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Sun City Arizona's five lawn bowling clubs hosted the 1976 American Lawn Bowls Association's United States Championships on the superb Lakeview Center greens October 4-6.

Eighteen divisional winners from throughout the United States competed in this tournament. Participants included Edwin J. Roache, Bill Scott and George E. Dunn, representing the Eastern Division; Robert Livingston, William Miller and William Kaestle from the Southeast; Bert George MacWilliams, Lachlan and Doug MacArthur from the Central states; Iral Neely Johnson, William Gordon Craig and Robert Boehm were here from the Northwest Division; Joe Da Luz, Francisco Souza and Charles Cannistraci from the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division and Thomas Stirrat, Gerald La Pask and Richard Folkins represented the Southwest Division. The tournament director was Fred Bacon from Walnut Creek, CA.

The gala week-long events were preceded by a delightful Protocol Party on Sunday evening, October 3rd. It was hosted by those dedicated lawn bowlers, Ted and Mildred Hoopes. The Protocol



President Mixon (left) presenting trophies to La Pask and Folkins



SINGLES AND DOUBLES CHAMPIONS — from all six A.L.B.A. Divisions

guests included the Champions and their wives, all ALBA Councilors and wives, ALBA V.I.P.'s, and all out-of-town visitors. Included also was the general chairman, Mr. Elwinger, his wife Roseanne, plus 15 committee chairmen and their wives. Approximately 200 guests renewed old friendships and they fellowshiped together, while enjoying the gracious hospitality of Mildred and Ted.

The inimitable L. Arlin "Red" Elwinger, acted as MC for the opening ceremonies and introduced Frank Mixon, Jr., President of the American Lawn Bowls Association, Mr. Joe Aubin, Executive Vice President of the Del Webb Development Co., Wm. Kirkpatrick, Pres. of the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division and Col. Jay Titus, general manager of the Recreation Centers of Sun City Inc. Each of these gentlemen made some pertinent remarks. Mr. Elwinger then introduced the Luke Air Force Base Honor Guard. The Honor Guard received the flag from Col. Titus, they then presented the colors. The champions immediately repaired to the green and play began.

All the matches were well played and exciting. The area adjacent to the green was beautifully decorated and a State banner for every contestant was on display; bleachers and chairs were provided for the large group of spectators who attended each day of competition. Committee members, with their identifying badges, were always on hand to answer

any and all questions of those in attendance. Each spectator was furnished with a program and a tally sheet to record the progress of the competition. These not only entailed a considerable expense, but also a lot of hard work. There is only one word to describe the program, it was a work of *EXCELLENCE*. Furthermore, two large tally boards were maintained showing the names of the contestants and their divisions; these recorded the progress of the tournament and were placed for easy reference for those interested. I believe this is a "first" in tournament planning. It is my opinion this was one of the best organized and run tournaments ever held in this country; it even surpassed the effort of Sun City two years ago.

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Bert MacWilliams receiving trophy from President Mixon

SUPER SPACE SAVER

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The world may not be shrinking, but with an exploding population, living space certainly is. We are told that it took 1650 years after A.D. 1 for the world's population to double, but this doubling time has now shrunk to 35 years and is still decreasing.

But what has this to do with bowls? It means that the problem of finding space for needed parks and recreation is an increasing one for all political subdivisions. Consequently, city and county officials are being increasingly pressured by interest groups favoring pet recreational projects. These groups are competing for space, and a place in the budget.

We need make no excuse for being one of these pressure groups. Land use figures are on our side. Cliff Rea, among others, has done a bit of interesting work on comparative space requirements. He has furnished me with a set of figures that are indeed interesting. Using his figures as a base, but revising them a bit, we suggest the following comparisons:

If we assume a green of seven rinks and triples play, each green would accommodate 42 players at a time. (Even more favorable comparisons are possible with eight rinks per green and teams of fours.)

BASKETBALL

Two basketball courts could be had for the space needed for a bowling green. These would accommodate 20 players at a time. Oh, but not 42.

TENNIS

Two tennis courts could replace a bowling green and provide for eight players at a time. But 42 is over five times as many.

FOOTBALL

A football field could replace three bowling greens and care for 22 players at a time. But that space used for bowling would provide for 126 players which is nearly six times as many.

BASEBALL

Eighteen can play baseball at one time, but a full size baseball field would require space sufficient for 9 bowling greens which would accommodate 378 players or 21 times as many.

GOLF

Wow! Out of sight man! This one broke my calculator.

Each bowling club should see that city and county recreation departments, retirement communities, and country clubs in its area are aware of these land comparisons. The future of bowls rests largely on favorable attention by these groups. They must be convinced of the suitability of the game for all ages, its recreational value, and its economy when all factors are considered, including land usage. But you may be told that tennis is popular and that baseball is popular and that facilities for them would be more fully used. Will they? Each club must accept the challenge of answering that question, and answering, in the affirmative.

How can it be done? By increasing membership and bringing in more young people. By no longer being satisfied by just going down to bowl with the same good old group. An increasing demand must be developed by an increasing membership, if the construction of more greens is to be expected.

To gear up for real membership growth, we must work in the most effective fashion possible. This means all members pulling together in a common endeavor, both men and women. Since my article in the last issue of this magazine in which consideration of a merger was suggested, I have received many favorable reactions from across the country, and to date only one to the contrary. While this does not necessarily reflect average opinion, it does indicate a strong sentiment for the serious consideration of the question. In fact, favorable action has been initiated by the San Diego club.

HERE AND THERE

Does your club see that city or county or other recreational agencies get copies of this magazine? How about taking out a subscription for them?

There is evidence that more and more clubs are getting good publicity, and some are succeeding in getting repeat stories. One of these is Hermosa, Calif. Another is the Cunningham club of Milton, Mass. In a story from the latter, bowls and bocce were treated together.

Real confusion between the two how-

ever, was reflected in a clipping from the San Francisco Chronicle. Its heading was "Bocce Anyone?", and it featured a picture of Joe Dimaggio. Background stories of bowls were confused and infused into the history of Bocce. Our thanks to Cliff Rea for sending out 28 letters to the news media and to the area clubs calling attention to these confused and erroneous statements.

Our congratulations to Russ Fourman who has given so much to the promotion of bowls as well as to many other civic projects. He has been honored with the first life membership in his Chamber of Commerce. This, he adds to a life membership in the Sheriff's Association, and another in the Hotel Association.

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WITH WYETH

CLINICS CAN BE GREAT OR?

I beg leave to share some personal experiences with you. Please, bear with me. Back in 1966 I began the first scientific study of bowls because I could not stand any longer the confusion among the self styled experts who seemed to agree about nothing. The study continues and I have shared many of the results with you through these pages.

When I felt I had some very basic answers and knew something about the game I entered the field of coaching. I had been there already. For years I had coached field hockey and for even more I had looked after cricket at two universities. As evidence was gathered that science had given the right answers I began to expand my work and started clinics at bowling clubs. So far I have worked with more than 2000 players. The rewards have been great, especially when I have been able to share the enthusiasm of bowlers who found their game improving.

But some things have happened that prompt this article. I did not anticipate that there would be problems and difficult moments. Nor did I expect bowlers to start rumors about the clinics or to question my motives.

Let me state strongly as I can that I welcome the opportunity to give back to the game something in return for what it has given me. The clinics are free and sponsored by the Southwest Division as a contribution to bowlers. Occasionally clubs or individual players have helped with my expenses but most of the time I pay them myself. To those who have helped I am deeply grateful.

I do not conduct clinics to promote sales of my book. I studiously avoid mention of it. If a player asks about it that is his business.

When I advertise the book in the magazine, I do get a discount, about 25% I think. This does not even pay for my telephone bills associated with my work on the magazine. Against this background let me present some of the people that have come to clinics for reasons I cannot fathom and have left me with a bad taste in my mouth.

In Portland there was an Englishman who was invited by a friend to join other players who were about to start

a clinic. He announced in a loud voice that he had been playing for 20 years. His son-in-law had never played and he had no hesitation in joining in. He was a very apt pupil and soon had developed a graceful, smooth style. But it was not good enough for his mother-in-law. She marched on to the green to point out an imaginary fault.

In California a player who came late and knew nothing of the earlier presentation joined the clinic. He claimed he wanted help. He had very serious faults and I presumed to point out the most glaring. He thereupon pointed to a badge on his bowls bag and announced he had won that when he became club champion. The inference was that I could teach him nothing. And I believed him.

I remembered him the other day when I had the very great privilege of working with a player who had won championships in Canada and U.S.A. He was a champion and a very gracious one.

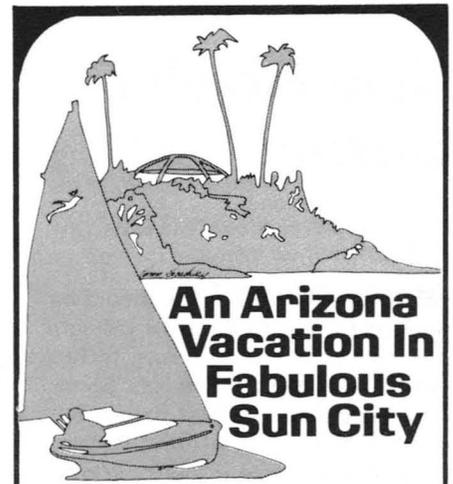
Then there was the man from Connecticut. He asked to join a clinic in progress at Arroyo Seco. It was crowded but he was made welcome. When it came time for players to work in groups he found himself opposite a lady. I worked with the two of them and then moved over to the other rinks. Because of the large numbers of players I asked two of my previous students to work with me. One I assigned to the visitor and the lady. When I returned he had gone with the parting comment, "I have been playing bowls for 10 years and no one can teach me anything."

Unfortunately my wife, a quiet, retiring person who does not bowl has had to share some unpleasant incidents. At one club she was refused permission to enter the clubhouse. It was for members only.

At another club a cake had been prepared in my honor. It was a gracious gesture that I appreciated very much. While I was on the green, my wife took our children into the clubhouse and saw the cake. They were ordered outside with the bit about members only.

At still another club, a private one, a clinic had been badly arranged. I arrived to start at noon and the players drifted in about an hour later. Many did not know about the clinic. Eventually I got started. About ten minutes

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New Bowler Corner

BY H. MAXWELL

EVERY NEW BOWLER should be aware that in addition to the pleasure of playing this game of bowls, there are many other interesting aspects. Some of the most fascinating of these are found in its fabulous history. Perhaps, for Americans, none is more intriguing than the one that could be called "THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING GREEN." This year the intense barrage of Bicentennial publicity has inspired new research into the American background of this game. Here the mystery begins. Apparently no American records exist!

English, Canadian, and Australian writers all report how the game flourished, with greens and clubs in hundreds of American towns, from 1615, when British officers first bowled on the Boston "Commons," until the war broke out in 1776. According to their records, the game soon became the "favorite pastime" of the "Ranking Officers, Country Squires, and Landed Gentry."

They record how Augustus Washington, a Colonel in the Colonial Army, installed the bowling green at Mt. Vernon in 1732, (The year George was born.) how he enjoyed bowling with his fellow officers, and how the games continued at Mt. Vernon right up to the war. It seems incredible that the Historical Research Section of our National Library of Congress can find no record of any of these events. We do know that the game flourished all these years, and then it vanished from the American scene without a trace or record for more than a hundred years.

THE OBVIOUS REASON for this strange disappearance, was, of course, the war. The friendly games at Mt. Vernon ceased abruptly on July 4, 1776, with the declaration of independence. When the war broke out the Colonies were divided and families torn apart. Those still loyal to the Crown fled to Canada, were imprisoned or killed, and their property confiscated. All things British were banished. A bowling green was a death sentence, and they were ploughed up, planted with flowers or trees, disguised and hidden. At Mt. Vernon, some of the full grown trees bordering the area were transplanted to

the green to camouflage it. One of these trees was planted in the Garden Entrance to the green to block off the private road from the Mansion. This "Washington Magnolia" is reputed to be hale and hearty today.

IN RECENT YEARS new evidence has been uncovered which helps to verify this solution of our mystery. The Williamsburg Inn Historical Society has called our attention to a manual published by the historical section of the Mt. Vernon Ladies Association of the Union. This manual contains a rare old Perspective Map, dating back to 1726, which shows the exact location of the mansion, all buildings, and the original bowling green. It also lists, for the first time, accurate dates for the events of this period, and even refers to the "trees planted on the bowling green" in a letter Martha wrote to her husband at the front. A significant breakthrough that not only confirms British records, but provides more than enough accurate American data to finally and completely solve the MYSTERY OF THE MISSING GREEN.

WITH WYETH — *Continued from page 5* along, two players remembered they had to go sailing. They picked up their bowls and marched off. As they reached the parking lot they stopped alongside a car to discuss my motives for being there. Obviously I had come to induce them to join ALBA. My wife was sitting in the car.

Recently an announcement was made at a California club that there would be a clinic at a nearby green. That sent two players into a huddle to discuss my motives. When they emerged they had decided that I was merely trying to promote sales of my book. No — they did not come to the clinic.

Further north, while a clinic was in progress, a lady was having some troubles with her delivery. I suggested one change and she was making some progress — it is wise to make only one change at a time. While I was at the other end of the green, I saw another player interfering with what she was doing. When I got back to her he had retreated to the bank. I complimented her on her improvement. But I had not moved more than a rink away before the busybody was back at her side. I will spare you what I said to him. Enough to say I felt an apology was necessary to the club president. It did help when I found he, too, had very strong views about the busybody.

Canada produced just a very few like him when I was there in June. After a long, busy day I found myself at a club, ostensibly to answer questions that members might care to ask. One player had been there all day and was drunk. He insisted on taking the floor and discoursing on a trivial matter. No one was interested. How does a visitor stop a club member from making himself objectionable especially if the guest is also a visitor to the country?

Back home there was the expert who the moment I finished talking and had the players working on the green turned to a companion and told him to forget what I had said about keeping the right foot on the mat after delivery.

The trouble with such people as these is that they take time from those who are looking for help. As I said above I cannot guess why they bother to come to the clinics. Perhaps they need an audience and a chance to score off the visitor. Whatever their reasons they are just not fair to the many fine people who make the clinics so worth-while and rewarding. ■

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HOW OLD IS OLD?

BY J. WM. CUNLIFFE

This question is of interest because the author has just been playing against some teen-age Lawn Bowlers in Canada, because there has been quite a discussion of this problem in recent issues of "Bowls," the magazine of New South Wales, Australia and because the author has taught Lawn Bowling to some students in their early twenties. Lest this statement mislead anyone into thinking I am an expert in this matter, let me quote a saying on our Lawn Bowling Green, "Those who think they know it all upset those of us who do!" Let me state a few ideas gathered from my experience.

It seems to me that a Lawn Bowling Club which tries to keep out young people is like a retirement community which tries to do the same. It gains peace, quietude and security, but it loses growth, adaptability, color, a reasonable risk and new experiences which life needs daily. Of course, this is an academic matter in the United States, where most of our greens are in public parks, beholden to taxes and community recreation departments for maintenance and are under the jurisdiction of civil rights laws. Nevertheless, where private clubs prevail, there is still the moral question, and there is much to be said on behalf of having youth in the Lawn Bowling Clubs.

In Canada a teen-age boy skipped against me. I must admit that my pride was injured when he had me down. My dignity was hurt when he bragged to a friend that he was "learning me a thing or two." My wisdom was threatened when he smashed my carefully-built head with one of his strong, well-delivered drives. Time after time he slowed up our game when he went down to analyze the end. I was almost infuriated by his immature attempts to "out-psych" me. However, he was trying his best to win! His bragging may have been youthful exuberance. Maybe my dignity needed denting. Perhaps I had built my head too tightly and should have been better prepared for his drive. However, my patience paid off, but it was not without a struggle. All my concentration, skill and maturity were taxed. BUT that is what makes a good match for a *competitive* lawn bowler!

This I think is a distinction which

must be made by *every* bowler in *every* game. Is this a social game or a tournament game? One can allow for a great deal more if the former is the case. If, as they say in New Zealand, "The whole bloody sheep ranch is not on the match," then one can put up with indiosyncrasies.

Now let me state the case for youth. We need them in our game! They need us in their lives. Youth does not wish to feel left out. It is very sensitive to criticism, especially when it is trying to do extremely well. Deep in its heart it knows age has an advantage. Yes, it is obvious we need youth to keep our club membership growing, to develop great competitive bowlers, to fill in the gaps left when one of our friends departs.

Lawn Bowling can give our youth a new kind of challenge! Bowls can teach youth patience, responsibility, good manners, sportsmanship, competitiveness, respect for one's elders and concentration. It may not be mere coincidence that I have found that the best bowlers among my college students are also the best scholars!

One of the aspects of our game which constantly challenges me is that every shot presents a new situation in the head and demands scientific analysis. This helps youth learn to think. As one of my thirteen-year-olds put it, "Mr. Cunliffe, this certainly is a thinking man's game!" Yes, our game does more than "just keep 'em off the streets," although that in itself is a good idea!

The way youth plays our game becomes good exercise for them. They *run* down to size up a head; they *drive* with vigor. For them it is not a sedentary game! They have energy for thirty-one-end tournaments! Perhaps this is one of their qualities which threatens our older bowlers.

If Bowls is healthful exercise, it should not be denied to youth. If Bowls offers anyone fun and enjoyment, it should not be limited to oldsters. If Bowls helps us make friends and life-long companions, it should not be reserved for old people. If youth can vote, fight wars, marry and pay taxes, then it ought to be welcome to bowl!

I have heard it said that Bowls is a

game which the old can do, and therefore it should be saved for such. That is like the dog in the manger. I have seen college men and women enjoy our game so much that they have come to our green during examination week just to give themselves a bit of relief and a change of pace from studying! Would you deprive fathers and sons, mothers and daughters or families from the joys of Bowls? Why don't they limit horseshoes, shuffleboard, and chess, to superannuated people? Let's not add to the generation gap!

I have also heard it said that youth has a great advantage because it is more flexible, more keen-eyed, more steady. Be that as it may, youth may also have its disadvantages. Have you thought about a smaller hand, a smaller bowl, a poorer attention span or inexperience? Youth is a handicap in ways which age should understand.

In order to be fair, I should like to present a few of the arguments for the Senior Citizen who objects to youth on our greens. I agree that youth is noisy! Yet somehow I have learned to enjoy this exuberance! When youth makes a good shot, it tends to brag. However, I have heard some of my old cronies do that too. One of our members got a terrible case of laryngitis from one of his rare but successful drives! Youth does not have so many ailments with

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HOW OLD IS OLD

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which to cope. Let it be added that neither does youth go on and on talking about them or seeking sympathy for them.

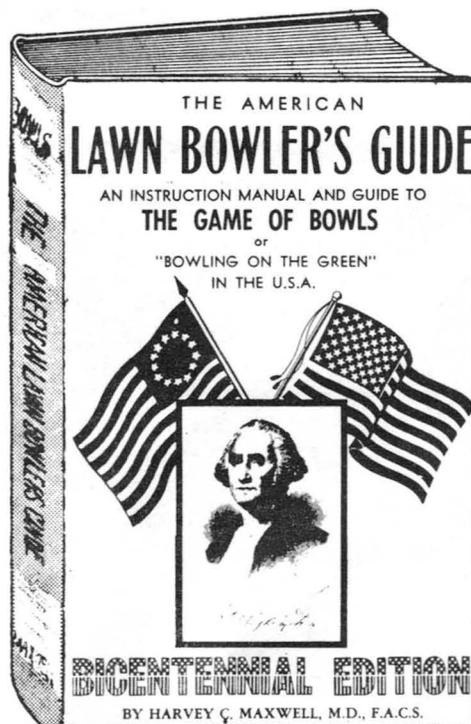
In closing may I point out a few solutions to this problem? It need not be an either-or question and answer. Both young and old can and do enjoy BOWLS. One of the best games I have ever played was when the Alumni of my college challenged the students to a tournament of bowls. One of the best games I have ever seen was when a grandfather was skipping and his grandson was leading! There was no generation gap evident in those games. What was evident were the fellowship and love exhibited, for which the game acted as a vehicle.

If the older members wish to be alone, why can they not have certain days on the greens? If they find youth too energetic, why can they not limit the number of ends in their games? If they wish to compete with their peers, why not set up age brackets for games

and tournaments? If we wish to have all the benefits with which youth can provide our clubs, then we must welcome them and pay the small price of remembering our own youth and allowing for its shortcomings.

I should like to see Bowls included in the Olympic Games. That never will be unless we somehow incorporate again the spirit of youth. We need to remember what Cicero said, "As I approve of a youth that has something of the old man in him, so I am no less pleased with an old man who has something of the youth. He that follows this rule may be old in body but can never be so in mind." So carry your years as a great tree bears its leaves, as beautiful growing greenery which makes shade for youth from its hot self. Make Bowls a game of humanity and maturity. Forgive the shortcomings of youth. Be thankful they are there and you are there! Be friendly! You may make an old fool of yourself on the rink, but your friends know it is not a permanent condition. You are as old as you think you are! ■

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Carroll Chase, Tournament Chairman, Charles Purnell, Home Savings and Loan, whose great cooperation made this tournament possible and Ezra Wyeth, President, Southwest Division.



A few of the many "Skips" turning in their score cards after the action.



Deno Currin, Sadie and Mick Vierstra

Monies Willed To The ALBA

BY EZRA WYETH

While visiting Portland recently I was asked about the provisions for willing monies to the ALBA for the promotion of bowls. I made inquiries and was directed to ask John Deist. Here is John's reply.

Monies willed to the A.L.B.A. should be to the "A.L.B.A. Memorial Foundation, Inc." We also have a Promotions Fund under the direction of Howard B. Beckner, Chairman, A.L.B.A. Promotions Dept., 2780 Lewis Drive, La Verne, CA 91750. However, this fund is combined with the other 13 items for which we keep separate books but the actual funds are in a common account. I am no lawyer, but I believe that willed monies could be accepted better by the Memorial Foundation which is kept separate from our other funds. Actual use of the Memorial Foundation funds are under the direction of a Board of Trustees made up of voting members of the A.L.B.A. Council with the A.L.B.A. President and Secretary-Treasurer holding

similar positions in the Foundation. The Foundation is incorporated in the State of Florida.

I passed this information on to the presidents of the Southwest Division at a meeting in August and they urged me to pass it on to you through the magazine. I do this gladly since there is a compelling need for finances to promote the game. In Canada I found that the Provincial governments provide money for this purpose and players were brought to my clinics from many towns other than the four I visited. The help bowlers receive is substantial and it is turned to many good uses.

In August I received an offer from a bowler in the Southwest Division. He has four sets of bowls that he has offered for sale to a club. He will hand over the proceeds for me to pass on to the Memorial Foundation. He does not want his name revealed.

In the Southwest the Joslyn Foundation has made it possible for one club to buy some much needed equipment for use on its green. I understand the

Foundation is shortly to be asked for assistance in preparing a film from the one prepared by the local station KCET. This half hour film has been shown in a number of cities and has attracted very favorable attention. The proposal is that the revised film run for 22 minutes. It will be suitable for showing to groups of potential bowlers. Copies should be available for about \$65. The total cost of the project should be well under \$6,000.00.

The Joslyn Foundation has helped greatly and what it has done is greatly appreciated.

The question arises whether there are other foundations throughout the country that could help also. This has prompted me to start a search and I will pass the results along at a later date. Any help you can give me in this will be appreciated.

Meanwhile two bowlers, one from Portland, the other from the Southwest, have shown other bowlers two ways in which they can begin to help themselves promote the game.

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A Tribute to Jim Hale

BY WAYNE W. OVINGTON

If there is one thing above all others appreciated by expert bowlers, it is a smooth fast green with a uniform draw. The Lakeview L.B.C. green was superb. Perhaps no green in the entire U.S. is its equal. The credit for this goes to Jim Hale, Greenskeeper.

Jim is one of the most distinguished members of the Lakeview L.B.C. In fact he is known as "Mr. Lakeview." He was treasurer of Lakeview during the years 1972-1976. In the years 1973-1974, Mr. Hale received the President's Trophy, "To Acknowledge A Person Or Persons Who Have Contributed Greatly To The Advancement And Enjoyment Of Lawn Bowling On Lakeview Center Greens." This trophy was pre-

sented to the club by L. Arlin "Red" Elwinger when he was president of Lakeview.

Jim Hale takes care of the Lakeview greens without compensation. There is only one word fitting to describe Jim and his lovely wife Helen, that word is "DEDICATION." Jim and Helen feel an intense love for the sport of Bowls.

Two trophies were presented to Mr. Hale at the Awards Banquet, one by William Kent, President of the Board of Directors of the Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc. The other trophy was presented to Jim by the champion bowlers themselves, in sincere appreciation for the privilege of playing on such a wonderful green. Doug. McArthur had the honor of making this presentation.

Deciding Your Grip

BY EZRA WYETH

As I did in a recent issue when I dealt for a second time with how to choose your bowls, I want to repeat what I have said before about another matter — deciding your grip.

For two weeks recently I conducted clinics across Canada and constantly found myself confronted with legends and old wives' tales about the correct grip. It was in Toronto that I saw their folly at its worst. There I met the smallest bowler I have ever seen. She was all of 4 feet 10 inches tall and had tiny hands. She had learned the game in Scotland and had left a legion of coaches there talking to themselves since she would not put her thumb on top of the bowl. No one makes bowls small enough for that. What the experts do not know is that the thumb does not have to be in any one place. Nor do the fingers.

Each bowler must be helped to find his own unique grip — one that is demanded by his particular physique. It does not have to resemble anyone else's. He is unique; so is his grip.

He learns first to deliver a ball, smoothly, comfortably and gracefully. Then he chooses the bowl that suits him best. He tries out several. To do this he goes through his delivery to the point of release without letting the bowl go. He needs to find which bowl is most comfortable at the point of release because at that point the strain on his arm and hand is greatest.

Next he learns his grip. To do this he goes through his delivery without a bowl. He pauses at the point of release and lets his hand and arm hang down in the most comfortable position. Now he has someone put a bowl just in front of his hand. It must be upright and pointing in the direction it should go, just as if it had been delivered perfectly. Finally with his hand in its natural position and the bowl in a perfect position he picks up the bowl. He examines his grip noting where his thumb is and where his fingers are.

To prove to himself that he is right he delivers the bowl. If it gets away smoothly and without wobbling he has done his job well. If not he has to start over again. If problems persist he can try holding his bowl at the point of release and having someone check to see if he has it turned or on one side. Often a slight adjustment is all that is needed to give him a perfect grip — *for him*.

Choosing Your Bowls

BY EZRA WYETH

I do not know of anyone who typifies the worst in coaching as much as R. T. Harrison does. His theme was, "This is the way I do it. I am a successful bowler. Copy me." No one doubts his ability as a bowler but beyond the fact that he recognized that all hands were not the same size he seems to have been oblivious of individual differences.

In an effort to help bowlers choose the right size bowl he invented the method of putting the tips of the thumbs and middle fingers together to form a rough circle. The bowl that fitted this circle was the right size.

His method has been copied by many who, like him, ignored some basic facts. Among them is a manufacturer who sells a board shaped like a hand. It can be used to measure the size of hands and on the basis of these measurements the sizes of the bowls are determined. I had forgotten about these boards until recently when I saw one in Montreal. I urged the club president to throw it away.

Here are some of the facts that Harrison ignored.

There are some bowlers with hands so small that there are just no bowls small enough for them to encircle with thumbs and middle fingers.

Some bowlers have little flexibility in their thumbs and fingers. Many can make a right angle with thumb and forefinger. Many cannot.

Some bowlers have physical conditions — arthritis, for example — that limit what they can do with their hands.

Some bowlers have poor muscular control.

Some bowlers have very smooth skins.

Some bowlers have lost fingers or thumbs.

But probably more important than any of the above facts is that Harrison would have players choose bowls by holding them in a stationary position, one that might have little relation to the critical one — the position immediately before the release of the bowl.

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BETTER GREENS THE GREENSKEEPER BY EDGAR HALEY

Perhaps the time has come to take stock of a critical situation that has been slowly developing over the past ten years until, within the past two years, an appreciable number of lawn bowling clubs have become involved. Basically there is increasing resistance toward providing specialized recreation on a "free" basis, resulting in a threat to the existence of more and more clubs. This is especially true of the Southwest and Pacific Intermountain Divisions.

Labor costs of the unionized parks departments have greatly increased; inflation is being felt with rising taxes causing cuts in park budgets; and the increasingly vociferous and energetic younger generation is demanding an ever larger share of available money for tennis courts, golf courses and little league fields. Our generation, though we have paid taxes all of our lives, are winding up on the short end. Most of

us have much less influence than we had and less energy to demand our fair portion.

The net result is that lawn bowling greens are receiving less money and consideration than formerly and are suffering from less and less care. Bowlers are second class citizens in the eyes of the Parks and Recreation Departments. There has developed a demand that, inasmuch as bowling is a specialized recreation, clubs should bear a portion of the costs of maintaining greens. This is the situation on municipal golf courses which have already travelled the road bowlers must follow. At the present time, golf clubs not only pay their own way but they frequently return a profit with the result that they are well maintained, and with no quibbling. The parallel is not entirely valid, however, since golf has the heavy weight of popularity and numbers and the energy of the younger segment

of the population.

With some bowling greens the demands have already been made to have the clubs carry the financial burden or close the greens. And this is a national trend. In all fairness, while the municipality has a financial responsibility up to a point, we as bowlers have an obligation to carry a share of the costs of a specialized recreation.

At this point I would like to suggest that you read the last chapter of *Maintenance of the Lawn Bowling Green* entitled "The Greenskeeper." Here is a brief summary. The municipality provides the club with monies for half the upkeep costs. The club adds the realistic but very cheap cost of \$75.00 or \$100.00 per member per year. The club then has the right to maintain its greens with the huge advantage of hiring its own greenskeeper. The Greenskeeper is appropriately paid, works under the

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direct supervision of the greens committee and either produces good greens or the club gets another greenskeeper. The complete control of the greenskeeper is the secret of the universally good greens in Australia. We can have the same here.

And so the threat of municipalities to refuse to shoulder the costs of maintaining greens can well be the greatest blessing that has occurred to American bowling since the organization of the A.L.B.A. Responsibility for our own greens is a huge step forward. Let us not fight it but turn it to our advantage.

Let me add that at Escondido, CA we completely finance our own way at \$70.00 a year, per member. We have a very good green day after day, year after year.



CHOOSING YOUR BOWLS

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At this point the momentum of the bowl is the greatest. Speaking loosely, you might say that the bowl is heaviest at this point. At least it feels heaviest then. The strain on the arm and hand is greatest.

Common sense demands that in choosing a bowl the player discover how the bowl feels at this point in his delivery. To do this he tries out as many bowls as he needs to. He goes through his delivery to the point of release but does not let the bowl go. He concentrates on how each one feels just before he should release it. If he is wise he will try regular and heavyweight bowls. To help him he should make sure that the bowls are well polished.

As with everything else in bowls choosing a set is very simple. The bowler merely finds out what suits him best at the point immediately before release.

All In The Family

BY W. FRANK MIXON, JR.



It may not be a great rarity to find three generations of the same family devoted to and playing at lawn bowls. But when all three of the trio are of the fair sex it is worthy of special note.

Such a situation does exist within the membership of the Sunnyvale, California Lawn Bowls Club. There is Marcy Barry, grandmother, not coy about her age, 78; Tecla Shepard, working mother of five and Marcy's daughter who took up bowling at age 44; and granddaughter Jean Shepard, 19 and a weekend bowler with a full-time job.

They all agree on Tecla's statement, "We are all interested and enthusiastic about the game and would like to encourage more young players to take it up."

Marcy has been bowling for five

years as a charter member of this five year old club. Tecla, in four years has become a very successful tournament player. She was club singles champion, 1974; Brooks Cup Champion of Champions and winner of B flight in Southern California tournament, 1974; club doubles champ, 1975; club singles champ and member of triples team winner in Southern California Mid-Winter Tournament, 1976.

Jean is about to follow in mother's footsteps after two years on the greens. She was mixed doubles champion of the club in 1975 and gives promise of great accomplishments in the game. Sunnyvale is justly proud of this threesome as a part of numerous fast developed experts in one of the liveliest clubs in the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division.

Was Record Set? BY JAMES R. CAVITT

A Laguna Beach Team scored eight points on the 10th end during a tournament with the Newport Harbor Club. On the next end the same team of Tod Sloan, Skip, Lyle Martin, Vice and Marjorie Reed, Lead, again scored eight points.

No old timer we have consulted has ever heard of this unique scoring feat being equaled or bettered. Unless some club sends us information to the contrary we will have to consider eight points on two consecutive ends an all time tournament record.

The Club President, John Rose, has

made good progress this year taking in 30 new members and associate members. Of the sixteen inter-club tournaments scheduled this year by Tournament Chairman, Dr. Dales Dunbar, the Laguna Beach Club won four of the eight played away from home, and all five to date on the home greens. In the eight team Coast League, Chairman Bub Wagner reports the local club now stands in the number two spot. In the area of public relations the club activities have been publicized two to three times a month in the local newspapers.

SUN CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

BY TED HOOPES

The reputation of Sun City, Arizona, as the Lawn Bowls Capital of the U.S. was further enhanced in 1976 not only in the manner in which the United States Championships were conducted and hosted but also by highly successful special bowling events held in conjunction with the Championships.

The Women's Draw Triples, inaugurated by Mildred Hoopes in 1974, was repeated. David Anderson again acted as director of the event which was held Tuesday morning, October 5th, on the Oakmont green. The entries included 29 visiting ladies and 19 local lady bowlers. The competition was keen; three members of the A.W. L.B.A. international team which will represent the United States in England in 1977 participated: Captain Corinna Folkins, Dorothy Bacon and first alternate, Edith MacWilliams.

Two 12-end triples games were played, the teams in each game being determined by a blind draw. The six high point winners in the two games received handsome Sterling silver pins engraved "Arizona 1976" and "first" or "second," etc. The winners were: First, Elsie Yates of Honolulu, Hawaii; second, Mary O. Schwarz of Sun City, Arizona; third, Merle Brugger of Newport Beach, California; fourth, Ann Thomson of Clearwater, Florida; fifth, Gladys Larsen of St. Petersburg, Florida; sixth, Eva Nye of Sun City, Arizona.

The open men's doubles on October 7th and 8th and the open mixed doubles on October 9th and 10th under the expert direction of Herb Lamansky assisted by his wife Allie and Joe Gramels produced some fine bowling and spirited competition. In each of the open doubles events three 15-end games were played the first day by the pennant system for qualifying and three 15-end games were played the second day in first, second, and third and fourth flights. The two Lakeview greens and the Oakmont green were used and the playing schedule was arranged so that each of the 48 teams in each event played one game on each of the three greens each day.

The majority of the eighteen divisional champions participated in the open doubles events and the results testify to the quality of play of the field as a whole as teams of non-champions placed above teams of champions in a number of instances. Handsome trophies in the form of multi-color plaques of a bowler in action went to the four top teams in the first flight, the three top teams in the second flight and the winners and runners-up in the third and fourth flights in each of the open doubles events.

The trophy winners were:

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FOURTH PLACE: Austin Johnson of Irvine, California and Tom Stirrat of Orange, California

Second Flight —

WINNERS: Bill Hadden and Ernie Olander of Sun City, Arizona

RUNNERS-UP: Royce Crossman and Lyle Erickson of Sun City, Arizona

THIRD PLACE: Stan Palmer and Mark Scholtz of Santa Barbara, California

Third Flight —

WINNERS: Arden Brown and Harry Godar of Sun City, Arizona

RUNNER-UP: Dave Anderson and Ralph Whitby of Sun City, Arizona

Fourth Flight —

WINNERS: Lachlan McArthur of Mokena, Illinois, and Douglas McArthur of Denver, Colorado

RUNNERS-UP: Bill Jones and Jack Furman of Santa Barbara, California

OPEN MIXED DOUBLES

First Flight —

WINNERS: Carroll Chase of Irvine, California, and Harriet Hunter of

Sun City, Arizona

RUNNERS-UP: Fred and Dorothy Bacon of Walnut Creek, California

THIRD PLACE: Dick and Corinna Folkins of Sunland, California

FOURTH PLACE: Bill and Ruth Gregg of Sun City, Arizona

Second Flight —

WINNERS: Tom Rowlands and Jane Tanida of Honolulu, Hawaii

RUNNERS-UP: John and Luise Godfrey of Santa Barbara, California

THIRD PLACE: Bill and Elizabeth Jones of Santa Barbara, California

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1. Southwest Division V.P. Art Hanson holds his sides to prevent laughing when he learned that the unlikely team of Bill Shonborn (left) and Donald Irwin, Jr. (right) had won the Chet Sheere Doubles at Santa Barbara.

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2. Co. Sam Fisher presents gold medals and the Santa Barbara Triples trophy to the Santa Monica team of Cattolico, Flores, and Huff who overwhelmed all opponents to win by the tremendous point score of plus 1.

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3. Wives admonish husbands at start of 10th Annual HAROLD HUTCHINSON HUSBAND & WIFE LAWN BOWLING TOURNAMENT held at Clark Stadium, Hermosa Beach, CA. Fortunately the local club provided three marriage counsellors to arbitrate arguments.

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4. Winning team from Hermosa Beach of Ken and Doris Bolton, Liz and Tony Punaro and Dave and Helen Stephen were the winners. The victory smiles are 50% because of the trophies and 50% because of the wee dram in their glasses.

5. 15TH ANNUAL SPORTS & ARTS FESTIVAL sponsored by the SANTA MONICA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT. Don Arnett, Director and Frances Cruz of Parks and Recreation plus Vernon Boeshaar, Inter Club Chairman Santa Monica Bowls Club, and Bob Thrower, Gamesmaster present First Place Medals to Skip winner Crisanto Flores — Vice Skip winner, Betty Dore and Lead Winner Robert E. Lee.

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6. Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club, long famous for their costume parties, out-did themselves at a recent Hawaiian event. Decorations by Bill Ring included Polynesian masks, tapa cloth table covers, shells, fishing nets, a palm tree in the middle of the green plus – everyone who attended received a free lei.

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7. First ever graduation class of 1974 receiving a college credit from the U. of Cal. in Lawn bowling are about to receive their diplomas from Professor E. Wyeth.

8. A few of the many winners in the mixed triples held at beautiful NEWPORT HARBOR LAWN BOWLING CLUB. The contents of those envelopes are NOT food stamps.



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9. At Santa Barbara, Tournament Chairman Carroll Chase presents Grimmitt, Sr. Triples Trophy to winners McInnes, Grimmitt, and White. This trophy received some notoriety recently when it was named "MOST TERRIFYING AWARD OF THE 20TH CENTURY."

10. Francis Petit did a masterful job in re-writing the Southwest Division Constitution.

11. Ruby Woodcock at one of the very popular Mulligans won a large Geritol and a plaque.

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FERRILL BURTON, JR.



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SOUTHWEST DIVN.

HOLMBY PARK L.B.C.

BY C. WEST

It has been 51 years since the first bowl curved across a green at Holmby Park. The small group present on this eventful occasion has since developed into a flourishing club of 171, membership having increased 25% during just the past 3 years. Usually 10 or more rinks are occupied on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

While bowls is naturally the principal attraction, the success of the club has been due to a great extent to the enthusiastic participation of the members in related activities, according to Duncan Howie, president. Women in teams of 3 take turns preparing coffee, tea, cakes, cheese and other goodies for pre-game snacks, while 3 men at a time see that mats, jacks, retrievers and score boards are in place. These shared duties, and blind draws for 3 of the 5 bowling days each week, have resulted in the members becoming well acquainted.

Monthly luncheon parties, honoring bowlers whose birthdays occur during that month, are popular occasions, always attended by more than 100 members. The cakes, ice cream, coffee, flowers and the spider prizes are donated by individuals.

Entertainment Chairman Dorothy Cella and Virginia Kleinhans are delighted with the cooperation of the members for these birthday parties, particularly that of Bill Ring. For several years he has conceived and prepared elaborate, colorful decorations, with the accent on humor. Recently the annual Hawaiian party and the "Las Vegas Shindig" in September were outstanding events.

Holmby Park members now look forward to the November "Turkey Shoot," the annual Xmas Party in December, and the Inauguration Dinner, when officers for 1977 will be installed, and trophies awarded for tournament winners during the past year.

You get just as much from an organization as you put into it.

RECREATION PARK Long Beach, California

BY WM. C. FERGUSON

Urgent remedial work on our greens has been carried on under the direction of H. S. Mulhollen with many club volunteers assisting. We are hopeful that the extreme effort will be most rewarding before the growing season ends.

Our intra club tournaments prove most interesting inasmuch as new faces appear as front runners. This is most healthy for a growing club. Our president's singles was won by Arthur Ryhn defeating Arnold White, a previous winner. Our Ed Bulger doubles ended with Clark Donaldson and Arthur Ryhn defeating Les Cooper and Jerry Secord in a close match.

Many new members have appeared this year due to many individual members enlisting interest in our activities. We are hopeful that this new crop will show up competing with our old timers as time marches on.

Long Beach in recent months has increased fees for golf, tennis and other activities. This is natural in an inflationary period. We are hopeful that increased membership providing for additional funds will avoid financial hardship on our club members. Our city has stressed recreation for a half century or longer.

SAN DIEGO L.B.C.

BY JO ZOLLA

There hasn't been very much activity in San Diego these past 3 months as we have had both greens renovated and few plans were made during these times. Our greenskeeper, Charlie Dunbar, is doing a marvelous job on the greens, as we are sure you'll be able to see the next time you join us. He's a very hard worker and a very personable young man.

Oaks North visited us June 10th and took the plaque away from us in a very close match. We had one of our quarterly barbeques July 3rd preceded by bowling. The first place team consisted of Jack Purdie, Bobbie Hansen and Walt LeFaver. Rancho Bernardo had us up for a tournament July 14th and we lost another

plaque to them, so there's another bare spot on the wall. Long Beach visited us July 22nd and Riverside was here Aug. 4. We took a bus trip up to Laguna Beach Sept. 8th and had a lovely time despite a very heavy fog and unbelievable heat.

SANTA ANITA B.G.C.

Arcadia, California

BY MIKE EBERLE

Santa Anita is the 1976 Champion of the Western League. After narrowly missing the championship in 1975, our teams crashed through and won handily. Great credit must go to Cliff Lauster who captained the squad and selected the teams for each game.

At the grand finale of the Western League season at Beverly Hills the teams of Cliff Lauster, Harry Koenning and Lilly Godfrey and Pete Muzzetti, John Corrigan and Ed Burns won the coveted Lieburg Trophy. Thus two trophies came to Santa Anita. A great big "congratulations and thanks" to Cliff and all the bowlers who made this possible.

Though the past three months have not been action filled ones at Santa Anita we did have great visitations with Redlands, Pomona, Laguna Beach and Riverside. The impression must not be gained that Santa Anita made no progress during the summer months. Far from it — we certified 12 new members and have a class of approximately 25 waiting for the new training class starting Oct. 4. Also our 4th green is rapidly becoming a luscious thing under the expert care of Tony Corforte, Green Supervisor and his crew, and come Xmas, Virginia Patz, Park Supervisor, said "maybe?"

The finals of Santa Anita's most prestigious intra club tournament, the Blue Feather, will be played off in Oct. 8 teams are eligible to participate. And the finals of the women's doubles will be staged between the 2 Division winners; Helen Burns and Stella Rogers; Winnie Eberle and Joanna Weitkamp.

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NEWS

MAC KENSIE PARK L.B.C.

Santa Barbara, California

BY VELMA EGAN

A series of tournaments were played at the Santa Barbara and MacKenzie Park Clubs with enough entries from the Southwest Division and San Francisco to make it necessary to use the greens of both clubs for three of the events. They were fine tournaments and a number of the Santa Barbara teams were among the winners.

With the approach of the fall season, we are looking forward to improvement in the condition of our greens through the use of our Haley Planer and good bowling.

SUNDIAL L.B.C.

Sun City, Arizona

BY EUGENE JACOBS

League competition continues to be of interest to bowlers at Sundial. Ellsworth Vogt, tournament chairman has had a busy year planning and forming teams for the 3 leagues already completed, each of which ran 10 to 12 weeks.

The Bicentennial League was won by Ray McCaskey, Frank Sladek and Betty Young. The winners of the Novice League were Jack Morris, Les Midrup and Melba Campbell. The summer night league winning team was Elly Vogt, Dick Davis and Grace Mindrup.

After a summer layoff, Instruction Chairman Francis Haines has started classes for the 28 persons who have requested instructions. Each will receive 6 beginners and 6 advanced lessons. It is expected that sufficient additional requests for training will be received to keep Francis and his staff busy until the end of the year.

Elly Vogt is already planning another league to start in Nov. and it is hoped that many now taking instructions will participate.

TOWN HALL L.B.C.

Sun City, Arizona

BY RUTH GREGG

Summertime in Arizona is a time for social bowling and friendly competition, whether in the early morning sunlight or under the lights in the evening. However, with cool weather approaching, Tournament Chairman, Bill Bregg, has announced that a Novice Tournament will be played off in Nov. since the greens will be closed during the month of Oct. Bill Hadden, bowling instructor for the past years, has referred the names of his students to the tournament chairman and some have already signed up to participate. There should be strong competition among the contestants, as they have had good basic instruction in the bowling skills from Bill and have had time to bowl with experienced players and to develop their skills and learn the strategy of the game.

Several of our lawn bowling couples have informed us that Seattle, Wash. is the place to be in the summer for good bowling days and good fellowship with bowlers from the Northwest, so say the Haddens, Harpers, Luthys, Olsons and McKinleys from first-hand experience.

SUN CITY L.B.C.

Sun City, California

BY HAROLD MANNHEIMER

On July 4th, we held a rousing Bicentennial celebration, named a "Yankee Doodle Dandy," with 126 Members participating. Three groups were established, classified as Red, White and Blue, playing "Mulligans," each player rotating in each of three games as Skip, Vice and Lead, each position played on a different team, highest individual scorer winning, with second and third place prizes similarly awarded. First place among the "Reds" was John Sans, "Whites" Viola Billings and "Blues" Pete Johnson. Afterwards two spiders were played, one named The Boston Tea Party for the ladies, was won by Jennie Bracco, the other named The American Eagle was won by George Nishi.

Starr Titus, in the tradition of the office is doing a commendable job as Instruction Chairman, no one has ever work-

ed harder than Amos Greenamyre as Greens Chairman. Ross and Maria Bahrs are giving their all to their jobs as Tournament Chairmen, our Vice President, Warren Payne has become a very active officer, and of course President Allan McAndrews is providing excellent leadership.

Kevin Minsbridge, Secretary of the Melbourne, Australia L. B. C. was an unexpected visitor, and we were amazed to learn from him there are 200 Lawn Bowling Clubs in Melbourne, and 400 in the province of New South Wales. His club is celebrating its 110th anniversary this year!

It is with sincere regret that we announce the passing of our good friend Dave Brown, who has held most every post in the Club, and was a former director of the Sun City Civic Association.

We sincerely regret the passing of Maureen Hudon, Lou Hudon's sweet wife, after a rather protracted illness. Maureen could be seen every morning, helping Lou when he was Greens Chairman.

NORTHWEST DIVN.

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DIVISION TOURNAMENT

Seattle - August 2-7

By Walter Adams, Queen City

MEN'S TRIPLES (at QC) 1st. - Harold Day, Bob Tillman, Harold Jewell. 2nd. - Alfred Swanson (Santa Monica) - Dick Kennard (Santa Monica), Lloyd Anderson (JP)* 2nd Flight. 1st. - Bill Mattocks, Randy Oard, Andy Shearer (all QC). 2nd. Kent Ratcliffe, Ralph Andrews, Joe Patelli (all JP).

MEN'S DOUBLES (at QC) 1st. - John Johnson, Joe Patelli (both JP). 2nd. - Lloyd Anderson (JP), David Kaye (San Jose). 3rd. - Archie McNeil (Vancouver), Bill Craig (JP). 2nd Flight 1st. Carl Luthy, Alvin Olson (both Sun City, AR). 2nd. - Harold Day, Ferd Lockner (both QC).

MEN'S SINGLES (at QC) 1st - Bill Craig (JP). 2nd. - John Johnson (JP). 3rd. - Harry Schuck (JP). 4th. - Joe Patelli (JP). 2nd Flight Ron Veitch (Portland). 2nd. - Walt Adams (QC) 3rd Flight 1st. - Bob Scullion (QC). 2nd. - Hillard Harper (QC).

WOMEN'S TRIPLES (at JP) 1st. - Pat Boehm (JP), Priscilla Hudson (JP), Erma Artist (San Francisco). 2nd. - Mildred Main, Bess Powell, Betty Blue.

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WOMEN'S DOUBLES (at JP) 1st. — Priscilla Hudson (both JP). 2nd. — Merle Brugger (Portland), Erma Artist (San Francisco).

WOMEN'S SINGLES (at JP) 1st. — Pat Boehm (JP). 2nd. — Harriet Bauer (QC).

MIXED PAIRS (at JP) 1st. — Harold Jewell, Frances Herb (both QC). 2nd. — P. Boehm (JP), A. McNeil (Vancouver).

"Bowler of the Tournament"

John Johnson

*NOTE: While Lloyd Anderson played on 2 teams defeated for place, he and Harry Schuck won Men's Pairs in Spring Tourney.

NORTHWEST

BY RALPH W. ANDREWS

New Clubs? Not this year, altho some progress is being made. A dedicated group in Spokane headed by John Marchi and Frank Douglas are "digging in" with an effort to get a club and green started. Our film has been shown to groups there as it has all summer to community and civic clubs around the Division. This program has been handled admirably by Bill Thies. Currently, film is to be shown to a Lake City (Seattle) senior citizen group. Edmonds (Seattle) effort, Claude McReynolds reports, hinges on results of a "Yes" vote on bond issue to acquire additional park property.

Work on the indoor facility in Seattle has moved through the City Council to Park Dept. management which has placed project on consideration list for 1977.



GRANTS PASS L.B.C.

BY LUCY BLANCHARD

A good summer for our bowling with enthusiastic members. Have had several picnics near the green, and a get-together to help Jim Jones, our president, celebrate his winning the trophy in the tournament. We were disappointed that the Portland Club did not make it here in August as planned, due to bad weather reports. Three new members have joined the club this summer, Steve Ozanick, Neil and Ruth Borsian. We hope to bowl well into Oct.

JEFFERSON PARK L.B.C.

Was it you, Esmerelda, who said the Bicentennial Triples Tournament would

be a turkey? On the contrary, it was a big event of the season. Some sixty bowlers "fought their way through the cordon of cops and cameras..." well, maybe only the freeway traffic, to honor 200 years of independence. All planned by Ivor Bebb, who supplied the handsome trophy. The day was a rousing success. 20 teams were fielded, 8 players from Queen City, 3 from Tacoma, 9 from Portland, the other, our own. . .and the winners were Bob and Pat Boehm with Harry Schuck.

And we look back on the stirring visits from clubs in White Rock and Burnaby, B. C., Tacoma, Portland and our first visit to Mann Pk. in White Rock. Now hark to this, all you tournament winners. Remember for next year — The penalty of Leadership. Who won what? JP Men's Pairs — Patelli and Johnson; ALBA Pairs — Boehm and Crag; ALBA Singles — Johnson; Seattle Pairs — Johnson and Patelli; Howard Cox Cutthroat — Loren Ralph; Pld Pros — Lew Grieve; Twilight League — (not again!) Patelli and Johnson; Novice Singles — Ted Theden.



BICENTENNIAL HONORS — Winners
Championship Flight (Triples)
Bob Boehm, Harry Schuck, Pat Boehm

PORTLAND L.B.C.

BY RON VEITCH

A.L.B.A. Playdowns: Ron Alex Veitch (Portland Singles Champion, Northwest Singles Runner-up), Asel Taber and Marv Moir (Portland Doubles Champions, Northwest Doubles 3rd Place), Dave Loree (Portland Singles Runner-up), Paul Van Allen and Herman Runge (Portland Doubles Runners-up).

Portland Club Champions: Ron Alex

Veitch (Men's Singles); Alma Moir (Women's Singles); Maurice Edmonson (Novice Singles); Asel Taber and Doris Bowman (Mixed Pairs); Jack Phillips and Dick Herman (Men's Doubles); Doris Bowman and Pearl Pollette (Women's Doubles); Herman Runge, John Phipps, and Fred Boydson (Men's Triples); Mary Moir, Zola Cole, and Berl Martin (Mixed Triples); Si Berry (Cutthroat).

QUEEN CITY L.B.C.

BY WALTER B. ADAMS

Queen City enjoyed four visitations this summer. We hosted Terminal City and Jefferson Park, were guests at Stanley Park and White Rock, British Columbia clubs. We always enjoy the company of our Canadian cousins, and their friendly competition.

Andy Shearer, a board member and Games Chairman, has had a busy summer. During tournaments you could find him at the club from 8AM 'til 6 PM.

Our good friends from Sun City, AR, Al and Buddy Olson, and Carl and Velma Luthy, just completed their annual summer visit to Queen City.

We commend the greens staff, spearheaded by President Harold Day, for spending "a day a week plus," to improve the bowling surfaces.

The luncheon and picnic staff deserve our thanks for providing fine new tablecloths, excellent service, and good food for all special occasions.

PETE MORRISON MEMORIAL:

Winners: E. Scot, G. Mallory,
I. Vanderhoek
2nd: J. Lambrecht, F. Lockner,
E. Craft

BICENTENNIAL:

Winners: P. Boehm, H. Schuck,
R. Boehm
2nd: J. Lambrecht, W. Adams, G. Mallory

QUEEN CITY MEN'S SINGLES:

Winner: Bob Tillman
2nd: Hal Jewell
3rd: Andy Shearer

QUEEN CITY WOMEN'S SINGLES:

Winner: Marion Zornow
2nd: Alice Schuck
3rd: Gladys Mallory

FORSYTH MIXED TRIPLES:

Winners: J. Lambrecht, A. Slatt, F. Herb
2nd: R. Tillman, D. McMillan, C. Barnhart

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TACOMA L.B.C.

BY ARNOLD MAC KEEN

We were fortunate during the summer season to be able to bowl with a minimum of rain. Several of our members play almost every day as well as Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Attendance has been very good.

Two new members, Merrill and Carol Jones, devote a great deal of their time to bowling and are improving rapidly.

Our annual club picnic held on July 5 was most enjoyable with luncheon under the trees next to our greens, arrangements by Theresia England. Howard Fisher, in charge of games that day, became quite ill and has been recuperating in the hospital.

Our competitive games have been very successful as well as enjoyable, in a large part due to our games committee, Pat Boehm and Joe Englet. We retain the Edwin James Rinks cup but gave up the trophy to Jefferson Park in that club interplay. A waffle-pancake "roll in" was put on by Ida Dalberg and Tekla Nygaard and was greatly appreciated.

P.I.M. DIVISION

BY JOHN BROWN

Our U.S. Doubles Playdown was completed on July 4th with Frank Souza and C. Cannistraci the winners. J. Shepard and Tom Miller were runners-up. Winner to represent P.I.M.D. at Sun City, Arizona on Oct. 3rd.

The U.S. Singles Playdown was completed on August 8th with the following:

First — Joe DaLuz, San Francisco

Second — Henry Leigh, San Francisco

Winner also to represent P.I.M.D. at Sun City, Arizona.

On Sunday July 11th, the John Hill Memorial Invitational was held at San Francisco Greens. Before play, Wm. Kirkpatrick, Pres. P.I.M.D. paid tribute to the memory of John Hill, many years our Secretary, a friend of bowlers everywhere.

On August 28th-29th competition was held in San Francisco for Sills Doubles.

Winner: D. Redo — C. Cannistraci

Runner-up: Henry Leigh — F. Souza

On September 11th-12th Champion of Champions Singles, with each club represented was played on Rossmoor Greens. **Winner: Jack Schoedinger — Leisure Town**
Runner-up: Dave Kaye — Sunnyvale

On Monday, September 13th Dr. Edgar Haley of Escondido was in San Francisco and through the cooperation of Win Sisson of Berkeley and Pat Higgins of S.F.L.B.C., a clinic on the construction and maintenance of lawn bowling greens was held at the San Francisco Club House.

Dr. Haley, himself an enthusiastic lawn bowler, has authored several books on this subject. Talking to a group of about seventy lawn bowlers and representatives of several City Parks and Recreation Depts. in the Bay Area, and also showed slides of many good and bad greens. He being firmly convinced after years of experimentation, that within a few years all lawn bowl greens will be 100% sand and grass. Sand being the most economical and best medium on which to grow grass to produce a flat, level and hard surface, the needs of a good bowling green. We are very grateful to Dr. Haley for this service.

The climax to our 1976 season of competitive bowling. The Bicentennial Tournament started September 18th through September 25th on the San Francisco Greens.

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MIXED TRIPLES (32 Entries) Won by:

1st FLIGHT — E. Artist, O. Artist,
D. Coyle

2nd FLIGHT — M. Leigh, W. Campbell,
H. Leigh

3rd FLIGHT — Jean Shepard, T. Rigoli,
J. Cobb

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MEN'S TRIPLES (24 Entries) Won by:

1st FLIGHT — J. DaLuz, M. Santos

2nd FLIGHT — Rocha, G. Powers,
E. Lawrence

3rd FLIGHT — J. Freccero, P. Regoli,
E. Davis

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MEN'S SINGLES (48 Entries) Won by:

1st FLIGHT — O. Artist

RUNNER-UP — F. Bahrt

2nd FLIGHT — C. Forrester

RUNNER-UP — C. Cannistraci

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MEN'S DOUBLES (36 Entries) Won by:

1st FLIGHT — M. Santos, H. Leigh

RUNNER-UP — Coyle, O. Artist

2nd FLIGHT — Sam Fisher, Jeff Evans

RUNNER-UP — Houseman, Wilson

3rd FLIGHT — Petit, A. Smith

RUNNER-UP — Larsen, Cunningham

A good delegation of bowlers from P.I.M.D. are headed for Clearwater, Fla. in November for the A.L.B.A. Nationals.

BERKELEY L.B.C.

BY VIRGINIA HERRICK

Pleasantly sunny summer days, with an occasional interlude of Bay area fog to break the monotony, have provided an excellent bowling season for our members. A gratifying number of newcomers to the game have showed splendid progress and, under the expert guidance of the Coaching Committee, are already giving the more experienced players a run for their money; we are happy to see our membership grow so steadily and with such enthusiasm.

Henderson green, the site of our club's founding in 1928 and the setting for so many years of excellent bowling, is now undergoing an extensive program of renovation which will regrettably keep it out of commission for the rest of this year and will limit us to only one green; however, we look forward with happy anticipation to the completion of its rejuvenation, even while we mourn its temporary period of hibernation!

PALO ALTO L.B.C.

BY BOB VANDERLIP

The club matches under the direction of Ed Ballora and Florence Mall were hotly contested and the winners are as follows. Men's Singles: Bob Wilson. Women's Team Doubles (Harris Cup contestants for 1977): Ruth Vanderlip, Meg Knapp. Team Mixed Doubles: Florence Mall, Paul Houseman, Women's Draw Doubles: Winnie Glynn, Meg Knapp. Draw Mixed Rinks: Mory Raichelson, Ellen Dodds, Eleanore Dinzey, Bob Wilson. Draw Mixed Doubles: Meg Knapp, Ed Ballora. Draw Mixed Triples: Dorothy Veckett, Eleanore Dinzey, Howard Greenfield. Men's Team Doubles: Mory Raichelson, Dick Sund. Men's Draw Doubles: Ray Kane, Harry Symons.

Earlier in the season the Women's Sill Rinks trophy winners were Gertrude Cobb, Lois Rigg, Meg Knapp, and Florence Mall. On August 27th Palo Alto defeated Berkeley to keep possession of the Meat Axe. Over the years this traditional rivalry has featured fun and fellowship. Berkeley has won the Axe ten times. Palo Alto, nine.

Sunnyvale won the Friendship Plaque on August 15th at Palo Alto.

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RICHMOND L.B.C.

BY ANN BAKER

On July 3rd, the Richmond Lawn Bowling Club opened our newly renovated green for play after a month's work by the Richmond Parks and Recreation Department. We are indeed fortunate to have such active interest in the upkeep of our green from the Parks and Recreation Department. They have our green in fine condition and we had a grand opening. A free lunch was served and approximately 30 bowlers participated in the opening.

Members competing in the recent Sills Doubles games were Dave Redo, lead and Chuck Cannistraci, skip. Congratulations are in order, for on August 19th Dave and Chuck won the Sills Doubles. Chuck and Frank Souza from the San Francisco Club are the doubles representatives for the Pacific Intermountain Division at Sun City in October. Dave and Judy Redo participated in the Open Invitation Twilight games in Oakland in August and won those games.

We are looking forward to hosting the Fresno Club in October and many of our Club members are actively participating in the State games in September.

SAN JOSE L.B.C.

BY THOMAS MANSFIELD

As a result of listening to Dr. Haley in San Francisco recently, our Club decided to check our green for moisture and level. A relatively inexpensive moisture meter made for gardeners by the Green Thumb Products Corp., Apapka, Florida was available.

We found we were drowning our green by overwatering. Fortunately no serious damage was done and several days of dehydration soon gave us our good fast green again.

When we checked our water level we found from south to north we bowl up hill. We have many low or high spots with a maximum deviation of about four inches. This sounds like a lot but is not so bad in 14400 square feet.

SANTA CRUZ L.B.C.

BY SANDY DAVIS

A remarkably FACETIOUS oral expression was made recently before a Lawn Bowling Club on the subject of

membership, re promotion. (*Read Bowls July issue, 1976 — 1st column, page 4.*)

"Membership in the A.L.B.A. could be increased dramatically if we were to include women." Applause followed from the audience.

Some of our single lady members, no doubt, do not understand why they are not included in the A.L.B.A.

Traditionally the bowling game is controlled by men according to English and Scottish custom, there, men and women have separate organizations. Changing Times — merging men and women memberships, ONE GIANT ORGANIZATION is a feasibility worth the try. There would be an advantage, important magazine support, an enhancement of the best efforts of men and women in a strong promotional program. Tradition favors men — change favors women and this is the new American way, it should be acceptable in the United States of America. Equity and equality in the membership of A.L.B.A. is the principal involved for the average lawn bowler.

This is the story of this correspondent solidly in the belief that the average club would endorse the theory of change in membership expressed by the original author in the July issue of BOWLS 1976.

SUNNYVALE L.B.C.

BY MILLIE MANFREY

Competition is one of the most dynamic elements of our free society. To be competitive we must think hard and work hard. Our president, David Kaye, is a good example of this analogy. Besides his duties as club leader, he traveled to Seattle, Washington to compete, along with his doubles partner, in the Northwest Association Open. Dave and Lloyd Anderson finished second in the doubles. This past week at Rossmoor he achieved runner-up position in the Champion-of-Champions tournament of the PIMD. Yes, Dave has proved himself a great competitor. Congratulations!

Other items of interest include our annual friendship match with the Palo Alto Club at which time Sunnyvale again proved victorious, a repeat of 1975. It was *All in the Family* for the Shepard clan. Joe, Tecla and Jean captured the Palo Alto Invitational earlier this year.

Our men's and women's club doubles matches are underway. About twenty members plan to participate in the upcoming Bicentennial Tournament. We have

acquired eleven new members which shows we're constantly recruiting. Starting this month the club will have a five-week instructional program for beginners and those who feel the need of a refresher course.

EASTERN DIVISION



Quincy Boston and Milton Lawn Bowlers assembled at Marrymount on Saturday, to take part in the Memorial Trophy competition in honor of a former much loved member who passed away just one year ago. Stanley High joined the Boston Bowling Green Club in 1961 and later became a member of the Quincy Club.

His enthusiasm for lawn bowling was contagious and on or off the green he exemplified the conduct and attitude of a gentleman, a true sportsman and a friend whose affection and concern for others was returned by all of whom he came in contact.

He loved to travel to different tournaments throughout the Country and not only in New England but in all lawn bowling circles he was sadly mourned. Bowlers from the 3 local clubs took part in a 3 game tournament and after very keen competition, the winning team was Mrs. G. Archilles, D. McGilchrist and J. Durant, Skip.

Mr. D. Haigh accompanied by his wife, Grace, and son, Alex were present during the afternoon and at the conclusion, presented the trophy, which they had donated, to the winning team.

— Al Lyon

BROOKLYN B.G.C.

BY NOEL HEMMING

The 1976 playing season can only be described as disastrous for the formerly

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beautiful Brooklyn Bowling Green, which for many years was among the finest in the Eastern District.

While the terrible condition of the green can be ascribed to some extent to New York's budget crisis, the main City's fault must be attributed to the fact that our groundskeeper has not maintained our bowling green in accordance with accepted practices. A new Park Administrator has promised to have the green in playing condition for 1977.

However, for many of our members, the season was not entirely lost and we became a peripatetic group of nomads. Visits were made to greens in New York City's Central Park, Bloomfield and Trenton, New Jersey, Sunrise on Long Island, Greenwich, Conn., Buck Hill Inn, Penn. and overseas to many greens in the British Isles.

BUCK HILL L.B.C.

BY CHARLIE RIEDEL

Labor Day brought an end to our Tournaments, the 19th. Buck Hill open Doubles winners were Ed. Roache (New York) and Bob Lindsay (Essex Co.).

The Ladies Doubles champions were Dorothy Henry and Tonie Mercer (New York).

The mixed Doubles ended in a 5 way tie at 5 wins 1 loss, the winners were Al and Marg Medlock of the Etolucalse Club of Toronto.

Our Memorial Tournament was won by Ceil and Charlie Riedel with Ann Wood as skip.

Our Men's Singles Champion Al Hughes of Orlando and Buck Hill with Ed. Hann, runner-up.

The Ladies champion is Florence Luff, with Peggie Tompkins runner-up.

Scheduled bowling continues until Election Day with the greens open until the first snow.

CATARACT CITY L.B.C.

BY ALEX DUNLOP

Although the Monday night industrial Lawn Bowling League and the Tuesday inter-club league now finished their schedule, we are pleased to see that a great many Lawn Bowlers are continuing to Bowl in the afternoon and at night.

Actually our Hyde Park greens are at

their best at this time of the year.

Club Singles and Doubles are now progressing into the final stages and of course our Tournaments are scheduled well into October. Our O'Sullivan Trophy Tournament held last Saturday, Aug. 28th with 24 Trebles entries was won by A. Waterloo, Ontario. Trio of Keith Sneider, Al Bradley and skip Carl Theil.

Good news for Lawn Bowling families planning vacations for 1977. The Eastern Division Tournament is scheduled for Niagara Falls, N.Y., come see the Majestic Falls; see our beautiful City and enjoy a week of Lawn Bowling with top competitors. First week in August, 1977. **BOOK EARLY!**



TO ALL CLUBS

The Division, has for the use of all Clubs a 16 mm Sound Movie of the World Cup Bowling Matches in Australia.

This was donated to the Division by Mrs. Grace Stevenson of Pawtucket, R. I.

Her late husband Archie was a Past President of the Eastern Division and well regarded throughout the Lawn Bowling Circles.

Any club desiring use of the film, must have access to a 16 mm Sound Movie projector. For information, drop me a note at the address below:

Mr. Alfred J. Lyon, 53 Florence Ave., Apt 4, Trenton, New Jersey 08618.

DU PONT COUNTRY CLUB

Wilmington, Del.

BY W. SPENGE MAN

With superb weather supporting us, the season has been an active one. In inter-club play, we suffered two losses to the strong Trenton team and a win over the Fairmont LBC.

Intra-club play was characterized by a series of mini-tournaments. On Sept. 2nd, the Salzburg Doubles were won by Ray Gesell, (skip) and Alex Brunner, the only team to win all its games. Alex, a second year man and the only Tyrolean bowler in the state, is rapidly becoming as proficient on the green as he is on the ski slopes.

Other high spots of the season have been the return to top form by Dave Meharg, after two seasons of illness, the ambidextrous bowling of Ed Hein and the continued double and triple wicking of John Goyné.

FERNLEIGH L.B.C.

Hartford, Conn.

BY RICHARD D' JERVIS

Our July 4th Bicentennial Tournament turned out to be a family affair when Rose Graham and her son Jim Graham took first prize and Linda Graham (Jim's wife) and Jeff Hamel took second prize. The Club Singles Tournament had a high percentage of our membership participating and Joe Pattison became the champion defeating Frank Shires in the finals.

The Doubles champions are Harry Butcher and Les Hayward winning over Jack Hamilton and Tom Adams.

With a large turn-out, great weather, prizes and good food at our Kay Broker Annual on August 15th, the happy winners were Ruth Camp, Genevieve Clay, Ann Weeks, Roland Taylor, (skip) in second place. Pat Wilson, Bob Safford, Maria Wolf, Dick Modic (skip) a great time was had by all.

In Eastern Division District No. 2 Tournaments our team of Ed. Ryan, Fred Krapels, Merritt Banks won third prize in the N.E. Trebles on Aug. 14th and our team of Dick Jervis, Phil Bauer, Merritt Banks won third prize in the Singleton-Duke Memorial on August 21st.



(Left to Right) Bill Beare, Bill Doan, Bob Taggart, Dan Walker

GREENWICH (CT) L.B.C.

BY WILLIAM C. BABBITT

Consistent publicity has continued to benefit our Club, namely: better understanding locally of our game and its importance to "senior citizens," and of our Club and its services; improved attitude by officials, reflected in better care of the

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green and in an appropriation for new, more adequately protective fencing, and new plants around entire green; and some new members, but as yet not as many as we'd hoped for.

We have used to advantage copies of our full page in Greenwich Time on lawn bowling, together with especially prepared exhibits using many photographs, in support of our presentations to the Parks and Recreation and Budget Commissions.

Winners of our 1976 Singles and Doubles contests, unusually well played are: U.S. Playdowns at Club level: Singles, James Gardiner; Doubles, David Liddell, Bernard Sokolowski; Club Singles: Edward Durner (repeating his 1975 win); Club Doubles, David Liddell, James Gardiner (also holders of Eastern Division Open Doubles title). For GLBC interclub tournament results, see report of So. Conn. L.B.A.

HOLY NAME L.B.C. of Springfield BY BILL LEWIS

The Wednesday Night League opened on May 26th with all members participating for the next 20 weeks for the grand prize: As of this date the following bowlers (Aug. 25th) are leading the pack: John McCaughey, John McInnes and Ben Novack, but they had better watch out because it's so close that this will run right down to the final night for a winner to be picked.

Our first club Tournament was held June 12th and the team of Paul LaPine, John McInnes and skip Knightly took second place honors:

The entertainment committee is making plans for our annual club picnic to be held Sept. 19th at President Foley's Cottage, also they are making plans for our Xmas Party sometime in December.

The big Tournament of the year will be between Springfield L.B.C. and Holy Name for the Bonanza Trophy.

QUINCY L.B.C. BY JOHN DURANT

Tournaments galore marked this Bowling Season with Quincy bowlers gathering more than their share of honors in New England and Eastern Division Tournaments.

John Durant won the Eastern Division singles championship, and the team of Jack MacDonald, John Durant and Alex Dakers (skip) were runners-up in the championship trebles.

The trio of Al Cline, M. Fishman and John Milne won the third flight trebles. Cline and Milne were runners-up in the 2nd flight doubles.

The Rodgers Cup at Milton was won by the Quincy Team of Kritzman, Cunningham and Wakeling.

The Cowie Cup was won by the trio of Pearl McLeod, T. Hickey and S. Devitch.

At Pawtucket, R.I. the Quincy Team of Milne, Fishman and Cline won the McCaskill Trophy.

The tough Pawtucket Team of Brandon, Jim Candelet and F. Campbell won the New England trebles over the Quincy trio of N. Wakeling, J. Durant and A. Dakers.

SKY TOP

BY THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

Lawn Bowling at Skytop is a minor sport, but for those who enjoy and appreciate it, the game becomes very important.

We have a beautifully cared for green with a capable attendant.

Twelve years ago Dr. Robert H. Ivy gave a picture of "Bowling on the Green in 1852" as a trophy for the Buck Hill Skytop annual competition.

This year for the first time Skytop won the picture. Charles Riedel of Buck Hill presented the picture to Mrs. Ivy who graciously accepted it for Skytop.

It now hangs in the "rec" room and it will stay there at least until August 13, 1977.

Our scheduled matches were off to a poor start due to "Hurricane Belle," however, they were completed within a week.

The Men's Singles winner was Earl Emerson.

Delma Wacker won the Ladies' Singles.

Winners of the Doubles were Earl Emerson and Warren Weston.

Dates for 1977 are as follows:

Bowlers' weekend — June 17, 18, 19.

Club Matches — August 8 — 13.

Buck Hill vs Skytop at Buck Hill, Aug. 13.

Due to the fact that we have an increasing number of young enthusiasts, the committee agreed to having qualifying matches for those wanting to compete in Club Matches.

Last summer we had winners in the "Jitney," ages 11, 12, 13.

Each Monday, Sean Gavin (bowling

attendant) conducted clinics for all ages. These proved to be very popular.

SMITHFIELD AVENUE L.B.C. Pawtucket, Rhode Island

BY JOSEPH McKECHNIE

One highlight is on Monday evenings when our ladies do their thing. Membership 30 average bowling 26 plus.

Our Victor Ford — Joe Brisco and Bob Smart placed first in the Quincy Cup, at Quincy.

Our Bob Brandon — Jim Candelet and Peter Campbell captured the New England Trebles at Milton and Quincy.

At Hartford, for the Daker's Trophy, our Bob Brandon — Jim Candelet and Peter Campbell placed first and Joe Brisco — Arthur Scott and Bob Smart finished in second place. GOOD WORK BOYS!

SUNRISE L.B.C.

BY MARIE GORMAN

For the County July 4th Bicentennial Salute, some of our members wore Colonial costumes and smiled broadly for the photographers. The winners for the day's celebration game (Williamson Trophy), were Wahlers, Schaaf and Marianne Horbeek.

We had a fine turn out of Metropolitan area bowlers for the Sunrise Doubles. The names of Jim Breslin and Doc Marchand of Greenwich will grace our 43 year old Silver Trophy. Thanks to our Sunrise ladies for delicious food and refreshments.

RESULTS OF CLUB EVENTS:

Men's Singles: Dan Gorman;

Men's Doubles: Gene Casey and John Melori

Ladies' Doubles: Marie Forman and Gertrude Howell

Mixed Doubles: Marie Gorman and John Melori

County Sponsored Tournament winners given handsome plaques:

Ladies' Singles: Marie Gorman

Ladies' Doubles: Marie Gorman and Chris Cramer

Men's Singles: Dan Gorman

Men's Doubles: Eben Duncan and Carl Gustafson

TRENTON L.B.C.

BY ALFRED J. LYON

The Trenton Club has been enjoying it's most successful season in many years

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so far as open Tournaments and Inter-Club matches are concerned. In the Trenton State Open Doubles the team of Frank Dyer, Brooklyn, L.B.C. and Bill Yardley, Trenton, L.B.C. were the victors. Defeating the Essex Duo of J. Gilbert and Skippy Arculli in the finals. The Trebles team of Phil Johnson, Herb Lauderer and A. Lyon won the Essex Co., L.B.C.'s Anniversary Tournament defeating the New York trio of Rogers, Roach and Tomchik in a playoff in the inter club matches.

Trenton defeated Buckhills, L.B.C. and twice defeated the Dupont L.B.C. WE also had more success in the Eastern Division Tournament than ever before with 4 of our teams playing well.

The doubles duo of A. Campbell and I. Taggart won the 2nd flight and John Dickson and Robert Stewart were defeated in the finals of the 1st flight. In Trebles Play the trio of P. Johnson, J. Dickson and A. Lyon won the 2nd flight and the team of W. Beare, A. Campbell and I. Taggart were defeated by a Bridgeport team in the finals of the first flight. All in all we feel we did well for a small Club and we are now preparing for the final 2 open Tournaments on our schedule the "Perc Caris" and "Harry Hart" open trebles, our weekend and midweek leagues are producing excellent bowling and winners will not be determined until the last week of play. Trenton Club congratulates Bill Farrell of Essex Co., L.B.C. who was elected into the Eastern Division Hall of Fame. Bill has been a driving force in Metropolitan L.B. Circles and his many friends in Trenton agree the Committee could not have made a better choice.



Dan Walker — Trenton LBC

EASTERN DIVISION TOURNAMENT

BY JACK GILBERT

The 31st Annual Eastern Division Tournament held on Aug. 2nd through Aug. 6th at the Essex County and Trenton Greens attracted 28 trebles, 32 doubles and 16 singles. Winners of the trebles were Skippy Arculli, Bill Farrell and Bobby Lindsay of Essex County, The doubles competition was won by Jim Gardiner and Davey Liddell of Greenwich. John Durant of Quincy won the singles event.

Bobby Lindsay earned the title of Outstanding Bowler of the Tournament and received a trophy donated by the Bloomfield Savings Bank. During the banquet attended by 145 bowlers and their guests, Bill Farrell of the Essex County Club was inducted into the Division's Hall of Fame. Bill was cited for his outstanding contributions to lawn bowling. He is the division's new president, having served on its executive board for a number of years and is also a member of the ALBA council. He served as chairman for the 1973 and 1976 tournaments and was the prime organizer of the Edison Indoor Club, the only ALBA sanctioned indoor club in the U.S. In addition, Bill has been active in the Essex County Club as a member of the executive board, as past president and as long-time chairman of the games committee.

Following are results of the tournament:

TREBLES

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT —

1st. — S. Arculli, B. Farrell, B. Lindsay, Essex County

2nd. — J. MacDonald, J. Durant, A. Dakers, Quincy

FIRST FLIGHT —

1st. — J. Breslin, B. Smith, D. Brown, Bridgeport

2nd. — A. Campbell, B. Beare, I. Taggart, Trenton

SECOND FLIGHT —

1st. — P. Johnson, J. Dickson, A. Lyon, Trenton

2nd. — H. Hodge, T. Parry, B. McLeod, Springfield

THIRD FLIGHT —

1st. — J. Milne, M. Fishman, A. Cline, Quincy

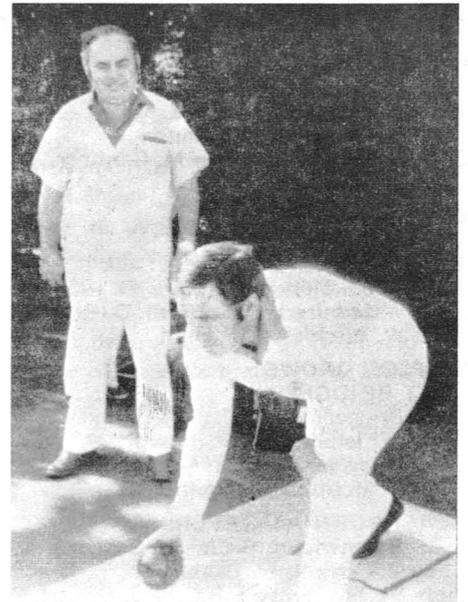
2nd. — K. Bacon, F. Dobeck, L. Bacon, Tam)-Shanter

DOUBLES

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT —

1st. — J. Gardiner, D. Liddell, Greenwich

2nd. — D. Brown, Bridgeport
J. Candelet, Smithfield Avenue



Charles Duff, Brooklyn LBC (Standing)
Bill Farrell, Essex Co. LBC (Delivering)

FIRST FLIGHT —

1st. — B. Farrell, B. Lindsay, Essex County

2nd. — J. Dickson, B. Stewart, Trenton

SECOND FLIGHT —

1st. — A. Campbell, I. Taggart, Trenton

2nd. — W. Spengeman, J. Goyne, DuPont

THIRD FLIGHT —

1st. — L. Bacon, F. Dobeck, Tam O'Shanter

2nd. — A. Cline, J. Milne, Quincy

SINGLES

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT —

1st. — J. Durant, Quincy

2nd. — G. Haverkamp, New York

FIRST FLIGHT —

1st. — G. Schick, Essex County

2nd. — C. Ugolino, Hollywood, Fla.

SECOND FLIGHT —

1st. — B. Lindsay, Essex County

2nd. — C. Stenson, Essex County

SOUTHERN CONN. L.B.C.

BY R. BAXTER

Association tournaments continue to be well attended.

Winners in the tournaments played since the last report are as follows:

BISSETT AT WATERBURY

1st. Irvington L.B.C. — J. Muir, J. Bresli
J. Breslin, A. Kerr

2nd. Bridgeport L.B.C. — T. Barber,
T. McTosh, J. Fleming, Jr.

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**IRVINGTON MEMORIAL
AT BRIDGEPORT**

- 1st. Bridgeport L.B.C. — E. Miller,
L. McDougall, R. Smith
- 2nd. Greenwich L.B.C. — M. Gardiner,
J. Sharkey, P. Gentle

**CONN. STATE RINKS
AT BRIDGEPORT**

- 1st. Greenwich L.B.C. — L. Paul,
B. Sokoloski, M. Collins, D. Liddell
- 2nd. Waterbury L.B.C. — J. Bell, D. Bell,
W. Aitchieson, T. Hunt

**SIMPSON CROWE
AT BRIDGEPORT**

- 1st. Bridgeport L.B.C. — A. Lapskey,
J. Fleming, Jr., D. Brown
- 2nd. Bridgeport L.B.C. — D. Potter,
T. McIntosh, J. Donnachie

BLACKBURN AT GREENWICH

- 1st. Greenwich L.B.C. — K. Schenk,
B. Schenk, W. Babbitt
- 2nd. Essex County L.B.C. — J. Gilbert,
J. Coppola

GARDINER AT GREENWICH

- 1st. Bridgeport L.B.C. — F. Schempp,
H. Bartholomew, R. Smith
- 2nd. Bridgeport L.B.C. — J. Fleming, Sr.,
D. Potter, J. Donnachie

SMITH AT BRIDGEPORT

- 1st. Greenwich L.B.C. — M. Collins,
L. Paul, J. Gardiner
- 2nd. Bridgeport L.B.C. — C. Brown,
F. Mixson, R. Baxter

The association Singles and Doubles championships resulted in a win for the Bridgeport pair of J. Fleming, Jr. and J. Donnachie in the doubles, and for Tom Hunt of the Waterbury club in the singles.

The association welcomes Tom and Mynah Hunt, from Dundee in Scotland, to the Waterbury Club.

Congratulations Jim Gardiner and Dave Liddell of our Greenwich Club on winning the championship doubles at the Eastern Division Tournament.

SPALDING INN CLUB

BY RANDALL E. SPALDING

Tournament play began on July 6th with four former champions among those entered for the 23rd Annual July Singles. Three of these were eliminated as play progressed, the survivor proving to be Ernest Holton, of Islington, Ontario, who now shares with Dr. Andrew MacAusland of Boston, the distinction of being a three time winner of this annual classic.

Next on the agenda came the 6th Annual Open Mixed Doubles, a three games guaranteed draw contest gaining in popularity every year, prizes being awarded to all three game, two game and one game winners. This was dominated by the Canadian contingent which copped the first three places and finished in the following

order: Vera and Walter Meacher, Mona and Ed Byrne, Claire and Harrison Jones, all from the Town of Mount Royal LBC. In the 4th place and top U.S. entry: Irene Hunt, Wellesley, Mass., paired with Carl Wood, Peterborough, N.H.

The 24th Annual August Open Singles began with a star studded field including four former champions, and once again a repeater came to the fore, as George Alcorn of Sun City, Arizona won the coveted title for the third time, thus becoming the only player to achieve this success. Runner-up in the closely contested series was David Campbell of the Essex Co., N.J. L.B.C.

Magnificent September weather with a back drop of fall color, proved to be the order of the day during the second playing of the annual Northeastern Mixed Trebles Invitational Tournament. Three games were guaranteed, but the excellent conditions, plus the enthusiasm of the participants made a fourth game mandatory.

Prizes were awarded to all three game, two game and one game winners, no team failing to win at least one game, and no team succeeding in winning all four contests. With three wins and a 70 point total, the top team was skipped by George Alcorn, and he had as partners, Rhee and Herbert Fisher, Whitefield, N.H. In second place with three wins and 56 points, came Skip Charles Adams, Sarasota, Fla., with Helen and Lou Bourret, Whitefield as lead and vice skip.

The top Canadian entry, winning two games and scoring 54 points, was the trio from the Toronto Cricket Club, Dorothy Brown, Laura Baird and Skip, Warren DeGuerre.

SOUTHEAST DIVN.

TO ALL FELLOW BOWLERS

BY RUSS FOURMAN

The S. E. Division feels quite honored and happy to be host for the 55th Annual National Meeting and Tournament of the American Lawn Bowls Association. The Clearwater city officials, greater Clearwater Chamber of Commerce, and the Clearwater L.B. Club, welcome each club in the U.S. and other countries, to come to Clearwater, November 13-18th, 1976, and share our happiness on this special occasion.

Wm. Smith, chairman, and his co-workers, are making plans to entertain

you and make you glad you came. Clearwater is located on the Gulf of Mexico, and has many attractions to keep you busy. You may want to linger on, for as a rule, November climate is almost perfect. If you can't come to the November meeting, all the clubs in the S.E. Division are always glad to have you drop in any time, and be our guest for a game of bowls.

BRIDGEPORT L.B.C.

BY R. BAXTER

The 1976 season is slowly drawing to a close and it will be even further shortened by a decision to shut the green down for some extensive maintenance work. Also in the works is the installation of lights for late evening play.

Much has happened since the last report — the club Singles was won by H. Bartholomew with J. Donnachie as runner-up.

The Barnum Festival day was its usual outstanding success with much credit going to our Ladies who outdid themselves in catering to the "inner man." The winners of the festival tournament were J. Mazzadra, H. Vorley, M. Barrett and J. Fleming, Sr. The annual mixed doubles tournament went to the husband and wife team of Bill and Edith Miller with Jock Smith and Jean Larson as runners-up. On July 18th the club hosted the Greenwich Club, with the team of J. Hellewell, A. Lapsley, B. Weaver and P. Gentle winning the tournament. Runners-up were J. Scott, F. Zak, S. Janvrin and D. Brown.

Our travelling members have been quite successful too, the team of M. Bush, B. Weaver, and R. Smith won a mixed and matched trebles in New York against a very formidable field. At the Eastern Division Tournament, J. Breslin, R. Smith and D. Brown won the 1st Flight Trebles, while D. Brown teamed up with J. Candellet to be runner-up in the Championship doubles, and finally a last minute decision by J. Donnachie to represent the club in the New England Singles resulted in a runner-up place, to that same Candellet.

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CLEARWATER L.B.C.

BY KURT T. DORNAU

In spite of the exodus of many of our bowlers to Canada and imaginatively other cooler spots and some making their annual pilgrimage to the old country we kept some of our rinks occupied during the warm summer months. We are pleased to say that a few St. Petersburg bowlers took advantage of our facilities while their activities were practically at a stand-still.

At this point of reporting no results of the U.S. Singles and Pairs Championships can be given. However, we know that the large contingent of our members which went to Sun City to root for our Singles Champ, Bob Livingstone and the Doubles (Pairs) Miller and Kaestle did just that.

Bill Smith, chairman of the 55th Open National Lawn Bowling Tournament, to be held on our rinks, November 13-20th has been active all summer to make this affair a huge success.

At the same time, our ground crew is making every effort to have our rinks in tip-top shape to assure every contestant a happy time.

Talking about *Lawn Bowling Promotion*, our member Dave Mylrea, at a recent meeting of the High Noon Club, in lieu of no sick and welfare news, was asked by the presiding officer to give a talk on Lawn Bowling, which he did in a most satisfactory and enlightening way.

A signal honor was bestowed on Russell Fourman recently, when he was made the Greater Clearwater Chamber of Commerce's first life-time member. To promote the GRAND OLE GAME, Russ sent an individual letter and our National event, RED-WHITE-BLUE RIBBON, to each club in America, to many of the Canadian clubs, three across the pond, expressing the welcome of our city fathers, chamber of commerce and our club, to all lawn bowlers.

We are happy to report that Willis Tewksbury won the General Motors Gold Cup in the Singles at Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

DeLAND L.B.C.

BY HATTIE HANSEN

We have had a very rainy summer season. Our rinks have been under water much of the time. Even when it had not rained for a day or so and the rinks were fit to bowl on, several of our members would only get started, an end or

two played off and down would come some more of that wet stuff.

Lately, we have had four or five good evenings with some very good bowling and lots of fun.

Perhaps because we had so very much rain, many of our bowlers took to the open road. We have travelled — many short distances and several real long ones. It seems many of us were either going or coming or gone.

We are looking forward to a very active winter season before long. More and more good bowlers are now making DeLand their winter home. They couldn't choose a better town with better rinks than we have, or a city more ready to make everything up to par as far as possible.

DELRAY BEACH L.B.C.

BY ALEX GIBSON

Summer Bowling has been going on for the last four months with between twelve and twenty showing up on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are looking to a growing number of players when the cold weather starts up north bringing a lot of our members to the sunny city of Delray Beach. We are expecting the City to refurbish our rinks during the month of September.

Some of our members have entered the National Open Tournament in Nov. and are looking forward to a meeting with members of other clubs. We are also looking forward to our inter-club matches with West Palm Beach and Hollywood.

HOLLYWOOD L.B.C.

BY A. GORDON WOOTON

Well, its that time of the year again when only a few members are out on the rinks while many of the regular bowlers are still vacationing up north. It has been a HOT summer here but those who have stayed at home these past months have enjoyed the daily games. Members are anticipating another good season and looking forward to renewing friendships.

This will be my last column for the Hollywood Lawn Bowling Club. My wife and I will be moving to Sun City, Fla. We have enjoyed our association with the Hollywood Club and will miss all of the members. I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity of reporting for them during the past year and a half. I also wish to thank the REGIONAL and NEWS STAFF for their cooperation and

assistance during my tenure as Secretary.

LAKELAND L.B.C.

By Clarence Kersten & Ken Morris

The Third Annual Reunion of Lakeland Lawn Bowlers was held on the grounds of the Burlington Ontario Club, Aug. 19th with over 160 people present. The event was blessed with almost perfect conditions; bright sunshine, clear blue skies and a gathering reminiscent of the good times we enjoy together under the Florida sun.

The proceedings were opened by the Mayor of Burlington, George Harrington who welcomed the people, many of whom had travelled hundreds of miles to participate in the event and enjoy the hospitality of the city and area.

Two eight end games were played by 120 bowlers on the 20 greens of the host club. For those not bowling cards were provided in the club house.

Between games the ladies had provided delicious cakes and cookies, etc., and the interval was taken up with a lot of chit-chat and reminiscing.

The dinner, following the afternoon of bowling was held at the Estaminet on the north shore of Lake Ontario where a magnificent view of the south shore can be seen 20 to 25 miles away, later, in the dark, a veritable fairyland is created by the lights in the distance.

Ken Morris was MC for the evening, introducing Don Stephan, President of the host club, who in turn welcomed all the bowlers to the dinner with the hope that they had enjoyed the facilities provided in Burlington. The consensus seemed to be that the dinner was a huge success, with lots of good food, variety and service all conducive to enthusiasm and pleasant conversation.

Rather than people being singled out as prize winners, a 1976 Silver Dollar was given to every person present as a memento of the occasion.

LAKE WALES L.B.C.

BY WILLIAM C. BABBITT

At Lake Wales, which is in the hilly "ridge" country in the middle of Florida, halfway between Orlando and Tampa, lawn bowling resumes in the late Fall, after a summer hiatus. Our Greens Chairman, George Studd, cooperating with the Parks Dept., is seeking to have our grass

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green in better condition than ever, ready for our returning "snow birds" — mostly from the northeastern States and Canada — when they start arriving for the winter, about November 1st.

Our Executive Committee, Frank Yarnall, chairman, has approved a program of tournaments and other special events supplementing regular social bowling.

Each year a number of those newly retired or approaching retirement, who are looking over various spots in Florida, spend some time in Lake Wales and bowl with us. We especially welcome such visitors. They are our main source of new members who come back year after year having found Lake Wales area, our Club and grass green much to their liking. Yes, like other clubs in Florida, we have bowls available for those who are traveling light.

ORLANDO L.B.C.

BY HAROLD ESCH

The Orlando LBC is pleased to again host the Southeast Division Tournament.

The Orlando LBC is pleased to again host the Southeast Division Tournament. The 1977 event will be staged under the usual format — singles, triples, doubles and mixed triples on dates, March 12th through March 19, 1977. Women's events will also be arranged. Full details will be sent to clubs around January 1st. Plan now to attend.

The annual schedule meeting of North Central Florida League Clubs — the unofficial kickoff for the 1977 season — will be held at De Land on October 26, 1976. The fall meeting of the league, also held at De Land is on November 9, 1976.

CENTRAL DIVISION

CINCINNATI L.B.C.

BY VICTOR ABNEE

Our members have had an enjoyable season of bowling and the club a successful year with a large attendance each bowling day. We have 91 members, a majority actively participating. Old-timers cannot recall the greens being in better condition at this time of year and prospects are good for bowling until mid-Nov.

Our July 4th tournament was won by the team of Margaret Lauder, Frances

Brown and Earl Fertig. Frances Brown, Lucien Strauss and Robert Mayer were on the winning team in the Labor Day event. Past President, Robert Manke won the men's singles and Lucie Manke won the women's singles. Veteran Leo Langen and Leonard Weiss were doubles winners. Only two tournaments remain to be played this year, the Avery Day and Jim Black Contest playdowns.

Our attention now turns to the one indoor event of the season, the Annual Dinner and Meeting. This is always a gala event with entertainment, reports of officers, presentation of trophies and the annual election of club officers.

COLUMBUS PARK L.B.C.

BY FRED RARATY

Our greens at Columbus Park suffered from the hot and dry weather of the past summer to such an extent that the Chicago Association City Singles event had to be transferred to the Lakeside LBC greens for completion of the 1976 schedule of events. Despite the adverse green conditions, we have enjoyed some interesting bowling and the club Round Robin competition is proving quite popular. Both singles and doubles events are included, play has been keen and the games closely contested. There are still a number of games to be completed and it will be late in September or early October before we have the final results.

The club Oak Lawn trophy was completed on August 29th after a hard fought final, the doubles team of Betsy White and Gene Davis came out the winner.

Our able treasurer, Sam Creelman, is moving to Florida at the end of Sept. and will be missed. Sam is a gentleman and fine bowler, his work as treasurer has been greatly appreciated, we are sorry to see him go and wish him happiness in his new home. We are pleased to welcome Rollie and Shirley Kott as new members and bowlers, they are both enthusiastic about the game and we are glad to have them within the Columbus Park bowlers. In appreciation for a good bowls season, we thank Betsy and Dan White for their diligent work in making things enjoyable for the bowls year.

Arrangements are under way for our Annual General Meeting and Dinner to be held at the Oak Park Arms Hotel, the tentative date being on November 6, 1976.

DETROIT EAST SIDE L.B.C.

BY GORDON O'HARA

On Independence Day, a good turnout of lawn bowlers competed for the J. Robertson trophy which was won by the triples team of H. Caird, Alex McLeod, (skip) and D. Hunter. Alex McLeod, one of our popular newer members, promises to become one of our most skilled bowlers. Between games, our ladies served their usual delicious lunches.

The competition for the Graham Dick plaque was played off on August 28th, with the winning team being W. Mackie, Cy Cox and S. Boyer (skip).

Last June, over twenty club members, including the ladies, enjoyed the hospitality of the Flint Lawn Bowls Club and an enjoyable afternoon game on their new and excellent green. The Flint LBC are a very enthusiastic group and would make a welcome addition to the Central Division, ALBA. We expect to make another visit to this new and friendly group of lawn bowlers by having them join us in Detroit on Sept. 14th for another get-together.

MILWAUKEE WEST L.B.C.

BY NEIL D. BULTMAN

The weather favored us and we have had a great bowling summer at Milwaukee West. We have gained several new members this year and they are rapidly gaining skill and giving some of the old-timers some stiff competition.

More than 20 members drove to Rockford on August 1st and had a good time in friendly competition with the Rockford LBC. We were outpointed in the scoring column, but the enthusiasm of lawn bowls and the fun of social competition made up for any other loss or win.

Club events completed so far at Milwaukee West are: The Women's Doubles: Florence Schiller and Virginia Wolf (S) over Marguerite Prachthausser and Mildred Kahabka (S). Women's County Doubles: Florence Schiller and Peg Hansen (S) gaining Runners-up position. Club mixed Trebles: George Sell, Amanda Nelson and Neil Bultman (S) taking the winners slot over Clarence Paulin, and M. Prachthausser Carl Prachthausser (S). The Men's County Doubles: Chet Schuller (Lake Park) and John Wolf (S) took the 1st place honors. John Wolf was the runner-up in the Men's County Singles event. *Continued*

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LAKESIDE L.B.C. BY MARIE CLAUSEN

Lakeside LBC was one of ten clubs participating in the 1976 Central Division, A.L.B.A. Open Tournament held in Milwaukee, July 10th to 15th at the Milwaukee Lake Park Greens. Lakeside men proved very competitive but not enough to show in First Flight events (see results in this issue). The Lakeside women were a bit luckier in competitive play in the women's event (First Flight winners in all three events) — Triples: Margaret Johnson. Elizabeth Munger and Rebecca McArthur (S). Doubles: Marie Clausen and Helen Hyde (S), Singles: Mable Johnson.

Father and son team of Lachlan McArthur and Doug McArthur (S) won the Central Division Doubles Playdown event and will represent the Central Division in the U.S. Championships in Sun City, Ariz. in October.

The 1977 Central Division, A.L.B.A. tournament has been scheduled to be played at Lakeside LBC, both men and women's events are scheduled.

Lakeside was able to extend its bowling activities this season by having two five-week series of Round Robin events held on Thursday evenings. The Triples matches were held in order to allow more individual participation. Bob Savage was the local impetus (with the help of Games Chairman Andy Clausen and his committee) for his competition and constructed an appropriate trophy for the event, the Robert Savage Trophy! Playoffs for the finalist have yet to be concluded in this new and popular event at the club level.

Lakeside's season of 1976 draws to a conclusion, reluctantly, with the Annual Awards Banquet in the Chrystal Room at the Windermere Hotel on November 6. Bowls play will not be dormant, however, carpet bowls will be resumed at the indoor facility at the South Shore Country Club, now owned by the Chicago Park District.

RESULTS — AUGUST 10-15, 1976 CENTRAL DIVISION TOURNAMENT At Milwaukee Lake Park LBC

TRIPLES — 1st Flight:

1. Milwaukee Lake Park — D. Brown(s)
J. Innes, A. Kruse
2. Milwaukee Lake Park — T. Slater (s)
J. Hinebauch, R. Jones

3. Lakeside — Chicago — D. McArthur (s)
L. McArthur, D. Mahan (Calif.)

4. Rockford — J. Roddy (s), D. Blake,
J. Blake

2nd Flight:

1. Milwaukee West — Paul Hansen (s)
C. Prachthauser, J. Wolf
2. Lakeside-Chicago — B. Shinn (s)
R. Kutz, V. Jackson

3rd Flight:

1. Cleveland — B. MacWilliams (s)
J. Stewart, D. Morman
2. Milwaukee Park — C. Landgren (s)
A. A. Wolfe (Fla), T. McCormick

4th Flight:

1. Milwaukee Lake Park — O. Hess (s)
W. Bertrand, G. Stephan
2. Rockford — D. Young (s), F. Oceppek,
R. Dickman

DOUBLES — 1st Flight:

1. Cleveland — B. MacWilliams (s)
J. Stewart
2. Lakeside-Chicago — D. McArthur (s)
L. McArthur
3. Niles, Michigan — K. Martin (s)
A. Wolfe (Florida)
4. Gary — J. Miller (s), P. Stevenson

2nd Flight:

1. Lakeside-Chicago — R. Kutz (s)
A. Clausen
2. Cleveland — A. Mascia (s), F. Klein

3rd Flight:

1. Milwaukee Lake Park — O. Hess (s)
W. Bertrand
2. Rockford — D. Young (s) T. Stenerson

4th Flight:

1. Milwaukee West — P. Hansen (s) J. Wolf
2. Gary — D. H Mahan (Calif.) (s)
R. Brown

SINGLES — 1st Flight:

1. Cleveland — John Stewart
2. Cleveland — Bert MacWilliams
3. Lakeside-Chicago — Doug McArthur
4. Gary — Ross Brown

2nd Flight:

1. Gary — John Miller
2. Lakeside-Chicago — Vic Jackson
3. Florida-Clearwater — Alvin Wolfe
4. Milwaukee West — John Wolf

U.S. LAWN BOWLS AT SUN CITY

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Sun City Lawn Bowling clubs
we salute you!

The Awards Banquet was a rousing success. Mr. "Red" Elwinger acted as MC and as always performed in a masterful manner. "Red" welcomed the 318 in attendance in the name of Sun City, calling it "the lawn bowls capitol of the United States."

Ten people were seated at the head table, all were introduced and some gave short talks. Many others were introduced from the floor. The limited space in our magazine does not permit the listing of all these names.

The microphone was given to Gerry Hough, entertainment chairman, who also gave the invocation after which he introduced an all Sun City ladies singing group. They delighted all with their renditions.

Mr. Elwinger then introduced Mr. Frank Mixon, Jr., President of the ALBA to make the awards. The singles championship was awarded to Bert MacWilliams, runner-up award to Joe Da Luz. The doubles award was made to Richard Folkins and Gerry LaPask; with the runner-up award going to Doug and Lachlan McArthur. Plaques and certificates of participation were then awarded to Ed Rouche, George Dunn, Bill Scott, Bob Livingston, Bill Miller, Wm. Kaestle, Charles Cannistraci, Frank Souza, Iral Johnson, Wm. Craig, Bob Boehm and Tommy Stirrat.

We express to Joe Aubin and through him to the Del Webb Development Co., the deep-felt appreciation of the American Lawn Bowls Association for the wonderful hospitality shown the champion bowlers and their wives, also the thoughtful consideration shown all other bowlers who attended this magnificent tournament. Thank you!

We also wish to express our sincere admiration to "Red" Elwinger and his committees for the superb organizational effort expended for this event. Mia Gracia, "Red."

In closing this article I quote a thought expressed by Tommy Stirrat, "every bowler in this tournament returned home a champion — there were no losers."



AWLBA

World Team - 1977



DOROTHY MUMMA GRAHAM
Manageress

Riverside L.B.C., Riverside, Calif. Member of the first American World Bowls Team in Sydney, Australia, 1969, Dorothy organized and was the first President of AWLBA. She was I.W.B.B. delegate and team manager in 1973 and is currently delegate to the I.W.B.B. meeting in Worthing, England, in 1977. She has six wins in National, State and Regional tournaments.



CORINNA FOLKINS
Captain

Arroyo Seco L.B.C., Los Angeles. Began bowling in 1930 with her Mother and Aunt. Corinna and Dick Folkins (whom she married in 1947) have remained active in lawn bowling. In 1975 she won the following Championships:

Vancouver Open Singles; National Triples; State Singles, Doubles and Triples and was named California Bowler of the Year.



ERMA ARTIST

Richmond L.B.C., Richmond, Calif. Erma is new to lawn bowling but not to championships: she was a doubles winner in the Greater Victoria Open and Vancouver Silver Medallion Open. Her many tournament wins include three National, three Regional and three State — in one of which she was named Bowler of the year.



DOROTHY BACON

Rossmoor L.B.C., Walnut Creek, Calif. Was a member of the first American World Bowls team in Sydney, Australia. She has bowled in Scotland, Wales, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. International Delegate of AWLBA, Dorothy has three National wins, including Bowler of the Year in 1975, four State and six Regional wins.



PAT BOEHM

Jefferson Park L.B.C., Seattle, Washington. Started bowling in 1966. She represented the U.S. at South African games in 1973 and at World Bowls in Wellington, N.Z., that same year. She has four firsts in U.S. National Championships, has won the British Columbia Silver Medallion and has many State and Regional wins.



LUISE GODFREY

Santa Barbara L.B.C., Santa Barbara, CA. Started bowling in 1965. Luise has six State wins, including Bowler of the Tournament, four Regional wins and two National wins. She has also won the women's division of the prestigious Walt Disney Masters.

NEWS

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear AWLBA Members:

On these pages appear the names, photos and pen pictures of our team to represent the USA at the Third Women's World Bowls Championships at Beach Pk., Worthing, England May 23-June 5, 1977.

The fact that all but one of the members are from California Clubs does not indicate favoritism in the Council's voting. It does mean the women we've selected are from those who held the best records of wins in major events such as open division and national tournaments during the years 1971-1975. It also means that all interested AWLBA members should try to enter their division open tournaments and as many open national events as possible to build up their record for next time.

The English Women's Bowling Association is contributing forty pounds (approx. \$68.00) for each team member and the manager towards the cost of accommodations. The AWLBA Council will vote in November as to what proportion of the Special Account shall be used to further help with the expenses of the team. The team members themselves will have to pay the rest which is the major cost of the trip.

Allotting something to help in the cost of such a trip is a step in the right direction. Heretofore each member of the team had to pay all of her own expenses.

On behalf of the AWLBA Officers, Council and members I would like to wish the team a safe trip and much success in bowling. We shall expect nothing less than gold medals!

This is my last President's Letter. By the time the Jan. 1977 issue of BOWLS MAGAZINE is published I shall be the immediate past President.

I have enjoyed being your President for 1976. It has been a most interesting year and our duties have kept us busy. I was able to survive only because of the special abilities and cooperation of Secretary Mildred Hoopes and the efficiency and accuracy of Treasurer Miriam Cummins. I am grateful to them both for their help.

Sincerely,
VIVIAN C. ESCH
President, AWLBA

PROMOTION & PUBLICITY

On July 4th, America celebrated her 200th Birthday and lawn Bowling was part of one of the biggest celebrations in the country — the National Governor's Conference at the Hershey Hotel in Hershey, Pa.

The Planning Committee for the Conference staged a picnic with arts and crafts displays, entertainment, and, at the request of the Office of the Governor of Pennsylvania... an exhibition of lawn bowling.

Since the Hershey Hotel has a half green, we set up for three rinks of mixed doubles with bowlers from the Essex (NJ) and New York clubs, reserving one rink for Toni Mercer and I to explain and teach the game to on-lookers.

(I might add here that although the contact for this event was through the AWLBA Promotion office, we were all proud of the sign on the easel next to the green — the first thing the Governors saw as they entered the area — which read "AMERICAN LAWN BOWLING ASSOCIATION EXHIBITION.")

Three cars of lawn bowlers left various points in New Jersey at 9:30 am, July 4, and after brunch, proceeded to the where the Governors had graciously secured lodging for the group. At 4 pm we were met at the Country Club and taken to the Hershey Hotel where strictest security was in force by the National Guard, Penn. State Police and Secret Service.

Although we had planned 3 short games, the mixed doubles group ceased play half-way through the 2nd game when it became impossible to handle the demand for teaching and trying on the one rink provided for that purpose. We were the only participatory activity at the picnic and the area swarmed with people — Governors, their wives, children and guests. At one time I counted no less than 40 people trying the game with numerous others standing by waiting a turn.

Dan Evans, Governor of Washington State, and his family spent an hour with Toni. The Governor's form was excellent after some concentrated instruction by Toni and he remarked to the onlookers that now he knew what he would do when he retired. He gave Toni his address and requested further information on lawn

bowling. It was refreshing to meet so unpolitical a politician — down to earth and with values very much akin to our own.

We also met John Harper of the U.S. Treasury and his wife, Margaret, who enjoyed their turns at putting the bowl on the jack — and knocking each other's away.

Among the outstanding young people seeking instruction was Joshua Madden, son of Norma Madden, western regional rep. of the Governor of Penn. Joshua, at 14, turned out to be a natural. His game is tennis but he wants to change to lawn bowling. He showed real promise and we hope he'll have the opportunity to join a club near his home. At the rate he was going, by the time he's 18 he'll be competing successfully at any level of play. Joshua played several ends with Ricky Moore, son of Columbus, Ohio's Mayor and grandson of the Governor of Ohio, while the Mayor looked on.

At 8:30 pm we began packing up — much to the disappointment of the many who were waiting their turns to bowl and ourselves, for this was surely the biggest day for lawn bowling in memory... we were sad to see it end.

To Marie and Bill Manners, Jo and Jack Gilbert, Jim Coppola, Isabel Forbes, Bob De Jonge, Angie Siek, George Schick and Pete Wisse of Essex County (NJ) Club, and Mary McGowan, Toni Mercer and Blanche Preece of NY, my personal thanks — along with all sorts of praise and compliments from the Governors and guests for your friendly and cooperative spirit. You were all a credit to our sport.

I think I can speak for the entire group when I say that we've never experienced a more happy or patriotic Fourth of July, people danced on the lawns to the tunes of the Mummers and an Oom-pa-pa band, sang along with the Glee Club and reveled fully in America's 200th Birthday.

NOTE: Due to space limitations, Division reports were excluded from this issue with our apologies. These will be forwarded to Corinna Folkins for transmittal to the new 1977 Chairman for Promotion & Publicity with the request that they appear in the January issue of BOWLS. Please send additional Jan. Copy direct to:

**MRS. RICHARD FOLKINS,
8658 Apperson St., Sunland, CA 91040. The name & address of the new Chairman will be announced in January BOWLS MAGAZINE.**

**DOROTHY HENRY, 1976 Chairman
Promotion & Publicity**

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The New Look . . .

After 14 years the magazine has a new look. Earlier this year the printer who had served us so long and well, raised his price and I was forced to look for another printer. Thanks to Ferrell Burton, the Publicity Chairman for the Southwest Division, I found one. His costs will mean a great saving to the ALBA. Another change will be the use of the services of Jeanne May of Genie Graphics. Her expertise and experience will make the magazine more attractive and easier to read.

I would appreciate hearing from you about your reaction to the new look.

Editor.

In Memoriam

HARRY M. HARRIS

Harry Harris, the founder of the Moline Lawn Bowling Club, died July 8, 1976 in a nursing home in Davenport, Iowa. Harry came from a family of lawn bowlers. His father and his grandfather were lawn bowlers. He became active in the sport after World War II and promoted it in Moline in 1955. Harry convinced the Moline Park Board that the rinks and the game would provide recreation for

adults. He provided some of the funds for the facilities. He was active in bowling in St. Petersburg, Florida. In 1955 he was on the U.S. Lawn Bowling Team which toured England. Two years later he was on the team which toured New Zealand and Australia. Harry was a grand Bowler and a wonderful person. We will long keep his memory green.

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