

lost in week nine but Bunny Inc and Glaze Rite both won extending their lead over third place. Keith Allsop had another 600 (602) and Gary Harland of the Blues Brothers a 244.

Bunny Inc in week ten only played against four bowlers, with Dominic Jackson having a first game of 256 Bunny Inc won that game but failed to win any more. With Glaze Rite winning all points they took over the lead.

Week eleven saw the top three all winning so not much changed at the top. Four 600's this week from Mike Panetta 631 (239), Chris Skudder 616, Keith Allsop 652 (252,254) his last game was a 146 and John Amos 616. Bunny Inc also had a 1063 team game and 2878 series.

Nothing changed at the top in week twelve but high games came from Dave Grant 245, Dominic Jackson 234 and Nikki Harvey 236.

Week thirteen was a bit unlucky for Keith Allsop bowling on lanes 27/28 for in his first game he started with the first eleven strikes (rumour has it that some of them were in the pocket) or did he tell me that they were all in the pocket, anyway the twelfth delivery definitely was not but it was a good mixing brooklin but alas it did not mix enough and left a rocking nine pin, so a 299 it was and a very good game at that, and I hope that you have better luck next time Madge. Oh by the way he just fell short of a 700 and had a 640!!!

Malcolm Fuller also in Keith's team had a 613, with Mean Machine losing 7-0 despite Steve Carnell having a 624 they dropped to fourth place elevating the on form Highwaymen to third, Mick Cope of the Highwaymen (he's had a 299 as well many moon's ago) had a 231. Keith Andrews of The Pinbusters had a 230 but the man with the biggest smile of the night went to Bruce Maguire also of The Pinbusters having his first 200 game of a 209.

With the Mean Machine losing again they are currently out of contention for the race to the lead, this being between Glaze Rite and Bunny Inc with The Highwaymen in third place. Dave Grant of The Chessmen had a middle game of 268 and falling just four pins short of a 600.

All the top teams won the same amount

of points in week fifteen so nothing changed at the top. We did however have 600's from two of the top teams with Sheila White having a 603 (245) and Malcolm Fuller of having three 200's 201-223-200 in his 624.

The Mean Machine woke up in week sixteen and won all points and having a 3027 with Handicap aided by Alan Hart 632 (231) and Keith Hodge 606. Alan Jones of The Highwaymen whom the Mean Machine were playing this week had a 216-201-216 and 633, another person to have all 200's was Brian Dodd of Going Spare 213-211-213 for 637. John Amos also managed a 600, a 615 Mick Brown of The Addicks a 235 and that man Bruce Maguire improved in his P.B. with a 225.

With the top three teams all losing in week seventeen nothing changed, but what did change was the Team Series with Handicap which The Chessmen took with a 3052, this was mainly due to Dave Grant having a 692 (if he hadn't cherried the 6-10 in the tenth frame of the last game he would have had a 700) Dave's series was made up of games 234-257-201 also for The Chessmen Tansel Oljay had a 235 and Fred Spears a 233. A 600 also came from their opposition with Steve Dodd of Going Spare a 617.

Glaze Rite and Mean Machine had a right old ding-dong in week eighteen the outcome being in favour of Glaze Rite 2-1. Chas Painter of had 212-223-228, 663, Paul Fletcher a 234 and John Amos a 279, good enough to currently hold the high game with Handicap, 284. On the Mean Machine team yours truly had a 620 with the help of a last game of 258 and John O'Neill had a 609, Glaze Rite also managed a team scratch. game of 1042.

Something must have been wrong with the lanes this week (or should that read right) as we had six 600's bowled, they were from Mick Cope 650 (246), Keith Hodge 232-203-203 for a 638, Dominic Jackson 222-203-206 for a 631, Malcolm Fuller 628 (246), Bill Shrimpton 623 (235) (he also won the centre jackpot, it was a shame though that it was won the week before and so by the time he brought every one a drink he was out of pocket), and last but not least Mike Panetta a 604. If Bob Hayter bowled one pin more he also would be on the list

but he didn't so he's not but we did have a 245.

Glaze Rite increased their lead over Bunny Inc to six points in week twenty and Mean Machine close up on third place team The Chessmen. Only one 600, Keith Hodge a 627. Angie Thick of Alpha Omega (I have to mention them now and again or J.C. won't print this, mind you after my opening comments I don't think he will anyway) had a fine game of 232.

Glaze Rite lost in week twenty one and Bunny Inc closed to within one point of them. Malcolm Fuller had another 600 a 603, as did Fred Spears, 601 and Tansel Oljay a 233.

Week twenty two and Bunny Inc lose and so Glaze Rite take their lead back to six points and Mean Machine close up on second place. Yours truly had a steady night for a 641, Neil Webb a 607 (257) and Dave Grant a 606, Keith Andrews of The Pinbusters a 241.

Week twenty three and the Mean Machine bowl a 2838 scratch and lose to the better score of 2878 from The Highwaymen aided by Chris Skudder with a 677, I had a 602 (246) but we still lost, but a very good match it was. John Amos had a 210-246-202 for a 658 helping Glaze Rite to win 7-0. Sally (yes it's my birthday, well it was on this particular night) had a 619 (234).

So being bang up to date (well it was when I wrote it) Glaze Rite have an eight point lead over Bunny Inc who in turn have a eleven and a half point lead over Mean Machine with The Chessmen and The Highwaymen only a half point and a point and a half respectively behind, Mike Panetta leads the Men's Averages on a 187.20 followed by John Amos 186.08, Keith Hodge 185.33 and Steve White 183.24. Sheila White leads the Ladies Averages 186.43 over Nikki Harvey 175.07 and Jan Hodge a 166.85.

SPARTAN LEAGUE

by Steve White

The league is at a very exciting stage with one schedule to go there is only 8 points separating first and last.

So the first week of the last schedule started with a bang for John O'Neill having games of 202 and a 183, John then had 9 in a row for a 274 game and

a 659 series.

Week 23 was a bad week for the league leaders Snafu suffering their first 3-0 defeat of the season. bad week for Snafu but a very good week Syd Goodwin having a 663 series (227-201-235) currently taking the Men's Scratch Series, Brian Millgate also carrying on his good form with a 236 and 618.

With Them'n'er beating the current second place team The Hustlers and Snafu back in the winning way, Snafu extended their lead to 2.5 points.

Week 25 saw The Hustlers reduce the lead to 1.5 points.

Week 26 and once again The Hustlers took more points than Snafu and the lead was reduced to just 0.5 of a point. Also in the season long knockout Sheila White played Adrian Greenfield in the Final.

A couple of 230+ games were bowled in week 27, a 247 from Frank Weston and a 235 from Paul Fletcher also making a 601.

Them'n'er are mounting a strong challenge and in week 28 they are only 2 points behind the leaders and only 0.5 of a point from second place.

Week 29 saw a big turn around with Snafu winning 3-0 and The Hustlers and Them'n'er both losing 2-1, The Three Heads leaped frogged into second place. My current form to date had been very frustrating but in this week I surprised myself with a 639 (213-199-227), the wife also surprised herself and had a last game of 245. Syd Goodwin had another 600 a 611.

Week 30 and my current form continued with another 600 and thus promoting myself to second in the averages and hoping to close on the season leader Brian Millgate until I discovered he bowled a 643 (205-203-235) oh well, but with three weeks left anyone of six teams can still win the league.

Week 31 was the week Brian Millgate got worried about the High Average that he had held all season for yours truly had games of 220-216 and a 267 for a 703 and with Brian having a 539 the gaped closed, but Brian was still very firmly in the driving seat for I was trying to claw back a 6 pin average deficit. The

703 though did take the Men's Scratch Series away from Syd Goodwin, but he did have the consolation of taking the Series with Handicap Brian's team mate did have a 600 however with Paul Fletcher who after a low first game of 168 then had a 247 and a 211 for a 626.

I must also mention (because if I don't I could be in serious trouble) that Diane Weston back in December had a personal best game of a 191. There that's got me out of trouble. (*That's what you think Steve*).

So 2 weeks to go and Snafu have a 3 point lead over Them'n'er and The Three Heads who are tying in second place.

Week 32 and Snafu only had two bowlers (me and the wife) but with myself having another 600 (222-190-212) 624 and Sheila having a last game of 258 we did manage to win 2-1, so did Them'n'er but The Three Heads lost 2-1, so Snafu maintained their 3 point lead over Them'n'er and The Three Heads only 1 point behind them.

And so to the last week, Snafu needing only 1 point to clinch the league, but all didn't go quite to plan, my current form deserted me and with a first game of 162 we lost and Them'n'er won, 2 games to go and our lead down to 2 points (a tie looking probable). The second game and I had another 164 and yet again we lost and Them'n'er won. 1 game to go and only 1 point lead, and so to the last game, with a shaky start of a couple of spares and an open I then had 9 in a row for a 258 and Sheila had a 226 and Lou having a 159 we had a 643 Scratch game, 682 with handicap, we did enough to win the league by 1 point.

On the average front despite my late burst Brian Millgate won the averages by being consistent for the whole season and not just for the last few weeks.

On the knockout Adrian Greenfield beat Sheila White, and so the final standings were as follows:-

1st	Snafu	56 pts
2nd	Them'n'er	55 pts
3rd	Three Heads	52 pts
4th	Nine again	51 pts
5th	Hustlers	50.5 pts
	G-Force	50.5 pts
7th	Not Enough	50 pts
8th	G.T's	49 pts
9th	Sweeney	48 pts

110th	Stokers	45 pts
	Pickets	45 pts
12th	Us Again	42 pts

Team High Series Scratch	
Snafu	1758
Team High Series Handicap	
Them'n'er	1882

Team High Game Scratch	
Them'n'er	644

Team High Game Handicap	
G T's	684

Mens High Series Scratch	
Steve White	703

Mens High Series Handicap	
Syd Goodwin	699

Mens High Game Scratch	
John O'Neill	274

Mens High Game Handicap	
Steve White	273

Ladies High Series Scratch	
Sheila White	658

Ladies High Series Handicap	
Gloria Pattinson	653

Ladies High Game Scratch	
Sheila White	258

Ladies High Game Handicap	
Denese Taylor	262

Mens High Averages

1st	Brian Millgate	186.08
2nd	Steve White	184.95
3rd	Paul Fletcher	180.51
4th	Bert Mitchell	177.85
5th	Frank Weston	176.81

Ladies High Averages

1st	Sheila White	181.30
2nd	Gloria Pattinson	159.59
3rd	Sylvia Thomas	158.43

GUYS AND DOLLS

From Fred Spears

Well, another League Season is once again over, and it proved to be the closest yet, going to the final week.

"Effigy" (Gwen Green and Fred Spears) needed a win of 3 points or more to beat "New York Giants" (Poppy and Mick Cope) to win the league. This wasn't going to be easy, as they were against "Super Pests" (Peggy and Stan Hammond). In a hard fought match "Effigy" finally triumphed by 3-1, thereby giving them the League Championship by 1 point.

In the same match, a 595 series was needed by Fred Spears if he was to beat Mick Cope for the Mens High Average, alas he failed, only bowling a 570, so congratulations to Mick, well deserved.

The Final Positions were:

- 1st EFFIGY
- 2nd NEW YORK GIANTS
- 3rd ARRIVAL
(Dot Edwards/Barry Butchers)
- 4th THE NASTY BOYS
(Penny Allsop/Alan Hart/Steve White)
- 5th THE HAWKS
(Michelle Moore/ Bill Hawks)
- 6th THE TROTTERS
(Val Harlin/Bill Bridge/Barry Wallace)
- 7th SUPER PESTS
(Peggy and Stan Haqmmmond)
- 8th ADJUSTERS
(Beryl Drury/Brian Godden)
- 9th CHEERS
(Lynn Aslett/Dave Byhurst)
- 10th THE SPARES
(Jennie Sheepwash/Steve Crarke/
Alan Downing)
- 11th WE TWO
(Lynn Ibrahim/Richard Harris/Dave
Turner)
- 12th M & S
(Val Stradling and Masie & Stan Munser)

High Series		
Barry Butchers	642	
High Game		
Fred Spears	267	
Ladies High Series		
Gwen Green	586	
Ladies High Game		
Penny Allsop	237	
Team High Series		
Arrival	1262	
Team High Game		
The Nasty Boys	466	
Mens High Average		
Mick Cope	179.20	
Ladies High Average		
Gwen Green	161.73	

From everyone in the League, I would like to thank Poppy and Mick Cope for their efforts in making this league a sucess.

So much for last season, lets get on with the new one.

After three weeks the top three positions are, 1st Adjusters, 2nd Arrival and 3rd Nasty Boys. Notable performances from Barry Butchers 618 series, Mick Cope 224 game, Beryl Drury 564 series and 205 game, Adjusters 1210 team series and Arrival 421 team game.

On week four there was nothing exceptional apart from a 463 team game from New York Giants, still its a long way to go, and no doubt the scores will get higher.

INCVICTA LEAGUE

from Paul Chatley

We have now finished the 22 match season, it was not so close as previous seasons for first place, but it was tight for some of the other positions.

This is how we finished:

1st	RAWNEKS	45.5 pts
2nd	WOODENHEADS	40 pts
3rd	ARCHITECTS	38 pts
4th	THE CABMEN	37.5 pts
5th	SPLITS	36.5 pts
6th	THE WOOLWICH	35.5 pts
7th	BOWLERS INC	35 pts
8th	SCVORCHERS	33 pts
9th	TEAM AYE GEE	31 pts
10th	BROOKLYN BOMBERS	27.5 pts
11th	FIVE 'N' FOUR	18 pts
12th	PANETTAS	18 pts

Team High Series Scratch		
THE WOOLWICH	1727	
Team High Game Scratch		
ARCHITECTS	640	
Individual High Series Scratch		
Rod Wickens	717	
Individual High Game Scratch		
Rod Wickens	267	
Team High Series Handicap		
ARCHITECTS	1854	
Team High Game Handicap		
BOWLERS INC	675	
Mens High Series Handicap		
John Shilling	659	
Keith Knott	659	
Ladies High Series Handicap		
Sue Thomas	635	
Mens High Game Handicap		
John Panetta	258	
Ladies High Game Handicap		
Gina Knott	250	

Top Averages		
1st	Brian Millgate	186.87
2nd	Terry Miller	183.71
3rd	Rod Wickens	179.51

Most Improved Bowler		
Matt Bruce	+12.97	

Now for some notable team and individual scores

18th October - Rod Wickens of The Architects had games of 245, 186, 222 for a 653 series, Chris Cunliffe of Bowlers Inc rolled a 226 game. Keith Knott, The Woolwich, rolled games of 233, 193 and 212 for a 638 series.

25th October - Terry Miller, The Cabmen,

rolled 213, 190 and 233 for 636 and Brian Millgate, The Woolwich, 158 (oops), 216, 234 for a 608 series.

8th November - John Shilling of the Rawneks rolled a 233 game and The Splits a 1584 team series, a league best for them.

15th November - Bernie Arbery of The Cabmen rolled a 225 game while John Shilling equalled his league best game with a 256 and Phil Wond, Brooklyn Bombers, set his best league game with a 247.

22nd November - A 602 series from John Panetta, The Panettas, made up of games of 188, 238 and 176. Other high games of the week coming from Chris Butchers, Rawneks, 225 and Keith Knott 234.

29th November - Just two high scores to report, a 237 game from Ray Archer of The Architects while The Cabmen rolled a 604 team game.

6th December - The 246 game rolled by Terry Mills of Rawneks was the only high score of the week.

13th December - Brian Millgate rolled games of 214, 225 and 184 for a 623 series. Sandra Denyer, of the Woodenheads, bowled a 234 game and Michael Yau had a league personal best series of 621 with games of 203, 225 and 193.

20th December - The 600 series by Sandra Denyer is the only noteworthy score of the week, Sandra's games were 186, 193 and 221.

10th January - Syd Goodwin of The Brooklyn Bombers, rolled games of 180, 203 and 217 for his 600 series and Dave Brooks of The Scorchers a 228 game.

17th January - Syd Goodwin, again in the scores, with a 240 game. Two personal bests this week, Gina Knott of The Woolwich a 225 game and a 532 series from Terry Snashall of The Splits.

24th January - A league best game of 238 for Michael Yau while his team, The Splits, rolled a 1616 series which is the best they have bowled in the league.

31st January - Lachie Campbell of Brooklyn Bombers rolled games of 211, 209 and 145 for a 565 series, a league best for him. Another 600, a 626 this

time, from Brian Millgate, Brian's games were 202, 190 and 234.

7th February - Games of 245, 166 and 212 made up John Shillings 623 series, the only high score of the week.

21st February - The 717 series from Rod Wickens was the highlight of this week, Rods games were 194, 267 and 256, it does not have to be said that this was Rods Highest Series and Game in the League. More high scores this week were The Architects rolled games of 513, 640 and 548 for a 1701 team series, the 640 being their league best. The Woolwich had games of 522, 612 and 593 in their 1727 team series. Bowlers Inc rolled a 610 team game helped by Terry Archer with a 225 game.

28th February - Chris Butcher of Rawneks rolled a 234 game and Brian Millgate rolled 192, 234 and 203 for a 629 series.

7th March - Terry Archer rolled games of 222, 221 and 211 for a 654 series and whilst playing a postponement this week Sue Thomas rolled a 229 game.

21st March - Tina Knott rolled games of 198, 185 and 180 for her league best series of 563. Terry Archer rolled a 232 game and Sandra Denyer had games of 197, 234 and 179 in her 610 series. The Woodenheads rolled team games of 558, 614 and 536 for their 1708 series.

28th March - Just the 234 game from Paul Thomas of the Woodenheads to report on our last night of the season.

FIREBALL LEAGUE

by John Cudmore

We have just seen the end of another 33 week season and our league Champions, ones again, (I have lost count of how many times but I am sure they will tell me) are The Pinslayers, namely Fred Collins, Jim Middleditch, John Darby and Steve Cook. From the 99 games played they amassed 141 points.

Just two points behind and in second place were Blue Thunder, Alan and Maureen Thompson, Tony and Lorraine Cummerson and Greg Booth.

Only another two points behind them in third place were The Split Pins, Roy and Maureen Memmott, Brian Griswood, Alan Openshaw and Bill Sayers.

All our Team and Individual High Scores are with Handicap and the respective winners were:

Team High Series		
Hi Jinx	1988	
Team High Game		
Pinslayers	753	
Mens High Series		
Andrew Krangel	714	
Mens High Game		
Jack Denne	313	
Ladies High Series		
Vicky Preston	657	
Ladies High Game		
Kaye Cudmore	269	

The Top Men's Averages were:

1st	Roy Memmott	180.55
2nd	Steve Williams	179.84
3rd	Jim Middleditch	177.65
4th	Fred Collins	173.77
5th	Kevin Moreton	169.24

The Top Ladies Averages were

1st	Margaret Shrimpton	158.52
2nd	Lucy Cudmore	158.51

Just one pin less by Margaret over the 33 weeks would have given Lucy the High Average, how close can you get.

The Most Improved Bowler

1st	Chris Genovese	+19.83
2nd	Alan Terry	+ 8.88
3rd	Joanne Shrimpton	+ 7.11
4th	Glen Roberts	+ 6.92
5th	Ian Bastick	+ 6.13

Some notable best scores from the last few weeks of the season included a run of 470, 472, 480, 467, 482 and 503 from Chris Genovese whose average was only 126 before that lot, we can see why he's our most improved bowler.

A 585 series from Allan Thompson, 549 from Anne Osborne, 466 Glen Roberts (123 Ave) 523 Vicky Preston, 629 Fred Collins, 541 Jack Denne, 622 Richard Firth (203, 209, 210), 571 Kevin Moreton, 639 Steve Williams and 539 Sandra Williams.

We have just started our new season, which I shall report on fully in the next issue, but I must just mention the leagues first ever 700 series in our 30 odd years of bowling. with games of 232, 265, 203 a 700 exactly to STEVE WILLIAMS.

CLIFTONVILLE

BLACKPIN LEAGUE

from Dave Buck

WEEK 28

S & S Motors 1 - Heavy Impact 2
After losing the first game, league leaders "Heavy Impact" stormed through to take the last two games leaving the "Motors" in their dust. Two fine games of 256 & 266 from Paul Crundell helped him to a 692 series and the "Heavies" to a new league high game of 740. Alas poor "Motors" their recent form has been unpredictable to say the least and maybe anyone of three pearls of wisdom may help them,
1. Drastic line changes. 2. Buy Dunlop "Town and Country" bowling balls each. 3. Take up curling.

Manhattans 0 - Deadly Doughnuts 3
The "Doughnuts" cruised to an easy win over "Manhattans" who overcome the handicap of a blind score. The "Doughnuts" are now well in contact with the lower placed teams although they will have their work cut out next week to go any higher.

The Ragged Edge 1 - Gentle Touch 2
Another good result for the "Gentle Touch" to push them into 7th place well up with the chasing pack. 1 2.5 bonus haul, thanks to 541 and 533 series from Pat Bootes and Jackie Ottaway respectively, together with the points, rounded off a productive night.

Bowlmasters 2 - Kamikazi Trio 1
On this 2nd v 3rd match the scores were very close with the "Masters" squeezing through to take the first two games before the "Trio" took the last. Another 600+ series from the "Master Droid" helped "Bowlmaster" but they still lost a little ground on the leaders. The "Trio" are well entrenched in 3rd place.

Ratners 2 - Strikeforce 1

This relatively low scoring match saw "Ratners" pick up two points and a fair 41 pin bonus whilst "Strikeforce" had to be content with the one point and a 19 pin bonus.

Demolition 2 - Capos 1

In another low scoring match "Demolition" just squeaked the first game by two pins to take the majority of the points but both teams failed to make their targets and lost bonus.

WEEK 29

Ratners 0 - Demolition 3

"Demolition" did a real "job-lot" on "Ratners" lead from the front by Steve Wilson with a 634 series they were never headed and with nearly 7 points from the match, with bonus, take a giant leap up to 4th place.

Bowlmasters 2 - Deadly Doughnuts 1

An error spotted by the "Secretary's eye" in the "Bowlmasters" handicap total of 10 pins too many meant that the first game was won by the "Doughnuts". Both teams made bonus but that dropped point prevented the "Masters" moving into pole position.

Strikeforce 3 - Heavy Impact 0

League leaders "Heavy Impact" were given quite a fright by "Strikeforce" ably lead by Steve Saville with his maiden 600 series with games of 221,222 & 226 for a very fine 669. Apart from a close second game "Strikeforce" had too much fire-power for the "Heavies" and raced to nearly 5 points with bonus.

S & S Motors 2 - Capos 1

After easily taking the first two games "Motors" slipped up in the third to allow the under-strength "Capos" to take it with ease. Both teams made bonus but failed to hold onto their places amidst the heroics of the teams below them.

Kamikazi Trio " - Gentle Touch 1

A shock for the "Trio" in the first game as they were easily beaten by the "Gentle Touch". They pulled their socks up to cruise to wins in the second and third games. Both teams made bonus but could not make any further advances up the ladder.

The Ragged Edge 1 - Manhattans 2

In this very low scoring match a 2 man "Raggies" team did well to take one point and make bonus. "Manhattans" on the other hand lost a point of their two to a minus bonus.

WEEK 30

Ratners 3 - Manhattans 0

Three consistent games from "Ratners" saw them overcome a dogged "Manhattans" side that would not give in particularly in the second and third games. This victory worth nearly 6 points with bonus hoists "Ratners" back into 4th place.

S & S Motors 2 - Kamikazi Trio 1

The fine start by "Motors" was not maintained although after easily taking the first game they just got home in front in the second but were way adrift in the third. The "Trio" with nearly 2 points with bonus, retain 3rd place and it is still possible for them to cause a few upsets if either of the teams above them falter over the last five weeks.

Capos 2 - Strikeforce 1

Another case of "secretaries eye" handicaps added up wrong and a tied game! "Strikeforce" secured the point after a recount. However the 2 points plus over a point bonus keeps "Capos" on course for a good finishing position.

Demolition 2 - Heavy Impact 1

"Heavy Impact" were shut out of two games by a "Demolition" side that are making great strides towards the leading trio. The "Heavies", who lost to a minus bonus still made a gain of over 1.5 points against "Bowlmasters".

Bowlmasters 0 - The Ragged Edge 3

The "Masters" suffered a set-back to their title chances with this unexpected defeat by the "Raggies". Unable to even make bonus target the "Masters" lost a bonus point and now find themselves 2.5 points behind the leaders. The "Raggies" again bowled well above target to make nearly 2 points bonus and if they maintain this form they must soon lift themselves out of the "basement".

Gentle Touch 1 - Deadly Doughnuts 2

Two valuable points for the "Doughnuts" who just made over their target whilst the "Gentle Touch" were well below and lost over .5 point bonus.

WEEK 31

Manhattans 2 - Demolition 1

Off to a good start "Manhattans" kept the upper hand in the first and second games but failed in the third. A maiden 600 series for Bob Gentry - 637 to be exact, gave "Manhattans" and additional point and a half bonus whilst "Demolition" collected a similar bonus to stay in fifth place - guess what? they didn't move this week.

Heavy Impact 2 - Capos 1

Despite losing the first game "Heavy Impact" increased their lead at the top of the table to just over 3 points from "Bowlmasters". "Capos" could not maintain their early form and lost two games

but made bonus and retain sixth place.

Kamikazi Trio 2 - Deadly Doughnuts 1

The "Trio" failed to make any impact on second place and remain 3 points adrift in 3rd spot. The "Doughnuts" again made good bonus to bring them nearer to 10th, 9th and 8th position, a couple more game points could see quite a change in the lower league places.

Ratners 3 - The Ragged Edge 0

"Ratners" had a resounding win over the "Raggies" but could do no better than hold onto 4th place despite 4.5 pts. with bonus. The "Raggies" came close in the second game but they remain firmly marooned in the cellar.

Gentle Touch 1 - Bowlmasters 2

A captains contribution of 662 from Gary Steventon kept "Bowlmasters" in with a chance of honours but they were given a tough match by the "Gentle Touch" who were to collect a further 1.5 points bonus and do themselves no harm in the position stakes

Strikeforce 1 - S & S Motors 2

The odd game luckily went to the "Motors" but they were unable to make bonus, whereas "Strikeforce" outscored them with a point bonus.

WEEK 32

Demolition 0 - Bowlmasters 3

A great nights work for the "Masters" as they take over at the top of the league as a result of this victory and 3 bonus points. Top man was Gary Steventon with a 675 series followed by Kevin Miles on 648 and Mike Luckhurst 618. They were rewarded with a House Record as they totalled a scratch series of 1941 to surpass the previous score for a three man team that was set-up over 15 years ago. "Demolition" did not bowl badly, in fact they would have beaten nine out of the remaining eleven teams. They were rewarded with 1.5 points bonus thanks to series of 552 and 536 from Debbie Tanner and Marion Constable respectively.

Deadly Doughnuts 1 - The Ragged Edge 2

Fireworks from the "Raggies" as they clocked up over 5 points bonus, the highest ever made in the league, to total a massive 7 point haul for the night and very nearly walked away with the high handicap game but ending up just 7 pins short on 733. "Deadly Doughnuts" fought all the way and were rewarded with 3 points.

Heavy Impact 1 - Kamikazi Trio 2
Last weeks leaders "Heavy Impact" were rolled over by the "Trio" who made giant inroads into the gap between their third place and second spot. The damage was done with three above average performances with Ray Waspe top - scoring with 600. The "Heavies" just made their target despite the two game loss but they did have the high man with Paul Crundell on a 627.

Strikeforce 2 - Gentle Touch 1
"Strikeforce", despite losing the second game, made above target and creep up one place in the table. "Gentle Touch" in the other hand suffered a double blow - a minus bonus and a drop from 9th to 11th place.

S & S Motors 1 - Manhattans 2
An end of term match here as "Manhattans" hung in to two points and a half point bonus whilst "S & S Motors" lost well over half a point to a minus bonus.

Capos 2 - Ratners 1
Another low scoring match where "Capos" came out on top in a very close match with both teams just making targets.

WEEK 33

Strikeforce 1 - Bowlmasters 2
ANOTHER HOUSE RECORD bit the dust as BOWLMASTERS rolled a 704 scratch final game that helped them to a very useful 2 points bonus. However, the highlight of the evening was undoubtedly another near perfect game for MIKE LUCKHURST. He opened the first game with eleven in a row and but for a reluctant 10 pin would have recorded his third 300 game. He followed the 299 with a 195 and a 247 to total 741 only just short of his own House Record. The result with two weeks to go does not sew up the title for Bowlmasters they could still be caught and I've a feeling it's going right to the wire.

Kamikazi Trio 2 - The Ragged Edge 1
Two other in-form teams produced quite a scrap as the Raggies were first out of the blocks to pinch the first game by 8 pins before the Trio came back to take the second and third games. A maiden 600 series for Darren Cavell - 623 to be exact pushed the Trio into second place by amassing 5.5 points with bonus. The Raggies again made good bonus to draw even nearer to relinquishing last place - but to whom?

Deadly Doughnuts 1 - Capos 2
A keenly fought contest with Capos just getting the better of the Doughnuts by the odd game. Both teams useful bonus helping Capos retain 6th place and lifting the Doughnuts into unknown territory at 8th place.

Gentle Touch 1 - Manhattans 2
After a shock in the first game Manhattans pulled out the stops to take the remaining two along with a point bonus. Gentle Touch did themselves no harm with a 2.5 points including bonus.

Demolition 2 - S & S Motors 1
Demolition took the lions share of the points and nearly a points bonus whilst the Motors, who are having a disastrous season, just made bonus thanks to Chirs Rice's 620 series but still slip down to 11th place.

Heavy Impact 2 - Ratners 1
The Heavies were unable to hold on to second place despite these points and just making bonus but as Ratners are in fourth place way behind they are assured of at least third place. Ratners on the other hand are living dangerously as two teams in particular are waiting to pick them off if the chance occurs.

PREMIER SCRATCH SINGLES

It is very difficult to know where to start as the standard of bowling has been extremely high, we have seen our league average rise from 175.2 to 185.5 over the past fourteen weeks, not bad for twenty players including three very brave ladies.

FEBRUARY

From the first week it was quite clear that 600's were to abound as were the high 200+ games. John Smith started the ball rolling (sorry about that!) with a 625 series and putting him in first place. Clive Smith also scored a 611 this week. 225+ games:- Andy Allerton 257, Clive Smith 234, John Smith 232, Rick Topham 229 and Mike Luckhurst 228. Where are the Ladies?

The second week and John Smith is still top after beating Mike Luckhurst 2-1 with another 627 series. Chris Skudder beat Mark Icke 3-0 putting him in second place having scored a 611 series. 225+ games:- Andy Allerton 257 (yet again!), Chris Skudder 246, Fred Long 230, Andy Allerton 227, Mike Luckhurst 225.

Still no sign of the ladies!

Week three saw John Smith drop to a 569 series but still managing to win 3-0 against Martin Howards 515 and stay top. Chris Skudder beat Tam Avery to stay in 2nd slot after a low scoring game all round 527-491. Mike Luckhurst annihilated Sally Fuller 623-508 and secured 3rd place.

Other 600's rolled this week:- Fred Long 642 and Terry Graham 627.

225+ games:- Terry Graham 255, Simon Young 238 and Mike Luckhurst 234.

We know where the girls are now don't we!

MARCH

By week four John Smith was still top but only on pinfall after losing to Rick Topham 2-1, 570-558, Chris Skudder still second after beating Tom Sawyer 2-1, 558-536 and Mike Luckhurst third beating Chris Smith 2-1 even though Mike had lower series of 568 to Chris 586.

600's this week:- Clive Smith 636 and Bob Potts 618.

225+ games:- Bob Potts 236 and Clive Smith 234.

The Ladies managed a little better with Sally Fuller rolling 209, 223, 160, 592 series and Sandy Sawyer had a 211 game.

Week five saw all change as Clive Smith takes over poll position after gaining 3 points from Mick Kilner 598-458. John Smith is now second after drawing with Shane Wilson 579-552. Chris Smith bowled a very convincing 663 to beat Martin Howard 3-0.

Other 600's:- Simon Young 608, Andy Allerton 602 and Chris Smith a 247 game.

Week six and Clive Smith is still top after beating Shane Wilson 3-0 592-521, Chris Smith has now moved up to second place beating Tom Sawyer 594-520 but third place has gone to Andy Allerton who rolled 589 against Sally Fuller's lowly 490 and securing 3 points.

600's this week:- Mike Luckhurst 625, Mick Kilner 613 and Both Terry Graham and Chris Skudder 606.

A special mention to Mark Icke who although the youngest member of our league rolled an incredible series of 195-224-255=674 against a more senior Fred Long!

Well done Mark.

Week Seven and after the lanes were re-surfaced last week we wondered if we could keep up the high scores, as it