

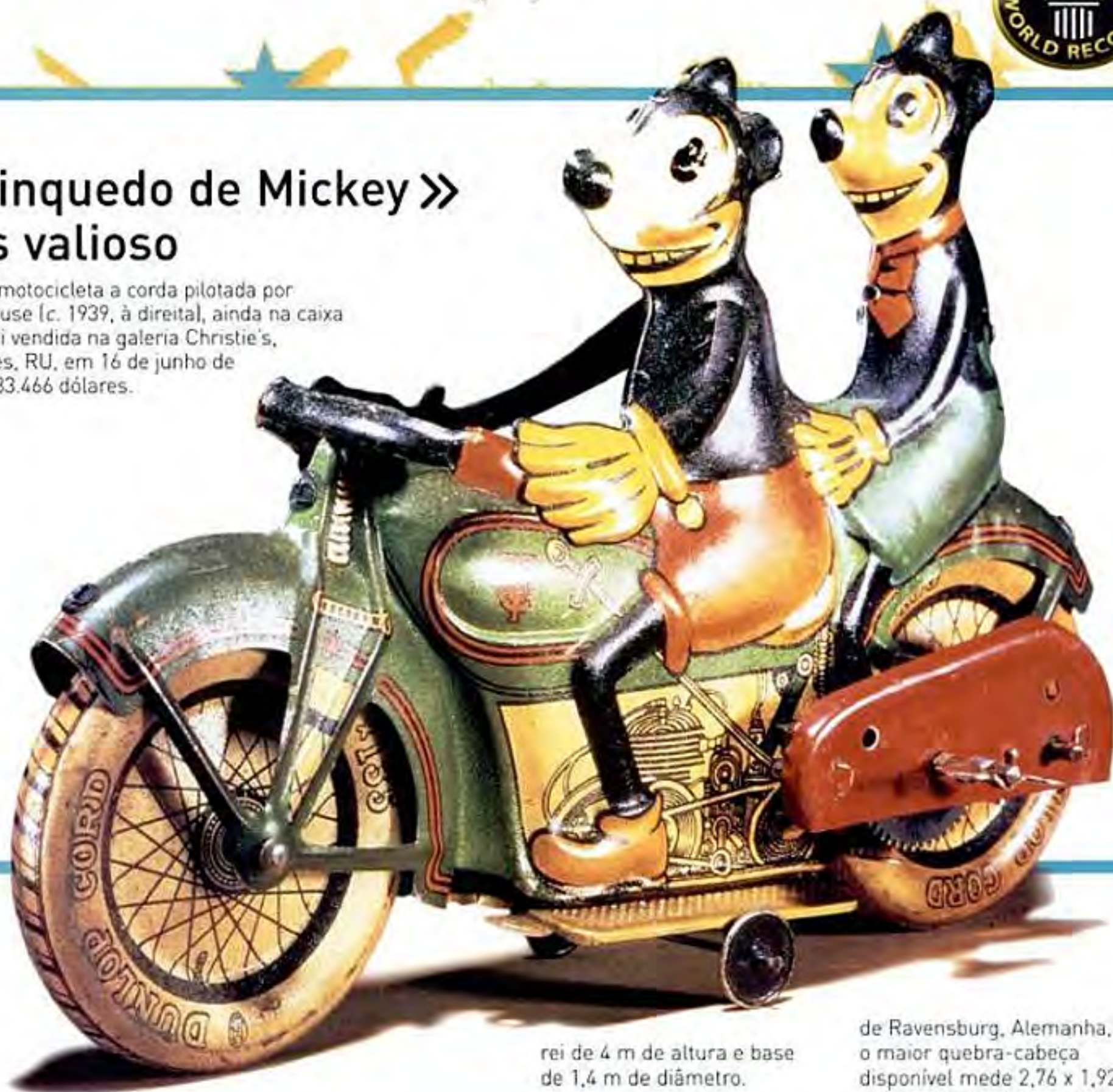
GUINNESS
WORLD RECORDS
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SPECIAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

O brinquedo de Mickey » mais valioso

Uma rara motocicleta a corda pilotada por Mickey Mouse (c. 1939, à direita), ainda na caixa original, foi vendida na galeria Christie's, em Londres, RU, em 16 de junho de 1997, por 83.466 dólares.



★ O maior ioiô

Um ioiô de 3,17 m de diâmetro e 407 kg, criado pela J. N. Nichols (Vimto) Ltd. (RU) e fabricado por estudantes de engenharia do Stockport College, foi jogado de uma grua a 57,5 m de altura, em Wythenshawe, Grande Manchester, RU, em 1º de agosto de 1993. Ele subiu e desceu cerca de quatro vezes.

★ O maior conjunto de bonecas russas (matriochka)

Um conjunto de bonecas russas de 51 peças foi pintado a mão por Youlia Bereznitskaia (Rússia). A maior tinha 54 cm de altura e a menor, 0,31 cm. O conjunto foi concluído em 25 de abril de 2003.

★ A maior piscina de bolinhas

Ela tinha 252,9 m², profundidade média de 40 cm e cerca de 130 mil bolinhas. Foi montada em 30 de dezembro de 1999, em Plantagebaan, em Wouwse Plantage, Holanda, pelo Stichting Carnaval Wouwse Plantage, como parte das festividades do Carnaval do Milênio.

★ As peças de xadrez mais antigas

As peças encontradas em Nashipur, atual Bangladesh, datadas de c. 900 d.C., são as mais antigas de que se tem notícia.

★ A maior peça de xadrez

Mats Allanson (Suécia) fez um

rei de 4 m de altura e base de 1,4 m de diâmetro.

★ O maior tabuleiro de jogo do mercado

O **Galaxion**, fabricado pela **Cerebe Design International** (Hong Kong), é jogado num tabuleiro de 83,8 x 83,8 cm.

★ O menor quebra-cabeça do mercado

Um quebra-cabeça de mil peças fabricado pela Educa Sallent (Espanha) mede 46 x 30 cm. Todos os quebra-cabeças em miniatura fabricados pela empresa são feitos de materiais recicláveis e retratam uma série de imagens, de pontos turísticos europeus à Disney e aos personagens da Vila Sésamo.

★ O maior quebra-cabeça do mercado

Fabricado pela Ravensburger,

de Ravensburg, Alemanha, o maior quebra-cabeça disponível mede 2,76 x 1,92 m, e tem 18 mil peças – outro recorde para um quebra-cabeça dessa categoria.

★ O maior quebra-cabeça

Um quebra-cabeça projetado pela Great East Asia Surveyors & Consultants Co. Ltd. registrou o recorde de 5.428,8 m² e 21.600 peças. Foi montado por 777 pessoas no antigo Aeroporto Kai Tak, em Hong Kong, China, em 3 de novembro de 2002.

★ O maior tabuleiro permanente de Monopólio

Um tabuleiro de Monopólio de granito localizado em San José, na Califórnia, EUA, com todas as peças em escala, foi aberto ao público em 26 de julho de 2002 e mede 9,44 x 9,44 m.

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Most titles British National Championships were instituted in 1971. Philip Nelkon (b. 21 Jul 1956) has won a record four times, 1978, 1981, 1990 and 1992. The youngest winner was Allan Saldanha (b. 31 Oct 1966), aged 15 years 239 days in 1993.

World Championship The first world championship was held in London in 1991 and was played in English. The winner was Peter Morris (USA) (b. 1962) who collected a first prize of \$10,000. The youngest winner is Mark Norman (USA) (b. 14 Oct 1966), aged



The most points scored in 11,154 by Paul Golder (b. 1951) and David Howell (b. 11 Jun 1965) at 1995-5 Mar 1995.

The shortest game to date is by Peter Wigge at Scissett on 2 Aug 1991.

Biggest board game The world's biggest commercially available board game is Galaxion, created by Cerebe Design International of Hong Kong. The board measures 33 x 33 in 83.8 x 83.8 cm.

Most expensive The most expensive commercially available board game is the deluxe version of Outrage! produced by Imperial Games of Southport, Merseyside. The game which is based on stealing the Crown Jewels from the Tower of London retails at £3995.

Bobsleigh and Tobogganing

Bobsledding

Most titles *World and Olympic* The world four-man bob title (instituted 1924) has been won 20 times by Switzerland (1924, 1936, 1939, 1947, 1954-7, 1971-3, 1975, 1982-3, 1986-90, 1993) including a record five Olympic victories (1924, 1936, 1956, 1972 and 1988).

Switzerland have won the two-man title 17 times (1935, 1947-50, 1953, 1955, 1977-80, 1982-3, 1987, 1990, 1992 and 1994) including a record four Olympic successes (1948, 1980, 1992 and 1994).

Eugenio Monti (Italy) (b. 23 Jan 1928) was a member of eleven world championship crews, eight two-man and three four-man in 1957-68.

The most Olympic gold medals won by an individual is three by Meinhard Nehmer (GDR) (b. 13 Jun 1941) and Bernhard Germeshausen (GDR) (b. 21 Aug 1951) in the 1976 two-man, 1976 and 1980 four-man events. The most medals won is seven (1 gold, 5 silver, 1 bronze) by Bogdan Musiol (GDR/Germany) (b. 25 Jul 1957) 1980-92.

The only British victory was at two-man bob in 1964 by the Hon. Thomas Robin Valerian Dixon (b. 21 Apr 1935) and Anthony James Dillon Nash (b. 18 Mar 1936).

Tobogganing

Oldest club The St Moritz Tobogganing Club, Switzerland, founded in 1887, is the oldest toboggan club in the world. It is notable for being the home of the Cresta Run, which dates from 1884.

Cresta Run The course is 1212m 3977ft long with a drop of 157m 514ft and the record is 50.41 sec (av. 86.56 km/h 53.79 mph) by Christian Bertschinger (Switzerland) (b. 8 Feb 1964) on 23 Feb 1992. On 15 Jan 1995 Johannes Badrutt (Switzerland) (b. 16 Dec 1964) set a record from Junction (890m 2920ft) of 41.27 sec.

The greatest number of wins in the Grand National (instituted 1885) is eight by the 1948 Olympic champion Nino Bibbia (Italy) (b. 15 Mar 1922) in 1960-64, 1966, 1968 and 1973; and by Franco Gassner (Switzerland) (b. 2 May 1945) in 1981, 1983-6, 1988-9 and 1991. The greatest number of wins in the Curzon Cup (instituted 1910) is eight by Bibbia in 1950, 1957-8, 1960, 1962-4, and 1969.

Lugeing

Most titles The most successful riders in the World Championships (instituted 1953) have been Thomas Köhler (GDR) (b. 25 Jun 1940), who won the single-seater title in 1962, 1964 (Olympic) and 1967 and shared the two-seater title in 1965, 1967 and 1968 (Olympic). Georg Hackl (GDR/Germany) (b. 9 Sep 1966) has won four single-seater titles, 1989, 1990, 1992 (Olympic) and 1994 (Olympic).

Margit Schumann (GDR) (b. 14 Sep 1952) has won five women's titles, 1973-5, 1976 (Olympic) and 1977. Steffi Walter (née Martin) (GDR) (b. 17 Sep 1962) became the first rider to win two Olympic single-seater luge titles, with victories at the women's event in 1984 and 1988.

Fastest speed The highest recorded, photo-timed speed is 137.4 km/h 85.38 mph by Asle Strand (Norway) at Tandådalen's Linbana, Sälen, Sweden on 1 May 1982.

Bowling (Tenpin)

Highest scores The highest individual score for three sanctioned games (possible 900) is 899 by Thomas Jordan (USA) (b. 27 Oct 1966)

at Union, New Jersey, USA on 7 Mar 1989. The record by a woman is 864 by Jeanne

Maiden (b. 10 Nov 1957) of Tacoma, Washington at Solon, Ohio, USA on 23 Nov 1986. This series included a record 40 consecutive strikes.

The maximum 900 for a three-game series was achieved by Glenn Richard Allison (b. 22 May 1930) at the La Habra Bowl in Los Angeles, California, USA on 1 Jul 1982, but this was not recognized by the ABC due to the oiling patterns on the boards. It has been recorded five times in unsanctioned games—by Leon Bentley at Lorain, Ohio, USA on 26 Mar 1931; by Joe Sargent at Rochester, New York, USA in 1934; by Jim Murgie in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA on 4 Feb 1937; by Bob Brown at Roseville Bowl, California, USA on 12 Apr 1980 and by John Strausbaugh at York, Pennsylvania, USA on 11 Jul 1987. Such series must have consisted of 36 consecutive strikes (i.e. all pins down with one ball).

The highest average for a season attained in sanctioned competition is 245.63 by Doug Vergouven of Harrisonville, Missouri, USA in 1989/90. The women's record is 232 by Patty Ann of Appleton, Wisconsin, USA in 1983/4.

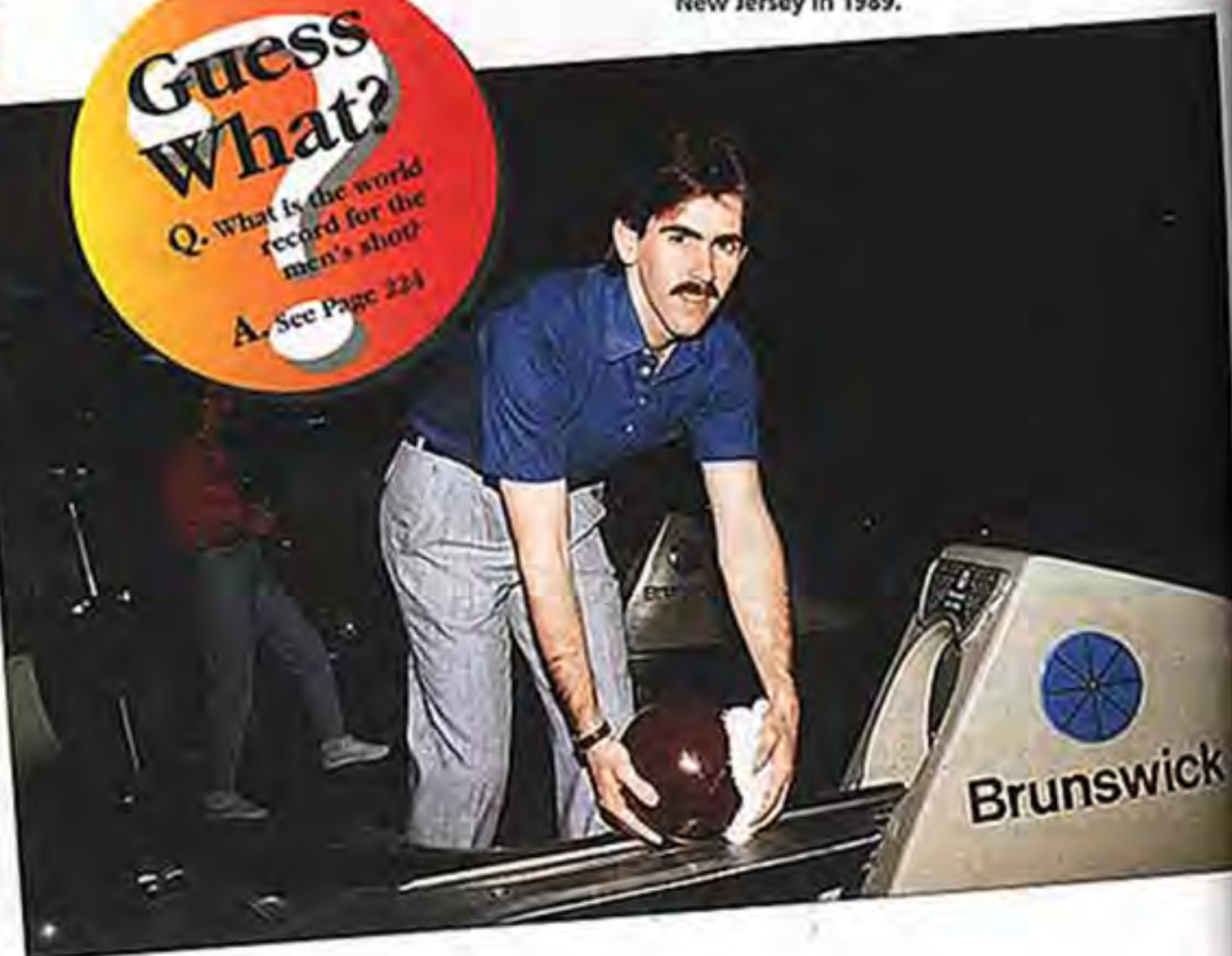
Great Britain The British record for a three-game series is 847 by Lawrence William Ellis (b. 7 Dec 1950) at Airport Bowl, Hounslow, Greater London on 30 Aug 1992.

■ Although there are a number of claims for a perfect three-game score of 900, the highest sanctioned score is 899 by Tom Jordan at Union, New Jersey in 1989.

Guess What?

Q. What is the world record for the men's shot?

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Sports and Games

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3 Cushion

Most titles William F. Hoppe (USA) (1887-1959) won 51 billiards championships in all forms spanning the pre- and post-international era from 1906 to 1952.

UMB Raymond Coolemans (Belgium) (b. 12 Jul 1935) has won 20 world three-cushion championships (1963-73, 1975-80, 1983, 1985, 1990).

Bar billiards Keith Sheard scored 28,530 in 19min 5sec in a league game at the Crown and Thistle, Headington, Oxford on 9 Jul 1984. Sheard scored 1500 points in a minute on BBC TV's *Record Breakers* on 23 Sep 1986.

The highest score in 24 hours by a team of five is 1,754,730 by Les Green, Ricard Powell, Kevin Clark, Mick Lingham and Curt Driver of The Shipwrights Arms, Chatham, Kent on 26-27 May 1990.

Board Games

Chess

World Championships World champions have been officially recognized since 1886. The longest undisputed tenure was 26yr 337days by Dr Emanuel Lasker (1868-1941) of Germany, from 1894 to 1921.

The women's world championship title was held by Vera Franzevna Steverson-Menchik (USSR, later GB) (1906-44) from 1927 until her death, and was successfully defended a record seven times.

Team The USSR has won the biennial men's team title (Olympiad) a record 18 times between 1952 and 1990, and the women's title 11 times from its introduction in 1957 to 1986.

Youngest Gary Kasparov (USSR) (b. 13 Apr 1963) won the title on 9 Nov 1985 at 22yr 210 days.

Maya Gngoryevna Chiburdanidze (USSR) (b. 17 Jan 1961) won the women's title in 1978 when only 17.

Oldest Wilhelm Steinitz (Austria, later USA) (1836-1900) was 58yr 10days when he lost his title to Lasker on 26 May 1894.

Most active Anatoly Yevgenyevich Karpov (USSR) (b. 23 May 1951) in his tenure as champion, 1975-85, averaged 45.2 competitive games per year, played in 32 tournaments and finished first in 26.

Most British titles The most British titles have been won by Dr Jonathan Pentrose (b. 7 Oct 1933) with ten titles in 1958-63, 1966-9. Rowena Mary Bruce (née Dew) (b. 15 May 1919) won 11 women's titles between 1937 and 1969.

Highest rating The highest rating ever attained on the officially adopted Elo System (devised by Arpad E. Elo (1903-92)) is 2805 by Gary

Kasparov (USSR) at the end of 1992. The highest-rated woman player is Judit Polgar (Hungary), who achieved a peak rating of 2630 at the end of 1993.

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The top British player on the Elo list has been Nigel David Short (b. 1 Jun 1965) who reached a peak rating of 2685 at the end of 1991. The top British woman is Susan Kathryn Arkell (née Walker) (b. 28 Oct 1965) who reached a peak of 2355 on 1 Jul 1988.

Fewest games lost by a world champion José Raúl Capablanca (Cuba) (1888-1942) lost only 34 games (out of 571) in his adult career, 1909-39. He was unbeaten from 10 Feb 1916 to 21 Mar 1924 (63 games) and was world champion 1921-7.

Most opponents The record for most consecutive games played is 663 by Vlastimil Hort (Czechoslovakia, later Germany) (b. 12 Jan 1944) over 32½ hours at Porz, Germany on 5-6 Oct 1984. He played 60-120 opponents at a time, scoring over 80 per cent wins and averaging 30 moves per game. He also holds the record for most games simultaneously, 201 during 550 consecutive games of which he only lost ten, in Seltjames, Iceland on 23-24 Apr 1977.

Slowest moves The slowest reported moving (before time clocks were used) in an official event is reputed to have been by Louis Paulsen (Germany) (1835-91) against Paul Charles Morphy (USA) (1837-84) at the first American Chess Congress, New York on 29 Oct 1857. The game ended in a draw on move 56 after 15 hours of play of which Paulsen used c. 11 hours.

Grand Master Friedrich Sämisch (Germany) (1896-1975) ran out of the allotted time (2hr 30min for 15 moves) after only 12 moves, in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1938.

The slowest move played, since time clocks were introduced, was at Vigo, Spain in 1980 when Francisco R. Torres Trois (b. 3 Sep 1946) took 2hr 20min for his seventh move; v. Luis M. C. P Santos (b. 30 Jun 1955).

The Master game with most moves on record was one of 269 moves, when Iván Nikolic drew with Goran Atsovic in a Belgrade, Yugoslavia tournament, on 17 Feb 1989. It took a total of 20hr 15min.

Draughts

World champions Walter Hellman (USA) (1916-75) won a record eight world titles during his tenure as world champion 1948-75.

British titles The British Championship (biennial) was inaugurated in 1886 and has been won six times by Samuel Cohen (London) (1905-72), 1924, 1927, 1929, 1933, 1937 and 1939. John McGill (Kilbride) (b. 1936) won six Scottish titles between 1959 and 1974.

Youngest and oldest national champion Ann A. Long (b. 20 Aug 1904) became the youngest US national champion, aged 18yr 64days, when he won in Boston, Massachusetts, USA on 23 Oct 1922. He became the oldest, aged 79yr 334days, when he won his sixth title in Tupelo, Mississippi, USA on 21 Jul 1984. He was also world champion 1934-8.



Dr Marion Tinsley, world draughts champion from 1975-91, who was internationally undefeated in matchplay from 1947.

(Photo: Gamma/A. Derg)

Most opponents Charles Walker played a record 296 games simultaneously, winning 294 and drawing the other two, at Kenosha, Wisconsin, USA on 6 Jun 1923.

The largest number of opponents played without a defeat or draw is 172 by Nate Cohen of Portland, Maine, USA at Portland on 26 Jul 1981. This was not a simultaneous attempt, but consecutive play over a period of four hours.

Scrabble (Crossword Game)

Highest scores The highest competitive game score is 1049 by Phil Appleby (b. 9 Dec 1957) in June 1989. His opponent scored 253 and the margin of victory, 796 points, is also a record.

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Masters!

The youngest individual to qualify as an International Grand Master is Judit Polgar (Hungary) (b. 23 Jul 1976), aged 18yr 180days on 20 Dec 1991.

The youngest Briton to qualify is Michael Adams (b. 17 Nov 1971), aged 17yr 218days on 21 Jul 1989.