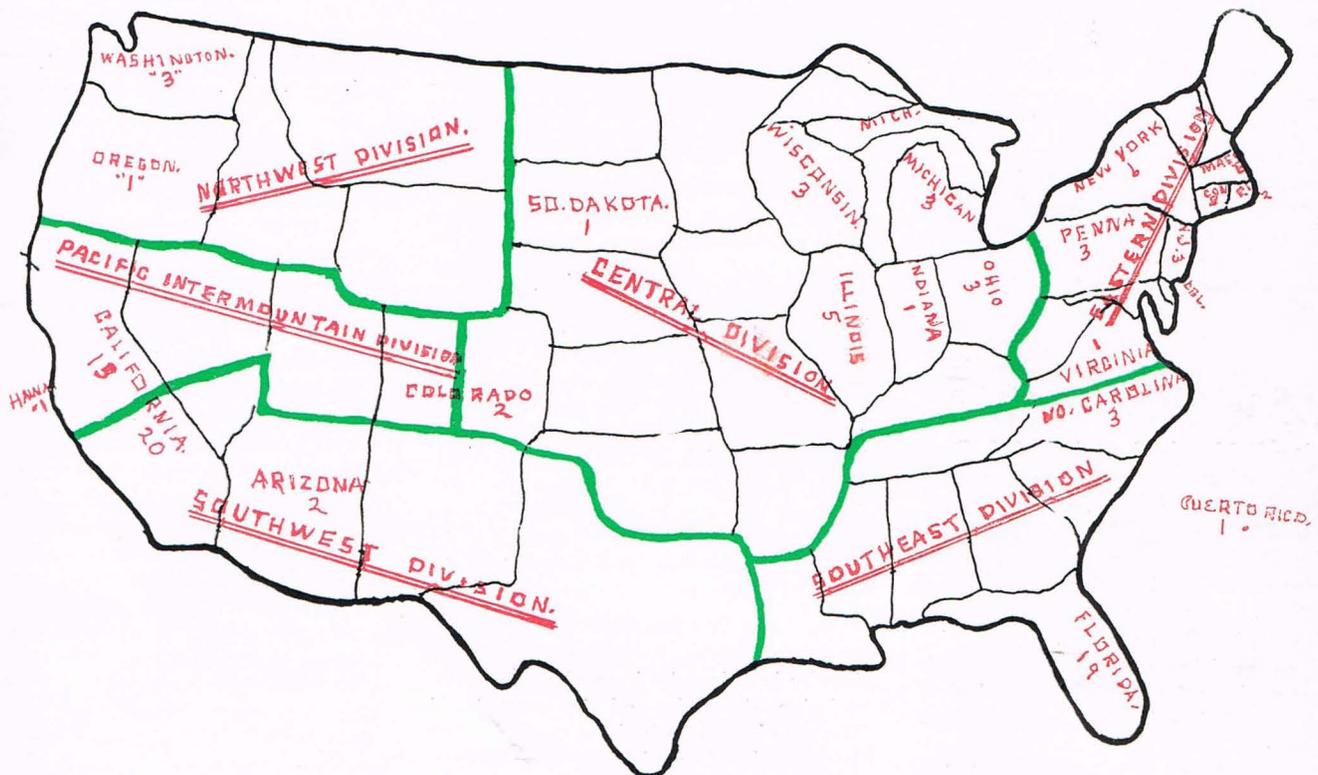




# A.L.B.A. BOWLS

AMERICAN LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION—JANUARY 15, 1968



**"BOWLS" IS PROUD OF THE PROGRESS MADE ON THE WEST COAST IN SECURING NEW CLUBS AND NEW MEMBERS. AS A RESULT THE A.L.B.A. CREATED A NEW DIVISION KNOWN AS THE PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION, THIS SECTION WAS FORMERLY PART OF THE SOUTHWEST DIVISION OF THE A.L.B.A.**

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO  
PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### 1966-1967 in the American Lawn Bowls Association

The past year has been an active one in the Association. In October 1966 five selected contestants from the United States were invited to the 1st World Bowls Championship Tournaments in Sydney, Australia. We were ably represented by Ezra Wyeth, Captain; James Candelet, Manager; Arthur Hartley, Harold Esch, and Alex Veitch. These gentlemen set a very high standard in bowling, conduct and demeanor that brought much favorable comment by competitive bowlers and spectators alike. They were ably supported by a group of 75 men and women who were on the U. S. Bowlers' Tour under the able direction of Larry Hennings, our Tour Director.

In 1967 a contingent of 43 bowlers toured the British Isles also under the leadership of Larry Hennings, Tour Director. While they did very well at some locations, at other places they faltered. However, they enjoyed the hospitality wherever they went and made many friends and renewed old ties.

In August 1967 we were represented at the Expo 67 Montreal, Canada by James Candelet, 1966 U.S. Singles Champion and Stephen P. Horwarth, Lead and William E. Kaestle, Skip, 1966 U.S. Doubles Champions. Mr. Candelet won a silver medal and ribbon in Singles and Messrs. Horwarth and Kaestle missed out in the Doubles by two tenths of a percentage point of winning the Gold Medal. The U.S. was the only country outside of the British Commonwealth to be invited to participate in this event. This augurs well for the type of play and players that are being developed in the United States.

The American Lawn Bowls Association progress in general and in the Southwest Division in particular has been most gratifying. Under the able direction of Henry G. Maltby, W. F. Mixon, Jr., John S. Hill and Clifford Rea, the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division came into being. Regretfully Henry G. Maltby passed away before the new Division became a finality but it is a living memorial of his zeal, devotion and love of the game of bowls.

The favorable acceptance of A.L.B.A. BOWLS Magazine is most heartening. The Staff of BOWLS conducted a membership tournament at their own expense to activate greater interest to increase club memberships; one trophy for the greatest increase in memberships in a club and one for the greatest percentage of increase in a club. We are receiving great numbers of inquiries for the magazine from libraries, schools, colleges and institutions which is most heartening.

The number of inquiries for information relative to the establishment of new clubs has increased tremendously and, as of September 1967, the records of the Secretary-Treasurer's office show 133 prospects. There is a great need for a complete kit of information on this subject because to try to cover these requests by letter imposes an undue obligation on the Secretary's office. Mr. W. P. Mixon, Jr., Chairman of the A.L.B.A. Lawn Bowls Promotion Committee, is working up such a kit and any inquiry should be channeled through his office and he would appreciate any assistance that you may be in a position to render so that it will be an all encompassing effort. Frank's address is 1739 Spruce Street, Berkeley, California 94709.

There is need to implement the A.L.B.A. Memorial Foundation Fund to carry on the work of expansion in all areas of lawn bowls. The Fund should be the Research Laboratory of the Association with sufficient funds to carry out assigned tasks for the fostering and promoting the game of bowls. Many of the clubs donate to the fund by conducting special competitions; donations in memorium of a deceased member; funds from a "Spider" before a scheduled event; large donations by a club member who feels that he would like to see the game carried on to its full potential in the years to come. These funds are held in trust and any demands are carefully screened by the Board of Trustees so as to carry out the intent of fostering and promoting the game of bowls before being released.

We have to encourage clubs to interest young people to take up the game, thereby insuring the longevity of the Association, the clubs and the game itself. We have but to look about us to see that the good bowlers of today were youngsters of yesterday such as: Hartley, Esch, Candelet, Wyeth, Veitch, Folkins, Miller, Russell, Tewksbury, Grimmit, Schofield, etc.

We are fortunate and the lawn bowlers in American Lawn Bowls Association appreciate the fine cooperative spirit with the Buck Hill Falls Company, its officers and directors in the conduct of the U.S. Singles and Doubles Tournaments which have now become the "Hallmark" of bowling in the United States and we know of no similar event in the bowling world.

A movement has been started to work out overall National Tournament Rules to be used in all National contests rather than the use of various Division Rules which have caused misunderstanding, misinterpretation, etc., to the detriment of the participants. Mr. John Cordes is Chairman of the Rules for National

Tournaments. He will appreciate any assistance that will make this task easier.

For 1967-1968 we need more symposiums, improved communications, better instruction procedures for beginning bowlers, ethics, dress, social aspects, etc., more research of playing surfaces, grasses, synthetics and their ability to withstand various conditions of play and weather.

While we have made progress in 1966-1967 we have much to do in 1967-1968 but with the same spirit and cooperation of all members of the A.L.B.A. much can be accomplished. We again therefore solicit your energy, devotion and loyalty in further fostering and promoting the game and safeguarding its future.

Alf L. Andersen, President

## PROMOTION FOR EXPANSION OF THE GAME OF BOWLS BY A.L.B.A.

By Frank Mixon

The American Lawn Bowls Association is going to have an organized, determined program of promotion designed to expand the game to a position more nearly commensurate with its true value as a sport and a means of recreation. Such was the decision of the Council at its meeting held in Seattle last September.

The undertaking has been inspired in part by remarkable successes scored by organized efforts on the west coast during the past five years. It was late in 1962 that a small group of ambitious bowlers, among them Alf L. Andersen, now president of the ALBA, decided something could be done to break the long existing status quo of six clubs in the northern section of the Southwest Division. That they were right is attested to by the fact that five years later there are fifteen clubs in the area and several more in the making. And it was on the basis of this development and the future outlook that the Council in 1966 saw fit to authorize a redistricting of the west and bring into being the new Pacific Inter-mountain Division.

Worthy of note in this demonstration of what can be done in promoting new clubs is the fact that success seems to feed upon itself. While the initial impetus to the movement was supplied by the enthusiasts on the committee it was not long before many rank and file members of the existing clubs were caught up in the excitement and promotion became a widespread project. Then as each new club built a green or greens, became organized and affiliated with ALBA, enthusiasm has continued to grow.

### Action by A.L.B.A. Council

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Winning Club, securing the greatest number new active male members Oct. 1, 1966 to Oct. 1, 1967.

### RECREATION PARK L.B.C. - LONG BEACH, CAL. "31"

Winning Club, securing the greatest percentage new active male members Oct. 1, 1966 to Oct. 1, 1967.

### SAN JOSE L.B.C. - SAN JOSE, CAL. 67.5%

Bowls staff wishes to thank all those clubs that were interested in the new membership tournament and who reported their results. We hope that the interest in obtaining new members will not stop with the conclusion of this tournament.

Following are the results reported by A.L.B.A. Clubs:

		Number	Percentage
RECREATION PARK L.B.C.	Long Beach, California	31	29.5
MacKENZIE PARK L.B.C.	Santa Barbara, California	29	35.8
SAN JOSE L.B.C.	San Jose, California	27	67.5
SUN CITY A.L.B.A.	Sun City, Arizona	27	49.0
TOWN HALL A.L.B.A.	Sun City, Arizona	27	49.0
CLEARWATER L.B.C.	Clearwater, Florida	25	11.2
SAN FRANCISCO L.B.C.	San Francisco, California	23	23.0
PALO ALTO L.B.C.	Palo Alto, California	15	20.2
BEVERLY HILLS L.B.C.	Beverly Hills, California	14	12.8
SAN DIEGO L.B.C.	San Diego, California	13	18.0
NEW YORK L.B.C.	New York, New York	11	17.4
BROOKLYN L.B.C.	Brooklyn, New York	10	17.8
NEWPORT HARBOR L.B.C.	Newport Beach, California	10	12.8
WASHINGTON PARK L.B.C.	Denver, Colorado	9	34.6
HERMOSA BEACH L.B.C.	Hermosa Beach, California	9	19.5
OAKMONT L.B.C.	Santa Rosa, California	8	53.3
TACOMA L.B.C.	Tacoma, Washington	7	41.1
SANTA MONICA L.B.C.	Santa Monica, California	6	13.9
LAKE WALES L.B.C.	Lake Wales, Florida	5	22.7
SUNNY GLEN L.B.C.	San Ramon, California	5	45.4
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## SOUTHEAST DIVISION TOURNAMENT AT CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

By Harold Esch

The Annual Southeast Division Tournament will be held at Clearwater, Florida from March 18th through the 23rd. Events scheduled for the six day event include singles, doubles and triples for the men, a mixed triples event and a one day women's tournament scheduled for nearby St. Petersburg.

The Jack Tar Hotel in downtown Clearwater has been designated as tournament headquarters and is offering special convention rates for all bowlers.

Clearwater as host club will run the entire event headed by William Smith as General Chairman.

Defending champions in the various events, winners from the 1967 Southeast Division Tournament held in Orlando last March, include: Singles—Clovis C. Lutz of Clearwater; Doubles—Frank Osborn and Chester Pegg of St. Petersburg; Triples—Harold Esch, Al Hughes and James McWilliams of Orlando.

The Clearwater Club will mail entry forms and full details involving the tournament at an early date. Plan to make Clearwater one of your stops on your wintertime vacation.

## BOWLS TOUR IN AFRICA

By Harold Esch

The Travellers Bowling Club (England) is planning a tour of East and Central Africa during the period February 11—March 9, 1968. The proposed itinerary includes bowls matches to be played in Mombasa (arranged by the Mombasa Sports Club); Nairobi (arranged by the Kenya Bowls Assn.) and in the Ndola district of Zambia (arranged by the Zambia BA).

Bowlers throughout Great Britain are signing up for this tour with the organizer R. Stewart Brown. Mr. Brown is a long-time friend of the ALBA having brought many playing sides to the U.S.A. and for many years was our senior delegate to the IBB.

## IBB PRESIDENT DR. BENJAMIN RECOVERING

By Harold Esch

Dr. Neil Benjamin, President of the International Bowling Board from Australia, suffered a coronary occlusion some weeks ago. According to IBB Secretary Charles Smart, also of Australia, Dr. Benjamin is showing very good recovery and is resting at his home in Northwood, New South Wales. Mr. Smart states he is slated for further "inaction" for several weeks yet.

## SOUTHEAST DIVISION NEWS ROUNDUP

By Harold Esch

Clearwater "Day" at Orlando on December 14th saw sixty-four bowlers and guests travel by bus and car from Clearwater to the "Action Center" city of Central Florida. A short ten end game was played in the morning followed by a fried chicken luncheon served at noon in the Orlando clubhouse. A sixteen end game was contested in the afternoon. The home club (Orlando) came out on top but by a narrow margin—fifteen wins, thirteen losses and four ties. Total points were Orlando 373 and Clearwater 355. This event is an annual exchange between these two clubs that started back in 1956.

Hollywood lost its capable Secretary A. T. "Toby" Duclos following a heart attack in early December. He had just been re-elected to the post a short time before his death. He was a former member of Chicago-Lakeside... Hilliary and Ed Ullmann, former members at the Peabody LBC, have moved to Mount Dora and are back bowling again... Dr. Arthur Dauray, formerly at Miami LBC, has also joined the Mount Dora Club... Etta and Frank Cornelius, long time winter members of Bradenton, are in Orlando for the winter. St Catharines, Ontario is their permanent home.

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wide basis and within a reasonable time double, triple, yes, quadruple the lawn bowling clubs and the number of bowlers in the country. The best part of half a day was spent by the Council in Seattle in analyzing possible procedures. It was recognized that one of the first needs was materials with which to work—information of all kinds in printed form, up-to-date plans and specifications on green construction, guidance on organizing a club and how to conduct club and tournament play and participation.

Then there is the item of man power, those dedicated individuals who appreciate the privileges of the game and who will be willing to serve on the promotion committees and make the program work. It is anticipated that their efforts will be simplified and made more effective with the right kind of tools in their hands—the various materials the Council is planning to produce. Heretofore the lack of the printed word has been a handicap in promotional work.

Finally, the big question was faced by the Council. How would the ALBA meet the cost of such an undertaking? It is obvious that normal income from annual membership dues will not stand such pressure when it is a problem to make ends meet for routine conduct of the business of the Association as things stand. So funds will have to come from some other source if the promotion program is to function. How?

It was suggested that somewhere in these United States among the nearly 6,000 bowlers there are at least 100 people who would be happy to put up \$100 toward establishing the initial working fund. That such an idea may be feasible was demonstrated around the Council table by many an "I would."

And then it was mentioned that perhaps some people who may not care to go for \$100 might wish to participate in the program of expanding the game of bowls they enjoy so that others may share the pleasures of the game. Maybe two \$50's, four \$25's, ten \$10's or twenty \$5's could be made up for the unit of \$100 and remitted as such. A club might care to work up a \$100 unit on some other basis in addition to any individual \$100 donors from that same club. Suffice to say that everyone is invited to help out on this effort to bring lawn bowling to its deserved place in the field of sport and recreation.

Remittances may be sent to Secretary-Treasurer John W. Deist, 10337 Cheryl Drive, Sun City, Arizona 85351. A proper response to this invitation can make 1968 the great turning point for lawn bowling in the United States.

## POSSIBLE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE GAME OF LAWN BOWLS

### ALBA LEVEL

1. Committee of the whole.
  - A. Composed of ALBA officers and Council members.
    - (1) Formulate basic techniques of action.
    - (2) Councilmen act as liaison to own Divisions.
2. Supply materiel to help implement the program.
  - A. Up-to-date plans and specifications for construction of greens.
    - (1) Supplement with color photographs of established clubs and greens.
  - B. Plans and specifications of building for game equipment storage.
    - (1) Photographs of such a facility.
  - C. Plans and specifications of green rollers.
    - (1) Photos and details for motorizing.
  - D. Specially designed brochures and other promotional materiel.
  - E. Printed booklets giving fundamentals on how the game is played.
3. Maintain contact with the Divisions.
  - A. Use "ALBA Bowls" magazine to reach club members on ideas and report progress.
  - B. Councilmen keep in close touch with Division Promotion Committees.
  - C. Councilmen attend Divisional annual meetings and talk promotion.

### DIVISION LEVEL

1. Organize representative Promotion Committee.
  - A. Use care in selection of people to serve.
    - (1) Should have ability, interest and desire, time to devote, willingness to absorb travel and some other expenses.
  - B. Include as many clubs as possible in Committee membership.
  - C. Build a clear, comprehensive program of action.
    - (1) Individual Committee members might be made primarily responsible in different designated areas.
      - (a) To follow up inquiries and make unsolicited calls.
      - (b) Keep Committee advised of activities in his area.

- D. Survey Divisional territory to determine most likely prospects for new clubs.
  - (1) Cities, counties, retirement communities, private groups.
- E. Establish acquaintanceship with key people.
  - (1) Directors of parks and recreation, city and county managers, retirement community managers, housing developers and any spot where recreation is to be an item.
- F. Seek out influential citizens of the area to be worked on.
  - (1) Advise them on organizing of a group to lead the campaign. Keep on local basis.
- G. Stay in background as much as possible.
  - (1) Offer and deliver every possible assistance and materiel.
- H. Avoid duplication of effort by members of Committee and especially contacts which might lead to confusion.
- I. Follow up when new green is under way.
  - (1) Impress on them importance and value of membership in ALBA.
  - (2) Help organize a club.
  - (3) Hold indoctrination meetings with their potential members.
    - (a) Furnish written instructions on the game of lawn bowls.
    - (b) Inform them on procurement and use of bowls and other equipment.
  - (4) Help plan special day for dedication of green and have large turn out of bowlers — men and women—in proper dress to give instruction on the green and demonstrate competitive games.
  - (5) Make prearranged calls to new green to continue teaching and how to conduct club games.
  - (6) After admittance to ALBA be sure to include new club in all activities of District and Association events.
- J. Keep an orderly file on every phase of each project whether a new club is realized or not.

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### CLUB LEVEL

1. Endeavor to make all members of clubs aware of the existence of the organized promotion programs.
  - A. Items in club bulletins.
  - B. Discussion at annual and quarterly meetings.
2. Encourage all bowlers to be alert for prospective spots that might be developed.
  - A. Act promptly on all tips and suggestions that may come to the Committee from this source.
    - (1) Thank person reporting prospect and advise him of progress and results.
3. The greater the interest at the club level the better chance there is for success.

### NEW ZEALAND TOUR PARTY NOW HAVE CHOICE

By Larry Hennings

It is with pleasure that an announcement can now be made that a choice is available in the going portion of the tour to New Zealand.

The choice is that one may leave San Francisco by Matson Steamer Saturday,

December 28, 1968 from San Francisco, (Los Angeles Decemebre 29, 1968) or one may go by air from San Francisco about February 1, 1969. Both these are subject to persons signing up. The ship group joins the air group (from U.S.A.) in Auckland for the remainder of the tour, except for those who may not wish to return to U.S.A. with the group. The minimum, inside berth, basis of two per cabin ship-air fare is expected to be around \$2375 per person as mentioned in October BOWLS, but the travel by air only fare should be in the neighborhood of \$1900 per person. Papua-New Guinea and Guadalcanal would be eliminated, as this now appears to be too long a tour.

The interest in this trip has been rather intense, and the inquiries are coming in from all over the U.S.A. Word of New Zealand hospitality must have spread. For those bowlers who have been there, assurances of their hospitality are needless, in fact New Zealanders appear to have a special kinship for Americans.

Those going by ship would touch at some of the South Sea ports, such as Papeete, Tahiti, Tin Can Island, Bora Bora and debark at Auckland. The air group would stop at Honolulu for a couple of

days and at Samoa a few days and forces would join at Auckland. After four weeks in New Zealand a few days in Australia are still scheduled, as is a stop at Fiji for the entire group returning.

To assist in planning, it is suggested that those interested, please communicate promptly, specifying what mode of travel is preferred. An initial deposit of \$100 per person payable to ALBA 1969 South Pacific Tour should be sent to Larry R. Hennings, 414 Central Building, Seattle, 98104. An increase in this deposit may be necessary later but a thermometer is necessary now. Of course, letters of inquiry for more detailed information are still welcome. Send them as above although there may be some little delay due to the peregrinations of the ALBA Travel Director.

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## NEW BOWLERS CORNER



Dr. Harvey C. Maxwell

### ADVICE TO THE NEW BOWLER

A strange and wonderful thing about our game of bowls is the almost universal desire to be of help to the new bowler. There is probably no game in the world where it is easier for the beginner to get advice! Let bowlers know you are new to the game and you are likely to get gems of wisdom from all sides, all given freely and with the best of intentions in the world.

Unfortunately, this almost irresistible desire to assist, not being restricted to the most well informed, often turns out to be a mixed blessing. Too many suggestions may confuse rather than assist and thus actually impede the progress of the new bowler instead of helping him.

This phenomenon is neither new nor local. Many years ago the Royal Victorian Bowling Association of Melbourne, Australia, recognized this problem and since that time precede their remarks in the club's "GUIDE FOR NEW BOWLERS" with this quote:

*"The desire to assist is so strong that the beginner is often confused and bewildered by the many suggestions offered. He should follow the advice of a competent instructor, and for the time being, entirely disregard all other comments."*

There is no doubt that this is good advice. We all know how difficult it is at times not to offer unsolicited suggestions to the neophyte, and yet it may be well to restrain that impulse. If they conflict with the routine he is trying to master and the way he is being taught, they may do more harm than good.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL INSTRUCTION and indeed the secret of successful bowling, lies in one word—CONCENTRATION. It is important to avoid every distracting factor as much as possible. The new bowler who will resolutely concentrate on the basic standard style of delivery that is now taught, and turn a POLITE BUT DEAF EAR to all confusing suggestions from well-meaning bystanders, will not only progress with greater rapidity but will greatly improve his prospects of becoming a contender for top honors in the future.

CONCENTRATE ON PERFECTING ONE ROUTINE.

DO THE SAME THING EVERY TIME.

REFUSE TO BE DIVERTED.

It is most discouraging to an instructor to watch a once promising pupil, that at one time had a smooth easy delivery, dubbing along several years later with "a style of his own" and few, if any, signs of the basic fundamentals of good bowling. Too many bowlers have been diverted by tempting experiments in odd-ball styles of grip, step, stance or delivery and are not bowling as well as the day they finished training!

The game of bowls is very old and many thousands have tried all of the experiments many times before. In our time we are fortunate that the basic rules for good bowling have been tested and standardized through the years of tedious research and are now generally accepted throughout the bowling world. The new bowler who will rely on these and leave the experiments to others will most certainly improve his chances to become a "better than average player in the wonderful world of bowls.

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### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OR REFRESH YOUR RECOLLECTION

By Mr. Anonymous

1. We all know that a Toucher cannot be claimed as one if not so marked. What is the limit of time for it to be so marked?
2. In a Match play in Singles, one of the Players states that he has his own marker. What does the Book say?
3. In a regular triples Match, the lead's bowl touches the jack and went into the ditch, and was marked. As the head progressed that same side was able to get some more near the jack. Inadvertently, that team's skip thereafter picked up the live bowl out of the ditch and placed it on the bank, "Not otherwise disturbing the head." What options to the opposing skip?
4. A member of your club wants to know what a "plinth" is with respect to the game of bowls. What would you tell him?
5. What is the rule with reference to following your bowl up the green after delivery?
6. The jack has gone into the ditch. There is one bowl very near it also in the ditch. There is also one on the green very near the jack also. One of the willing members offered his large calipers to measure shot. OK?
7. We have all seen it and heard it. Some exuberant wife or friend on the bank offers some presumed sage advice to the player, even though not one of the players. What's wrong with that?
8. Wobblers will always be with us. If a bowl comes to rest 50 feet in front of the 'mat line,' is it still in play?

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### CENTRAL DIVISION DOES OUR GRAND PARTICIPANT SPORT HAVE TO BE A POOR SPECTATOR SPORT?

By Tom Davis

BOWLS has published several fine articles on promoting lawn bowls. They are timely, because our grand sport has not generally grown in the U.S. There are several reasons for the lack of steady growth. But one thing is sure—it's not the sport itself that lacks interest. Most people who play bowls find it more challenging, more fun and more satisfying than any other sport!

An important reason for bowls' slow growth in this country is that it is the worst of spectator sports. Pity he poor spectator at bowls tournament. If he doesn't know the game, all he is apt to see is a bunch of players all dressed alike rolling balls that all look alike. Very likely there will be no score board and no program that will tell him anything. He will be very fortunate if anybody explains

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In a purely mechanical sense the dimples are of no advantage to the bowler whose grip follows the recommendation of the late R. T. Harrison (author of the book, "How to Become a Champion at Bowls") with the thumb on the top running surface of the bowl.

If the thumb is held on the dimple ring, however, the bowler has a better grip than just the standard grooves the big rings gave. This is apparent to the bowler and must give considerable psychological confidence when bowling in cold or wet conditions without apprehension of the bowl slipping.

The second advantage is accuracy of grip. If the thumb and little finger are

placed on the dimple ring at top and bottom of the bowl on opposite sides the grip must always be exactly the same. A blindfold bowler could be sure of it. In how many cases a slight difference in successive grips the cause of the bowl not doing exactly what the bowler intended.

The makers claim that the dimpled bowl has been tested for wind effect and proved to have little or none compared

to the air disturbance set up by rotating bowls with similar grips. The whole of the dimple is below the surface of the bowl.

Even a third advantage is gained by the use of the dimple bowl—it affords bowlers with small hands an opportunity to step up to the next size larger bowl without a gripping problem thereby gaining added weight and diameter.



One of the World's top lawn bowlers, Norman S. "Snowy" Walker of South Africa, (shown right) inspects one of the new model Henselite Bowls with the new Firma-Feel "Dimple" Grip. On left is R. W. Hensell, head of the Melbourne, Australia Henselite Bowl concern.

## NEWS FROM NORTHWEST DIVISION

By **Condie M. May**

The Northwest Division of the ALBA held its annual meeting on November 11th in Olympia, Washington.

The principal events of the year were mentioned, especially the Northwest Open Tournament which was held in Seattle during the Labor Day Holiday.

The financial report read by the secretary showed that the National Open was very well attended and finished up with a small surplus.

Officers and A.L.B.A. representatives for the following year were elected.

President.....Hubert F. Sage  
1st Vice Pres.....Andrew J. Brugger  
2nd Vice Pres.....Ivor E. Bebb  
3rd Vice Pres.....Harold M. Day  
Secy.-Treas.....Condie M. May  
A.L.B.A. Representatives:

Larry R. Hennings  
Paige Newton

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Bowbeer who organized a new club and constructed a green at Grants Pass, Oregon have moved to Laguna Beach, California and the new president is C. Bart Brooks and he invites all bowlers who are traveling up or down the Coast to stop over at Grants Pass and enjoy a game with them.

## PORTLAND L.B.C.

By **Homer Groat**

Our annual banquet was held at Irelands Lloyd Plaza on October 30th, with 72 members and friends in attendance. We were delighted and honored to have as our guests, William A. Bowes, Commissioner of Public Works, Harry B. Buckley, Superintendent of Parks, and Miss Dorothea M. Lensch, Director of Public Recreation for the Bureau of Parks.

President Siegrist introduced our guests, nine past presidents, including John Jolly, who served as president in 1941-1942, and an active club bowler since 1936. City Commissioner Bowes, while on a tour with the American Public Works Association, spoke of his chance meeting with Paige Newton and other members on the 1967 British Isles Tour in Glasgow, Scotland, at the Royal Stewart Hotel. He placed high value on contacts made by this group. Upon his return a very satisfactory meeting was held in the Council Chambers with Mayor Sch-runk and the four City Commissioners. Approximately 50 members attended. A later meeting was held with Mr. Buckley and Mr. Hall, Operational Superintendent, and some worthwhile improvements are now in the works.

Dorothy Lensch presented presented

the trophies and had some nice things to say about the club.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

Dr. Raymond A. Laws, President  
James C. McLay, Vice-President and Treasurer  
Ruth S. Dick, Secretary

## TACOMA L.B.C.

By **HOWARD FISHER**

The Fall Meeting of the Tacoma Lawn Bowling Club was held in November at Brad's Restaurant.

The following slate of officers was elected for the coming year: Howard Fisher, President; Arnold MacKeen, Vice President; and J. C. Malkewick, Secretary-Treasurer.

We were happy to have as our guests from the Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club in Seattle its President Ivor Bebb, along with Maurice Adams; also A L B A Past President Larry R. Hennings. One of our prominent members who has done so much to promote our club activities by providing us with the new locker-club house facility, Walter Heath, showed a very interesting film on lawn bowling. Mr. Heath was appointed Games Chairman for 1968.

The games schedule for 1968 has already been made up and a copy will be mailed to all regular and associate members shortly. The Spring Meeting of the Club will be held in April on a date to be set by the Board.

## JEFFERSON PARK L.B.C.

By **RALPH ANDREWS**

"The melancholy days have come" — hold on there, Mr. Poet. You're not looking at Jefferson Park greens. No melancholy here. The mats may be long but not the faces. In the early fall our bowlers were still talking about the National Tournament here, the banquet and sumptuous supper-reception at the home of President Ivor Bebb. And a few of the out-of-state tournament players, notably Joe Ibe of Chicago, extended their visits to bowl on Northwest greens.

So everybody enjoyed the fall bowling, was in fine fettle at the "Thank You" party given Jefferson Park by Queen City members in token of their use of our greens while their own were being re-conditioned for the tournament. The J. P. Recreational Center was packed for supper and an evening of dancing, highlighted by a performance of skilled square dancers with a professional caller. They were good! And so was Queen City to throw this party for us!

The Annual Thanksgiving Tournament was played on Wed., Nov. 22—no rain, no snow, mixed doubles, let's go! And

in spite of the busy holiday time play was well represented by both Seattle clubs. Honors and prizes for the two 12-end games went to: 1st Place—Al Fultz, skip, and Pat Boehm (JP); 2nd—Art Carrie, skip, and Carleton Bouton (QC); 3rd—Arley Hudson, skip, and Priscilla Hudson (QC).

December has given us some crispy cold days but many of them good enough to afford play for the more hardy of both clubs, Woodland Park greens of Queen City being again closed down for conditioning. This is good all around as it makes for more and sharper competition.

And now comes the old boy in the red suit and white whiskers—our annual Christmas Tree Party, Monday night, Dec. 18. It promises fun, a film, carols and candy, gifts, prizes and pleasantries—"Oh, make me a child again, just for tonight."

## QUEEN CITY L.B.C.—SEATTLE

By **F. HOWARD WEAVER**

Queen City's greens closed for the Winter, November 15, as the temperature dropped to 50°, and showers of maple leaves began falling.

Our hardier members will continue to bowl at Jefferson Park, which is in South Seattle, but others will head farther South to California, Arizona, and Hawaii.

Officers for 1968, elected at the Fall meeting, were: Lloyd Gilbert, President; Howard Weaver, Vice-President; John McNeil, Secretary-Treasurer; and Executive Board members: Bill Long, Walt Schuck, Harold Day, Stan Holmes, Harvey Hansen, and Ray Arbogast.

Card games are now popular at the club house, with up to seven tables of bridge on Wednesday afternoons, and pinochle games every day. Non-bowling wives and friends are cordially welcomed.

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the game to him. In the Ontario Bowling Association's 1967 annual Louis L'Esperance writes that lawn bowls does little to dispel its image of being "only an old man's game." He says, "The skill in lawn bowls is never played up publicly, and to the onlooker the game looks like a lot of old men just rolling bowls around on the grass."

Here's an example of how onlookers can react to seeing a bowls tournament. A number of radio listeners were attracted to the 1963 National Open in Chicago. Joe Ibe, a bowls enthusiast and public relations man, broadcast about the event. One of those interested in bowls was the park director of Elmhurst, a Chicago suburb. He was considering

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Clearwater Club, largest in the Southeast Division and in the entire ALBA, have been negotiating with the city for increasing their playing facility. The present eighteen Rubico rinks are inadequate to carry the load of their growing membership... Dr. Thomas Davis of Chicago-Lakeside had his fine lawn bowls article printed in the November issue of Parks and Recreation Magazine, official publication of the National Recreation & Park Assn.

## SOUTHEAST DIVISION LEAGUE ACTION FOR 1968

By Harold Esch

The ALBA's Southeast Division will launch three different leagues for 1968 play which will involve fifteen different clubs.

Oldest loop in continuous operation is the North Central Florida League that has played every year since 1934. The loop is composed of Mount Dora, De Land, Orlando and two clubs at Daytona Beach. Orlando club also fields two separate squads named after two important Orlando-based professional sports clubs—the Orlando "Panthers" and the Orlando "Twins." The Panthers are the city's Continental Football League 1967 Champions and the Twins are both the winter based Minnesota Twins of the American League as well as the Orlando Twins of the Class A Minor League Baseball setup.

Officers for the NCFL are S. R. "Ted" Foley of Mount Dora as President, Emmett C. Feasel of De Land Immediate Past-President and Harold Esch of Orlando the loop's Secretary-Treasurer.

The West Florida League is another six club organization with Clearwater, Bradenton, Sarasota, Bartlett Park of St. Petersburg Men's Club and St. Petersburg Women's Club. Officers are Dan K. Penny, President, William Smith, Vice-President and Florence Young, Secretary-Treasurer. All are of Clearwater.

The Central Florida Grass League is a four club loop composed of Lake Wales, Lakeland, Sun City and Sarasota. Clarence A. Anderson of Lakeland is President and Henry Betty, also of Lakeland, is the Secretary-Treasurer.

Bowlers of Florida Clubs are in for some active competition in league play this coming winter.

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## EASTERN DIVISION

### CUNNINGHAM BOWLING GREEN CLUB

By Col. Henry Tourville

CUNNINGHAM BOWLING GREEN CLUB, Milton, Mass. at its Annual meeting elected Richard Murphy, President; Stuart Svedeman, Vice President; Fred D. Snyder, Secretary-Treasurer for the 1968 season — the Club's Fortieth year. Committee Chairmen appointed included, Games, David P. Dakers; Greens, J. Earl Tays; House, Stuart Svedeman, New England Delegate, David P. Dakers; ALBA Delegate, Richard Murphy; Eastern Division ALBA representatives J. Earl Tays and John MacDonald. Several members of the Cunningham Club have been elected to key Committee positions for the 1968 Eastern Division Tournament to be held in the Boston area starting August 5 and sponsored by the Tri-Club organization consisting of the clubs from Boston, Quincy and Milton, Mass.

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starting it there. And there was a bus load of university students who came 150 miles from Madison, Wisconsin. They were interested in starting it at the university and perhaps playing it as an intercollegiate sport.

But when they arrived at the green, their interest soon changed to bewilderment. Which teams were which, they wanted to know. Who was winning? What was the score? And so forth. But nobody seemed able to tell them anything. Their bewilderment must have turned to frustration and irritation. Certainly they were disappointed. And the Elmhurst park director was heard to say, "When I get old, I may come back and take another look."

Even if you know bowls well, it's hard for you as a spectator to tell who's who on the green. Since every player wears white pants and white shirts, they all look alike. You have to already know the players before you can identify them. And you have to be at close location to

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## WITH WYETH

### BETTER GREENS

I think it was Bill Miller who made the statement recently that there are no good bowlers on poor greens; some are just luckier than others

Bowling is not bowling on heavy, spongy, irregular surfaces. According to another member of the ALBA Council, 90% of our grass greens are sub-standard and this means that many bowlers have yet to feel the thrill of a delicately played shot on a hard, fast and wide drawing green. Players who have visited South Africa, New Zealand, Australia and the British Isles and those that play on beautiful surfaces such as those at Santa Barbara or on the good rubico greens in Florida know the delight of bowling on true surfaces with speeds of 14 seconds or better. They know, too, that it is a different game. If you have seen the Ampol film of the World Tournament you must have admired the skill of David Bryant as he made those amazing shots around front bowls. One indelible memory is that of the prince of leprechauns, Pat McGurk, delivering his bowls so gently, following it with unhurried pace up the green and waiting for it to dislodge the shot bowl. Our own Arthur Hartley and Jim Candelet were super-bowlers in Sydney. I saw them both recently struggling with two of our greens. They were not the same players.

There is not one valid reason why in a country, pre-eminent in so many fields, bowlers should have to play on poor greens. I know this is a strong statement to make but it is based upon evidence I have gathered over a period of months. Convinced that it would be futile to sit and merely complain I put on my research hat and tried, with the help of anyone I could cajole into answering questions, to identify problems and to

seek solutions. My resource persons included people who have built greens, greenskeepers, greens directors, club officials and city officials. A number responded by writing voluminous letters and I am deeply grateful for their interest and co-operation. Most of the club officials were from clubs with good greens; the greenskeepers were from a wider cross-section; some of their greens are bad.

The first thing that struck me from the responses to my questions was the almost unanimous opinion that the most important factor in producing good greens is effective liaison between the club and the city officials responsible for maintaining the green. The importance of this became more evident as I looked into the matter of competence of greenskeepers. It is clear that some of them are not producing the kinds of greens they are capable of, through no fault of their own. There is not the slightest doubt that some clubs and city officials are not communicating adequately. City officials do not realize the needs of bowlers and bowlers find it convenient to blame all their troubles on them. Santa Barbara and Berkeley clubs work very closely with city officials and other clubs are giving serious attention to improving their relations with city fathers. (Portland Oregon) is one. Paige Newton's story about it makes good reading. Here is part of it:

"At our annual meeting I was appointed a committee of one to work with the City of Portland Parks Department. Our first effort was a meeting with the City Council. This meeting was well supported by our membership with 56 attending. We attempted to point out to the Council the importance of lawn bowling, not only on the Division and National levels, but also on the International scene . . . . this information seemed to impress the city fathers . . . . we were well received by the Council and were promised some help in getting our grass up to National standard."

It has been a source of wonder to me that so little use is made of the vast resource of talent and experience to be found on any green—many players have had very successful careers in the business, industrial and professional world. Some have been in local government. All of them know how to work with people and many with city officials at all levels.

An equal source of wonder is the folly of some of us who build barriers between clubs and city officials by our querulous criticism of whatever the city does or does not do. One Los Angeles official refuses to go near the greens because of the criticism he gets from players.

The primary concern of any greens committee is to keep the lines of communication open and to work smoothly with city officials. The members are not experts on greens; the greenskeeper is, or should be. If he is not an expert, then the committee has a further task—to improve his competence by helping him to secure the vast amount of expert information that is available.

In the Los Angeles area UCLA and Cal Tech provide consultative services—most of them free. The Athletic Recreation Turf Association and the country have a wealth of information on soils and grass culture. Courses are offered at adult education centers. Bowls magazines from overseas carry numerous articles on green care. Public libraries have books available and courses of instruction can be bought from overseas at little cost.

The third concern of the committee is to work closely with the greenskeeper, keeping him informed about the demands to be made on the greens, reporting defects as they appear, and shielding him from the criticism and advice of unhappy bowlers. Above all, the committee must channel to him every item of praise that they hear. He must be helped to feel that the green is his green; he must be proud of it.

The fourth concern is to support him in his relations with his superior and to go to bat for him when he needs material or equipment.

Keeping members informed is the fifth concern of the committee. There are occasions when the green has to be treated with unusual care and informed bowlers are apt to be more tolerant of inconvenience and they are less likely to be resentful when called to account for damaging the green.

In the final analysis, the task of the greens committee is one of working with people. Its members should be chosen not because they know how to prepare greens but how to work with people.

Just before Christmas I spent hours listening to two greenskeepers discussing mutual problems. Both have the job of restoring greens that have deteriorated badly. Both are very competent and know a great deal about the care of greens. At this point the resemblance ends. Each will eventually produce fine greens but their tasks are very different. The one is recognized as an expert and has all the support he needs. The club trusts him and members know what he is doing and why. The other is not seen as an expert, except by a few; he is supposed to have no freedom at all. Until his committee recognizes his problem for what it really

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is, starts building a favorable image of him and gives him support where he needs it, his task will remain very difficult.

This brings me to my final point. The problems of all clubs are not going to be solved by offering the same prescription to each. Every club must first identify the source of its problem and treat the source.

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recognize them. It's difficult to make out which players belong to which teams. And which bowls belong to which teams. Even after you figure out whose bowls are whose, you have to have a good memory to remember eight sets of markings on the bowls in a fours match, or six in triples.

And so it's no wonder that few persons find it worthwhile to watch a bowls match. Even where the game is well known there are few spectators. I've heard that only about 500 hundred spectators watched such an important event as the World Tournament in Australia! Think of all the skill, strategy, competition, team play, suspense and excitement that an onlooker misses who sees only "a lot of old men just rolling bowls around on the grass."

But bowls could be a great spectator sport. Yes, it could be. Proof of this statement is that a very similar sport has attracted as many as 54,000 spectators! I am referring to curling, which is often called "bowls on ice." It's a matter of record that over 54,000 people watched the Canadian curling championships played a few years ago in a stadium at Regina.

From the onlookers point of view there are some differences between curling and bowls. One is that players in curling championships wear team uniforms (as is true in virtually every sport worth watching.) The uniforms are usually rather colorful making it easy for spectators to identify the teams. Another difference is that in curling the objects used in play also are easy to identify as to their teams. One team plays with red stones. The other with the blues. And so, the watchers can see what the lie is. They can appreciate the excitement of making a brilliant shot. And the strategy. And the dramatic change that can occur with every shot. And the suspense that occurs with a crucial shot—will it or will it not succeed? In other words, spectators can follow the action in curling, understand its meaning and share in the excitement.

If bowls is really to grow in this coun-

try and not wither on the vine, it needs to show its wonderful features to spectators—including park officials, civic leaders, club directors, resort owners, reporters, photographers and future bowlers. otherwise, how can it compete successfully with commercially promoted sports which get so much publicity?

Consider this experience: Once Joe Ibe arranged for a bowls tournament in Florida to be televised on a national network. The TV officials were quite interested in this "new" sport. That is, until they brought their cameras to the green. Then they saw a mass of confusing white shirts and pants. They immediately cancelled the broadcast. They said, though, that if the players would wear something else, they would be glad to televise a match.

The fact is that even an individual bowler dressed entirely in white is a difficult subject to photograph suitably for publication. Bill Miller, who has won many tournaments in the Central Division, was to have his picture taken by a photographer from his hometown newspaper. But when Bill appeared in whites, the photographer made Bill change into something more photogenic.

Even where the sport is popular, the press and TV are not disposed to give bowls much coverage. Recently BOWLS magazine of Victoria, Australia asked why the coverage is so scant. Maybe the answer lies in the fact that Australian bowlers wear white so exclusively that even a yellow wiping cloth is banned!

How did this tradition get started of banning everything but white? I have searched through many books on bowls but have found scarce mentioning of the matter. Only a comment or two that white makes for smart attire, dignified appearance and prestige for the game. I've heard it said, true or not, that requiring white got started in England as a means of preventing players from coming onto the greens from factories in dirty work clothes. And in this respect it was a decided improvement in the appearance of the sport.

And, of course, there is much to be said for whites. A man dressed in clean, well-pressed white clothes does look good. There is no argument there. But as good as white clothes look (if clean and neat), is it true that only white and white alone can look good on a bowling green? Not even white itself in combination with another color? I, for one, don't believe so.

A member of Chicago Lakeside LBC, Jim Rarity, got interested last summer in wearing team uniforms at the Central Division tournament. He consulted Joe Ibe. They decided that light blue shirts

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## ANALYSIS OF BOWLING TECHNIQUE—PART IV

By Dr. Paul Thomas

(NOTE: Before getting into an analysis of another phase of the bowling movement, I should like to clear up some confusion that resulted from a point made in the last article. In the fourth paragraph this sentence appeared: "We feel that the step should be taken early enough that it is finished and the stepping foot is planted before the forward swing of the arm is started." This means, simply, that you do not step and bowl at the same time; rather, the step is made and then the arm is brought forward to make the shot. The backswing is completed or being completed as the step is taken. We did not mean to suggest the "stationary action" in which the original stance has one foot ahead of the other as if the step had already been completed before any arm action starts. Incidentally, we do not want to, at present, rule out this latter technique — we will have more to say about it later.)

This article is concerned with the release of the bowl. An examination of several descriptions on bowling form shows differences of opinions as to the point of release. These range from those that advocate releasing the bowl alongside of the front foot to those who want it delivered as much as eighteen inches in front of the front foot.

Possibly a definition of the term might show that in reality these opinions do not differ very much, and maybe not at all. It depends on what is meant by release. It could mean the point at which the hand starts to loosen on the bowl, or the point at which the bowl touches the ground, or the point at which the hand is entirely off the bowl. Just the differences in these three points could pretty well account for the apparent discrepancies.

From the films of the four experienced bowlers (chosen, you will recall, because of their very different techniques as well as for their skills) and also from the films of the world championship tournament held in Australia a year ago, some observations can be made about where the experts release the bowl. It should be pointed out that the tournament films were not taken for the purposes of analysis and do not lend themselves to precise measurements. However enough can be seen to gain some conceptions about the release.

In all cases studied the start of the release was made in virtually the same spot, or within a very few inches of the

same spot. The grip loosens as the arm reaches the bottom of its swing so that the thumb comes off the bowl. This occurs as the bowl swings by the front foot regardless, it seems, of the length of the stride. In most cases the bowl touches the ground at this time or very shortly afterwards. Nearly every bowl was on the ground before the hand passed the front foot. Every once in a while a bowler lofted a ball which hit the ground a few inches farther on, but this seemed to be due to a later relaxing of the fingers — the thumb still came off the bowl at the same time. It would seem that the essential part of the release is made as the arm reaches the bottom of the swing. The grip, at this point is well into a relaxation stage — the thumb is off the bowl, the fingers and wrist are straight as if they were just hanging with the bowl. In all of the cases studied the arm (from the shoulder down) is exactly perpendicular at this point. The elbow, wrist, and fingers are all straight (not stiff) and perpendicular to the ground.

The fingers, according to the film, stayed with the bowl until it was well in front of the front foot with the finger tips being the last part of the body to touch the bowl. While no exact measurements could be made of this distance in the film, it was estimated to be between six to fourteen inches in front of the foot.

It would seem that this distance is not important — it most likely depends on the length of the bowler's arm and fingers. The important point is that the bowler should keep his fingers on the bowl as far as reasonably possible, to insure accuracy.

This last point cannot be over-emphasized. It is known, from studies of various sports skills, that the longer the hand is on the object, within reason, the greater will be the accuracy. For example, consider the set-shot in basketball. The quick flipping shot is not nearly as accurate as the graceful "long-armed" shot in which the arm extends completely and follows the ball toward the basket.

In addition to insuring that the hand is kept on the bowl longer, this reaching forward action in bowling likely has an effect on the whole arm swing. The reaching should cause the arm swing to be made in a straight line in the desired direction of the shot rather than in a "roundhouse" type of action.

So to summarize, it seems that with expert bowlers, the grip starts to loosen as the bowl gets close to the ground (which is beside the front foot), the bowl, generally, is in contact with the ground before it passes the front foot completely,

and the fingers stay in contact with the bowl as far forward as the bowler can comfortably reach — between six and fourteen inches depending on the build of the bowler. It is possible that an extremely long armed bowler might even reach even further.

Notice the designation "expert" bowlers. On one of the films there are some views of less than expert action and these things do not hold true. The most noticeable differences are in the grounding of the bowl and in the reaching forward action. As far as grounding the bowl is concerned, these bowlers are prone to inconsistency. They sometimes ground it early, but more frequently they loft it. As far as the reaching forward action is concerned, they are prone to take the hand off the bowl too soon and consequently use more of a flipping action. The loosening up of the grip did not occur, consistently, at the point where the arm, including the wrist and fingers, would be perpendicular, to the ground.

To finish this article, I should like to leave one thought with you. Many articles and discussions on the grip have indicated the importance of the proper placing of the thumb on the bowl. There seems to be some differences of opinion in this respect. The thought then is, if the thumb is the first part of the hand to leave the bowl, and if this occurs even before the bowl is on the ground, then how much emphasis should be placed on the positioning of the thumb? It seems that it should be permitted to go where it wants, or where it feels comfortable, as long as it permits the bowler to hold onto the bowl and resist the force of gravity and centrifugal force.

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Bowls magazine wishes to thank Dr. Paul Thomas for his very fine analysis, and time and interest he has given to Lawn Bowling, and look forward to many more articles. We feel sure that these articles will be of great interest to all Lawn Bowlers.

Cresslyn L. Tilley, Editor & Bus. Mgr.

We have received a request from "World Bowls" of England to use these articles by Dr. Paul Thomas, and Dr. George Rich. Permission granted.

Editor of Bowls

*The famous psychiatrist walked over to the store detective and said. "See that woman over there? She is one of my patients and suffers from kleptomania."*

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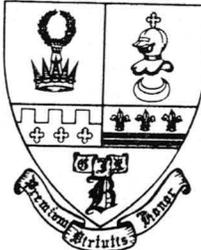
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## CENTRAL DIVISION

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along with the traditional white pants would make a good uniform for Jim's rinks team. Then he talked it over with his teammates John Cordes, Tom Davis and Bill Walker. Two of the four were enthused to try it, one was willing, and one was hesitant. But this last one agreed to wear it if the others did so. Jim obtained permission from the tournament chairman to wear the uniforms, and then the team decided definitely to wear them.

The team felt a bit self-conscious when they first made their appearance amongst a sea of pure white clothes. As you would expect, many bowlers made comment upon seeing this team. And almost all the comments were favorable! Soon the uniformed team felt at home. And they were pleased to experience how easy it was to find each other between games no matter how many others were around. The other bowlers and spectators took much note of "the Lakeside team from Chicago." Many planned then to wear team uniforms at their next out of town tournament.

In conclusion, I agree with those who say it's important that we bowl in proper attire for the good of the game. That is, let's look smartly dressed from hat to shoes. But let's also make it possible for spectators to see what a grand sport bowls really is! Let's do something about the image of a lot of indistinguishable "old men" just rolling indistinguishable balls on the grass. And so, let's wear team uniforms. And let's use team disks on the bowls. (I understand the English use such disks on the bowls in important matches.) Then, onlookers will understand the action. They will appreciate the skill and the fascination. And, in short, spectators will want to become participants!

## CENTRAL DIVISION NEWS

By Tom Davis

Some lawn bowlers are now in hibernation. But many are active in one way or another. The Milwaukee clubs under the leadership of Ted Bolliger have been busy making arrangements to assure that this year's ALBA National Open Tournament will be one of the best ever held in these United States. The Milwaukee park board and the chamber of commerce are also in there pitching. And don't be surprised if one of the famous Milwaukee brewing companies honors the bowlers at Nationals with a party. If you ever attended a bowling tournament at Milwaukee, say the Central Division or Milwaukee Invitational, you know the hospitality and good bowling

for which the city is famous. And so, mark your calendar for July 13-17 for Nationals at Milwaukee!

This writer has long thought that junior carpet bowls is one of the next best things to actually bowling on the green. In October BOWLS I suggested them for gifts. And now they are endorsed by quite an unexpected source—Elizabeth Post of the Emily Post Institute! In her column she recommended them as entertainment for couples invited to a hostess' home for the first time. In the meantime I've talked with a bowls enthusiast who does even better. David Meharg of Avondale, Pa. and Wilmington, Del. uses four inch carpet bowls on two rinks in his basement. He has found a material making a satisfactory playing surface but costing only about 50 cents a square yard.

Sometimes bowls news is delivered via a very wide drawing hand. The news below, from Sioux Falls, S. Dakota LBA, came via Australia! We're delighted to hear from Sioux Falls bowlers, Mr. Buchall, and we would be even more pleased to hear from you directly. I could say, too, that some bowls clubs don't seem to send news to any publication on any continent! But now more and more clubs are appointing correspondents to BOWLS. How about *your* club?

The Lawn Bowling Association of Chicago held its '67 singles tournament at Columbus Park LBC. W. Morrison of the host club defeated W. Miller of Gary in the finals. The association's third annual banquet at the Windermere Hotel was a lively success, thanks to the enthusiastic and talented entertainment of the bowlers themselves. A highlight of the year was the second annual Gary invitational trebles tournament, now named the William Fisher Memorial Tournament after the late park superintendent, who had great personal interest in the Gary LBC and its greens. The prizes donated in memory of Mr. Fisher were exceptionally generous. Winners were the East Cleveland team of Bert MacWilliams, Bill Crockett and Archie Dowell.

There is an article on lawn bowls by this writer in PARKS & RECREATION magazine, November '67. It has photos by Joe Ibe and this headline by the editor—"For fun and fitness and economy of operation try this sport in your recreation program." Several other publications had articles on lawn bowls last year—Asklepion of Phi Beta Pi, Curling News, Medical Tribune, Modern Maturity, and Rx Golf & Travel. This last one sent a correspondent to the Nationals at Seattle. Its editor is interested in doing some write-ups of doctors at bowls tournaments.

Clarence M. Jones, editor of WORLD BOWLS, sends us this item: "Further to your letter—the Australian Dunlop Sports Co. have an excellent bowls instructional film. Our English Bowls Association persuaded them to sell one print and it cost around \$150. The A.L.B.A. might like to try to obtain one." And so, how about it, A.L.B.A. Council? Can we obtain one?

## SIoux FALLS L.B.A.

(From a letter to BOWLS magazine of Victoria, Australia)

Dear Mr. Dobbie, We are very happy to have one of your citizens and lawn bowlers with us this summer, namely Tom Ballinger, and he has been out several times to bowl with us. He is a gentleman in addition to being a good bowler and we are glad he looked us up.

Bowling in the States hasn't caught on as it has in Australia. Our clubs in Sioux Falls and Mitchell, S. D. are the only ones between the Gulf of Mexico and Canada, north and south and about the only ones between Chicago and Oregon. We are pretty much to ourselves but do exchange games with our Mitchell friends.

Mr. Ballinger brought us a supply of two booklets on bowling: "Guidance for New Bowlers" and "In the Groove," which we find full of good information, especially for new bowlers. We understand we are indebted to you for our copies and we are most grateful. I send thanks and greetings from all of our members, who think bowling is a wonderful game. Sincerely, Sioux Falls LBA, by Alvin W. Buchall, president.

(Note: A Chicago couple bowled at Sioux Falls several summers ago and enjoyed it very much. We would like to hear from you sometimes, Sioux Falls LBA!)

## ROCKFORD L.B.C.

By David Blake

We held our annual banquet November 3 at the Elks Club and elected our officers for '68: President Thomas Stenerson, Vice Pres. John Blake, Secretary John Klingstedt, Treasurer Arthur Gustafson.

These were our winners last year: Trebles—David Blake, Anthony Ingrassia, Bill Hoople; Doubles—James Roddy, P. A. Hollenbeck; Singles—James Roddy.

1967 was an exciting year for us. We made trips to Lakeside, Gary, Milwaukee West and Moline. Milwaukee (Lake Park), Columbus Park and Racine came to Rockford. John Klingstedt and Anthony Ingrassia bowled at the A.L.B.A. Open at Seattle. We sent teams to the

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## PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN NEWS

From Cliff Rea

The new Pacific Inter-Mountain Division will take over the functions and funds of the Northern California Association in January. The latter was a part of the Southwest Division.

It has been decided to continue under the new division the same tournament schedules as existed under the Northern Association. This was the information received by your correspondent from Roland C. Milliken, President of the new Division. No other news at this time, not until the January meeting of the Directors.

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION NEWS

By Cliff Rea

The 46ths playing of the INTER-CITIES triples matches brought in 10 clubs into the event. For many years there were only 6 clubs entered. With 10 clubs playing a round robin it took 9 Saturdays to finish the event.

Some surprises developed. While San Francisco, the oldest club in the area (and the U. S.) won the event they were pushed to win it by the very new club of Santa Cruz. Both clubs had the same number of wins and losses and San Francisco won it only by the most plus points.

Berkeley placed 3rd, Lakeside of Oakland 4th (club that dominated this event for many years and has the most wins) Palo Alto came in 5th, Sunny Glen a very new and small club placed 6th, Oakland, which has the second most wins over the years placed 7th, Leisuretown of Vacaville, a very new club, did well by placing 8th, Richmond which has always been in contention, with some wins in the past, came in 9th and San Jose, the newest club only started in April of 1967 placed 10th and did well to end with one win against the experienced clubs. They defeated Richmond in the final game.

Russ Sanford of the Berkeley club writes. Perhaps BOWLS readers would like to top this one. There is keen competition between the 10 clubs in the San Francisco Bay area. On Saturday, October 7th, 1967 on the Richmond greens three teams from Richmond and three from Berkeley played the most unusual match of all time. All three teams TIED. To make it still more unusual the scores were: 20 to 20—21 to 21—and 22 to 22. The odds against such an event must

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## CENTRAL DIVISION

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Central Division Open at Detroit. The high point of the season was Rockford's Ralph Dickman representing the Central Division at Buck Hill.

We look forward to an even more exciting '68 season!

### 47TH A.L.B.A. NATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENT July 13th thru 17th MILWAUKEE CLUBS

By Willis Miller

Milwaukee bowlers are excited, and pleased to be invited to be host, on behalf of the Central Division, to the 47th ALBA National Open Tournament, July 13th through the 17th.

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Our Tournament Committee is busy organizing and planning; we would like you to know who they are: Theodore (Pete) Bolliger is General Chairman and Richard (Dick) Brown is Vice Chairman; Secy-Treas., Mortimer (Mort) P. Allen; Budget, the three aforementioned officers; Entertainment, \*Raymond Baker and John Hinebauch; Entries, Reservations & Registrations, \*Edward J. Erdtmann (his address, 3168 N. Weil St., 53212) and Ralph E. Welton; Games, \*H. H. (Doc) Roberts; Greens, \*Elmer Matzek and Arthur F. Nelson; Hospitality and Ladies Bowling, \*Mrs. A. F. Prachthausen and Mrs. Otto Gerhardt; Publicity, Willis C. Miller; Trophies and Prizes, \*James S. Innes; Umpires, \*Otto Hess; House \*Everett Carpenter.

The play will be Rinks, Doubles and Singles, with all games on an elimination basis. For the Ladies there will be a one day Tournament with trebles play; Scenic trips, tours and entertainment are planned for the other days.

We look forward to renewing old acquaintances, and making new ones, on that date in '68—In Milwaukee.

## LAKESIDE L.B.C.

By Tom Davis

Our 1967 season came to a close with one of the best banquets our club has had in many a year. A record 120 members and guests met November 4 at South Shore Country Club and enjoyed good camaraderie, fine food and merry entertainment. We already had our annual business meeting and so fun was the tone of the entire evening. A troupe of club members showed as much talent and greater enthusiasm than many professional showmen! If some day you see any of these folks on Ed Sullivan's TV show, tell your friends that they performed for Lakeside LBC—Margaret MacDonald, the LeNoble Family (John, Pat and Nancy), Jim Rarity, Lachlan McArthur, Tom Walker, Bobby Savage and John Flood! The Francis Nardi's came all the way from Florida for the occasion and they were not disappointed. But space does not permit us to report the details and to give credit to all to whom it is due. Suffice it to say that the affair was a fine and fitting finale to one of Lakeside's finest seasons.

Our officers for '68 are: President Byron Shinn, Veep Malcolm Ross and Sec.-Treas. John Flood. The latter's address is 222 Homestead Rd., La Grange Park, Ill. 60525. Directors are Earl Danielson, Ray Grove, Sr., John LeNoble, Art Siebert, Robert Standish and Tom Walker. The following are our '67 champions, not previously reported in BOWLS: SINGLES—L. McArthur; NOVICE SINGLES—John Berry; MARITAL DOUBLES—R. & G. Savage; MIXED TREBLES—B. Sfranski, R. & M. Kutz; GAME OF POINTS—T. Davis, T. Walker (tie); WOMEN'S GAME OF POINTS—M. McGivern, F. Young (tie); WOMEN'S TREBLES—M. Cordes, W. Moran, N. Ross.

Mrs. Stewart Tulloch gave Lakeside a large, handsome trophy in memory of her husband, who was a brilliant bowler and member of Chicago LBA (Washington Park). It is fitting that the first winner to have his name inscribed on the cup is Lachlan McArthur, who was a friend and clubmate of Stewart Tulloch. Lakeside also received a plaque in memory of E. P. Swett, to be competed for by week-day bowlers.

Every year we lose some good members to Florida, and this time they are the John Cooper's and Robert Harrison's. John is a former president of Lakeside and Bob was secretary-treasurer several years.

Of course we can hardly contain ourselves 'til that opening day in May. Many members are bowling on the carpet at Calumet Park Fieldhouse, where Syl Friel is running the annual mixed tournament.

We look forward to another good season. And we're expecting some keen competition from many of our new members last year—12 men and 10 women.

## RACINE L.B.C.

By Leone Seidel

With deep regrets, our 1967 season came to a close. It was all too short! But it was a very successful one for Racine bowlers—we're proud that we were undefeated in *all* seven of our inter-club matches! For a club as small as ours, we feel it is quite a record. Five of the seven matches were played away from home. One of the reasons for our success is that most of our members played four times each week. We are truly faithful lawn bowlers!

Our local paper published wonderful portraits of some of our players' "attacking their favorite sport in complete concentration." You never saw more serious, earnest faces! Mrs. Clarence Jacobson, Wallace Larson, Fred Hobson and Mrs. Doris Cartnell were "as intense in their interest as a world series manager!"

We had our annual banquet October 28 and reelected our officers for another year: President Joseph Rowley, Veep Gus Lindeman and Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Leone Seidel. (The later's address is 4521 17th St., Racine, Wis. 53405.)

We hear Joe Rowley is almost in top shape now for this season's contests on the green. He had surgery last fall in Lakeland, Fla. and was soon on the road to recovery. He's spending the winter there and no doubt getting lots of spring training. Last year Joe won our club singles, club doubles (with Leone Seidel), and doubles playdowns (with Charley Sugden). The Rowley-Sugden team won our playdowns three years in a row and the Central Division playdowns twice. Milan Masare won our singles playdown and was runner up in the Central Division.

We eagerly look forward to spring and the start of another season of our wonderful sport of *lawn bowling*! And we wish all clubs a wonderful year!

## EAST CLEVELAND L.B.C.

By Tom Owen

We had an exciting, very successful season last year and we're hoping that this one will be even greater. We're proud of Jack Young and Bert MacWilliams' good showing at Buck Hill after winning the Central Division doubles playdown at Gary. Moreover, A. Dow, W. Crocker and MacWilliams won at Gary again, in the Gary Invitational Trebles. They took home the Fisher Memorial Trophy.

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## PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN

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be astronomical. We have heard of ties but 3 TIES in a 3 team match leaves us all on the ropes.

### OAKLAND L.B.C.

By Cliff Rea

On December 9th, 1967 the following officers were elected. President—James E. Stewart; Vice-President,—William A. Davidson; Secretary-Treasurer — Russell D. Richardson.

Oakland's membership continues to grow but it is the Waiting List that grows since the membership is limited to 170 resident members until Oakland succeeds in getting a fourth green and larger clubhouse facilities. However, with transfers to other clubs, 4 new members, from the waiting list, were initiated. There still remain 5 applications on the waiting list.

One good member, Bernard S. Gallagher, passed away Oct. 5th, 1967.

One interesting change in dues requirements takes effect Jan. 1, 1968. Members then 80 years of age or over will pay on one-half the usual yearly dues.

For the first time in two years all club matches were finished before the end of the year. Congratulations are due the games committee of Charles McNeill, Charles Mills, Russ Ewart and Roy Sharp for keeping contestants on the ball.

Scratch Singles won by: Roland Milliken

Handicap Singles winner: Walter Schneider

Vancouver Doubles winner: Watt Howden, Skip and George Johnson

Two Bowl Doubles winners: Fred McCormac, Skip and George Gallagher

Sill Doubles winners: Wm. Campbell, Skip and Russ Ewart

Graham Triples winners: Herman Meder, Skip—Ed Toepke and John Maddock

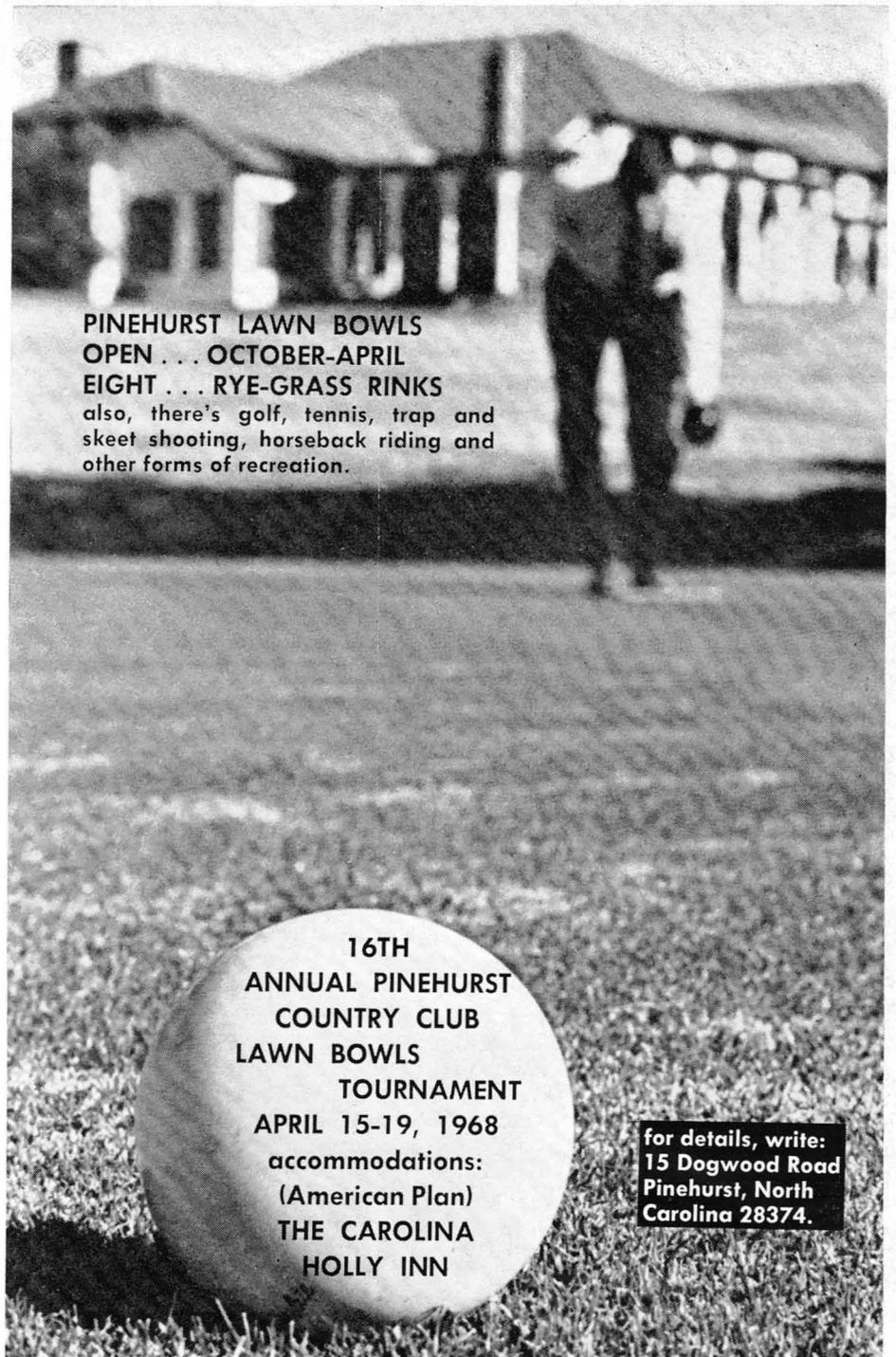
Veterans Triples winners: Harold Sharp, Skip—Ted Gerrard and Ed Toepke

Dalziel Rink winners: Ray Gimbal, Skip—Ted Gerrard, Ed Toepke—John Maddock

Points Game winner: Ray Gimbal

Novice Singles winner: Walter Schneider.

Our annual Christmas party was well attended. 135 members of Lakeside, Oakland and Oakland Women's Club and guests enjoyed a good dinner at the Lakeside Garden Center, a beautiful spot adjoining our greens. Two members of the Park Commission and their wives attended. The entertainment was excellent lead off by a number of Scottish



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The finale was several excellent number by The Accordianaires, a group of five young men lead by Director William Richmond. These players are outstanding and hoping soon to get a chance on the Lawrence Welk program.

### RICHMOND L.B.C.

By Jack Barry

All events have been played and arrangements are being made for our annual Dinner and Awards Night—Mima Tweedie bested Eva Taylor in the Women's Singles Championship and Marie

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## CENTRAL DIVISION

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As for our club events, there was quite a close contest for the Duncan Trophy for the most points during the season. On the basis of five points for winning an event and three for second place, Archie Dow nosed out Tom Owen for the coveted award.

This and other trophies as follows were awarded at our annual banquet November 4:

Norweb Trophy: A. Dow; Greggor Trophy: J. C. Young; Novice Singles: T. Owen; Club Doubles: W. Crocker, G. Baggaley; Melbourne Trophy: A. Dow, C. Rider, J. Holmes; Excelsior Trophy: W. Crocker, B. MacWilliams, T. Owen, W. Borthwick; League Competition: J. Young, E. Simpson, W. Borthwicks; Mixed Doubles: B. Owen, B. MacWilliams; Ladies Singles: E. MacWilliams.

Our winners at Gary last year are already in a mood to defend their titles. So watch out boys!

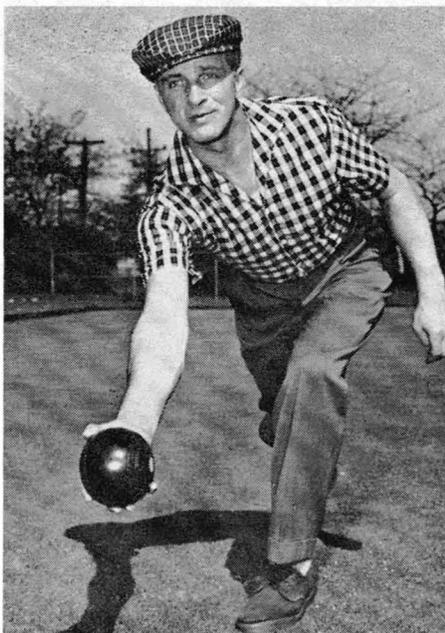
### INDIANA'S CHAMPION LAWN BOWLER: BILL MILLER

By Tom Davis

Indiana has but one lawn bowls club. But it can be proud of having one of America's best bowlers. Few Americans can equal the lawn bowling achievements of William Miller. At Republic Steel Co., where he is a supervisor, he is Mr. "Scotty" Miller, but on the bowling green he is "Bill."

He has won innumerable bowling honors—local, regional and national. He has played in the U. S. singles and doubles tournaments at Spalding and Buck Hill more than any other player from the Central Division. He was in the singles championships in 1958, '60, '61, and '66. He was runner-up to James Candelet in a close contest for first place in '61. And he has played twice in the doubles championships, '62 and '63, with partner James Johnstone. And he almost did it again in '67, when he teamed with Bob McGaffney. They got all the way to the finals of the Central Division playdowns, only to lose a close match to J. C. Young and Bert MacWilliams of East Cleveland. He was chosen an alternate to represent the U. S. at the World Tournament in Australia in 1966. He has also won, of course, many events in the Gary L.B.C., the Lawn Bowling Association of Chicago and the Central Division.

You would expect from Bill's skill that he had learned bowls as a youngster. And you would expect from his delightful Gaelic accent that he learned it in the old country. But though born in Motherwell, Scotland, he never had a bowl in his hand



over there. He came here in 1928 and his sports participation consisted exclusively of soccer. His team won the Indiana state championship in 1932.

Bill started lawn bowling in 1938, when the Gary LBC was organized. He was a founding member. His bowling achievements since then have been by no means limited to the green itself. He has been a member of the ALBA Council representing the Central Division since 1963. Other offices he has held include—president of the Central Division, president of the Lawn Bowling Association of Chicago and president of his club.

He is an active promoter of lawn bowls. Under his leadership as a director, Gary LBC has grown by inviting various organizations to the green, as the Eagles, Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary. He loves to talk up the game to non-bowlers, and to put up posters about it. His car displays a decal: "Lawn Bowls for Health and Fun." Bill Miller and his club enjoy good relations with the Gary park board. In 1966 the park people erected about the finest lighting to be found on any bowling green. And they helped to sponsor the Fisher Memorial Invitational Trebles Tournament, which has attracted entries from as far away as Canada.

But with Bill Miller, promotion begins at home. Others in his family who have become keen bowlers are — his father, Thomas, Sr., and his brothers John and Tom, Jr. And his wife Agnes and their sons Bruce and Jim. And others!

What does 1968 hold for Bill? Those who have seen him bowl in top flight competition — especially those who have bowled against him — would not be surprised if this is the year that he wins a national championship, at the Open at Milwaukee or at Buck Hill.

## DETROIT EASTSIDE L.B.C.

### THREE CITIES MOURN DEATH OF DR. THOMAS S. DAVIES

By Bob Mulhinch

Dr. Davies, 84, a native Detroiter, died Monday, November 6th in Deaconess Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, November 10, 1967 in Christ Episcopal Church, Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Survivors include three grandchildren, three sisters and one brother. A large number of lawn bowlers attended the service.

A specialist in pediatrics, Dr. Davies was for many years in charge of The Detroit Children's Clinics at Womens' Herman Keifer, and Children's Hospital as well as the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Health Departments.

He also served a long and distinguished career as a top flight skip in the lawn bowling field covering a span of more than 50 years, having bowled in Windsor, Canada with his father before the A.L.-B.A. was organized in the U.S.A. Although in failing health the past few years, he continued his love for lawn bowling and was a member of The Detroit Rinks Team that won the 2nd Flight Trophy in our past Central Division Tournament.

This kindly gentleman identified on the greens with the large straw hat and baggy pants "is no more" but his unselfish conduct, prudence, zeal and integrity will always be remembered and cherished by all of us who were so fortunate to have known him.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the surviving members of the Davies family.



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#### ANSWERS TO TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

References are to ALBA BOWLERS HANDBOOK, Second Edition, October, 1966, available through Club Secretaries gratis.

1. Law 8 B.1 states it must so marked before the next delivered bowl comes to rest.
2. Law 15 A has a lot to say about Markers—one of which is "he shall be APPOINTED by the Controlling Body."
3. Rule 10 gives four options, the most serious and advantageous here to his side was to declare the end dead. Sportsmanship might have indicated leaving the live bowl on on the bank, if the offending skip were willing—the end not being otherwise disturbed—rather than exacting the extreme penalty.
4. A credit to Australian BOWLS in New South Wales Magazine. A "plinth" is a retaining wall of the green, or the inner side of the ditch. The top of the "plinth" is level with the surface of the green.
5. Formerly, one was permitted to follow the bowl 45 feet. There is now no prohibition within America. Interestingly, South Africa now advise that they have a rule which provides penalties by assessing points against the offending side to a maximum of 8.
6. Law 11 A 2 provides calipers can only be used when the jack and all bowls to be measured are on the same plane.
7. Law 16 states that the Umpire may ask the offending person to leave the vicinity. So there! And in addition states that no ON-LOOKER should be within 3 feet of the face of the bank.
8. Law 7 M 1 says if it comes to rest within 45 feet of the 'mat line,' the bowl is out of play. What is the 'mat line'? See Law 6 E 2.

## DETROIT EAST SIDE L.B.C.

### By Bob Mulhinch

The following officers were elected for 1968 at our annual general meeting held November 12, 1967.

Danny Hodgeman, President (2nd Term)

Dr. Arthur Levant, Vice President (2nd Term)

Thomas M. Dick, Secretary—11264 Wayburn, Detroit 48224

Robert T. Mulhinch, Ass't Secretary (ALBA Correspondent)

The officers and members present sincerely thanked Harry Marshall, now retired and living in California, for his outstanding work as secretary the past seven years. All our best wishes go with you Harry and your good brother Alex, also in California. Many thanks also to Jim Fluker, Assistant Secretary, who resigned due to moving outside the city. Nice to see Dick Downs at the meeting and looking better after his recent illness. Congratulations to Bill Smith on his retirement and glad to see him looking better after his operation. Wonder if Cy talked his wife into that new color t.v. yet? Most Improved Bowler—genial Johnny Burns, Singles Champ 1967.

## INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

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Alves, Edison Usher and Charles Cannistraci won the Triples Club Championship from Bob La Plant, Edith Towle and Frank Dennis (who substituted for Dave Alves who has been sick for several months.)

The Annual Dinner and Awards night was held at the Cerrito City Club, in El Cerrito, on Saturday night, January 6th, 1968. John Hill was in charge of arrangements and presentation of awards. Dave Tweedie had charge of the entertainment and acted as Master of Ceremonies. Door prizes were awarded after the entertainment.

The Annual Meeting of all the members of the club will be held in the clubhouse in Nichol Park on Saturday, January 20th at 10:00 a.m. During the meeting the Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers who, when elected will guide the activities of the Richmond Club for 1968. President Ed Usher appointed Chris Caygill, Hal Dimock and Jack Barry (Chairman) for this event.

Winners of the Caswell Cup, for averages made on each Sunday from the first Sunday in December to the last Sunday in the next November; Charles Cannistraci was the high scorer, with

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Chris Caygill placing second. Mrs. Ethel Ball scored the highest for the Ladies with Mrs. Marie Alves as runner up.

Attendance at all the bowling days has held up very good, but was hampered by many of the members being ill during the year. The club closes the year with a membership of 81.

John Hill, the treasurer of the Richmond group, has been chosen to be Secretary Treasurer of the new Pacific-Intermountain Division.

## SAN JOSE L.B.C.

By O. S. Hubbard, Pres.

The San Jose Lawn Bowls Club is probably the youngest in Northern California. Our green was dedicated on April 9 of this year so we are still an infant in arms.

We have a membership of ninety-five and are developing some promising bowlers. We have participated in both intra-club and inter-city tournaments. While we didn't come out at the top of the list in the latter, we derived some satisfaction from the fact that we were not at the bottom of the list.

We had our first Christmas party on the 12th of December. It was "Ladies" night and well over a hundred members and their wives were in attendance. Many members from our neighbor club Santa Cruz joined us on this festive occasion.

## SUNNY GLEN L.B.C.

By Raymond Kuntz

What I have was already to deliver. With a small club it is at times difficult.

The Year 1967 has been a very good one for Bowling. Many constructive changes were made and some new Clubs admitted to membership in the ALBA. The Sunny Glen Club has worked hard to enter into activities and it has seen marked improvement in our bowling from year to year. Many new friends have been made and those experienced bowlers have been most generous in aiding our endeavors and lending advice. Bowling surely proves the man. Play to win but fear not to lose. Be honest, be fair, be a gentleman.

The SGLBC has elected for the year 1968 new officers, namely, Herbert Charnetski, President; Chalmers Huston, VP; Raymond Kuntz, Sec-Treas.

Our Club sends New Year Greetings to all our Bowling friends.

## SANTA CRUZ L.B.C.

By Sandy Davis

Our 1967 lawn bowling season draws to an end very soon, and the green is down for renovation, anyway.

The Santa Cruz Lawn Bowling Club had a busy schedule of games away and at home; and, the men came through the competitions with an accredited showing against long established Clubs in Northern California.

Our successful bowling season was due to experienced players, both old and new members; and in particular, Bert Horne, Andy Walker, Rudy Lord, Doc Dustin, Bob Bauernschmidt, Ernie Minger, Larry Barone and Al Mead.

When the lawn bowling green is activated, about February 1st, our members will again indulge in genuinely beneficial bowls and achieve the wonderful feeling of well-being and feel better, relaxed and more alive.

With our improved green and the fine Santa Cruz weather, both conducive to good lawn bowling, the men from San Lorenzo Park will be a strong contender for the high honors in tournament play in our new Pacific Inter-Mountain Division, come this 1968 season of competition on the greens of the S. F. Bay area.

Just recently (Wednesday Dec. 8th) our Club members and guests (approximately 90 people) enjoyed a complete steak and turkey dinner at the Christmas party. Immediately after partaking of the feast, the "barber-shop quartet" sang some old time tunes much to the delight of those present.

The big welcome surprise at the dinner was the showing by movie of the World's Championship Bowls play in Australia last October.

## PALO ALTO L.B.C.

By Donald Knapp

At the annual meeting held Dec. 9th the following slate was presented and the new officers and directors were elected.

President, Arch Mease  
V-P., "Van" E. W. Van Aman  
Secretary, Ken Cramphorn  
Treasurer, Jim Gould

3 Directors, 2 yr. terms, 1968 and 1969  
S. W. Parker  
R. Van Houten  
S. M. Weir

3 Carryovers, 2nd year to serve in 1968  
Mrs. D. S. (Meg) Knapp  
E. T. Becker  
R. G. Wilson

Trophies for the Palo Alto winners were presented at the annual meeting.

## SAN FRANCISCO L.B.C.

By Harry Soderstrom

In November we had our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot and Party. This affair, which is becoming as much of a tradition with us as Christmas and New Years parties, is probably our best get together institution. Like most everything else it takes time and experience to make it something the club membership looks forward to each year.

The bowling activities were started off by a SPIDER which was won by India Evans. Whoever in bowling, started the SPIDER idea had something. We find it an excellent way to start off activities where there is a large group participating in a special event. After the SPIDER there was a mixed Triples draw game. Merchandise orders given for the first three high scorers. The number one winner was Bill Reiterman, Emeroy Erickson and Isabel Kenney.

After the game the group, there were about 100 of us, gathered at the Sharon Building just back of the greens. This is our STONE Henge. It was built of Sierra Stone in the 1880's and a stately structure it is. As you enter there is a side room where a couple of noggins of punch was on tap to take the chill out of your bones. Then to the main dining room. This had been decorated in autumn colors by a committee led by Syl Cohen, our President, who is a professional decorator. The substance of the dinner gets better every year under the able direction of Percy Roberts, our Secretary. Percy worked like a Trojan to bring the thing off. Art Flieger furnished the stereo which was played during dinner. Sl Cyohen gave a number of imitations in dialect and Daisy Smith led the community singing with her guitar.

The park people had brought up tables and chairs the day before and gave us use of the building for two days. We really have a park department that goes all out for our bowling group and we salute all of them. The success of the Turkey Shoot each year points up the cooperation of the club members. Give almost anyone a job to do and he will do it.

The S.F.L.B.C. did very well during 1967. We increased our membership substantially. Our greens were outstanding in pace and smoothness. A Kudo to the greenskeepers. The quality of the bowling in the club is on the increase. We won many of the events in the September State tournament as well as several of the inter-city affairs. We have also quite a few new men who, with able direction, are going to be heard from in bowling circles over the next few years.

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### LEISURE TOWN L.B.C.

By George Crane

All our 1967 club and intra North contests are completed: Now we bowl for fun and relaxation. Our 1967 officers and committees did an excellent job—especially the ladies and their hospitality functions during visitations by the other clubs.

One of our special activities—Beginners Days—is quite well received by the Leisure Towners and we have quite a few new lawn bowlers—who will, one day, make us oldsters look to our laurels.

Weather permitting, we bowl each day—except Tuesday—and presently start the games at 1 p.m. All lawn-bowlers are very welcome.

### FRESNO L.B.C.

By Maxine Clark

This year the Fig Garden Lawn Bowls Club extended an invitation to the new Fresno Club to join them in their annual tournament from Oct. 7 to Oct. 20. All events were drawn from a combination of the two clubs. Fresno would like to report the excellent showing made by their comparatively new bowlers, indicating that the club has a real future. Needless to say, we are proud of our winners.

The Novice trophy was won by Bill Lumsden of Fresno in the finals played against John Thomasian, also of Fresno, from an entry of 14 bowlers from both clubs.

The Singles trophy was won by Fresno's Kay Sogomonian from an entry of 28 bowlers.

The Doubles trophies were won by John Thomasian of Fresno, Skip, and Thelma Moulthrop of Fig Garden from an entry of 14 teams.

The Triples trophies were won by Pat Clark, Skip, and Lillian Moreland, lead of Fig Garden and Bill Lumsden, 2nd, of Fresno, from an entry of 9 teams. John Thomasian again placed in the finals with Ann Baker and Florence Young of Fig Garden.

On Nov. 12th the Fresno Lawn Bowls Club held a guest day at the greens. Refreshments were served and the interested guests were invited to try the game, instructed by a coaching staff. A good time was had by all. We are pleased to report that among the guests, seven signed applications and paid dues, with several others indicating their intention of joining the club after the first of the year. Fresno is really determined to grow.

Come and see us.

## BERKELEY L.B.C.

By Frances McDougall

The Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club added sixteen new members during 1967, twelve men and four ladies, ending the year with a total membership of 166.

Ten San Francisco Bay Area cities competed in matches starting September 23 and ending November 18. Berkeley, with approximately twenty-four members taking part finished third, with San Francisco first and Santa Cruz second.

Berkeley celebrated their Annual Christmas Party early this year on November 29. It was a rainy day so no bowling but the spirit of Christmas prevailed with approximately 180 attending the banquet including friends and two City of Berkeley Park officials and their wives. President Bob Huff introduced the new members and also asked fourteen past Presidents who were in attendance to stand up and take a bow.

### FIG GARDEN L.B.C.

By Thelma Moulthrop

Fig Garden Lawn Bowls Club had their 1967 Tournament with Fresno Lawn Bowls Club held on the Fresno Green in October. The winners were—

Triples—Pat, Clark, skip, Bill Lumsden and Lillian Moreland

Doubles—John Thomasian, skip, and Thelma Moulthrop

Singles—Kay Sogomonian

Novice—Bill Lumsden

Awards for most improved bowling during the past year were given to Florence Young and Ed Fillion

The trophies and awards were given to the winners at the Award Banquet held at the "Outpost" the evening of Oct. 28

On November 4 Fig Garden Lawn Bowls Club had their second game in the semi-annual tournament with Richmond Lawn Bowls Club on the Richmond Greens. George Blase, Bertice Blase and Peggy Aufderheide were the high score team for Fig Garden. Richmond has the perpetual trophy due to their high score. Everyone enjoyed the party at the home of the Jimmy Stewarts. A lovely time was had by all. Back to Fresno the next day.

## A CORRECTION

Editor, Bowls Magazine

The Womens' Event Southwestern Division Tournament as reported by Cliff Rea of Oakland had a few errors which I am bringing to your attention.

Enclosed are the corrections.

I realize that the fault is not with the "BOWLS MAGAZINE" as you write these reports as they are received. How-

ever the ladies of the S.C.L.B.A. would appreciate it if you could in some way have the correct winners recognised.

Pegeen Johnson,  
Games Chairman  
California Womens' State  
Lawn Bowling Association

Following is the correct report:

### WOMEN'S EVENT—SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION TOURNAMENT

Held in San Francisco and Berkeley

IRVING MEMORIAL TROPHY

1st FLIGHT TRIPLES won by a Redlands team of Betty Ewen, Nina MacDonald and Floy Kelley. They defeated a Hermosa team of Evelyn Rigney, Libby Bauer and Margaret Russell by a score of 18-16.

EXPOSITION PARK TROPHY

1st FLIGHT DOUBLES won by the team of Nina MacDonald Arroyo Seco and Lilly Godfrey of Santa Anita. They defeated the Oakland team of Beth Holtam and Marie Cerich. Score 18-15.

2nd FLIGHT DOUBLES won by Tilly Burne of Ireland and Winnie Stewart of Richmond. They defeated the Hermosa team of Evelyn Rigney and Libby Bauer by 25-20.

GOLDEN GATE TROPHY

1st FLIGHT SINGLES won by Lillian Taylor of Holmby Park defeating Lilly Godfrey of Santa Anita. Score 21-19.

## SOUTHWEST DIVISION

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S LAWN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Probably women in the United States played bowls on the green which were in existence in the Eastern States before the Revolutionary War, when the game of bowls was a leading sport. In August 1912, the first women's bowling club in the United States was organized in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, by Madames McNair, Donovan, Higginbotham, Wilkie, Harding, Mason, Lamb and Patterson. The second women's club was formed in Oakland in 1913.

The Northern California Women's Lawn Bowling Association was formed with five clubs, Golden Gate, Oakland, Palo Alto, Berkeley and Richmond in 1934 and the Southern California Women's Lawn Bowling Association on September 9, 1939.

The Southern California Women's Lawn Bowling Association has grown steadily until it now boasts of a membership of approximately 150 women from 19 clubs located in Southern California. One member is from Sun City, Arizona. The Association sponsors a mixed doubles tournament each January

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at which time the woman must skip. This is open to all women bowlers as there is no trophy involved. It also sponsors a Midwinter Tournament in February, a Singles Tournament in the spring, an Australian Mixed Doubles Tournament (men skip) in November and hosts the California State Women's Association Tournament the even years. The Association members meet the fourth Wednesday of most months at the various member club greens for a day of fun and good fellowship.

The Annual Meeting was held December 1, 1967 and the following officers were elected:

President.....Mrs. Dorothy Cella  
(Holmby Park)  
Vice-President.....Mrs. Leana Lemaster  
(Pomona)  
Sec'y-Treas. ....Mrs. Kitti Klint  
(Pomona)

Mrs. Pegeen Johnson (Holmby Park) was appointed Games Chairman for the year 1968. She had given outstanding service in this capacity during 1967.

## RIVERSIDE L.B.C.

By BILL MUMMA

The Riverside Lawn Bowling Club held its annual meeting Tuesday, December 12th, at the club house in Fairmount Park. Retiring President Gus Brady conducted the meeting and thanked all his Chairmen for their fine work throughout the year.

The following slate of officers for 1968, as presented by nominating chairman Bert Perdue, was unanimously elected: President, Bill Mumma, Vice-President, Harold Ervin, and Secretary-Treasurer Clarence Rhudy.

In accepting the presidency, Bill Mumma announced the committee chairmen for the coming year. Tournaments, Harold Ervin; State Representative, Bill Bonnett; Games, Housty Smith; Greens, Errol Fleming; Instruction, Curtis Chamberlain; Membership, Al Pearce; Hospitality, Mrs. George Anstiss; Fellowship, Harold Brown, and Building, Bert Perdue and Kenneth Dawson. Rouie Weatherly was introduced as the representative to the Southern California Women's Association. Alf Andersen, President of the American Lawn Bowls Association, installed the new officers.

In appreciation of his contribution to the Riverside Club, and to the game of Lawn Bowls, an honorary life membership was awarded to Floyd E. Jorgenson.

Winners of the 1967 club events were: Men's Singles, Curtis Chamberlain; Men's Doubles, Otto Swancar and Ernest Richardson; Mixed Doubles, Dorothy and Bill Mumma; Women's Singles, Maurine

Haglund; Women's Doubles, Alexa Fullerton and Almalee Smith.

## REDLANDS L.B.C.

By Charles Lingenfelter

The Redlands Lawn Bowling Club held their forty-fifth annual meeting and dinner Tuesday evening, December 5th, in the Weeks' Hall of the First Methodist Church; ninety-five members and guests were present.

The following officers were elected for 1968: Dr. Webster Prince, President; Ted Iuppenlatz, Vice President; Ivan Hargrove, Secretary-Treasurer; A. O. Miller, Games Chairman; Harold Martin, Club Representative; Charles Lingenfelter, Publicity.

Trophies were awarded to the winners of the Club's contests played during 1967; they were: Women's Singles—Betty Ewen; Women's Doubles—Margaret Hooper and Sally Hargrove; Mixed Doubles—Ivan and Sally Hargrove; Men's Singles—Herb Paulus; Men's Doubles—Ward Petry and Wilson Heard.

William Kelley, President of the Southwest Division of the American Lawn Bowling Association, spoke on the Association's plans for the coming year.

Melvin Hooper, Honorary Life President of the local club, as well as the Honorary Life President of the Southern California Lawn Bowling Association, was the most honored member present; he founded the Redlands Club in 1922, and he still takes great interest in the activities of the club; he enjoys playing a good game of bowls.

## HOLMBY PARK L.B.C.

By Dorothy Cella

Holmby Park members extend warm wishes to all bowlers for a healthy and happy New Year and good bowling during 1968.

Holmby Park has just concluded a successful year including both inter and intra Club events. The intra-club activities included the following tournaments:

Berryhill Triples—Winners

Leonard Hall, Ida May Wiggins, Jane Gahl

Runners-up

Les Wiggins, Peg Warming, Elmer Kostka

Rehbold Doubles—Winners

Les Wiggins, Rose Todd

Runners-up

Bill Todd, Sandy Sanderhoff

Allison Singles—Winner

Lou Silk

Runner-up

Lanny Lanterman

Naylon Doubles—Finals delayed by rain.

There was a "Turkey Shoot" on November 9th.

The inter-club schedule included participation in the Central Lawn Bowling League, The Holmby Park Invitational Triples Tournament in which 13 Southern California Clubs participated, invitations to 11 Clubs to visit Holmby Park and invitations accepted to visit 4 Clubs. The 23rd Annual Tournament sponsored by the Southwest Division of the A.L.B.A. and the California State Women's Lawn Bowling Tournament, held in Oakland and San Francisco, were attended by the following members: Dorothy Cella, Skinny DeYoung, Pegeen and Charlie Johnson, Lillian Taylor, Rose and Bill Todd. Holmby Park was also represented by two teams in the Triples Tournament held at Smoke Tree Ranch, Palm Springs, in November, Helen and Darl Graham, Ida May and Les Wiggins made up one team; Gary Loomis, Billie and Lanny Lanterman and Gladys Warren (a resident of Smoke Tree Ranch as well as a H.P. member) the other team. Mid and Bill Allison, Lela and Leonard Hall also attended the tournament.

Holmby Park will strive to add many new members during 1968 and continue its reputation as a competitive and hospitable Club.

During the Annual Meeting held Saturday, December 9, 1967, the following officers were elected:

President.....John L. Flynn  
Vice-President.....Lanny Lanterman  
Secretary.....Dorothy Cella  
Treasurer .....Les Wiggins

The Executive Board for 1968 will include the four elected officers plus appointed members Walter Hamlin, Mazie Tegner and Bill Todd.

## SAN DIEGO L.B.C.

By Joseph S. Keeney

On December 9th we held the annual meeting of the San Diego Lawn Bowling Club. William Erickson was elected president, Don Craddock first vice president and Robert F. Craig second vice president. Mrs. William Erickson was re-elected secretary and Ralph Case succeeded to the post of treasurer.

A catered lunch, arranged by the retiring president, Marion Frazell, who showed on this occasion the energy and planning characteristic of his whole administration, followed the completion of business.

Preceding bowling on December 2 Rudy Buddee conferred upon the winners of a triples tournament held Veterans' Day, November 11, handsome trophies which he had donated. The winners were: Donald Bacon, skip, Carl Ellinger, vice-skip; and Walter Zimmerman, lead.

Many of our old friends from points

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north like Seattle, Vancouver and Edmonton have come in from the cold, rain and snow and are enjoying our flourishing, sunlit greens, and others will follow. We are all looking forward to the usual round of winter tournaments between the natives and the visitors.

### MACKENZIE PARK L.B.C.

By Joe Bell

The MacKenzie Park Lawn Bowls Club is keenly interested in the new membership tournament for we believe it will induce clubs to publicize the game in order that they will attract new members.

We have only been in existence a short while, 20 months, since we played our first game on our beautiful green, but we have increased our male membership by 44 but unfortunately from October, 1966 to October, 1967 we only have had 29 new male members.

The club has also increased its Ladies Membership since its inception by 29 making a total of 49 Ladies who are exceedingly helpful in obtaining new members and in our social obligations.

We regret the passing of one of our members, Owen Payne, on 9-9-67. He was 79 years old, a fine gentleman and a very good club member. We shall miss him.

The MacKenzie Park Club is very proud that in its very short existence one of its members reached the finals of the U.S.A. Doubles Championship. A. Grimmitt, Sr. is also a member of the Santa Barbara L.B.C. along with his son, A. Grimmitt, Jr. the club they represented in the tournament.

My wife and I recently returned from a 3½ month visit to New Zealand and Australia. In Australia we were entertained by the officials of the Royal New South Wales Bowls Association and the Royal Queensland Bowls Association who repeatedly told us of the pleasure they derived from our team that represented us at the World Tournament, in both their playing ability and congeniality. Our "boys" did us proud and they helped to foster the good will that exists between the two countries.

We are working hard to raise sufficient funds to build our second green. Our goal is \$32,000 and at the present we are very optimistic and hope in the near future we will be able to report success.

I hope that you will publish the greater part of this letter in your next publication especially the part pertaining to the tournament for possibly it may stimulate other clubs to increase their endeavors.



Left to right, Back Row—Wm. Ferguson, Secy. Recreation Park; Jorgenson of Riverside; Eme Newman, Ezra Wyeth, Cress Tilley, all of Bowls Staff; Tincer, Recreation Park. Front Row—Jos. Mahoney, Wm. Turner, Carl Waterbury, all of Bowls Staff; Alf Andersen, Pres. A.L.B.A.; Mull Mulhollen, President Recreation Park L.B.C.

The A.L.B.A. Bowls Staff and President Alf Andersen visited the Recreation Park L.B.C. on Thursday, December 28, 1967 for a presentation to the Club of the Silver Tray which was won for obtaining the greatest number of new active male members in the A.L.B.A. New Membership Tournament.

Lunch was served to the visitors by the Long Beach Club and after lunch and the presentation, all enjoyed a game of Bowls.

### RECREATION PARK L.B.C.

Long Beach, Calif.

By Wm. C. Ferguson

Our annual meeting Dec. 4 was an unusual festive event climaxing 30 years of activity in Recreation Park. Paul McCrery, charter member commented on organization of the club and early history. 92 members and guests attended setting an all time record.

Officers for 1968 were voted upon and are as follows:

H. S. Mulhollen, president  
Dean McCrum, vice president  
Wm. C. Ferguson, secretary  
Kurtz B. Ballou, treasurer

This is a repeat performance for these officers having served during 1967.

Ben F. Lerner will serve as game and tournament chairman.

The challenge of enlisting new members to our bowling fraternity is of prime importance and should involve individual members to seek out friends and acquaintances to join with us in this wonderful game of bowls.

tances to join with us in this wonderful game of bowls.

Cress Tilley and his very competent staff deserve our most gracious thanks for the splendid format and news presented to us in the magazine, Bowls.

Three club singles tournaments were held during 1967 and presentation of the trophies was made at the annual meeting.

Winners were as follows:

President's trophy: Arnold White  
Bill Kenney trophy: Ward Maris  
Starr Titus trophy: Leon De Smith

Thru the courtesy of Mrs. Chet Sheere one of her late husband's bowls was presented to our club for the purpose of delicately engraving the names of each president who has served since 1937. This will become a club trophy of unusual interest and sentimental value. Our thanks go to Mrs. Sheere for this wonderful gesture of fellowship.

### MACKENZIE PARK L.B.C. SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.

By JOE BELL

Dear Cress,

In my last letter I mentioned that I may have news regarding a second green at MacKenzie Park.

After almost a year of corresponding with a Foundation I received a check for \$20,000 to be used towards the amount needed for the building of a green. The membership has also been

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generous in raising the remainder of the money \$14,000 so we are waiting for the City to get the bids in so that work can be started very soon. We have expectations that construction will be completed by March and the green will be playable in Dec. 1968.

The Green will be named after the chief donor, Marcellus L. Joslyn.

I hope that this news can be published in the January issue of "BOWLS" as I believe that this will be my last "epistle" to you as President of MacKenzie Park Club.

### TOWN HALL L.B.C.

Sun City, Arizona

By Lillian Nelson

And so 1967 has come to a close and our THLBC looks back on a wonderful and successful year. Our 1968 Officers have been duly elected; George Jacobs, President; Dick Pears, Vice-President; Marge Piovesan, Secretary and Candace Brooks, Treasurer. Our membership as of this date has reached a total of 134 and Instructor C. D. Glenn tells us that he will soon have another batch of "Graduates," ready, willing and able! Our tournaments in some cases have been delayed because of weather! (Don't tell anyone I said so!) But the rains came and that was that! However, the Nelson "Ball and Chain" Tournament (for married couples only,) was won by Marge and Tony Piovesan; the Larry Hennings Triples by Tony Piovesan, Seward Owens and George Milne; The Lee Alexander Ladies Doubles by Lillian Nelson and Zelma Deist and the George Milne Mens Doubles went to S. C. "Van" Laere and Bill Newman. This last has already been played off vs. our neighboring Sun City Club and we are proud to announce our Town Hallers brought home the trophy. No report yet on the Ladies—the weather, you know! The Mixed Doubles, The Sanders Trophy, went to Carl Coan and Germaine Van Laere. The Singles Tournament is still under way and will be announced in the next issue.

There has been a great and typical relationship between our two Sun City Clubs. The ladies gather together once a month for luncheon and cards; twice a year each club acts as host for a Fiesta Day,—with bowling starting at 10:00, four games of 10 ends each, and luncheon, and about 150 on hand for fun, food and friendship.

In November, we were honored to have the ALBA Prexy Alf Andersen visit us, along with guests Mr. and Mrs. William Bonnett and Fred Jorgenson. (Inci-



### COAST LEAGUE FINALISTS AT SANTA ANA

LAGUNANS; From the left—Hamaker, Nease, Maxwell, Ketteringham, Miller, LaValle.  
HERMOSANS; Ehlers, D. Pye, J. Pye, Hutchinson, Herman, Hahn.

dently, "Jorgy" and your scribe won the Australian Doubles just 11 years ago!) Also honored were Zelma and John Deist—John is the Secretary-Treasurer of ALBA and we are delighted that he and his lovely Zelma have moved to Sun City.

Perhaps our biggest news is the fact that we now have two greens—the one at Town Hall North and our new one at Town Hall South. We hope this will be an incentive to all of you readers to make a visit a must. We have excellent greens, and we can guarantee you some keen competition and a very warm welcome. Some of us will be playing at Arroyo Seco in February to play with you and against you — and to extend a personal invitation to come to our wonderful Sun City!

### HERMOSA BEACH L.B.C.

By Ina Meldrum

Our Husband and Wife tournament was a great success as usual. We could almost have filled another green if we had one. This was proven to be a very popular tournament for which our Past President Harold Hutchinson is responsible. The winner of the Perpetual Trophy was the Pomona Lawn Bowling Club, the players being: Ralph and Grace Schrock, Al and Eve Stevens and Guy and Lena LeMaster. The first prize went to Neil and Agnes McInnes of Arroyo

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### LAGUNA REGAINS COAST LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

By Harvey Maxwell

Laguna Beach regained the coveted Coast League title, lost last year to Hermosa Beach, with the defending champions hard on their heels all the way. The final four games of the season were played at Santa Ana, under the watchful eye of Paul Ragan, this years able tournament chairman. The Laguna lawmen came through with a winning total of 40 games won out of 60 played. Next in line came Hermosa Beach with a score of 35 wins, followed by Recreation Park, Laguna Hills, Newport Harbor, Santa Ana, and Long Beach.

The final standings:

Club	W	L
Laguna Beach	40	20
Hermosa Beach	35	25
Recreation Park	32	28
Laguna Hills	31	29
Newport Beach	29	31
Santa Ana	25	35
Long Beach	18	42

The keen rivalry between the seven clubs in this league has sparked the Coast League to one of its most exciting seasons. In this tournament games are played every two weeks and no player can play twice in succession. A place on one of these teams is highly regarded. Laguna Beach tournament chairman Fraulie Miller used 28 players during the season.

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Seco. Second Prize was won by Dr. Harvey and Mrs. Maxwell of Laguna Beach. Third place won by Al and Eve Stevens and fourth place to Rose and Bill Todd of Friendly Valley. Congratulations to all.

Our beginners tournament was very successful too. The Mayor's Cup was won by the Kiwanis team with Jack Peterson as skip—Arlen Charter as Vice-skip and John Meistrell leading. Congratulations to them, and we hope they will come and play with us in the day-time. They had played under the lights at night, and everyone enjoyed it.

The Harold Hutchinson ladies singles trophy was won by Libby Bauer, who was the only 3-game winner. Margaret Miller was runner up. Congrats again girls. As Evelyn won the Libby Bauer Mother's Day singles, she and Libby will play off for the title of Ladies Club Champion. A date will be set later.

### SUN CITY L.B.C.

Sun City, Arizona

By Paul Burns

Our Club has just elected officers for 1968 and they are as follows: Clarence Meyer, President; Harry O. Planz, Vice President; B. E. Mickle, Secretary; R. E. Sturdy, Treasurer. Board Members are Joe Gitlin, Richard Botts and Prime Bartley, past President as ex-officio member. All were pleased with the election and somewhat elated over the fact that the Lawn Bowlers were able to show enough influence to put their candidate, Joe Gitlin on the Civic Association Board along with Walter Grimshaw who is a mighty good friend to have along.

On Sept 27th our club was entertained by Town Hall Lawn Bowls Club with a mixer. Two games of 10 ends each were set up with both clubs represented on each team. We were served with wonderful refreshments during the 12 o'clock intermission.

On November 14th our club reciprocated by serving up a "Fiesta" keeping much the same pattern. The ladies Spider was won by Dorothy Bross and the men's by George Milne, both winners were from Town Hall. These mixers are becoming pretty much a regular thing and we feel that it helps to build solid friendship among the members of both clubs.

On October 10th we had a Club Dinner at the Sun City Country Club which gave us the chance to meet our National Secretary-Treasurer of the A.L.B.A. Mr. John W. Deist and his charming wife. They were introduced by our Nina Clegg who had bowled with them when they

both lived in Milwaukee. We sure do welcome them to Sun City even though they will play with Town Hall.

On November 15th a no-host dinner was held in honor of some very famous people. Our guests were Mr. Alf Andersen, President of A.L.B.A. and his pals, Fred Jorgenson and William Bonnett and Mrs. Bonnett. They all had a game in the afternoon and that evening at the dinner George Milne introduced President Andersen who gave us a very lively talk on the Association and its work.

Much credit is due John Van Epps and Harry Planz for the very efficient manner in which they are managing the various club and inter-club tournaments. The winners of the Club Mixed Doubles are Alberta Fulcher and Tony Cecarelli. The runners-up were George and Marion Stone. That last game was really worth watching. The winners play Town Hall and will be reported in the next issue. The Men's Doubles for the State Championship was decided when the third game was won by S. C. Van Leare, skip and William Newman. The runners-up were Jack Morris, skip and Frank Shewmake. All played well, but as Jack says "YOU CAN'T WIN 'EM ALL." Thus passed the temporary ownership of the George Milne Trophy. We congratulate the winners and we expect to win it back next year.

Our green has been worked over and shows it. We invite all who come our way to stop and try it out. We now bowl at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Instructor Joe Gitlin has a class of 12 or 14 new bowlers who are attempting to qualify for regular play.

### SEASON OPENER AT SMOKE TREE RANCH

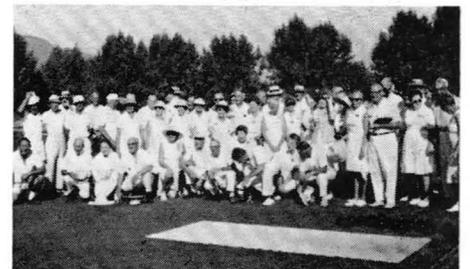
By HARVEY MAXWELL

One of the most prized events in the lawn bowling world is the opportunity to bowl in the Annual Invitational tournaments held at the famous Smoke Tree Ranch in Palm Springs. The hospitality, graciousness and good fellowship always found at Smoke Tree sets an example almost impossible to duplicate, and the season opener this fall was no exception.

Sixteen teams were entered in the November Invitational Triples and for 3 days enjoyed good bowling in this lovely setting with a congenial crowd and perfect weather. The Riverside team of A. J. Beno, Bill and Ruth Erickson, and Bob Naurie won top honors in their section and same down to the finals to meet the Redlands team of Betty and George Ewen, Ruth and Herb Paulus. The Redlands

team won out in the finals in a closely contested match. All six of the finalists were awarded beautiful silver trophies, which needless to say, will long be treasured.

According to the "Desert Rat" the next event scheduled is the January Invitational Doubles, Jan. 16th through Jan. 20. The famous "Orange and Green" tournament on St. Patrick's Day, formerly sponsored by Walt Disney, has been discontinued, however, competition will still be held for the Disney trophy. This is an antique wood and silver bicycling trophy, brought from England by Walt, on which is engraved each year the names of the winners of the Lilly and Walt Disney Invitational Triples Tournament. This will be held this year from April 23 through 26.



Smoke Tree Ranch November Invitational



#### FINALISTS

L. to R. Paulus, Ruth Erickson, A. Beno, Bill Erickson, Bob Maurie, George Ewen, Betty Ewen, Ruth Paulus



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### LAGUNA BEACH L.B.C. ROOKIES SHOW APPRECIATION

By Charles Branham

THE CLASS OF '66 now actually the sophomore class of Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club, has come through with a first and new high in courtesy by putting on an all day tournament and party to show their appreciation for being instructed, in and introduced to, the wonderful game of bowls.

Headed by Ora Stickell, the 1966 beginners hosted one of the best tournaments of the year. The yearlings were

Stan McClintic, "Woody" Wood, Arnold Bennison, Ben Williamson, Monroe Hummell, Ralph Urmy, Art Gibson, Jay Atkinson, Fred Atcheson, Dan and Carol Siemens and John Rose, who was 1966 Rookie of the Year with McClintic as runner-up.

The recruits, all of whom have become good bowlers, expressed their gratitude to their fellow members, club officials, coaches and groundkeepers, by presenting cups to the nine leading players of the day and plaques to the tailenders.

George Bowbeer, formerly of the Recreation Park Club of Long Beach, a new

member of the Laguna Beach club, skippered Dean Clanton and Rookie Carol Siemens to first place by a 21-7 win over Floyd LeRoy, Stephen Gray and Rookie Ralph Urmy.

Laguna Club president, Dr. Harvey Maxwell, led Rookie Fred Atcheson and Frank Carr to second place by bouncing Lou Hudon, Pete Miller and Guy Holsopple, 21 to 11.

Rookie John Rose, playing with Capt. Ray Gibson and May Swett came home in third spot by trouncing Charlie Chamberlain, Dr. Richard Lane and Molly Jones, 22 to 14.

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