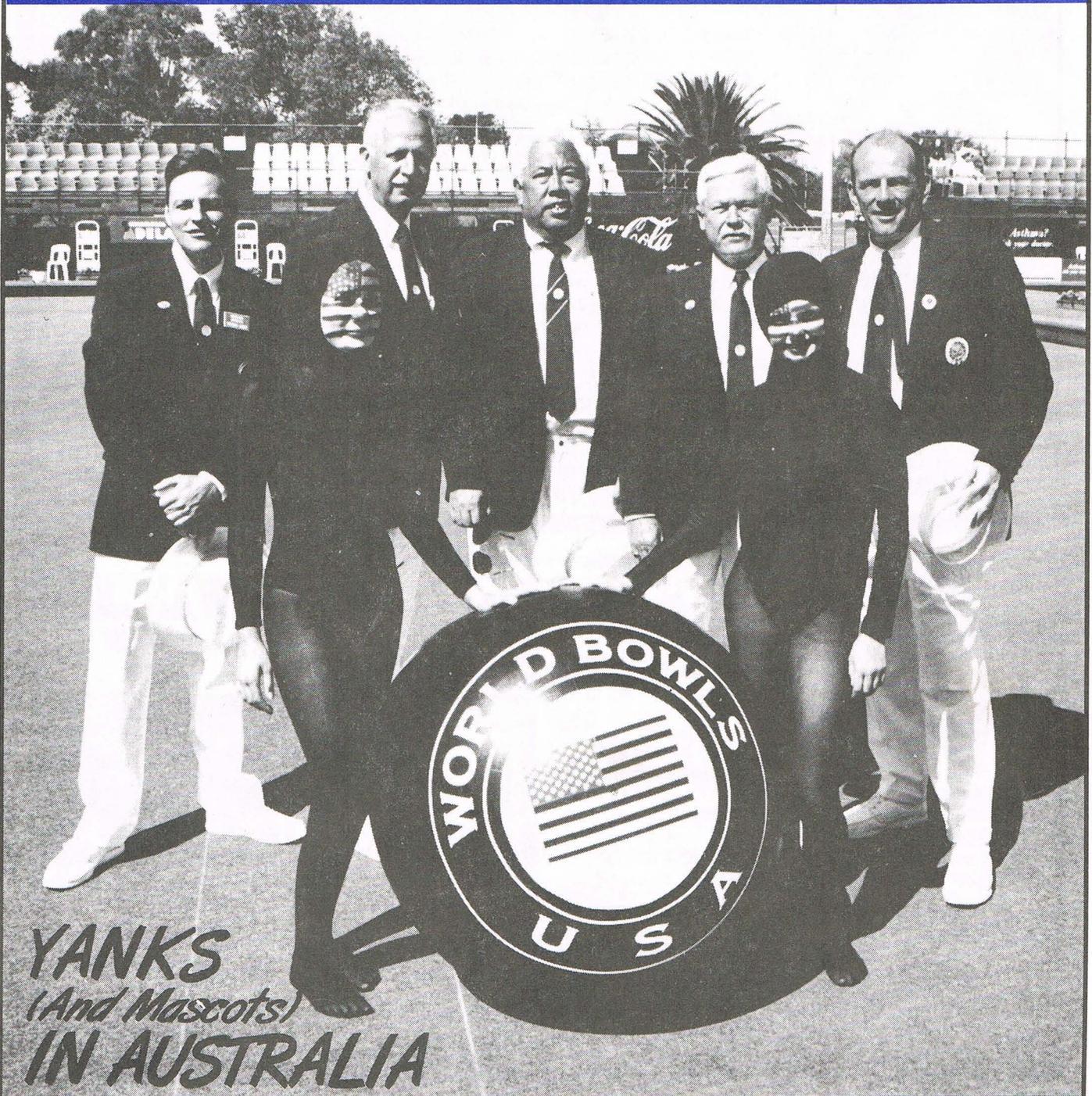




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By Shirley Cam

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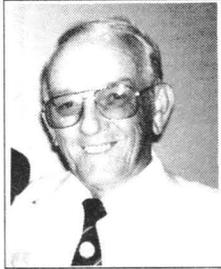
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joseph S. Grabowski

Congratulations to the Divisions who have recently reported new C-L-U-B memberships. This means they have acquired memberships from clubs who have never been members or are renewing their membership to ALBA. You are welcome additions, along with the many individuals who have joined our National Organization.



May you enjoy the many, many hours of entertainment which the game of bowls will bring to you.

Recently, I mailed letters to each ALBA club, requesting them to submit a form letter, which was enclosed, to their Congressmen and/or Representatives asking them to exempt, from a ruling, a product called "Nemacure 10" for use on lawn bowling greens, just as they have made golf courses exempt. So far, I have received confirmation of letters sent out of the Southwest and Eastern Divisions. This product is vital in the maintenance of many lawn bowling greens. Your support is critical. If you haven't yet responded, please do so.

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I always felt the game of Bowls was one of the few sports that always brought out the best in its members, more so than any other sport. I recently was proven wrong. It's a sad day when lawn bowlers stoop to harm one another with biting tongues. Not only was one of our members attacked by written material, but a division was threatened with a lawsuit.

The acrimony occurred because the division had a limited number of greens on which to hold its divisional tournament and a late entry that had been mistakenly confirmed was immediately cancelled. Hopefully, these are isolated incidents and my faith in our integrity is restored.

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Letters to the Editor

IN DE-FACE

The National Open Committee wishes that you hadn't put the ('96) entry form on the inside of the front cover (Winter issue). Many bowlers are registering by letter because they don't want to deface their issue of BOWLS.

**Frank Ransome
Walnut Creek, CA**

ED: There was never a doubt that BOWLS readers are artisans of rare, penetrating, and exquisite publishing. If you haven't yet sent in your open entry, your good taste will now require you to thumb through these pages to find the 1996 National Open entry forms.

NEW RECRUIT POTENTIAL

I have a suggestion that could increase our membership.

At one time, members were asked to take their copies of BOWLS Magazine and leave them in doctors offices, hospital waiting rooms, and Senior Centers. Most of us visit one or two of them.

The problem was that there was nothing in the magazine to enable an interested person to write for information. Any magazine you pick up has at least one, and usually more, reply postal cards inserted. It must pay off since they all continue to do it.

I would like to see BOWLS carry an article asking members to leave their copies at likely places, and that there be at least two reply cards in each issue. We could see if it works.

**Emerson Denton
Lafayette, CA**

ED: The Magazine is checking out the cost for fulfilling your excellent idea. In the meantime, clubs are encouraged to have their own "reply" cards printed up, inserted into current or back copies of BOWLS, and left behind as Emerson suggests.

OLYMPICS

I have read with interest your article on the LAST SHOT, which I find a slight on all lawn bowling countries, in particular England and Australia, who have for many years, even before you had ever heard of Lawn Bowls in the USA, tried to get bowls into the Olympics.

You make me smile, in fact laugh. You are but minnows when it comes to lawn bowling, so why not learn from the experts. You even play your own laws of the game, yet you are affiliated to the IBB. Lets hope you conform to the new WORLD BOWLS laws, and as far as standards are concerned, you have only

to look at your record when it comes to International bowling. Your coaching is old fashioned and out of date, so how do you expect to improve?

You seem to have put the blame on nearly everyone why the game is not in the Olympics. My Country and many others have done the same. It is up to the Olympic Committee to decide, and we have always been rejected. I wonder why you were not successful, after all the Olympics are in your country this year!

Your article is disgraceful, and I will be sending a copy to the English and the Australian Bowling Associations. You will probably be hearing from them in due course.

In the meantime put your own house in order before you start to condemn other countries

**Roy Downing
Sun City Center, FL**

ED: The IBB changed its name to the WBB (World Bowling Board) in August, 1992.

MORE OLYMPICS

I greatly enjoyed your "Last Shot" column (Winter issue) re: our ongoing "problem" with the Olympics.

A number of years ago, I was in correspondence with a head of the U.S. Olympic Committee, and at that time was advised that we did not have enough countries participating in bowls. Further, there were not sufficient non-English speaking affiliated countries.

Over and over I'm asked: "Why isn't bowls included in the Olympics?" I very much agree with your comments that some of the bowls countries that hosted previous Olympics should have been smart enough to make the effort to introduce it as a demonstration sport. Too bad.....especially Australia!

**Harold Esch
Mout Dora, FL**

ED: Harold is ALBA's National Historian, as well as the Association's only living Honorary Life President.

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WORLD BOWLS

ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND WIN GOLDS

England won the Singles and Fours, Ireland the Pairs, Scotland the Triples as well as the overall Leonard Trophy, and Australia finished third in three of four events, at the Men's 1996 World Bowls, March 18-31, in Adelaide, Australia. 30 countries participated in this quadrennial event, the crown jewel of international lawn bowling, played at the Lockley's Club, under the auspices of the World Bowling Board (WBB).

The United States recorded checkered results in the four events, finishing with three victories, two losses and one tie in Triples, and a 3-3 record in Rinks (Fours). U.S. Pairs and Singles experienced less satisfactory results.

Members of the 1996 Team USA: Skip Arculli (skip-Triples/vice-Rinks), Jack Behling (skip-Pairs & Rinks), Tom Dion (Singles/lead-Pairs), Jack Lucey (vice-Triples/second-Rinks), and Michael Siddall (lead-Triples & Rinks). Michael Ashton-Phillips was team Manager.

Australian and international television broadcast at least one match every day, as the 1996 World Bowls was played under a new system that divided the competing teams into four sections, with seedings based upon finish at the 1992 World event.

U.S. Triples reps (Skip Arculli, Jack Lucey, Michael Siddall) found themselves embroiled in a bracket with Australia and Israel, eventual Triples bronze medal and sixth place finishers. Nevertheless, the U.S. match versus Israel turned out to be one of the most exciting contests of the entire World Bowls, and was featured throughout world media coverage.

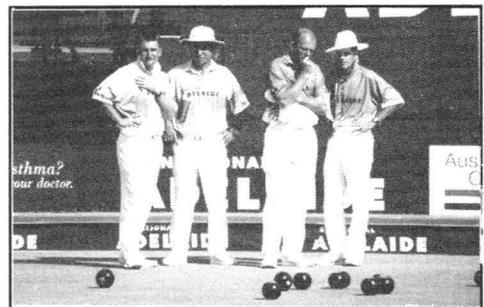
In a neck-and-neck battle, Arculli and Israel skip Jeff Rabkin burnt 7 ends between them during the 17 & 18th final two ends. Israel, the defending World Bowls Triples champion, down a point going into the last end, managed to capture a one-point victory. The U.S. got its revenge, however, in the Fours, topping Israel 18-16.

Medalists, by event: *Singles*—1. England, 2. Israel, 3. Australia. *Pairs*—1. Ireland, 2. Scotland, 3. Wales. *Triples*—1. Scotland, 2. New Zealand, 3. Australia. *Fours*—1. England, 2. Wales, 3. Australia.

Top Ten order of finish for the Leonard (overall) Trophy: Scotland, England, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Wales, South Africa, Israel, Hong Kong, Canada. The U.S. finished 20th overall. This finish will be used in seeding the next World Bowls in four years.

World Bowls in the year 2000, scheduled for South Africa, will be played under a new streamlined format. The new system, preliminarily described in WBB rep Jim Copeland's report (on another page), is still being fine-tuned, but will be in place to deal with the increasing logistics and costs attached to the growing number of countries requesting entry into World competition.

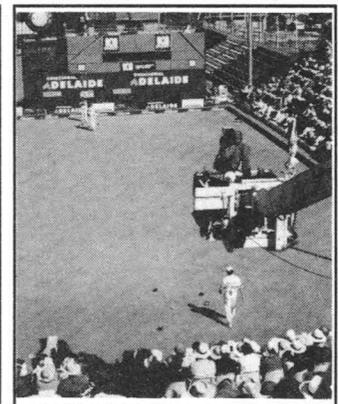
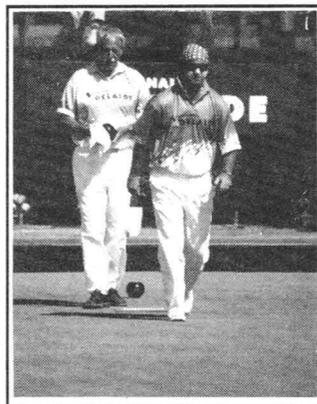
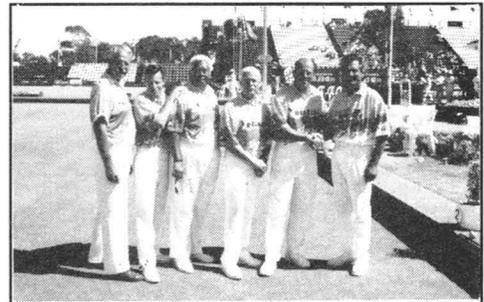
Four heads pondering a tight head: Australians Kelvin Kercow and Ian Taylor, left, and Team USA's Lucey and Siddall.



Team USA and its loyal Somerton LBC host club members and guests. If you have a magnifier, you might recognize a few familiar ALBA supporters in the back row.



If we printed in color, you'd see Team USA in its exotic yellow and green watercolor print competition shirts.

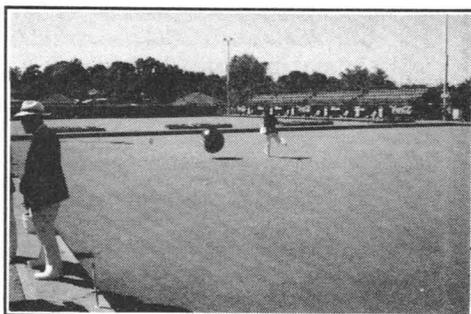


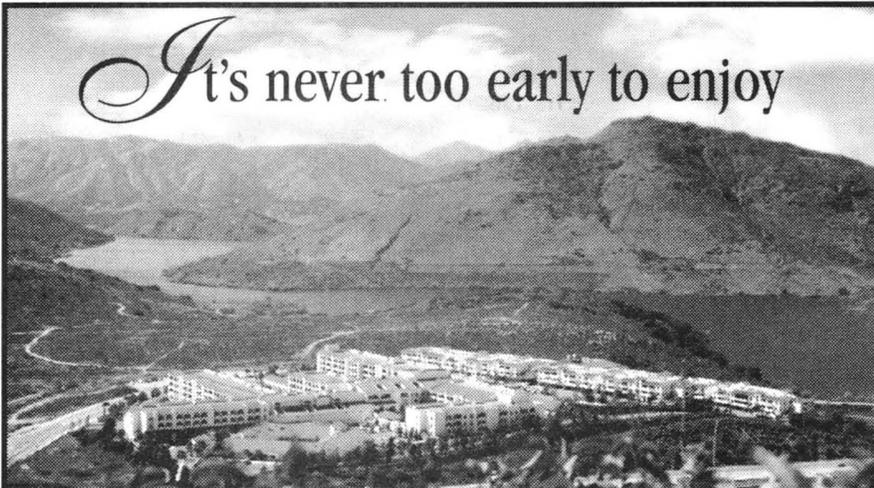
Above left—USA's Behling and Hong Kong's Noel Kennedy.

Above right—TV was there every day to cover the competition.

Right—The U.S. Triples team sizing it up.

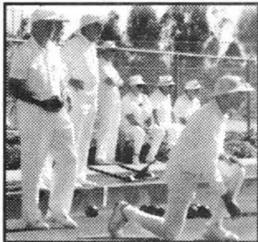
Far right—A new definition of "running shot". After the team cover photo was snapped, gusty Adelaide winds sent the inflated "size 96" bowl a-rollin in the breeze.





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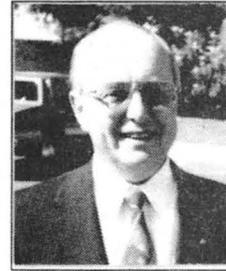
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By James Copeland
Senior Delegate

WORLD BOWLS BOARD



The Quadrennial World Bowls, the premier outdoor championships is now concluded, but what a show it was.

My memories will always treasure the team from Swaziland in native dress and barefoot, entering the green during the Opening introduction of nations—and the American team who classily doffed their hats in unison as they stepped on the green when introduced.

From the elaborate opening pageant that featured flags, bands, pipers, balloons and an exploding scoreboard to the final medal ceremonies, the work of President Perry Norman Cunico and Bowls Australia created a magnificent tournament on the finest (15 second) greens I have ever seen.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

The WBB, working with the bowls manufacturers and the Centre for Sports Technology, has developed a standard testing table that will soon be in use by all manufacturers. Also, the standards for artificial greens have been finally promulgated—after years of study. The WBB will endorse (but not license) the products of manufacturers which meet these exacting standards. Future WBB technical work will center on study of outdoor green standards, a survey on drug testing of athletes engaged in international competition, and perhaps standardization of mats.

RULE CHANGES

The WBB and WIBC (the world indoor group) have issued the joint WBB/WIBC Laws of the Game. The most important change for American bowlers is that the mat must now be 2-meters, not 6-feet, from the plinth on the first end, and the 2-meter measurement is the closest the mat may be placed to the plinth on other ends. (Club mats may be marked to easily conform to the international standard).

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Blueprint for increasing membership

“SECURE” IDEA NETS 83 NEW BOWLERS

By Martin Seifert and Jim Graham

Within the first ten weeks of 1996, the five lawn bowling clubs of the central coast of California: Oxnard, Santa Barbara, MacKenzie Park, Santa Maria and Cambria, experienced an influx of inquiries via mail and telephone from seniors who wanted to know about lawn bowling. There were 273 recorded inquiries for the tri-county area—some from couples—boosting the total to well above 300 individuals. Of these, over 200 signed up for training; and, of these, 83 have thus far become members of one of the five central coast clubs.

It sprang from an inquiry that Santa Maria Lawn Bowling Club's Membership Chairman, Martin Seifert, made to the headquarters office of Secure Horizons (an HMO serving Medicare beneficiaries) about sponsoring a lawn bowling tournament for the central coast area. They asked him to submit a proposal. In consultation with Jim Graham—Secretary of the Santa Maria club and a Councilor of the Southwest Division of ALBA—they proceeded to draft a program which consisted of two parts.

The *first* part was aimed at recruiting trainees and new members for the five lawn bowls clubs of the central coast. The *second* part was to inaugurate a Triples Tournament for the senior members of the clubs (over 60), with inducements and prizes that would motivate them to participate. Careful consideration was given to a budget that would not be unreasonable for the prospective sponsor to approve.

OBJECTIVES

The proposal listed four objectives:

1. Build on Secure Horizons' Senior Fit Program, to involve its membership in regular beneficial outdoor activity.
2. Gain maximum exposure for Secure Horizons to the senior population as an organization that goes the extra mile to enhance and improve senior lifestyles.
3. Gain a favorable perception from the community of lawn bowlers (a group that contains a high proportion of seniors) for Secure Horizons.
4. Establish the basis for a traditional annual tournament, which focuses on beginners and creates a pool of prospective members for lawn bowling clubs.

And, it went on to describe the composition of the central coast's lawn bowling clubs, and included some information about the Southwest Division of ALBA, an area in which Secure Horizons' was seeking new members for its services. The proposal also spelled out the Novice training and competition portion; and the two-day Central Coast Senior Triples Tournament.

The proposal was submitted in February, 1995, with a tournament date cleared with the five clubs for October of that year. No response ensued for several months. In August, Seifert

called his contact at the headquarters office to find out what was happening. He was assured that his submission was under consideration.

In September, he was informed that the proposal was accepted and the program was a “go”. However, Seifert had to reply that the October date was now no longer possible, and that a new date would have to be set. This was acceptable. The new date was Saturday and Sunday, March 16-17, with the Novice recruitment and training program to take place prior to that and after the first of the new year.

Based on the plan as blueprinted in the original proposal,

Jim Graham and Martin Seifert fleshed out the details and the promotion and marketing to insure a successful enterprise. Graham maintained communications with the clubs involved. Seifert maintained liaison with Secure Horizons. Several memoranda were issued to the various presidents and club tournament chairmen keeping them abreast of all developments.

The tournament shirts to be given to all Triples tournament participants, and to five place winners in each club's Novice competitions, plus three “official” shirts for each club, were shopped. A vendor who could deliver the quality and the embroidery required was selected. Arrangements were made for the tournament prizes.

Secure Horizons had their in-house graphics artist design

a tournament logo. Seifert had a Santa Maria graphics designer adapt the elements of the logo to design a poster for all the clubs to use in their area to attract novices. He secured Secure Horizons agreement to put a one page flyer about the Novice program of the tournament in the monthly magazine distributed to their membership (29,000) in the tri-county area. This contained a return coupon to be sent to Graham, so that all responses could be recorded and tracked. It was this flyer that produced a significant percentage of the 273 responses. The posters and some publicity added the rest.

THE NOVICES PROGRAM

The recruitment program emphasized free lessons and a novice competition that would reward the five place winners with a tournament shirt, a certificate, and, in the case of Santa Maria, free club membership for the balance of the year. Other clubs had other special awards for their novice winners. The contests were based on elementary bowls procedures. Each club had the option to conduct their training and competition for novices as it chose. However, the Tournament did provide the shirts and certificates.

THE TRIPLES TOURNAMENT

Each club would enter three triples teams. Each team would consist of seniors, defined as over the age of 60. And, each

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*Top—Some new “Secure” recruits enroute to great lawn bowling “Horizons”!
Left—Santa Maria LBC instructors: (l-r) Seymour Hersh, Bill Paulsen, Bill Macdonald, Dave Biorn, Phyllis Seifert, Al Gillan, Jim Graham.*



By Frank Ransome
National Coaching &
Instruction Chairman

COACH'S CORNER

We've been receiving and filling orders for the Video, the Basic Syllabus, and the "Bowl for Score" syllabus. The video is \$15, Basic Syllabus \$2.50, and "Bowl For Score" syllabus \$3.50. I hope

you all have large classes to try them out with.

Advanced courses in Lawn Bowling describe 8 types of shots: DRAW, YARD ON, BLOCK, WRESTING, RUNNING, DRIVE, TRAIL, and RAISE. When I first started to bowl, I was totally unprepared when my skip called for a "wresting" or a "raise". Now that I'm a skip and an instructor, I'm still bothered when someone uses those names in conversation. We have to know how to accomplish each of these, but do we have to assign them fancy names?

The DRAW is the basic shot. Everyone must be familiar with how a bowl

draws, and 90% of all deliveries are draws. To start my lessons with novice bowlers, I concentrate on teaching them to draw to the CENTER LINE of the rink. We Skips expect the Lead to have one bowl behind the jack, one on the jack, and another perhaps a foot or so out front on the center line. Wouldn't that be a wonderful sight to behold. The Basic Syllabus deals almost entirely with finding the grass and perfecting the weight for center line deliveries. The advanced class should begin to find other uses for the DRAW shot.

The WRESTING shot is a draw to a group of bowls that represent either a big score for your side or the threat of a big loss. You must draw into that group without messing them all up, which requires a controlled weight and a draw to something other than the center line.

The YARD ON shot is a draw to a spot three or four feet behind your target. This is still a DRAW, but with sufficient force to move a bowl out of the way so that you can stop in its place. The RAISE is the same shot, except you're trying to move your own bowl up to the

jack. The TRAIL shot requires following the exact same path as a previous bowl.

BLOCKING shots are very difficult to manage and usually don't succeed, but they have some value if properly played. To begin with, a good block must stop 15 or so feet in front of the jack—far enough out so that it can't be used for a WICK shot or YARD ON. You should try to play your block shot with the opposite hand. If you're attempting to block a backhand delivery, you should deliver your bowl forehand. This serves two purposes: (1) it doesn't give your opponent a chance to read your green and thus be able to avoid the block; and (2) it causes your opponent to really think about what has to be done to avoid the block, and this might cause him to tighten up a little. So the BLOCK is a DRAW, short of the jack and off the center line. It has more psychological value than tactical importance.

The RUNNING shot is intended to go through the head with sufficient force to take the jack or another bowl back (or

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The History of Lawn Bowling: Part Deux

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT--AGAIN?

ED: In the previous (Winter) issue of BOWLS Magazine, a contributing author offered his unique perspective on the history of lawn bowling. All readers that we have heard from regarding the story, but one, found the "historical" view of Oakmont, California bowler Bjorn Karlsen "terrific", "entertaining", and "hysterically historical". Karlsen's story was, after all, a piece of wonderful satire.

The "but one" reader, an Englishman who bowls in the U.S., took offense to Karlsen's "claims", and wrote the following correspondence to the author:

"I feel before you start getting the RECORD STRAIGHT, you had better get your own facts right.

"Your information is completely incorrect and misleading. There are no factual dates when lawn bowling started. But I will inform you that this is a fact: we in England have a bowling green in Southhampton, Hampshire, dating back to 12th Century. It is called the Old Green, and the actual site has a bowling green. I have played there, and all the history is there all written up. So it makes your dates quoted look a little silly.

You have also mislead readers as to the manufacturer of bowls. Hensel was not the first to manufacture lawn bowls, but they were the first to manufacture the plastic bowl. The oldest manufacturer is a company in Scotland, Thomas Taylor.

I have played bowls for over 34 years. That's nearly as many as the U.S. has been playing bowls. You are, when it comes to size, just a small stream in a very large lake. We have over 2,750 clubs in England alone, plus Scotland, Ireland and Wales. I understand you have approximately 108 clubs in the USA. Not a lot of difference is there?

I have sent a copy of your so-called history of lawn bowls to the EBA in England. For your information this is the English Bowling Association.

If you require any more information on lawn bowls, contact me. I may be able to SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

Name Withheld

ED: The above letter was edited for space. Author Karlsen sent the following reply to the disapproving letter-writer:

"April 1, 1996 (Hint)

This gives me an opportunity to set the record straight as to the history of how lawn bowling got started in England. "I am sure you remember from your school days reading about King Edward the Elder, the King of Wessex. When he died in the year 924, his son, Athelstan, took over the throne. In the year 931, the ruthless Norwegian viking Harald Harfagre (the name means "Harald the Fair Haired") led a raid on the southwest coast of England. King Athelstan was unable to keep them from stealing everything of value in sight, so they loaded their viking ships to the gunwale to sail back to Norway. But the ships were so heavily loaded he had to leave some stuff behind. Among the things they left was a set of lawn bowls made of solid granite. They also dropped off the town drunk, Edgar Begersvinger ("Edgar the Imbiber") who had been discovered on board as they were going across the North Sea. He had apparently gotten on board by mistake to sleep it off. Anyway, they left him behind, thinking maybe he could improve the gene pool in England. Edgar taught the people to lawn bowl, starting this sport in England.

"When the vikings returned the following year, they found there was nothing left for them to steal, so they left peacefully. But Edgar told the people that he had been able to make peace with the vikings, which made him a great hero. He actually succeeded King Athelstan, and as you no doubt recall from the history of England, he became known as "King Edgar the Peaceful".

"The original granite lawn bowls, by the way, were discovered in 1944, when a stray German bomb hit the very first bowling green in England. They were analyzed by the famous Norwegian professor of vikingology, Han-som Lyver (another of those descriptive viking names, which means: "He who tells lies"). Professor Lyver authenticated these bowls as being from viking days since they had been inscribed on both sides. The message on one side said: "Don't drop on toes." On the other side was the message: "Be up." The Professor was also able to verify that these bowls predated biased bowls because the markings on both sides of the bowl were exactly the same size. The bowls are now on exhibit in a glass case in the Norwegian Ski Museum.

"One more note on biased bowls. The first biased bowls had the large design on the "outside", which is evidence that they were made in the northern hemisphere. When the Australians made them that way they kept throwing wrong biases, not realizing that in the southern hemisphere gravitational pull dictates that the large design has to be on the "inside". There is an even bigger problem when you bowl at the equator, where bowls have a bias only when you play north and south. Except, of course, when there is a full moon. Then the bowls pull to the west when there is an incoming tide, and to the east when the tide is going out.

"I deeply appreciate your interest in the history of lawn bowling. It certainly is a very complex and perplexing subject. I understand that Oxford University is starting a program in Bowls Science, or "BS" as they call it for short, and they have been promised an endowed chair for a professor of Bowlology. I am actually going to apply for this position, since I have already shown my talent for BS."

ED: Mr. Karlsen is a humor writer. Any similarities between his statements and truth are purely coincidental!

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PRESIDENTS'S MESSAGE

We are saddened to hear about the demise of Dorothy Mumma Todd. Dot was the first President of AWLBA. We will miss her happy smile.

The Southwest Division will host the 1996 Coaching Clinic to be held May 8-10, at the Santa Anita B.G.C., in Arcadia, California.

One of our clubs in the Northwest Division was destroyed by an arson fire. We send our best wishes to Woodland Park LBC in Seattle. This may have destroyed the clubhouse, but not the heart of the club.

Good luck and good bowling to our Roster teams. One team will be heading to the World Bowls in Leamington Spa, England, and the other to the North American Challenge at Oshawa LBC in Ontario, Canada.

Myra Wood

FROM YOUR EDITOR

A note from MacKenzie Park in Santa Barbara, CA: All Divisions, please forward the winners of your U.S. Championship Playdowns to Judy Patrizzi as soon as possible. Judy is in charge of the Women's U.S. Championship games. Her address is: Judith A. Patrizzi, 1022 Crestwood Place, Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

The 1996 AWLBA Workshop will be held in Arcadia, California, May 8-10. This is a golden opportunity to hone your bowling skills and learn some new ones as well as the strategy involved in our games. Also rules will be reviewed and clarified.

Our President recommends that all Divisions hold workshops which will benefit the bowlers. A refresher course would benefit most of us since we tend to develop some bad habits after we leave our training classes.

In any case, now that the nicer weather is here, we wish everyone good bowling and enjoyable games.

NEXT DEADLINE JUNE 26th.

Winnie Eberle
IOA Bonita St.
Arcadia, CA 91006

DOROTHY MUMMA TODD 1903 - 1996



Dorothy Mumma Todd, the first AWLBA President and member of the first Women's team to represent the United States in WIBB World Bowls competition (Sidney, Australia 1969), rolled her last bowl Saturday, February 17, at the age of 92, at the Pomerado Hospital, Rancho Bernardo, California. It was fitting that the Mumma Todd sponsored tournament was being held that day at Laguna Hills and Santa Anita.

"Dot", as Dorothy was affectionately called, will be missed due to her positive influence on Lawn Bowling efforts in the United States. Her love of people, the game, competition and the challenge she felt for enlarging the circle of new bowlers kept her involved with our sport. For her many contributions to AWLBA, she was honored last year, at the celebration of the 25th anniversary, with the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Bill Todd, sons Larry and Doug Mumma, seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. The Golden Years for Dot were productive and rewarding. We will long remember her and hold many fond memories.

A note of interest—At her request, Dorothy was cremated and the urn containing her ashes was placed in her bowling bag along with her two favorite games (Skip-Bo and Dominoes Double Twelve), her favorite peppermint candy, some Kleenex and her name badge. Interment took place in Riverside, California.

H. Rosalind Brown

DOROTHY MUMMA TODD MEMORIAL FUND

The AWLBA Memorial Foundation, Inc. has set up a special Fund in memory of Dorothy Mumma Todd, the founder of the AWLBA.

We have received memorial contributions from Mrs. Ned Schaeffer, Bill Todd, and an anonymous contribution from a member. We would like to add to this total of \$2,125 to honor one who meant so much to all of us, and who was an excellent bowler.

Funds of the Memorial Foundation, Inc. have been used for partial funding of the instructional clinics, for scholarship purposes and for regional mini-clinics, which the Foundation feels should be held in each division in the future in order to reach more bowlers and would-be bowlers.

The Board of the Memorial Fund would like to thank Ruth Gillard and Mary Mag-Hasse for their past generous contributions to the Foundation.

All contributions are tax deductible, and your donations are our only source of income.

REVIEW & SELECTION COMMITTEE

By Charlotte O'Keefe

The Review and Selection Committee met for five days in January to select two International teams for 1996.

Roberta Lane and Evelyn Keener resigned from the Roster for personal reasons. They were replaced by Mary DeLisle and Muriel Rackliff. Roberta and Evelyn were both in the pool. Their replacements from the revised Roster are Irene Webster and Mary DeLisle.

After five days of reviewing the pool members, the committee selected the following for the 1996 International Teams:

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CY STEPHAN, Coach/Manager

CENTRAL DIVISION

By Beverly Phillips

A new tournament has been added to our schedule this year. Rockford LBC will host a Ladies Pairs Tournament August 3-4. The CD AWLBA Playdowns will also be held in Rockford June 29-30.

CD President Rita Hurley teamed up with her mother, Cathy Symington, to take the runners-up spot in the Pairs competition at the S.E. AWLBA Open. A native of Scotland, who came to the U.S. at the age of eight, Rita first became interested in bowling from "hanging around" bowling greens watching her father bowl. For many years she was strictly a social bowler, but in the mid '80's started bowling in tournaments. Since 1990, she has represented our division every year in the National Championships. For the past two years it has been a family affair as her mother, Cathy, joined her as CD Singles Champ. Rita is also AWLBA 2nd Vice President and a member of the National Selection Committee.

EASTERN DIVISION**By Dana Lunn**

It's the start of lawn bowling season in the East. We have a fun-filled season coming up and we hope that bowlers from other divisions will be able to join us. Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- June 8-9 Buck Hill Open (Pairs, mix or match), Buck Hill, PA
- July 12-14 Eastern Div. Playdowns (Pairs & Singles), Essex, NJ
- Aug. 17 Out of Towners Invitational (triples, mix or match), Central Park, NY
- Aug. 22-25 Eastern Open (Singles Pairs, Triples), Buck Hill, PA
- Oct 5 & 6 Marie Manners (Pairs, mix or match), Essex, NJ

If you would like to join us for these events, please call either Isabel Forbes (609) 296-1875, or myself at (718) 478-8195.

In March, our Board of Directors elected to hold the 1997 Women's National Open in Buck Hill. More information will follow in upcoming articles.

Congratulations to Isabel Forbes for being selected as Manager to the 1996 World Bowls team. All the best of luck to her and the team in England.

See you on the Green!

NORTHWEST DIVISION**By Donna West**

Suffice to say that all activities at Jefferson Park (as at all the Northwest clubs) have been in the dormant stage for the last few months. However, the lady members can hardly wait to get going as the good weather dries out the greens and we'll have something to talk about.

The King City LBC (Oregon) has started to publish a quarterly newsletter that will be received by all members. They are holding an open house on April 13 and hope to get many new members.

At Woodland Park in Seattle, Verona Kelley has been given the title of Women's Representative on their Executive Committee. She does much for the club and deserves a title beyond "committee member". After a devastating fire that destroyed the Woodland Park clubhouse, all members are concentrating on rebuilding—negotiating with the park department, fund raising, decision making, morale building, and hammering and painting. Positive thinking and dollars will make it happen.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION**By Adele Patterson**

Our tournament committee met in January and made several significant decisions. Entry fees will be raised to \$8, with \$2 going to the Memorial Fund. They reviewed the many named tournaments and decided to review them every five years and drop those of people who have been gone so long that few, if any, remember them. The Division will not host an Open this year, as the normal dates conflict with the National Open.

Mary Scott, a member from Sunnyvale and a registered nurse, wishes to inaugurate a medical ID card program. Each member would fill out a card with vital information on it, including blood type, doctor's name and prescription medicine taken. This card would be put into a luggage tag and attached to each member's bowling bag. In case of emergency, vital information would be available. She also suggested that members take CPR training from their local fire departments.

Plans for the 1996 National Open are developing well. Many applications have already arrived. The opening exercise time has been changed to 1:30 pm to try to avoid the heavy Friday afternoon traffic problem. The ceremony will be held at the Oakland Lawn Bowls Club. We hope to see you all there on Friday, September 6th.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION**By Jean Haigler**

The busy winter has passed and we are finishing our season with our final tournament—the Rebecca McArthur Fives—the end of March.

January found us having our Playdowns, and we are happy to report that Mary Terrill and Roberta Lane will represent us in the Pairs, with Nancy Hull-Ober in the Singles, at the U.S. Champion-

ships. We had our Division Open in February at the same time that ALBA had theirs, and we will continue this format in future years. We were pleased to have players from the Southwest, PIM and Northwest Divisions and Canada for this Open.

The AWLBA teams that will represent us all in England and Canada this summer have been in our Division for coaching several times this winter. We are very proud of Mary Terrill—going on the World Bowls team, and Carol Larson and Nancy Ober—going for the U.S. vs Canada North American Challenge, as well as Cy Stephen as Manager for Canada. Good bowling to ALL of the team members!

ALBA held two hamburger fries with an Australian Pairs competition, and one of the ALBA/ALBA clubs had a mixed triples game followed by a pizza party, in an effort to gain some new members. Both these events were well received and brought in some members. We intend to have future occasions such as these.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION**By Eileen Love**

The Southeast Division AWLBA Open Tournament was held March 2-8 at the Clearwater Lawn Bowls Club, Clearwater, Florida. Entries were from Michigan, Wisconsin and Canada, as well as Florida. The Clearwater Lawn Bowls Club's hospitality made this tournament a great success.

Winners are:

Triples Championship Flight

1. Marion Wall, Cecilia Noble, Mary McKay
2. Sheryl Ann Milligan, Pauline Blastorah, Helen Cane
3. Noreen Welsh, Kitty Cox, Shirley Jones
4. Hilda Ferris, Jackie Neiburg, Nancy Tranvik

Pairs Championship Flight

1. Marion Wall, Eleanor Calder
2. Rita Hurley, Cathie Symington
3. Kitty Cox, June Clouart
4. Brooke Reid, Joan Broad

Singles Championship Flight

1. Helen Culley, Clearwater, FL
2. Thelma Matthews, SCC, FL
5. Mary McKay, Clearwater, FL
4. Sheryl Ann Milligan, Canada

BOWLER OF THE TOURNAMENT: Mary McKay, Clearwater, FL.

The SE Division U.S. Playdowns will be held in Sun City Center, FL beginning April 1, through completion.

A SE Division Mixed Pairs will be held in Sun City Center, FL on Sunday, April 14.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION**By Winnie Eberle**

The year began with our meeting in January at Santa Anita, and officers for 1996 were elected: President-Corinna Folkins, Vice President-Barbara McCowen, Secretary-Winnie Eberle, and Treasurer-Martha Quo.

Ladies Days were resumed and Mary Jane Henrich, our games chairperson, was quite pleased with the response. We had been to Riverside before, but this was our first visit to Casta del Sol, which was a most successful day.

The Mumma Todd Pairs was played at two locations, Laguna Hills and Santa Anita. Top winners were: Lucile Burkholder/Neal Snyder and Denny Dennerlein/Simon Meyerovitz at Santa Anita, while Maryna & Ivan Hyland and Kottia Spangler/Ian Ho lead at Laguna Hills. Lucile Burkholder and Neal Snyder were the overall high scorers and their names will appear on the Mumma Todd Plaque. Later we learned that Dorothy Mumma Todd, the sponsor of this tournament, had passed away the evening of this event.

Doreen Collins had sponsored a triples tournament at Long Beach for a number of years and then moved to Oregon. She requested that her trophy be retired and Kay Harland took over the event. The Kay Harland Triples was played in March with the winners: Jan Wessel, Heather Stewart and Maryna Hyland. Kottia Spangler, Mary DeLisle and Olga Gomez were second.

We are looking forward to our Open Tournament in April and the AWLBA workshop in May.

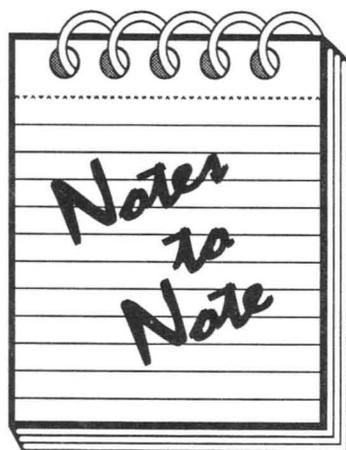


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NATIONAL TEAM SELECTORS

By Sam Drevitch
Chairman

ALBA has accepted an invitation to meet the Canadian Team, July 26-28, in the *North American Challenge*, in Oshawa, Ontario. The Selectors will be choosing a Manager and a (five man) Team USA to represent ALBA in this reciprocal annual event. (AWLBA will also be sending a team.)

The NTS thanks Ed Quo for organizing this important North American event that brings us closer to our neighbors in Canada. Last year, the bowlers of Sun City, Arizona generously hosted the participants in this international tournament. Now the Canadians are reciprocating this generosity and friendship.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Selectors and the Council have voted to change the cut-off date for receipt of applicant's data. This was necessary to facilitate the Selectors meeting requirements of International Organizing Committees.

Thus, *starting this year*, which will be a transitional one, the first sentence of Article II-B-3 will read: "The Standard Application, completed in accordance with the instructions supplied with it, must be forwarded by the applicant to be received not later than September 1st—not only by his Divisional Review Board Chairman, but also by the Chairman of the NTS. The cut-off date for tournaments to be considered for points shall be August 20.

1996 National Team applications may be requested anytime during the 1996 season from: **Sam Drevitch, NTS Chairman, 2 Mountain Laurel Path, Milton, MA 02186. Phone: 617-696-3938**

NOTE—1995 applicants will automatically be mailed an application in June.

NEW WORLD TROPHY NAMED FOR FORT LAUDERDALE BOWLER

By Al Rizza

The new John Rodwell World Bowls Challenge Trophy, presented to winners of a series of special country vs country test matches, is the namesake of longtime Fort Lauderdale bowler John Rodwell.

Rodwell, President of the English Bowling Association in 1979, helped conceive the unique competition, which features six-man teams representing nations affiliated with the World Bowling Board. The WBB administers the competition.

Any WBB member is entitled to issue a challenge to the current Trophy holder, with venues and dates of competition to be approved by the WBB. The Trophy series is organized in five one-day matches, each consisting of eleven games: six singles, three pairs, and two triples.

The debut of the Rodwell Challenge Trophy competition took place in July, 1995, when England defeated South Africa.

..... ANOTHER FUN IDEA

By Les Paul

With reference to the "fun" and "carnival" lawn bowling activities (in previous issue), allow me to mention our Pair Singles Open here in the Northwest.

For five consecutive years, more bowlers, both occasional and tournament, have participated in this annual event than any other tournament held at the two Seattle clubs. For a \$2 entry fee, there are 17 established prizes, plus a return of entry fee to the five lowest finishers.

The Pair Singles is held over two days, with three nine-end matches daily, changing partners and opponents each match. And then the fun rules kick in.

It's called, wouldn't you know, the Les Paul Pair Singles Open, and anyone wishing to know how to make it happen in your area or club can drop me a line at: 3601-26 Place West, #322, Seattle, WA 98199-2102

INFO SUPER-HIWAY OFFERS LAWN BOWLING OFF RAMPS!

More than a few lawn bowlers, worldwide, were glued to their computer monitors in March, of all things to catch the daily results of the men's World Bowls competition from Adelaide. The reports were emanating from Australia's: <http://dove.mtx.net.au/~daryls/>—or as his mailbox reads, Daryl Smith.

Daryl reported the game-by-game results of the Championships to a world audience, plus daily standings, hi-lite accounts, and related happenings.

For many, Daryl's doings could be picked up on the internet's "Unofficial Lawn Bowling Web Page." This site is the handiwork of Canadian John Devonshire, known to his internet correspondents as: jdevons@titan.tcn.net (for e-mail) and <http://www.tcn.net/jdevons/test1.html> (for the web page).

John's web page carries many items related to lawn bowls, (with an emphasis on Canadian bowls) and he's always updating. Currently he is looking for other bowls clubs, worldwide, who have their own web pages, so he can promote them on his "Unofficial" one.

If you understand all of the above, be advised that both Daryl and John would love to share a bowling chat with you. Daryl's e-mail address is: daryls@dove.mtx.net.au

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Terry, Ernie Boyer 1-31
Oxnard, CA Angel M. Ochoa, Margaret-
Woznicki, Fran Biddle 2-9
Clearwater, FL Marion Reid, May Blair, Jean
McDowall 2-8
Sun City Center, FL Lois Arnold, Gerry
Holden, Billie Pilling 2-19
Sun City Center, FL Mary Genatossio, Dick
Owen, Dave Domroes 2-2
Sun City, CA Evelyn Tiel, Len Donneson, Jean
Hendershoft 3-9
Irvine, CA Gerald Sowards, Gerri Geller, Riva
Combs 3-17

9 SHOTS TRIPLES

Sun City, AZ Ferd Locker, Gladys Sales,
Marvel Mogan
1-9
Hemet, CA Kathy Bremer, Lois Harmon, Kee
Kessler 2-14
Clearwater, FL Mary Helliker, Bill
Stevenson, Frank Durant 2-23
Top Of The World, FL Joy Sinclair, Jean
Biggs, Joe Cassidy 3-8
Sun City West, FL Lorin Palmer, Mavis Ward,
Al Sleeter 3-7

Tournament Players

SUPER SHOTS CLUB

7 SHOTS PAIRS

Pasadena, CA *Veteran-Novice Tournament*
George Alpern & Dan Cirlin 1-27
San Diego, CA *Veteran-Novice Tourna-
ment* Mary Jane Henrich & Bob Todd 1-27
San Diego, CA *Veteran-Novice Tourna-
ment* Michael Arsulich & Andrew Green
1-2
Laguna Beach, CA *Veteran-Novice Tour-
nement* Virginia Marlar & Alma Dietrich
1-27
Laguna Beach, CA *Veteran-Novice Tour-
nement* Bob Nunes & Frank Cornella 1-27

Sun City Center FL *Suncoaster Pairs Tourna-
ment* Eileen Love & Jeanne McLaughlin 2-19
Sun City Center, FL *Pebble Beach Open Pairs
Tournament* Armand Geyer & Charles D.
Mather 2-20

Sun City Center, FL *Inter Club Pairs Tourna-
ment* Bill Eberhardt & Dale E. Phelps 2-19
Sun City Center, FL *Pebble Beach Open Pairs
Tournament* Ian Molloy & George Deleanides
2-19

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Sun City West, AZ *South Central Division
Open* Dick Cole, Tom Best, Kermit Robinson
2-10

Laguna Beach, CA *Coast League Tournament*
Dick Cole, Helen M. Clay, Pat Gonzales 3-8

Riverside, CA *Citrus League Tournament*
Harold Tiel, Tom Mitchell, Morey Asper 3-7

Smoke Tree Ranch, CA *Schwab Invitational*
Bill Carmichael, Hugo Sahlein, Dick Curtis,
Eve Swanson 2-29

Mount Dora, FL *North Central Florida
League* Herb Wintsch, Bill Forbes, Beth
Forbes 2-27

Sun City Center, FL *S.E. Divisional Tourna-
ment* John Shanklin, Ollie McLaughlin, Cliff
Bailey 3-7

Long Beach, CA *Long Beach Carnival* Dick
Cole, Alan Power, Maryna Hyland 3-9

7 SHOTS FOURS (RINKS)

Sun City, AZ *Lola & Clive Forrester Tourna-
ment* Ed Atkinson, Margaret Miller, Lindsay
Miller, Joan Beveridge 1-20

Santa Maria, CA *T.A. Stevenson Rinks* Fran
Valinoti, Bobbie Gorzeman, Dave Biorn, Jim
Barry 2-10

8 SHOTS PAIRS

Sun City Center, FL *Suncoasters Tournament*
Jean Silk, Andie Van Wyck, Carol Fahnestock
1-25

Laguna Beach, CA *Veteran-Novice Pairs*
Gerald D. Sowards & Elaine Chartier 1-27

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Riverside, CA *Southwest Citrus League*

Evelyn Tiel, Betty Munden, Joe Rahm 2/6

Riverside, CA *Southwest Citrus League* Ralph
Ryan, L. Denny Dennerlein, Marion Dawson
2-8

Santa Clarita, CA *Dancers & Prancers Tour-
nement* Don Willey, Dominic Nitti, Lee
Goldstein 2-27

8 SHOTS FOURS

Sun City, AZ *Lola & Clive Forrester Tourna-
ment* Keith Yates, Evelyn Keener, Howard
Britt, Margaret Britt 1-20

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Southwesterners have a lot of club and tournament news to report this month, so I'll get to the chase: All club correspondents, DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS JUNE 26TH!

Please have your copy/photos to me on or before that date. If you have any questions about your club report or a story about an event involving your club/members, please don't hesitate to call.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

By Winnie Eberle

The California State Women's Lawn Bowls Association held its annual tournament and meeting at Pomona early in March. At the meeting new officers were elected: Heather Stewart, President; Kottia Spangler, Vice President, and Winnie Eberle, Secretary/Treasurer. By a unanimous vote of the members present, the format of the tournament was changed from a weeklong event to a two-day weekend. Teams will be composed of four persons and each day one game of triples and singles, two pairs and one rinks (fours) will be played. This new format to begin in 1997.

Tournament winners were:

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|---------|---|
| Triples | 1. Ann Beckley, Jan Wessel, Olga Gomez |
| | 2. Kottia Spangler, Heather Stewart, Detta Marvin |
| Pairs | 1. Zelda Bain, Pat Oesterlein |
| | 2. Glenna Weber, Barbara McCowen |
| Singles | 1. Ann Beckley |
| | 2. Pat Gonzales |

STATE TRIPLES - NOVICE SINGLES

By Ed Quo

Triples

18 triples teams convened March 16-17 under Riverside LBC's sunny skies to play for the right to meet the PIM champion for the State Championship final later in the year. Finishing under the lights past 7 p.m., on a fast-changing green before a handful of diehard spectators, Neil Furman's foursome won over Neil McInnes & Co. in a well played match.

As you peruse the results, note that both final match skips are named Neil, and each has a lead named Pat. If that doesn't turn you on, check out the names of the two vices—each with three-letter first names, and last names with a letter "o" as the second letter. Furthermore, the third place team's skip has four letters in his first name, identical to the number of letters in the two Neils names; and, the vices and leads of all three teams, every single one of them, have three-letter first names.

1. Neil Furman, Ian Ho, Pat Fagan
2. Neil McInnes, Ken Bolton, Pat Chan
3. Dick Simon, Bob Hill, Joe Siegman

Novice Singles

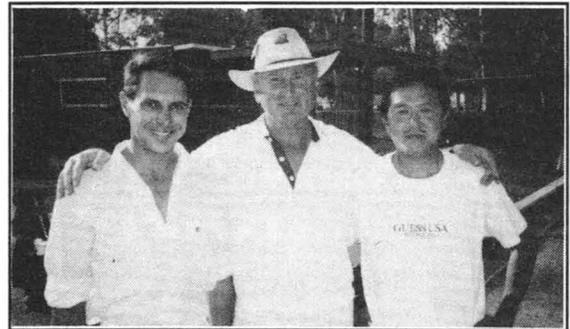
In the Novice Singles, played concurrent with the State Triples, 12 bowlers played three games of 18 shots to determine who would return the following day to face each other in a three-match round robin for the championship. (In the 1980's, this tournament had entries numbering in the 30's). The clearcut winner was undefeated on day two to claim the 1966 title. Kudos to all twelve of these bowlers, and to the coaches who got them started. (The Snyders are cousins).

1. Dan Snyder (*Riverside*)
2. David Snyder (*Riverside*)
3. Gildo Priore (*Pomona*)
4. Don Wiley (*Friendly Valley*)



Top-1996 Southwest Novice Singles Champion Dan Snyder, of Riverside LBC.

Bottom-Southwest Triples champs (l-r) Neil Furman, Pat Fagan and Ian Ho earned the right to play the PIM's #1 Triples team for the California State Championship, on September 6th, in the SF-Oakland area.



JOSLYN-LAKE HODGES

By Don Docker

The awards luncheon on December 10th, held for the third year at the Stoneridge Country Club, was a great success, with lots of good food and door prizes. Ed Zimmer won a free one year's club membership for 1996.

Through the winter season our new club president, Jim Whittaker, with help from Irwin Drut, has been meeting with athletic directors of local high and middle schools with a view to involving young people in the game of Bowls. The ultimate aim is to have youngsters bowl in their own league rather than be mixed up with us "old fogeys". To this end, an open house was held on February 17th, to which all who were interested were invited. Although the attendance was not as great as we would have wished, we intend to pursue the program.

Our first visitation of the 1996 season occurred on February 25th, featuring the visit of 47 Canadian bowlers. Sharing in this visitation was our neighbor club, Oaks North. Half the visitors bowled at each club in the morning, and after lunch at Oaks North, the two groups changed over to bowl at opposite clubs.

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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

MURRAY-ALLISON SINGLES

By Ed Quo

The 1996 Murray-Allison Singles Tournament was held February 24-25, at Riverside LBC. Chief Division Umpire Bob Briegel acted as rinkmaster to administer this major event, which in its heyday had turnouts nearing 100 entries and required a staggered start on five greens.

Alas, the ever-declining pool of tournament bowlers only numbered 40 for this year's event. However, the quality of play seemed higher than ever in this unique competition where the first round winners continue in the Munay Flight, and the losers move into the Allison Flight. Any subsequent losses in either flight mean elimination. Results:

<u>Murray</u>	<u>Allison</u>
1 - Mert Isaacman	1 - Neil McInnes
2 - Mike Bright	2 - Bob Nunes
3 - Michael Siddall	3 - Dick Cole
4 - Michael Ashton-Phillips	4 - Ray Santini

M-A NOVICE

Renewing a past experiment, a Novice division of this event was held, with a format of three 18-point games, blind draw. Eight players learned something about singles play, and the results were:

1. Dan Snyder (*Riverside*)
2. Bob Isokane (*Pasadena*)
3. Gerhardt Vogel (*San Diego*)
4. William Randall (*San Diego*)

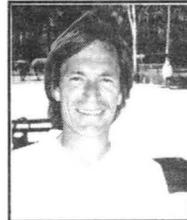


Top-Murray Champion Mart Isaacman, winner of his second title in three years.

Middle-#1 in the Allison is Neil McInnes.

Bottom- M-A Novice winners: (l-r) Champion Dan Snyder and runner-up Bob Isokane.

Left-Rinkmaster Bob Briegel



COVE COMMUNITIES

By Gloria B. Petitto

Our bowling season has been quite a good one. Many thanks to our returning members from Canada and our snow states. We look forward to their return in the Fall.

Our membership grows a bit each season and that's a plus. Anyone visiting the Coachella Valley, make a date to join us for a game.

If n you need information when and where in the Valley, please call Tom Hodgins, our President, at 619-345-0406; or me, at 619-346-6946.

Well be on the green through May, and a few brave bowlers into June.

1996 LONG BEACH-REC PARK CARNIVAL

By Dick Cole

Eighty four bowlers representing 12 clubs congregated for the 1996 Long Beach/Recreation Park 'Carnival'. One critique summarized the feelings conveyed by all: "Friendly competition, well organized, good atmosphere." To a person, each bowler said they would enter again, and they would like to see more tournaments like this one.

In each of the three matches, two Triples, one Rinks and one Pairs game, every bowler played with different partners. This randomness leveled the playing field, and all of the prize money, \$1,000, was distributed to 16 bowlers (not teams). At least half of the bowlers at the Carnival are not seen at regularly scheduled tournament events.

Bill Reidy, of Alhambra, topped the list when the smoke cleared. In second and third place were two Pasadena bowlers, Dick Clark and Hal Edgar. Following bowling, a wonderful catered dinner was enjoyed by over fifty of the bowlers.

Based on comments from the participants, this first annual 'Carnival' was an unqualified success. Interest was expressed by both Pasadena and San Diego bowlers for trying this concept at their greens. Bill Bayes, a Canadian and Laguna Hills resident, is taking it to Canada as well.

Hopefully this different approach to tournament bowling which involves many more social bowlers will be endorsed and tried at other Southwest Division locations, as well as other divisions. Should you have an interest in trying a 'Carnival', please send for a set of "how-to" information and suggestions on running the concept, along with \$3, to: Dick Cole, P.O. Box 14567, Long Beach, CA 90803, or telephone (310) 433-8088.

VETERAN-NOVICE PAIRS

By Ed Quo

On January 27th, at four regionally selected clubs, 60 intrepid pairs teams braved the chance of rain to try to "make the cut" in the annual Division-sponsored Veteran-Novice Tournament. Victors qualified for the finals on February 4th. Since this was a joint ALBA-AWLBA event, there were many same-gender teams as well as some mixed teams.

Intended as an attempt to introduce novices to tournament bowling, the format consisted of four ten-end games both days, with only the top finishers playing a week later in the finals at Pasadena.

The final 16, all of whom were assured of a trophy and a check for their good play: Sam DeLisle/Stan Bloom, Tom Dion/Natalie Martinez and Pat Fagan/Duane Aasted, all qualifiers at MacKenzie Park; Dick Clark/Bob Isokane and Norm Wiles/Ken Wiles, at Pasadena; Dick Cole/Guy Towne, Ey Glaser/Norma Brown, Bill Harper/Elizabeth Stock, George Jordan/Bill Behrend, Bob Nunes/Frank Comella, and Dottie Panacek/Ken Buckley, at Laguna Beach; Lee Bain/Dan Snyder, Paula Bellone/Jack Rice, Terry Collins/Tony Todaro, Scottie Robbie/David Snyder, and Ralph Ryan/Linda Clark-Ryan, at Joslyn-Lake Hodges. In the northern greens, rain caused some suspensions of play, while the southern two clubs escaped any "California dew".

At the finals, continued good play earned the following teams bigger checks and bigger trophies, and the admiration of the other qualifiers:

- Champions: Scottie Robbie/David Snyder, Riverside LBC
2. Pat Fagan/Duane Aasted, MacKenzie Park LBC
 3. Ralph Ryan/Linda Clark-Ryan, Riverside LBC
 4. Dottie Panacek/Ken Buckley, Newport Harbor LBC

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SANTA MARIA
By Frank A. Holmes

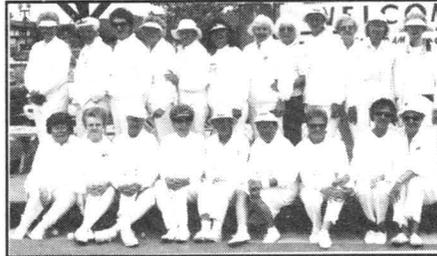
A welcome number of our members have pitched in to make a success out of a fund raising venture, where we had concessions from a local theater group in selling theater tickets at a profit for us.

We were hosts to a Central Coast Tournament sponsored by the Secure Horizons Corp., in which triples teams competed from Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, MacKenzie Park, Oxnard and Cambria. It was a two day, four game series, and our club won first and third places, with Oxnard coming in second. Secure Horizons provided all prizes and food for both days. We had a novice drive, also sponsored by Secure Horizons, which resulted in 14 new members signing up after six weeks of training. We may yet have more signing at a later date.

On March 21, Corinna Folkins, President of the Southwest Division, AWLBA, and Roz Brown graciously visited our club to hold a one day clinic for 19 of our lady bowlers. It was quite a success, and our ladies are now predicting that with a little more practice on what they learned at the clinic (watch out fellows) there'll be some new champs in our club.

Our tournament season started with a Mixed Triples tournament March 22-23. To attract more entries, this time it was made a blind draw. Visitations start a new season with visits with Santa Barbara and MacKenzie. We have four new teams scheduled to play in our Gold Coast League
Yes Sir... it's been a busy year to date.

In Memoriam
Alicia Chavez



AWLBA ladies who attended "The Clinic"

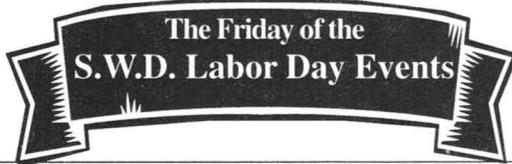


Our men took over the kitchen duties at the "Clinic" event: (l-r) Bill Paulsen, Cliff Grill, chief cook and bottle washer Jim Graham, and Martin Seifert.



Winners of the Secure Horizons Central Coast Senior Triples Tournament, all Santa Marians: (l-r) Seymour Hersh, Bill Macdonald, Dave Biorn.

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SANTA BARBARA
By Dudley Miller

A fine group of skillful new bowlers competed in the SBLBC Novice Singles Championship January 20-25. Some unexpected, but welcome, rainy weather forced extension of play over this six-day period. Larry MacDonald took first place, followed by Jim Klugh in second and James Cronshaw third.

Fortunately, it did not rain during the Novice Doubles Championship on February 24-25—it snowed (on nearby 4000' La Cumbre Peak)! The frigid blasts of wind sweeping down from Canada kept players and spectators shivering throughout the tourney. The winners: 1. Larry MacDonald & Mary Penny, 2. Duane & Emily Aasted, 3. James & Patricia Cronshaw. Each of these tournaments, novice singles and doubles, is sponsored by Stan Palmer.

Combining an early (February 13) Valentine's Day celebration with a visitation from our Oxnard playmates proved to be a fine formula for the creation of a pleasant day of lawn bowling and congeniality. Connie Steketee conducted her usual fine concoction of fun-games, during which Esme Zaves won a nice African Violet (the prize awarded for getting her bowl closest to that plant without destroying it).



Our 'first quarter' Special Hospitality team of Vera Holgate, Catherine Krause, and Zena Lewis was augmented by Zena's daughter, Sharon, and did an outstanding job of serving the tasty, between-games luncheon, as well as the cake and ice cream following the second game. Another vibrant visitation beautifully arranged by Marj Sherrer.

In Memoriam
Otto Hansen
Dick Launt

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

BOWL-IN AT THE GROVES

By Billy Gene

The green's fast, the sun' shining and you're welcome Saturday's at 9:45 a.m., and Sunday's at 12:45 p.m. Come visit us! Our new President and officers, Royal Spurrier and Company, have been doing much touching-up around the green, and everything is in near new condition. Also a big thanks to Herb Braun for our reconditioned scoreboards. They are great!

On St. Patrick's Day, we were treated to a super after-bowling potluck...and "free sips". The winning team was Grace Shrigley and pairs partner John Luti. John is "another" former Santa Ana LBC member who has recently moved to the Groves.

Best news is the turnout of new prospective bowlers we've attracted. Recently, more than fifteen live ones attended one of our 14-end fun games, and another potluck after the bowling. A special thanks to Bob Burroughs for all his hard work on promoting this and other events here at the Groves. *Mad Dog*

MACKENZIE PARK

(Santa Barbara)

By George Smith



MacKenzie Park members were winners of the Pomona Triples Invitational (l-r) Mary DeLisle, Tom Dion, Olga Gomez.

MacKenzie Park hosted the ALBA/AWLBA Veteran-Novice Pairs for the North District. Pat Fagan with Duane Aasted finished first, besting second place team Sam DeLisle and Stan Bloom by one plus point. (Both teams were undefeated). Third place went to Tom Dion/Natalie Martinez. The three finalists then competed at the Finals held in Pasadena, where Pat and Duane took 2nd.

Our Club Novice Singles ended up in a tie between Duane Aasted and Stan Bloom (both were undefeated). Duane took 1st Place by one plus-point and Stan was 2nd. Jim Whitmer was 3rd and Larry MacDonald 4th.

Three new MacKenzie Park tournaments are being established this year: Ted and Thelma Davis are sponsoring a Triples Tournament this spring, Al Davis will sponsor the Al James Men's Singles in July, and George Watson will sponsor a Mixed Triples event in September.

MacKenzie Park continues to be well represented by our members in/out of town events: Pat Fagan and teammates won the 4th flight at the Forrester's Rinks in Arizona. Tom Dion, Mary DeLisle and Olga Gomez won 1st Place at the Pomona Triples Invitational.

In the South Central Open Mary DeLisle won the Second Flight in Pairs with Irene Webster, and in Singles Mary was runner-up in the Second Flight. At the Oxnard Club Anniversary Invitational, Sam and Mary DeLisle, with Bill Patrizzi, were the big Winners. Pat Fagan and teammates were number one at the California State Triples. Mary DeLisle, Olga Gomez and Kottia Spangler were undefeated at the Kay Harland Triples, and placed second after counting plus-points in a 3-way tie.

Mary DeLisle made the AWLBA National Pool and was chosen to represent the USA in the North American Challenge in July. She will lead in the Fours and Triples. Congratulations, good luck and great bowling in Canada.

We enjoyed entertaining 48 British Columbians who visited our club on a sunny day in February. Bill Doliante celebrated his 80th birthday and shared his cake with us all. Thanks Bill and happy birthday. Congratulations to all our fine bowlers, you're off to a great start.

CAMBRIA-JOSLYN

By Ed Pierce

A special "Tet Tetlus Day" was celebrated at the Joslyn Center on March 30th, to honor the third active member of Cambria Club who in recent years has achieved 90 birthdays! Tet, an avid bowler and vital force in CLBC for almost 20 years, is still "bowling strong" and often.

A birthday luncheon complete with salutatory remarks, special entree and commemorative cake was enjoyed by 58 bowlers, spouses, the guest of honor and his wife, Betty. Hats off to this worthy competitor and kind and considerate gentleman—whether that's spelled as one word or two!

A warm welcome to new members D.L. Daughettee, Dottie Emerson, Norm Gammon, John Halas, Roy Hammond, Anna Mavis—and especially for the return of the "prodigal son," Dick Jorgensen, CLBC President in 1986, who has found time in his schedule again for lawn bowling.

Four of the newcomers participated in a Secure Horizons-sponsored Novice Tournament in March, which was open to all members bowling for six months or less. The winner of this special event was Roy Hammond. Second place went to Norm Gammon, third to Anna Mavis, and fourth to John Halas.

After three very intense and closely contested matches between Paul Olson and Dick Cowdery in February, Olson emerged with the Men's Singles Championship title for 1996. Doughty Dick says "wait 'til next year!" The Women's Singles tournament, originally scheduled for March 21-23, was reset for April 4-6.

Three CLBC triples teams were selected to compete in the Secure Horizons Central Coast Inter-club Seniors Tourney, involving 16 teams of bowlers from Oxnard, MacKenzie Park, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Cambria, hosted by Santa Maria March 16-17.

A busload of 42 lawn bowlers and friends greatly enjoyed themselves on a four-day Jomar Tour to Jean and Laughlin, Nevada in late-February. Plans are brewing for another trip in the Fall, this time perhaps to the Reno/Tahoe area.

Cambria's first interclub match of 1996 is scheduled with Fresno in the Raisin City on April 20-21. It's a trip that is always looked forward to and enjoyed by all those who make it. Fresno LBC members will return the visit on August 3-4.

In Memorium
John Caesar
Hank Stafford
Rollie Ziegler



Betty and Tet Tetlus couldn't wait to cut the cake so they could finish their game on the Cambria green.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

PACIFIC NORTH LEAGUE 1995

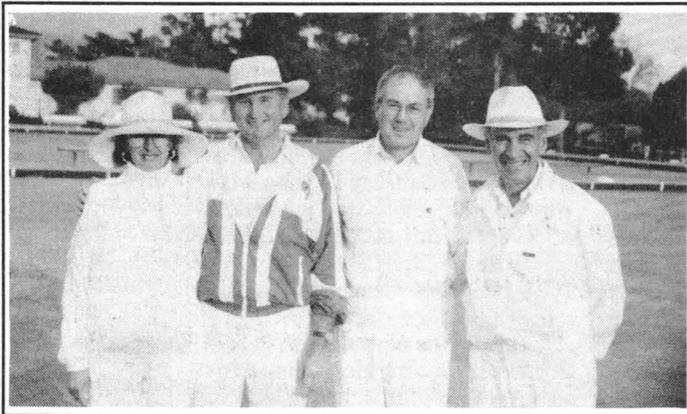
By Sam DeLisle

MacKenzie Park was again the host club for the Pacific North League bowling tournament. There were six teams playing a round robin and competing for over \$2,500 in prize money. Each day a team of four members would play Singles, Pairs, Triples and Rinks.

The final games were played on a beautiful Sunday morning, with Pat Fagan's team leading Sam DeLisle's by half-a-game. Mary DeLisle was in Arizona practicing with the ladies team so substitutes were needed. Well, needless to say, it was a hard day for Sam's team. Not only did they not win the tournament, they fell to third place by 1/2 game. The wonderful BBQ and beverages that followed was a great place for everyone to give their own ideas how bowls should have been played (or not played).

Final results: 1st—Pat Fagan, Jim Graham, Bill and Dita Joseph; 2nd—Stu Sistas, Ted Visser, Amador Martinez and Armand Escalante; 3rd—Sam and Mary DeLisle, Dottie Panacek and Bill Patrizzi; 4th—Dick and Chris Rivera, Emily Jaquez and Alex Mackie.

This tournament was again a great success thanks to all the bowlers who participated. We would all like to thank MacKenzie Park lawn bowlers for their help and cooperation.



Pacific North League Champs: (l-r) Dita Joseph, Pat Fagan, Jim Graham and Bill Joseph

OAKS NORTH

By Joan Klein

The Club has set aside the first Wednesday of each month for recruitment of new members. A notice is published in the monthly Community Center bulletin extending an open invitation to try this great game and listing the date. Rinks are set aside for the try-outs and refreshments are served before regular play, which enables members to mingle with the new folks. The Club's objective is to promote and foster membership through friendship and social settings.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members: Bill Cooper and George Wynhoff, both experienced bowlers, and class graduates Jim Blazek, Bob George, Bill Kinast, Lee Morgan and Bob Richardson.

The "Leads" Tournament was held in March with 12 participants. After three days of exciting play, the final match was between Club President Bill Trayner and Grace Rapoport, which Bill won in a very close game. Congratulations!

In the winter issue of this magazine, I mentioned the move of two of our favorite people, Cathy and Charlie Fullerton, to the east coast. After experiencing the Blizzard of '96, they have decided California sunshine and warmth are irresistible and they will be moving back. Their house hunting visit in February was the occasion for a "Welcome Home" social.

A "Leap Year" special event, held in February, was a lot of fun with the rotation of positions. Leads and Vice Skips found out just how much responsibility goes along with being a Skip. In March, a St. Patrick's fun match was scheduled featuring the "Yardstick" game. March social activities concluded with a dinner held at our Community Center, complete with entertainment. Anita Axelson, chair, and her assistants: Vera Arbuckle, Hazel Burns (outstanding floral arrangements) and Norma Hirsch did a super job.

OXNARD-JOSLYN
By Fran Biddle

Runners-up in the Secure Horizons Central Coast Senior Lawn Bowling Triples Tournament are Oxnard's: (l-r) Marilyn Taschek, Amador Martinez and Rosalie Hutton.

1996 started off with a January tournament celebrating the first anniversary of our club house. The Secure Horizon recruiting program started the first of February. During the month, over one hundred applicants were received from people responding to their promotional advertisement. Training sessions were held mornings and afternoons to accommodate them. Some of our members spent many hours going through the entire process needed to make them aware of the art of lawn bowling.

The Secure Horizon representatives were helpful and did everything possible to make this a successful endeavor. At the conclusion of the lessons and a novice tournament, three free memberships were offered by the club.

Many of those participating were not aware that Oxnard had a lawn bowling facility. Our club benefitted from a lot of free advertising, resulting in adding 32 new members to our roster. Many thanks to our workers and to Secure Horizons for their support.

On March 6th, Japanese exchange students from Oxnard College were scheduled to come for lawn bowling lessons followed by lunch. However, a heavy rain changed their plans. Maybe next year.

Our club received a National Recruiting Award Commemorative plaque for having added 14 new members during 1995. We feel we are well on our way to receiving another one this year for having already added 32 new members. We are very proud of the fact that we are the fastest growing club in the Southwest Division.

At the inter-club tournament held at Santa Maria, Rosalie Hutton, Marilyn Taschek and Amador Martinez came in second, and each won a new set of bowls.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

HEMET-JOSLYN
By Peg McCutcheon

Our club sent five teams to the Veteran-Novice Tournament at Lake Hodges. Paula Bellone and Jack Rice qualified for the finals in Pasadena. They received a lovely plaque that is now displayed in our clubhouse.

We now have an official ALBA Umpire in our club. Congratulations to Carl Henrich, who passed his tests with flying colors and top scores.

Also congratulations to Carl, Paula Bellone, and Mary Jane Henrich on their first place (north green) at the Pomona Triples. Watch out for this team!

In order to become better acquainted, Hemet and Sun City are participating in a series of Fun Days. The name says it all—they are really fun. Thanks to the hard work of our Clair Ott and Sun City's Wally Cookson.

Rancho Bernardo visited us on Valentine's Day. They brought eight teams so we had a full green, good competition, and a great time. Overall, Hemet won the day 9-7. Congratulations to the Hemet team of Kathy Bremer, Lois Harmon, and Dee Kessler—who got a 9-

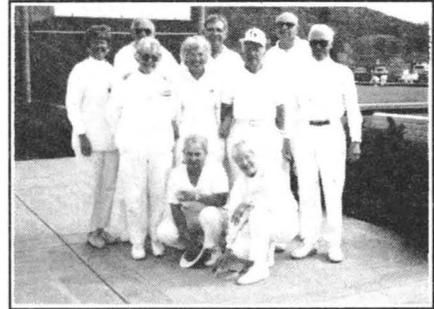
point Super Shot in their first game!

Clair Ott is working hard on getting a Men's Rally going, starting with the local clubs of Sun City, Riverside and Redlands. These will be held on the same days as Ladies Days. The first one had 20 men participating. They all had a great time and we hope the next one will have more, and that it will continue to grow.

The Women's State Tournament again had weather problems when the Pairs played in the rain one day, and the next day was canceled. Our team of Kathy Bremer, Peg McCutcheon and Mary Jan Henrich placed 3rd in the Triples, and Peg and Mary Jane were 5th in the Pairs.

Five of our members went to the Long Beach Carnival. It was a new

concept and very enjoyable—and the dinner afterwards was delicious. Thanks Dick.



Five H-J teams took part in the Veteran-Novice tourney at Lake Hodges in January. Paula Bellone and Jack Rice (back row, left) qualified for the finals

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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

ALHAMBRA

By Alice Lawrence

Birthdays are big time this quarter—four Diamond Jubilee celebrants: Ralph Barnett, Al Browne, Carl Lawrence, Jack Bumbarger. Ninety candles needed to light up Monti Scott's smile.

A couple Club Tournaments—Home Savings Annual, with free food and trophies; and Claire Sallenbach's children, JoAnne and Jim, provided food and trophies for Claire's bowling buddies.

We are trying to purchase an electric sweeper for our artificial turf but the Newlon Company seems to be dragging with info. Brushing the green by hand has been our president's pastime for the past year and he says: "enough already".

We are disappointed that our visitations have fallen off. We have been told that most bowlers don't like our green, but we thought there was more than bowling at these events.

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HOLMBY PARK

By Marcella Krisel

The Taylor Triples Tournament was played in February. Jim Hasty, Margaret Moffat and Max Burke made it to the semi-finals, only to be defeated by Bill Michael, Lou Fishbein and Don Hedge. Congratulations to you all.

In the now defunct comic strip "Lil Abner", Sadie Hawkins Day came every four years on the 29th of February. On this day (during Leap Year) any woman, so inclined, could propose marriage to any man she fancied. Sooooo—this year, instead of our usual blind draw, the women were permitted to choose their own teams. To put it mildly, it was a little chaotic. But we have been assured that by the year 2,000, the leap year team selections will go just like clockwork.

Bea and Hugh Simon celebrated their 50th anniversary on March 24th, and Edna Ruttenberg and Eliot Stone tied the knot in January.

Edna Whittle has returned from a 10-days in Bolton, England; Warner and Elly Newton went on an Odessey Cruise to Mexico and Hawaii; and Nell Reid and Morris Bolzer have returned from several months in Nell's native land, Australia.

And, Brian Studwell recently dated a Playboy centerfold. (And you thought bowling was a geriatric game!)

We note with sadness the passing of Tony Smejkal, a long-time member and bowling instructor.

In Memoriam
Tony Smejkal

SANTA MONICA

By Ferrell Burton, Jr.

Now that Spring has sprung, we want to especially thank two of our hardest working members, Wilbur (Bill) Grant and Ted Steinfeldt.

Wilbur spends almost every day working on our green while doing a great job as our instructor. Ted is right there to help Bill besides making the coffee and cutting the cheese on Sundays. I drove by the green recently and there was Ted on a ladder putting new roofing on our shaded bench areas.

Prexy Alan Power is planning a new member promotion as suggested by our SW. Membership Chairman, Hugo Sahlein.

On Saturday, April 27th, we are inviting a large group of potential new bowlers to join us to see what lawn bowling is all about and enjoy an excellent buffet lunch. We want this to be a big and most enjoyable day with at least 30 prospective new bowlers attending. Our membership is cooperating by turning in names of prospective members to Alan.

Remember everyone is welcome to bowl on our green as guests. It is always cool and nice in Santa Monica. We bowl on Wednesdays and Fridays with free refreshments starting at 11:30 AM on Sundays.

BEVERLY HILLS

By Dolph Gainshin

Our green has really developed into an outstanding playing surface thanks to the commitment and fulfillment by the City staff. We occasionally have little arguments over just how fast it is—how much faster than 12-seconds? Most important, it is as true as any green in the Division. Unfortunately, with only one 120x120 square these days, we are limited tournament-wise.

Nonetheless, the 26th Annual Walt Disney Open Masters will be held Memorial Day Weekend (see ad this page). The field will again be limited to 32 entries "of masters caliber".

We completed one '96 Club tournament so far, the Australian Singles. BHLBC President, Joe Siegman, is the champ, with Anne Barber runner-up. Joe Barber finished third and Adrian Cole fourth.

Congratulations to Michael Ashton-Phillips, just back from Australia where he managed the U.S. World Bowls team. Prior to the team's departure Down-under in March, MAP had the Fab Five team at Beverly Hills for a day's workout, along with some Southwest Division "sparring partners".

Before the next BOWLS issue hits the stands, we will have played our Club Doubles (late April) and Club Triples (June 2) tournaments.

We mourn the passing of Otis Healy, Club President in 1974, an Honorary Lifetime Member who joined Beverly Hills in the 1950's. In more recent years, he had moved to Laguna Beach, and played at that club well into his 90's. A man of kindness and service.

In Memoriam
Otis Healy

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

NEWPORT HARBOR

By Gil Curry

On February 14, we had a heart-throbbing four-game series of six-enders. 16 ladies in white & red chose 16 men in white & red as teammates for the Valentine's Day Tournament.

Winners were: 1. Dottie Panacek & Bob Nunes, 2. Edie & Les Schuster, Carrie & X Tejada.

St. Patrick's Day game was moved to March 19th by popular vote. Games Chairman Jim Altobelli got good weather, finally, so the men could choose a lady partner and get the games completed without getting wet. Winners were: 1. Eddie Bower & Val Seeley, 2. Bill Zinn & Dottie Panacek, 3. Jack Sellers & Gail Sellers.

Jim Altobelli tried to equalize each team's chances by seeding the matchups, and it was a noble innovation. We had only one playoff and that was for third place.

PASADENA

By Loretta Keller

Our 1996 Board of Directors and their "volunteer" delegates, in addition to planning the year's regular events, are making an extra effort to make the Club's 75th Anniversary Year a memorable one. Activities on June 30, the Club's dedication date in 1921, will include a proclamation by the City of Pasadena, bowling, a program with a bit of nostalgia, and lunch.

In the wake of our "Visitor's Day" last November, we have nine new members, and some half-dozen additional expected to take lessons as their schedule permits. Attention will be given to follow-up on yet others who expressed interest—we're considering holding another "Visitor's Day". Since several of our potential new members would prefer to bowl on Saturday, we have added Saturday to our regular schedule.

The new Board has launched a program that earns points for winning bowlers in our regular social games, leading to praise for bowlers of the month, and cumulatively for a year award. Random draw assignment gives everybody opportunity to be on a winning team. Since you only stand to earn points if you bowl, there's at least some extra incentive for coming to bowl. A simple 2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, and 0 for a loss, is scored for each team member on regular bowling days. We recognize 1st, 2nd, & 3rd bowler of the month in Overall, Skip, Vice and Lead categories. Our #1's for January/February were: *Overall*: Gene Shearer/Jack Edwards; *Skip*: Gene Shearer/Jack Edwards; *Vice*: Bill Caulfield both months; and *Lead*: Everett Wood & Tommy Ward tie for Jan/ Everett Wood for Feb. The program's nothing like super-serious competition, but it does add spice to our social bowling!

Club member Esther Ramel, in her role as a travel agent, organized a trip to the Mexican Riviera (at special rates) for 26 of our members. Everybody had a great time, even though they missed bowling—and we missed them! But the best part—Esther donated her agent's commission (\$739) to the Club—after all that effort she put into making the trip a memorable event! What a great gesture, and we all express our thanks.

Valley League is underway (between Pasadena, Glendale, Santa Anita, Alhambra, and Friendly Valley), with our Club still hanging on to 1st place after three meets—there's some really stiff competition!

In other tournaments: Dick Clark and Bob Isokane earned a spot in the Finals of the Veteran-Novice (plus \$ and a plaque); the team of Bill Carmichael, Dick Curtis, Hugo Sahlein and Eve Swanson took 3rd place in the Smoketree Schwab Invitational; Bob Isokane took 2nd place in the SWD Novice Singles; and Dick Clark, Hal Edgar, and Jack Speer placed 2nd, 3rd and 7th, respectively, in the Long Beach Carnival Invitational.

SANTA ANITA

By Winnie Eberle

Written invitations, with the incentive to roll some bowls and watch a game in progress followed by a potluck luncheon, brought out a good complement of prospective bowlers as well as a large number of club members. The Open House was held the beginning of March. As a result, Santa Anita has some 15 bowlers in training. Arnie Mortenson has been working with them and they will soon be joining our ranks.

We have resumed our tea parties at the beginning of each month and our Circle Bowling continues to draw a large group. Our birthday parties are interesting and varied. Our ladies have enjoyed their jaunts to Riverside and Casta del Sol for the monthly Ladies Days, as well as our own Ladies Luncheon meetings with a game before.

Our club hosted the Southwest Division January meetings of ALBA and AWLBA, as well as a portion of the Mumma Todd Mixed Pairs. The winner of the Pairs played on our greens: Lucile Burkholder and Neal Snyder of Riverside.

Our Blue Feather six-week tournament was completed with 20 teams in the competition. Bob Oakley did yeoman's duty as the chairman. Winners were: Chuck Browning/Don King/Lorraine Curry, with runners-up Fred Robinson/Jim Whiteley/Sandy Krieger.

Our Men's Pairs produced the following results: A Flight Winners: Earl Coates/Bob Clauson; runners-up: Bill Gearhart/Stan Vogt. B Flight Winners: Dick Elliott/Bob Padget; runners up: Bill MacFarland/Herman Cook

In Memoriam
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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

CASTA DEL SOL

By Don Lloyd

The local tradition of "Open bowling everyday at 1 p.m." keeps our green smooth and satisfied. Activity during the first three months of 1996 has been surprisingly brisk. The weather has been most cooperative for club activities. The Red and White Valentine's Day games went off quite well...as did the Green and White St. Patrick's Day party. A touch of color enhances the Clorox crowd now and then.

The Southwest Division AWLBA held Ladies Day at Casta Del Sol. Fifty-five women lawn bowlers from nine clubs enjoyed the competition...and the company. Three former national champions were present, and a host of new, enthusiastic bowlers. Nora Winkel (Casta Del Sol), as hostess, saw to it that our guests were welcomed, and welcomed back in the future.

New members are showing up at the green. Well-trained and raring to go: Myron Rapp, Duncan White, Joe and Barbara Roberts, Don and Mary Lou Waltz and Vern Wilhelm.

All of our club tournaments will be held in the months to come—to avoid the rain. What rain?

If you're in the neighborhood (Mission Viejo off the I-5), drop in and roll a game or two!

RIVERSIDE

By H. Rosalind Brown

The Riverside Lawn Bowling Club is well into the busy 1996 schedule of hosting weekly Citrus League (72 bowlers), club tournaments, invitationals, and supporting a weekly coaching program. Ken Bolton, re-elected President, continues his work to assure successful coordinating of all the facets concerned with having a club function, through the leadership of the volunteer chairpersons and the excellent greenskeeper.

The club tournaments, chaired by Barbara Whitney, assisted by Pat Oesterlin, have finished with most of the events. The January, February, and March hospitality teams have successfully served more than 2,000 bowlers. Hosting includes serving coffee, cinnamon rolls, and lunch desserts. The Canadians were served a lunch of pizza and salad on March 1st, in addition to the other hosting done during their visit with us.

AWLBA and ALBA Division Tournaments began April 20th, and with the splendid camaraderie at RLBC, the ladies serve the gentlemen during their tournament, while the gentlemen of our club serve the ladies during theirs.

Weekend bowlers continue to participate in Division Tournaments. New participants from the Robbie Coaching Team (Ev and Scottie) are entering these events and bringing home proud results. The Snyder family of David, Neal, and Leonard are among those enjoying success. Lucille Burkholder, too, is having a success story in weekend bowls.

Kottia Spangler, was selected to be a member of the USA National Team slated to represent our country in this coming August at the World Bowls Championships, in Leamington Spa, England.

Plaudits to the hosts of the past months for their generous time provided to sustain a lovely atmosphere for all club bowlers and those whom visit us: Sally Blakes, Barney and Sue Chapman, Veta Combs, Marion Dawson, Vollie Dersen, Al and Ann Kreinberg. Bob Lipmon, Dorothy and Ralph Nelson, Dottie Kleppel, and Lucille Burkholder. To Sy Archer for chairing the Citrus, we're most appreciative of his efforts and enthusiasm. Club bowling continues with excellent response.

FRIENDLY VALLEY

By Robert B. Innis

Where to begin? Lets try at the start of the year. Games Chairman, Joe Grippando, has instituted a "Bowler of the Month" tournament for both men and women. It seems to be taking hold and evidences good competition, as there hasn't as yet been a repeat winner. Congratulations Joe.

We had a very good visitation by Oxnard. All eight rinks were used and there were people in whites all over the green. It was a very good sight, the weather was lovely, and everyone enjoyed our guests. Pasadena will be our next guests, a club we always enjoy having visit us.

Our March meeting was quite well attended, with our President Ray Johnston having things well organized. There was a full discussion on the proposal to split the Southwest Division into two or three separate divisions. Our representative, Don Clark (past pres.), now knows the feelings of the club in this matter.

It was a sad day when the report of Dorothy Mumma-Todd's death following surgery was given to us. Dorothy was here in Friendly Valley only a few years, but made a big and wonderful impression on all of us here in F.V. We realize that we cannot miss her as much as her family and her husband, but we, also, have lost someone we admire and respect.

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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

HERMOSA BEACH

By Brian Osborne

The Hermosa Beach LBC enjoyed a glorious past, where it was once one of the meccas of lawn bowling in Southern California. Many of the Bowling Community must have fond memories of the times spent at Hermosa Beach. Although the Club subsequently went into decline, and almost went under, it has now turned the corner. And, with the addition of new dedicated people, we have started on the road back up to where the Bowling Community will be able to be proud of it once again.

Most of the credit for keeping the club afloat during those darker times must go to Alice Ehlers. She kept the club in existence almost single-handed, often as the sole attendee, kept up City support, and continued to encourage the trickle of comers. Put simply, without Alice the club would have ceased to exist. Olive Monk was also a strength through these times.

Now, happily, a few enthusiastic newcomers have helped form a new nucleus who have reorganized the club, started getting the green back into shape, begun re-establishing good bowling behaviour, and re-affiliated with ALBA.

We are enjoying great cooperation and enthusiastic support from many ALBA and AWLBA people, and although we are virtually a rookie club, Hermosa Beach is on its way back. Come and join us! Phone for information at (310) 545-9438.

POMONA

By Hugh Freeman

Citrus League has begun and Pomona is in the bottom half of the standings. We have had several forfeits as a result of inability to field full teams. The teams began with high hopes. There is always "next year".

Pomona has had two successful open tournaments this year. In early-February, the Pomona Triples was held with 32 teams, sponsored for the second year by Hillcrest, a retirement community. The event opened in a drizzle, but closed with fine weather. Six prizes were awarded on both greens. A Pomona team of Whithan, Erickson and Erickson won 4th place on the South Green. On the North Green, Pomonans won 5th—Dahlquist, Brekke and Hansen; and 6th—Dall, Pupo and Priore. Overall winners were: Dion, DeLisle and Gomez on the South Green, and Henrich, Bellone and Henrich on the North Green.

On March 23, the annual Casa Colina Benefit drew 28 teams, and provided nearly \$1,300 for the Wheel Chair Sports Program at Casa Colina. The team of Wiegler, Pupo and Blenov on the North Green was the over-all winner. On the South Green, the winners were Isaacman, Hyland and Hyland. The event was, again, sponsored by O. H. Kruse Grain and Milling.

We had our Annual Mayor's Trophy Tournament April 1st. Bowling is every day of the week at Pomona. Come join us.

SUN CITY

By Conrad Melton

Our Novice Champion earned and received his trophy March 9th. Congratulations to Wally Cookson for outlasting thirteen courageous and determined challengers. Gracious runner-up Doris Rahm, brought ear-to-ear grins when she sternly admonished the new champion: "Wait 'till next year!"

A "Tip O' the Straw Fedora" to Jim and Kay Jackson for providing a fun luncheon for the club on Presidents' Day. That wasn't the original plan, but when Mother Nature decided to wash cars that day, Jim and Kay did some fancy footwork and produced the year's first culinary extravaganza. Thanks also to Ed Bragman and Ella Vranes—vice-presidents of clean-up.

Another "Tip O' the Straw Fedora" to Project Coordinator Ray Finch and the many heroes and heroines who volunteered to bring new life and glamour to our sun shades. There are too many of you to name, but "...ve know who you are!"

Welcome to our new members: Audrey Hardy, Jim Hill, Herb Hoeffs, Helen Hudson, Lloyd and Nixie Koelling, Bob Pickering, and Jo Schellin. Insider predictions are that this class contains the 1997 Novice Champ. We extend thanks to their sage and patient teachers: Evelyn Tiel, Betty Munden, Wally Cookson, and Len Donneson. Another class began April 9th.

In 1995, SCLBC was one of the top recruiters in the whole country! We brought in 26 new members, but due to red tape and other complexities, we were only credited with 17. That placed us into a tie for third with Sarasota, Florida. Because we were one of the nine clubs (nationwide) who recruited more than 10 new members, ALBA has awarded us a nice plaque.

President Dick says: "With the influx of so many new members who are enthusiastic and full of ideas, we are looking forward to an interesting year." Every month we have "Fun Days" with Hemet-Joslyn. Mostly, they are to introduce games that are different from the standard triples or doubles. The first one was held in February and was a great success, with 72 players taking part. The second was in March, and our third in April.

Also, in March, we conducted a Men's Day and a Women's Day. In April, the Men's Singles was played early in the month, we completed our participation in the Citrus League (which involved close to 18 bowlers), and the Women's Singles just finished at the end of April.

The Singles Championship is scheduled for May 7-9. May 13th will be another Fun Day at Hemet; Riverside will be here on May 16th; the Married Couples Tourney will be May 21-24; and the Memorial Day Special on May 28 will feature a *World Premiere Tournament Format!*

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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SAN DIEGO

By Art Avery

Under the leadership of Loretta Geisner, the first woman president of the San Diego Lawn Bowling Club, 1996 has been a busy year. We held the annual Loretta Geisner Australian Doubles Tournament in February. It was won by the team of Ralph Wagenaar and Art Avery. Second place went to Francis Hepburn and Robin Olson.

A New Member Visitation was held on February 19 with 38 prospective members as our guests. Planning and execution of this important event was very capably handled by Membership Chairman Tom Anderson and his committee. (Tom also represents our club as a delegate to the Southwest Division.)

Reaction to the event was most fa-

vorable. Guests remarked about the friendliness of our club and the delicious potluck which followed the demonstration and trial bowling. At present, 14 of these visitors are taking lessons. We hope they will become active members of our club.

In late February, we hosted 45 bowlers from the Vancouver/Victoria area, with all day bowling and a delicious lunch catered by member Bob Marsh. This was an especially good day for all three clubs.

March 5th saw the Jack Purdie Triples Tournament, with the winning team being made up of Tom Anderson, Ann Travis and Gerhardt Vogel. Runners-up were Francis Hepburn, Juanita

Williams and Ralph Lopez.

Twelve ladies battled for the Women's Singles championship March 23. The four finalists are Ann Travis, Terry Cooper, Grace Boardman and Robin Olson. The winner will be determined in a playoff.

Much sadness has also come to the club this year. Rudy Prinz, a long time member here and in Pasadena, died early in the year, and shortly thereafter, faithful member Ana Gilbert passed on. We miss them.

Membership is holding up well and we look forward to a good year.

In Memoriam

Ana Gilbert

Rudy Prinz

REDLANDS

By Peg Bennett

The club tournaments have started and will be held each Monday at 9 a.m. The singles has been completed, with Lee Bain the mens' champion and Joe Ruderman runner-up.

In the womens' singles, Pat Oesterlein is the champion and Zelda Bain the runner-up. In successive weeks there will be mens' and womens' pairs, mixed pairs, mens' and womens' triples, and mixed triples. All members are urged to compete.

Citrus League is well underway, with the teams from Hemet, Riverside, Sun City, Pomona, Santa Anita, and Redlands competing every Thursday on the Riverside greens at 9 a.m. The Redlands "A" team is in second place at the present time, and the "B" team is in eighth place. There are six more games left on the schedule.

Zelda Bain and Pat Oesterlein won the Pairs at the State Tournament held in Pomona in March. At the Doreen Collins tournament, the team of Zelda Bain, Pat Oesterlein, and Evelyn Robbie finished fourth. They won both games but did not have sufficient plus points.

We welcome Cindy Gordon and Giuliano "Gino" Bianchet as new members, and they are both competing in the club tournaments.

Hank Ruitter had five by-pass heart surgery at Christmas and is recovering at home. We all miss you Hank and hope you will soon be able to be back at the greens.

Len and Sheillagh Carver went on a short Mexican cruise in March and have returned rejuvenated and ready for Citrus League, club tournaments—and for Len, the task of being "Prexy".

RANCHO BERNARDO

By Matt Stevenson

It is with great pleasure that we announce the new officers for 1996. With Alex Duncan as President, John Metlach-Vice President, Fran Tuchband-Secretary, and Pauline Hvoslef-Treasurer, we are looking forward to a full-schedule year.

At a special meeting in January, three directors were elected. Bob Rice, John Hoaglin, and Frank Bushey were the successful candidates.

John Metlach will be in charge of Local and County Tournaments, Bob Rice is taking care of Visitations, and Bob Briegel is the District Representative for the South League Tournament.

Our first Visitation of the year, in February, took us to Hemet, where we enjoyed some good company and came away tied-up with eight wins and eight losses. Also, we tied five and five at Oaks North in March.

The next Visitations are scheduled for late-March at Lake Hodges, and early-April will bring the San Diego Club to Rancho Bernardo.

Rancho Bernardo hosted the South League Tournament in late March. The early schedule calls for April 11 at San Diego and April 18 at Joslyn-Lake Hodges.

In late-February, we had our first-of-the-year Club Triples Tournament. We played three 9-end games, with prizes for first, second, and third, respectively, to: Bill Goring, Don Phillips, and Jan Wessel in the skip category: George McKenzie, George Youngwood, and Frank Bushey in the vice skip department; and Petty Sniffin, Margaret Duncan, and Al Villarreal in the lead class.

The welcome mat is always out. So come join us!

LONG BEACH/RECREATION PARK

By Ann Kirchberg

Dick Cole has introduced a new scoring system for our daily games. Each member of the winning team receives two points and players on the losing team get a zero. This promotes a more competitive spirit of play and a higher turnout of bowlers. Everyone wants another 2 after their name. Of course, you win some and lose some, but we do have lots of fun.

Our former two clubs—now combined as one—held its first tournament, the Australian Doubles in Feb.: 1. Betty Losch/Ann Kirchberg, 2. Ken Patterson/Sean Homan, 3. Tom Thomas/Jim Coates, 4. Armand Baisz/Pat Gonzales, 5. Eileen Yates/Mel McCullough.

With Keith Yates as tournament director the games went off smoothly, with the full complement of 28 players and 14 teams. Between games 2 and 3.

Our 1996 Long Beach Carnival was held on March 9th. It was an outstanding success, enjoyed by all. (See separate article) Our hats off to Dick Cole for his hard work and organizational skills. The Carnival winners: 1. Bill Reidy (Pasadena), 2. Dick Clark (Pasadena), 3. Hal Edger (Pasadena). 4th, 5th, and 6th places were a tie between Ann Kirchberg and John Parker (both of Long Beach) and Robin Olson (San Diego). 7th-14th place went to, in order: David Hallman (Santa Monica), Jack Spear (Pasadena), Ivan Hyland (Newport Harbor), Frank Chartier (Meadows), Dick Cole (Long Beach), Alan Power (Santa Monica), Frank Cornella (San Diego) and Bob White (Meadows).

Carnival hostesses were: Freddie Hinson and her able assistant Evelyn Wilson.

In Memoriam

Paul Owen

LAGUNA BEACH

By Ed Perry

Our Club championship tournament went off very nicely in January under Jean Kaye's competent management. Winners: Singles—Mert Hill. Pairs—X. Tejada and Elizabeth Stock. Triples—Bud Adelman, Elizabeth Austin, Vern Wollard.

The Laguna Beach LBC enjoyed great bowling and fellowship on Valentine's Day, on St. Patrick's Day, and daily. Our greens are holding well and membership is coming along nicely.

We will miss two old time bowlers in Monte Marcom and Otis Healy. They gave so much to our club.

Members Detta Marvin, Francis Oksala, Herb and Ev Glaser have returned from Australia as spectators at World Bowls. Our Michael Siddall was there as a participant, and bowled very well according to his observers.

We have enjoyed our "snowbird" bowlers from Canada and England. We love visitors! Come bowl by the beach: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon; other days at 9:30 for 10 a.m. bowling.

In Memoriam

Otis Healy

Monte Marcom

A KAHN TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS!

Gayle and Ted Kahn (pictured) are promoters the Long Beach LBC's new travelling "billboards"—T-shirts that "sell" lawn bowling.

It's the recruiting brainchild of Ted, who noticed a couple visitors from the Hermosa LBC wearing similar T's. Ted got the idea of creating a T-shirt that bowlers could wear off the green during warm weather to spark the curiosity of non-bowlers.

During T-shirt weather, club members could wear their "billboards" to the neighborhood market, mall, just about anywhere. Certainly, says Ted, some of the "hood" will be curious about "what's a Long Beach Lawn Bowler?"

Of course, Ted is well-aware that a billboard's job is really only to "attract attention". So, Ted has Gayle and his other club members carrying, in their purses and pockets, printed fliers that tell all about lawn bowling.

How effective has the Kahn Campaign been? The shirts just came in and are being distributed to club members as this is written. The temperature in Southern California is just about T-shirt weather warm. Who knows, right?

Ted implores other clubs to get with the system. It's an inexpensive attempt to corral new bowlers within your own community. The T's are also good morale boosters for your current membership. And, at worst, the shirts make a nice looking addition to your wardrobe!



LAGUNA HILLS

By Dick Clark

1996 has been a pussycat when it comes to rain in these parts. (8.58 inches this year, compared to 23.56" last) But the temperate weather has done nothing for our reputation for hospitality. A visiting group of Canadian bowlers had to be turned away at the last minute in late February because of sodden turf, and plans for San Clernente bowlers to participate in two mid-week tournaments were washed out in mid-March.

We had a bit of a contretemps on the subject of blind draws, but that has been

resolved. Last year's AGM in November mandated that blind draws be used for daily competitions. But a special meeting of the 1996 Board in January ruled that the Board, and not the AGM, has jurisdiction in such matters, and fixed the blind draws for Sundays through Wednesdays only. Relative peace reigns.

In March, we instituted the first quarterly birthday party for members born from January-March, followed by a new, quarterly mini-meeting to discuss club matters. We sent two teams to Laguna

Beach for the first of the Coast Legue outings—Mike Majer, Bill and Lorna Bayes, Dick LeRoy, Archie Fletcher and Virginia Marlar scored four wins. On March 17, we hosted the SW Division's Mumma-Todd Mixed Pairs Tournament, with 32 teams contending. Mary Sneed and Mike Majer placed second.

The Veteran/Novice Tournament in March identified new talent in the organization. Winners were Dick LeRoy/Crista Raine, Virginia Bees/Walter Knudsen, and Pat Mayo/Bill Behrendt.



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Division Secretary Jack Phillips has announced the following revised schedule for coming Central Division events:

- AWLBA Playdowns—
 June 29-30, in Rockford
- ALBA Directors Annual Meeting—
 July 12, 7 p.m., in Pittsburgh
- AWLBA/ALBA Central Div. Open—
 July 13-18, in Pittsburgh
- ALBA Pairs Playdowns—
 July 19-21, in Pittsburgh
- ALBA Singles Playdowns—
 August 2-4, in Milwaukee

Information packets for the Central Division Open have been mailed to club Secretaries who are asked to distribute to their membership as soon as possible.

EAST CLEVELAND

By Jean Sinzinger

Our new bowlers are: John Terry (back row-sixth from left), Edward and Alyce Ternan (front row-second and third from



left), and Alan Eisenmann (absent). We sincerely welcome them to indoor bowling and look forward to bowling with them on the green this season.

Bea Tennyson (first row-fifth from left) is our star bowler for indoor bowling. There is a monthly award for the #1 bowler, and so far, Bea has captured them all. There is one month left to see if someone can usurp the title.. maybe!

We have checked the green and there is a little snow mold to overcome. Otherwise, we are in good shape in spite of the hard winter we've had. A busy summer is planned, starting with an organizational

LAKESIDE

(Chicago)

By Carl P. Johnson

For Lakeside LBC, 1995 was a disastrous year. The extreme heat and pythion blight destroyed our greens. Our bowling schedule was limited. Our thanks to President Carol Wright and Games Chairman Cal Wright who directed our club through problems placed before us by the Chicago Park District. We managed to overcome. And despite all of our uncertainties, we look forward to the future.

The Executive Board met in March, committees were formed, and the schedule was set.

Our President, Bill Nakagawa, is working with the Park District and has made much progress. And, when the weather permits, the greens will be resurfaced and should be ready by Memorial Day.

Unfortunately, our popular Central Division Mixed Pairs Tournament (a 2-day event) had to be cancelled this year. Ken and Lynsey Schreiber, who sponsored this event, will not be returning to Chicago from St. Louis, and they will be greatly missed.

Our congratulations go out to Carolyn Nobe who will be representing the United States and AWLBA in the 1996 Paralympics in Atlanta, Georgia, August 12-26.

ROCKFORD

By Judy Arawinko

Many members of the club were fortunate to participate in the 7th Annual Lola and Clive Forrester Tournament in Sun City, AZ this January. Judy Arawinko, Wanda Becker, Donna and Roger Binger, John Devine, Pat Eddy, Roger and Ann Kelsey, Gene Larson, John and Dora Stewart, and Joe Zinna joined fellow club members Joan and Bill Cameron, who reside in Sun City, for an exciting tournament.

The red carpet was certainly laid out for everyone, whether at the greens or at the homes of Champ and Peggy Salisbury, Gil and Cy Stephen, or Bill and Joan Cameron—all of whom opened their homes to fellow Central Division members.

The team Joan Cameron and Joe Zinna were on, with Ken Degenhardt and Cy Stephen, made it to the fourth flight—no easy task with all the great teams that were participating in the event.

On the homefront, members had their annual meeting on March 9, at the Knights of Columbus Community Center. Business and dining were the main attractions for the evening. The 1996 Board will consist of Roger Kelsey (Pres.), Tom Weyrough (VP), Judy Arawinko (Sec.), and Joe Zinna (Treas.) . A big thanks went to Nona Larson who served as Treasurer for the past three years.

The business meeting centered on two main topics: the greens and getting new members into the club. Tom and Pat Weyrough, along with Pat Eddy, comprise a new committee which will look into the job of attracting new bowlers. We feel this sport is a well kept secret, and it is about time the word got out about how enjoyable and challenging it is.

Also on the agenda were announcements of two women's events to be held in Rockford in 1996. On June 29-30, we will play host to the Central Division's Ladies Playdowns.

A new tournament has also been scheduled. The "Rockford Women's Pairs Open" will be held August 3-4. We are looking forward to hosting this new tournament, and hope many of the ladies from Central Division, as well as those in other divisions, will make the trip to Rockford in August.

As always, Rockford has open bowling Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. We would love to see some of you who may be travelling in the midwest.

meeting March 23rd and Opening Day May 5th.

During the summer, Pittsburgh's Frick Park is coming here and we are

planning to go to Pittsburgh. We are looking forward to a meeting with Explorer Scouts and hope there will be some interest from these young people. Under the guidance of Bob Novak, we are preparing a display about Lawn Bowling for the local Library.

We thank Bill Duncan (back row-second from left) for being our "in charge" person, seeing that the equipment was in place and the rent paid. We also thank Ralph Sinzinger (first row-left) for being Games Chairman.

These are just some of the parts of our BIG PICTURE!

CENTRAL DIVISION

FRICK PARK

(Pittsburgh)

By James C. Cunningham

To our great chagrin, the groundhog's prediction of six more weeks of winter after February 2nd was extended to eight weeks and included a flood, a blizzard and a record snowfall! As a result, the installation of our greens irrigation system has been delayed, but we are confident that it will be ready to go in time for the start of the 1996 season. We look for a marked improvement in our greens when the system is in operation.

Our 1996 schedule is full and includes trips to Williamsburg and Cleveland for friendly tournaments, our own club tournaments and league play, and, of course, the 1996 Central Division Open.

Bill Benswanger, Mary Laverne Dimmick and Randy Ober are organizing our Leagues, and Eileen Luba and Greg McCormick will handle the Tournaments this year. Jack Phillips and his committee are hard at work getting things organized for the Central Division Tournament. We hope to start a warm-up series of games in early May, weather permitting, and we will officially open the season with a picnic and steeplechase games at the greens on Memorial Day.

Congratulations to Lois Saladin, who joins Eileen Luba and Jack Phillips as Certified National Umpires.

In Memoriam
David Ferguson

SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN

By Joyce Riechers

Hello from the Rinky Dink Green in Wisconsin. As I write this it is really too early for any news from our club, except that we have had a few jealous twinges when reading letters from friends about the wonderful bowling they have in the Southwest. We are looking forward to the spring as we have not bowled since our vacation last September in Sun City. What marvelous facilities they have out there.

Our green should be up and going again by early June. That may seem late, but it takes time to recover from the heaving of frost and early spring earthworm activity for the green to be in really good bowling condition.

Anyone traveling in this area is encouraged to stop by for some social bowls and visiting. We hope to visit further afield this summer to try other greens.

FLINT

By Jeane Giesy

The Flint Club held its opening with a breakfast for members and guests on May 2. We showed a film to acquaint the newcomers with Lawn Bowling. We hope to get new members from the guests. It is really scary to read the article by Sara Bellum in the winter edition of BOWLS Magazine, that says if we do not try to promote our game, it could go the way of the "Model T". We do not want that to happen. So in Flint, we are going to use all of our resources and "go for the new member."

The club has a "spider" before the daily games. Everyone chips in 25 cents, the winner gets a prize, and the money helps buy a few extras for the club. It is a good opener for the day.

We have ten "in club" tournaments during the season. This includes the Flint-Olympian-Canusa Games. The first will be the Jeane-Don Tournament, which is a competitive-fun event. You can be competitive and win a trophy, but have a lot of fun while you are competing.

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

LAKE PARK

(Milwaukee)

By Dan Matthews

Unfortunately, there's not much to report about our activities in the recent past, since we haven't bowled since last October. Those clubs who enjoy the ability to bowl year-round can't understand the anxious waiting for the first signs of Spring that goes on in clubs in the "snow belt."

We have a particularly difficult time this season because we completely re-did our greens just before the bitter cold set in, and now we must wait to see how they fared the winter. I'm sure that the first show of grass will be met with great joy.

The Board of Directors for the newly created combined men's and ladies' club has met and determined dates and assigned chair-people for the various events for this season. They also set May 4th as the date for our Opening Day luncheon and the first official day of bowling. The Board also decided to continue to allow the Milwaukee Croquet Club to use our greens during off-hours, since this arrangement has been mutually beneficial to both clubs.

Now all that we can do is polish our bowls and wait.

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I'm sure that we are all saddened by the news of the fire that destroyed much of Woodland Park's clubhouse. Thankfully, no one was hurt. But many momentos, as well as things used on a day to day basis, were lost. Any financial assistance to their rebuilding project would, I'm sure, be appreciated. For more information about the fire, see Roy Scully's club report.

On April 13th, Opening Day at

Jefferson Park, a memorial for John Johnson, one of the game's true gentlemen, was held, and a special presentation was made to his wife and partner,

M a r g e
Johnson.

The
Northwest
Spring Open
will be held
Memorial
Day week-
end, May
25 - 27,

hosted by the King City and Portland clubs. Perhaps things will have just about dried out by then from our wet winter.

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NORTHWEST DIVISION

WOODLAND PARK

(Seattle)

By Roy Scully



Club Board member Maury Green (center-right) is virtually obscured by havoc wrought by arson to the Woodland Park clubhouse. The club's impressive trophy case once occupied the left-side wall.

On the night of January 31st, an arsonist torched our clubhouse, completely destroying the interior of our meeting room and kitchen area. No one has been apprehended thus far. Damage is estimated at \$80,000.

The building is owned by the City of Seattle, and we have been informed that it was "self-insured". By the middle of March, no decision had been reached concerning rebuilding, since we are told there are no funds available to do so.

We have started a rebuilding fund, but with a membership of about 100, the amount needed to rebuild will be hard to come by. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Our President, George Huntington, has spent countless hours, aided

by an appointed committee, working with the Parks Department and others seeking a viable solution to our dilemma.

We will hold our usual Opening Day ceremonies and plan to hold all of the scheduled tournaments and events of the upcoming season.

Among the things destroyed were our trophy cases and the trophies they displayed, all of our kitchen equipment (including the range and refrigerator), and most of our records and memorabilia. Fortunately, our privately owned bowls, stored in individual lockers, were undamaged. Some of the cases were scorched and all of them have a strong smell of smoke, which will be a permanent reminder of our misfortune.

KING CITY

(Oregon)

By Ed Otte

The King City Lawn Bowling Club held an Open House for prospective members on Saturday, April 13th. All residents of King City and surrounding communities were invited for coffee and pastries, and an opportunity to try their skill at rolling bowls up to the jack. This is just the first of many activities planned for this year to increase club membership.

Opening Day for the 1996 season was Friday, April 19, with bowling sessions at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and a social period and catered dinner in the evening. King City's bowling green has been

selected as the site for the 1996 Northwest Men's Open May 25-27. A large number of excellent bowlers are expected and we feel honored to be chosen as hosts for this tournament.

Members of the Portland Lawn Bowling Club will visit and bowl with us on Saturday, May 4. This will be the first of several exchange visits between our two clubs during the 1996 season and are always enjoyable.

The City of King City will celebrate its 30th birthday on May 18th, and our club will participate in the festivities with an information booth and exhibition lawn

PORTLAND

By Zola Cole

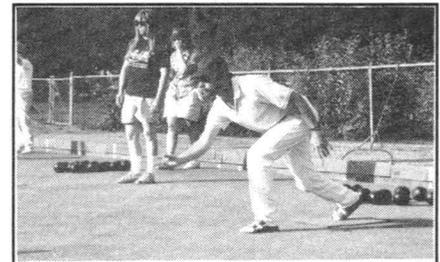
After several false starts, Spring *did* arrive. Portland bowlers began to take heart. Wheels around the clubhouse started turning. Work parties were organized and the greens underwent the necessary renovation.

Aches and pains are claiming the time and energy of some of our veterans, but we are looking at a nucleus of stronger, new, younger members—and they have and hope to increase our numbers. Ted Swift and his wife have a prospective champion in training. He has just joined the forces—via adoption. Bravo! Way to go, Ted!

Some important dates to put on the calendar: May 11—Opening Day. May 12—Mother's Day. May 25-26—Northwest Spring Open Tournament: Women's Pairs at P.L.B.C., Men's Pairs at King City. May 27—Northwest Mixed Pairs at King City

June 1-2 and June 8-9 will be the concentrated workshops, highlighting our participation in The Portland Rose Festival this year. We have enjoyed a long and pleasant relationship with the organization and hope to be able to increase our activities in this connection.

The Tuesday Evening League will begin in early July.



Portland's "youth" movement begins a new season: Randy Countryman (right) delivers, while Peggy Roth and Debby Tupper follow a bowl in flight.

bowling.

Officers for 1996 are: Georgina Allen-President, Ed Otte-Vice President, Marie Perry-Secretary, Peg Grant-Treasurer, Pauline Worlein and Ed Allen-Members-At-Large, and Katherine Leonetti-Immediate Past President.

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NORTHWEST DIVISION

JEFFERSON PARK (Seattle)

By Hugh Ramsay

On President's Day, about 25 players braved a wet winter afternoon to play a 10-end game of yardstick. Almost the same number of members watched the match from inside the warm, dry clubhouse. After close inspection of water-soaked scorecards, it was determined that Verona Kelley and Jerry Turner were the winners of the most 5's. Total scores were impossible to decipher!

The real heroes of the day were visitors Evelyn and John Clark, of Chicago's Lakeside LBC. Evelyn said they had never played in the rain before, but they stayed with the locals to the soggy end. Maybe they were fascinated with the "roostertails" created by the bowls!

By early March, rains had ceased and daily games were helping to limber up in preparation for the regular season.

Our bowling community is still in shock over the arson fire that destroyed most of Wood-

land Park's clubhouse. At our spring meeting there were many expressions of concern made practical by the approval of a substantial sum from our club to aid in restoring their facilities.

A sure sign that spring is here is the return of some of our "snowbirds"—Mary and Lloyd Anderson from Hawaii. And, already we have two new members to welcome to our roster, Lloyd McMullen and Richard Broad.



John and Evelyn Clark, visitors from Chicago Lakeside LBC enjoying some Seattle hospitality, ala Gene Kelly. Hey, it fits: "Bowlin' in the rain...Just bowlin' in the rain...What a wonderful feeling...."

TACOMA

By Donna West

No matter what the date implies, it's winter in the Great Northwest, and only the most hardy individuals can be found out on the bowling green.

Whereas the lawn bowling season is beginning to slow down here in Sun City, Arizona (where I've been with the snowbirds for the past three months), in Washington State, at this writing, it will still be several weeks before most people begin to venture out.

The Northwest Division meeting was held on April 6th, and the first major competition of the year—Tacoma's annual Daffodil Tournament—was played April 20th. Details in the next issue.

We're looking forward to a busy summer on the green.

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(even in bright sunlight)

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Bill Farrell, of Clearwater, is the new president of the Southeast-ALBA, succeeding Dick Kistler, formerly of Pebble Beach, who has moved out of the Division.

Also elected or re-elected at the SE delegates meeting during the SE-ALBA Open in March were: Roy Webb, Pebble Beach, and Gene Goodwin, Mount Dora, re-elected as SE representatives on the ALBA National Council, and Herb Wintsch re-elected as SE Coach. Ed Douglas, Sarasota, was elected First Vice-president; Bill Say, Pebble Beach, Second Vice-president; Joe Grabowski, Pebble Beach, Secretary-Treasurer.

Members of the Southeast Board of Directors are as follows: Bill Robertson,

Bradenton, Russ Tees, Clearwater, Bert Tranvik, Sarasota, Tom Kees, Pinehurst, and Burl Roller, Mount Dora.

The delegates learned that although St. Petersburg has dropped its ALBA affiliation, a new Florida club, Sun-N-Fun, at Sarasota, has joined the fold. A report from the new club appears in this SE section. Welcome, Sun-N-Funners!

WEST PALM BEACH

By Barbara Somerville

At our annual luncheon on February 5th, all the present officers were re-elected for another year.

We enjoyed our visitation to Delray Beach this season even though we were second best in the lawn bowling department. Which means they get to keep the Shield for another year.

SUN-N-FUN

(Sarasota)

By Connie Sinclair

With 17 ALBA and 10 AWLBA members, our new lawn bowling club at the Sun-N-Fun RV park, 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, is off and running.

Ken Runge has been elected our first president. Other officers are: Peter Vandermale, vice president; Connie Sinclair, secretary; Bob Simpson, treasurer; and Don Adams, match and greens director.

Although most of our bowlers are here for short periods, we had about 120 bowling on our green in mid-March. We hosted the Gulfcoast Senior Games this season and plan to do that again next year. We also have started an annual match with the Sarasota LBC.

Besides the officers, here are our other charter members: AWLBA—Marie Adams, Molly Moulton, Anne Knight, Lotus Hammer, Ruth Booker, June Marwood, Clare Toyer, Iris Sager and Marie Bailey. ALBA—Ted Moulton, Ron Knight, Peter Sartini, Maurice Hammer, Doug Booker, Ron Marwood, John Toyer, Bill Courtney, John Sager, Jim McLaughlin, August Guadogna, Norm Hall and Lou Deleplace.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

SOUTHEAST OPEN

By Gene Goodwin

Jim Ellieff, of Toronto, and Mary McKay, of Clearwater, took "Bowler-of-the Tournament" awards at the Southeast ALBA and AWLBA Opens in early March.

Jim, who bowls out of the Agincourt Club in Toronto, was third in the Championship Flights of the Men's Singles and Pairs at Sun City Center (FL), and was on the B Flight-winning team in the Triples. Mary was on the championship Triples team in Clearwater, finished third in the Championship Flight of the Singles, and was on the Fourth Flight-winning Pairs team. Their awards were based on points.

Winning the three championships at the men's open were: Singles—Sam Drevitch (Clearwater and Cunningham LBC's); Pairs—Bill Farrell and Bill Stevenson (Clearwater); and Triples—Ward Cosburn, Stan Pratt and Joe Lannan (Maple Leaf Estates and Agincourt).

In the Women's Open, the three event winners were: Singles—Helen Culley (Clearwater); Pairs—Marion Wall and Eleanor Calder (Clearwater); and Triples—Marion Wall, Cecelia Noble and Mary McKay (Clearwater).

The other prize winners in the Men's Open were:

SINGLES

Championship Flight: 2. Bill Stevenson, Clearwater; 3. Jim Ellieff, Toronto; 4. Len Hollran, Sarasota.

A Flight: 1. James Copeland, Milwaukee; 2. Al Ferguson, Toronto.
B Flight: 1. Bert MacWilliams, Clearwater; 2. Tom Bowness, Clearwater.
C Flight: 1. Herb Wintsch, Mount Dora; 2. Dan Berg, Williamsburg.
D Flight: 1. Neal Nightingale, Pebble Beach; 2. Glenn Knackmuhs, Pebble Beach.

PAIRS

Championship Flight: 2. Joe Grabowski and Bill Say, Pebble Beach; 3. Al Ferguson and Jim Ellieff, Toronto; 4. George Whitelaw and John Cunningham, Sarasota.
A Flight: James McDonald and John Scallon, Sarasota; 2. Ron Jones, Clearwater & London, Ont., and Del Smith, Sarasota.
B Flight: 1. Mick McFadden and Lorne Reid, Clearwater; 2. Ray Turman and Milt Kendall, Pebble Beach.
C Flight: John Shanklin and Fred Hart, Pebble Beach; 2. Martin Noble and Rick Wall, Clearwater.
D Flight: 1. Stan Farmer and Maynard Dacey, Toronto; 2. Ed Evans and Tom Bowness, Clearwater.

TRIPLES

Championship Flight: 2. Sam Drevitch/Walter Robinson/Stan Smith, On-Top-of-the-World; 3. Norm Welsh, Clearwater and Toronto, Ron Jones and Herb Wintsch, Mount Dora; 4. Pres Lavier, and Mike Kuvall, Sarasota, and Charles Sprague, Lakeland.
A Flight: 1. Bert MacWilliams, Clearwater, Jim Symington, Westland, and Ron Mulvaney Clearwater; 2. George Whitelaw, John Cunningham and Jim Lawson, Sarasota.
B Flight: 1. Jim Ellieff, Al Ferguson and Ted Power, Toronto; 2. Joe Dorsch, Pat O'Donohue and Alex Graham, Clearwater.
C Flight: 1. Don Stephan, Dave Boyd and Lorne Reid, Clearwater; 2. Bill Broad, Larry Morin and Fred Wilson, Clearwater.
D Flight: 1. Dick LaBrie, Ed Douglas and Jack O'Brien, Sarasota; 2. Martin Noble, Rick Wall and William Graham, Clearwater.

The other prize winners in the women's open were:

SINGLES

Championship Flight: 2. Thelma Matthews, Suncoasters; 3. Mary McKay; 4. Sheryl Ann Miffigan, Canada.
2nd Flight: 1. Pauline Blastorah, Sarasota; 2. Donna McFadden, Clearwater.
3rd Flight: 1. Patti Grabowski, Suncoasters; 2. Kitty Cox, Clearwater.
4th Flight: 1. Ede MacWilliams, Clearwater; 2. Maureen Ferguson, Toronto.
5th Flight: 1. Eleanor Calder, Clearwater; 2. Evelyn Sartain, Mount Dora.

TRIPLES

Championship Flight: 1. Marion Wall, Cecelia Noble and Mary McKay, Clearwater; 2. Sheryl Ann Milligan, Canada, Pauline Blastorah and Helen Cane, Sarasota; 3. Noreen Welsh, Kitty Cox and Shirley Jones, Clearwater; 4. Hilda Ferris, Maureen Scallon and Nancy Tranvik, Sarasota.

2nd Flight: 1. Mary Terrill and Roberta Lane, Sun City West AZ, and Cathy Symington, Westland; 2. Joan Barker, Melodie Rocosome and May Blair, Clearwater.

3rd Flight: 1. Dee Murray and Barb Yates, Canada, and Mamie Shearer, Clearwater; 2. Evelyn Schwalm, Jean McDowell and Margaret McBean, Clearwater.

4th Flight: 1. Betty Kelly, Doris Donnelly and Elsie Tait, Clearwater; 2. Barbara Roller, Tracy McCracken and Evelyn Sartain, Mount Dora.

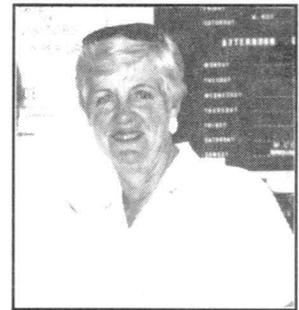
PAIRS

Championship Flight: 2. Rita Hurley and Cathy Symington, Westland; 3. Kitty Cox and June Clouart, Clearwater; 4. Brooke Reid and Joan Broad, Clearwater.

2nd Flight: 1. Lucy Brouillard and Polly Brouillard, Clearwater; 2. Ede MacWilliams, Clearwater, and Jo Gilbert, Daytona Beach.

3rd Flight: 1. Barbara Roller and Evelyn Sartain, Mount Dora; 2. Noreen Welsh and Shirley Jones, Clearwater.

4th Flight: 1. Cecelia Noble and Mary McKay, Clearwater; 2. Gina Shanklin and Tunie LaBar, Suncoasters.

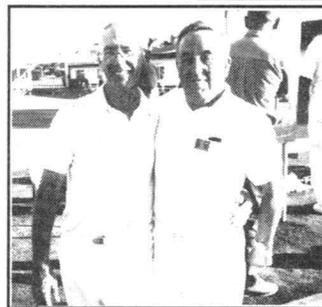


Ladies Singles Champ this year is Helen Culley of Clearwater.

Championship Triples Team: (L-R) Mary McKay, Marion Wall and Cecilia Noble. Mary was "Bowler of the Tournament." Marion and Eleanor Calder (not shown) won the Pairs.



Triples Victors: (L-R) Joe Lannan, Ward Cosburn and Stan Pratt.



Pairs Champs, Clearwater's Bill Stevenson (left) and Bill Farrell.



SE Open Singles champ Sam Drevitch, right, shakes ALBA President Joe Grabowski's hand.

CLEARWATER**By Ede MacWilliams**

A highlight of our tournament season this year was the visit from Bill Miller's family, who came to help him celebrate his 85th birthday and to observe the Bill Miller Triples Classic.

The Classic was won by Mick and Diana McFadden and Bill Adamson. Runners-up were Bert and Ede MacWilliams and George Armstrong.

The weekend-long Kurt Dornau Open Pairs was won by our Eric Rank and Bill Adamson, with the Delray Beach team of Lionel Thom and Lynn Stokes coming in second.

Other club tournament winners this season were:

Sadie Hawkins: 1-Marion Reid and Ron Jones; 2-Mary Helliker and Eric Rank. *Mayor Rita Garvey's charity tournament:* 1-Marion Wall, Jim Falco and Jack Bock; 2-John Cochrane, Ethel Graham and Lee Schwalm.

Otty Dornau Mixed Triples (women skips required): 1-Marion Wall, Rick Wall and Ray Goodenough; 2-Betty and Bill Adamson and Diana McFadden. *Valentine tournament:* 1-Eric Rank and Mary Helliker; 2-Alex Graham and Marianne Savard. *4-3-2-1 Invitational Pairs:* 1-Jim Leggate and Ev Schwalm; 2-Bill Adamson and Diana McFadden. *Singles:* Ladies: 1-Marion Wall, 2-Joan Barker. Men's: 1-Ron Jones, 2-Pat O'Donohue. *Pairs:* Ladies: 1-Helen McLaren/Joan Barker; 2-Mary McKay/June Clouart. Men's: 1-Ron Jones/Marcel Gagne; 2-Rick Wall/Charles Hardiman. *Triples:* Men's: 1-Pat O'Donohue/John Hughes/Jack Bock; 2-Mick McFadden/Bill Stevenson/Bill Gutshall. Ladies: 1-Marion Reid/May Blair/Jean McDowall; 2-Pauline Keenan/Lou Ann Mulvaney/Mary Helliker.

William Kaestle Memorial mixed triples: 1-Larry Belrose, Jean and John McDowall; 2-Dave Boyd, Doug and Marion Reid; 3-Bill and Betty Adamson and Elsie Tait.

The St. Patrick's Day cookout, with the men doing KP, was held in the evening after a game of triples won by Doug Reid, Ron Tumbull and Gail Davis, with Bert MacWilliams, Al Gulak and John Orr second.

In our mixed triples competition held the weekend after the Southeast ALBA and AWLBA Opens here and in Sun City Center, Howard and Marlene Adkin and Joe Dorsch came in first, followed by Russ and Estelle Tees and Lucy Brouillard.

We said farewells until Fall to our Canadian and British members at a special luncheon on March 18.

**NORTH CENTRAL
FLORIDA LEAGUE****By Gene Goodwin**

The two Mount Dora squads and two Mount Dora triples teams finished one-two this season in the North Central Florida League, which also includes teams from Daytona Beach, DeLand and Orlando.

The four-team Mount Dora Pirates won 34 of their 48 games to claim top squad. The 27 victories scored by the Mount Dora Bengals were enough to give them second place. Daytona Beach was third with 26 wins, DeLand fourth with 24, and Orlando fifth with 9.

Herb Wintsch and Bill and Beth Forbes of the Mount Dora Bengals put together the best team record of 10 wins and two losses, and with enough points to edge second-place Harold Esch, Barbara Roller and Phyllis Daniels of the Pirates, also 10-2. Third was claimed by the Pirates team of John Durant, Evelyn Sartain and Lowell Johnson, with a 9-3 record.

Another Pirates team and two Daytona Beach teams finished 8-4: Burl Roller, Maxine Hall and Ginny Daniel of Mount Dora; Pete Wisse, Jack and Jo Gilbert of Daytona Beach; and Terry Sloane, Gordon and Doreen Hargreaves of Daytona Beach.

In the post-season All Stars tournament, the Esch team finished first, followed by Durant's team and by Gene Goodwin, Mike Maneilly and Bruce McPeck of the Bengals.

The Wintsch and Goodwin teams finished one-two in the mid-season Evans Trophy competitions. Both the Evans and the All Stars are restricted to the two top teams in each of the League's five squads.

**WEST FLORIDA
LEAGUE****By Jerry Hyde**

The Clearwater Red Wings, captained by Bill Farrell, claimed the squad championship of the West Florida League for the second straight year with 22 wins, one tie and only nine losses.

The team trophy for the trio with the best record for the season went to Bill Stevenson, Bill Farrell and Eric Rank, of Clearwater. They won seven games, tied one and lost none to beat out runners-up Marion Wall, Rick Wall and Don Stephan, also of Clearwater.

Two squads from On-Top-of -the-World finished second and third in squad standings—the Green Hornets captained by Jerry Hyde, and the Yellow Jackets captained by Russ Tees.

Teams from Bradenton, as well as the two Clearwater club mentioned above, competed in the 1996 West Florida League. St. Petersburg formerly competed but dropped out this year because of declining membership. All these clubs bowl on ground rock-surfaced greens.

PEBBLE BEACH

(Sun City Center)

By Cliff Bailey

New club officers elected in December are: Ollie McLaughlin, president; Cliff Bailey, vice president, and Stretch Bilharz, secretary-treasurer.

Winners of recent club tournaments were: Triples—Ollie McLaughlin, Ray Turman and Dave Barrett. Pairs—Dick Kistler and Del Bettridge.

We had some winners in the SE-ALBA Open we hosted in March (see article opposite page).

DAYTONA**By Jack Gilbert**

We experienced a 36% increase in membership this year, and prospects for continued growth next season are excellent.

In March, a group of 42 British bowlers visited our club for a match. Although they won six of ten games, we outscored them 149 to 146 points.

Following are the results of our club tournaments to date:

Ladies' Pairs—Connie Addington and Eleanor Presley

Men's Pairs—Andy Inglis and Phil Lambert

Ladies' Singles—Jo Gilbert

Men's Singles—Alex Thomson

Sadie Hawkins Day—Sally Bonstelle and Bill Cannon.

Mixed Pairs—Gordon and Doreen Hargreaves.

Li'l Abner Day—Joe Debattista and Jo Gilbert.

Memorial—Gordon Hargreaves, John McNair and Mabel Beguin.

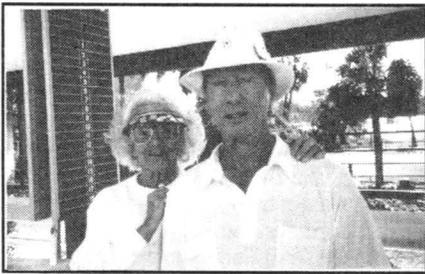
At the Champion of Champions Singles Tournament held at DeLand, Jo Gilbert placed first among the women, while Alex Thomson came in second on the men's side.

Our team of Pete Wisse, Jack and Jo Gilbert took second place at the Mount Dora Invitational, and Terry Sloane, Gordon and Doreen Hargreaves came in third.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

MOUNT DORA

By Gene Goodwin



Tracy McCracken and Herb Wintsch won the 1996 Mount Dora women's and men's Singles titles.

Nora Dorman, Tracy McCracken, Herb Wintsch and Bill Swartzlander took more than their share of Mount Dora club tournament trophies this season.

Nora skipped the champion women's triples and mixed pairs teams, and walked off with top money in Bill's Game, an eight-rink test of lawn bowling skills that we borrowed from our friends in the DeLand LBC. With Nora in the triples were Ruby Lindblad and Dot Leustig. Jim Laux was her lead in the mixed pairs.

Tracy won the women's singles and, with rookie Lois Lindley, took the women's pairs.

Herb kept up with Tracy by winning the same two tournaments on the men's

side. He had Harry Jacobson as his lead in the pairs.

Bill Swartzlander skipped his way to two club trophies—one in the Mr. and Mrs. with his wife, Belva, and a second in the mixed triples with Dot Leustig and Mary Bloomfield.

Our Home League, in which 21



Men's Triples champions (l-r) Russ Greenwood, Burl Roller and Bob LaPointe.

triples teams competed over two months, was won by Brett Miller-White, Jim Hadley and Rosemarie Walsh. The annual Major Marsh competition, in which the jack is played everywhere except the center, was won this winter by Ralph Knight, Barbara Roller and Eleanore Park.

For the second straight year, our

men's champions in singles, pairs and triples subdued our women's champs in what we are calling the Intra-Club Champion of Champions. Our singles and pairs winners also compete against their counterparts from the three other clubs in the North Central Florida League. And this year, even though we had to tap runners-up for four of the six positions, we brought home victories in the men's singles and the women's pairs, and came in second in women's singles and men's pairs.

Death took our club president, Jack Smallman, in January, and shortly after that we lost Carl Sutliff, Glenn Karr and Roland Blennerhassett. Not a good winter for us.



Women's Triples champions (l-r) Dot Leustig, Nora Dorman and Ruby Lindblad.

BRADENTON

By Joyce Schindler

Despite rain, wind and cold temperatures, all our club tournaments were completed with these results:

4-3-2-1: 1-Del Smith; 2-Less Knoll.

Ladies Singles: 1-Velma Freeze; 2-Eleanor Stokes.

Men's Singles: 1-Les Knoll; 2-Doug Bamford.

Ladies Pairs: 1-Ellen Hoffman and Mary Quinn; 2-Eleanor Stokes and Velma Freeze.

Men's Pairs: 1-Del Smith and Geoff Knight; 2-Tony Conyers and Joe Stokes.

Mixed Pairs: 1-Kitty Cox and Joe Quinn; 2-Eleanor Stokes and Vin Hoffman.

The top winners in our Home League, consisting of 10 successive Wednesdays of fine bowling, were: 1-Don Murray, 2-Del Smith, 3-Les Knoll, and 4-Hart Winkler.

We welcome new members Jim and Lorna Astler, Mary and Joe Quinn, and Louise Poole.

In Memoriam
Mildred Fibiger

DELAND

By Marjorie Fulton

Since the Winter issue, we have completed our club tournaments with the following winners:

Peter Nordin and Jim Coles, men's doubles; Betty Esty and Lottie Coles, women's doubles; Richard Humbert, men's singles; Lottie Coles, women's singles.

For the first time ever, two couples ended up in a tie in our Maggie and Jiggs Tournament. Sharing first place were Aileen Kirtley and Jay Hennessey, and Audrey Cole and Jim Coles.

Lottie Coles and Gene Alexander won our Friendship Day Jitney.

We hosted a group of bowlers from Bristol, England, in March—so many of them that we had to use all eight of our rinks and play rinks, a rare game for us.

Sadly, we have lost more members to death this season. Peter Nordin was our grounds maintenance chairman for many years. Charlie Childs was a past club president. Peter Corino, George Sincerbox and Alex Arkwright were valued members.

SARASOTA

By Phyllis Raad

Our club tournament winners this season are as follows:

Singles:

Women: Helen Wake, with Mari Paterson runner-up.

Men: Pres Lavier, with Dick LaBrie runner-up.

Snow Bowl: Bud and Helen Wake, with Ron and Eva Robson runners-up.

Ladies Pairs: 1. Doris Bernard/Dorothy Crellin, 2. Molly Percival/Nan Bertolini.

Cut Throat: 1. Doug Claxton, runners-up Dick LaBrie and Bob Bowes.

Memorial Tournament: Gerry Smith, Rita Reid and Doug Joslin.

Valentine Bowl: Ken Griesbach and Dorothy Crellin.

Club Championship: Pres Lavier.

Washington Mixed Triples: Dick LaBrie, Alex Drummond and Betty Cameron.

Married Couples: Ron and Shirley Fraser.

We hosted and bested 35 bowlers from England this winter.

Our new club officers are: Ian MacRae-president, Jack O'Brien-vice president, Sara Sullivan-secretary, and Gordon Tinman-treasurer.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

ORLANDO

By Pat McCann

Our North Central Florida League tournament winners this season were:

Women's Singles—Virginia Houck, Men's Singles—George Backstrom, Women's Pairs—Dorothy Leverett and Pat McCann, and Men's Pairs—George Backstrom and Ed Storma.

Orlando's two top teams qualifying for the All Star Tournament were: George Backstrom, Pat McCann and Richie Neimel; and Harry Miller, Ed and Muriel Storma.

Orlando's team skipped by Virginia Houck, with Joyce Miller and Ted Houck, placed first at the NCFL Mixed Triples Invitational held at Daytona Beach in February. Harry Miller's team, with Ed and Muriel Storma, was runner-up.

Our Association continues to suffer from a scarcity of members, further compounded this year by illness. Our nicely maintained greens are not being utilized to the extent we would like.

FORT LAUDERDALE

By Al Rizza

The big event of our season, the Open Triples, was won by a Canadian trio of Eva Steir, Isobel Wheatley and Eric Steir.

The winners of other club tournaments were:

Savings of America Triples: Isobel Wheatley, Claude Boutillier and Penny Hill.

Bert Adcock Triples: B. Kurtz, Juna Marks and Moe Marger.

John Evans Tournament: Stan Marks and Pauline Holtzman.

Robert Burns Day: Eva Steir, Milvia Rizza and Moe Marger.

Ladies Choice Doubles: Claude and Lise Boutillier, Montreal.

President's Day Doubles: President Bob Banks and Eric Steir.

Ken Ware Tournament: Al Rizza, Ray Dulude and Moe Marger.

Canada Day: Don Cready, Harry Stammers and Mike Fusco.

We hosted a tour group from Bristol, England, in March, and beat them by only three points in eight rinks of games.

PINEHURST

(North Carolina)

By Tom Kees

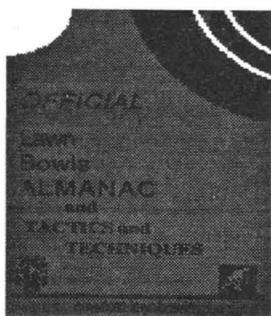
Although it is most unusual for us to have weather so bad that it cancels out regular bowling, it happened this season more than once. However, we have completed one of our club tournaments.

In Pairs, Al Conolly and Joe Coleman took the crown for 1996, with Dick Ott and Jim McGill coming in second. Art Tempel and Tom Kees won the First Flight.

The 1996 North Carolina Open is set for Oct. 18-20.

Bowlers who travel the northeast corridor, either north or south, are invited to try our greens.

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SUNCOASTERS

(Sun City Center)

By Thelma Matthews

Club tournaments produced these winners this season:

Singles: Champion—Joan Jones.

B Flight 1. Helen Jackson

Pairs: Muriel Rackliff/Marianne Turman.

Triples: Helen Jackson/Jeanne McLaughlin/Jan Love.

Triples winner Jeanne also won the women's singles tournament at the Sun City Center club and then went on to beat the men's singles champion.

Suncoasters Thelma Matthews, Patti Grabowski, Gina Shanklin and Tunie LaBar distinguished themselves at the SE-AWLBA Open in Clearwater.

DELRAY BEACH

By Gerry McCaul

Chairman Bob Knox operated the Delray Beach Tournament as a five-game round robin. The champion with five wins was the team of: Violet Baxter, Floyd Hedrick and Paul Lavitt. The second place team: Dick Nelken, Lynn Stokes, and Audrey McKinley. Third place was taken by Margaret Clarke, Hank Greenberg and Nancy Edwards.

Delray Beach held its seventh Senior Olympic games in February and again included lawn bowling. Chairman Dan Feese organized a 3-game round robin for the seven teams entered. Tom Gilchrist, Rachel Hedrick and Joe Lupo took the gold medals. Silver medals went to Bob McKinley, Gloria Farah and Denise Taylor. Bronze medal winners were Dan Feese, Martha Stafford and Dick Pearson.

The 27th annual Shield competition with West Palm Beach was held at Delray. Delray prevailed, 4-2, with two ties, and will hold the trophy until the 1997 tournament.



West Palm Beach and Delray bowlers with SHIELD Trophy held by donor, Louis McCaul.

The Board of Directors, with newly elected Violet Baxter, Gerry McCaul, Fran Feese and Bob Knox, joining incumbent Floyd Hedrick, met to elect the following officers for 1996-1997. Gerry McCaul-President, Floyd Hedrick-Vice President, Nancy Edwards-Secretary, and Gloria Farah-Treasurer.

In early March, the Board of Directors honored Linda MacDougall for her efforts to further women's lawn bowling by awarding her an Honorary Life Membership in the Delray Club. Linda is Violet Baxter's daughter.

Delray President
Gloria Farah
presents Linda
MacDougall with
an Honorary Life
Membership.
Proud mom Vi
Baxter looks on.



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The response and spirit of bowlers from our various clubs has been most heartening—a sign of better things to come.

The National Open, only a couple of months in the future when you read this, rates highest priority in our planning, especially with the host clubs. Chairman Frank Souza has matters well in hand, with able assistance from willing helpers.

PLEASE NOTE: The time for the opening ceremonies at Oakland on September 6th has been changed—moved up to 1:30 p.m. This will be followed with refreshments at the Oakland club house. The change in time (originally was 3 p.m.) was thought advisable so that those who attended the ceremonies could

avoid the evening commuter rush when returning to the Marriott or other place of residence.

Have another look at the interesting possibilities in the ad on page 15 in the last issue of BOWLS. The prizes offered are exciting and generous; the odds are inviting. The banquet will be a gala affair, a chance to meet with some of the finest bowlers from all parts of the U.S. and Canada, and possibly from overseas.

And who knows, lady luck just might smile on you when the prizes are drawn. Do plan to participate...you will be glad you did.

BERKELEY

By Howard Mackey

The drain for the south green has finally been completed with the city putting in a new outlet at the water collection area. Plans are now underway to improve drainage lines and put in new backboards. Unfortunately the new boards will be 6 to 8 inches above the walkway surrounding the green and could cause members and guests to trip when crossing to the playing green. Raising the walkway is a future solution.

Berkeley has already played one "home and home" against Oakmont and lost the trophy after a thrilling last match. Seven teams from each club competed. Berkeley traveled to Leisure Town in March for more home and home competition.

On March 23rd, the annual Heart Association Tournament was held in Berkeley, with 20 teams participating. Through the leadership of Frank Ransome, over a thousand dollars is annually collected for prizes and donations to the American Heart Association. This year \$840 was given to that organization.

Before the Oakmont visit and Heart Association Tournament, a morning work party helped prepare the grounds for visitors. Ted Culliver, Gene Corr, Howie Brown, Helen Owsley and Howard Mackey pruned hedges, raked leaves, pulled weeds and worked on the greens. There is always more to be done, but these individuals helped make a start on beautifying areas around the greens.

Besides the monthly birthday parties on the last Friday, we have had two other events which were well attended: Roy Coppla and Lucille McGuire sponsored a Valentine's Day Party and a St. Patrick's Day Party. Both events had lots of food, attractive decorations, and prize money for the afternoon draw games.

The City of Berkeley received last year's report on BLBC's compliance with the new lease and accepted it without any negative comments. Ted Johnston is working hard to keep the club in continuous compliance with the lease agreements.

Members are excited about the National Open being played in the Bay Area this September. Berkeley will provide its greens for a number of events, as will San Francisco, Oakland and Rossmoor bowling clubs. Headquarters will be at the Marriott Hotel on the Berkeley waterfront.

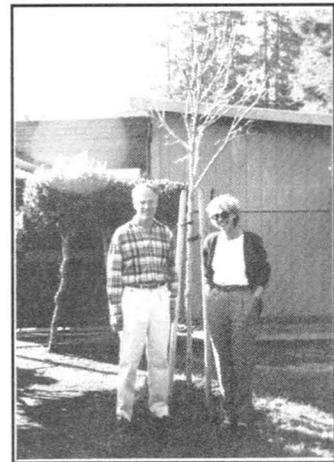
In October, Berkeley will host 54 British visitors with luncheon and bowling competition. Other clubs will be invited to participate and we are looking forward to seeing excellent bowling.

Bill Arnold reported the death of two former members who had joined the club in 1960's-70's: Fred Bacon and Farrington Tweedy, a former BLBC treasurer. Both will be missed for their friendliness and enthusiasm for bowling.

SAN JOSE

By B. Van Wingerden

In early January, our club had the honor of hosting the first annual Tom Mansfield Memorial Mixed Triples Tournament. 13 out of the 14 clubs in our division were represented, coming from as far away as Fresno. During our lunch break, a Crepe Myrtle tree was dedicated in Tom's honor for all he has done for our club. Tom's son and daughter, Peter and Tamara, were also in attendance.



Tom Mansfield's son and daughter, Peter and Tamara, beside the newly planted tree dedicated in honor of their father.

The Oakmont team was the eventual winner, consisting of Tina Forster (l), Kappy Njus (v), and Juanita Olinger (s). Second place went to the Richmond team.

For the second straight year, Andre Banares (San Jose) and Peter Fish (Canada) won the South Central Open men's pairs competition in Sun City, AZ.

Andre's wife, Regina, was again selected to represent the U.S. in the upcoming World Bowls tournament to be held in England. Good luck Reggie.

Our club will host a demonstration event for non-bowlers as part of the San Jose Seniors Games, to be held at our green July 11-14. Members of the club will provide some basic information about the game (history, delivery, footwork, etc.), and then let any interested participants give it a try. This will be followed by some bowling to targets with scores to be accumulated toward prizes.

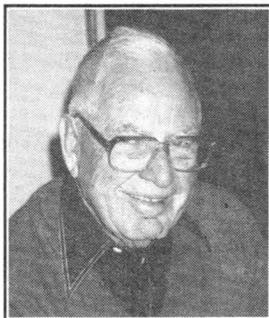
Thanks to Mary and Louis, our greenskeepers, the green has bowled great, running at about 13 seconds. The excellent drainage of our green, due to the two-foot base of sand, allowed us to bowl all winter despite the heavy rains.

Lastly, Hey Mad Dog. Hows come you never visit us anymore? See you at the Nationals?

ROSSMOOR

By Frank Ransome

The Bowling Community and Rossmoor, in particular, was saddened by the death of Fred Bacon in February. Here in Rossmoor, he served as coach, tournament director, lecturer and was most recently on the Board of Directors. His knowledge of bowls made him the most sought after advisor for many of the newer participants. For two years he contributed to the local paper with his insight into the sport which we called "Bacon Bits".



Fred Bacon

President, Jed Crane, has things organized for another great year. Training started on April 2, and a good number of recruits have been signed up. Jeanne Lauritzen has been busy contacting each of them for a briefing on the details of the two-week course. M.E. Hamlen, last year's President, has taken on the job of Membership Chairman and has things pretty well organized. M.E. is recovering from serious surgery and won't be bowling for awhile.

Many of our bowlers have participated in one or the other of two winter leagues which have been organized in the PIMD. Despite the rain, they have traveled to either Berkeley on Saturday or San Jose on Sunday to compete. Shirley Lyon chose San Jose—because they welcomed her dog, Teddy, who hates to be left home while she goes off to bowl. We're all looking forward to another good year on the green. Come see us, but bring your whites.

PALO ALTO

By Ed Arnold

The City of Palo Alto Parks Department does two renovations of our green every year. They just completed another thorough one and now we're back bowling again. The green looks great!

These were the top bowlers last year...they won 2 trophies (each) when prizes were given out recently to winners of the 1995 intraclub tourneys: Bill Wolfenbarger, Bill Collins, Bill McConachie, Louise Briggs, Roberta Durham, Esme Krobusek, Bea McConachie and Ann Knopf.

We were honored to receive a plaque from the ALBA for being one of the clubs in the country who recruited ten or more new members last year.

Celebrated our club's 63rd birthday on March 27th. We've been around for quite awhile...since 1933! And we still have one of our charter members on our roster. She's Margo Lockhart. Doesn't bowl anymore, but gets down to the club occasionally.

Some of our bowlers have been active in-between the raindrops...bowling in the San Jose LBC Winter League. In Pairs play: Bob Sinclair and Joel Stearn, Bill and Bea McConachie, and Andre and Regina Banares. Good competition there!

Two in our Banares family travelled over to Sun City, AZ for tournaments. In January, Andre and Regina rolled their Clive Forrester Tournament rinks team to first place in the Fifth Flight; and came back in February, with Andre teaming up with Peter Fish to win the South Central Open championship in Pairs...the second year they took that title.

Fifteen of ours bowled in the Opening Day Games at San Francisco in March, with the following taking home money prizes: George Wilson, Walter Bava, Fred Hawley, Bill McConachie, Lora Hawley, Les Briggs, Ray Beames, Andre Banares and Frank Souza.

RICHMOND

By Bob Scott

We had our combined Opening Day and Birthday Luncheon on March 14, enjoyed by 18 members bowling under a cloudless sky. What a beautiful day.

Our long-time member, Paul Regoli, announced that he has been lawn bowling 50, *that's FIFTY years!* Said his dad took him to the Berkeley greens when he was in his teen years and taught him to bowl. Paul and wife, Peggy, now live in Leisure Town, where lawn bowling is a way of life.

Howard Mackey won the "Chef Of The Year Award" of RLBC with his special cheerio cookies.

We are looking forward to a great year. The greens are superb and the gas will be turned back on at the club house this week. If things were any better, I don't think I could stand it.

COME VISIT US SOON AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES!

FRESNO

By F. Lee Hull

After somewhat of a lull this winter, our green is back in shape and bowling is in full swing. We have initiated an effort to bring in new members. With a notice in a publication of our local Club 55, we have endeavored to attract potential bowlers, particularly those over the age of 55. Of course, we would have no objection to those under 55, as well. A number have shown interest, and some have appeared on the green for an introduction to the fine art of lawn bowling. Hopefully they will take to instruction and stick with us.

Our first formal tournament, the Fresno Invitational, was March 30-31, with other events scheduled later.

SAN FRANCISCO

By Victoria DiLabbio Giambruno

Opening Day in any sport is an exciting event and the PIMD kick-off was no exception. San Francisco club President and host, Bill Campbell, welcomed the group to our greatly improved greens on an absolutely gorgeous day. The kind of day best described in Herb Caen's column recently by poet Charlotte Mandel, when she asked, "Is this the day San Francisco poses for its postcards?"

The PIMD Men's Tournament Director, Jim Webster, aptly handled the draw games, assisted by his wife, Irene, a U.S. Team member headed for the North American Challenge in Canada. It was an honor to have so many distinguished bowlers in our midst—an opportunity to greet old friends and make new ones. SFLBC members who received cash awards were: Bill Ryan, Robert Pawlak, Melvina Soares, Don Moseley and this reporter.

And the fun didn't stop there. The next day was St. Patrick's Day. Members decorated their whites and the clubhouse with a dash of green. Hostess Hattie Bahrt, assisted by the Ryans (Bill and Wilma)—and Betty Blue on set-up—served up a corned beef luncheon.

Arnie Barros ran the games, which resulted in a tie between a triples team of Bill Campbell/ Edie Denton/Carol Houston and a doubles team of Betty Blue/Ed Guterres. It was a fantastic weekend. Not a loser in the crowd!

Since the publication of the last Bowls Magazine, the game lost one of its most colorful and well-loved champions, Fred Bacon. His memory will be cherished by countless friends, every one of which he made feel so special.



Wilma Ryan wearin' a bit o' green on St. Patrick's Day.

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SANTA CRUZ**By Woody Maunder**

*"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfills himself in many ways,
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world."*

Good scholars who grew up under the guidance of dedicated English teachers will recall the name of the author of the above and the epic poem from which it is drawn. Can you? We welcome new members Doreen Evans, Jim Carter, Gus Wells, Bob Halterman, and Bob Therkelsen in that spirit, and bid fond farewell to long-time members Hilda Ward and Try Eldredge. Our two retiring ladies both came to us from England—Hilda a member since 1978, and Try since 1985. Godspeed and good health.

Finishing 1-2-3 in a unisex draw club tourney in mid-March were Steve Schoenfeld/Renee Sayer, Ernie Rideout/Ralph Brailsford, and Woody and Elly Maunder. This tourney is our season opener, tune-up for the club singles championships June 29-30, and the renewal of the popular Friendship Games with Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto and Del Mesa Carmel.

Plans are being made for staging our first Wine and Roses Invitational on July 28th, and the beginning of twilight games, starting on Memorial Day on Friday evenings at 4 p.m.

Under the hand of member John Williams and a new City parks greenskeeping crew, our eight rinks have made a mighty leap forward since last fall. Thatching and other renovations will be concluded during the first two weeks of April.

SANTA CLARA**By Russ Biltoft**

We have had lots of rain this winter, but it has not deterred our regular bowlers. And it has been great for the green.

Our first club tournament of the year was the annual Valentine Sweetheart Tournament, which of course was mixed pairs, followed by a potluck. The winning pair was Marge Bodah and Russ Biltoft. The party was also an occasion to celebrate the 90th birthday of Pearle Patton, who was one of the moving forces behind the formation of the Santa Clara Lawn Bowls Club, and its first president.

Our annual St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage feed was held in March. The accompanying mixed triples 3-game draw tournament was held March 9-10. Victors are: Ann Maron, Harvey McFalls and Mary Jo Tracy.

Work is continuing on lighting for our green. It seems to progress awfully slowly, but I'm sure we must consider the fact that it is not the only project going on in the City.

By the time you read this we will be back on Daylight Savings Time, and able to bowl evenings, the best time of day, especially in hot weather.

OAKLAND**By June Beitelspacher**

With spring-like days appearing, the members are slowly returning to the greens to play bowls. We are anticipating more persons attending our annual spring buffet on April 25th for some good food and fellowship. We will have a President's club game.

Oakland Lawn Bowling Club's first annual Winter League Tournament was completed in early March, after five Saturdays and nine games of play. Ten triples teams participated, with players from Oakland, Berkeley and Rossmoor Clubs. Congratulations to the first place winning team of Paul Schmidt, Glen Godfrey and Harry Oh. In second place: Keith Brooks, Lucille McGuire and Gene Corr. Third place: Andre Banares, Frank Ransome, Jim Bellecci. Fourth place: John Spiers, Howard Mackey, Mark Bush. Trophies and cash prizes were awarded the four winning teams. We expect this to be the first of many future annual winter league tournaments.

Our second quarterly meeting was held April 11th, and a week later, we enjoyed our first of the season Home & Homes with Richmond (there). In May, our own club games will be played and we hope for a healthy turnout. Our greens #2 and #3 are being readied for play in another month.

OAKMONT**By Harry H. Hunter**

Our opening tournament of the year, President's Day, was washed out by several consecutive days of rain, so our de facto opening tourney became St. Patty's Day on the 18th of March. We did, however, send four carloads of bowlers down to PIMD's Opening Day Tournament at San Francisco's greens on March 16th. It's always so nice to see everyone again after the long winter.

The big news around here has been the progression of arrangements for our green's major renovation coming up this spring. Two contractors have submitted their bids, and the decision to choose one is expected momentarily, after which the long awaited construction will begin. It is expected to require close to two months to complete the excavation, drainage and irrigation installation, grass seeding and germination. At completion we should have a state-of-the-art green to bowl on for well into the new century. We feel sort of like children the week before Christmas!

We've kept ourselves busy this spring. Our intrepid construction and repair committee, headed by Ray Watts, has assembled a versatile equipment cart to carry our rakes, mats, etc. out and back to the new storage shed every day. Also, last month they constructed and installed 20 beautiful birch lockers, enough for 40 members. No more waiting list for lockers.

LEISURE TOWN**By Joe Cross**

If you noticed we missed the Winter edition, please be assured we are still around. At our quarterly meeting in December, the following officers were elected: President-Norman McLeod, Vice President-Zaidee Reed, Treasurer-Doris Solga, Secretary-Virginia East. Board members-at-large are: Doris Campbell, Dick Ruddy, Eva Hoekman, John Hoekman, and immediate past president Ed Klein.

This year, we hope to get more members to participate both in scheduled tournaments and the daily bowling sessions. Insurance companies and health organizations are recommending Lawn Bowling as an excellent exercise for Seniors. So get the flat shoes out of the box, the whites out of moth balls, come on out and join the fun. I try to be a good loser as the etiquette code prescribes, but losing to the same people day after day is monotonous. So again I say, please come on out.

Weather didn't allow us much bowling in Jan. and Feb. As we go to press we are hoping it will let us begin some needed green repairs. In April, we held our Opening Day the 1st, Spring Points Games the 3rd, Women's Triples North the 13th, the L.T./Oakmont Home & Home the 18th, and L.T. Men's Choice the 24th. May dates are: L.T. Mixed Triples Draw the 7th, and L.T./Richmond Home & Home on May 9th.

We had a good turnout at our Valentines' Day soup and salad potluck. Thirteen varieties of soup happened to be available. No signs of superstition. Diners just latched on to their bowls and stormed the crockpots. Have a good '96 season.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

SUNNYVALE

By Wes Ireland

There is some good news regarding the tournament scene. In the South Central Open, held in Arizona, Jim Webster & David Close placed third in the Championship Flight (Pairs). Our Irene Webster, along with Mary DeLisle (Santa Barbara) Southwest Division, placed first in the Second Flight (Pairs).

Irene, along with four other ladies, will represent the United States in July at Oshawa, Canada, in the North American Challenge. Other than that, not much has taken place except occasional "social bowling" when weather permits.

Rain has been a frequent visitor, thereby prohibiting play.

We were pleased to welcome a guest speaker at our General Membership Meeting in early March. Mr. Alexander Schure spoke on wills, trusts, and how to protect your estate for the benefit of your heirs. The information he imparted was well-received by those in attendance.

Perhaps this is a good time to acknowledge the efforts of Mary Balsama and Al Cancilla in making the social portion of our meetings enjoyable as well as tasty! Many other members contribute

too—the ladies in providing outstanding potluck dishes, the gentlemen in setting up and cleaning up. Hats off to one and all.

Our President, Mary Scott, has held a number of Strategic Planning Meetings, with the objective of making our club run more smoothly and move forward successfully.

Our good friend, Jim Warwood had hip surgery (replacement) recently. He is in the process of rehabilitation and doing nicely. We hope to have him back soon on the green. Good bowling to all.

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DU PONT

(Wilmington, DE)

By Dick Schiefelbein

After an all-time record annual snowfall of 61 inches, our members were anxious to get out on the green and resume bowling. On April 10th, the weather was warm enough for bowling on the afternoon preceding our Spring meeting after dinner.

Open Houses for new prospects—members and guests—were held on the last two Saturdays in April. Our first scheduled event, Opening Day Games, was on May 4th. The following week our green was closed since the Du Pont Country Club again hosted the McDonald's LPGA Championship, with the highest purse for any women's golf tournament.

Scheduling is underway for visits here by clubs from Hamilton (NJ), Leisure World (MD) and Williamsburg (VA). The Du Pont Lawn Bowling Club will host the Eastern Division's Classic Singles on June 15.

Bowling on Monday evenings starts at 6 p.m. from June 1st until late August. Social bowling is at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, as well as Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

Visitors are always welcome. Please feel free to contact Shirley Straw at (302) 234-3174, or Pete Rich at (302) 792-9138.

THISTLE

(Hartford, CT)

By George W. Pardee

Thistle members are anxiously awaiting the Spring opening of our bowling season. Our Games Committee Chairman, Ted Laski, has scheduled the following events for this season: Open Bowling on Tues., Wed., and Sat. afternoons. Doubles Tournament to be played on Thurs. evenings. Intra Club Tournaments (five) planned for Sunday afternoons.

Our opening is scheduled for Sunday June 23rd, with a Rose Bowl Tournament at our Elizabeth Park greens, during the nationally acclaimed Rose Gardens Display. Inter-club tournaments: two scheduled with Fernleigh, with other clubs to be scheduled.

Grounds Committee Chairman, Ward Francis, is busy arranging for a spring refurbishing of our greens. Ward is also arranging for some "Out Of Town Tournaments." Busy man, Mr. Francis.

Training Chairman, Bill Wassell, and his Committee are ready for the new members resulting from our recruiting program. They will also be available for "refresher" training.

Lou Antos, Bowls and Equipment Chairman, is making provisions for new members to have bowls and other equipment available for training purposes. Special emphasis is being placed on recruiting new members, again following our very successful program with eleven new members recruited last year.

The TLBC is one rich in history and tradition and every member is committed to recruitment. A chart indicating our objectives, dates and results-to-date will be posted outside the clubhouse for all to see our progress through the year.

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As last summer drew to a close, several Chase Park bowlers here in Chatham decided to explore the possibility of indoor bowling during the fall and winter months. The long and the short of it was, they talked to the town's Parks & Recreation Department and arranged to use Chatham's Community Hall on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We bought rink's worth of carpeting in the next town and, beginning this past January until the opening of our green (actually it's hard-packed sand—a plentiful commodity on Cape Cod), we've been bowling up a storm. Drop by when you're in the neighborhood!

BRIDGEPORT

(Bridgeport, CT)

Tom McIntosh reports nothing to report. Greenskeeping is going ahead fullbore; looks like it's going to be excellent bowling this spring and summer. The club extends its sympathy to Bill Miller and his family on the loss of his wife, Edith Miller—a longtime member and a fine bowler. We shall all miss her.

In Memoriam
Edith Miller

EASTERN DIVISION

CATARACT CITY

(Niagara Falls, NY)

By Duncan Gillies

We were glad to say goodbye to the fourth snowiest winter on record. Now everyone is set for spring and the beginning of lawn bowling. I missed getting to the Southeast Tournament due to illness. Next year it will be in Sarasota and I certainly hope I will be able to attend.

Our annual spring dinner was held recently, and our officers were sworn in. The slate remains the same as last year: President—Joe Rogan, Vice President—Charlie Geist and Secretary-Treasurer—Ted Payne. Pet Rauccio will serve as Tournament Chairman, and new on the Board of Directors will be Rich Hartley.

By the time this issue of "Bowls" gets to you, we hope we will be on the greens enjoying the sunshine and warm temperatures. Have a wonderful season and may all your bowls be close.

FERNLEIGH

(West Hartford, CT)

By George W. Pardee

Our President, John Rowson, has set the agenda for an exciting 1996 season with the following team of officers: Vice President—Robert Ashcraft, Secretary—Denison Fuller, Ass't Sec.—Roger Rice, Treasurer—Robert O'Brien, and Ass't Treas.—John McNeill.

Greens Chairman, David Anderson has an aggressive program in place for revamping our greens, which will include leveling and adjusting the height of the plinths.

Intra and Inter Club tournaments are being scheduled by our respective Chairmen Ward Francis and Bill Wassell. Ward is working with a group from England to be our guests.

Training will be an integral part of the Club's activities this year under the able leadership of Chairmen Frank Stolzenberg.

Each member of the Club is being asked to recruit one new candidate for membership. Chairman of the Membership Committee Alex Petrides is developing a new membership program.

House and Grounds Chairman Roger Rice is organizing a stalwart committee for spring house cleaning in preparation for our Opening Day program.

Our Treasury was augmented by a \$1,000 contribution from the Women's Auxiliary. "Thank You Ladies!" Everyone is eagerly looking forward to the opening day of the season, what with having broken all snow records as of Feb. 16, with 90+ inches and five weeks of winter remaining.

BUCK HILL FALLS

By Bob Gates

We failed to report in last Fall's issue that Charlie Riedel passed away in September at the age of 91. Charlie was known throughout the division for he was devoted to bowling, serving as president of our club for many years. His grandchildren, along with a large group of friends, came to our greens following the memorial service, and celebrated by bowling (shoeless). A spider dedicated to Charlie's memory was won by his granddaughter's fiance. His three grandchildren desire to establish a permanent Charlie Riedel tournament. Our club voted to send a donation to the ALBA Memorial Foundation in memory of Charles A. Riedel.

Another item from last year concerns the bowler who won the Wood Memorial Tournament—Angelo Palermo—a bowler of only two years and current club Treasurer. Geanne Loveless was winner of the Wilson Memorial Tournament, but as a past national champion, her win could be anticipated. So, we congratulate Angelo for his surprise win and wish him many more victories here and elsewhere.

The AWLBA Division tournament will be held here August 22-25, and the ALBA U.S. Pairs Playdown is at Buck Hill, July 13-14. This year's memorial tournament will be held in memory of Betty Nelson. Betty and husband George were both excellent bowlers, and George still bowls with amazing accuracy.

A note to our sister club at Skytop—the antique etching trophy of lawn bowling in rural England (or perhaps Scotland) hangs over the fireplace in Kerby Library. We promised you we would take good care of it and it looks nice. We will miss it if your team wins it back this summer.

CUNNINGHAM B.G.C.

(Milton, MA)

By Sam Drevitch

Winter is over, and our spirits are alive again on our new bowling surface.

Last year at this time, I was very skeptical about our being able to continue as a club because of the poor condition of the green. Now, everyone is anxious to see how our green will bowl after an absence of a whole season while it was being refurbished.

Our season's schedule will be full of Saturday tournaments, in conjunction with the Slater Park Club of Rhode Island. New bowler lessons are on Wednesdays.

Our club started in 1928, and we are all looking forward to a celebration in 2003 for our 75th year in existence.

ESSEX COUNTY

(New Jersey)

By George J. Schick

The Essex membership is faced with the same challenges as other Lawn Bowling clubs: declining membership, greens maintained by municipalities dealing with their own budget and staff reductions, apathy among club members, and lack of commitment to the best interests of Lawn Bowling.

Despite these problems, I am extremely pleased to announce that the Essex Club, led by President Colin Smith, has developed a plan to combat each of these issues. To build Essex MEMBERSHIP, our Club has established a program through which 30 or more County service organizations will be meeting with representatives of the Essex Club in luncheon meetings and on-site green visits to explore a working relationship between their group and the Essex Club. In addition, we have had meetings with seven area colleges to develop various Lawn Bowling programs for their students and faculty.

For GREENS MAINTENANCE, County Parks liaison, Skippy Arculli, meets regularly with our County Officials to discuss Essex green maintenance needs and what we, as Club members, can do to support County efforts. We are indeed fortunate to have a strong, working relationship with the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

To combat APATHY among members and to RE-FOCUS on the things that are best for bowling, the Essex Club has undertaken an ambitious schedule of Free Lessons clinics throughout the 1996 season.

All free days on our schedule have been devoted to playing at the Essex green and offering free clinics via area newspapers surrounding the Essex green. Also, we have developed organized local tournament schedules with area Clubs to ensure that the Essex Green will receive maximum play, to show our Club's commitment to support the County's maintenance efforts.

If you have any ideas about things our Club can do to build membership, please contact: George Schick, 512 Peach St., Avenel NJ 07001-1066.

As this article is prepared for press, Essex's Skippy Arculli is en-route home from Australia, where he served as a member of the United States Team competing in the 1996 World Bowls Championships. This summer, our Isabel Forbes will serve as Captain of AWLBA's Team USA competing in Women's World Bowls in England.

EASTERN DIVISION

NEW YORK

(Central Park)

By Laralu Smith

May 11th marks a return to Central Park and our 71st Opening Day! Leading up to the season opener were two successful events that have become NYLBC traditions: our Spring Fling/Tournament Awards presentation at the home of President Jane Jacobs, and the Annual Greens & Clubhouse Cleanup Days, under the watchful eye of Eleanor Fox.

According to the NYLBC archives, not only have we completed 70 years of playing bowls here in NYC—we are now able to celebrate 25 years that women have enjoyed full membership privileges in our club. During that time, three women—Liz Thompson, Helen Ryan and Jane Jacobs—have been elected Club President. This year Anne D'Anella is 2nd Vice President, Barbara Turkington is a recent addition to the Board, and 'yours truly' continues as BOWLS cor-

respondent. Jean Lithgow and Suesanna Voorhees are co-chairs of the vital New Members and Instruction Committee. Women account for nearly half of our membership. Happy Silver Anniversary, gals!

Speaking of women, this year's "Out-Of-Towners Invitational Triples, tentatively set for August 17, will be played in memory of our beloved Pat Simon. Pat sought out bowling greens wherever she went and was a vociferous supporter of the sport.

We're always happy to contribute funds to benefit our facility. Together with the New York Croquet Club, we are helping the NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation as they modernize our antiquated sprinkler system. Even though we're usually blessed with plenty of rain, we need to keep our infrastructure up to speed.

The Tournament Committee has slightly reduced the number of tournaments this season to accommodate club bowlers as well as to set aside ample prime time for recruitment and training sessions.

Our newsletter is nameless no more. It is now "The Bowling Green", not be confused with a lower Manhattan subway stop. Bob Mancuso is responsible for the winning moniker and receives a NYLBC jacket for his creativity!

Congratulations to our thespian Past President Joe Gioco, who spent much of winter and spring in the Broadway revival of "Inherit The Wind", starring George C. Scott and Charles Durning.

Visiting, NYC this summer? Check us out: (212) 594-3525 or (212) 877-9890.

In Memorium
Pat Simon

SUNRISE

(East Meadow, L.I.)

By Harold Koenig

Our president Muriel was saying: "It was on July 26, 1931, this club held its opening day ceremonies on the green in Massapequa, NY, under the auspices of the Long Island State Park Commission. Originally membership was limited to men and in 1954 women were admitted.

"The State closed that green in 1965, but Nassau County had a small green (two rinks in Salisbury Park, later renamed Eisenhower Park). It was totally inadequate due to size and condition. But

in desperation, the club moved to this green. Through an aggressive campaign waged by dedicated people, the county increased the green to standard size, improved the surface, provided a clubhouse, and fenced-in the green. Grand opening was May 20, 1967." This information came from a Sunrise L.B.C. brief history written by Earl Chatterton.

Dan and Marie Gorman were always among the members improving the club. They just donated a batch of old BOWLS

Magazines dating back to the 60's. We see the club correspondent in the July-1968 edition was Matty Duncan. First note of Marie Gorman as correspondent was April-1973. Matty and Marie traveled to lots of clubs, winning many tournaments.

A planned celebration of this club's 65 years of existence will be held in July. We hope bowling here will last forever.

In Memorium
Matty Duncan

SLATER PARK

(Pawtucket, RI)

By Paul Motta

We are all waiting anxiously for Opening Day.

Thank goodness for the great banquet we had in February. Shirley and Ed Kenny did a wonderful job, as usual. We all had fun waiting to see what treasurers were to be won in the raffle.

At this time, I would like to mention that Parker Foss will no longer be Secretary-Treasurer. Parker has done his share and now it is time for others to take over. Parker did a superb job for us. We thank him very much for all the time and effort he put into the S-T task.

The greens need constant work. That means we need as many members as possible to help out. A few can't do all the work. It will take the hands of many to keep the green in good shape all season long. Do your part. After all, it's YOUR green!

SKYTOP

(Skytop, PA)

Ken Willig says bowling news is scarce just now at Skytop, so perhaps this is a good opportunity to tell something about this club that recently rejoined ALBA.

Here goes: Skytop, located in the Poconos about 100 miles west of New York City, dates back to 1927. It is a semi-private club with an 18-hole championship golf course, tennis courts, two lakes for boating and fishing, a stocked trout stream, and for the lawn bowler, seven rinks.

The lawn bowling group is made up of 20 active participants and we are making strong efforts to attract younger bowlers.

Mrs. Marjorie Ward has been a bowls stalwart and was instrumental in resurrecting the camaraderie between Skytop and neighboring Buck Hill Falls LBC.

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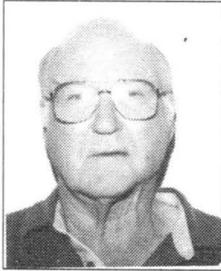
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Hello, Lindsay speaking: The South Central activities for the past quarter consisted of the Division Tournament and the U.S. Playdowns. The local clubs have been getting great attendance for their visitations. The inter-club activities bring out the lawn bowlers.

The Playdowns had nine double teams and eight single players. Youth pre-

vailed. Maybe we need a senior division to bring out the senior bowlers.

All is well in the South Central Division and the Johnson Lawn Bowls Club looks forward to its mixed pairs tournament in the fall. Look for the information on the back page of this issue. We are hopeful this will be the largest mixed pairs tournament in the U.S.

1996 FORRESTER TOURNAMENT

The annual Lola and Clive Forrester Rinks Tournament continues to be a great success. It was played at Sun City, Arizona, January 20-22. Sixty teams were entered this year with contestants coming from all seven U.S. Divisions, as well as Canada and England.

The final day, the top 32 teams, after 6 games to qualify, vied for places in five flights. The championship game was between the Graham Jarvis team and the Neil Furman team. Competition started the final day at 8 a.m. and ended with Neil Furman's last bowl at 8 p.m. This game was tied at the completion of 16 ends, and the Jarvis team won on an extra end. The game itself was beautifully bowled by all eight players.

Tournament sponsors were: Ken Meade Realty, Trantina Insurance Agency, Rauscher Pierce Refsnes, Inc., Woodby Enterprises, and Sunland Memorial Park. Following are the results:

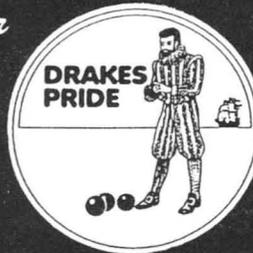
Championship Flight

1. (L) Beryl Harrington, (2) Selina Jarvis, (V) Malcom Harrington, (S) Graham Jarvis (SC)
2. Maryna Hyland, Ivan Hyland, Anne Barber, Neil Furman (SW)
3. Tom Lam, Helen Lam, Sheila Buttar, Jim Buttar (CAN)
4. Carol Larson, Nancy Hull-Ober, Bill Lingeman, Tom Stirrat (SC)

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(SW)/Liyall Adams (CAN)

Third Flight

1. Margaret Fettes/ Jean
Roney/ Don Kuntz/ S. Keith
Roney (CAN)
2. Agnes McInnes (SW)/
Muriel Rackliff (SE)/ Bill
Weaver (SC)/ Neil McInnes
(SW)

Fourth Flight

1. Jean Haigler (SC)/Michael
Siddall (SW)/Rita Hurley (C)/
Pat Fagan (SW)
2. Lola Forrester (SC)/
Corinna Folkins (SW)/Bruce
Mathison (CAN)/Doug
McArthur (SC)

Fifth Flight

1. Regina Banares (PIM)/
Helen Teichman (PIM)/Chip
Standen (ENG)/Andre Banares
(PIM)
2. Claire Bowlby/Irma
Bricker/Rosemary Waldie/Cal
Bricker (CAN)

Plans are underway for January 18-20, 1997. Look for ad in summer-1996 BOWLS.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION



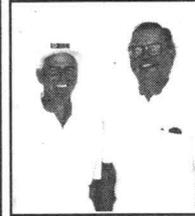
Triples finalists: (l-r) Champions—Malcolm Harrington, Charlie Hardy and Bob Labron; Runners-up—Bill Weaver, Ed Quo and Neil Furman.



Pairs finalists: (l-r) Runners-up—Bill Lingeman and Tom Stirrat, and Champions—Peter Fish and Andre Banares.



Singles royalty: 1996 Champion Doug McArthur, left, and runner-up Neil Furman.



Finishing fourth in the Singles was Peter Fish, left, as third place went to Ed Quo.



Winner of Singles Third Flight is Tom Stirrat, left, and runner-up Lindsay Towns.

SOUTH CENTRAL OPEN

By R. Gil Stephan, Jr.

The South Central Division held its 1996 Open Tournament February 10-16, at the Sun City West Club, in Arizona. Results:

TRIPLES

Championship

1. (s) Skip Harrington, (v) Charlie Hardy, (l) Bob LaBron
2. Neil Furman, Ed Quo, Bill Weaver
3. Tom Stirrat, Bill Lingeman, Keith Yett
4. Harry Leng, Lowell Ergen, Harry Berry

2nd Flight

1. Ted Job, John Hermandessen, Bill Wrentmore
2. Peter Fish, Gil Stephan, Andre Banares

3rd Flight

1. Doug McArthur, Chet Towle, John Toal
2. Dick Niblack, Frank Flynn, Ron Gilmour

4th Flight

1. Leon Sullivan, Larry Reimer, Bob Kemp

PAIRS

Championship

1. Peter Fish, Andre Banares
2. Tom Stirrat, Bill Lingeman
3. Dave Close, Jim Webster
4. Ted Job, Chet Towle

2nd Flight

1. Dick Cole, Ken Braziel
2. John Toal, Tom Lam

3rd Flight

1. Doug McArthur, Ivan Hyland
2. Bob Hill, Gordon Shieck

4th Flight

1. Bill Hiscock, Ray Santini
2. Leon Sullivan, Bob Kemp

5th Flight

1. Norman Desautels, Ralph Bednerak
2. Glen Pieske, Bob Olson

SINGLES

Championship

1. Doug McArthur
2. Neil Furman
3. Ed Quo
4. Peter Fish

2nd Flight

1. Dick Cole
2. Bill Hiscock

3rd Flight

1. Tom Stirrat
2. Lindsay Towns

4th Flight

1. Bill Lingeman
2. Bob Hill

World Bowls Board

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Two interesting rules proposals were made, but not adopted. Australia suggested that dead ends be abolished by placing the jack at the 2-meter mark after it leaves the rink. Another proposal made was to allow players on a team to change positions during a game. Stay tuned as Australia tries these out.

WORLD BOWLS

The next World Bowls will be in Johannesburg, S.A., in 2000. Only 16 nations will compete—the host and 7 top finishers from 1996 and 8 “qualifiers”. The qualification tournaments: Pacific Rim Games, All Africa Tournament, and a new European tournament will be held in 1997 or 1998.

A new standard for eligibility will also be in force. A player may represent a nation if citizenship or residency has been maintained in three of the last five years. This standard is far looser than the ALBA requirement of “U.S. Citizenship”.

WBB AND YOU

The dues to the WBB was raised from 5 pence to 6 pence per member, with a minimum of \$1,520 U.S. What does the U. S. get for its dues? Standardization, research, publicity and competition.

Bowls manufacturers and artificial green manufacturers make quality products because of WBB oversight and testing. A U.S. club thinking of spending upwards of \$80,000 on an artificial green can trust WBB endorsements that these greens meet standards for construction, installation and maintenance. WBB research is constantly in progress to improve our game. One such example of this is a major project on outdoor surfaces which will soon begin.

The WBB continues to work with television for more TV exposure for bowls. The World Bowls was televised as much as 3 hours each day. I will soon have the tapes for your club to view.

Finally, the WBB sponsors the World Bowls and works with other groups to present major bowls events around the world. I am sure all American bowlers are as proud of our men in the World, Pacific and other international tournaments as they are proud of Americans in the Olympics. WBB membership costs each ALBA member about 38 cents a year!

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SECURE HORIZONS TOURNAMENT REPORT

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team member would be playing their normal club position—Lead, Vice or Skip—no stacked teams. The host club (Santa Maria) entered four teams to make a round number of sixteen teams, making sure that there would be no byes. There were four 14-end games over the two days, played by ALBA rules. Each team member received a tournament shirt—high quality white polo shirt with the tournament logo embroidered on the left breast.

FOOD AND RECEPTION

The Tournament provided breakfast pastries and coffee for the morning session and lunch for the break between games. After the first day of play (Saturday), there was a Welcome Reception party in the clubhouse, with "substantial" hors d'oeuvres, champagne, wine, and beer. The Tournament budget included all the food and drink and supplies. Santa Maria club members and some spouses provided the work force.

PRIZES

Certificates were awarded to each individual member of a winning team. The prizes for the triples tournament, for each individual member of the team, were: First place: Set of bowls and a bowls bag. Second place: Set of bowls. Third place: Bowls bag and a tape measure. Fourth place: ALBA sweater or ALBA shirt. Fifth place: ALBA hat or ALBA visor

SPONSOR'S REACTION

In an initial assessment, Secure Horizons seems pleased with their participation. As expressed in the following comment: "Lawn bowling is one of many active sports for seniors endorsed by our Senior Fit Wellness program. We were proud to sponsor the 1996 Central Coast Senior Lawn Bowling Tournament and commend all those who participated. Sponsorships, like the Central Coast lawn Bowling Tournament, are part of our ongoing commitment to our membership in the communities which we serve."

MORE OF THE COACH'S CORNER

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out), but not with so much force that it goes into the ditch itself. In effect the RUNNING shot is a heavy YARD ON. It will still draw and must be played like a draw because you want to keep it on the green to become a back bowl if you miss with it.

The DRIVE isn't supposed to draw very much, but it is still a controlled shot. The bowler doesn't stand on the mat and fire as hard as he can. He must learn to roll the bowl with great force without losing his rhythm or disturbing his line of sight. The DRIVE is both a defensive and offensive tool and should be in every second's repertoire.

Used sparingly, the DRIVE can keep your opponents from putting too many bowls in one spot. It is a lucky skip who can ask his second to break up the head and thus leave an open path for him when it's his turn on the mat.

Defensively, the DRIVE can be used to burn an end or to cut down an opponents score. But these are risky shots and should only be played when there's no chance for success with a DRAW.



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THE LAST SHOT

According to TWA's Ambassador Magazine, greens fees at some of the airline's customers favorite golf courses are: \$225 at California's Pebble Beach, \$150 at Scottsdale's (AZ) Troon North, \$175 at The Boulders in Carefree (AZ), and \$175 at Spyglass Hill in Pebble Beach. Those are the daily greens fees. For a cart, add \$20-\$25. For a caddie, bring your banker.

No one asked me for my list of favorite bowling greens, but I'm pretty sure the greens fee for a one-day visit to the lovely Clearwater LBC, or Buck Hill Falls, or Milwaukee West, or the Oakland greens would be something around, oh, FREE. And, I'd caddy for myself.

You see, that's the problem with bowls—we don't charge enough! Things that cost more have more value to consumers. As comedian Norm Crosby explains: "That's a true fallacy!" One round of golf at Pebble Beach's Spyglass Hill would cover a season's membership to most lawn bowling clubs in America. Heck, it would cover you and the missus and a friend—and maybe even the friend's friend!

I'm not stomping for higher greens fees for lawn bowlers. I'm just trying to sugar-coat the fact that most lawn bowlers have little respect for the sport they play, and most love. We

take our bowls for granted. If it costs so little to enjoy, how important can it be? Golf, on the other hand, costs a fortune at worst, and a lot, at best. Economic sense leads us to believe that the pricey-er the label, the better the goods.

The Rodney Dangerfield theme extends to the people who play our game. Every division has men and women champions in their midst. Does anyone get excited to be on the same green with any of them? In Florida, there's Bill Miller, and in New Jersey, Skip Arculli—both of them past World Champions. The bowler's attitude is: "Hey. They put their pants on one leg at a time, just like me." In a letter to the Editor about a year ago the writer marvelled: "What other sport (than Bowls) can an average bowler, even a novice, share a match against a World or national champion?"

Can you imagine Nicklaus or Palmer or Norman or Faldo, et als, putting his tab in for a blind draw match with everyday club golfers? Oh sure, they lighten up sometimes. At celebrity pro-ams, where nutcases pony-up \$10,000-50,000 (usually to a charity) to play in a foursome with a big name pro. I won a National Open Pairs title in 1989. Anyone care to donate a buck to their favorite charity for the privilege of teaming-up with me?

Lawn bowling lends itself to little pretentiousness. We are what we are: a challenging sport...that can be enjoyed at every level of play...that costs little to engage in. Nothing to be ashamed of. A lot to be proud of!

Good luck to AWLBA's Team USA at the Women's World Championships in England.

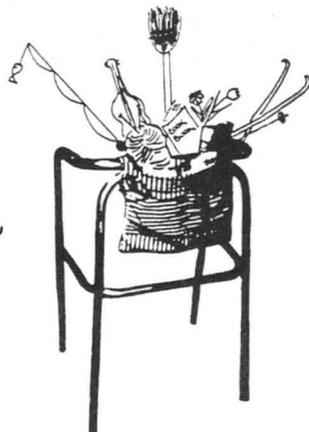
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