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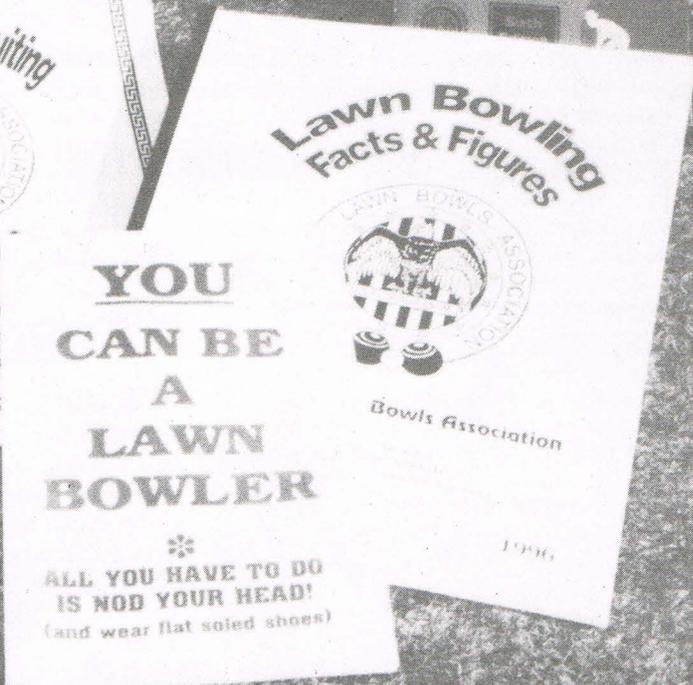
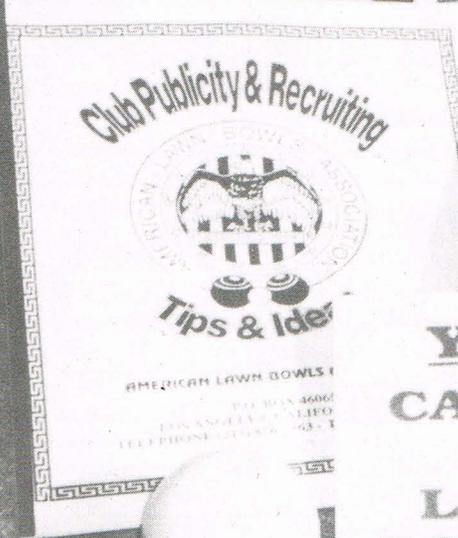
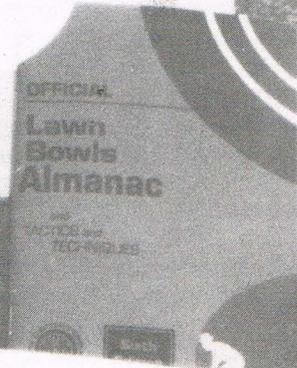
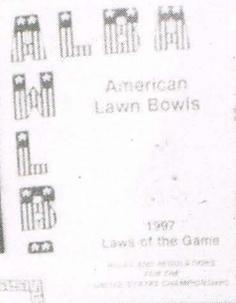
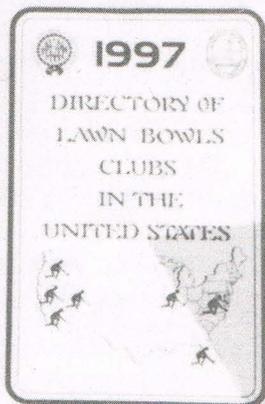
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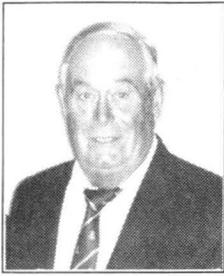
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By R. Gil Stephan, Jr.

Thank you, Joe Grabowski, for your leadership the past two years.

Bowls has been part of my life for over 25 years. I started in Milwaukee (WI) in the early 1970's. I have bowled all over the United States and know a lot of the bowlers and hope to meet all in the months ahead.

Increasing memberships in ALBA must be our #1 priority. As I travel around the country I know there must be more Ralph Cramdens in Seattle like James Patterson and Doug Bradley, more like Allan Polacheck and John Rice, who would love to bowl in Milwaukee's Friday Frolic. More great people like Norm Wiles, Ben Zippert and Mike Bright, who would love to bowl. Bring your friends, relatives, groups and whomever you can. We need everyone's help. Thanks.

Joe Siegman's "Last Shot" article (Fall-1996 BOWLS) on Harold Esch—Well done, Joe! A fitting tribute to The Man from Two Tree Lane in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Happy 1997. Good Health. Good Bowling.

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## Letters to the Editor

*ED: You don't call. You don't write. What's an editor to do? Why can't you be like Trevor and Nick and John on the internet, who always write THEIR editor.*

### TYPICAL!

How do you survive being a "dry" club?

A typical day of bowls (in Australia) will cost \$10—\$5 for a game, \$3 for drinks, and \$2 for the raffle. Then again, typical "special" days, such as Presentation Day or pennant trials, cost \$25-30—two games at \$2.50 each, \$5 for the raffle, \$20 for ten 15-ounce beers @ \$2.

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**John Ross**  
*New South Wales*

### OPEN ATTITUDE

A more open attitude to playing conditions and dress might see newcomers less intimidated and change the image of Bowls. It has happened to football, basketball, cricket, etc. Why not Bowls?

Dollars at the club level come from current membership, not from what happened yesterday?

**Trevor Sweatman**  
*Australia*

### BONDING

Our "President's at Home Day" is a day when the President invites club members and the Presidents (and their Fours team) of nearby clubs to lunch, high tea or dinner and a game of bowls. The idea is to promote inter-club fellowship, and to acknowledge the service that Presidents and other officials do for the game of Bowls.

These "Days" aren't formal days but fun days, without serious competitive bowls. Bonding is important.

**John Bartlett**  
*Clayfield, B.C.*

### BOWLER+AGE=CHAMPS

The topic of "average age of lawn bowlers" has intrigued me for some time. Our experience shows that the average age for membership of most lawn bowling clubs is sixty. But, what about the average age for competitive bowlers at the international level?

An analysis of the competitors at the 1996 Men's World Bowls in Australia, indicates an average (and median) age of 43 among bowlers from 30 countries. I also conducted a poll of the final 16 who participated in the Adelaide Masters Singles prior to World Bowls. Their average age was 40 years.

Is there a correlation between average age of team members and international ranking? Consider—Five of the seven youngest teams were among the top seven countries in the Men's World Bowls. The only exceptions were England (2nd overall, but 12 youngest) and South Africa (7th overall, and 9th youngest).

Wales and Ireland had the youngest teams at about 31 years. Ireland was a leading example of the new "youthful" team approach, with four lads in their twenties and a 57-year old veteran.

Closer to home, with regards to Canada (ranked 10th/18th youngest), and the U.S. (ranked 20th/26th youngest—or 5th oldest), aged 45 and 49 years, respectively, a little more youth could make a significant difference.

Of course, there is the factor of economics. With varying degrees of funding support for their team representatives, it may be more difficult for younger bowlers to make the financial commitment to being a team member at an international event, resulting in an older team through necessity, rather than by choice.

**Nick Watkins**  
*Canada*

### RAKE-ISH

The rakes at our club are in an awful condition. Anyone know where new ones can be purchased?

**Name Withheld**  
*USA*

We use the things on the end of our legs for this. I think they are called feet.

**Name Withheld**  
*England*

Funny. We also use those things with five prongs on the end of them here in sunny Australia.

**Name Withheld**  
*DownUnder*

*Bowls rakes are mostly an American thing. Color us dumb for being innovative. Color the first writer not too quick, himself. The C&D Dager Company has been advertising "Bowl Retrievers" for years in this magazine, including the previous two issues. Check out page 11 of the Fall BOWLS. Yes. Retrievers are the same as rakes.—Ed.*

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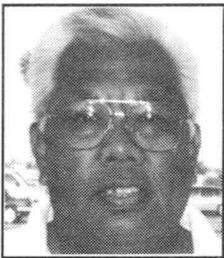
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ALBA Names 14**1997 NATIONAL TEAM**

By **Jim Graham**—*Chairman, National Team Selectors*

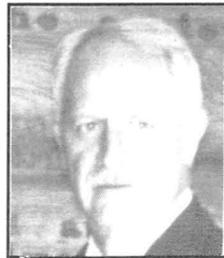
The National Team Selection Committee received twenty-three applications for the fourteen man 1997 national team roster. Following a careful review of each applicant's achievements in official tournaments over the last four years, together with consideration of the other factors required by the policy and procedures approved by ALBA's Council, the Committee selected the fourteen players listed below: (*in alphabetical order*)



Skip Arculli



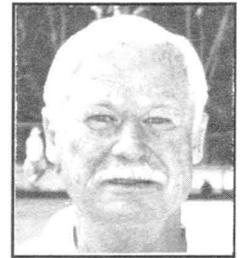
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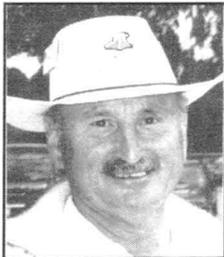
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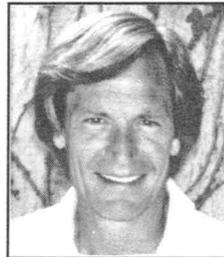
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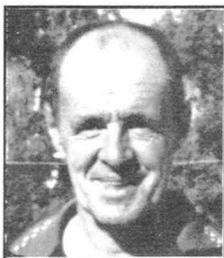
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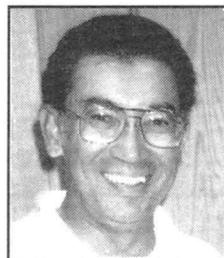
Doug McArthur



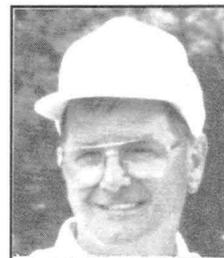
Barry Pickup



Michael Siddall



Frank Souza



John Stewart



Tom Stirrat

From these fourteen players, the NTS has named the five-man teams that will represent the United States in two international events this year: the Asia-Pacific Games and the North American Challenge (Canada vs USA). Selected are: Skip Arculli, Pat Fagan, Doug McArthur, Barry Pickup and Michael Siddall. The Asia-Pacific competitions will be held November 24-December 7, at the Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club, New South Wales,

Australia. At the time this is being written, no specific date or location have been picked for the North American Challenge, but it will be held in Southern California during the later part of this year.

As mentioned in the previous issue of BOWLS, Joe Siegman will manage the U.S. teams for the 1997 international tournaments.

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### *One Bowler's Opinion About The*

## "LAWS OF THE GAME"

*by Pat Mayo  
(who is not an Umpire)*

I've often wondered why so few lawn bowlers ever get all the way through reading the official "Laws of the Game"? Maybe the 29 pages of fine print are too much. Or, perhaps it is because the first ten pages are simply descriptions of the the greens, the equipment (bowls, jack, mat), how teams are formed, and to inform you that the "match" is a "contest".

The exciting part begins on page ii, rule (D), which tells how to start an end. From there until until page 22 you will learn most of the important fine points about actually playing a game of lawn bowls. This is the part that makes you stand out as a true bowler. Knowledge of this section is the stuff of which "Skips" are made. "Vices" will learn what they need to know as Directors of the Head while the Skip is at the other end of the green. As for "Leads", they already know that how they set up the head will determine the direction of the entire game.

Laws 6 through 11 describe every conceivable event that can take place during the play of a match. Here you find the information to deal with touchers, dead bowls, disturbed heads, foot faulting, rolling someone else's bowl, scoring, and much more. These are the laws that everyone in a game needs to know in order to understand the finesse of this wonderful sport.

As for the inconceivable events of the game, the laws from #12 (page 22) through page 29 are for Umpires to deal with—nothing for you to worry about until you have mastered the rest of the booklet.

Don't waste your time starting at the beginning of the book every time you decide to review the "Laws of the Game". And don't worry about the Laws that only Umpires need to know (unless you want to be an Umpire). But DO read, study, and inwardly digest all the information in laws 6 through 11 if you want to enjoy the game of bowls as it was meant to be played.

*A new edition of "Laws of the Game", prepared by ALBA Umpire-in-Chief John Stewart, will be out early in 1997. Make certain that your Club gets enough copies for each of your members.*

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION'S

# What's ALBA/AWLBA All About?

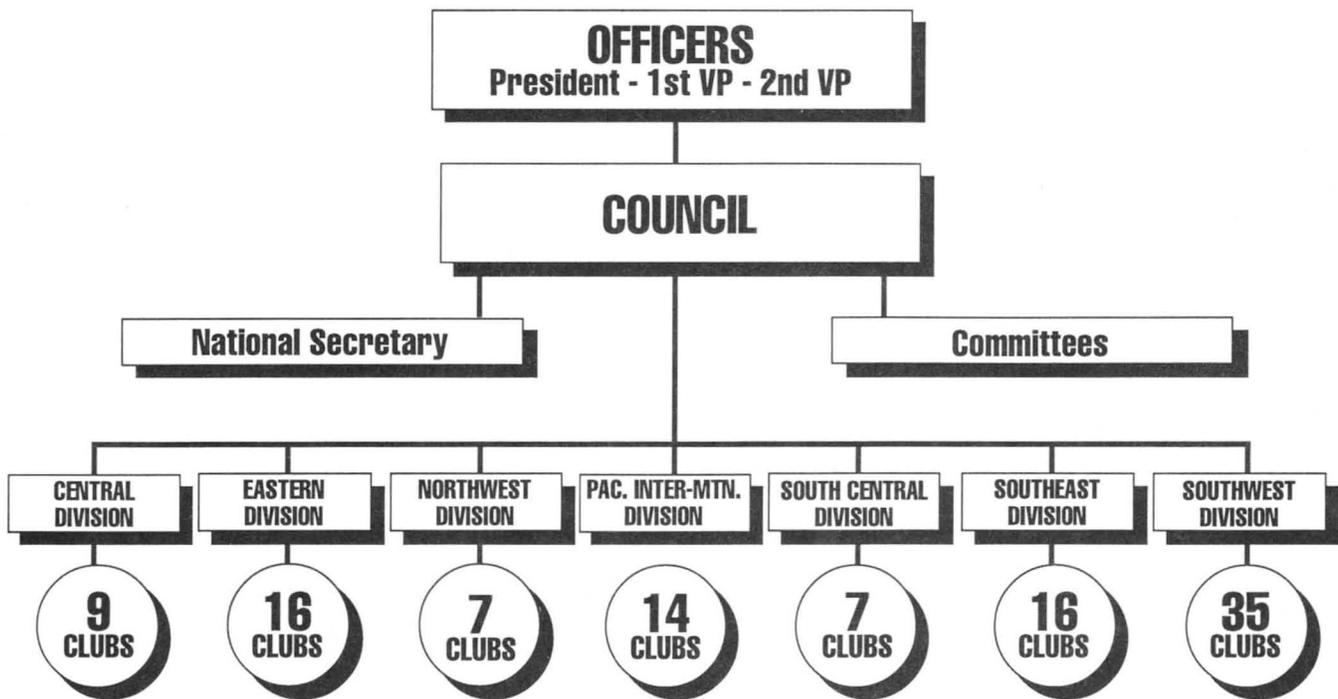
By Joe Siegman, Editor, BOWLS Magazine

Yesterday, a club delegate at my Division's annual meeting asked me: "What exactly is a 'Councilor'?" Earlier, another delegate, noticing our Division's ladies having THEIR annual meeting in an adjoining room, commented: "The women have their own association?"

As the Editor of BOWLS Magazine, I am required to read each and every one of the club reports that arrive on my desk. All too often, I am amazed by the uninformed references some writers make towards the regional and national associations they belong to, and, frankly, lawn bowling itself. When you

consider that club reporters are likely to be club activists, you stand up and shout: "Time out"!

Below is an organizational chart of the American Lawn Bowls Association (ALBA). The comparable women's organization is the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association (AWLBA). The two are independent groups that work in concert to encourage and support lawn bowling in the United States. Various agenda aspects of the two organizations are similar. Yet, each has its own projects and goals that it pursues. The chart represents ALBA. AWLBA's structure is virtually identical.



*A COUNCILOR is a DIVISION representative who sits on the COUNCIL.*

The lawn bowling ("bowls") community in the United States—ALBA for men and AWLBA for women—is divided into seven geographic regions known as DIVISIONS. For the sake of clarity, I will only refer to ALBA from this point forward.

The governing body of ALBA is called the COUNCIL. The Council consists of representatives known as COUNCILORS. Inasmuch as there are seven U.S. Divisions with two Councilors each, 14 men sit on the Council, along with its officers. The Council elects, from

amongst itself, the annual officers. Councilors are elected or appointed by their respective Division memberships. The Councilors, as the Council, generally meet formally once a year. This meeting is open to all ALBA members.

The business of the Association is directed mostly via the National Secretary-Treasurer, and the various Committee Chairmen and committees created by the Council, in keeping with a series of by-laws. Each Division conducts its own business, including the election of its own officers, in concert with its regional by-laws. ALBA, in turn, is a member of the World Bowls Board, the international

federation for the sport of lawn bowling.

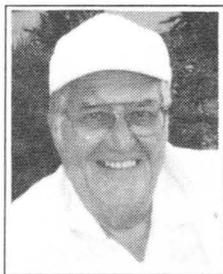
To be an ALBA member, a bowler must be a member of an ALBA-affiliated club. Essentially, clubs, not individuals, are members of ALBA. An ALBA club pays dues for every male member of that club.

ALBA was organized in 1915. AWLBA came into being in 1970. A list of officers, Councilors and Committee heads appear on pages 4 (Men) and 13 (Women).

Information or questions are answerable via the men's or women's National Secretaries, if not by your own Division Secretary or Councilors.

## COACH'S CORNER

by Frank Ransome  
National Coaching &  
Instruction Chairman



"Take more grass, take more grass." I keep saying those words over and over again as my lead or second continues to be narrow and we gradually lose the game.

Why can't someone who has been bowling for years learn to take more or less grass?

After we've bowled for awhile, our bodies dictate how our arms will swing and we'll develop a step that's comfortable for us. This may not be the most beautiful thing that's ever been done, but it's what we do and we're stuck with it. The hardest job that any coach ever tackled was to correct or change a delivery that has taken years of practice to perfect. Most coaches find that people who were good alley bowlers are the hardest to teach to lawn bowl. I've seen lawn bowlers unconsciously make one of those three step deliveries when faced with a tough shot. We've got a person in our club who still rolls his bowl as if he was imparting some spin. This phenomenon is known as "FORCE OF HABIT" and it's a hard thing to overcome.

What has all this got to do with taking grass, you ask? Well, I think it's got a lot to do with it. If your bowl is following a certain consistent path and it's narrow, you know enough to change the path, but maybe

your body doesn't. It's not enough to stand on the mat the way you've always stood and aim at different spot. You must change your feet, your position on the mat. You've got to learn to rotate your entire body starting with your feet. That old "FORCE OF HABIT" will get you every time if you don't start your delivery from a different position.

Great lawn bowlers practice rolling bowls without a jack. They are teaching their bodies to repeat a movement by doing it over and over again. Repetition. How many times have you stood and watched someone roll bowl after bowl into a cluster at the head? That person has used his "FORCE OF HABIT" to pile up the points. He has picked a spot, rolled a certain weight and can then do it over and over again, because that's what lawn bowling is all about.

When you're narrow or wide, don't stand in your own foot prints and look for a different spot. Change your feet a little and let your body do the work. When I was younger, and in better shape, I would set myself on the mat, allow myself to be blindfolded, and then roll bowl after bowl close to the jack. You can take your present delivery, no matter how poor it may seem to others, and roll bowl after bowl to the jack by changing your feet on the mat. Practice getting on the mat with your feet pointing straight ahead. Then, after you've decided which way you're going to bowl and you've checked your bias, turn your feet in that direction and roll the bowl. If you come up narrow on that shot, turn your feet a little bit more and try again. At all times be conscious of where your feet are pointing so that you can repeat the shot that goes in to the jack.

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*ED: No. They just complain about the greens, rink assignments, the players' draw, and the brand of coffee.*

Recommends the web surfer: "Without being smart, if you have the money to spend, get off your bowls' case and get some expert coaching. It can and does make a difference.

### BOWLING BENEFACTOR'S REC CENTER DEDICATED

*By Stu Shoemaker*

BOWLS readers should recall the name Dorolu Swirsky, a long time Sunnyvale LBC member who, along with clubmate Jim Warwood, moved and shook the Presidential Sports Award Program to include lawn bowlers.

Dorolou is also the special lady who pledged her estate, valued at \$500,000, to the Youth Opportunity Fund in the City of Sunnyvale. Her philanthropy was catalyst for a matching amount dedicated by the City, and another \$1,000,000 grant from Advanced Micro Devices to finance the community center on the grounds of the Sunnyvale Columbia Middle School.



*Sunnyvale's bowls recruiting team was in business at the grand opening of the new Sunnyvale Rec Center*

Sunnyvale LBC's recruiting team staffed a booth at the Rec Center's opening day ceremonies, equipped with their Learn to Lawn Bowl banner and a video display of Lawn Bowling. They dispensed numerous informational flyers, while conversing with people who showed an interest in the game of bowls. They followed-up with a "welcome aboard" letter to those who left names and addresses, and scheduled a coaching session for those who responded.

As a bonus, they entertained 96 Students from Columbia Middle School on the green, teaching them what lawn bowl-

ing is all about.

Cupertino Community Access Television, producers of "The Better Part", a program for Seniors, has produced an excellent and professional video: "The Ancient Sport of Lawn Bowls". The lawn bowler "actors" were recruited from San Jose, Santa Clara, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale.

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Some Australians just can't believe umpires in the U.S. and Canada use string lines to check if a bowl is in or out-of-bounds.

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Let's start 1997 as it should be. Every Division must have a Membership Chairman—both ALBA and AWLBA—and

we should be working together to build membership. I think it's time to get serious about the sport we all love. Our Committee should be actively supporting those clubs whose membership has dwindled. We set ourselves to the task of enrolling every lawn bowler in the country in AWLBA or ALBA.

When I was a youngster, some 60 years ago, I wondered why our Pastor spent so much time talking about sin when the only people there to listen were the ones who came to church every Sunday. Today I have that same feeling. The people who read this column are members of ALBA and AWLBA because they get a subscription with their membership, so why am I telling you what you already know?

Unlike that Pastor who wanted us to avoid something, I want us to DO something. Somehow we've got to face the fact that membership is down. We've got to admit that there are some bowlers out there who, for reasons of their own, don't belong to one of the parent organizations. There are bowlers using ALBA approved bowls, playing under ALBA approved rules, on a green that was probably constructed after consultation with an ALBA Greenskeeper. These people are our friends and neighbors. Some of them only bowl in the

## The Membership Trail

by Frank Ransome,  
Co-Chairman, Membership Committee

winter time and others don't bowl in tournaments. But they are lawn bowlers and we need their support.

No one who bowls can deny that the sport is fun, healthy, difficult and exciting. Why then, can't we get new communities and builders to construct greens? Why can't we fill our clubs with members and fill our tournaments with both young and old bowlers. WHY are we content with the status quo? To all those people who don't want to get involved I can only say that you are already involved. When you go up to the draw, bowl with friends, get into a home and home, you are part of an organization that deserves your support. ALBA and AWLBA are not taxation without representation. They are the vehicle that makes lawn bowling possible.

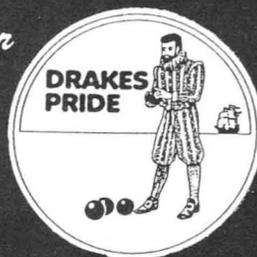
To my readers, I'm sorry to pass the buck to you, but we all have a job to do. We must remedy those ills that have turned people off. We must prepare ourselves to be an integral part of a world wide community. We have the ability to teach young people as well as the physically handicapped and we should begin to plan how, when and where this will take place.

In the name of FAIR PLAY we should support those dedicated ALBA and AWLBA officers who do so much with so little, and we should put our own energies into promoting the sport of lawn bowling.

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The 1997 United States Maccabiah Team has been named by Merton Isaacman, U.S. Bowls Chairman for the 15th World Maccabiah Games, to be held in Israel July 14-24.

Those selected are: Michael Ashton-Phillips, Adrian Cole, Neil Furman, Robin Goldman, Mert Isaacman, Simon Meyerowitz, Eric Sherman, Richard Simon and Helman Todes. Joe Siegman will be Team Manager. All are ALBA members.

The Maccabiah Games are Olympic-type quadrennial competitions recognized by International Olympic Committee. Athletes representing fifty countries, competing in 43 different sports, are expected to participate in the Games this summer. The U.S. Team is sponsored by Maccabi USA/Sports For Israel.

# CALENDAR

## MAJOR TOURNAMENTS - REGIONAL - NATIONAL - INTERNATIONAL

<b>MARCH</b>	1-7	ALBA	SOUTHEAST DIVISION OPEN	Lakeland, FL
	22-23	AWLBA AWLBA	CALIFORNIA STATE	Sarasota, FL Pomona, CA
<b>APRIL</b>	14	ALBA	SOUTHEAST DIVISION PLAY DOWNS	Sun City Ctr, FL
	19-24	AWLBA	SOUTHWEST DIVISION OPEN	Riverside, CA
	26-May 1	ALBA		
<b>MAY</b>	24-25	ALBA	SPRING OPEN - PAIRS	Portland, OR
	19-24	AWLBA ALBA AWLBA	CENTRAL DIVISION OPEN	Milwaukee, WI
<b>JULY</b>	26-AUG 1	ALBA AWLBA	EASTERN DIVISION OPEN	West Hartford, CT
<b>AUGUST</b>	9-15	ALBA	NORTHWEST DIVISION OPEN	Seattle, WA
	21-24	AWLBA	EASTERN DIVISION OPEN	Buck Hill Falls, PA
	21-SEPT 2	AWLBA	ATLANTIC RIM GAMES	Wales
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	6-12	ALBA	PIMD DIVISION OPEN	San Francisco Bay Area, CA
	14-19	AWLBA ALBA AWLBA	U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS	Buck Hills Falls, PA
<b>OCTOBER</b>	TBA	ALBA	NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE	Southern California
	18-24	AWLBA ALBA AWLBA	NATIONAL OPEN	Orange & Los Angeles Counties, CA
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	24-DEC 7	ALBA AWLBA	ASIA-PACIFIC GAMES	Australia

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# WOMEN'S PAGES



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Virginia Marlar*

In looking forward to my new responsibilities, I am happy to announce the following officers: Anita Delfs, of Oxnard, CA, will be the new Secretary. Nancy Trask (with whom I have worked for many years) will serve as Treasurer. The newly elected First Vice-President, Rita Hurley, (Central) and the Second Vice-President, Jean Haigler, (South Central) will add immeasurably to our Executive Board.

My congratulations to Myra Wood and her crew who have served so well the past two years. We hope to build on their sound base and develop some new ideas as well.

All of the major committees will be named soon after the first of the year, and the new officers of the seven Divisions will be announced as soon as this information is received.

I plan to work closely with Gil Stephan, the new ALBA President. We plan to keep lines of communication open with all Divisions to learn more of their plans and hopes for lawn bowling.

I trust your holidays were all you wished for and that 1997 will be a banner year for us all. My motto for this administration is: "When we communicate, there are no limits to what we can accomplish".

## FROM THE EDITOR

*Winnie Eberle*

The old year has rolled on and we are looking forward to a new one filled with many and varied activities. Many thanks to those who have contributed to these pages. We hope more will do so. We welcome any items which might be of interest to our women.

Along with a new year, we welcome our new AWLBA President, Virginia Marlar, and her fellow officers. We offer them our wholehearted support and wish them a most successful and productive term of office.

Don't forget our Memorial Foundation. We would like to see it keep growing. Please note the Article by Ann Wood on this Foundation. The upcoming project will be most informative and one all our women should find a desire for.

**NEXT DEADLINE IS MARCH 27, 1997**

Winnie Eberle

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## AWLBA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

*Ann Wood, President*

The Foundation is now collecting information for a soon to be published AWLBA Handbook in memory of Dorothy Mumma Todd, with the approval of her family.

The Handbook will contain: a history of the game of bowls, general information about the sport, the Constitution of the AWLBA, as well as how-to articles on the organization of a National Open, a U.S. Championship, and a divisional educational clinic. It will also include articles on coaching, umpiring and marking along with the etiquette of the game, and those important hand signals. International teams and play will be included, with what it takes to be an international player. The Handbook will discuss fund-raising, in general, as well as specifically for certain events.

This compendium of information will be available in the summer of 1997, when copies will be mailed to each division secretary as well as to the officers of the association. Should funds permit, it can be made available to interested clubs. If not, it will be sold for a nominal sum.

Anyone interested in contributing articles on the above listed subjects is welcome to do so. Please send to Ann Wood, 601 Nutmeg Pl., Sun City Center, FL 33573, before March. We still need articles on etiquette and hand signals, but articles on the other subjects are welcome as well.

The Memorial Fund for Dorothy Mumma Todd is still open for further contribution and should be sent to the Treasurer: Beverly Phillips, 7434 Richland Manor Dr., Pittsburg, PA 15208.

## EASTERN DIVISION

*By Dana Lum*

Our US Championships Organizing Committee of Bob Gates, Jack Lucey and Toni Mercer, is busy preparing for this year's event. With ditch boards being repaired, parties being planned, and various other details to tend to, they have been busy. For a further update, please read Bob's article under Buck Hill Lawn Bowling Club.

For those who aren't familiar with the Buck Hill area, it is not far from Delaware Water Gap. It is a quaint community of lovely cottages, set in picturesque mountains, surrounded by trees and bears. BEARS! Yours truly was a witness to two sightings last year at the Women's Eastern Open. Rumor has it they find croquet players very tasty.

If you are planning to come East and would like to roll a few with us, listed below are our tournaments. Please feel free to call me at 718-478-8195, or Isabel Forbes at 609-296-1875.

May 24-25 Buck Hill Mixed Pairs Open—BHLBC

July Out of Towners Triples Invitational - NYLBC

Aug 21-24 Eastern Open—BHLBC

Sept 6-7 Marie Manners Mixed Pairs—BHLBC

## REVIEW & SELECTION COMMITTEE

*Cy Stephan, Chairman*

An AWLBA coaching clinic is being held January 11 through January 14, in Sun City, Arizona. We have eleven members who have applied for the AWLBA roster. Two members applied for manager.

The selectors will be present for the coaching clinic, watching the applicants for their ability, compatibility, concentration, consistency and many other traits. Selectors will choose teams going to the Atlantic Rim and Pacific Rim Games on January 15th. Managers will also be picked for the Rim Games during this time.

## SOUTHEAST

*By Eileen Love*

This division was the first to institute a Mini-Training Camp. It was held in May-1996, and we had 47 members attending. Our next training camp will be held in Sun City Center, FL., March 31- April 4. This year, in addition to having our Southeast Division members, we are making available five slots for the Eastern Division and five slots for Central Division members.

The Paralympic games held in Atlanta this past summer were headed by members of the Southeast Division. One of our members was Manager for the Pacific Games and one was skip for rinks and triples in the North American Challenge. Seven members of the Suncoasters were represented at the Nationals held in California. Our members did well. In Fours, Patti Grabowski and Jeanne McLaughlin (Suncoasters) teamed up with Barbara Roller (Mt. Dora) and Jessie Sauders (Scotland) and were fourth in the Championship Flight. Helen Jackson, Eileen Love, Tunie LaBar and Dodie Hann (Suncoasters) were first in the Fifth Flight. In Pairs, Jeanne McLaughlin and Barbara Roller were second in Championship Flight. The Southeast Pairs team of Patti Grabowski and Jo Gilbert won the U.S. Championship in California.

Our division held its election of officers for 1997: President-Frida Mixson, 1st Vice President-Eileen Love, 2nd Vice President-Barbara Roller, Secretary-Eileen Terry, Treasurer-Virginia Varjian.

The '97 Southeast Open Tournament will be held in Sarasota, Florida, March 1-6. Rain date March 7th. Mixed Triples March 8th. The Tournament Director is Ann Wood, Sun City Center (813-633-3237). Entry forms are available.

Southeast Division Playdowns, to be played at Sarasota, begin April 14th, until the completion of the round robin.

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

*By Jean Haigler*

Now that winter is upon us, we are beginning to be busy on the greens. The Snow Birds have returned and the weather is really beautiful.

Carol Larson and Rita Kenna graciously accepted a second term as President and Treasurer of SCD. Peggy Salisbury is the new secretary and Jean Haigler is Vice-President. The new Councilors are Cy Stephan and Jean Haigler, with Charlotte O'Keefe as the alternate.

1997 will have us playing our Division Open at the same time with the men. We begin on February 8th through February 13th, at the Sun City West Club. If you would like an entry form, you may contact Roberta Lane (602-214-6973).

Again we are looking forward to the training camp for the roster applicants. It will be held at the Bell greens in Sun City just before the Forrester Rinks Tournament. Cy Stephan, Review and Selection Chairnman, is in charge of this camp, with Graham Jarvis the coach/trainer. Applicants are trying for positions on the Atlantic Rim, Pacific Rim, and Canada/US Challenge teams.

We look forward to seeing many familiar faces during the month of January at the Forrester Rinks, the Thomson/Zivic Pairs, or at the training camp.

**PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN**

*By Adele Patterson*

Pacific Inter-Mountain completed its 1996 schedule in early-October with the Betty Service Singles and Novice Singles, played simultaneously at the San Francisco Club. In past years, this tournament was restricted to singles winners from each club. This year, however, anyone could enter. Result: there were 22 women who turned out for the event, which was won by Marguerite Miller, followed by Irene Webster. Reggie Banares and Marge Bodah tied for third. There were only four entries for the Novice Singles, all of them from Rossmoor. Sylvi MacDonald placed first with Jessica Kinniger as runner-up. This new system worked so well that it will be followed again this year.

We women hosted the Awards Day Tournament held as usual at Rossmoor. The host club served a delicious lunch to 73 bowlers, who played in draw games. There were 35 winners. Anyone who had plus-points was a winner!

The installation of new officers was held at the annual meeting on December 14th at Oakland. Esme Krobusek will be the president this year, with Marie Klos 1st vice-president, Phyllis Sullivan 2nd vice-president. Pauline Liebowitz again will be secretary, and faithful Faith Bittner remains as treasurer. Esme will also serve as Tournament Chairman.

The Tournament Committee will meet in January to finalize the schedule for 1997. In the works are plans for more mixed tournaments, as these seem to have the most participation. The '97 Division Open has been scheduled for September 6-12. We hope to see you then.

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

*By Beverly Phillips*

'Twas a dark day in winter  
And all through the midwest  
Not a lawn bowler was stirring,  
Not even the best.

The bowls were all polished and stored with great care

In hopes that someday spring would get there.  
The ladies all bundled against snow and ice  
Thought a trip to Florida would be quite nice.  
Rita in her leggings, Eileen in her hat  
Have just settled down for a long telephone

chat,  
When all of a sudden what should appear  
But a sign that says: "The end of winter is here!"

So come Lois, come Judy, Carolyn and Nancy,  
Come Margaret, Pat, Jean and don't forget Cathie.

'Tis time to head for the bowling green.  
May this be the best year ever you've seen.  
So good bowls to all from Wisconsin to PA.

Remember, check your bias and have a good day!

**SOUTHWEST**

*By Winnie Eberle*

Our Christmas luncheon at Laguna Hills ended our Southwest Division activities for the year. Unfortunately, there had been heavy rains the day and evening before, so our morning game had to be canceled. That did not deter 152 women from enjoying the luncheon and the silent auction that followed.

Ladies Days were well attended during October and November, and in November we tried an innovation. On the same day, one was held at Oxnard for the ladies in the northern part of our Division, and one at Lake Hodges for those from the southern part. It seemed to work out very well and eased the distance of travel for the bowlers.

Our Ina Jackson 5-Star Tournament took place in Pomona in October. Newport Harbor took first place with the team of Dottie Panacek, Maryna Hyland, Carrie Fossati, Konni Quo and Anne Tejada. The team from Alhambra, with Irene Brodie, Agnes McInnes, Nancy Trask, Alice Lawrence and Kathy Yulfo, placed second.

The Win Eberle Mixed Pairs, with men skipping, was played at Santa Anita and Long Beach. Winners on Green #1 at Santa Anita were Don Wiley and Loretta Clark, with Dick Elliott and Terry Higgins second. Green #2 had Bill MacFarland and Nancy Trask as winners, with Joe and Naomi Ruderman placing second. At Long Beach, Ian Ho and Kottia Spangler were the winners on Green #1, with Bill and Paula Bellone second. Green #2 found Bill Harper and Elizabeth Stock winners, with John Parker and Patsy Morgan second. The overall winners were Ian Ho and Kottia Spangler, who received the trophy.

Now we are gearing up for an active and productive New Year.

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 Santa Maria, CA Ray Dunn, Billie Hand, Juanita Bustin 11-23  
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 Sun City Center, FL Dave Barrett, George Deleanides, Rosa Deleanides 12-3  
 San Diego, CA A. Joyce, Don Goodridge, Dave Kitterman 11-13  
 Los Angeles, CA Romus Soucek, Ted Hartman, Max Burke 11-19  
 Santa Barbara, CA Chuck Baker, Irene Sirvydas, David Lanes 12/4  
 San Diego, CA Donna Boyle, Bobbi Wilson, Ann Travis 12-13

**9 SHOTS TRIPLES**

Santa Barbara, CA Hal Wayne, Ed Podzimek, Carol Smith 10-8  
 Santa Barbara, CA Duane Aasted, Chuck Baker, Kermit, Williams 10-23  
 Sun City Center, FL Ed Kulis, Jeanne Paech, Dolores Phelps 11-20

**Tournament Players  
SUPER SHOTS CLUB****7 SHOTS PAIRS**

Riverside, CA SW Division 5 Man Allstar Tournament Bud Viard & Duane Aasted 10-26  
 Pomona, CA Pomona Pairs Tournament Dick Cole & Dick Talt 11-2

**7 SHOTS TRIPLES**

Milwaukee, WI 34th Annual Otto Hess Tournament Everett (Bud) McLean, Dean Riechers, Larry Larkin 8-31 to 9-2  
 Riverside, CA SW Division 5 Man Allstar Tournament Bob Forget, Chuck Maylen, Mike Michalek 10-26  
 Santa Maria, CA Birthday Bash Tournament Dave Biorn, Seymour Hersh, Pauline Stubblefield 10-4  
 Sun City Center, FL SCC Fall League Tournament Joe Grabowski, Bill Say, Ray Turman, 11-12  
 Sun City Center, FL Fabulous Fives Tournament Joan Jones, Jeanne McLaughlin, Bernie Weinland 12-13  
 Riverside, CA Australian Pairs Tournament Lee Bain & X Tejada 10-5

**8 SHOTS PAIRS**

Long Beach, CA Win Eberle Mixed Pairs (at Long Beach)  
 Wen Mowery & Mary Jane Henrich 11-9  
 Santa Barbara, CA Wayne Family Tournament Pat Fagan & Anne Vilkin 11-9  
 Long Beach, CA Win Eberle Mixed Pairs (at Long Beach) Clair Ott & Donna Ott 11-9

**8 SHOTS TRIPLES**

Sun City Center, FL Grass League Tournament Thelma Matthews, Eileen Love, Peggy Betteridge 12-7  
 Sun City Center, FL Winter League Tournament Larry Hanley, Patti Grabowski, Jeanne McLaughlin 12-10

**7 SHOTS FOURS**

Riverside, CA Men's 5-Star Tournament Carl Henrich, Clair Ott, Wen Mowery, Bob Todd 10-26

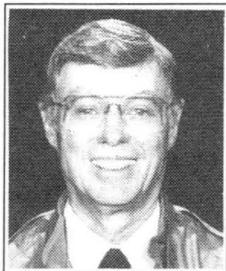
**8 SHOTS FOURS**

Laguna Beach, CA Fun League Tournament Dick Cole, Jan Wessel, Jo Mumma, Pat Gonzales 11-3

THESE ARE THE ENTRIES RECEIVED  
 THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 1996

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### HOLMBY PARK

*By Marcella Krisel*

Holmby Park was host to the Rams Tourists Lawn Bowling Group of London in October. They arrived early for a full day of friendly competition, but the famous Southern California sun was reluctant to show its face until late in the day, making the British feel right at home. In the morning, they trounced us 12-2. But, after a delicious and bountiful lunch, we made a better showing with Holmby winning 7, losing six and tying one.

Los Angeles Mayor Riordan sent two representatives to greet the English visitors and join us for lunch. The Cheery Brits sang some hilarious parodies of popular songs on the subject of lawn bowling.

An all-day Turkey Shoot was held in November, and eight bowlers won both their games to win \$10 each, towards the purchase of a Thanksgiving bird. Seven bowlers won high points to earn \$5 each.

Our December Christmas Party/Annual Awards Banquet was held at the Olympia Collection. Twenty-two trophies were awarded, including treasurer Brian Studwell receiving the Bowler of the Year Trophy. A delicious turkey dinner preceded a bit of spirited community singing.

We are all saddened by the passing of our longtime member F.W. "Woods" Hinrichs, Rear Admiral USN (Ret.).

*In Memoriam*

*F.W. "Woods" Hinrichs*

Heading into 1997, the newly elected Southwest Division officers are: re-elected President-Stu Sistas (Oxnard), 1st VP-Hugo Sahlein (Pasadena), 2nd VP-Sam DeLisle (MacKenzie Park/Santa Barbara), re-elected Secretary-Treasurer-Jim Graham (Santa Maria), and re-elected National Councilors-Jim Graham and Michael Ashton-Phillips. The elections took place at the Division's January annual meeting, of which a full report will appear in the next issue of BOWLS. A calendar of Division events should reach every club by early February.

I'd like to thank all club correspondents for their dedication in helping to make my job "a piece of cake". Please remember to continue to send in all your news typewritten, and try as best you can to make sure your photos are of good contrast. If you're not sure what's "good", send the negative along with the photo.

NEXT DEADLINE IS MARCH 27th.

### RANCHO BERNARDO

*By Matt Stevenson*

At the Club Doubles in November we fielded 12 teams. When the jousting was over, the winners were: John Hoaglin and Pauline Hvoslef in first place (with a three-game sweep), Bill Goring and Ragnar Hvoslef came in second, while Petty Sniffen and Momi Norton took third.

The Club's Annual Party was a memorable evening. It was a gala affair, offering aperitifs, followed by dinner, entertainment, and dancing. A most enjoyable evening. Gee, wait till next year!!!

During recent months, our Nominating Committee, comprising Petty Sniffen, Dan Vogel, and Betty Lange, have been prowling around, prodding, cajoling, and otherwise cornering members to come up with a slate of officers for 1997. Indeed, they presented their slate at the Annual General Meeting on December 13, where their choices were unanimously elected: President, Pauline Hvoslef; Vice-President, Dan Vogel, Secretary, Elizabeth Rasmussen; Treasurer, Ferol Rice. Board of Directors are John Hoaglin, Frank Bushy, and Matt Stevenson. Chairmen selected for Southwest League, Visitations, and Club Tournaments are, respectively, Dan Vogel, Matt Stevenson, and Bob Rice.

Remember, the welcome mat is always out for visitors and all to have breakfast at Coco's every first Tuesday.

### FRIENDLY VALLEY

*By Bob Innis*

Can you guess what has happened? While we were dreaming by the fire with warm memories of that delightful summer evening when I delivered a bowl while down by three and only one bowl left? My dream shows that last bowl coming in and just kissing the Jack to gain the point. That is a delightful remembrance. Now the question is? Was it a dream or a reality?

While I was dreaming, our Holiday Dinner Party was a very nice affair. Tables were nicely decorated and the food was good and well-served. The Bar was busy and memories were rampant. We are thankful that we have had a good and hard working group of officers this last two years, and have high hopes for the coming year.

Our new President, Don Willey, wants to get us all working on interesting new members in Lawn Bowling, and hopes to have more social events during the coming year.

After the Dinner Party, trophies were given out for the winners in the "All Events Tournament", as well as recognition for winners of the "Bowler of the Year" contest. This year a different format will be used to try and get more and a longer participation in this contest.

Meanwhile, just remember to keep your eye "On The Jack".

*In Memoriam*

*Art Vickers*

# SOUTHWEST DIVISION OPEN

## April 26 - May 1

### RIVERSIDE LAWN BOWLING CLUB

**Triples** — April 26-27

**Pairs** — April 28-29

**Singles** — April 30-May 1

9 a.m. Daily Start  
Bring Lunch

**Entries - \$20**  
Per player, Per event

Host Hotel: **Holiday Inn**  
Ask for: "LAWN BOWLERS SPECIAL"  
\$59 per night  
Phone: **Holiday Inn** Riverside  
#909-784-8000

**Send Entries To:**  
Stu Sistad  
29317 Stillwater Court  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530  
#909-674-0858

## POMONA

*By Hugh Freeman*

Among the New Year changes in Pomona is new leadership for the Pomona Lawn Bowling Club. 1997 officers are: President, Valentina Van Zandt; Vice-President, Gil Priore; Secretary, Peg Olmstead; Treasurer, Paul Smart; Tournament Chairman, Robbie Robinson; Women's Rep., Lucille Pupo; and Member-At-Large, Ken Brekke.

The Annual Pomona Open Doubles Tournament was highly successful for Pomona lawn bowlers. On the North Green, a team of David Dall and Ken Brekke was a winner. Peggy Foot and A. D. Coates were fourth. On the South Green, Hugh Freeman and Helen Hansen won, while Russ Erickson and Paul Witham finished fourth. All are Pomona lawn bowlers.

In local Tournaments, a team of Hugh Freeman, Homer Henrie and Peg Olmstead won turkeys in the Club Annual Turkey Shoot. In December, the Club holds the Annual "Toys for Tots" Tournament. Over 100 toys, plus gifts of money, went to the Salvation Army for gifts to needy children at Christmas. Winner of the Tournament was the team of Hugh Freeman, Paul Smart and Fritz Washburn.

Other Pomonans creating Lawn Bowling news were Peg Olmstead, winner at Lake Hodges Ladies Day in November, and Loran Johnson and Cliff Hilliard, who were third and fifth, respectively, at a Men's Rally at Riverside. The Club Men's Triples Championship was won by Ken Brekke, Ed Ramirez and Bill Koenig. As you can see, Pomona Lawn Bowlers have been busy. Come and be busy with us in 1997.

Remember the Pomona's Casa Colina Hospital Benefit Tournament on March 1st.

## CASTA DEL SOL

*By Al Dassoff*

Casta del Sol took third place in the South Coast League this year.

The Annual Mixed Triples Tournament was held at Casta del Sol in September, with 48 participants. Many of the best bowlers in Southern California competed. The team of Mert Isaacman, Sam and Mary DeLisle won first place. Ed Quo, Lee and Zelda Bain were second; Dick Cole, Pat Gonzales and Armand Baisz took third. Al Dassoff, Don Lloyd and Rose DeLema won the consolation prize.

We had a Halloween Pizza Party in October, with 34 members attending. Bowling was at 2 p.m., followed by a club meeting at 4 p.m., with pizza served at five.

The winners on the green were: 1. Don Lloyd, Ove Akesson and Lucile Flo; 2. Warren Ziegenbein, Margaret Ford and Duncan White. Third place was a tie between Nora Winkel, Mary Lou Busby, Bev Thornton and Al Dassoff, Ray Dyas and John Thornton.

Our new officers for the 1997 are: Tom Trainor, President; Ernie Robson, Vice-President; Mary Lou Busby, Secretary; Myron Rapp, Treasurer; Ove Akesson, Al Dassoff and Jim McWee Directors.

On December 21 we had a Lawn Bowling/Tennis Club Annual Christmas Dinner Dance. Advance sales were a sell out.

Bill Olsen is doing an excellent job instructing our new members on the finer points of lawn bowling.

## SOUTHWEST DIVISION

## LEISURE WORLD

(Laguna Hills)  
By Len Jenkins

Each week our Club correspondent, Dick Clark, writes a column for the "Leisure World News", our local newspaper. Dick's article is illustrated with a cartoon drawn by our marvelous resident artist Len Hollreiser. During this quarter, eight of our members have been featured. Each illustration features a portrait of the member, with a background of humorous bowling antics.

In early October, Lynn Polesky and her parrot "Korkey" were featured. Korkey is the 5-year old Senegal parrot Lynn sometimes wears on her left shoulder when she bowls. Korkey took to the game quite naturally. "You might say she has an instinct for it", Lynn explains. On occasion you may instead see Lynn with a cockatoo who is only learning to bowl.

The next person featured was Bud Hurwitz, who organizes and directs the two Club Round Robin Tournaments held each year in the Spring and Fall. In late October, Archie Fletcher, the man responsible for ratings, was cited for his work. He and his committee decide if a member is rated lead, vice or skip. Archie



A sampling of cartoonist Len Hollreiser and writer Dick Clark's unique collaboration at Laguna Hills' Leisure World.

also runs Stag Day, our monthly games for men only.

Next, Win Dillaway was featured. Win was last year's champion in the Octogenarian Singles, and has performed many jobs in the Club including tournament chairman. The victor in the Octogenarian Singles, Ben Zippert, was the next to get the Clark-Hollreiser treatment. He snatched the title from Mike Majer with 3 points in the 31st end for a 21-20 victory (see illustration above).

Featured next was Chad Julian, winner of the Fall Round Robin in a final against Jack Carr. And, he did this on a day with bad Santa Ana winds. And, then came the illustrated story of Lillian Hardgrove, who was cited after being named "Bowler of the

Year 1996", and for her work as Club membership chairman.

The last member featured was Tina Irvine. Tina joined the Club in '66 and is a founding member. In '78 she was instrumental in starting Golden Apple Day, our monthly games for women only. In '87 Tina was President of the Club. These days she is historian for AWLBA and the Club.

In the Club Novice Singles Tournament, Dick Clark, Bill Behrendt, Harri Siegert and Ingeborg Berntsen finished in that order.

At our Annual Meeting in November, Janet Anderson, Bo Bowbeer, Steve Heiligenberg and Ed Mietus were elected, and joined holdovers Norm McIntosh, Jean MacAuley and Milt Sayre to form the 1997 Board of Directors. This Board, in turn, elected our 1997 officers: Norm McIntosh, President; Ed Mietus, Vice-President; Ann Windham, Secretary; and Don Morgan, Treasurer.

In Memoriam  
Selma Goldman  
Joe Stoltman  
Will Winzeler



Leisure World's gathering of Past Presidents. Front: (l-r) Tina Irvine (1987) Rose Julian (1992) Back: (l-r) Len Jenkins (1995) Don Morgan (1994) Hal Peoples (1993)

## SAN DIEGO

By Karen Anderson

We were sorry to see the end of daylight savings time because earlier sunsets mean an end to our late afternoon bowling followed by dinner at one of the local restaurants. Every Monday and Wednesday during late spring and summer we meet at 4:30 for a 14-end game and then troop off to eat and socialize.

We held the Bill Young Doubles in early October. The team of Loretta Geisner and Mary Johnson won first place. Second place went to Reg Pye and Stan Wilson, who are among our newer members. Lorella Geisner was the winner once again

of our Club Singles, with Pat DiVincenzo coming in second. We were pleased to see twelve bowlers entered into the Novice Singles in November. The winners were: 1. Stan Wilson, and 2. Andy Green.

San Diego's Men's team won second place out of fourteen teams in the Five Star Tournament in Riverside. Congratulations to Pat diVincenzo, Jim Olson, Tom Anderson, Gerhardt Vogel and Lud Krodlund.

Despite very cold weather, we had a large turnout for our Annual Meeting in November, which was followed by a potluck lunch and an afternoon of bowling. Loretta Geisner is returning as President in 1997, as is our Membership Chairper-

son, Tom Anderson, who is already hard at work on next year's President's Day membership drive.

We honored all of our local tournament winners and celebrated the holiday season at our December Awards Banquet, on Coronado Island. We were all delighted to see our fellow bowlers decked out in something more festive than the usual whites. We had a sumptuous buffet followed by the awarding of certificates to the winners. It was a delightful finale to the tournament season.

In Memoriam  
Frank Dylewski  
Doris Pecora

**HEMET-JOSLYN***By Peg McCutcheon*

Mark your calendars for the April 12-13 weekend. That's when Hemet is holding their first Invitational Rinks Tournament, sponsored by Mike Chambers of E.G. Edwards.

The Oldlympics was held in October this year. A good contingent of Sun City (CA) bowlers participated and went home with many of the medals.

**MIXED PAIRS:** Gold—Kathy Bremer (Hemet) and Tom Mitchell (Sun City). Silver and Bronze went to Sun City teams of Irene Mayer & Joe Rahm; and Dick Gray & Betty Munden.

**MEN'S SINGLES:** Gold—Wen Mowery, Silver—Tom Mitchell, Bronze—Don Baker.

**WOMEN'S SINGLES:** Gold—Irene Mayer, Silver—Lois Harmon, Bronze—Kathy Bremer.

Also in October was our Club Australian Pairs. Results: 1. Kathy Bremer & Bob Todd; 2. Bill & Paula Bellone; 3. Warren & JoAnne Pready.

In November, we held our first Open Singles Tournament, with Kathy Bremer emerging as the winner, and Mary Jan Henrich the runner-up. Our November Turkey Shoot was rained out twice and was rescheduled for January.

Our annual meeting and election was held in early December in the American Village clubhouse, courtesy of Margaret Waite and Cecil Vance. Most of the officers will be serving another term. One new face will be that of new Tournament/Visitation Chairman Dee Kessler. There are also some new Members-at-Large on the Board, Lois Harmon, Bob Rucinski and Floyd White.

We had a lovely Christmas party at the home of Bob Todd. It was a double celebration as Bob's birthday is on Christmas Day.

Clair & Donna Ott and Tom Mitchell won first place at the Casa de las Campanas Tournament, and Bob Todd, Clink Galvin and Dee Kessler finished fourth. Bill and Paula Bellone took first place in the Win Eberle Pairs, and Clair and Donna Ott finished fourth.

**BEVERLY HILLS***By Sol T. Pretzel*

Election of 1997 officers took place at our December Annual Meeting and Luncheon, at the Roxbury Park Clubhouse. As we buffeted away, Joe Siegman was reelected President for another season, as were 1st Vice-president Helman Todes, Treasurer Adrian Cole, and Club Directors Anne Barber and Gaby Horvath. Joining the Executive Board are: Dr. Richard Simon as 2nd V.P. (he's a Past President), and Tal Stubis as Secretary.

Following the meeting, members and guests enjoyed our annual "Wappenshaw" fun tournament, organized and directed, as usual, by Carlos Gonzales. Lady victors were: 1. Anne Barber, and 2. newcomer Meredith Goodwin. UK visitor Joanna Donnaho "captured" the wooden spoon booby prize. Men's best were: 1. Tal Stubis, and 2. Joe Siegman. Virile wooden spoons were shared by: Joe Barber, Allen Grossman, and Sam Benjamin.

And, speaking of Sam B., he and Dick Simon finished #1 at the annual ALBA men's Veteran-Novice Tournament at Riverside, the SW Division's season closing event. Joe Siegman and Tal Stubis finished in "we were there, too" place!

Trophies for the past year's Club tournament events were handed out at the Annual Meeting. They went to: *Triples*—1. Irv Chalfin, Max Burke, Len Zvonkin. 2. Adrian Cole, Sid Handler, Domenick Punaro. *Pairs*: 1. Dick Simon and Max Burke. 2. Adrian Cole and Tal Stubis. *Australian Singles*: 1. Joe Siegman. 2. Anne Barber. *Handicap Singles*: 1. Joe Siegman. 2. Tal Stubis.

**HEAR YE!** After a too long absence, we are back bowling during the week. We've added THURSDAYS, at 10 a.m., for starters—along with Saturdays-Sundays at 10 a.m. Guests are always welcome.

And, welcome to our newest member Jim Copeland, of Milwaukee. There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that Jim is a member of 62% of the clubs in the U.S. and Canada.

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

We had a fun year at Santa Monica, highlighted by the Christmas dinner at the Pentola Taverna, an unusual restaurant on Wilshire Blvd. near the green. We had a choice of three delicious entrees and, as usual, all the wine was for free!

In one of the photos at right, our suave President, Alan Power, is shown charming the pretty barmaid. Alan recently returned from trips to England, Italy and New York, and just recently sailed to Catalina Island where he was married.

Many of our members worked very hard last year. We can only name a few: Wilbur Grant, greensmaster, has kept our bowling surface in excellent condition despite many obstacles. Ted Steinfeld takes care of a myriad details, including set-up, cheese and crackers, and you name it on our Sunday social hour before bowling. Robert Morrow, Jr. keeps us solvent in his job as Secretary-Treasurer.

The winners of our yearly tournaments are pictured. If you would like to be advised of the results, please send a stamped addressed envelope and \$1 for this service.



## SOUTHWEST DIVISION

**SANTA MARIA***By Frank Holme*

Katy Barry was elected a Life Member last July. Katy has a long history of service to our club and her Life Membership was considered long overdue. Katy now joins her husband, Jim Barry, who was made a Life Member back in 1985.

Our Ladies' Pairs was won by Maxene Hammond and Linda Graham.

Men's Pairs winners are Glenn Jacobson and Martin Seifert.

Ladies' Singles Champion is Phyllis Seifert.

Men's Singles champion is George Perryman.

We have had 27 new members join this year, largely through the efforts of our Membership Chairman, Martin Seifert. Several of these new members have become excellent bowlers—you could say they are "naturals." Earl Watson, Clete Beatty, Pauline Stubblefield and Juanita Bustin have all been near the top in our tournaments.

Our annual "Birthday Bash", held in October, was again won by the team of Jim Graham, Bob Hammond and Ralph Page—which makes it the fourth consecutive win for these stalwarts, a fact that raised a variety of comments from their opponents.



*Santa Maria Ladies Singles Champion, Phyllis Seifert*



*Santa Maria Mens Singles Champ, George Perryman*

We regret that Arthur Albertoni, Charter and Life Member has had to give up bowling due to ill health. Art is 90 years of age and well known in our circuit of clubs.

Our new slate of officers for 1997: President-Bill Paulsen, Vice President-Ethel Rice, Treasurer-Linda Graham and Sec'y -Jim Graham.

Lastly, we held our Christmas Party for 85 members and friends in December. It was a happy and enjoyable event.

**CAMBRIA-JOSLYN***By Jack Breglio*

At the Cambria club's Annual Business Meeting and catered Luncheon in December, members unanimously elected the new slate of officers for 1997. B.J. Martin will preside as President, supported by Jack Breglio in the VP spot. Dick Cowdery accepted another term as Secretary, along with Cecil Hawthorne in the Treasurer's position. Bob Burns continues as Tournament Chair. He was later presented with a Certificate of Commendation, signed by six club past-Presidents, recognizing his many years of devoted service to the club. Don Meyers accepted the new position of Social Chairman.

An unexpected surprise occurred during the business meeting. Two San Luis Obispo County representatives arrived in the rain and presented the club with a check for \$31,000! This repaid the club for the greens repairs made necessary by the flood of 1995. Norm Palmer, past President of the Joslyn Center, was thanked for his efforts in getting approval for the government funds.

**LONG BEACH/  
RECREATION PARK***By Ann Kirchberg*

We heard the British were coming to our greens in October so we rolled out the red carpet. Freddie Hinson and five helpers made a beautiful arrangement of flowers and flags from countries to decorate the tables. Dick Cole acted as Game Master, assigning teams and playing locations. Each player received a medal from the other's club. After the games, there followed a rousing round of songs and cheers and the British presented us with a beautiful plaque. A jolly good time was had by all and we look forward to a return visit.

Our September Open House was very successful. The membership committee, consisting of Dick Cole, Jim Walker, Bob Ogden, Earl Harriman and Ann Kirchberg, worked hard distributing flyers and making contacts. We had a very enthusiastic response resulting in new members and potential members.

The Winnie Eberle Mixed Pairs Tournament was held in November, with the field of 32 teams split between the Santa Anita LBC greens and our Long Beach/Rec Park greens. Ian Ho and Kottia Spangler (Riverside), winners on our South Green, took overall honors amongst teams at both clubs. Also on the South Green, the Bellones from Hemet were second, and our own Dick Cole & Pat Gonzales finished third.

On our center green, LB/RP teams finished 1-2. Sean Homan & Betty Losch finished number one, followed by John Parker & Patsy Morgan. Simon Meyerowitz and Denny Dennerlein (Riverside) were third.

**SUN CITY**

(California)

*By Betty Munden*

We are looking forward to the new year with zest and enthusiasm. We gratefully thank our retiring president, Dick Gray, and his untiring Board of Directors, for a most successful and fun-filled 1996. We welcome on board our new President, Conrad Melton, and his outstanding Board, and wish them fair weather.

Our annual "Chip Bristol Over 80" Tournament was held in October, and for the first time was won by a woman, Irene Mayer! We also visited our good neighbors to the south in Lake Hodges and had a wonderful day. We wound up October with a Halloween game with all the attendant ghosts, goblins and witches and lots of fun.

In November, we entertained Lake Hodges here, had a Fun Day at Hemet, hosted

our annual ALBA Mixed Triples Tournament, and played the club Turkey Shoot.

The pace slowed a bit in December. Early in the month, we had our Christmas party and installation of officers, followed by delightful entertainment.

Our club has been on an intensive recruitment campaign for the past two years, and though we didn't quite reach last year's level of 26 new members, we came close with 23 for the year. Not too shabby! We welcome Jim Morris, Frank Muchard, Frank Ranier, Bud and Dee Stalker, Ray Grall, Joe and Carol Ranson. We are ready to begin a new class in early January.

In Memoriam in 1996—Paul Marano, Marbeth Essig, Bill Gardner, Norm Harrison, and Gerry Thibodeau.

**REDLANDS***By Peg Bennett*

Our 73rd annual meeting was held in November. Election of 1997 officers followed the regular business, with these results: Len Carver was re-elected President; Don Poe was re-elected Vice-president; and Joan Worden was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Chairpersons elected were: Tournament-Lee Bain, assisted by Pat Oesterlein; Citrus League-Joe Ruderman, assisted by Len Carver; Garnes-Joe Ruderman, assisted by Naomi Ruderman; Greens-Vern Gaston, assisted by Bill Whitmer; Social-Betty Straesser, assisted by Sheillah Carver; Building-Ollie Clark; senior ALBA delegate-Don Poe, assisted by Len Carver and Joe Ruderman; senior AWLBA delegate, Sheillah Carver; junior AWLBA delegate-Naomi Ruderman; Nominating Committee-Irwin Margolis and Joan McCarthy.

The annual luncheon in November was held at the San Gorgonia Inn, in Banning. New members Hal and Harriet Herman were welcomed. Andrew MacCormick gave

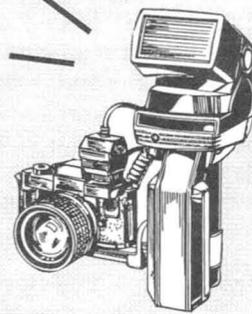
the invocation and was presented with a social lifetime award. Chic Ransom entertained at the piano. Door prizes were won by Paul Hart, Zelda Bain, Betty Straesser, Rosemary Whitmer, Bill Whitmer, Hal Herman, Don Starrett, Dianne Margolis, and Kathy Poe. A huge, beautifully decorated cake was served as dessert celebrating November and December birthdays. Celebrating birthdays were: Joan McCarthy, Ken Lowrance, Nedra Conley, Florence and Paul Hart, Bill Whitmer, Sheillah Carver, Zelda Bain, and Bob and Mona Juler.

The following chairpersons were appointed by President Carver: Sunshine-Phoebe Hill; Historian-Louise Moffitt; Nominating Committee-Angie Sisti; Publicity-Peg Bennett; Telephone-Nedra Conley; Birthdays-Mary Johnson; Wrong Bias-Nedra Conley; Instructors-Lee Bain, Bill Whitmer, Vern Gaston and Don Poe.

Several members who have been in the hospital were present at the luncheon. They were Hank Ruiter, Vern Gaston, Joan McCarthy, Angie Sisti, Don Poe, and Phoebe Hill.

Our congratulations to Zelda Bain, Pat Oesterlein, Naomi Ruderman, Sheillah Carver, and Betty Straesser for finishing in the money at the 5-Star Womens' Tournament held at Pomona. Also congratulations to Joe and Naomi Ruderman for winning second place at the Winnie Eberle Mixed Pairs Tournament held at Santa Anita.

Our club is hosting the "Men's Rally" on January 20th.

**PHOTO TIP!****ALWAYS  
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SUNNY  
DAYS!****SANTA ANITA***By Winnie Eberle*

A gala Christmas party at the Santa Anita Golf Club ended the year's activities for Santa Anita LBC. Dinner, dancing, Christmas carols, and the induction of our officers for 1997 were on the program, with the highlight of the evening being Sandie Vanik leading the group in the Macarena.

Officers for the new year are: Eileen Donohue, President; Marion Compton, 1st Vice-President; Floy Torvid, 2nd Vice-President; Doralyn Clauson, Recording Secretary; Hazel Stevens, Membership Secretary, and Terry Higgins, Treasurer. Imagine that! An all woman slate. The first in our club's history.

We visited Friendly Valley and had a trip to Laughlin, where we were more or less successful. Our Pot Luck supper came on Halloween and our circle bowling was rained out before our November Birthday Party. We hosted the Win Eberle Mixed Pairs along with Long Beach, who had the winning team. A number of our ladies enjoyed their sojourns to Riverside and Oxnard for the SWD Ladies Days. The Oscar Sandberg Triples was the only tournament this last quarter.

We have been watching the progress of our two upper greens and hope they will soon be ready to use. New landscaping, some additional benches and an attractive shelter have made them look quite nice. The County is planning a dedication for January 23rd.

Winners of the Oscar Sandberg Triples:

- A Flight—1. Bill Blair, Don King, Ruth Cornell  
2. Bob Oakley, Terry Higgins, Floyd Hughes  
B Flight—1. Jim Donohue, Bob Hill, Doug Ferris  
2. Floy Torvid, Eileen Donohue, Bonnie Lisnek

*In Memoriam  
Bob Larsen  
Roc Hollinger*

**ALHAMBRA***By Alice Lawrence*

1997 Club Board Members:

- Co-Chairladies-Betty Barnett/Alice Lawrence  
1st Assistant-Duane Markus  
2nd Assistant-Clem Fox  
Treasurer-Doreen Bumbarger  
Secretary-A. Lawrence.

Today at the drug store, the clerk was a gent  
From my purchase, this chap took off ten percent.  
I asked for the cause of a lesser amount  
He answered: "Because of the senior's discount."  
Understand, I'm not old—I'm merely mature,  
But some things are changing, temporarily, I'm sure.  
The newspaper print gets smaller each day,  
And people speak softer, can't hear what they say.  
My teeth are my own (I have the receipt)  
And my glasses indentify people I meet.  
Oh, I've slowed down a bit, not a lot, I'm sure.  
You see, I'm not old, I'm only mature.  
My friends all get older, much faster than me,  
They seem much more wrinkled from what I can see.  
I've got character lines, not wrinkles for sure,  
But, don't call me old, just call me mature.  
The streets are much steeper than ten years ago,  
That should explain why my walking is slow.  
But, I'm keeping up on what's hip and what's new  
And I think I can still dance a mean boogaloo.  
I'm still in the running, in that I'm secure,  
I'm not really old, I'm only mature.

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## SOUTHWEST DIVISION

## JOSLYN-LAKE HODGES

By Don Docker

The Marcellus Joslyn Triples Tournament in September was attended by teams representing 14 clubs, and the competition was, as always, keen and hard fought. The tourney was run by Bob Briegel, who has officiated for the past several years.

First place was taken by the team of Ian Ho, Michael Siddall and Nora Winkel. Second place went to Paul Rotter, Jim Copeland and Corrina Folkins, and third to Bob Hill, Jim Whittaker and Jan Wessel.

At 94 years young, Bill Todd was one of our most skilled and enthusiastic bowlers. Bill is an Honorary Life Member of ALBA and, for many years, the circulation manager of Bowls Magazine. We are sorry to see him leave and wish him all the best as he moves to Idaho, where he will be living with his daughter in Coeur D'aine.

In the Southwest Division "Five-Man All Star" competition, we are pleased to note that our Lake Hodges team took first place.

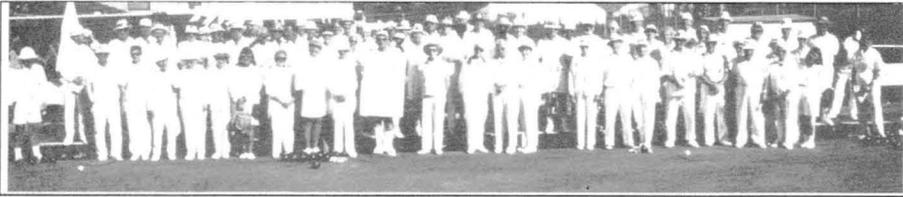
We were delighted to welcome the AWLBA ladies of the Southwest Division for their annual ladies event. Seventy-eight ladies were in attendance and enjoyed a delightful day.

## FIRST ANNUAL CASA DE LAS CAMPANAS TOURNAMENT

On a perfect California day, thirty-two teams played two fourteen-end games. An excellent lunch was served at the Casa by our hosts. The winners were:

1. Clair Ott, Tom Mitchell, Donna Ott
2. Bill Hiscock, Herbie Suchet, Olga McCord
3. Hugh MacDonald, Edgar Haley, Lucy MacDonald

The first place team received a very nice plaque, and all three teams received cash prizes. Thanks to Casa for sponsoring this First Annual Tournament.



The First Annual Casa de las Campanas Triples Tournament crowd.

## HERMOSA BEACH

By Paul Kratz

We threw a barbecue party at the green in mid-November to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our founding. Guests included members and their families, the Mayor, and City Councilmen. The party, in addition to its celebratory purpose, was part of our current campaign to publicize the club in the community, promote City backing and support, and increase our membership.

The refurbishing of our facility continues. With the help of the city, the green has been renovated and the clubhouse repainted inside and out. Now underway is replacement of the backboards. Once the upgrading is completed, we hope to arrange for visits from neighboring clubs.

In the meantime, visitors are always welcome. We bowl Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon and Saturdays at 10 a.m.. Anyone interested can contact Lyle Campbell at (310)318-0034.

## BOWL-IN AT THE GROVES

By B.G. Meierstein

The rains and flu bug have put a damper on our bowling, but some of the diehards are still doing their thing on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. And, Sundays at 12:30 p.m., too!

New officers for '97: Pres. Jim Russell, V.P. Harold Wiberg, Secty/Treas. Paul Young, Tourney Chairman Bob Burroughs. Because he did such a bang-up job as last year's president, Royal Spurrier has been appointed our daily draw master (nice title—thankless job).

Our final two Club events are in the books. The Club Singles ended in a dead heat—one win and one loss for the three round robin finalists: Sybil Bernash, Faith Tatro and Jim Shrigley. Jim had two more plus-points than second place finisher Sybil, who just eked-out Faith. All received big cash payoffs for their efforts.

Then came the "Bridesmaid" Singles (open to anyone who has never won a club singles championship). It was a clean sweep for the ladies! Yes, they did. And they now have bragging rights for ninety-seven. Congratulations to winner Eleanor Scott, runner-up Jane Evans, and Dot Weigel (a close third). Sorry boys!

On a personal note, Bud Viard, Bud Viard, Bud Viard.

Mad Dog

## NEWPORT HARBOR

By Gil Curry

Our September Cut-Throat Tournament featured nine players. Two 12-end games produced some tight scores, with two of the competitors going to a sudden death playoff. Rita Thompson won the trophy over Bill Bemus and J.R. Rackliffe. How's that for one of our newer members of the club?

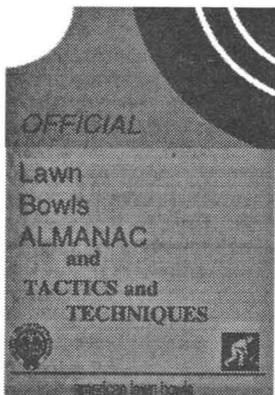
The Turkeys start getting nervous when we start getting ready for our annual Turkey Shoot. The nearest thing to a real bird was the feather in Chairman Jim Altobelli's hat. A ceramic turkey is on display in the clubhouse trophy case. It was presented last year by Jim, and is kept there with the winners names added each year.

The Turkey winners this year are:

1. X. Tejada and Fran Lord
2. Hugh Hughes, Betty Barnes and Mary Lee Walton
3. Bob Nunes, Jim Altobelli and Dody Reid

Next we did the old Spider, where everyone rolled one bowl to the jack placed in the center of the green. Bob Nunes was our #1 Spiderman.

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## SOUTHWEST DIVISION

## SANTA BARBARA

By Dudley Miller

Among the final three tournaments for 1996, Kathy Vea won the Club Singles Championship by defeating the Men's Singles Champion Bud Viard. Kathy had her name inscribed on the trophy for the third time; she previously won the club championship in 1991 and 1993.

The third annual Lynn Abbott "Battle of the Sexes" tournament (a blind-draw, two-game event, men vs women) brought out forty-four bowlers. The highlight of this year's event was that the women took top honors for the first time by winning twelve out of the twenty-two games played. The top three teams were: 1. Gib Gibbs, Ed Watson & Hershel Wright; 2. Ed Weiss, Russ Morgan & Dick Cofelli; 3. Daphne Balistreri, Florence Beeler & Lavon De Benedictis.

The 1996 SBLBC Rinks Championship, a two-day round robin affair, was ex-

remely closely contested by twelve teams. The final score was a single point victory in "over time." The winners: 1. James Cronshaw, Ruth McLeod, Patricia Cronshaw & Joe Quinn; 2. Art Christman, Dita Joseph, Larry MacDonald & John O'Dea.

Eleanor Simmons deserves very special recognition for her work as chairman of this year's tournaments. With the able assistance of husband Byron, Eleanor did an exemplary job in organizing and orchestrating a year of outstanding tournaments.

Our Halloween Party was another splendid day of fun and games. A couple of dozen bowlers (out of about 75 present) showed up in costumes, and a panel of sagacious judges awarded prizes to purple-haired Cal Reynolds for the "weirdest costume", and to Zena Lewis for the "funniest costume." This pre-game show (shepherded by our party girl, Connie Steketee) was enhanced by a table offering flavored popcorn and

Case Van Wingerden's guacamole dip with chips.

At our annual meeting in December, Lynn Abbott presented the *Special Achievement Award* to Bud Viard, in recognition of his contributions to the welfare of the club as its long-term treasurer, squire of twilight bowling, game board manipulator, and for his abundant good humor and congeniality.

Retiring President Carol Smith unveiled the *Donor's Tree* plaque that now graces the *Heritage Wall* in our clubhouse. Carol toiled long and hard in establishing this wonderful tribute to the future of lawn bowling in Santa Barbara. The wall honors those who choose to perpetuate the sport of lawn bowling through bequests to the SBLBC. It is off to a momentous beginning.

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Elected to serve our Division for 1997 are the following:

President—Frank Ransome  
First Vice-President—Joel Stearn  
Second Vice-President—John Vandermade  
Secretary—Bill Campbell  
Treasurer—Keith Brooks  
A.L.B.A. Councilors—  
Frank Souza and Murray Brunt

A tournament chairman is yet to be named.

Dates for the various P.I.M.D. events were set at a meeting at Rossmoor on January 11th, so by the time you read this, you should have the schedule. Prospects look favorable for a successful 1997.

## SANTA CRUZ

By Woody Maunder

Boughs of holly and bowls of jolly made our annual Christmas party one to be remembered. Steve Schoenfeld played the role of Santa Claus, delivering hand-written chinks to every happy celebrant. It is rumored that Steve may be persuaded to run for president in 1998, if he survives a year's service as Treasurer and Chairman of the Board.

Out-going President Bill Kather is the odds on favorite to take first prize in the Ray Johnson Club Singles Championship. He beat John Williams in one semi-finals match and now has only to defeat either Bill Miller or Woody Maunder in the finals. Should be a January cakewalk for Kather.

Thanks again to Home Savings and Loan for sponsoring our September Doubles Tournament. John Williams and Austr Wasowski were the big winners in the third week. Ralph Brailsford and Jerry Louis took top money in the second week. Charles Tait and John Williams brought home some booty from the Fall SIRS Tournament at Oakland.

A new Board of Directors was elected to govern our club in 1997: Steve Schoenfeld (Chairman and Treasurer), Ernie Rideout-Vice Chairman, John Williams-Secretary, and Jerry Louis, Gladys Tait, Bill Kather and Elly Maunder (the rest of the crew).

## SAN JOSE

By Bob Van Wingerden

We are presently in the midst of our annual winter mix or match pairs tournament, which draws hardy players from throughout our division. Never any shortage of good competition in this tourney. The weather hasn't been cooperating, but we have only had to reschedule one days' games so far.

Earlier this month, we held our newly reinstated Christmas party, which was graciously hosted by the Pattison's at their exquisitely decorated home. But, before the festivities were to begin, we heard a few words from our president and elected our new officers for 1997. I'm not sure if it was the beer or what, but for the life of me, I can't remember who we elected. The party was THAT good! Thanks to Sharron Joe, who supplied sheets of lyrics, Christmas carols were sung. Among the day's special guests were Mrs. Betty Coyle, chauffeured graciously by the Banares', and Cheuk and May Chan from Hong Kong.

Our weekday bowlers continue to recruit new members, five or six of late. The green is in great shape and everything looks good for the coming year. If you're ever in town, please stop by for a game or two.

## PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

**OAKMONT***By Harry H. Hunter*

Our Halloween and Thanksgiving tournaments were our first two of tournaments of 1996, as well as our last two. Since our green renovation began in April (96), our tournament schedule and all other bowling activity had been cancelled. October 31st, our Halloween tournament of mixed triples brought out 10 teams in the morning and 12 in the afternoon. After the long lay-off, the bowling produced some sore muscles and several wrong biases, but we all welcomed the chance to resume our beloved sport.

The Thanksgiving tournament in November was held successfully after a solid week of rain, and the green's new drainage system performed perfectly. The hybrid bermuda is in its dormant stage now, but has established a good, deep, root system which will be ready this coming spring for its first full season of growth.

Take a look at the photo of our new Haley Greensplaner. Of our 89 male and 58 female dues-paying members, there probably aren't a dozen who have ever SEEN a greensplaner before. I wonder how many other bowlers in our PIMD have ever actually seen one, much less seen one in action. Now you can say you've seen one.



*Oakmont's new Haley Greensplaner.*

At our December annual meeting for the election of officers, the nominating committee offered the following slate: President—Iris Tromans, Vice-President—Marty Ullman, Secretary—Jud Goodrich, and Treasurer—Ed Propper. With a new green in their hands, we're sure that the 1997 season will be a great success.

**ROSSMOOR***(Walnut Creek, CA)**By Frank Ransome*

There are 291 members in the club—229 bowlers and 62 active retired bowlers.

Shirley Lyon, Bob Penman, Bernie Pomeroy and Virginia Farr were elected to the Board. Bob replaced Max Saloner who moved to San Diego. Maria Feeney will be President next year. Retiring President Jed Crane was given a standing ovation when he announced that the green's fees would stay the same.

Jayne and Martin Duffy will continue the Draw. We had 258 days and 11,358 bowlers. Don Hazelwood, retiring Greenskeeper, did a fine job with our greens. Jim Towar stayed on as House Committee and Treasurer. Frank Daniel, Storekeeper, sold 23 sets of used bowls. Mickie Freeman wrote a poem about the joys of being IntraClub Chairman. Bill MacDonald, Home and Home and Bernie Pomeroy, Invitationals, reported on tournaments. 66 teams played in the Parker-Robb and

Orville Artist Memorial Tournaments, which were conducted by Roe Hazelwood. Marion Klos, Fun/Social Chairman, resigned after reporting that 3,308 bowlers have played during his tenure. Frank Ransome, Instructor, resigned with praise for the coaches that graduated more than 200 new bowlers over five years.

We had many reports: Jessica Kinninger-Brown Bag Lunches, Polly Obendorf-Birthdays, Edith Keogh and Jean Gaba-Morning Coffee, Charlotte Webber and Ruth Hekel-Tournament Deserts, Don and Merle Wolfe-Hot Dog Lunches, Don and Pat Blair-Club Picnic, Harry Fracchia-Photographer, Renee Friedman-Friendly Sponsor, Margo Potter-Care and Comfort, Mel Jacobs-Table Setup, Mary Hook-Medical Emergency, and retiring Board Member M.E. Hamlen-Awards Dinner.

M.E. and Ed Ribeiro were thanked for the job they did on the Board. Shirley Lyon, Women's Activities Chairman, proposed that this program be abandoned.

**PALO ALTO***By Ed Arnold*

Our big club sign was stolen late in October, but it's back now. The police recovered it. For sometime, nobody knew who we were. Now, we're a lawn bowling club again. And trying to get newcomers interested.

We congratulate Regina Banares upon her winning the Women's U.S. Singles Championship. Seems like just yesterday we did the same thing when she won that title in 1994!

Our entrants in the Sill Pairs tourney, Bob Sinclair and Joel Stern, won the championship this year over other PIMD club champions. The latest winners of intra-club tournaments: Mixed Pairs—Esme Krobusek/John Hickson, Men's Novice Singles—John Hickson, Women's Novice Singles—Velma Bartlett, and Married Couples—Bill and Bea McConachie.

We ended up 1996 with a total membership of 114. In 1997, we're going to have to get to work and increase our numbers. We need new faces!

Had a real good Christmas Party in

December. Over 70 were there. Dorothy Beckett, a longtime active member, was made an Honorary Life Member by unanimous vote, for her untiring work for the club over the many years of her membership.

New officers for the year 1997: President-Ralph Qualls, Vice President-Bill McConachie, Secretary-George Wilson, Treasurer-Glenn Stewart, Directors-Velma Bartlett, Angie Delagnes, Howard Kutzly, Joel Stern, Mabel Johnson and Peter Knopf. Our departing President for the past two years, Fred Hawley, was lauded for his hard work and dedication.

Twenty-five trophies were presented to the intra-club tourney winners at the Annual General Meeting in Dec., with most of the awards going to Bill McConachie (3), Bea McConachie (3), John Hickson (3), and Esme Krobusek (2).

Many of our bowlers entered District, National and International competitions in 1996. We're hoping more will do the same in 1997. Tougher competition improves the game!

## SAN FRANCISCO

By Victoria DiLabbio Giambruno

Presiding at the December Quarterly Meeting, an event combined with the Annual Awards Day and Christmas Luncheon, outgoing President, William Campbell thanked his fellow officers and heads of various committees, and extended a welcome to new members Jennifer Mannix, Alfred Gutierrez and Michael McLeish.

Reporting on PIMD, representative Betty Blue notified members of the new official hem line on women's shorts, and announced that Esme Krobeseck would assume the duties of the presidency. Representing the men, Al Diniz noted that the PIMD would restore its practice of the honoraria for tournament directors and that the new men's president is Frank Ransome.

A new Publicity/Membership Committee was announced, along with plans set forth by the two chairpersons, Robert Pawlack and Carol Houston. It is hoped that this is the much needed impetus toward increasing membership.

Past President, Bill Ryan, installed the slate of officers for 1997: President-Arnald Barros, Vice President-Art Michel, Secretary-William Campbell, Treasurer-Willard Norberg, Assistant Treasurer-Myrtle Grothe, and Bowls Correspondent-Victoria Giambruno. New members elected to the Board of Directors are Virginia Hill, Genoveva Roliz and Wilma Ryan.

The first official act by President Barros was to present awards in recognition of years of outstanding service and quiet dedication to the club. Those honored were: Granger Hill, Hattie Bahrt, Virginia Hill and Henry Leigh.

The Awards Presentation followed, with members receiving cash prizes accrued in competition on Social Days and other tournaments. Lionel Guterres earned the "Bowler of the Year" title. Harriett Roman did the expert recordkeeping.

## LEISURE TOWN

By Joe Cross

September activities ended with our Fall Points Games. Peggy Johnston was first for the ladies and Doris Campbell second. Peggy was also winner for Spring and Fall combined with a total of 153, and Doris was second with 129. For the men, John Hoekman was both the Fall winner and the combined winner with a total of 151. Don Johnston was second for Fall and the combination with 140 overall. There were many other competitors, folks.

The men's Champion of Champions Tournament was held on our green in early October. Our Club's only representative, Hal Podger, won two of his games on the first day. Joe Shepard (Sunnyvale) won the four-man round robin on the second day for the cham-

pionship.

In other October events, the Berkeley team of Angel and Charlie Black, and Keith Brook won the Leisure Town Invitational; Peggy Johnston and George Kay won the Mixed Pairs event, with Paul and Peggy Regoli second. Six teams from Rossmoor participated in our Home and Home with them. The traveling trophy is now with us. Peggy and Don Johnston won our Lady's Choice Tournament. Second place went to Marilyn Royse and Tom Yanuska.

At our annual meeting in December, the following were elected as club officers and board members: Ed Klein-President; Joe Tabarracci-Vice-president; Virginia East-Secretary; Doris Solga-Treasurer; Paul Regoli and Dick Solga-Executive Board members-at-large. Committees will be chaired by: Don

Bill and Wilma Ryan and committee put on an award-winning luncheon.

The following members are symbolic of what this great sport of bowls is all about. By their participation and enjoyment of the friendly competition of tournament play, they have earned our recognition and congratulations. As an finale to the previously reported results on the Men's Championship Singles, a playoff was held between tied contestants, Reggie Mattos and Ed Guterres, with Reggie the victor. The WOMEN'S 4.3.2.1. was won by Marion Norberg, with Virginia Hill placing 2nd.

The MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES was won by Bernie Brown, Syd Whittingslow and Bob Remedios. Second were three men named Guterres, Vince, Lionel and Ed. One of the best attended PIMD tournaments honoring SF's beloved Betty Service, was won by long-time bowler Marguerite Miller (Santa Clara).

The SAM BAN MIXED TRIPLES resulted in a tie between Lionel Segueira, Bob Remedios and Victoria Giambruno and Raul da Luz, Hattie Bahrt and Hope Donald. Placing first and second in the MEN'S 4.3.2.1. were Jock Brown and Lionel Guterres.

In Memoriam  
Albert da Silva



Special SFLBC award winners:  
(l-r) Henry Leigh, Virginia Hill, Granger Hill, Hattie Bahrt.

Johnston-Games and Instruction; Dick Ruddy-Membership; John Hoekman-Greens; Ruby Martin-Refreshments; Mary Alice Braz-Sunshine; PIMWD and PIMD representatives-Eva Hoekman and John Hoekman, respectively.

Fifty-four people had a most enjoyable evening at our Awards Banquet and Christmas Party Dec. 4th. Our sincere thanks to Marian McLeod and Mary Alice Braz, whose efforts resulted in an excellent meal and gorgeous decorations. Thanks to Dick Ruddy, pourer of potables during the social hour, and to Dick Solga, emcee and presenter of awards. And, congratulations to all the winners of the many awards.



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## PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

**BERKELEY***By Howard Mackey*

The rains have come and bowling is now a hit or miss situation. However, the rains gave us an opportunity to determine if the recently repaired large drain on one corner of the green was draining water to an extent that further work was unnecessary. Unfortunately, we are still finding small ponds (lakes?) after a rain and we now plan to put more drain lines in the south green this winter.

The rains have also shown the roof of our meeting room is leaking after 30 years of service, and a new roof is in order. Another expense for the club if the City of Berkeley does not acknowledge its responsibility.

At our annual membership meeting, the constitution was revised to permit consecutive terms for the president and vice-

president. The financial position of the club is adequate without raising dues. All committees were thanked for their work as were many individuals who gave much of themselves during the year. Hosting the Nationals and the visit of British bowlers were



*Berkeley's 1997 officers and directors: Front row (l-r), Mackey, Baylor, DeMoss, Moss, Crum. Back row (l-r), Ogden, Mackey, Burnley.*

the highlights for most members. As 1996 came to a close, members enjoyed the annual Christmas Luncheon at the University of California Faculty Club. Getting new members will be the prime program for '97, as there is increasing awareness the

present membership is advancing in age and new players are needed. This may be an old, old story, but still true and must be faced and acted upon.

New officers were elected for 1997, with Howard Mackey, President; Rita DeMoss, Vice

President; Elmer Moss, Treasurer; Barbara Mackey, Secretary. Woody Ogden and Larry Burnley were elected to the Board of Directors, joining Ted Crum, Myra Baylor, and Russ Weeks, who are serving their second year in office.

**SANTA CLARA***By Russ Biltroft*

The start of rainy weather, some cold evenings, and the busy holiday season have combined to reduce the number of bowlers showing up for the evening bowling. So we have posted a notice that there will be no more night bowling until next year.

Our Women's Pairs Tournament in September was won by Phyllis Mills and Marge Bodah, both excellent bowlers. The Santa Clara Invitational in October was won by Andre and Regina Banares with S.K. Tam. Second place went to Joe and Tecla Shepard with Marion Klos. Third place was won by Ed and Cathy Rollison with Alden Schroder. Doesn't that look like a couples tournament, plus one?

Our annual Holiday Awards Banquet in mid-December was well attended. After a happy hour and a good meal, numerous awards were given to participants in Club Tournaments. Then our newly elected officers for 1997 were installed: President is Ida Baker; Phyllis Mills continues as Vice-president for another year; Cathy Rollison will continue as Secretary and Faith Bittner as Treasurer. Ann Maron and Helmi Charles were installed as directors. Let's all give these ladies our support and cooperation during 1997!

**RICHMOND***By Bob Scott*

We thought summer was slow, but fall this year was even slower. With winter now upon us and our club election over we are happy to announce our 1997 officers as follows: LeRoy Riley-President, Emeric Baxter-1st Vice President, Lucille Cocherell-2nd Vice President, and Harry Neumann Sec'y/Treas. We are looking forward to a great year of increased membership and good bowling under the leadership of LeRoy Riley. He is starting off the new year with our club's annual luncheon Jan. 21, at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Richmond.

**FRESNO***By F. Lee Hull*

The Club has seen some growth in membership, thanks to younger bowlers. We have added 12 new members this year.



*Fresno's 30th Birthday gang read to get rolling.*

We celebrated our 30th anniversary on October 19-20 with representatives from nine P.I.M.D. clubs as our guests. Opening ceremonies and an afternoon of fun bowling were held on October 19th, with serious bowling the following day.

Finishing first in the tournament was the team of Steve Chaytor and Bob Van Wingerden (San Jose) with Sheila Stout and John Hoekman (Vacaville). Tecla Shepard (Santa Clara), John Vandermade (Oakmont), and Lee Hull and Aletha Mason (Fresno) placed

second. Sam Telaro, Lorraine Longacre and Phyllis Sullivan, all of Fresno, placed third. Reggie Banares of San Jose, the 1996

U.S. Women's Singles Champion, was also in attendance. She bowled on the World Bowls Team this year in England.

Our annual club dinner, on Dec. 6th, was the occasion for drawing of lovely gifts.

Officers elected for 1997 are: Leon Sullivan-President, Al Holman-Vice-president, Pauline Bradley-Secretary, and Bob Frost-Treasurer.

Our winter schedule is now in effect with bowling on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 1:30 p.m.

**SUNNYVALE***By Irene Webster*

Sunnyvale held its yearly Christmas party and it was a great success. It was great to see our friends Wes & Barbara Ireland. A special thanks goes to Gwen Houston and Mary Balsama. New officers were sworn in: President-Jim Warwood, Vice President-Cele Fletcher, Secretary-Jacyln Rusch, Treasurer-Bob Koeberle.

In November, Jim and Irene Webster organized our first Turkey Shoot Tournament. 56 bowlers from different clubs came and enjoyed playing four eight-end rinks games. Prizes were given to players based on their cumulative score for the four games played. Hams, turkeys and gift certificates were given out to the 1st thru 4th places. Last place (booby prize) was a pair of cornish hens. There were also two door prizes. Ham, beans, salad, jello, cakes, coffee, tea and wine were provided for lunch.

I would like to mention a name that I forgot to enter last issue for our new member list: Al Mendoza. He's getting to be quite a bowler. Sorry for the slip-up, Al.

## PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

## OAKLAND

By Joe Finke

It was very good; but it's good that it was! Hosting both the National Opens and the visiting English Rams group made for a busy, exciting fall season. Getting the greens in shape for the Nationals was a hardship. Not only did it mean extra work for our Greens Committee, but it also meant using only one of our three greens for most of the summer, causing the cancellation of two of our Home & Home matches. On the other hand, our greens are in better shape



Oakland's new president, Paul Schmidt, and last year's president, Ethel Cole, teamed-up to win the club's 1996 Mixed-Pairs title.

now than they had been in years.

The one-day match and barbeque with the English Rams tourists was a particular treat, especially since it followed shortly

on the heels of the Nationals. Meeting, bowling and socializing with forty Brits of similar age and skill, with no particular trophy at stake, was one of the highlights of 1996.

As we go to press, all that remains of the 1996 season is our annual Christmas Lunch plus as many of our Tuesday and Thursday draw games as the weather permits. In addition, our Saturday Winter League, which was so successful last year, will be starting up in early January.

Looking forward to 1997, we will be starting out with election

of new club officers. The 1997 officers should have a less busy and exciting year—the greens are in good shape, several of our new members show promise to become excellent bowlers and participants in the club's activities, and we will not have any national or international events to host.

Barring an unlikely upset, the new officers will be: President—Paul Schmidt, 1st Vice-President—Leroy Viegas, 2nd Vice President—Betty Fenchel, Treasurer—John Beales, Secretary—Bernice Keay.

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## TACOMA

By Myra Wood

The new officers for our club in 1997 are: President—Verne Rodoni, Vice-President—Von Armstrong, Secretary—Nancy Wade, Treasurer—Peg Sheppard, Members-at-Large: Milo Hotovy and Myra Wood.

Northwest Division Delegates: George West, Von Armstrong, Myra Wood and Peg Sheppard.

Our club members appreciated George and Donna West hosting a potluck in their home on December 10th. We all enjoyed getting together inasmuch as we have not been able to bowl lately because of the weather.

George West (Tacoma) and Susan Parker (Woodland Park) will be Co-Chairmen for the 1998 U.S. Championships, to be held at Jefferson Park in Seaffle.

## WOODLAND PARK

(Seattle)

By Roy Scully

Correction: Due to over-optimism on the part of this correspondent, it was reported that our rebuilt clubhouse would be ready for use in late October.

WRONG! When a project is being handled by the city, it may be done well (it was), but it also takes a loooooong time.

In order to hold our Fall General Meeting in the new digs, we had to postpone it until the middle of December. This resulted in a decision to combine the meeting with our annual Christmas Party. Not an ideal situation, but it worked.

We did gain some worthwhile improvements for all this. The meeting room was enlarged considerably, insulation and double pane windows were installed. New

appliances and plumbing have given the kitchen a new look, and carpet, instead of hard-to-clean linoleum, makes the space feel more home-like.

All this and more was accomplished within our budget. That is, the money we had from various sources, mostly donations from generous bowlers and friends, covered our needs.

A new slate of officers and board members was installed at the delayed meeting. We face many challenges in the coming year, but the new officers and all of the members are looking forward to a good season ahead.

George Huntington, the outgoing prexy, who worked so hard and contributed so much time at the site, was named the unofficial "Project Superintendent" by the city construction crew. He was also presented a plaque by the club to express the appreciation of the members for all his efforts.

## KING CITY

(Oregon)

By Ed Orte

Several of our bowlers competed in the Oregon Open Lawn Bowling Tournament at the Portland Club's green in September. Ed Allen and Larry Edgar took first place in Men's Pairs, and Georgina Allen was second in Ladies' Singles (being nosed out of first place by her opponent's last bowl).

At the Club's annual business meeting in October, the following officers were elected for 1997: Mary Baxter, President; Clif Baxter, Vice President; Jean Finch, Secretary; Richard Culbertson, Treasurer; and Herb Rooper and Cloey Simpson,

Members-At-Large. Our new officers were duly installed at our annual year-end banquet later in the month. This was the club's last social event of the year and it is not likely that the weather will be conducive to much bowling for the next few months.

Our club is deeply indebted to this year's president, Georgina Allen, and her husband, Ed, for their tremendous contribution toward expanding our club membership and making this a most successful and enjoyable year of bowling for all of us. A big thanks also goes to all of the other officers and committee members who served the club so well during the past year.

## NORTHWEST DIVISION

## SPOKANE

By John Marchi

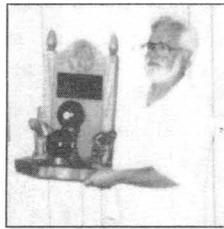
October bowling ground to a halt by mid-month as the weather turned cold and rainy. President Lowell Brooks had a crew of members out for an orderly shutdown of the green and the club house facilities. The club held its Officer Installation and Annual Awards ceremony at the Town and Country Restaurant.

In November, the club met for lunch at the Scrapbook Restaurant. The President discussed general items of interest and Social Chairperson, Betty Honn, outlined plans for the annual Christmas banquet to be held at the Spokane Cascade Park.

George Gau, Gerry Honn, and John Marchi toured three large recreational halls in the Spokane area for possible winter bowling activity. None of the halls were satisfactory for lawn bowling.

December saw the club meet for the annual Christmas banquet with an excellent turnout. Among other business, the club voted to donate \$100 to the Spokesman-Review's Christmas Fund.

The highlight of the fall period was the Annual Awards banquet held in early October. Acting-Tourney Chairman, Jay Speakman, announced the following placements for the club's annual tourneys and issued prizes to the winners.



Spokane's '96  
All Events champ  
Dr. George Perreault.

## SINGLES

1. George Perrault
2. Ray Timoney
3. Olivia Kissm
4. Dan Ferraby

## PAIRS

1. G. Perreault/Dean Ferraby
2. Lowell Brooks/Jay Speakman
3. Jeanne Perreault/Marian Wertz
4. Betty Brooks/John Marchi

## TRIPLES

1. R. Timoney/B. Brooks/D. Ferraby
2. G. Perreault/M. Speakman/B. Miller
3. M. Wertz/G. Honn/J. Perreault

In addition, a non-competitive All-Events Award is given annually to the bowler who scores the most points in the three tourneys listed above. Winner for 1996 was Dr. George Perreault, who amassed 27 points with two first-place and one second place finishes.

## ALL-EVENTS AWARD PLACEMENT

- |                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. George Perreault | 27 points |
| 2. Dean Ferraby     | 23 points |
| 3. Ray Timoney      | 17 points |
| 4. Betty Brooks     | 13 points |

## JEFFERSON PARK

(Seattle)

By Hugh Ramsay

Jefferson Park held its annual election of officers in September, and Mario Pereira was named President. He succeeds Harold Schwanke, under whose guidance the club acquired a lighted green and an automated sprinkler system.

Mario's term in office will be a memorable one for him as the Northwest Division has been awarded the U.S. Championships for 1998. Along with the responsibility of organizing such an event goes the job of putting together a dependable team to handle the multitude of details involved. And, Mario is the one who can do it.

Winter came a little early this year and the few inches of snow were enough to cancel our usual Turkey Shoot event. Our Christmas party, early in December, was all indoors. An enthusiastic group enjoyed the traditional ham dinner, with musical entertainment by Carmen Zipp's son and daughter-in-law.

In Memoriam  
Hap Harris

*Honor A Friend*

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(See page 38 for details)

## SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

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## SUN CITY CLUBS

(Arizona)



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At our Annual Meeting in November, the South Central Division officers for 1997 were elected. They are: President-Kermit Robinson, First Vice-president-Howard Goodnough, Second Vice-president-Champ Salisbury, Secretary-Treasurer-Dick Powers, Councilors-Doug McArthur and Lindsay Towns. At this meeting, it was announced that one of our own, Gil Stephan, will be President of the National organization for 1997.

The Sun City Lawn Bowls Club elected the following officers for 1997: President-Bill Wrentmore, Vice-president-Keith Yett, Secretary-Ellie Sand, Treasurer-Bill Cameron, Directors-Beryl Harrington and Frank Keener.

Our club has started "Dollar Mondays", which is an ALBA/AWLBA function held at the Lakeview greens. Everyone puts in \$1, which is used mostly for prizes and some for

after-games' happy hour refreshments. Everyone is asked to bring a non-ALBA person to encourage additional members in the ALBA clubs. These are regular draw games—pairs, triples, and/or rinks, depending on the number of bowlers who turn out. This activity has been thoroughly enjoyed by all, and many have become ALBA/AWLBA members as a result.



1997 South Central Division officers: (l-r) H. Goodnough, D. Powers, L. Towns, D. McArthur, C. Salisbury, K. Robinson.

## NIELS KRAGH PAIRS

Results of the 1996 Niels Kragh Pairs held in Sun City, Arizona:

- CHAMPIONS** Peter Fish/Doug McArthur  
 2. Tom Stirratt/Champ Salisbury  
 3. Charlie Hardy/Bob Larsen  
 4. Bill Lingeman/Gil Stephan

### SECOND FLIGHT

1. Bill Hiscock/Bob Nunes  
 2. Graham Jarvis/Malcolm Harrington

### THIRD FLIGHT

1. Ed Quo/Bill Weaver  
 2. Dale Bjorklum/Gordon Shieck

### FOURTH FLIGHT

1. John McBain/Bob Ayotte  
 2. Jay Hammer/Ron Gilmore



Their cup runneth over! Niels Kragh champions Doug McArthur and Peter Fish flank Mrs. Kragh and the tournament's perpetual trophy.



Above left: Niels Kragh runners-up: Tom Stirratt, left, and Champ Salisbury. Above right: Finishing third in the Niels Kragh: Charlie Hardie and Bob Larson, at right. Taking fourth place was the team of Bill Lingeman, left, and Gil Stephan.

## PUEBLO EL MIRAGE

Many of us snowbirds that make up the bulk of the membership at Pueblo El Mirage are just returning to our winter homes here in Arizona. We are setting up our visitation schedule that includes Paradise Park and clubs from the Sun Cities.

Our membership varies from year to year, and comes from many states and Canadian provinces. So, we gain many new friends, as well as enjoy the competition of lawn bowling.

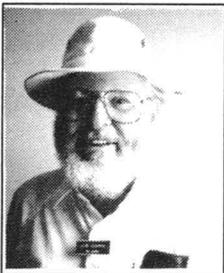
We look forward to a fund bowling season and to seeing many of you at the Arizona tournaments.



Seven guests from Sun City came by for an impromptu visitation.

## SOUTHEAST DIVISION

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## ORLANDO

By Pat McCann

Two new lawn bowlers—Dave and Isabel Wilson—are playing this season on one of the four Orlando teams in the North Central Florida League. And so is Jim Ellerbrook, who has frequently substituted on League teams in the past.

Although there was little activity in our club this Fall and early Winter, we have enjoyed visiting and bowling at other clubs: A social match at DeLand, the NCFL Ladies Fun Day at Mount Dora, and the extravagant Holiday Bowl in Mount Dora.

In Memoriam  
 Richard J. Niemel

## FORT LAUDERDALE

By Al Rizza

*ED: This report was accidentally omitted from the previous issue.*

After a long, hot summer, in which the City continued to work on our green—for better or for worse—we now await the arrival of our snowbird friends from the north and, hopefully, the U.K. We are anxious to get started to play in earnest.

The summer is a long drawn-out affair, and it gets to be a bit boring playing and seeing the same faces everyday—with all due respect!

Our new facility at Holliday Park remains a dream. Eventually, we are going to move. But when? The City is non-committal.

The South Florida Senior Games commence late in October on our green. Everyone looks forward to a great winter season of bowling.

The Club mourns the loss of Lifetime and long-standing member Cy Heal, who passed away this summer in Ontario, Canada.

In Memoriam  
 Cy Heal

## SOUTHEAST DIVISION

## SOUTHEAST PLAYDOWNS

Both the men's and women's playdowns in the Southeast Division for the U.S. Championship Singles and Pairs will be held at Sun City Center, beginning Monday, April 14.

In reporting the results of the 1996 SE-ALBA Playdowns in the Summer-1996 issue, we failed to report that John Koegel (Sarasota), was runner-up in the Men's Singles, won by Bill Farrell (Clearwater). Mr. Koegel has called this oversight to our attention, and we are glad to correct the record and add that fact to our earlier report.

## SE OPEN CALENDAR

The 1997 Southeast Division Opens are scheduled for March 1-6, with March 7 as a rain date—the men at Lakeland FL, and the women at Sarasota FL.

Entries for the SE-ALBA Open, at \$16 per man-per event, should be sent to:

Ed Douglas, 3814 Boardwalk Place,  
Ruskin FL 33570, ph. (813) 645-8100.

Entries for the SE-AWLBA Open, at \$16 per woman-per event, should be sent to:

Eileen Love, 1802 Burlington Circle,  
Sun City Center, FL 33573, ph. (813) 634-4895.

## DAYTONA BEACH

By Jack Gilbert

We welcome new members Dolly and Barrie Eardley, Barbara and Geoff Headley, and Maureen and Bruce Soehner. With these new members our total club membership this year should be about the same as last.

Twelve of us took part in the Holiday Bowl at Mount Dora, Dec. 6-8. Although none of us finished in the money, we all en-

joyed the hospitality of the host club. Chairman Gene Goodwin and his committee members are to be complimented on an excellent event.

Daytona Beach teams in the 1997 North Central Florida League are being skipped by Gordon Hargreaves, Jean Henderson, Alex Thomson and Pete Wisse.

*In Memoriam  
Keith Henderson  
Sam Wyatt*

mph—and almost 70 stayed for a catered late-afternoon barbecue.

"Improvements to our greens" was the principal subject of discussion when the club Board of Directors played host to City and County commissioners at a November brunch. Also attending were Joe Grabowski, then president of ALBA, and his wife, Patti, then president of the Southeast Division of AWLBA.

*Sarasota 70 years young!  
Club president Ian  
MacRae in front of the  
club's proud sign.*



## CLEARWATER

By Ede MacWilliams

In the annual Mixed Pairs tournament held here in December, under the sponsorship of SE-AWLBA, Patti and Joe Grabowski (Suncoasters/Pebble Beach) came in first, followed by Barbara and Burl Roller (Mount Dora). Patti is the immediate past-president of SE-AWLBA, and Barb is second vice-president. And both of them are SE representatives on the AWLBA National Council.

Our Men's and Women's 4-3-2-1 Singles was won this year by Marion Wall for the ladies and Ron Jones for the men. Mary McKay and Lorne Reid were runners-up. But, in the straight singles, Mary came out on top and Marion was runner-up, while Bill Stevenson claimed the men's singles title, with Ron finishing second.

The season starter for many Clearwater bowlers was the Good Life Games in November. This year Kathleen and Jack Mein won the gold medal, Marion and Rick Wall captured the silver, and Polly Brouillard and Alan Healy won the bronze.

Twenty-two Clearwater bowlers had a wonderful time at the Holiday Bowl at Mount Dora. Our Pat O'Donohue skipped the first-place mixed

triples team, bowling with Ollie and Jeanne McLaughlin. Three all-Clearwater teams, skipped by Rick Wall, Russ Tees and Bert MacWilliams, brought home cash prizes for third, fifth and sixth-place finishes.

In another out-of-town tournament, the Bradenton Invitational, three Clearwater teams swept the top three places: Bill Farrell, Eleanor Calder and Bill Stevenson, first place; Bert MacWilliams, Ede MacWilliams and Marge Sanphy, second place; and Pat O'Donohue, Lucy Brouillard and Russ Tees, third place.

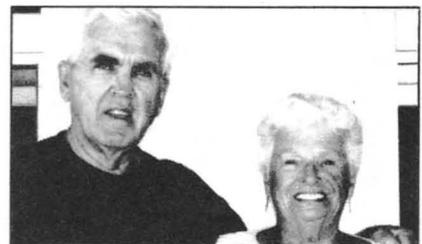
The draw from a hat for our Australian Mixed Pairs tournament produced some interesting teams, such as the four winners: 1 Di McFadden and Martin Noble 2.Marge Sanphy and Ron Mulvaney 3. Betty Gibson and Lorne Reid 4. May Blair and Ron Jones.

Cliff Haynes, Molly Turnbull and Neville Pearce won our annual Sno-Bowl, with Gail Davis, Jack Mein and Lindsay Blair coming in second.

Our club instructor, Bert Armstrong, is doing a fine job with many interested bowlers-to-be, all of whom we hope will become club members.

*In Memoriam  
Bea Weber*

*Sarasota's Orange Bowl  
winners are Len Hollran  
and Mandy Smith.*



The club Christmas party in mid-December was another festive occasion. Held after some bowling, the party offered

goodies unlimited, provided by Lillian and Harry Cunningham, helped by Maddie Alpers, Peter and Judy Hoare, and Tom and Liz Colbert, among others.

Winners of our early season tournaments were:

PAIRS: George Whitelaw and John Koegel, with Nancy Tranvik and R. Rapczynski, runners up.

TRIPLES: J. MacDonald/F.

Robson/F. Douglas. Runners-up—Art Smith/M. Ditchfield/B. Tranvik.

HARVEST BOWL: Bud and Helen Wake, with Len and Jackie Niebert runners-up.

ORANGE BOWL: Len Hollran and M. Smith, followed by runners-up Bob and Doreen Lewis.

*In Memoriam  
Bill Carter  
Mildred Metcal*

# 1996 HOLIDAY BOWL

By Gene Goodwin

Pat O'Donohue, of Clearwater, Ireland and the Isle of Man, teamed up with Ollie and Jeanne McLaughlin, Pebble Beach/Suncoasters, to win the Gentleman's Trophy and \$450 at the Second Annual Holiday Bowl, at Mount Dora FL, in December.

A right-down-to-the-last-bowl finals put the O'Donohue trio narrowly in first place over runners-up John Shanklin, Virginia Shanklin and Cliff Bailey (Suncoasters/Pebble Beach), who earned the \$330 second prize. So, five of the top six bowlers in this year's gala competition on the artificial marl surfaces of the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club were grass bowlers; and the sixth, Pat, bowls on marl only when he winters in Clearwater.



Mount Dora Holiday Bowl Champs: (l-r) Jeanne McLaughlin, Pat O'Donohue, and Ollie McLaughlin.

Twenty-eight mixed triples teams took part in the two-and-a-half-day, five-game tournament. Many more wanted to enter, but had to be turned away because preference was given to the 28 teams who participated in the first Holiday Bowl, in 1995, and thus helped perpetuate the tournament.

## BRADENTON

By Joyce Schindler

In preparation for the new season now underway, several club members helped Del Smith scrape and refinish our marl rinks. New bench seats and mats also were installed.

In the clubhouse, the floors were repainted and a new refrigerator and microwave installed. The improvements were appreciated when our members gathered for

Third place and \$240 went to last year's second-place finisher—Rick Wall, Marion Wall and Kathleen Mein (Clearwater). Herb Wintsch, Bill Forbes and Beth Forbes, of the host club, collected fourth place and \$210. Another Clearwater entry—Russ and Estelle Tees, bowling with Shirley Jones, finished fifth for \$180. Sixth and seventh places went to Bert and Edith MacWilliams and Lou Ann Mulvaney (Clearwater), \$150; and to Harold Esch and Barbara and Burl Roller (Mount Dora), \$120.

The champion team's names have been engraved on the Gentleman's Trophy honoring Harold L. Esch of the host club. Harold is Honorary Life President of ALBA. The Trophy resides at the Mount Dora Club.

All entry fees were returned in prizes. The Bowl was financed mostly by contributions from sponsors, by raffling off a new set of bowls paid for by sponsors, by raffling off two free annual memberships in the host club contributed by the club, and by the sale of handsome tournament pins.

Last year's Bowl was similarly financed, except there were no financial contributions from the host club.

The steering committee will soon release entry information and other details about Holiday Bowl '97, which will continue to be open only to ALBA and AWLBA members.

dinner on Thanksgiving Day and to celebrate Christmas on Dec. 10.

Our annual exchange day of bowling and lunch in December with our neighbors from St. Petersburg was much enjoyed. Bradenton once again retained the Marg Wolford Trophy, but the St. Pete teams put up a good fight.

Three Clearwater teams dominated our annual Invitational in December (see the Clearwater report in this section for the

## LAKELAND

By Doug Johnson

President Cal Munroe is leading the Lakeland LBC this season, with help from: First Vice-president Velma Ray, Second Vice-president Doug Johnson, Secretary Jim Steele, Treasurer Jane and Ed Jones, and Assistant Treasurer Harold Dietrich.

Arleine Marshall and Audrey MacDonald won the Ladies Doubles in early December. Helen Whalley and Marie Ballantyne were runners-up.

Winners of Men's Doubles were Doug Marshall and Ed Jones, with Dick Whalley and Doug Johnson finishing second.

Our Competitive League has started. The eventual winner of the Round Robin Ladder will earn the Eileen Franklin Trophy. Eighteen triples teams, 10 all-men and 8 all-women, are competing.

Charles Best is organizing our part of the Grass League, in which we compete against teams from Sun City Center and Sarasota, winners of the Miller Trophy and Banner last year.

Our greens are in great shape and we look forward to hosting the Southeast ALBA Open March 1-7.

*In Memoriam*  
Phyllis Fisher  
Nelson Wilson  
Orville Bertram

## DELAND

By Dorothy Allan

Jim and Lottie Coles are the new Mr. and Mrs. champions of the DeLand LBC.

Other winners of early-season club tournaments are: Jay Hennessey, Betty Esty and Mary James in the Mixed Triples; and Duke Caukin and Esther Sincerbox in the Mixed Pairs.

Recently we lost two longtime bowlers and club workers in Tom Daley and Marjorie Fulton, who wrote this column for years. They will be sorely missed.

names of the winners.)

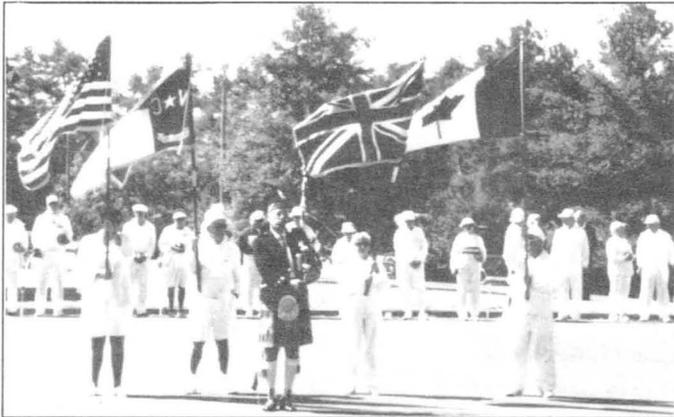
Several of our members participated in Mount Dora's second annual Holiday Bowl, and once again the Mount Dorans were the "hosts with the most."

We have five teams, including several new club members, bowling for us in the West Coast Florida League this season.

You can see we are a very active, friendly club and we make all new members and visitors welcome. Come and see us.

# PINEHURST HOSTS NORTH CAROLINA OPEN

The North Carolina Open was staged here October 4-6. With a full field of 32 teams from 10 states, Canada and England, it was opened with a flourish of bagpipes. Piper Bob Manley lead 96 participants onto the green for the opening ceremonies. President Maxine Patridge followed the presentation of flags from the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and North Carolina, as she welcomed the players. Larry Wolf, Director of Court Sports for Resorts, welcomed all on behalf of Mr. Robert Dedman. Joe Coleman, our past-president, explained our traditional "Pigeon Race", and the birds were released. Fortunately, this year all birds seemed willing to partici-



*North Carolina opening ceremonies pageantry.*

pate in the race. Larry Wolf then signaled the start of a spider. If one could feel sorry for anything, the poor Jack withstood the onslaught of 96 bowls.

We began the first round on Friday with wonderful weather and spirited competition. That evening, we gathered for a Gala which was hosted by Resorts and the Pinehurst Lawn Bowls Club. What an affair! Over 223 guests socialized, renewing old friendships and forgetting any dietary restraints. Even the strong-hearted wilted at this culinary offering.

Rounds two and three were held on Saturday, with clear weather and the famous North Carolina blue sky. That evening, 170 competitors and guests attended a marvelous banquet. We were entertained by the Meadow Larks, who gave us a wonderful concert of



*N.C. Open champs: (l-r) Paul Bucklin, Duncan Farrell, Dan Berg.*

Golden Oldies. President Maxine Patridge and Tournament Chairman Tom Kees introduced many of the dignitaries, awarded the prizes for the Pigeon Race and gave out the door prizes. Needless to say, it capped a wonderful day for the contestants, their spouses and friends.

Competition resumed on Sunday with the final two rounds and, again, we had wonderful weather. Our scoring team had the results ready within a short period of time. And, we closed the games with the announcement of the winners.

## N. C. OPEN WINNERS

- CHAMPIONS-Duncan Farrell, Dan Berg, Paul Bucklin  
 2. Burl Roller, Bob Patterson, Barb Roller  
 3. Bill Farrell, Muriel Rackliff, Roger Rackliff  
 4. Maureen Goldman, Bob Vernier, Robin Goldman  
 5. Patti Grabowski, Jeanne McLaughlin, Joe Grabowski  
 6. Joe Coleman, Jim McGill, Al Conolly  
 7. Jeanne Denzel, Betty Passanesi, Richard Passanesi  
 8. Ron Mulvaney, Larry Morin, George Scott  
 9. Gene Goodwin, Evelyn Sartain, Bruce McPeek  
 10. Dave Matthews, Tunie LaBar, Thelma Matthews

Charlie Estelle has been elected President of Pinehurst Lawn Bowls Club for 1997, and we hope to welcome many of you to Pinehurst in the coming years.

## DELRAY BEACH

*By Nancy Edwards*

The Delray Beach LBC honored Kenneth Porter on his 100th birthday in October, and presented him with an Honorary Life Membership. Ken, who has been bowling at this club for 26 years, credits lawn bowling for his longevity.

Louise and Gerry McCaul ran our November Fun Day, which was enjoyed by all. At the Christmas party in the clubhouse in December, we were entertained before dinner was served.

Delray bowlers who participated in tournaments elsewhere this past Summer, Fall and early Winter were: Vi Baxter, who

bowled with her daughter, Linda MacDougall in the Eastern AWLBA Open, at Buck Hill Fall, PA; Lynn Stokes, who bowled in the ALBA National Open in the San Francisco area in September; and Lynn, who was joined by Nancy Edwards in the North Carolina Open, at Pinehurst in October; and Nancy and George Steele in the Mount Dora Holiday Bowl in December.



*Above left: Doesn't everyone celebrate their 100th birthday on the green like Delray's Ken Porter?*

*Above right: Gerry McCaul presents Delray's 100th Birthday Plaque—and an Honorary Life Membership—to centenarian Ken Porter.*

## SOUTHEAST DIVISION

## MOUNT DORA

By Gene Goodwin

Mount Dora took in 21 new members from its Fall class for beginners, and is planning a special class for local business and professional people, many of whom learned about our club from the publicity generated by the second annual Holiday Bowl.

Our tournament season is underway. Rudy and Ruth Broeker, fourth-year bowlers, upset two of our veteran bowling couples to win the Mr. and Mrs. this year, with Herb and Judy Wintsch coming in second. Herb, also, was second in our Mixed

Triples tournament, in which teams are mostly blindly drawn, losing in the finals to Ralph Knight, Lois Lindley and Dick Wagner. But Herb, bowling for himself in our 4-3-2-1 Singles, burned up our rinks with a record-high score, so his Fall was not all "also ran."

A tournament scoring workshop, conducted for us in November by Joe and Patti Grabowski, is having a positive impact on the way we pair and score our various competitions. The workshop was billed as a service of ALBA and AWLBA, because Joe and Patti are national officers of those associations and they charged us not a penny for sharing their expertise with us.

For the first time in about 40 years, Harold L. Esch is not skipping a Mount Dora team in the North Central Florida League this season. The veteran bowler, who is Honorary Life

President of ALBA, had to pull out in December after undergoing successful triple bypass surgery.

Three new skips and five new players are on the eight Mount Dora NCFL teams competing this year. The new skips are Barbara Roller, Mike Mancilly and Maxine Hall, who join continuing skips Bill Swartzlander, Nora Dorman, Gene Goodwin, Herb Wintsch and Burl Roller.

One of the two skips who retired from NCFL play this season is 91-year-old John Durant, who at this season's opener was honored for his 271 League games.

Mount Dora club members voted in November to increase local club dues from \$100 to \$125 per year, because of rising costs since the last dues increase five years ago. ALBA and AWLBA national and divisional dues are collected on top of local dues. Rosemarie Walsh has been serving as club vice-president this season, having been appointed by the Board of Directors to replace Brian Watson, who resigned

*In Memoriam*  
J. Robert Mabon  
Emerson W. Conlon



a) Mount Dora's 4-3-2-1 Singles Winner was Herb Wintsch, who bested 43 other competitors.

b) Ruth and Rudy Broeker were the upset winners of Mount Dora's Mr. & Mrs. Doubles tourney.

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## FRICK PARK

(Pittsburgh)

By James C. Cunningham

In case you haven't noticed, the days are getting longer. And we will soon begin polishing up our bowls and starting to work on the greens in preparation for the first game of the season. Club plans are being made for a full schedule of tournaments, leagues, and special events, and we hope to have a great 1997 season. It will be nice to share this great pastime with many new members

## FLINT

(Michigan)

By Jeane Giesy

So here we are again, bowling has filled our summer with many joys and a few disappointments, but we are looking forward to a great 1997.

It seems you get so many good plans for things you want to do, and before you know it, the season has gone.

Many of our members travel to warmer climates where they continue to bowl. We have shuffleboard courts in our building, so many of the bowlers who remain in Flint play shuffleboard and

which we hope to have this year.

We had a very successful fund raising event last fall with the sale of holiday plants and decorations. Special thanks go to Hank and Eileen Luba, Jack and Beverly Phillips, and all of the members who helped in any way in this important project.

In 1997, we begin our sixth year of operation independent of City help. We are proud of the tremendous effort by our members to get us over the initial hurdle of con-

only glance longingly at the bowling green as they pass it to go inside.

A few years back a few of the bowlers would bowl when there was a light snow on the green. It was fun to see the trail the bowls made in the snow on the green.

In 1997 the club will exchange visits with several Canadian Clubs.

Last year we had a few visitors from Florida and Arizona. We enjoy visitors so do drop in for a game. The club is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 12:30. For more information, call 810-253-5128.

version to independent operation. Their generous contributions of time and money will insure that lawn bowling will have a permanent home in Pittsburgh.

Our 1997 officers are: President, Jim Cunningham; Vice President, Lois Saladin; Secretary, Rita Wood; Treasurer, John Hartman. Board of Directors: Mary Lou Lingafelt, Eileen Luba, Bud Fickley, Ruth Cunningham and Beverly Phillips.

## CENTRAL DIVISION

## EAST CLEVELAND

By Jean Sinzinger

First the honorees of the 1996 season:

Club Singles: B. Tennyson

Walton Pairs: I. Templeton/C. Ross

Clucas Pairs: I. Templeton/Walton

Basler Pairs: R. Sinzinger/I. Templeton

Tennyson Pairs: B. Tennyson/B. Bode

Seeger-Templeton: D. Fleming/S. Ross

Bode Pairs: E. Duncan/R. Walton

Ross Pairs: R. Sinzinger/W. Duncan

Bruce's Pairs: R. Novak/M. Seger

Foul Weather: E. Duncan/I. Templeton

Novice: T. Basler/A. Eiseman

The banquet was at the home of the Baslers, where Rita received a bowl that would forever be on the jack (see picture). I don't think we will let her use it, however.

Indoor bowling is going great with a very good attendance. We are really happy to welcome Evelyn Eisenman and Chuck Robbins to indoor bowling. Also, Ina Fleming is visiting here from Scotland and bowling with us.



A very "touching" photo of Rita Basler and can't miss gift.

## LAKE PARK

(Milwaukee)

By Dan Matthews

The final official competitive event of the season was held in September, when we hosted the Rockford Club in the annual Butler Cup match. We all had a great time and when the day was over, the Rockford folks had triumphed again. They took the cup home to reside in their trophy case until next year, when

we expect to "liberate" it once again.

We held our Annual Meeting on November 9th, during which elections for officers and the Board of Directors were held. Elected were: Dan Matthews, President; Carole Kevlin, Vice President; Buzz Althoen, Secretary; and Pat Mueller, Treasurer. Elected to the Board were: Kip Davis and Marvin Summers. They join Mel Aasterud, John Rice, Glorianne Mather and Roger Senn.

The prestigious Bowler of the Year Award went to Charles Stone, in recognition of his accomplishments at the Division level and placing second in the Singles at the U.S. Championships at Santa Barbara.

Our season is over but we look forward to Spring and seeing old friends, and hopefully making some new ones at the greens.

## LAKESIDE

(Chicago)

By Carl P. Johnson

IT HAS BEEN AN UNUSUAL YEAR AT LAKESIDE.

We were unable to start the season until the first week in September. Nevertheless, with the shortened season, we were still able to have tournament play with Mixed Doubles, which was won by John Clark and Olive Young.

Our annual Awards Banquet was held at the Holiday Inn in Oaklawn. Entertainment was lead by Dolly Rix,

with dancing and singing of carols. David Murray recited a poem, "THE IMMIGRANT", that was written by Annie McLeod Kuzma. His reading was very touching. Annie was a victim of a hit and run accident last August.

Lakeside received a letter from a bowling club in South Africa. They will be touring the U.S. next August. It was decided to extend an invitation to join us for a visit in August

## MILWAUKEE WEST

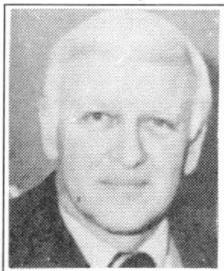
By Leonard F. Shaw

The summer and fall weather has been exceptional, as have the greens. A luncheon was held at a local restaurant in late October. There was an excellent turnout. Club awards were distributed to the recipients who were reported in previous issues of BOWLS Magazine.

The weather in November was too chilly, but the major snowstorms that hit some Central Division areas completely missed Milwaukee. On December 14th, with a temperature of 44 degrees, a few of us diehards bowled on very nice greens. The latest date on record.

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## DU PONT

(Wilmington, DE)

By Dick Schiefelbein

Our final trip in 1996 was to Williamsburg (VA), where Du Pont overcame a strong challenge from the Colonials and won 17 to 13. As always, our hosts provided a great get-together after the games.

The last event on our green was the Du Pont Club Pairs Championship, which was won handily by the Roberts family, Ken and Mary. Regrettably, the annual Founders Day Games, when the ladies skip, had to be cancelled because of three days of rain. The most improved bowler recognized for this season

was Bob Reichert.

At the fall business meeting, the following officers were elected for 1997:

President-Tom Lawlor  
Vice-President-Bob Reicher  
Secretary-Ann Connolly  
Treasurer-Carol Ralph.

A hearty vote of thanks to our immediate past president, Shirley Straw, who skillfully guided the club activities during the last two years.

To be included in our club's 1997 schedule of events, either as individuals or a team, to bowl on our first-class green, please call Tom Lawlor at 302-478-2276.

## EASTERN DIVISION

**GREENWICH***By Frances Novak*

The Greenwich Lawn Bowls Club ended its tournament season on October 5th at the Bruce Park greens. A highlight this season was the hosting of 38 lawn bowlers from the British Isles. We enjoyed seeing our greens filled.

All on our membership committee are inviting new bowlers. We are encouraged by reading about methods used by other bowling clubs. So far we are using the local newspaper and are working out publicity scripts for the radio, and a Connecticut television station.

During the summer we bowled in Central Park, N.Y.C. and Bridgeport, Conn. During the year we hold tournaments every three weeks, on Saturdays. And we play daily at 1 p.m., when the weather permits.

Our club officers are:

President- Loring Webber

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**FERNLEIGH***(West Hartford, CT)**By George W. Pardee*

Fernleigh and Thistle Clubs co-hosted 38 visitors from Great Britain at the acclaimed Elizabeth Park Greens. The group comprised of representatives from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of our guests from across "the Pond". They just changed their blue blazers for white rain gear.

After lunch was served in the Thistle Club House, the Mayors of West Hartford and Hartford, Nan Glass and Mike Peters, respectively, welcomed the group. The English presented John Rowson and Flo Webers, Presidents of Fernleigh and Thistle, with a plaque commemorating the occasion.

Following the presentations, bowling continued in the afternoon, with Mayor Peters joining in the activity. We all had fun and look forward to the fall '97 cry: "The British Are Coming!"

The Fernleigh Memorial Tournament was held on a beautiful fall day in late October, with the following results: 1. Frank Stolzenberg & Arthur Safford, 2. Bill Teasdale & Bob Ashcraft, 3. Mary & Jan Ferguson of Thistle.

The Annual Meeting and Luncheon was held

**HAMILTON***(Trenton, NJ)**Bob Stewart*

Our season ended with the Club Pairs being the last event. The winners were Charles Anderson and Joseph Myslinski.

Election of officers for 1997 are as follows:

President - Robert Stewart

Vice-President - John Stevenson

Secretary - Bernie McTighe

Games Chairman - Charles Anderson

Our annual awards luncheon was well attended—50 members and guests. The Mayor of Hamilton, Jack Rafferty, was the honored guest. He presented his League Trophy to the winners and gave a small speech. He said the township would build 30 housing units for seniors adjacent to Kuser Park, a stones' throw from the bowling green. This was good news, as we can expect to enroll some of these good people to join the club. The units would be occupied before the start of 1997 bowling season.

We have trouble with water drainage on part of the green. The greenskeeper is going to use a post hole digger to drill several holes and fill them with sand. I don't want to be a pessimist, but I wish him success.

Glad to hear that new Rule Books will be available soon. Most of our members do not have one.

at the Hopmeadow Country Club, with 46 members attending. An ad-hoc committee, appointed by our President and chaired by Dan Pettengill, recommended that women be brought into the club as full members. The recommendation was passed unanimously.

The following slate of officers was elected for 1997:

President-Robert Ashcraft; 1st Vice-President-Edward Wood; 2nd Vice-President-Rita O'Brien; Secretary-Denison Fuller; Assistant Secretary-Roger Rice; Treasurer-John McNeil; Assistant Treasurer-Eugene Knorr.

Thanks to George Babic for making the plans for our gala Christmas Party in December at the Indian Hill Country Club.

**CUNNINGHAM***(Milton, MA)**By Sam Drevitch*

Things are looking up at the Cunningham Club. We added three new members and our green is getting better and better with each treatment. Next year our big job is to get it truly level.

**NEW YORK***(Central Park)**By Laralu Smith*

Tournament Committee Co-Chairs Joe Gioco and Tony Reynal mixed things up in the last two tournaments of our 70th season.

The Diehards Pairs was a round robin of short games, and each game had the urgency of a playoff. Bernie Kurtz & Anne D'Annella were the best of the Diehards.

In the Masters Singles (for tournament winners only), ten participants played in a six-end round robin format, with accumulated point-spread counting as the deciding factor instead of games won or number of points scored. Joe Gioco had the most points to total-up, and won the title.

These attempts to avoid regular formats were met with mixed feelings by the membership, but everyone seemed to like the round-robin idea. There is growing demand in our club for an abbreviated "9 to 5'ers" tournament for the many weekday working members who like tournament level competition, but can't spend an entire Saturday or Sunday on the green.

Many thanks to New Member Chairperson Jean Lithgow for her efforts throughout the season. Not only did she cover the city with flyers and field all subsequent inquiries, she organized and ran the Sunday morning free clinics. Six new members took up the game enthusiastically, and some even participated in our season tournaments.

We re-elected our officers at the Annual Meeting. They are:

President - Jane Jacobs; 1st VP - Tony Reynal; 2nd VP - Anne D'Anella; Secretary-Jerry Hershman; Treasurer-Bernie Kurtz; Charles Crawford and Barbara Turkington will continue as Directors, with the addition of Beverly Gordon and Bob Mancuso.

We had visiting bowlers on our green last year from Australia, Great Britain and Israel.

So come see the sights and stop by for a game in Central Park. Those telephone numbers again: Jane Jacobs (212) 877-9890, or myself at (212) 594-3525.

Our closing "Scramble Tournament, which included our friends from the Slater Park Club, was a wonderful day of sharing and saying farewell until we meet again in the warmth of Spring.

Our Handicap Club Singles was finally completed, with Sam Drevitch winning over runnerup Dick Cutler.

## EASTERN DIVISION

## BUCK HILL FALLS

(Pennsylvania)

By Bob Gates

We had an excellent planning meeting in early November with ALBA and AWLBA officers of the Eastern Division. The only Buck Hill Club members acquainted with major tournament functioning are club president Toni Mercer, and Geanne Loveless, U.S. Championships Tournament treasurer. We are relieved to learn that so much expertise is available to assist us in managing the 1997 U.S. Championships, September 15-20.

Jack Lucey, president of the Eastern Division and editor of the division newsletter, has written two articles concerning the 1997 U.S. Championships. Publicity such as this is most encouraging. Handling of numerous details will be under the direction of members outside our own club.

The Skytop club will serve as co-host for the event. We have a cottager, Anne

Russo, who runs corporate tours to major sporting events both here and abroad. She will handle housing and the banquet for the tournament. Toni Mercer has appointed me as Tournament Coordinator. My main concern is to have our two greens running at or near twelve seconds, with both as level as we can make them.

Our annual meeting, in late September, was followed by an awards banquet where tournament winners received handsome plaques. Geanne Loveless was winner of the Wilson Memorial for Women Singles, Cora Kordowski was runner-up. Bob Gates won the Wood Memorial for Men Singles, Angelo Palermo was runner-up, Ernie Voros third. Bob Gates won the club Mixed Singles, Toni Mercer runner-up. Jeanne McLaughlin was First Flight winner and Cora Kordowski runner-up.

rial Tournament.

Thistle's Annual Meeting was held in mid-October, and was followed by bowling in the afternoon. The following slate of officers was elected for 1997: President-Flo Webers; Vice President-Nick Francis; Sec/Treas-Dorothy & Pat Starble; Asst Treas-Joan Wood

Thistle continues to grow as a Club with improvements to its clubhouse, excellent greens to bowl on, more tournaments—both intra and inter—and twelve new members this year. We are all looking forward to even greater growth in 1997.

## WILLIAMSBURG INN

(Virginia)

By Bill Holcombe

We wound up the year with the Club Singles Championship, won by Dan Berg in another cliffhanger duel with Lew LeCompete. Frances Knight won the second flight and took home a beautiful colonial pewter spoon, made by Dan Berg back in his days as a metalsmith. Dan got to keep the Ray Townsend Memorial Cup for another year, and the awards were presented at an end-of-the-season dinner meeting. We were much encouraged to see four new bowlers in the quarter finals and one in the semi-finals this year. (Several of us were "encouraged" but not very happy!)

At the final dinner, officers were elected for 1997 under the newly approved revised By-Laws: President-John McDowell; Vice-president—Joan Miller Treasurer—Don Parker; Secretary—Edith Edwards; Social Chairman—Pat Drubell; Bill Holcombe will do the intra-club training and competition.

The three club "also ran" teams at the Pinehurst North Carolina Open were delighted to be on hand to cheer for Dan Berg, a member of the winning team.

It was a wonderful year of very promising new members, our best inter-club competition in several years, cooler than normal summer weather, the inauguration of the Alden Eaton Memorial Doubles Competition, and our first end-of-the-season dinner meeting. Looking forward to an even better 1997!

## THISTLE

(Hartford, CN)

By George W. Pardee

Thistle and Fernleigh co-hosted thirty-eight visitors from Great Britain in September on a rainy, dreary-looking day. But, the weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of our visitors or ourselves. You can read more about the wonderful British visitation in the Fernleigh report.

Thistle made its greens available to the Fernleigh membership while their green was shut down for rehabilitation. Thistle's Mary Terry and Jane Ferguson placed third in Fernleigh-Thistle Memo-

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**SUNRISE**

(East Meadow, L.I.)

*By Harold Koenig*

Arriving early at the green, we noticed from a distance an unfamiliar figure standing on the edge of the rinks. It was a well-dressed (mostly whites) scarecrow. Upon entering we heard a strange squawking sound, but could not locate it up among the trees. It would stop, and after a while, start again. What kind of animal or bird was it? The lawn had been damaged by either crows, seagulls, squirrels, or raccoons, digging and rolling back the sod after grubs. The parks department, we noticed later, installed small electronic box speakers that made the squawking sound. No more damage after that and bowling continued right up to mid-November. The park people—Richie, Russ and crew—have done a remarkable job.

Holding office this year is: President-Walter Brengard; Secretary-Muriel Koenig; Treasurer-Harold Koenig; Board members-Dick Hipp, Len Derleth and Mildred Borbet. George Lake won the Wednesday high gross. Awards dinner was held at the West Wind Yacht Club on December 5th.

We have a new category trophy established now. Last year it was presented to Dick Hipp and this year to Len Derleth. It's called the Irving Wax Trophy "for outstanding service to the club". It is hoped that each year a new name will appear on this trophy and eventually everyone will be acknowledged for their service. So "gung ho" everybody—that means "working well together". Ask what you can do for your club.



L-R: H. Koenig, Men's Singles winner, S. Crow, guardian of the rinks, and M. Koenig, Ladies Singles winner.

**ESSEX COUNTY**

(New Jersey)

*By George J. Schick*

At its season-closing meeting, the Essex Club elected the following officers for 1997: President- Rhona Anderson; Vice President-Bob Urquhart; Treasurer-Lorraine Urquhart; Secretary-George Schick; Directors-Stephen Anderson, Skippy Arculli, Duncan Farrell, Colin Smith and Nancy Stroud.

As we prepare to submit this article for publication, the Essex Club learned that Mike Hamberlin, the long-time Essex Parks' Department Supervisor, has announced his retirement. Mike and his staff have worked long hours to ensure the high quality of play for the Essex green. The officers and members of the Essex Club wish Mike a long, happy and healthy retirement.

For the 1997 season, the Essex Club is looking forward to hosting the ED Regional Challenge Tournament, in which four 10-member mixed teams compete in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Rinks for

the right to be the "Best in the East". Also, the Essex Club was chosen to host the ED Classic Men's Pairs event, in which the Division's top Pairs teams compete for the championship each season.

On the local front, the Essex Membership Committee is working with local civic and service organizations on a plan where their members can try Lawn Bowling. We are also working with area colleges and high schools on a program where students can participate in Lawn Bowling as a physical education activity.

The Essex green is located in Bloomfield's Watsessing Park, and the Club season runs from April 15th through October 31st, annually. We play weekdays at 1:30 p.m., and weekends at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. If you plan on visiting our area, you can arrange a game by contacting George Schick, 512 Peach Street, Avenel NJ 07001-1066. Telephone Day: 201-966-3251 or Evening: 908-381-2027.

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**CATARACT CITY**

(New York)

*By Duncan Gillies*

Well friends, since the last issue, we have lost our secretary, Ted Payne. Ted was a guiding light in our club for many years. Not only was he a good bowler, but also a great promoter of the game. He will be missed not only by the club, but by his many friends across the border.

Our Alec Dunlop Tournament was a success. Club members Don MacKender and Jim Kennedy were the winners and received the trophy from Alec Dunlop's daughter. Pat Rauccio and Joe Rogan were second. It has been quite some time since we have placed two winners.

Our season is over and now we wait for the snow. We will be striving to get the city fathers to try and improve the greens so they will be playable when the new season begins.

Enjoy your time on the green and  
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Ted Payne*



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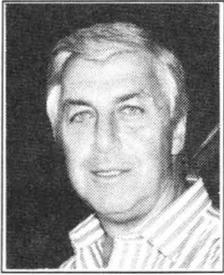
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## THE LAST SHOT

By Joe Siegman  
Editor of BOWLS Magazine

No respect!  
Are you listening Rodney Dangerfield? We don't get no respect!

A few weeks ago I get this fax. It's from a lady who's in charge of marketing for a sunbelt hotel. "I'm thrilled," she says, "to learn there's a lawn bowling association in America."

She says her hotel has been hosting Canadian Lawn Bowling tours for several years. The hotel even sponsors a bowls tournament at the local club. She's interested in advertising in BOWLS Magazine.

The lady explains her excitement at discovering ALBA's existence, because one of her Canadian regulars, "An officer of the local club", told her years ago that the nearest bowls association was in Canada.

Do you hear that, Rodney? We've been ALBA-tized since 1915, and AWLBA'd since 1970. There's a load of ALBA clubs in this sunbelt state, including the one just walking distance from the hotel. The one the Canadian bigshot plays at year after year. And, Mr. Bowls from Canada doesn't know we exist?

And that's just starters, Rodney.

I pick up this English bowls magazine and blimey, there's a full page feature on "Bowls in America". It's written by another snowbird who, while stating his international bowls credentials, acknowledges he has never rolled a bowl at any U.S. lawn bowling green other than a few in the area he visits when the snow hits the fan in his mother country.

The Britisher goes on to imply that we are a bit primitive in our approach to the game, but admits that: "they do have a few useful bowlers". He writes that "they play on a surface called "Rubico", and that there is bowling year around "in such states as California, San Francisco and Los Angeles".

How 'bout that, Rodney? First of all, Rubico is an artificial surface found only at a handful of the 7-8 non-natural greens in Florida, and there are about 130 lawn bowling clubs in this country. Does less than 5% sound right? And, as far as the "states" of San Francisco and Los Angeles are concerned, we know they'd like to be states, but.....!

Hey, man! No respect.. No darn respect.

And, what about the internet, Rod. You do surf the web?

One American "Lawn Bowls Discussion Group" writer last month asked where he could find information "about greens care". He was desperate. So desperate he was asking bowlers in Argentina, England, Spain, Singapore and all points of the compass for help. What about Dr. Haley's benchmark textbook on greenscare, Mr. Desperate? "Maintenance of the Lawn Bowling Green." ITS ADVERTISED IN EVERY SINGLE ISSUE OF THIS MAGAZINE. It's not a secret. You probably have one propping up the set of Brunswick bowls no one ever uses, in the clubhouse. And what about Haley's periodic "The Greens Doctor" column? Is there a good bowling green in America that doesn't use Doc Haley's methods, systems, remedies, whatever? I mean we're talking no respect for

the most respected hands-on scientific professional in our sport!

It's brutal, Rodney. We had another American on the internet asking: "Anyone know where you can buy 'bowls rakes'?" You know, the "pusher" that gathers-up bowls and puts them neatly in place. You saw what the guy from Australia answered on the *Letters to the Editor* page: "We use these things called legs to gather our bowls." Most non-American bowlers don't know from bowls rakes. They don't use them. We not only use them in the U.S., but the maker of these rakes, the Dagers Company, ADVERTISES IN THIS MAGAZINE! Ain't a mystery, dude!

Gimme a break, Rodney! We just don't get an ounce of respect.

But, if we could find a way to turn "no respect" into the gold mine you have, we'd laugh ourselves all the way to the green.

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