

VARIETY BOWLING LEAGUE



49th
YEAR

CO-OPERATIVE BANK 1978 CHAMPS

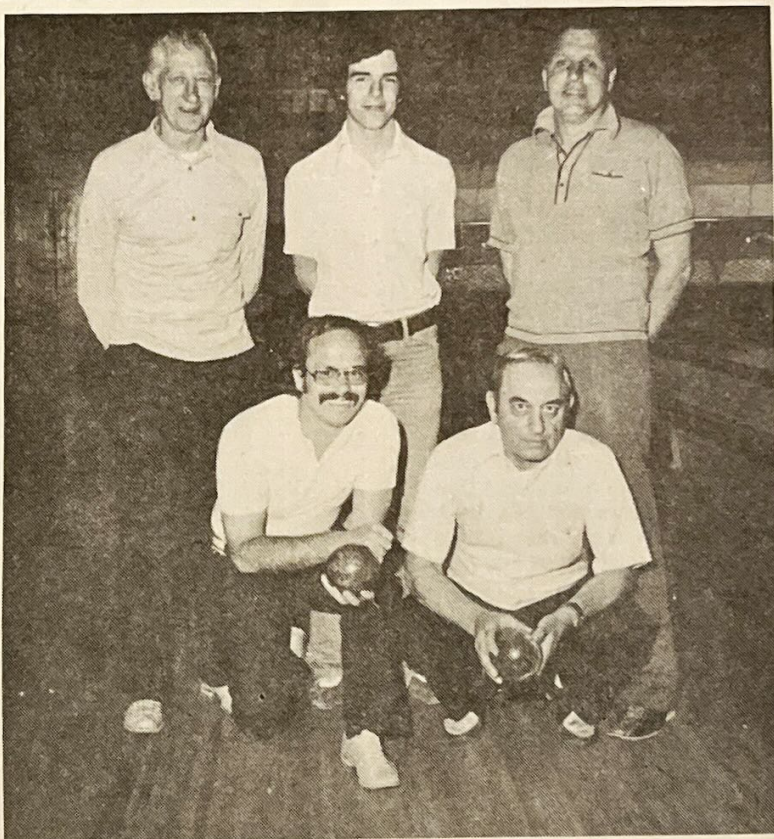
In one of the closest finishes in recent years the Cooperative Bank Team captured the Variety League title by a mere one point.

Our 49th championship team put together three good rounds placing third, first and first and in a wild scramble the last week of bowling, were able to hold off the fast closing Building Center group. Although Gorton's appeared to have the inside track by virtue of two solid rounds, they finished below the Coop's in the final round to give them the title.

Led by young Rick Melanson's 115 average, the bankers used the talents of Gouzie's 109, Ercolani's 102 and Bishop's 100 to stay on top. Tim Davis' 97 (356 triple), and Ellis' 97 provided a solid team effort as they also took team high three honors with a resounding 1727. Four pins was the difference in sweeping team prizes as they rolled a 622 single.

It was touch and go that final night as the money-men dropped the first two strings to the fired-up Cape Ann Vets. Going into the last string Will Gouzie cracked a 136 string to help his gang take two points and sneak out a 9-pin total that still left things hanging as the other contenders were still bowling. It seemed hours for the tally to be made, but the final result was conclusive and the total pinfall was the key.

The demise of the Building Center's chances can be spelled MOREY as big Dave tossed a lusty 376 at the lumbermen as Riley could muster only 337 logs. Dub White's 321, Ron Pierce's 312 and Steve Burke's 329 doomed the BC's as they took



CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Back row: Fred Ellis, Capt. Rick Melanson, Will Gouzie. Front row kneeling: Tim Davis and Treasurer Everett Ercolani. Ernie Bishop was sixth bowler.

just one point. For a while it looked good for Gorton's as they took 6, but it was not meant to be.

Gracing the cover of our sheet stand our champs, Cooperative

Bank and interestingly enough, in this our third edition, there have been no repeaters. Congrats to Melanson's six for a well deserved win.

RILEY AGAIN WINS HI AVG. CROWN

Ho-hum, Don Riley is again our high average titleholder. A six-time winner, Don continues to be the big gun on Monday nights while improving on last year's 116 finish. His 122 is a point short of his 123 record also shared by Roger Campbell who got his as a youngster back in 1967.

Ho-hum-hum, as our second-place finisher is again Roger Campbell who came in at 119. And if you like stats, both Riley and Campbell picked up six points on average during 1978. It appears this combination will be around for years to come.

Third place went to Rick Melanson but we'll cover that in a related story.

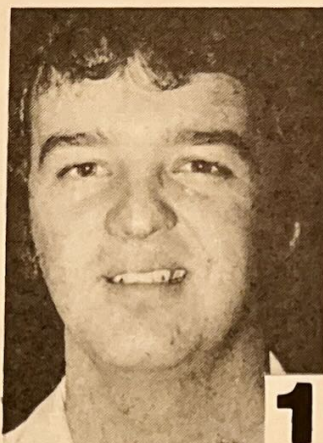
Riley efforts are noteworthy as he never seems to let up and his teams are constantly contenders. Rolling a 401 high, Don was never under 300. His sixth crown puts him one behind Campbell's seven titles and he's approaching Jack Larsen's record of nine dating back to 1954.

It was a year of high averages overall and the champ has retained his top spot.

WHO?

Names from the past — remember John Frithsen, Manny Mitchell, Doc Carter, and Phil Harvey? Some of the most spectacular keglers who ever bowled in this city were also the early leaders of the Variety League. Their records are legend and have helped to set a goal for today's younger members to shoot for.

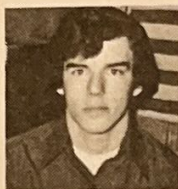
Lafata and Bishop were in a coma and failed to change position this year. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.



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Average Leaders 1970's

- '77 — Don Riley — 116
- '76 — Jack Malaquias — 116
- '75 — Don Riley - 121
- '74 — Don Riley - 120
- '73 — Don Riley - 123
- '72 — Jack Malaquias - 119
- '71 — Roger Campbell - 121
- '70 — Roger Campbell - 122

1960's

- '69 — Don Riley - 117
- '68 — Roger Campbell - 119
- '67 — Roger Campbell - 123
- '66 — Jack Larsen - 118
- '65 — Roger Campbell - 120
- '64 — Roger Campbell - 115
- '63 — Roger Campbell - 116
- '62 — Jack Larsen - 112
- '61 — Jack Larsen - 115
- '60 — Jack Larsen - 115

1950's

- '59 — Jack Larsen - 106
- '58 — Jack Larsen - 105
- '57 — Jack Larsen - 107
- '56 — Tasi Gounaris - 105
- '55 — Jack Larsen - 104
- '54 — Jack Larsen - 103

IN MEMORIAM

The league lost one of its great bowlers this winter as Forrest Bomber Dare was lost at sea. Bomber rolled the all-time Variety League triple of 476 in 70-71 and also shared 2nd high of 457 with Don Riley. His 476 will be hard to beat and we are saddened in his passing.

The league was fortunate to get Dave Stowell back out of moth balls with his 114 average and singles of 170-163 and 161.

Also back after a few years absence was Dick Oliver. Dick took some time getting back in form after bowling ten pins for a while, but he came on strong finishing with a 109.

Rants

Twenty ears ago, May of 1958, Jack Larsen led the league with a 105 average. Not much by today's standards but then again that was in the era of maple pins.

And it was a mere 19 years ago that the new lanes were opened as Smilen' Al unveiled 16 ultra modern lanes. Since expanded to 20, the Cape Ann Bowling Center has proved to be a popular mecca for bowling enthusiasts in the area. In keeping with his claims of almost 30 years ago, we have all been fortunate to bowl regularly in a modern and completely air conditioned facility. A far cry from the old Rec when open windows provided fresh air as many nights at low tide the fragrant aroma of Gloucester Harbor provided an impetus for few chances at taking a deep breath. Under the leadership of our genial host the local alleys have truly provided a good wholesome area for recreation. In addition to catering to many leagues, the Cape Ann Center has provided exercise for handicapped groups, and Mr. Sarofeen has kept his word and expanded opportunities for school-age bowlers to improve their skills. Despite some critics, the Cape Ann Bowling Center continues to be a great asset to the city.

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BOWLER'S NAME	AVER.	HIGH GAME
J. MALAQUIAS	116	52
R. CAMPBELL	115	19
D. RILEY	111	8
D. MELANSON	110	63
J. LARSEN	110	23
D. STOWELL	109	58
J. WENTZELL	109	57
J. BILLANTE	108	29
B. HAINES	106	67
J. DECOSTE	106	6
T. TORRISI	106	52
R. SAROFEEEN	105	28
N. MARSHALL	105	17
S. ANDERTON	105	16
T. TYSVER	105	8
T. CURCURU	104	69
D. MOREY	104	66
B. OUELETTE	104	9
W. GOUZIE	104	6
D. HARRISON	103	71
P. CLOONEY	103	68
G. WITHAM	103	37
S. LANE	103	4
F. WHITE	102	76
M. VADALA	102	35
R. CRESSEY	102	32
H. LODGE	102	27
W. CHURCH	102	3
D. CURCURU	102	
K. SAROFEEEN	101	44
B. MORRIS	101	36
J. AHONEN	101	20
R. PIERCE	101	16
J. FRANCIS	101	5
R. MCKOWN	101	
D. HENDERSON	101	29
B. PISCITELLO	100	50
M. RING JR.	100	18
J. AIKENS	100	4
A. J. SAROFEEEN	100	3
E. ERCOLANI	99	92
J. FROST	99	46
G. LANE	99	29
N. DANNA	99	13
R. DEERING	99	11
W. CAMPBELL	99	2
J. PIERS	99	2
B. PIRIANO	98	73
G. CHRISTOPHER	98	65
D. WHITE	98	46
M. RAISIN	98	36
B. MACARTHUR	98	23
W. WALLACE	98	16
G. MONDELLO	97	69
D. SAMPSON	97	7
B. FLEMING	97	6
W. MOORE	96	7
T. MCGRATH	96	2
J. MUNIZ	95	60
J. CUNNINGHAM	95	31
O. DENNIS	95	13
D. LANE	95	11
R. DAVIS	94	58
T. SPITTLE	94	57
T. DAVIS	94	44
P. SEARS	94	13
E. ANDERSON	93	54
B. MARSHALL	93	48
M. RING SR.	93	7
A. LARSEN	92	42
S. SHARAC	92	25
D. HEINONEN	91	72
J. SKARADZINSKI	90	36
G. GLEASON	90	19
H. POWERS	87	59
F. KYROUZ	85	16

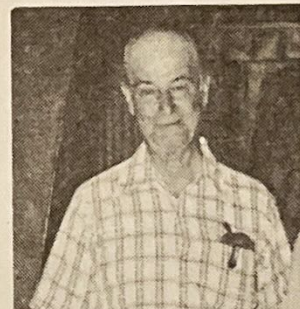
NAME	Average
1 Don Riley	116-60
2 Roger Campbell	113-32
3 Tony Torrisi	110-31
4 Bruce Haines	110-1
5 Pete Lafata	107-53
6 Joe Billante	106-86
7 Rick Melanson	106-66
8 Jim Wentzell	106-22
9 Dave Morey	105-58
10 Ron Pierce	105-54
11 Will Gouzie	105-43
12 Fran Clooney	105-39
13 Sherm Anderton	105-38
14 Charlie Campbell	104-31
15 Ted Tysver	103-73
16 Jake Ahonen	103-53
17 Bill Morris	103-36
18 Roger Cressey	103-31
19 Phil Puma	103-10
20 Turk Curcuru	102-82
21 Fred White	102-20
22 Steve Lane	101-37
23 Dan Heinonen	101-28
24 Howie Lodge	101-12
25 Don White	100-60
26 Neil Marshall	100-43
27 Myles Raizen	100-25
28 Ernie Bishop	100-3
29 Oscar Dennis	99-72
30 Red Deering	99-21
31 Gregg Mondello	99-8
32 Bill Fleming	99-1
33 Rit Davis	98-73
34 Joe Francis	98-56
35 Dennis Purdy	98-23
36 Joe Fiers	98-20
37 Butch MacArthur	97-89
38 Earl Unis	97-76
39 Don Sampson	97-62
40 Everett Ercolani	97-55
41 Jack Frost	97-32
42 Robbie Sarofeen	97-26
43 Dennis Henderson	97-14
44 Tim Davis	97-13
45 Fred White, Jr.	96-25
46 Nick Danna	96-14
47 Glenn Selig	95-66
48 George Christoph	95-62
49 Gil Lane	95-45
50 Bill Marshall	95-26
52 John Cunningham	94-73
53 David Lane	94-17
54 Rick Simon	94-3
55* Harry Powers	93-68
56* Al Larsen	93-61
57 George Gleason	93-9
58 Tom Spittle	92-67
59* Steve Sharac	90-70
60 John Skarazinski	87-14



In Appreciation

The officers and members of the Variety League would like to thank the sponsors of the 12 teams for their generous support during the past year. Without their help the league would be unable to continue the fine format of the '76 season. The sponsors are: Building Center, Charlie Heberle; Bob's Hab, John Flannagan; Co-operative Bank, John Frithsen; Deering Electric, Red Deering; Crossett Roofers, Fred Crossett; Sherm's Vets, Sherm Anderton; Gleason's Bait and Tackle, George Gleason; Destino's, Alec Destino; Gorton's, Gorton's of Gloucester; Steeler's, Cape Ann Tool; Larsen's Shoe, Al Larsen, and Dick's Shoe, Dick Davis.

Prez!



Stowell should say thanks to Ron Pierce for letting him share the 411 triple award. After throwing four strikes (count 'em), 4, in a row, Ron threw the next ball down the gutter. With excitement like that anything could happen — and did. Ron made a fine recovery however and finished with a 181. Beautiful!

Look

If you're interested we have reprinted the averages for the past two years and you can see if you went up or down. For those with poor vision just glance three picas to your left and there they are — right Jack.

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

	BOWLER'S NAME	TEAM NAME	GAMES PLAYED	TOTAL PINS	AVER.	HIGH GAME
1	D. RILEY	BC	96	11729	122	17
2	R. CAMPBELL	BH	84	10010	119	14
3	D. MELANSON	CO-OP	90	10409	115	59
4	T. TORRISI	ST	87	9961	114	43
5	D. STOWELL	GBT	81	9237	114	3
6	D. MOREY	DS	84	9546	113	60
7	J. LARSEN	LS	99	11075	111	86
8	W. GOUZIE	CO-OP	87	9522	109	39
9	D. OLIVER	DE	81	8857	109	28
10	T. TYSVER	CAV	96	10481	109	17
11	J. BILLANTE	GORT	87	9486	109	3
12	S. ANDERTON	CAV	69	7507	108	55
13	J. DE COSTE	LS	81	8752	108	4
14	B. MORRIS	BC	99	10684	107	91
15	P. LAFATA	DEST	90	9712	107	85
16	R. GRESSEY	GBT	99	10665	107	72
17	B. HAINES	CR	93	10009	107	58
18	C. CAMPBELL	GORT	93	10004	107	33
19	F. CLOONEY	DEST	93	9976	107	25
20	R. PIERCE	DS	81	8627	107	20
21	J. LAURIE	CR	48	5121	106	43
22	J. AHONEN	BH	93	9907	106	49
23	D. WHITE	DS	96	10178	105	93
24	G. MONDELLO	CR	96	10168	105	88
25	S. LANE	BH	84	8850	105	30
26	S. BURKE	DS	54	5688	105	18
27	H. LODGE	CAV	87	9158	105	17
28	P. PUMA	ST	90	9458	105	8
29	J. SCOLA	DE	33	3470	105	5
30	T. CURCURI	CR	93	9749	104	77
31	W. CHURCH JR.	DE	93	9746	104	74
32	G. LANGLEY	BC	87	9107	104	59
33	D. HEINONEN	DEST	66	6876	104	12
34	D. SAMPSON	ST	90	9349	103	79
35	K. LOWE	LS	90	9333	103	63
36	J. FRANCIS	GORT	79	8174	103	37
37	S. DEERING	DE	38	3944	103	30
38	R. DAVIS	DS	42	4352	103	26
39	P. POLIZZIA	LS	12	1246	103	10
40	J. FIER	GORT	81	8310	102	48
41	E. ERCOLANI	CO-OP	90	9190	102	9
42	B. FLEMING	GORT	72	7340	101	68
43	O. DENNIS	BH	78	7921	101	42
44	R. MCKOWN	DE	90	9121	101	31
45	T. FRONTERO	GORT	75	7598	101	23
46	B. MACARTHUR	CAV	80	8096	101	16
47	E. BISHOP	CO-OP	75	7554	100	54
48	D. BRAZIER	ST	71	7154	100	54
49	B. STOTTEMEYER	CAV	54	5452	100	52
50	B. WAKELING	ST	78	7852	100	52
51	F. LANDER	DE	87	8742	100	42
52	B. MARSHALL	BC	78	7804	100	4
53	G. LANE	CAV	66	6600	100	
54	G. CHRISTOPHER	ST	69	6847	99	16
55	E. UNIS	GBT	72	7139	99	11
56	H. POWERS	BH	87	8597	98	72
57	S. BRADLEY	GBT	78	7694	98	52
58	T. UNIS	DS	45	4415	98	5
59	R. SIMON	DEST	72	7045	97	71
60	T. DAVIS	COOP	66	6458	97	56
61	F. ELLIS	COOP	78	7615	97	49

J. CUNNINGHAM	GBT	87	8531	97	32
N. DANNA	DEST	72	6947	96	35
P. CLIFFORD	CR	75	7130	96	26
G. SELIG	LS	63	6061	96	13
A. LARSEN	LS	93	8935	96	9
J. FITZGERALD	CR	57	5448	95	33
G. GLEASON	GBT	75	7001	93	46
G. LOPES	DEST	18	1668	93	
J. SKARADZINSKI	BC	69	6305	91	16
P. SEARS	BC	54	4916	71	2
S. SHARAC	BH	57	5178	90	48
G. PIERCE	DS	45	4034	89	39
R. COLE	LS	42	3673	87	19

TEAM LEADERS

TEAM HIGH THREE GAMES

1	CO-OP BANK	1727
2	BOBS HAB	1695
3	LARSENS SHOE	1687

TEAM HIGH SINGLE GAMES

1	GORTONS	626
2	CO-OP	622
3	DICKS SHOE	614

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL HIGH THREE GAMES

1	D. STOWELL	411
2	R. PIERCE	411
3	D. RILEY	401

INDIVIDUAL HIGH SINGLE GAMES

1	R. PIERCE	181
2	D. STOWELL	170
3	D. MOREY D. OLIVER	157

All-Time Records

HIGH TEAM TRIPLE

Steeler's--1972

G. Christ'her 403

W. Church Jr. 356

J. Kalina 345

F. Clooney 344

D. Patch 365

Total 1813

HIGH TEAM SINGLE

Park's Electric-'62-'63

B. Benedeto 113

B. Moses 132

J. Wentzell 200

A. Brown 108

M. Martin 124

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Total 677

HIGH SINGLE

Jim Wentzell 200

HIGH TRIPLE

Forrest Dare 476

Third Round

	NAME OF TEAM	WON	LOST
1	DEERING ELECT.	54	34
2	CROSSETTS	50	38
3	LARSENS SHOE	50	38
4	BUILDING CENTER	48	40
5	STEELERS	45	43
6	SHERMS CAV.	44	44
7	BOBS HAB.	43	45
8	CO-OP BANK	43	45
9	DICKS SHOE	42	46
10	GORTONS	41	47
11	GLEASONS	38	50
12	DESTINOS	38	50

