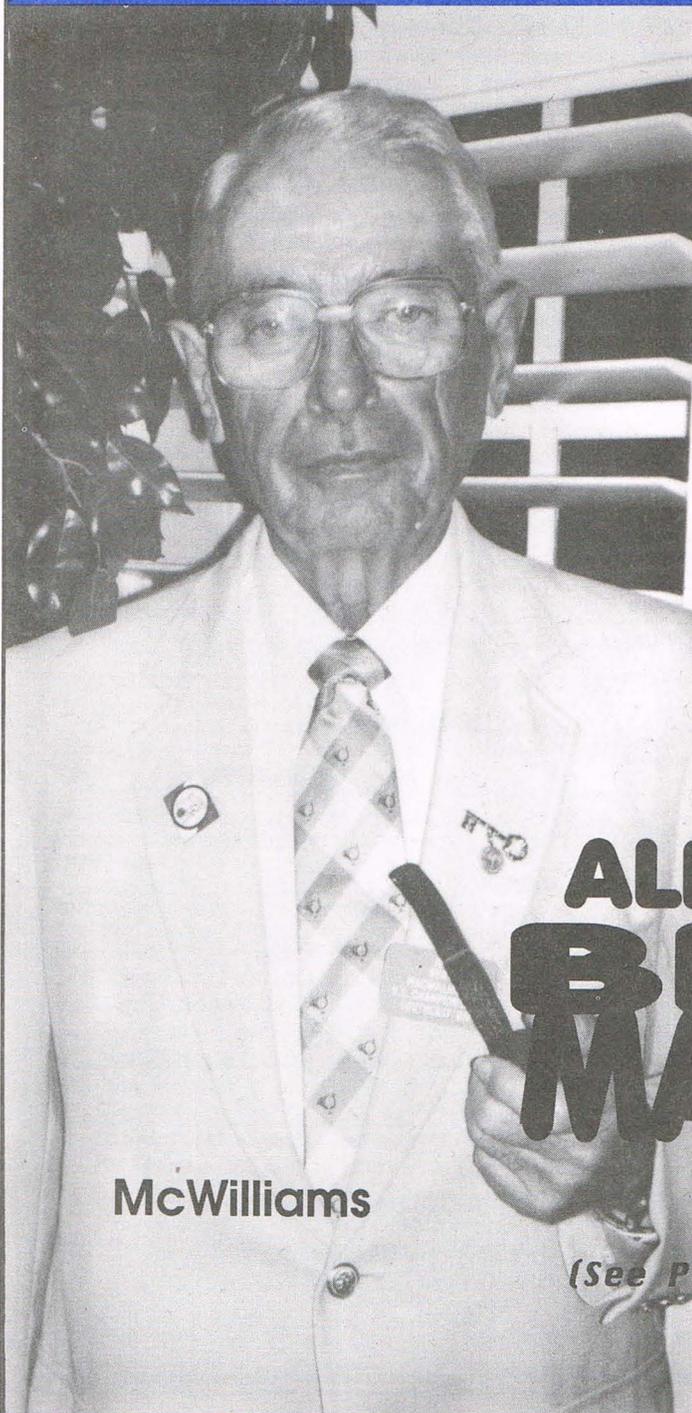




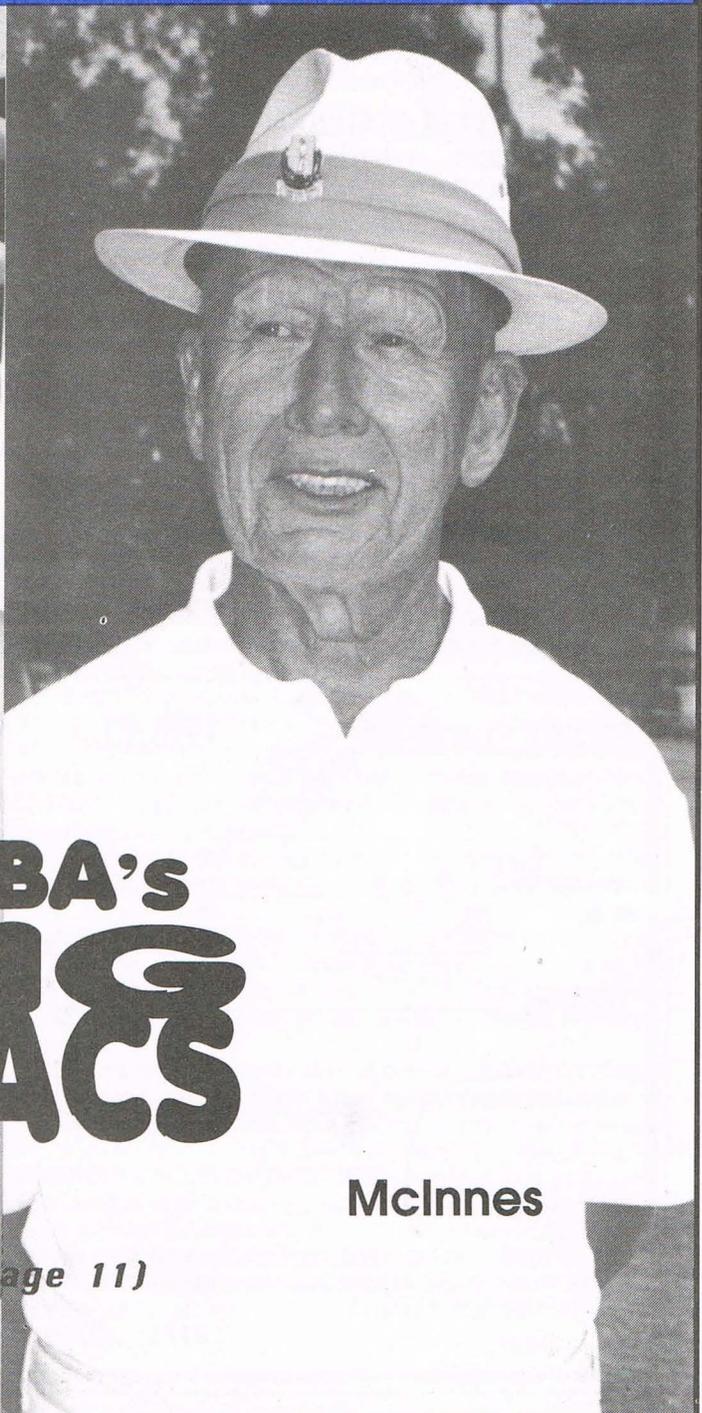
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joseph S. Grabowski

Welcome home and congratulations to our U.S. Team returning from the Pacific Games, which were held in New Zealand. I understand they did well, and further back in this issue you will find the competition results from team manager Gil Stephan. We are very proud our team.

1996 promises to be a fruitful year for lawn bowling. I can see more and more progress in the promotion of our game. Each division is trying to find ways to interest new members. Perhaps the game of Bowls being added to the Paralympic Games (in Atlanta following the summer Olympic Games) will make more people recognize it as a powerful game, available to young, old, and the physically impaired. We are proud to know that Bob Patterson and Carolyn Nobbe will be representing the United States in these Games. Good luck and good bowling to both of them.

Tommy Thompson, a member of Pinehurst Lawn Bowls Club, has requested and been granted the responsibility of approaching Walt Disney World management regarding inclusion of lawn bowling in the planning of their newly proposed Sport's Center, in Orlando, Florida. I appointed Tommy and Gene Goodwin to investigate the possibilities of lawn bowling being included as one of the featured sports, since it was Mr. Disney's sport and there were no published plans to include bowls at the Sports Center.

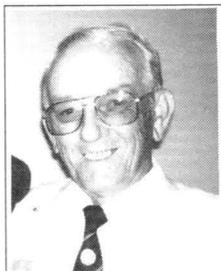
I had the opportunity to meet with Disney's representative, Debbie Shannon, at the recent Mt. Dora Invitational Tournament. Thanks to Tommy and Gene, our future representation at the Walt Disney Sports Complex is leaning in a favorable direction.

Congratulations to the team that will be representing the U.S.A. at the World Bowls Championships in March. We are pleased to have Jack Behling, Tom Dion, Jack Lucey, Skippy Arculli and Michael Siddall representing our country.

October's Council meeting established ALBA as the governing authority for U.S. indoor bowls. The Council unanimously resolved that the American Lawn Bowls Association jurisdiction shall include all men's flat green lawn bowling, both outdoor and indoor, in the United States. The World Indoor Bowling Council's Honorable Secretary, Jimmy Davidson, has confirmed that ALBA will be formally granted Associate Membership in WIBC this month (February).

The Paralympic Games get underway August 17th. If you plan to be in the Atlanta area at that time, stop in and watch our two representatives battle for the gold. And, while you're at it, meander over and say "hi" to Patti and me...we'll be chairing the event.

*May your bowl always be
the one closest to the jack.*



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Letters to the Editor

ASK MR. UMPIRE

(This letter was condensed due to limited space.)

If at all possible, I would appreciate an authoritative answer to the following questions:

a) When is it appropriate for an umpire to issue a ruling without a compliant or request for a ruling?"

b) Can one umpire over-rule another umpire? If this happens, what recourse do players have?

c) How to you read this situation: Team A vs Team B. Triples match begins late because of organizing committee problem, so this game is given a "10-minute time extension" (if needed) to complete, before match begins. They are playing under ALBA rules.

As they begin their final end, Team A is five shots down when regular time-limit bell rings. In poor green position, and knowing there is a time extension, the Team A skip kills the end.

The umpire is asked whether or not the end can be replayed because time limit bell had been sounded. The umpire rules that it can be replayed because: 1) the teams had been granted an extra 10 minutes, 2) the burnt end had started before their time-limit expired, and 3) ALBA rules state burnt ends are to be replayed.

Play resumes as A and B leads deliver their bowls. At this point, a second umpire shouts to competitors to stop and pick up their bowls, game is over—was over when the end was killed. Ump #2 claims to be "an official umpire" acting on orders of the Tournament Committee. Some T.C. members attempt, unsuccessfully, to intercede. Umpire #1 is embarrassed. In an effort to mitigate an even more embarrassing situation, skip A instructs team to pick up their bowls, and shakes hands with the victorious team B.

d) Are there any guidelines for umpires...that if an umpire acts irresponsibly or inappropriately, the governing body will take some type of corrective action?

**Kottia Spangler
Redlands, CA**

ED: BOWLS Magazine asked ALBA National Umpire-in-Chief John Stewart for his perspective on the questions asked. His reply:

a) The present rule in Laws of the Game, Law 15-B2d says: "The umpire shall enforce these Laws of the Game". There has been debate on how this should be interpreted, with some in favor of only when called, and others who favor enforcement at all times. I support the view that an umpire must be willing to enforce the rules at all times. The next printing of "The Laws" will have "at all times" added to the above mentioned Law 15-B2d.

b) Absolutely not. An umpire's decision can be appealed through the controlling body for that particular competition, and the deci-

sion reached shall be final and binding. See Law 13-A.

c) In this instance, the first umpire was perfectly correct in allowing the burnt end to be replayed. The second umpire showed poor judgement and should not have interceded after the first umpire had made a decision. The proper action by both skips was to agree that the second umpire's decision was wrong and to make an appeal to the controlling body of the tournament, and proceed according to that decision. See item "d".

Skip A was probably hasty in instructing the team to pick up their bowls, but by the action prevented an even more embarrassing situation.

d) Yes. In addition to having to qualify for the position by passing written, measuring, and oral tests, they are expected to follow and promote the umpires "CODE OF PRACTICE". In addition, no umpire is approved unless they have signed the original application form, which states that they must be fair, impartial, and honest at all times. It would not be appropriate for members of the controlling body to discipline umpires. The National Umpire-in-Chief can discipline an umpire.

WHEREISIT?

Referring to the BOWLS Magazine reports for Eastern Division venues—you mention Slater Park, Williamsburg Inn, etc. But I'd like to know in which state these clubs are.

Also wondering if there's any lawn bowling in Washington, D.C., or thereabouts?

**Ted Kahn
Long Beach, CA**

ED: Slater Park is located in Rumford, Rhode Island, and the Williamsburg Inn LBC is in Williamsburg, VA. The Leisure World in Silver Springs, Maryland is the nearest bowls facility to the capitol city; and the closest "thereabouts" appears to be the DuPont LBC in Claymont, Delaware. If you're really keen on knowing the locations/contacts of ALL ALBA clubs, I suggest you acquire the 1996 "Directory of Clubs in the U.S.", available for only \$2 at: Directory of Clubs, 445 Surfview Dr., Pacific Palisades, CA 90272-2918.

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TOP 14 NAMED

1996 NATIONAL TEAM

By Sam Drevitch

CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL TEAM SELECTORS



The United States National Team for 1996 has been named by ALBA's National Team Selectors Committee, chaired by Sam Drevitch. Fourteen top players have been chosen for this annual honor, with selections being based

primarily upon bowling performances over the past four years.

Because of the close proximity to the World Bowls Championships being held March 18-31, in Adelaide, South Australia, announcement of the full 1996 United States team, is followed immediately by the appointment of Team USA, the five-

man contingent that will represent the United States at lawn bowling's premiere international event down-under.

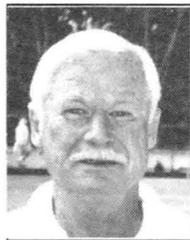
Pictured below are all fourteen National Team members, with the larger photos on the top row those players who were also named to World Bowls Team USA.



Skip Arculli



Jack Behling



Tom Dion



Jack Lucey



Michael Siddall



M. Ashton-Phillips
Manager



Ken Degenhardt



Pat Fagan



Mert Isaacman



Steve Jones



Doug McArthur



Frank Souza



John Stewart



Tom Stirrat

The 1996 World Championships will be New Jerseyite Arculli's third appearance in lawn bowling's top event, and Jack Behling's (of Milwaukee) second. Behling was a member of Team USA at Worthing, England in 1992. In 1984, Arculli won the gold medal in Pairs at his first World Bowls in Scotland, and competed again in New Zealand in 1988.

Dion, Lucey and Siddall are World Bowls rookies. Ashton-Phillips managed the U.S. Team at the Pacific Championships in Victoria, B.C. in 1994. Records do not reveal such statistics, but it is possible that MAP is the first National Team member to serve as manager of a U.S. international team.

Eleven of the 14 honored as National Team members are repeat performers from last year's choices. Returning to the

charmed circle this year are Lucey, Siddall and Stewart, all of whom had been selected in previous years.

Of the five 1995 National Team members who made-up the recent Pacific Championships Team USA that competed at Dunedin, New Zealand (see story on page ___), only Jack Behling was selected to play in the up-coming World Bowls .

Members of the five-man National Team Selectors Committee are: Orville Artist, Jim Graham, Bill Robertson, Champ Salisbury, and Sam Drevitch (Chair).

To all those honored as National Team members, congratulations!

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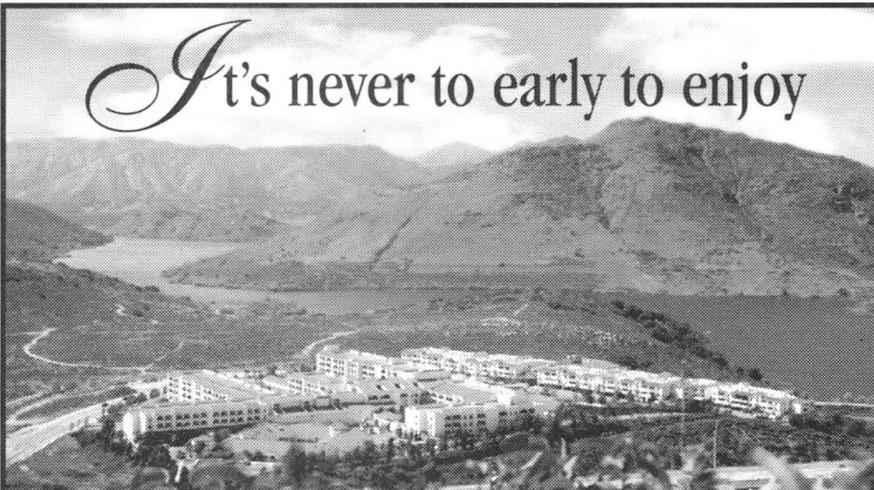
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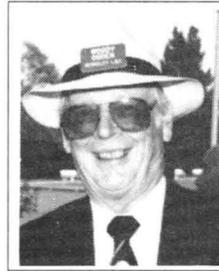
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By Woody Ogden
National Secretary/Treasurer

The Side View

Some gatherings and reflections around the lawn bowling scene from your Secretary.

WASN'T IT GREAT?!

While driving back from the 1995 National Open Tournament, I reflected back on the last week. We had a good tournament!

From the moment of the opening ceremonies when we saw the flags of some nine or ten nations who were competing, we knew it was going to be a good tournament.

From the moment we heard complaints about greens conditions (don't we always?), we knew it was going to be a good tournament.

From the moment we saw the sea of Southland sombreros, we knew it would be a good tournament.

I'll never forget the cocktail parties, with the camaraderie and the kidding that went with them. The banquet and the banter. The fabulous door prizes (especially those from British Airways and Greengauge). And the mariachis and margaritas party on opening day. Weren't they all great?

And how about those unsung heroes of this tournament. The folks who tended and directed the individual matches. These are the people who, on occasion, got up at 5 a.m. and worked until midnight. And people who worked unseen behind the scene. Weren't they great?

It was great. We had a tournament and we laughed and we cried, but when it was all over one thing was clear: We had all won.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The minutes of the ALBA Annual Meeting make for some pretty dull reading and they are often not made available the individual ALBA members. So let me mention some items that are hopefully of interest to most of you.

* Play dates of our national tournaments are: 1996 National Open will be held September 7-13, at various locations in

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Bronze Medal For USA Ladies!**PACIFIC BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

United States men and women's teams proved to be formidable participants in the 1995 Pacific Bowls Championships, November 22-December 2, in Dunedin, New Zealand. The competition is an alternate year event amongst Pacific Rim countries.

The United States Women's Team tied (with Canada) for third place in the Rinks (fours) competition, earning a bronze medal. The bronze is believed to be the first-ever medal captured by a USA team—men or women—in Pacific Championships competitions, which began in 1985. U.S. Men's best position this time came in the Triples event, finishing fourth.

Fifteen countries-territories competed in the Men's events, and thirteen took part in the Ladies events. Sending teams to the '95 competitions were: Australia, Brunei, Canada, Cook Islands, Fiji, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Thailand, United States, and Western Samoa. Brunei and Thailand did not send Ladies teams.

U.S. MEN

By **R. Gil Stephan, Jr.**

Team Manager

The United States Men's Team was represented by Jack Behling (Skip—Triples & Fours), Ken Degenhardt (Skip—Pairs, 2nd—Fours), Pat Fagan (Lead—Triples, Singles), Douglas McArthur (Vice Skip—Triples & Fours), Frank Souza (Lead—Pairs & Fours). Gil Stephan was Team Manager.

TEAM USA had an excellent showing, finishing sixth overall in the Tweed Head Trophy Final Rankings (overall finish). Yes, one more win could have put us in a tie for fourth place.

USA just missed a bronze medal in Singles—Pat Fagan needing only one more shot against Norfolk Island, losing 25-24. In the Triples, the bronze medal was decided in the game against Canada. Even on the scoreboard after 15 ends (of a 21 end match), we lost by four shots. Our Fours team was in the hunt up to the last day. The U.S. Pairs team managed only a 10th place finish.

For the first time in Pacific Championships competition, participating countries were divided into a "Section A" (eight countries) and a "Section B" (seven countries). After a round-robin in each Section, the first place teams played for gold and silver medals. The two teams that finished second in their section did not playoff, but were both awarded bronze medals.

Our host club while in Dunedin was the Balmacewen Bowling Club. The members of this club are the finest people on this earth. They were always available to help us, and they sat through snow-hail-sleet-and rain to cheer for the USA. Also

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TEAM USA-MEN: (l-r) Degenhardt, Souza, Fagan, McArthur, Behling, Stephan.

U.S. LADIES

TEAM USA-WOMEN: (l-r) Banares, Kenner, Stewart, Rackliff, Terrill, Barber.

The big news, of course, was the Ladies third place/bronze medal finish in the Fours competition. Kudos to the team, skipped by Anne Barber, with Mary Terrill her vice, Heather Stewart, second lead, and Evelyn Kenner lead.

As international bowlers know, Fours (rinks) is the most common team event in the major lawn bowling countries, and the least played of all events (triples, pairs, singles) in the United States. Talk about this being a significant victory—This was a significant victory!

AWLBA sent the following Ladies contingent to the Pacific Games: Anne Barber (Skip— Pairs & Fours), Regina Banares (Singles, and Lead—Pairs), Evelyn Kenner (Lead— Triples & Fours), Heather Stewart (Skip— Triples, 2nd Lead— Rinks), Mary Terrill (Vice— Triples and Fours), and Manager Muriel Rackliff.

The U.S. women did not fare as well in the other events. In the Triples, U.S. Ladies finished in 10th place. In Pairs, they managed 8th place. And, in the Singles event, Regina Banares came in 12th.

The U.S. women, as the men, were hosted in Dunedin by the Balmacewen Bowling Club. AWLBA Team USA sponsors include: Phil and Tunie LaBar...Mary Mag-Hasse...Albert and Eileen Love...Ann Wood...Oliver and Jeanne McLaughlin...Patti and Joe Grabowski...Michael Ashton-Phillips.

More details of the U.S. Ladies Team appears on the Women's Pages.

(Sam DeLisle contributed to this story.)

The History of Lawn Bowling

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT?

By Bjorn Karlsen

Oakmont Lawn Bowling Club, Santa Rosa, CA



Among lawn bowlers, one will hear all kinds of stories about how the Italians and later the English invented lawn bowling. It is all just bragging. Lawn bowling was invented by the Norwegians. In fact, next to looting and reindeer tackling, lawn bowling was the favorite sport of the Vikings. It is all a matter of record. There are detailed accounts of lawn bowling matches written up in "The Elder Edda", the authentic history of the early Vikings.

But the story didn't really get interesting until the year 1661, when a Norwegian bark, sailing from South America to London, got stuck in the Saragasso Sea for weeks with no wind. And with no wind, the sailing vessels simply had to wait it out. The sailors on this ship kept busy doing deck bowling and building little miniature ships inside Aquavit bottles. This deck bowling was done with wooden balls, five inches in diameter, that were thrown toward the jackstay, or jack for short, a wooden bar to which the sails were fastened. Bowlers today use a little white ball, but they still call it the jack, as they did on the old sailing vessels.

This ship was called The Silver Behind, so named because of the color of its poop deck. The English, again wanting to get one up on the Norwegians, copied this ship and called it The Golden Hind, even though it had a brown poop deck. They even copied the scuppers, those little openings at the bottom of the rails that let the water out in heavy seas, making them only 4 1/2" high so the five-inch bowls wouldn't roll overboard. The deck on this ship was slanted so that the water would run out of the scuppers when it sprayed onto the deck. This slant caused major problems when they bowled. All ships are designed that way now. But I am digressing....

The carpenter on The Silver Behind was Elmer Petersen, who also made the wooden bowls for the sailors. He was about to make another ship in a bottle when he discovered that they had run out of empty bottles. So he tried to empty a bottle in a hurry with some of his shipmates. But Aquavit has a major side effect: you get drunk in a hurry. As a result, Elmer made a lopsided bowl. He didn't even notice it until he got out on the deck to try it. Much to his surprise, he found that this lopsided bowl actually compensated for the slant of the deck, and he was immediately crowned the ship's champion. After that, all his shipmates wanted lopsided bowls. It was a very significant invention: a bowl that would roll straight on a slanted surface. It was the first bowl with a bias.

Returning to Norway, Elmer learned that he could now play bowls indoors with his new bowls. The houses at that time

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Sara Bellem

Jack Lucey (Eastern) and Frank Ransome (PIM) were named to head up a much needed membership drive for ALBA. Lawn Bowling Clubs need all the help they can get to increase the number of participants in the sport, and ALBA & AWLBA need the support of every bowler to insure their continuing viability.

Two seminars were held in the Eastern Division during November, because that Division and the Central Division have only seasonal bowling. Their problems are compounded as they try to crowd every possible moment on the green into the short time they have to play.

Time must be set aside for training, and newer bowlers need all the support they can get from the veteran club members. This takes away from practice time and participation in tournaments. In the West, we have found that the crowded tournament calendar takes up most of the Spring and Summer weekends, limiting the number of rinks that are available for lessons.

This has resulted in relegating Lawn Bowling to a senior activity, which in turn has resulted in our being less than competitive in International play. We have also turned our backs on the millions of Americans who would otherwise become our staunchest supporters.

Lawn Bowling is a reasonably priced sport which can be played by hundred's of people on a one acre site both inside and outdoors, yet it is only known to a few people. Any attempt, on our part to secure financial support or community participation is met with luke warm courtesy and a quick turn-down.

We Lawn Bowlers must get off our duffs and show the outside world that we are worthy of their support. We must adjust our priorities to accommodate those who would join with us. We should demonstrate that we are serious about helping ourselves before we ask others for help. We have only ourselves to blame if Lawn Bowling goes the way of the Model "T". Every club and every bowler should try to figure out why the sport isn't growing.

The Membership Committee wasn't constituted to find fault with things the way they are. It was set up to help the sport grow and to build the membership, one club at a time. We must save those clubs that are in danger of becoming extinct and pass our findings on to the rest of the bowling world so that we will all benefit. Our most important task is to put the word "FUN" back in the bowling vocabulary. No one participates in anything that isn't pleasurable to him or her. If a club loses one older bowler or fails to keep one new recruit, it's because that person wasn't having fun. It means that something is wrong with the way the club or some of the bowlers in the club react to new members or mistreat older members.

Jack and Frank would like every bowler to join with them to make 1996 the start of a rejuvenation process. Those Clubs in the Snow Belt should be planning their recruiting process now, and setting dates for classes. The Clubs in the Sun Belt should be setting time aside to teach new bowlers, and to making them feel as if they are truly a part of a friendly group. No one should leave Lawn Bowling because he or she feels neglected or unwanted.

Membership Committee Co-chairmen are: Jack Lucey, 69 Belcher Circle, Milton MA 02186, and Frank Ransome, 1317 Ptarmigan Dr., #5, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

The following article appeared in the December issue of "Southern California Senior Life." Perhaps you can use all or part of this article in your club or regional membership campaign program.

Looking for a New Activity? Try Lawn Bowling!

It was Walt Disney's favorite pastime, but lawn bowling is no Mickey Mouse sport.

It is, in fact, a highly challenging activity, enjoyed by men and women of all ages throughout the world. In the United States, lawn bowling (also called "bowls") is primarily a sport/recreation played by the over-50 crowd.

Disney used to disappear from the Hollywood scene and make an appearance at the Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club in Beverly Hills. He also built the bowling green at Palm Springs' Smoke Tree Ranch, one of two lawn bowling facilities in the area.

Disney was known as a "social" bowler. Probably 85% of America's lawn bowlers are social players. Social bowlers always enjoy a good game of bowls, but more so, look forward to a day outdoors with good company. Most days of social bowling are embellished with refreshments served by members, and visitations with other bowling clubs, as well as celebrations of birthdays, anniversaries, and calendar holidays.

Lawn bowling is an historic endeavor, dating back more than 500 years. The game today is played almost exactly as it was then. Bowlers still use a set of four matched "bowls", and the object of the game is still to roll your bowls closer to the "jack" (white ball) than your opponent. The events—singles, pairs, triples, fours—are still the same. And players in competition still wear whites.

Lawn bowling also offers the unique situation that invites men and women to participate as teammates as well as opponents. "Mixed" competitions are commonplace.

Lawn bowling and tenpin bowling are distant cousins. Very distant. There are no pins in lawn bowling, and a lawn bowl is nothing like a tenpin bowling ball. The bowl is not round but elliptical. With one side slightly larger than the other, a lawn bowl naturally curves as it rolls. No "English" required. A bowls weighs between three and four pounds, while a tenpin ball weighs as much as 16 pounds. And there are no finger holes in a lawn bowl. Lawn bowling is a finesse sport, not one of strength. And it is played outdoors in a genteel, eyes-and-ears friendly setting.

For the competitive individual—the tournament bowler—the Southern California area offers an annual nine month schedule of all sorts of men's and women's competitions (many of them mixed), including local invitationals, regional and state tournaments, a National Open, and the United States Championships—all in addition to regular, often daily, club activities.

There are 37 natural and artificial grass bowling

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By Frank Ransome
National Coaching &
Instruction Chairman

COACH'S CORNER

One of the hardest things to teach new bowlers, and older ones too, is the strategy and requirements of playing the positions in tournaments. At our club, we have a "Bowl for Score" class each Spring, but it's difficult to teach tactics in anything other than a game. It's a shame that newer bowlers can't be shown the beauty of lawn bowls in terms of the teamwork and responsibilities of each player. I believe bowlers of all ages and abilities would have a

better time bowling if they knew what was expected of them, even if they couldn't always achieve it. If nothing else, it would add meaning to what they are doing.

In a lot of clubs, the learning process is left to the Skips, who, for the most part, haven't really studied the problems or have forgotten what it means to act like a Director. We teach our new bowlers to look to the Skip for instructions, but they soon stop that because some Skips don't give them any. We also move a bowler from Lead to Second without explaining

what's expected of them. If a bowler is pretty good at getting close to the jack, he or she is made a Second or a Skip, and then ignored. Our Club gives each new bowler a copy of the Tactics Manual as a part of the initial presentation, and some read them. It's a little like learning to swim by being tossed in the lake with a "How To" book in your hand.

There's another side to this problem that I haven't seen in print, but I've sure heard a lot about. My question was: "Why don't the tournament bowlers take a new bowler under their wing each year and initiate that person into the proper way to do things?" The answers range from "we want to win," to "we only bowl with our friends." My response can be seen in the declining membership of clubs who perpetuate that reaction.

There is a simple solution to the problem that probably borders on heresy. What if the tournament teams were allowed to sign up in the draw as a team, but bowl against whichever team was lucky enough to draw them? This would be a little like half of a make-up game. The Tournament bowlers would get to practice their strategy and perfect their skills against club bowlers who would learn by being a part of a real game.

In our club there are a lot of very good bowlers who don't go outside to play. They might be too old or have family obligations, but on any given day they could be winners. The opportunity to bowl against the best would keep them interested and might even get them to teach their teammates how to bowl better.

I've had some very good World Class bowlers tell me that they have learned how to practice no matter who they bowl against. After all, it's not what your opponent does that makes you a better bowler, it's what you do. So each Lead does the best he or she can to beat the other Lead, and the Seconds and Skips do the same. They all have a good time becoming better bowlers. This competition would eliminate a lot of the hard feelings that are engendered by the better bowlers, and open up a brand new world for everyone in the club.

A Video that accompanies the Training Syllabus is ready for distribution. It's a homemade affair, but those who've seen it have ordered additional copies. Please send \$15 to cover the cost and the mailing to: Frank Ransome, 1317 Ptarmigan Dr., #5, Walnut Creek, Ca. 94595. Phone: 510-944-5649. Fax: 510-934-7767.

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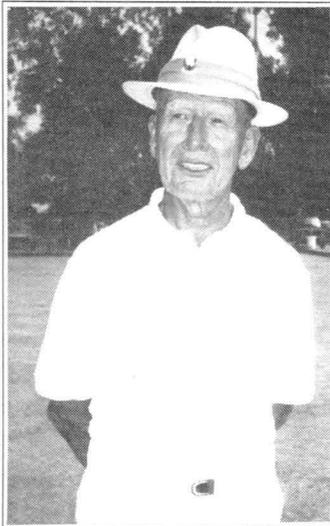
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U.S. Championships Royalty

McInnes, McWilliams, Tewksbury

All-Time Leaders



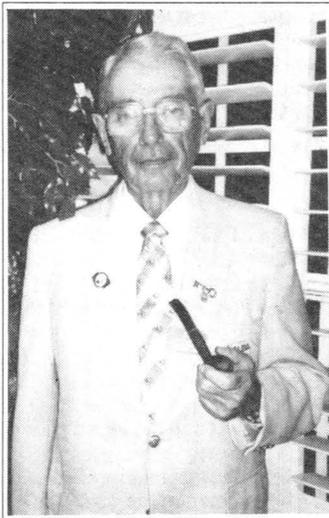
Neil McInnes, all-time ALBA U.S. Championships gold medalist.

In the 38 years since Leonard Schofield (SW) won the first United States Singles Championship (1957), an elite handful of American lawn bowlers have played a dominant role in the annual Fall event.

Southern California's Neil McInnes has won more U.S. Championships gold medals than any other American bowler, capturing 3 Singles and 6 Pairs titles. In 1972, he became the only player to win both the Singles and Pairs gold medals in the same year. (1977 was the last year a player could compete in both events).

Ranked just behind McInnes with most U.S gold medal victories are Willis Tewksbury (SE) and James Candelet (E), each of whom captured seven U.S. crowns.

Tewksbury and Bert McWilliams (C & SE) have made the most appearances in the top United States event, each competing 20 times. McWilliams qualified for the U.S. Championships seven times in Singles and thirteen times in Pairs in 20 different years (1967-95)—including the past three years. Tewksbury turned the trick in 15 different years, qualifying for both the Singles and Pairs in the same year five times. Eighteen of McWilliams appearances have occurred in the last 22 years, while Tewksbury qualified in at least one event in thirteen of seventeen years. All-time gold medalist Neil McInnes has earned 17 Championships qualifications, tied for third place with Florida's Bill Miller (SE) for most appearances.



Bert McWilliams has qualified more years for the United States Championships than any other American bowler.

MOST GOLD MEDALS

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|----|------------------------|---|
| 1. | Neil McInnes (SW) | 9 |
| 2. | Willis Tewksbury(SE) | 7 |
| | Jim Candelet (E) | 7 |
| 3. | Richard Folkins (SW) | 5 |
| | Bert McWilliams (C-SE) | 5 |
| 4. | Skip Arculli (E) | 4 |
| | Ken Degenhardt (C) | 4 |
| 5. | Frank Souza (PIM) | 3 |
| | Arnold White (SW) | 3 |
| | Ezra Wyeth (SW) | 3 |

Worth noting: Folkins won his five gold medals (2 Singles/3 Pairs) in five of six consecutive years; while White earned his three gold medals in three of four consecutive years.

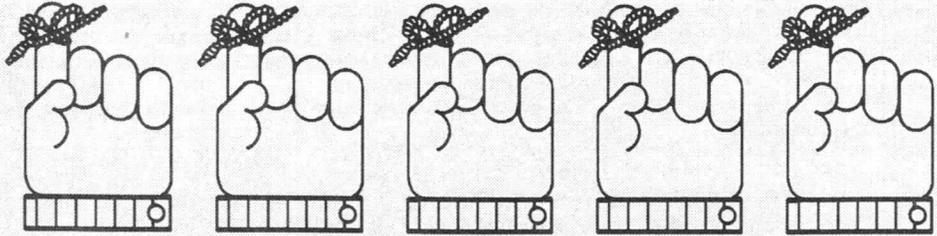
MOST APPEARANCES

(NOTE: Since 1958, the first year of Singles and Pairs events, ALBA Divisions have individually selected its representative players through a series of regional "playdowns", and sent its top players in each event to compete in the overall U.S. Championships competition, versus the top players of the other ALBA Divisions. The following lists those individuals who qualified the most times to appear in the U.S. Championships.) Gold medals in parentheses.

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| 1. | Willis Tewksbury (SE) | 20 (7) |
| | Bert McWilliams (C-SE) | 20 (5) |
| 2. | Neil McInnes (SW) | 17 (9) |
| | Bill Miller (SE) | 17 (1) |
| 3. | Harold Esch (SE) | 15 (2) |
| | Lewis Storm (NW) | 15 (1) |
| 4. | James Candelet (E) | 14 (7) |
| 5. | Clive Forrester (PI-SW-SC) | 13 (2) |
| | Frank Souza (PIM) | 13 (3) |
| 6. | Robert Bohem (NW) | 12 (2) |
| 7. | William Farrell (E-SE) | 11 (2) |
| 8. | Ken Degenhardt (C) | 10 (4) |
| 9. | William Craig (NW) | 9 (1) |
| | Arthur Hartley (SE) | 9 (1) |
| | Skippy Arculli (E) | 9 (4) |
| | Doug McArthur (C-SC) | 9 (-) |
| 10. | John Stewart (C) | 8 (2) |

Of special note: Harold Esch has bowled in the Championships in five different decades!

These statistics were compiled by ALBA Umpire-in-Chief, John Stewart.



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WOMEN'S PAGES



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

We are proud of the Pacific Games Fours team. A tie for the Bronze medal is a great accomplishment. Muriel Rackliff, Manager. Anne Barber-Skip, Heather Stewart, Mary Terrill, Evelyn Kenner. Regina Benares was our Singles player.

The chairmanship of the Review and Selection Committee will become vacant this summer after the World Bowls competition. The term is four years, until after the competition of the year 2000 World Bowls. This election will be held during the Council meeting Sept 5-6 (96) at PIMD. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please forward your name for nomination. Charlotte O'Keefe has done a terrific job these last four years. Thank you, Charlotte.

1995 Council Meeting Highlights:

1. AWLBA will become incorporated via the State of Washington. Secy, Donna West will be the registered agent.
2. A roster pool training clinic was held Jan 13-17, in Sun City, AZ. \$1,500 was allocated for partial funding.
3. Ann Beckley, Isabella Forbes & Erma Artist were selected to review Division proposals before the next Council meeting to prevent duplication and to guarantee that we are in compliance with Constitution & By-laws.
4. Mary Mag-Hasse, chair, Erma Artist & Irene Webster named to review the AWLBA Constitution and By-laws. (May 1st is committee deadline).
5. Colored shirts for U.S. Championships shall continue.
6. 1996 U.S. Championships will be held at MacKenzie Park, Santa Barbara, CA (9/16-20 competition).
7. 1996 AWLBA Council meeting will be September 5-6.
8. 1996 National Open entry fee is \$20 per event.
9. Nominating committee is Jan Wessel, Connie Buckley & Isabella Forbes.
10. AWLBA has voted to nominate Ann Wood for the position of Jr. Vice-President of IWBB.
11. AWLBA has allocated \$2,000 to finance another Sports Camp (for those interested) in 1996. Dates & venue will be forthcoming.
12. Remember donations to the Memorial Foundation are now tax deductible.
13. Carolyn Nobble will represent the United States and AWLBA in the 1996 Paralympics in Atlanta, August 12-26.
14. Your officers have been reelected for 1996: Myra Wood, President; Virginia Marlar, 1st Vice-president; Rita Hurley, 2nd Vice-president.

Myra Wood, President

FROM YOUR EDITOR

The holidays are over and a new year is upon us. Time to start with a clean slate. First, thanks go to our correspondents and others who have kept our pages going. It has been great to see how our women in the various divisions have been performing.

Now we ask if we should make some changes in the format of our pages? What would you like to see on these pages? Are you happy with our present presentations? Shall we have more profiles of the better known bowlers? Anecdotes? Humor? Articles on various phases of our sport?

It has been suggested that our present news go into the club news and we concentrate on articles by the national officers and committee chairpersons on the workings of their committees, or anything of interest to competitive bowlers. We would like to hear your thoughts on this matter.

Anyone is welcome to submit articles she feels might be interesting and appropriate. This is not limited to our correspondents.

As we have stated numerous times, these are your pages and we want them to please you. Let's hear from you!

NEXT DEADLINE—MARCH 27th

**Winnie Eberle
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PACIFIC BOWLS-1995 THANKS

First, let me say "thanks" for the opportunity to manage this team for the 1995 Sixth Pacific Bowls.

Secondly, when my Fours team players were having bronze medals bestowed upon them, I swelled with pride; and yes, tears of joy ran down my cheeks. It's been some twenty years since the last medals were brought back for the USA's AWLBA.

It's at this time I would like to give credit to our Review & Selection Chairlady, Charlotte O'Keefe, and her committee; and our wonderful coach, Graham Jarvis, making us all believers in ourselves. This team worked as a cohesive unit, good social representatives for our country, of which I am very proud.

In all social functions, decision makings, both Gil Stephan and I compared notes to assure unity between both teams. Thanks, Gil!

The Balmacewen Bowling Club, which hosted both our teams, was the most wonderful host and hostess. The friendships that were made will be long remembered, and don't be surprised if in the near future we will be hosting some New Zealand bowlers.

Special thanks to those who took time to write notes and cards of encouragement for the team success.

Muriel Rackliff

25TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL

The AWLBA Council wishes each club in the organization to have a copy of the anniversary journal for its records, which can be made available to its members. If you do not now have a copy, they are available by mail—postage is \$1.70—and can be ordered from Ann Wood, 1104 Opal Lane, Sun City Center, FL 33573-6159. No charge for the journal.

REVIEW & SELECTION COMMITTEE

By Charlotte O'Keefe, Chairman

Isabella Forbes, Eastern Division, has been selected as the Manager for the 1996 World Bowls Team.

Two members of the "pool" have resigned for personal reasons. The Review and Selection Committee will select two members from the revised roster to fill the vacancies on the ten person pool.

There was a Coaching Clinic in Sun City, Arizona, January 14-18, for the ten pool members. As soon as possible after the coaching clinic, the Review and Selection Committee will select teams for the World Bowls and the North American Challenge.

The North American Challenge will be held at Oshawa Lawn Bowling Club in Ontario, Canada, July 26-28. Women's World Bowls will be at Leamington Spa, England, August 3-18.

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Send contributions to *Beverly Phillips, 7434 Richland Manor Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15208*

CENTRAL DIVISION

By Beverly Phillips

It's winter, which means no lawn bowling in our Division.

In Pittsburgh, the women (with the help of the men) use this down time for fund raisers to support greens maintenance. In November and December, they sell seasonal plants and decorations. In April, it will be hanging baskets and bedding plants. Along with order forms, they pass out literature on lawn bowling and the May Open house and free lessons. This has promoted interest in the bowling green in the local neighborhood.

The CD AWLBA Open will be held at Pittsburgh's Frick Park Club in 1996. The date has been moved up and the tournament will start July 13. Contact the Club for further information.

EASTERN DIVISION

By Dana Lum

With nothing new to report from the East, the following are a few useful things we do with our bowls in the off-season:

1. Decorate your bowls and hang them from the Christmas tree
2. Use them as a doorstop
3. They make a great meat mallet or garlic press
4. On a windy day, place on cover of trash cans so they won't blow away.
5. Fill in the bare spots in your rock garden
6. They look great on your desk as a paperweight
7. Use as a drain stop in your bath tub.

In a few more weeks, birds will sing, trees will bud, and the women in the East will be polishing their bowls for another season.

NORTHWEST DIVISION

By Donna West

The old adage about women's work never being done applies especially to the ladies of Jefferson Park. Now that winter is here, their activities on the green are limited, but the duties inside the clubhouse go on. Social occasions such as Thanksgiving and Christmas were carried off in great style and provided the continuing social contact that is so important to a club in the so-called off season.

Woodland Park's Christmas Party was held on December 10th. A staunch crew helped put it on, but a new member, Marge Caddey, was chairman. There were the usual eats, gifts and singing—and Maury Green did his magic show.

At King City, although the weather hasn't been good for lawn bowling, they are already starting to get the greens in shape for the Northwest Open to be held in May. Also, King City, as at other Northwest clubs, they are working as hard as politicians on a campaign for new members.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

By Adele Patterson

The 1996 officers were elected at our annual meeting in December. Shirley Cam will remain as president for her second term. Esme Krobusek is Vice-president, Pauline Liebovitz is Secretary, and Faith Bittner will remain as Treasurer. Three members-at-large were elected to the Board: Edna Shumway (Santa Clara), Irene Webster (Sunnyvale) and Myrtle Grothe (San Francisco).

Our division will not host an open tournament this year. The normal time would come at the same time the National Open is scheduled. Other business of note was the resignation of Eva Hockman as Senior Councillor. Eva had served our division ably for three years. We will miss her. Shirley Cam will finish her term, but as Junior Councillor. Phyllis Sullivan will become the Senior Councillor.

The Awards Day ceremony was held at Rossmoor in November. Although rain was predicted, it didn't materialize. All 90 participants were treated to a lovely lunch as well as some good draw bowling. Taking first place on green one were: Maria Feeney, Vane Olinger and Jim Tovar, while Joe Shepard, Bob Koeberle and Helmi Charles took the honors on green two. In all, we conducted 12 different tournaments this year. A big thank you to all clubs who contributed their greens and to all those who participated.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

By Jean Haigler

We rang out the 1995 year with a festive luncheon at Carol Larson's home. We had 60 in attendance after bowling in the morning. Carol's home was beautifully decorated for the holidays and she served delicious soup and sandwiches after everyone had a cup of good cheer. We raised \$300 with a white elephant sale.

New officers for 1996 were elected at our annual meeting. Carol Larson is our new President. She will be ably assisted by Connie Buckley as Vice-president, Roberta Lane-Secretary, and Rita Kenna-Treasurer.

The biggest news is the change of dates for our Division Open. We will be having our Open at the same time as ALBA. The dates are Feb 10-15. We will be bowling on the Sun City greens, while the men will use Sun City West. We hope you will all take notice of this important change and mark your calendars accordingly. Entry forms should be mailed to the divisions shortly, and if you do not have one and are interested, call Carol at 602-876-8632.

We are, of course, very proud of Mary Terrill and Evelyn Keener and the AWLBA International Fours Team for winning the bronze medal at the Pacific Championships in New Zealand. The entire Pacific Team is to be congratulated for their efforts on our behalf.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

By Eileen Love

The Southeast Division AWLBA Annual Open Tournament will be held at the Clearwater Lawn Bowling Club March 2 thru 7. Closing date is February 23. Entry fee: \$10 per person per event. Mixed Triples will be played March 9th, with an entry fee of \$15 per team. Entry forms have been sent out. Entries should be mailed to:

Eileen Love, 1802 Burlington Circle
Sun City Center, FL 33573

Patti Grabowski, Southeast Division AWLBA President, announced that the Southeast representatives voted for a Mini Camp for all SEDAWLBA members. It will be held at Sun City Center, Florida, May 6—10. There will be some play, but mostly lectures, participation in demonstrations, learning strategy, and help with weak spots. There will be a minimum fee. Entry forms will be sent out and should be returned to Dodie Hann, 1028 Augusta Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33573. We are hoping for a large turnout for the Mini Camp.

Southeast Open Schedule: March 2-3 Triples, 4-5 Pairs, 6-7 Singles, 8 Rain Date, 9 Mixed Triples

Southeast Division Playdowns will be at Sun City Center, April 2nd through competition, in Pairs and Singles.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

By Winnie Eberle

The Southwest ladies had another active quarter and we consider ourselves fortunate that we rarely have to consider the weather as a factor in our plans.

Each month we have our Ladies Play Day, in the capable hands of Mary Jane Henrich, assisted by Peg McCutcheon. It is held at a different green each time and the games become triples or rinks depending on the number of players and the greens available. Attendance has been very gratifying.

The Ina Jackson 5 Star was played at Santa Ana, with the Santa Barbara team of Dita Joseph, Ruth MacLeod, Dorothy and Kathy Vea, and Josephine Pacelli first place winners. The Newport Harbor team with Ann Tejada, Dottie Panacek, Maryna Hyland, Elaine Hughes and Harriet Bemus placed second.

The Win Eberle Mixed Pairs was played at Newport Harbor and Santa Anita. Henry Benedict and Jean Kaye were the winning team on one green, and Tom Dion and Olga Gomez victors on the other green, both played at Newport Harbor.

We ended our year with a Christmas luncheon at Sun City LBC after a morning game of rinks. After lunch, a silent auction was held and there was much bidding and counter-bidding for the multitude of items on hand.

We are very proud of our U.S. Champions—Anne Barber in Singles and Kottia Spangler and Mary DeLisle in Pairs. Also hearty congratulations go to Anne Barber and Heather Stewart, who were members of the team that brought back a bronze medal from New Zealand.



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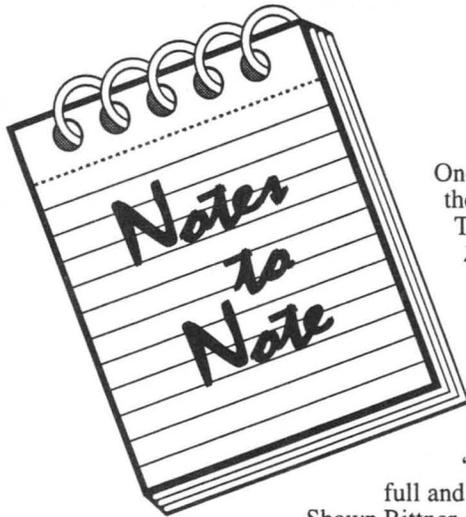
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HEMLINES HOT TOPIC AT PACIFIC GAMES !

By Alistair McMurrin

One of the hot topics at the recent Pacific Bowls championships in New Zealand was the dress code imposed on women bowlers.

The new bowls countries—(ED: presumably, the United States is a newcomer in New Zealand)—have adopted a more liberal approach to dress. Australia epitomises the rigid fashions of the past which are keeping young women away from the sport in droves.

It surprised New Zealand spectators when the Japanese wore shorts and the Canadian and United States teams wore short dresses and culottes.

Muriel Rackliff, the United States women's manager, was surprised by the Australian rule that insisted the hemline must be no more than 38 cm (15 inches) from the ground.

"It makes the Australian girls look matronly," she said. "I like our skirts. They are full and comfortable and make our girls look youthful."

Shawn Bittner, executive director of Lawn Bowls Canada, explained: "More bowlers are wearing shorts. Our summers are warm and humid and we dress for comfort. Nothing is made of the length. I would find a hemline below the knee uncomfortable, and I can't see our women going for it at all."

Betty Collins, Australian women's manager, stretched the Australian dress code when she permitted her singles player to play in track suit pants in the rain on Wednesday. "Audrey was feeling cold and I used my discretionary powers," she said. "Common sense had to prevail."

The manager said the Australian dress code is revised constantly, but at the moment it was the most draconian of any country at Pacific Bowls.

Australian women's bowls also has a strict protocol for behaviour which must be adhered to. The host president must always sit down first at a meal, and if she is wearing a hat the other bowlers have to keep their hats on, too.

Marie Wilson, a member of the gold medal New Zealand Triples Team, would like a change. "I wouldn't mind wearing shorts. It would be a way to encourage younger women into the game."

(This story, edited for space, originally appeared in the Dunedin, New Zealand newspaper.)



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FOR TOURNAMENT HATERS & LOVERS A CARNIVAL Approach

By Dick Cole

Those of us in lawn bowling dedicated to building this sport need to bend all efforts to put the emphasis on having fun and providing variety, without sacrificing the inherent drive to excel and win. One way to do this is by having "Carnivals" instead of regular mixed-triples club or invitational tournaments. These "Carnivals" could be composed of bowlers from a single club or a combination of clubs.



The Long Beach/Recreation Park LBC (So. California) will be hosting a "Carnival" in 1996 rather than its usual invitational Mixed Triples. There will be 84 bowlers. The day will consist of two triples matches, one rinks match, and one pairs match. Each bowler will play three matches. The twist is that participating bowlers will register as individuals, through their club tournament chairperson, and they will bowl with different bowlers in each of the matches. Following the day of bowling, 16 prizes will be awarded and a catered dinner will be served.

Some of the objectives and benefits for a "Carnival" approach are:

- * To widen the chance for many people to share in winning.
- * To level the playing field.
- * To focus on the main body of bowlers who support ALBA and AWLBA—the club bowler—in addition to the seasoned tournament bowlers.
- * To help increase the skills of many bowlers.
- * If also combined with a nice lunch or dinner it promotes the social aspects of getting to know one another better. This will go a long way in helping to integrate new bowlers into the club (or clubs and/or district).

This concept could easily be expanded or down-sized. For example: with 42 bowlers and two greens, one could stage 7 triples, 10 pairs, and one singles match. With 32 bowlers and one green, the yield would be 5 triples, 8 rinks of pairs, and one singles match. Also, if the bowling population is limited in stamina, games could be 6 or 8 ends. A various assortment of prizes for individual winners could also be arranged.

Should you be interested in the details and forms for running this type of tournament, please send \$3 to cover costs and a set of information will be sent to you. Write to: Dick Cole 3835 E. First St., #8, Long Beach, CA 90803 (310) 433-8088.

More of The Side View

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the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division (see ads in this issue). The 1996 U.S. Singles and Pairs Championships are September 16-20, at MacKenzie Park, Santa Barbara, CA.

* ALBA has formed a Membership Committee headed by Frank Ransome and Jack Lucey. (See story on page 9) Frank and Jack can succeed, but not without an unmitigated effort on the part of individual members and clubs. These guys can offer guidance but they can't do your job. When was the last time you brought in a new member?

* All of last year's officers were reelected. In case you didn't know, ALBA officers (except for Secretary/Treasurer) generally serve for two years, but must be reelected to serve the second year.

* ALBA has submitted application to the World Indoor Bowls Council for membership. We will be accepted as an Associate Member at the WIBC meeting next month (Feb.). While indoor lawn bowling has not matured in this country, the day will come and we will be ready.

* Orville Artist (PIM Div.) and Jim Graham (SW Div.) have been elected to the National Team Selectors Committee, replacing Leon Sullivan, whose term had expired, and the late Doug Coyle.

I urge everyone to take a look at the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting if at all possible. It contains reports from a variety of sources that should be of interest to anyone who takes the time to read BOWLS. Be aware of the work being accomplished at the national level by many hard working people.

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How can you burn two ends with one bowl? Well, dudes, it happened in Santa Maria, California!

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However, his Henselite was just getting started. With power to spare, the delivered bowl careened into the adjoining rink and surgically removed its jack, knocking it, too, out of bounds, killing that end, as well.

One bowler, one bowl, two dead jacks, two burnt ends.

In case you are unaware, Jim Graham is a member of the five-man ALBA National Team Selection Committee. We wonder if his carefully devised "Certs shot" (you know: "Two, two, two shots in one") will be a mandatory skill for National Team hopefuls!

Berkeley Marriott '96 National Open HQ

The Berkeley Marina Marriott Hotel has been named "headquarters hotel" for the 1996 ALBA/AWLBA United Airlines National Open Tournament. The tournament will be held in the greater San Francisco-Oakland area, September 7-13. (See full page advertisements in this issue.)

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1995 SUPER SHOTS AWARDS

By Michael Ashton-Phillips



Once again, the Super Shots Club Award was won by Bill Macdonald by virtue of a couple of late November entries. In Tournament Players Super

Shots honors, Dick Cole, who enters "370" tournaments each year, triumphed with a record 13 entries.

Special mention should go to a brand new bowler, Phil Palmeri, who despite bowling with Joe and Patti Grabowski (well, maybe just Joe), came in with a late autumn entry to not only qualify for his tournament player patch, but also finished 4th overall in the annual Tournament awards!

CLUB WINNERS

RESULTS	ENTRIES	VOUCHERS
1. Bill Macdonald	7	100
2. Its Nishikawa	6	50
Martin Seifert	6	50
3. Esther Andrews	5	40
Wendall Mowery	5	40

4. Joni White	4	30
Beth Pierce	4	30
Mary Jane Henrich	4	30
Paula Bellone	4	30
Nancy Nishikawa	4	30
Chuck Chilcote	4	30
Ray Turman	4	30

Lucky Draw Winners

1. Bob Copley	\$50
2. Barbara Nelson	\$30
3. Eileen Terry	\$20

TOURNAMENT PLAYERS WINNERS

RESULTS	ENTRIES	VOUCHERS
1. Dick Cole	13	100
2. Bob Nunes	10	50
3. Mary DeLisle	5	40
Patti Grabowski	5	40
Joe Grabowski	5	40
4. Pat Gonzales	4	30
Phil Palmeri	4	30
5. Jim Graham	3	20
Bill Paulsen	3	20
Jeanne McLaughlin	3	20

Lucky Draw Winners

1. Betty Ackerman	\$50
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NATIONAL RECRUITING AWARDS 1995 WINNERS!

By Michael Ashton-Phillips

Our national organizations thank you most sincerely for the recruiting drives you conducted throughout the year!

CLUB AWARDS

Once again, Mount Dora LBC brought in the most members with a grand total of 33 new members (14 ALBA & 19 AWLBA). They will be receiving our 1995 Championship Trophy!

Splendid efforts were turned in by the following clubs, and for recruiting ten or more members they will receive our commemorative plaques.

Mount Dora (FL)	33
Pebble Beach (FL)	18
Sun City (CA)	17
Sarasota (FL)	17
Clearwater (FL)	14
Pinehurst (NC)	14
Oxnard-Joslyn (CA)	14
Suncoasters (FL)	13
Palo Alto (CA)	11



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INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Although our clubs worked hard on recruiting, there was no individual who qualified for a commemorative plaque (5 or more recruits). However, the following is a list of bowlers who participated in the program:

Art Tempel
 Mary Dineen
 Gordon Bates
 Donald Irwin, Jr.
 Dick Cole
 Michael Ashton-Phillips
 Jeanne McLaughlin
 Royal Spurrier

Men's Pacific Bowls

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a special thanks to National Team Selectors Committee member Bill and wife, Shirley, Robertson, who sat through what we call: "All Four Seasons in One Day", to support us. The greens, facilities and hosts were FANTASTIC.

A humorous note: After a day of competition, the Japanese skip wanted U.S. team member Doug McArthur to autograph his hat and bowling shirt, so he could show his fellow countrymen back home who the American team had on their

side. "I shall return", said Douglas MacArthur once-upon-a-time; and there, in Dunedin, was McArthur wearing whites and bowling up a storm!

Team USA and myself sure appreciated the support from the following: Jim Copeland...Raucher Pierce Refsnes Inc...South Central Div...George & Sandra Whitelaw...A.M. Moran Co...Jack & Bev Phillips...Yolinda Broderick...Southeast Div...Joe & Patti Grabowski...Central Div...Central Raffle...John & Dora Stewart...John & Jane Doe...Duncan & Megan McArthur...Team USA & Manager...PIM Div. (Tom Mansfield)...San Jose LBC...John Hoekman...Woody Ogden...John Patrick... Leon & Phyllis Sullivan...Weldon Stout...John Shivley...Southwest Div.

THE "TRUE" HISTORY OF BOWLS

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consisted only of one big room with a hearth in the middle. Now, with his lopsided bowls, he could play from one end of the house to the other by coming around the hearth. That was the shortest winter he ever spent—eleven months of uninterrupted bowling.

The following summer, some Englishmen came to Norway to fish for salmon, and they learned about biased bowls from Elmer. But they never learned that they had come about as a way of rolling the bowls straight on a slanted surface. And that's how we can tell, nowadays, that they are just bragging when they claim to have invented biased lawn bowls.

Bowl-making became a tradition in Elmer's family. In 1805, his grandson, Knut Petersen, was making bowls for people all over the world. Well, Knut had two children, Hensel and Gretel, who worked in the family business. Hensel was the traveling salesman, while Gretel, who foreigners would probably describe as huge, blond and muscular, stayed home and

cranked the lathe for her dad. Hensel tried to meet the needs of his customers. When some complained that they had a hard time holding on to a 5" bowl, Hensel invented dimples. But his best idea came when women started to bowl. They wanted a lighter bowl, so he invented the hollow bowl—Hensel Lites.

It was around that time that England sent a bunch of their scoundrels to Australia, and one of them started to horn in on the bowls market. He even copied Hensel's name for his bowls, calling them Henselites, which made Hensel Petersen mad as hell. But in the meantime, he had made enough money on his bowls to buy an Aquavit distillery. One day, after manning the tasting room for hours, he signed a paper allowing the Australians to copy his hollow bowls. As it turned out, the hollow bowls had a tendency to crack when they got hit by the bowls of one of those idiots who throw heavy drives.

Gretel went into the lawn bowling business as well. She had noted that a lot of people were bowling right after a rain, when the greens were quite muddy. She convinced them that in Norway they used mats to wipe off their feet—mats made from the branches of Norway spruce. For decades, these mats

were shipped all over the world, but the Norwegian spruce trees eventually became totally denuded. But even today, bowlers are led to believe that they have to stand on a mat to play.

The only contribution made by the English was calling every round an "end." Can you image having a game with 16 ends? The Norwegian name for rounds is not only better, it sounds so much more sophisticated. They call them "finales."

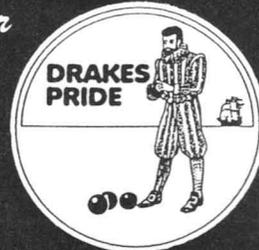
And so, here you have it: the true history of lawn bowling, the biased bowl, the jack, and the mat. But lawn bowling is no longer practiced in Norway. They have since invented some much more interesting sports, like ice fishing and ski jumping while carrying a flaming torch—sports they can practice year 'round. Besides, they haven't been able to bowl indoors since they started to divide their houses into separate rooms.

ED: The data related in this story does not reflect the opinions or positions of ALBA, AWLBA, the WBB, or most other sober individuals. The Editor suggests that Mr. Karlson's fellow and sister bowlers stop by the Oakmont club to share a plate of matjes herring and flask of Aquavit with the author.

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Here we are again, another year of bowling activity behind us. The greens will be getting a well-deserved amount of TLC, to help heal the scars left from the long season's onslaught of club and tournament play, as will some of us players who wound up with a few aches and pains ourselves.

It's a good time of the year to just go

out and play this great game for the sheer enjoyment of it, the reason we all got into it in the first place.

Sometimes we tend to forget that in the hectic pace of tournament intensity. I don't remember what baseball player said it—Stan Musial, Joe DiMaggio or Willie Mays—maybe they all did—and I understand what they were saying. If they paid us for playing lawn bowling in this country I'd feel the same way: "I'd play this game for nothing."

Now, as we head into 1996, and with the jubilation of winning and the disappointments of losing in 1995 becoming just fading memories, I would like to wish all of the players in the Southwest Division a happy, healthy and successful year of lawn bowling. And also, don't forget to have fun.

As usual, a reminder to all club correspondents to please get all of your news and photos for the next issue (Spring) to me as early as possible before April 1, so we don't drop an un-funny April Fools joke on Editor Joe Siegman with some late input. Thank you.

COVE COMMUNITIES

(Palm Desert)

By Gloria B. Petitto

Our bowls season began in September for a short period before the green was re-seeded. Early November really brought us out. It was good to welcome back our friends for the winter season.

We have been enjoying the game and have had several guests to join us. We're delighted to have three new members this season.

It's always fun to take part in the Smoke Tree Ranch Annual November Invitational Tournament. This year it was particularly great, as one of our teams defeated Santa Barbara in the final day of play. Santa Barbara had won all of its games until they faced our players, so we were quite proud to win over one of the best. Our winning team was composed of Jean and Russ Gates, Nita Evans and Allen Schapter.

All are welcome to come and have agame with us any M-W-F at 9 a.m. Weekend play can be arranged, too. So, y'all come see us.

OVER 90/OVER 80 TOURNAMENT

By H. Rosalind Brown

A truly lovely, impressive tournament was held at Riverside in November. From the moment the contestants entered the gate, walked on the red carpet, were videotaped and interviewed by "Chuck" Spangler, all spectators and contestants were aware that this was a very, very special event.

The tournament was a production of loving efforts by Larry Mumma, a valued member of the Riverside Club. Larry spent many hours recruiting local business support for prizes: Holiday Inn, Sizzler, Pizza Hut, Antoines, and Market Broiler. The Market Broiler donated two free dinners as prizes, and the Pizza Hut furnished free pizza for everyone at lunch time. The Riverside Lawn Bowling Club chipped in with the drinks, salad, and deserts. Kitchen and hostess crew of Betty Santini, Lucille Burkholder, and Eloisa Zermeno contributed to the happy occasion.

A "Spider" contest was first on the agenda. Two-dollar winner was Felix Silva of Pomona. Silver Dollars were won by Greena Myre (Sun City), Val Wiles (Laguna Beach), and "Dot" Mumma-Todd (Friendly Valley-Rancho Bernardo).

The 48 contestants, with partners, played one ten-end game.

Over 90!

1. Max Finney (*Riverside*)/Dot Mumma-Todd (*Friendly Valley*)
2. Bill Todd (*Friendly Valley*)/Jack Bristol (*Riverside*)

Over 80!

1. Frances Oksala (*Laguna Beach*)/Morey Aspen (*Sun City*)
2. Felix Silva (*Pomona*)/Chet Hanson (*Laguna Beach*)

To all, our round of applause for your enthusiasm for our sport. The high standard of bowling you exhibited was most impressive. See you next year!



ABOVE

Top-Over 80's Champs: (l-r) Morey Aspen (*Sun City*) and Frances Oksala (*Laguna Beach*).

Bottom-Over 80's Runners-up: (l-r) Chet Hanson (*Laguna Beach*) and Felix Silva (*Pomona*).

LEFT

Top-Over 90's Champs: (l-r) Max Finney (*Riverside*) and Dot Mumma-Todd (formerly *Friendly Valley*, currently *Rancho Bernardo*).

Bottom-Over 90's Runners-up: (l-r) Jack Bristol (*Riverside*), and Bill Todd, (*Rancho Bernardo*).

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

HEMET-JOSLYN By Peg McCutcheon

Our October Australian Pairs Tournament usually kicks off our "winter season". This year, however, it was played on a blistering day. Taking first place was Kathy Bremer and Wen Mowery, followed closely by Paula Bellone and Bob Todd.

November activities began with a visitation from Lake Hodges. It's always a pleasure to bowl against them even though they went home the winners this time. Next was the Men's Singles, won by Warren Pready. Clair Ott was runner-up. The annual Turkey Shoot was won by Kathy Bremer by one point over Iona Wiggins. Three of our members participated in Riverside's "Over 80's Tournament": June Burns, Cecil Vance, and Harvey Brotemarkle.

Congratulations to Paula Bellone and Mary Jane Henrich on their 4th place at the Pomona Doubles, and to Carl and Mary Jane Henrich on their 2nd place at the Eberle Mixed Pairs at Newport Harbor.

Our Christmas Luncheon and Annual Meeting, held at the lovely Laurel Park Clubhouse, was well-attended and quite lively. Election of officers brought some new faces to the Board: President, Paula Bellone; 1st Vice-president, Clair Ott; Membership Chairman, Ralph Ogden; and Members-At-Large, Joni White and Delores Kessler. The other officers are staying on for another year.

The December Ladies Day and Christmas Luncheon at Sun City (CA) was a smashing success. Of the 122 ladies attending the luncheon and 112 of them who bowled, Hemet had 16 members attend and several of them went home with prize money. We must applaud Mary Jane Henrich, who has done a marvelous job as Ladies Day Chairman all year.

We can't let the year end without acknowledging the efforts of our hard working Greens Chairman, Clarence "Clink" Galvin, and Greenskeeper, Carl Henrich. These men spend countless hours working hard to maintain the green in tip-top condition, and to continually make improvements. A big THANK YOU to both of you!



Some of the Hemet ladies who participated in the AWLBA Christmas Luncheon in Sun City.

RIVERSIDE AUSTRALIAN PAIRS

By H. Rosalind Brown

Again, one of the favorite tournament events each year, hosted by the Riverside Lawn Bowling Club, had another record turn-out. Perhaps the fact that the Bright/Santini "Sausage-Turkey Barbecue", included in the \$50.00 a team entry fee, adds to the camaraderie and attraction of enjoying two great days of bowling on three great greens.

The traditional format of play, launched by Lee Bain and Ed Quo, is one of the best to assure longer play for those who aren't always experiencing the breaks of the game. Allowing team combination choices also attracts many of our ladies to this event, so it is indeed popular.

Winners:

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| First Flight: | 1. Barry Pickup/Norm Wiles
2. Ed Quo/Dick Simon
3. Ken Bolton/Ned McPherson |
| Second Flight: | 1. Bob Hill/Jan Wessel
2. Lee Bain/Walter Kulhe
3. Bill Hiscock/Gerry Wagner |
| Third Flight: | 1. Pat Fagan/Mary DeLisle
2. Ray Santini/Mike Bright
3. Sam DeLisle/Dick Amos |
| Fourth Flight: | 1. Jim Whitaker/Bob Forget
2. Stu Sistad/Erika Sistad
3. Bob Indvick/Bo Bowbeer |
| Fifth Flight: | 1. Ian Ho/Bill Reidy
2. Russ Erickson/Charleen Erickson
3. Ivan Hyland/Maryna Hyland |

Betty Santini and Kathy Bright work beautifully as co-hostesses with their respective husbands Ray and Mike. Ray's homemade sausages should be patented. THEY ARE DELICIOUS!!! If you've never played in this tournament make an effort to do so. It's great fun!

RIVERSIDE

By H. Rosalind Brown

As the year ended with a delightful "Christmas" dinner at the Cask and Cleaver Restaurant of Riverside, set-up by Dottie and Syd Love, we recalled the busy, successful year for Ken Bolton, President, and the loyal, supportive board members who gave us all great pleasures and memories.

The up-grading of the facility was launched and should be completed in 1996. Changes, such as having a different monthly team of hosts, has proven to involve more club members and is a great club innovation.

The projected plans for 1996 include more tournaments at Riverside. Hosting the ALBA and the AWLBA Division tournaments is projected—the men plan to serve the ladies for their tournament, and turn-around for the ladies during the ALBA Division event.

Fifteen of our members were part of the Sunday League this year. Riverside supports, with excellent turn-outs: "Women's Day", Division and ALBA events. And some members are traveling great distances to participate. However, local club bowling games always prove a challenge. Riverside is blessed with excellent bowling participation and competition.

Special laurels to our loyal workers during the past year: Steve Webb, our greenskeeper; Ken Bolton and Bob Hill, for their dedication; Al Kreinberg for daily games, assisted by Larry Mumma for Citrus League leadership (#1 this year); Barbara Jones Whitney for tournaments; Lucille Burkholder for "Ladies Day" loving care; "Holly" Hollingsworth for invitationals; Ralph Ryan for Mens' events; Denny Dennerlein for Directory/Roster production; and being helpful for our excellent Treasurer-Secretary, Bob Whitney; Mel Govic for his expertise on the board; Mike Bright for the excellent liaison with the City of Riverside; and lastly, but not leastly, Scottie and Evelyn Robbie for their loyal and excellent teaching of prospective new members.

Not overlooked is the impressive Pairs Championship victory for our own Kottia Spangler as skip, with partner Mary DeLisle (Santa Barbara), in the 1995 U.S. Championships held in Arizona. Kottia does the typing for our articles and this is greatly appreciated. We're proud of you Kottia!



JOSLYN-LAKE HODGES

By Jan Wessel

Looking back over 1995, under the guidance of outgoing president Mike Michalek, we had a productive year, and look forward to more of the same with new president Jim Whittaker.

Throughout the year we had our share of success in tournament play, starting, among others, Jan Wessel and Paul Rotter. Then there were the visits with our neighboring clubs, always a lot of fun.

The club's Remy Hudson Triples, played in mid-October, was won by Bob Forget, Milt Blancher (our oldest member) and Nancy Ray (our youngest member). Congratulations!

The Club Singles and Novice Championships were played in early November. John Fetty won the Novice title. Club Singles was won by Terry Collins, with Jim Whittaker finishing second, and John Mettlach third.

Jan Wessel and Bob Hill were first in the 3rd Flight in the Australian Doubles held at Riverside in October. Jim Whittaker and Bob Forget took first in the 4th Flight

On a late October morning, the club was host to a visiting team from Wales. We played two 14-end games, with an excellent lunch in-between matches. We had 11 rinks in use, and of the 22 matches played, we were able to win 14 (due to the fast green with which our guests were unfamiliar).

After play the two club presidents gave speeches and exchanged souvenirs. A sigh in Welsh went along with our guests as they boarded their bus to begin their journey back to Wales.

Joslyn Lake Hodges has been delighted to welcome as new members several well known and long-time bowlers who have come to reside in "Casa de las Campanas", a facility especially for seniors, which is located across the street from our greens.

The photo above the story shows "Casa" residents: (l-r) Jane Hollway, Dorothy Todd, Paul Hegewald, Bill Todd and Jim Hollway, enjoying a game on one of our greens, either of which can, on a good day, run at the nice pace of fourteen seconds.

SANTA ANITA

By Winnie Eberle

Santa Anita wound up its year with a Christmas Party at the Santa Anita Golf Club. A bountiful dinner was followed by the induction of our officers for 1996. Some members then presented amusing skits on procedures on the green. A lively combo was the highlight of the evening. We never realized how many dancers we had until the floor became crowded that night.

Our new officers are: George McClellan, President; Eileen Donohue, 1st Vice President; Marion Compton, 2nd Vice President; Doralyn Clausen, Recording Secretary; Hazel Stevens, Membership Secretary; and Terry Higgins, Treasurer.

Our ladies had their luncheon meetings, with bowling before, and many attended Ladies Play Days at the various clubs. A number travelled to Sun City, CA. for the Southwest ladies Christmas luncheon. Pasadena came to visit us and we went to Friendly Valley.

Circle bowling remains a popular event before our monthly birthday parties, where prizes are awarded for the highest scores. Carl Pearson was the year's highest scorer in the event. Mildred Shaw continues to present varied and interesting programs. We had a harpist who played and sang, and a lively Sweet Adeline group recently.

We held our Oscar Sandberg Triples,

75 & Over Singles, and hosted the SWD Win Eberle Mixed Pairs. We took our trip to Laughlin, from which we returned poorer but not much wiser.

We are looking forward to the renovation of our greens this spring. Winners of the Oscar Sandberg Triples were: First Place—Bill Gearhart/Terry Higgins/Lorraine Curry; 2nd Place—Bob Oakley/Eileen Donohue/Dan Apuzzo; 3rd Place—Lou Jochems/Dick Elliott/Lola Pitman. Winners of the 75 & Over Singles: A Flight—Bill Blair, Runner-up—Dick Elliott; B Flight—Chuck Browning, Runner-up—Stan Vogt.

In Memoriam
Marceila Pavlik

OAKS NORTH

(San Diego)

By Joan Klein

The Club's annual meeting was held in November, at which time officers for 1996 were elected with unanimous approval: Bill Traynor, President; Cy McLaughlin, VP; Al Chapman, Secretary; Vera Arbuckle, Treasurer; and Directors Gil Rea, Bob Tathwell and Anita Axelson.

We are pleased to welcome two new bowlers, Wilma George and Dee Folkins. We also bid a fond farewell this fall to two of our regulars, Charlie and Cathy Fullerton, with an ice cream social. Charlie served as our "Master of the Green" and was a computer wiz in setting up many useful forms and rosters for the Club. Cathy assisted in compiling a four volume "history" of our the Oaks North. Our loss will be their new eastern club's gain.

The '95 Club Championship held in November was an exciting two-day event, with four bowlers qualifying for the play-off. Final standings were:

1. Ev Griffith, 2. Margie Harford, 3. Paul Rotter, and 4. Bob Velie.

Also in November, one of the Club's special events was held—the the Gulbrandson Triples—named in honor of a founding member. Team winners were:

1. Margie Harford/Earl Lute/Mary O'Dea, 2. Paul Rotter/Walt Selufsky/Marion Traynor.

Fun and social rounded out the year with a "Turkey Shoot", where everyone was a winner with either a cash award or a prize and a well attended "Greek Feast" holiday party.

We at Oaks North Lawn Bowling club extend an invitation for other bowlers to come and visit our greens whenever they are in the San Diego area.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

NEWPORT HARBOR

By Gil Curry

Turkey feathers filled the air all day during our Turkey Shoot...or so it seemed. Actually, it was a single feather which kept floating from one bowler to another as temporary reward for hitting the Jack. The "clang" of a bell signaled each hit. Fun Chairman Jim Altobelli apologies if concentration was disrupted, but didn't anticipate our players' skillabilities.

In three 10-end games of pairs, the bell clanged and the feather was transferred at least 125 times! Last one holding the feather was Mary Tame, who was awarded, of course, a turkey...but without feathers.

Top scoring winners were: Maryna Hyland, Glenna Weber and Norm Bender, who also got the birds: a beautiful ceramic turkey trophy, a chicken (frozen), and a Cornish Rock hen (frozen). The trophy, won by Maryna, is to become an annual revolving award. She wishes to share it with the club for display in our trophy case.

A unique "shootout" followed the regular (?) games, with some private wagering on who could come closest to the Jack on a diagonal run from opposite corners of the green. Harvey Miller measured the closest, ahead of Clare Donovan and Bob Nunes.

In October, playing on separate greens—12 ladies on one, and 12 men on the other—all had a wonderful time in a three 12-end games Club tournament, with the following results: Ladies—1. Maryna Hyland, 2. Dorothy Beazley, 3. Elaine Hughes. Men—1. Leonard Diggins, 2. Norm Bender, 3. Ray Bazyouros and Les Schuster.

And, at the AWLBA Division 5-Star Ina Jackson Tournament, Newport Beach took the runners-up slot with the team of: Maryna Hyland, Dottie Panacek, Harriet Bemus, Anne Tejada, and Elaine Hughes.



Newport Harbor's 5-Star team that finished second in the annual AWLBA Ina Jackson Tournament: (l-r) Elaine Hughes, Dottie Panacek, Harriet Bemus, Anne Tejada. Not pictured: Maryna Hyland.

THEY CAME. THEY BOWLED. THEY CONQUERED!

Winners of the AWLBA Win Eberle Mixed Pairs in November at Newport Harbor: On left, South Green victors Tom Dion and Olga Gomez; and at right, North Green champs Jean Kaye and Henry Benedict.

PASADENA

By Jack Speer

A great team effort by more club members than we could list here resulted in a very successful new member "rush" that we call "Visitor's Day". Patterned after a program used by San Diego a few years ago, Visitor's Day offered a one-day program with lunch to introduce potential lawn bowlers to the object, fun, and benefits of the game.

We invited close to 100 from lists provided by our members of their friends and acquaintances whom they felt would be good lawn bowler candidates. 36 came to visit! A program of demonstrations, trial bowls, and a "closest to the jack" contest with prizes, was followed by a buffet luncheon and a narrated exhibition triples game pitting the ladies against the men. Each of our guests was impressed and had a great time—over twenty were scheduled for lessons. We expect between 10 and 15 new members as a result! A lot of work to organize, etc., but we believe it was worth it. Probably a good plan for other clubs in need of new members—we'll be happy to discuss the details.

While "Visitor's Day" was a highlight event, it didn't overshadow the fun and excitement of the parties and tournaments that we enjoy at our club as the year winds down. After capture of the Lieberg Trophy by our Valley League teams (Dick Clark with Marian Bassett & Bill Caulfield, and Jack Edwards with Don Shrader & John Lewis), there was the SWD Quinell-Contenti Rinks competition won by our own Dick Clark, with Alma Badgwell, Hal Edgar, and Gene Shearer; then our own Frank Petit's invitational—Petit Pairs—directed by Burt

Salinger and won by Bo Bowbeer and Bob Indvik, of Laguna Hills. In our previously rained-out Club Triples, directed by Vern Leidig, top honors went to Don Shrader, Gus Rheault, and Joe Caccamise. Great tournament fun!

And the parties...Our annual Turkey Shoot, with games, prizes, lunch, and, of course, pumpkin pie, was super popular. Vern Leidig directed the games, Joe Colantonio, Rita Marrs, and Marilyn Leidig put on a fabulous lunch. Turkeys went to circle bowling winners Bob Isokane and Dick Clark. Hams to spider event winners Alma Badgwell and Otis Wilson. Prize drawings were also a big hit.

At the suggestion of Esther Ramel, we held this year's annual Christmas Party at Pasadena's elegant Shakespeare Club. Many of our members thought it was the best ever! We had a great turnout for a potluck dinner, with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Vern Leidig (on trumpet) led the Christmas caroling, with Allan Moore on piano. Much good cheer and camaraderie—it was a great warm-up for the holidays. Many thanks to the committee: Esther Ramel, Eve Swanson, Jo Dawson, Rita and Ray Marrs, Darrell Forgey, and Jack Speer. We're certain to have a repeat next year.

As our newly elected officers (Hugo Sahlein, Pres; Jack Speer, 1st VP; George Meullerschoen, 2nd VP; Don Shrader, Secty, and Joe Caccamise, Treas) assume the duties of their positions for 1996, we look forward to this, our Diamond Anniversary year (1921-1996), and a host of commemorative events!

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SAN DIEGO

By Art Avery

1995 was an especially good year for our club. Our membership was over 100, spirit was high, and daily and event bowling active. The Park Department installed 10 new benches on the west edge of the green. Our new greenskeeper and active bowler Gerhardt Vogel has kept the greens in the best condition anyone can remember.

Back in July, a group of bowlers from Southwest clubs participated in the Fox Mixed Pairs Tournament. San Diego's team of Bill Hiscock and Olga McCord won on the South Green and the team of Ken Bolton and Barbara Whitney won the on the North Green. In July, the Ruth Erickson Triples tournament was won by the team of Dick Cole, Gar Farnsworth and Pat Gonzales.

We had a busy fall schedule. In September, we held our annual Labor Day Bowling/Potluck. A large group of members bowled in the morning and afternoon with a delicious potluck between games. This event is always well attended. The Women's Singles tournament, also held in September, was won by Terry Cooper, with Juanita Williams the runner-up.

In October, the main event was the Bill Young Doubles. Margaret Young, whose husband Bill was a long time member of our club, spoke about the trophy she had made and carried home from Scotland in 1982. This tournament was won by the team of Olga McCord and Reg Pye, one of our newer bowlers. Loretta Geisner and Gerhardt Vogel were runners-up. Also in October, we enjoyed a day of bowling and catered lunch with a group of 35 bowlers from Wales on their tour of California. This was a most enjoyable experience, even though we lost to them by the score of 248 to 244.

In November, we held the Johnson-Fosdike Club Singles, which was won by Loretta Geisner, with Ralph Wagenaar runner-up. Also the Novice Singles was held with Gerhardt Vogel the winner and Jim Olson runner-up.

Our annual Awards Banquet was held at the North Island Naval Air Station with 63 members present. New officers for 1996 were installed, with Loretta Geisner as President and Tom Anderson as Vice-President. Other officers remained the same.

BOWL-IN AT THE GROVES

By Bill Meierstein

At the last major tournament of the year, our six-man team of Don Lowrey, Gar Farnsworth, Jim Hempe, John Lingenfelter, Russ Marshall & Eye won the third place money in the Southwest Division All-Star competition at Riverside. (Not Bad For Home Boys).

It was "pass the gavel" time again here at The Groves, and our next year's Board will consist of: President-Royal Spurrier, V.P.-Dick "The Whip" Mellen, Nifty Nettie Robertson- Secretary/Treasurer, and "Him Again" Russ Marshall-Tournament Chairman. With this crew how can anything go wrong!

Our outgoing 1995 officers: Barbara McCowen-President, Jim Russell-V.P., Donna Burroughs-Secty/Treas, and Tournament Chairman Don Lowrey gave an outstanding performance. *Thanks Folks!*

Tis said our recent Awards/Dinner Show was a great success thanks to the efforts of Grace Shrigley and her troop of helpers.

ATTENTION VISITORS! Starting in 1996, our "Sunday" Only Club game time will 12:45 p.m. All other club game times will remain the same, at 9:45 a.m. (I'm told the reason for the change to the afternoon is because as we get older, many of our bowlers need to get "Closer to God" than "The Jack". Amen brother!

Hope to see you on the green soon.



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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

POMONA

By Hugh Freeman

Pomona Lawn Bowling Club is ready for the New Year. At the Annual meeting in December, new officers were installed. They are: Wayne Putnam, President; Robert Virza, Vice-President; Valentina Van Zandt, Secretary; Warren Kittell, Treasurer; Helen Hansen, Tournament Chairman; Hugh Freeman, Games Chairman; Lucille Pupo, Womens Representative; Ken Brekke, Member-At-Large. Carole Hilliard will publish the club bulletin, "Green Light".

Members are anticipating a year of good bowling. Thanks to our greens caretaker, Paul Whitham, both greens are in top shape.

Our first invitational tournament of 1996 will occur February 3rd. This Tournament is the Annual Triples and is again sponsored by HILLCREST, a retirement community. On March 23, the Annual Benefit Tournament for CASA COLINA Hospital's Wheel Chair Sports Program will be held. Our small endeavor helps young people confined in wheel chairs to participate in sports activities of all descriptions.

It is a sad commentary on the sport of Lawn Bowling that our greens are not filled with eager lawn bowlers ready for competition and happy to contribute \$10 or more to a worthy cause. Many prizes are awarded, but still the greens are not full.

C'est la Vie. In retrospect, 1995 was a successful and rewarding year. The Club gained a few members and lost a few. We are hanging in there. We are looking forward to 1996. Come and bowl with us.

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ALHAMBRA

By Alice Lawrence

A fun fund raiser for our club: We went to Santa Anita and Bill Reidy used his computer to pick winners in every race for us all. The 4th Race was named for the Alhambra Lawn Bowling Club, and Bill MacFarland and Alice Lawrence were escorted to the Winner's Circle to pat the winning horse.

Ray Santini said: "Cashing in tickets was nearly as much fun as getting close to a jack!"

Ken Bolton and Lucille from Riverside, the Ericksons from Pomona, and the Sistads from Oxnard enjoyed the day with us, too. Margaret Royal and her sister from Laguna went back the next day to recoup their "long shots".

Our 1996 Executive officers: President—Bill MacFarland, 1st Vice—Nancy Trask, 2nd Vice—Betty Barnett, Treasurer—Doreen Bumbarger, Secretary—Alice Lawrence.

Due to lack of bowlers, we passed a motion for new bowling hours: Winter: Monday & Wednesday...1 p.m. Saturdays.....9:30 a.m.

Summer: Monday & Wednesday...6 p.m. Saturdays.....9:30 a.m.

You are welcome to come join us on the green.

*In Memoriam**George Scott*

LAGUNA BEACH

By Ed Perry

Since our active participation as a Host Club for the National Open Tournament in October, we have been enjoying our own Club Bowling by the Sea.

In late October, we were host to Fun Game Day bowlers from several local bowling Clubs, with our Ann Beckley acting as an organizer and bowler with this group.

At our Yearly Meeting in November, we elected Warren McLain and Earl Hill to our Board—and Warren will be our Club President for the coming year.

We have just learned that Michael Siddall has been chosen to be one of the five bowlers to represent the U.S. at the World Bowls in Adelaide this March. There will be some thirty countries sending bowlers. We are proud of Michael.

Laguna Beach will have its Club Championship tournaments in early January. Jean Kaye will be in charge of running the events, January 8th thru the 14th.

CASTA DEL SOL

By Don Lloyd

Pardon me, but didn't 1995 whiz by quite rapidly? I reckon it's because we have a "fast" green!

We are fortunate to have gained 17 new members. Our instructors were efficient, producing fine lawn bowlers who are showing great promise. Ted Cross has volunteered to coach our new players and is conducting his program with vigor.

We have new leadership in 1996: Margaret Ford, our charming President; Jim Mooney, our vibrant Vice-President; Joe Kaltenbach (and wife Rita), our multi-purpose Secretary/Treasurer. Ove Akesson will be our Tournament Chairman, and John Hirons will handle the Coast League operations.

Our address is still the same: 24351 Albeniz, Mission Viejo, CA 92692. The mailman knows us well. In fact, he takes his lunch break to watch the lawn bowling!

The teams that paid us a visit during the National Open were most welcome. It is exciting to observe world-class bowlers and exchange ideas.

*In Memoriam**Ed Hartman**Emily Chase*

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SANTA MONICA
By Ferrell Burton, Jr.

Happy 1995 winners, with Isadore McNasty, Tournament Chairman and M.C., on the far right.

HOLMBY PARK

(West Los Angeles)

By Marcella Krisel

In late November, the following officers were reelected for 1996: Romus Soucek, President; Frank Grea, Vice-president; David Horner, Secretary; and Brian Studwell, Treasurer. The Executive Board consists of Virginia Little, Margaret Moffat and Lionel Krisel.

Our annual awards banquet & Christmas party was Dec. 10th, at the Imperial Room of The Olympic Collection.

Despite back problems, Buck Houghton, appeared on "The American Experience", a KCET television special. The subject of the November show was the late Rod Serling, creator of "The Twilight Zone". Buck produced more than 150 of those classic shows.

Smoke and Sue Streaan have returned to Holmby as they continue their up-and-back three month stays here and in Washington, D.C. On the road is Phyllis Hopkins in South Africa, and planning to join her and her children is Colin Stead. Randy Downes and his wife spent the holidays back East with their children.

Adam Altshuler, one of our youngest members, is now a bonafide Certified Emergency Medical Technician...ie: a paramedic. He passed his State exam with high honors.

We have three new members: Ellen and Charles Hoffman, and Dan Carlin.

Glad to have Jack Beckley back on the greens after serious surgery.

Our deepest sympathy to Lucy Brewer, whose son passed away in November.

LAGUNA HILLS

By Dick Clark

We were nearly drowned out in early '95, but we've had (almost) nothing but sunshine to late December. The greens have recovered nicely from the National Open Tournament back in October, which involved 56 hours of play and 883 player/games

Ann Beckley won 4th Place in the Championship Flight of the Women's Singles, and was on the team that won the 3rd Flight in the Women's Triples. Dick Talt was on the winning 2nd Flight team and another, including Bill Robertson and Bob Indvik, won the 5th Flight in the Men's Triples.

Jean MacAuley is President for 1996. One of her New Year's objectives is to get members more actively involved and, quite likely, to generate more away games. That may take some doing since Virginia Marlar, Chair of Coast League games, had difficulty scraping together two teams for some of the past year's engagements.

We had AWLBA Ladies' Day here in September. Our winners were Grace Blum, Virginia Marlar, Mary Pierce, Lynn Polesky, Tina Irvine, Marilyn Jerome, Pat Jespersion, Jean MacAuley and Mary Sneed. A broken pipe at the swimming pool adjacent to the greens meant the water was shut off for hours, but the refreshment committee persevered successfully.

In October, Wayne Bowbeer and Bob Indvik took first place in the Petit Pairs Tournament at Pasadena.

Championship Flight winners in the

Our Christmas and Awards banquet, held again at Reuben's Restaurant in Marina Del Rey, was another big success.

The 1995 trophies were unusual folding alarm clocks and calculators with the Santa Monica crest, and engraving on the back. Everyone really liked them.

At the conclusion of our awards, we held a very brief Annual Meeting conducted by out-going President Don DeValois. He and Nancy Adelson (President for six months) were awarded appreciation plaques.

One of the major happenings was the elevation of our super hard-working greens chairman, Wilbur (Bill) Grant, to Honorary Life Membership. He was presented with an appropriate plaque.

The officers for 1996 are: Alan Power—president, Adam Altshuler—vice-president, Robert Morrow, Jr.—secretary-treasurer, and Ted Steinfeldt—assistant secretary-treasurer.

President's Triples Tournament, which started in late October, were: 1. Mike Majer/Mary Sneed/Tina Irvine; 2. Win Dillaway/Bill Meyers/Ethel Kays; 3. Bob Indvik/Jack Carr/Charlotte Fisher.

Pat Mayo, club secretary and chair of the Instructions Committee, wanted to play in the Octogenarian Singles Tournament, but this posed a problem. She had to claim eligibility. When it became known, 80 players turned out for her birthday party back in November. Pat won the 2nd Flight, while Win Dillaway, Bob Clark and Dick Talt finished ahead in the Championship Flight. Archie Fletcher won the Fall Round Robin, followed by Bob Indvik, Jack Carr and Bo Bowbeer.

On Dec. 12th, Lillian Hardgrove and Tina Irvine were winners when nine AWLBA members traveled over to Sun City for the Southwest Division's bowling and luncheon. Martha Watts retired as Division President.

Calculations on 1995 performances produced Virginia Bees as the 1995 Bowler of the Year.

And, in the last big tournament of the season for us, George Jordan, Dick Talt and Dottie Panacek went over to Sun City in late November to take first place in the Mixed Triples Invitational for the second year running.

In Memoriam
Lisa Salzer
Basil Smith
Bill Anderson
Cathy Black

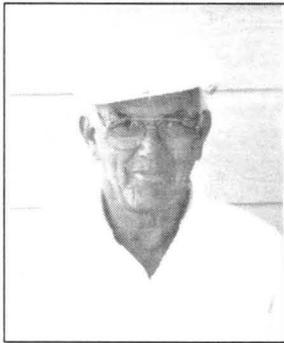
SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SANTA MARIA.
By Frank Holmes.

Our tournaments for the year 1995 are all over, and we had some close and exciting finishes, especially in the Ladies Singles. The finals between Barbara Nelson and Luella Shell went 18 ends before deciding in Barbara's favor, and it was played in scorching hot weather.

The "Bowler of the Year", the person winning the most points in intra-club tournaments, is Bill Paulsen, who ended the year with three firsts and one second place honors.

We have acquired a new mechanical lawn sweeper from Henselite to mechanically brush our Henselite synthetic grass green. It is doing a great job in leveling the slight inconsistencies that occurred previously when we had crews



Bill Paulsen, Santa Maria's
Bowler of the Year.

brushing by hand.

The green is bowling at about 15/16 seconds, and we hope to get this down to 14/15 in the next few weeks. Bowlers now have few excuses because the bowls go just where you roll them.

Our Christmas Party, held December 13th, was a great success. It was well attended by about 100 members and guests.

New Board members elected are: President—

Ray Dunn, Vice President—Bill Paulsen, Secretary—Jim Graham, Treasurer—Linda Graham. Committee chairpersons: Games—Ethel Rice, Greens—Bob Hammond, and Tournaments—Bill Macdonald.

In Memoriam
Donald Curtiss

LONG BEACH/RECREATION PARK

By Ann Kirchberg

It has been a long time in coming but our two clubs, consisting of Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club and Recreation Park Lawn Bowling Club, have finally been combined into one club. Our new official club name is now "Long Beach-Recreation Park Lawn Bowling Club". We anticipate a more simplified and cohesive organization.

In October, Helen Zober helped us say goodbye to our friend and much loved fellow-bowler, Frank Zober, by sponsoring a tournament and luncheon dedicated to his memory. It was a day to remember Frank. Mimie Freeman decorated the clubhouse beautifully with roses and Mario Galletta catered a delicious lunch. Frank passed away this past September.

Also, with deep regret we report the passing of Jerry Downs, Josephine (JO) Smith and Art Graser.

On December 10, we held our annual Christmas meeting and brunch at the Soup Exchange. The food and champagne were plentiful as were the laughter and camaraderie. Everyone "Looked Mahvelous" in their festive Christmas colors. Prizes were awarded to tournament winners (see Fall 1995 Bowls article for names of winners). Getting in under the wire were the "Friendship Doubles" winners, Phil Malouf and Davey Quintal. Runners-up were Bob Ogden and Ann Kirchberg. Gayle Kahn was our ever bubbly hostess. A game of bowls was scheduled after brunch for those who could waddle down the green.

On December 6, we held our last annual Recreation Park meeting and Christmas party at the "Long Beach Yacht Club", overlooking the water. The setting was beautiful and the food delicious. Our host, Jack Preston, made the arrangements. Tournament chairman, Keith Yates, presented the trophies to the 1995 winners:

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| Novice: | A Flight | 1. John Parker |
| | | 2. Bill Fowler |
| | B Flight | 1. Sandy Clarke |
| Juniors: | | 1. Pat Gonzales |
| Club Triples: | | 1. Bob Ogden/Harold Frerks/Ann Kirchberg |
| | | 2. Dick Cole/Helen C. Clay/Doris Harris |
| Club Doubles: | | 1. Ken Patterson/Jack Preston |
| | | 2. Betty Losch/Eileen Yates |
| Club Singles: | | 1. Phil Malouf |
| | | 2. Bob Kinnear |

There were 68 members and guests attending. It was a lovely occasion and enjoyed and appreciated by all.

SUN CITY
By Conrad Melton

As 1996 begins to unfold, uppermost in the minds of our members is gratefulness and respect for Betty Munden's two success-filled years as club President. Over the last quarter, we visited Lake Hodges, and hosted Seven Oaks, and the ALBA Mixed Triples.

The Annual AWLBA Southwest Division Christmas Party was also held at Sun City on December 12th, attracting some 122 participants. It may have been Betty's signature achievement. It certainly was a glorious finale for her administration.

In addition, the Club provided Tournaments on "Discovery Day", a Fall Festival, the Annual "Over Eighty" Tournament, and a Turkey Shoot. We elected new officers and overdosed (was that great food, or what?!) at our potluck Christmas Party, where we also collected toys, which were given to, and then distributed by, the Sun City Chamber of Commerce.

So, Betty, from all your friends in the Club, and from all your friends around Southern California, a very sincere: *Thank You! We'll miss your effective and gracious leadership.* We wish you many peace-filled days, with no meetings and no deadlines.

Incoming President Dick Gray says he's "just hopin' to keep it together and rollin' forward..." Succinct and to the point, Mr. President. Bon voyage.

Our membership took a giant step forward in the last three months, certifying thirteen new club members. Welcome to Paul Chiappetta, Jim and Margie Porter, Ray and Helen Merritt, Judi Melton and her husband, *what's-his-face*, Gene and Jean Hendershott, Ralph Thrasher, Phyllis Olguin, and Betty and Roger Russell.

A tip 0' the straw fedora to Harold Tiel, who has designed and created a shelf that fits between the uprights of our benches' overhead sun screens. The shelves are designed to hold half-a-dozen bowls bags, keeping both the equipment and members out of the wet grass. Nice goin' Red! Perhaps you should patent the shelves, and if they catch on, your great-great-grandchildren could be zillionaires.

And a final tip 0' the straw fedora to Marjorie Stenstrom for providing the communication link between SCLBC and the rest of the world, so clearly and dependably, last year.

Thanks, Margie, for a job well done.

In Memonam
L.B. Twist

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

REDLANDS

By Peg Bennett

Our 73rd annual meeting was held November 29th and Len Carver was re-elected President. Officers elected to serve with him are: Don Poe, Vice-president and Joan Worden, Secretary-Treasurer.

Chairpersons elected were: Lee Bain, assisted by Pat Oesterlein, Tournament; Joe Ruderman, Games; Vern Gaston, assisted by Bill Whitmer, Greens; Sheillagh Carver and Betty Straesser, Social; Ollie Clarke, assisted by Hugh Straesser, Building; Lee Bain, Senior delegate ALBA; Nedra Conley, Senior delegate AWLBA; Pat Oesterlein, Junior Delegate AWLBA; and Hank Ruitter and Jean Willingham, Nominating.

The annual Christmas lunch was held December 9th at the Rusty Lantern in Beaumont. The food was excellent and everyone got into the Christmas spirit when five ladies known as the "Music Venders" took over the entertainment.

President Carver announced the following appointments: Nominating chairperson-Ollie Clarke; Sunshine-Phoebe Hill; Historian-Louise Moffitt; Publicity-Peg Bennett; Telephone-Nedra Conley; Birthdays-Mona Juler; Wrong Bias-Nedra Conley; Instructors-Lee Bain, Vern Gaston, Bill Whitmer, Phoebe Hill, Peg Bennett; and Membership-Angie Sisti.

We welcome Herman and Ivy Smith from Langley, B.C., and Jack Mau from the British Isles, who are visiting and joining with us on the greens. We also welcome new bowler Mary Johnson, who is doing very well and enjoys the game.

The following members participated in the National Open Tournament: Zelda Bain, Pat Oesterlein, Lee Bain, Joe Ruderman, and Don Poe. In the "Over 80's" held in Riverside, the following members attended: Joan Worden, Ollie Clarke, Hank Ruitter, Peg Bennett, and Phoebe Hill.

We thank Don Poe for getting our outdoor clock cleaned and repaired, and Don Starrett for donating a telephone and answering machine.

Warren Ransom, our former President, passed away the last day of September. We have lost a good friend and member.

In Memoriam
Warren Ransom

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FUN FUN FUN

By Alice From Alhambra

Are we having fun yet?

Of course we are!

It's the Fun League!

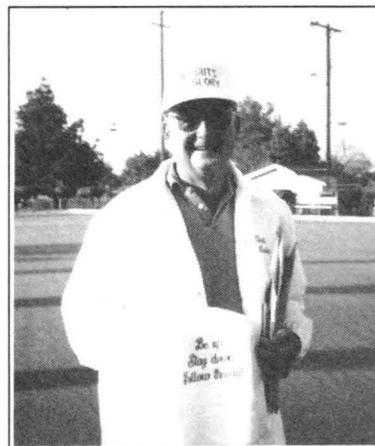
Dick Cole's gargantuan efforts to have Forty-Eight Fantastic Bowlers (and a few substitutes) meet at different clubs each week—PLUS—go out to dinner at a local restaurant after each match, has been a wonder to behold.

He also prints a newsletter and weekly updated statistic sheet that reaches each bowler every Tuesday.

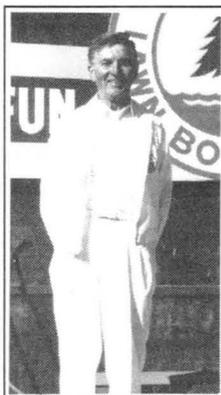
Dick says he does all this because he loves the wonderful world of lawn bowling and wishes to help promote the sport.

We all thank you kindly Dick.

Fun League winners: Blue Team: Maryna Hyland. Yellow Team: Larry Mumma. Overall: Larry Mumma.



Mr. Fun League, Dick Cole, and some of his fun stuff to bowl by...including a cap that says: "No guts, No Glory"; and his duster-towel that reads: "Be Up. Stay Down. Follow Through." The front of his windbreaker bears his name, but in back, below large letters that spell FUN LEAGUE, it says: "Dick's my name. Lawn Bowling's my game."



Bob Burns, CLBC's perennial Tournament Chairman nonpareil.

CAMBRIA-JOSLYN

By Ed Pierce

For ALBA Bowls readers who have followed the saga of Cambria's green, severely damaged by flood waters last March, the complicated job of complete restoration was finished November 15th.

The four-week process by Henselite's North American representative, Miller Newlon (a member of CLBC, by the way) and crew was carefully, painstakingly done. The result is a green turned over to us in pristine, better-than-ever condition. How nice it is to have the entire green again available for play! Guests from other clubs are welcome to try the new surface any Monday, Wednesday or Saturday at 9 a.m.

CLBC officers for 1996, elected at the club's annual December meeting are: Don Swezey, President; Bill Duncan, Vice-president; Dick Cowdry, Secretary; and Cecil Hawthorne, Treasurer.

Our outgoing President Pat Cowdery deserves a rousing ovation and appreciation expressed for her excellent leadership during 1995, a year that was a far different from normal. year.

Two positions whose occupants serve from year-to-year "at the pleasure of the President" are unchanged. Bob Burns has again accepted the position of Tournament Chair, and Ed Pierce will continue to serve as Pucicity Chair and BOWLS Magazine correspondent.

The position of Tournament Chairman is an important one for any active lawn bowls club. At Cambria it has been exceptionally well-filled for six-seven years by Bob Burns, who says he "fell into the job by default when no one else volunteered." With the patience of Job, an engineer's perspective, and experience of many years as an administrator with the City of Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power, he patiently shuffles the member names placed on the play board each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday morning to determine the makeup of the blind draw.

Another of his duties—scheduling and arranging play in the several intra and inter club tournaments during the year—has been severely curtailed this past year due to the flood damage. But now, with "all rinks go", that will soon be back up to speed. CLBC's appreciate having this job continue in Bob's capable hands.

We who bowl together can also party together! A 40-person busload of Cambria bowlers will celebrate Washington's birthday with a 4-day trip to Laughlin, Nevada.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

OXNARD-JOSLYN

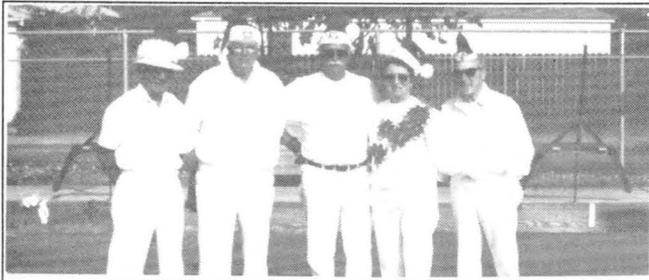
By Fran Biddle & Edith Dowsing

Our annual Christmas party, installation and graduation of new students was held on December 9th. Over ninety members and guests attended. Excellent food and enjoyable company added to the spirit of the affair. The members who worked so hard to make this an outstanding event are to be congratulated on their efforts.

The Executive Board for 1996 consists of Marie Ecton, President; Bill Taschek, Vice-President; Joyce Fryer, Secretary; and George Love, Treasurer.

Our greens maintenance crew deserves our thanks for spending so many hours working to keep the greens in good playing condition.

It has been a very gratifying and successful year: adding twenty-one new members to our roster, successful tournaments, plus delicious food at our parties makes lawn bowling a real pleasure.



These elves shall lead Oxnard in 1996.

BEVERLY HILLS

By Sam Monsalid

We closed our year with an Annual Luncheon and General Meeting, following by the Carlos Gonzales-produced Wappenshaw Tournament. No surprises at the meeting or with the sumptuous buffet spread. And, as usual, the Wappenshaw was a hoot.

Re-elected officers for 1996 are: Joe Siegman, President; Helman Todes, Vice-president (and Tournament Chairman); Adrian Cole, Secretary/Treasurer; and Anne Barber as a Director. Added to a Director's post is Gaby Horvath.

Wappenshaw victors were: Ladies—1. Pearl Pastel, 2. Gaby Horvath. Men—1. Joe Siegman 2. Sid Handler. Wooden Spoons (for dubious achievement) went to: Domenick Punaro, Irv Chalfin, Tal Stubis, and Adrian Cole.

And speaking of Tal Stubis, we welcome this new member who has taken to the game with zest and talent. We're working on a plan to clone him. The welcome mat is also out for Edna Samson, a familiar face at Casta del Sol as Edna Lowcock, and now a newlywed living near Beverly Hills.

What can we say about Anne Barber that hasn't been said before. Skipping the United States Ladies Team that competed in the November Pacific Championships in New Zealand, she led her team to a bronze medal—the first medal any U.S. team, women or men, has ever won in the Pacific Rim countries competition. Congratulations Anne.

Best wishes to Michael Ashton-Phillips who'll be Manager of Team USA at the up-coming World Championships in March, in Australia. And congratulations to both Michael and Mert Isaacman, both selected again for the 14-man U.S. National Team.

Our '96 events schedule will be published in the new Club Roster, due out probably before this issue of BOWLS. The roster should assist us and other Westside clubs from scheduling conflicting dates.

SANTA BARBARA

By Dudley Miller

The First Annual Hubert Warnars Twilight Bowls (shepherded by Bud Viard) ended October 26th on the same festive note with which it began—a special party that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The 'twilighters' are a small but devoted group of bowlers.

The final two Lead Bowler of The Month awards went to Margie Stevens and Emily Aasted. These awards have been presented to lead bowlers who demonstrated "devotion to the game, sportsmanship, game etiquette and knowledge of and adherence to the rules of good bowling".

Twenty-six teams competed in the annual Men vs. Women Lynn Abbott Triples Tournament. The first place team was: Art Christman/Ray Togni/Russ Morgan Not only did the winners have their names engraved on the perpetual trophy, but Lynn treated them, and the best women's team—Barbara Meek/Catherine Kraus/Connie Steketee—to a gourmet dinner at the S.B. City College. Real winners, all!

In extremely exciting competition, ten teams vied for the SBLBC Rinks Championship in November. Holding on for first place were Dom Balistreri/Tay Togni/Russ Morgan/Jo Pacelli. 2. Dita Joseph/Bill Joseph/Ruth McLeod/John O'Dea; 3. Sam DeLisle/Bill Patrizzi/Eva Doliente/Mary DeLisle.

Two SBLBC teams took the gold and silver medals in the Ventura County Senior Olympics held at Oxnard in October. The gold medal team was Joe Duran/Joe Quinn/Thelma Duran. The silver medal went to Al James/John O'Dea/Ruth McLeod.

In other 'seniors' competition, our own Steve Gibbens won the four-mile run sponsored by the Carpinteria Avocado Festival! Think about that for a second: A four mile run is equivalent to the distance a bowler would walk while bowling about fourteen 12-end games one afternoon. Congratulations Steve!

MACKENZIE PARK

By George Smith

In 1995, MacKenzie Park won the Gold Coast League, and went on to capture the Southwest Division's annual Waterbury Trophy. Waterbury victors are: Top row (l-r) Sam DeLisle, Tom Dion and Pat Fagan; Bottom: Mary DeLisle, Dick Amos and Gwen Amos.

After winning the Gold Coast, we sent two triples teams to Riverside to compete against the champions of the five other Southwest leagues for the Waterbury Trophy. The night before the competition, while discussing strategy, a unanimous decision was reached—the



the Mackenzie contingent needed to "look good". With that in mind, the bright red napkins from Arts Bar and Grill were appropriated to become the team's colors. Even though they were really hot to wear—both practically and colorwise—the concept worked. (Ed: While it may be difficult to discern bright red hues of the napkins in black and white, check-out the boy-girl scout/caped crusader neckwear.)

Our teams each played four (10-end) matches, and when all was said and done, the Trophy was theirs. That same evening, the scarfs were returned during dinner and a good laugh was had by all. Congratulations team!

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

HERMOSA BEACH
By Jeanne Carr

The Hermosa Club was represented at the National Open Triples by Don Hedges, Desmond Woodhouse and Brian Osborne. Our President, Brian, reports: "The fact that our trio was there for the experience rather than any expectation of bringing back trophies was evident in the results. We maintained a 100 percent record in the matches (by losing them all), but it still was a great experience. Apart from the obvious skills on display, it was also proof that lawn bowling has some very nice people."

"In particular, the Argentine bowler Jose Riveros was, apart from being a great bowler, so charming and gracious that Des and Brian went to Long Beach to root for him in the Pairs competition. The opportunity to meet so many fellow bowlers was marvelous, and they were so receptive and welcoming that we returned feeling wonderful to be a part of American lawn bowling."

Our club is still in the process of green renovation, but we are continuing to bowl in-between projects. The new roof on our clubhouse will keep us from worrying about any damage this winter to our large collection of bowling artifacts, which dates from the 30's.

We are a small club, but we have a grand time three times a week. We have a visitor from Scotland and a new regular from South Africa, both of whom add new enthusiasm to our games. Call us at (310) 545-9438 for information. We welcome your visits.

FRIENDLY VALLEY
By Bob Innis

Aren't we fortunate? Even though laid low by serious health problems this year, our President consented to serve again this year. This willingness to serve can only indicate a very great love of the game.

So, we had our usual Dinner, preceded by a Happy Social Hour, and the naming of the rest of our officers for 1996 and the very vital Chairmanships. We are very happy to have you as President again this year.

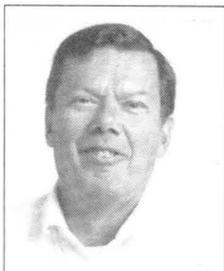
We tried something that was new for us on Dec.19th. We held a "Dancers (gals) & Prancers (fellas)" tournament. It was strictly male versus female and the losers were to buy the winners lunch on a total points count. Well, there's no accounting for what happened, but the "Dancers" won by one single point! Imagine the chagrin, the disappointment, when we had to shell out for those Dancers' luncheon. Oh well, haven't we been doing that for years? Actually it was a lot of fun and a rematch is looming on the horizon.

Things are relatively quiet right now, as the grass on our green is now fully dormant. But even so, it still provides good true bowling.

December has been rough on our Past President, Don Clark, whose bowling this year has been very strictly limited for health reasons, including hip replacement surgery in mid-December. We hear that he is doing well and hope he will be back with us before many months.

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Many thanks to Ruth Barrett for her past service as club correspondent for Jefferson Park.

She has passed the quill to Hugh Ramsey, to whom we say "welcome aboard".

Congratulations go to Ed Pina and Ed Allen on their election as councillors for the Northwest Division during the annual meeting in early November.

PORTLAND
(Oregon)
By Zola Cole

No more leaks! Our Club House has a new roof—provided by our Portland Parks Department. Now we can stay dry.

Plans have been started for 1996. At the Annual Meeting, Portland Lawn Bowling Club elected the following to lead our club through the next season:

- President—Gordon Ringer
- Vice President—Larry Edgar
- Secretary—Peggy Roth
- Treasurer—Richard George
- Director—Jim Tupper (3yrs.)

Jim will join Gene Maier (1 yr.) and Zola Cole (2 yrs) on the Board. Members were asked to volunteer for the standing committees. We expect to fill these with people who have very ably previously served.

A general work party was held in mid-October. A good turnout prepared the grass green for the winter and tidied up the artificial green for off-season use.

We firmly believe that good friends can have fun while they work. Have a look at Larry Edgar on the roller and Jimi Joe bagging up the refuse. We are especially paying tribute to Larry, who faithfully makes the long round trip commute from Corvallis, and more than does his share in service to the club.

We will again be part of the Port-

land Rose Festival celebration in early June. Also we plan to have more Open House and Special Events. Come and bowl with us.



Larry Edgar's a satisfied man with a good cup of coffee atop the Portland greens roller.



Jimi Joe turns over a new leaf—bags of them.

NORTHWEST DIVISION

WOODLAND PARK

(Seattle)

By Roy Scully

With a successful Christmas Party behind us, we are looking forward to expanding our membership and enjoying a lot of good bowling in 1996.

Although we have a lot of rain (and sometimes snow) throughout the winter months, some of the "hardier" members like to continue bowling when possible. To promote this idea, new members Chuck and Marge Caddey have organized a group called: "The Polar Bowlers". If the weather looks at all amenable, a quick

phone call or two can bring out the stalwarts for some very narrow greens games. Naturally, all club members are welcome—the more the merrier.

In line with expanding, the Executive Board is pursuing the installation of lights for night games. It will help make the greens available to members who can't play during the day. Also, since we are located near a major thoroughfare, our evening activities could attract the attention of passing motorists and inspire them

to come in for a closer look. We already get some daytime response this way.

Zane Green, Games Committee Chairman, has again done a masterful job of scheduling for the upcoming season. President George Huntington has succeeded in finding excellent committee chairpersons, and it looks like we are "on a roll".

*In Memoriam
Curtis Khon
Lloyd Peterson*

TACOMA

(Washington)

By Donna West

There has been little activity on the Tacoma green these past few weeks. A few of the more ardent bowlers—those who are not afraid to brave the cold—have ventured out on the green on those rare occasions when the rains cease.

At the fall meeting, the following club officers were re-elected for 1996:

Von Armstrong—President
Verne Rodoni—Vice President
Marilyn Moore—Secretary
Peggy Sheppard—Treasurer

Von Armstrong recently made a presentation to the Metropolitan Park Commissioners in an attempt to enlighten them on the benefits of lawn bowling in the community and the requirements for maintenance of the green. As in other areas of the country where greens are located in metropolitan parks, and particularly across the northern states, it is becoming more and more difficult for the districts to allocate the necessary funds to care for the greens.

George West, of the Tacoma club, agreed to serve a second term as ALBA Northwest Division President. We are pleased to welcome two new ALBA Councilors: Ed Pina of Jefferson Park LBC and Ed Allen who is a member of both the King City and Portland clubs.

All who knew him were saddened to hear that Johnny Johnson of Jefferson Park LBC had passed away. John was a true gentleman of the sport and an inspiration to many.

JEFFERSON PARK

(Seattle)

By Hugh Ramsey

New officers were elected for the coming year at our annual meeting in September. Harold Schwanke will continue as our President for another year. Others elected were: Tom Sisson, Peggy Sue Carlson, and Mario Pereira. Dorothy Bell will continue as Treasurer, and Ray Jacobsen will be the new Secretary.

After a long period of negotiations, we finally dedicated our new outside lights in late September, following a delicious potluck dinner. Those of us who bowled were quite pleased with their effectiveness.

Columbus Day was celebrated in October with a traditional Italian dinner

prepared by Rose Ferraro. "High 5's" winners were Bett Samuelsen (a very new member!) for the women and Hugh Ramsey for the men. Richard Krueger won the men's high points, while Marcie Avery was the winner for the women.

Our Turkey Shoot was held in November under cloudy-sunny skies. (Remember, this is Seattle!) Once again we enjoyed a fun yardstick game. Jean Wilkie won most "High 5's" for the women, while Hugh Ramsey was the men's winner: Ruth Barrett won high points for the women and Its Nishikawa for the men.

Our Christmas dinner was held on

December 9th, and despite some rain, we had a good turnout. Bill Craig, with friends, provided a musical interlude, and Don Moore was at the piano for traditional carols.

This season of joy was tempered with the passing of our John Johnson. With his death lawn bowling has lost one of its greatest examples of "the best" in the sport. He was a true gentleman on and off the greens he so faithfully tended over the years. His skill was well known by all who bowled with or against him.

*In Memoriam
Dr. Charles Lester
John Johnson*

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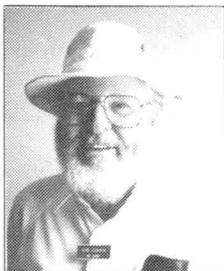
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Starting with this issue, you'll notice in this Southeast Division section reports from the Suncoasters, a club made up of AWLBA members who bowl at Sun City Center, where there is also an ALBA club called Pebble Beach.

Without intent or forethought, that club of some of the finest women bowlers in our region has unwittingly been excluded from having a separate report in this magazine, which is published by ALBA. Yet all the other clubs whose reports are published in this Southeast Division section have AWLBA as well as ALBA members, and many of those reports are written by AWLBA members (check the bylines).

So to be fair to all who lawn bowl and support the two national governing organizations of lawn bowlers, I have, after consulting BOWLS editor, Joe Siegman, invited the Suncoasters to submit reports of their important activities, and they have responded positively.

Welcome aboard, Suncoasters!

SUNCOASTERS

(Sun City Center, FL)

By **Thelma Matthews**

Just as the Pebble Beach Club is for ALBA members bowling at Sun City Center, Suncoasters is the club for AWLBA members bowling on the Center's greens. We have more than 80 members.

Twenty to thirty Suncoasters have been showing up for our Monday and Thursday afternoon bowling sessions. Our annual Christmas lunch December 7th attracted 39 members.

Suncoaster tournaments opened in January and results will be reported here in the Spring issue.

Mt. Dora Hosts 28 Teams

HOLIDAY BOWL

By **Gene Goodwin**

The first-ever Holiday Bowl, held in Christmas-lighted Mount Dora, Florida, December 8-10, attracted 28 mixed triples teams and eight former U.S. Champions/National Open winners. The entire entry fee total of \$1,680 was awarded in prizes to the top seven finishers.

First place, \$450 and engraved sterling silver jewelry boxes, went to a Scottish Canadian team from Clearwater made up of Martin and Cecilia Noble and Jack Mein. They won all five of their 16-end games, including a necessary victory in the finals over the second-place team of Rick and Marian Wall and Kathleen Mein, also from Clearwater. The winners' names will be engraved on the Harold L. Esch Trophy, which will remain with the host Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club, where ALBA Honorary Life President Esch is an active member.

One of the seven Mount Dora teams in the Bowl finished in the money. That was the team of Gene Goodwin, Mike Maneilly and Mary Lou Gryzich, who collected \$240 for third place. They lost only one of their five games and that to the Bowl's eventual winner.

Only three of the former U.S. champions/National Open winners ended up in the cash-prize-winning top seven. Bert and Edie MacWilliams of Clearwater, both former U.S. Champions, skipped and vice-skipped the sixth-place team, with Louann Mulvaney of Clearwater as their lead.

A former National Open winner in Fours in 1991, Patti Grabowski of the Suncoasters, vice-skipped the seventh-place team. Her husband, Joe, national president of ALBA, skipped that team, with Phil Palmeri of Mount Dora at lead.

Teams from Daytona Beach and Bradenton finished fourth and fifth—Scottish Canadians Alex Thomson and Andy and Meg Inglis from Daytona Beach, and Bud and Helen Wake and Helen Baumbach from Bradenton.

All 28 teams entered came from the Southeast Division except one couple from Williamsburg, VA, who made up a team with Belva Swartzlander of Mount Dora.

It is interesting to note that the top six teams came from clubs that have the same artificial surface (Rubico) that Mount Dora has. Nine Florida clubs have Rubico greens, while the nine other clubs in the Southeast bowl on grass.

Mount Dora merchants donated 37 gifts that were awarded by draw to the competitors, who also enjoyed the merchant-sponsored Christmas walk in downtown Mount Dora Friday evening and the Lake Dora lighted-boat parade Saturday evening. Burl and Barbara Roller organized and directed this first national open tournament in the club's history, but they got help from scores of club members. No club funds were used for the Holiday Bowl. Prizes came from the entry fees, and other expenses were paid for by the sale of raffle tickets and pins, donations from merchants and club members, and an anonymous gift from a bowler at another Florida club.

Bert MacWilliams, of Clearwater, won the "Spider" that opened the Holiday Bowl. After Mount Dora Mayor Paulette Alexander placed a jack in the center of Mount Dora rinks 3 through 8, all 84 participating bowlers, standing on the four edges of the rinks, unleashed one bowl each, on signal. After the multiple collisions and settling of the dust, Bert's bowl lay closest to the battered jack.

After an evaluation, the Mount Dora club will announce to the lawn bowling world whether this major event will be held annually.



Harold L. Esch (holding trophy) congratulates the winners of Mount Dora's first Holiday Bowl. The victorious Scottish Canadian team that won the Gentleman's Trophy honoring Mr. Esch, are: (l-r) Cecilia Noble, Martin Noble and Jack Mein.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

\$200,000 IN BEQUESTS SPUR MT. DORA LBC

By Gene Goodwin

With more than \$200,000 in bequests from two recently deceased members, the Mount Dora (FL) Lawn Bowling Club is planning to expand its clubhouse and make other improvements to its property in the near future.

The bequests came from Phyllis Daniels, who carried out her husband's wish just before his death in March, 1995, that she give \$150,000 to the club for clubhouse expansion; and from the estate of Frank E. Brown, who left the club \$50,000. The Brown fund has grown through investment to about \$54,000 since its benefactor's passing in 1993.

At a November meeting, MDLBC members approved spending the Daniels gift and Brown Fund to double the size of their present clubhouse structure. Brown and Daniels found lawn bowling one of the great treasures of their retirement. Prior to his death, Daniels had retained architect Ron Gibson to plan the clubhouse expansion.

As a first step, Mt. Dora LBC officers sought and received a new 99-year management contract

from the City to justify their large expenditure on City property. Their current contract expires in 2007. Mt. Dora LBC president Jack Smallman reports that work on the expansion should begin this spring, when club activities slow down for the hot summer.

Both Jim Daniels and Frank Brown were beloved and respected club officers and bowlers.

Jim, who joined the club in 1984 after his retirement from a Michigan lumber business, served as grounds director from 1987 to 1993, and was club vice-president in 1993-94. Illness prevented his stepping up to the presidency.

As a bowler, he won the club Men's Pairs trophy (with Alex McAllister) in 1989, and bowled with his wife on one of the club's North Central Florida League teams for five years. He and Phyllis were vice-skip and lead on John Durant's team for two years before Jim became a skip and formed his own team, with Phyllis as lead and as vice-skip, Gene Goodwin.

As an Ohio

banker during his working years, Frank Brown came into the club in 1973, and served as its vice-president in 1974-75 and president in 1975-76.

Frank was also an NCFL bowler from 1976 through 1985, winning the League's "Rookie of the Year"

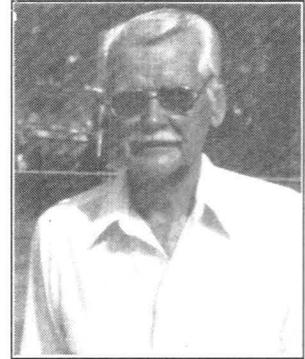
award in his first year. He chaired the Committee of Mount Dora NCFL Skips 1980-82. He was NCFL president in 1978-80.

Frank did well in club tournaments, winning one even when his body was failing him two years before his death. That was the 1991 Mixed Pairs, which he and Jan Loring won.

His other club trophies were earned with victories in the 1989 Men's Triples, with Howard Yates and Benny Borkowski; 1980 Men's Pairs, with Pete Koehl; 1976 Mr. and Mrs. Doubles, with his wife, Julia; 1975 Mixed Triples, with Gertrude Brouwer and Edwin Frazier; and in the 1974 Men's Pairs, with Frank Corriden. Julia Brown lives today in a retirement home in Altoona FL.



Top: Phyllis and Jim Daniels, who gave \$150,000 to their lawn bowling club after Jim died in the spring of 1995. Bottom: Jim Daniels is shown here advising a rinks work crew in the final year of his life.



Frank E. Brown left \$50,000 to the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club after he died in 1993.

DELAND

By Marjorie Fulton

Our club tournaments are off and running. The Mixed Triples title went to Richard Humbert, Lottie Coles and Annamae Bosworth. Jim and Lottie Coles won the Mr. and Mrs. competition, defeating Gene and Virginia Alexander in the finals.

The second annual Mayme's Mixer—named after the Grande Dame of DeLand lawn bowling, Mayme Bateman—produced these winners and runners-up: Highest scoring skips—1. Terry Sloane (Daytona Beach), 2. Reba Marshall (Mount Dora). Highest scoring vice-skips—1. Annamae Bosworth (DeLand), 2-Sally Bonstelle (Daytona Beach). Highest scoring leads—1. Lottie Coles (DeLand), who also won in this category last year, 2. Joe Attara (Daytona Beach).

Each of the four North Central Florida League clubs is invited to send 12 bowlers to Mayme's Mixer, four for each position on a triples team. By draw for each of three 10-end games, the bowlers are assigned to bowl at their position on three different teams. Each team member gets whatever points that team scores, with cash prizes from entry fees awarded to the highest cumulative scorers.

This year's Ladies Fun Day for women bowlers at the four NCFL clubs had a new wrinkle—men. Because two of the clubs were unable to send many or any bowlers to this event, a few good men changed their names to "Tammy, Ginny, Andrea and Stephanie" and saved the day.

We have named our four skips to form triples teams to compete in the NCFL this season. They are Jim Buckland, Duke Caukin, Jack Munson and Jay Hennessey.

BRADENTON

By Joyce Schindler

We are ready for another busy season, our clubhouse having been thoroughly cleaned by our ladies, and our greens having been scraped and resurfaced by our faithful men.

Twenty-four members enjoyed great food and bowling at our Thanksgiving Pot Luck. We had dinner at noon, followed by bowling, and then finished the leftovers. Our Christmas dinner in December was preceded by wine and finger food, and followed by an exchange of gifts as well as bowling.

Our Club tournament season opened in December with the Mixed Pairs (too late to be reported for this issue). As this is written, Bradenton's West Coast Florida League teams and Home League teams are getting organized for another season. Good bowling to all!

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

MOUNT DORA
By Gene Goodwin

Talk about feast or famine: The Mount Dora LBC conducted two classes for beginning bowlers in 1995. The first one in the Spring graduated only five and was the smallest class in our recent history. But the Fall class graduated 37 and was the largest one any of us could remember.

We hope the massive local publicity we got on our first-ever Holiday Bowl (reported on facing page) will help us recruit a much larger class next Spring.

Three club tournaments were bowled off in time to make this issue:

In the Mixed Triples, Bill Swartzlander's team scored a 15-11 victory over a team skipped by 90-year-old John Durant. Bill had Dot Leustig at vice and Mary Bloomfield at lead. John's partners were Bob Olmstead and Lela McHenry. Bill and his wife, Belva, also triumphed in the season's first tournament, the Mr. and Mrs. Doubles. They defeated Ed and Jane Ceiga in the finals.

Trophies will go to the four top scorers in our 4-3-2-1 Singles tournament. They were Lois Lindley, who just came into the club this Fall, 82 1/2 points, Eleanore Park-80, Sandy Booth-79, and Gene Goodwin-78.

Burl Roller has replaced Lowell Johnson on the list of eight skips asked to form triples teams to compete in the North Central Florida League this season. Because of our larger size, Mount Dora fields two squads of four teams each in NCFL play. Burl's team is bowling for the Mount Dora Pirates, whose other skips are Bill Swartzlander, Harold Esch and John Durant. Continuing as Mount Dora Bengals skips are Herb Wintsch, Nora Dorman, Walt Miner and Gene Goodwin.

Lawn bowlers ready to retire should look at Mount Dora, which continues to make everybody's list of most desirable places to retire to. Our club is one of the town's many assets.



Beast and Beauties: (l-r) Gene Goodwin, the only male to bowl into the winners' circle of Mount Dora's 4-3-2-1 Singles; Champion Lois Lindley, Sandy Booth, and Eleanore Park.

KINGS POINT WEST
By M. Schaeffer

Our green was rebuilt last summer, reopening to our 48 member bowlers on October 2. Some of us bowled during the summer at the Sun City Center club and found it enjoyable.

Officers elected for 1996 are M. Schaeffer-president, L. Palmer-vice president, N. Anders-second vice-president, J. Schell-secretary, and G. Hooper-treasurer.

Our Christmas banquet attracted 104 people.

ST. PETERSBURG
By Jean Hanmer

We hosted 19 Ontario lawn bowlers for two weeks in late November-early December, and celebrated Christmas with a dinner on December 7th.

DELRAY BEACH
By Gerry McCaul

In lieu of our annual Thanksgiving dinner party, club members enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving buffet luncheon at the Holiday Inn Camino Reale in Delray Beach.

Delray visited West Palm Beach in early December for a friendly tournament—friendly because we inter-mixed players on all teams and therefore neither club could claim a victory. We enjoyed the host club's usual excellent hospitality.

Delray Beach entered two triples teams in the Mount Dora Holiday Bowl Tournament. Violet Baxter, Floyd Hedrick and Rachel Hedrick won two of their five games. The team of Lionel Thom, Lynn Stokes and Nancy Edwards won three of their five games. Details of the tournament are located elsewhere. Our members found the visit totally enjoyable and the Mount Dora club hospitality outstanding.

Hospitality hostesses Violet Baxter and Lucille Canzanelli arranged our annual Christmas banquet at the Lucille (no connection) and Otley restaurant in Boynton Beach. Valuable doorprizes and surprise place gifts delighted all who attended.

The Club Triples League and Singles and Doubles tournaments are held in early January, when our northern members are on hand to compete.

CLEARWATER
By Ede MacWilliams

Our new season is in full swing, with five tournaments completed on our rinks in time for this issue.

Forty teams competed in the AWLBA Southeast Division Mixed Pairs Tournament held here, five of which won all three of their games, with only six points separating first and fifth places. The three-game winners and their points were: Lucy Brouillard and Pat O'Donohue, 50; Mary McKay and Ed Evans, 47; Brooke and Lorne Ried, 46; Ede and Bert MacWilliams, 45; and Cecelia and Martin Noble, 44. All five teams were from Clearwater.

The first tournament of the season here was the Senior Good Life Games, which saw Russ Rogers and Geri Miller winning the Gold, Bert MacWilliams and Marge Sanphy the Silver, and Alan Healy and Polly Brouillard the Bronze. The 4-3-2-1 competition was won this year by Martin Noble in the Men's section and Marion Wall for the women. Ben McLaren and Rita Moy each came in second.

Because our Mixed Pairs Snowball Tournament has been so popular in recent years, we decided to accommodate more bowlers by changing it to the Mixed Triples. First place went to Lindsay Blair/George Scott/Sandy MacDonald, with Ed Evans/Bill Broad/Elsie Tait coming in second.

Four entries in our Australian Pairs Tournament won all three of their games, with top honors going to Bill Miller and June Clouart. The other top three finishers, in order, were: Dave Boyd/Shirley Jones; John Orr/Pauline Keenan; and Mickey McFadden/Isabella Hardiman.

All three of the mixed triples teams we sent to the 1995 Holiday Bowl in Mount Dora finished in the money, coming in first, second and sixth (see separate article in this section). We were pleased with the results and look forward to returning to Mount Dora again next year. It was a well-run three-day tournament, and we really enjoyed being treated like royalty.

We also enjoyed two pot-luck luncheons—at our Dec. 4 general meeting, and the Xmas Party put on for our American members by our Canadian and British members on Dec. 13.

In Memoriam
Ed Burke
Jessie Smith
Jack McLeod

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

DAYTONA BEACH

By Jack Gilbert

We welcome six new members, the largest number of new bowlers in some time, to join us in opening a new season: Bruce Boadwin, Bob Cunningham, Agnes Gallacher, Harry Gallacher, Minnie Urquhart and Sam Wyatt.

In October, we hosted the lawn bowling section of the Annual Senior Games put on by the nearby city of Ormond Beach, inviting bowlers from Mount Dora, DeLand and Orlando, as well as Daytona Beach. A total of 36 bowlers entered. After rains shortened the competition to a single game, gold medals were awarded to Harold Esch, Evelyn Sartain and George Spencer, all of Mount Dora; silver medals to Bill Swartzlander (Mount Dora), Virginia Alexander (DeLand), and Nela Holtz (Orlando); and bronze medals to John Durant and Belva Swartzlander (Mount Dora) and Al Esty (DeLand).

Skills for our North Central Florida League teams this season are: Andy Inglis, Terry Sloane, Alex Thomson and Pete Wisse.

The City of Daytona Beach has replaced our rusted benches with plastic ones. We hope they'll stand up to corrosion caused by our being so close to the Atlantic Ocean.

PEBBLE BEACH

By Milt Kendall

Although a hired contractor installed new backboards and ditches on Sun City Center greens 3 and 4 last summer, the remainder of the work was done by hardy volunteers led by Bill Eberhardt and Del Bettridge. We are enjoying bowling on these improved greens.

Our Club tournament season got underway in October, with the Novice Championship being won by Dave Barrett. John Meksa was runner-up. In our Fall Mixed Triples Tournament, Dick Passanesi took first, Gretchen Meixner, second, and Cornell Clarke, third.

Roy Webb and Hugh Burns, with the help of other seasoned bowlers, conducted two one-week classes for new bowlers (required for membership) in October and November. They plan two more classes later in the season.

We look forward seeing you all when the Southeast Division ALBA Open is held on our greens next March 2-7.

In Memoriam

Phil LaBar

FORT LAUDERDALE

By Al Rizza

The City has re-sod our entire green, installed eight new 15-foot benches, and painted the ditch boards. It would seem that our move to a new facility, as reported in this space in previous issues, is not imminent. Ah well, life and lawn bowling go on.

The Senior Games were held on our green in October, resulting in medals for: Gold—Al Rizza, Pauline Holtzman and Gil Kessler; Silver—Sam Plave, Lou Becker and Milvia Rizza; Bronze—Eva Steir, Ben Goldberg and Penny Hill.

Our Christmas Holiday Bowling on December 12th attracted a large turnout. Eva Steir and Julia Marks came in first, followed by Bob Banks and Eric Steir second, and Cleo Sullivan, Brenda Paget and Moe Marger third. Booby prize went to Don Cready and Harry Stammers.

We are again offering our Open Triples Tournament, which this season will go off on February 3rd, with a \$15-per-team entry fee.

SARASOTA

By Phyllis Raad

The Sarasota club Pairs and Triples champions have been crowned as our new season is well underway.

The Pairs tournament in November was won by Lorna Hollran and Jackie Nieberg, with Allison Cunningham and Brian Smith winning the consolation. The Triples competition in December was taken by Nancy Tranvik, Bob Schofield and Bob Lewis; runners-up were Jim MacDonald, Molly Percival and Al Hoskins.

Mari Paterson and Brian Smith captured the Harvest Bowl, while Ron and Eva Robson came in first in the Orange Bowl, with Bob Bowes and Alice Stevenson finishing second.

In the Senior Games held here under the direction of Joyce Schindler, gold medals went to Gerry Smith, Hilda Ferris and Jack Crawford (Sarasota); and bronze winners were Neal Nightingale and James FahNSTACK (Pebble Beach), and Martha Schaeffer (Kings Point West).

The Grass League, won last year by Sarasota, opened its season on December 9th. Burt Tranvik is president, and George Whitelaw is tournament chairman.

PINEHURST

(North Carolina)

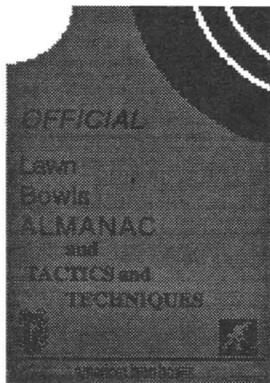
By Tom Kees

Our Club Open championship went this year to Jim McGill, who bowled a steady and heady game to defeat outgoing club president Joe Coleman. Claire Mode captured the Flight One championship over Virginia Eggers. A total of 64 bowlers, more than half our membership, entered this competition.

We anticipate that at our soon-to-be-held annual meeting, Maxine Patridge will be elected club president and Dick Fortman vice-president, replacing Joe and Al Conolly, who have our thanks for leading the club the past two years. Virginia Eggers and Mary Wittpenn also have served with our thanks.

We continue to bowl year-round because winter temperatures here get as high as 68 degrees. All bowlers who traverse the corridor between Boston and Miami are welcome to stop by for good bowling and fun.

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Central Division Clubs should note a change in dates for the 1996 Division Tournament and Playdowns.

The dates for the Central Division Tournament are changed from July 20-25 to July 13-18. And, the Pairs Playdowns for ALBA United States Championships will be held July 19 through July 21. Both events will be held in Pittsburgh.

The ALBA Singles Playdowns are scheduled for August 16-18, in Milwaukee. The National Open will be hosted by the Pacific Inter-mountain Division this year. Playdates are September 7-13. This is also a change from the original announced dates.

EAST CLEVELAND

By Jean Sinzinger

Elizabeth Duncan was the 1995 overall winner. Congratulations, Liz.

The end of the season was celebrated with a banquet, dancing and awards. At the November General Meeting, Steven Ross was re-elected President and Bernice Boda Treasurer.

We expressed sincere appreciation to Lou Tucci who was our Treasurer for many years.

Indoor bowling is in full swing and we have welcomed three new bowlers. "The weather outside is frightful, INdoor bowling so delightful—Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow."

LAKESIDE

(Chicago)

By Carl P. Johnson

As the winter is here, we are busy working on our plans for the 1996 season. The outlook is bright. The positive note is that we are in the '96 budget for materials and greens maintenance, with the promise to have the greens ready by Memorial Day. This is due to the efforts of Bill Nadagawa, which have helped our working relationship with the Chicago Park District to reach our goals.

The Lakeside season ended with our Awards Banquet held in the undercroft of the Scottish home. Our President, Carol Wright, decorated in the spirit of the Halloween season. Gilded pumpkins were the centerpieces on each table. A delicious buffet dinner was enjoyed by all. The winner of our Ladder Tournament was our incoming president, Bill Nadagawa. In 2nd place, John Clark; 3rd, Evelyn Clark. Cal and Carol Wright presented the award ribbons to the individual

winners. Congratulations to each of you.

Don Reitsma played his keyboard and sang for our entertainment. His presentation of great old favorites was well received. Evelyn and John Clark, along with Margaret Johnson, rounded out the day with line-dancing. Everyone participated. It brought our luncheon to a memorable conclusion.

Our winter carpet bowling pleasure at the Scottish home has started on January 13th. The members were also invited for carpet bowling at Montgomery Place at 10 a.m. on Saturdays.

We lost two bowling friends and hard working club members: John Campbell and Al Eichholz. Their contribution to Lakeside will never be forgotten.

In Memoriam
John Campbell
Al Eichholz



Men's Singles champions: (l-r) 1. David Murray, 2. Joe Ambors, 3. John Clark.



Ladies Singles champions: (l-r) 1. Carol Wright, 2. Evelyn Clark, 3. Margaret Johnson.

FRICK PARK

(Pittsburgh)

By James C. Cunningham

In another step to improve the Frick Park greens, our lawn bowling club has decided to install an automatic sprinkler system, and work has been in progress on this project since December. The funding for this has been through a Capital Improvement Pledge Program, which has had a favorable response from our membership.

Despite the work on the greens, we are all determined to keep lawn bowling going in Pittsburgh under the best possible conditions, and we will continue to improve where and when we can.

A sincere vote of thanks is extended

to Hank Luba who initiated this project and spent many hours on it in the past three years.

At our 1995 Annual Dinner Meeting last October, the following officers and Board Members were elected: President—Jim Cunningham, Vice-president—Lois Saladin, Board Members—Mary Lou Lingafelt, Eileen Luba and John Hartman. Audrey Small continues as Secretary, Pat Goetz as Treasurer, and Alma Bogacki, Greg McCormick and Bill Benschwanger as Board Members.

Tournament winners for 1995 are as follows: Helen Clay Frick Club Open—

Jim Cunningham; Women's Singles—Eileen Luba; Men's Singles—Jim Cunningham; Open Doubles—Hank Luba and Jack Phillips; Mixed Doubles—Ann and Ralph Hofer; Two Bowl—Eileen Luba; and 4-3-2-1—Bud Fickley.

We are making preparations for a great 1996 season and especially look forward to the Central Division Tournament here July 13-18.

Make plans to attend!

In Memoriam
Laura Weaver

CENTRAL DIVISION

ROCKFORD

(Illinois)

By Judy Arawinko

Winter is here, that's for sure! After such a warm summer and enjoyable fall, the cold and snow have come. A fine blanket of snow covering the green, makes it impossible to go out.

But we have many warm thoughts of games past, new people we have met, and friendships you can't count because they are so many. Where, except in lawn bowling, can one enjoy the outdoors, have physical exercise, and have the opportunity to meet such fine people.

Because of the busy schedules this time of year, our club has postponed our banquet and elections until the spring.

As the new year approaches, many club members are looking forward to the Forrester Tournament in Arizona.

Our club's wish for all bowlers this coming year is that of happiness, health and great lawn bowling!

LAKE PARK

(Milwaukee)

By Dan Matthews

As I've mentioned, our club wound up the season early to do extensive work on the greens. We arranged to have them aerated and sanded by the County, and our members hand-spread a considerable amount of dirt around the perimeters to bring the playing surfaces level to the plinths. Then we overseeded just prior to the first snowfall. This should germinate in the Spring to give us beautiful grass next season.

It was our turn to host the annual Butler Cup grudge match with Rockford, but because our greens were out of commission, we couldn't do that. Rockford graciously offered to have it at their club, so we traveled there for the games. Unfortunately for us, we had to leave the trophy there—at least until next year.

We completed the process of combining the men's and ladies' clubs at our Annual Meeting in November. We are now officially the Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Association, Inc. As part of the corporate change, elections were held for officers and directors. The President is Warren Harwick, Vice Presidents Jim Butler and Carole Kevlin, the Secretary is Dan Matthews, and the Treasurer is Pat Mueller. Elected to the Board are: Ken Degenhardt, Corinne Bolhuis, Mel Aasterud, John Rice, Glorianne Mather and Roger Senn. Evelyn Schulz is an Ex-Officio member.

The Bowler-of-the-Year plaque was awarded to Jack Behling for his many achievements this season. Before winding up the meeting, the members wished Jack and Ken Degenhardt good luck when they travel to New Zealand in November.

This concludes the season for our club. We hope you all had happy holidays and are enjoying good health over the winter months.

FLINT

(Michigan)

By Jeane Giesy

The Flint bowlers had good bowling to the end of October. Our greensman then did all the necessary processes to prepare the greens so they will be ready for bowling in the spring.

Many of the bowlers winter in warmer climates and bowl there. However, those who remain in Flint are busy participating in winter sports.

The Flint Club, one of seven Central Divisions, is the most widely separated of all the divisions. There are clubs in Cleveland OH, Pittsburgh PA, Chicago IL, Milwaukee WI, Rockford IL, Darlington WI, Maddens Lake MN, and

only two clubs in all Michigan, one in Flint and one in Westland.

Lawn bowling is such a super game it would be great if we could encourage starting some new clubs. As always, one of our projects will be to get new members. Last year we had two new bowlers and hope for more this year.

The Flint Club is open May thru September, bowling Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m.. We really enjoy visitors, so please stop by. For more information phone: 810-233-5128.

*In Memoriam
Nettie Hart*

MILWAUKEE WEST

By Leonard P. Shaw

Very little to report since all tournaments and club events ended with the Wisconsin Senior Olympics in mid-September.

Social bowling continued until December 1st, when we got 10 inches of that nice white fluffy stuff. Hopefully we could be back on the greens in about three months.

In October, most members attended a very nice luncheon at a local restaurant. Club awards were distributed.

Have a nice winter.

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Now that 1995 has become history, the top priority for most clubs is "more new members".

A special committee, headed by Frank Ransome and Jim Webster, is in the midst of an aggressive program aimed at attracting more prospective bowlers to our greens.

Inasmuch as very few of us can ever expect to attain national prominence as bowlers, Frank Ransome's pronouncement that bowling should be "fun"; that there is no "right" way to bowl, but to bowl in whatever way is comfortable for you, has considerable merit.

Officers and delegates elected for 1996 are:

President-Frank Souza; First Vice-president-Frank Ransome; Second Vice-president- David Kaye; Secretary-Bill Campbell; Treasurer-Keith Brooks. Orville Artist and Leon Sullivan will continue as delegates to A.L.B.A.

The women voted not to have a P.I.M.D. Open tournament this year. However, as of now, the men are committed to having their P.I.M.D Open, because scoring from this event is used in determining members of the National Team.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

SAN FRANCISCO

By Victoria DiLabbio Giambruno

Is it any wonder members of the Windsor Bowling Team from Wales keeps leaving their hearts in San Francisco? **THEY, WANT TO COME BACK!**

Hattie Bahrt, hospitality queen, serves up a tempting desert and the Club honors them by flying their flag. It was a day where we almost outclassed them on the greens, only to be outdone by their songs of good cheer at the party to follow. When Vice President Arnie Barros, host for the event, announced that the day would close with an exchange of pins, it was the cue for a warm embrace as well. Bowlers have the **BEST FUN!**



SF's Hospitality Queen Hattie Bahrt.

Tournament Winners: **MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES**—1. Reggie Mattos/Oscar Collaco/Syd Whittingslow; 2. Y. Y. Chung/Lionel Guterres/Armando Ribeiro. **OVER THE BAY (Oak) and HOME AND HOME (Rossmoor)** won by SF. **SAM BAN MIXED TRIPLES**—1. Reggie Mattos/Henry Leigh/Hugh Houston; 2. Betty Blue/Alexander Reid/Hope Donald; 3. Jack Broadfield/Gertrude Whittingslow/Mamie Roliz. **MEN'S 4.3.2.1.**—1. Reggie Mattos, 2. Bill Ryan, 3. Y. Y. Chung. Entering for SF, Bill and Melvina Soares won the PIMD Awards Day Pairs competition. High fives to all!

Guess who was named Bowler of the Year? Mr. Reggie Mattos! President Bill Campbell, who, along with Vice Presi-

dent Arnie Barros will serve another year, made that announcement at the last quarterly meeting. No surprise there! No surprise either that Virginia Hill will again return as Secretary with Edith Denton as Assistant. Treasurer Bill Norberg and Assistant Myrtle Grothe will continue for another term. Marion Norberg, Eleanor Voss and this reporter will continue as members of the Board, joined by Hugh Houston, Reggie Mattos and Syd Whittingslow.

A warm handshake to new members Sally Goodwin, Bill and Sarah Howald and Mary Poole.

President Campbell announced that a donation has been made by former president and honorary member Emerson Denton to sponsor a tournament for the next ten years, honoring his wife, Edith. The announcement was met with joyful enthusiasm by members. A catered luncheon followed and was enjoyed by all, thanks to Harriett Roman who has ably chaired this event for many years.



The Dentons, Edith and Emerson

News from Palm Springs: Bill Campbell and Myrtle Grothe placed third in the 17th Annual Invitational Mixed Pairs. Congratulations!

*In Memoriam
Patrick Pereira*

BERKELEY

By Howard Mackey

Berkeley had beautiful bowling weather during October and November and the greens were active. The first winter storm didn't arrive until mid-December, and now we bowl intermittently between rains.

Under the leadership of Greens Chairman John Patrick, our greens have become the best in the area. Everyone is looking forward to the '96 season, with more inter-club and PIMD competition and the exciting Nationals in September.

The club is complying with all aspects of our lease with the City of Berkeley, and under the able direction of Ted Johnston, relations have steadily improved with City officials and representatives.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon was held December 2 at the University of California Faculty Club, and 90 members showed-up to enjoy the affair. The location and food were so well received that reservations have been made for the 1996 luncheon at the same site.

The membership meeting in December elected 1996 officers: Elmer Moss will be President of BLBC, with Howard Mackey Vice-president, Barry Burnley will remain Treasurer, Barbara Mackey is Secretary, Myra Baylor, Russ Weeks, and Ted Crum were elected to the Board of Directors, while Ted Johnson and John Patrick continue their two-year term. Helen Owsley was elected to serve as a trustee for the Memorial and Endowment Fund. Joining the Twenty-Year Club were Lou Arnold and Beulah Shively. The motion to increase dues \$5 was unanimously approved.

In accepting the presidency, Elmer Moss requested all 1995 committee chairpersons to continue to serve the club in the

same capacity during 1996, and emphasized that membership recruitment will be the main priority this year.

The Intra-Club Competition Committee, composed of Chairman Gene Corr, June Browne, Rita DeMoss and Ted Crum, completed all tournaments within the calendar year and received much applause for their accomplishment. The presentation of awards took place at the January Birthday Party on the last Friday in January. The winners were:

Mixed Triples—Charlie Warner, Lucille McGuire, Howard Mackey

Women's Triples—Masako Patrick, Angelita Black, Dixie Tennow

Men's Triples—Charley Warner, John Spiers, Eugen Stech

Womens Pairs—Ella Collier, Marbara Mackey

Men's Pairs—John Spiers, Elmer Moss

Women's Singles—Masako Patrick

2-Bowl Women—Angelita Black

2-Bowl Men—Gil Patchett

Novice Women—Dixie Tennow

Novice Men—Sven Walhberg

Berkeley LBC lost one of its most active and better bowlers in December when Shaheed Mohammed died after being stricken as he was leaving the greens. Shaheed was the recipient of many club and PIMD awards, and was planning to begin a series of lectures on Bowling Tactics and Strategy at Berkeley. His absence will affect members for a long time.

*In Memoriam
Shaheed Mohammed*

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

ROSSMOOR

By Frank Ransome

150 bowlers and guests attended the Awards Dinner on Dec. 14th and applauded our club champions. Claudia Nemir, Home Savings of America, Dianne Woods and Ginger Littleton, Coast Federal, and representatives of Parker Robb Chevrolet were honored guests. Those three companies support our efforts with trophies and prize money throughout the year.

Receiving awards were:

Men's Singles: Marion Klos

Pairs: Marion Klos & John Hyde

Women's Singles: Roe Hazelwood

Pairs: Marie Klos & Renee Friedman

Mixed Triples:

1. Marion Klos, John Hyde, Renee Friedman

2. Marie Klos, Bob Penman, Wilson Turner

Mixed Pairs: Roe Hazelwood & Jack Webster

Championship Pairs: Women—Shirley Cam/Bette Moring.

Men—Marion Klos/Don Hazelwood

Novice (2 yr.): Nan Sand

Novice (1 yr.): 1. Bill MacDonald

2. Sylvi MacDonald

80-plus: Hamilton Paterson

Points: Spring—Melvina Soares

Fall—Len Gould

Jed Crane was elected President, and Maria Feeney, Vice President. Outgoing President M.E. Hamlen has done a fine job and deserves our thanks and appreciation. We lost more than 50 days of bowling during 1995 due to the rain, but our greens will be in top shape for the National Open next Fall. 38 trainees graduated into the club from the Spring and Fall classes.

More than 280 bowlers have participated in our monthly Fun/Social tournaments since their inception. When we started to rank the Skips we had closer contests. There were 6 teams tied for second place in the November games. 560 bowlers attended the twice-a-week brown-bag luncheons, which also serve as club meetings. Frank Daniels, long time storekeeper, has had to resign his post due to poor health. We'll miss his smiling face and meticulous book keeping.

PALO ALTO

By Ed Arnold

The new members who were added to our roster in 1995 have been a good bowling group. Unlike other years, a greater percentage of them have actually frequented our green for a lot of draw games during the year...and that is what counts: members who bowl! Whatever we did last year in recruiting worked, so we have to duplicate that system this year.

Our second green renovation of the year closed the green in Oct./Nov. Now we're back in business, bowling on a new and improved surface. We still have a problem: too many roots from surrounding trees. If we could only get rid of them!

Latest winners in our intra-club tournaments include: Women's Draw Pairs—Roberta Durham/Bea McConachie; Women's Novice Singles—Ann Knopf; Men's Novice Singles—Mike Overton; Husband & Wife Pairs—Peter and Ann Knopf.

Officers for the new year were elected at the annual meeting: President-Fred Hawley; Vice-President-Ralph Qualls; Secretary-Lora Hawley; Treasurer-Glenn Stewart; Directors-Mabel Johnson, Peter Knopf, Bill McConachie, Mary Cable, Bill Collins, Roberta Durham. They've promised bigger and better things this new year.

We had a great visit of over 40 bowlers from the Windsor Club, of Penarth, Wales. Our green was filled twice during the day with rinks games. A tasty lunch separated the contests and, at the end of the day, cocktails were served. We all sang and sang some more. A wonderful time!

Have had quite a few other visitors stop by to bowl...for a day or month...from places like Laguna Beach, CA; Wilmington, DE; Whitley and Henfield, England; and Kilmarnock and Glasgow, Scotland. Enjoyed bowling with them.

Had our annual Christmas Party at our clubhouse in December. A big crowd was present and enjoyed the good time.

We were glad to see so many of our bowlers participate in the various invitational tourneys around the Bay, and in the other PIMD and ALBA tourneys as well. Hope more do the same in 1996. It's a lot of fun!

SPECIAL PEOPLE: *Edith Denton*

"CONGRATULATIONS! You have been selected to represent the UNITED STATES at the WORLD BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS in Auckland, New Zealand.

Imagine getting an invitation like that! Edith Denton did—twice! The first time in 1985, and again in 1988. Are we proud of her in San Francisco? Indeed we are. How did she earn this honor?

Edith became a bowler in 1969. Her credits include the California State Pairs in 1979, 1982; PIMD Pairs-1980; Bowler of the Tournament-1980; PIMD Singles-1977, 1983; National Open Triples-1977, 1979, 1981; U.S. Pairs-1981; Southwest Division Pairs-1983; and Arizona State Singles in 1981, to name a few.

Mrs. Denton also served as AWLBA National Councillor in '81, '82, and '84. She was PIMD President 1982-83.

An amazing record—an amazing woman. Still petite and youthful looking, Edie was 68 years of age when she competed in World Bowls—during two weeks of competition, nine hours a day, in all kinds of weather.

The following is a quote by San Francisco Examiner col-



Edith Denton

umnist Bucky Walter, in his article dated February 19, 1985, entitled "ANYONE FOR LAWN BOWLING?":

"Edith Denton of Lafayette 'cross the Bay, has been a member of the SF club for 10 years and The City's Woman Bowler of the year six times. Edith's pretty dang good; so good, in fact that she's one of five ladies competing for the U.S. in the World Tournament in Australia."

Mr. Walter went on to say he visited the greens in Golden Gate Park once and "found ourselves transported into another world...tranquil, graceful, mannerly. We were impressed by the skill of the lawn bowlers, a blend of deft 'touch' and superb marksmanship."

Edie and her husband, Emerson, recently celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary. She is still a threat on the greens; always willing to take a novice under her wing. Emerson has chosen to honor his wife in a very special way, presenting the SFLBC with a donation to cover prize money for the next ten years in an event that will be known as the EDITH DENTON TRIPLES. An honor well deserved!

By *Victoria DiLabbio Giambruno*

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

OAKMONT

By Harry Hunter

Closing out our tournament schedule for the year, we had our Championship Mixed Pairs. Bjorn Karlsen and Augustina Foster won this one, and reminded us that to win a pairs tournament really requires both partners to bowl well four days in a row to prevail...a difficult task to perform.

Our Home-and-Home teams split their last two matches, losing to Rossmoor at their greens and winning at Leisuretown on their green. Our final record on Home-and-Homes for the year was a pleasing 9 wins and 1 loss.

The Championship Mixed Triples was won by Don O'Donnel, Mary Dobonye, and Jud Goodrich, with Vanitta Olinger, Vane Olinger, and Elsie Frankfield a close second.

Our Halloween and Thanksgiving Day Turkey Shoot tournaments were well subscribed by the members and closed out the 1995 schedule. At the Annual Awards Banquet, Tournament Chairman Gordon Krueger reported that we have had a 25% increase in participation in our intra-club events this year over the last few years. We certainly seem to be getting some enthusiastic new bowlers appearing in our spring and fall classes.

The design and specification phase of our green renovation program is progressing steadily. We are awaiting the visit of Dr. Edgar R. Haley to inspect our green and determine what he thinks is necessary to successfully perform the task.

Our OVA Greens Renovation Committee will select what they feel are the best recommendations on how to proceed early in the spring. Needless to say our entire membership is closely following this momentous endeavor. More to come.

FRESNO

By F. Lee Hull

A full complement of members met in November for our Annual Banquet and gift exchange. We also elected new officers for 1996 as follows:

President—Leon Sullivan
 Vice-president—Al Holman
 Secretary—Pauline Bradley
 Treasurer—Bill Letson
 Games Chairman—Jack Fellers

We will have a luncheon early in January to get the club moving in the new year.

Looking into the future, October-1996 will mark the 30th anniversary of our club, and we're planing a big party. We have one bowler, Adolph Blahut, the only active charter member.

SUNNYVALE

By Wes Ireland

Another year on the green is over. Time surely does fly when having fun.

What a wonderful time we had one fine day in mid-October when thirty-five visitors from several clubs in Wales spent the day lawn bowling, savoring the good food of a sit down luncheon, and socializing during the happy hour following the afternoon game. A spontaneous late afternoon sing-a-long brought out the best Welsh voices as well as others representing local clubs from Del Mesa Carmel, Santa Cruz, San Jose, and Santa Clara, who were invited to join us on this special occasion. In honor of this event a proclamation was issued by the honorable Mayor of Sunnyvale, and read to the attendees during the lunch hour by Vice Mayor Stan Kawczynski.

The following Monday, we were doubly honored to have ten more lawn bowling guests—six from Scotland, two from Holland, and two from England. We certainly have enjoyed the visits from all of our European lawn bowling friends.

SANTA CRUZ

By Woody Maunder

Let's hear a loud cheer for the Home Savings and Loan!

It deserves much credit for promoting lawn bowling in Santa Cruz and other P.I.M.D. locales. This year's Home Savings Doubles Draw brought out a record turnout, with John Williams teaming with Theo Warneke to win the lion's share of the big bucks. Not far behind came Joe Dennehy and Gladys Tait.

Eating a banana halfway through an 18-end game has given Erica Schilling the nickname "Chiquita". Try it. It works wonders as an energy booster.

Three cheers for John Machado, who got his third hip replacement after reaching the age of 90. Hip, Hip, Hooray! Ernie Rideout is torn between winning trophies on the greensward or on the bounding main in his sailboat. He most recently extended his winning ways by defeating John Williams in the finals of the Ray Johnson Club Championship. Other semi-finalists were Joe Dennehy and Charles Tait.

FOOLS RUSH IN WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD DEPARTMENT: New officers for 1996 are: President (for 2nd year) Bill Kather; Vice-president—Gladys Tait; Treasurer—John Harris; Secretary—Frank Thomas. Board members are: Len Parry, Ross Reagan and Jim Fox. Their announced program for the New Year: MMM (members, money & mazel tov).

A comment overheard at City Hall recently: "The Internationally known Sunnyvale Lawn Bowls Club".

Our Club Triples tournament was won by Al Rosingana, Perry Williams, and Audrey Van Lieshout. The Mixed Pairs winners—Al Cancilla and Mary Cable. Congatulations are also in order for Irene Webster, Gordon Lockhart, Joel Stearn, and Frank Souza for their success in the National Open.

SVLBC officers for 1996 were installed during a joint Christmas Party with Santa Clara LBC. Mary Scott will again serve as President, Al Rosingana-VP, Stu Shoemaker-Secretary, Bob Koberle-will remain Treasurer. Directors are Jim & Irene Webster, Gwen Houston, and Jane Herold. We wish our new officers good fortune. May I add that this was a very nice party.

My sincere thanks to Jim Warwood and Irene Webster for allowing me to plagiarize their work a number times this year.

SANTA CLARA

By Russ Biltott

We have good news: Work has been started on the installation of lights on our green. So far, only the holes for the poles have been dug, but now we know where the lights will be. Just not when. But its a start, and it's encouraging.

Our Anniversary Breakfast in late September was well attended and overfed. After breakfast, we held a draw for the Ethel Murphy 2-bowl Mixed Pairs Tournament, won by Phyllis Mills and Harvey MeFalls. The next week we had our annual Luau, following our final (for the year) club tournament—the mixed pairs draw won by Victoria Page and Ed Rollison.

Our Santa Clara Invitational in October was won by Santa Cruz. The Santa Clara Awards Banquet and Christmas Party was held on Dec. 10th. The Sunnyvale LBC was invited to join us this year, and many attended giving us a group of nice people. All attendees found a gift at their table. After the Santa Clara club plaques were awarded and individual achievements acknowledged, a drawing was held for several door prizes. Then both clubs installed officers for 1996.

The officers for Santa Clara are: David Romasko-President, Phyllis Mills-Vice President, Faith Bittner-Treasurer, and Cathy Rollison-Secretary. These capable and willing officers deserve the thanks of every member of the club, as well as their support.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

OAKLAND

By June Beitelspacher

Looking back to spring, summer and fall, we've had a busy schedule—lots of fun and some satisfying tournaments. This year we gained many new members.

We would like to urge all novices and members to participate in as many tournaments as possible next year. It's a great way to acquire more skill, sample different bowling greens, meet new people, and challenge yourself in a healthy, competitive way.

On December 7th, we hosted our annual Christmas luncheon, held in our own clubhouse. The Miraglia's catered the luncheon for the nearly 75 attendees, with singing of carols and viewing Paul Schmidt's video of bowling activities during 1995. Paul is selling the videos for \$10 each, with \$5.50 going to the club as a money making project.

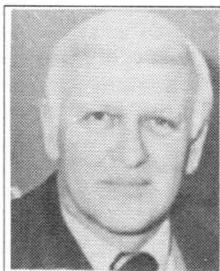
The proposed list of officers for 1996 are as follows: President—Les Dumble; 1st Vice—Ethel Cole; 2nd Vice—June Beitelspacher; Secretary—Bee Keay; Treasurer—John Beales; Games—Freddie Thomas; Greens—Ray McTavish. These people will be voted on at our January meeting.

In early November, the PIMD of both ALBA and AWLBA conducted its 1995 Awards Ceremony Day at the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club. Oakland Club Trophy winners were: Paul Schmidt and Glen Godfrey, for winning the Novice Men's Pairs Tournament; and Andre Banares, Ricardo Ruiz, Paul Schnridt, and Al Rizzo, for winning the Men's Rinks Tournament. The OLBC extends congratulations to these members.

Also on that day, Les Dumble and team, by draw, came in with the second overall prize for the day.

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It's getting to be a habit here in the Eastern Division (...and a mighty nice habit it is!). For the second time in as many issues, we're welcoming a "new" club to BOWLS' Eastern Division news: SKYTOP LAWN BOWLING CLUB, of Skytop, Pennsylvania. "New" is in quotes because Skytop LBC is, in fact, a longtime member of our division and is now rejoining ALBA.

Also, the more sharp-eyed readers will note we have a new club correspondent for Slater Park, in Pawtucket, RI. It's a pleasure to welcome Paul Motta, a fine competitive bowler and now member of one of the top BOWLS correspondents teams in the ALBA. And thanks Carl Fewster for a job well done.

SLATER PARK

(Pawtucket, RI)

By Paul Motta

We all said goodbye on Closing Day October 14th. Now, we will have to wait out the winter before we can get back to bowling. First Place in the Closing Day Tournament went to Bob MacCloy and Victor Ford, with Fred Howarth/Yvonne Balthazard finishing second, and Ed Kenny/George Zavanelich third.

Thanks to Carl Fewster and his crew of workers for keeping the green in good shape. We would also like to thank Frank Ransome for coming to our club to talk to us about instruction and recruiting.

OPPS!

In what amounts to a Gotham Goof, we erred last issue in reporting results of the Eastern Division Open Triples. The report should have said that: 2nd Place in the event went to the team of Joe Gioco, Champ Salisbury, and Eugene Kordowski.

Congratulations go out to Jack Lucey for making the U.S. National Team and being selected to play in the World Bowls Championships in Australia this coming March.

Ray Sayer Day was another great time and success. Ray is 98 now and still bowling great. The Mayor of Pawtucket was there to wish him well, along with Ray's family and many friends. First place in the Ray Sayer Day Tournament went to the team of Ward Francis/Nick Francis/Parson Swain. In second place, Fred Howarth/Pat Nassaney/Frank Cappecci; finishing third, Paul Bucklin/Sonny Bucklin/Jen Letourneau; and, in fourth position, three generations of Sayers: Grandson Bob Sayer skipping, daughter Ruth Pearson vice-skip, and the master, himself, Ray Sayer, lead.

Slater Park's Winter Party is February 10th!

CATARACT CITY

(Buffalo, NY)

By Duncan Gillies

Throw another log on the fire and dream about the happy days we enjoyed on the bowling green last summer. That is about all we can do at this point. We were just hit with *thirty-eight inches of snow in less than twenty-four hours*. I have never seen it snow so heavily in such a short time in all my years here. Our greens are certainly getting all the water they needed last summer.

Our Alec Dunlop Tournament was a success. Our Canadian friends won just about everything. Pat Rauccio and Joe Rogan won the high one game to avoid the whitewash. We will be holding our executive meeting after the first of the year to pick the slate of officers for 1996.

I am looking forward to bowling in Sun City, Florida for the Southeastern Division Tournament. It sure makes the winter a little shorter. We at Cataract City would like to wish all the bowlers the very best for the new year.

CUNNINGHAM

(Milton, MA)

By Sam Drevitch

Unfortunately, we were not able to bowl on our green this season because of the work involved in getting a new playing surface.

However, the green is looking so good that we are now looking forward to a great season in 1996. This was only accomplished with the financial help from the Cunningham Foundation Park Manager.

We will again try to work out a combined schedule with our neighbors, The Slater Park Club, in Rhode Island.

EASTERN DIVISION

HAMILTON
 (Trenton, N.J.)
Bob Stewart

At our annual meeting in November we elected the following officers: Robert Stewart—President, Bernie McTighe—Secretary/Treasurer, Charles Anderson—Games Chairman.

The outgoing officers were thanked for a job well done. A vote was taken and passed that dues remain the same for 1996.

At our challenge game of Bocce, we brought out a surprise by winning, for the first time.

Our Awards Luncheon was a success, with forty-four attending, including Mayor Jack Rafferty and Connie McGrath, Superintendent of Health and Recreation. At the luncheon President Robert Stewart was made a Life Member and presented with a plaque, which read: "For Many Years of Devoted Service".

Looking forward to bowling again at Sarasota, FL, the last two weeks in Feb. Good Bowling To All.



Robert Sharples, left, presents a Life Member plaque to Hamilton President Robert Stewart.

BUCK HILL FALLS
 (Pennsylvania)
By Bob Gates

Our season ended with an informal social tournament of pairs, followed by an annual business meeting and awards banquet at The Pines. Toni Mercer, a past national AWLBA champion, was elected President. Toni is a most enthusiast bowler. Her bowling career began in New York City's Central Park. She has won numerous awards and moved here because Buck Hill Falls was known for good greens and a large active club. Those were the Golden Years in Buck Hill.

Speaking of good greens, the distinguished Sam Drevitch of our Division wrote in BOWLS Fall edition that our greens were the best in the East and a great area for future U.S. Championships. (Toni is the kind of person who will pursue championship tournaments at Buck Hill.) I ran copies of his articles for our greens supervisor Fran Davitt and greenskeeper Pat Imhof. I believe that next year we will have a green running faster than 12 seconds by late July.

Buck Hill is primarily a golfing resort and everyone knows golf takes a lot of time. Some of our better bowlers do not find time for lawn bowling due to their golf activities on three nine-hole courses, two of which are irrigated and all maintained by Fran with the same expertise used on our bowling greens. There seems to be no solution for this problem because golf is so popular. Tennis is affected in the same way as lawn bowling—twelve fine courts with low activity last year. We would be helped by reopening of the Buck Hill Inn, which has been closed for four years.

DU PONT
 (Wilmington, DE)
By Dick Schiefelbein

Our annual visitation to Williamsburg (VA) LBC was during the mid-October weekend. As always, we enjoyed the hospitality shown by the hosts. A plus was the fact that Du Pont won 13 out of the 22 games played.

The last event of our year was the Founders Day Mixed Tournament (triples), with lady skips. The winning team was: Ann Connolly, Ralph Seyler and John Rainier. Runner-up was the team of Kay Dusenbury, Dick Schiefelbein and Jim Michael.

At the fall business meeting, all of our officers were re-elected: Shirley Straw—president, Tom Lawlor—vice-president, Ann Connolly—secretary, and Carol Ralph—treasurer.

Even though the summer in Wilmington was the second warmest on record, our attendance was up 16-percent over 1994. In January, the officers and chairpersons will plan activities for 1996, with a program that hopefully will increase membership and participation by another 16 percent.

To make arrangements to bowl on our first class green, please call Shirley Straw at 302-234-3174.

NEW YORK
 (Central Park, NYC)
By Laralu Smith

1926 was a year of many auspicious beginnings. The twenties were roaring all over the place! And in Central Park, the newly founded New York Lawn Bowling Club was playing its very first season!

It's a different world we live in now. But stand in the middle of our green, close your mind to the skyline, and I guarantee a sense of timeless tranquillity will send you right back to those quieter days. Let me be the first to say: "HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY, NYLBC. You're looking great for your age."

Back to the present! Here is our new 1996 roster of Officers and Directors as voted at our 1995 Annual Meeting: President—Jane B. Jacobs, 1st Vice President—Tony Reynal, 2nd Vice President—Anne D'Anella, Secretary—Jerry Herschman, Treasurer—Bernie Kurtz, Directors—Charles Crawford, Alan Fausel, Barbara Turkington, Suesanna Voorhees

"Thank you" to Charles Crawford for creatively reviving the "NYLBC Newsletter". Good luck to the "New Name" committee who will sift through members' suggestions for a sportier title. I am happy to mention Dana Lum's fine contribution to the AWLBA/Eastern Division. She is reporting ED News quarterly to BOWLS Women's Pages.

Joe Gioco attended Frank Ransome's New Members/Coaching road show out at the Essex Club in New Jersey. He returned with lots of good basic info and fresh ideas on the acquisition, education and maintenance of new members. NYLBC has purchased a copy of Mr. Ransome's tape and we will make good use of it.

*New York Lawn Bowling Club
 Late Tournament Results:
 Short Jack Pairs -Ed Spingarn, Liz
 Thompson
 Diehards Pairs-Bernie Kurtz,
 Anne D'Anella
 Masters Champion-Terry Ohl*

'95 National Open in Irvine and environs was exhilarating. Congratulations to Joe Gioco for winning 2nd place in the Championship Flight/Triples with his two partners from Halifax.

Much thanks to President Jane Jacobs and all our officers and directors for a great 1995 season. Here's to 70 more, at least!

Give us a call in NYC:
 (212) 594-3525 or (212) 877-9890.

And come wish us "Happy Birthday" this year!

EASTERN DIVISION

SKYTOP

(Skytop, PA)

By Ken Willig

The green at our club is undergoing a rebuilding process and there was concern about our 1995 season. With the help of managements from Buck Hill and Skytop Club, our season was rescued as Buck Hill permitted us the use of their greens.

Even with the absence of our own facilities we witnessed increased interest in the sport. Beginners were most enthusiastic and saw no inconvenience driving to Buck Hill. We held instructional clinics for the novices, many of whom did not remain in this classification for long.

During the first week of August, the Skytop Lawn Bowling Tournament took place at Buck Hill. Tom Murphy became the Men's Singles champion (for the second time!); Lyn Stefanhagens the Ladies Singles champion; and Mary Brown and Doug Neal the Mixed Doubles champs.

The third week of August saw a renewal of a long standing competition between Buck Hill and Skytop. The trophy to the winning team was an antique etching depicting Lawn Bowlers, donated in 1965 by Dr. Robert Ivy, a dedicated promoter of Lawn Bowling at Skytop. The result of the tournament was: Buck Hill 4, Skytop 2. We relinquished our possession of the etching, but will do our best to recover it in 1996!

THISTLE

(West Hartford, CT)

By George W. Pardee

The renaissance of Thistle LBC continues unabated:

- * The Membership Committee efforts resulted in 11 new members in 1995.
- * Thistle's first traveling team competed in the "Ray Sayers Day" Triples Tournament at Slater Park, in Pawtucket, R.I. Ward Francis/Nick Francis/Parsons Swain matched their bowling skills against 18 worthy teams. They won all five of their matches for a first place finish! Congrats all around!
- * Three intraclub tournaments were completed, with 20-30 members participating.
- * Thistle is looking forward to hosting an Eastern Division Tournament in 1996.
- * Members are enthusiastically looking forward to continued growth in membership, intra and inter club tournaments, and promoting our wonderful game of Bowls.

FERNLEIGH

(West Hartford, CT)

By John Rowson

The year closed with a well attended annual meeting at a nearby golf club. Attendance exceeded 50 members. This was followed by an early December Christmas Party, nicely choreographed by our terrific hospitality chairman, George Babic, and his co-worker Jo-Ann.

George's resourcefulness was again demonstrated when a Fernleigh Tournament with pot luck dinner faced a disaster in the form of a rain storm. No postponement! Instead, an afternoon of cards and other games, followed by the pot luck dinner with its variety of "brag" dishes.

In late October, Frank Stolzenberg, Bill Wassell and John Rowson attended a seminar at Slater Park conducted by Frank Ransome, Chairman of ALBA's Instruction Committee. Ransome, via demonstration and lecture, provided us with a thoughtful and provocative session. We were able to acquire copies of "Syllabus of Lawn Bowling Instruction", by the ALBA Committee chaired by Ransome. With all this exposure, Fernleigh should be well founded in the essentials.

METROPOLITAN

(Central Park-NYC)

By Richard Suren Keoseian

The Metropolitan Lawn Bowling Club of New York's submission to New York Sports On Line brings the background, history, and the game of Bowls to the World Wide Web by accessing: <http://www.bway.net/nysol/>.

New York Sports On Line (NYSOL) is the first electronic magazine dedicated to recreational sports in the City. Anyone with Internet access can now read NYSOL. Lawn Bowling in the East now has a direct connection to the Internet world wide.

In October, the MLBC was invited to demonstrate lawn bowling at the first Open House of the Chelsea Piers on the west side of Manhattan. The Chelsea Piers is a \$100 million sports complex which is two-thirds completed. The Open House attracted more than 15,000 visitors and participants.

Although the fieldhouse where we demonstrated lawn bowling was somewhat less than optimum (to say the least), participants found the sport of bowls a challenge. The lines at the gate of the field were longer at the end of the session than at the beginning and we went overtime. Chelsea Piers holds great promise for "bowls", but not without more significant day-to-day interest and dedicated drive to develop that interest.

On November, the Essex Club hosted an excellent Frank Ransome coaching seminar, with emphasis on the recruitment and retention of new lawn bowlers.

The Open House Clinic format introduced in New York five years ago has proven very successful. But a fundamental issue of the lack of broad support for the game was raised. It has become tiresome dwelling repeatedly on the problems of lawn bowling in this country, when we should be dwelling on solutions.

SUNRISE

(Huntington, N.Y.)

By Harold Koenig

Club officers for 1996: President—Muriel Koenig, Vice President—Nick Cuteri, Secretary—Frank Tornabene, Treasurer—Harold Koenig, Board members—Mildred Borbet, Len Derleth, Dick Hipp.

The last day of bowling, October 25th, showed a large turnout, lots of fun and good will. Home baked cakes and Halloween candy, etc. by the ladies. Spider toss won by Rudy Haumann and H. Tedeschi. Ted, as we call him, also won a hand knitted sweater. The lucky guy did the exact same thing last year. The second sweater was won by John Viola.

Chief Len Derleth, former U.S.C.G., as usual, was on top of everything making sure all work groups, details, etc. were in order and everything shipshape. (I thought the U.S.M.C. was tough!) A well done is rated for Derleth, especially for all his work organizing the awards dinner and preparing all the trophies and winners pins with names etched. This man is devoted to the club.

We are losing two good workers for the club, Helen and Earl Chatterton, who are moving to South Carolina.

President Marianne Horbeek thanked the committee for their support and Commissioner John Kiernan for extending our season, as she had requested. Gratitude was showered upon Greenskeeper Richie Davis, Russ and their staff. Mr. Kiernan's letter stated he was glad we enjoyed the season extension, thanking Marianne for our appreciation to all park people. Bowling in October meant a lot to us.

Ladies single Tournament winner: Helen Chatterton. Runner up Muriel Koenig.

EASTERN DIVISION

ESSEX

(Bloomfield, NJ)

By George J. Schick

This Fall, Club President Colin Smith announced that the Essex Club has begun a plan through which we will offer Physical Education Course electives next summer in conjunction with area colleges. We expect to attract many new members through this effort. More news will be offered at a later date.

Also on the membership front, the Essex Club will offer "Free Lesson" Clinics throughout the Summer 1996 season. Our Club's Membership Committee has set up a series of public notices in our local newspapers and on our local cable access television station. We expect strong growth in the Essex membership ranks.

In mid-November, the Essex Club was pleased to host Frank Ransome at one of his membership building seminars. Representatives from area clubs joined the Essex members in a great meeting focusing on recruitment practices and membership retention. On behalf of the officers and members of the Essex Club, I would like to extend our thanks to Frank for meeting with us and sharing his experiences on this most important effort.

The Essex Club wishes to congratulate Skippy Arculli for his victory in the 1995 ALBA U.S. Singles Championships, and Lorainne Urquhart and Isabel Forbes for their runners-up finish in the 1995 AWLBA U.S. Championships Pairs. Once again, the Essex Club was well represented at this tournament.

Thanks also go to Doug McArthur and the South Central Division AWLBA Committee for the fine job done in hosting these events. From all reports, they did an excellent job with the Championships.

WILLIAMSBURG INN

(Williamsburg, VA)

By Bill Holcombe

First the GOOD NEWS: We reached our goal of a 50 members on our roster this Fall. Our promotional flyer and three training sessions for prospective members were a real help in this effort, but so was serendipity and good luck. Three of those new members played in the quarter finals of the Ray Townsend Memorial Club Championship. Incidentally, Dan Berg got to take the Memorial Cup home after a fantastic final match with Lew LeCompte.

Robin Goldman, whom we share with the Du Pont Club, got more of us involved in Eastern Division play. He and Dan Berg got a 3rd in the Candelet Pairs, 2nd in the Classic Pairs, and took me along to the Dakers Memorial Triples at Du Pont Country Club, where we finished 4th. Robin, with Lionel Thom (not of our club) took first in the Eastern Division Open Pairs, and first in the Second Flight of the 1995 National Open Pairs. He then, was a member of the Triples team that took third in the Championship Flight at the National Open.

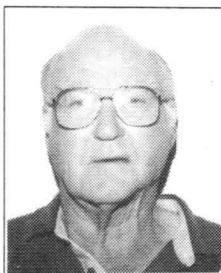
The club also had three teams in the North Carolina Open at Pinehurst.

Our officers for 1996 will be President—John McDowell, Vice President—Tyler Barber, Treasurer—Don Parker, Secretary—Bill Holcombe.

And the BAD NEWS is that all of those jack-finding bowlers from Pittsburgh, Pinehurst, and Du Pont Country Club did it to us again this year, even though by the time those great cocktail parties were over we didn't much care! We did get a win with Leisure World and found those cocktail parties even better!

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

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Hello Lindsay Speaking:

We're not quite set for the new bowling season. New officers are being elected, correspondents are being assigned, and tournament schedules are being set. By the time this is published, we will have had the Clive Forrester Tournament.

We are set for all the Division tournaments. Our South Central Division Tournament will be February 11-15. The Johnson Lawn Bowls Clubs will host the annual Del Webb Mixed Pairs October 11-13. Hopefully during 1996, we will see a new bowling green in Del Webb's Sun City Grand across from Sun City West.

We invite all lawn bowlers to come visit us in the Valley of the Sun. You are most welcome to all the local clubs as a guest. There are 13 greens within ten minutes of each other and two more pro-Sun City Grand. 4 greens in the you can see that Sun will be The Capitol of the

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Capitol of the USA.

We are pleased that Del Webb has sold countless homes to ALBA and AWLBA members. We give an open invitation to all from the cold country to consider Arizona for your retirement years or a job change.

SUN CITY WEST

(Arizona)

By Grahame Ridley

This has been a busy Fall for lawn bowls at Sun City West, Arizona. The U.S. Championships were held at our venue under beautiful weather, and the bowling was excellent in both the ALBA and AWLBA competitions. This event was followed by the bowling camp for the AWLBA National Team members, under the direction and watchful eye of Graham Jarvis.

Our ALBA members bowling at "The Nationals" were Ed Bogenschil/Bob Copley and George Manos/Gordon Shieck. The later team, although relatively new bowlers and both rated as leads, won two games, of which we are most proud.

In order to be good bowlers you need the courage to participate and have a bit of lady luck. Our bowlers had both. George Manos and his lovely wife Lois won the "trip to Paris", and George and Bob Copley each won \$250 in the National Super Draw.

If you are visiting in our area, be sure to come by and bowl awhile.

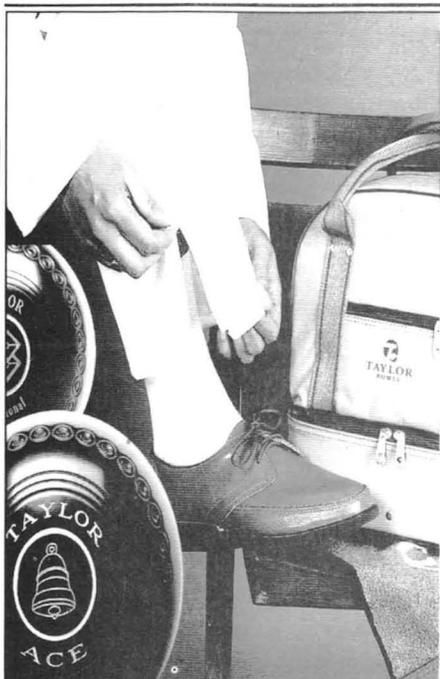
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By Shirley Cam

MARCH	2-7	ALBA	Southeast Division Open	Sun City Center, FL
	2-7	AWLBA	Southeast Division Open	Clearwater, FL
APRIL	18-31	MEN	WORLD BOWLS	Adelaide, Australia
	15-26	ALBA	Southeast Division Playdowns	Mount Dora, FL
	1-12	AWLBA	Southeast Division Playdowns	Sun City Center, FL
	20-25	AWLBA	Southwest Division Open	Riverside, CA
MAY	27-May 2	ALBA	Southwest Division Open	Riverside, CA
	11-12, 18-19	ALBA	Southwest Division Pairs Playdowns	Newport Harbor, CA
JUNE	11-13	AWLBA	Southwest Division Pairs Playdowns	Long Beach, CA
	8-9, 15-16	ALBA	Southwest Div. Singles Playdowns	Laguna Beach, CA
JULY	8-10	AWLBA	Southwest Div. Singles Playdowns	Laguna Hills, CA
	15-16	AWLBA	Northwest Division Pairs Playdowns	Tacoma, WA
	29-30	ALBA	Northwest Division Pairs Playdowns	Jefferson Park, WA
	6-7	AWLBA	Northwest Div. Singles Playdowns	Jefferson Park, WA
	13-15	ALBA	Northwest Div. Singles Playdowns	Tacoma, WA
AUGUST	13-18	ALBA	Central Division Open	Frick Park-Pittsb'gh, PA
	13-18	AWLBA	Central Division Open	Frick Park-Pittsb'gh, PA
	26-28	ALBA	Central Div. Singles Playdowns	Frick Park-Pittsb'gh, PA
	3-18	WOMEN	WORLD BOWLS	Leamington Spa, ENG
	10-16	ALBA	Northwest Division Open	Woodland Park, WA
	10-16	AWLBA	Northwest Division Open	Jefferson Park, WA
SEPTEMBER	16-18	ALBA	Central Division Pairs Playdowns	Milwaukee, WI
	7-13	ALBA	NATIONAL OPEN	San Fran./Bay Area, CA
	7-13	AWLBA	NATIONAL OPEN	San Fran./Bay Area, CA
	16-20	ALBA	U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS	McKenzie Park, CA
	16-20	AWLBA	U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS	McKenzie Park, CA

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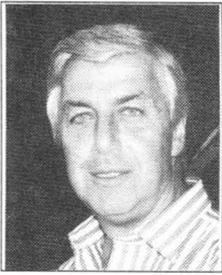
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By Joe Siegman
Editor of
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THE LAST SHOT

I received a phone call this afternoon from a Wall Street Journal reporter wanting to know if lawn bowling had plans to get into the Olympics. Honest! The man learned that Bowls was scheduled as a Paralympics event—following the Atlanta Olympics—and wondered why our sport wasn't included on the regular Olympic menu.

I told the reporter "I wish I knew the answer." I related that there had been discussions about the matter amongst some of us American bowlers, and that I had heard that the World Bowling Board was making inquiries towards the 2000 Olympics in Australia. I gave him the contacts at the WBB and English Bowls Association in Great Britain, and he said he'd pursue an answer.

Don't hold your breath.

Why isn't lawn bowling in the Olympic Games? I broached the same question nearly two years ago in this column (Summer-'94). At that time, I asked aloud whether or not Australia had requested Lawn Bowls as a "demonstration" sport for the year 2000 Games, scheduled down-under. Through the 1992 Olympics, home countries were permitted to stage three "demonstration" sports. You might remember that Baseball and Tenpin Bowling were included on the Olympic "demonstration" menu at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. And, at Spain's 1992 Olympiad, Basque Pelota, Roller Hockey and Taekwando were the "demo" sports. No one answered my

question, and I've since learned that "demonstration" sports have been eliminated.

'96 marks the centennial of the Modern Olympic Games. Modern Games founder, Baron Pierre de Coubertin of France, didn't have such an easy time organizing the historic event that took place in Athens. In fact, he could only corral 13 countries to participate. The 1896 U.S. Olympic team consisted of only thirteen competitors, all mustered by a Princeton history professor. The British, unimpressed by the diminutive French aristocrat's concept, would have passed on the whole to-do, if not for the Prince of Wales. The Prince assured the Baron that G.B. would be there. So, England sent seven athletes to Athens. In all, 311 athletes took part in that First Modern Olympic Games, and nearly two-thirds of them were hometown Greeks.

Lawn Bowls was not an Olympic sport in Athens, nor in Paris in 1900, or St. Louis in 1904. The British paid little attention to the Olympics until Coubertin and his International Olympic Committee wisely awarded the Games to London for 1908. At once, the Brits jumped in; the Empire jumped in. Coubertin and his IOC were well intended wealthy folk, but what they possessed in spirit and intent, they lacked in organizational talents. The British, now paying full attention, put their London Games—and, subsequently, all future Olympic competitions—on a firm organizational footing.

One might think the English would have taken the opportunity to inject some of the Empire created/developed sports into the 1908 Games. And, they did: Rugby and Association Football, Field Hockey, Jeu de Paume Tennis, Polo, and something called "Rackets". Perhaps Cricket and Lawn Bowls were too native to England—maybe other countries were unfamiliar with them. But, they didn't know "Rackets" either. The only Olympic competitors in the event were British. It was a medal sport, and Great Britain won all the medals.

So why not the two "whites" sports in the 1908 Olympics? And, what has kept them out of the Olympic family for a full century? Both events play vital roles in the Commonwealth (formerly Empire) Games. They have since 1930. And, why weren't either or both sports introduced into the Olympic Family when the Games were held in London, again, in 1948, or in Melbourne, Australia in 1956.

Australia is reputed to be the largest lawn bowling nation in the world. Why haven't the British, the Commonwealth, or the World Bowling Board (so influenced by Commonwealth representation) demanded that these popular sporting activities, rich in tradition and exported throughout the world, be a part of the Olympic resume?

They're too dull for spectators? Long before television dictated what sports were too slow or hard to follow—and, therefore, unsuitable for Olympic inclusion—the window of opportunity existed for the "whites" sports to be on the Olympic program. Ever watch fencing, or yachting, or soccer, or field hockey, or distance running on TV? Talk about excitement! Would lawn bowls be any slower or harder to follow than these sports?

So, we blew it or were denied during the first 100 years. What are our sport's leaders' plans for the future?

Curling will be in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Japan as a medal sport. It's Curling's fourth appearance in the Olympics and first time as a medal sport. Many northern U.S. and Canadian bowlers refer to curling as "lawn bowling on ice." So, I guess us lawn bowlers will have to live vicariously through curlers in the immediate Olympic future.

While they get to sweep the ice, we continue to get the brush off!

Joe Siegman



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