

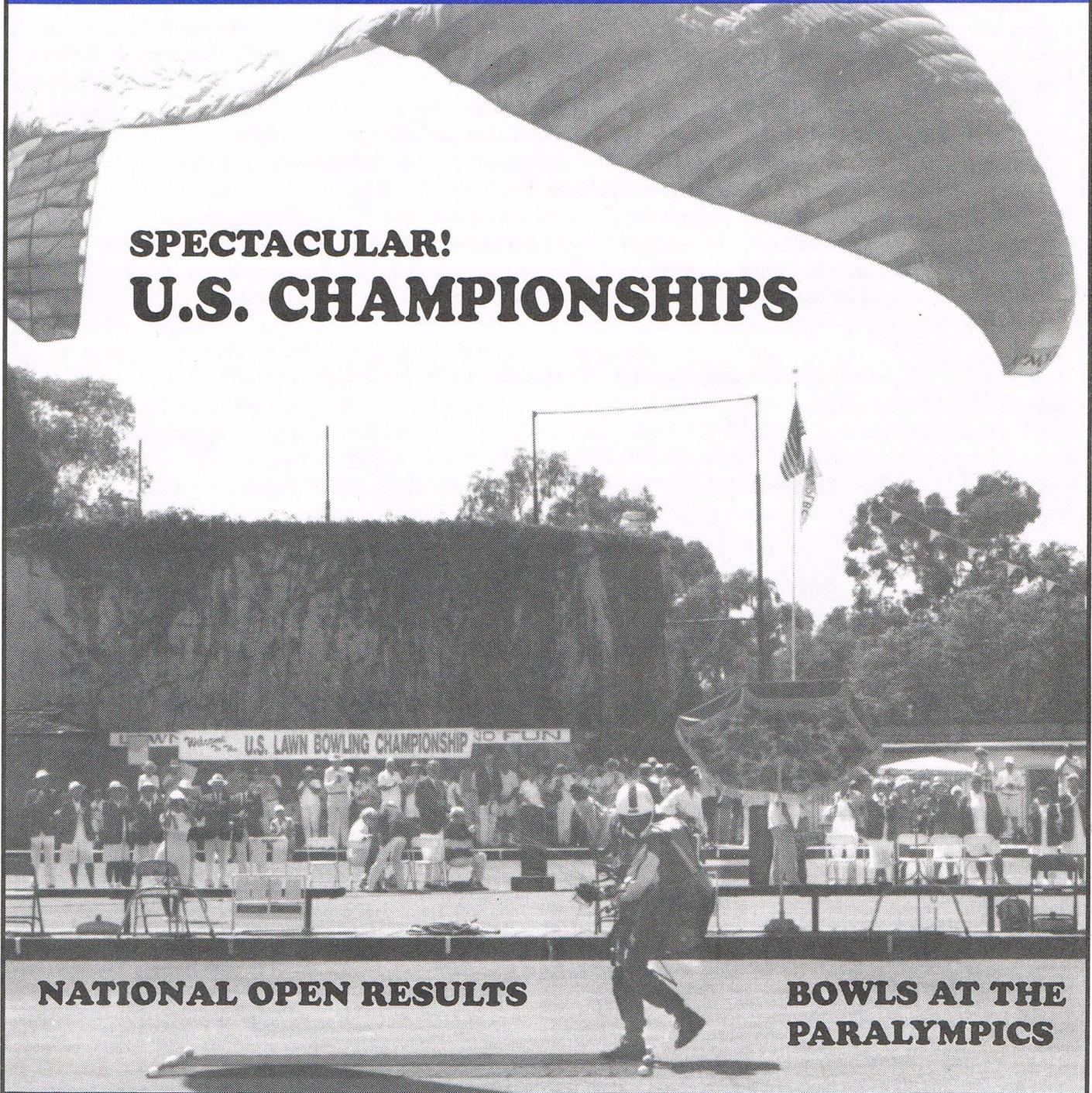


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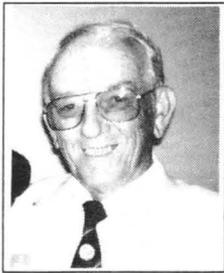
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Joseph S. Grabowski

It's said that all good things must come to an end. And, the final days of 1996 are just that, as my two-year term as President of the American Lawn Bowls Association comes to a close.

ALBA should do well under the new leadership that will be directing it in the year to follow. But before that happens, I would like to take this last opportunity to thank EACH AND EVERY CARD CARRYING MEMBER OF ALBA, and all the many officials, committee members, and volunteers that put forth so much effort and hours to help make the 1995-1996 years so successful. To name a few: there is the Council, the staff of BOWLS Magazine, the National Team Selection Committee, the Coaching Staff, the Membership Committee, Marketing, the Nominating Committees, the Memorial Foundation, and Woody Ogden, Secretary/Treasurer of ALBA. His very difficult job is greatly appreciated. There are many, many other committees and unsung heroes out there who do their jobs without recognition or compensation who are not named here, but are as equally important.

The past two years encompassed reading of many letters, receiving and placing many phone calls, and visiting many, many clubs which helped increase the membership. There's much to be said about each one of us going out and getting just one new member—and our numbers will double. Let's think about that and then actually do it this year. NOW, is the time to act.

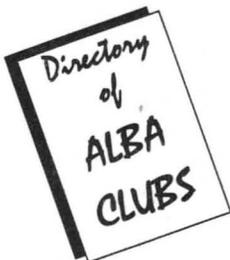
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ABOUT THE COVER: If you can imagine, paraglider Tom Truax startled and thrilled the crowd on hand to participate in and watch the Opening Ceremonies of the 1996 United States Championships. He "dropped in" (with another paraglider) to deliver the "official jack" for the ceremonial rolling of the "first bowl" at Santa Barbara, California's MacKenzie Park Lawn Bowling greens. No. He's wasn't wearing the proper bowling shoes. But, they're not required for 3,000 foot jack deliveries.

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Letters to the Editor

SANDAL SCANDAL!

England's lawn bowling officials have put a lady bowler's food in their mouth.

I just read a story in *Bowls International* (a British bowls magazine) about a top lady bowler who needs to wear cotton socks and sandals when she bowls. She claims she has a painful skin disease (non-contagious), and she cannot compete in conventional footwear.

It would seem to be a no-brainer to allow the woman to accommodate her disability by using flat-soled sandals with, I guess, flat-soled cotton socks, as she requests. But the English Women's Bowls Association says: "no ma'am."

The sore-foot lady recently had her entry in the English Women's National Tournament disqualified unless she agreed to go with the EWBA program. Her own club refused to allow her to enter the tournament, but later relented. Nevertheless, the person in charge of the National Tournament stated that "a departure from dress requirements will result in her disqualification."

Next to the article about the sandal lady is a photo of a Welsh bowler at the Women's World Championships this summer at Leamington Spa, England. She's wearing sandals. Under the photo it says: "Bowling sandals may be strictly taboo in the EWBA championships, but there were plenty around on the greens of Leamington Spa".

If you know any lady bowlers in Great Britain, drop them a note to "lighten up". When the women say "no ma'am" to mini-skirts, I won't like it, but I'll understand. But sandals for a lady with sore feet, it's a sandal scandal.

Donald Erickton
Tampa, FL

THE WHITE IMPRESSION

I thought you'd like to know what an impact our "whites" made in the Olympic Village during the Paralympics.

When we arrived in Atlanta, we were issued clothes to wear for our job assignments. However, the people in charge were told that we wear whites even when we officate, so they let us wear our own outfits.

We were soon known throughout the Village as the nice looking lawn bowls officials, as everyone asked us what we were doing in whites. A woman from Iran in a wheelchair even had a tram stopped so she could have her picture taken with Bert and me—"two nice-looking officials". We got a kick out of that.

It just goes to show that what we take for granted made a positive impression on many others.

Ede MacWilliams
Clearwater, FL

PARALYMPICS SPIRIT

The theme of the recent 1996 Paralympics was: "The Triumph of the Human Spirit". (see story on page 5) Most of the U.S. Bowls officials were quartered in the Olympic Village. They had the opportunity to observe the athletes, of whom about 50% were in wheelchairs, adhere to that slogan.

In addition, many of us went to other venues such as swimming, track and field, basketball, tennis and table tennis and were constantly amazed at how the athletes overcame their disabilities. There never was any indication that they felt sorry for themselves. Many wore T-shirts inscribed with: "What's Your Excuse?". We all came away with a special feeling that is difficult to describe.

Also, each day, there was a number of young volunteers who served as scoreboard flippers and pushed wheelchairs after each end. We noticed some of them were disappointed when they learned they were assigned to the lawn bowls venue. But the majority thought lawn bowls the most interesting venue. After a few days, most became very much involved in the games and even came to cheer for their favorite players on their days off. Many said they wished for clubs in their area, so they could learn more about the game.

Has to be a message there someplace!

Jack Gilbert
Sarasota, Florida

ETIQUETTE, SI VOUS PLAÎT

I have always thought of etiquette as one of the most important factors of lawn bowling. Not only is it a gentleman's game, but also a lady's game.

The laws of the game can be followed to a "T", but there are many unwritten laws of courtesy. A friendly attitude without criticism is high on my list of having fun at lawn bowling. After your teammate has delivered a bowl that is not as good as expected, what is the value of criticism except to alienate him and perhaps make him bowl even worse? I have found that encouragement makes for a better game.

Hazel K. Stevens
Arcadia, CA

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LAWN BOWLING GOES TO ATLANTA

THE 1996 PARALYMPIC GAMES

By Jack Gilbert



Lawn Bowling played an important role at the 1996 Paralympic Games. The quadrennial event was held in Atlanta, Georgia, August 13-25, at the site of the just-completed Olympic Games. 3,200 Paralympic athletes representing 107 countries competed at 19 different venues. Lawn Bowls competition had 64 competitors representing 11 countries.

The countries participating in Bowls sent the following number of athletes: Australia-5, Great Britain-17, Israel-3, South Africa-12, South Korea-4, Ireland-4, Hong Kong-5, New Zealand-2, Canada-9, Kenya-1, and United States-2. Carolyn Nobbe and Bob Patterson (Central Division) were the USA's two entries.

Although Paralympic athletes are classified by seven disabilities and generally compete within a field of competitors of similar disability, lawn bowlers were consolidated to compete in four classifications, with men and women in their own field. All classifications played a round robin, two matches daily of 25 points or a time limit of 4 hours.

After four days of practice, and a magnificent opening ceremonies pageant, the official competitions began on August 17th. 28 officials from the United States and four from Canada were assigned as markers, umpires and result managers. Group A markers (all ALBA/AWLBA members except where designated) were: Bill Acorn (Canada), Joe Coleman, Al Conolly, Pat Fagan, Bert MacWilliams, Jean & Ollie McLaughlin, Rosemary Waldie (Canada), Donna & George West, and Myra & Don Wood. Group A umpires were: Jack Behling and Ede MacWilliams, while Marianne & Ray Turman served as result managers.

In Group B, markers were John Bell (Canada), Jean Haigler, Rita Hurley, Joan McKay (Canada), Vanitta & Vane Olinger, Frank Ransome, Champ Salisbury, Treva & Forrest Smith, and Irene & Jim Webster. Umpires were: Peggy Salisbury and John Stewart, while Jo & Jack Gilbert were result managers.

Site of the Bowls competition was Clark Atlanta Univer-

sity, about a 15-minute bus ride from the Paralympic Village. A University soccer field was adapted for Bowls. The surface was Astro-Turf and the field was slightly crowned. Since none of the bowlers had ever bowled on such a surface,

it took them several days to adjust. Once they did, the quality of play improved considerably, particularly in the medal rounds.

The unusual surface caused problems for markers inasmuch as it was necessary for them to stand for four hours on heat-generating Astro-Turf when marking a game of totally blind bowlers. Temperatures were high and the markers, umpires, et als, tried to offset the heat with bottled water, Powerade and iced towels.

All are to be commended for a job well done under less than ideal conditions. Competition Managers Patti and Joe

Graboweki (they were in charge) should be complimented for their contributions to this event. They made many trips to Atlanta prior to the Games and made all of the necessary arrangements. The "first couple of lawn bowling" worked very long hours during the competition to assure a successful event.

The U.S. could not muster a medal in the two events in which our reps competed. But the British entourage went home with 11 medals, including six golds, three silvers, and two bronzes. Closest nation in medal victories was South Africa, whose athletes won a gold medal, two silvers and a bronze. Canada won the only other gold medal, as well as a silver. Bowlers from Australia, Hong Kong and Israel each won two medals, and Korea captured one medal.

A number of past and present ALBA and AWLBA officers who were participating officials served as "Presenters" during the awards ceremonies. They were joined by: Bill McNamara, President-International Blind Bowlers Association; Olive McNamara, Secretary-International Blind Bowlers Association; Bob Lowe, Chairman-International Paralympics Committee; and Elaine Lowe, secretary-International Paralympics Committee.



Some of ALBA, AWLBA and Canadians who officiated the 1996 Paralympics Games in Atlanta.

Front row: (l-r) Competition Managers Joe and Patti Grabowski and Bob Lowe, Chairman of the International Paralympic Committee.



Bay Area Hosts

1996 NATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENT



By Bea Gizint

It was called the "National Open Tournament", but the results make it quite clear that the big shindig in the Bay Area, September 7-13, was an "international lawn bowling festival", hosted by the American Lawn Bowls Association and American Women's Lawn Bowls Association!

Close to 350 ladies and men competed, each group in three separate events, at venues that included lawn bowling facilities in Oakland, Berkeley, and Rossmoor (Walnut Creek). Women's events were Singles, Pairs and Rinks (fours), and Men's events were Singles, Pairs and Triples. Anthem for the mens' and women's "Players of the Tournament" was "Oh Canada", as British Columbia's Joan Garwood won the prestigious honor in the women's bracket, while Edwin "Ted" Waterston and Bruce Matheson shared the title in the men's events. This award is determined by points, and the tie between the men was the first in the 39-year history of the Tournament.

U.S. bowlers were successful in one of three events in each of the men's and women's competitions. Canadian bowlers took home the others. Successful ALBA bowlers were Neil Furman (SW), Frank Souza (PIM), and Michael Siddall (SW) who teamed to win the Men's Triples. For the ladies, Sun City West, Arizona's Mary Terrill and Robert Lane won the Women's Pairs.

Ten national flags flew at the combined ALBA/AWLBA Opening Ceremonies held on the greens of the Oakland Lawn Bowling Club. Tournament Co-Chairperson Frank Souza was master-of-ceremonies for the colorful event, that featured Color Guards of the Air Force R.O.T.C., the anthem performed by Ehard Arndt, and bagpiper Alison Dunsire. While bagpipers are a tradition at National Open ceremonies (as well as other lawn bowling special events), Miss Dunsire's performance was the first in collective memory for a female piper.

Participants were greeted by Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris and City Director of Parks & Recreation Cleve Williams, as well as ALBA and AWLBA Presidents Joe Grabowski and Myra Wood, AWLBA Pacific Inter-Mountain Division President, and Vanitta Olinger, co-Chairperson of the Open with Souza. Parks Director Williams delivered the "first bowl".

Considerable efforts were put forth by an impressive team of Open committee-heads and other volunteers who worked under Chairpersons Olinger and Souza. Organization, which includes hospitality and a vast assortment of details, were well attended to, affording all who participated in the weeklong Open a memorable experience.

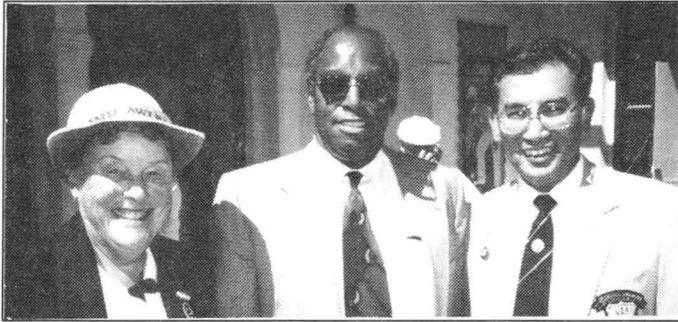
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National Open bosses, co-chairpersons Vanitta Olinger, left, and Frank Souza, right, flank Oakland Parks & Recreation boss Cleve Williams.



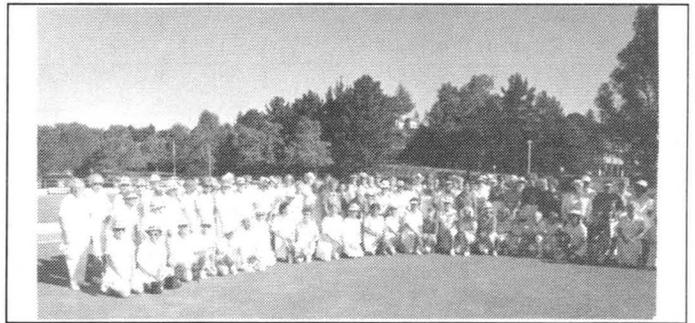
A cadre of Men's Singles players at Rossmoor.



Left-Ted Waterston shared the Men's "Players of the Tournament" award with not-pictured teammate Bruce Matheson.



"I'm just telling the Mayor about this big circle-little circle thing," explains the young National Open teaching pro to ALBA President Joe Grabowski, at left. Trying to get the hang of it on the right is Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris, who later greeted National Open participants. Open bowlers Marie and Bixio Foletti, of Spain, are parents of the toddler, who marched with mom and pop in the Opening parade.



Ladies playing at Rossmoor first day of the Women's Pairs.

2. Rita Hurley, Laralu Smith (C)
6th FLIGHT

- 1. Chris Rivera, Katy Stone (SW)
- 2. Beverly Phillips, Carolyn Nobbe (C)

RINKS CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1. Mary Meaney, Joan Garwood, Jan MacNaughton, Lynn McElroy (Canada)
- 2. Doreen Creaney, Helen Wright, Glenna Boston, Marianne Baxter (Canada)
- 3. Myra Wood, Donna West, Grace Said, Louise Grubbs (NW)
- 4. Patti Grabowski, Barbara Roller, Jeanne McLaughlin, Jesse Saunders (SE)

2nd FLIGHT

- 1. Noreen Welsh, Kitty Cox, Helen Wake, Helen Dewar (Can)
- 2. Linda McDougall, Sonne Bucklin, Virginia Farr, Sylvi MacDonald (E)

3rd FLIGHT

- 1. Cathy Rollison, Marguerite Miller, Ann Maron, Marge Bodah (PIM)
- 1. Patsy Fischer, Pat Dance, Jean Fox, Mary Scott (Spain)

4th FLIGHT

- 1. Gwen Amos, Jan Wessel, Maryna Hyland, Olga Gomez (SW)
- 2. Janet Gauld, Cathy Symington, Agnes Mak, Sandra Whitelaw (Scot)

5th FLIGHT

- 1. Helen Jackson, Eileen Love, Tunie LaBar, Dodie Hann (SE)
- 2. Isa Reid, Jane Herold, Audrey Van Lieshout, Evelyn Sartain (PIM)



Left-Women's "Player of the Tournament", Ann Garwood.



Right-Piper Alison Dunsire led the traditional march of National Open international participants.

Left-Joyce Sanders captured the Women's Singles event.



International bowlers numbered 75 men/women players at the '96 Open.



Women's top Pairs teams: (l-r) Champions Mary Terrill & Roberta Lane, and runners-up Jeanne McLaughlin & Barbara Roller.

Right-Men's Triples Champions (l-r) Neil Furman, Frank Souza, and Michael Siddall. The victory was a repeat of last year's Triples title win for Furman and Souza.



UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Judy Patrizzi



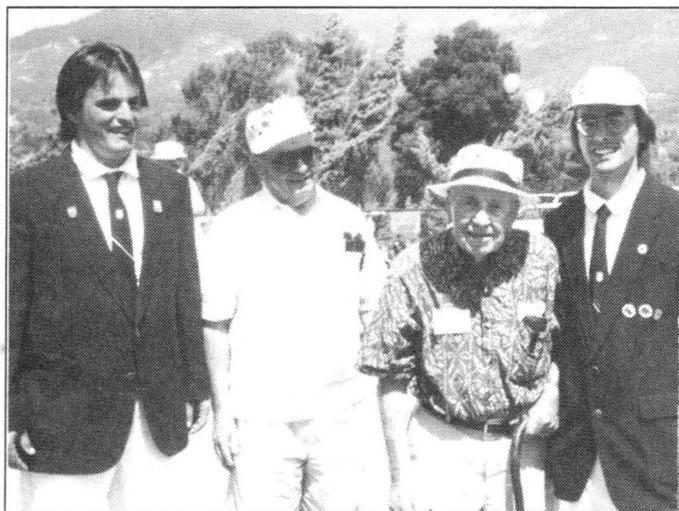
It was a wonderful, sometimes spectacular United States Championships this year, held in Santa Barbara, September 16-20, at MacKenzie Park LBC. The weather and greens could not have been better, and the conclusion to the Opening Ceremonies more unique.

In the Men's competitions, Southwest's Michael Siddall won

250 bowlers and spectators, but the photo on the front page of this issue of BOWLS also appeared on page 1 of the Santa Barbara News-Press.

The Opening Ceremony was special in other ways, too. Competing bowlers and officials entered the green for the ceremonies across the same red carpet that was made for the official Santa Barbara visit of Queen Elizabeth and President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan. And, the national anthem was performed by Patti Coyle, star of the S.B. Civic Light Opera production of "Singing In The Rain". Following the first match (that followed the Opening Ceremonies), the Championships Committee hosted a no-holds-barred BBQ, complete with Mariachis who played for hours.

The 1996 Championships were definitely "family competitions", considering two pairs of brothers, one husband/wife,



The bowling Sayers—1996 U.S. Pairs Champions Bob, left, and Dick, right, flank their dad George, and 99-year old grandfather Raymond Sayer.

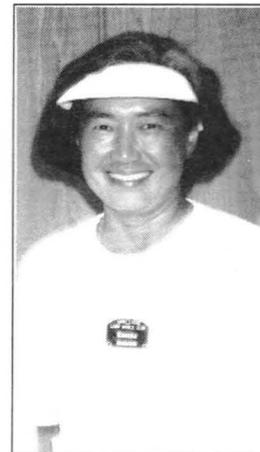
his second U.S. Singles crown in four years, while the Brothers Sayer, Bob and Dick, captured the first U.S. Pairs title for the Eastern Division since 1983. Singles runner-up was Central's Charles Stone (an 18-month novice), and second in the Pairs was the Southeast team of Joe Grabowski and Bill Say.

The Women's events saw Pacific Inter-Mountain's Regina Banares win her second U.S. Singles championship in three years. Her runner-up was the Northwest's Nancy Nishikawa. In the Pairs, first place honors went to the Southeast Division's Patti Grabowski/Jo Gilbert tandem, with second place going to the Eastern pair of Linda McDougall and Sonne Bucklin.

The sky was the limit in more ways than one for Championships co-chairs, Judy Patrizzi and Sam DeLisle, especially the entertaining Opening Ceremonies program. Near the close of the greetings and presentations by ALBA/AWLBA officials and City of Santa Barbara dignitaries, out of the blue dropped two paragliders, one of which (Tom Truax) was carrying the "first jack", to be rolled moments later by the Mayor of Santa Barbara. The paragliders not only thrilled a crowd of some



Men's Singles Champion Michael Siddall.



Women's Singles Champion Regina Banares.

and a mother/daughter combo battled for honors. There were the Ferrell brothers, Bill (SE) and Duncan (E), who competed against one-another in the Singles; mother Cathie Symington (C) and daughter Rita Hurley (C), who teamed in the Women's Pairs; and Patti Grabowski, winner of the Women's Pairs, who one-upped hubby Joe, a second place finisher in the Men's Pairs.

But the proudest family of all had to be the Sayers. That collegians Bob and Dick won all the marbles in the Men's Pairs was icing on the cake for parents George and Nancy Sayer, and 99-year old Grandpa Raymond Sayer—all of whom



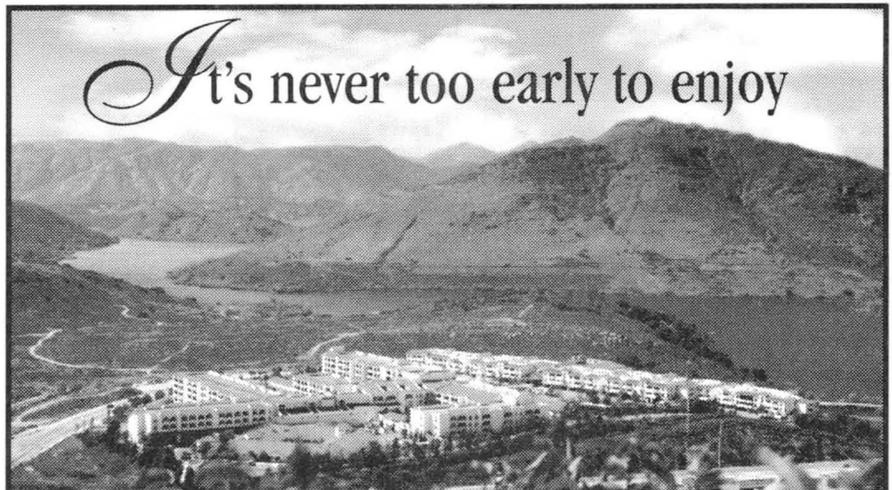
watched every end of the competition. The three generations of Sayers have been bowling either in the East or Arizona communities since the 1930s.

SOME NOTABLE CHAMPIONSHIPS MOMENTS.....The day of practice before the start of competition was interrupted when a van full of bowlers was side-tracked to Bob

“Radio station KZBN, ‘Radio Bob’, gave us almost 5 hours of free radio time.”

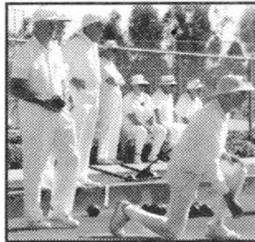
Newhart’s radio station, where they recorded a series of commercial spots promoting the event. Radio station KZBN, “Radio Bob”, gave us almost 5 hours of free radio time....Gift baskets were given to the ladies, and gift bags to the men, all featuring products produced in Santa Barbara.....Players and their guests were treated to a sumptuous feast—everything from lobster to turkey—handled personally by owner/manager (and fellow bowler) Al Steinman of Moby Dick restaurant.....The lavish Awards Buffet, and presentation of Tiffany crystal bowls to the ladies and handsome plaques to the men for first and second places.

These Championships were organized and produced by a committee of ten: Sam DeLisle and I co-Chairs, assisted by Carmel and Stan Bloom, Mary DeLisle, Tom Dion, Pat Fagan, Olga Gomez, Bill Patrizzi, and Anne Vilkin. We were also aided by two clubs—the Santa Barbara and MacKenzie Park LBCs. I don’t think there is enough room in this magazine to properly thank the people who have helped in so many ways.



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COACH'S CORNER

by Frank Ransome
*National Coaching &
Instruction Chairman*



I wish we could have all been markers at the Atlanta Paralympics because instructors and coaches would be vindicated forever. How many times have you heard a coach, a skip, a teammate advise the person on the mat to point his feet on the line of his intended delivery? "Point your feet and roll the bowl straight." I'd be rich if I had a dollar for every time I've said those words.

Now think about a bowler who is seated in a wheelchair, one wheel on the mat, brake on full hard and a 100-foot jack. Why should anyone be surprised if the bowl comes right in to the jack? The bowler has locked himself on the line of his delivery and he delivers the bowl down that line. Sounds so easy doesn't it?

Let's step over and watch one of the blind bowlers. He or she doesn't have a wheelchair to aim. The blind person must set his feet on the line of delivery and then roll the bowl straight. No different than you and I should do. How can he know how far to roll the bowl? His coach, or the marker, or a teammate can tell him. In our country someone would say 80' or 100', or whatever the distance is, and the bowler would roll the bowl to the jack.

At the Paralympics, the markers read the meters from the mat line to the jack from cones set at the sidelines and the bowlers were

able to roll close to that exact distance. They did it because they knew how to get their arm in sync with the pace of the green. Now, the pendulum arm swing begins to make sense. How far back must the bowl start in order to go the required distance?

"Keep your arm stiff but not locked. Let the weight of the bowl bring it to the point of delivery." I say things like that in my sleep, but the blind bowler knows how far his bowl will roll. He holds it up in front of him and lets the weight of the bowl carry his arm back. Now, with feet properly aligned and the distance etched in his mind, the blind bowler can come into a jack he's never been able to see.

The conditions for bowling at the Paralympic Games weren't all that good. The artificial surface was great for field hockey, but pretty difficult to bowl on. The 64 competitors had three days to get accustomed to the green, the heat and the humidity. Then, they came out to win for themselves and their country. No one complained because everyone faced the same problems. The art of adjusting to a poor rink should be stressed in all advanced training classes.

Speaking of training: We who bowl on grass in the north seem to have a hard time adjusting to the fast greens of the south. Time and time again our good bowlers come home losers because they can't get used to the pace of the faster greens. Perhaps if we practiced with a 40 or 50 foot jack before we bowled on fast greens, we'd have an easier time of it. There's no way to practice playing on an end rink that slopes to a side or any rink that sweeps the bowl to the right or left. We can try to help ourselves in these conditions by moving our feet on the mat and thereby changing the angle that we deliver the bowl. This takes some practice, which can be done at leisure on our home green by varying the placement of our foot while rolling over a fixed point.

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ALBA TO ESTABLISH HALL OF FAME

The Council of the American Lawn Bowls Association has given approval to initiate the ALBA Hall of Fame. Harold Esch, ALBA Historian, has been named to chair the project.

Esch will appoint a committee of seven to ten to serve on the Hall of Fame Committee, which will annually submit a slate of honorees to the ALBA Council. No specific number of honorees to be elected has been set for the debut year of the Hall of Fame, but candidates will include contributors to the sport of lawn bowling both on and off the green.

While no site for a Hall of Fame museum has yet been mentioned, Esch said that the Hall of Fame will, for the duration, "exist in annual induction presentations—probably during the National Open Tournaments—in BOWLS Magazine, and in the ALBA Almanac".

More detailed accounts of ALBA Hall of Fame plans and progress will be reported in future issues of BOWLS. Suggestions for candidates can be made directly to: Harold Esch, P.O. Box 1231, Mount Dora, FL 32757, and should be accompanied by as much support material for the individual submitted as possible.

NATIONAL OPEN SPONSORS & RAFFLE

Among the gracious sponsors of the 1996 National Open Tournament not noted in the Summer issue of BOWLS Magazine were:

Palo Alto LBC in honor of Paul Houseman, Del Mesa Carmel LBC, Rick and Marie Hustace, Eugene Corr, Ed and Joan Douglas, Wells Fargo Bank, Don & Roe Hazelwood, Jack and Beverly Phillips, Harold L. Esch, William and Wilma Ryan, Earl Morway, Marion and Marie Klos, Jon Shively, Joe and Tecla Shepard, Keith Brooks, Harriet Roman, Jim & Irene Webster, Bob Sinclair, Stanley Palmer, Marie and Bixio Foletti, Roger and Muriel Rackliff,

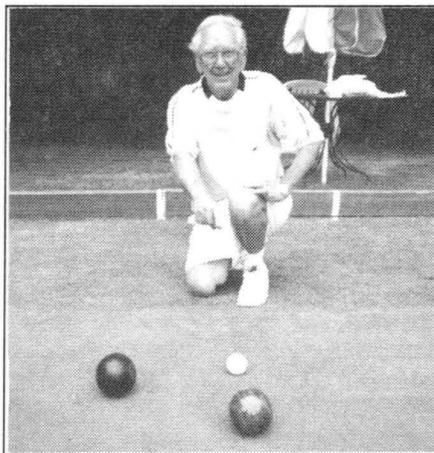
Virginia Marlar, Ted Visser, George West, and two named Anonymous.

The Open Tournament Raffle produced some surprising results. The two \$100 Money Trees for sponsors were won by Shirley Lyon, of Rossmoor, and Warren Wade, of Oakmont.

Marie Klos, Rossmoor, was the lucky winner of the \$1,875 "50/50" raffle prize.

And, Michael Ashton-Phillips, who usually arranges for grand prizes, held the winning ticket for this year's Grand Prize of "Two round-trip tickets on United Airlines—anywhere that United flies"!

A tournament cannot be held without financial support from all lawn bowlers. The Open Tournament Committee appreciates all the sponsors, those who purchased raffle tickets, and the "50/50" raffle contributors.



Want to break-up your opponents? Not with laughs. According to Buck Hill Falls member Eugene Kordowski, you can do it with ceramic lawn bowls. That is correct. Lawn bowls made of *ceramics*.

That's Eugene, above, with a display of one of his handmade works of greenery art (it's the one in front of the real jack). The good looking bowl isn't a Henselite, Greenmaster, Drake or Thomas-Taylor. It's a Kordowski!

Eugene recommends you use his ceramic Kordowskis as prizes, like trophies—although he has used them for teaching on his home carpet. Obviously, no drive shots allowed.

Interested parties can find out more about Kordowski's ceramic lawn bowls—which cost only \$7—by writing: 504 Bunny Lane, Tobyhanna, PA 18466. Honest. That's his address.

INTERNATIONAL EVENT DATE STILL NOT SCHEDULED

Dates for several international events in which United States teams will compete have not yet been announced by officials hosting those events. Specifically, dates for the Pacific Rim Championships and annual North American Challenge (U.S. vs Canada) are still on the drawing board at press time.

These dates effect the scheduling of annual U.S. events such as the National Open Tournament and United States Championships. The Pacific Games are slated to take place in Malaysia sometime in early Fall, while the North American Challenge is penciled in for late Spring in the San Diego, CA area.

When these key dates are set, the next issue BOWLS calendar will carry a full schedule of U.S. major events.

SIEGMAN NAMED MANAGER OF U. S. INTERNATIONAL TEAM

The National Team Selectors Committee announces the appointment of Joe Siegman as Manager of the United States international teams that will be selected to compete in the 1997 North American Challenge and Pacific Rim Championships.

While dates for those events have not yet been announced, competition venues have been designated. The Pacific Games will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and the North American Challenge has been assigned to Southern California, with a specific venue yet to be determined.

Siegman previously managed the United States' 1991 Pacific Rim Championships Team, as well as the USA World Bowls Team in 1992.

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DECEMBER	1	AWLBA	SOUTHEAST DIV MIXED PAIRS	Clearwater, FL
FEB 1997	8-13	ALBA AWLBA	SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION OPEN	Phoenix, AZ
MARCH	TBA	ALBA AWLBA	SOUTHWEST DIVISION OPEN	Riverside, CA
MAY	TBA	ALBA AWLBA	NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE	Southwest Division
JULY	TBA	ALBA AWLBA	CENTRAL DIVISION OPEN	TBA
AUGUST	TBA	ALBA AWLBA	EASTERN DIVISION OPEN	TBA
	TBA	ALBA AWLBA	NORTHWEST DIVISION OPEN	TBA
AUGUST	21-SEPT 2	AWLBA	ATLANTIC RIM GAMES	Wales
	15 or 22	ALBA AWLBA	U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS	Buck Hills Falls, PA
SEPTEMBER	TBA	ALBA AWLBA	PIMD DIVISION OPEN	San Francisco Bay Area
OCTOBER	TBA	ALBA AWLBA	NATIONAL OPEN	Southwest Division
	TBA	ALBA AWLBA	PACIFIC RIM GAMES	TBA

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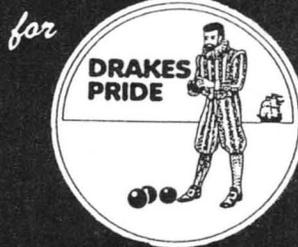
WOMEN'S WORLD BOWLS ROUND-UP

Women's World Bowls took place August (8/3-18). The event that brought together ladies' teams from 31 countries was held in Leamington Spa, a lawn bowling paradise in the heart of England. Women's players representing the red, white and blue were: Regina Banares, Anne Barber, Kottia Spangler, Heather Stewart and Mary Terrill. Isabella Forbes managed Team USA.

It was neither the best or worst of times for our ladies, who finished 21st overall. The Pairs tandem of Kottia Spangler and Heather Stewart recorded the best U.S finish in Leamington Spa, ranking 16th in the Pairs results. The U.S. Women's Triples team—Anne Barber, Mary Terrill, Regina Banares—was 19th; Barber, Spangler, Terrill and Stewart were 23rd in the Fours (rinks); and, Regina Banares came in 27th in Singles. Host club for the American women was Handsworth Wood Bowling Club, located in Birmingham, about one hour from the competitions venue in Victoria Park. Among the off-green highlights for the ladies was a trip to Stratford on Avon—birthplace of William Shakespeare (the writer), and a wonderful picnic lunch provided by the host club. Final Women's World Bowls results: *Singles* 1. Norfolk Island, 2. England, 3. Scotland. *Pairs* 1. Ireland, 2. Jersey, 3. Fiji. *Triples* 1. South Africa, 2. Australia, 3. Wales. *Fours* 1. Australia, 2. South Africa, 3. Eng. *Overall Team Trophy* S. Africa.

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We've just finished the Annual meetings of ALBA and AWLBA, which are held each year in conjunction with the National Open Tournament. The first thing you notice at one of these meetings is the number of men and women who have traveled at their own expense to be there. The second thing you notice is how difficult it is to find the money to do the things that have to be done. ALBA and AWLBA officers aren't just tournament bowlers worrying about tournament bowling. Your leadership has a lot of other things to do on a tiny budget.

I just wish I could reach all those bowlers who, for some reason, aren't members. There is so much that could be done to make our sport even more enjoyable if we had the membership and the finances to do it. At the present time the burden falls on those who have volunteered to do the best they can at their own expense.

John Stewart, our National Umpire, has spent countless hours over the past four years certifying new umpires and re-writing the Rule Book to conform with the World Bowls Board (lawn bowling's international federation). The new "Laws of the Game" will soon be printed and distributed, so that every new bowler can have a free copy and each club will be able to keep a supply. Through the grace of advertisers, this booklet is a reality.

I know that most of the people who read "BOWLS" are ALBA or AWLBA members and that they would do anything they can to promote the sport of Lawn Bowling. A part-time staff works miracles to sell advertising to supplement the cost of publishing. A non-member subscription to "BOWLS" is only \$10 a year, the same cost as National dues.

The Instruction Committee had a dozen volunteers who spent a couple of months writing and rewriting the new coaching syllabus.

We've started a Boy Scout program at the Richmond, CA. Club with donated bowls and money. We're working with the Canadians to establish an inter-country tournament for young men and women. The Berkeley CA. Club has just authorized a program for the physically disadvantaged. We've found two people who coached blind and wheel chair bowlers in their native South Africa to head up the effort. Training started on Oct. 10, after a 6 hour training session, for potential coaches and directors. We have a program to promote new bowling clubs around the country. There's plans to start a "SUPER SENIOR" event this year, which will be open to all ALBA and AWLBA bowlers over age 72. They'll play a National Tournament for mixed pairs and triples in the South Central next Spring.

The WBB Rules, which were adapted for our use, contain a clause permitting use of colored shirts and jackets for competing teams. We want to go one step further. Every person who bowls in a tournament should wear his club's colors and use a similar colored decal on his bowls. One of the hardest sports in the world for the casual passer-by to get involved with is the sport of lawn bowling. Even experienced bowlers have a hard time figuring out the teams and whose bowls belong to whom.

The Membership Trail

by Frank Ransome,
Membership Committee Co-Chairman

I was sold on this idea when one of the Councillors mentioned that a television company had filmed a documentary about lawn bowling but had to cancel airing it because

they couldn't figure out a way to show who was doing what to whom. It will look great and be much more interesting if everyone can see that the red and white bowls are being used by the team wearing red and white shirts.

Why can't every person who loves the sport join in the battle to build ALBA and AWLBA membership? It doesn't cost very much and every little bit helps to promote the sport. We can find supporters in industry and commerce if we can show how many of us there really are. **The first step would be to insist that your own club be 100% affiliated.** Then get involved in a program to bring prospective bowlers together at an open house and have a crew ready to teach classes. Make sure your club has enough training bowls to accommodate at least 16 recruits and set up a friendly committee to bowl with the newcomers until they feel comfortable with the sport. There's nothing hard about getting new members if we're enthusiastic and we let it show.

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WOMEN'S PAGES



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Myra Wood

Thank you Pacific Inter-Mountain Division for a very nice National Open Tournament. Congratulations to Santa Barbara and MacKenzie Lawn Bowls Clubs on a most successful U.S. Championships. They will be a benchmark for future tournaments.

The new officers elected for 1997 are: Virginia Marlar-President, Rita Hurley-1st Vice President, and Jean Haigler-2nd Vice President. Congratulations are also extended to Regina Banares for winning the Singles tournament and Patti Grabowski and Jo Gilbert for their win in the Pairs at the U.S. Championships.

At the National Council meeting it was decided that in future events matching team shirts may be worn. The new dress code states that skirts end 3-inches above the knees.

Future scheduling of events will be the 1997 U.S. Open to be held in the Southwest Division, the 1997 U.S. Championships at Buck Hill Falls. In 1998, the U.S. Championships will be held at Jefferson Park in Seattle, and the 1998 National Open Tournament will be in Sun City West, AZ

FROM THE EDITOR

Another year is coming to an end and we have had some very good response from our correspondents. They have done well and we hope they continue to keep us posted on the doings of their divisions. It has been an eventful and busy year with World Bowls, North American Challenge, National Open and the U.S. Championships closely following each other. We admire the women who take on these challenges, as it is no easy task.

We do wonder if we are using our pages to the best advantage, though. We do receive information on international events, Memorial Foundation, Review and Selection decisions, but are there other committees you would like to hear from? Or do you have some ideas you might like to express? We are always looking for ways to improve our part of the Bowls Magazine and make it as informative and interesting as possible. We welcome all contributions. If anyone has something she might like to submit, please do so and we will give it serious consideration.

NEXT DEADLINE DECEMBER 27.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

At the recent IWBB meetings in Leamington Spa, England, during the Women's World Bowls, the following decisions were made:

1. The levy per member per country has been doubled. 2. An election of officers will be held every two years, with a meeting of executive delegates, and voting by mail.

It was reported that the WBB is urging all countries to amal-

gamate their associations; the Netherlands, Japan and Malaysia have been approved as Affiliate Members; that the members of the following teams were subsidized by the IWBB: Norfolk Island, Cook islands, Western Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, India, Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Swaziland and Spain—the total amount being about \$36,000.

Of the four candidates for Junior Vice President, Mimi Frost, of Australia, was elected, since the 2000 games will be held in that country.

At a special meeting of the Atlantic Rim delegates, it was decided that the 1997 games would be held in Wales and the 1999 games in Spain

FINAL RESULTS OF WORLD BOWLS

Overall: South Africa, first; USA 21st

Singles: Malaysia, first; USA 27th

Pairs: Ireland first; USA 16th

Triples: South Africa; first, USA 19th

Fours: Australia, first; USA 23rd

Ann Wood, Senior Delegate

NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE

By Cy Stephan, Coach/Manager

It was a thrill and unforgettable experience to coach the USA Ladies in the North American Challenge, hosted by the Oshawa Lawn Bowling Club, in Ontario, Canada. A beautiful site for the tournament.

The hospitality and generosity extended to us by Gordon Terwilliger, President of Lawn Bowls Canada, Shawn Bittner, Executive Director of Lawn Bowls Canada, Cora Moore, President of Oshawa Club, and Members of the Oshawa Club was superb. Many thanks to all.

BOWLING REPORT

Pairs: Hull-Ober & Wessel vs Duncalf & Nivala

Scores (11-28), (17-19), (21-20)

Comments: Second game, 21st end, USA down 1-point. USA has 3 points in the head. Duncalf, skip for Canada, has only one bowl left. Tension is great! Duncalf made a super shot and jack went to their bowl. It was a super game.

Triples: Grabowski/Webster/DeLisle vs Welsh/Roney/Thompson

Scores (14-22), (18-10), (28-17)

Comments: Bowled great games. Bowled like a team.

Fours: Grabowski/Webster/Wessel/DeLisle vs Welsh/Roney/Duncalf/Thompson

Scores (10-24), (10-29), (16-22)

Comments: Team USA needs more practice in this event. Need to learn to place their two bowls because jack will move 90% of the time.

Singles: Hull-Ober vs Nivala

Scores (19-25), (25-16), (20-25)

Comments: Nancy made a valiant effort in all games. Third game exciting. Nancy was down 19-10 and came back to tie at 19-19, and then faltered.

Actual results: Canada won 14-7.

AWLBA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

At the meeting held on September 8, 1996, Jan Wessel was elected to the Board, replacing Nancy Sexsmith, whose term had expired. In the future, all Board members will be serving a three-year term.

The Northwest Division was thanked for its contribution to the Dorothy Mumma Todd Fund. Since that fund is now over \$2,000, a number of suggestions were considered regarding the disposition of the funds. A letter will be sent to Bill Todd with these suggestions.

A number of ideas were explored regarding ways to secure contributions to the Foundation. The Board feels that it is at a disadvantage in the Bowls Magazine, and will consider the placing of an ad therein. Other avenues included flyers to the various divisions and even some clubs.

There seems to be a misunderstanding regarding the disposition of funds as scholarships. If there are no further contributions, the Foundation will be hard pressed to award any scholarships to needy players. When requesting a stipend, the member must show that there is some need on her part.

SO ONCE AGAIN WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, WHICH MAY BE USED FOR EDUCATIONAL OR CHARITABLE PURPOSES, INCLUDING PUBLICITY.

Ann Wood, President

REVIEW & SELECTION COMMITTEE

By Charlotte O'Keefe, Chairman

After two Atlantic Rim Games, one Pacific Rim, two North American Challenges, one World Bowls Tournament and several Review and Coaching clinics, I am completing my four-year term as Chairman of the Review and Selection Committee.

With continued coaching and recruitment of bowlers willing to spend the time and energy necessary to compete in international play, we now have a program that should result in improved performances.

At the September 1996 AWLBA Council meeting, Cy Stephan, of the South Central Division, was elected Chairperson of the Review & Selection Committee. Her term covers the years 1997 - 2000. Cy has been a very active member of this Committee for the last three years. She has also been an avid bowler for many years.

Applications for the 1997 Roster and applications for the manager for an international team have been sent to each Division. Representative on the Review and Selection Committee. All AWLBA clubs should post copies of the applications. Anyone interested must submit their application to Cy Stephan: 10941 W. Meade Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351, on or before Nov. 15, 1996.

CENTRAL DIVISION

By Beverly Phillips

A busy summer in the Central Division. After the Playdowns in Rockford at the end of June, came the Westland Mixed Triples Tournament in early July. A week later, the AWLBA CD Open was held in Pittsburgh in conjunction with the

ALBA Open. Congratulations to the winners: Patti Grabowski, Cy Stephan, Peggy Salisbury won the Triples, with Patti and Peggy also bagging the Pairs title, and Cy Stephan the Singles.

The first weekend in August saw the successful initiation of the Rockford Women's Pairs Tournament. Ten teams participated, with Rita Hurley and Cathy Symington (Westland) claiming first place, and Gloria Mather/Joyce Riechers runners-up. Plans are already underway to repeat this tournament next year. Six members of the Frick Park Club traveled across Pennsylvania for the Eastern Division Open at Buck Hill Falls. Lois Saladin came in second and Eileen Luba third in Singles. The team of Beverly Phillips/Aimee Benschwanger/Carolyn Cole was third in Triples.

The annual Sidney Steller Women's Triples Tournament was held in Milwaukee over Labor Day weekend. Joan Cameron/Donna Binger/Ann Kelsey (Rockford) were the winners, with Gloria Mather/Carolyn Nobbe/ Wanda Becker runners-up.

We are proud of Carolyn Nobbe (Chicago Lakeside) who participated in the Paralympics in Atlanta. Although tied for third place, she missed out on the bronze medal by points.

EASTERN DIVISION

By Dana Lum

Once again, Essex LBC was the host for our playdowns in July. Winners were: Singles—Isabella Forbes, Pairs—Linda McDougal/Sonne Bucklin.

Buck Hill LBC was the site for our Eastern Open in August. Results were: SINGLES—*Championship Flight*: 1. GeAnn Lovless, 2. Lois Saladin (Pitt). *2nd Flight*: 1. Eileen Luba (Pitt), 2. Linda McDougal (Bridgpt). PAIRS—*Championship Flight*: 1. Linda McDougal/Jean Lithgow (Bridgpt/NY). *2nd Flight*: Isabella Forbes/Marge Traub (Esx/Bridgpt). *3rd Flight*: Sueanna Voorhees/Dana Lum (NY). TRIPLES—*Champions*: Linda McDougal/S. Voorhees?? BOWLER OF THE TOURNAMENT—Linda McDougal.

Our division is considering having the women's and men's playdowns at the same time and place. This idea was well received.

The Eastern Division was awarded the U.S. Championships in 1997, and during the off-season we will be dusting off our "welcome" mat for this prestigious tournament.

NORTHWEST

By Donna West

Nancy Nishikawa may be the shortest bowler on the green, but she stands tall when it comes to winning games—like taking second in the Women's Singles in the U.S. Championships! At the AWLBA Northwest Open, held in August at Jefferson Park (Seattle), Nancy came in first in the Singles, teamed with Susan Parker to win first in Pairs, and then along with Louise Grubbs and Barbara Mandich, took second place in the Triples. By all means a stellar accomplishment.

Myra Wood, along with Grace Said, Louise Grubbs and Donna West won third place in the Championship Flight of the Rinks competition at the 1996 National Open—the highest finish of any U.S. team in that event (teams from Canada came in first and second). Not bad when you consider how rarely rinks is played in this country

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN

By Adele Patterson

The 1996 National Open proceeded on schedule, thanks to the many hours of work performed by the women of the

Division. Gwen Houston, Cathy Rollison, Phyllis Sullivan and their helpers coordinated all the food and refreshments beautifully. The women of Berkeley, Oakland, Rossmoor and San Francisco deserve our praise for a job well done. Vanitta Olinger, chairperson, was supported by a dedicated committee: Marie Klos, Shirley Lyon, Ann Maron, Shirley Cam, Roe Hazelwood and Adele Patterson, as well as those mentioned above. A special thank you to Shirley Cam, who not only ran the tournament, but made up the program book.

The Division Singles Playdown was held at Berkeley on June 22, with Regina Banares the winner and Erma Krobusek coming in second. Regina then went on to win the U.S. Championship at Santa Barbara. The team of Klos, Towar, Lyon and Klos, from Rossmoor, triumphed over 13 other teams to win the Women's Mixed Rinks in Oakland on July 6. Teammates Sinclair, Krobusek, Liebovitz and Stearn came in second.

The Women's Fives was held in San Francisco July 13th, with twelve teams entered. Emerging as victors were: Shepard, Rollison, Miller, Bodah and Page, followed by Banares, Lewis, Patrick, Roliz and Cardinal. The Mixed Pairs, always a popular tournament, was held in Rossmoor on July 27, with 44 teams entered. Prizes were given on each green instead of overall. First prize winners were: Brooks and Hamlen, Fracchea and Freeman, and Cancilla and Scott

SOUTH CENTRAL

By Jean Haigler

The National Open is over and we are pleased to report that our Division brought home the winners of the Pairs competition—Mary Terrill and Roberta Lane. The tournament was well run and, of course, the camaraderie with old friends the best of all. Before enjoying the U.S. Championships in Santa Barbara, some of us took advantage of the many attractions in California. The members of the Southwest Division are to be congratulated on one of the best events ever.

On our fall schedule are the Del Webb Mixed Pairs in October, and an open triples tournament in November. Both of these will be held in Sun City. Entry forms should be available at your clubs.

The Paralympics are a thing of the past, but those of us who were fortunate enough to participate will long remember the athletes that trained long and hard to compete. (See article on page 5).

SOUTHWEST

By Winnie Eberle

The unusually long hot summer did not deter our ladies from enjoying their favorite sport. Some who traveled tried the greens in the countries they visited and have fantastic tales to tell. Jan Wessel was the alternate selected for the North American Challenge in Canada when Carol Larsen had to withdraw. The U.S. Championships at MacKenzie Park in Santa Barbara were colorful and interesting to observe.

Our ladies met at Long Beach, Laguna Beach and Laguna Hills for our Ladies Days. In July, our Veteran/Novice Pairs was played at MacKenzie Park. Olga Gomez and Carmel Bloom were the winners. Pearl Esenberg and Ingleborg Bersen finished second. Dottie Panacek and Carrie Fosseti placed third.

At the National Council meeting, Laguna Hills' Virginia Marlar was elected AWLBA President for 1997. Virginia has been very interested and active in all lawn bowling activities since her introduction to our sport. Congratulations, Virginia. We wish you a happy and successful term of office.

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BETTER GREENS

Dr. Edgar Haley
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My father introduced my brother Rupert and I to lawn bowling in 1931, and we have been addicts ever since. We learned on the under-sized green at Senator Phipps' estate in West L.A., and later, were one of the gang at Beverly Hills, where the bowlers overflowed those three greens. After World War II, we were part of the initial group that founded the Santa Monica club in 1946.

In 1950, having moved to Escondido, my wife and I joined San Diego, 25 miles away. But, as a surgeon, I was too far from my patients. So, in 1962 I constructed a half-green of four full rinks close to my house, which was quickly over-subscribed. Finding no one who had any experience in building bowling greens, I copied what I had seen when the Beasley green at Beverly Hills was remade in 1948—saving the luscious sandy loam (mud) for the top eight inches.

A year later, I was beside myself in trying to grow grass in compacted soil, which always seemed sloppy wet. The surface was obviously not level, was terribly bumpy and extremely slow. I visited every green in the Southwest. Each had greens similar to ours, with large bare areas in each center rink line, close to the plinths, devoid of grass, compacted, and usually with lots of algae. Conventional advice was, pour on the water and roll like hell.

Finally, I did what I should have done in the beginning. I wrote to the University of California at Davis. Back came a long letter, a list of text books, and a thick sheaf of reprints. All of which I devoured. I travelled to Davis for two weeks and learned the scientific use of sand as the soil for the growing of high traffic turf grass.

I came home, tore out my green, and remade it throughout, using the proper depth and proper-size sand. And so was born the first properly made green in North America.

A sand-based green can easily be levelled and smoothed (to a plus or minus 1/8th inches). It cannot be compacted, and because the proper amount of moisture, air and food can be presented exactly, the tough grass grows unbelievably, with deep roots. There are no bare areas. The bowls run fast, smooth and evenly.

Utopia? Well.. yes.

A bowling green must be constructed meticulously following the basics in the "yellow book" ("Construction of the Lawn Bowling Green"), modified to fit the variables of the local situation. No two green sites are alike and each should have a professional, detailed set of specifications before starting. Most important, only contractors who have constructed "Haley" greens in the past and can be trusted should qualify to bid. Over the years, I have been horribly disillusioned, when the lowest bidder is selected, regardless of his experience, and a super-lousy green results.

Over the past 35 years, we have constructed more than 25 proper sand-based greens, with each one, when properly maintained, being a top championship green in the U.S. and Canada. In each case of these superior greens, I have personally supervised the contractor.

At 86 years, I am growing old. For years I have looked and looked for someone who has the interest to understand the physics and the details involved in constructing a proper, tip-top quality bowling green. I have found someone that fits that description. He is Steve Caulkins, a contractor who has worked closely with me over the past six years, during which he has contracted for and constructed three greens, following the principals and details to build champion greens.

Steve and his trained crew can construct or reconstruct a proper green in a very short time. More important, he is completely honest. He is located at 128 W. Avienda Santiago, San Clemente, CA 92672.

I feel quite comfortable in recommending this man.

ALBA COUNCIL REPORT

By Ed Ditore

The Council of the American Lawn Bowls Association held its annual meeting September 5-6, in Berkeley, California. The annual conclave of representatives generally takes place days prior to the National Open Tournament, which, this year was held in the Bay Area. (*News of the ladies'AWLBA Council meeting can be found on the Women's Pages.*)

Among the highlights of the meeting was the election of a new slate of officers for calendar 1997. R. Gil Stephan, Jr., of the South Central Division, was elected ALBA President. He succeeds Southeast Division's Joe Grabowski, who completed the second of two one-year terms as President. Jack Phillips, Central Division, is the new 1st Vice-president; and Leon Sullivan, PIM Division, 2nd Vice-president. Stephan and Phillips move up from their previous offices of 1st and 2nd V.P.s, and Sullivan is new to the group of elected officers. Also re-elected was National Secretary-Treasurer Woodruff Ogden.



ALBA leadership for 1997: (l-r) 1st Vice-President Jack Phillips, President R. Gil Stephan, Jr., and 2nd Vice-President Leon Sullivan.

Other Council highlights:

- An ALBA Hall of Fame was established, with Association Historian Harold Esch named to chair the project. (*see Notes To Notes page*)
- The revised "Laws Of The Game" were approved as amended (effective Jan 1, 1997). All ALBA clubs will receive free copies for 50% of their membership. Additional copies will be available at minimal cost.
- A new, updated edition of the Lawn Bowling Almanac will be published by mid-November, and available at minimal cost via ALBA Marketing.
- The 1997 National Open Tournament will be held in Orange County, California. Date is tentatively set for an October 18th start. (*Details in next issue of BOWLS*). The 1998 National Open is scheduled for Arizona—date in November TBA.
- The 1997 U.S. Championships will be held at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, site of the first U.S. Championship Pairs event in 1958. Dates narrowed to mid-to-late September. The 1998 Championships are scheduled for Seattle, Washington, sometime in mid-to-late August.
- Bill Farrell (SE) and Leon Sullivan (PIM) were appointed to the National Team Selection Committee.
- * The Council voted 10-3 that U.S. citizenship is required for U.S. Team applicants.
- A new National Tournament for 72+ seniors is being developed.
- Membership occupied considerable discussion time, resulting in several projects being put into development for possible future implementation.

FYI: The ALBA Council consists of 2 delegates ("Councilors") representing each of the seven "Divisions" that make-up the organized U.S. lawn bowling community. The Council elects its officers from amongst the Councilors, although the ALBA President relinquishes his position as Councilor. The National Secretary-Treasurer is an ex-officio member of the Council.

There's a Lawn Bowling Discussion Group on the internet that any bowler can connect to, FREE. You can swap information, ask questions, and get responses from all over the world! Literally, all over the world—Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, Scotland, Ireland, Israel, U.K., as well as the U.S. of A. Below are some recent samplings:

WARDROBE

- Here in the U.K., it is the custom for men to wear whites in weekend club games and greys in midweek matches and competition—until the final stages when whites usually become compulsory. The women's position is different, as what they can wear is specified down to the n'th degree. No wonder there are so few new young lady bowlers.

- Having seen the coloured clothes and "war paint" used in the recent World Championships, my reaction is "ditch the designer clothing". It looks awful.

- Yes, we should allow shorts. Yes, we should allow coloured team shirts. Yes, we should encourage the women to relax some of their extreme restrictions. But, make sure we do it sensibly.

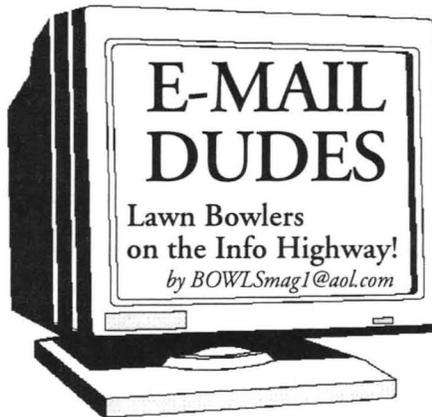
- Although I think we need to give serious consideration to some of our archaic rules, I wouldn't like to see the baby thrown out with the bathwater. It would be a good idea to allow shorts and to dispense with ties.

- Let me say that if beach volleyball "costumes" were norm on the bowling green, we wouldn't be long driving away the spectators.

- Bowls has a certain atmosphere/tone that adds to the charm of the game. To tack on a razzamataz element would add little or nothing.

THE BIG PICTURE

- *(Press Release)* "The ancient game of Bowls has taken a giant step towards the 21st Century. A significant initiative by the Professional Bowls Association



(PBA) has been welcomed by the two men's world governing bodies, the World Bowls Board (WBB) and the World Indoor Bowls Council (WIBC).

All three bodies have combined to form the World Bowls Tour (WBT). The WBT will be responsible for the professional game at the highest level, and all directly related matters.

Unlike other sports, where movement towards professionalism has produced friction between factions, there has been complete harmony between the PBA, WBB and WIBC in facing the challenges together....."

- *(About the WBT)* It will open the door to the top professionals, but then why shouldn't it? Every other sport has their top groups looked after. When beach volleyball, mountain biking and such sports can become an Olympic event, why then hasn't the ancient game of Bowls?

- Bowls is becoming a worldwide popular sport and if the administration gets their heads out of the sand and give the players a chance to build the game, then we may see the game develop into an Olympic sport.

- The biggest "seller" of the game in the U.K., Ireland, and even Holland is the televising of the World Indoors at Preston. Personality players like Shubeck, Bell and McCann add interest for non-bowlers and non-purists who tell me that they are entranced by the skills of the game, and entertained by the antics and styles of some of the players.

- I wonder if sponsorship of Bowls would lead to the naked greed that is so evident at the Olympics and in British/European professional soccer?

MEMBERSHIP

- For a Province-wide Open House, we set up information tables at all major malls and short-mat demonstrations at several. We printed and distributed 10,000 brochures, along with coupons entitling the bearer to a session of free instruction and trail bowling. We have also been successful in having local newspapers publish results and standings on a weekly basis. We believe this to be critical in gaining acceptance as a sporting activity vis a vis a senior recreation.

ODDS 'N ENDS

- For bowls scratched by use on synthetic greens, polishing with A1 (A-one) car polish removes scratches and provides a polished surface (in Australia). *(Americans can try their favorite car polish.)*

- *(Press Release)* The two American players, Neil McInnes and Ken Bolton, who played in the Gold Coast Winter Carnival (Australia), did very well. In the fours, combined with two New Zealand players, they won three of their five sectional games. In the Pairs they reached the quarter finals. And, in the Singles, McInnes won his section.

- It's a true happening in Perth some years ago, but I will refrain from mentioning names. The story goes that Player A (the third) collapses on the green just as Player B (the skip) is about to let go of his bowl. The others call out to "B" to stop. "B" has a look and responds: "It's OK. I can draw around him!" They say that "A" heard this and it gave him the will to survive his heart attack!

Anyone can jump online FREE into the Lawn Bowling Discussion Group forray. Direct your modem to:
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SUPER SHOTS CLUB

7 SHOTS PAIRS

Santa Maria, CA Billie Hand & Art Albertoni 6-15
Seattle, WA Its Nishikawa & Art Kempe 6-19
Seattle, WA Nancy Nishikawa & Zane Green 6-19
Pasadena, CA Hal Edgar & Verne Leidig 6-9
Seattle, WA M. Pereira & Ed Pina 6-17
East Meadow, L.I., NY Effie Doig & Jean Watson 7-20

Williamsburg, VA Donald H. Parker & Richard D. Mahone 6-29

San Diego, CA Petty Sniffin & Augie Behmer 6-19

Corona Del Mar, CA Jim Altobelli & John Lombardo 8-16

Hemet, CA Lois Harmon & Beth Bierce 8-19

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Hemet, CA Peg McCutcheon, Lucile Burkholder, Georgia Wilson 6-19

Los Angeles, CA Romus Soucek, Houseley Stevenson, David Horner 6-27

Santa Clara, CA Robert Voss, Peter Pattison, Jane Herold 6-19

Laguna Hills, CA Ed Mietus, Mary Rose Waken, Marilyn Bowbeer 7-4

Milwaukee, WI Charles Stone, Betty Croasdaile, Allan Polacheck 7-4

Sun City, CA Evelyn Tiel, Lorraine Roberg, Lillian Hallgren 7-4

Milwaukee, WI Warren Harwick, Jack Heck, Betty Casper 6-21

Sun City Center, FL Anne Gabrelle, John Wareheim, John Schumacher 7-16

Santa Maria, CA Maxene Hammond Vic Wilson, Patricia Merrill 7-25

Sun City, CA Irene Mayer, Gene Hendershott, Jam Rastall 7-20

San Diego, CA Pat Di Vincenzo, Juanita Williams, Doreen Milner 7-28

San Diego, CA Jean Dylewski, Betty Balderson, Grace Rappaport 6-25

Sun City Center, FL Earl Stump, Ron Vall, Al Snyder 7-27

Oxnard, CA Earl Kersey, Zola Sportelli, Bud Evans 8-5

Oxnard, CA Armand Escalante, Dave Jones, Jane Brewster 8-26

Hemet, CA Paula Bellone, Gene Chavez, Joni White 8-5

East Meadow, L.I., N.Y. Harry Fox, Eunice Rischan, Raffaele Vitiello 8-31

Oxnard, CA J. Sportelli, Raul Perez, Bud Evans 8-23

Santa Maria, CA George - Jo Ann - Ken 9-6

Seattle, WA Its Nishikawa, Nancy Nishikawa Richard Krueger 8-7

8 SHOTS PAIRS
Sun City Center, FL Carol Kulis & Gloria Mather 7-2

Pinehurst, N.C. Jim McGill & Monica Dykeman 9-15

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Hemet, CA Joe Ruderman, Bob Todd, Ken Lawrence 6-19

Sun City Center, FL Tom Walsh, Dave Barrett, John Wareheim 7-6

Riverside, CA Holly Hollingsworth, Jo Mumma, Milt Jesser 6-28

Oxnard, CA Raul Perez, Daniel Laydon, Joyce Fryer 7-27

Long Beach, CA Jim Coates, Desmond Woodhouse, Jack Ellis 8-8

Corona Del Mar, CA Blair Lord, John Lombardo, Fran Lord 8-15

Corona Del Mar, CA Blair Lord, Edite Schuster, Marne Gomez 8-18

Los Angeles, CA George Alpern, Warren Gates, Dan Cirlin 9-12

Sun City Center, FL Cornell Clarke, David Meixner, Diann Thrush 9-5

Sun City, CA Al Aguilar, Don Miller, Bob Pickering 9-6

9 SHOTS TRIPLES

Riverside, CA Bob Hill, Marion Dawson, Ralph Nelson 8-13

Los Angeles, CA George Alpern, Don Hedge, Warner Newton 8-3

San Diego, CA Bob Forget, Henry Meyer, Guy Chandler 8-26

Sun City, CA Scotty Strachan, Don Miller, Paul Chiappetta 9-5

Tournament Players

SUPER SHOTS CLUB

7 SHOTS PAIRS

San Diego, CA *Australian Pairs Tournament* Kay Harland & Gussie Blanc 6-15

Seattle, WA *Twilight League Tournament* Mac McDonald & Verona Kelley 7-11

Santa Barbara, CA *S.W. Division AWLBA Novice Pairs* Julie Ungar & Patricia Cronshaw 7-20

Richmond, CA *PIMD Novice Pairs Tournament* Robert Pawlak & Bob Howard 6-29

Long Beach, CA *Cary/MacDonald Pairs* Dick Simon & Michael Ashton-Philips 8-17

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Santa Barbara, CA *George Carmack Triples* Dick Cole, Dick Talt, Patsy Morgan 8-4

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Redlands, CA *Citrus Men's Rally Tournament* Carl Henrich, Thomas Mitchell, Ken Lawrence 7-17

San Diego, CA *South League Tournament* Jim Whittaker, Bob Forget, Mike Michalek 8-8

Santa Barbara, CA *George Carmack Triples* Joe Quinn, Anne Vilkin, Hugh Finley 8-4

Laguna Beach, CA *SW Division Ladies' Day* Peg McCutcheon, Mary Jan Vested, Marion Dawson 8-31

9 SHOTS TRIPLES

Oxnard, CA *Ralph Ecton Triples* Al James, James Cronshaw, Patricia Cronshaw 8-17

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

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HISTORY OF THE SOUTHWEST DIVISION

Part Dos

By Bill Todd

The previous issue of BOWLS took the history of the Southwest Division from 1957 through 1970. The SW was known until 1969 as the Southern California Lawn Bowling Association. With 30 clubs in Southern California and the states of Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas, the SCLBA became the Southwest Division in 1969.

The following will provide an account of the Division since 1970, the year we left off in the Summer issue:

1970—31 clubs. San Diego out. Lakeview of Arizona joins.

1971—33 clubs. Meadows-Irvine is a new member. San Diego rejoins.

1972—31 clubs. Glenhaven and Santiago Park drop out.

1973—30 clubs. Los Angeles LBC (Coliseum) disbands.

1974—34 clubs. Sun City, AZ out. Santa Ana back again. New Arizona clubs are Oakmont and Sun Dial. Oaks North and Harlingen LBC (a Rec/vehicle Park in Texas) join.

1975—36 clubs. New clubs are Golden Hills, Arizona and Mobile Park West, Escondido.

1976—33 clubs. Seal Beach disbands. Most members join either Long Beach or Recreation Park. Both Harlingen and Mobil Park West out.

1977—35 clubs. New club is Bell in Sun City, AZ. Sun City LBC, AZ is back.

1978—32 clubs. New clubs are Coronado in San Diego, and Hemet-Joslyn. Out are: Bell, Lakeview, Oakmont, Sun City, Sun Dial and Town Hall, all in Arizona. A new club is formed—Sun City ALBA—made up of most members of former Arizona clubs.

1979—34 clubs. New clubs are: Casta del Sol in Mission Viejo, The Groves in Irvine, and Santa Maria. Coronado out.

1980—32 clubs. Hemet-Joslyn, Laguna Hills and Sun City ALBA out. Saddleback

LBC replaces Laguna Hills.

1981—33 clubs. Golden Hills in Mesa, AZ renamed Leisure World LBC, Hemet-Joslyn rejoins.

1982—32 clubs. Showplace Arroyo Seco LBC disbands due to deterioration of neighborhood.

1983—33 clubs. Smoke Tree Ranch in Palm Springs joins.

1984—34 clubs. Alhambra joins

1985—36 clubs. Sun City West, AZ, and Casa Fiesta, a Rec/vehicle park in Tempe, AZ both join.

1986—36 clubs. Claremont disbands. Sun City, AZ rejoins.

1987—37 clubs. Saddleback renamed Laguna Hills LBC. Cove Communities LBC in Palm Desert, CA joins.

1988—36 clubs. Casa Fiesta, AZ out.

1989—36 clubs. Hermosa Beach out. Oxnard-Joslyn LBC is new.

1990—34 clubs. Leisure World, Sun City West and Sun City, all Arizona, become the South Central Division. New in SW is Joslyn-Lake Hodges in San Diego.

1991, 1992, 1993, 1994—No change. 34 clubs.

1995—35 clubs. Hermosa Beach returns.

1996—35 clubs. Long Beach and Recreation Park merge as Long Beach/Recreation Park LBC. San Clemente returns.

ED: Bill Todd retired last year after serving 20 years as Circulation Manager of BOWLS Magazine. He currently resides and bowls at Casa de las Campanas, in San Diego.

OAKS NORTH

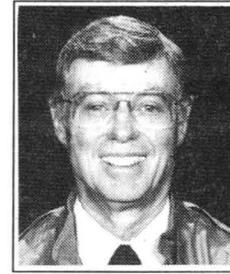
By Joan Klein

The Board decided to try a change of schedule for the summer months which proved to be very popular. Bowling was held on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings to avoid mid-day heat, as well as the high humidity that we experienced this summer.

We are happy to welcome new bowlers Joseph & Rita Kern and Barbara O'Reilly. Also Clarence Wilkinson, an experienced bowler, who has moved to Oaks North from Hemet.

The Men's Singles Tournament was held on September 19th. After a full day of bowling and some close matches, John Wertz edged out Ev Griffith by one point for the top spot, followed by Irwin Drut and Walt Selufsky.

We had a full complement of participants for our September visitation at Joslyn-Lake Hodges, which resulted in a tie for the total number of games each club won. On the social side, our Club held a barbecue in June and a pizza party in September, which were well attended and enjoyed by all.



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After witnessing the recently completed U.S. Championships, I'm having trouble choosing the most accurate adjective to describe the class-act way the event was organized and run by the responsible committee.

From the opening ceremonies—that included two paragliders dropping in to land dead-center on the green, to the rolling of the first bowl on Friday morning, the whole package ran like the proverbial Swiss watch. Come to think of it, "class-act" seems to sum it up pretty well. MacKenzie Park and Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Clubs worked in unison to put it all together, with many members of both clubs joining in to handle the various tasks. Co-Chairs Sam DeLisle and Judy Patrizzi were ably assisted by committee members Stan and Carmel Bloom, Mary DeLisle, Tom Dion, Pat Fagan, Olga Gomez, Bill Patrizzi and Anne Vilkin. Bouquets for everyone involved are in order. It was the only U.S. Championships I've been privileged to attend, but I can't imagine a major tournament being handled any better than what I witnessed.

And as long as bouquets are being passed out, let's not forget the greenskeepers. I overheard many players commenting that they had never seen MacKenzie Park in better condition. Head greenskeeper, John McIntyre, Tom Dion, and the rest of the crew had it running like a pool table.

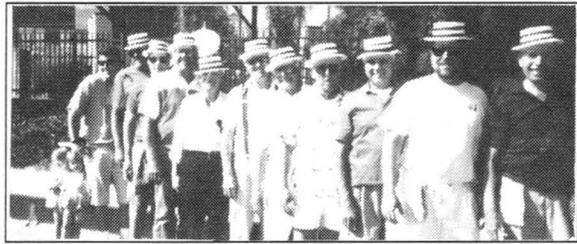
Now, in the words of my old friend Ferrell Burton, to all of you club correspondents out there: make sure all of your news is typewritten and please submit photos with good contrast. The next deadline is January 1, 1997. Good grief, where did this year go?

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

ALHAMBRA*By Alice Lawrence*

"THEY" said it couldn't be done, but we did it! Yea, Alhambra! First place Valley League winners...again...four years in a row. Carl, Agnes, Kathi, Nancy, Bill, Chuck, Alice, Jack, Ralph, Betty, Ping, David, Duane. Kudos to Nancy for all the calls and cajoling.

1997 will be the last chance to add to your Red Rose Pin collection. A special

*Alhambra's Valley League Champions.**Some of the dudes at our First Annual Father's Day Tournament.*

momento will be given next June to those of you that bring and show your total accumulations (5). New faces in the Annual R.R.R. Winners' Circle this year: #1—George Jordan/Tom Dion/Dottie Panacek/Olga Gomez. #2—Dick Cole/Dick Talt/Bob Nunez/Pat Gonzales. #3—Ian

Ho/Bill Reidy/Sam & Mary DeLisle. #4—Ken Bolton/Ed Quo/Barbara & Bob Whitney. Another year well done Bill Reidy! Bunches of thanks to the kitchen ladies and gents: Ralph, Carl, Betty, Alice, Hilda, Doreen, Jack, Ernestine, Roger, Clem and Selma.

Alhambra was honored to host the Australian Paralympians for a few hours on their journey to Atlanta. We had a Santa Maria bowler come down here and demonstrate the electric broom on our artificial turf. Quite interesting. The City says the \$2,600 price tag is too high for the amount of members in our club.

SANTA ANITA*By Winnie Eberle*

The refurbishing of the Santa Anita Greens began in the middle of August and has been steadily progressing. The upper two greens should be completed by November and bowlable by the end of the year. Then work will start on the lower two. If all goes according to plan, we should have all our greens in top shape by the Fall of next year. It has been an interesting project, as our sidewalk superintendents will testify.

Our Thursday evening barbeques led off with a visit from Alhambra—a record group and with 60 bowlers in their whites, a lovely sight on the greens. Tuesday Dine Outs are also on our agenda. On July 4th and Labor Day, we had our Days in the Park, with card and board games in the afternoon, a pot luck supper, and an evening of bowling. A number of our ladies enjoyed Ladies Days at Long Beach, Laguna Beach and Laguna Hills this summer.

Our wayfarers to Northern Ireland, escorted by Jim and Eileen Donohue, returned home with tales of the marvelous receptions and hospitality they encountered—sightseeing as well as lawn bowling.

We were able to hold our Trask Summer Lights Rinks and enjoy the "Make Your Own" banana splits as well. Winners were: Virginia Mortenson, Wilma Bracewell, Doralyn Clauson and Elsie Cone. The team of Arnie Mortenson, Sandy Krieger, Betty Harris and Doug Ferris placed second.

Some very promising bowlers played in our Novice Singles. They are an asset to the club. Phil Nuzzo won the A Flight, with Les Lisnek the runner up. Doug Ferris bested Bonnie Lisnek by one point to win the B Flight.

We resumed our Circle Bowling and birthday parties the end of September.

*In Memoriam
Hervey Baker***LEISURE WORLD***(Laguna Hills)**By Len Jenkins*

The Club's 30th anniversary celebration on Labor Day turned into quite a party. The heat abated somewhat for 80 players to turn out for late-afternoon bowling. This was followed by a barbecue in Clubhouse #2 for 117 celebrants. A great time was enjoyed by everyone.

The event was held exactly 30 years from the Sept. 2, 1966 opening day of the new club, when our first president Ellery Files greeted over 300 lawn bowlers, guests and dignitaries to a reception before the inaugural bowling commenced. Back in '66, Laguna Beach bowlers had opened their membership and offered tutorial to Leisure World residents before the organizational meeting in June. There were 48 members to start with and 226 in September. We thank the Laguna Beach Club for the help they gave us to get started.

In July, the finals of the club Round Robin Tournament produced the following results: In the Major League—1. Dick Talt, 2. Archie Fletcher, 3. Chad Julian. In the Minor League—Norm McIntosh, 2. Tex Laney, 3. Marilyn Jerome.

In another club tournament, Chad Julian, Len Hollreiser and Chickie Lehrer won the Jack Hecht Memorial.

Two years ago we organized the Green Carpet Tournaments every Friday on our artificial green at Clubhouse #1. We play three 7-end games of Australian pairs. Players are grouped with others of similar experience so that even novices have a chance to excel. In September, Terry Baade, a 1996 novice, took on the big fellows. She placed second in her match. Then the next week Terry struck again. This time she was a winner.

In August we had a surprise visit by eight Australian bowlers en route to the Paralympics in Atlanta. The visitors added a real plus to both morning and afternoon competition.

Congratulations to our club teams who were leaders in the Coast League for the 1996 season and brought home the trophy from the Final Round-Up in Long Beach. Congratulations also to our Virginia Marlar who was elected President of AWLBA for 1997.

*In Memoriam
Doris Jacobs*

JUMBO LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN SANTA BARBARA

By Sam DeLisle

For lawn bowling appetites, it was big and it was voracious. Four social tournaments in four days were the featured events at Santa Barbara, California's annual Labor Day Weekend bowls-orama. The Santa Barbara and MacKenzie Park LBC's shared the doings that included numerous social get-togethers in addition to the goings-on on the bowling green.

Kicking off The Weekend was the Santa Barbara Grand Tournament, held at the Santa Barbara Lawn Bowling Club on Friday, August 30th. A full field of 32 Triples teams competed for \$1,000 in prize money (that's why they call it "Grand").

The four ten-end game format is sponsored annually by Sam & Mary DeLisle and Bill & Judy Patrizzi, with a wonderful BBQ dinner staged by Bill Patrizzi following the matches.

There was plenty of food and drink. Those who didn't get a piece of the cash-pie, enjoyed more than their entry fee's worth of eats. Santa Barbara Grand results:

1. Pat Fagan/Sam DeLisle/Mary DeLisle
2. Jim Hempe/Gar Farnsworth/Bud Viard
3. Bill Joseph/Glenn Larson/ruth McLeod
4. Jim Graham/Linda Graham/Dave Biorn



Grand event victors (l-r) Pat Fagan, Mary DeLisle, Sam DeLisle.

CHET SHEERE DOUBLES

Saturday, MacKenzie Park hosted the Chet Sheere Doubles. Because of the large number of entries, there was an overflow that played down the road at the Santa Barbara LBC greens.

This event was formatted a little differently this year, with "A" and "B" groups of players. The idea behind the change is to allow more people to have a chance at winning. There were two "A" greens and one "B". Entrants were asked to choose their own category. Sheere results:



- "A" MacKenzie
1. Pat Fagan/Dick Simon
 2. DavidHallman/Moses Rahaminov
 3. Scottie & Evelyn Robbie
- "A" Santa Barbara
1. Ray Santini/Mike Bright
 2. Joe Duran/Bill Joseph
 3. Dick Cole/Dick Talt
- "B" MacKenzie
1. Ken Patterson/Pat Gonzales
 2. Bill Meierstein/Chris Rivera
 3. Joe Quinn/Duane Aasted



Sheere Doubles "B" champions: Pat Gonzales and Ken Patterson.

GLEN BOYLES TRIPLES

On Sunday, we were now back at the Santa Barbara Club, and the weather had cooled down a bit. This event was blind-draw, with 26 Triples teams competing in three 15-end games.



Gentlemen halves of the sponsoring couples: Sam DeLisle, left, and chef Bill Patrizzi.

The Santa Barbara Club is always a great host, and this year was no exception. Patrizzi and food are synonymous lawn bowling terms in this neck of the woods, and the annual Bill and Judy Patrizzi Evening Dinner Party for weekend out-of-towners was, again, one of the highlights of the four-day get-together. Boyles results:

1. Sam DeLisle/Mary DeLisle/Joe Quinn
2. Dave Grimmitt/David Hallman/Moses Rahaminov
3. Bill Hiscock/Gery Wagner/Dick Rivera
4. Bill Robertson/Bill Doliante/Martha Quo



GEORGE WATSON OPEN TRIPLES

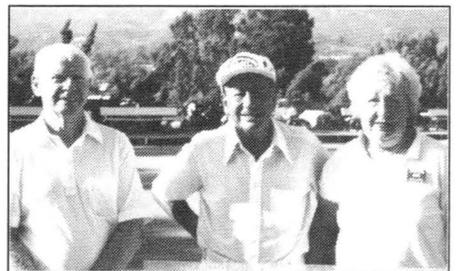
On Monday, MacKenzie Park hosted the last of the Labor Day events. George Watson is the new sponsor of the final day of bowling and he put on a real show. George gave a wonderful opening greeting, telling participants how he's finally gotten his name on a trophy. He (with the help of the special ladies of the MacKenzie kitchen crew) provided bowlers a free lunch. The weather had cooled off, but the bowling was as hot as ever.

There were only two three-game winners, and it had to go to plus-points. The First Place victory was very special for Dave Grimmitt and his son Brian. Watson results:

1. Dave Grimmitt/Michael Siddall/B.G. Grimmitt
2. Sam DeLisle/Mary DeLisle/Stanley Bloom
3. Wayne Bowbeer/Larry MacDonald/Thelma Duran
4. Bill Hiscock/Gery Wagner/Dick Rivera



Sponsor George Watson, left, and winners of the Watson Triples: (l-r) Michael Siddall, B.G. Grimmitt, Dave Grimmitt.



Taking Fourth Place in the Boyles: (l-r) Bill Robertson, Bill Doliante, Martha Quo.

Sheere Doubles "A" runners-up: Moses Rahaminov, left, and David Hallman.

left:
Boyles Triples victors: (l-r) Sam DeLisle, Mary DeLisle, Joe Quinn.



SOUTHWEST DIVISION

CASTA DEL SOL

By Al Dassoff

The women's Australian Pairs Tournament was held in Lake Hodges (San Diego) in June. Our Nora Winkel and Dottie Panacek (Newport Harbor) took second place honors.

But it wasn't all that simple for Nora. When she opened her bowling case at the Lake Hodges green, she found she had mistakenly put someone else's bowl in her case—so she had only three matching bowls. Fortunately, she was able to borrow a set of club bowls from Lake Hodges.

Our July 4th party attended by 51 members was a big success. The team of Ernie Robson, Bill Olsen and Paul Steed took first place on Independence Day, while Al Odenath, George Sweet and Tom Ward were second. Don Lloyd, Ove Akesson and Tom Trainor were third.

On Labor Day, we had 52 members on hand to bowl and party. We moved the bowling to 4 p.m. (when it was a little cooler), and had a pot luck dinner at six. Winners on the green were fit to be tied—In fact, two teams tied for first place: Warren Ziegenbein/Tom Ward/Terry Holmes and Joe Kaltenbach/Lew Passon/Evelyn Steed. Third place went to: Nora Winkel/Ernie Robson/John Thornton, with Don Lloyd/John Parker/Paul Steed finishing fourth.

Our twilight bowling on Tuesdays followed by pizza has been very successful.

CAMBRIA-JOSLYN

By Jack Breglio

The semi-annual Fresno-Cambria Tournament was held in Cambria in early August. Our club "seized the day" by winning 9 of 12 matches to return the Tournament Trophy to Cambria for another 6 months.

The club's participation in Cambria's annual "Pinedorado Days" added \$300 to the club treasury. Each participating club mans a booth at the Pinedorado grounds during the Labor Day weekend. The event includes a parade and fair, with games of chance and lots of food.

The first annual "Tacky Dinner Party" was held at the Cambria Joslyn Center on September 14th. Over 50 CLBC members vied for prizes for the "Tackiest Costume", "Tackiest Dancer", etc. Art and Irina Wilson, Eleanor Kryder, Dee D'Bernardi, and Hank Desio were among the winning guests.

The 1996 Cutthroat Tournament began on September 26th, with the final playoff game occurring October 2nd. After numerous tie-breaker ends during the semi-finals, the finalists for the playoff match were determined to be Bob Burns, Don Meyers, and Ken Vanderlinden. However, due to a sudden illness, Don was unable to compete in the finals, so he was replaced by alternate Bill Duncan. After a hard-fought finals battle, Ken Vanderlinden emerged as our 1996 Cutthroat Champion! This is Ken's second championship in as many years

FRIENDLY VALLEY

By Bob Innis

The heat of summer is over and finished, but we are still bowling during the evening hours, and will continue as long as the weather allows us to do so. Our green has just had its early fall renovation and should be in good shape for the Fall and Winter bowling.

Last weekend we had our Fall Barbecue. It was enjoyed by a goodly group, and a large number of those attending stayed to either bowl or watch.

Visitations have been difficult this year. Unfortunately, many of our newer bowlers do not realize that in order for visitations to work, the members of our club must take part in our visits to other clubs. If we don't reciprocate, they will not visit us. It is a strictly two way street.

Don Clark (former President), after recovering from a hip replacement, has had to have by-pass surgery, with one of his valves also being replaced. Who said that "Life was just a bowl of cherries"? We are happy that he is recovering and was able to attend our Barbecue.

Let's all remember that our greatest pleasure is to meet YOU on the green.

In Memoriam
Dorothy Bellante

GROVES

By Charlie Horse

On Sept. the second, thanks to the hard labor of Bob Burroughs, we enjoyed a most wonderful day. First, we had a fourteen-ender without any heart attacks or strokes. First Place resulted in a tie between: Jimmy Russell/Barbara McCowen/Shirley Martin and Dickey Mellen/Phyllis Russell/Pat Greening.

After bowling, about fifty starving souls enjoyed a catered "All The Steak, Chicken, Salad, Beans & Apple Pie You Can Eat" feast. (Even snuck a piece of chicken for my midnight snack.)

We have recruited seventeen new bowlers to date this Year. It's so good to see some new faces on the green, and hopefully you will be meeting many of them at future events.

Boo boo's happen! Last issue I mistakenly inserted a Dick Nellen as the skip of the runner-up team (in our Club Triples results). My Apologies To DICK MILLER. But like the near-sighted prostitute once said: "I can't tell one Dick from another".

To top that, I (with the help of the proof

reader) completely left out the vice's name that helped HEMPE & FARNSWORTH win the So. West Div. Third Flight Triples. Please note that I felt so bad I drove up to Santa Barbara to apologize to BUD VELEZ. While there they needed one more team for the Shere Pairs, so I was teamed with Cris Rivera. We came in third overall. I am now trying to buy her contract from hubby Dick.

Also, in the Santa Barbara Labor Day Weekend Triples, Bud Velez once more carried Jim HEMPE and Gar Farnsworth to a second place overall finish. (They looked great in their pony tails.)

FLASH! Our new Ladies Club Singles Champion is Sybil Bernash. Fourteen of our finest played "sudden death" until three unbeaten ladies were left. They then played a round robin. The bowling was so good, we even had passers-by stopping to enjoy. Each gal won one and lost one, so it was decided

by plus points.

Both Glenna Weber, who came in second, and third place finisher Grace Shrigley, have won several club singles championships before. But it was Sybil's first. We wish her many more.

Mad Dog.



Groves Ladies Singles champ Sybil Bernash, center, is flanked by her runners-up: (left) Glenna Weber (2nd place) and Grace Shrigley (3rd place).

HEMET-JOSLYN*By Peg McCutcheon*

We have had some great socials this summer, especially the July ribs & chicken, and the Labor Day skinless sausages. Both were presided over by Carl Henrich, our Master of the Bar-B-Que.

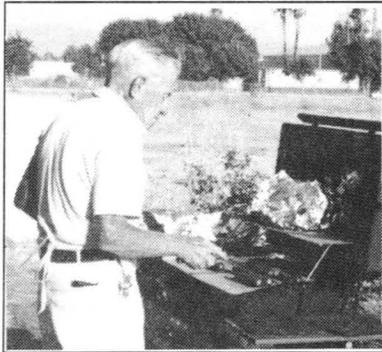
We have joined both the Hemet and San Jacinto Chambers of Commerce and had a joint ribbon cutting ceremony this summer. This should help in spreading the word about lawn bowling.

Our annual home & home ice cream socials with Sun City have been well-attended. Good company and good bowling, afterwards, help work off some of the calories. The monthly fun Nights have also remained popular.

HATS OFF TO: *Mary Jane Henrich:* In addition to all she does for our club, she does an outstanding job in handling the monthly Ladies Days. *Clair Ott:* Our tireless working First Vice-president. He also initiated the Fun Days with Sun City and has worked very hard in getting the Men's Rally going. We hear the men are really enjoying this format and hope to see it grow.

Congratulations to the teams of Bill & Paula Bellone and June Burns and Thomas Best on their first place victories in San Diego. And, also to Wen Mowery and Bob Todd, both second year bowlers, for their placing at Lake Hodges.

We welcome seven new members: Leon & Jacque Adams, Charles Partito, Bob & MaryAnn Rucinski, Marion Packard, and Clayton Ball.



*Master of the Hemet Bar-B-Que,
Carl Henrich.*

RANCHO BERNARDO*By Matt Stevenson*

Our final Club tournament of the summer took place in late June and was endearingly dubbed the "Last Tournament Till October Tournament". There were so many winners that space does not allow listing them, but I wonder what they did with all that money!

The San Diego County Rinks Tournament, held in mid-July and hosted by the Oaks North Club, was won by the Rancho Bernardo Club in a sweep of three straight games. Congratulations go to our team: Alex Duncan, John Hoaglin, Bill Goring, and Matt Stevenson.

Our final showing in the South League was less than spartan, with 18 wins and 26 losses. Although we ended up in third place, there's always next year.

The RB agenda is reasonably full for the rest of the year. We are looking forward to hosting a visitation game by Joslyn-Lake Hodges at RB on Wednesday, October 16; the

County Triples Tournament a week earlier at Joslyn-Lake Hodges; and the Club Picnic Day, which is slated for October 19th. At that event, imaginations will be set spinning under an aura of gourmet delights, pandering to the palate and of delightful delectables. What all the euphemisms mean are—hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, soda, beer, and bowling—all FREE!

Visitors and locals are always welcome to join us any first Tuesday of the month for breakfast at Coco's around 8:30 a.m.

LAGUNA BEACH*By Ed Perry*

Laguna Beach LBC is enjoying our 65th year of bowling by the sea. We organized in 1931.

To beat the heat, we have been bowling at twilight (5 p.m.) on Tuesdays, as well as daily at mid-day.

At our Whitaker Memorial Singles Tournament in mid-August, Mert Hill won the trophy. Runner-up was Murray Brown, while Elizabeth Stock and Mari Jan Vested were semi-finalists.

Later in August, we were host to some eighty women bowlers representing ten AWLBA Southwest clubs.

We also had our annual Laguna Beach Open in August. Michael Siddall (with partner) took second place in the event.

We are preparing for a visit in October of some 45 bowlers from England. Our greens are shaping up nicely with our new greenskeeper. Come join us!

LAGUNA BEACH OPEN*By Virginia Marlar*

We had two great days for the Laguna Beach Open Pairs August 24-25, at the Laguna Beach LBC. There were 32 teams—16 teams of women and 16 teams of men.

After reading BOWLS Magazine Editor Siegman's message on acknowledging the men and women who play an important part in our lawn bowling world, a number of bowlers were asked to step forward and be introduced. Also, the club members: Bill and Norma Brown, Bill Harper, Herb Glaser, as well as Ed and Connie Perry, who did a great job being the hosts for the two days. They made coffee, had refreshments at each noon break, and helped with the after-games party. Judy Patrizzi helped with the charts, and Jerry and Heather Stewart handled the entries.

Results:**WOMEN**

1. Z. Bain/P. Oesterlein
 2. M. DeLisle/O. Gomez
 3. B. Losch/P. Gonzales
 4. V. Bees/R. Laney
 5. C. Folkins/M. Hyland
 6. C. Larsen/B. McCowen
- Special Prize: C. Rivera/K. Stone

MEN

1. B. Pickup/N. Wiles
 2. I. Ho/M. Siddall
 3. M. Isaacman/I. Hyland
 4. E. Quo/B. Nunes
 5. E. Sherman/S. Meyerowitz
 6. L. Bain/M. Bright
- Special Prize: B. Hiscock/G. Wagner

This is a great tournament. The format has each team playing eight different teams during the two days of competition. It's a fun tournament to run, and everyone seems to have a good time—and that's what lawn bowling is all about.

HOLMBY PARK*By Marcella Krisel*

On September 14th, fifteen bowlers from Friendly Valley visited us for a day of friendly bowling. Holmby won 7 games to Friendly Valley's 3. To complement brown bag lunches our very competent month-of-September ladies served luscious platters of fresh fruit & cookies, as well as ice cream and cake.

Edna and Colin Whittle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently and our members presented them with a beautiful card made by "J" Powell and a specially decorated cake.



Holmby Park members helped Edna and Colin Whittle celebrated their 50th with this homemade anniversary card signed by all the members.

Moses Rahaminov has been winning or coming in second in practically every tournament he enters. Among his wins were: first place (with Dave Hallman) in the Cary-MacDonald Pairs, and second place in a tournament at Long Beach, where his teammates were David Hallman and Pat Gonzales.

The Naylon Doubles tournament, which began in late July, was won by Brian Studwell and Jim Kubek, who defeated Moses Rachminov (you can't *always* win) and Mary Kaptur.

The "Battle of the Sexes" (men against women) was waged in September. Winning teams were: Stanley Chase/Frank Grea/Lou Fishbein, Jim Hasty/Don Hedge/Al Silver, George Alpern/Warren Gates/Dan Cirlin, Len Foreman/Jim Kubeck/Sherman Broidy; and, Phyllis Hopkins/Margaret Moffat/LaVerne Hunt, Marcella Krisel/Angela Pick/Dorothy Broidy. As you can see, the women were beaten by the men 4-2. There is always next year.

*In Memoriam
Schuyler (Sky) Kleinbans*

POMONA*By Hugh Freeman*

Club Tournaments made news in Pomona. The team of Wayne Putnam and Dean Anderson won the Men's Doubles. The Club Triples Tournaments will begin in October.

As a result of the extreme and long lasting heat, many more members turned out for bowling under the lights. A Triples Tournament was organized with six teams bowling a round-robin format. For five Tuesday evenings, competition was fierce with many close matches. After the final game, the team of David Dall, Robert Virza, and Vera Hammond was declared the winner with 4 wins, 1 loss, and 50 points (using Quinnell scoring). Second place went to: Russ Erickson, Loran Johnson, and Tina Van Zandt.

A popular event is the Dr. Herbert Meehan Cutthroat Tournament. It has been providing good competition for over 20 years. It is an afternoon and evening event, featuring three 10-end games. Three bowlers to a rink, a draw game, each bowler on his/her own against two opponents. Three games, a different rink and different opponents each game. Over the last 10 to 12 years, a few members have dominated as winners of the event. This year a new name emerged. David Dall was the winner, with Ken Brekke, second, and Loran Johnson third.

The members of the Pomona Club are looking forward to hosting the Annual Pomona Doubles Tournament on November 2nd. Come one, come all. The first 32 teams are sure entrants. See you then.

PASADENA*By Loretta Keller*

Our "big weekend" began Saturday night, June 29, with our 75th Anniversary cocktail party at the elegant Mediterranean-style Shakespeare Club, in Pasadena. As the band played on, its catchy tunes were vocally enhanced by Rita Sahlein, wife of our President Hugo. Then we let a magician-comic entertain us. We were delightfully tired by the time we said goodnight.

The next morning, we were thrilled to see our first-ever club flag wafting lazily from the new flagpole that was dedicated by Pasadena Council-member Ann-Marie Villicana, who also presented us with a proclamation from the Mayor. Many City dignitaries were present, including the Director of Recreation and Parks and the Chairman of the Recreation and Parks Commission. Also on hand were the Presidents of the ALBA and AWLBA Southwest Divisions, Stu Sistad and Corinna Folkins, who jointly presented our club with a congratulatory plaque.

President Sahlein, who coordinated the event, read and displayed a sincere commemoration from our County Supervisor. After Hugo's briefing on Pasadena LBC history and a demonstration of lawn bowling, guests tried their hand at sport, coached by several of our members. A buffet lunch concluded the morning, while a Scottish piper added character to the proceedings. Each guest received a commemorative booklet, "75 Years of Lawn Bowling in Pasadena."

Nobody seemed to mind the near 100-degree heat—not even Darryl Antrim and Bill Caulfield, who came attired in authentic ancestral kilts, or Hal Edgar who did a great job assembling a photo/document history of our anniversary.

Local newspapers took it all in—especially the Pasadena Star News. There were articles about the event—a prominent one on the front page the day before, and the day after—a flattering commentary, and later a glowing article on the society page. The commentary concluded with a note that the most wonderful thing about our club is its camaraderie. We were described as "a warm, inter-generational, inter-racial, inter-religious extended family".

Turning to other activities, the race for "Club Bowler of the Year" is heating up as we get closer to year's end. From March to August the following either won or tied for monthly honors: Bill Kennedy (2 times), Gene Shearer (3 times), Jack Edwards, Darrell Forgey (2 times), Darryl Antrim, Dick Clark, and Ray Marrs. Bowler of the Year, and Skip, Vice and Lead of the Year will receive awards at our annual meeting on December 7th.

We were very pleased to host a visitation from Holmby Park, and, we had our annual visitation from Friendly Valley—always fun!

At this writing we're looking forward to our annual Petit Pairs invitational tournament; to hosting the annual Lieberg Tournament on behalf of the Glendale Club; to hosting the ALBA/SWD Quinnell-Contenti Rinks Tournament; to our Club Triples Tournament and our annual Thanksgiving "Turkey Shoot"; and, to our annual overnite excursion to visit club's in the Southwest Division we don't normally visit. This year we'll be going to Redlands and Riverside, spending a night of social fun in Riverside!

*In Memoriam
Bill Clark*

REDLANDS*By Peg Bennett*

Our club returned to afternoon bowling on October 7th (1:15 p.m.). We had a very hot summer and attendance fell off. Now that the days are cooler, we anticipate our greens being full. To kick off the fall season, Social Chairperson Betty Straesser organized a highly successful potluck and birthday celebration for the day we returned to our afternoon schedule.

In mid-July, Redlands hosted the "Men's Rally", with Sun City, Hemet, Riverside, and Redlands competing for prize money. All the men enjoyed themselves, especially Ken Lowrance, Joe Ruderman, and Vern Gaston (from our club) who won top prize money, and Len Carver (our President) who split 4th place winnings with Claire Ott of Hemet. The ladies who served in the kitchen were Sheillagh Carver, Nedra Conley, and Mary Johnson. Pat Oesterlein and Joan Worden helped where needed.

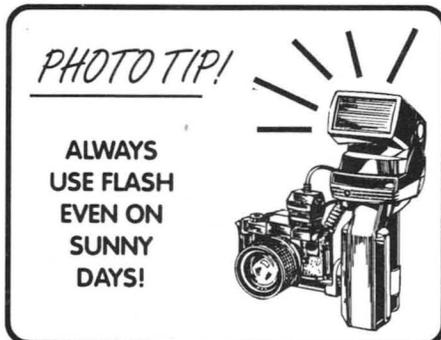
Our congratulations to Zelda Bain and Pat Oesterlein who finished in first place in the Laguna Beach Wornens' Pairs.

On checking the hospital list, we find Don Poe was operated on and did fine. He is home and plans to return to the greens very soon. Angie Sisti had surgery and is back on the greens. The latest on Hank Ruiter, who had surgery in May, is that he is doing well but still taking therapy. Hank is now living at Braswell's Chateau Villa (a retirement home) and would like to visit the club if transportation can be arranged.

We were all saddened by the death of Hugh Straesser. Hugh was a special individual on and off the green, as well as a hard worker who always volunteered for any job that needed to be done.

We welcome as new membes Gloria Bianchet, Richard and Roberta Faubion. We hope they will enjoy lawn bowling as much ss we all do.

*In Memoriam
Hugh Straesser*

**SANTA MONICA***By Ferrell Burton, Jr.*

With the conclusion of our club singles tournament, won by Bob Altshuler over Hy Berman, we only have the 333 tournament to complete a successful season.

The West Los Angeles Grand Match premiered on September 28th. Santa Monica played host to the L.A. area Westside clubs: Holmby Park, Beverly Hills, and Santa Monica. This event was reinstated, after nine years, by Santa Monica prexy Alan Power, who was also tournament chairman and chief coordinator. What a job by Alan! The visiting clubs were headed by Beverly Hills president Joe Siegman (and Editor of BOWLS Magazine), and Frank Grea, Vice President of Holmby Park.



Many of the Westside Grand Match competitors from Beverly Hills, Holmby Park and Santa Monica. That's event organizer and SM President Alan Power seated in front.

Several new members from the Santa Monica and Beverly Hills clubs were initiated into match play, and all did suprisingly well against the many veteran tournament players. The green played very well thanks to the continuing efforts of Wilbur Grant.

Each team played three 12-end games, and we all had an exciting and full day of very competitive bowling. The clear winners turned out to be Holmby Park with 9 wins, followed by Beverly Hills with 5 wins, and Santa Monica with 4 wins. Hearty congratulations to HP for taking home the Flores Cup for 1996.

Jim Hasty's HP team is to be commended for being the only threesome to win all three games.

Special thanks to Dorothy Burton, Ted Steinfeldt, and Josie Ziegler for providing a wonderful free lunch. We hope that this event will be continued next year by either Holmby Park or Beverly Hills.

*In Memoriam
Jeanne Rood*

SAN DIEGO*By Art Avery*

As summer comes to an end and fall begins we look forward to year-end events which will cap a very eventful year. Since the last issue of Bowls magazine, many of the best Southwest division bowlers converged on San Diego for the Ruth Erickson Triples Tournament held in late-July. It was a big day with both of our greens in action. After trying for 10 years, Bill Hiscock led a San Diego team to victory as overall winners. His teammates were Gery Wagner and Olga McCord.

Two potluck/bowling events have been held, both with large attendance. The first was on July 4 and the second on Labor Day. The latter featured special contests involving accuracy of jack placement and bowling to the jack, with prizes for participants.

On August 31, a County Lawn Bowls Singles Tournament was held, with Jim Morton the winner. Jim is a new bowler with just two months experience. He is also an active member. Loretta Geisner, a former national singles champion and Jim's mentor was runner-up.

An aggressive recruiting program has taken place his year with 16 new members as the result. Our active membership continues at over 100. Tom Anderson, club Vice-President, leads the recruiting effort, and assists President Loretta Geisner who coordinates and provides follow-up training.

Yet to come in October are the Bill Young Doubles and Johnson/Fosdike Club Singles. Our Novice Singles tournament will be held November 2.

JOSLYN-LAKE HODGES

By Don Docker



Members of Joslyn-Lake Hodges who live at Casa de las Campanas, half a stone's throw from JLHLBC: (top, l-r) Stan Standford, Jim Hollway, Bruce King, Paul Hegewald, Jim Smith Hal Dalke. (Bottom, l-r) Henry Meyer, Nelle O'Brien, Virginia McIntire, Jane Hollway, Pen Penfold. Bill Todd not pictured. Henry Meyer, first on the left, bottom row, somehow took this photo.

The ladies of AWLBA once again held their Australian Pairs tournament at Lake-Hodges. The weather (which we ordered for them) was just right—sunshine and cool breezes. The winners were: 1. Jan Wessel and Maryna Hyland. 2. Dottie Panacek and Norma Winkle. 3. Sunny Forbess and Lucy McDonald.

Lake-Hodges succeeded in winning the San Diego County League again after a long hard fought battle throughout the season.

Our club discovered a hitherto hidden talent in club member Chuck Maylen, who this year took on the job of Special Events Chairman. Not only does he put on a good event, but also provides entertainment with his own great singing voice and a line of amusing patter to go with it.

Welcome to new members Guy Chandler, John Kellinski and Mel O'Rourke (recently of Santa Barbara LBC).

The club would like to thank the management of Casa de las Campanas—a senior community adjacent to Lake-Hodges—for sponsoring a triples tournament to be held on Nov. 7th.

We have been privileged to host several overseas visitors through the summer vacation period, including our president's grandson, Scott, from the U.K. He turned out to be a good little bowler, and I believe we have a convert as he has bowled again since his return to Britain.

*In Memoriam
Perry Stevenson.*

SANTA BARBARA

By Dudley Miller

The most frequently heard bit of 'shop-talk' around our clubhouse involves the fantastic and continuing condition of our greens. The hydrojet treatment performed in May, the splendid efforts of the new greens contractor, the consultation provided by Tom Dion, and the work of Bill Joseph, James Cronshaw, and Hank Van Wingerden, have all contributed to this 'rebirth' of our bowling surfaces. A second hydrojet treatment was performed on October 10, when about 50 of our members were away on a visitation at Holmby Hills. We can anticipate "world-class greens" in the not too distant future.

28 teams from Santa Maria, Oxnard and Santa Barbara entered the July 4th Patrizzi-DeLisle Invitational Tournament. First place went to hosts Sam & Mary De Lisle. Finishing second were Joe Quinn & Pearl Howe, and third, Bill & Eva Doliant.

The Third Annual SBLBC Presidents' Day BBQ, enjoyed by 113 attendees in mid-July, was another memorable success. President Carol Smith single-handily orchestrated this year's event—from creating the promotional material, selling the tickets, arranging for catering, procuring the wine,

selecting the tasty cake and ice cream desserts, to performing as a delightful master of ceremonies during the before-dinner 'wine sipping'. It should be noted here, forty individuals have served in the office of the presidency in the sixty years that the club has existed. Only three women have held that prestigious office, and all three were present: Mina Launt, Betty Miller, and Carol Smith.

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In August, both the men's and women's club singles competitions were bowled. Bud Viard won the Men's title, with Hal Wayne and Larry MacDonald talking 2nd and 3rd places, respectively. Kathy Vea won the Velma Dorsey Ladies' Singles Championship, with Pearl Howe and Eleanor

Simmons finishing #2 and #3.

The four-day Labor Day weekend always provides the busiest bowling schedule of the year in Santa Barbara—two big tournaments are held at MacKenzie Park and two equally big tournaments are bowled on our greens. The Santa Barbara Grand, sponsored by Bill & Judy Patrizzi and Sam & Mary DeLisle, featured 32 triples teams. Following the competition, while contestants were enjoying barbecued tri-tips and guzzling beer, Judy announced the winners: 1. Pat Fagan/Mary & Sam De Lisle; 2. Jim Hempe/Gar Farnsworth/Bud Viard; 3. Bill Joseph/Glenn Larson/Ruth McLeod. The Glenn Boyles Triples, sponsored by the SWD, was played two days later, and the team of Sam DeLisle, Mary DeLisle and Joe Quinn took the first place trophy.

Although the U.S. Championships were played at MacKenzie Park, the SBLBC took an active role in assuring that this event was a success for the City of Santa Barbara. We recently became a traveler on the Information Super Highway and were able to report the results of the Championships to an eager and appreciative audience around the world.

SUN CITY

By Conrad Melton

Summer in Sun City began with the First Annual 80s vs 90s Challenge. It was a barn-burner as the "whippersnappers"—which is to say, the octogenarians—beat the old timers—which is to say the ninety-year-olds. Congratulations to the winners: Alice Joyce, Ed Middelburg and Julie Broten. And congratulations to the "second place winners", too: John Colborne, Norm Peterson and Oscar Christopherson.

July Fourth drew nearly 80 bowlers, spouses and friends for the annual "Yankee Doodle Dandy" celebration. Hosted by Len Donneson and company, the Grand winners were: 1. Marge Stenstrom, Howard Cliff, and John Colborne. 2. Jim Hill, Joe Rahm and Alice Joyce. And, 3. (a two-team tie) Eva Asper, Marian Cliff and Irene Mayer split the big bucks (ha ha) with Lillian Hallgren, Lorraine Roberg and Evelyn Tiel. Ollie Charney took the honors as "best dressed lady". And, thanks largely, I believe, to my circa-1970s firemen's suspenders, I walked away with the big moola for the gentlemen's most outrageous costume. And, oh yes, the weather was quite warm.

After a championship match that turned out to be a marathon nail-biter, it was Dick Holland and Jack Burdick who defeated runners-up Harry Johnson and Judi Melton to take home plaques as the Club's Doubles Champions. The eighteen-end match, witnessed by nearly seventy appreciative friends and family members, was 15-14 at the end of the 17th end, in favor of Harry and Judi. But Dick and Jack scored three in the 18th to "pull it out." Forty-two members threw their names into the hat for this contest, one of the most popular of the year for the club.

And finally, in a shocking conclusion to the club's tournament season, Bill Gardner's team won the Triples Championship. It was a shock because Bill passed away the day after the teams were picked, and was buried the morning of the championship match. Still there wasn't a club member in town who didn't know that Bill's influence was there, especially on the night of the finals. The championship team included Joe Rahm, who served as finals captain, Red Guilder, and Edna Foshay. Edna substituted for Harry Johnson, who captained the team through two victories on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, but was unable to play on the final night.

Second place went to the team of Scotty Strachan, Ruth Duthie and Dick Gray, a formidable trio of always outstanding bowlers. But the night, and the championship, belonged to Team Gardner. It was a fitting tribute to an extraordinary gentleman, an outstanding bowler, and a deeply respected friend who will be sincerely missed.

*In Memoriam
Bill Gardner.*

SANTA ANA

Six SALBC members recently returned from the Southwest's 10-day bowling trip to Ireland. Good friends were made among the 18 other bowlers and spouses, from the Hemet, Laguna Beach, Riverside and Santa Anita clubs. President Royal Spurrier was joined on the trip by Club Secretary Francis Allitto, Beebe Cameron, Rosemary Huffman, Lou Obering and Leo Smith.

The group bowled at three clubs, in Antrim, Belfast, and Crumlin—all in County Antrim, Ulster (Northern Ireland!). We made many new friends while reestablishing friendships with Irish bowlers who visited California in the Spring of 1995.

Only once was bowling interrupted by a passing rain shower, and then only briefly. Two of the greens were artificial turf, and Royal says that they were fast, compared with our natural greens here in Santa Ana.

Planning for the visit was superb, thanks to Jack Moore, of Antrim. Not only had he arranged for the bowling, but filled the ten days in Ireland with a variety of activities, guaranteeing a memorable visit. Our bowlers bowled with the Irish, shared several meals, and spent quality leisure time with them. SALBC thanks Eileen and Jim Donohue from Santa Anita Lawn Bowling Green Club for their efforts on behalf of the tour group, both before and during the trip.



Some of the group who bowled with our Irish hosts at County Antrim. The Southern Californians are the ones who look cold: Royal Spurrier and Leo Smith, second and third from the right; and the two lassies, Doralyn Clausen and Floy Torvid (Santa Anita LBC'ers).

Meanwhile, back in Santa Ana, the City has completed aerating and re-sanding our greens after the May 31st disaster. Grounds and Equipment Chairman Bill Dietrich reports that Club members have placed over 5,000 plugs of grass throughout the affected areas. Additional sanding continues.

Dick Wilson, Tournament/Visitation Committee Chairman, has advised that necessary rescheduling of SALBC Tournaments, including the Ina Ray Jackson Memorial Tournament, has been arranged. SALBC extends its thanks to neighboring clubs who welcomed our bowlers to their greens during the crisis. We were back on our own greens August 31st.

OXNARD-JOSLYN

By Robert Hutton

The Oxnard Joslyn Club hosted the 14th Annual Ralph Ecton Memorial Lawn Bowls (Mixed Triples) Tournament in August. The event is held in honor of Ralph Ecton, a beloved and devoted member of the Club. Ralph was instrumental in making many of the accessories used by bowlers on the green, and provided leadership during the formative years of the Club.

Entries represented two teams from MacKenzie Park, four teams from Santa Barbara LBC, and eight teams from our Oxnard club.

Amador Martinez, our Tournament Director, awarded four prizes: First Place—Art Christman, Larry MacDonald and Emily Jaquez (MacKenzie Park); 2. Al James, James Cronshaw, Patricia Cronshaw (Santa Barbara); 3. Sam DeLisle, Bill Patrizzi, Mary DeLisle (MacKenzie Park); A special prize was awarded to Tom Rogers, Fred Zilke, Bill Bustamante (Oxnard-Joslyn), the tournament's last place "winners".

A delicious luncheon was prepared and served by members of the Oxnard-Joslyn Club, under the leadership of Anita Delfs, Hospitality Chairperson

MacKENZIE PARK*By George Smith*

Hosting the 1996 U.S. Championships proved to be a huge success for the MacKenzie Park Club. The membership is very proud of its many volunteers.

Our greens were in excellent condition, as usual. Our greens group kept them in top shape throughout the year. Good greens are the foundation for good bowling!

Our club has an efficient kitchen crew. Care and feeding of bowlers is very essential and required many skilled people.

MacKenzie's long busy summer of '96 went by swiftly, with lots of pleasant bowling in all categories. There was the new Davis Triples, the Unger Singles, visitations by the Oxnard, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara LBCs, and a visit by Cambria is planned. These were followed by the men's Al James Singles Tournament, the George Cormack Invitational Mixed Triples, the Veteran-Novice Mixed Pairs, and the George Watson Triples.

Then there were birthday parties galore for those in their 80's and high 90's. All of which goes to prove that lawn bowlers can keep going past 100 years, with the game providing the incentive!

Finally, internationally: in Oshawa, Canada, our own Mary DeLisle and Pat Fagan were honored to compete in the North American Challenge. Pat Fagan also went to the 1996 Paralympics Games in Atlanta, Georgia, to serve as an official for the lawn bowling competition. (See story on the Paralympics elsewhere in this issue)

BEVERLY HILLS*By Paul A. Fargenigen*

Beverly Hills has moved its annual General Meeting and Election of Officers Luncheon to December 15th. Move was necessitated by another local club scheduling its annual meeting, luncheon, etc. on the same day we originally scheduled. Seven years in a row now that's happened. Talk about coincidence.

It was a "grand match" between the three "Westside" bowling clubs as Santa Monica LBC President Alan Power brought new life to an old idea. (See *Santa Monica* story). BHLBC members who took part were: TAL STUBIS, DON ARDEN, MEREDITH WINSTON, ANNE & JUDA BARBER, HELMAN TODES, ADRIAN COLE, SANDY & MICHAEL ASHTON-PHILLIPS, LEN ZVONKIN, ALLEN GROSSMAN, DOMENICK PUNARO, HOWARD SANDERS, and JOE SIEGMAN.

Since the last report, we welcomed three new members: Joining us in the past couple of months are: Sam Benjamin, Allen Grossman and Howard Sanders.

Congratulations to Club President Joe Siegman, who was named manager of the U.S. Teams that will be competing next year in the North American Games and Pacific Rim Championships. Joe also captured the BHLBC 1996 Handicap Singles, besting runner-up Tal Stubis 18-15.

Our annual Club Turkey Shoot is November 24th.

In Memoriam - Robert Honner

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LEISURE TOWN*By Joe Cross*

Despite distractions from bombed Olympics, self-destructing political conventions, and record breaking temperatures, the lawn bowls kept rolling.

Several of our members entered various tournaments over the last few months. Notably George Stiebler and Tom Yanuska represented us in the Men's Novice Pairs in June, and also entered the Men's Novice Singles in August. George brought home

the championship from the latter event.

We took six teams to Berkeley for our home and home in June. We had a 6-6 tie, with each of our teams winning one of two games. Points determined the victory for Leisure Town.

Bowlers from the Oakmont club have joined our daily draw during the summer. In August, we utilized the entire green when 44 bowlers turned out for the event. Fortunately it was a nice day and many returned after lunch for a second game.

We had our usual fun day on Labor Day. Thirty-six bowlers showed up for a day of bowling. After the morning game they enjoyed a lunch consisting of pizza, salad, and watermelon. Thanks to Marian McLeod and her helpers for the arranging and serving, and to all who assisted in the set-up and clean-up.

Recent improvements to our facilities and environs have been well received. The club house and benches, etc., surrounding the green recently received a fresh coat of paint. A row of 36 Italian Cypress trees now parallels one side of our green to provide, eventually, some protection against our "occasional" north winds. Marian McLeod donated this landscaping to Leisure Town Home Association as a memorial to Norman McLeod, her late husband and our recent Club president.

Our 1996 "Inter"-National Open Tournament hosted 75 bowlers from foreign countries including 55 from Canada, 7 from Spain, 4 each from England and Scotland, 2 each from Japan and New Zealand, and 1 each from Australia, Hong Kong and South Africa. All U.S. divisions, both AWLBA and ALBA were represented by 140 men and 119 women.

Thanks to the hard work and careful planning by our co-chairpersons, Frank Souza and Vanitta Olinger, this "Open" was an unqualified success. They did have a lot of help from: secretaries-Bill Campbell and Marie Klos; Treasurers-Joel Stearn and Shirley Lyon; Entries-Don Hazelwood and

SANTA CRUZ

By Woody Maunder

Optimism over club growth continues at a high level with 21 new members brought aboard during the first nine months of 1996. There are 12 novices in training. These good results spring from last year's drafting of a plan that included an established calendar of events, assigned responsibilities for each event, and a lively show of support from both public and private sectors of Santa Cruz County. A 27-minute video on local television and a front-page picture-feature in our local newspaper contributed mightily. Another plus was installing a TV with videos in the clubhouse. Ralph Brailsford launched a club newsletter that he designed and edited on his home computer and sent by mail to all hands.

Jim Fox waited fifteen years to repeat his winning of the Nixon Graham Mens Singles Championship. Jim's rifle-like shots put to flight the other final contenders, Ralph and Woody. In our first PIMD Invitational Tournament, Bill Kather, Len Perry and Bill Miller took first honors. Second and third prizes went to Bob Voss, Gladys Tait and Bud Truesdale and to a Sunnyvale team: Joe & Tecla Shepard and Al Cancilla. We hope to repeat this tournament in 1997.

The very cordial relationship with Del Mesa-Carmel has continued to build with the most recent visit we made to take part in their annual Joe Costa Tourney. Joe Costa, once ranked as one of the top bowlers in the PIMD, was a longtime member of both our clubs. Sadly, Joe passed away only a few weeks ago at age 94.

RICHMOND

By Bob Scott

It has been pretty quiet at the Richmond bowling green these past few months, with vacations, etc. Winnie Stewart and Mima Tweedie made their yearly trek back to Ireland and had a grand ole' time.

John Spiers, Charlie Black, LeRoy Riley and Roy Coppla bowled at the National Open in September. Wouldn't you know—John's Triples team finished fourth in the Championship Flight, and Charlie's threesome came in second in the Triples 6th Flight. September 22nd marked the playoff between Paul & Timmy Regoli versus John Spiers & Roy Coppla, to see which team will represent Richmond in the Sills. I had to send in this report before the battle ensued, so catch my column in the next issue.

DEL MESA CARMEL

By R. Emery Wanles

Starting in May, members of the Del Mesa Club joined in the John Brown Friendship Games conducted at Santa Cruz, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and Palo Alto. The open draw format is conducive to fun, and meeting of new friends.

In July, a mixed triples team from Del Mesa took part in the Santa Cruz Invitational: Emery Wanless, Audrey Weil, and Bob Moore.

Club championships were held in Singles and Pairs. Harry Hocker and George Daniel are Pairs champions.

George Agner, our instructor, has recruited several new members, with emphasis on ladies. But out of a half-dozen prospects, only two have become regulars: Audrey Weil and Helen Ely. Bill Ely, Bob Wilhelm and Leo Whitmill are our latest male members.

We bowl every day at 1 p.m., except Sunday and Monday. Visitors are welcome any day, but preferably call Emery Wanless at 408-624-3641, or George Agner at 408-626-1190

SAN FRANCISCO

By Victoria DiLabbio Giambruno

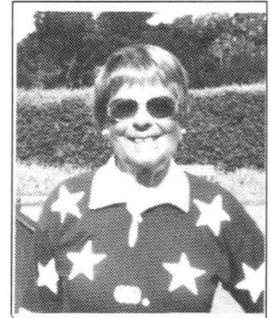
Edith Denton was very touched to be honored with the "Edith Denton Invitational Tournament". Despite a cold and blustery day, SFLBC president Bill Campbell welcomed some 80 bowlers to the first of ten events made possible through the generosity of Edith's husband, Emerson.

Winners of the event were visitors Charlie Mesow, Dolores Michelsen and Clair Mesow on Green #2, and SF bowlers Horace deCarvalho, Ruby Cuneen and Bob Howald on Green #3.

The Women's Fives was hosted by SF this year. Mamie Roliz and Laura Lewis of SF teamed up with Regina Banares (San Jose), Masuko Patrick (Berkeley) and Dottie Cardinal (Santa Clara) to place second. An all SF team of Betty Blue, Gertrude Whittingslow, Hope Donald, Marie Rozario and Carol Houston finished third.

Betty Blue and Jim Smutz won the Falconer, with Arnie Barros and Marie Rozario in 2nd place. The Martin Wong Mixed Triples was taken by Jack Broadfield, Al Diniz and Hope Donald, with Oscar Collaco, Henry Leigh and Victoria Giambruno 2nd. Placing 3rd was Reggie Mattos, Virginia Hill and Ellie Voss,

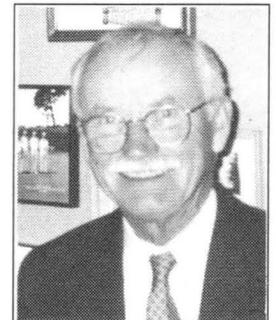
Top honors in the Women's Championship Singles went to Hope Donald, with Virginia Hill and Betty Blue finishing 2nd and 3rd. First place in the Novice Singles went to Robert Pawlak with Frank Toccalino, Bob Howald and George Robinson sharing honors. Jock Brown and Robert Pawlak teamed up to win the Men's Championship Pairs. Jack Broadfield/Don Mosely were second, and Reggie Mattos/Willard Norberg, third.



Edith Denton, namesake of the Edith Denton Invitational Tournament that drew 80 entries this year.

Our warmest thanks to Al Diniz, who made the Labor Day social so enjoyable. While the rest of us were out on the greens, Al reached into his bag of tricks and pulled out a plum of a luncheon for the hungry bowlers.

The "big event"—the NATIONAL OPEN—finally hit the Bay Area in September. President Bill Campbell was a featured speaker at the opening ceremonies, and two of our members, Robert Pawlack and Alexander Reid, were Color Bearers. We salute all of the people whose tireless efforts



SFLBC President, Bill Campbell.

brought this tremendous undertaking to a thrilling climax.

New members are Kevin McCaffrey and John Reyes.

The PIMD Championship Singles came down to an exciting conclusion with a two-way tie, making it necessary to use the PIMD formula for deciding a winner. The result: Ed Guterres bested Reggie Mattos by a very close margin, and Lionel Guterres placed third. Edith Denton, namesake of the Edith Denton Invitational Tournament that drew 80 entries this year.

ROSSMOOR

By Frank Ransome

One of the benefits of hosting a portion of the National Open is the fine way the greens are running now that we have them all to ourselves. Billy Ray, our greenskeeper, worked long and hard to get them ready and we all appreciate what was accomplished.

The club was unified in its support of the Open. The Feeneys, Cranes, Kinnings, Hazelwoods, worked with Winnie Hutton, Edith Keogh, Jean Gaba, Virginia Sternberg, Len Gould, Bob Hockett, Mel Jacobs, Jeanne Lauritzen, Max Saloner, Chet Settles, Marion McDougall, Mary Hook, Renee Friedman and Mary Smith to provide the hospitality that made things so pleasant.

Shirley Cam, Don and Roe Hazelwood and Frank Ransome all had parts to play in the organization process. Several Rossmoor bowlers finished in the money. Marion Klos, Ed Ribeiro, X Tejada, Jim Towar, Roe Hazelwood, and Melvina Soares were among the winners, as were novice bowlers Virginia Farr and Sylvi MacDonald, who bowled Rinks.

We can all be proud of the Markers who spent hours in the hot sunshine. Many of these volunteers were first year bowlers who were seeing, for the first time, what makes a good tournament bowler. They were well trained and a credit to the club. Several Rossmoor members also served as Umpires during the tournament under the direction of the chief umpire, Jim Stewart. It really makes a tournament move quickly when there is at least one non-playing umpire on each green.

The Rossmoor Club has been supplying some of the coaches for the Richmond Boy Scout program, and several coaches will soon begin to teach physically disadvantaged prospects at the Berkeley club.

SAN JOSE

By Bob Van Wingerden

It's been a busy two months for our club. We were fortunate enough to be one of the host greens for the Singles and Triples of the PIMD Open Tournament in August.

Many thanks to the backbone of our club: the Forster's, the Tam's, the Pattison's, Earl "The Pearl", Sherron Jo, our prez Murray, and everyone else who arrived early to set up. Also, a big thanks to all the markers who showed up for the Singles. It was a wee bit warm that weekend, but you hung in there. The Singles was won by our own Frank Koenig—on his home green, by the

way. Some of our club members who were not entered in the Nationals were up at San Francisco in early September to mark for the National Singles competition. I find that I enjoy marking, not so much for observing when to play the right shots, but rather what shots not to play in a given situation.

Our green has been a little slower lately as we have lost our Tom Mansfield-trained greenskeeper to another city park. Mary did a fine job for us and I'm sure Louis, her assistant, will be up to speed shortly, with the help of our club president, Murray Brunt.

The weather has been great all summer and we are slowly but surely increasing our membership. It's nice to show up on a Sunday to find a few new faces and some new competition. It gets tiring drubbing the same chumps every week. (Boy, am I gonna get some heat for that one!) Our club is in the market for #OO, #O, and #1 sets of bowls for recruiting purposes. If you have any lying around or know someone who wants to sell, please contact Sherron Jo at (408)984-7845. She'll give ya'all a fair price.

Another of our club's big winners again this year is Reggie Banares, who not only represented the U.S. at the World Bowls tourney in England, but also won the U.S. Championship Singles at Santa Barbara last month. Also a word of warning: watch out for Patricia Tam! She's an up and comer.

That was an excellent article about "the Mad Dog" in the last issue of BOWLS. Geeze, if we knew he was in such bad shape, we would have let him win more often when he used to come visit.



Our recently planted Tom Mansfield Memorial Crepe Myrtle tree is in its first bloom.

PALO ALTO

By Ed Arnold

At our annual Trophy Games with Sunnyvale, we finished on the short end of six matches. They won 4 and we took two. We continued that way when we met Berkeley in the Meat Axe Games, the annual confrontation we've had every year for 39 years. We lost and the score now has the Berks winners 20 times to our 19. This year we won 5 games, lost 6, and tied one. Pretty close!

Intraclub tourney winners: Draw Mixed Triples—Bea McConachie/John Hickson/Jeanne Littleboy; Women Pairs—Esme Krobusek/Bea McConachie; Men's Pairs—Bob Sinclair/Scott Loosley; Women Singles—Pauline Liebovitz.

Held two "Chicken Bowls" in July and August, with big crowds present at both. A full green lined-up at 5 pm and played until the delicious chicken, etc. was ready. Great get-togethers!

Good participation in tournament play: Frank Souza beat Joe Shepard (Sunnyvale) in the finals of the PIMD U.S. Singles Playdown and represented our division in the Championships. In the PIMD Open, Steve Jones (San Jose) and Frank won the Pairs Championship. Bob Sinclair and Gordon Lockhart were second. Jones, Souza and Gordon Lockhart won the Open Triples title, and Joel Stern was runnerup in the Open Singles. Amongst the ladies, Phyllis Pimentel was a winner in the women's competitions. (See results elsewhere in this issue).

We've just added four new members to our roster and eight more are under instruction. Our congratulations to Joel Stern on his recent marriage to Maria Gutierrez, a non-bowler. That may change!

The second renovation of our green this year took place during October, so now we're back on a newer and better playing surface.

In Memoriam
Julia Salter Ferris

SANTA CLARA

By Russ Bilotft

We had the dedication ceremony for our new lights on June 27th, attended by Santa Clara Mayor Judy Nadler and members of both the City Council and Parks and Recreation Departments. We are starting our evening bowling at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday nights, and have had about three times as many participants as we had with

the earlier starting time. We hope the lights will also extend the season for evening bowling as long as weather permits.

Our annual July 4th open house attracted over 500 again this year. They were all given an opportunity to roll a set of bowls into a five foot circle. Mayor Nadler and family were among the contestants as well as the mayor of our sister city in Japan.

A team from our club took first place in the Women's Fives Tournament in Oakland in July. They were: Victoria Page, Tecla Shepard, Marge Bodah, Marguerite Miller and Cathy Rollison. Congrats, gals.

Our annual weiner roast was held after a club meeting in mid-July. We had a mixed triples draw game won by Ed Rollison, George Beggs and Tecla Shepard. Santa Clara hosted the Men's Novice Singles Tournament in early August, won by George Steibler of Leisure Town. We held our club tournament in mid-August: Women's Singles winner was Marguerite Miller, and Men's Pairs victors were Lou Adino and Alden Schroeder.

Several club members entered the National Open but the only winners that came to my attention were the first place winners in the Third Flight of Women's Rinks, Cathy Rollison, Marguerite Miller, Ann Maron and Marge Bodah.

Club members were invited to attend our Anniversary Breakfast on Sept. 14, then to participate in our Ethel Murphy (two-bowl mixed pairs draw) Tournament. Tecla Shepard and Ed Rollison were the tournament winners.

Our grass is in great shape, thanks to the City crew with much help from our own club president.

BERKELEY

By Howard Mackey

Having the Nationals in the Bay Area kept the Berkeley Club active in preparing the greens, trimming the grounds and painting backboards and forty-some benches. Fortunately, members volunteered in unprecedented numbers so Berkeley could be proud of its facilities during the Open Tournament. Many compliments were given by visitors to the club for the play of its greens and the hospitality of its members.

Credit for preparing the greens goes to John Patrick and his son David, who worked over a year to provide an outstanding surface. Bill Gubser has been working so often that some believe he lives at the club pulling weeds, planting flowers, trimming shrubs and beautifying the grounds. Work parties, especially in August, did a tremen-

dous job of making the area around the greens presentable. Over twenty club members participated.

Several paint days were held, and again there was a good number of volunteers. Larry Burnley, Pat and Clarence Erickson, Barbara and Howard Mackey, Ted Johnston, Eric Walden, Roy Coppla, Lou Arnold, Ted Crum, Ted Culliver, Ari Inouye, Elmer Moss, and Myra Baylor yielded paint brushes and gave the benches a new coat of paint.

For the Nationals games played at Berkeley the club, hospitality was under the leadership of Lucille McGuire, Dixie Tenny and Rita DeMoss, Larry Burnley, Myra Baylor, Lois Tolliver, as well as Lou Arnold and Eric Walden, among others, who assisted at special times. They did a great job of providing coffee, refreshments, and lunches in an attractive environment.

With all this work it is surprising that any bowling was done by Berkeley members, but we didn't neglect that recreation. Berkeley won the Meat Axe from Palo Alto in July. This win gives Berkeley a one-win advantage over Palo Alto in the series, which began in 1958. The Alameda County Championship is to be played during press time against the Oakland Club. Members are also playing in the many club invitationals on the fall calendar. Berkeley's popular "last Friday of the month Birthday Party" has continued to be a success, with Eric Walden, Lou Arnold and crew putting on the lunch. Watermelon and hot dogs were enjoyed on the 4th of July as members enjoyed the holiday with bowling and games. Thanks go to Helen Walden and Eric for decorations.

The intracub games have been slow to reach completion as vacations and hospital visits prevent crucial games being played. It is hoped that by the end of October all club champions will be determined.

Berkeley had its second Open House on September 21, with a good turnout of prospects wishing to learn the game. Many members assisted in explaining the sport and instructing. Lucille McGuire and Roy Coppla were in charge of refreshments in large part provided by club members, and a feast of goodies was provided for guests.

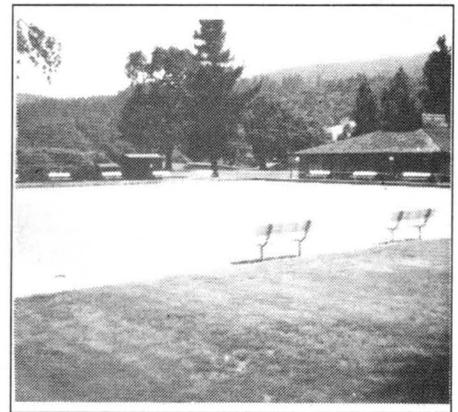
Under Frank Ransome, Berkeley is preparing to teach lawn bowling to physically disabled persons, such as blind and partially blind, as well as those in wheel chairs. The success of the Paralympics Games in Atlanta following the Olympics has given lawn bowling a shot in the arm by increasing the opportunity for a new group of citizens to participate in the game.

OAKMONT

By Harry Hunter

The fall season is upon us at Oakmont. The last day we bowled on our green this year was a special tournament held on April 14th, because the next day excavation began on the reconstruction of a new green. This has progressed steadily through the various stages of construction, planting, and nurturing of the new hybrid-bermuda surface. The green is now completely covered by the grass, but still in its bumpy infancy. On the far side of the green is a new addition to our equipment shed, which members built to accommodate the new Haley greensplaner and the Scott-Bonnar mower we will be using to maintain the surface from now on.

Our members have been bowling at some of the sister clubs in our PIMD in the Bay Area. Rossmoor, Leisure Town, Oakland and San Francisco have been very neighborly



This may look like your average bowling green, but not to Oakmont members. It's their newly reconstructed bowls facility, complete with a members-made equipment shed at the top left-center.

in having us over for bowling in their draws and special tournaments. We will be able to have them back here soon to return their favors. After a few workouts with the Scott-Bonnar and the planer the surface should be behaving well enough for presentation to company.

President Warren Wade and Greens Committee Chairman Bjorn Karlsen deserve special mention here for their tireless efforts before and during the entire summer of this landmark undertaking. There isn't enough room in this column to list all of our members who contributed in so many ways to the successful conclusion of this project, but this will be chronicled in a description to be entered into our club's historical archives. See you again in December.

*In Memoriam
Carre Valvik*

OAKLAND

By June Beitelspacher

On a lovely afternoon on September 6th, the Oakland Lawn Bowling Club hosted the opening ceremonies of the 1996 Open National Tournament. There were approximately 200 persons attending. The setting was quite effective with ten different countries' flags displayed. The Open participants paraded around the clubhouse and grouped on Green #1 for the short program. Later a beautiful buffet was served inside, prepared by Gwen Houston and her committee. Sandwiches and champagne punch were served and a delightful time was had by all!

The Oakland greens had, on average, 100 guests every day, and we were kept very busy entertaining with food and drink. It was interesting to speak with those from out of the country and give suggestions and directions to restaurants and places to visit, especially for those non-bowling spouses.

At this writing, we have one more big event coming. On October 3, we will entertain a group from Great Britain. They are coming for lunch and bowling in the afternoon. Then, with a Home & Home or two and the Christmas Party—again to be held in the clubhouse on December 12—our year will be over. Happy holidays to everyone!

FRESNO

By F. Lee Hull

In June, we held an open house to generate some interest by potential new members. Thanks to TV coverage by Channel 47 and a lot of help from our members, we found considerable interest. As a result, we believe as many as ten new members will ultimately join us.

On July 4th, we held a potluck, yardstick bowling, and a number of the new people joined in. Later in July, we held an intra-club pairs tournament, with Pat Silva and Ralph Nye the big winners.

Cambria was our host on August 3-4, and despite the cool breezes, some twenty members from Fresno struggled valiantly before losing 12 to 3. Once again, the traveling trophy has changed hands and gone to Cambria. However, our hosts were gracious, the food was delicious, and we wouldn't miss bowling with them twice a year.

On October 19-20, we will celebrated our 30th anniversary. Our club owes its existence to Mr. Joe Redo, who, after moving from Richmond, felt the necessity of building a one-rink green in his own back yard. With 22 members, some from Richmond, the Fig Garden Lawn Bowls Club officially started October 19, 1966. Only one of the original members, Adolph Blahut, is still an active bowler with the club.

SUNNYVALE

By Irene Webster for Wes Ireland

Wes Ireland, our "Bowls" correspondent, is at home recovering from an illness. All of us want to wish Wes a speedy recovery and a prompt return. We miss you.

This year has been a very busy time for all of us. Not too many participated in our club tournaments so far, but we still have a few tournaments to play and we hope that everyone signs up. A number of our people played in the National Open. Everyone had a good time, even some of our newer bowlers. To those who won or placed in the various flights, Congratulations!

This year we welcome the following new bowlers: Skip Rice, Jackie Rusch, Dorie Mendoza, and Al Camps. We thank Al Rizzo for the terrific job he's been doing in coaching our new bowlers.

We lost a very dear friend, John Christian, in August. John was Director of Parks and Recreation for Sunnyvale. All of our lawn bowlers who had transactions with him over the last six years agree that he was a wonderful man to deal with. Whenever possible, he would come to our special functions and join in with all of us. He was first class. We are in his debt and we will miss him.

*In Memoriam
John Christian*

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1997 SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION CALENDAR

January	18-20	Lola & Clive Forrester Rinks
	21-23	Zivic & Thomson Open Pairs
February	8-9	So. Central Div. Open Triples
	10-11	So. Central Div. Open Pairs
	12-13	So. Central Div. Open Singles
March	15-16	Arizona State Open Triples
	17-18	Arizona State Open Pairs
	19-20	Arizona State Open Singles
April	12-14	U.S. Pairs Playdowns (ALBA)
	20-24	U.S. Singles Playdowns (ALBA)
	26-May 2	Southwest Open (ALBA)
November	8-9	ALBA/AWLBA Open Triples
	22	Charity Bowl
December	6-7	Niels Kragh Pairs

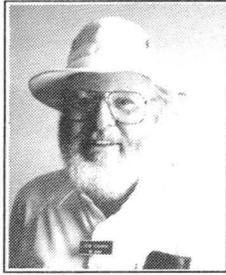
Fall has arrived here in Arizona along with the returning snowbirds. Our season began with the Del Webb Mixed Pairs October 11-13.

Had a great time in September bowling in California. The Nationals in the PIMD were wonderful. To the San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland and Rossmoor LBC's, and everyone who helped: THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

From the Nationals, I drove my motor home to Santa Barbara for the U.S. Championships. MacKenzie Park, site of the Championships, sure is a well organized club. Everything about it is beautiful—the view, greens, clubhouse, hospitality. Another job well done. We will unveil a New Division Correspondent in the next issue. B.W. are his initials.

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1997 SOUTHEAST OPEN

The 1997 Southeast Division ALBA and AWLBA Opens are scheduled for March 1-7. Men bowlers at Lakeland (FL), and women at Sarasota.

The men will bowl Singles on Saturday and Sunday, March 1-2; Pairs on Monday and Tuesday, March 3-4; and Triples on Wednesday and Thursday, March 5-6. March 7th is being held as a rain date.

The women bowl Triples first, then Pairs and Singles, with two days scheduled for each event, and a rain date on March 7th. The SE-AWLBA also plans to host a Mixed Triples Tournament at Sarasota on Saturday, March 8th.

Entry fees for the Opens are \$16 per man per event, and \$16 per woman per event. ALBA entries should be sent to Ed Douglas, and AWLBA entries to Eileen Love. Ed can be reached at 3814 Boardwalk Place, Ruskin FL 33570, phone (813) 645-8100. Eileen's address and phone are 1802 Burlington Circle, Sun City Center FL 33573, phone (813) 634-4895.

ORLANDO

By Pat McCann

This summer's evening bowling hours have brought out more participants than usual, but we are all looking forward to the return of our winter residents and the bowling activities the new season will bring.

We are saddened by the deaths of two of our most enthusiastic and beloved bowlers since last season. Bill Dawson died in the Spring and Charles McGuire this Summer.

In Memoriam
William N. Dawson
Charles McGuire

DELAND

By Marjorie Fulton

As Gene said in the Fall issue of BOWLS (as far as DeLand, FL. is concerned), it is definitely a "a slow news day".

In addition to our hot summer weather complaints, our clubhouse has not been usable. Our Parks and Recreation Department chose this time to enlarge and redecorate the Activity Center. As a result, there was no air conditioning available, so those members who were around weren't able to use the facilities even for our usual summer holiday and birthday party get togethers!

A few year-rounders did get out to get their exercise mornings, early, or evenings—until even the lights were not available.

The only bowling I can report on is by some of our DeLand bowlers—the Coles and the Labchuks—who bowl summers on Prince Edward Island. Two of our ladies represented the P.E.I. club at the Provincials in Regina in August. They won two games in the Fours. They beat Ontario and Alberta. They lost to New Brunswick by one point!

Jim Coles was bowling in the Singles as runner-up for P.E.I. as the winner couldn't go. Each morning Jim would say: "I'm not winning, but I'm having fun!"

Our weather is changing for the better and we started daytime bowling on October 14th. Our clubhouse is now usable and more of our snowbirds have returned. If you're in our neighborhood, do stop to visit us!

In Memoriam
Tom Gilligan

CLEARWATER

By Ede MacWilliams

We are eagerly awaiting the return of our Northern and overseas members to get this season's bowling off to a good start. We had a good turnout for our Labor Day Tournament, with bowling in the morning and a potluck and cook-out at noon. Bill Farrell was the flipper on the grill.

The annual clubhouse painting was done this year by George Scott and Jim Calhoun, so everything looks fresh and clean again.

Many of us are looking forward to going to Pinehurst, N.C. in October for their wonderful tournament. They really know how to put one on. You're a winner by just being there. If you are ever in our area, please stop in for a game.

In Memoriam
George Wilson

PEBBLE BEACH

By Cliff Bailey

The word that we have received from the 1996 United States Championships in Santa Barbara, CA, is impressive. Bill Say has just returned and this reporter had an opportunity to interview him. Bill was impressed by the royal treatment he received and he reported to me that he walked on the same red carpet that Queen Elizabeth did. That was impressive. Bill said, however, that the most impressive thing of the Championships was the way that it was organized by the local Committee, and the wonderful parties he attended.

However, the most impressive thing to the Pebble Beach Club was to know that Bill Say and Joe Grabowski were runners-up in the Championships Pairs. We are so proud of them and their contributions to Lawn Bowling. We are also proud of the fact that the Champions of the Pairs—Dick and Robert Sayer—whose Father, George Sayer, is a member of our Club, and whose Grandfather Ray is seen almost daily on our greens. That is impressive.

I asked Bill if bowling in such an important tournament made him a better bowler. "Yes, I think so," he answered. "You concentrate more and your competitiveness is somewhat greater." He said that he believed that bowlers who really want to be better bowlers should enter more tournaments, and that he would encourage them to do so. He also stated that he felt that clubs should encourage their bowlers to get into tournaments.

A new season is about to begin in Sun City Center and the Pebble Beach Club is ready. Let the games begin.

MOUNT DORA

By Gene Goodwin

Jim Laux, an automobile historian, retired from the University of Cincinnati, is the new Director for Games at the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club.

He replaces Don Joyce, who resigned last summer because of other commitments.

Mount Dora's busy schedule of inter and intra-club tournaments opens in November and continues into April.

But we always have time and room for visiting bowlers.

In Memoriam
Jerry Sutliff
John Bayles

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

SARASOTA

By Phyllis Raad

As this is written, we haven't yet heard very many "Welcome Backs". But it won't be long until our northern bowlers will be making their annual appearance.

Meanwhile, back at the rinks, the Sarasota County Recreation and Parks Department has had men and machines at work since last spring, when the greens were in serious need of renovation. As a result, on September 2, when the year-arounders came for their first games since mid-April, the smooth, level and lush greens were a welcome sight.

In addition to the work of the Parks Department, President Ian MacRae, along with other Board members and directors,

has been keeping a close eye on the progress throughout the summer. He wielded a paint brush on occasion, and Richard Rapczynski, better known as "Rap", did almost daily honors with paint brush, hammer, saw and whatever else was needed. Our thanks to both of them.

A tip of the hat goes also to the Bradenton Club, whose members generously allowed Sarasota players to keep up their skills on their greens while our own were closed. The hospitality was very much appreciated.

*In Memoriam
John D. Sullivan*

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LAKESIDE

(Chicago)

By Carl P. Johnson

After two years of reconstruction, the greens are finally ready for limited bowling. We started out with bowling on the weekends.

The croquet club met with the Lakeside Executive Board trying to reach some common ground for use of both groups and agreed to work out a plan that would be helpful to all concerned.

The Greens Committee is pleased with the progress on the greens, and by the end of the season hope to have them back to the accustomed tournament quality. Tournaments will be limited to inter-club play.

Byron Shinn celebrated his 94th birthday on September 20th. Congratulations to Carolyn Nobbe and Bob Patterson who placed 4th in their respective divisions in the Paralympics. We are proud of them both. Carolyn was chosen the "Worldwide Lawn Bowling Representative" for future competitions in 1997.

It is great to be on the green. The fellowship is sweet.

FRICK PARK

(Pittsburgh)

By James C. Cunningham

When this issue of Bowls Magazine is received, the only action on our greens will be a few leaves being tossed about in the wind. Our games will have been completed for the season and prizes awarded at our banquet at the Edgewood Country Club. Our congratulations to the following winners:

In the Tuesday Pairs League, first half: Cardinals Bud Fickley and Greta Troy, Bluejays Jim Cunningham and Mary Laverne Dimmick. Second half: Cardinals John Wilson and Audrey Small, Bluejays Greta Troy and Dom Dallimonti.

In the Wednesday Triples League, first half: Nighthawks John Wilson/Marguerite Butker/ Alberta Hartman, Whip-poor-wills George Robertson, Marita Kenna and Jack Lingafelt. Second half: Nighthawks John Wilson/Chris Hanusa/Anke Bakker, Whip-poor-wills Lois Saladin, Mary Laverne Dimmick and Alma Bogacki.

Our Mixed Pairs Tournament was won by Hank and Eileen Luba, the Open Pairs by Chuck and Ronnie Davis, the Women's Singles by Patricia Goetz, the Men's Singles by Jim Cunningham, the Two-Bowl by Chris Hanusa and our Helen Clay, Frick Club open tournament by Eileen Luba. For the first time in club history the Helen Frick tournament came down to the final match between husband and wife. Hank and Eileen Luba battled for the club championship, and in a very close game, Eileen emerged the winner.

On behalf of the Frick Park Club, I thank everyone who helped make our 1996 season a success—our visitors, tournament players and our loyal and hard working members. Have an enjoyable winter and we'll see you on the greens in the spring!

At the ALBA Central Division Directors meeting, held on July 12th, Ken Degenhardt was elected President, Jim Copeland Vice-President, and Jack Phillips Secretary-Treasurer for the next two years. Bob Patterson and Cal Wright were elected to three year terms as Director. Jack Phillips and Jim Copeland were chosen to serve as ALBA Councilors.

MILWAUKEE WEST

By Leonard F. Shaw

It has been a beautiful summer with excellent greens and full of activity. Club and Milwaukee County events and tournaments were held almost every weekend during July and August. Club picnics and fun bowling were held on July 4th and Labor Day. The 68th annual picnic was held on August 18th, with good food and fun.

Club Results:

Mens Singles—1. Len Shaw, 2. Emil Pohl. *Womens Singles*—1. Virginia Wolf, 2. Marion Hies. *Mens Pairs*—1. Cy Stevens and Tony Del Monte, 2. Len Shaw and Jim Copeland. *Mens Triples*—1. Tony Del Monte, Ben Reith and Ewald Mathwig, 2. Len Shaw, Clarence Paul in and Bob Bunker.

Milwaukee County Results:

Womens Singles—1. Virginia Wolf, 2. Marion Hies. *Wornens Pairs*—1. Pat Wimmer and Mel Aasterud, 2. Inca Harwick and Phyllis Larkin. (both pairs from Lake Park.) *Mens Triples*—1. Jerry Mathwig, Jim Copeland and Charles Stone, 2. Tony Del Monte, Len Shaw and John Wolf.

Wisconsin Senior Olympics:

Gold-Finley, *Silver*-Len Shaw, *Bronze*-Harry Hub.

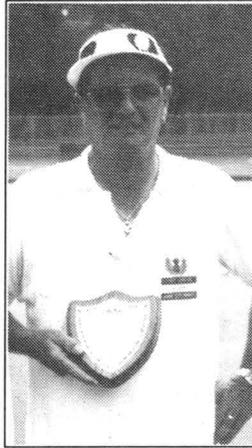
We're all bowled out, but social bowling will continue until the snow flies.

1996 ALBA and AWLBA Central Division Open

The Pittsburgh Frick Park Club hosted the 1996 ALBA and AWLBA Central Division Open in July. Despite a few rain delays, the tournament games went smoothly and wound down to exciting finishes in all of the races. It was a great week, not only for lawn bowling but for the social aspect as well. Jack and Beverly Phillips hosted a dinner garden party on Saturday evening which was a great success, giving the tournament participants and the Frick Park Club members a chance to become better acquainted.



Ken Degenhardt, left, and Gil Stephan won the Men's Pairs.



Jack Stewart won the Men's Singles title.



Men's Triples victors: (l-r) Champ Salisbury, Jack Behling, Gil Stephan.



Ladies Pairs champions Patti Grabowski, left, and Peggy Salisbury.



The best in Women's Singles: (l-r) 3rd—Nancy Davidson, 2nd—Peggy Salisbury, and Champion Cy Stephan.

CENTRAL MEN'S RESULTS

Triples

1. Champ Salisbury, Gil Stephan, Jack Behling
2. Joe Grabowski, John Stewart, Ken Degenhardt
3. Jim Copeland, Ralph Hofer, Rob Roff

Pairs

Championship Flight

1. Gil Stephan, Ken Degenhardt
2. Ron Buck, Dick Sayer
3. Joe Grabowski, John Stewart
4. Jim Mitchel, Robin Goldman

Second Flight

1. Jack Behling, Champ Salisbury
2. Jim Copeland, Lief Andreson

Singles

Championship Flight

1. John Stewart
2. Jack Behling
3. Dick Sayer
4. Ron Buck

Second Flight

1. Ken Degenhardt
2. Joe Grabowski

CENTRAL AWLBA RESULTS

Triples

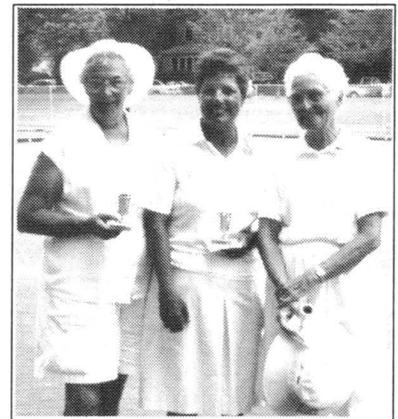
1. Patti Grabowski, Peggy Salisbury, Cy Stephan
2. Pat Goetz, Lois Saladin, Eileen Luba
3. Donna Pekar, Kim Roff, Marita Kenna
4. Ronnie Davis, Marguerite Butker

Pairs

1. Peggy Salisbury, Patti Grabowski
2. Beverly Phillips, Cy Stephan
3. Judy Arawinko, Nancy Blake

Singles

1. Cy Stephan
2. Peggy Salisbury
3. Nancy Davidson
4. Patti Grabowski



Ladies Triples champs: (l-r) Cy Stephan, Patti Grabowski, Peggy Salisbury.

LAKE PARK

(Milwaukee, WI)
By Dan Matthews

Due to daily rain storms in May and June, we had to cancel several of our usual events. However, our grass has responded well to the damp weather and has grown very well to date.

A group of us travelled to Westland (MI) for their annual Fourth of July Mixed Triples Tournament. As usual, we all had a great time but didn't bring home any prize money.

Our men did well in the Central Division Open Tournament at Pittsburgh, with Jack Behling, Champ Salisbury and Jim Copeland winning the Triples. The Pairs U.S. Playdowns were held immediately following the Open, and Jim Cavender and Leif Andresen won the right to travel to Santa Barbara for the finals. The Singles were held at our club, and Charles Stone was victorious and will represent the Cen-

tral Division in the California finals.

The 34th Annual Otto Hess Tournament went off without a hitch. The weatherman promised a good forecast and he was as good as his word. Guess who won again this year? Surprise! It was the team of Jack Behling, John Stewart and Jim Copeland. They bested Ken Degenhardt, Dan Matthews and Leif Andresen in the Championship Flight.

The last official event of the season was the Butler Cup which has been a home-and-home annual match with the Rockford (IL) Club. We are the hosts this year, but do not intend to be gracious enough to allow our opponents to keep possession of the trophy cup as they have the past few seasons. It's getting to the point that they think they own it!

After the Butler Cup is played, we will have some social bowling as long as the greens can take it. Then it will be time to put the bowls away until next spring.

EAST CLEVELAND

By Jean Sinzinger

The season ends with the Foul Weather Tournament. We really never know what the weather will be like—rainy, cold beautiful or other, and that is what makes it a fun tournament.

We thank Rita Basler for being our Games Chairperson and appreciate the way she kept the tournaments running so smoothly. League ended the last part of August and Ralph Sinzinger was the forerunner.

Summer was the time for our Rummage Sale. Elizabeth Duncan was the coordinator of this event and lots of people pitched in to help. Did I mention we kept the Turnpike Trophy in Cleveland? Went to Pittsburgh this August and gave Frick Park a chance to retrieve it, but fortune smiled on us this time.

Indoor bowling will be starting the first Thursday in November and will continue every Thursday through April. We will again be using the Cleveland Crunch practice arena for the indoor bowling facility. We will all be concentrating on adjusting the back-hand and the fore-hand to suit the indoor conditions!

The awards banquet will be November 3rd and we will tell you who some of the honors went to in the Winter issue of Bowls Magazine.

FLINT

By Jeane Giesy

The Flint Club had a great season. Our greens were super so we had a lot of good bowling.

We had some special visits with our bowler friends from Sarnia and Woodstock, Ontario, and had a great day of bowling with each club.

This year we hosted ten teams from Hamilton (Ontario) for the yearly Canusa Games. This time Flint was the winner 20-12. We had some good games and made many new friends. The City of Flint was the overall winner.

Ron Martin was our tournament chairman this year. We had a lot of illnesses and injuries to club members, but in spite of all that, he saw us through about ten tournaments and did a fine job.

During the season, we probably hosted 100 bowlers from several clubs. We were pleased to have two individual visitors, Armand Geyer, from Sun City, Florida, and Geri Miller, from the Clearwater, Florida club.

We closed the season with a cook-out. We celebrated the end of the season and everyone's birthday. Dick and Mary Niblack hosted it for us.

The Flint Club is open May through September, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. We enjoy visitors. Do stop by. For information call 810-742-4404.

ROCKFORD

By Judy Arawinko

Because of the hard work of many club members, we were able to get lots of bowling in this summer. Whether it was all the hours one spends working on the greens themselves—cutting the grassy area around the greens, cleaning ditches, planting flowers, cleaning the clubhouse, purchasing supplies, organizing tournaments—or even just getting games started for regular daily play, members worked together.

We welcomed into the club four new members, and had many visitors throughout the summer.

Rockford played host for the 1st Annual Rockford Women's Pairs Tournament. It was won by Cathy Symington and Rita Hurly (Westland), with Joyce Reichers (Rinky Dink) and Gloria Mather (Rockford) placing second. After a successful first year, plans are underway for next year.

Members participated in bowling throughout the Central Division: Division at Pittsburgh's Frick Park and the Mens' Playdowns at Frick Park (Pairs—where Joe Zinna and Sal Marino placed third); and Milwaukee Lake Park (Singles—where Joe Zinna and John Devine placed second and third).

Then there was a fun day at Rinky Dink, and the Otto Hess/Sidney Stellar Tournament at Lake Park, where Rockford women placed:

1. Ann Kelsey/Donna Binger/Joan Cameron
2. Wanda Becker/Carolyn Nobbe (Lakeside)/Gloria Mather
3. Pat Eddy/Judy Arawinko/Nancy Blake.

The men came in strong as well, with Bill Cameron, Joe Zinna, and Frank Roddy placing in the second flight. Most recently, we had the annual Butler Cup Tournament at Lake Park. It's a fun day for all and a great rivalry between the two clubs to see who will take home the trophy.

Members are still planning on lots of club play during the autumn months, so if you are in the area, stop by.

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KING CITY

(Oregon)
By Ed Orte

Club president Georgina Allen, Ed Allen and Larry Edgar made several trips to Tacoma and Seattle during the summer to compete in various Northwest Lawn Bowling Association tournaments. They also traveled to Berkeley, CA, in September to bowl in the U.S. Open Tournament. Ed Allen, a Northwest Division Councilor, also attended the ALBA Council meeting in Berkeley.

The Club realized more than \$700 at King City's annual flea market. A special thanks goes to Jeff and Delores Jeffcoat for their dedication and hard work during many months of collecting, cleaning and repairing donated items. The Club is also indebted to Pauline Worlein for providing garage space for pricing and storage of items, and to all the other members who worked on the merchandise before and during the sale.

Summer social events included an Ice Cream Social in July, our annual Fun and Games Day in August, and an "out-to-dinner" evening on September 20th. Our annual business meeting took place October 3rd, and the annual banquet will be on October 18th.

Regular bowling sessions will continue at 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, as long as weather permits.

*In Memoriam
Don Ferris*

WOODLAND PARK

(Seattle)
By Roy Scully

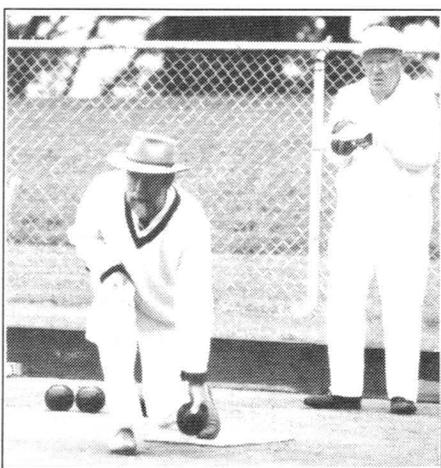
With a nine month "gestation" period, our reborn clubhouse, severely damaged by fire last January 31, will be ready for a postponed annual meeting by the end of October.

President George Huntington has literally worked night and day to bring this project to its conclusion. Many other members have contributed time and money—too many to name without leaving someone out.

The lack of a clubhouse has made it very difficult to run our activities in anything like a normal manner. Daily social games were poorly attended, and tournaments suffered the same fate.

The good news is that the new facility will be larger and better equipped to meet the needs of a rejuvenated and eager group of bowlers. We are looking forward to a great year in '97.

Fortunately, we had a pretty dry summer, so the lack of shelter was not as big a problem as it might have been. The regular schedule of events gave everyone a chance to enjoy some good times, good bowling, and good socializing.



Roy Scully's camera captures Richard Broad, delivering bowl, enroute to winning the Woodland Club Singles crown. Runner-up Ferd Lockner looks on.

In the end-of-the-season tournaments, the Men's Pairs was won by Its Nishikawa and Zane Green. Zane was also the Director of this and most of the other tourneys held this year. He has done an excellent job and certainly deserves to win one of his productions.

Greg Stripes took first in the Club Novice Tournament, and Jens Jorgenson was second.

The final event of the season, the Club Singles Championship, was a bit of history repeating itself. It was won last year and this year by Richard Broad, with Ferd Lockner coming in a close second both years. A rainy morning caused a wet, slow green, but these two took that in stride, finishing with a score of 21-18 after 26 ends. Naturally, the rain stopped shortly after they finished their game.

*In Memoriam
Carl Minor
Earl Halvorson*



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The changing of the seasons is bringing with it a number of other changes within the Northwest Division.

Gordon Ringer has taken over as President of the Division, while Wally Meyers and Harold Schwanke have taken over the positions of 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, respectively.

The turnover of club correspondents continues, with Donna West, of Tacoma, and Zola Cole, of Portland, retiring from their posts.

Donna and husband George have a lot of traveling planned for the winter and spring and won't be around to gather the news.

Zola has been elected President of a service organization and will be spending a great deal of time and energy in that endeavor.

My thanks to them both for their efforts in the past, and I only hope their successors will do as well.

We do welcome John Marchi of Spokane back as their club correspondent. He has agreed to take over for George Perreault, who has left for the East coast. Welcome back, John.

My congratulations to Myra Wood, Grace Said, and Donna West, all from Tacoma, and Louise Grubbs, of Seattle, for their 3rd place finish in the Championship Flight of the Rinks competition at the recent National Open. They proved to be the best U.S. entry in the event inasmuch as 1st and 2nd place went to teams from Canada.

Also, a tip of the hat to Doug Bradley, who came in 1st in the Third Flight of the National Open Singles event.



NORTHWEST DIVISION

SPOKANE

By J.M. Marchi

The Spokane Club enjoyed an excellent and busy summer season with many varied activities. Several tournaments were completed and trophies will be presented to the winners at the October Awards Banquet, according to Tourney Chairman Dick Fitzpatrick.

The Club gained four new bowlers and one social member during the summer. They are: Lee Milot, Dick Malone, Tom Riley and Dan Hutchinson. Barbara Hutchinson, former charter member, rejoined the group as a Social Member.

Two Mixed-Triples teams entered the Penticton Invitational Tournament in August. Team #1—Betty Brooks, Lowell Brooks, and Ray Timoney had practice sessions before the tourney with Team #2—Derek Ware, Marian Wertz and Dean Ferraby (S). Ware complained that he had to 'rake' 12 times in a 12-end game, and wonders if that could be an ALBA NW record? (He did say that they did get some satisfaction by upsetting Team #1 latter-on in the tourney.)

Election of officers for 1997 were held in September in conjunction with our Annual Cookout Dinner. Elected to serve: President—Lowell Brooks, Vice-president—Jack Tam, Secretary—Olivia Kissin, Treasurer—Derek Ware. Members-At-Large: Dick Fitzpatrick, Marianne Speakman, Wally Eastwook, and Gerry Honn.

The 20th Anniversary Celebration of our club in July brought together four Past Presidents, along with out-going President Jeanne Perreault (who recently moved to Greenville, N.C. together with bowler husband Dr. George Perreault). Just in case you cannot discern who's whom in the photo accompanying this article, the Past-Presidents pictured are: (l-r) Jack Tam (1989-90), Frayne L. McAtee, Jr. (1980-81), John Marchi (1982-83), Lowell Brooks (1986-88), and the Club's first woman president Jeanne Perreault (1994-96).

One other living Past-President is Frank Z. Douglas, who is seriously ill in a Riverside, CA, nursing home and couldn't attend the ceremony. Douglas, with the late Frayne L. McAtee, Sr. and John Marchi founded the Spokane club in September, 1976.



PORTLAND

By Larry Edgar

With the change from summer to fall, the days of bowling at Portland will be getting shorter and fewer as the rainy season approaches. But the summer has been a good one, with a full schedule of club tournaments and a Tuesday Night League supplementing the normal social bowling.

With the self-select pairs still to be played, this year's winners in various tournaments include: Pam Edwards, Fern Gerding, Jessie Goett, Ed Allen, Larry Edgar, Jimi Joe, Gordon Ringer, and Dave Rostad.

The last event of this year's official season will be the annual meeting on October 12th, when elections will be held for next years officers. After the business, a potluck and social bowling will take place. After that, social bowling will become more and more weather dependent.

JEFFERSON PARK

(Seattle)

By Hugh Ramsay

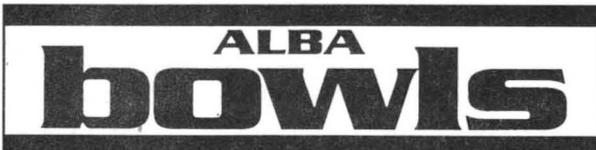
The Northwest has a proven formula for an opening paragraph: Let's talk about the weather. Well, we've had a great summer in Seattle—even heard some comments that occasionally it was too darned hot! All of which means our games went off pretty well as planned—an important factor, as some people traveled over 200 miles to compete in the Northwest tournaments.

Playing on drier, faster greens proved to be good practice for Louise Grubbs who, along with Grace Said, Donna West, and Myra Wood of Tacoma, took third place the the Championship Flight of the National Open Rinks competition. And it probably didn't hurt Doug Bradley, who came m first in the Third Flight of the National Open Singles event.

Membership continues as a year-round activity, and we have some encouraging results. Ed Pina has spread the word to his fellow retirees from Boeing, resulting in four new members, with prospects for more. The youth movement is growing too. P.E. teachers from local high schools and Seattle University bring students to the greens for a bowling experience. One student was heard to say: "Gee, this is great. I'm going to tell Mom and Dad about this." The potential is there.

Winding up this report, we have to say there's more than one way to be a money winner in this sport. Wally Meyers won a hundred dollars without stepping on the green. He shared in the big promotional raffle held recently as part of the National Open.

*In Memoriam
Irene Rantucci - Carl Minor*



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BUCK HILL FALLS

(Pennsylvania)

By Bob Gates

Buck Hill has been awarded the U.S. Championships for 1997. Our club had been asked by Roy Webb, U.S. Championships Committee Chairman, whether we would host the tournament and our reply was affirmative. We are assured that Eastern Division officials will work with us in this undertaking.

In the meantime, with strong support of the Company CEO, David Ottaway, we proceeded with fundraising within the community to completely rebuild the ditches and backboards of the lower green. This refurbishing will be a memorial to Betty Nelson, wife of George Nelson, who was an enthusiastic, skillful bowler. Community response has been excellent and work will commence in October. The upper (Uncles) green will be at or near the twelve seconds minimum time established for the event, and we will work hard to assure the lower (Wilson) green will play the same speed.

George Nelson's concern for lawn bowling goes beyond fundraising in Buck Hill. He has established the Elizabeth M. Nelson Memorial Trust with the Buck Hill Lawn Bowling Club as recipient. The income is to be used to support the club in coming years. George is most generous, repairing broken club equipment and instructing new members. Every club should have a member like George.

To recount some history, the U.S. Doubles Championship was first instituted here in Buck Hill in 1958, and the Singles Championship was included in 1960. It has been a long time since the Championships were last played here, so we are experiencing much interest and cooperation from the community-at-large.

The U.S. Championships playdowns for the Eastern Division team representation were held here two months ago; and a most exciting match resulted in brothers Dick and Bob Sayer defeating Skip Arculli and Joe Gioco by only one point. Dick is an honorary member of Buck Hill because he served as our instructor when he lived nearby a few years ago. The Sayers went on to win the big title last month in Santa Barbara, and maybe they will repeat at Buck Hill in '97.

Skytop was victorious in our annual match played at their club this year. So the trophy, a charming etching of early bowling in rural England, returned to the Inn at Skytop for at least another year. An enjoyable cocktail party followed the tournament. Mrs. Charles Ward is doing an outstanding job of bringing lawn bowling back into popularity at Skytop.

I will report on club tournament results in the next issue of Bowls.

WILLIAMSBURG

(Virginia)

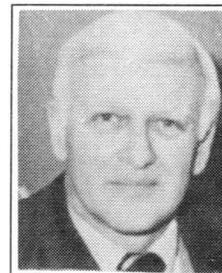
By Bill Holcombe

We finished our last two interclub tournaments just in time to make this report. Gorgeous weather and the wonderful friends from Leisure World made for a good tournament Sept. 14-15. We ended this one with a 1996 perfect record on our home green, 3-0.

That lasted just one week, until the jack-tracking bowlers from DuPont Country Club arrived. We played five rounds of six games and were respectable enough to tie in three of the rounds, but not good enough to prevent DuPont from building a four-game lead in the other two. So, at 17-13, Dupont took home the pumpkin decorated with a lawn bowling scene by our resident artist, Joan Miller. Winners and losers all enjoyed the great parties that marked the Saturday nights of these events.

In June, we held the first Club Pairs Championship: the Alden Eaton Pairs, in honor of our dear friend and long time bowler who died last year. Dick Mahone and Don Parker get to share the cup for the first year. We are very proud of member Dan Berg, who made it to the Finals in the Eastern Division Open Singles, losing in the last game to Chip Lescouli.

Several of us are planning to bowl in the North Carolina Open at Pinehurst and have found a new way to practice for the event. As everyone knows who has bowled on our green, it is pretty enough to win a beauty contest but slow enough to give us fits when moving to well-prepared competition greens. Well, we've found the artificial turf on the William and Mary soccer field to be of glass-like speed and we have permission to bowl there as long as we clear out when the college jocks show up. Dan Berg led the way with 6 a.m. practice sessions this summer, and more of us are now learning to improve the delicacy of our bowling touch.



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SLATER PARK

(Pawtucket, RI)

By Paul Motta

The United States Olympic Committee and the Rhode Island State Games came to Slater Park LBC.

The Games were held July 20-21, and were the first lawn bowling competitions in any State Games. We thank Maurice LaFond and Larry Messier for all they did to accomplish this. The opening ceremony was great. We all marched around the green, sang the Star Spangled Banner, and when each contestant's name was read, we waved to the spectators. Every participant received a towel with the R.I. State Games logo on it.

There was a triples tournament Saturday and a pairs tournament Sunday. At the end of each day, the Mayor of Pawtucket presented medals to the top four teams in each event. Out of a possible 20 medals, 19 different contestants received medals. Only one contestant received two medals. Maurice did a great job mixing up the teams.

Slater Park has done very well this year in the Eastern Division Tournaments. Paul Bucklin and Jack Lucey won the Classic Pairs. Fred Howarth and Skippy Arculli came in third, with Bob and Dick Sayer placing fourth. In the U.S. Singles Playdown, Ed Kenney took second, Paul Bucklin third, and Fred Howarth fourth. The U.S. Pairs Playdowns were won by Bob and Dick Sayer. Paul Motta and Jack Lucey were fourth.

Pete Stojek, Paul Motta and Jack Lucey finished third in the E.D. Triples. In the E.D. Singles, Jack Lucey took third place.

Club Tournaments: Singles winner was Paul Bucklin. Pairs winners were Shirley and Ed Kenney. Triples winners were Shirley & Ed Kenney and Paul Motta.

EASTERN DIVISION

BRIDGEPORT

(Connecticut)

By Tom McIntosh

With our green back in shape, we are enjoying, once again, our regular Sunday Tournaments. We welcome all comers for a challenge here at the B.P.T. Club, or if just passing by, stop in and have fun with us on the green. Everyone is always welcome here at the club. Again, our members are travelling here on the East Coast in other tournaments. We have a good caliber of bowlers of which we are proud of at B.P.T.

Traveling up-state to Buck Hill, the comine of Linda McDougall and Jean Lithgow took first place honors. In the Ladies Eastern Division Tourney, the team of Isabella Forbes, Vic Baxter and Marge Traub came in first in the Second Flight. Winners of the Trebles was once again Linda McDougall, Jean Lithgow and Suzanie Voorhers. Linda was also named "Bowler Of The Tourney".

Linda Partenard, with Sonne Bucklin, played in the United States Championships with good results. Well done one and all.

Our club challenged one of our local bocci clubs to a game of bowls in order to promote our sport, with great success. Of course, the lawn bowlers came out tops. It's a good promotional stunt for other clubs to try

SKYTOP

(Skytop, Pennsylvania)

By Ken Willig

Our Annual Tournament was held between August 5th and 10th. We had a very enthusiastic audience of lodge guests and friends cheering the participants. Results of the tournament:

Ladies Singles—Miggs Ward*Men's Singles*—Ken Willig*Mixed Pairs*—Charlotte Cunningham & Jim Sheridan*Sawyer Memorial*—Miggs Ward

Our second annual renewal with Buck Hill took place at Skytop in mid-August. At stake was recapture of the "Lawn Bowling Etching" we lost last year. Well, we won it back—Skytop 4, Buck Hill 2.

After the matches, Skytop Management provided a very elegant reception for players and guests. A great afternoon!

We are planning many innovative promotional ideas for next spring and summer to attract new bowlers. Ed Mayotte, our Club Vice-President and General Manager, is most supportive of our plans.

Rebuilding of our green continues showing significant improvement. Dave Clark, a fellow bowler, devoted much time in re-marking the rinks, with a very professional result. Thank you Dave!

HAMILTON

(Trenton, NJ)

By Bob Stewart

Our season has almost ended, the Club Pairs being our last event to be played. This is the up to date results of our tournaments:

Mens Singles: 1. Jim Kenney, 2. Mark Pecaric*Handicap Singles*: 1. Mike Naples, 2. Ron MacFarlane*League Winners-First Half*: Royal Scots-Bob Stewart (s)*Winners-Second Half*: Celtics-Bob Sharples (s)

(Celtics won the playoff: 11-7)

Had a very enjoyable day at Du Pont. As usual, we lost five and won three games. We had four bowlers competing in a friendly game at Essex against British bowlers from Bristol, England. T'was very interesting. At this writing we are hoping to repeat our last year's record with another win at the Bocce Challenge game being held September 21st.

Our 17th Annual Awards/Luncheon will be held at Cedar Gardens, November 4th. Honored guests will be the Mayor of Hamilton, Jack Rafferty, and the Director of Recreation, Connie McGrath.

Election and installation of officers for 1997 will be held on October 28th.

NEW YORK

(Central Park)

By Laralu Smith

Bowlers from the Bridgeport and Greenwich (CT) clubs, Milton (MA) and Essex Club (NJ) participated in the New York Lawn Bowling Club's fourth "Out Of Towners Inviational Triples" in mid-August. We played in fond memory of dear Pat Simon, and a large contingent of her family was on hand. Pat was a fierce competitor and would have been pleased that the NYLBC teams included three very new and enthusiastic members—Margie Barclay, Evonne Swann and Bob Rosean.

The day culminated in a 16-end playoff between Jack Lucey, Paul Motta and Tom McLaughlin (all Milton) and last year's winners: homeboys Gene Cadore, Frank Gary and Dana Lum. The New York trio prevailed in a heart stopping last end to emerge victorious once again.

President Jane Jacobs and her crew created lunch perfection, and Evelyn Page kindly contributed one of her gorgeous water colors of "Bowling on the NYLBC Green" for the spider. Prize money reached a new high, exceeding \$750. Many thanks to all

who helped and participated.

Club Tournament Results:*Firecracker Pairs*

Gene Cadore, Anne D'Anella

NYLBC Pairs

Terry Ohl, Bob Mancus

Arthur Morse Singles

DongKingman

Hewitt Women's Singles

Marion Morey

Diebold Men's Singles

DongKinginan

Waterford Pairs

Charles Crawford, Dana Lum

We welcomed 35 British bowlers on their final stop of a Northeastern U.S. bowls holiday tour. Despite soggy and dreary conditions, we played 21 spirited ends of rinks, and were taught a thing or two about the intricacies of that game! Our guests were great sports, especially when we were all crammed into our mini-clubhouse during a downpour for wine and cheese.

On the previous day, Mac and Josie Kerr of the Townsville Club in Queensland, Australia, paid us a visit (on a bet from some of their club cohorts that there was no lawn

bowling in Central Park!). They departed with photos to prove we do exist and presented our clubhouse with a pretty banner from their district. Peter Arbury, host of the traveling Brits, also gave our club a colorful plaque as souvenir of their visit.

Congratulations to our members who have come in the money in outside competition this season. They include: Gene Cadore (Dakers Triples, ED Open Singles & Triples); Jean Lithgow (ED Open Triples and Pairs); Suesanna Voorhees (ED Open Triples); Tony Reynal & Charles Crawford (ED Open Triples); Laralu Smith (Nat'l Open); and Joe Gioco (ED Open Pairs).

A big thank you to the patient organizers of the National Open in San Francisco. We had three participants, including first timer Dana Lum. Super competition and lots of fun!

We'll be having a big 70th birthday party soon at Bernie Kurtz' place and look forward to the next 70! Come visit us in the Big Apple. Contact President Jane Jacobs—(212) 877-9890, or me—(212) 594-3525, to arrange a game or a visit to the greens in Central Park.

In Memoriam
John Keating

DU PONT

(Wilmington, DE)
By Dick Schiefelbein

Several Du Pont bowlers have shown their talents at two divisional tournaments. At the Eastern Division Open at Essex, the Du Pont team of Ron Buck, Jack Montigney, and Zenas Gardner won the first flight of the Triples. In addition, Ron Buck and Jack Montigney won the Pairs, and Bernie Nicholls and Ken Roberts were fourth. The Buck-Montigney 15-14 victory was especially thrilling since it was achieved on Ron's last bowl over the team of Skip Arculi and Michael Ashton-Phillips.

In the Central Division Open Pairs, at Pittsburgh's Frick Park, Ron Buck and Dick Sayer came in second.

On the Du Pont green, the Du Pont Country Club Pairs was won by Ron Buck and Harry Straw, with Dick Schiefelbein and Shirley Straw in second place.

On August 17-18, all three of the singles championships for the Du Pont Country Club were held. The winners were: Ron Buck, Ann Connolly and Ken Roberts in the Men's, Women's, and Guest-member categories, respectively. Runners-up were: Tom Lawlor, Shirley Straw, and Jim Michael-Bernie Nicholls (a tie), respectively.

This summer, Du Pont hosted teams from Williamsburg (VA), Leisure World (MD), and Hamilton (NJ), with Du Pont on the winning side in all three occasions.

15 teams entered the Dakers Triples Tournament in August at the Thistle green. Both Du Pont and Essex went undefeated, with 4-0 records. Du Pont (Ron Buck, Jack Montigney, and Dick Schiefelbein) lost by one point to Essex (Skip Arculi, Colin Smith and Gene Cadore) in the championship playoff game.

Two other local Du Pont tournaments have been completed. The Round Robin Singles (the Elise Van Zyl trophy) was won by Ron Buck, with Tom Lawlor second. The Handicap Singles (the Bea and Bill McConachie Cup) was won by Harry Straw, with Dick Schiefelbein second.

Ed Hein, an active member of Du Pont for 40 years, has been chosen to receive the second annual President's Recognition Award of the Eastern Division. He will be honored during the Challenge Cup Tournament at Slater Park on October 12, for his many contributions to lawn bowling—particularly his development of the "no-ditch boards" in use on the Du Pont green. Jack Montigney has completed his term as President of the Eastern Division, and Ron Buck will represent the Eastern Division on the Council of the ALBA.

THISTLE

(Hartford, CT)
By George W. Pardee

Thistle's Rose Bowl Tournament was held on a beautiful day in June. A playoff ensued, with the following results:

1. Charlotte Laski/Vick Bendzinski
2. Bob O'Brien-Pat Starble
3. George Pardee/Mike Bassford

Refreshments, cookies, and cake were plentiful and fun was had by all 22 participants (with an equal number of spectators). Many new candidates for membership resulted from visitors to the nationally acclaimed Rose Garden Display of Elizabeth Park.

Paul Condon, Supervisor of Elizabeth Park Grounds, came to view the event and was introduced by Greens Chairman Ward Francis to a round of applause for the wonderful condition of our greens.

The Thursday Night Doubles Round Robin Tournament involved 22 bowlers and produced the following results:

1. Nick Francis/George LePore
2. Bill Wassell/Bob Darling
3. Seb Sanzaro/Jack Rubin

Thistle's Picnic, Outing & Tournament was enjoyed by all thanks to the efforts of Ward Francis' culinary expertise. The following emerged as winners:

1. Nick Francis/Betty Pardee
2. Bob O'Brien/Joan Wood
3. Ed Feurt/Carol Hartigan

We are so pleased that our Games Chairman, Ted Laski, has successfully come through his cardiac by-pass surgery. All wish him a speedy recovery.

Effective September 8th, Thistle has made their greens available to members of Fernleigh during rehabilitation of their green.

SUNRISE

(East Meadow, L.I.)
By Harold Koenig

President Muriel said: "Temperature mid-80's, breezes wafting through the trees at the park. That was how the 1996 Sunrise Invitational Doubles began in July. It culminated with George Lake—who was 91 years of age in July—and John Amrhein winning and keeping the Sunrise Trophy for the second year in a row. Godfather Dan Gorman came over to assist our 'new' games chairman in the procedures. Maybe next year we'll have a better handle on it now that our feet are wet—and not only from the Gatorade dousing! In 2nd place was Ron Buck (Dupont) and Bob Urguhart (Essex); 3rd-Charles and Patrick Duffy (Brooklyn).

Our green was given a cut similar to a 'Boot' recruit's haircut. Now we're really rolling. Ted Tedeschi donated a good refrigerator to replace the old worn box.

Women's Doubles winners:

1. Muriel Koenig/Eunice Rischan
2. Effie Doig/Jean Watson

Men's Singles

1. Harold Koenig
2. Walter Brengard

Women's Singles

1. Muriel Koenig
2. Mildred Borbet

Club elections will take place after this correspondence. Luck to all who want to contribute to a conscientious, responsible participation in the decisions to be made.

Things have been running rather smoothly this past year. Have a cozy winter.

*In Memoriam
Jean Watson*

CUNNINGHAM

(Milton, MA)
By Sam Drevitch

Now that our green is getting better and better (with the help of outside contractors from golf courses), we can look forward to an increased membership drive.

We continue to need the bowlers from Slater Park to fill the green for our tournaments. We thank those who make the trip to enjoy our hospitality.

We had a great day when a group of 40 touring British bowlers visited our green for a morning and afternoon of bowling, with a catered luncheon and sing-along inbetween. With the rinks running 10-11 seconds, they won seven of the eight prizes.

Cunningham Foundation Trophy:

1. Paul Bucklin (SP)/Sam Rich (C)
2. Victor Ford (SP)/Al Leterneau (SP)
3. Sam Drevitch (C)/ Susan Ford (SP)
4. Larry Messier (SP)/Kathy Robertson (C).

ESSEX COUNTY

(New Jersey)

By George J. Schick

Our season opened in early May with a green that was in excellent shape, thanks to efforts of Parks Department liason Skippy Arculli and County Maintenance Supervisor Mike Hamberlin and his staff. Several weeks later, members of the Club participated in the 1996 Essex County Fitness Fair and gave a demonstration of Lawn Bowling to more than 3,000 Fair attendees.

This season, the Essex Club hosted a series of "Learn to Lawn Bowl Clinics" in response to ads that appeared in local newspapers and visits made by the club to local civic and service organizations. The early sessions went well and we expect to gain new members. Many thanks to Essex members Bob and Lorraine Urquhart for all of their work in supporting these clinics.

Essex wishes to congratulate Skippy Arcuffi on his efforts as a member of ALBA's 1996 World Bowls team. Congratulations also to Isabel Forbes on her efforts as Manager of the AWLBA's entry in Women's 1996 World Bowls. Once again, Skippy and Isabel have brought much recognition to the Essex Club.

Recently, the Essex Club was saddened by the loss of long-time member Lou Pirrello. For many years, Lou was a competitive player throughout the Eastern Division. Lou's lifetime of service to the Essex Club, along with that of his wife Irene, will be recognized by our Club during our season-closing tournament in October.

The Essex Club was represented by Duncn Farrell and Isabel Forbes at the recent U.S. Championship Men's and Women's Singles competitions in Santa Barbara, CA. In addition, Essex Honorary Life Member Bill Farrell also competed in the ALBA Singles representing the Southeast Division.

On September 19th, Essex Club hosted 40 British visitors on tour of the Eastern Division. This group comes from the Bristol, England area, and played a series of six rinks matches throughout our Division.

**ECLBC 1996
TOURNAMENT RESULTS:**

New Jersey Open Pairs

2nd-Bob Urquhart (with Charlie Duffy, Brooklyn)

3rd-Rhona Anderson & Duncan Farrell

4th-Lorraine Urquhart & George Schick

Calcaterra Memorial

2nd-Michelle & Skippy Arculli

Forbes Memorial

2nd-George Schick (with Les Raybold, NY)

3rd-Duncan Farrell (with Pam Raybold, NY)

ALBA ED Classic

3rd-Skippy Arculli (with Fred Howarth, Slater Park)

AWLBA ED Playdowns

1st-Isabel Forbes

Essex Pairs

1st-Michelle Arculli & Duncan Farrell

2nd-Lorraine & Bob Urquhart

The Essex green is located in Bloomfield's Watsessing Park and is available for daily bowling at 1:30 p.m., and weekends at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. If you will be in the New Jersey area, please call George Schick at 201-966-3251 (days) and 908-381-2027 (evenings) to arrange a game. The Essex season runs annually May through October.

FERNLEIGH

(West Hartford CT)

By George W. Pardee

Rain cancelled our Independence Day and Mixed Doubles Tournaments. Our Kay Boker Tournament was played under sunny skies with the following winners:

1. Frank Stolzenberg/Anita Ellsworth/Betty Pardee
2. Bob O'Brien/John Rowson/JoAnn Babic
3. Chic Wyckoff/Karen Ellsworth/Molly Dunnbier

The first place winners' names have been engraved on the Kay Boker Trophy. Special congratulations to Anita Ellsworth, whose name joins that of her late husband's previously engraved on the Kay Boker Trophy.

The Labor Day Tournament had a record turnout, with Thistles' members joining us for bowling and a pot luck supper. An exciting tie-finish resulted in a playoff, with the following results:

1. Otto Dunnbier/Pat Starble/Ralph Perkins
2. Parson Swain/Mollie Dunnbier/Ed Feurt
3. Dave Bradley/Flo Webers/Ed Churchill

Fernleigh's Singles Tournament was won by Frank Stolzenberg following a playoff with Otto Dunnbier.

The Doubles Tournament was won by Frank Stolzenberg and John Rowson. The 1995 Fernleigh Club Doubles Tournament, completed in June-1996, was won by Frank Stolzenberg and George Babic.

The Monday Evening Round Robin was won by David Anderson, who was undefeated in six weeks of play.

As of early July, four prospective members have completed their basic training in the "Art of Bowls". They are: George LePore, Jim Anderson, Paul Kula, and Henry Kolokowski.

If you would like to improve your technique, Frank Stolzenberg will hold individual or group Special Training sessions at your convenience. (call 313-0225 and leave a message) Special training is also provided for those who want to learn more about the duties of the Vice-Skip and Skip. We are seeking to expand the number of Skips through more advanced training. Remember: training is on-going throughout the year!

Our Assistant Training Chairman, Ted Laski, recently went through successful cardiac by-pass surgery.

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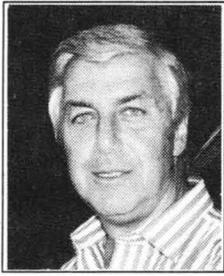
(New York)

Duncan Gillies

Our first two tournaments this year were well attended. Rich Hartley and Cliff Geist placed third in the first one. Pat Rauccio and Joe Rogan came in third in the second. The Alec Dunlop Tournament will be held on October 5th, and that will just about end our season.

Our Board of Directors meeting will be held very soon to nominate candidates to serve on the Board. Shortly after, we will meet with our Canadian friends to set up our schedule for next year. We are more or less under "Canada Bowls" rules, which are very similar to ALBA rules.

Now, we will have to prepare for a long wait until we're back on the greens again. In the meantime, we want to wish everyone the very best for the New Year.



By Joe Siegman
Editor of
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THE LAST SHOT

How do you know where you're going if you don't know where you've been. Someone uttered those words long ago, but the thought hits home in every generation. It certainly hits home in the lawn bowling community.

With that mind, ALBA's Council has taken action to permanently remember where our 81-year old association has been. At the September Council meetings the ALBA Hall of Fame was established. Heading the HOF operation is Florida's Harold Esch ALBA's National Historian, and a virtual hall of fame unto himself.

In case you don't know Harold Esch, he's been on bowling greens since he was 12 years old—something like 62 years. He wanted to do what has dad did, and he did. But, he liked the game so much he stuck around for such milestones as 401 National Open Tournament matches since 1954 (he won 310); winning practically every honor U.S. lawn bowling has to offer; joining the ALBA Council in 1955 and serving on the governing body of American lawn bowls for 34 years—longer than any other person; and holding the office of ALBA President 1958-60. When the "Bowler of the Decade" was created in 1969 Harold Esch was voted the "1960 Bowler of the Decade". His list of achievements goes on and on.

Harold remembers all this because, afterall, he's the National Historian. But, but you won't find him submitting his resume as a candidate for the first elections to the ALBA Hall of Fame. Instead, the National Historian has combed his extensive and weathered files and developed an impressive list of American lawn bowling pioneers and contemporary leaders for the Class of 1997. Some are men whose names have been lost to history—except, perhaps, at their own bowling club—but whose pioneering achievements way-back-when we accept as commonplace today.

Harold is currently organizing his Selection Committee—the presidents of each division, plus three others of the Chairman's choosing—and the first Class of honorees will be announced at the 1997 National Open Tournament. Harold "the organizer" won't list Harold "the bowler" as a candidate this year, but we expect that Harold Esch will be a candidate in a near-future Hall of election. Learning about the Harold's of the past and present, hopefully, will give us direction and inspiration as we make decisions regarding where we are going.

In case you didn't catch the mention of a new Professional Bowlers Association else where in this issue, let me herald it again. Many of the top lawn bowlers around the world have

organized the PBA. Recognizing the pro-group's promotional and marketing value, the World Bowling Board (WBB) and the World Indoor Bowling Council (WIBC) have announced their support for the new professional group.

Big deal, you say. Well, some more history si vous plait. Back in the late 60's, when tenpin bowling's image was sliding—"smoke-filled, beer guzzling bowling alleys"—a Midwest lawyer-promoter got a dozen bowlers together and formed the Professional Bowlers Association—PBA. Yep. The same name. All the PBA bowlers were fellows seen regularly on this or that TV bowling show, usually competing for meager money. Somehow, the lawyer wrangled a TV "Pro Bowlers Tour" series on the ABC network for 13-weeks. It's still on the air 26-27 years later.

Organized tenpin bowling didn't recognize the PBA back in the early years. Professionalism was a sin. But, equipment and facilities manufacturers, Brunswick and AMF, recognized the PBA as a beacon to the future. For years, the ABC and WIBC (the mens/women's counterparts of ALBA and AWLBA) weren't interested in the PBA. But the Pro Bowlers Tour ABC-TV series was the catalyst for the contemporization of tenpin bowling, and to this day, continues to set a standard for the sport.

So, kudos to organized lawn bowling for recognizing the lawn bowls PBA. There are no guarantees, of course, but what is the down-side? Not one person in any local club is going to miss a day's draw match, or fun day, or club visitation because of the PBA. Not one competitive bowler is going to miss a National or Division-sponsored event, or club invitational tournament. Some may even qualify to become a member of the PBA. Only real difference might be a steady flow of new candidate bowlers to teach, and the pleasure of telling people that you lawn bowl without having to explain.

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