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ORANGE CO. FUN DAY Santa Ana

October 21, 1977

By Wayne W. Ovington

Austin Johnson, Orange County ALBA Representative, had an idea. Realizing that the women bowlers have been very successful in their monthly 'ladies days,' he decided to try out such a tournament for the men and women from Orange County. Austin called a meeting of the officers of the five clubs involved and after due consideration they voted to give the idea a trial run.

The first such mixed triples tournament was held at Santa Ana L.B.C. on October 21 and it was a huge success. It was decided to continue the experiment with each one of the five clubs acting as host on specified dates. All of the bowlers participating in the Santa Ana tournament were agreed such events throughout the year would do much to promote lawn bowling for the 1200 Orange County bowlers. Many bowlers were "bubbling over" after a first time at winning anything at lawn bowling. Meadows-Irvine and Santa Ana. The officers from these five clubs will meet with Austin in January to set dates for the tournaments to be played during 1978.

Through the efforts of Dyer Campbell, President of Santa Ana L.B.C., Santa Ana's large morning and evening newspaper, the Register, devoted a full page coverage of ten pictures and a write-up of the event. "Thank you Santa Ana Register."

The ground rules for this wonderful fun day were:

1. Blind draw so each team was mixed.
2. A repeat blind draw for the second game.
3. Entry fee: one dollar—100% returned in prizes.
4. There were 24 prizes awarded in each of the two games.
5. Voluntary kitty for refreshments.

BOWLS CLINICS

The A.L.B.A. offers clinics to bowlers and clubs can arrange these in the Southwest Division through the Henselite agents or directly with me. Each clinic takes about 90 minutes and can accommodate 32 players. Where the need is great two or more clinics can be held in a day.

Clinics take two forms. The one most in demand deals with bowling techniques, the other with strategy and leadership on the green.

In addition to the clinics, bowlers can get help with individual problems if they come to Beverly Hills LBC. Each Monday I work with a number of handicapped players starting at 11 a.m. I am usually at the green until 2 p.m.

I am also there from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. on Sundays.

If you decide to come, please call me beforehand to set up a time.

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SPALDING INN CLUB

By Randall E. Spalding

Reporting from here, our greens are deeply snow covered and instead of lawn bowlers, our present sports enthusiasts are skiers, snowmobilers and snowshoers, all making the most of the superb conditions and bright winter sunshine. And speaking of sunshine this correspondent is pleased to report that excellent weather was the rule during the October-November A.L.B.A. Lawn Bowling Tour to the South Pacific. From the Honolulu L.B.C. through Australia and New Zealand, to our last game at the Auckland Bowling Club (Since 1961 and the oldest L.B.C. in the southern hemisphere), the fine weather was only exceeded by the wonderful hospitality and friendship of our hosts along the way. It was indeed a tour long to be remembered and Anna and I were most happy to have so many Spalding Inn Club guests among the congenial group. These included Theresia Bittner, Josephine and Henry Cole, George Pistone, Helen and Charles Ryan, Dorcas and Max Standke and Larry Hennings.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT



DICK FOLKINS

As a result of action taken by the Executive Board of my Division, action which I could not possibly endorse, I have resigned as President of the ALBA and as a Councilor of the Southwest Division. I will continue to be available to serve the ALBA in any way I can.

This year both of our big tournaments are to be held in the Eastern Division. The National Open will be held during the week before Labor Day in the New Jersey - New York City area. The U. S. Championships will again be held at the Spalding Inn Club immediately following Labor Day. I hope that many of you will be able to take in both of these events. Ferrell Burton is working hard to get a tax free status for gifts to the Memorial Foundation. If he is successful we hope that many of you will give to the Foundation to help promote the game of Lawn Bowls. Harold Esch is also working through Ted Spalding on some leads that he has to try to obtain sponsorship by commercial companies for our major events. Those of us in Southern California are looking forward to seeing many of the best Canadian players here in early April. Their Federal Government is sending 14 players here to compete among themselves to determine the 7 players who will represent Canada in the XI Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Alberta on August 3 to 12th, 1978.

Secretary's Message



FERRELL BURTON, JR.

As Secretary-treasurer there are times when duty must rise over pleasure. Consequently, putting aside all thoughts of self, I went to Honolulu over Christmas for the sole purpose of checking on the Lawn Bowls Club on Oahu. Their hospitality was wonderful.

As you all know, there is a big controversy over payment of travel expenses out of ALBA dues to the U.S. Championships. It is a two way street and both sides have their opinions. However, I have been working with the IRS on a Tax free status for the ALBA Memorial Foundation. The United States Curling Association has recently been granted this status, so I

see no reason why we will not qualify. This means that any of you in bowling or any outside sponsor can make donations, bequests, or gifts on a tax deductible basis. I am personally starting the ball rolling by donating \$100.00. How about passing up a dinner out some evening and donating what you would have spent to the foundation - even Colonel Sanders would be okay -- Our goal is only \$6000.00 -- Come on gang, LET'S GO OVER THE TOP. You will hear in the next Edition how well we are doing. Donations to 445 Surfview Dr. Pacific Palisades, Ca. 90272

A REPORT ON THE SOUTH PACIFIC TOUR

By Larry Hennings

October 31, 1977, 38 bowlers from all over USA congregated in Honolulu for a trip to Australia, New Zealand and Tahiti. They came from New York, New Hampshire, Florida, South Carolina, Illinois, Arizona, California and Washington.

The ALBA Council had approved the tour, which was prompted by a bid from the Royal New South Wales Association, headquartered in Sydney. Did they welcome us in Sydney? A delegation of some ten fellows dressed in their blue blazers and grey trousers met our group in Sydney. Then the festivities began.

Many wives were in the welcoming party. The festivities, briefly, included elaborate receptions at the Bowlers Club, games and receptions at such lovely clubs as Vaucluse in the Sydney suburbs. Are they hospitable? We played at several Clubs in Sydney, and also in Canberra.

The Royal Victoria Bowls Association in Melbourne, site of the 1980 4th World Bowls Championships, showed us how to entertain also.

The New Zealand bowling was not scheduled, but we did stop by after visiting the South Island. Were we accorded a reception in Auckland? The group continued on to Tahiti, where some of the older fellows were rejuvenated.

Doubtless, the hospitality is no more sincere than when overseas visitors visit the USA, but it does place a high standard on visits.

The courtesies accorded us by the various officials of the Australia and New Zealand Associations, as well as officials of subordinate organizations, reflects the high regard they feel toward Americans. We, on our part, were able to express our appreciation, I hope adequately, and to assure them also of our warm friendship for them.

Special kudos are due two persons on the tour: Frank Brown and Ham McInerney. Frank, as Games Selector, never knew how our hosts had planned to play until the arrival at the venue. Everyone always wore whites. Ham, as Tour Director, did an admirable job. As ALBA Assistant Travel Director, he is a great asset. He is doing a great job also as Asst. Advertising Manager of BOWLS.

75TH ENGLISH ANNIVERSARY

The English Bowling Association will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 1978. To commemorate the event a "Masters Singles Invitation Tournament" is being staged at Beach House Park, Worthing, Sussex on June 9th, 10th & 11th, 1978. The British Broadcasting Corporation Television have agreed to film the event and show it as a series of half-hour programs later in the year. Kodak Ltd. have agreed to be the sole sponsors of the tournament.

Dick Folkins is the choice of the English Bowling Association to represent the United States. Before the singles event, a special pairs tournament has been arranged for all the competitors at seven different locations throughout the country. This will give them the opportunity of playing on different greens, seeing various parts of the country and meeting as many bowlers as possible. The players will arrive at Worthing in time for practice games prior to June 9th. After the tournament, they will have four days sightseeing in London, leaving Heathrow on June 16th.

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THE CASE FOR ARTIFICIAL GREENS

By Edwin Hein

(Note. This article has been condensed to meet the needs of the magazine. If anyone would care to read the complete article I shall be glad to send him a copy of the original. Please send a stamped self addressed envelope. Editor)

Dr. Haley's report, "Better Greens," ALBA BOWLS, July 1977, indicates that the quality of most U.S. greens leaves much to be desired. From what I read and from my own experience with greens, quality in a green reflects the results of personal opinions and not the application of scientific evidence. Yet every issue of BOWLS carries articles about greens and their maintenance. Books have been written about their construction and care. Unfortunately I have yet to see one that offers a single specification for a green that would have any specific bowling characteristic.

In recent years there has been growing interest in artificial greens. I played on one at the Costa del Sol in Spain. The anticipated life and the low cost of maintaining the green are nothing like what Dr. Haley contended in his July article. My extensive experience in engineering leads me to quite different conclusions from his, also.

To find some definitive answers to questions about artificial surfaces I conducted extensive research with four samples, two local and two from overseas. Before I give you my findings let me offer some technical information.

When a bowl is delivered on any green it encounters at least three actions which affect the path it will take. First, the weight of the bowl will cause the rink surface to be indented throughout the entire path of the bowl. The bowl will, therefore, always be traveling uphill. The amount of surface indentation will depend on the bulk density and elasticity of the surface material. Surface indentation at initial contact, and also the bowl path, will be affected by the method of delivery, i.e. whether released smoothly or thrown or bounced. Second, there will be an abrupt change in the rotating velocity of the bowl at the point of initial contact with the green followed by friction between the surface and rotating bowl until it comes to rest. Lastly, the bowl will have to displace elements of the rink surface, either grass blades or carpet fibres. Each of these actions absorb energy from the bowl and thus affect its path. My basement experiments are not sophisticated enough to evaluate these actions separately so, at the possi-

ble sacrifice of some accuracy, observation and logic we're called upon to separate those actions likely to be controlling from those expected to have a minor effect on bowl action. On a well kept green or on carpet, displacement of surface elements should have little effect on bowl path. This is, in fact, a desired feature of a green. Likewise, except for method of delivery which affects the amount of change in rotating velocity at initial contact and thus introduces a personal element, rolling friction between the bowl and rink surface should be small and therefore have a minor effect on the bowl path. If these assumptions are valid, bowl action must result primarily from indentation of the surface layer which is a function of its bulk density and elasticity. Observation and experience with both natural and artificial greens tend to verify this assumption.

I did not need to try to measure the speed of a bowl on two of the synthetics. The manufacturers publish these. My information showed that one, Scapagrene is a 13 second green. Another, that used in Spain, runs 23 seconds, a speedy rarely found outside parts of New Zealand and Australia. I understand that the makers of Scapagrene make it to order. They can, for example, offer speeds of 14 or 14½ seconds.

I was able to measure the average carpet loading when my 5" bowls moved over the surfaces. For Scapagrene it was just under 3 pounds per square inch of contact area. For the others, which are not as thick, the loading was greater. In one it was almost 4½ lbs.

Since a rink is exposed to people loading as well as bowl loading, a further evaluation was made of what might be termed the elasticity of recovery properties of the carpet samples after people loading. The data was obtained by my standing for 60 seconds on each carpet sample positioned between my basement concrete floor and a 1/4" thick aluminum plate which completely covered the carpet sample. The carpet thickness was measured and the test repeated. The carpet thickness was measured after the second test and again 24 hours later.

For Scapagrene-original thickness 0.245 in.—the change after 24 hours was 0.01 in; for two of the others it was less and for the fourth it was 0.016 in. You can readily see that over a period of time the less dense materials would stabilize and their bulk density would increase slightly.

Questions have been raised about the durability of carpet on a bowling green. Department stores offer the answer. Carpet manufacturers readily guarantee their products for from 10 to 15 years and make no demands on the type of shoes worn. Imagine a department store floor covered by turf and try to guess how long it would last. Not only are carpets more durable than turf but they are not subject to disease and other environmental hazards. Then, too, they require cleaning only often enough to prevent loading with dirt or other foreign particles.

Foot traffic on a green imposes greater loads on the surface than do bowls. When standing on a green my 185 lbs. are distributed over about 70 sq. in. of the bottom surfaces of my two bowling shoes. When walking my weight is alternately supported by the sole of each shoe or about 25 sq. in. If I should run my weight would be alternately supported by about half the sole of each shoe, say 15 sq. in. Simple comparison of my loads with that of my bowl on Sample No. 1 shows that my walking load is 2½ times my bowl load and running load over four times. Bowl loads thus are relatively small but the concentrated loads of people and maintenance equipment must affect the uniformity of turf density and thus bowling characteristics. One must wonder if the snakes and wobbles encountered on most greens do not result from changes in turf density rather than surface irregularities. There is a prominently displayed sign over the indoor rink at the Paddington Club in London which reads "Positively NO Running." American clubs would do well to follow suit.

(Note: When a bowler runs on the green account must not only be taken of the impact of the bowler's foot—say 180 lbs. on 15 sq. inches—but also the thrust as he lifts his foot. Experts to whom I posed questions about the effect of running thought this might be greater than the impact. Editor.)

Finally my extensive experience in engineering belies Dr. Haley's contention that an artificial green cannot be built with the required accuracy.

I was once charged with the responsibility for design and specification of massive concrete construction including precisely positioned facilities and large floor areas requiring accurate surface dimensions. Dimensional control procedures were developed and when construction was completed measurements of some 10,000 points on a grid of 12" squares on the floors show-

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ARTIFICIAL GREENS

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ed no points exceeding 0.060" from the true plane and 75% of them within half that variation. I doubt if many greens can claim that accuracy. Naturally, care must be taken to obtain such results and provision must be made for such factors as expansion and contraction and for frost protection. If these features are recognized and properly treated, accuracy can be obtained at very little additional cost; if they are not, accuracy cannot be provided at any cost. This part of an artificial green, representing about 75% of the total cost, need be done only once and no further expenditure is required to maintain its accuracy.

(Note: Confirmation of this comes from Spokane where another engineer has been considering building an artificial green. Editor)

BETTER GREENS Compaction Problems Edgar R. Haley, M.D.

Pure sand cannot be compacted. On this simple fact lies the ease with which the turf can be maintained on the pure sand green.

However, the majority of greens have a sandy loam soil which very definitely can be easily compacted. Most greens having a sandy loam soil show many areas of a struggling turf within the first 15 feet adjacent to the ditches. This occurs in patches directly related to the degree of foot traffic in these areas. The effort to regrow turf in these areas is tremendous and discouraging. Usually plugging (hollow-tyne) is tried. Or the surface is scratched and reseeded, only to have the new grass fail as soon as the stress of play takes place. Often the areas are sodded, with the sod taking hold for a short time and again failing.

The reason, of course, is a lack of air getting to the roots. When the soil particles are squashed together so tightly that air cannot permeate the soil, then the grass smothers to death. The situation is exactly the same as on a path, where nothing will grow. On either side of the path lies the same earth, with the same nourishment and getting the same water. Here grass and weeds grow luxuriantly, but not on the path. And we all understand that the reason is "compaction." I wish we would stop thinking this word "compaction" and substitute the concept of "lack of air."

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give time enough for a turf to develop, and again use the path, we will find that the new turf will persist. There are limits, of course, the greatest limit being that of wearing down the grass from scuffing.

So how do we handle these areas of dead turf due to compaction which parallel the first 15 feet of our green? The answer, and it works, is to excavate the whole given area to a depth of 12" to 15". Fill the hole with a moderately fine sand to within 2" of the surface. The sand must be thoroughly settled using a large amount of water while the sand is being placed. The area is then completely sodded, taking sod from the corners of the green. It would be much better if this sod were growing in sand but at this point, you do the best you can, using sod growing in loam. The sod must be meticulously placed such that the level of the new sod is about 1/8" (but no more) below the level of the green. The new sod is covered very lightly by sand, and sand is used to carefully fill completely all joins. This repaired area is watered daily for 2 weeks sufficient to keep the transplanted sod always slightly moist. Very soon this area will be markedly stronger than the adjacent turf, and stay this way.

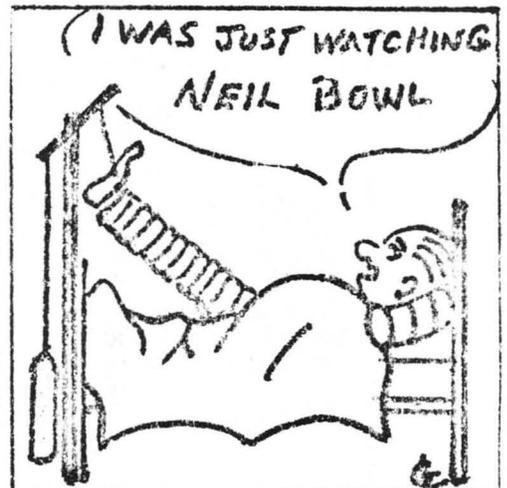
The donor areas, at the corners of the green, are also excavated to a depth of 12" to 15" and filled with sand, level with the green, using much water to fully settle the sand. This area is now seeded and protected until new sod is well established. As it reaches 1" in height it is mowed to 3/4" level. As the turf here becomes established, the cut is lowered to 1/2" and finally, in about 6 or 8 weeks,

it is mowed along with the rest of the green.

You now have established a proper nursery from which a stronger sod, established in sand, can be used again.

Of great help, where the site of dead grass is comparatively small, is the use of the "Turf Doctor." This instrument cuts out precisely a square 6" in size as an inverted four sided truncated pyramid and allows replacement of new sod exactly. Naturally, the underlying compacted loam must be removed to a 15" depth and replaced by sand. These squares can be placed side-by-side to cover a larger area. ("Turf Doctor" is obtainable from B. Hayman Co., 9525 Sorensen Ave., Santa Fe Springs, California 90670, costing about \$80 F.O.B.).

I have used this program now for some years. It makes good sense. Best of all, it works.





Second Annual Silver Circle



MIXED TRIPLES TOURNAMENT



You can see by the expressions on the faces of the winning participants in this great photo by Bill West what a huge success the Second Annual Silver Circle Tournament proved to be. The event was held on Saturday, Sept. 24 with 56 teams competing on all four greens of Arroyo Seco. Over \$750 in prizes were awarded with a color TV as grand door prize. The day started with sweet rolls and coffee followed by a delicious lunch at noon. Our thanks again to Home Savings and Charles Purnell in particular for staging what has become the most popular event in S.W. Division Bowling. We are all looking forward to next year.

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Joe Vargo, Vice President and Manager of Home's Pasadena office presents Color TV to Arnie Mortenson of Glendale Lawn Bowling Club.

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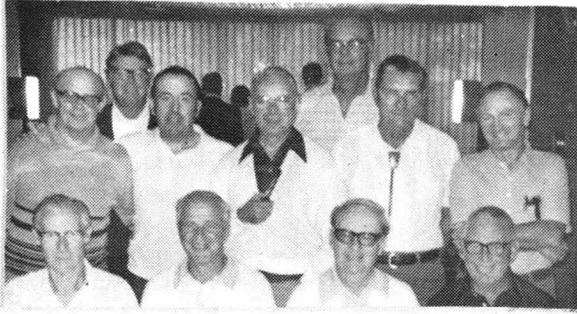
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Harold Day, Northwest Division and Bill Miller, Southeast Division have a laugh together.



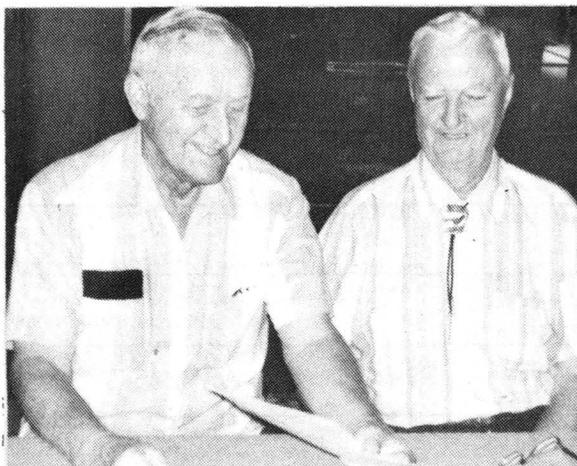
Harold Esch, Southeast Division and Fred Bacon, Pacific Intermountain Division and newly elected to International Bowling Board as Assistant Representative.



Bert McWilliams, Central Division and Lachlan McArthur, Central Division are in a serious mood.



Bob Boehm, Northwest Division listens to point made by Donald Irwin, Jr. Southwest Division.



IBB Rep. & Hon. Life Pres. Larry Hennings discusses advertising with Cress Tilley, Ed. of Bowls Magazine and Hon. Life Member.



Jim Candelet, Eastern Division informs Bill Farrell, Eastern Division that he is again in total charge of the U.S. Championships.

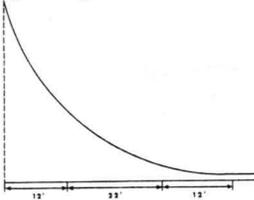


End of Meeting: See you next year in New Jersey!

DESIGN BY FERRELL BURTON, JR.

FORWARD MOVEMENT OF THE BOWL With Wyeth Second Article

In an earlier article I offered six principles that must be taken into account by anyone who wanted a perfect delivery. I now want to apply some of them to help you decide how the bowl should move before it leaves your hand. Here is a diagram of the actual movement of a bowl by a player a little above average height who takes a fairly long step.



You see that from the top of the backswing the bowl falls quickly. Then the arc flattens and finally the bowl moves parallel to the ground or almost parallel. In all the horizontal movement of the bowl is 46". That means that it was in the hand for a relatively long time. You will remember the principle about the greater control the longer the bowl is in the hand. To achieve this length the bowler takes his bowl back as far as possible with comfort and balance. So too with his step. It is as long as possible, again with comfort and balance.

You can see that the diagram shows that a third principle is satisfied. The bowl travels almost 12" while close to the ground. In other words it travels for as long as possible in the direction it will go after it leaves the hand. This, of course, refers to the horizontal direction. If the bowler has moved his arm straight forward during his delivery he has taken care of the vertical direction as well. The key to the ideal movement is getting the bowl down quickly from the top of the backswing. This demands that the bowler gets his hips down quickly and as far as possible, with comfort and balance. You can get the feeling of this if you stand with feet together and swing both your hands back as far as possible. Now swing them forward and as you do so bend your knees and hips. Get the feeling of sitting down.

Next, as you take your arms back, take a step with your left foot. In passing there is a minor problem here. Our ancestors were designed before the game of bowls was invented. If you stand in front of a mirror you will see that by turning your hands so that they face the front your elbow may bump your hips. In bowling you have to get one elbow past one hip. Taking the step helps do this and the longer the step the better, since

lengthening the step causes the hip to turn more. If you step so that both feet end up on the same line you will find that your hip has disappeared. If you have very wide hips you can help by bending your back knee in behind the front one.

Now back to the delivery. After you have taken the step and swung your arms back, swing them forward as you bend your hips. Your fingers should be just above the ground towards the end of the swing. If you do this slowly you will see how well you are applying the principles I have enunciated. You will also have to admire the graceful delivery.

One final point. There are two ways to get your hips down. If you take a short step you must bend your knees. You must bend your back leg until the lower part is parallel to the ground and the upper and lower parts form a right angle. With a longer step you may not be able to bend your leg as much but you will get your hips down. If of course you can take a long step and also get the lower part of your leg down you are especially favored.

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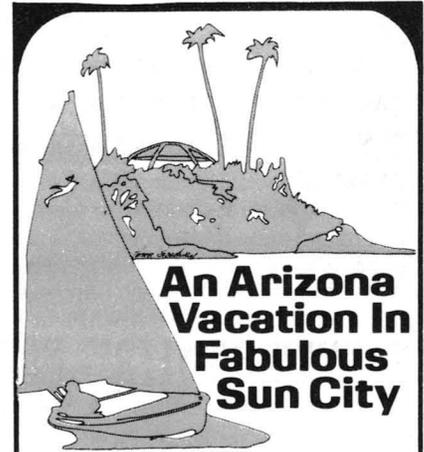
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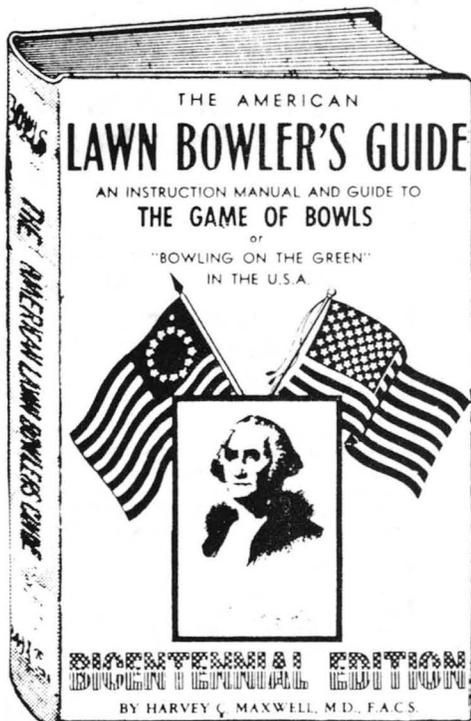
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NEW BOWLER'S CORNER

by

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WHAT'S A "MULLIGAN"?

FOR A GOOD MANY YEARS we have been encouraging all NEW BOWLERS not to miss the fun of tournament play, and to that end have been glad to sponsor and furnish prizes for many local "Mulligan" games. These are very special tournaments designed to lure more bowlers into the regular club tournaments.

A "MULLIGAN" is then a Bowls game carefully arranged so all players must change teams and Skips frequently, thus mixing the players thoroughly. The object is to dilute or eliminate all individual responsibility so completely that the timid, or New Bowler, will no longer fear to enter.

IN ONE VERSION every player is classified, according to his presumed ability, as SKIP, VICE, or LEAD, and all are matched with those of equal skill, as fairly as possible. The Tournament Chairman draws the names from the Skip hat. Each Skip then draws a name from the Vice hat, and then a Lead from the Lead hat,

until all teams are complete, and the games start.

IN A FIFTEEN END TRIPLES GAME, with Skips changing teams every five ends, the game score is a mixture of the skills of fifteen bowlers. As each new game calls for a new draw, this again changes all players, which does indeed result in a very well mixed "Mulligan."

JUST WHY THESE GAMES are called "MULLIGANS," and where the name first appeared in bowling literature, is not at all clear. The Funk & Wagnall's New Standard Dictionary does list "Mulligan Stew" as "American slang for a stew of mixed scraps of meat and vegetables" often made by tramps or "hoboes."

LIGHT-OPERA BUFFS may prefer to associate the original "Mulligan" with the steaming chowder-like pot of stew shared by the poverty stricken flower market denizens and the halfstarved Eliza Doolittle, in the bitter early days of My Fair Lady.

THE MORE MODERN T.V. ADDICT could easily assume that it all originated with a popular television program named "Mulligan Stew." In this version a family of 'MULLIGAN'S' cope with so

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CLEARWATER L.B.C.

By Russ Fourman

Kurt Dornan, our publicity man and sports writer, spent his fall vacation in a local hospital. He is now recovering at home. The directors nominated Kurt as our "Club member of the year." He says that did more for his recovery, than the surgical tools and the pretty nurses at the hospital. Two old time members recently have been honored by the Club in regards to their age and ability to still remain excellent bowlers. Adam Brown, 95, and John Smith, 93 years young. Adam sold his bowls and said "I quit." Retirement wasn't pleasant, so he bought a new set of bowls and plays 3 times each week. John moved back to Chicago to be near his children. After the morning game, our president asked Dave Mylrea to arrange a party for each man. One a birthday and the other a farewell. They both joined the Club in the early 60's, and believe it or not, both are Scotsmen. Two swell guys.

This Club holds 2 tournaments of singles each year. This event, scoring 4-3-2-1- method.

The ladies singles was won by Dorothy Tewksbury. Runner up—Maizie Quinn.

Men's singles—Willis Tewksbury and Art Hartley are resting in the finals; should be the match of the year.

These two men are nationally and internationally known.

That the number of entries in this event has been so great each year certainly proves beyond a doubt that this method of scoring is desired by many good bowlers, and deserves recognition by all Clubs.

This Club is well known throughout the states as a two fold activity, social and competitive.

With the Christmas Season in vogue, the theme of our monthly evening of fun centered around a skit suitable to the occasion.

Kaye Minions, our entertainment chairman, really excelled in, not only

writing the script, but also as master of ceremonies and director.

The members devoting their talents towards making the entertainment a success were more than appreciated by a continuous round of applause.

The members and their friends in attendance were enthusiastic in joining in various songs originated by the entertainers.

The evening concluded with ample refreshments, to the satisfaction of all for an evening pleasantly spent.

MOUNT DORA L.B.C.

By Dwight Akers

Our 14 rinks and fine clubhouse are located in an attractive city park on the shore of beautiful Lake Dora. When the club was founded in 1928 the city provided 3 rinks and a small building for equipment. Since then the city has shared the cost of building additional rinks and has furnished most of the maintenance, labor and utilities such as electricity, water and sanitation services. Last July the city indicated that its financial condition made it necessary to stop furnishing labor and utilities free of charge to our club and other semi-private organizations which have received similar support from the city.

A management agreement between the city and the club was drawn up by city and club officials. This agreement provides for the club officers to have complete management of that part of the city park occupied by the rinks and clubhouse for a period of 30 years with a 30 year renewal option. No charge will be made for the use of the park property but the club will assume all maintenance expense and pay for all utilities. This meant a doubling of our annual expenses and a consequent increase in dues. On October 17th President Hartman presented the matter to a special membership meeting called for the purpose and 110 members present unanimously approved the agreement with the city and the increase in annual dues from \$15 to \$30 for active members and from \$10 to \$20 for associate members.

A contract has been made with an experienced landscaper to take over the rinks and grounds maintenance. All 14 rinks have been resurfaced with FAST-DRY and are playing well. The clubhouse

and adjoining grounds are in good condition and ready for the winter season.

The season got off to a good start on November 3rd when DeLand brought 9 teams over for a social game. The first club tournament of the season, the Mixed Pairs had 18 entries who bowled a number of close exciting games before Orion Nesseler (s) and Merle Sherrard won the final round against John Travis (s) and Helen Henderson on a Sunday afternoon with over 80 spectators enjoying the fine bowling. Next came the Mixed Triples with 22 entries providing more close exciting games. In the final round Dwight Akes (s), Al Westgaard and Julia Brown edged out Orion Nesseler (s), Harold Sherman and Mildred Smith by one point in the seventeenth end.

A twelve session training class of 11 men and 13 women finished on December 9. Chief Instructor Graham reports that it is one of the most enthusiastic and talented classes that he has seen and they should give a good account of themselves in the daily pill games which they can now participate in. The Membership Committee has been active in contacting new people moving into the area and have 14 applications for the next class which will be held late in January or early February.

A FIRST IN THE S.E. OF LAWN BOWLING

There are numerous methods of approaching the promotion of Lawn Bowling. The following is one example of what actually has been successfully accomplished and is stated here for the information of those interested in creating a desire and enthusiasm for this sport.

Problem: How to interest more people in lawn bowling.

Solution: Teach the high school students to lawn bowl.

Sound strange? After two weeks instructing "the first high school lawn bowling class in the United States," the Bradenton, Florida, Lawn Bowling Club had publicity in two local newspapers, girls eager to bowl during the summer, and parents asking to learn the sport, and join the club!

Mr. Russell Fourman, president and public relations director of the Bradenton Lawn Bowling Club, is responsible for introducing lawn bowling to the teenagers. "I figured this might get more people interested in the sport, and I also felt this would be a big help to those who do not get much exercise in school because they cannot participate in sports requiring more stamina and

strength," he explained. This was inaugurated—something new in Lawn Bowling.

Mr. Paul F. Davis, principal of Manatee High School, gave Mr. Fourman his okay on the project. Mrs. Ann Caldwell, girls' physical education teacher, first took her health class to the club. This class consisted of about 13 girls who for various reasons were unable to take part in a regular physical education class.

"Then I decided that I would bring two of my three physical education classes because everyone in the health class liked bowling so well, and it shows students that some sports require skill and study as well as strength and stamina," Mrs. Caldwell stated. She did not bring the third physical education class because it was too large.

During the first week in May, Mr. Fourman taught the girls the approach, and how to score the game, before letting them begin bowling among themselves. When they had practiced for a few days, and learned the rules, Mrs. Caldwell decided to have a tournament for each class.

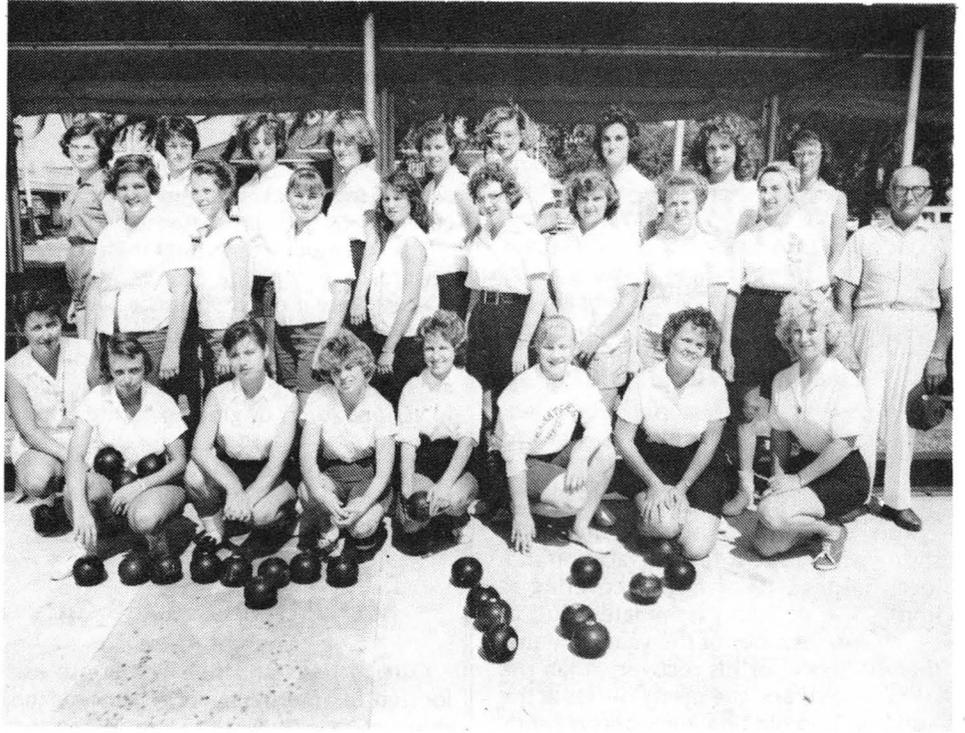
Pictures and stories about Mrs. Caldwell's lawn bowlers at the Bradenton Lawn Bowling Club were featured in the high school newspaper as well as in two local dailies. "We're the first club to make such an experiment and this idea is being watched carefully by other area clubs," Mr. Fourman said.

Coach Wheeler Leeth, director of athletics at Manatee High, hopes "to work lawn bowling into our physical education program for boys and girls in the future." He says that one value of the sport is that it is an "activity that, if a person becomes interested in, he can play throughout life—a good carry-over sport." Boys were unable to participate this year because of difficulties in scheduling.

Many parents came to watch their daughters bowl during the two weeks of instruction; others called the club on the telephone to find out about lawn bowling.

Many girls definitely plan to continue lawn bowling this summer, said Mrs. Caldwell. She added that two weeks at the club was plenty of time for them to become familiar with the game, and get to like it; we "quit while they were still interested," she stated. "Most of the girls enjoyed it; I hope to do it again next year!" she finished.

But one girl in the health class summed it up: "All of the girls ... wish to thank you for the help and instruction that you gave us in our first venture into lawn bowling. We all hope to come back again soon. Gratefully yours, Wanda Cassady."



BRADENTON L.B.C.

By Nora Miller

Another season is underway, and when the doors opened on November first the club members were happily subjected to a freshly painted interior of our clubhouse, new mats, and gaily painted benches and back stops. We owe a vote of thanks to our president Russell Quast and his willing helpers, Alta Quast, Vin Hoffman, Dick Miller, John Bouic, and Len Bright. Also thanks to Ellen Hoffman and Mildred Fibiger for work on the curtains and dishes.

The courts are in fine shape. They were scraped by the city of Bradenton before the season opened, and since then Vin Hoffman has worked many hours putting on the finishing touches. The club welcomes all visitors who cross our doorstep—the morning draw is at 9:15 a.m., and we bowl Monday through Saturday.

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner, under the auspices of Ellen Hoffman and her committee, drew a large attendance which thoroughly enjoyed two delicious meals. Dinner, with all the trimmings, was at 1 p.m., and then most members went to the courts for a friendly game. At 6 p.m. we were well fed again—not good for the waistline, but otherwise appreciated by all who attended.

Due to illness and death we lost about five members for this season, but we were very fortunate in gaining nine new members, three of which had never bowled before and are fast becoming

avid bowlers. We welcome you all.

The first jitney of the season was held on the 13th of December. The team of Ernie Parker (skip), Nora Miller and Bill Young won first place with two wins and 37 points. Two other teams had two wins—Del Smith (skip), Alta Quast and John Bright—36 points. Dave Strain (skip), Len Bright and Dick Miller—33 points. High one game winner was the team of Howard Willoughby (skip), Janet Clark and Cliff Robbins. Second high one game winner team was Rudy Fibiger (skip), Isabel Ross and Nancy Detwiler.

LAKELAND L.B.C.

By James D. Pond

The Club had a visit from a group of Sun City bowlers on Nov. 19 for an informal contest, and this was reciprocated by a bunch of Lakeland bowlers who went to Sun City on Dec. 4. Good fun was had at both matches.

During early December, a Pairs tournament was run off at Lakeland with Mel Brady and Zig Inmundtson the winners. The regular tournament season will start after the first of the year.

On Dec. 15, in spite of chilly, showery weather the Club had a "Fun Day" with 159 participants. Bowling started at 10 a.m., with a pause for a Kentucky Fried Chicken Dinner at noon, then bowling continued until about 3:30. Everyone had a grand time except those whose bowls "took too much grass," or failed to "cut" at all.

DELAND L.B.C.

By Hattie Hansen

The DeLand Lawn Bowling Club has been very slow in getting the show on the road this season, but we have picked up speed and are now very busy, both at home and in intra-city competitions. Our tournaments here in DeLand are incomplete as yet. Although, the Womens Pairs have finished their flights and the winners were Cathy Gravelle and Harriet Wills.

Our club needs new members, we have lost five members thru death. One member left our city to live in Orlando. Seven have recently become members and are very enthusiastic and becoming good bowlers. Two of these bowlers are from New Smyrna and they are experienced bowlers. We are, however, looking for quite a few more.

We are looking forward to our Christmas party. It is a dinner party on Monday Dec. 19 at the DeLand Country Club at 6:30 p.m. I am sure we will all attend in our best bibs and tuckers.



ST. PETERSBURG L.B.C.

By Harry Hills

Bowling activity has accelerated from nearly zero to cruising speed here at our club within a very few days. Our Winter Members from the North seem to arrive about November 1 in flocks ready to play immediately, so that schedules planned in the spring become activated. These returning members have been warmly welcomed by our President Jack Dodds.

The games committee, headed by Al Pym and Art Jennings, and staffed by many volunteers, have our program well in hand. Besides our regular club tournaments, we look forward to such popular charitable jitneys as Children's Hospital, Salvation Army, Cancer Fund and Red Cross. We also anticipate our Inter-Club friendly competition with Orlando Bowling Club and we expect to welcome our genial secretary of the South Eastern Division, Harold Esch.

Our big special event for the season will be the hosting of the Southeastern

Division Tournament March 11 to 18, 1978. We expect a large list of entries. The wives of the men entering this competition will be entertained at the Clearwater Bowling Club and our club will organize transportation.

The Ladies Division of the club, headed by Norma Chapman, Marion Dodds and Sally Allan, have also welcomed an enthusiastic group ready to commence the winter bowling and social program. They look forward not only to their competitions but to joining with the men in the charitable jitneys mentioned above.

The social gatherings will be organized by Gladys Riedinger and Gladys Finley. A program of desert luncheons every second Saturday, followed by 'bridge' or bowling has been announced. Many evening activities have been planned with the men's entertainment Chairman, George Dunfield.

The greens are in excellent condition and 'fun-in-the-sun' on our Sun-Coast is anticipated by the membership.

BARTLETT PARK L.B.C.

St. Petersburg, Florida

By Paul D. Page Jr.

We are now happy with the bright, balmy, winter weather that—along with Lawn Bowling—keeps Florida famous. As always it brings with it our fellow-bowlers who spend the summer months in New York, New England, Canada and other arctic regions.

There are already some new members from the North and we will be happy to welcome others.

One of the many advantages of a small club such as ours is that our members all get to really know and appreciate each other. Few clubs like ours, count on practically one-hundred per-cent attendance at our monthly dinners.

Our December Dinner quite naturally became a Christmas Party. While Fairy Godmothers have been around quite a while, there surely has been none fairer than our own Vera Gibb, whose salutation was:

"I am your Fairy Godmother and come to you today to bring wishes of goodwill and help your bowling play.

"I see all bowls that leave your hand; wend their way across the Sand— They do not always reach the Jack and there are times you wish them back, But whether you be short or tall, the games is there for one and all, To bring enjoyment to your lives, help everyone to socialize, And so my magic wand touches you all and gives you power to bowl a better ball.

But the very most important part is to enjoy the game from your heart.

DELRAY BEACH L.B.C.

By Alex Gibson

After missing the last two editions of the magazine, a few notes are due at this time.

Our members from the north are arriving, and the activity at the club is increasing quite a bit.

We have had two friendly games with West Palm Beach. One at West Palm Beach ended in a tie 5-5 and the next at Delray resulted in a win for Delray—Won 6, Lost 2, Tied 2. These matches are well contested and good bowling is shown by all participants. They will be continued during the season.

Several new members have joined the club, and we sincerely hope they will enjoy the game and in due time become proficient players.

ORLANDO L.B.C.

By Harold Esch

The club celebrated its 55th Anniversary on Dec. 10 when 96 bowlers representing Daytona Beach, De Land, Mount Dore, Winter Park Clearwater and Orlando competed for prizes. The club was founded on Dec. 11, 1922.

The club will field eight teams again this coming season in the North Central Florida League's 45th consecutive season. "Twins" skips will include Arthur Sondheim, Elmer Zimmerman, Bill Holland and Roy Stone. The "panthers" skips are Harvey Reive, Bill Cummins, Word Sonley and Harold Esch. The "Panthers" are defending league champions.

SARASOTA L.B.C.

By Mary Scott

On October 17, 1977, the members and friends of the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club gathered around the green. The president, Charles Herman, then asked for a minute of silent prayer in memory of one of our bowlers who had passed away recently, namely, John Zebley. He welcomed the group and introduced the men representing the city of Sarasota, Red Ermisch, Director of the Recreation Department, Chuck Cason, Keith Elder and Tony Saprito, commissioner, who was then asked to roll the first jack on the new green.

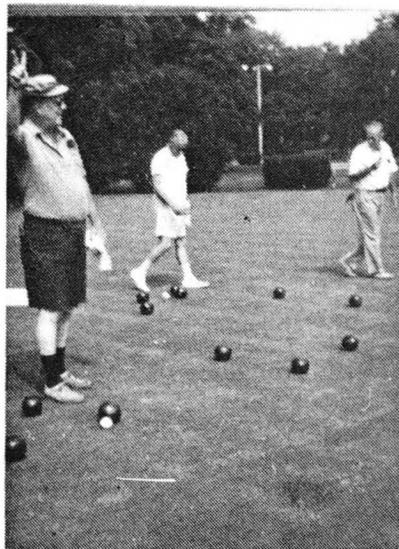
56 members took part in the "Spider" and the winners were Mimi Higgins and Sam Creelman. Each received a club pin. After a 14 end game, refreshments were served by Kay Prachthausen and Mary Scott.

We have been most fortunate through T.V. advertising and exposure in the local

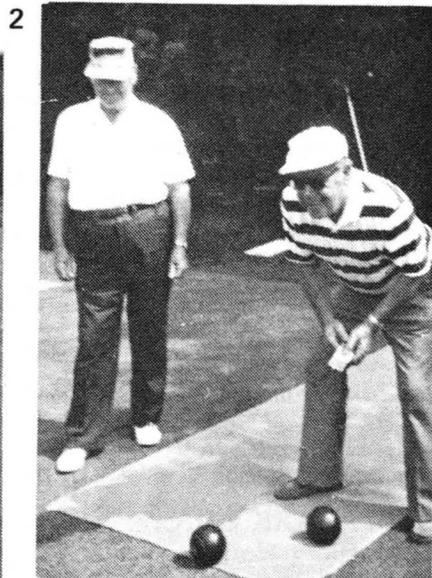
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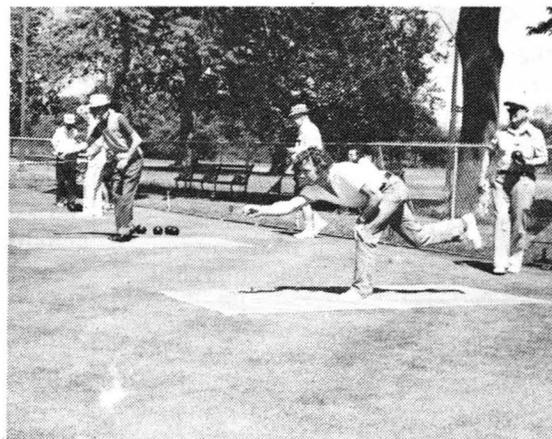
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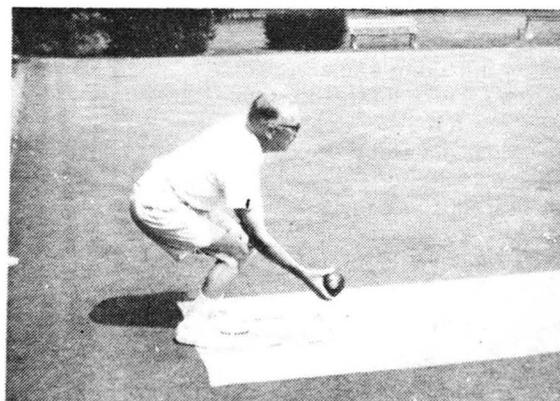
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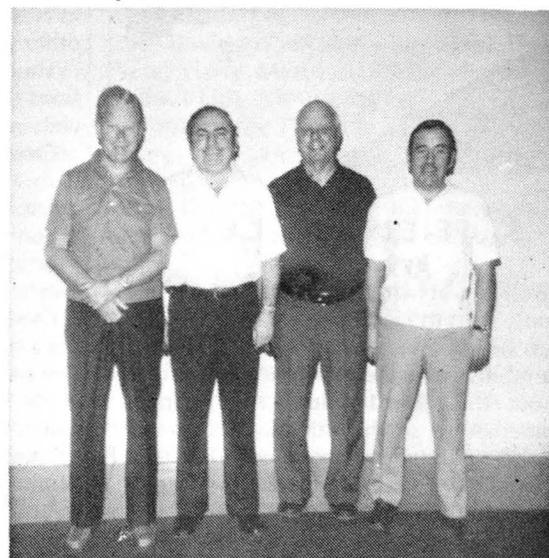
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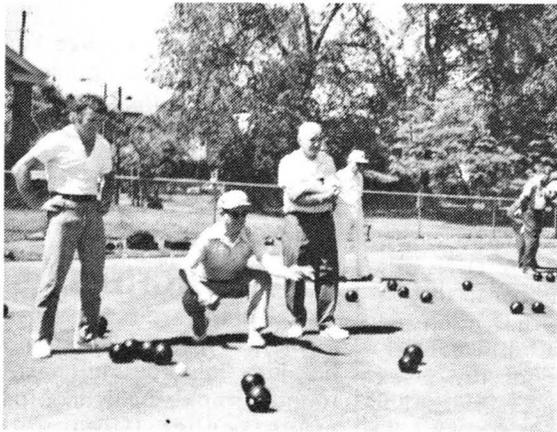
THE EASTERN DIVISION A.L.B.A.

The roots of Lawn Bowling in America are, without a question in the Eastern Division. For the American Lawn Bowling Association was organized on July 27, 1915 in Buffalo, N.Y. and the first A.L.B.A. tournament was held in Boston, Mass. on September 3, 1918, with 14 clubs participating. The Eastern Division was organized in 1938, with Raymond P. Delano the first President. The first Eastern Division Tournament was held that same year, with Boston Bowling Green Club hosting the event at Franklin Park, Boston. The Eastern Division, consisting of all of New England plus New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia has run their Division Tournament annually, except when called upon to host the Nationals, since 1938. The first A.L.B.A. President, Dr. Frank Maguire, was from the Buffalo L.B.C. New York and served from 1915 through 1919. Sixteen other members of the Eastern Division have held the position of A.L.B.A. President. The first A.L.B.A. Singles were held in the Eastern Division at the Spalding Inn in New Hampshire. Also the first Doubles Championships were held in our division at the Buckhills Inn, Penna. To my knowledge the Eastern Division is the the only Division of the A.L.B.A. to give a Hall of Fame award annually to the member that has done the most for Bowling during his association with the game.

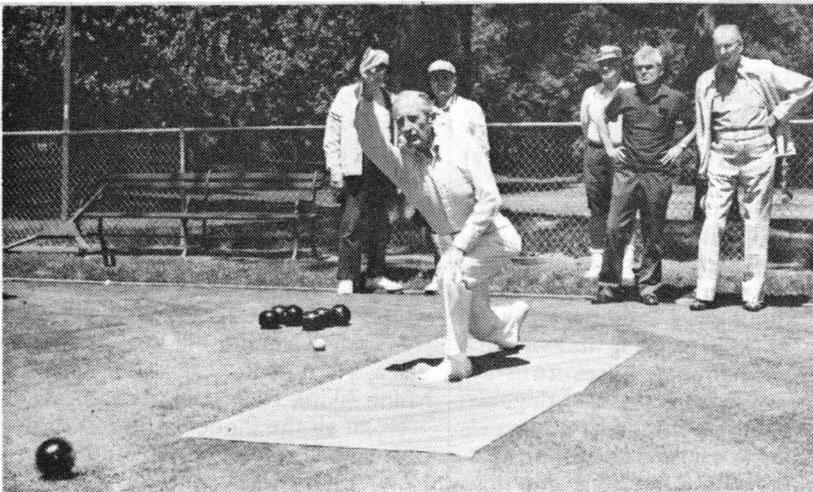
I would like to thank William Keay of the Springfield L.B.C. and David Dakers of the Quincy L.B.C. for their assistance in compiling this short history.

The Eastern Division is the site of 1978 Nat'l. Tournament *

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1. Paul "Beachcomber" Donaldson signifies 2 shots while Net Rink and Bill Yardley take a look at the situation. 2. Keen rivals Dan Walker and Bob Taggart watching approach of the bowl. 3. Duncan Farrell. 4. Bill Yardley prepares to deliver. 5. Left to right – Ray Northam Eastern Division Secretary-Treasurer, Jim Douglas Division Auditor. 6. National Committee, Left to Right – Jack Gilbert Treasurer, Chas. Duffy Chairman, Al Lyon Secretary, William Farrell Games Chairman. 7. Left to Right – Duncan Farrell, Charlie Stenson and Pat Boyle. 8. A view of the Essex County Club House. 9. Left to Right – Cliff Keenan and Tom Reid. 10. Cliff Keenan with Picture delivery and follow through. 11. Greenwich L.B.C. 1977 Champions: Florence Durner, David Liddell, Edward Durner.



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paper to acquire 27 new members so far. With two greens, we are now able to take care of more bowlers and a warm welcome awaits visitors to the Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club. We feel real proud of our "New Look." A fence has been erected around both greens and the new shrubbery and flowers are beautiful as a result of the tender loving care given to them by our Greenskeeper, Dick.

HOLLYWOOD L.B.C.

By John Flood

Officers for the coming year are: Don Drak, president; Bill Spencer, 1st V.P.; George Croy, 2nd V.P.; Gloria Farah, Secretary; Ivy Jyurech, Treasurer; Rene Smith, Delegate at Large.

The green is still improving. Currently the pace is 11 secs. Olive Stanley of Barrie, Ontario, says it is in the best playing condition in five years. Bob Baxter and Max Fishman from back East have voted their praise.

Volunteers have come forward to help George Croy and Al Farah. Yeoman service is being done by Sam Storey, Jim Jyurech, Art Sandrin, Murray Capri, Dave Ure, and Del Zoesch.

Our makeshift scarifier is a real jury rig, but it has made all the difference in the world to the playing surface. Our next job is a harrow true to Mr. Soderstrom's design, and, over the long term, a better method of anchoring the plinth, and leveling the entire area.



EASTERN DIVISION

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1978 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

By Jack Gilbert

The 1978 National Tournament will be held in the New York Metropolitan Area from Saturday, August 26 through Friday, September 1. Officers for the Tournament are: Chairman, Charlie Duffy, President of the Eastern Division; Secretary, Al Lyon, a member of the Executive Board of the Eastern Division and Secretary of the Trenton Club; Treasurer, Jack Gilbert, President of the Essex County Club and Games Chairman, Bill Farrell, Second Vice President of A.L.B.A. The host clubs will be Essex County, New York and Trenton. The headquarters will be at the Ramada Inn, Clark, New Jersey located about 20 minutes from Newark Airport and no more than 45 minutes to any of the bowling greens. Arrangements will be made to transport contestants to their assigned clubs, at a nominal cost.

I feel it is appropriate to point out that the A.W.L.B.A. National Tournament will be held at the Buck Hill Inn in Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania. Buck Hill is approximately a 2 hour drive from the A.L.B.A. headquarters, thus making it very difficult for bowling spouses to stay together at the same location. I bring this fact to everyone's attention to avoid complications at a later date and hope it will not deter bowlers from entering either tournament. The Tournament Committee is planning activities for non-playing wives who accompany their husbands to New Jersey.

As soon as details are finalized, all club secretaries will be receiving complete information, entry forms and motel reservation forms. In the meantime, anyone wishing to be placed on the mailing list may write to Alfred J. Lyon, Tournament Secretary, 53 Florence Avenue, Apartment #4, Trenton, New Jersey 08618.

CUNNINGHAM L.B.C.

By Larry MacDonnell

The lush green enjoyed all summer by the Milton bowlers and visitors was put to bed a week later than scheduled because of a very rainy September. Jack MacDonald and his crew put a blanket of fertilizer and chemicals to assure a good surface for next year.

Before closing the one remaining club event, the Cunningham Foundation Trophy, was won by Quincy's Al Cline,

Dave MacGilchrist and Ann Bissett. Pawtucket used the Cunningham green for the Archie Stevenson Trophy, which they took home, with Milton runners up of Jack MacDonald, Bill Kritzman and Tom Robertson.

Mark Benos and George Archilles took part in the national doubles at Spalding Inn Club, with their wives and several Cunningham members on the sidelines cheering them on, but were eliminated. They put on a fine performance in their first match against the eventual national champs.

SPRINGFIELD L.B.C.

By Howard F. Merchant Jr.

Another successful season of bowling has just finished until next spring. A round of applause is in order for our greenskeeper (Dominic) for the beautiful condition our greens were kept in this season. Hope to see him back in Spring.

Winners in the Club Tournament this year were: Singles—John Davidson, Champion, and Gene Randall, Runnerup. Pairs—Henry Flebotte, and Bill Keay (Skip) champions and Roy Fenton and Bill Macleod (skip) Runnerups.

In the Harold Brigham Memorial Tournament held at Fernleigh L.B.C., Hartford on July 9, the winners from our club were as follows: 1st Place, Roy Fenton, John Davidson and Bill Keay (skip). 2nd Place, Harry Milroy, D. Flint, and Alex Milne (skip). Nice going boys.

Hope all the Pinochle players are enjoying their games in the afternoons at Holy Name Social Center.

The Club hopes all our members have a Bright and Happy Holiday Season.

DUPONT COUNTRY CLUB

By Willard F. Spengeman

Since, in the words of our club president, John Goynes, "winning" isn't everything" it was decided that in addition to honoring the singles champion, Ray Gesell, and the captain of the Pairs champions, Dave Meharg, citations would be made for outstanding achievements of other members. Those honored for 1977 are: Scotty Baird—for outstanding performance in the tricathalon: bowls, golf and poker.

Alex Brunner—for the ability to smile in the face of adversity.

Paul Detwiler—for outstanding service in sparking play on both outdoor and indoor rinks.

Oscar Diverall—whose bowling prowess resulted in having a restaurant in Wilmington named in his honor.

Ed Hein—for his work on the engineering of carpet surfaces.

Roy Kinckiner—for outstanding year in, year out play.

Charles Knodel—the club's left-handed champion.

Woody Lindsay—the man missed most. Stewart Logan—who captained the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Triples Team.

Homer Meschter—for outstanding sportsmanship.

Bill Montgomery—who, in spite of injuries, came back to bowl with the best. Mel Richards—who turned in the best performance of the first year men.

Bill Van Derhoef—the man who kept the club solvent.

WE SALUTE THEM ALL.

TRENTON L.B.C.

By Al Lyon

Trenton Club closed its 1977 season on a high note of optimism for 1978 on Sunday Oct. 15. We held our last Club Tournament a progressive triples competition, a first time event of this type competition in Trenton.

Winners after 30 ends of Bowling were Andy Campbell, Ted Cubberly, with Irv Taggart (skip).

Saturday Oct. 29 we held our Annual Banquet and Awards Night at the Quakerbridge Inn, included in the large assembly were 14 members of the Essex Co. Club.

On Sat. Nov. 5, ten of our members made the trip to the Essex Co. Banquet and had a grand time meeting our Bowling Friends socially. Officers for 1977-78 elected by the Trenton Club are Robert Stewart President, Sam Lamb Vice President, Al Lyon Secretary Treasurer and Daniel Knox Games Chairman.

We are now in the process of refurbishing our clubhouse for the 1978 National Open Tournament and our Park's Dept. promise us ideal greens.

To Bowlers everywhere we extend Greetings for 1978 and Success to all Clubs.

NEW YORK L.B.C.

By Marion Morey

Our 51st Annual Party October 21st was a spectacular success; cheers to Shirley and Mel Stich who arranged the dinner dance and awards presentation at the elegant Explorers Club. Several Essex and Brooklyn bowlers shared the evening with us.

Winners of the Lennox Cup (triples Oct. 8) were: Steve Moore, David Wolfe and Helen Ryan. Winners of Club Singles (Oct. 15) were Blanche Preene, Ladies, and Mel Stich, Men. The coveted Waterford Trophy (club mixed Pairs) could not be played out and will be re-scheduled for early next spring.

On December 3, 1977, our Annual Meeting was held. The entire slate of nominations as set forth by the nominating committee was duly elected for 1978:

President, Sidney Shloss; 1st Vice President, William McCord; 2nd Vice-President, Blanche Preene; Secretary, Raymond Carol; Treasurer, Ann Hewitt and Directors: Norman Cross, Anton Diebold, John Keating, Mary McGowan, Marion Morey, Scotch Rodger and Elizabeth Thompson. Congratulations also to Dick Clark who was made an Honorary Member.

Scotch Rodger, president for three years, was presented with a special gavel plaque in appreciation for his generous service.

We ended this season with a healthy membership of 112!

THISTLE L.B.C.

By Mark Haber

Our 1977 Bowling season is now at an end with the advent of the Winter season, and upon reflection, it has been a very active year for our bowlers who participated in our many fine scheduled tournaments in District #2. Thistle Club, as usual, exhibited a very commendable showing in these events.

Our Annual Meeting was held at the Senior Citizens Center in West Hartford on November 22, 1977 and was very well attended. The business of the evening included the following:

The entire slate of nominations as set forth by the nominating committee were duly elected by the members present for the ensuing year as follows: President, David M. Douglass; Vice President, Harold A. Seymour; Secy.-Treas., Mark Haber; Directors for 3 years, Ray Northam and Walter Strom.

The Secretary gave a report of his meeting with the Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Victor Jarm, with reference to the poor condition of the greens. Mr. Jarm admitted that he was aware of this fact, but did promise to do all possible for their restoration, and in time for the 1979 Eastern Division Tournament. He suggested that we meet with him in the early Spring, together with representatives from the local clubs and make plans for much needed improvement.

Mr. Ray Northam, Secy. of the Eastern Division Board reported that the Clubs in District #2 are in agreement that the 1979 Eastern Division Tournament be held in the district, and hosted, tentatively, by the Hartford clubs.

QUINCY, MASS, B.G.C.

By Herbert R. Fisher Jr.

A super abundance of rain this summer and fall forced postponement and cancellation of several tournaments. None of the three club championships were completed but this was due not so much to rain as the failure of players to play their matches in July and August when they should.

The annual fall club meeting was featured by lively discussion as to whether the Women's and Men's clubs should be combined into one. The meeting voted to have the Board of Governors decide this issue. The Board met and voted: "To accept women into the bowling club as voting members."

Club officers elected at the meeting were: President—F. Ritchie, Vice President—J. Martin; Treasurer—H. Johnson; Secretary—H. Fisher; Greens Chairman—J. Milne; Games Chairman—N. Wakeling.

HOLY NAME L.B.C.

By Bill Lewis

Holy Name won the Bonanza Trophy and City Championship for Lawn Bowling Oct. 1st by defeating the Springfield L.B.C. by a score of 107 to 96.

Pairs Champs for 1977 are Joe Loizzo and Reno Briancesco.

Our Wednesday Nite League ended with the following men in the high bracket for prizes, Charles Knightly and John McInnes tied for first place 36 points, Ben Novak second 35 points and Ted Gagnon third with 33 points.

Had our end of the year meeting November 7th and the following officers were elected for the 1978 season: President Bill Lewis, Vice President Joe Burns and Sec-Treas. Paul Noffke, Jr.

Coming up on December 3rd our Christmas Party to be held at the Huke Lau.

ESSEX COUNTY L.B.C.

By Isabel Forbes

The bowling season in the Northeast has now drawn its curtains on outdoor bowling for approximately 5 months. But before we closed the following tournaments were enjoyed by many of our members.

Essex County Mix or Match Pairs won by Bill Farrell and Skippy Arculli; Essex County Men's Pairs Dick Nelken and George Ralston; Brooklyn Open Triples—Bob DeJonge, George Schick, and Jack Gilbert; Essex County Club Singles—Skippy Arculli; Essex County Club Pairs—Dick Nelken and Harold

Trent; Brooklyn Open Triples—Bill Farrell, Skippy Arculli, and Dick Nelken; Sam Schofield New Bowlers Tournament—Winner Lou Perrillo, Runner-up John Simmons.

Due to an early closing of our greens the Jack Forbes Memorial Trophy, which was won by a Sunrise team of Dan Gorman, Dan Doyle, and Marie Gorman, was played in Brooklyn which offered us the use of their greens for the tournament.

Approximately 16 of our members traveled to Los Angeles, California for the 1977 National Tournament in October. Although no great trophies were brought back, a grand time was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Grand Finale for a wonderful season of lawn bowling was our Annual Banquet held at the Bethwood Inn in Totowa, New Jersey, on November 5, 1977. A grand time was enjoyed by all, including our friends that traveled from Trenton N.J., Brooklyn, N.Y. and Bridgeport, Conn.

Now many of our members will join with the members of the Brooklyn B.G.C., New York L.B.C., and the Trenton L.B.C. for a winter of bowling at the Edison Indoor L.B.C.

EDISON INDOOR, L.B.C.

By Jack Gilbert

We started our seventh season with a general meeting to elect officers and to discuss plans for the coming year. The officers are: Jack Gilbert, President; Herb Zauderer, Vice President and Al Lyon, Secretary-Treasurer.

Games Committee Chairman, Bill Farrell, is planning one open tournament a month and elimination play for the club Singles, Pairs and Triples championships.

We invite any club or bowler to try out our facilities. Just call Jack Gilbert (201) 273-2231 or Bill Farrell (201) 756-6545 for directions and information.

BROOKLYN L.B.C.

By Jim Nicholson

President Earl Valet who played with the A.L.B.A. team that visited Australia, New Zealand and other greens near by arrived back in time to be reelected President for another term.

Earl accepted his new task with the statement that his trips during 1977 gave him many new ideas which will improve the club. The activities of the club got off to a good start with the club tournaments, but due to poor weather and other competing events only the

Patterson (singles) was completed with Robert Altman being the winner.

In October Stephen & Clara Woolsey Jr. & Earl Valet represented the club at the 1977 National Open Tournament at Los Angeles. Since our green is improved and playable the Essex Club N.J. held their Jack Forbs Memorial Tournament (triples).

The club membership feels honored by the election of Charles Duffy as President of the Eastern Division of A.L.B.A. for 1977-78 also having Stephen Woolsey Jr. as one of the Board of Directors.

President Valet asks that all club members endeavor to build up the club membership for 1978.

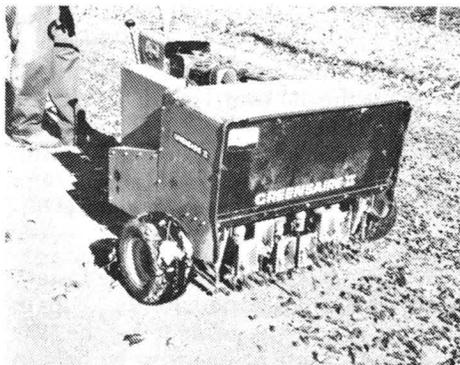
GREENWICH (CT.) L.B.C.

By William C. Babbitt

At our Annual Meeting this Fall, we reviewed our accomplishments (or in some cases lack of them) in 1977 and made plans for better results in 1978. Officers elected:

John Sharkie, President; Bert Schinto and Margaret A'Hearn, Vice Presidents; William C. Babbitt, Secretary (3 Park Lane, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. 10552); Robert Taylor, Treasurer; Chairman—Games, James Gardiner, Greens, John Stankard.

The Parks Dept., delayed by several weather interruptions, repeated the treatment of last Fall which brought about such a great improvement in our green, i.e., (1) hollow tyning on about 2½" centers (see photo). Note tyning elements are piston-like and work vertically; (2) plugs removed from green, (3) green top dressed with very fine sand (US sieve #50); (4) cross-dragged 4 ways to carry sand down into holes (about 3" deep) and otherwise improve levelness, all per Edgar Haley's excellent manual on green care.



Hollow-tyne plunger (aerofier) at work on Greenwich green. Photo—Bill Babbitt

SUNRISE L.B.C.

By Marie Gorman

Our last away from Home tournament was participation in the Forbes Memorial Trophy in Brooklyn on October 16. The names of Sunrise team Gorman-Doyle and Gorman will grace the handsome plaque after Dot Henry's N.Y. Team squeaked through with a one point win against a Jersey team giving Sunrise the only 3 game win—Thanks a lot Dot, we needed that!

Our Annual meeting-dinner-dance was made more festive by our Newlyweds Mary and John Melore who surprised us with a beautiful wedding cake to add to our delicious dinner. We gave them a corsage and boutonniere.

Same officers will hold over for 1978 with George Schiffmaker replacing the late Pete Schaff as V.P.

Outcome of Home Tournaments: Williamson Triples—E. Duncan, Schaff, W. Adams; Mixed Pairs—M. Gorman, Tocknell; Men's Singles—Doyle, Ladies Singles—Gorman; Men's Pairs—Gorman, Bihl; Ladies' Pairs—Cramer, Doig; Doxey Triples—Bloore, M. Gorman, Bartley.

County Sponsored Tournament—Ladies Singles—Howell; Men's Singles—Bihl; Ladies' Pairs—Duncan, McShane; Men's Pairs—Kinsey, Gustafson.

We remind our friends across the country to include a visit to beautiful Long Island when they come East for the Nationals in 1978.

CATARACT CITY L.B.C.

Niagara Falls, New York

By Alex Dunlop

At the annual fall membership meeting Richard Waite was elected president for the 1978 season. Dick succeeds Paul Bane who did a tremendous job during his term as president.

Leslie Horne was elected 1st Vice President, Elton Wilson 2nd Vice President and Edward Ambuske Financial Secretary.

Elected to the Board of Directors for 3 years were Waite, Wilson and Alex Dunlop. They join Edward Ventry, Lou Schird, Charles Van Horn and John Ding Wall.

Our club singles and pairs were completed on schedule as competitors cooperated beautifully.

Roy Barr, a first year bowler teamed with skip Edward Ambuske to defeat Joe McCann and skip Dick Waite 20-17 to win the club pairs. Alex Dunlop won the club singles championship by edging Joe Grabowski 21-17. Joe, who didn't start Lawn Bowling until mid summer, pulled many upsets to reach the finals and shows great potential.

FERNLEIGH L.B.C.

By Richard D. Jervis

Now with snow on the ground our 1977 year is but a memory of comfortable warm weather, good grass greens, and friendly competition.

We added five new members during the year bringing our membership to our limit of ninety.

New member Reggie Poole won first prize in the Novice contest "Drawing to the jack" and joins our list of Club Leaders. Singles Hugh Gallagher; Pairs Merritt Banks (skip), Harry Butcher; Mixed Pairs Fred Krapels (skip), Maria Wolf; Women's Singles Jean McCambridge; Women's Pairs Jean McCambridge (skip), Annetta Nicoll.

After several postponements because of rain, we held the first playing of the "Harry Engstrom Tournament" on October 22. Harry Engstrom joined Fernleigh Club in 1949 and soon became chairman of the Greens Committee. Through all these years Harry has looked after the Fernleigh Club greens as if they were his own private property, he is a top notch bowler, Past President of our Club and worthy of this recognition.

The first names to be engraved on the Silver Bowl "The Harry Engstrom Trophy" will be the 1977 winner CHARLES Flight (skip) and ART Eagles.

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NORTHWEST DIVISION NEWS

Some results of the Fall meeting of the Division follow: Elected: President, Walter Adams, Queen City, (Seattle); First Vice President, Arthur Newman, King City, (Oregon); Second Vice President, J. C. Malkevick, Tacoma; Third Vice President, Ronald Veitch, Portland; Secretary-Treasurer, Joe Patelli, Jefferson Park; Counselors to ALBA, Harold Day and Robert Boehm.

PORTLAND L.B.C.

By Ron Alex Veitch

In our final tournament of the 1977 season, Homer Dunakin won five matches 'without a loss' to capture the most competitive and best played novice singles event in recent years. Earlier in the season, Dunakin had played lead for Cliff Houghton as the rookie pair won the club pairs. It would be redundant to observe that Portland's newcomers show great promise.

Ron & Ruby Veitch won National Mixed Pairs at Los Angeles in October.

Elected in September and installed in October, President Jim Cole is assembling a strong team to lead the club in 1978. Newcomers to the Board include Vice President, Cliff Houghton and Games Chairman, Herman Runge. At the Northwest L.B.A. meeting in November, Ron Veitch was elected Third Vice President, and Marvin Moir returned as Portland delegate to that body.

KING CITY L.B.C.

By Arthur Newman

There is no doubt that 1977 was a most successful season for the Club. We were fortunate in entertaining—not only our neighbors—the Portland Club, but, also, Tacoma-Jefferson Park and Queens. Our annual Dinner and election of officers was held in The Town Hall on Oct. 8 and after a sumptuous meal, the following were elected to serve for 1978.

President, Arthur Newman; Vice President, William Thomas; Secretary, Arsula Hall; and Treasurer, Kenneth Strawn. Following the dinner, a play was performed by members of the Club, and although it had nothing to do with Bowls—it was thoroughly enjoyed—at least by those who took part. Ken Hall was outstanding as "Lord Topdrawer," Florence as "Lady Topdrawer" was really something to behold. Mable Klang took all of the honors as "Little Kate" the outraged virgin, and no one could stand the Rev. Dell Buttrey as the villain. He was booed every time he spoke. To complete the cast—Chuck Stinger depicted the Law, drew rounds of applause especially when he came in at the wrong place. The Club's song was heartily sung by the 68 present, to the tune of "Home on the Range."

We are working on our green, and hope that next year we shall have got rid of some of the hills and dales. We wish to thank all who visited us for your forbearance.

QUEEN CITY L.B.C.

By Harold E. Jewell

Queen City is certainly proud of the achievement of Bob Tillman in finishing third in the ALBA Singles back in Whitefield, N.H. He rightly deserves the title of "Giant Killer" for his three victories in five matches there. And we're proud, too, of Theresa Day and Gladys Mallory for their third place tie in the Pairs back at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. In fact, the Northwest Division fared very well as a whole and we wish especially to salute Pat Boehm of Jefferson Park for her fantastic bowling both at Buck Hill Falls and in Los Angeles.

New officers for our club for the coming year are Howard Ames, President; Fred Cousins, Vice President and Don McMillan, Secretary-Treasurer.

Andy Slatt is our Games Chairman and he doubles in brass in that he is Chairman for the Northwest, as well.

Congratulations are in order for Walt Adams of our club who is the new President of the Northwest Division. Walt did a good job as president of Queen City last year and we're sure he'll do a bang up job for the Northwest as well.

Since our item for the October issue was lost, strayed or stolen, here's a list of club champions for 1977:

Men's Singles—Bob Tillman

Men's Pairs—Bob Tillman and Ferd Lockner

Ladies Singles—Harriet Bauer

Ladies Pairs—Gladys Mallory and Marion Larrabee

Novice Singles—Rene Lindberg

Pete Morrison Memorial—Gene Weeden and Margaret Ames

Mixed Pairs—Bob Tillman and Gerry Barnhart.

JEFFERSON PARK L.B.C.

By Ralph Andrews

Say, you people look back, don't you? You don't care if somebody is gaining on you. Well, look back on the '77 scene on our greens. There were a lot of highlights there...like Bob Boehm, Bill Craig, on the South African hot shot tour and both with Bob Tillman winning to go to the New Hampshire Nationals...like club winners John and Marge Johnson, Lloyd Anderson, Joe Patelli, Alex and Jenny Smith, Hazel Howard, Kellie and Dick Hammett, Charles Gordon, Harry Schuck, Himer Hull...anybody left out?

Then remember all the games you played while over there on No. 2? The greens boys were spreading sand and sacrifice like medieval monks...not daring to complain. And remember the lively visit from Mann Park Club, the one to North Burnaby and the wet one to White Rock. Oh, there were Mary Anderson's social successes during the year and then as a sparkling finale—the Christmas fandango with the new social chairman Terry Ralph and crew showing their colorful skill with more than 90 of us singing carols, applauding offerings from Fred Bianchi on the banjo and Harry Thiedeman's guest Barbara Rollins on the piano. We sure have fun, don't we?

And now in 1978 we have new people calling the shots—Dick Hammett who handled the games job so well last year was made president and new Board members helping field his moves...Alex

Smith, Himer Hull and Don Patton, treasurer.

And here are some new members to start the year—Attila Merlino, Ben Craft, Curtis Kohn, Russell Cornish, Gene Weedon, Claude McReynolds. The Club congratulates them all and wishes them well.

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LAKESIDE L.B.C.

By Marie S. Clausen

Lakeside's Annual Awards Banquet was held on November 5th in the Crystal Room of the Windermere Hotel. The officers for the 1978 season were announced: Byron Shinn, president; John LeNoble, vice president; Russell Kutz, secretary-treasurer; George Clyde, budget chairman; Lachlan McArthur, Games.

AWARDS:

MEN'S CLUB EVENTS: Triples—winner, Lou Martens, Andy Clausen, Ted Perry (skip); Runner Up, Bob Savage, Jim Rarity, Lachlan McArthur (skip).

Pairs—winner, Bert Thomson, George Clyde (skip); Runner up, Carl Johnson, Lachlan McArthur (skip).

Rinks—winner, Duke Harlan, George Clyde, Russell Kutz, Byron Shinn (s); runner up, Bob Savage, Calvin Wright, John LeNoble, Lachlan McArthur (skip). Singles—winner, Dick Guetzlaff; runner up, Byron Shinn.

"101" Singles—winner, Lachlan McArthur; runner up Byron Shinn.

WOMEN'S CLUB EVENTS:

Triples—winner, Olive Young, Margaret Johnson, Alice Schneider (skip); runner up, Erma Walther, Madoline Kutz, Lillian Magnuson (skip).

Pairs—Winner, Olive Young, Alice Schneider (skip); Runner up, Peggy Clyde, Marion Altendorf (skip).

Singles—winner, Rebecca McArthur; runner up, Madoline Kutz.

"101" Singles—winner, Rhoda Eichholz; runner up, Kay German.

Novice Singles—winner, Barbara Bevins; runner up, Fern Ronaldson.

MIXED EVENTS

Marital Pairs—winner, Rebecca McArthur, Lachlan McArthur (skip); runner up, Mable Jackson, Victor Jackson (skip).

Mixed Pairs—Winner, Alice Schneider, Duke Harlan (skip); Runner up, Lillian Magnuson, Russell Kutz (skip).

Mixed Triples—winners, Marion Altendorf, Rebecca McArthur, Lachlan McArthur (s); runner up, Margaret John-

son, Jim Rarity, Lou Young (s).

The Robert Savage Evening Round Robin competition results were delayed because of weather and will be played off at a later date.

Lakeside is hosting the 1978 Central Division Tournament which will be held July 8 through the 12. The Pairs playdown for U.S. ALBA Championship will be held on July 13, 14 and part of the 15th and the singles playdown will be held the afternoon of July 15, 16 and if necessary the 17th.

Lakesiders are privileged to continue carpet bowling four times a week at South Shore Park during the winter months.

MILWAUKEE L.B.C.

(Dineen Park)

By Neil Bultman

Our fall dinner party was held on Oct. 23 with the following officers elected to serve for 1978: Carl Prachthausen, president; Elsa Vanselow, secretary; Art Schmidt, treasurer; Joe Janisch, Milt Koester, Clary Paulin and Earl Reimer, directors.

In our final club events, Ladies Mixed Pairs was won by Peg and Paul Hensen over Marge and Carl Prachthausen; Ladies Triples was won by Milly Kahabka, Marge Prachthausen and Gladys Reimer (s) over Elsa Vanselow, Katie Kellig and Marge Paulin (s). Also the Ladies team of Gladys Reimer, Elsa Vanselow and Peg Hansen (s) won the runners-up trophy in the Milwaukee County Triples-Laies League.

A "Special Award" was presented to Virginia Wolf, our retiring (and very efficient) secretary, who has given so much of her time for so many years—We thank you! We extend our very special mention to Gladys and Earl Reimer for their very capable handling of the entertainment, prizes, etc. at our parties and events. And to Clary Paulin and crew for always getting things squared away for play on the greens; a job well-done, but never appreciated enough.

CINCINNATI L.B.C.

By Victor Abnee

The 1977 season of CLBC was one of the most enjoyable in recent years. The green remained in good condition most of the year and the overall attendance was good. We had 11 members affiliate, keeping our membership near the 100 mark.

The club's one indoor event of the season, the annual meeting, was held at the Cincinnati Club in November. This always is a gala event at which trophies

are awarded to winners of the year's tournaments. Officers for the ensuing year are: Robert Mayer, president; John Davenport, 1st vice-president; Robert Daniels, 2nd vice-president; Martha Ong, secretary and James Mancuso, treasurer. The Good Sportsman Trophy was given to Robert Manke.

Several of our contests were interesting and close. The Mixed Couples League was won by Earl and Maryliz Fertig with an average of 17 points defeating their closest competition by .2 points. James Mancuso won the Men's Singles defeating his opponent 21-19 in 25 ends. James Mancuso was also the winner of the Jim Black Contest which was played over a period of 16 weeks.

The club's holiday tournament, which are picnic affairs, are proving popular. These events consist of morning bowling, picnic lunch and then bowling again in the afternoon. We welcome many visitors during our season and if you visit the Queen City during the summer, visit us, you are always welcome.

COLUMBUS PARK L.B.C.

By Fred Raraty

Our Round Robin competition provided a series of interesting games and our Singles champion was Norman Taylor. The Pairs event was won by Bill Brown and Rollie Kott. We were pleased to have Sam Creelman back with us during the summer. He crowded in a lot of bowling before his return to his new home in Florida.

We wound up the season with our annual dinner, held on November 11th and our members and guests spent an enjoyable evening. Our thanks go to Mel Scott for providing the Bingo equipment and for setting up the games.

Trophies were awarded to: CLUB SINGLES—Winner, Norm Taylor and Runner-up, John Herberts. CLUB PAIRS—Bill Brown and Rollie Kott winners over Runners-up, Dan White and Elizabeth Findlater. LOCKHART TROPHY (Pairs) Gene Davis and Betsy White, OAKLAWN TROPHY (Triples) Dan White, Betsy White and Bill Brown. Our appreciation for a good and successful year go to President Dan White, Treasurer Bill Brown and to the officers and members of Columbus Park LBC.

MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK L.B.C.

By Fred Sauer

With our greens put to bed under a twelve-inch blanket of snow, we can do a little reminiscing of things past; the annual Round Robin tourney with

Milwaukee West (Dineen Park) was won by Doc Roberts (s), Bill Harrison and Ellsworth Klein of Lake Park. Carl Landgren (Lake Park) won the Milwaukee County Singles Championship. The team of Tom Slater and Elly Klein won the County Pairs championship and Ken Degenhardt (s) Gene and Bill Bertrand won the County Triples event. A clean sweep for the bowlers from Lake Park.

The Mixed Pairs tourney was an outstanding success with 58 members competing on Monday nights throughout the summer. Carl and Jo Landgren were winners in Division A, with Cy and Gil Stephen runners-up. Terry and Barbara McCormick were winners of Division B with Ed Erdtman and Dee Antinucci runners-up.

The annual meeting of the club was held on December 3rd; Terry McCormick, Tom Prendergast and Fred Sauer were elected to the Board of Directors for a period of 3 years. The "Hardware Hounds" received their awards for the year; top "Dawgs" were Elly Klein and John Hinebach with four (4) medals each, mostly the gold type (gilt, of course) Terry McCormick and his membership committee did an outstanding job this year; 17 new members joined Milwaukee Lake Park LBC and a high percent were young men, which is great for future years.

GARY L.B.C. **By Ross Brown**

As of December 31, 1977, the Gary Lawn Bowls Club no longer exists. It is with a great deal of regret that such an announcement is herein stated. Many reasons can apply to the failure to continue as a part of the American lawn bowls scene, but suffice to say, it has been a lack of enthusiasm, declining membership, poor green maintenance, a changing climate in the city and green location, poor direction and operation, and so on and on.

Gary now joins the ranks of Racine and Niles as former active clubs in the A.L.B.A. Central Division, lawn bowls clubs who, in the past, were clubs of active competition and enjoyment to many. The few who still have a bit of bowls enthusiasm will drift over to other clubs within the area and perhaps continue in the competitive spirit of the game and to enjoy old friendships and acquaintances gained through past years of enjoyable lawn bowls.

It is always a difficult task to write about such a demise of a once good little club that enjoyed so much of past per-

formances both within the club and the many competitions on both local and national levels, but times do change, events happen and it is with a heart-felt regret that we of the Gary L.B.C. have to say "It's over, we enjoyed it all while it lasted."

P.I.M. DIVISION

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ALBA-PIMD

The annual Meeting of PIMD was held on Dec. 3 at Oakland L.B.C. All member Clubs were represented, including Fresno and Honolulu.

Reports showed that PIMD had a good year and is now in fair financial condition. We are proud to have the U.S. Singles Championship winner in our Division—Orville Artist, and also the runners-up in the U.S. Pairs Championship—Orville Artist and Sat. Souza.

There is considerable activity in the Peninsula area regarding new Lawn Bowling Clubs being discussed and formed. Santa Clara L.B.C. will probably open in the spring of 1978. Los Gatos and others are in the planning stages.

The following Officers were elected for PIMD for 1978:

President, George Rowse (Oakmont L.B.C.), 1st V.P. Paul Houseman (Palo Alto L.B.C.) 2nd V.P. Jack Schoedinger (Leisure Town L.B.C.) Sec. Treas. Harry Hoopes and Asst. Sec. Treas. Don Ball, (both of Berkeley L.B.C.).

The A.L.B.A. Council Members elected are: Fred Bacon (Rossmoor) and Harry Soderstrom (S.F. L.B.C.).

Publicity Chairman and 1978 PIMD Staff Correspondent for A.L.B.A. "BOWLS" Magazine, is 1st V.P. Paul Houseman.

The Tournament Committee is again headed by Doug Coule, with Assistant Frank Souza, and enlarged to include: Ray Gimbal and Don Ball and Paul Regoli.

Greens Committee-Maintenance and Improvement of Grass Greens is headed by Tom Mansfield, Chairman. He will be working with Dr. Haley, National Greens Chairman.

Greens Promotion Committee—including Grass and Artificial Greens—is headed by Harry Soderstrom, Chairman, and Win Sisson. He will be working with

Fred Bacon, ALBA Artificial Green Investigation Committee.

Our new committee, Financial Development and Promotion, is headed by 2nd V.P. Jack Schoedinger, with David Kaye (Sunnyvale L.B.C.) who already has made some contacts in this new field.

Historian is perennial Raynor Gimbal.

The Tournament Committee, with all Clubs reps will meet on Jan. 7, 1978, 9:30 a.m. at Oakland L.B.C., to lay out the program for 1978.

The next quarterly meeting of the PIMD Executive Board is scheduled for Feb. 11, 1978 at Oakland L.B.C. at 9:30 a.m.

PALO ALTO L.B.C. **By Bob Wilson**

First the good news: for several weeks we have had the pleasure of bowlers on our green from Sunnyvale while their green is being renovated. The bad news is that the Palo Alto Club can no longer delay confessing that we lost two tournaments last Autumn on our own green. The first was with Berkeley, patterned after the "Big Game" between the University of California and Stanford, after which the winner gets the axe for a year—so for many years we have bowled the Berkeley Bowls Club for the meat axe which now resides in Berkeley after their 42 bowlers beat us dramatically. It really is a meat axe mounted on a handsome plaque. The second defeat was by 21 Sunnyvale bowlers who recently won the annual Friendship Trophy Tournament, which was started several years ago by Phil Livingston. The Friendship part applies all year except during the tournament. After these two losses our motto now is: "It's not whether you win or lose but how you play the game."

In December our nominating committee of Les Black, chairperson; Angele Delanges and Douglass Burnett presented, and the members elected, the following officers and directors for 1978: President, Mory Raichelson; vice president Lloyd Petty; secretary Margaret Goff; Treasurer Thomas Turner; Directors Dorothy Beckett, Herbert Deckert, Meg Knapp, Gertrude Cobb, Marhl Welch and George Dodds (the last three replace Florence Mall, Les Black and Ed Ballora).

We all survived a gala Christmas party, champagne punch, a festive dinner, with wine, dancing to live music and entertainment galore. This was all put together by Dorothy Beckett and her committee of Rita Greenfield, Ruth Vanderlip, Dick Beckett, Herbert Deckert and Dick Sund. Many said "the best party ever."

ROSSMOOR L.B.C.

By Marjorie Bartlett

Our greens had a work out this year. From January 1 until November 30 we set-up rinks in the mornings for coaching, make-up games and 10-end and 18-end rinks for draw games, both 10-end and 18-end games for a total of 7,891. That's 15,058 bowlers in eleven months.

With the above traffic it has been no easy job to keep our greens in the fine condition we have enjoyed. Thanks to the untiring efforts of our greenskeeper, Fred Pflugfelder (six years on this job) the entire membership is aware of their part in helping to care for the greens. Lately, we have resorted to the use of ground sheets as a means of preserving the mat area from wear and dampness. ("Woe" to him who drops his bowl!) Several members were impressed when they saw the Haley Planer in action in Southern California recently and the club is considering the investment.

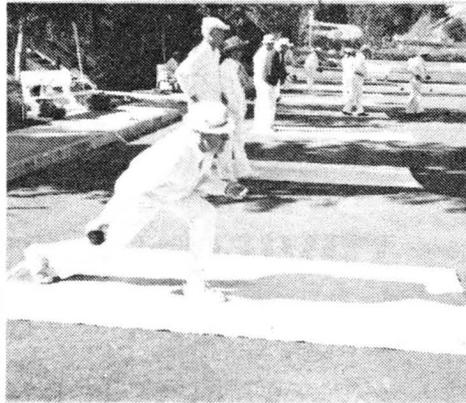
Our membership has remained about the same in '77. Of the more than 250 members there are over 80 women. We've gained a few and lost a few, but have great hopes for new members in the spring because of the fine publicity we have received in our own and local papers.

We had 353 players that participated in PIMD events. Our Golden Gate Cup team members each received a medallion for finishing 1st in our division. We won the Bay Area Retirement League games in which 174 members played. In the Rossmoor Invitational there were 212 players and when Cambria came to visit us there were 96. Twenty-five bowlers were on our greens for the Champion of Champions tournament and our "Allende" Over the Hills event with Berkeley and Oakland found 45 members playing each time. Five Rossmoor men participated in the National Open and had a wonderful time.

The Club recently sponsored a Basic Life support course in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Mouth to Mouth Resuscitation. The two 9-hour classes were limited to 20 students each and were instructed and certified by the American Red Cross. If enough interest is shown in the new year, the Club will again sponsor this very worthwhile instruction. We are thankful that some members, as well as Rossmoor employees and our security, are qualified to administer this life-saving skill.

1977 has been an active year for our

bowlers and we look forward to an even better year in 1978. Happy New Year, and Let's Lawn Bowl!



Bowling Green

SAN JOSE L.B.C.

By Tom Mansfield

In past issues we have mentioned our green and its condition on many occasions. Why do we as bowlers feel we have had and will have a good green again?

First and foremost, the Parks and Recreation Department of San Jose goes all out to help us. Our greenskeepers have both worked very closely with our club and both have been bowlers. Both men have studied Dr. Haley's care and maintenance of bowling greens and have within their own responsibility tried to follow Haley's recommendations.

The Parks Department from bottom to top has been most cooperative and tried to supply us with equipment and material which are required to provide a good green. We have two Jacobsen Mowers and a Scott Bonnar is on order. We have a good small Fordson Tractor, a drag for leveling sand and a scarifier built by our first greenskeeper. We have an excellent aerator and a good spray rig. We have hoses and sprinklers as well as drags and whips. We also now have available a verticut unit with special blades.

At the moment we have eight to ten tons of sand, 30-mesh and smaller, available for our next treatment which includes verticutting, aerating, then top dressing and sanding.

Thanks to our friendly neighbor and Coach, Paul Dickey, we have a water level to go along with a fifteen to eighteen foot aluminum beam for leveling our green.

While we do not have a turf doctor, we do have a pair of golf green pluggers which enable us to patch bad areas.

We do maintain, thanks to Bill Jackson our greenskeeper, a small nursery at the end of our practice green which can be used to repair bad patches.

This fall the San Jose Parks Department hosted a symposium on the maintenance of bowling greens. Greenskeepers and supervisors from most of the city-owned greens in the Bay area sat and listened to Dr. Haley for four hours. I personally have heard from some of these men and almost all felt they had learned a great deal about maintaining greens.

Therefore, from all of us at the San Jose Lawn Bowling Club, our heartfelt thanks to the San Jose Parks and Recreation Department for their great cooperation in giving us a chance to have first-class facilities.

Our club has a high proportion of retired people and as such we are perhaps the largest active Senior Citizens group in San Jose. If the day ever comes when we can acquire a second green we will actively try to double our membership. People young and old deserve a chance at a healthful and social activity such as only lawn bowling presents.

SANTA CRUZ L.B.C.

By Sandy Davis

Club officers were elected for 1978 at our last meeting in November 1977: President, David F. Scott; Vice President, Maarten Bolle; secretary, (Mrs.) Esther Johnson; Treasurer, C. Wilson Taylor, and to the Board of Directors, James Gray and Earl MacIntire; and of course, our reliable and dependable Bert Horne, Tournament Director.

Our Club Membership has remained on a level sufficient for accommodation of space on the bowling green. During the last two years our recruiting program has been fortunate in providing us with new bowlers with good potential for advancement to the competitive tournament teams. As you know, we have an image to protect and insure in the P.I.M. Division—this, a young club that has won all of the trophies in competitions of our division during the last 10 years—that is a record to be proud of by the S.C.L.B.C.

We closed down our green in early October—lack of water made lawn bowling difficult; we are now renovating the surface of what remains of a once creditable bowling green. Dr. Edgar R. Haley, of "Better Greens" fame visited our devastated, desert-like, so-called green recently, and made certain consistent remediable factors plain to our greenskeeper and Club management; and, it will take a moderate amount of intelligent and consistent work on our part

to produce a better bowling green. We expect to bowl on our green about March 1.

To John B. Brown, president of Pacific Inter-Mountain Division, our hearty congratulations for progress this year in A.L.B.A. promotional work for new greens in Santa Clara, Los Gatos and Mt. View. J.B. is a leader of men, he works through you.

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be Dec. 21 in the Holiday Inn, Santa Cruz. The refreshment hour will be at 6 p.m. and Buffet Dinner at 7 p.m. A sensible good time is assured all who attend; trophy presentations, good eats, music and joy.

LEISURE TOWN L.B.C.

By Kay Schoedinger

Last year was a great year and this coming year expects to be better. More of our members showed an interest in signing up for PIMD Invitationals and we even won a few. Jack Schoedinger, Alex Sutherland and Kay Schoedinger won the Sunnyvale Invitational and Don Hill, Phil Moehr and Alice Hill won the Richmond Invitational.

We are happy to report three new members, Jim Wardell, Al Mylroie, and Cy Jones. These men are already making a good showing on the green. We hope to see Nan Hoye, Jane Thurber and George Thurber join us soon.

We trained seventeen bowlers in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and purchased an oxygen unit to be kept in the clubhouse for emergencies. It is not that we expect trouble but it is there if we need it. Schoedinger, Moehr and Sutherland are now certified instructors of CPR.

Greenskeeper & President Jack Schoedinger spent the year fussing over the green and was rewarded by a fine report from Dr. Haley when he stopped by for a visit. If you haven't bowled on the LT green lately you are in for a surprise. Results of bowling a fine green are evident to those who bowl against us.

SAN FRANCISCO L.B.C.

By Douglas Conley

The annual club meeting was held on December 11, and officers were elected for 1978. President George Santos and Treasurer Joe Warren were re-elected. They are joined by newly elected Vice President Granger Hill and Secretary Frank Treadway. Congratulations to all. ALBA Councillor Fred Bacon made an interesting, informative report to the membership outlining current ALBA activities.

With winter here, our greens never seem to dry out. In order to protect

them, a modified bowling schedule has been adopted for the remainder of the winter. All greens are closed Mondays. One green will be open for mixed bowling on Tuesdays through Saturdays from 12 noon until 3 p.m., and on Sundays from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Daily rotation of the open green should see all three greens through the winter with minimum damage.

We're all looking forward to the annual awards dinner to be held on January 28, 1978 at the Red Chimney Restaurant in San Francisco. Prizes will be awarded for club events contested during the year including those listed here. The "Handicap Triples" was won by the team of Joe Warren, George Powers, and Doug Conley with Ben Neff, George Pistone and Armando Ribeiro finishing second. Frank Treadway and Armandero Ribeiro defeated Emerson Denton and Doug Conley in the final match of the Handicap Pairs. Frank Souza won the Handicap Singles over Emerson Denton, and in doing so garnered just enough points to tie Armando Ribeiro for the Club Bowler of the Year title. More honors for Armando, he won the PIMD Champion of Champions Singles.

SUNNY GLEN L.B.C.

San Ramon

By Gena Hawkins

The days grew hot and the greens grew dry

We sat and watched and longed to cry
When it seemed completely beyond recall

Our trusty club gave us its all.

Men went to meetings to learn something new

We planted seed and it actually grew

We sprayed, we prayed and smoothed out the wrinkles

Then Mother Nature gave us two bountiful sprinkles—

Now Sunny Glen has a lush growing green

Perhaps not as great as you've ever seen
But we are grateful and ever knowing
That we as a club will "Keep em' Bowling"...

OAKMONT L.B.C.

By George T. Rowse

Our Annual Meeting was held on Dec. 1 and the following officers were elected: President Harold Brown; v.p., Henry James, Sec. Treas. Walter Kutz and Games Chairman, Dan Babb.

The Board of Directors: Dan Babb, Chas. Lewis, Ben Singer.

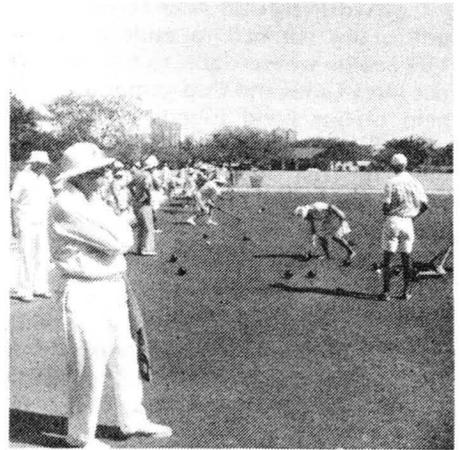
In 1977 we had 22 new members, men and women, qualify through our

coaching class. The growing depth of membership will undoubtedly provide more skillful bowlers to participate in our Club events and also the PIMD competitions ahead.

Our green is in very good condition, and we are working to keep it that way. The Haley report concurs.

Our Oakmont Invitational, held on Oct. 22 with 14 Bay Area teams participating, was quite successful. The Lakeside Club team took top honors, with 3 wins and 30 points plus, with Oakmont only 1 point behind. I guess we have to be nice to our guests!

Here's to a successful 1978—from the Valley of the Moon.



Tournament in progress on the Honolulu L.B.C. green, February, 1977.

HONOLULU L.B.C.

By Astrid Hormann

Recent improvements in our clubhouse facilities will enable us to serve meals with ease for special occasions. President Herb Parker, always the capable engineer, has by re-organizing our given space, created a neat little kitchen, complete with cupboards, double sink, stove and refrigerator. The work was carried out with the able assistance of Tom Rowlands and other volunteers.

The green is looking good; it has been receiving some new beauty treatments under the skillful management of Fred Denison who has experience and knowledge of Hawaiian soils through his many years of work with the Hawaii Sugar Planters Association.

A new "President's Trophy" was recently donated to the club by Randolph Crossley. The first pair of winners were Jack Bird and Bruce Crawford, with runners-up Bernice Peterson and Earl Fase.

RICHMOND L.B.C.

By David Tweedie

The Richmond Lawn Bowling Club is still without a Green. The damage done to our Green was, apparently greater than we thought after the City of Richmond Recreation Dept. and the employees industrial dispute.

For the first time in many years we have been unable to complete our Bowling schedule. We still have to play off Richmond Bowling Club, Triples, the Hill Trophy, the Stewart Trophy and the Baxter Trophy. If the Green becomes available to us within the next two weeks we might at least manage to play off the Club Triples.

Considering all the trials and tribulations we had to endure during 1977 Season we were able to complete all our Inter-Cities and Cup games with the help of our good friends in Berkeley when we had to use their Green to complete the last of Inter-Cities and Cup games. We thank the President and Officers of the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club for their generous gesture for allowing us to use their Green during our time of trouble.

We were able to play off six of our Club games however, and the following are details of the results.

MALTBY TROPHY: Winners—Eliot Swan, Win Sisson and Marion Fleckles; Runners-up—Paul Regoli, Tim Regoli and Johnnie Johnson.

PRESIDENT'S CUP: Winners—Bessie Drenth, Winnie Stewart and Turner Daulton; Runners-up—Chuck Cannistraci, Chris Cannistraci and Johnnie Johnson.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES WINNER—Mens—Chuck Cannistraci. Ladies—Ann Baker; Runners-up—Mens—Dave Redo and Ladies—Judy Redo.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS: Winners—Orville Artist, Erma Artist; Runners up: Eliot Swan, Mima Tweedie.

REDO TROPHY: Winners—Bob Straka, Jack Weiss and Marie Alves; Runners up—Betty Weiss, Kevin Batchelder and Turner Daulton.

BAKER TROPHY: Winners—Cliff Baker, Ray Cochrell and Kevin Batchelder; Runners up—Turner Daulton, Judy Redo and Homer Wolff.

The annual game we had with Fresno was played at Fresno this year. Fresno won after a very closely contested game.

Last but not least, Bob Straka and Bob Johnson covered themselves with glory in the P.I.M.D. Sill Pairs, they went all the way to the Finals, and finished as runners up. There's always next year, fellas.

BERKELEY L.B.C.

By Beatrix Bakker

The Berkeley L.B.C. is proud to claim as a member Orville Artist, who won the singles championship in the national competitions at Spalding Inn in September. Sat Souza (San Francisco L.B.C.) and Orville placed second in the pairs competition.

Extensive renovation of Drake green (one of Berkeley's two greens) was begun on December 4. It is anticipated that this green will not be available for bowling for several months, during which the number of bowlers often will lead to rinks games on Henderson green.

Our Historian, Georgie Titus, delving into the records, has found that Frank Drake, for whom Drake green was named, is a direct descendant of Sir Francis Drake who, as every bowler knows, insisted on finishing a game of bowls before he went out to finish off the Spanish Armada. Frank Drake negotiated diligently for twelve years with the City of Berkeley authorities, and under successive B.L.B.C. administrations, to establish our second green, Drake green was finally dedicated in 1962, and Frank Drake bowled the first bowl on it.

Two new honorary members were added to the B.L.B.C. roster in October: Frank Mixon, Jr., president of B.L.B.C. in 1972, and President of the American Lawn Bowls Association in 1975, and Oswald Granicher, club president in 1944. "Oz" and his wife Pauline now live at Rossmoor.

In April of this year, Parker Allen was made an honorary member of B.L.B.C. Now, sorrowfully, we must report his death in October. He has left to B.L.B.C. his books and papers on lawn bowling, to be kept in the B.L.B.C. library. He has given permission to Bert Graham of the "Bowler" magazine in Northern Ireland to publish all of his writings on bowling and all publishing rights are reserved to him.

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REDLANDS L.B.C.

By Peg Bennett

We started our winter season off with a bang. Ezra Wyeth held a lawn bowling clinic at our greens on November 19. Bowlers from Hemet, Riverside and Sun City were invited and over 50 bowlers took advantage of the excellent instruction. It was necessary to divide the group into two sessions. Then all bowlers team-

ed up in matches under the watchful eye of Ezra and our club coach, Hasso Pestalozzi. Many thanks again, Ezra, for giving the clinics and we will try and put into use the good instruction you gave us.

On December 3, we held our annual meeting and election of officers. Henry Ruiter will be the new President for 1978 and he will be assisted by Vice-President Russell Hadwiger, Secretary-Treasurer Peg Bennett, Games Chairman Hasso Pestalozzi, Tournament Chairman Porter Wall assisted by Russell Hadwiger, Greens Chairman Ed Thurgood, Senior Delegate George Ewen, and Social Chairman Jewel Ruiter. Our annual dinner will be on Tuesday, December 13 at Lugonia Fountains Clubhouse, Redlands.

Who says lawn bowling is not a sport for all ages! The youngest member of the club is Tim Isom, age 13, who celebrated his birthday in Riverside in "Bowling Under The Lights" with his grandparents, Gene and Marty Riddle. The oldest member (in years only) is Mabel Shuttleworth who is 89 years young on December 15. Mabel bowls three times a week and can give anyone a good game. Tim is rapidly improving and you will hear lots about him in a short time.

As in all organizations, sadness creeps in. We have lost four good members during the year in Ray Newsome, Ray Canterbury, Joy Albirte (secretary-treasurer of the club for many years), and Frank Wreaks. Their passing has left a void in the club. Also, during this past year, four of our members were stricken with illnesses. We are happy to say Bert Haalboom, Harold Martin, and Francis Downs come to the club to visit and we hope to see them back on the greens soon. Francis has been practicing with coach Hasso Pestalozzi to bowl lefthanded as he is still suffering from on the right side and is in a wheelchair. You can't keep good men down! The fourth member who has still not returned is Louis Van Roekel. Van suffered a stroke and is still in a convalescent hospital. He is keenly interested in bowling and the doings of the club. Hurry and get well, Van.

SUN CITY L.B.C.

By Leonard Record

Our enthusiastic lawn bowlers completed a full season with seven inter-club visitations at Sun City and seven travel visitations. We also hosted a Southwest Division invitational in October.

However, our proudest achievement

of this year was winning the triples championship in the Citrus League for the first time in the League's ten year span. Final Citrus League standings in triples play for the season were as follows: Sun City 22½; Pomona 20½; Riverside 29; and Redlands 10.

Members of our Citrus League team were Ross Bahrs, Vic Gilmour, Oscar Christopherson, Marge Hodges, Fred Jarrel, Pete Johnson, Maria Bahrs, George Zaninovich, Allan McAndrews, Cleo Jarrel, John Colborne, Frank Hartz, Amos Greenamyre, John Rooney, Bill Baurle, Al Swanson, who substituted for Ernest Jarrel and Ann Baurle who substituted for Al Simpson.

Our new Club Quarters building which was completed this fall is a fine addition to our club facility and will be particularly useful during the cooler winter months. New chairs and davenportes have just been delivered to furnish the new building adding much to appearance and comfort.

Over one hundred members of our club met at the King's Inn on Tuesday evening December 6 for their annual dinner meeting. President Ross Bahrs conducted the installation of the following new officers for 1978: President, Warren Payn; vice president, Walter Fitze; secretary, Cleo Jarrel; treasurer, George Buck; assistant secretary-treasurer, Lorraine Parker; games chairman, Louis Hudon; tournament chairman, Bill Boyle; and greens chairman, Amos Greenamyre.

Our last scheduled special games event was a turkey shoot held on December 14 where all who entered had a great time. We are looking forward to seeing many bowlers from other clubs bowling with us and we expect a good year in 1978.

RANCHO BERNARDO L.B.C.

San Diego, CA

By Dorothy Humiston

We are a recreational club, probably 99% of the 140 members play solely for recreation. Most of our members play three and four times per week.

We exchange visitations several times each year with the clubs of Sun City, Ca., Riverside, San Diego and North Oaks of Rancho Bernardo. There are occasional exchanges with other clubs in the Southwestern Division. Norm Erskine, chairman of the Tournament Committee has done yeoman duty in arranging our Inter-club matches in Southern California. Bob Briegal has done an excellent job of setting up and running many intra-club matches.

Under the advice of Dr. Edgar Haley of

Escondido and the unstinted efforts of our Club Greens Committee, and the use of our planer, we have brought our rink from a 3-4 second to 10-12 seconds. Our players keep the area well watered, free of small weeds, and the benches and rink markers repaired and painted. Other men conduct several classes a year for those who wish to learn to play and those who wish to improve their game. There is a wonderful spirit of friendship and cooperation among the members.

LOCAL LAWN BOWLERS WIN STATE TITLE

Bob Briegal and Tony LaValle won the State Novice Doubles Tournament at the Pasadena Lawn Bowling Club on September 30.

Both men, members of the Rancho Bernardo Lawn Bowling Club of Seven Oaks and the American Lawn Bowling Association, won the privilege of competing for the State Title by winning the Southwestern Division title at the Arroyo Seco Rink.

Bob and Tony competed against teams from the Pacific and Intermountain from Northern Division for the State Title.

SANTA ANITA B.G.C.

By Mike Eberle

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting held in December: Stanley Vogt, President; Roscoe Hollinger, 1st Vice President; Winnie Eberle, 2nd Vice President; Bill Chonette, Treasurer; Edgar Kenyon, Secretary. A vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers for a very successful year that included the dedication of our fourth green.

A wonderful Christmas party was enjoyed by over 200 members and guests held at the Masonic Hall in Arcadia. The officers for 1978 were installed and entertainment was provided by the Pasadena City College Sandpipers. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of an award by L.A. County Parks & Recreation Dept. to Bob Weitkamp, Tournament Chairman, as the outstanding member of our Club in 1977 for his many contributions to our progress, which included the fourth green that he personally sponsored from the beginning to its successful completion (see cover).

Results of the tournaments completed during the past quarter were: Open Triples—A Flight Winner Joe Lauer, Harry Koenning and Duke Wellington; Runner-up Cliff Orem, George Scherer and Jean Munn; B Flight Winner Fred Schweffermann, Marion Lloyd and Joanna Weitkamp; Runner-up Pete Mazzetti, Bob Watson and Tom Munn;

75 & Over Singles: A Flight Winner—Carl Braun; Runner up Robert Stirrett; B Flight Winner—Paul Sadler; Runner-up John Pearson; Consolation Pairs: A Flight Winner—Larry Gepson and Warren Shaw; Runner-up Genell Taylor and Irene Frank; B Flight Winner Andy Anderson and Albert Adcock; Runner-up Fred Eicke and Kay Wellington.

SANTA ANA L.B.C.

By Austin Johnson

We had a very large turn-out for our annual Christmas Dinner held again at the American Legion Hall on Dec. 8.

Among the dignitaries attending was the Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of Santa Ana, John Gresham and his Supervisor of Trees and landscaping, Gary Ott. Past director Bomo Koral again was our guest. The Mayor sent his apologies due to a prior engagement.

Our new officers and directors took office: President, Dyer Campbell; Vice President, John Forsyth; Secretary, Tres Nell Caines, and the other two directors Al DeGreve and Spencer Patterson.

The 1977 Club champions received their trophies for the following events: Triples Tom Stirrat-Geo Hale and Clara Buchman; Pairs: Jackson and Spencer Patterson; Singles Sparkie Caines; and Hanford Jackson; Mixed Pairs Austin Johnson and Alice Ovington.

A home talent skit was presented by Priscilla Furjanick, Gladys Campbell, Nellie Gaines, Betty Rymal, Kathryn Fink and Evelyn Meier. It was Merry Christmas theme in satire, the lay-person's literal interpretation of lawn bowling terms.

The decorating committee, Frances Schaeffer, Chairperson, and Gladys Campbell and Nell Caines carried out the lawn bowling motif in a clever arrangement.

SAN DIEGO L.B.C.

By Jo Zella

This quarter started off with a bang with Ezra Wyeth giving a lecture and instructions to the Gladventures Club. A number of our members attended the lecture, then the whole lot of us walked over to the bowling green where Wyeth instructed our own members.

We held one of our quarterly barbecues September 24 and had our usual tournament.

Our quarterly tournament with Oaks North came up October 13 and we won the plaque.

We visited Long Beach October 27 and had a glorious time.

Another quarterly tournament, this time against Seven Oaks, was held November 2. We won the plaque.

November 8 through 11 found a large number of our members on an unforgettable trip to Sun City, Arizona. Arrangements were made through the Gladventurers Club. The accommodations were great, the fellowship was terrific, and everyone came back bubbling over about the wonderful time they had.

On November 15 we visited Laguna Beach and got wholloped. November 30 we spent a delightful day in Sun City, California.

December 10 we held our annual Toys for Tots Tournament and the event was highly successful. We had about 112 members and guests attending, and, besides a huge tableful of gifts for the poor children, we managed to collect \$204. We held a tournament for those who wanted to participate and the winning team consisted of Bob Lee, Kay Soghomonian, Anita Axelson.

LONG BEACH L.B.C.

By Phyllis Madden

Halloween was celebrated in fine fashion. As usual, President Nell Parkhill and Dorothy Wotring had appropriate decorations, a morning and afternoon tournament with prizes. A truly great time was had by all.

Our Long Beach Bowling Club Tournament finally ended with the following results: Singles Winner: John Scott; Pairs Winners: Cecil Pyron and Charlie Suits; Triples Winners: Cecil Pyron, Art Ryan and Charlie Suits.

Congratulations to all winners.

The winners of the November Mixed Pairs were as follows: South Green: Austin Johnston S., Jane Evans L.; Middle Green: Neil McInnes S., Phyllis Madden L.

Our annual Christmas dinner held at the Recreation Hall in Bixby Park was a sparkling success. The catered dinner

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was beautifully done and greatly appreciated.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President: Nell Parkhill; Vice President: Hal Putnam; Treasurer: Walter Sheek; Secretary: Clara Sheek.



Competitors in a three-club tournament flex their muscles before Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and Holmby Park bowlers have at it on the Holmby greens.

HOLMBY PARK L.B.C.

By C. West

Most bowlers, being senior citizens, might be expected to welcome birthdays as enthusiastically as they would a touch of bubonic plague. But at Holmby Park these geriatric anniversaries have become occasions for celebration, rather than depression. On the last Thursday of each month those who have completed yet another year are honored by lunch-time festivities that are "must" dates for club members, over a hundred of whom invariably attend. Masterminded by the Entertainment Committee ladies, recently chaired by Virginia Kleinhans, Dorothy Cella and Marion Hamer, decorations for each event are appropriate to the season, our perennial party decorator Bill Ring always conceiving colorful, witty themes. These fun-filled periods precede action on the greens.

Equally popular is the annual Inauguration Dinner, held each December. At the most recent function officers for 1978 were presented by Art Hansen, president of the Southwestern Division of A.L.B.A. Applauded were Jim Ashforth, re-elected president; George Robbins, vice president; Dorothy Cella, secretary and Tom Conaty, treasurer. Appointments of key committeemen were announced—Sky Kleinhans and Walter Hamlin, Greens; George Robbins, Jeanne Rood, Dave Rudolph, Sam Jones and Cal Rood to handle intra-Club and visitation tournaments; Dorothy Cella and Marion Hamer, Entertainment; Archie MacCrimmon and Bill McQueen, Games; Ralph Hamer and Larry Smith, Equipment, and Walter Hamlin, Instructor.

Trophies for the various Club tournaments were awarded winners and runners-up.

MAC KENZIE PARK L.B.C.

Santa Barbara, CA

By Joe Bell

Once again a year has passed and we begin to consider the plus and minuses of the past administration and I am sure that the membership will agree that we had more pluses than minuses. As with everything in business the supervision, good supervision, is necessary for success and we were fortunate to have officers and committee men that at all times were courteous and efficient under the leadership of President Pete Hansen.

All club tournaments were completed, club games ran smoothly, new equipment was bought, the greens were renovated and are now being controlled by the club, so to all of the officers of 1977 many thanks for a job well done.

Now is the time for all of the 236 members of the club to give 100% cooperation to the new officers so that we can keep the progress movement that we have had since the inception of the club.

The new officers are: President W. J. Gotschall; Vice-President W. N. Jones, Treasurer Edith Fletcher and Secretary Gladys Wyngard.

OAKS NORTH L.B.C.

Rancho Bernardo

By Inez J. Chlopan

When visitors from Johannesburg, South Africa were at Oaks North Bowls Club, they became intrigued by our rakes. Upon returning home and being unable to find a source, the Aronsohn's wrote asking where to buy the "machines" so as to put an end to kicking in the "woods."

After surveying the various clubs, it was determined that rakes were not available from a commercial source and that individuals in the clubs designed and constructed them.

Our Ed Beistline, a multi-talented gentleman, drew a working sketch for rakes and Belden Morgan and Theron Strange spent many hours in the well equipped Oaks North woodshop making them for the club.

How nice it is that the established bowlers across the sea can find something in the U.S. which they wish to adopt.

Note from your staff correspondent: Light aluminum rakes may be purchased from—Newport Plating Co., 2810 Villa Way, Newport Beach, Calif. (714) 673-3580.



SANTA MONICA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

By Ferrell Burton, Jr.

Pictured above are participants in our recent Pumpkin shoot. In addition, we have also had a Turkey Shoot and a Mistletoe Shoot. For a group of peace loving, genteel people, we have had more shoot-outs than John Wayne. Chris Flores, our Argentine refugee organized and ran the above events successfully despite constant heckling from some of our well-meaning members. Our yearly elections have taken place. We elevated our treasurer, Bob Thrower, to President despite the fact that he couldn't account for over 22¢ in missing stamps.

We try to replace the treasurer every year—too much temptation. Betty Dore was re-elected as secretary. She moved recently; her change in address has caused a complete breakdown in communications with the Southwest Division and the A.L.B.A. However, things have been just ducky for us even without the council and guidance from higher authorities. This year we expect to lay down a new green. This will be a boon for archaeologists everywhere because, when we tear up our 29 year old surface, we are certain that objects will be uncovered which will rival the treasures in King Tut's Tomb.

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AWLBA NEWS

CENTRAL DIVISION

By Marie S. Clausen

The Central Division AWLBA 1978 tournament will be hosted by Chicago's Lakeside, July 8 through the 12th. The exact dates for the AWLBA Singles and Pairs playdowns of U.S. Championships have not as yet been settled, but they will be held following the Central Division tournament. It is hoped that a "sideline" of this tournament will be the giving out of more intensified information about the relationship between the Divisions and AWLBA.

The mid-winter Central Division Board meeting will be held in Chicago with President, Edith MacWilliams (Cleveland) presiding, aided by Vice President, Glen Blake (Rockford, Ill.), and Secretary-Treasurer, Rebecca McArthur (Lakeside, Chicago). Rebecca McArthur and Jo Landgren (Lakeside, Chicago and Lake Park, Milwaukee) are the two counselors representing Central Division on the AWLBA National Board.

Central Division is proud to have Rebecca McArthur appointed representative to the WIBB. "I'm ready to go anywhere in the world for a meeting, and, of course, I must pay my own expenses," says Rebecca.

Speaking of varied and sundry kinds of expenses, Lakeside's woman's group (and men's group) is lucky to have Alice Schneider and Lorry Blanksma who have come up with the glamorous idea of a "Las Vegas Night" which events are held in the homes of club members. There is absolutely no overhead and all proceeds to a specified fund that benefits lawn bowling in some way. The "winnings" from the first "Las Vegas Night" held at Alice's house, November 26th, went toward the Lakeside's Women's Group treasury. "The Plan" is to have this event "in swing" after each of Lakeside's monthly Board meetings. Who knows, payment of part of Rebecca's expenses as WIBB representative may be in the offing (where do we get without first having a dream?). Another note from Lakeside, regarding Lorry Blanksma: Lorry has been elected as the first woman to Lakeside's Board of Directors. Congratulations both to Lorry and Lakeside!

This interesting note from Cleveland's Edith MacWilliams under the heading of "Togetherness:" Corinna Folkins was the runner up in the first Women's U.S. Singles tournament and her husband, Dick, was the skip of the winning Men's

U.S. Pairs team, along with Jerry LaPask. Bert MacWilliams of Central was the runner up in the Men's U.S. Singles and his wife, Edith was skip on the Women's U.S. Pairs winning team along with Dora Stewart. The first U.S. Men's Pairs Championship in 1958 was won by Central Division (Robert Savage, skip, and Peter Purden) and now the Central Division women have also won the first.

Results of Central Division Tournaments

1977 OPENS & PLAYDOWNS

Triples—1st Flight Winners: Virginia Wolf (s), Peg Hansen, Margaret Paulin (Milwaukee West); Runners Up: Joann Landgren (s), Barbara Prendergast, Leonie Thornburg (Milwaukee Lake Park); 2nd Flight Winners: Lillian Magnuson (s), Madoline Kutz, Lorry Blanksma (Chicago, Lakeside); Runners Up: Gladys Bertrand (s); Nancy Shepherd, Sara Harrison (Milwaukee Lake Park).

Pairs—1st Flight Winners: Edith MacWilliams (s), Melba Klein (East Cleveland); Runners Up: Joann Landgren (s); Barbara Prendergast, (Milwaukee Lake Park); 2nd Flight Winners: Marie Clausen (s), Lorry Blanksma (Chicago Lakeside); Runners Up: Marcella Marcia (s), Helen Varga (East Cleveland).

Singles—1st Flight Winner: Edith MacWilliams (East Cleveland); Runner Up: Marion Altendorf (Chicago Lakeside); 2nd Flight Winner: Alice Schneider (Chicago Lakeside); Runner Up: Dee Antinucci (Milwaukee Lake Park).

Central Division Pairs Playdown—winners: Edith MacWilliams (s), Dora Stewart (East Cleveland); Runners Up: Leonie Thornburg (s), Joann Landgren (Milwaukee Lake Park).

Central Division Singles Playdown—Winner: Sara Harrison (Milwaukee Lake Park); Runner Up: Lorry Blanksma (Chicago Lakeside).

Lakeside Club Competitive Results for 1977

Mixed Events—Marital Pairs: 1st Rebecca McArthur, Lachlan McArthur (s); 2nd Mabel Jackson, Victor Jackson (s); 3rd Olive Young, Lou Young (s).

Mixed Pairs—1st Flight Winner: Alice Schneider, Duke Harlan (s); Runner Up: Lillian Magnuson, Russell Kutz (s); 2nd Flight Winners: Marie Clausen, Victor Jackson (s); Mixed Triples: 1st Marion Altendorf, Rebecca McArthur, Lachlan McArthur (s); 2nd Margaret Johnson, Jim Rarity, Lou Young (s); 3rd Lorry

Blanksma, Harold Billings, Archie Rodgers (s).

Women's Events—Triples: 1st Olive Young, Margaret Johnson, Alice Schneider (s); 2nd Erma Walther, Madoline Kutz, Lillian Magnuson (s).

Pairs: 1st Olive Young, Alice Schneider (s); 2nd Peggy Clyde, Marion Altendorf (s).

Singles: 1st Flight Winner—Rebecca McArthur; Runner Up—Madoline Kutz; 2nd Flight Winner—Peggy Clyde; Runner Up—Margaret Hopkins.

"101" Singles: 1st Rhoda Eichholz; 2nd Kay German.

Novice Singles: 1st Barbara Bevins; 2nd Fern Ronaldson.

AWLBA UNITED STATES SINGLES AND PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Dorothy Henry, Chairman

AWLBA is proud to have received wonderful support and participation from all quarters in making our U.S. Championships in September a most successful "first" in American women's lawn bowling.

Following tradition, Spalding Inn and Buck Hill graciously contributed beautiful sterling silver trays as trophies for the Championships—as they had done years before for the ALBA Championships. The most notable contribution from the business community was that of WATERFORD GLASS in New York City which provided crystal prizes for the winner and runner-up in each event. Other contributed items became part of a handsome gift package presented to each participant.

Our congratulations to each of the Division Champions listed below who, having entered and won their Division playdowns, paid their own way to Buck Hill and participated with fine play and exemplary sportsmanship. They are, each and every one, a credit to the sport of lawn bowling:

Central—Sara Harrison, Singles; Edith MacWilliams, Skip/Dora Stewart, Lead; Eastern, Frida Mixson, singles; Linda McDougall, Skip/Vi Baxter, Lead; Northwest—Pat Boehm, singles; Theresa Day, Skip/Gladys Mallory, Lead; PIMWD—Lois Rigg, Singles; Tecla Shepard, Skip/Erma Artist, Lead; Southeast—Anne Thomson, singles; Betty Wampler, Skip/Lydia Beach, Lead; Southwest—Corinna Folkins, Singles; Lilly Godfrey, Skip/Ina Jackson, Lead.

The winner in Singles was Pat Boehm, Northwest, runner-up was Corinna Folkins, Southwest. In Pairs, Central

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Division won four straight but was upset in the fifth game by PIMWD, creating a tie which was played off on Thursday morning in a steady drizzle. Edith MacWilliams, Skip and Dora Stewart, Lead, of Central Division became the first U.S. Pairs Champions with Lilly Godfrey, Skip, and Ina Jackson, Lead, of Southwest Division the runners-up.

The days were filled with excellent bowling, despite persistently inclement weather. And the evenings overflowed with fellowship and good fun at the Buck Hill Inn. Eastern Division, host of the Championships, sponsored an Open House cocktail party on Saturday evening, attended by Buck Hill residents and friends and, on Sunday evening, another for the Division Champions.

Thanks to the kindness and responsiveness of both the Inn and cottagers, our Championship Awards Dinner on Wednesday evening was a marvelous wind-up to a wonderful week (although all had to wait for Thursday's playoff which decided the Doubles Championship).

During the cocktail hour preceding the awards dinner, an auction was held to help defray costs of the

Championships—ably presided over by auctioneer Toni Mercer, and sponsored by the Eastern Division. Various items of contributed merchandise were sold, along with many pieces of art, courtesy of Toni's gallery in New York City. Following dinner, a raffle of remaining merchandise produced, in addition to the receipts of the auction, an amount in excess of \$500. A check for this amount was presented to the AWLBA as a gift from the Eastern Division at the Council meeting in Los Angeles in October.

Our thanks, many and sincere, for the outstanding success of our first AWLBA U.S. Championships go to:

Spalding Inn—Randall and Ted Spalding; Buck Hill—Ann Wood, Charles Riedel, Jerry Dillon and Walter Sabo; Waterford Glass—John Miller, President.

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And...to all our very dear friends at Buck Hill, without whose enthusiasm and

support this event would never have taken place.

By Velma Dorsey

The Southwest Division AWLBA held its annual Christmas Luncheon on December 6 at Clubhouse No. 4, Leisure World, Seal Beach, with 183 attending.

Priscilla Furjanick, the outgoing president, made individual bowling figures for each person attending the luncheon.

She also presented the officers and chairmen with a cup on which was engraved the name, office, SWDAWLBA and the year. A lovely surprise for all of us.

After lunch we motored over to the Long Beach Bowling Greens where we bowled 7 games of triples and 9 rinks. There were 164 bowlers.

Winners on Green No. 1 were Marty Riddle, Dorothy Boothe, Ruth Manley and Eula Scofield.

The winners on Green No. 2 were Huldah Tichenor, Edith Fletcher and Peg Richards.

We are looking forward to January 7, 1978 Annual Meeting with the election of our new officers and the formulating of plans for the coming year.

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