



Montrose Sports Association NEWSLETTER

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Houston Councilwoman Eleanor Tinsley tosses out the first ball for MSA.

Eleanor Tinsley Graces MSA Softball Opening

After the playing of the National Anthem, and amidst riotous shouts of 'Sign her up' and 'Atta girl, Eleanor,' Houston City Councilwoman, Eleanor Tinsley, was escorted to the middle of the softball field by MSA Softball League President, Jerry DeSale, to toss the traditional first ball, and thus officially open the 1981 Softball Season. While Councilwoman Tinsley confided that she was not good at throwing/pitching softballs, the crowds didn't seem to notice. Jim and Eleanor Tinsley's mere presence at such a gathering only reaffirmed our unending belief in their stand for equality and human rights. It should be particularly noted, that while Councilwoman Tinsley did not address the crowd, both she and her husband received more than five minutes of thunderous applause and shouts of best wishes.

Thank you, Eleanor and Jim, for your support!

See page 4 for more Softball news and PHOTOS!

MSA and GPW

Saturday, June 20, has been designated as MSA Day by the Gay Pride Committee. Part of the day's activities will be the softball game at Memorial Park Field #1 between the MSA All-Stars and the Houston Police Department and the Houston

Firefighters. The game begins at one p.m.

Plans are also underway for MSA Volleyball to play the Houston Police Department and the Houston Firefighters on the same day.

The MSA Day chairman is

Eddie Chavez, MSA Director. The co-chairmen are Bob Long, MSA Softball Coordinator; and Danny Webber, President, MSA Volleyball.

Proceeds of these events will go to the respective sub-groups and the two challenging organizations.

A Word From...

Eddie Chavez
MSA Director



During the month of April, the Montrose Sports Association hosted a variety program for the benefit of MSA Softball to defray travel costs. Jim and David of the Venture-N sent us a fantastic note of thanks and awarded MSA Softball with a contribution of \$100.00. We extend our thanks to Jim and David for their interest and continuing support in MSA's role in the community.

On April 24th our group sponsored the highly successful MSA 'Skybox Party.' It was an evening of 'mary' making as we cheered on the Astros.

Several subgroups shared their news with us and you can read about them elsewhere in the Newsletter. With all supgroups nearly at their peaking points, we know that there are many activities going on. Will you please help us to serve you better by letting US know? It really is easy, just a telephone call or a note to MSA Newsletter, c/o 1728 Richmond Houston, Texas 77098 phone (713) 522-1868 will do the trick.

MSA wishes to thank all our Atlanta hosts.

Welcome to Houston IGBO Bowlers

SEE PAGE 7 FOR SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION.

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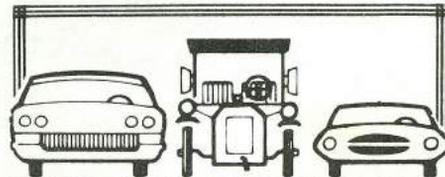
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MSA Parties At The Astrodome

Friday, April 24, MSA took over three sky boxes with private bars and lounges. Over 50 MSA members and friends enjoyed the beer, booze and each other while waiting for something to happen on the floor of the dome.

The Newsletter has been informed that the festivities in the sky boxes more than made up for the boring baseball game- Reds 3, Astros 0.

Special thanks go out to Ed McKelvey for organizing this get-together for MSA.



Ed McKelvey (left center) and friends enjoying the MSA Skybox party.

MORE TO COME

To fully achieve many of MSA's goals and objectives, both fresh ideas and proven results will be used in upcoming fund raising efforts.

Fresh ideas? How about Softball's proposed mud wrestling event during the first week of June at the BRB.

MSA has got a good thing going, and the tremendous growth which this organization experienced in the last year alone is excellent testimony to this fact. We must, however, have the necessary funds on both the subgroup level and corporgte level to fully realize MSA's potential.

Fund raisers are one answer. While the primary purpose of such an activity is to generate revenues, they also ensure a fun-filled atmosphere. Your generosity will be called upon from time to time, and it is hoped that you will continue to give your much needed support and backing.



Astros 0 - Eddie 2.



Tom Zeimis (right) and girlfriends at MSA Skybox party.

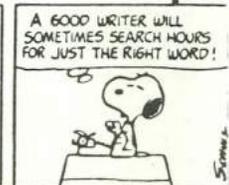
The MSA Newsletter, May issue, whatta bitch! We hope you like it.

Photos? You got 'em. Event coverage? You got it. Ads? We got 'em. And what do we ask for? Just a little information. Please, guys, as much as some of you like to talk, well, just tell it to the Newsletter, we'll spread the word. At least invite us to your

event or whatever and we'll try to report on it. We are too few to be everywhere at once, but with your help, we'll try. The 'Calendar' is especially hard to keep current without your help. So

please, let's hear from you for the June issue. By the way we are having a Newsletter meeting May 19, 7:30 p.m. at 1728 Richmond. Come by and we'll give you a tour of our 'city' room.

PEANUTS by Schulz



MSA SUBGROUP UPDATE



Over a thousand fans, well-wishers, and supporters gathered at Levy Field on Sunday, April 26, to witness the opening of the 1981 Softball Season. Neither the the humid weather, the soggy field, nor the hectic pace of the just-ending Westheimer Colony Arts Fest could put a damper on this much-anticipated event.

Eddie Chavez, MSA Director, welcomed everyone to the festiv-



Opening day winners - The Galleon team (1980 Champs) - won the first game of the 1981 season by defeating The Briar Patch by 13 to 4.



The opening game saw the Galleon, last year's champions, unmercifully defeat the Briar Patch 13-4. In other games, the Venture-N shut out the BRB Outlaws 11-0, the Montrose Mining Co. squeezed by Jim's Gym 6-5, and the Different Drum won over the Saddle Club by a score of 8-4.



Crowds enjoying beer, hot dogs and the games during MSA Softball opening day.

For anyone who missed the excitement of Opening Day, games are scheduled on most Saturdays and Sundays, through the end of July, from 6-19 p.m. at Levy Park. Free beer will be offered by various MSA supporters, clubs, and organizations. Hot dogs and MSA programs will be on sale at all games.

We're looking forward to everyone's continued support for the success of this new season!

ities and thanked all of MSA's supporters. He also recognized the presidents of the various subgroups.

Bob Long, MSA Coordinator also addressed the huge gathering and thanked them for their support. Bob then introduced this year's 8 participating teams, comprising approximately 125 players.

ALL NIGHT FEVER

For those of us who couldn't make it to Fiesta, MSA Softball provided a party to make us glad we were in town. It was called 'Midnight Fever', a fund raiser held Friday, April 24 at the Mag-nolia Room, 715 Franklin.

And the 'fever' was hot. D.J.

Ken Bailey got the temperatures rising and several hundred hot men brought it all close to the boiling point, and no one was taking aspirin. However, the party-goers did their best to cool off with cocktails, and bartenders Gary Batcheller, Michael Martin,

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MSA SUBGROUP UPDATE



Bowling

DIVISIONAL CHAMPS

On April 27th intradivisional competition was completed after a gruelling three weeks of play to decide the top teams in each division. The results, according to Newsletter sources, are as follow:

- Division A - First Place - Briar Patch #1
- Second Place - Integrity
- Division B - First Place - Lone Stars
- Second Place - CBC Steamrollers
- Division C - First Place - The Circuit
- Second Place - The Pecker Patrol

THANK YOU!

The Board of Directors of MSA Bowling would like to thank all sponsors and bowlers for the most successful MSA Winter League to date. We sincerely hope that all of you will continue with us.

PLAYOFF ELIMINATIONS

For the next three Mondays, starting May 4, intradivisional playoffs are scheduled to determine the number one team in the league. As we understand it, it works like this - the top two teams of each division, plus two of the third place teams (the two with the highest winning percentage) as 'wild card' teams (8 teams total) will vie for a chance as the league champs. When all this is decided and the trophies are engraved, there will be one heck of a Bowling Party to be held June 6 (location and time to be announced).



Atlanta winners, Spread Eagles - l to r: Richard Dauchy, Jim Reagan, Eddie Cowan, Tom Zeimis, Greg Butler

SUMMER LEAGUE

If you didn't get enough bowling in during the Winter League, remember the MSA Summer League starts June the 8th. Also, we have it from reliable sources that \$1 margaritas will still be sold during the Summer League. Contact Richard Dauchy at 961-5409 for details on the Summer League. Good luck and good Bowling.



Ron Malloney, Tournament Director of Atlanta's Dixie Invitational

ATLANTA TOURNAMENT

Six teams composed of thirty Houston bowlers spent the Easter weekend, April 17 - 19, in Atlanta bowling at the Brunswick Express Lanes in the Dixie Invitational Bowling Tournament. The tournament, sponsored by Atlanta Venture Sports was attended by a diverse group of thirty teams from Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Louisville, Milwaukee, Minneapolis-St. Paul and New York City.

A good portion of the total \$2700 prize money made it's way back to Houston courtesy of the following Houston winners:

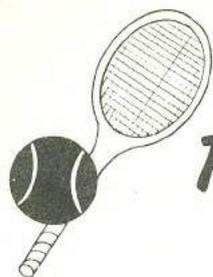
- Team Competition -
- 1st Place - Spread Eagles
- Greg Butler, Eddie Cowan, Richard Dauchy, Jim Reagan and Tom Zeimis.



Beer, hot dogs and trophies on Tex's patio after Dallas' Rolloffs last month.

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MSA SUBGROUP UPDATE



Tennis



Volleyball

THE CHALLENGE CUP TOURNAMENT, slated for Saturday, May 30 and Sunday May 31, will pit the ten best tennis players from Dallas' Oaklawn Tennis Association and Houston's MSA Tennis subgroup. Memorial Park is the site of this year's event. Singles matches are scheduled for Saturday, while Sunday will see events in doubles competition. For more information concerning times and schedules, contact Rick duPont, MSA Tennis Subgroup President, at 521-0837.

Meanwhile, plans for a local doubles tournament in mid-May are still being finalized. Rick duPont, or any MSA Tennis Officer, may be contacted for further details.

The MSA Tennis Subgroup practices every Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Memorial

The Officers of MSA's Volleyball Subgroup are:

President
Danny Weber
Vice President
Royce Williams
Secretary
Eddie Cowan
Treasurer
Jerry Ingram
Special Events Coordinator
John Florez

The Officers would like to share the following newsbits with all members and aspiring spikers:
- There are still spots on various

Park. Anyone wishing to join this activity are reminded to bring their racket, tennis balls, and the first month's dues (\$8.00).

teams. Come over on Sunday afternoons at 2 pm, Cherryhurst Park and partake in the fun and action.
- Statewide and national volleyball tournaments are in the offing.
- Discussions are now underway with the HISD to negotiate the rental of indoor courts to accommodate the growing number of teams.
- Tentative plans are set to play a game with the Houston Police Academy during GPW festivities. For more information, call John Flores at 522-3487.

ATLANTA TOURNAMENT

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Singles - (sweep of top three)
1st Place - Charles Dierkes
2nd Place - Sandy Cox
3rd Place - Nick Escobedo
14th Place - Efrain Calderon
19th Place - Rhon Smith

Doubles -
8th Place - Greg Butler and Jim Reagan

Overall Standings -
5th Place - Efrain Calderon

Congratulations to the many Houston winners and good luck in the upcoming IGBO Tournament.

The six Houston teams want to extend special thanks to Tournament Directors Ron Malloney and Ray Kresneck, only to mention a couple of the fine people who made everyone's visit to Atlanta a memorable and fun filled one.

ALL NIGHT FEVER

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Nan Whatley and Rod did their best to keep up with the thirsty crowds.

Bob Long, Softball Coordinator, and Ross Gore, Vice President, reported the 'Fever' was a profitable event. They wish to thank all those who attended and extend Softball's gratitude to those who helped on the clean-up crew.

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HOUSTON TO HOST IGBO Tournament May 23 & 24

at Big Texan Lanes

Sixty teams from all over the country, including fifteen teams representing MSA, will be competing in the first annual IGBO Tournament during the Memorial Day weekend on May 23 and 24. The tournament will be held at the Big Texan Lanes, 440 West Little York. To make this event a spectacular success we do need the help of dedicated volunteers who are willing to share their time and efforts in this worthy gathering of national gay camaraderie. Listed below are the various committees, their respective chairman/men and their functions. If you think you would like to participate in any of these committees please contact the respective chairman/men.

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Phill Blakeway 524-5912
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Entertainment/Reception/Banquet Committee
Chairmen:
Richard King 869-3490
Jerry Kauffman

IGBO PLAYOFFS IN PROGRESS
Playoffs began on April 13th selecting teams to represent Houston in the first annual IGBO Tournament to be held over the Memorial Day weekend.

Finally, let us pull our strength and goodwill together and show our visitors what the real and true meaning of Texas spirit and hospitality is all about.

IGBO SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, MAY 22
7 pm to 1 am Registration at the Brazos River Bottom

SATURDAY, MAY 23
12:30 pm Bowling-Team event only (3 games)
Evening -free time (Let Me Entertain You...)

SUNDAY, MAY 24
8:30 am Bowling -Singles event
1:30 pm Bowling -Doubles event
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm -Awards Program at the Brazos River Bottom. Advance tickets are available, but limited. The BRB will be featuring happy hour prices.

ALL BOWLING EVENTS TO BE HELD AT BIG TEXAN LANES LOCATED ON WEST LITTLE YORK AT I-45 NORTH.



Purple Haze, winning team at Dallas' Rolloffs in April
l - r: Tom Greer, Don Barrington, Larry Reidmund, Efrain Calderan and Phil Howard. Good luck Don and Larry, we miss ya!

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Calendar

MAY

14 - MSA Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 1728 Richmond

19 - Newsletter 'City Room Tour' 7:39 p.m. 1728 Richmond

22 - IGBO Registration, 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Brazos River Bottom

23 - IGBO Team Event, 12:30 p.m. Big Texan Lanes/W. Little York at I-45 North.

24 - IGBO Singles (8:30 a.m.) and Doubles (1:30 p.m.) Events, Big Texan Lanes/W. Little York at I-45 North.

- IGBO Awards Program, 5-10 p.m. Brazos River Bottom (Advance tickets are available but limited/ Happy Hour Prices will be featured)

29 - 31 - Whitewater Outing, An MSA sponsored event for members and friends.

30 - 31 - CHALLENGE CUP TOUR-NAMENT, Memorial Park

JUNE

8 - MSA Summer Bowling League begins, 9 p.m., Stadium Lanes

19 - Citizens for Human Equality (CHE) Pep Rally/ Fund Raiser for MSA Softball

20 - MSA Allstar Softball Team vs Houston Fire Department and Houston Police Department (2 games) and 1 game between HFD and HPD, 1 pm Memorial Park # 1

JULY

4 - Softball: New York City vs Houston

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday - Volleyball, 2 pm Cherryhurst Park

- Softball, 6 pm, Levy Field

Monday - Bowling, 9 pm, Stadium Lanes

Thursday - Tennis, 7:30 pm, Memorial Park

Summer Bowling League Now Forming

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SWEATHEART - n., darling; one who is loved; i.e., Nancy Perales.

Our Lady of the Lanes

There are many factors responsible for the success of any event. One such 'factor' which cannot be discounted is NANCY PERALES who has contributed much of her time and effort to ensure MSA Bowling's overwhelming success.

NANCY has been dubbed 'MSA's First Lady of Bowling' and the 'Angel of the Alleys.' Who else but a sweetheart can put up with an unending series of questions and cries/screams of 'help!' Besides, who else but NANCY will tolerate more than 200 different personalities each Monday night

at the now infamous Stadium Bowl.

At the recently concluded IGBO Tournament, NANCY's presence reassured both MSA bowlers and IGBO Game Officials that all was not lost. (She was more than pleased when Houstonian Ned Parker got the highest game, but jokingly cautioned him: 'Don't let it get to your head!') Out-of-towners envied Houston's good fortune. (Mike from Milwaukee said, 'We could use someone as positive as NANCYup North!') But most of all, NANCY served as that all important 'link' between the bowlers and the staff of the Big Texan Lanes.

Originally from Chicago, NANCY is the proud mother of two children, and enjoys good times, good friends, and good drinks.

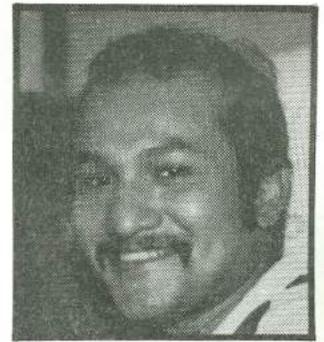
MSA Softball Speaks for Itself, Thank You.

The MSA Softball League will not be playing a Houston Police Softball Team at the opening of Gay Pride Week. The Houston Police Officers Association cancelled their participation in this event because of remarks made by a spokesperson of the Gay Political Caucus. The Houston Fire Department will play a double header on Saturday, June 20, 1981 at Memorial Park Field #1. The first game starts at noon with the second game beginning approximately at 1:30 p.m.

The MSA Softball Board of Officers would like to state that NO ONE but a Board Member can speak officially for Softball. The Board further states that we are a SPORTS ORGANIZATION, not political, and our organization will not be used as a pawn by other organizations to try and accomplish their personal/political whims. The sponsors of the softball teams would have liked to see the All-Star Team play a Houston Police Department Team. It does not behoove one Gay organization to try and accomplish its goals at the expense of another. There is still an outside chance that we will play a Houston Police Department Team and the proper people will be notified if and when this can be arranged.

MSA SOFTBALL LEAGUE

A Word From...



Eddie Chavez
MSA Director

If ever a group of people deserved a truly firm "pat on the back," the MSA Winter Bowling League, under the direction of Richard Dauchy, is certainly that group. Never before have I witnessed such a high spirited community wide effort to house, entertain and befriend so many guests in our city at one time. An amazing breakthrough was led by our faithful participant and sponsor, Jerry Kauffman, as well as Ab and Smitty. The three of them have set a precedent by showing that bar owners can join together in business and fellowship and promote goodwill.

This IGBO Tournament marked the largest gay indoor sports event in the U.S. to date. My thanks to MSA Bowling on this exhibition of highly concerned organizers, participants and volunteers.

It's going to be a hot summer, but you can cool off with the MSA Swimming League. Call Jess Frank at 524-5146, 792-7240 or Phill Blakeway at 524-5912 to join for fun or to participate in the Masters-sanctioned sports competition.

Last but not least, the sharing of this news would not be possible if it were not for our Newsletter Committee. Last month I visited with them as they prepared your Newsletter. They are a dedicated group who work many evenings, sometimes into the wee morning hours to keep you informed. Larry Hall, Assistant Director of Special Projects, and his committee are certainly a viable backbone of our organization.

Newsletter Assignments Announced

INTRODUCING: The MSA Newsletter Staff

We must honestly admit that the first two issues of this news-

letter was, to put it mildly, a 'bitch.' However, we soon realized that there exists somewhere...a methodical/organized manner to get this monthly publication out. Therefore, to be able to better serve and keep the MSA community informed and involved with its events, we have now delegated duties and responsibilities to each staff member.

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Your subgroup correspondent will be contacting their respective subgroup officers to gather newsworthy items. Likewise, we also encourage your participation by contacting either a subgroup correspondent or a reporter-at-large should you have ideas, an article, or an interesting photo story.

Yes, we have come a LONG way from the first issue, but we're now better able to cope with pressures associated with publishing a newsletter. You may want to volunteer your time in a most rewarding experience (just ask any staff member). Give Larry a call and we'll be glad to welcome you aboard!

MSA NEWSLETTER TAKES A SUMMER BREAK

Vacations, various out-of-state tournaments, more in-depth coverage ... these are some of the reasons why this issue is for both June and July.

We'll be back the first week in August. In the meantime be careful and have a happy summer.

NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE

As part of the ever growing interest in gay sports activities throughout the nation, the MSA Newsletter has established an exchange newsletter subscription with other gay sports publications. Currently, the Atlanta Venture Sports Newsletter and Gamma (Milwaukee) are on our mailing list.

MSA in GPW Parade

Once again, MSA has entered a float in the Gay Pride Week Parade. The slogan for this year's parade is 'We the People.' In keeping with the spirit of this idea, we have attempted to expand on our own slogan of 'United Through Competition.' Consequently, the design of our entry is very institutional or symbolic. The central focus is on our version of a 'flame of hope' for gay athletes every-



where. Also involved in the symbology is an attempt to express the feeling of brotherhood among gay athletes; a tribute to those who came before us; a great hope for the future.

At the risk of being 'too pretty' we have tried to design a float that can rise to the occasion of this very significant celebration of gay unity. No jock straps, no macho mania, no sleeze. Just a simple statement of our pride and sense of community. We hope you approve and, please, support all the GPW activities. Let's show Houston and the world that truly, we, too, are the people.

If any gay sports organization wants to establish such an exchange, all inquiries are to be directed to:

Larry Hall
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Houston, TX 77098

Be a Sport CHE for MSA

On the eve of the annual MSA Softball All-Stars Game between the MSA All Stars and the Houston Fire (& Police?) Department, the Citizens for Human Equality (CHE) will be hosting a dance to benefit both MSA Softball and CHE. 'BE A SPORT' is this year's theme.

The festivities begin at 9 pm and will continue till 1 am on Friday, June 19. The patio of Byman's Furniture will be the setting of this year's social event.

Advance tickets may be purchased for \$10.00 at any of the following outlets:

Union Jack, 4025 Westheimer
Q-1 Leather, 300 Westheimer
Levy Field, at the Sunday evening softball games
or by writing:

'Be A Sport'

7643 Woodland West Drive
Houston, Tx 77040

Tickets purchased at the door will cost \$12.50. The price includes free beer and schnapps. Cocktails will be sold for \$1.00.

You are encouraged to join in on the fun and also meet the MSA Softball All-Star Team who will be on hand to host and celebrate with other merrymakers for the worthy event.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The MSA Newsletter is fastly gaining local and national prominence in its coverage of Houston gay sports activities. However, we are in dire need of typesetting equipment and/or services, a typewriter, a drafting table, a desk and various office supplies. Any contributions would be a tremendous boost to our publication efforts. Please get in touch with Larry Hall if you can help.



Tennis

TENNIS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Fred Lopez was a semifinalist which put him in the top four in a draw of 64. Fred won this honor despite the bad weather and his having to use someone else's racket (his busted a gut).

The first place winner was David Locke, an ex-Dallas resident who now lives in L.A.

San Francisco was impressed with this event and talked of having a national tournament in Houston, perhaps in September.

MSA Tennis recently announced that J. C. Barrera has assumed the duties of president. The other officers are:

Fred Lopez-Sergeant at Arms
Randy Jierscheck-Secretary
Rich Corder-Treasurer



J.C. Barrera, Tennis President,
during CHALLENGE CUP PLAY

CHALLENGE CUP TOURNEY

Houston's MSA Tennis hosted the Challenge Cup Tournament held May 30 at Memorial Park courts. This was the first in a best 2 out of 3 series with the Oak Lawn Tennis Association. Houston won this first part of the series by 7 to 4.



the 'CUP'

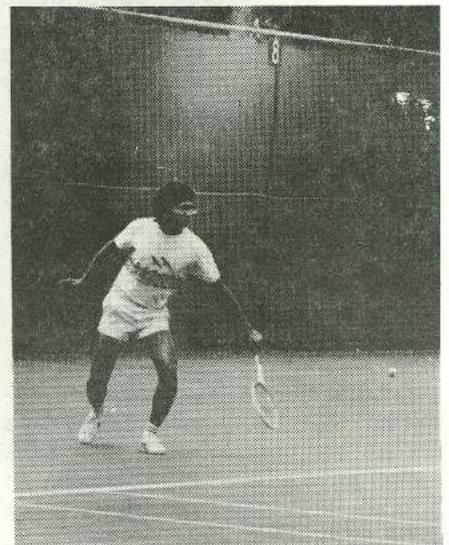
Houston took possession of the trophy cup and will get to keep it permanently with only one more win. The next confrontation will take place in Dallas sometime in late June or early July. After being engraved the cup will be on display at the Galleon which has been designated MSA Tennis' home bar. MSA Tennis also expresses their thanks to the Galleon for their donation of \$100.

Houston singles winners:
Fred Lopez
Michael Locklear
J.C. Barrera
Chai Wilaichon
Don 'Ringer' Smith

Houston Doubles Winners:
Gus Delgado
G.V. DeShay
Chai Wilaichon
Francisco Torres

Dallas Singles Winners:
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Dallas Doubles Winners:
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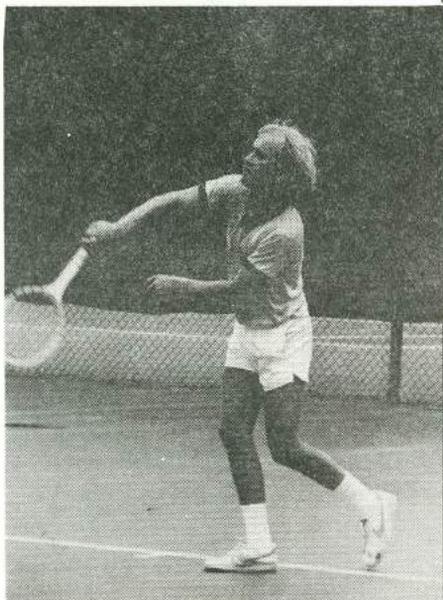


Chai Wilaichon, one of Houston's
doubles winners in CHALLENGE CUP

THE CHALLENGE GOES ON

Speaking on behalf of the Oak Lawn Tennis Association, Kerry Rhines, president, said of the Challenge Cup Tournament, 'It was a first time experience for us, and we enjoyed it.' Held in Houston on May 30, this tournament was the result of two years work and planning. 'We came with a competitive frame of mind and we feel this tournament has launched a new competitive series that will continue for a while,' Rhines said.

Amid plenty of beer and bar-b-que at the awards banquet that evening, Kerry and all the Dallas players were in good spirits and let Houston know the challenge was on. As Kerry said, 'We look forward to Houston coming to Dallas, because we're gonna win the next one!'



Bryan Starnes, one of Dallas' doubles winners in CHALLENGE CUP



LEAGUE STANDINGS

Statistics, anyone? Though not the kind we're most accustomed to, your softball correspondent Bill Mallory, gives you current standings of all the participating teams as of June 1, plus some stats on outstanding players.

	Won	Lost
Different Drum	4	1
Galleon	5	0
Venture-N	5	1
Briar Patch	4	2
Montrose Mining Co.	2	4
Brazos River Bottom	3	4
Jim's Gym	1	5
Saddle Club	0	7

HOME RUN LEADERS

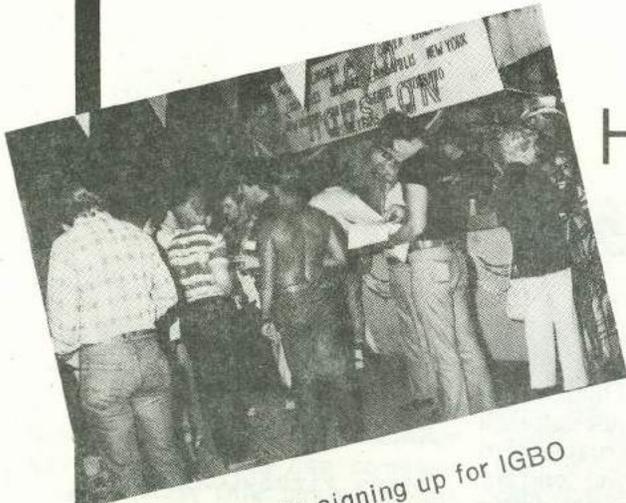
Jerry DeSale(VN)	2
Mario Marchena(DD)	2
Barry Pirkey(GAL)	2
Michael Scoggins(GAL)	2
Ken Bailey(BP)	1
Monte Cole(MMC)	1
Don Davidson(VN)	1
Ross Gore(BP)	1
Don Kessler(GAL)	1
Mike Morrison(VN)	1
Bob Powel(BP)	1
Charles St. Laurent(SC)	1
Jesse Young(SC)	1

LEADING HITTERS

	AB	R	H	AVG.
Terry Vines (BRB)	10	3	8	.800
Michael Scoggins (GAL)	11	8	8	.727
Jerry DeSale (VN)	10	7	7	.700
Mark Resler (GAL)	10	9	7	.700
George Wahlers (DD)	13	7	9	.692
Ross Gore (BP)	12	4	8	.667
Joel Fitch (GAL)	15	8	9	.600
Mario Marchena (DD)	12	6	7	.583
Vern Harris (VN)	11	7	6	.545
Arthur Castillo (GAL)	16	10	8	.500
Barry Pirkey (GAL)	12	5	6	.500

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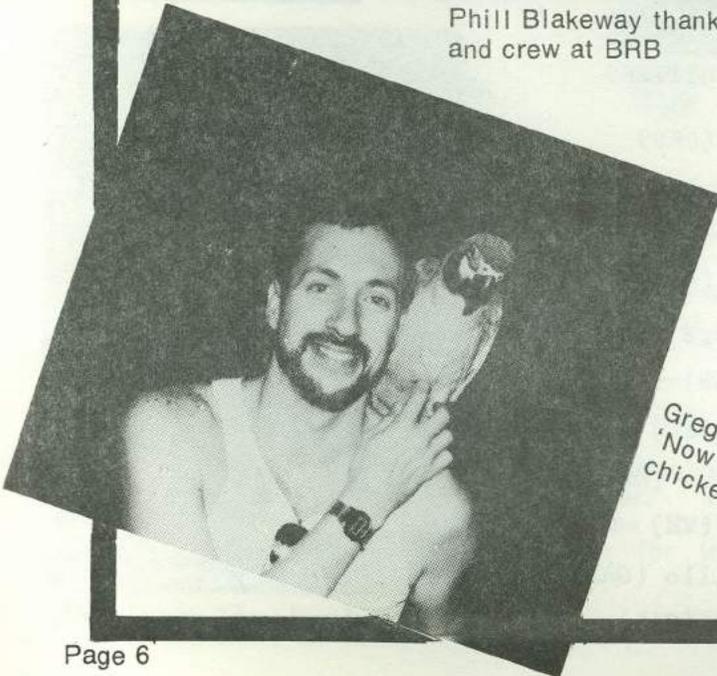
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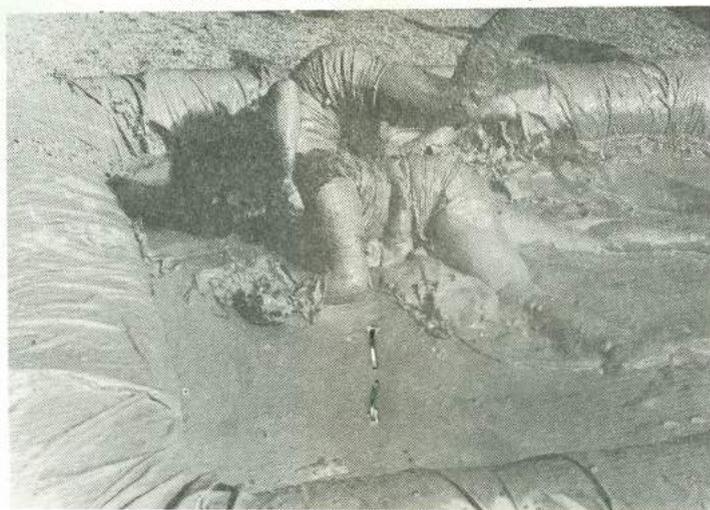
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Crowds at IGBO awards banquet



Billy (Mud Face) Norman loses at mud wrestling at BRB



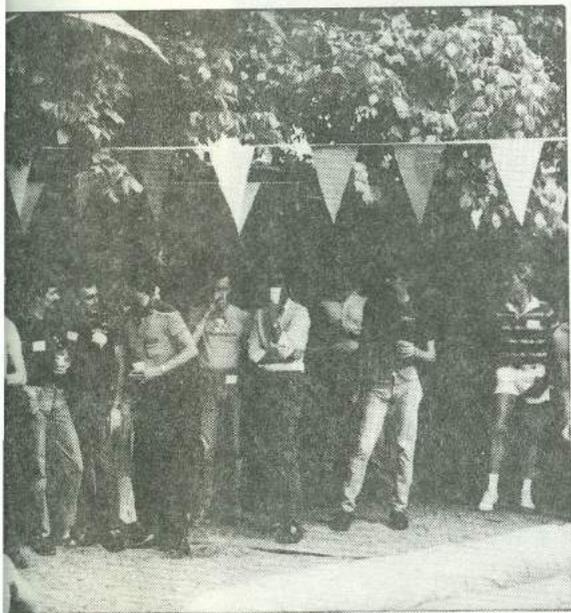
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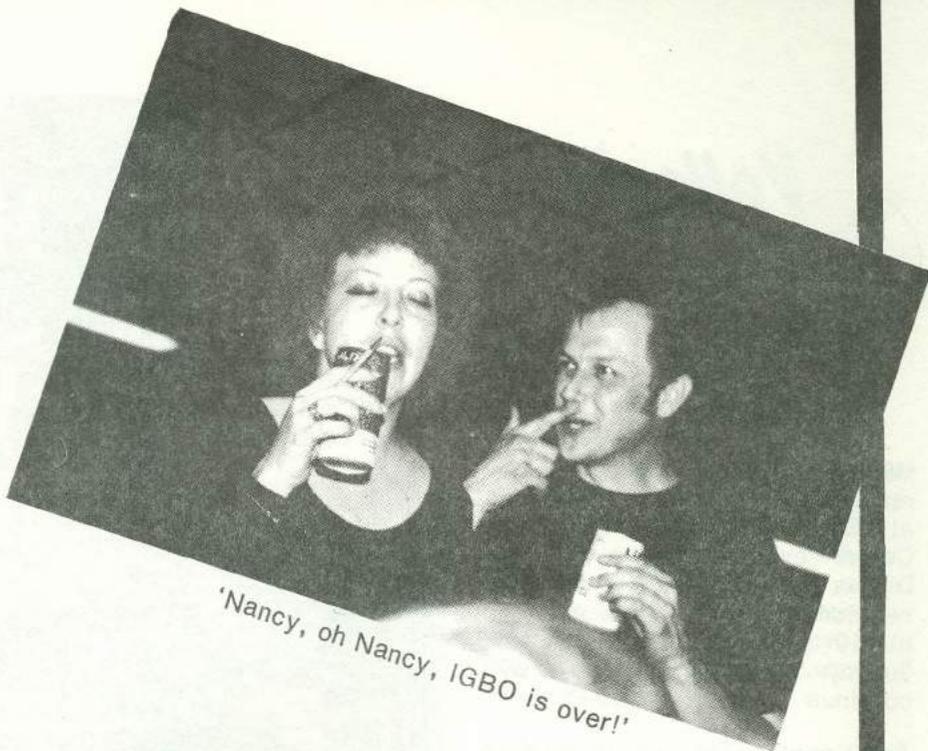
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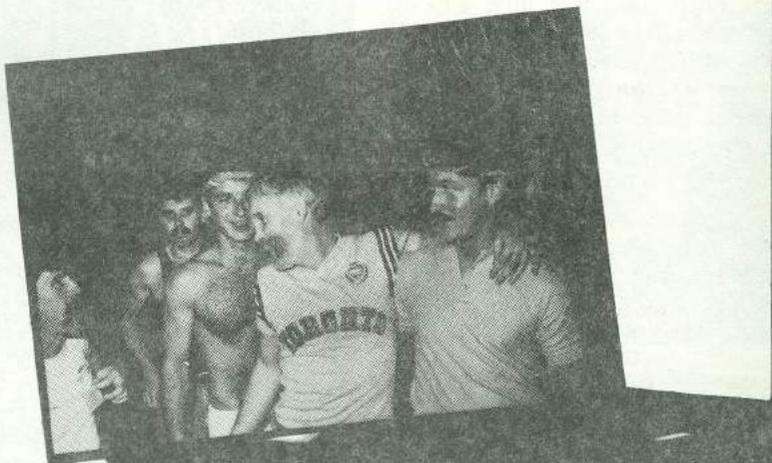
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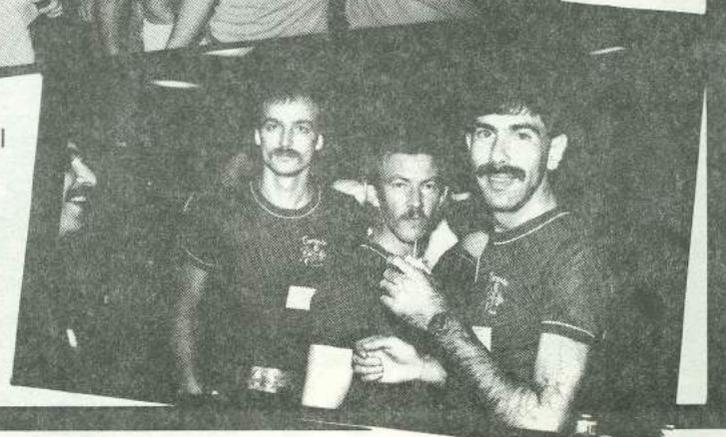
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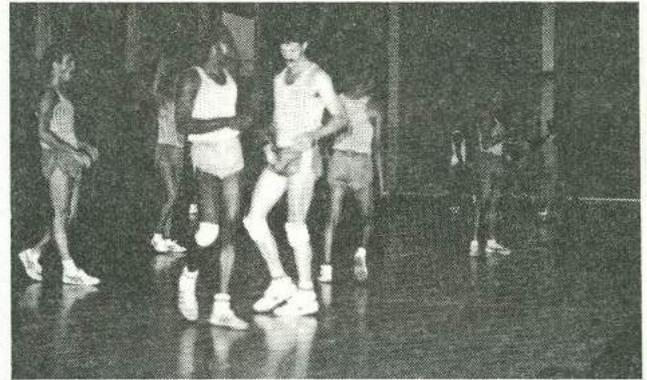


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Volleyball



Practice,
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MSA Volleyball teams are currently holding practice sessions at Gregory Lincoln Education Center on the corner of West Dallas and Taft. These practice sessions start at 7 pm and end at 10 pm on Tuesday nights. Sunday practice at 2 pm will continue at Cherryhurst Park.

Additional teams are now being formed and placement is still open for new members.

Membership fees are now \$15.00 per month in addition to yearly \$5.00 MSA dues. However, if you are currently a member of MSA, you need not pay additional MSA membership dues.



MSA TEAMS JOIN WALKOUT

The West End Stars and Jazz from MSA Volleyball joined a multi-city walkout in Chicago over a dispute of fair play during the Chicago Tournament held on Memorial Day weekend.

Full details involving the dispute are not clear; however, the basic contention indicated that the tournament was set up to favor Chicago's own teams.

Cities participating in the walk-out included Detroit, L.A., San Francisco, Dallas and Houston.



Bowling



Last game of the Winter League

WINTER 80-81...Congratulations bowlers for completing yet another fine season of fun filled bowling! With 54 teams this season, we were the largest men's league in the entire state; and next season promises to be even bigger and better. After 40 weeks of bowling, the final top teams for the season were:

First Place - BRIAR PATCH
 Ross Gore, Steve Stapleton,
 Mike Griswald, Bill Massey,
 and Richard King
 Second Place - CIRCUIT
 John Morris, John Woodruff,
 George Dolgos, Don Hinkley,
 and Charles Dierkes

A big round of applause to these men for coming up tops in competition between more than 270 bowlers.

SUMMER 81...The 12 week summer league starts June 8th at 9 pm at the Stadium Lanes. If you would like to bowl either as a regular or a substitute, just come to the lanes or call Richard Dauchy (961-5409) and we'll get you rolling. The summer league is starting out with 40 teams with plenty of room for more.

SPECIAL IGBO AWARDS

The top 3 teams being awarded cash prizes according to the Match Play Point System are as follows:

- #1 CBC Steamrollers of Houston with 5275 points.
- #2 Rainbow High of Toronto with 5057.5 points.
- #3 Crews Inn of Dallas with 4810.5 points.

Congratulations to all bowlers, whether winners or losers, for superb sportsmanship.

IGBO TROPHY WINNERS

Doubles:

- 1st Place with 1286 pins
 Steamrollers - Houston
 Roger Newby, Ray Hubbard
- 2nd Place with 1267 pins
 Untouchables - Houston
 Dennis Payne, Mike Anthony
- 3rd Place with 1266 pins
 Up and Coming - Toronto
 Ron Heath, Larry Webb

Singles:

- 1st Place with 705 pins
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 of Friggin 5 - Houston
- 2nd Place with 682 pins
 Steve Roy
 of Rainbow High - Toronto
- 3rd Place with 675 pins
 Rick Mayer
 of Gladys and the Knights -
 Minneapolis

Teams:

- 1st Place with 3088 pins
 Denver #1
 Fred Wilson - Denver
 Frank Armstrong - Denver

- Gary Burnick - Denver
- Frank Rubin - Houston
- Brad Smith - Houston
- 2nd Place with 3077 pins
 Untouchables - Houston
- Tom Loncosky, Vince Stack,
 Dennis Payne, Bill Mallory,
 name withheld by one member
- 3rd Place with 3002 pins
 CBC Steamrollers - Houston
- Mark Hall, Phill Blakeway,
 Roger Newby, Ray Hubbard,
 Rich Corder



FIRST PLACE, Denver's No. 1



SECOND PLACE, Houston's Untouchables

MSA SUBGROUP UPDATE

HIT 81...Milwaukee is the site for the third annual Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT). Bowlers from all over the country and Canada will be converging on the 'beer capital of the world' during the Thanksgiving Holidays for this bowling spectacular. Approximately \$4200 in cash and trophies will be awarded to the winners. Both your MSA Newsletter and your Bowling Subgroup Officers will be keeping you posted on further announcements. You may want to start making plans now; especially about your stock of thermal underwear!



THIRD PLACE, Houston's CBC Steamrollers



FIRST PLACE DOUBLE EVENT WINNERS
Houston's CBC Steamrollers
Roger Newby and Ray Hubbard

On behalf of both the officers of "IGBO" and the MSA Bowling Subgroup, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a hearty "Thank You" to everyone involved in making the First Annual "IGBO" Tournament a tremendous success...

To the bowlers...who exemplified the true meaning of sportsmanship.

To the sponsors...who gave us their much needed support and help.

To all the committees...who ensured the orderliness of everything from housing to food.

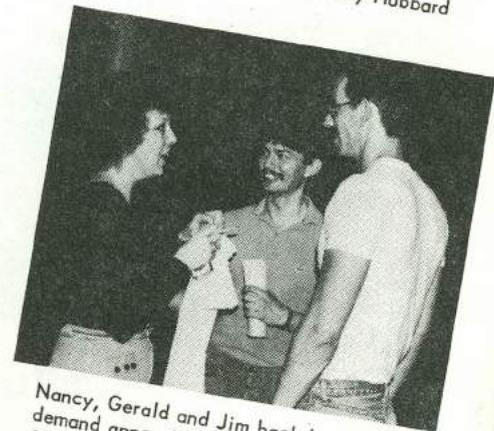
To MSA... who showed everyone what Southern hospitality is all about.

To Nancy Perales, Jerry Kaufmann, and Smitty; who deserve an extra special "Thank You".

Even now, I still cannot believe what everyone did to pull off "a r-e-a-l-l-y good show." The hard work showed - everyone is still talking about Houston and "IGBO". We've shown everyone our strength, and they're all hoping for a "repeat performance."

I'm proud of all of you,

Richard Dauchy,
President MSA Bowling



Nancy, Gerald and Jim back by popular demand appearing Monday nights at Stadium Lanes

TEXAS ROLL-OFF TOURNAMENT

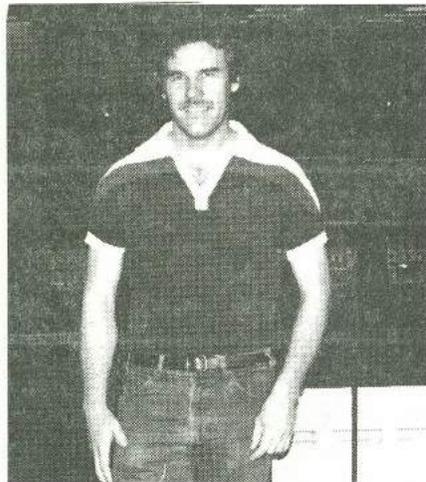
Since the Texas Roll-Off Tournament 'TROT' in Dallas last March was such a huge success, Houston is playing host to the 2nd semi-annual 'TROT' this August. If you are interested in participating in any way, please contact either Richard Dauchy 961-5409 or Gerald Hagan 665-1734.

Sports Quotes

New acquaintances were formed, addresses and phone numbers were exchanged, and promises of seeing each other at the next bowling tournament (or maybe sooner, perhaps?) were made. Such things did happen at the recently concluded IGBO Tournament.

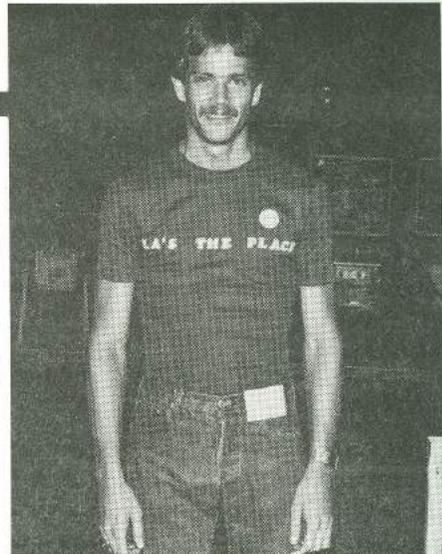
Your roving MSA Newsletter photographer and reporter took time out between frames to meet and chat with some of our visitors. We'd like to share with you personal insights about what some of our new frineds had to say about both IGBO and Houston.

JOAN KOLB, Minneapolis, MN
 'Being a straight person, my participation in this Tournament is my way of saying that I sympathize with gay and lesbian needs. I love this tournament because it brings so many different people, with one common goal, together. I have really made and enjoyed my new friends. Working with a travel agency, I can really appreciate the work and effort which MSA put in to make this event a successful one.'



ROBERT McWILLIAMS, Dallas
 'First, I personally want to thank my host, Glenn Gibbs, for being most accommodating and making my stay in Houston very memorable. Next, MSA deserves a lot of credit for the preparation and organization of this tournament, which I generally felt, went very well. I only wish that the Tournament Rules were distributed beforehand as it would have avoided alot of confusion. How about a Hospitality Committee to handle more social events for out-of-towners?'

SUSIE BAER, Gladstone, MO
 'This is absolutely fantastic! I've gotten the opportunity to meet so many different people. I also think it's relaxing. This tournament has given lesbians and gays another way of meeting and socializing besides the bars. I have nothing but praises for the city and the people. There is one exception.(Laughs) It'll take me a LONG time to get used to Texas drivers!'



JEFF SMITH, Hollywood, CA
 'The hospitality shown by everyone is absolutely wonderful! I had heard about what we could expect, but you guys went beyond that! I like Houston and the selection of the Big Texan Lanes was a wonderful choice. Everything went smoothly! Everyone's so friendly that I now have a better idea of what 'Southern Hospitality' is all about.'

THANK YOU

MSA Bowling would like to thank the following businesses for their support during the recently concluded IGBO Tournament. Support included free drinks, discounts, etc.

BABYLON
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 KINDRED SPIRITS
 LAMPOST
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 Q-1 LEATHER
 THE RANCH
 SPORTS LOCKER
 WILDE 'N' STEIN
 WILDWOOD SALOON

Calendar

JUNE

- 12-MSA Bowling Awards Party
8 pm Magnolia Room-712 Franklin Street
- 16-MSA Activity Committee Meeting, 3635 Deal (call Tom Zeimis, 665-1734 for details)
- 14-MSA Board Meeting 8 pm at Gerald Hagan's, 3635 Deal (call 665-1734 for more details)
- 19-Citizens for Human Equality (CHE) pep rally/fund raiser for MSA Softball-patio of Byman's Furniture
- 20-MSA All-Star Softball Team vs Houston Fire Department 1 pm Memorial Park
- 28-GPW Parade, watch for MSA float 5:30 pm

JULY

- 4-Softball: New York vs Houston (watch for more details)
- Tennis: second round Texas Cup in Dallas
- 20-copy deadline: MSA Newsletter

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Sunday-Volleyball, 2 pm, Cherryhurst Park
- Softball, 6 pm, Levy Field
- Monday-Bowling, 9 pm, Stadium Lanes
- Tuesday-Volleyball, 7 pm, Gregory-Lincoln Ed. Center
- Thursday-Tennis, 7:30 pm, Memorial Park

Pisces and Other Fishes

Swimming Subgroup now being organized.

**Contact Jess Frank,
524-5146
or Phill Blakeway
524-5912.**

Activity Committee

Every new group runs into snags along the way. The Activity Committee was no exception. Now that we have those snags out of our system, we are ready to go full steam ahead. The Activity Committee has a free hand at organizing almost any sort of get-together they choose. From fund raisers to fun raisers, from camping trips to trips of camping—ANYTHING. We will be meeting June 16 at 7:30 pm at 3635 Deal (near the Astrodome). Call Tom Zeimis for directions (665-1734). Bring your ideas and friends. It's a fun way to get involved!

ANOTHER QUEEN in the family Maricar Mendoza of Dagupan City, an 18 year old college freshman at the University of the Philippines', will be her country's representative at the Miss Universe '81 Pageant in New York. Maricar, 5'6"', 35-23-35, is Ron Demerin's (MSA Newsletter Staff) cousin.

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