POCKET PRO SHOP WINS MASTERS

The Virginia Masters has completed its highest scoring season with the first half champions, The Pocket Pro Shop, beating the second half champions, Ten Pin Coliseum, two games to one. After both teams had each won a game by over 60 pins, the margin of the final game was never more than 1 mark. Only after Jim Wolfe, first annual Mini-Masters champion, failed to strike on his first ball in the tenth was victory assured. Leading The Pocket in the deciding game was Chuck Gannon with a 255 while Larry O'Neill added a 225. Members of the Pocket team were Chuck Gannon, Mackie Jones, Dave Cohen, and Larry O'Neill. Members of the Coliseum team were Kevin Tillery, Bobby Alexander, Sam Poole and Jim Wolfe.

High scoring was the rule this year in the Masters with over 60 700 series bowled and over 70 games of 265 or better. Twenty bowlers ended the year over 200 with high average going to Larry O'Neill with a 220. Second high average went to Chuck Fairchild with a 211 and third to Howie Partell with a 209. Pete Gunn's 792 series bowled on the 33rd night was high with Howie Partell's 765 second and Jim Robinette's 764 third. Larry O'Neill and Howie Partell both shot 300's for high game. Herb Bonette was third with a 297. High team game goes to Skor-Mor Pro Shop with a 1067. This is a nationally high game. Games were John Austin 288, Willie Williams 248, Bart Fugler 255 and Steve Sipe 276. Second high was a 997 by Office Furniture Mart. High series was a 2784 by Skor-Mor Pro Shop and second was a 2767 by K&B Men's Shop.

Next year's team maximum was set at 765 with bowler's currently not in the Masters using their highest 42 game average of the past two seasons. The Masters will be bowling at Seminary on Monday nights at approximately 9:15. The Masters will be limited to 18 teams. Teams or individuals wishing to join the league should contact Mike Ladd at 281-2579 (home) or 897-1008 (work).