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President's Report

BILL FARRELL

Dear Fellow Bowlers:

In my last article I spoke about our U.S. team and hoped they would do well in Australia. Well they have returned and although not finishing in any of the winning brackets, I am sure they still did us proud as ambassadors and sportsmen. So at this time on behalf of our association I would like to thank Jim Candelet and our team members for their efforts. For the sake of our members who are not aware of the schedule that is involved at World Bowls, I will give you a short summary. Our team got up at 6:00 a.m. every morning. After breakfast they were bussed approximately 30 miles at the height of Melbourne's peak traffic to the greens. They then bowled three games per day on the average under difficult weather conditions, heat, wind, etc., most days not finished till 8:30 p.m. At night, then bussed back to the motel for dinner, shower, then bed, to start it all over again the next day, and this went on for almost three weeks. Maybe the point I am trying to bring out is, in picking our team should we pick on ability and physical condition. Our team at Melbourne was one of the oldest there. All the major countries are picking youth. We have a good crop of young bowlers coming up. Would it be in our favor to pick a team of young bowlers for 1984 World Bowls a few years in advance, let them play together in as many competitions as feasible, including our Nationals and U.S. Championships where possible? Maybe they would not set the world on fire at the beginning, but it might be a start. These are just personal ideas of my own; but if anybody would like to drop me a note, I would like to hear your thoughts. The last time I asked for help on ideas on team selection, I got only two letters, both from the same gentleman, Mr. Ross Brown. I would like to welcome back Ferrell Burton who has just had a serious hip operation, and thank everybody who helped out during his absence, especially his lovely wife, Dorothy, who kept our association going during this time.



About our Official Photographer

Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, George Balling was awarded a Bachelor of Philosophy and a Master of Arts degree by the University of Chicago. He received a Doctorate in Education from Loyola University in Chicago.

During World War II, Commander Balling served on active duty in the U.S. Naval Reserve and holds the permanent rank of Commander. His experience as a commercial photographer extended from 1940 to 1970. He was on the staff of several neighborhood newspapers and free lanced during the entire period. When he retired in 1970, he was assistant superintendent of the entire Chicago school system.

Dr. Balling relocated in California in 1978, and now lives in Santa Monica with his lovely wife, Helen.

Editor

HELP

By Bill Todd

This appeal is to all you good old Club Secretaries or anyone else involved in seeing that all of our members receive a copy of the magazine. 1. The mailing list is compiled from the annual roster you send to your Division Secretary. 2. Interim changes are made on the quarterly report form sent prior to each issue. 3. The Post Office requires complete addresses including name, street address, space or Apt. #, City, State, and correct Zip Code. The correct zip code is imperative. 4. When sending a change of address *please list old address as well as the new one*. Write to me if you have a problem—Bill Todd, Circulation Manager, 19237-C Ave. of the Oaks, Newhall, Calif. 91321.

INTRA-CLUB LAWN BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

By George E. Power

Each Lawn bowling club should appoint a Rating-Committee. It should be responsible for registering bowlers and arranging rating-games for them. The results of these games should be compiled into a meaningful list. The list should establish a rated position for each registered bowler in the familiar categories, namely, Skips, Vice-skips and Leads.

To start the procedure, each bowler should register in the category in which he wishes to be rated. Then, divide those registered in each category into groups of no more than ten. Let each bowler in each group of ten, or less, and in each category, play a round robin 3-game series of 10 end games. Let one of the three games be a 4-3-2-1 match.

At the end of the round robin, compute the score for each bowler on the basis of the number of games won and the algebraic sum of the difference in the total number of points scored for all games. From a comparison of the scores, rate each bowler and establish a Rated-List of Bowlers for each category. Place the bowler with the highest score at the top of the list.

If more than one group is competing in any category, and after the first round robin, let those bowlers rated in the top half of each group compete in the same manner against those in the top half of every other group in the category. And, let those bowlers rated in the bottom half of each group compete against the bottom half of every other group in the same category. At the end of these round robins, compare the scores and blend the bowlers into the Rated-List in the established manner.

Since some vice-skips might be obliged to play as skips in pairs tournaments, the five highest rated vice-skips should play a similar round robin against the five lowest rated bowlers in the skip category. The results of these matches should be used to blend these bowlers into a Rated-List of Bowlers for Pairs Tournaments.

Since some leads might be obliged to play as vice-skips in triples tournaments, a similar round robin should be played between the five highest rated leads and the five lowest

rated vice-skips to establish a blended Rated-List of Bowlers for Triples Tournaments.

For an intra-club tournament, the Games Chairman should compile a rated list of the bowlers who have entered which would be based on their categories and numerical scores. Regardless of the number of qualified skips who have entered, one half of the highest rated bowlers shall be designated to play as skips for a Pairs Tournament. And one third of the highest rated bowlers shall be designated to play as skips for a Triples Tournament. The remaining two thirds would be equally divided to play as vice-skips and leads. However, after the teams have been determined, the members of each team may decide the position that each of them is to play.

To select opponents for a Singles Tournament, assume a compiled list of 100 rated bowlers. Bowler listed No. 1 shall first play Bowler listed No. 2; Bowler listed No. 3 shall first play Bowler listed No. 4; . . . and Bowler listed No. 99 shall first play Bowler listed No. 100.

In the next round, the winner of the game between No. 1 and No. 2 shall next play the winner of the game between No. 3 and No. 4; . . . and the winner of the game between No. 97 and No. 98 shall next play the winner of the game between No. 99 and No. 100.

The losers of the first series of games should be compiled to make up a complete series of consolation games in a similar manner.

To select teams for a Pairs Tournament, assume a compiled list of 100 bowlers. Bowlers listed No. 1 and No. 100 would be team No. 1; . . . bowlers listed No. 50 and No. 51 would be team No. 50.

Team No. 1 shall first play team No. 2; . . . and team No. 49 shall first play team No. 50.

The winner of the game between team No. 1 and team No. 2 shall next play the winner of the game between team No. 3 and No. 4; . . . and the winner of the game between No. 47 and No. 48 shall next play the winner of the game between team No. 49 and No. 50.

Teams and opponents for a Triples Tournament should be selected in a similar manner from the compiled list.

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Color Slide Promotion in Action

By Richard S. Lochridge

PROGRESS IN PASADENA

For a number of reasons Pasadena is the "guinea pig" lawn bowling club for the ALBA promotion program. Its financial support was cancelled by the City of Pasadena as a result of California's Proposition 13. It has a rich tradition of over 59 years of activity, and as the home club of the writer was worth trying to perpetuate.

Knowledge of the financial impact on the club was known as early as September of 1979 and the decision was made to raise the 1980 dues from \$28.00 per year to \$100.00 a year. Announcement of this action and a description of the membership recruiting campaign were given to the membership in October of 1979. Subsequently, this recruiting program was adopted by the ALBA as an official promotion program. To date over thirty clubs have purchased the promotion kit and slide presentation. Part of the purpose of this article is to report the lessons learned to those clubs who are in the process of implementing the plan.

At the time of the dues increase, the Pasadena Club had 65 members. Forty-six of these renewed at the new increased rate. For one reason or another, 19 did not renew.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED

Late in October 24 letters were sent to program chairmen of service clubs in Pasadena and surrounding communities. The appropriate names and addresses of the clubs were obtained by personal calls on the local Chambers of Commerce, the Public Library, the Council of Churches and other available sources.

Response was slow, and the first meeting and showing of the slide presentation was scheduled for November 8, 1979. Since then with the stimulation of telephone follow-up, three more presentations were made in December with a complete moratorium during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. There were five presentations in January, five in February, three in March and three in April. Several members of the Pasadena

Club's "speaker's bureau" participated in these presentations.

Among the clubs requesting Pasadena's slide program were one investment club; the Rotary Clubs of Pasadena, Altadena and South Pasadena; the Kiwanis of Pasadena, Greater Pasadena, Altadena and South Pasadena; the Lions Club of Altadena and South Pasadena, Civitans of Pasadena; Exchange Club of Altadena; three retirement groups — the Silver Triangle of San Marino, Active Retired Altadenans and the Retired Federal Employees. In addition, one church Family Night and one Y.M.C.A. group were on the schedule.

RESULTS TO DATE

The size of club meeting audiences varied from 15 to 50 persons. Sign-ups resulting from the presentations indicating interest totaled approximately 38 people. Additional bowling prospects, however, were recruited by other Pasadena Lawn Bowling Club members as a result of enthusiasm for the program and the availability of instruction classes on both week days and weekends.

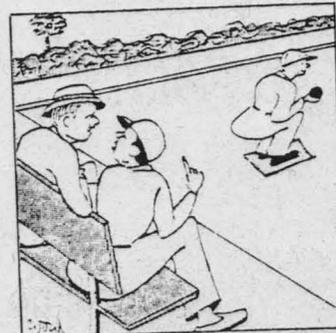
Both of the instruction classes — one conducted by Frank Petit on Wednesday, and the other by Ezra Wyeth on Saturday, have had a small but steady flow of learners.

Today the Pasadena Lawn Bowling Club is approaching a membership of 70 — individuals paying \$100.00 and couples paying \$150.00 per year. As a result, the club's financial problems are somewhat alleviated. The goal of the program is to achieve a well-balanced membership of at least 75 by mid-year.

LESSONS LEARNED

1. Both weekday and weekend instructional classes are necessary to accommodate different categories of prospects. Pasadena is fortunate to have two eminent and qualified instructors in Frank Petit and Ezra Wyeth.
2. The introductory letter offering the program to program chairmen of service clubs is important, but better and more timely results are achieved through telephone follow-up.

3. The average number of persons indicating interest in lawn bowling did not exceed 5% of the persons in attendance. People are reluctant to "stand up and be counted." Better interest was obtained when bowls could be demonstrated on the carpet after the meeting.
4. Sign-up sheets and appointment cards are necessary for an active follow-up program.
5. All prospects must be called by telephone the night before the appointment date to assure attendance. Sometimes several weeks pass before a recruit shows up. Some never come in spite of indicated interest. Telephone follow-up is also necessary during the course of instruction.
6. Hospitality committees are a great benefit to the program. Name tags are important. The availability of loan bowls and the fitting of them can be expedited with good club help. New people are always introduced to the members in attendance. Beer has been made available after the game on weekends.
7. A great auxiliary benefit is the enthusiasm generated among the clubs membership. As a result a number of added recruits are brought in by members.
8. Instructional games are necessary to keep interest and improve techniques after the initial instruction. This activity introduces the element of competition while giving an opportunity for instructional refinements.
9. Program success is a direct result of the effort put into it. In order to achieve membership growth recruits must be chosen selectively, follow-up must be intensive, and instruction continuous.



"His bowling rests completely upon a textual exegesis of Ezra Wyeth"

Six Other Ways To Improve Our Game

By William C. Babbitt



Most of us would like to improve our game. The obvious way is to improve delivery. But does our inability, for whatever reason, to achieve a superior delivery mean that we can't significantly improve our game? CERTAINLY NOT!

There are at least six important factors other than delivery itself which are essential to good results in lawn bowling. Experience shows (1) that better performance in these "non-delivery" areas brings prompt and noticeable improvements, (2) that these areas offer the quickest easiest ways for most of us beyond the novice stage to improve our game, (3) that there are many bowlers whose deliveries are "only fair" but whose superiority in these other areas enables them quite consistently to outperform bowlers having somewhat better deliveries.

Since these areas are well-known, it is surprising that capitalizing on their game-improving potentials is not more actively sought and more fully accomplished. Instead, progress seems to be mostly hit-or-miss or through years of slowly accumulating experience rather than through the much quicker, more complete and resultful method of deliberate intent and well-directed effort.

Here, then, are six other ways to improve our game:

I. TEAMWORK, LEADERSHIP: To achieve best results, of course, team members must work together in harmony. Leadership is also involved. Both are of great importance in producing game winners. Each can be cultivated and improved.

II. CHOICE OF SHOT: Many a well delivered bowl has brought inferior or even adverse results because it was not the shot the situation called for. Good shots must be well planned as well played. Superior performance in the choice of play has won many a game. Many a bowl is sent on its way without adequate consideration of (1) exactly what it should accomplish, (2) which type of shot is best, (3) which is the better hand to play, (4) is it the percentage play? Often the odds for doing good vs harm are as great as 4 or 5 to 1 on one hand, but even adverse on the other. This principle also holds true for every type of shot. Not until

the choice of shot has been decided does the element of delivery skill take over. Here, then, is possibly the most promising area in which players can improve their game.

III. CONCENTRATION, CARE: The main difference between mediocre bowling and the better more satisfying kind of which most players are capable is usually a matter of concentration plus attention to a few small details. Most players are aware of hundreds of shots that could have been improved by better concentration and care. Concentration as Kleinhans states (BOWLS, Fall '79, p. 13) is not thinking harder about what we are doing, but is keeping external irrelevant thoughts and impressions from intruding. Remember the 1000-legged worm moving merrily along. When asked how he knew which legs to move first, he became a helpless writhing mass.

Requiring care are the various preparatory steps incident to but not strictly a part of delivery itself, such as, assuring correct bias, grip, stance, orientation as to aiming line (or envisioned path of bowl). Also, judging or sensing distances, green conditions (pace, irregularities). These steps can be individually improved just like "non-delivery" aspects.

The area of concentration and care seems to be one of the easiest in which to bring about worthwhile improvements.

IV. ATTITUDE, TEMPERAMENT: No one can discount the fact that a positive attitude, an even temper, and a constructive urge to win are important non-delivery factors plus such traits as confidence, courage, and perseverance. Each can be cultivated and strengthened. Players are told that if they step on the mat confident that they can play a shot, they are far more likely to do so than if they are not confident. As Henry Ford put it, "If you think you can, or can't, you are right." Bowlers need to keep their cool and not become discouraged if they fall behind in a game. Games, except for obvious mismatches, tend to ebb and flow. If players just hang in there, their chances will come. Many a seemingly hopeless game has been won in the last 2 or 3 ends by a team that would just not give up.

Improvements in attitude and temperament definitely contribute both to the enjoyment as well as the outcome

of the game and are well worth seeking.

V. STRATEGY, TACTICS: Superior strategy and tactics are the deciding factors in many wins. Too little has been written on this important subject, the development of which seems to have been left largely to individual experience gained from years of trial and error, and observation.

We soon pick up such basics as (1) keep to the winning play, (2) take advantage of own team's strengths and opponents' weaknesses, (3) be alert for developments, etc. But either we don't agree on or frequently fail to take advantage of two of the first opportunities in play: (1) If you win the toss take the Jack if you want to enjoy 3 to 2 odds of taking the end; (2) Delivery Jack to length best suited to your team. Records show you'll win as much as 70% or more of such ends unless too closely also the opponents' preferred length.

VI. EXPERIENCE: Comprehensive knowledge and experience gained under a variety of conditions contributes importantly to the quality of one's game. This is another area where improvements may be obtained more promptly and completely by speeding up the learning process.

RATING THE FACTORS: It would help to understand the relative importance of the factors contributing to good bowling if we could rate them, even roughly. So a number of experienced skips rated delivery itself against the total of all non-delivery factors. Nearly all said about 50-50 although a few rated delivery only 40. This result could also be stated:

The potential contributions to good bowling of the non-delivery factors is closely equal to that of delivery itself.

Among the non-delivery factors, rated highest (all about equal) were: choice of play, concentration-care, teamwork-leadership.

Well, we've reminded ourselves of six "non-delivery" factors, proficiency in which contributes importantly to good bowling. Do we actually fail to give these any attention? Of course not. But that is NOT the question. The question is:

Do we recognize these factors for what they are — gold mines of opportunities for worthwhile improvements in our game, AND

Do we give them the attention and cultivation they merit?

EMBASSY WORLD INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Feb. 26 - March 2, 1980

Airdrie, Scotland

By Bert G. MacWilliams

Coatbridge Indoor Bowling Club

Ten champions from nine countries competed in the second annual World Indoor Bowls Championships. They were divided into two round robin groups of five, as follows:

- A. 1. Alan Windsor (England)
2. Jim Yates (Australia)
3. John Greer (Ireland)
4. Ron Jones (Canada)
5. David Bryant (Defending Champion)
- B. 6. John Watson (Scotland)
7. Phillip Chok (Hong Kong)
8. George Hindmarsh (Wales)
9. Bert MacWilliams (U.S.A.)
10. John Mears (New Zealand)

This was a very exciting and well run tournament. It is becoming one of the top events in Indoor Bowls. This

year the afternoon games were televised *Live* all over Scotland, while all the games were taped for showing at future dates. The semi-finals and finals were taped and shown all over the U.K. between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. by BBC on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the following week. The viewers were enthusiastic about the way they came across. The sponsors were so pleased that they, along with BBC, have signed to do them for the next three years.

As for the tournament itself, I started out by winning the first game against New Zealand, but then proceeded to lose the next three games to Hong Kong, Wales and Scotland. Phillip Chok from Hong Kong won all four of his games in "B" Division and advanced to the semi-finals along with John Watson of Scotland, who won three and lost one. In the "A"

Division David Bryant advanced to the semi-finals along with Allan Windsor of England. David Bryant, with a 3 and 1 record had lost to Ron Jones of Canada. In the semi-finals Chok beat Windsor 21-14 and Bryant beat Watson 21-16. In the finals, Bryant beat Chok 21-15. In this game Bryant was leading 15-3 when Chok managed to bring the score up to 15-13 before finally losing 21-15. This was my first attempt at Indoor Bowls and, although it was not the same as bowling on grass, it was very good bowling. The carpet was running at 11 sec; however, this was a new carpet having only been down six weeks before the tournament. By next year it will not doubt be running 2 or 3 sec. faster.

President Bill Farrell, who competed last year, was present as a spectator and gave me lots of support.



PANACHE, ANYONE?

By Julius Beck



The word panache is defined as a plume or feathers usually worn on a cap or helmet. In later years, it has also come to mean doing something with dash, flourish or style.

In Norman Corwin's fine book, "Holes in a Stained Glass Window," he discusses with a friend various popular sports. The friend, a former baseball fan who has given up watching the Monday-night games because they lack panache, is asked to name a sport that *does* have panache. The friend replies, "Bullfighting," and describes the ancient tradition of bullfighting, the dazzling outfits of its participants and, above all, the colorful names and terms like *el cachetoro*, *el picador*, *los banderilleros* and the *veronica*.

Corwin suggests that baseball might gain panache if its terms were translated into Spanish. For instance, a curve ball could be called a *gancho de la travectoria* or a pitcher's windup a *molina de viento*. I agree that this might help, but not enough. The almost constant and unabashed ejection of saliva from the mouths of the players negates any claim to panache that baseball might have.

I tried to think of some other sport that has panache. Tennis? Well, the game used to have it before becoming professional and full of young, newly rich players with bad court manners. Golf? Also too professional, and there's too much fooling around, lining up putts, practicing swings and deciding which club to use.

Believe it or not, the only sport I could come up with was bowling on the green. The game has always been rich in tradition, played by many of the kings and queens of Europe. In the 14th century, both Charles IV of France and Edward III of England decreed that the sport could not be played by commoners but was restricted to "noblemen and others having manors or lands." There is a lawn bowling club in Southampton, England, still going strong, which was founded in 1299. How's that for background?

Over the years, lawn bowling has numbered among its enthusiasts William Shakespeare, Sir Walter Raleigh,

Francis Bacon, Samuel Pepys, George Washington, Victor Hugo—and Walt Disney! Sir Francis Drake is practically the patron saint of lawn bowlers because on June 19, 1588, at Plymouth Hoe, England, he refused to interrupt his game of bowls merely because the invading Spanish Armada had been sighted off the coast. How's that for panache?

Aside from its history, bowling on the green has other claims to panache. It is, above all, a game of sportsmanship and courtesy. A good shot by an opponent is applauded and a bad one ignored. At the conclusion of a game, the players invariably shake hands all around and thank one another for the competition.

When a visiting club arrives for a match, there is usually and literally a red carpet rolled out and always a group of bowlers to shake hands and welcome the visitors to the home team's rinks. Of course, on such occasions it is obligatory for all participants to wear "whites."

Then there is the beauty of the greens, the wide expanse of lawn, usually located in an idyllic setting, with lakes, ocean, trees or mountains as a backdrop. The vocabulary of lawn bowling may not be as colorful as that of bullfighting, but, if its terms were turned into Spanish, the sport could more than hold its own. Translate hog line to *linear del puerco* and skip to *maestro de una pequena embarcacion* and you really have something.

Yes, lawn bowling definitely has panache, maybe even more than bullfighting. And it's a lot less messy.

PSYCHOLOGY FOR LAWN BOWLING

By J.T. Hunsaker
Bowls Staff Writer



In recent years the use of Psychology has increased many fold from its original role in health problems. It is now used in business, politics, athletic contests, or wherever the object is to influence the thinking of some person or persons. Books have been written in these various fields, and now there is one available on Lawn Bowling.

A hard cover copy entitled LAWN BOWLING PSYCHOLOGY SIMPLIFIED authored by J. Vincent Voluble, Ph.D. was recently sent to me.

Dr. Voluble is not only an eminent Psychologist, but an experienced lawn bowler as well. I found every one of its 685 pages very informative and inspiring. I can see how the use of its teachings could improve any bowler's ability to win.

To give you a better idea of the content of this book, here is a quotation from one of its many chapters entitled, CONFIDENCE — "Always approach the mat brimming with confidence, a touch of swagger, and, if you are able, a slight sneer. This attitude will infuriate your opponents causing them to tighten up and lose their rhythm. You won't win any friends with this action, but you can't put your friends on the score board."

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INDOOR BOWLS

In an effort to assist promoting the game of bowls in the Southwest Division I have arranged for the gift of an indoor unit to the ALBA. It consists of a carpet, two mats, 16 bowls and a jack. It is currently housed at the Pasadena Club and will be used by Dick Lockridge to demonstrate the game when he makes his presentations to organizations and groups in the Pasadena area.

Another unit was used extensively by Don Irwin and Molly Johnson in the San Diego area for the same purpose. It is available for use to demonstrate the game. Anyone wishing to do so should get in touch with me. It needs a space 40' by 10' and the carpet weighs 55 lbs. Please write Ezra Wyeth, 9433 Crebs Ave., Northridge, CA 91324.



Thanks for visiting the good old Editor, President Farrell, but you are sitting on my operated hip.

David Bryant's theory:

Fear of losing upsets top bowlers

Many top bowlers crack because they are afraid of losing.

That's the view of England's world bowls giant David Bryant who admits he never thinks about defeat out on the green.

"Many first-class players take the result too seriously," claimed Bryant. "I would not say they are bad sports, although perhaps they are bordering on it."

"They hate losing and this can affect their game. They crack under pressure because they are afraid of losing."

He added: "I don't think of defeat. You must not consider it — only of success and what you have to do to win."

Bryant, who has a bowls record unsurpassed, believes if you start thinking of losing it can be very dangerous to your game.

"Once you are beaten, though," he stressed, "it is all over, you are second best on

that occasion. Only one thing remains and that is to congratulate your opponent. I think your whole approach to the game must be one of sportsmanship.

"I think that should come naturally. Then your nerves will be better. Too much emphasis on winning the game will make you play worse."

Bryant admitted he never watched his opponent's bowl.

"I can't do anything about it, so I just let my mind relax until the bowl has come to rest. Then I have a look at the situation and see what it is," he said.

The English master, though, confessed sometimes he wanted to see his opponent play a good bowl if he was in top form himself.

"This may sound ridiculous," he said, "but if I am bowling really well and feel I am better than my opponent the fact that he is setting me something to conquer does me good."

"What is more demoralising to a man than to bowl a

beautiful wood, then see an even better one come out? This is the true way of cracking your opponent."

Bryant, however, is never demoralised by a good bowl against him. It spurs him on, he claims.

"I can go out and beat a fellow easily, bowling very well. But if he had played better, I'd have played better. If I am bowling well and having a tight game — a good enough game to keep me really on my mettle — I drop into my rhythm, as I call it, and can bowl perfectly well without over-concentrating," he said.

"In other words it becomes a smooth, flowing movement. Invariably I can get my first bowl within say, nine inches to a foot off the jack, and on a perfect green, covering the jack.

"This is my aim. If I can do this — and do it consistently — then I know jolly well I'm not going to lose."



David Bryant . . . he is rarely without his pipe on the green.

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Yes . . . but how did it start?

The historians of lawn bowls are agreed on only one point; that is that the exact origin of the sport is a mystery.

For a great many years it was thought that the game of lawn bowls, and the game of bowling at pins, were related.

Some still say they are; others are equally as confident that they are not.

So where does one start to tell the story of this wonderful game?

Perhaps Egypt is as good a place as any.

In the grave of a child buried in 5200 BC there were stone implements which proved that bowls of some sort was being played at that time.

The late Sir Flinders Petrie, professor emeritus of Egyptology at the University of London, likened the Egyptian form of bowls to one played in Norfolk many centuries ago.

Bowls of another kind was also being played by the Polynesians on islands in the Pacific when the first Europeans went there.

That game could hardly be called one of the fore-runners of lawn bowls—for the obvious reason that lawn bowls was being played in England before white explorers moved in to the Pacific.

Rome, in the time of the Caesars, is another place to look in the search for the birth-place of lawn bowls.

For it was in that period that a game named 'bocce' was being played there—and it's interesting to note that the world bocce championships were played in Victoria less than three months ago.

The roaming Romans carried bocce with them into Northern Europe, and there is evidence that that game (or one very similar to it) was being played there about 950 AD.

There is conclusive proof that the English were playing 'bowles' in the 12th Century—and it is just as certain that a group of 'bowles' players formed the Southampton Town Bowling Club in 1299.



Whether lawn bowls was an offshoot of bocce is something that can only be guessed at, and one must not forget those who say that lawn bowls has a religious background, and is a relative of bowling at pins.

That theory stems from ancient Germany, and the 3rd. and 4th. centuries AD. In those days Germans carried pins with them. The pins could be used for exercising the wrists; for

throwing contests; and—more importantly—as an all-round weapon of defence.

Bowling a Heathen over

When parishioners went to a cathedral it was the custom of the canons to have the parishioners place their pins at one end of the cloisters.

The pins represented the 'heide', or heathen. The churchgoer was



then given a ball—and told to knock the heide over.

If he succeeded it showed that the parishioner was leading a clean and pure life, and was capable of slaying the heathen. But, if the aim was poor, it indicated that a more regular attendance at church was necessary to better his aim.

This religious pastime eventually became ten-pins, nine-pins, triple-pins—and there was even a game where 17 pins were used.

Some historians claim that it was this early form of bowling (at pins in Germany) that was the fore-runner of the earliest forms of lawn bowls.

And there are some who will say that curling (a form of bowls played on ice) also developed from German bowls, or the early game of lawn bowls.

The Scots are emphatic that this is not true, and that it is wholly a Scottish game.

But there are other places where bowls was played many, many centuries ago, too.

The Swiss had a game where the ball was rolled on long narrow planks.

The people of the Netherlands played a form of bowls also—and in Ireland there was a game where stones were rolled from village to village on country lanes.

Could any of these have been the fore-runner of lawn bowls? "Hardly likely", I hear you say. Yet it is hard to believe that lawn bowls suddenly began as lawn bowls.

It seems only logical to assume that it grew from some other form of bowls—and, probably, that it was played on surfaces other than grass before it actually became lawn bowls.

And should you decide to back the theory that lawn bowls owes its birth to Egypt, Polynesia, or the cloistered cathedrals of ancient Germany, there are few who will dispute you.

The birth of the game is shrouded in the mists of history—but at least we know that the youngster of unknown parentage has grown into a very healthy adult.

NOVICE
By Stan Palmer



This article endeavors to give both the novice and the veteran bowler an in-depth understanding of the word, 'NOVICE'.

Let us start with the roots which were inadvertently combined from two olden yet different hemispheres: England and the Thirteen Colonies. Most readers are familiar with the English heritage: the Sir Francis Drake biased wood, a pub behind every green, a maid behind every bowler. In the rural countryside of Avon, it became known to the gentleman bowler of the early 1700's, that 'NO' meant maybe, and maybe meant yes. There should be no argument — 'NO' is an English source word solidly entrenched in the English hemisphere.

While there were some past arguments between Funk, Wagnall and Britannica, and Tinker, Evers and Chance, it is now generally accepted that the word 'VICE' originated in America. The early settlers from Plymouth Rock to Virginia learned such nasty habits as smoking, gambling and drinking. (They learned bowling-on-the-green from the Tories, of course.

After George Washington chased the British back to Bermuda where they could leisurely frolic in the surf, scuba dive and spear fish, the Great Game fell upon hard times. Many Americans associated bowling with the wealthy English merchants, so they developed the habit of walking their dogs, cows and billy goats across the greens, pausing in such a manner as to leave no doubt of their wrath.

The greenskeepers and hard-working members were sorely put trying to maintain the grass in a level, smooth, dry condition and 12 second speed, with all the bootprints, hoofprints and animal souvenirs. The cobblers knew nothing of rubber-soled oxfords, keds or Adidas; it was either heeled boots or bare feet. It was impossible to foster knowledge of the game for their offspring.

As the years passed some stabilization of the New World was indicated. Memories of the hated British were

dimming, trading channels were being reestablished on the Louisiana Purchase of 1803 from England made more friends.

Pioneers began pushing through the Appalachian passes into the Great Lakes and Mississippi Valley regions. As farms and villages were carved out of the wilderness, older family heads remembered the Game and sought to grow hidden patches of grass. They were behind barns, shielded behind hedgerows or merged into a secluded village glen; so that certain despicable bands could not find them to ride their horses up and down the rinks. These feared bands, fanatic descendents of the 'Puritans', gradually became known as 'VICESQUADS'.

Communications were most difficult with no telephones, much less 'spies-in-the-skies', thus The

'VICESQUADS' had a tough time finding the greens unless they heard the 'clink' noise of woods being wicked together. 'Lookouts' were posted to watch for the despised Vicesquads. This Club task fell to the younger set who were nimble enough to man the ladders. They would perch behind the peak of the nearest house or barn roof, or in a camouflaged treehouse. They were taught to call out at assigned intervals, "NO-VICES," "NO-VICES." So now you know.

The year the cow kicked over the lantern in Chicago, normalcy returned upon the signing of the historic peace treaty between the Puritan Vicesquads and the fledgeling American Lawn Bowling Association. It happened this way — Believe It Or Not.

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CENTRAL DIVISION

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Please all Divisions be alerted that the 1980 OPEN NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS, July 12th through the 18th, will be ensconced in one of the friendliest spots on this continent—the seat of “gemutlichkeit”—MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN on the shores of mighty Lake Michigan. The National banners of the A.L.B.A. and the A.W.L.B.A. will be unfurled with relish over the greens of the Milwaukee Lake Park and the Milwaukee West Clubs. The men's games will be played on the Lake Park greens. Anticipating lawn bowlers from all U.S. areas and from Canada, Hong Kong and Australia, the clubs started special care of their greens last fall to be completed this spring so tournament players will have “THE BEST IN THE MIDWEST.” Leon Skrede (Lake Park) is tournament chairman. (For additional information about the Nationals please refer to the Milwaukee Lake Park article by Lincoln Sellon.)

Besides participating in these tournaments it is hoped visitors will have time to enjoy some of the special points of interest in Milwaukee which is known as the Beer Capital of the Nation. It is rumored that the CITY is standing in readiness to unroll yards of red carpet (and bratwurst links!) to spread in front of their establishments to cushion greens' weary feet. And when bowlers imbibe of the drinking fountains the water may just have the flavor of hops—goes great with bratwurst!

Milwaukee is a city of many parks, including the Mitchell Park Horticulture Domes, Boerner Botanical Gardens, and the internationally known zoo. The Milwaukee Art Center is located on the beautiful lake front, and the Museum is considered one of the best in the country. The American League BREWERS baseball team is heading toward pennant fame. Mil-

waukee boasts areas of lovely homes and many good shopping centers and OUTSTANDING ETHNIC RESTAURANTS (where a song fest is more likely to occur than not!).

At the February Central Division Executive Board meeting Lachlan McArthur announced that Lakeside L.B.C. (Chicago) will host both the Pairs and Singles Division Playdowns for U.S. Championships. Pairs will be held July 25, 26, 27, and the Singles, August 23 and 24. Lachlan and Bert MacWilliams are Playdown Coordinators.

And now news from that stalwart and persistent fighter for lawn bowling, Edwin R. Webb (Arlington Heights, Illinois). Ed went to a recent meeting of “The Friend of the Parks” (what a positive idea for a group to have come up with!), a new organization in the Arlington area. There were two Park District members present and Ed told them the lawn bowling story in detail. He has talked to other interested groups and accompanied Miss Bridges, Park District Planner, to Chicago lakeside so she could see greens in the flesh.

Please cast your eyes to the Midwest and wordly skies—Haley's Comet (powered by liters of Australian and New Zealand beer!)—is giving everyone an upcoming spectacular visit. Yes—Dr. Edgar Haley temporarily touches down in Milwaukee for the 1980 Nationals. It's possible he can be captured and shanghaied to Chicago to meet with interested pirate bowlers from all geographical areas. Vic Jackson who is a close associate of this meteor says that Dr. Comet “learned a great deal while he was in Australia and New Zealand in January and is eager to spread this knowledge around. He is doing a lot of experimenting at his place in Esccondido. One project is developing a strain of cotula that will thrive in this country. Cotula is a very small fern like plant that is used for the bowling surface on practically all the bowling greens in New Zealand. It produces an amazingly smooth, fast surface, is tougher than grass, easier to main-

tain, and is apparently more immune than grass to disease. It would be great if it could grow in Chicago and other sections of the U.S.”

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Detroit West L.B.C.

By William Strang

Now that winter is behind us we are looking forward to a fresh season of bowling and as I write this in early March we are “counting the days.”

We have a new club pin on order, and, also, a club patch, both which carry a new club logo.

The new green at Westland, Michigan will be under construction by April and bowling should commence in 1981. One green will be constructed with ground reserved for another at a later date. Our thanks must go to the Hon. Thomas Taylor, Mayor of Westland and Mr. Ralph Tack, Director of Westland Parks and Recreation for their efforts in obtaining this facility.

East Cleveland L.B.C.

By Marie Curtiss

The officers for our club for the 1980/1981 season are as follows: President, Lou Tucci; Vice-President, Tony Van Den Broek; Secretary, Marie Curtiss; Treasurer, Doug Morman.

There is not much news due to the winter; and the fact that about half of our membership is vacationing in Florida.

Bert and Edie MacWilliams returned from the International games in Australia with lovely tans and a definite warm feeling for that country and its people. They enjoyed everything at the tournament including the weather and the games. The weather vascillated between hot, moderate, and cold in the month they were

NEWS

there.

Bert spent two weeks in February at the World's Indoor Bowls Tournament in Scotland and then went on to England and the Isle of Man. Bert's motto is: "Lawn Bowl and see the world!"

Lakeside L.B.C. By Marie S. Clausen



Lakeside joins the chorus of other clubs in the Midwest who loudly chant—"WOW—the greens are ready and a-waiting—let's gallop over and roll a few!" Yep, Spring is here and Lakeside's OPENING DAY is May 17th. Also, on this happy day is the time to welcome new and prospective members. The following day is the President vs the Vice President "dead heat" competition. All bowlers will team up, either, with President, Ross Brown, or, Vice President, Andy Clausen for this annual traditional event.

Another important day which occurs before the above mentioned opening day is Clean Up Day, May 3rd. Lakesiders have their work particularly cut out for them this year as the club was broken into during mid-winter. At this latest break-in, the west green was desecrated by apparently, motorcycles which left circular indentations of some depth, gashes at intervals, and periodic oil slicks on the green. Needless to say the club will be probably opening only on the east green.

The Greens Maintenance Chairman, Vic Jackson, is due back from California the middle of April and will be rallying his committee to work on this west green. Following Dr. Edgar Haley's suggestions, Vic, is having a turf planer and a sand distributor built. John LeNoble and Carl Johnson have gathered all the necessary materials and will start construction when

they can find a likely place in which to do so (anybody have an available basement?). Measurements were made last summer and fall with the water manometer so the extent of the high and low spots have been charted.

In Memorium Clyde E. Murray

Milwaukee Lake Park L.B.C. By Lincoln Sellon

At the February 9th meeting of the Executive Board, Neil D. Bultman, was elected President of Milwaukee Lawn Bowling Association, Inc. (Milwaukee Lake Park). Other officers elected were: Ellsworth G. Klein, Vice President; Theodore C. Bolliger, Secretary; Robert G. Salmon, Treasurer; and Paul J. Tilleman, Assistant Treasurer.

As snow still covers our greens, we are looking forward to the latter part of April before they will be ready for bowling. This winter while we have been unable to bowl both Milwaukee clubs (Lake Park and Dineen) have been extremely active in making plans and getting organized for the Open National Tournament to be held in Milwaukee this year from July 12th through 18th. See ad on page 00.

We have had the full cooperation of the Milwaukee Park Commission and Supervisors. Plans to expand and modify our Lake Park clubhouse have been approved and work is scheduled to start in March in time for completion before the 1980 Open National Tournament occurs.

Leon M. Skrede has served our club faithfully, effectively and energetically for the past two years during 1978 and 1979 as President. He has conducted an excellent bowling program, and has been well liked by the membership. Now as he leaves a club president, he has assumed the larger role of being General Chairman of the National Open Tournament.

Milwaukee West L.B.C.

By Neil Bultman

Our winters do put a damper on our sport but would YOU BELIEVE that Clary Paulin and Woody Kintz joined me [Neil Bultman] on our greens for games on both December 29th and December 30th?! It was sunny and mild, in the high 40's and we had a fine time. My "better half" said we were all idiots, perhaps we were, but, gee, it really was a lot of fun.

[Correspondent's Note: Neil Bultman is the new President of the Milwaukee Lawn Bowling Association (Lake Park) and is no longer the publicity writer for Milwaukee West. A new writer is in the process of being appointed. CONGRATULATIONS, NEIL, ON THE PRESIDENCY AND THANKS FOR ALL YOUR GOOD AND FAITHFUL WORK AS CLUB PUBLICITY WRITER!]

EASTERN DIVISION

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Open Tournament

By Alec Dakers

Arrangements for the 1980 Eastern Division Tournaments are practically completed and the Committee looks for a successful week of Bowling and renewing fellowship with old friends. The Tournament is sponsored by the Quincy, Milton and Boston Clubs who have worked hard to attain the high degree of excellence which is a trademark of all Tournaments sponsored by the Boston Area Clubs.

Entry forms are available from Paul Motta 61 Waldeck Rd. Milton, Mass. 02186, and we urge all Bowlers to make their entries and Hotel Reservations early as this is Boston's 350th Anniversary and the City is planning many events for this Historic occasion. Tournament Headquarters is at the Holiday Inn in Randolph within short distance from both the Milton and

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Quincy Greens. The Banquet is scheduled for Monday evening August 4th. It will be held at the famous "Latana," a high class function establishment. We are looking forward to welcoming the Bowlers and their ladies.

Bridgeport L.B.C.

By Bill Miller

It has been a long winter waiting for the start of our bowling season and still have a month to go.

Several of our bowlers, Jim McDade, John Donnachie, yours truly, Dave Liddell, and Arthur Kerr from the Greenwich Club couldn't wait and made the trip to the Southeast Division tournament. A good time was had by all and John Donnachie, Dave Liddell and Arthur Kerr won awards for their efforts.

It was nice to see old friends again down there and will help hasten the season.

Looking forward to meeting you all on the green.

Brooklyn L.B.C.

By James Nicholson



After the 1979 Season play was completed and the awards and Trophy winners recognized the membership scattered, some to bowl in Summer Climes, others to Bowl at the Edison, N.J. Indoor Bowling Facility, or just to rest at home and await the Spring Call for the 1980 Season.

The subject of obtaining new members is our first concern if we ever expect to be competitive in the area Tournaments.

Another thing that causes us concern is the condition of our greens due to the lack of funds and manpower by the Park Dept. The greens were considerably marred during the off season and require work to make them playable.

We have some good news to report, Frank Troy and Charle Kyle are rapidly recovering from their operations and one of our members Earl Valet was elected President of the Edison, N.J. Indoor L.B.C. A visit to the Grand Old Man of Brooklyn Bowling Stephen Woolsey Sr. revealed that he is in excellent health and eagerly awaiting the 1980 Season, Stephen Woolsey Sr. recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

The Club is also actively doing its share in the activities of the Metropolitan L.B. Association.

Cataract City L.B.C. Niagara Falls, N.Y.

By Alex Dunlop

After a long but mild winter we are getting ready for the 1980 season. Monthly board meetings have kept us aware of our needs and of our goals. Our spring meetings and dinner is scheduled for April 16th and dinner chairman Les Horne has been active supervising arrangements to insure a really good evening.

Our President, Elton Wilson, spent a week in the hospital for tests but is now home.

Our Vice-President Jim Manz also was rushed to Buffalo Veterans Hospital with a re-occurrence of heart problems. Jim is now home and hoping to help out in his usual efficient way.

Our greens were much improved last year and we are assured by the Parks Supervisor that we will have real good and fast greens this coming season. Despite the constant battle to keep membership up we are optimistic and intend to strengthen our club, we plan to have more mixed Tournaments and of course we will still be active in all A.L.B.A. sanctioned Tournaments.

Cunningham Park L.B.C.

By J.E. Ziniti

The Cunningham Bowling Green has come through the winter with what appears to be a minimum of damage. The Greens Committee will be very busy through the month of April preparing the Green for opening day sometime the first week of May. The Greens Chairman, Paul Motta, once more this season wishes to extend an open invitation to all the members who can spare some time to help out with this monumental task.

This season the Cunningham, Quincy, and Boston Bowling Green Clubs will host the annual Eastern Division Open Tournament. The affair will run from August 4th through the 8th. This year promises to be an outstanding tournament considering the Committee is putting an all out effort to outdo all other tournaments in this area. It is reported to me that all Committees are in full swing, and ev-

erything is going according to plan. The ladies will enjoy a meal at the Hollow Restaurant to be followed by a visit to the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. They will also enjoy a day of Tournaments scheduled at the Pawtucket Bowling Green.

The Headquarters for the Tournament will be the Holiday Inn in Randolph, Mass. A gala Banquet is planned for Monday night, so come one and all and enjoy yourselves.

Dupont L.B.C.

By Willard F. Spengeman

Bowling on our outdoor green started on April 1st. Since many of our bowlers were active indoors on the carpet rinks, a little time will be required to adjust to grass again. We look forward to an interesting season.

Matches with Trenton, Philadelphia and Essex Co. L.B.C. Club's are planned.

Essex County L.B.C.

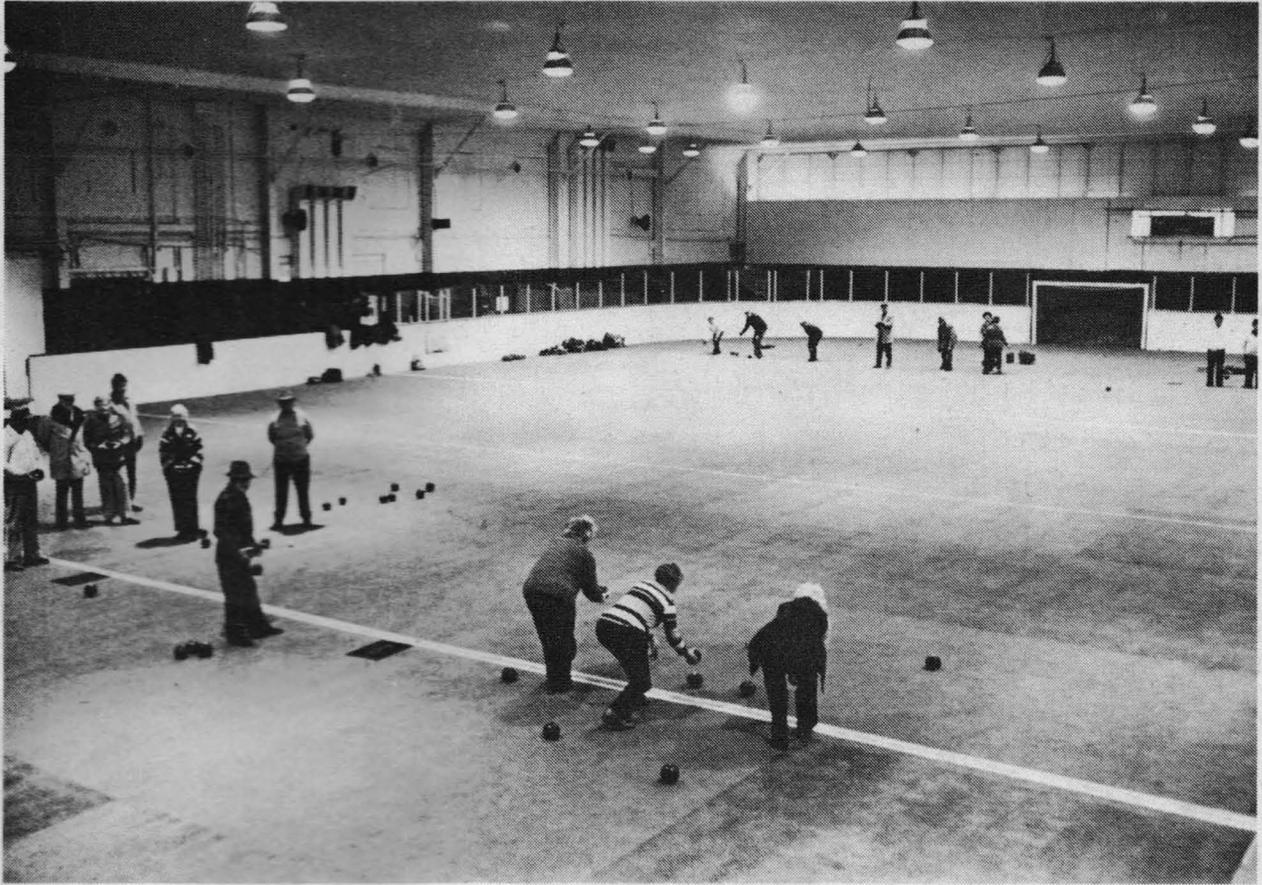


By Angie Siek

Members eagerly anticipate authorization from Charlie Stenson, Chairman of the building and greens Committee, to commence bowling in 1980. Extensive improvements are being completed on both rinks.

In the meantime, the membership Committee John S. Simmons—Chairman, Tom Carrick, Dorothea Dolan, Hugo Lutz, Jim Stevenson has been active. During the past couple of years, E.C.L.B.C. has been active in conferences and seminars for local and State Recreation Supervisors, explaining and demonstrating Lawn Bowling. Resulting from this participation, club members have been invited to conduct clinics for patients of the New Jersey Rehabilitation Hospital in East Orange.

On five occasions in 1979 and twice already in 1980. E.C.L.B.C. members Bertha Adams, Dorothea Dolan, Eric Lutz, John Simmons, Charlie Stenson, Roger Winters, have conducted sessions of "Dining area carpet Bowling" involving approximately forty appreciative bowlers in wheel chairs. This has become a monthly activity endorsed enthusiastically by N.J. Rehabilitation Hospital Recreational Therapists.



Edison Indoor L.B.C.

By Al Lyon

Edison Indoor L.B.C. had a fairly successful year with many close matches and lots of fun for the participants.

The Club Championships were a

personal triumph for our Games Chairman Bill Farrell.

The Champs in Triples were Red Dickson, Angie Siek and Bill Farrell (skip).

Pairs Champs were Allan Winn and Bill Farrell (skip).

In the Singles Bill Farrell defeated Steve Woolsey in the finals for a clean

sweep, congratulations Bill.

There is no doubt that Bill is the premier indoor bowler at Edison, and possibly in the U.S.A.

We don't know yet whether Edison L.B.C. will be operating next year owing to our facility being dismantled, but we are endeavoring to acquire new quarters.

Fernleigh L.B.C.

By Richard D. Jervis



"No Bowling today" read the sign on the Fernleigh greens. It had been there since last fall and although there were many balmy days and no snow covering the grass our dutiful Greens Chairman Dick Modig said "no bowling today" to protect the sleepy turf during its New England winter nap. Nevertheless our members were mindful of the pleasures of lawn bowling and so one wintry night in January one-fourth of our members gathered at the home of our President Ed Cole and for 2½ hours talked seriously about bowling at Fernleigh and planning for the 1980 season. Officers,

Board members and chairmen of Committees were there about two dozen in all, enthusiasm was high.

Then again early in March about 15 Fernleigh members got together at the home of Jack Hamilton our Games Committee Chairman to discuss in detail our 1980 Tournament Playing. We are all eagerly looking for the clear Spring day when the message will be "Good Bowling Today."

Our immediate Past President Fred Krapels has offered his resignation as he and his wife Barbara are moving back to Toronto, Canada. Fred has been an active, enthusiastic, skillful bowler and we will miss them. Fred was made an Honorary member of Fernleigh and deserved it.

Greenwich L.B.C.

By William C. Babbitt



By the time you read this our 40th year of use of our present green will be well under way.

Edward Egan, G.L.B.C. president, is spear-heading plans to use the new A.L.B.A. membership promotion slide programs, we obtained a set as soon as available and expect it to be helpful.

After study, we decided to follow the suggestion that a club might want to include a few slides of its own either to supplement or replace some in the set. This will result in more local "Flavor" which should increase audience interest. Examples: Substituting a slide or two of our own green and

our own members.

This will be easy to do since these are standard 35 mm slides.

David Liddell, Tournament Chairman, reports G.L.B.C. will participate in and expects to host its share of some 20 Southern Connecticut Lawn Bowls Association Tournaments this season.

John Schinto, games chairman, says his committee is planning to increase the number of Club Events which are enjoyed by all and have been found to increase member's interest and general participation.

Holy Name L.B.C.

By Bill Lewis



Holy Name Lawn Bowling Club held its first meeting of the New Year in March 15th.

After a long and dreary but no snow winter, the boys are itching to get out and Lawn Bowl again.

We will open up our 1980 season right after Mother's Day, it will be Holy Name's 37th straight season as a Lawn Bowling Club.

Our new President Robert Hodges is putting a drive on for new members which we all welcome.

Our Wednesday Nite League will also be starting and will go on for 18 weeks. This League sure has some competition and I guarantee that the winner won't be decided until the final week.

New York L.B.C.

By Marion Morey



At our Annual Meeting last November, the 1980 slate of officers and directors presented by Bill McCord, Nominating Committee Chairman, was voted in: President, Rees Jones; 1st V.P., Blanche Preene; 2nd V.P., Helen Ryan; Secretary, Ray Carol; and Treasurer, Ann Hewitt. Directors elected are: Norman Cross, Mary McGowan, Marion Morey, Carol Palash, Maurice Stertz and Elizabeth Thompson. Dot Henry will head up Games.

In January, the Executive Committee took these actions: Teddy Pierce was appointed new member instructor; a telephone network will be put in

place for a range of communications; Helen Senegas' clever "bowling poster" will be reproduced, together with an update of Marion Morey's "green instruction sheet" for widespread publicity: two summer picnics are planned.

In spite of worn feet and tempers due to the transport strike, we're anticipating an enthusiastic turnout for Opening Day, Saturday, May 3rd, 1 p.m., with informal party following. Raindate: Sunday, May 4th at 1:30 p.m. Clubhouse Phone: (212) 650-9218.

NOTE: Open Tournament Dates for New York—ya'll come!

May 24: Open Mixed Pairs

June 21: Open Triples, Mix/Match

Aug. 16: Open Pairs for Women

Aug. 31: Open Triples, Mix/Match

Sept. 20: Open Triples, Mix/Match, LIMITED ENTRY

Oct. 4: Open Triples, Mix/Match

Oct. 11: Open Pairs, Mix/Match

Oct. 18: Open Triples, Mix/Match, LIMITED ENTRY

Springfield L.B.C.

By John McCaughey

The Lawn Bowling Clubs in the New Britain, Hartford, Conn., Springfield, Mass. area, attended a reorganization meeting on Sunday, February 18th, 1980 at the Holy Name Community Center, in Springfield, Mass.

Charles Knightly, Holy Name and Ernie Nicoll, Springfield supervised the meeting. The discussions were lively and interesting, we can expect changes in the weeks ahead.

We have plans for more activity on the various club grounds. Springfield and Holy Name Clubs plan to increase activities with joint participation with local tournaments.

We plan to be more selective in out of town tournaments. We have new people ready for the opening day in the season coming up and we will all be working hard to build up our membership.

Hopefully each member will make a serious effort to bring in a new member.

Springfield Lawn Bowl Club held a special meeting at Ernie Nicoll's place to formulate plans for the coming season, on Sunday, March 23. We hope John Davidson and Bill Kaye will be over their physical problems and ready to bowl on opening day.

Sunrise L.B.C.

By Marie Gorman

Nothing of great importance happened during the winter months as many of our people go South for the cold months, but those who stayed at home enjoyed the carpet bowling.

The Gormans presented to the County Park Commissioner their Runner-up Plaque from the National Seattle Tournament and Marie won her trophy as Singles Champion of the U.S. Playdowns. Hanging in the office of the County Commissioner it will be seen by hundreds of people and will be a form of publicity.

Sunrise is looking forward to sending representatives to the Nationals and Divisional tournaments.

Trenton Lawn L.B.C.

By Al Lyon

The Trenton L.B.C. is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the 1980 Bowling Season, which will be opened in Trenton on the last weekend of April.

The Greens came through the winter in good shape and we expect excellent bowling for 1980.

Our schedule is completed. We are booked for every weekend May through September and with a few new members we face the year optimistically, at this time we expect to have 3 teams in the Eastern Division A.L.B.A. Tournament at Boston in August. We already have entries for our three open Tournaments, so all in all we are off to a great start.

Bill Yardley, our Games Chairman, has appointed the following to his Games Committee, Dan Walker, Al Lyon, Bob Stewart and Dennies Foley. Al Lyon has appointed to his Banquet and Hospitality Committee, D. Foley, D. Knox, J. Lupo, Joan Lupo and Betty Lyon.

The first open Tournament will be the N.J. State Pairs and we expect our usual good entry from Essex Co., Brooklyn, Wilmington, Del. as well as our own Club.

Spalding Inn Club

By Randall E. Spalding



After several very happy weeks at our favorite Florida vacation spot, Sarasota, this Correspondent and wife returned to find that the mildest winter in years had been very kind to our greens and even at this date (early April) they are in excellent condition.

This augurs well for a very busy summer in prospect despite the uncertainties of the present times. The Club will open May 30th with the 27th Annual July Singles beginning on the 8th, followed by the Mixed Pairs July 29th. The 28th August Singles will be played from the 12th to the 17th and finally a Mixed Triples tentatively set for early September. Social bowling will be "on tap" daily throughout the entire season ending in late October.

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PACIFIC-INTERMOUNTAIN DIVISION

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George and Mary Rowse have succumbed to wonder-lust and are knocking around the globe, so; you have a stand-in correspondent for this issue, one Jack Schoedinger.

The beginning of our bowling season has been hampered by Jupiter Pluvius and, while we welcome the much needed water, we do despair cancellation of our Opening Day event for the second year in a row. Opening Day on the Oakland greens has become an institution much anticipated during the wet and dreary year's beginning. However, all things must pass and we are well into our Pennant Games; the season is upon us.

We look forward to hosting the 1980 National Championship play on the Rossmoor greens and Rossmoor's management is going all-out to bring their greens into top shape for this event.

A few of our greens have suffered the past two years, notably San Francisco and Berkeley, but with diligent and continuing effort by the respective club membership recovery appears imminent.

It is a pleasure when new clubs appear in the Division as has happened with Santa Clara and Pebble Beach, but is a sorrow when we lose an established club. The demise of the

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Lakeside Club, one of our original organizations, brings a sense of regret. Although we lose no members or greens inasmuch as Lakeside shared the facilities of the Oakland installation as well as membership, it still provides a sense of loss. On the other hand we lost two clubs and experienced a feeling of satisfaction; if this sounds incongruous let me explain: The Oakland Women's Lawn Bowling Club combined with Oakland Lawn Bowling Club and the Women's Golden Gate Lawn Bowling Club combined with the San Francisco Lawn Bowling Club, making these clubs coed as are the rest of the clubs in the Division. Too long have we relegated the women to secretary, treasurer or hostess'; this year we have three clubs with women as vice-presidents. I neither propose nor oppose support for ERA, I only hope that eventually there will be only one ALBA thereby providing greater support for lawn bowling.

Berkeley L.B.C.

By Harold L. Steeves

Spring finds the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club engaged in its usual

multitude of activities. More than 70 turned out for the season's formal opening in sparkling weather, after a winter more rainy than usual.

Restored to use was the handsome Drake Green, rebuilt at much expense and labor by a large crew of volunteers led by President Jack Weiss and Greens Chairman Henry Ross. Its pace is rated at 11 seconds, with excellent draw quality. The club's other green stood up well during hard winter wear and is getting restorative treatment.

The club received a favorable court ruling in its suit to enforce an agreement under which the city of Berkeley pays for upkeep of the greens. The city stopped maintenance last fall, the club sued, the judge ruled city in contempt and the city has resumed paying for the work. During the hiatus the club hired outside help to care for the greens. And, as usual, club members did much of the work themselves.

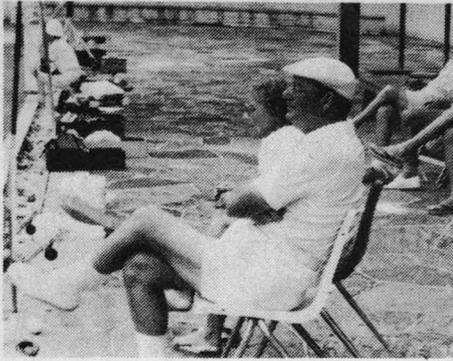
Seven men's triples teams from the BLBC have been taking part in the annual Pennant competitions with neighboring clubs. They found much enjoyment and fellowship, good experience, plus some success, as they topped four divisions before going on to finals competition against winners in the other sections.

Under its new chairman, former President Bob Cathcart, the club's membership committee is stepping up its drive to bring in new people and promote the club as a recreation center for Berkeley's residents. An expert coaching committee guided by former National Champion Orville Artist is helping mightily.

Honolulu L.B.C.

By Bruce Crawford

As this is being written, our winter visitors from the mainland of the United States and Canada have departed, hopefully to return in 1981. A large group of bowlers from the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association is planning to visit Honolulu on the first leg of their tour to the mainland. We shall be glad to arrange informal bowling matches between a number of them and some of our members on April 24th. No doubt this is the forerunner of other visitors from "down under" during the time when their cold weather will be taking over.



Our very efficient and hard working Secretary-Treasurer, G. Fleming Yates, and his equally praiseworthy wife, Elsie, were caught by the candid camera of George Balling of Santa Monica during his visit in March. Our club is indeed fortunate to have such dedicated members. It is unusual to see them in such a relaxed pose as most of the time they are very busy with a variety of bowling club activities.

Oakland L.B.C. By Stan Rock



Although the heavy winter rains prevented playing on the greens during much of the first quarter of this year, they nevertheless permitted work parties, under the direction of Wally Gerhart, to accomplish much needed repairs to the club house and the greens of the Oakland Lawn Bowling Club. The gutter retaining wall back stop was completed. New markings and numbers were also finished.

Those participating in the six work parties held in late March and April were Norman Collins, Tibby Davis, Sid Everett, Dick Gates, Wally Gerhart, E. Hunter, Floyd Hammond, Roy Johnson, Brick Johnson, Bernard McCarthy, Joe Miraglia, Chris Niemann, Bernard Reisbach, Don Staley and T.L. West.

The new 1980 roster of members has been printed and distributed.

Leona Morgan and Carmen Frecero won the Sills doubles at Oakland and at Sunnyvale.

Oakmont L.B.C. By Chris Waite

The first inter-club competition of the current year, P.I.M.D.'s Pennant Tournament, has come and gone. Oakmont entered teams in all three divisions. However, the best we could do was for our Blue team to take Sec-

ond and the Red team to place Third in Division II.

We have just graduated 18 new members from the spring coaching class and they all look as if they will become very good bowlers.

The B.A.R.L. games commence on April 24 and we are going to do our best to retain the trophy we won last year. Meets are held each Thursday thereafter until a double round robin has been played.

The Men's Novice Singles are in progress now. They will be followed by the Men's and Women's Singles; then Men's and Women's Pairs. So we will have a very busy Spring Season of bowling.

George Rowse, Past President of P.I.M.D., and his charming wife Mary, are on a two month tour of the world. Hopefully they have found time to "grass" a few bowls.

Palo Alto L.B.C. By Paul Houseman

Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club does not have a distress signal out this year. It's easy enough to peddle gloom, but some of the reverse is quite welcome. We have a Vice President and deserves a great deal of credit for the effort and contribution she performs for the club. Maggie Goff in addition to all her other activities is supervising a Jr. High Class on our greens. Some of our members think the kids are fooling around but in the long run Lawn Bowling will profit by having some young enthusiastic players.

Last year in addition to installing the Pennant System for Tournament play we started the friendship games among the South Peninsula Clubs. Santa Cruz, San Jose, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale and Palo Alto. We play 2-12 open draw games with lunch between. This enabled players to participate in one or both games with new partners in each. The size of the club and number of players was immaterial as we were all mixed up anyway. A \$1.00 fee was charged to all participants to cover refreshments and a small prize. Little effort was required by the host club to set up the games. We're looking forward to renewing the friendships we made.

Pebble Beach L.B.C.

By Sandy Blackhall

Springtime has brought a nice sprinkle of Bay Area bowlers to Pebble Beach. We had some very enjoyable games with members of San Francisco, Palo Alto, San Jose, Rossmoor, and Berkeley clubs. They soon got the hang of our scapagrene surface (speed like Australian greens, so I'm told), and we locals had a hard time holding our own.

Please phone ahead (408-625-2451—Randy Crossley, President) to make sure that the rink is available when you plan to visit, and to let us alert the Pebble Beach gatemens that you are our guests (otherwise it's \$4.00 a car).

We look forward to seeing more of you.

Richmond L.B.C.

By David Tweedie

The members of the Richmond Lawn Bowling Club are settling down, to what appears to be, up to the moment a successful season. We hosted the Pennant competition at Richmond on Saturday the 15th March. The Pennant Games have been enjoyed by the three Richmond teams particularly by the Blue team Skipped by Clif Baker who have won a spot to go on to bigger and better things.

We start our club trophy and cup games on the 4th May with the Maltby Trophy game. Bessie Drenth and Thea Mehlhorn won the eliminations at club level to represent Richmond in the Harris Trophy game, we all wish the teams skipped by Clif Baker in the Pennant and Bessie Drenth in the Harris the best of luck.

We were honored by a visit by two bowlers from Perth, Scotland, during the month of April, Bill and Margaret Miller, now retired and living in Sacramento. They will be better remembered as the Millers from Arroyo Seco; they played at Arroyo Seco for about 15 years and during that time hosted the members of the Richmond club who were playing in the Mid-winter tournaments of the Southwest division. The Millers certainly brought many happy memories of the 1960's to the older members of Richmond who played at Arroyo Seco.

I would like to take this opportunity of paying tribute to Henry Drenth who was loved by his fellow bowlers in Richmond. A long time member, he was killed in a tragic accident. We have one of the best Greens in California now, thanks to the Richmond Recreation and the Parks Department and a band of enthusiastic members of the club. If anyone disbelieves this claim then come and bowl with us. You'll find no finer people and you'll enjoy no finer game.

Rossmoor L.B.C.

By Eleanor A. Corten

New officers and board members of Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club held a first meeting in January. New brooms sweep very clean indeed as Greens Committee Chairman Chuck Sweet announced the schedule for greens improvement. In cooperation with the professional landscaping staff of Golden Rain, and with their blessing, we will proceed to put our house in order for the U.S. Championships coming here in September-October. All this will mean some persistent inconvenience to our bowling inasmuch as the west green, designated as scene of the Championships, will be out of use for several weeks during the cross-cutting, aereating, sanding, etc. However, the end fully justifies the means so we expect no static.

The weather has been wet, wet, wet. But as soon as the rains let up, a beautiful new flag will flutter just beneath Old Glory on the pole outside our clubhouse. Members were recently treated to a preview of the handsome new emblem created by Marian Bair, Mrs. David Blair and our ex-First Lady. Enlarged to scale the 'logo' of the R.L.B.C. badge—three black bowls, a jack, an oak tree, Mt. Diablo in the background—is mounted on a 4' x 5' field of yellow, and it looks great. Done entirely by hand—Marian's—the result is spectacular. We are proud of the flag and of the club spirit which inspired it. (The idea was picked up somewhere in the Great Northwest during the trek to the Seattle National Tournament last August.)

Men of our Club are deep into the P.I.M.D. Pennant Games which began March 15th and will continue through April 12th. Eight teams in all will meet the challenges.

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P.I.M.D. (W.) members are presently involved in the President's Game, and taking 'sign-up' for Harris Trophy, Betty Service Singles, and Southwest open.

Nothing provincial about Rossmoor bowlers—male or female! Meanwhile, here on the home front we held the second annual(!) Cherry Pie Tournament on February 22nd, and awarded honors and cherry pies to Marge Bartlett, Dorothea Jones, and Art Nelson. Coaching for new prospective members has begun, seminars for experienced bowlers have been inaugurated, the season is well under way and it should be a sweet sailing into summer.

Let's Bowl!

San Jose L.B.C.

By Darrell L. Jones

Our greens are like old wine, they just get better and better. Of course it takes a lot of hard work and dedication by a few Lawn Bowlers and an excellent Greenskeeper, namely Robert Vega of the San Jose Parks Department, but we do have a green everyone is proud of and enjoys playing on. I'm sure when we host the U.S.

Doubles Playdowns in June, all the participants will be glad they "Knew the Way to San Jose."

San Jose has taken another important step in the growth of our club with the appointment of a membership committee. The committee has the responsibility of attracting new membership, revitalizing the older members and improving the club's publicity. They are already working on several new ideas, but the first goal is to work their ideas down to the best 5 (five) workable programs and get those programs started. In addition we have taken advantage of A.L.B.A.'s Promotional Kit and plan to put it to good use.

On May 31st the Club is turning out, with guests and prospective members, for a Picnic at the Green in Bramhall Park. It is being held in Honor of Ora Merrit, our past Club Secretary, who held the Secretary Post for fourteen years. She is one of the most dedicated and congenial of-

ficers we have had to serve the S.J.L.B.C. and San Jose lawn bowling will be long in her debt. (Did you know that Ora was the first W.A.C. in the U.S. service?)

At this writing, San Jose is playing San Francisco in Oakland for the Championship of the Southern Division of the Pennant Games. Both teams are undefeated in their half of the division. The San Jose team consisting of D.L. (bamm-bamm) Jones—Lead; C.S. (Boom-Boom) Chan—Vice; and Murray (CRUNCH!) Brunt—Skip. Hope the best team wins.

San Francisco L.B.C.

By Irene Maguire

While most members are waiting for the Greens to dry out in order to start competition, others are thinking of ways to get more people interested in the game of bowls.

Fred Bahrt, Chairman of the Membership Committee, not only had a great idea but proceeded to make it work. He secured permission to put on a lawn bowling demonstration at the Serramonte Shopping Center, located outside the City Limits.

With his committee and other interested bowlers helping, a strip of carpet was laid to represent a rink. The theory of lawn bowling was explained and demonstrated for the spectators, and everyone was invited to try his skill. Twenty percent had never heard of the game and sixty percent thought it was Bocci Ball, an Italian game.

Those who showed interest by giving their name and addresses were encouraged to come to the green for further instruction.

On the weekend of April 12th, the Club held Open House and the Park Strollers were invited to try their skill. Many showed interest and agreed to return for more lessons. The Committee was encouraged by the success of the experiment and agreed that it would be worth repeating in a couple of months.

The Park Strollers always enjoyed watching and asking questions about the purpose of the game. Now we have learned that some were under

the impression that we were a private club and not available for outsiders. We hope our Open House dispelled that myth.

Santa Cruz L.B.C.

By Marten C. Bolle

Our first intra-club tournament, for the much-coveted Tom Lamond Triples Trophy, ended in a win by the team of Carl Olson, skip, Ann Bopp, vice-skip and Keith Knopf, lead. The game had an exciting finish and proved once again that one should never give up. The winners were four shots behind at the conclusion of the 17th end, but they fought bravely on and managed to get five shots in the last end.

The next tournament will be the men's pairs, taking place on May 13th, 15th and 20th. The mixed pairs will be played in June, on the 10th, 12th and 17th, the men's singles in July, on the 8th, 10th and 15th, the women's singles in August, on 12th, 14th and 19th, the Home Savings and Loan tournament in September, on the 9th, 11th and 16th, and finally the Benson Trophy Tournament (between Santa Cruz and San Jose) in October, on dates to be agreed with the San Jose L.B.C.

Two of our triples teams took part in the P.I.M.D. tournaments, one in division II and one in division III. The team of Jim Gray, skip, Carl Olson, vice-skip, and Andrew Caviglia, lead was successful in winning all three games in their preliminary section, but was narrowly beaten by San Francisco in the next round. The team, headed by Chester Laubscher, was less successful in Section III—they were eliminated by losing two games, only winning the third.

We are still more than a little worried about the condition of our green. Our Green Committee chairman, Andrew Caviglia, and his diligent helpers, are doing all they can to keep us going and they are constantly consulting and working with greenskeeper Susan Miller and her supervisor Clarence Jones, himself an ardent bowler. It appears to be an uphill struggle but we are hoping to get the entire green in a satisfactory condition before before very long. A few rinks are already in an acceptable condition at the time of writing.

Sunny Glen L.B.C.

By Al Crabtree

SPRING: Ah, what a wonderful feeling for all our lawn bowlers wherever you are. With summer to follow and Club Tourneys and Championships looming, we return with extra zeal and enthusiasm, to hopefully become more proficient in this great game of "Bowling on the Green."

We have a bit of work to do on our green at Sunny Glen, which I'm sure, will result in improving our playing rinks.

Our Championship Awards Dinner was held in the Community Center during Feb. and proved to be a very enjoyable and successful evening attended by over 80 people. Considering we are such a small Club by numbers, i.e., bowlers, having only about 20 participating members, this was a very gratifying attendance. We had as our invited guests the 2nd Vice President of the A.L.B.A., Fred Bacon and his good lady Dorothy, also Frank Souza and his wife. Frank represented the U.S. in the recent games in Australia. Our Master of Ceremonies with our Immed. Past President, Herb Charnetski, and after an excellent dinner, presentations were duly awarded to complete a lovely evening. Thanks goes to all our members who helped to make it so.

Sunnyvale L.B.C.

By Tecla Shepard

After a rather shakey start, our club is going great guns. We had election of officers in November, and celebrated with a lovely Christmas party. The new officers are as follows: Pres. Joe Shepard, Vice Pres. Roy Schessler, Secretary Bessie Francis, Treasurer Carl Francis, and new Board members Dorolou Swirsky and Bob Koeberle. After the first of the year our Newly Weds decided to leave us and move to Sun City, Ariz. Thanks to Yvette Polizzi and Hugh Houston the positions of Secretary and Treasurer have been filled.

Our green was closed for a week and is now in good shape. We have just hosted the Spring Harris doubles for the women and the winners were from our Divisions newest club Santa Clara. Skip Pearle Patton and Lead Ethel Murphy. Ethel is also a Novice.

Runners up were Leona Morgan Skip, and Phyllis Pimental lead who substituted for Carman Fraccero from Oakland. Congratulations Ladies!!

The Pennant games for the men have been played with two teams from Sunnyvale in the Semi-finals in the third division. The team of Hank Moniz Skip, Don Ragan Vice, and Carl Tomeo Lead, lost to Charlie Sutton Skip, Bob Koeberle Vice, and Ed Tappan Lead. The winning team went to Oakland and was runner up in the finals. Congratulations Gentlemen!

We have been enjoying visitors from Scotland, Southern California, and Canada and would like to extend a hearty welcome to anyone passing thru Sunnyvale to stop in and share a game or two with us. We start at 12:30 every day except Tues. and Friday, and really enjoy visitors.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

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Clearwater L.B.C.
By Kurt T. Dornau



A most successful winter season has come to a close.

Tournament Results

Men's Doubles: 1st—Bob Lindsay, Art Hartley. Runner-Up—Bob Livingstone, Chet Wintsch. Consolation—Bill Waring, Norm Smith.
Ladies Doubles: 1st—Nan Smith, Frieda Butkus. Runner-Up—Muriel Thomson, Maudie McDonald. Consolation—Helen Donohoe, May Richardson.
Men's Triples: 1st—Art Richardson, Ned Symons, Stan Bond. Runner-Up—Bob Livingstone, Don Johnstone, Ken McIntyre. Consolation—Peter Tait, Charles Weeks, Bill Kaestle.
Ladies Triples: 1st—Maizie Quinn, Dorothy Tewksbury, Norma Nay. Runner-Up—Mildred Ekstrom, Madeline Hobden, Marion Symons. Consolation—Nan Smith, Doris Patchell, Frieda Butkus.

On February 12th, Doris Patchell, Bob Livingstone and Ivan Patchell won first prize in the Bradenton Invitational with three wins.

On February 16th, Bill Miller with Bradenton players Dorothy Morrison and Rudy Fiebiger won the Charles Conache Cancer Memorial in St. Petersburg.

Another notable victory was achieved by our Norm Smith when with Jack Hickman of St. Petersburg they won the St. Pete Open Men's Doubles with four victories.

**Southeast Division Tournament
at St. Petersburg March 8-15**

SINGLES:

First Division—Clearwater, Bob Lindsay 21 Points
Runner-up—Orlando, Harold Esch 14 Points
Second Division—Clearwater, Art Hartley 21 Points
Runner-up—Ontario, Jack Hickman, 11 Points

DOUBLES:

Jack Hickman/Norm Smith, St. Pete & Canada and
Hartley/Lindsay, Clearwater won three games
each.

TREBLES:

1st Place—Clearwater, Hartley/Lindsay/Peter Milroy
4 wins 69 plus
2nd Place—Hickman (Canada), Miller (Clearwater),
Baxter (Hollywood) 4 wins 48 plus

Mount Dora made their bi-annual
visit to our rinks on March 5th. Re-
sults of the day were:

Clearwater won 13 games 302 Points
Mount Dora won 10 games 251 Points plus one tie for
each

**Fun 'N Sun Tournament
Monday March 17**

Due to excessive Ides of March winds play was re-
duced to two 12 end games. The results were:

1st Place: St. Petersburg—Leo Thomson, Agnes &
Gene Bowlby 2 wins 36 pts.
2nd Place: Clearwater—Marjorie Stonehouse, Ann &
Larry Desborough 2 wins 32 pts.
3rd Place: Clearwater—Bill Gutschall, Mary & Bob
May 2 wins 29 pts.

Our annual banquet held on Feb-
ruary 11th at the Sheraton Sand Key
Hotel was a success. Chairman Ernie
MacIntyre engaged the Suncoast Or-
chestra which entertained after din-
ner. Ream Wilson, superintendent of
parks stressed that while the city au-
thorities have always been supportive
of our lawn bowling activities they are
most thankful to the members for car-
rying a large part of the maintenance
costs.

The West Florida League season
under the direction of Bob
Livingstone has come to an end with
Bradenton being the champions. The
Clearwater team of Dorothy
Tewksbury, Kurt Dornau and skip Bill
Kaestle were the leading team with
nine victories in ten games.



We are very proud to have again
with us our patriarch Jess Frink who at
the age of 94 still rolls a mean bowl.

The officers of the club for 1980/81
are: President, Ernie MacIntyre; V.
President, William Waring; Treas-
urer, Harold House (reelected); Secre-
tary, George Power (reelected). Direc-
tors for three years: Kurt Dornau, Bob
Lindsay, Joseph Merritt.

**Mount Dora L.B.C.
By Dwight Akers**



Mid-April finds our winter season
drawing to a close. Our 14 rinks were
frequently strained to accommodate
bowlers enjoying daily pill games,
inter-club socials, tournaments and
special events. The playing condition
of the rinks was generally very good
due to the dedicated hard work of
Russ Miller, Frank Kennedy and the
rest of the grounds committee.

At the Annual Meeting on March
3rd, the following officers were
elected for the year beginning April
1st. President, Dorothy Pelton; Vice
Pres., Paul Halverson; Secretary,
Dwight Akers; Treasurer, Peter
Koehl; Directors, Charles Coppinger,
Betty Hartman, Weymouth Judkins,
Frank Kennedy and John Travis.
membership was reported to be 165
active men, 165 active women, 25 as-
sociate, 17 honorary, total 372.

On Graduation Day, March 30th,
Chief Instructor Ed Frazier presented
certificates to 35 new bowlers who
successfully passed the bowling in-
struction classes held in November
and January.

In North Central Florida League
play our five team squad came in third
behind Winter Park and Daytona
Beach. In other NCFL events our Ellie
MacDonnell and Pat Koehl won the
Champion of Champion Women's
Pairs. The NCFL Invitational Mixed
Triples for the Grant Trophy was
swept by Mount Dora teams when
won by John Durant-s, Janet Cudlipp
and Jud Judkins with Charlie
Coppinger-s, Henry Platt and Ellie
MacDonnell coming in second.

Our 52nd Year was celebrated with
a luncheon at Lakeside Inn followed
by a sign up for the Founders Day
Games. The Charles Edgerton Trophy
was won by George Snow-s, Mil
Smith and Bud Manges with Frank
Kennedy-s, Ray Turbin and Myra
Bowen a close second.

Intra-club tournaments were
played with the following results
entered in the record book:

Men's Pairs: Winner—Frank Brown-s, Peter Koehl.
Runner-up—Russ Miller-s, Paul Halverson.
Women's Pairs: Winner—Ellie MacDonnell-s, Pat
Koehl. Runner-up—Virginia Pearlman-s, Jean
Bradley.
Mixed Pairs: Winner—Ellie MacDonnell-s, Bill Vroom.
Runner-up—Henry Platt-s, Mary Hoffhines.
Men's Triples: Winner—Russ Miller-s, Fran Smith, Wil
Hanford. Runner-up—Charlie Coppinger-s, Jud
Cantor, Paul Halverson.

Women's Triples: Winner—Ellie MacDonnell-s, Marjorie
Cantor, Jean Bradley. Runner-up—Dorothy
Sayer-s, Julie Brown, Mil Shouldice.

Mixed Triples: Winner—Henry Platt-s, Virginia
Pearlson, Mil Shouldice. Runner-up—Russ
Miller-s, Bill Pruitt, Dorothy Woodward.

Mount Dora Invitational (Major Marsh Day): Winner
(Mount Dora)—Russ Miller-s, Bill Pruitt, Flo
Peterson. Runner-up (Deland)—Ed Evans-s,
Marg Evans, Harry Bosworth.

— In Memorium —
Grace Trager
Mabel Jones

**Bradenton L.B.C.
By Nora Miller**

We started our winter bowling on
November first and found our bowl-
ing rinks in good condition. In the
next two months we had two well or-
ganized dinners at the clubhouse,
Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners,
a few Jitneys, and lots of good bowl-
ing.

For ten weeks, starting the first
Thursday in January, we have a Home
League, brainchild of Phil Phillips.
This year the first place trophy winner
is a delightful 93 year old lady by the
name of Orilla Ferguson. Like all
bowlers she will have an occasional
"off day," but it is very rare—when
she is "hot" she is really "hot." She is
of moderate height, slim, snow white
hair, blue eyes, walks and stands as
straight as an arrow, and has a smile
for everyone. Orilla is an inspiration
to all who bowl with her, and I'm sure
that every bowler joins me in wishing
Orilla more of the same—she is some
kind of lady . . .

We seemed to have had some small
difficulties getting our West Florida
League teams together and under-
way, but at the end of the ten weeks
the Bradenton Club championed over
three St. Petersburg teams and two
Clearwater teams—a feat worthy of a
hearty WELL DONE . . .

Tournament bowling started in
February. The Bradenton Invitational
tournament was won by a Clearwater
team skipped by Ivan Patchell.

On February 23rd, one Bradenton
team consisting of John Morrison, Vin
Hoffman and Phil Phillips entered a
Sarasota triples tournament and won
first place.

The DeSota tournament was held
on February 26th and the first place
win went to the team of Vin Hoffman,
Cliff Robbins and Nora Miller.

On February 28th, two Bradenton
teams went to St. Petersburg for the
Muir mixed doubles tournament and
in the final game the two Bradenton

teams came up against each other due to having the highest scores at the end of the first two games. In the final game the team of John Morrison and Nora Miller won the trophy defeating Vin and Ellen Hoffman.

Teams from Bradenton entered both the Southeast Men's and Women's tournaments held in St. Petersburg and Clearwater, but were unable to come up with any big wins.

Our annual meeting was held on March 5th following a well attended Potluck dinner. The following slate of officers was elected: President, Vin Hoffman; Vice President, Cliff Robbins; Secretary, Nora Miller; Treasurer, Ellen Hoffman; Governors, Ted Lawrence, Jim Clark, and Lillian Lawrence.

We still have two more bank tournaments coming up plus a return visit from the St. Pete bowlers. We have a friendly get-together with them twice a year to see who gets the Walford trophy.

Fort Lauderdale L.B.C.

By Cy Heal

We have enjoyed great bowling so far this year. Our grass greens, provided by the city, are in good shape and will be open the year round. For information call the President, Garnett Chapman at 772-7834.

Forty-two members participated in the tournament for the Ken Ware Trophy. Channel 7 T.V. was on hand to photograph the event for the 6:00 p.m. news.

Members turned out to make the John Evans Day a great success.

We were pleased to be able to accept invitations to bowl at Hollywood and Delray and to have return visits from the members of the both clubs.

We are saying good-bye, for another season, to some of our Canadian friends and bowlers from other states and we are looking forward to lots more good bowling in 1980.

Deland L.B.C.

By Hattie Hansen



We have had a busy winter season locally and in intra-city social, invitational, and League games. Many of the games have been held here in Deland due to our fine facilities and central location.

The League games are over and all bowlers taking part in special events

are hard at it to finish before our Snowbirds take wing. Both the Men's and the Ladies' local Singles and Doubles have been played off. The Champion of Champions in the N.C.F.L., both the ladies and men, have finished their competition in Deland. The Ladies winners were Hope Fox and Laura Strack. The Men winners were Harold Wood and Tony Hansen. Of course we are hoping they will be winners in the end.

March 8th was our Presidents Day and we had the election of officers for 1979-80. Taking office were Charles Childs, President; Mayme Bateman, first vice-president; Bill Fox, second vice-president; Hannibal Frisby, Treasurer; Margaret Evans, Secretary. May Symington and Everett Hockley were elected to the Board of Directors for two years.

Daytona Beach L.B.C.

By Alexander King

After a tremendous amount of repair work done by the Greenskeeper and a couple of assistants, the courts were in almost perfect condition for the opening of another season in November and lasting through April. Practically all of our Canadian Bowlers arrived back in Daytona Beach for another long Winter vacation, and the locals (Bowlers that is), were happy to see them. Our schedule was a hectic one and everything was go go go for the league and Club Competitions. The Club has an additional nine new members, including Jack Gilbert of the A.L.B.A. Promotional Dept. and his good wife Jo. It is with a touch of sadness that I report the passing of four members, namely—Rosena Fish, William McCool, Virgil Vickers and our Vice-President Art Evans. To those whom they left behind Our Deepest Sympathy. We will miss Art because of his keenness as a competitive bowler and the work he did in the office of Vice-President. His chair will be hard to fill.

Delray Beach L.B.C.

By Alex Gibson



Since the last report the activities of the club have been highly entertaining on the greens as well as socially. At the January dinner we were entertained by a very clever magician with many artful tricks. The entertainment at the February dinner was given by a

group of singers and instrumentalists called The Hawaiians. They put on a good show. On the greens the action has been brisk with a Fun Day in January. This brought out a good crowd wearing a variety of "strange" costumes. The prize giving created lots of laughter with many "unusual" items distributed.

Our club championships were held in February. Though two days were idle because of rain, the competitions were completed on the 29th. The winners are as follows:

Triples: Lead, Nora Gibson; V.S., Ed Rosenkrans; Skip, RUPE LEE.

Club Pairs: Lead, Ray Turbin; Skip, AL FARAH.

Mixed Pairs: Lead, Evelyn Lee; Skip, RUPE LEE.

Men's Singles: AL FARAH.

The annual shield match with West Palm Beach was held on February 22nd at West Palm Beach. The result was a disappointment for us. Lost seven games, won two games and tied one game. We hope to retrieve the shield next year. We were happy and pleased to share in the 45th anniversary of the West Palm Beach club in January. Players from the Hollywood club also attended.

The Hollywood club visited with us on February 27th. Delray came out on top—11 games to one. We are visiting Hollywood, Wednesday, March 5th. They have grass greens, so we'll do our best to offer some good competition.

Lakeland L.B.C.

By Bessie Bryant



The Oct.-Apr. season at the Lakeland club was a very active, busy and friendly one. With the arrival of many bowlers from Canada and other states the membership grew to three hundred.

The Fun Days were filled. One Fun day one hundred and seventy-eight bowlers participated. Three hundred and eighty-three members participated in club tournaments.

One of the most popular tournaments held was the "over-eighty." There were 18 members played—two of whom were in their 90's.

Our 15th annual Invitational Tournament was held March 1st. It drew teams from all over Florida—forty teams in all the winner of the trophy was Reg Chenney and his team of Lakeland Club.

The Central Florida grass League games were keenly contested.

Lakeland Club brought the pennant home this year from Sun City. Inter-club games were held with Lake Wales.

Bowling instruction is given Tues. and Thurs. mornings all season by Gordon Wallis and Fred Taylor. Ladies' Day was held every Tuesday and card games at the club every Fri. evening.

The president for the 1980-81 year, Ivan Henderson of Lakeland, and his executive invite you to visit our club at the Lake Mirror Centre where you'll find bowling for health and fun and most of all friendship.

Hollywood L.B.C. By Robert Baxter



The club's annual prize-giving luncheon was held on Friday, March 28th. Trophies were presented to the following winners of club competitions:

- Ladies' Singles: 1st Cornelia Hannon, 2nd Joan Jones.
- Men's Singles: 1st Mickey Fishman, 2nd Bob Jones.
- Ladies' Pairs: 1st Becky Harding, Ina Yeoman; 2nd Margaret Campbell, Ellen Greenwood.
- Men's Pairs: 1st Bob Jones, Al Farah; 2nd Jim Boyle, Mickey Fishman.
- Mixed Pairs: 1st Marion Altendorf, Howard Wright; 2nd Joan Jones, Bob Jones.
- Handicap Singles: 1st Ted Harding, 2nd Dave Ure.
- Handicap Singles Consolation: 1st Larry Hannon, 2nd John Flood.
- Triples: 1st Bob White, Marie Gorman, Bill Faiola; 2nd Pat Fishman, Joan Jones, George Croy.
- 10 Game High: 1st Ted Harding, 2nd Mickey Fishman.

Much of the success of the luncheon can be attributed to Harry Harding, Games Chairman and M.C., Ann Wagner and her kitchen crew, Joan Jones and Ivy Jyurech.

Since the last report the following all-day games have been played:

- Robert Burns Day: 1st Bill Spenser, 2nd Charlie Albano, 3rd Frank Bedford.
- George Washington Day: 1st Bob Jones, 2nd Frank Balmer, 3rd Wes Connelly.
- St. Patrick's Day: 1st Susan Kerr, 2nd Art Paguette, 3rd Bill Faiola.
- Canadian Day: 1st Ina Yeoman, 2nd Marge Balmer, 3rd Ron Coulthard.

At this writing the club is looking forward to hosting the Division Playdowns for the U.S. Singles and Pairs Championships starting on April 7th.

In March a few members travelled to St. Petersburg and Clearwater for the A.L.B.A. and the AWLBA Divisional Tournaments. Gloria Farah's pairs team took 4th place at Clearwater and Bob Baxters triples team took 2nd place at St. Petersburg. Also travelling to Lakeland and Sun City tournaments were Joe and Pat Grabowski, Bob and Joan Jones and

Ted and Becky Harding. These folks made the prize list at both events. Home and away matches with the Delray Beach Club resulted in a win for Delray on its hard surface green and a win for Hollywood on its grass green. Home and away matches with Fort Lauderdale resulted in Hollywood wins at both locations. A home match against West Palm Beach resulted in a win for Hollywood. Hollywood was graciously invited to take part along with Delray Beach in a day's bowling at West Palm Beach to commemorate the 45th anniversary of that club's founding.

Pebble Beach L.B.C. By Bill Connor



The winter season in Sun City Center, Florida is at its peak. Tournaments, tournaments and more tournaments! It seems that there is a new one ever week.

First our mens' singles, which was in the process when the last report went to press, was won in a thrilling finish by Larry Hanley, ex of Bloomfield, N.J. and now one of our outstanding bowlers.

Then the pairs, won in the last end by Herb Smock and Bob Wassmer by defeating—guess who?—none other than Larry Hanley and yours truly, Bill Connor.

The ladies held their triples tournament and a good one it was. Margaret Woods, Thelma Hymus and Kay Brust won over the Reynolds, McGurk and Sloan team.

Many lawn bowlers from Hamilton, Ontario and Bridgeport, Conn. will remember our dear old friend and teacher, Sid Dargie (we called him Mr. Lawn Bowler of Sun City). A memorial tournament for him was held the last week of February. It was a mixed triples event, won by skip Ernie Hymus, Vice Virginia Varjian and Lead Andy Mercer. Their names will be inscribed on the beautiful Revere Bowl, which Norah Dargie Menard presented in memory of Sid. Our teams are now in the thick of a contest with Lakeland for the Central Florida Grass League championship. The Lakeland team is a few percentage points ahead at this writing, but we have 28 games (2 matches) to play while they have but 14. Our fingers are crossed because we must win 17 of

the 28 to best them and so retain the Pennant which we won in 1979.

Sarasota L.B.C.

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By Vera Baker

IN MEMORY OF — We pause in our play and in our thoughts to remember three good friends and fellow bowlers: William Fahey, Frank Scott, and Harold Weir.

Tournaments have been the main order of action for the Sarasota Club, and the weatherman has cooperated well with the Tournament Committee: Frank Turner, Joyce Schindler, and Paul Ward. The Club Pairs tournament was won by Carl Mortenson and Olga Maxymuik with Joan Sullivan and Lorne Hamilton in second. The Hauck Singles was won by Gordon Jackson with George Farnan as runner-up. Harold Parkinson won the Consolation Flight in this tournament and Audrey Gilmour was runner-up. The final game of the Gail Porter Pairs ended with Joyce Schindler and Megan Stevenson as winners. Runners-up were Marion Farnan and Ruth Gray. Peter Maxymuik, Marion Farnan, and James Robson won the Club Triples with runners-up Flossie Ballentine, Eleanor Schmidt, and Odette Turner. The Joe Schach Pairs was won by Peter Maxymuik and Lorne Hamilton. Runners-up were Ed Bentley and Harold Parkinson.

Instruction of new bowlers is supervised by Harry Laing and Ray Worssam and, through their efforts, our Club has been fortunate in gaining some new friends and enthusiastic first-time bowlers.

February twenty-third ushered in an ideal day for Sarasota's Sixth Annual Open Invitational Tournament, again under the superb direction of Al Fieghen. twenty-six teams were entered from Bradenton, Clearwater, Lakeland, Lake Wales, Sun City, and Sarasota. Day's end found the high three-game winner a team from Bradenton, skipped by John Morrison, who was aided and abetted by Phil Phillips and Vince Joffman. Sarasota teams, however, came in for a share of the honors: second high three-game win went to Gordon Jackson (S), Marge Kesler, and Paul Ward. Tom Wilson (S), with Jean Wilson and Jean Watson, won third high in this category. High two-game

honors went to Al Fieghen (S), Peter Maxymuik, and Mary Fieghen. The Team of Harry Laing (S), Joyce Schindler, and Ann Laing won second high for two-game wins.

Much work is done behind the scenes to produce an effective tournaments, and Al Fieghen acknowledges the fine work done by Arnold Prachthausner, Tom Wilson, and Kay Prachthausner and her committee.

Although the annual banquet is a part of late-January's past, credit should be given Jim Rawlings, who capably organized and supervised the many details related to it. The Circus City Sweet Adelines provided the excellent entertainment. Credit is given, also, to Charles Gauvreau and Harry Laing, who have become an effective instrumental duo, playing for members' dancing and listening pleasure.

West Palm Beach

L.B.C.

By Marion L. Stuart



On Jan. 23rd we celebrated the 45th anniversary of our club. Members from Delray and Hollywood Clubs traveled north to be with us. The morning started off with coffee and cake at the Senior Recreation Building, then all went to the green to roll one bowl in the 'Spider.' Howard Wright of Hollywood was the lucky bowler to end up closest to the jack. After the morning games all went back to the Clubhouse to partake of a delightful lunch. A short program followed. Our president, Dan Feese welcomed Steve Peffers, Ass't Recreational Superintendent of W.P.B. and visiting guests from Delray and Hollywood. Marion Stuart gave a brief history of the club since its organization in 1935. Attending past presidents of the club were introduced. A good time was had by all, thanks to the efforts of Dan and Fran Feese, Joe and Verona Besse, Walter and Charlotte Cogal, Ormond and Charlotte Walsh and any who may have contributed in some way to making this affair a huge success.

Intra-club tournaments took place in February. The results were:

TRIPLES:

High 3 Game Winner—Skip George Baggaley, Verona Besse, Ivor Mills.

High 2 Game Winner—Skip Danie Feese, Tony Ingrassia, Flo. Crouzat.

High 1 Game Winner—Skip James Patterson, Tom Mulkeen, Fred Erlandsen.

DOUBLES:

High 3 Game Winner—Skip Joe Besse, June Mosher.

High 2 Game Winner—Skip Verona Besse, Fred Mosher.

High 1 Game Winner—Skip Lloyd Montgomery, Flo Crouzat.

SINGLES:

MEN—1st Dan Feese, 2nd Oscar Wiegner, 3rd Joe Besse.

WOMEN—1st Verona Besse, 2nd Flo Crouzat, 3rd Edna Forman.

We hosted the play-off between Delray and our men on February 22nd. We were victorious and will retain the 'Shield' for this year. The total results for the AM and PM games—West Palm Beach Won 7, Lost 2 and Tied 1. Thanks to the entertainment committee for the luncheon preparations and to the ladies of Delray who supplied the dessert.

— In Memorium —

Charles Bryson

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Winter Park L.B.C.

By Roy Stone



A full program of bowling was enjoyed by the members of the Winter Park Lawn Bowling Club.

Social games and Invitational Tournaments were held at our greens, as well as members participating at the other clubs in our district.

For the first time, Winter Park was represented in the N.C.F.L. under the name The "CAN-AMS." The end of the season found our squad to be the winners of the League, after a very close and interesting schedule.

Our closing dinner was held on Saturday, March 22, at The Imperial House, and with a sell-out crowd, all enjoyed the get-together in company with Mr. Eugene Holt, recreation Director.

Awards for club championships were made to winners and runners-up as follows:

Ladies Singles: Winner—Ruby Stone; Runner-up—Virginia Collins.

Men's Singles: Winner—Harold Esch; Runner-up—Harve Reive.

Ladies Pairs: Winners—Ruby Stone, Lillian Clemence; Runners-up—Ethel Grant, Eugenia Shribbs.

Men's Pairs: Winners—Harold Esch, Al Hughes; Runners-up—Bill Joyce, Jeff Authors.

The winners qualified to represent our club at the Champion of Champions Tournaments at Deland and Daytona March 24th and 26th.

Mr. Holt presented plaques to the top three bowlers in our POINTS CONTEST, which covered a nine game span. The fortunate winners, separated by only one point each, were—1st Bill Holland, 2nd Earl Raymond, 3rd Ruby Stone.

The Champion of Champions Pairs tournament at Daytona on March 24 saw our Ladies Pairs of Ruby Stone and Lillian Clemence place second to the Mt. Dora entry of Ellie MacDonnell and Pat Koehl.

In the Champion of Champions Singles play-off, Ruby Stone, of Winter Park was the winner, with Eva Johnston of Daytona being the runner-up.

Harve Reive, of Winter Park was runner-up to Harold Wood of Deland, winner of the Mens Singles.

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AH, SPRING! GOOD BOWLING

Out of our Winter of discontent,
"Too much rain" was the main lament;
Into a Spring with days so rare,
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Pardon the Skips and don't blame the Leads.

Now since the weather is normal and sane,

Let all your Bowls be Touchers again!

George W. Benson

U.S. Championship Pairs Playdowns

By Francis Petit

This year proved to be the most exciting playdowns in memory. The Santa Barbara weather was strictly Chamber of Commerce. The greens were perfect, running about 12 seconds. The Southwest Division Districts were represented by Petit-Prinz, McInnes-White, Buckley-Dahl, Lee-Sniffin, Chase-Swaim, Cowen-Owens, and Zippert-Dewhirst. Buckley-Dahl lost 2 games by 1 point each to McInnes-White and Petit-Prinz. In the finals, Petit-Prinz lost to McInnes-White by one point in an extra end. Col. Sam Fisher was in total charge.

SANTA ANITA SETS JUNE 1 FOR CITY OF HOPE EVENT

The sixth annual City of Hope Triples will be played at Santa Anita Bowling Green Club in Arcadia County Park on Sunday, June 1, it was announced by club president George Scherer.

Clubs in the Southwest Division will receive details and entry information well in advance of the annual invitational event played on Arcadia County Park's four greens at 405 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, according to Bob Weitkamp, club tournament chairman.

Weitkamp was president of the Santa Anita club when the first tournament was conducted in 1975. That initial "We Play—So Others May Live for a Better Day" competition brought in \$350 for the famed medical center in Duarte, just east of Arcadia.

Entry fee/donations have increased yearly, as have the number of players. Last year there were 162 players from 18 clubs—donating a total of \$2,800!

The goal this year is \$3,000.

Minimum entry fee is \$3 per person. However, many enclose more and some contribute even though they do not play. Based on the 162 playing last year the average donation was \$17.

Signup sheets should be sent to Bob Weitkamp at the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club, P.O. Box 3043, Arcadia, CA 91006. Make checks out to City of Hope. All funds go to the hospital, with Santa Anita footing the expenses of hosting the tournament.

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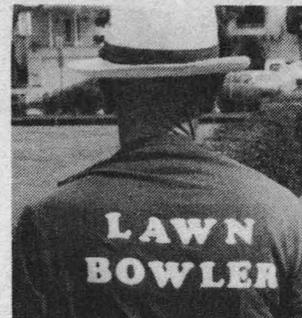
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Bill Cusack models shirt designed by his grandson, Kenny Robbins. Needless to say, all bowlers at Beverly Hills L.B.C. are green with envy.



Beverly Hills L.B.C.

By Otis Healy



In February we survived the longest period off our greens due to the many storms that hit Southern California's coast. We are back once more and the greens are beautiful and none the worse for the flooding.

So far this year we are most fortunate in having 12 new members so we are looking forward to a banner year.

Our Australian Singles Tournament started February 9th, but was delayed by the seige of storms. The winner was Aldo Paladini and runner up Ben Zippert.

We dominated the Western League winning ten out of seventeen years and regret to announce that we dropped out of that league and joined in organizing a smaller and more local one "The Bay League." We thoroughly enjoyed playing with those excellent players and will miss the good fellowship from all five clubs in that league. It was only because of the long distance involved that we regretfully had to withdraw.

We are preparing for the Walt Disney Western Tournament and are looking forward to seeing all the old timers as well as a new crop of competitive bowlers. Don't forget the dates—May 23rd thru the 26th.

Casta Del Sol L.B.C.

By Gail Raphael

Although our club is still a few months short of its first birthday, lawn bowling has caught on here in a big way. The club has over fifty members, and many more are expected as spring sets in after a long rainy season. The jacks are on the green six days a week, and a mournful bell tolls a quarter fine for each wrong bias.

On Sunday, March 16, we held our first club tournament with mixed doubles fighting it out. Blase Melaragno and Aaron Resnick were winners, with Rod Wright and Leo Ralston as runners up.

Casta players have made their first visitations to The Meadows and The Groves, and in turn will play host to these and other clubs. Ray Dyas was elected president for 1980.

The club owes special thanks to a quintet of experienced bowlers whose patient instruction has made the sport so much fun for the newcomers. Thus a loud huzzah for Vic and Lucille Christensen, Blase Melaragno, Norah

Cox and Verne Hamill who was also our first president.

Friendly Valley L.B.C.

By Robert B. Innis



"Good to the Last Drop"

At least that is how the old saying goes about a well known brand of Coffee, however I doubt that very many Southern California Lawn Bowlers would say that about the series of rain storms that we have had this last few weeks. Several Tournaments have had to be cancelled or rescheduled if possible and many of the Friendly Valley Lawn Bowlers have been disappointed by these Rainouts and a good many more have had a touch of Cabin Fever because of not being able to get out and Bowl.

Several times our Green has looked as if it would make a better skating rink if the weather would only have been cold enough for it to freeze. Full to the Brim was a rather common oc-

currence this winter. However, our green does drain quite well and after 2 or 3 days it would firm up enough for us to get out and bowl on the rare good days that we did have.

Our Vice-President (Bob Wallis) is recuperating from his earlier surgery and it will be a long recuperation, but that has not stopped him from lining up a good series of visitations for us for this coming season. Good work, Bob.

Also, this year, the Gas Crunch has formed out of existence the league that Friendly Valley has normally played in. A new League, called the Valley League has been formed, and we will be competing against Arroyo Seco, Glendale, Pasadena and Santa Anita for the right to compete for the Carl Waterbury Trophy after the various Leagues have completed their seasons.

Hermosa Beach L.B.C.

By Bertha R. Cook

Unless you like sad stories — do not go any farther — because this is a very sad one.

You may (or may not) have noticed the absence of Club News from Hermosa Beach in the last issue. Early in December (after fighting a stubborn infection) I fractured my clavicle (that is NOT a musical instrument — but a part of the shoulder). It is a slow healing thing — but we managed to get thru Christmas and the New Year. The reason for the lack of club news was "no one sent me any." Then came my trip in February to Hawaii — expressly for whale watching. We went out on a boat — just for that — and it was truly thrilling to watch those gigantic creatures spout and then leap way out of the water, flip their tails and dive! Meanwhile a sonar phone was dropped down to hear them sing. What added to the fun was that they seemed to enjoy it as much as we!

Then after a jolly good time on the islands of Maui and Kauai, it was time to go home. SO — a gala dinner was planned for our last night — at an old plantation — and — GUESS WHAT? I missed a step (darn those dark dining rooms) and fell and fractured the same clavicle that had by that time healed!

Didn't I tell you that this was a sad saga?

So — here I am again — with the shoulder brace — and no club news.

Holmby Park L.B.C.

By George Robbins



The heavy rains from January to March gave our greens keepers time to renovate and add a bit of speed to the surfaces. With the damp clouds out of the sky, bowling resumes with a fine schedule of club tournaments and visitations arranged by Chairman John Dennett and his committee members, Cal Rood (also Bay League chairman), Dorothy Hasty and George Balling. Our Australian Singles in March produced championship flight winners: 1st, Joe Richardson; 2nd Jeanne Rood. Consolation flight winners: 1st, Dave Rudolph; 2nd George Seitz. Naylor Doubles followed in April with a field of 24 players, with Will Kuhlman and Jack Hamilton, winners, and Chris Flores and Violet Longaven, runners-up. Our first visitation on April 23 to Riverside was a bus load of 45 players on a happy safari. with John Dennett departing on an extended tour of the East Coast and Canada, Cal Rood takes over tournaments and (please note!) Dot Hasty becomes visitation chairperson.

A fine visit by a large group of bowlers from New South Wales occurred April 26 providing us with a good lesson in rinks, and renewed our conviction that the Australians are among the most gracious people as guests as well as hosts.

We welcome the return of Jack and Jean Schribbs who decided to cancel their removal to Florida of last Fall. But we are losing Dorothy and Bob Boothe who are returning to live in Australia (not too gracious of them!).

The new Bay League of the Southwest Division pits our near neighbors against each other, with the first games at Beverly Hills where the host club came off best, with HP maintaining its last year's league position of second place tie.

Two of our literati staged world premieres in April: Johnny Greene, with a new musical, *Levi* (based on Levi Strauss) at Palomar College; and Harry Essex, with a new play, *Twilight* at the Actor's Alley in Sherman Oaks.

MacKenzie Park L.B.C. Santa Barbara



By Joe Ross

"HERE COMES THE BRIDE" . . .

A wedding ceremony was performed on our greens. The happy bride, Eva Petersen, and the lucky groom, Bill Doliente were married on January 25th with membership of our club in full attendance. A local judge performed the solemn ceremony interspersed with occasional humorous remarks. As the bride and groom pronounced their "I do's" and the judge declared them man and wife, they were rewarded with a warm round of applause from the membership of the club. Contrary to the usual practice, there was no honeymoon for the newlyweds. Instead they assumed their regular positions on their teams and bowled two games that afternoon.

"WHO TOOK MY BOWLS"???

At the last meeting of the SW Division of ALBA attended by our delegates Sam Fisher, Joe Bell and Jack Johnstone, our own Ellis Minner was elected President for the current year. In honor of his new rank, Ellis was presented with a beautifully gift-wrapped bowl (the kind you roll) that he forgetfully left in Laguna Hills the last time he bowled there.

"A THING TO REMEMBER" . . .

Efficient and cheerful arrangement of parties and coffee hours by our ladies.

Life membership for our Herb Sorensen for his outstanding services to our club's experience.

Luise Godfrey's five time wins of the Bill Parker Ladies Singles.

Paul Huntington's four wins of the John Godfrey Men's Single Trophy.

Anita Imlay, Else Colaianni and Glenna Duell, the only all-women team to win Ethel and Silvio Medallion Triples Crown.

The peripatetic bowlers, Ed Burling and Ed Egeburg, who went from Santa Barbara to Pomona to Oakland and came home with the State Novice Doubles Trophy.

Tom Hambley arranging the greens lay-out each morning.

Good fellowship we enjoy and the encouragement we receive from Little King "Mac" of La Cumbre Peak.

Oaks North L.B.C.

By Helen Robitzek

The annual meeting of our club was held on December 5, 1979. At that time the following were elected as officers for the year 1980: John Axelson, President; John Marsh, Vice President; Vera Drugan, Secretary; Jack Williams, Treasurer.

Members selected to serve on the Board of Directors were: Belden Morgan, Thelma Hermel and Charles Maness.

What better way is there to throw off the "rainy season blues" than by havng a cocktail party? On February 20th we did just that. The party started off with one of our members, Red Bulka, showing movies of some of our tournaments including one on Halloween when all our members bowled in costume. (Much laughter and many remarks from the viewes!!)

Our tournament with the Rancho Bernardo Bowls Club has been cancelled twice because of rain but some day soon. . . .

Pomona L.B.C.

By Ron & Lois Fitch



Pomona, like every other club, has had many of its activities curtailed by the rain and everyone is looking forward to lots of bowling when the weather clears.

Pomona hosted Riverside on February 6, Pomona winning 15, losing 6 and tying once.

The Pomona Triples were played on February 9th, with Pomona winning three out of six. The winning team was A. D. Coates, Charlie Waite and Ray Smith; second, Howard Beckner, Don Boman and Bill Shonborn; third, Ed Burns, Ernie Lenz and Helen Burns.

The February Potluck was designated as a Valentine Party and all couples married more than 50 years were honored. Howard and Mariam Seaver had been married the longest — 60 years.

Jerry Morgan was honored as the sweetheart of the year, having retired as Club Hostess after many years of dedicated service. Gerry Pence and his wife sang sweetheart songs, with the group joining in.

Our Recruiting Committee is busy presenting the program provided by the Southwest Division to various lodges, service clubs and senior citi-

zen groups. They are being well received and are confident that the result will be successful.

Long Beach L.B.C.

By Bob Hayes

A special thank you to Phyllis Madden for all the effort spent in writing this column over the years.

Les Nason is doing a fine job of coordinating the interior improvements to our club house made possible through the donations of the members of both clubs and especially from Ruth Hylton's gift of floor tiles. Our President George Bowbeer with the help of members such as Roy Wolcott and Bud Kint deserve our gratitude for the many hours they have spent installing, painting and repairing everything.

Congratulations to Arnold White and Vern Roller for winning the S.W. Division A.W.L.B.A. Mixed Doubles.

Our visitation to Santa Anita L.B.C. was very enjoyable thanks to the efforts of Bob Weitkamp. The days total gave them an extra win because of a tie game for us.

The winners of our Easter tournament were the triples team of Doreen Collins, Verna Walberg and "lucky" Paul Owen who also won the spider.

The first Coast League game was played at the Meadows and both of our teams ended up with a tie.

Members of Recreation Park L.B.C. and any visitors wishing to participate will be welcome at our next club event on Friday, July fourth. It will be a Cut Throat Tournament with spider prizes and a special trophy to the winner and prizes to the runners up.

Pasadena L.B.C.

By Betty Lochridge

An innovation in Southern California lawn bowling was introduced by Pasadena Club early in April. A mid-week invitational tournament was held on the Pasadena greens. Twenty-six triples teams representing many Southern California Clubs participated in this event planned by Ben Johnston, tournament chairman.

The idea was to attract good bowlers who preferred not to enter the more strenuous Saturday tournaments, but who would enjoy three ten-end games on a weekday. The entry fee which included a sandwich-dessert lunch, also pro-

vided trophies for the first, second and third place winners.

First prize was won by an Arroyo Seco Bowling Club team skipped by Wilson Sayers, assisted by Tom Emerson and Ruth Manchester. The Vice Mayor of Pasadena, Ms. Jo Jeckmann, presented the "Mayor's Trophies" to the winners. The event was a great success, and it is planned to repeat it on an annual basis.

Club membership continues to grow through the application of the ALBA promotion plan. On May 2 a party honoring all of the new members and their spouses will be held at the home of Helen and Steve Nash.

Club greens are in good condition and are being maintained by the Club under the guidance of Greens Chairman Charles Morrison. Both greens will have been verti-cut and are in very playable condition.

Rancho Bernardo L.B.C.

By Gladys Irwin

It was especially gratifying to have the sun shine on March 13th for the Riverside Lawn Bowling visitation at Rancho Bernardo's bowling green. Rancho Bernardo was lucky to best Riverside eight games to five.

Two of our bowlers, John Terhune, President, and Dr. Howard Westcott have recently returned from a trip to New Zealand and Australia where they were invited to a game or two of bowls. They were impressed with the hospitality and lawn bowling facilities in those two countries.

Our club recently celebrated the birthday of Jack Thompson who turned 93 and bowls every day.

We have a good membership and look forward to continued good bowling on our excellent green.

Rancho Bernardo Invitational Tournament

John Lingenfelter of The Groves skipped the 1st place team. John Smith from San Diego skipped the 2nd place team. The ladies were right in there also.

Doris Bolton of The Groves skipped the 3rd place team, and Evelyn Rigney from Arroyo Seco skipped the 4th place team.

It is a real joy to watch topnotch bowlers play and we're glad our visitors went home happy. Gladys Irwin, Jr. did a fine job as tournament chairman.

Redlands L.B.C.

By Peg Bennett

The new year started off in a very optimistic way in January. The weather was beautiful and warm and we had our first visitation of the year with Riverside Lawn Bowling Club. Being short a few players, we borrowed some from Sun City Lawn Bowling Club and the combination proved too much for Riverside. It was a great day for lawn bowling and everyone had a good time regardless of who won and who lost. The matches were very close and the margin of victory small.

Then — the rains came — and how they came! Our next two visitations with Sun City and Santa Ana were rained out. Everyone had a spell of "cabin fever" as we couldn't get out to bowl. On March 8th, our annual Invitational Tournament had to be cancelled.

The women were the only ones to get in a day of bowling when they met in Riverside. The day was beautiful and everyone took advantage of it. We had twelve members from our club entering and eight won prizes. The winners were Marty Riddle, Lucy Hayward, Betty Ewen, Bea Forrest, Doris March, Ruth Manley, Joan Worden, and Peg Bennett.

In March we found a dry day and went to Pomona for a visitation. As they say — "we should have stayed home!" We didn't do very well, even with the aid of some members of Hemet-Joslyn L.B.C. However, Ed Thurgood and Betty Ewen with the help of a player from Hemet managed to win both their games. We are looking forward to a return match on our greens April 30th.

Marty Riddle and Lucy Hayward will carry the club colors in the U.S. Championship Playdowns in May. We do not have any entries in the men's playdowns.

Now that the weather is somewhat stabilized, we hope to see all the club members out on the bowling greens. Charlie Workman, our greenskeeper, has the greens in excellent condition and, with a few warm days, the greens should be full. We have several visitations coming up plus the California State Tournament in May, so we do anticipate some great games.

Remember to invite that friend down to try his or her skill on the greens. We need more members and what better way for us to get acquainted with your friends and they with us? Give Gene Riddle, Phoebe Hill, or Peg Bennett a telephone call and set up a date.

We want to thank the members of the Sun City L.B.C., Hemet-Joslyn L.B.C., and the Riverside L.B.C. for helping us out on club visitations when we have been short a few players. You are all great and we appreciate it.

Riverside L.B.C.

By Bill Edgell

After too few years of lawn bowling the author is the recipient of a series of small strokes and facing the certainty of surgery.

The Southern California rainy season, unusually severe this year, precluded lawn bowling; and then came the unexpected which made bowling just a memory, temporarily at least.

Looking back, it seems evident that one gets out of lawn bowling in direct proportion to what one puts into it. Showing up occasionally and bowling, is fun and fine; but participating in distributing rakes, mats, jacks, along with general club business, visitations, etc., multiplies the enjoyment.

The moral, if any, is that the "well (yawn) maybe I'll go lawn bowling today" bowler won't get as much fun as the earlybird "what can I do to help?" person.

The get-well card arrived by mail today — you know the type — a kind soul passes around a card and we take time out to sign our name. You, dear reader, have signed many of them, and so have we all. Yet that simple little card made our day. Reading that card and remembering faces and little things that happened involving them, meant a great deal and inspired the above.

Recreation Park

L.B.C.

By Lester E. Cooper

We wish to welcome two new members to our club: R.E. (Bob) Kennedy who recently retired from the City of Long Beach Public Works Dept. and E.C. (Chet) Buddenbohm



who is retired from McDonnell-Douglas Corporation. Complete rebuilding of one of our three greens is now under way. The City of Long Beach has taken the sod and top nine inches of soil and transferred to the nearby golf course. Then complete rebuilding of green will be done by Lawn Bowling Greens, Inc. (Dr. E. Haley) and paid for by a donation received from Mrs. Lorraine Collins in memory of her husband, Larry, who was a long time member.

We entertained a group of retired employees of McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft with refreshments and a presentation of rules and equipment. We then gave a demonstration of how the game is played and some individual instruction. We are also continuing our exhibitions to dinner clubs and we hope to get many new members from these activities.

Our club went to Santa Anita greens for a visitation on March 20th and had a very enjoyable time and the final tally showed us to be about even. All of our club tournaments are proceeding very well, we have started in our Pacific Coast schedule and each Thursday we have a "spider" with a different winner each week so far.

— In Memorium —
Phillip X. Daniels
Harold Putnam

Santa Anita B.G.C.

By Ben Frank



Santa Anita ushered in the New Year by breaking their all time record for the number of members bowling at one time. On January 24th, on a warm sunny day, 102 members turned out to bowl; 72 of them having entered the Club's most competitive tournament, the Blue Feather Triples. Twenty four teams have been formed into four leagues, and are now in the process of playing each other in round-robin fashion. The winners of each league will then play off for the championship.

The year 1980 promises to be a busy one. Ten Australian Knock-Out events as well as ten tournaments consisting of Singles, Pairs and Triples have been scheduled. In addition, there will be several visitations to other Clubs, including Riverside, Long Beach, Laguna Beach and Pasadena.

The first tournament of the year, the Ladies Singles, was completed in February despite much rain, with the following results: "A" Flight Winner, Virginia Rosecrans; Runner-Up, Bert Nicolson. "B" Flight Winner, Maggie Moffat; Runner-Up, Irene Frank.

The spring training class of 15 potential members began their instruction in March under the direction of Tom Harvey. They are showing great promise and should be ready for graduation in April.

Santa Anita celebrated its 25th Anniversary March 27th, with Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation officials participating in a special birthday party held at the Arcadia County Park. Although the Club actually was started in June, 1937, with 20 members and one green, it was incorporated March 4, 1955. The Club now has over 250 members and plays on four greens.

*- In Memorium -
Thomas Ammaccapane
Richard Hull*

Santa Barbara L.B.C.



By Betty Watson

Along with all the rest of you in the Southwest Division, we have been playing in and out of the showery weather. A new class under the direction of Glen Boyles started, stopped and started again and is now well on its way to graduation.

On January 26th a group of eight participated in the A.W.L.B.A. Mid-Winter Mixed Pairs at Hermosa Beach and on February 27th four of the ladies made a visitation to Riverside. The men have been busy engaging in play-offs for the S.W. Division and U.S. Pairs. On April 2nd Velma Dorsey, and Dorothy Vea represented S.B.L.B.C. at a Singles Tournament at Santa Anita. On April 17th there will be a visitation from Santa Anita, and on April 30th we are entertaining a group of about 40 Australians who are bowling their way up the coast. In May and June many of our members are looking forward to four in-club tournaments. In June Holmby Park is visiting us and in May a visitation to Santa Anita is planned and participation in a tournament in Laguna Hills and the State Tournament at Santa Anita.

While all this is going on, our own novices will be having a Singles Tournament on April 5th and 6th and Pairs on April 26th and 27th. So it looks as if whites will be the costume for the next few busy months.

On February 5th Carol Smith initiated the first of our Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 A.M. bowling sessions — Pairs on Tuesdays and Singles on Thursdays. Judging from a very good turnout, there is a great deal of enthusiasm for the opportunity for further practice and sharpening up of skills through this means.

We have had an influx of visitors from Canada for several months and from as far away as Sydney, Australia, and Connecticut. We're glad to see new and old' friends come, and sorry to see them go.

San Diego L.B.C.

By Jo Zolla



It has been a wet winter so the San Diego Club has little to contribute this time. Actually, with the reputation for good weather we have, maybe we should word that a little differently; let's say that almost everytime we had an event scheduled, it was rained out.

January 24 found us up at Seven Oaks for the first of our quarterly battles. They beat us in a very close match. However, we came back with a win over them on our own greens April 17. That, too, was very close.

We had a barbeque March 15, with our usual big crowd, and a great time was had by all.

Four days later we had the Briden Triples, which was won by the team of Jim Smith, Ruth Smith and Ed Ehmman.

Another of our friendly adversaries is Oaks North. We attacked them on our own territory and beat them. Next match will be on their greens, where they will probably whip us.

Santa Monica L.B.C.

By Ferrell Burton, Jr.



Our new green has not as yet got its full growth. However, our enthusiastic members are bowling even though the green is very heavy. Each week it is improving and by the end of summer, we should have a fine green.

NORTHWEST DIVISION

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I have been feeling very smug and self-satisfied lately due to the success I had in getting reports from all clubs in the division to submit to BOWLS. Twelve days after mailing the news items I got a call from the Editor, Ferrell Burton, Jr., to tell me that he had not received any material from the Northwest Division. When I told him that I had mailed the material in plenty of time to reach him and that I had no copies he asked me to do what I could; that he would hold up publishing a day or two.

What could I do? Phone each one? (Ferrell would foot the bill). Most of my contributors are at work during the day and would probably be hard to reach, and even if I could contact them they would have to reproduce the material and send it in, which would take too much time. So I decided to make note of a few things that I remembered in the hope that any important news that was in the lost, delayed or missent mail could appear in the next issue. Reports of club elections, new members obtained, social events, work on the greens, were common to all reports. Good reports of this nature were received from: Walter Adams, Queen City; Vaughan Kilburn, Jefferson Park; Dr. John Sheppard, Tacoma; John Marchi, Spokane; Ron Veitch, Portland; Sue Hopwood, King City and Mrs. James McDermott, Grants Pass.

John Sheppard told about the new bowling green between Tacoma and Portland and how the Mt. St. Helens bowlers had to overcome such hazards as three feet of volcanic ashes and dust and many hot rocks on the green. His description was funny and well written. He didn't tell how the bowlers had to keep score on the Richter Scale, nor did he complain about the poor visibility; can't even see the jack due to smoke! How can one bowl well when the ground is moving up, down and sidewise?

Ron Veitch reported the marriage of two new members, Tom Kabakaba to Kappy Sullivan. Who said that bowling is not a dangerous game?

Sue Hopwood submitted a drawing of the King City Club pin, a move that others might well follow.

John Marchi said that in spite of the difficulties in finding a place to play, two Spokaneites bowled in the recent National Open.

I forecast that the missing material will show up immediately after the magazine goes to press.

JOHN L. PHILLIPS

Right you are John, we will be happy to give you space for the missing material in the Summer 1980 Edition. EDITOR

*- In Memory of -
Margaret Hennings
Loving wife of
Larry Hennings
Hon. Life President - ALBA*

Coaching Clinics

By Ezra Wyeth

In accordance with the ALBA policies of offering clinics for bowlers, I have set up a number during the month of July. Ladies will be most welcome to join with the men.

In the early stages of the planning it was hoped that the clinics would finish at Milwaukee immediately before the start of the Nationals. It was thought that some players from throughout the country might care to take part in the clinics there. However, since work was planned on the Milwaukee greens, changes had to be made. The clinics there will be offered on July 19, at the conclusion of the Nationals.

One effect of the change was a reduction in the number of clinics offered in the Eastern Division since some officials from clubs there will be in Milwaukee.

The itinerary will be as follows: July 7, Portland; July 8 and 9, Seattle; July 10 and 11, Toronto; July 14 and 15, West Hartford; July 19, Milwaukee; July 20, Chicago. If you wish to know more about the clinics, get in touch with your Division Secretary.

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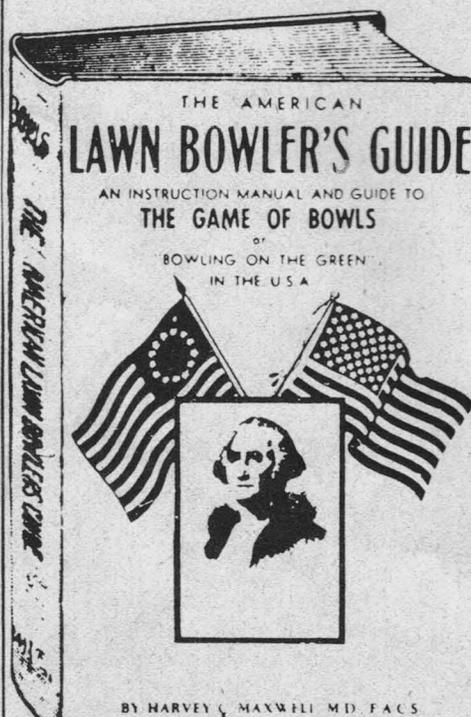
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