.

NATIONAL HIGH SCORE CARD

5 Person Series	Wembley ALL Stars	3264
	Nomads	3206
	Harry Stillers Racers	3113
	Game Wembley ALL Stars	1147
	Wembley ALL Stars	1144
4 Person Series	Nomads	1133
	Brunswick Jets	2503
	Wembley ALL Stars	2496
	Colonials	2470
	Game Wembley ALL Stars	874
3 Person Series	Brunswick Jets	858
	Wembley ALL Stars	833
	Wembley ALL Stars	2038
	Nomads	1998
	Game Nomads	1941
2 Person Series	Game Nomads	751
	Wembley ALL Stars	729
	Wembley ALL Stars	722
	Shed	722
	C. Leavy/B. Wilkins	1406
1 Person Series	D. Brough/P. Russell	1376
	W. Clarke/D. Brough	1369
	Game D. Brough/P. Russell	522
	J. Taylor/L. Powell	516
	D. Brough/P. Russell	514
1 Person Series	B. Wilkins	772
	B. Wilkins	761
	L. George	756
	Game P. Russell	299
	C. Thomas	299

LADIES DIVISION

5 Ladies Series	Hippies	2860
	Skelly Hiltons	2823
	Hippies	2810
	Game Skelly Hiltons	1018
	Hippies	996
3 Person Game	Sandpipers	995
	Les Belles Quillers	600
	2 Person Series L. Potter/L. Morris	1223
	P. Thompson/E. Grant	1143
	Game P. Thompson/Ena Grant	457
1 Person Series	L. Potter/L. Morris	453
	Myra Kelsey	667
	Ann Thorpe	666
	Kim Wheeler	645
	Game Kim Wheeler	279

Tournament Calender

MAY

16	Int-County Qualifying rounds	
15/16	Top Trend Trios	WORTHING
16	Schweppes Nat. Trios	HANLEY
22/23	SWEDEN INTERNATIONAL	DUNSTABLE
22/23	Old Spice Doubles	LEYTONSTONE
22/23	Old Spice Comp. Dbls.	WILDE GREEN
22/23	5-3-2 Tourney	CRAWLEY
29/30	Old Spice Comp. Dbls.	STIRCHLEY
29/31	Simmonds Singles	STEVENAGE
29/31	David Argent Dbls.	CRAWLEY
30/31	WHITSUN INTERNATIONAL	PARIS

JUNE

5/6	BTBA SUMMER INT.	WEMBLEY
5/6	Coca-Cola Classic Sgl.	EDGWARE
13	Int-Counties Qualifying rounds	
13	Wessex Clas. Team	PORTSMOUTH
19/20	Midsummer Foursome	LEWISHAM
27	Anglian D/ Glazing Trios	PORTSMOUTH

JULY

3/4	London Ladies Open	HOUNSLOW
4	Int-Counties Qualifying rounds	
10/11	LABA Mixed Doubles	TOLWORTH
10/11	Wembley Doubles	WEMBLEY
10/11	Coca-Cola Clas. Dbls.	STEVENAGE

AUGUST

1	Int-Counties Qualifying rounds	
1	Stevens Butchers Dbls.	PORTSMOUTH
8	Lond. Int. MatchPlay Qualifying	
14/15	Coca-Cola Inv. Sup. Dbl.	HOUNSLOW
22	Lond. Int. MatchPlay Qualifying	
18-27	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	MILWAUKEE

SEPTEMBER

4/5, 11/12	Wenban Smith Dbls.	WORTHING
11/12	LON. INT. MATCH PLAY	WEMBLEY
11/12	Midx. Open Trios	HOUNSLOW
25/26	TBPA UK Champs	EDGWARE

OCTOBER

2/3 & 10	Booths Brit. Masters	HARROW
16/17	INT-COUNTIES FINAL	COVENTRY
23/24	Coca-Cola Sup. 4's	WORTHING

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205 x12 G. Buck (AIR)		187 x90 K. Baker (TOL)	184 x90 J. Kilian (WEM)
204 x18 T. Wooten (HOU)		x87 R. Allen (TOL)	x90 J. White (TOL)
203 x87 C. Petty (HAR)		x87 E. Butcher (WEM)	x90 G. Blackaller (TOL)
202 x36 L. Gaston (HAR)		x84 E. Butcher (HOU)	x87 B. Rance (TOL)
99 x110 C. Buck (AIR)		x82 M. Smith (WEM)	x78 P. Robinson (HOU)
97 x110 D. Staples (AIR)		x81 B. Holmes (WEM)	x66 B. Cox (TOL)
x90 C. Buck (HOU)	189 x102 C. Wheeler (HOU)	x72 A. Davis (WEM)	x62 J. Roze (WEM)
x12 G. Hollier (AIR)	x96 B. Rance (TOL)	x63 T. Marshall (HOU)	x54 A. Kellaway (TOL)
x110 G. Liddiard (AIR)	x96 S. Wright (HAR)	x60 R. Findley (TOL)	x51 M. Biggs (CRA)
x96 T. Marshall (HAR)	x92 D. Brown (TOL)	x42 G. Botting (CRA)	x36 W. Cowan (HAR)
95 x110 T. Marshall (AIR)	x90 B. Michael (WEM)	186 x114 D. Lewis (HAR)	x36 P. Crowley (STE)
x69 T. Blanchett (HAR)	x90 B. Wilkins (HAR)	x99 M. Biggs (TOL)	x30 C. Petty (AIR)
x36 C. Levy (HAR)	x86 C. Presland (WEM)	x90 A. Davis (WEM)	x12 T. Marshall (AIR)
94 x60 B. Rance (TOL)	x78 D. Johannier (WEM)	x84 P. Russell (WEM)	183 x99 D. Richardson (HAR)
x24 T. Seifert (HAR)	x75 V. Baker (WEM)	x83 B. Smith (WEM)	x99 L. Slifkin (HAR)
93 x78 B. Mansfield (WEM)	x30 D. Staples (HOU)	x81 R. Haggan (WEM)	x96 B. Rogers (HAR)
x75 R. Artis (HOU)	x30 M. Woollard (HAR)	x69 J. Wyndham (WEM)	x94 P. Newbery (TOL)
92 x86 G. Buck (HOU)	188 x117 J. Roze (HAR)	x57 D. Brough (WEM)	x90 P. Newbery (TOL)
x74 C. Buck (TOL)	x105 A. Davis (HAR)	x54 G. Liddiard (HAR)	x90 B. Rance (TOL)
x27 A. Maskell (CRA)	x99 J. Dawson (HOU)	xx44 J. Reeves (HOU)	x81 K. Baker (TOL)
x21 R. Budgen (HAR)	x96 T. Waring (HAR)	x40 C. Suckling (AIR)	x77 B. Maberley (WEM)
91 x105 B. Caterer (AIR)	x93 L. Hamblyn (TOL)	x30 M. Birchfield (HAR)	x69 R. Hook (WEM)
x95 M. Biggs (TOL)	x90 B. Michael (WEM)	x15 J. Rose (WEM)	x48 R. Adams (HAR)
xx87 G. Liddiard (HOU)	x66 M. Lewendon (HAR)	185 x114 S. Pugh (HAR)	x46 G. Hollier (WEM)
x72 T. Marshall (HOU)	x54 C. Petty (WEM)	x99 G. Raper (TOL)	x39 D. Dibble (HAR)
x66 M. Woollard (HAR)	x48 T. Waring (HAR)	xx96 V. Baker (TOL)	x39 C. Presland (HAR)
x36 M. Lewendon (HAR)	x39 D. Furnell (HAR)	x96 G. Raper (TOL)	x21 P. Courts (HAR)
x24 A. Davis (WEM)	x33 D. Pond (HOU)	x84 P. Kingswood (TOL)	
90 x90 B. Wilkins (WEM)	x33 R. Pugh (HAR)	x81 K. Prangnell (HOU)	
x87 B. Caterer (HOU)		x39 D. Maberley (HAR)	182 x99 M. Turner (HOD)
x84 P. Sumner (TOL)		xx12 D. Barnden (AIR)	x96 K. Baker (TOL)
x75 L. Gaston (WEM)			x96 B. Light (WEM)

LADIES

184 x72 A. Thorpe (HOU)	
181 x87 L. Potter (HOU)	
180 x39 K. Wheeler (HOU)	
179 x72 Eun Grant (HOU)	
x12 K. Wheeler (AIR)	
178 x84 K. Wheeler (HOU)	
x78 A. Thorpe (HOU)	
177 x96 L. Potter (TOL)	
x90 Ena Grant (HOU)	
176 x74 M. Ilas (WEM)	
175 x84 L. Bennett (HOU)	
174 x66 D. Miles (HOU)	
x18 M. Beenham (HOU)	

173 x42 B. Hill (STE)	
x12 J. Virot (AIR)	
172 x90 Eun Grant (HOU)	
x78 N. Bowen (HOU)	
x59 M. Ilas (WEM)	
x48 J. Shepherd (LEW)	
171 x84 P. Dew (HOU)	
170 x117 H. Dixon (HAR)	
x87 W. Collison (HOU)	
x84 J. Virot (WEM)	
x12 C. Collier (AIR)	

JUNIORS

191 x44 D. Field (CRA)	
186 x42 D. Field (TOL)	
184 x69 D. Field (CRA)	
182 x39 S. Roberts (STE)	
180 x84 D. Field (CRA)	
179 x87 P. Bowry (miss) (TOL)	
178 x96 D. Smith (TOL)	
x87 K. Bailey (CRA)	
x78 S. Roberts (HOD)	
176 x90 P. Bowry (miss) (TOL)	
175 x90 K. Bailey (CRA)	
172 x75 J. Fowler (TOL)	
x60 C. Kier (WEM)	
x54 R. Poncheri (HAR)	
x21 R. Poncheri (HAR)	
170 x51 C. Kier (WEM)	
166 x88 D. Williams (TOL)	

x96 F. Reed (TOL)	
x30 P. Rock (TOL)	
x90 P. Turnbull (WEM)	
x88 T. Izzard (WEM)	
x87 M. Baum (HOU)	
x87 F. Reed (TOL)	
x85 P. Perry (WEM)	
x84 V. Baker (TOL)	
x84 P. Robinson (HOU)	
x84 A. Norris (LEW)	
x81 L. George (WEM)	
x81 D. Pond (HOD)	
x78 B. Bridge (WEM)	
x78 M. Goodwin (HOU)	
x75 P. Newbery (CRA)	
x75 C. Wheeler (HOU)	
x74 B. Brown (WEM)	
x62 T. Weifert (WEM)	
x57 K. Prangnell (HOU)	
x12 J. Bathgate (AIR)	



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