



## Archives and Records

### Finding Aid

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** Coll.25  
**TITLE:** Beantown Bowling League Collection

#### COLLECTION SUMMARY

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#### SUBJECT TERMS

##### *Subject Names:*

Beantown Bowling League  
B.I.T.C.H. (Bowling Invitation Tournament Columbus Holiday)  
IGBO (International Gay Bowling Organization)  
Celebration—Gay Games

##### *Subject Topics:*

Bowling  
Homosexuality—United States—Societies, etc.

##### *Document Types:*

Buttons/Nametags  
Canvas Bag  
Condoms  
Correspondence  
Flyers  
Handouts  
Score Cards

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Beantown Bowling League began in 1986 and is still in existence today. The documents in the collection cover their early years as an organization from 1987-1992 and show the wide array of tournaments the group participated in, in addition to their Tuesday night bowling times. Initially the organization had approximately 70-80 bowlers and these were broken up into teams with a captain for each team. In addition to the Tuesday night bowling and various tournaments the organization participated in several fundraisers and had an annual Christmas banquet.

Also represented in the collection is the IGBO or the International Gay (or Lesbian) Bowling Organization which ran many annual tournaments in addition to sponsoring other tournaments for gay and lesbian bowlers. The international organization is considered "the sports membership organization of choice for the gay community worldwide" and was founded in 1980 and is still in existence today. Tournaments hosted by the IGBO include annual tournaments and mid-year tournaments.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of one 1 box of organization correspondence, score cards, league rules, and registration information from tournaments along with a number of handouts, leaflets and flyers from various tournaments and spans the years 1987-1993.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SERIES**

- Series I:** Beantown Bowling League (records pertaining to the meetings, rules, and running of the Tuesday night Beantown Bowling League)
- Series II:** Tournaments (registrations, handouts, flyers, and information from the various tournaments attended in the United States and Canada)
- Series III:** IGBO (registrations, handouts, flyers, and information from the tournaments of the International Gay Bowling Organization)

## **SERIES AND FOLDER LIST**

### **Series I: Beantown Bowling League**

- Folder 1: Rules and Regulations
- Folder 2: Finances
- Folder 3: Member Info and Correspondence
- Folder 4: Scores 1987 and Summer 1987
- Folder 5: Scores 1987-88
- Folder 6: Scores 1988-89
- Folder 7: Scores 1990-91
- Folder 8: Scores 1991-92
- Folder 9: Scores 1992-93

### **Series II: Tournaments**

- Folder 1: B.I.T.C.H.: Boston Invitational Tournament Columbus Holiday 1991
- Folder 2: Celebration '90: Official Event Forms
- Folder 3: Celebration '90: Celebration Newspapers
- Folder 4: Celebration '90: Flyers, Handouts, and Promotions
- Folder 5: C.P.I.: Chicago Pride Week Invitational, 4th and 5th annual, 1991-92
- Folder 6: Dixie Invitational
- Folder 7: Assorted Tournaments: Phoenix Regional Invitational Tournament, Gotham Open, CINTIT, Capital Halloween Invitational Tournament, GHAIST: Greater Hartford Area Invitational Sweetheart Tournament, B.B.L. Annual Playoffs

### **Series III: IGBO Tournaments**

- Folder 1: General Information on IGBO
- Folder 2: 1987 Tournament: New Orleans
- Folder 3: 1988 Tournament: Washington D.C.
- Folder 4: 1988, 1991, 1992 MOIST: Miami's Only Invitational Sunshine Tournament
- Folder 5: 1991 Tournaments: Toronto and Tampa Bay
- Folder 6: 1992 Tournaments: Fort Worth/Dallas and Detroit