


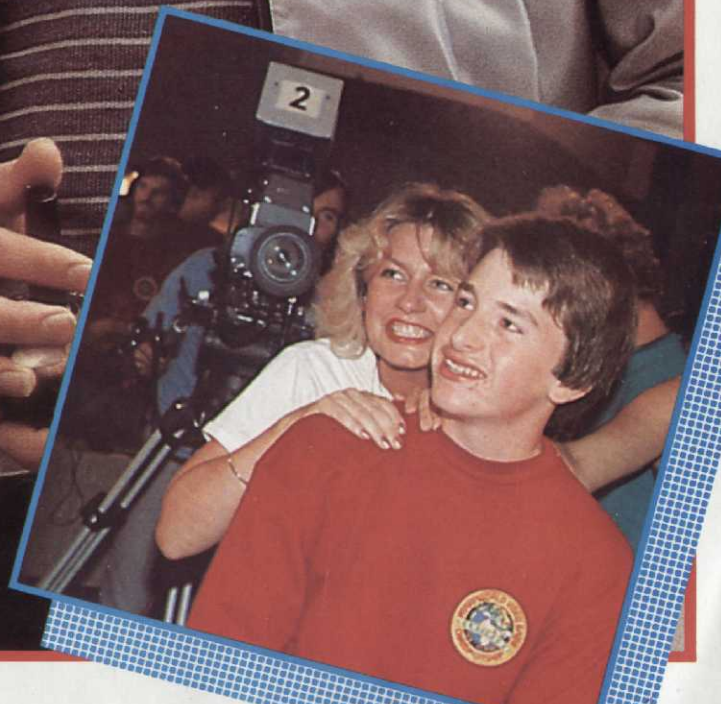


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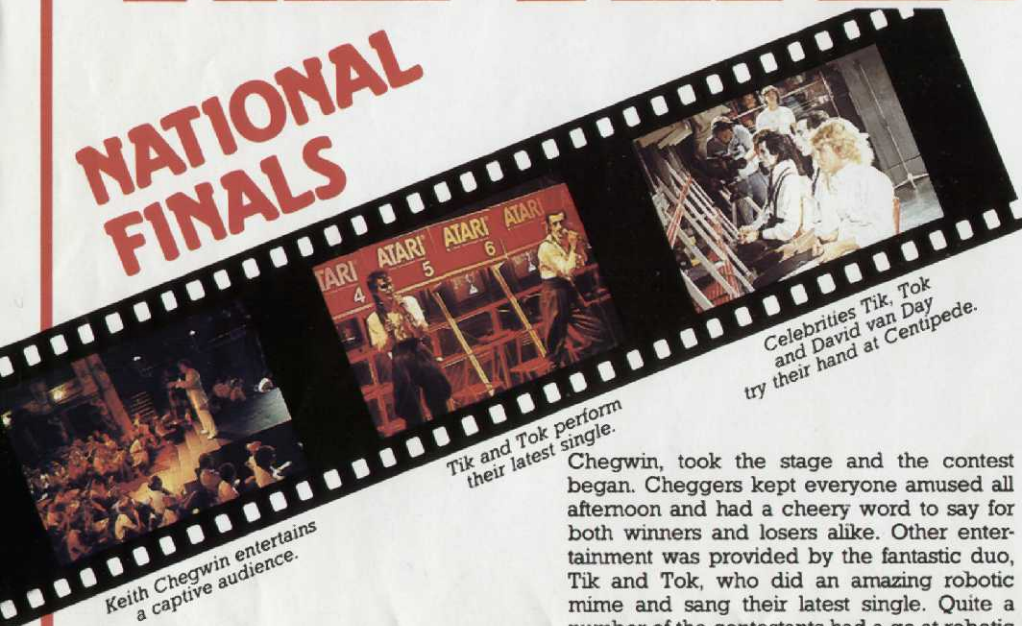
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# PLAYER OF THE YEAR

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## NATIONAL FINALS



Keith Chegwin entertains a captive audience.

Tik and Tok perform their latest single.

Celebrities Tik, Tok and David van Day try their hand at Centipede.

"I enjoyed every second of it," said the youngest of our finalists at the National Finals of the Player of the Year Competition. And no wonder, it was a glittering occasion from start to finish.

The top 49 Atarians in the UK came down to London on Friday 19 August to try their skill against the slithery Centipede to become the UK Atari Player of the Year and win a trip to Munich to compete against Atarians all over the world and maybe even become the World Champion.

The Competition was held on the Saturday at London's hottest disco — the Camden Palace — and started with a breathtaking light show. As Centipede's theme music died down the compere, BBC TV personality, Keith

Chegwin, took the stage and the contest began. Cheggers kept everyone amused all afternoon and had a cheery word to say for both winners and losers alike. Other entertainment was provided by the fantastic duo, Tik and Tok, who did an amazing robotic mime and sang their latest single. Quite a number of the contestants had a go at robotic mime later in the evening... with some amazing results!

There was an hilarious Centipede celebrity challenge between David van Day, Tik, Tok and Cheggers, compered by our regional finals compere, Capital Radio DJ Richard Allinson — it's a good job that the real contestants didn't cheat as badly as our stars! And of course Ms Pac-Man came followed closely by Speedy, the ghost, and handed out lots of Atari goodies.

And the competition itself — well, that was pretty good fun too, and very exciting. Everyone really did very well, but our eventual winners were Stuart Murray, from Aberdeen with 221,983 points in the under-18 section

## WORLD FINALS

The applause had hardly died down from the National Finals when it was time for our UK Champs, Stuart Murray and Andrew Brzezinski to fly off to the International Finals in Munich on 15 September. Both young men faced the daunting prospect of playing against

Centipede champions from 21 countries around the world to win the coveted title of Atari World Champion and a trip for two to the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984.

But, we all know what stern stuff the British are made of. Undeterred by the awesome challenge, the duo kept their cool in the 20 minute final and walked away with both the Under-18 and Over-18 titles. So for the second year running Britain has been amongst the World Champions. (You'll remember Craig Heap, the 1982 Pac-Man Champion). A really tremendous effort — well done to you all from Atari.

But the fame and glory didn't stop in Munich — when Stuart and Andrew arrived back at Heathrow, a bevy of Fleet Street photographers was there to meet them, and Stuart was immediately whisked away to do a live radio interview from the recording suite at the airport. No pop star could hope for more!

And their scores: Stuart, 323,512 and Andrew, 322,044.

So congratulations to Stuart Murray and Andrew Brzezinski — the Atari World Champions.

and Andrew Brzezinski from Greenford Middlesex with 197,710 points in the over-18 section. They both won Atari 800 computers and trips to Munich to the International Finals.

After all the photographs and interviews with press and radio, Stuart, Andrew and all the other finalists went back to the Holiday Inn for a quick rest and then out again for an enjoyable evening trip down the Thames to celebrate everyone's success. The weekend was rounded off with a trip to the famous Regent's Park Zoo.

Out of over 80,000 contestants overall, the 49 contestants who came down to London did really well. Congratulations to you all — and see you next year!!!

### THE RESULTS

**Over 18 Champion:** Andrew Brzezinski from Greenford, Middlesex — 197,710 points.

**Second:** Desmond Smith from Manchester — 155,133 points.

**Third:** Linda Trager from Glasgow — 148,227 points.

**Under 18 Champion:** Stuart Murray from Aberdeen — 221,983 points.

**Second:** William Love from Renfrew — 211,087 points.

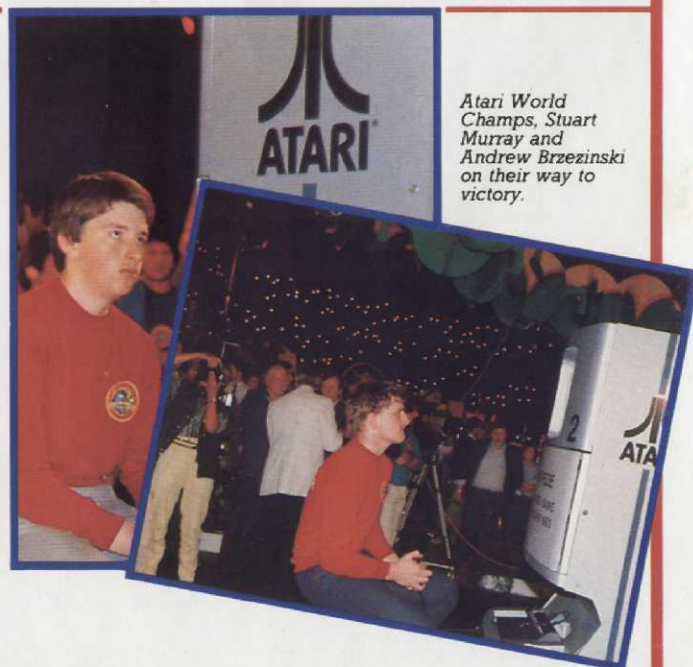
**Third:** Derek McGavigan from Erskine — 204,608 points.

**Woolworth Champ:** Bryan Thompson from West Yorkshire — 143,855 points.

**Boots Champ:** Andrew Smith from North Yorkshire — 133,600 points.

**Greens Champ:** Andrew Feeley from Manchester — 121,016 points.

**Merzies Champ:** Neil Coward from Gatley — 106,343 points.

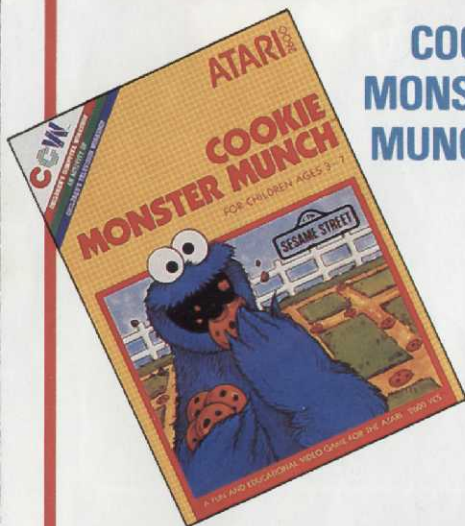


Atari World Champs, Stuart Murray and Andrew Brzezinski on their way to victory.

# SESAME STREET COMES ALIVE ON YOUR SCREEN!!

THE ATARI CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

## COOKIE MONSTER MUNCH™



Hungry Cookie Monster has discovered a magical cookie garden where cookies grow like flowers. Children can help him pick up cookies, put them in the cookie jar and then count them as he munches them one at a time.

There are ten variations for one or two players. Sometimes you are the Cookie Monster and must follow the maze collecting cookies and putting them in the jar, and sometimes you are Cookie Kid and Cookie Monster chases you and tries to eat your collection of cookies.

You Score each time you collect a cookie in the jar and a new maze appears with more cookies each time you clear the previous maze.

COOKIE MONSTER MUNCH will be available from November at a suggested retail price of £19.99 including VAT.

How many of you have seen younger brothers and sisters who are dying to play Atari, but are just a little too young to master the games of wield the joystick? Well Atari has now answered their prayers and from November a range of games under the title of the Atari Children's Library will be launched, specially for youngsters aged between three and seven. There will also be a new Atari Kid's Controller which is simple to operate for small hands.

The new games fall into two categories — Walt Disney games, full of fun; and Sesame Street games which incorporate all the fun and challenge of Atari video games with simple learning skills.

## ALPHA BEAM WITH ERNIE™



ALPHA BEAM WITH ERNIE teaches young children to identify the different letters of the alphabet in a fun and visual way.

Ernie's rocket has run out of petrol and he's stranded in space. Help him get home by loading different lettered fuel tanks to blast off.

Use the Atari Kid's Controller to move the space shuttle to the letters and then beam them down to the fuel bays.

There are 12 different games with varying difficulty levels for one or two players.

ALPHA BEAM WITH ERNIE will be available from November at a suggested retail price of £19.99 including VAT.

## BIG BIRD'S EGG CATCH™

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THE ATARI KID'S CONTROLLER  
SRP: £14.99

**STOP PRESS!**  
A special pack of one Sesame Street cartridge PLUS Kid's Controller will be available in time for Christmas for ONLY £29.99!  
See your local dealer today!

# S...GOOD NEWS...GOOD NEWS...GOOD NEWS...G



Here's some GOOD NEWS for all console-caring Atarians! We know how much your Atari console means to you, and how awful it is when it's ill. Consoloids, just like humanoids, sometimes feel a bit under the weather (or to be technical — malfunction!)

The Atari Doctor and his nursing staff work night and day to make their patients well again, ready for yet another game of Space Invaders, in perfect health to protect Ms Pac-Man from those ghosts, 100% fit for fighting

the aliens to guard your city in Defender. In fact, they feel so much better, they are ready for any challenge on any planet, any adventure, any sport and any daring Atari mission!

The sad thing is, there's always that hefty hospital bill to pay at the end of it. And I expect poor Mum or Dad usually gets lumbered with that!

Wouldn't it be great if you could get an extended warranty? You know your Atari console is guaranteed for one year, don't you? Well, we're now giving you the chance to extend this with our Service Contract Programme. This will cover your Atari console, power transformer, joysticks and paddles. If you take advantage of this while your Atari is still in warranty, the cost is £14.00. If your Atari

is out of warranty (more than one year old), the price is £17.00. Having done this, all your medical treatment will be completely free! No more worries about dear old console; you could play as much as you like, knowing that should it need any attention, the Doc will put it right for you — and nothing to pay!

If you love your Atari console enough, have a think about this idea. If you'd like to have a chat about it (or if Mum and Dad would!), just ring us and we will be happy to give you more details and help answer any queries, OK! Slough (0753) 24561.

To obtain your Extended Warranty, return the completed application card in the pre-paid envelope.

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# BATTLEZONE™

Another  
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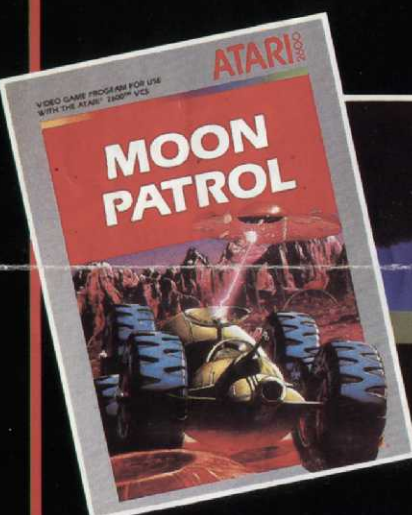
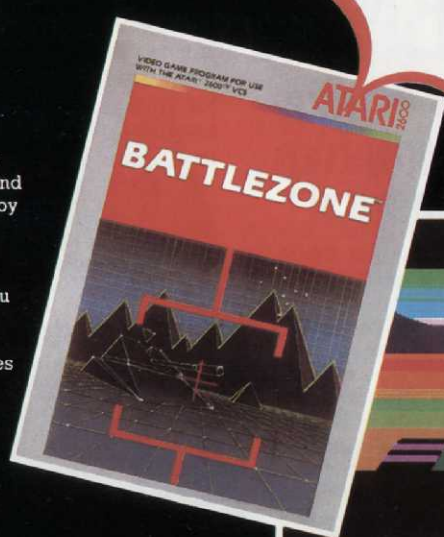
You are a tank commander being sieged by other tanks and missiles which lurk behind hills and buildings on the screen. Destroy them before they destroy you!

To help you with your mission, you have a target site and a radar screen which indicates the position of the enemy and sometimes you can destroy them before they even see you.

BATTLE ZONE is a one player game with one level which becomes progressively more difficult as the game proceeds.

*Suggested retail price: £29.99.*

**OUT  
NOW!**



Jump into your moon buggy and away you go across the lunar landscape!

MOON PATROL\* combines all the thrills of space, driving and maze games with lots of action. You must avoid rocks, craters, mines and other obstacles while you battle UFOs and enemy cars.

You start on the first Easy Course and progress to the Medium and Hard courses. Each course is broken down into 26 segments indicated by markers along the way — you score 1000 points each section of five markers you pass on the first course. You'll get 5000 points for completing the entire course and 10,000 for completing the entire second course.

completing the entire second course.

You'll score points for jumping craters and mines, and jumping and shooting rocks, boulders and tanks. Shoot the UFOs and enemy cars and even more points will come your way!

You use the Joystick Controller to manoeuvre your Moon Buggy across the lunar surface, pushing right to accelerate, left to slow down and to jump. You'll shoot straight up and in front by pressing the red fire button.

*Suggested retail price: £29.99.*

# DIG-DUG™\*

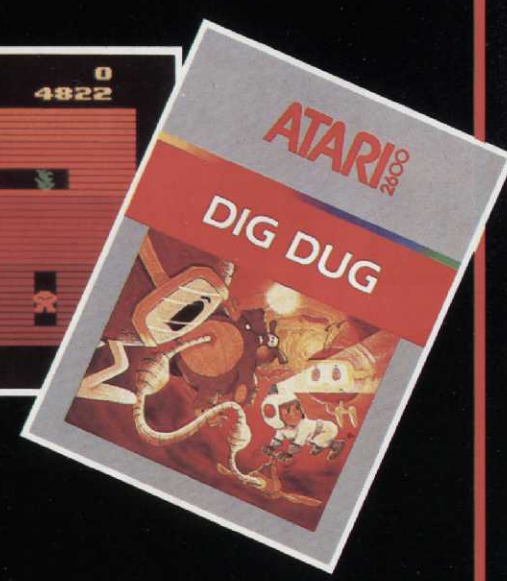
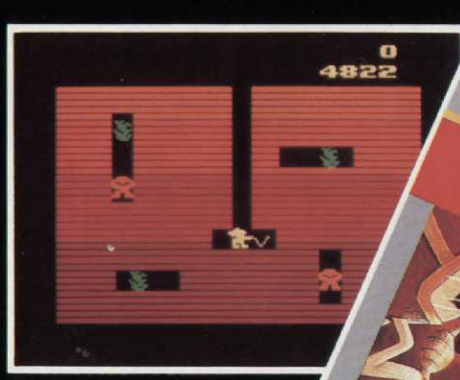
Deep down underground, DIG-DUG, the miner is digging for his life. Using the joystick, help him to dig his own maze to escape from Pooka™, the animated balloon and Fygar™, the fire-breathing dragon. When you get near the evil enemies press the fire button to blow them up, but speed and accuracy are all important. If you're not quick or thorough enough, DIG-DUG will lose a life.

Outwit the monsters by ambushing them in a tunnel and then drop rocks on them. After two rocks have fallen, viscous fruit and vegetables will appear which all increase the points.

But watch out as Pooka and Fygar could turn into ghosts at any time and travel all over the screen and not just in the tunnels!

Being a miner is no fun with these monsters around, so you'll need piles of cunning to keep alive underground.

*Suggested retail price: £29.99.*



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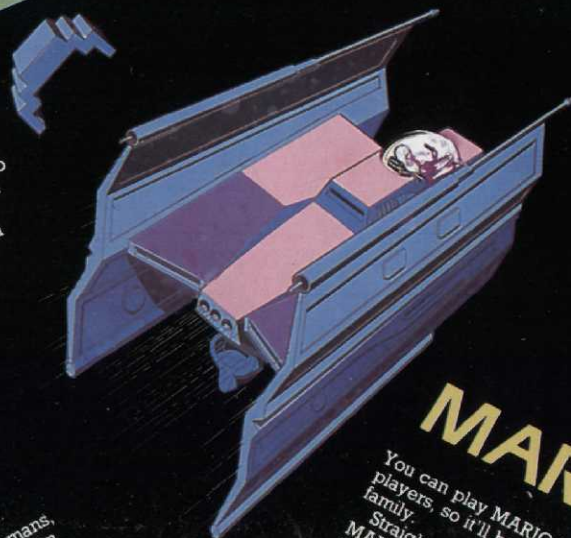
**ATARI  
TASTERS**

## XEVIIOUS<sup>1</sup>

For all space-age enthusiasts, the ultimate challenge has arrived — XEVIIOUS. Take the controls of a Solvalou super super spacecraft to fight off attackers and save the world from being occupied by the forces of XEVIIOUS. If you can fight off the wicked waves of XEVIIOUS aerial attackers and bomb their ground strongholds, the deadly Andor Genesis Mother Ship will appear. A direct hit can disable her, but you'll have to be really fast — or else it's the end of civilisation as we know it!

If you manage a direct hit, the first major XEVIIOUS attack is over, but you'll hardly have time to take a breath as a second, more intense attack begins. Controlled by yet another Mother Ship, these attacks will increase in ferocity. XEVIIOUS features unique graphic detail and realism that approaches the three-dimensional. With the most sophisticated space attack game play ever created, XEVIIOUS is not to be missed.

## SNOOPY<sup>2</sup> & THE RED BARON



In this Atari-Peanuts home video game, Snoopy takes to the air in his "Sopwith Camel" doghouse to challenge the infamous Red Baron in his Tri-Plane. A real "dog-fight" ensues, and if Snoopy is hit, he is knocked off his doghouse onto the ground. Players of all ages will enjoy the aerial action and antics of that famous World War I flying ace, Snoopy.

## ASTERIX<sup>3</sup>

After a big battle between the Gauls and the Romans, Asterix collects cauldrons of magic potion and Roman souvenirs such as helmets, shields and oil lamps that litter the field. Help Obelix look for food — from fruit, fish and wild boar — to his favourite drink. Their worst enemy is the dreadful sound from Cacofonix's lyre. The mere touch of the lyre wipes out one of your three lives.

## OBELIX<sup>3</sup>

Help Asterix and Obelix battle the Romans in this exciting skill and action game based on the popular comic book characters. This is the second of a series of Asterix games to be developed by Atari.

## MARIO BROTHERS

You can play MARIO BROTHERS on your own or with two players, so it'll be a lot of fun to play with your friends and family. Straight from a highly successful run in the arcades MARIO BROTHERS is in the third generation of the popular Donkey Kong series. You help the MARIO BROTHERS jump from floor to floor as they zap their enemies.

## TRAK-BALL™ SUPER CONTROLLER™

### ● TRAK-BALL™

Roll into action with the new ATARI TRAK-BALL™. Turn tighter corners, zero in on video villains faster and blast 'em more accurately! Works with any joystick game — Centipede, Missile Command, Galaxian, and more. Capture the ultimate in arcade action and excitement at home.

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The ATARI Super Controller™ Joystick lets players feel the excitement of any game played on an ATARI. Easily connected through controller ports, it is designed for left or right hand operation and may be hand held or used as a table top controller.

It features a self centering mechanism, two side mounted "fire" buttons — one on each side — and high quality leaf switches for direction control and accuracy. The Super Controller Joystick provides eight direction output to give that exacting edge to every game played. It has been engineered for hours of comfortable use.



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 Specially designed all-purpose Atari bag. It's water resistant and can be used to accommodate your sports kit, school books or even your Atari kit! Measures approx. 19" x 8" x 8½".

**PRICE: ONLY £5.99**



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A silver vacuum moulded tray, designed in England, to house your console, joysticks, about 10 cartridges and the instruction books. This unit comes together with a light-weight PVC dust cover plus a small cartridge holder for the remainder of your cartridges.

Measures approx. 2" x 23" x 12".

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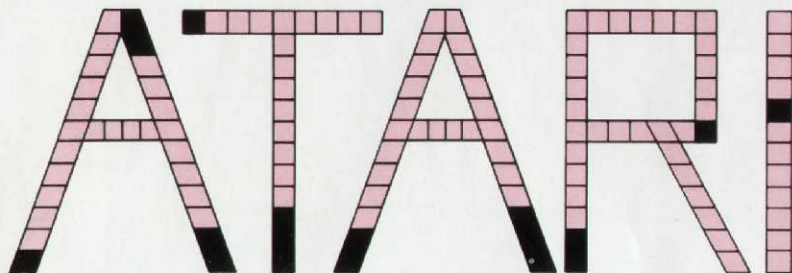
Comes in a presentation case and makes an ideal Christmas gift!

**PRICE: ONLY £2.50**  
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# Doodle Corner

This puzzle has been sent to us by Kristian Stewart, who lives in Pontypridd, Mid Glam. It's very good, isn't it? See how quickly you can solve it.



## A CLUES

1 Down: Does he travel in the dark? 2 Down: Find the city of mystery. 3 Across: Beware of Fygar and Pooka.

## T CLUES

1 Across: Anagram — AALAINGX. 2 Down: Your ship is trapped in this 'belt'.

## A CLUES

1 Down: Save the King. 2 Down: Find the Chalice. 3 Across: Tank, bi-plane, jet fighter are all in this game.

## R CLUES

1 Down: Harlem Globe-trotters play this. 2 Down: Coming soon (maybe), based on a movie. 3 Down: Drive this famous race-course. 1 Across: Blast the robots before they blast you. 4 Across: John McEnroe plays \_\_\_\_\_.

## I CLUES

1 Down: Save the last Star base.

## HIGH SCORE SPOT

As this Bulletin has been put together especially in time for the Christmas period, it means that we didn't get enough high scores in before printing. So, the High Score Spot Competition will continue from the last edition (AB26), which includes *Ms Pac-Man*, *Super Breakout* and *Vanguard*. All to be played on Game I Difficulty B (where appropriate). Time limit is 3 hours. High Score details on a postcard or back of envelope to: ATARI CONTROL — HIGH SCORE SPOT, usual address. All entries to be supported by an adult witness's signature, please! Great prizes to be won, plus a special High Score Certificate! Last date 30 Dec. '83.

## THE BIG "KNIT"



These two photos, sent in by Atarians Stuart and Robert Leatherbarrow from Manchester (left) and Ian Scofield from London (right), have given us a great idea! We thought we'd feature them in this edition, as they really are good! But our idea is to have a competition to see who can knit the best Atari jumper. Of course, we expect the mums might lend a helping hand! After you have knitted the jumper, take a photograph and send it with your name and address to: ATARI CONTROL — THE BIG KNIT, Atari House Railway Terrace, Slough, Berks, SL2 5BZ. All entries to be in by 30 March 1984. Super prizes for the winner and two runners-up. So get knitting!



## SPACE INVADERS QUIZ

Patrick Lee, aged 10, from Thorpe-le-Soken in Essex, has written to us with a new suggestion. This will be a real challenge for all Doodle-loving Atarians. What you have to do is make as many words as possible out of SPACE INVADERS. Patrick made 101; see if you can beat that! They must be words of more than 2 letters, no proper names, no abbreviations, no plurals of words already used.

Send in your entries to ATARI CONTROL — SPACE INVADERS QUIZ, Atari House, Railway Terr, Slough, Berks, SL2 5BZ. All entries must be in by 30 December 1983 and the winners will be announced in the next Bulletin.

1st Prize: MODERN ROMANCE Record signed by each of the group.

2nd Prize: Atari T-Shirt. • 3rd Prize: Atari Poster.



This photograph has been sent to us by one of our members, Dave Richardson from Middlesbrough. He designed and built it by himself especially for his Atari VCS. Here's what Dave had to say: "The unit is constructed mainly from plywood which I had to veneer by hand in teak to match the other furniture in the room. The inside of the unit has the capacity to store up to 23 cartridges together with their instruction books. It can also store all the associated controllers and there is space for Owners Club Bulletins underneath the main VCS unit. The shelf underneath can be used to store newspapers/ magazines etc, or a video recorder."

We thought this was an excellent idea, and it occurred to us that other members may have made similar units. If so, do let us see a picture of them. The best one will receive a prize of a Modern Romance record signed by each of the group.

## ANSWERS TO AB26 PUZZLES . . .

For those of you who have been going mad trying to solve last Bulletin's puzzles, here are the answers: START STOP — Super Breakout, Centipede, Adventure, Pac-man, Berzerk, Golf, Casino, Circus Atari, Asteroids, Hangman, Phoenix, Othello, Star Raiders, Outlaw, Maze Craze, Basic Programming, Defender, Combat

TELEPHONE DIAL — Combat, Yars' Revenge, Asteroids, Defender, Berzerk, Vanguard, Phoenix, Math Gran Prix, ET, Demons to Diamonds, Warlords, Dodge 'Em, Missile Command, Night Driver, Centipede.

GRID — Phoenix.

ANAGRAMS — Centipede, Football, Volleyball, Outlaw, Warlords, Asteroids, Tennis, Vanguard, Ms Pac-man, Defender.

PLACE ABBREVIATIONS — Weston-super-Mare, Newcastle upon Tyne, Isle of Man, Southend-on-Sea, Isle of Wight, Ashton-under-Lyne, Sutton in Ashfield, Kingston upon Thames, Bridge of Don, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Stratford-upon-Avon.



*The Tale of a Tiny Tot and his Atari . . .*

This story is about Alan Scholes from Accrington in Lancashire, who is obviously a very keen Atari, and doesn't believe in wasting any time! Ever since he could hold a joystick, Alan has been trying to play ADVENTURE. His mum wrote to us saying how much enjoyment he has got from his Atari. At the tender young age of 3, Alan has completed Game 3 on Adventure. This must surely be a record.

Many of you will have seen our picture of Dorothy Slater in the Autumn Bulletin, about whom we said "you're never too old for Atari". Now we have little Alan, too, which goes to prove "you're never too old or young to play Atari".

# ATARI CONTROL

ATARI HOUSE, RAILWAY TERRACE, SLOUGH, BERKS SL2 5BZ

Hi there! A very warm welcome to our Christmas Edition of the Atari VCS Owner's Club Bulletin.

You are probably all thinking about what you would like for Christmas; some of you may even be preparing your Santa list already! The tremendous new VCS chart busters on pages 4 and 5 are a must for everyone's Christmas stocking. And if your little brother or sister can't quite get to grips with the likes of BATTLEZONETM just yet, then introduce him or her to the Atari Sesame Street series which promises to be not only fun and educational, but will keep the little 'uns amused for hours!

Thinking of learning how to program whilst maintaining all the excitement of playing the fascinating computer games around? If a brand new home computer happens to be on your list, then send off today for our exclusive full colour brochure of the new XL range of Atari home computers, peripherals and software before the Christmas rush and in time for Mum and Dad to have a look too!

You may want to add some of the items on our Special Offers page to your Santa list or even offer them as gifts to friends and family. Please be sure to send off the Order Form on page 6 as quickly as possible so that we can despatch your goodies well in time for Christmas!

Wishing you all a smashing Christmas and a bumper ATARI New Year! Over and out!

*Editor*

P.S. Don't forget that, subject to availability, back issues of the Atari VCS Owner's Club Bulletin can be obtained from Atari Control at a small fee of 50p which includes p & p.



I'm sure all the golfing enthusiasts among you will have watched the BOB HOPE CLASSIC on television, if you weren't lucky enough to be at Moor Park in person. If so, you're bound to have noticed that Atari were there too!

Bleeps and buzzes could be heard from the Atari tent, as people battled against those aliens, trying out all the new video games. Plus, there was the chance to have a go on the latest Atari 600XL Home Computer.

The weather was beautiful throughout most of the tournament, and there were plenty of opportunities to watch some brilliant golf. Also, the lighter side of golf was shown by some of the celebrities.

No prizes for guessing who the gentleman in our picture is. Yes, it's Brian Claridge, Atari's Promotion Manager! Now, who's that other chap without any hair?



Atari spent 9 days at Olympia during September at the Great Home Entertainment Spectacular exhibition.

In the Atari theatre we showed a video of the new Atari home computers, and there was someone available to give technical help, if needed.

Many people stopped at the Atari stand, and amused themselves playing the latest games, as well as trying their hand at a bit of programming.



Bob Hope himself in full swing.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ATARI® HOME COMPUTERS?

You've all heard of the super Atari 400™ and 800™ home computers. But if you'd like to take a look at the exceptional NEW range of Atari computers, peripherals and the software that's available, then drop us a line at Atari Control and we'll send you an exclusive full colour brochure absolutely free!! Please mark your envelopes: **Atari Control — H.C.S.** for speedy delivery!

