

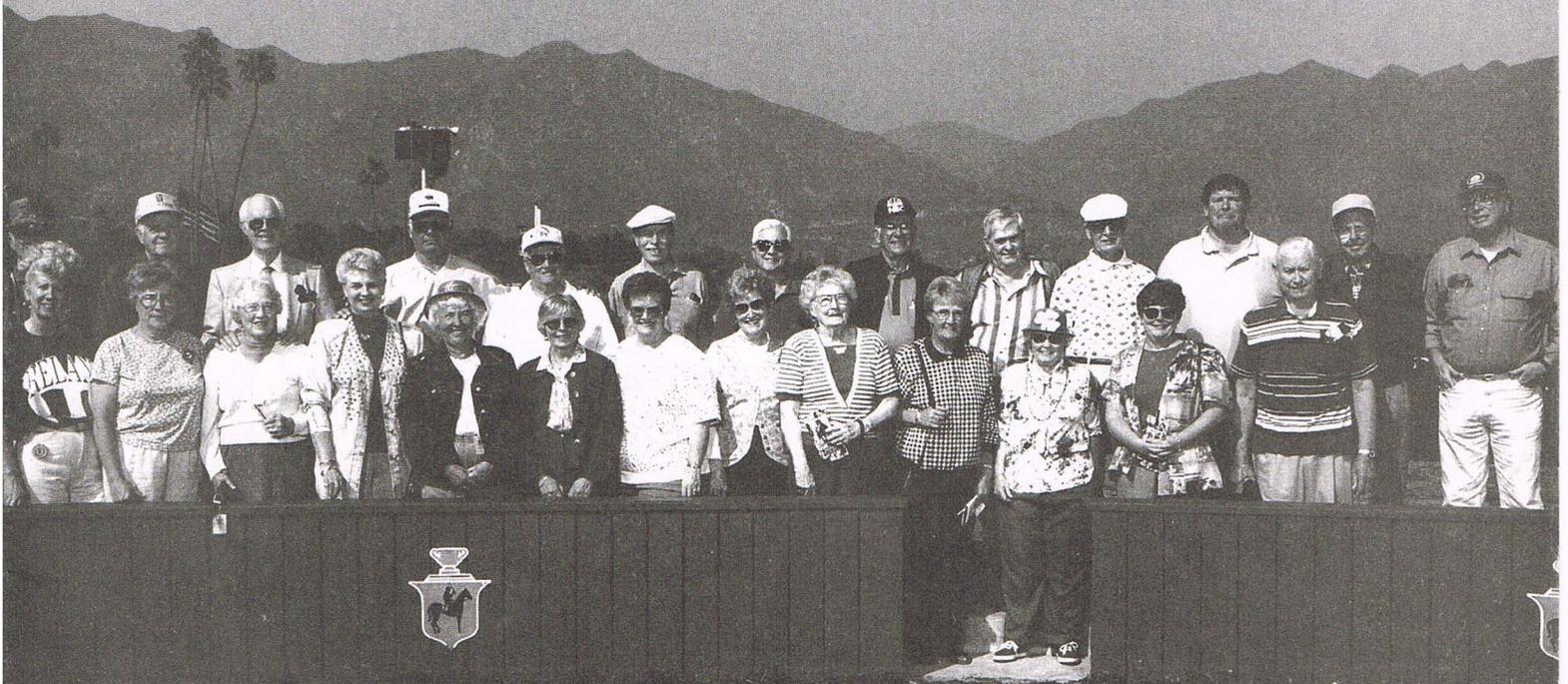


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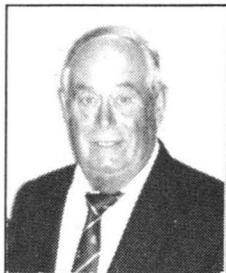
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By R. Gil Stephan, Jr.

PINTS FLOW—BOWLS ROLL. British flags line the street. Blue-crested director's chairs surround the tables. An 11,000 square foot lawn, lined with flowers and comfy benches. Four 16' wide lawn bowling rinks. Up to 5,000 weekday spectators! Where am I?

No, I am not in England. I am at 1110 Nicollet Mall in downtown MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, on the second floor outside balcony of Brit's Pub & Eatery! I believe this is the only natural grass outdoor facility of its kind in the world.

Along with Ken Degenhardt, President of the Central Division, we attended the opening ceremonies of lawn bowling on June 2.

Les Morgan, from England, is an expert bowling instructor and will be at Brit's giving instructions this summer. A summer league has started, with many young men and women trying our sport.

Les has a couple of quotes I wish to share with you: "Brits know sports. Sure every once in a while they lose their heads and get caught-up in a murderous rugby match. But, for the most part, the English know that truly great games are played without blood, sweat or torn ligaments. In the USA, you will find lawn bowling greens tucked away in city parks, eliminating the opportunity to sip beer, legally, between shots. That's like baseball without a bat."

Oh! If only Steve Chaytor would have known about Brit's he, maybe, would still be state side. Should you ever be in Minneapolis, have a roll up. Stuart Higgins and Gene Purdy would welcome you. Food excellent and DoubleTree Hotel next door.

We also found lawn bowling in Centennial Park, in Edina, Minnesota. Open April thru November.

Still on the road, I watched the finals of the Mixed Pairs in Milwaukee. After seeing Roger Kelsey, from Rockford, just finish out of the money for years, he proved practice pays off by winning the Pairs, with Carol Jassoy of Milwaukee. Congratulations. Good health and bowling to all.

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Letters to the Editor

GOLDEN OLDIES

I would like to see a reprint of the article that appeared in *Bowls Magazine* (dated July 15, 1977, titled: "The American Lawn Bowls Association-The Justification," by Al Relwob.

Lindsay Towns
Sun City, Arizona

ED: From the hallowed archives of Editor Emeritus, Ferrell Burton, Jr., the following is the requested article.

Whether we be "social" bowlers or tournament bowlers, the necessity for organization, as represented by the A.L.B.A., is responsible for the actual existence of the game. Without such organization practically none of us could be playing this delightful sport in America.

Let us examine, in some detail, the history of organized bowling and why A.L.B.A. is so completely vital to each one of us.

When the English and Scottish settlers came to this country they brought with them their favorite sport of lawn bowls. Each village and town had its own bowling green.

With the Revolution, all that represented the old country became un-patriotic. The greens were ploughed up, including the personal green of George Washington. However, the name "Bowling Green" has persisted, to be found dotted throughout the Eastern U.S. today. In only widely dispersed areas did the game persist in a desultory fashion.

Realizing that the game could never grow, might even disappear entirely unless organization took place, a few far-sighted bowlers met and organized the American Lawn Bowls Association. Only then did the game prosper to achieve a stature sufficient to promote its spread throughout the country.

A close parallel can be drawn with the birth, growth and strength of the various service clubs such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and others. Each has a central national organization to which each of the clubs belongs. The individual, in turn, belongs to the club which represents the unit belonging to the parent organization, and it is the club which remits monies in proportion to its membership. It is a necessity that each club certify as to its membership and honestly pay such monies in order that the

club truly affiliate with the central organization.

It is rather obvious that should a service club belonging to Rotary International fail to comply and thus be separated from the central organization, it quickly becomes a luncheon club only, and an entity unto itself. While this club may well carry on for a considerable time, it is inevitable that eventually it will deteriorate and die. Few of us who have been long in this world will argue the point. In the same way, and for the same reasons, this will inevitably occur with the independent bowling club.

Many of us who are not vitally interested in tournament playing may well wonder what we receive directly from the A.L.B.A. On the surface it may well appear that it is an organization for the many, but benefiting only the few. And, from a superficial point of view, this appears to be true.

However, the value must be appraised in its entirety. Without a central organization there would be no cohesiveness between the clubs as a whole; there would be no standardization of play; there would be no organ, as the "BOWLS" magazine; there would be no effort toward promotion (prorated in comparison with Australia, Britain, New Zealand; there should be 4,000,000 players in the U.S., instead of less than 6,000); and, of greatest importance of all, without a strongly supported central organization, the great game of lawn bowls, as we know it, will fade and die.

Only through foresight and sacrifice of those before us do we have the game available. We each have a deep-rooted responsibility to those who shall come after us, and to those at present who are unaware of this tremendous valuable recreation, to accept our responsibilities. It is only fair and honest, and a matter of personal pride.

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MORE TO A BOWLING CLUB THAN BOWLING!

By Alan Truhist

Check out the country, if not the globe. Many of the successful lawn bowling clubs offer more to its members than a daily draw game.

Alhambra (CA) LBC took its annual trip to the Santa Anita Race Track (see cover). East Cleveland had a booth at Florascape, the Cleveland Flower Show. Chicago Lakeside is involved with "Mayor Daley's Senior Games". Seattle's Jefferson Park has spent the past year planning, ordering, reserving, persuading, cajoling and whatever else, preparing to host the U.S. Championships. Once a year, the Santa Anita (CA) Club treks to Laughlin, Nevada to visit the casinos and make involuntary deposits. All-day and overnight visitations between distant clubs abound. As do luncheons and barbecues commemorating/celebrating this and that.

Certainly it is lawn bowling that brings the individual members of the 105 or so clubs in the U.S. (and thousands of LBCs around the world) together. A game of bowls is everyone's single-most common interest. But, holding that interest for the masses often requires other involvement opportunities for some individual members.

While there are a few clubs that take unique pride in exemplifying bowling excellence, most find adequate satisfaction revealing individual members who rank among the better players. Most clubs prefer to highlight their sociability and friendliness. According to the club reports in this magazine, the various clubs also like to call attention to the abilities of guys who fix things and ladies who dish out hospitality, as well as off-green talents of individual members. It's what keeps these doers interested.

It should also be noted, however, that although most bowlers insist the daily draw is the extent of their competitiveness—"I'm not a tournament bowler!"—most participate in club tournaments and visitations, and many compete in area "leagues". Obviously, competitiveness is in the eyes of the beholder. "Tournament Bowler" and "Social Bowler" have become wary descriptions. But, if one or the other is an apt title and correct description of a member, apparently that's what he/she needs to keep latched to the sport.

Most out-of-the-USA bowling clubs have a watering hole and other social amenities attached to the premises. Overseas, whether the bowling clubs are public or private, many look to professional management to provide for the well-being of their group. Professional management can be a staff—such as at country clubs featuring bowling greens—or a single person, whose employment hinges on his/her abilities to keep the membership involved and growing.

Here in the States, we don't have that luxury. And so, the U.S. relies upon volunteer enthusiasts to come up with ideas for special events, trips, celebrations—whatever—to keep the flame burning. They organize, they inspire, they come early and stay late. It's hard to tell whether these enthusiasts throw themselves into the fray because they sense they must, or because they thrive upon the give and take, or because they covet the rewards of attention and accomplishment. Probably, it's a little bit of all.

These people are treasures—sometimes recognized, often taken for granted. All a club needs is one. Just one. Even the daily draw is spicier.

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I've had a great many calls, E-mails and letters asking for help with membership drives and membership retention. Most of them begin by outlin-

ing what has been done and detailing the poor results from all the tried and true methods. Everyone seems to be looking for that silver bullet, the magic wand that will change our lives and make lawn bowling the preferred family recreation for centuries to come. We're all hoping that crowds of potential bowlers will descend on the green with full wallets and a desire to learn the sport.

Let's start by being honest with ourselves. How many of us want to forgo our own bowling time to coach, canvas, cajole and confirm potential candidates? How many of us love the sport enough to almost give up personal bowling to be coaches and membership chairpersons? The answer is easy. Most of us are bowling because we've found something we can enjoy that gets us out-of-doors on nice days, doesn't take too much energy and costs very little. It would spoil things if we had to get serious and really involved. We're perfectly happy to let someone else do the work as long as it doesn't interfere with our good time.

Perhaps we should look at what the true cost of lawn bowling is. How much did it cost to build the green? How much does it cost each year to maintain it? What would each person's share of that cost be if the club was private or the Parks Department or Homeowners Association refused to maintain it? If you really want a true cost you might think about trying to build a new green. Even with all the money in the world it could take years to get all the approvals. New clubhouses must have handicap

The Membership Trail

By Frank Ransome
ALBA Membership Chairman

facilities. And lawn mowers can cost as much as \$35,000 to buy.

THE ANSWER TO ALL PROBLEMS IS MEMBERSHIP!

When there's at least 100 people actively bowling on each green the cost per person for maintaining that green is peanuts. When people stand around complaining because the green is full, someone will find a way to build another green. When two or three hundred people take a petition to the Recreation Dept. or the builder, there is no less expensive way to satisfy them. With more members the cost of *BOWLS Magazine* comes down and advertising space becomes premium. When hundreds of people get involved, instead of the usual 50 or 60, sponsors are easy to find. And when people see people enjoying themselves they, too, want to be a part of whatever it is. How much easier will it be to find officers for your club or division when you can choose from thousands of volunteers.

Several clubs are going to tackle the membership problem on a regional basis to save money and manpower. They haven't got all the bugs worked out yet, but at least an effort will be made to capitalize on their close proximity to each other. We've had great success with our program for youth and disadvantaged because bowlers from several clubs have volunteered to assist. Last week there were bowlers from Rossmoor, Berkeley, Richmond and Oakland having a ball with the kids.

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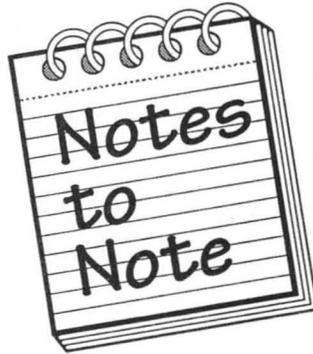
WHAT IS THE "MIDDLETON FUND"?

In the Spring issue of *BOWLS Magazine*, the ad for the ALBA Foundation contained an extended list of donors to: THE MIDDLETON FUND. Quite a few readers wrote or phoned to ask: "What is the Middleton Fund?"

We asked Foundation Treasurer, Jack Phillips, to explain what the "Middleton Fund" is all about. Says Jack:

"The Middleton Fund" was established by bequest of Seattle bowler Charles Middleton sometime during the 1970s to, primarily, support the promotion of lawn bowling in the United States. Mr. Middleton staked his fund with a bequest of \$100,000. In particular, this Fund has provided support to the U.S. Championships, historically providing basic travel costs and a living allowance for ALBA competitors out of interest income from the original bequest.

"The Middleton Fund can also provide support to the U.S.



Championships host division to the extent of any contributions received. The Northwest Division has been successful this year in generating such contributions, and this is reflected in the unusual number of donations acknowledged in *BOWLS* that are in support of the Middleton Fund.

"You don't have to be from the Northwest Division to contribute to the Middleton Fund, and many of this year's donors are not. Every tax deductible donation to the Fund accrues towards securing the future of lawn bowls in America.

"The Foundation also has two other 'funds': 1) the General Fund, for non-designated contributions; and 2) The President's Fund, established to support U.S. national teams competing internationally. The principal source of revenue for this fund is the eleven dollars that is included in every entry fee for the National Open Tournament. Individual donations/gifts can also be designated for this Fund.

"All three Funds are tax deductible."

ED: See the FOUNDATION AD on page 2.

OLYMPICS ITEM

From the *Los Angeles Times*:

Now that IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch has ruled out dog sledding as a possible addition to the Winter Olympics, how about ski archery?

It could happen. A prominent member of the IOC, Jim Easton of Los Angeles, is pushing it. He, not coincidentally, is also presi-

dent of the International Archery Federation. He describes the sport, which will hold its first world championship this month, as a biathlon with a bow and arrow.

ED: Now if we could just come up with a concept for a "bowl and arrow" event, maybe we could get the Archery Federation to push it.



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BOWLS Magazine has something to offer. We need one or two readers to help us sell our message.

Trainees should be treated with respect and Instructors should understand as much about human nature as they do about lawn bowling.

Most of our classes are composed of retired men and women who have never seen or even heard about lawn bowling before.

(I wish this wasn't so, but wishing won't change anything.) These older people are thinking adults, not freshmen in high school, and they are accustomed to thinking things through for themselves. Explain the game by first explaining what a green is, what a rink is, where the hog lines are. Tell them that lawn bowling is a team sport; that when they graduate they will be playing an important role on a team; that the object is for the TEAM to have a bowl closest to the jack.

Now is the time to explain that the club is a member of ALBA and AWLBA, and when they graduate they will be members of a Division, and the national organization. Let them know that you are acting on behalf of ALBA or AWLBA, and not just the club. The recruits deserve to be shown that they will become a part of something worthwhile and that the next few weeks of training are the first steps in a time-honored process. Before anyone takes a jack or a bowl in their hand, they should know that they are going to participate in a wonderful sport that becomes easier and more fun as they get better at being a part of a TEAM.

Rolling the jack is important. The lead is responsible for rolling the jack to the TEAM Captain—because that's part of the STRATEGY of the game. Your student will go home after the first lesson knowing that he or she will soon be on a TEAM, and that playing the LEAD position is important, but not too hard.

Your ALBA syllabus begins every class with an exercise in rolling the jack. This is an important part of the lessons and an easy way to warm up before tackling the harder job of rolling a bowl. We teach that you stand with one foot on the mat pointing straight ahead and the other foot parallel, but at a comfortable distance from the first. We teach that the foot on the mat must be in the CENTER of the mat because later, after they've been bowling awhile, they will learn why and when to move the foot to the right or left. The student should step straight ahead and roll the jack straight ahead because lawn bowling is all about rolling a bowl straight and letting the bias take care of getting to the target.

We use the string down the center of the green and mats with a line in the center. It helps the student visualize the process of standing and rolling something straight. This is when the observant Instructor sees which of his students will need special help because of bad knees, twisted arms, stiff backs, arthritic fingers or poor eyesight. He may soon get tired of speaking loudly, but he should never forget that people have a good time bowling despite not having a picture perfect delivery or being able to hear well.



COACHES CORNER

By Frank Ransome
National Coaching &
Instruction Chairman

On the first day, everyone rolls a few bowls to the hog line. Remember that ROLLING, not throwing a bowl or a jack, is the essence of lawn bowling. The object in training a person to roll the jack correctly is not to make better Leads, but to begin the process of becoming a good lawn bowler. Above all else we must have a firm date for the next lesson and be ready for the class when it shows up.

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Sun City, CA Gene Snow, Tom Atwell, Don La Haie 4-25

**Tournament Players
Super Shots Club**

7 SHOTS PAIRS

Sun City Center, FL SE Div., AWLBA US Championships Playdowns Jeanne McLaughlin & Muriel Rackliff 4-15
Sun City, CA SW Div Ladies Day Lois Harmo & B.J. Cookson 4-15
Santa Maria, CA Invitationa Mixed Pairs Men Skips Martin Seifert & Phyllis Seifert 4-17
Sun City, AZ Arizona Summer League Gordon Shieck & Milton Everett 6-3
Sunnyvale, CA PIMD US Pairs Playdowns John Yen & Leroy Viegas 6-7

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Pomona, CA Casa Colina Triples James Cronshaw, Duane Aasted, Patricia Cronhaw 3-28
Sun City, CA SW Div Ladies Day Paula Bellone, Mary Ann Visuer, Beth Bierce
Tacoma, CA Daffodil Triples Tournament Mac McDonald, Mickey Robert, Barbara Mandich 4-25
Sun City, CA Sun City Men's Rally Gil Plieve, Bob Rucinski, Tom Atwell 5-10
Williamsburg, VA Colonial Challenge Tournament Jim Cunningham, Helen Fickley, Alberta Hartman 4-25
Tacoma, WA Daffodil Triples Tournament Richard Broad, Marge Johnson, Richard Krueger 4-25
Santa Rosa, CA Memorial Day Triples Doris Kaiser, Evelyn Baker, Joel Green 5-25

7 SHOTS FOURS

Santa Barbara, CA State Rinks Tournament Moses Rahiminov, David Hallman, Brian Studwell, John McManus 4-21

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Berkeley, CA Home & Home Games John Yen, Leroy Viegas, Gilbert Pang 4-14
Mesa, AZ Monte Vista-Ahwautkee Invitational Jim Osborne, Dave Collier, Bob Padgett 3-9
Sun City Center, FL SE Div Open Tournament Hilda Ferris, Gretchen Meixner, Dodie Hann 3-7
Oxnard, CA Oxnard-Joslyn Open Triples Larry McDonald Hal Wayne, Doris Sneddon 5-2
Santa Maria, CA Santa Maria vs Santa Barbara Martin Seifert, Barbara Nelson, Willa Wysinger 5-31



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WOMEN'S PAGES



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Now that the various Divisions have opened for the bowling season, I wish you a good and enjoyable time and hope you gain new members.

We are looking forward to getting our new handbooks. They are in the process of being printed and, hopefully, they will be sent out to you before long.

I wish to thank all of my fellow officers and committees who have worked to make these last two years a success. I feel we have started some programs that will benefit all bowlers if carried out as they should be. We have started a Coaching Program, a National Tournament Committee, the Merger Committee, and the North American Challenge Committee.

I want to wish good luck and good bowling to both the women and men who are competing in the Can-Am Classic Games in Edmonton, the U.S. Championships in Seattle, and the North American Challenge in Santa Rosa, California. We will be cheering you on.

It has been great and I have enjoyed every moment that I spent dealing with the business of American Women's Lawn Bowls Association, and working with the men of American Lawn Bowls Association.

Remember, "When we communicate, there is no limit to what we can accomplish."

Virginia Marlar
President, AWLBA

FROM THE EDITOR

All over the country, the weather has been the main topic of conversation. Now that summer is here, perhaps we can forget the weather and enjoy our games and other activities.

Pat Mayo, our National coach, has held several clinics in the Southwest Division this year. These are not only for women who wish to apply for the AWLBA Roster, but also for those who wish to improve their game. All divisions are encouraged to do this. In most cases, there is always room for improvement. The clinic is a good place to have little quirks corrected and have fun doing it. So anyone who has the opportunity should join. It will be well worth your while. Correspondents, keep the news coming. We like to hear what the ladies in other parts are doing.

NEXT DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 25!

Winnie Eberle, IOA Bonita St, Arcadia, CA 91006

REVIEW & SELECTION COMMITTEE

We are enjoying the Wisconsin weather, family, friends and lawn bowling. Central Divi-

sion Open was hosted by Milwaukee Lake Park this past week. They held a great tournament and had a very good attendance.

July 4 weekend will take us to Westland, Michigan for their tournament. In August, to Seattle to observe the U.S. Championships. September will take us to the PIMD Open, and then to the North American Challenge in Santa Rosa, CA. I feel very confident that our USA Team will do a great job for us. Jean Haigler will manage the team of Regina Benares, Anne Cherney, Kottia Spangler, Dora Stewart and Irene Webster. Good Bowling and Good Luck!

Bev Phillips is replacing Rita Hurley as a selector for Central Division, and Isabella Forbes is replacing Jan Wessel for the Southwest Division.

We are having a coaching clinic Nov. 7-9, following the National Open in the Sun Cities of Arizona. We will be picking the team and managers for the Atlantic Rim, Asia-Pacific Championships and the North American Challenge for 1999. Women who need an application for the roster or manager contact your Division selector or me. Applications are due September 1, 1998.

Cy Stephan

AWLBA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Since its incorporation in 1994, the AWLBA Memorial Foundation has helped provide funding for several projects, including two training camps in the S.E. Division and an AWLBA Camp in Arizona, for advanced lawn bowlers trying to qualify for the national team. We have also supported disabled women lawn bowlers competing in international events. Our latest project is the publication of the AWLBA Handbook and making it available to all AWLBA members.

We would like to continue funding projects that meet the criteria of having "charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes." However, if we are "to give away money," we must have money given to us. Support of the Foundation helps support women in lawn bowling.

So remember us. All contributions are tax deductible. Send donations to Tunie LaBar, 1303 Burbank Court., Sun City Center, FL 33573.

Our thanks to those who made recent contributions in memory of Corinna Folkins: Ruby Veitch Reed, Edna Locock Samson, and the Southwest Division AWLBA.

Beverly Phillips
President

HISTORIAN

In February, K. Harland succeeded Christina

Irvine as AWLBA Historian. For a decade Tina had, with meticulous care, assembled data associated with our national and international activities. Her admirable dedication is greatly appreciated.

It is important to continue the historical record. To our bowlers, in particular, who participate in the U.S. Playdowns and/or International competitions, information relative to these events—photos, etc.—properly identified, should be sent to the historian.

K. Harland

CENTRAL DIVISION

By Beverly Phillips

Summer has finally come and the Central Division is in full swing. Our Open Tournament was held June 20-25, at Milwaukee Lake Park. Winners were: *Triples*—Gloria Mather (s), Frieda Mixon (vs) and Dodie Hann (l) from Sun City Center, FL; *Pairs*—Mary Terrill (s) and Roberta Lane (l), Sun City West, AZ; *Singles*—Patti Grabowski, Sun City Center, FL.

At our annual meeting, we elected new officers for 1999: Carolyn Nobbe, President; Judy Arawinko, Vice-President; Eileen Luba, Secretary/Treasurer. We also agreed to merge with CD ALBA. A committee will work on drafting a new constitution and an agreement on procedural matters.

We are looking forward to the Mixed Triples in Westland over the July 4th weekend, the Three Rivers Open Triples in Pittsburgh in late July, the Women's Pairs in Rockford in August, and the Sidney Stellar Triples in Milwaukee on Labor Day weekend.

EASTERN DIVISION

By Dana Lum

We kicked off our season with the annual Buck Hill Open. The results are:

1. Jack Lucey/Tom McLaughlin (Slater Park)
2. Bob Urquhart/Lorraine Urquhart (Essex)
3. George Pardee/Betty Pardee (Thistle)

The results of the ED Women's Pairs Playdowns are:

Winners: Linda McDougall & Sonne Bucklin

Runners-up: Dana Lum & Mary Scott

The results of our ED Women's Singles Playdowns are:

Winner: Dana Lum

Runner-up: Jean Lithgow

Good luck to all in Seattle.

In the past, the men's and women's divisional opens have been held at separate times and different venues. The women have made a proposal to the men to hold them jointly next year. This idea will be brought to their board meeting in August.

For anybody who is planning to travel East, the Marie Manners will be held Sept. 19-20, at the Dupont Bowling Club.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

By Adele Patterson

The tournament schedule for this year has had stiff competition from the weather, with the weather winning as often as the tournaments. Both the Erma Artist Memorial Tournament and the MacLaren Triples were canceled. The ever-present rain held off long enough for the North/South Triples to be played at Santa Clara and Oakmont. The Leisure Town team, skipped by Eva Hoekman, with Anne Dickman and Sheila Stout, shut out the other north teams, and then met the Santa Clara threesome of Cathie Rollison, Phyllis Mills and Marguerite Miller at Rossmoor on May 22. Cathie, Phyllis and Marguerite took the trophy home to Santa Clara that day. Congratulations to them and all who participated.

The Mixed Rinks was played at Oakland on May 9, with both morning and afternoon winners. First place honors in the morning went to the team of Andre Banares, Mary Smith, Helen Brady and Ken Brady. Second place went to Woody Ogden, Phil Regoli, Mary Braz and Peggy Regoli. The afternoon saw Junior Remedios, Al Dimiz, Shirley Cam and Mary Hook in the winner's circle, with the Guiterres family, Vince, Marie, Lucy and Lionel in the second spot.

Reggie Banares and Irene Webster, PIMD's USA Team members, will represent our division in the U.S. Championships in July. Tomoko Lesowitz, of Rossmoor, won the U.S. Singles Playdowns and will be our representative in the Singles at these games. We wish them good luck and good bowling in Seattle.

Plans for the North American Challenge, to be held in Santa Rosa at the Oakmont green, are progressing well. The Opening Ceremonies, complete with bagpipers and honor guards, will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 17. We invite you all to attend.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

By Jean Haigler

Summertime has arrived, which means we are again in the triple digits weatherwise! Many have left for the cooler climes, but those of us here are enjoying the early morning bowling and the cool, cool of the morning.

All of us are excited about the National Open we are hosting this Fall. Sewing machines are humming, computers buzzing, and glue guns are pasting, getting ready for the BIG EVENT. Since this will be our last chance for many years, we are determined to make it our best. We do hope that all of you will look forward to putting us on your calendars.

The social events are promising to make your trip worthwhile: Halloween, with prizes galore and dancing, too!—Western banquet, once again at The Barn—and finally, the closing Cocktail Party. All of these, combined with

some of the best greens in the West—who could ask for anything more?

Another event we are anxious for is the opening of our new green at Sun City Grand. The setting is spectacular and the area, itself, something to enjoy, if even for just a visit.

We are taking quite a contingent to the Can-Am West Classic in Edmonton, Alberta. The women's team will consist of Phyllis Sullivan, Charlotte O'Keefe, Dora Stewart, Mary Terrill and Roberta Lane. There will also be several spouses going as well to enjoy the Canadian hospitality.

Once again, YA'LL COME TO ARIZONA FOR THE NATIONAL OPEN: Oct. 31—Nov. 6!

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

By Winnie Eberle

Our spring in the Southwst Division has been rather unstable this year, but the gods were with us when the time came for our planned events.

We held our Southwest Open the next-to-last week of April at Riverside. Kathy Ve, Mary DeLisle and Patricia Cronshaw won the Triples championship, with Kottia Spangler, Peg McCutcheon and Katy Stone the runners-up. Pairs champions were Mary DeLisie and Peggy Salisbury; and Laura DeWald, of Canada, won the Singles. (See SW Open story in SW section.)



Novice Singles was part of our Open program, and Sun City's Bev Talley, above left, took first place honors, with Joan Burke runner-up.

Our Rinks tournament was held at Laguna Beach. Anne Barber, Heather Stewart, Jan Wessel and Maryna Hyland won the annual event. Paula Bellone, Erika Sistas, Marion Compton, and Jo Mumma placed second.

Ladies Days, our once-a-month play day at a different club each event, continues to draw players from our various clubs who do not compete in regular tournaments. We played at Sun City (CA) and Alhambra, and were sorry bad weather cancelled our day at Oxnard.

Anne Barber and Heather Stewart will represent the SW in Pairs and Mary DeLisle in the Singles at the 1998 U.S. Championships. All our best wishes go with them when they travel to Seattle for the Championships.

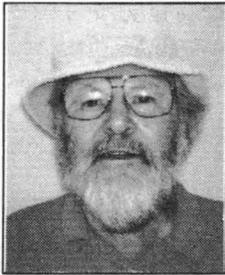
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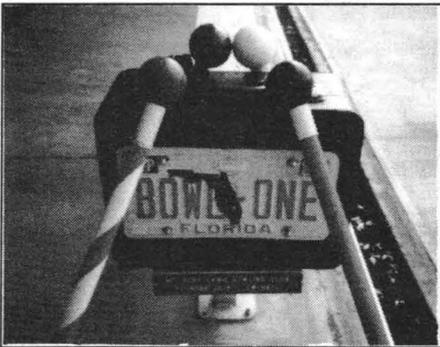


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BASIL & TIME!

Mount Dora's James Basil Hall sent in the photo below pictures his bowls case, with an auto license plate "BOWL ONE," resting on a Mount Dora LBC bench displaying the plaque: "Mt. Dora Lawn Bowling Club, Founded 1928, J.B. Hall."



Resting upon the case are walking sticks—Mr. Hall's—grip-topped by jacks used by the club at various times during the past 70 years.

Mr. Hall does not say whether or not he was one of the original members of the Mt. Dora Club, but he does mention he graduated from college in 1928, the year it was founded.

SE Correspondent and Mt. Dora member Gene Goodwin reports that: "J.B. Hall is 91, legally blind, and one of the best draw bowlers in our game. A Harvard degree physician who was once our County Health Director, Basil uses enhancers on his spectacles to see the jack. He walks about a half mile to the MD club almost every day using one of his collection of walking sticks."

PINEHURST

(North Carolina)

By Tom Kees

Tom Ciaccio emerged as champion of our upset-filled club "Open Tournament" this season, with Jim McGill as runner-up.

Flight winners and runners-up were:

1. Monica Dykeman and Joe Coleman
2. Dick Ott and Guy Sandulli
3. Al Pelliccio and Mary Ott
4. Tom Cawley and Pat Cawley,
5. Don Weaver and Ann McGill

Two new tournaments were tried this season. Al Conolly and Joe Coleman won our first 4321 Pairs. Guy Sandulli and Al Pelliccio were second, while Ann and Jim McGill came in third. Our first Novice/Skip Tournament was won by Jack Phillips and Don Hopkins, with Tony Fiorillo and Burl Roller coming in second.

We are proud of Burl and Barbara Roller, who maintain membership at Pinehurst as well as Mount Dora, for their victories in the SE-ALBA and AWLBA play-downs—he in the Pairs and she in the Singles. They plan to bowl competitively in Canada on their way to the U.S. Championships in Seattle, August 16-21.

Maxine Patridge and Wes Epple, who are directing our North Carolina Open this September 15-18, report they have a full entry of 32 triples teams. Greenskeepers have aerated our green and top dressed it with sufficient sand to make it nice and fast by tournament time.

SE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

ALBA and AWLBA bowlers seeking a schedule of open tournaments to be held in the balmy Southeast this Winter can get one by contacting:

Lynn Stokes
221 Amesbury Circle
Sun City Center, FL 33573
email: WIRE-STOKES-SUN-CITY@worldnet.ATT.net

Members of WBB-affiliated clubs outside the U. S. are also welcome at most of these November-through-March events.

BRADENTON

By Joyce Schindler

Summer, as hot as it is, is not being wasted here at the Bradenton club. With the help of City workers, we are installing new terrazo-like flooring in our clubhouse, and new baseboards. New bowls lockers are being made and an addition to our maintenance and storage building is under construction. A painting project is planned.

We believe we will have an attractive clubhouse for our upcoming Fall season, and we can hardly wait to see the looks on the faces of our returning members.

In Memoriam

Bill Keppen
Ruth Crouse

ORLANDO FOLDS

By Gene Goodwin

The dozen or so members still left in the once large and vigorous Orlando Club have called it quits. They decided in March to dissolve the Orlando Lawn Bowls Association, effective with the end of 1998.

Some Orlando bowlers have transferred their membership to other clubs in the area, chiefly DeLand. Some said they will continue to pay minimal dues to the Orlando Recreation Bureau in order to participate in social bowling on the eight Har-Tru artificial rinks the City owns.

Virginia Houck, Association president, said in a letter to nearby clubs that the dissolution was necessitated by her club's inability to find the 12 bowlers needed to field four triples teams in the North Central Florida League. Mount Dora provided one of the four Orlando teams last season along with several substitutes.

The NCFL is continuing with three participating clubs: Mount Dora, DeLand and Daytona Beach. Next season, Mount Dora will field two five-team squads, while the other two clubs will put-up one five-team squad, apiece. A 12-game schedule, based on six double-headers, will be played next January, February and March.

MOUNT DORA

By Gene Goodwin

The Mount Dora club observes its 70th anniversary this year with a new, un-mortgaged, member-financed \$250,000 clubhouse, that is large enough to hold all 300 of its members.

Two traditional events in April demonstrated how the new modern facility improves the club: The annual banquet, which has for years been held in an outside rented space because our old clubhouse was too small, moved back home this year. Not only was everyone seated and served, there was space left for dancing. Similarly, everyone was seated indoors for our

Founders Day luncheon, which over the past several years has been served in boxes because so many members had to eat outdoors.

Come December 4-6, the Holiday Bowl, which had to be dropped last year while the clubhouse and locker room pavilion were being built, will provide another demonstration of our new roomness. About 150 bowlers, guests and working club members will be fed and fanned in the clubhouse during this annual tournament.

The club's two new buildings—the James and Phyllis Daniels Clubhouse, and the Frank E. and Julia B. Brown Pavilion—were named after the principal donors.

New Officers: Michael G. Maneilly is club president this year. A former contractor, Mike supervised construction of the club's two new buildings. Serving with him on the new Board of Directors: Lela McHenry, vice president; James Laux, secretary; Eleanore Park, treasurer; Herb Wintsch, director for grounds; Evelyn Sartain, director for house; Dick Tucker, director for games; Lois Lindley, director for social activities; and immediate past-president Rosemarie Walsh, director for long-range planning.

Tournament Winners: In club tournaments held too late to be reported in the Spring issue, Beth Forbes and Don



Winners of the Mount Dora Mixed Pairs this Spring

McPeck took the Mixed Pairs Trophy, and the Fox Hill Night Triples was won in April by Frank Anderson, Bob Romer and Polly Huber. Runners-up in the Mixed Pairs were Bill Swartzlander and Betty Hamilton; and in the Night Triples, Mac McKean, Eleanore Park and Gene Kalmes.

Mini-Camp: Mount Dora will host a three-day SE-AWLBA Mini-Camp Nov. 19-21, for women bowlers seeking to improve their knowledge and skills. Patti Grabowski, of the Suncoasters, will direct the camp, as she has done at two such programs in recent years at Sun City Center. Mount Dora coordinators for the camp are Lois Lindley, Beth Forbes and Evelyn Sartain.

Julia Brown passed away at the age of 100. Julia had been a club member since 1962—when she and other women bowlers were prohibited from wearing shorts on the green.

In Memoriam
Julia B. Brown

SARASOTA

By Ian MacRae

We have high hopes that a greens consultant working this summer with the County will improve our greens for next season.

Sarasota will again host the lawn bowling segment of the Sarasota County Senior Games this coming Oct. 21-23. Our bowlers did well in that competition last year.

SE-ALBA TO MEET IN DECEMBER

The Board of Directors of SE-ALBA will meet Thursday evening, Dec. 3, prior to the 1998 Holiday Bowl at Mount Dora. All delegates and SE-ALBA bowlers are invited to attend the meeting in the Mount Dora clubhouse.

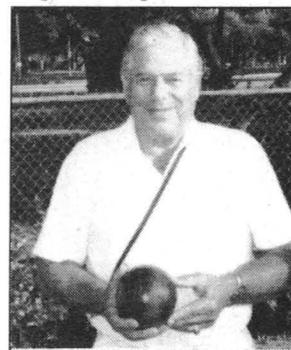
Ron Mulvaney, of Clearwater, who stepped up from second vice-president to president in March, following the death of Bill Say (Pebble Beach), will preside.

DELRAY BEACH

By Dick Nelken

Bay Hinchliffe is our new club president, elected in March for two years. With him on the Board of Directors are: Vi Baxter, Hank Greenberg, Bob Knox and Bill Taylor. Their top priority: attract new members!

On a personal note, having recently returned from a long Mediterranean cruise teaching bridge, I was delighted to find so many lawn bowlers from the British Isles, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Australia on board. Delighted, but saddened, to learn how little they knew about American lawn bowling. But what can we expect when 95 percent of our own citizens know little or nothing of our sport.



Dick Nelken, Delray's new BOWLS correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH

By Jack Gilbert

It was not Pete Wisse who vice skipped the Daytona Beach team that won the DeLand Invitational, as I reported in the last issue. It was Pete's cousin, Bert Wisse! Jean Henderson skipped that winning team and Doreen Hargreaves was the lead. At least I got that right. But my apologies to Bert!

In late tournaments not reported in the last issue, Nessie Debattista and Pete Wisse won President's Day; and the Farewell to Snowbirds tournament was taken by Bill Cannon, Meg Inglis and Gwen Beer.

The top Daytona team in the North Central Florida League this past season was that of Geoff Headley, Pete Wisse and Jo Gilbert, with six wins, two ties and four losses.

Our new officers for this year are Geoff Headley, president; Pete Wisse, vice president; Ceil Attara, secretary, and Jack Gilbert, treasurer.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

SE U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS PLAYDOWNS

By Gene Goodwin

The Southeast Division is sending a husband and wife from Mount Dora to the United States Championships at Jefferson Park-Seattle, Washington, this August.

Barbara Roller won the Women's Singles in the SE Playdowns at Sun City Center, while her husband, Burl, skipped the Pairs team that took the SE Men's championship. Burl and Walter Robertson (Clearwater) defeated former U.S. Pairs champs Burt MacWilliams and Bill Farrell (Clearwater) in the Men's finals.

Barb lost only one of six matches in a round-robin competi-

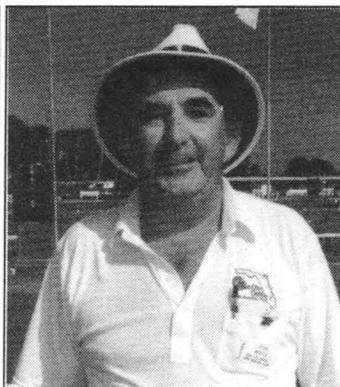
tion, in which she had to subdue two former U.S. champions, Patti Grabowski (Suncoasters) and Jo Gilbert (Daytona Beach).

The SE Men's Singles champion is John Meksa (Pebble Beach), who defeated fellow Pebble Beacher Joe Grabowski in the finals.

Although the Rollers, Walter Robertson and John Meksa are competing in the U.S. Championships for the first time, the SE is being represented in the Women's Pairs by Jeanne McLaughlin and Muriel Rackliff. Both have been there before—their experience could give them an important edge.



Seattle-bound! Mount Dora's Barbara and Burl Roller are two of the six SE Division representatives in August's U.S. Championships—she in Women's Singles and he in Men's Pairs.



John Meksa, of Pebble Beach, won the SE Men's Singles playdown.



SE Women's Pairs champs, Jeanne McLaughlin, left, and Muriel Rackliff, will rep the SE Division at the "big one" in Seattle.

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CUNNINGHAM

(Milton, MA)

By Sam Drevitch

Our green was finally opened after another year of rebuilding. The Opening Day Scramble was well-attended, especially by a

large contingent from the Slater Park Club.

Prize winners were:

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Larry Messier | 6. Shirley Kenney |
| 2. Parker Foss | 7. Sam Drevitch |
| 3. (tie) Frank Yaffee | 8. Charles Morgan |
| & Edith Mathieu | 9. George Zvanelich |
| 5. Marion Norris | 10. Greta Lafond |

Quincy Cup—1. Jack Lucey/Edith Mathieu/Jim Grant; 2. Tom McLaughlin/Yvonne Baithazard/Patricia Jones; 3. Maurice Lafond/Frank Yaffee/Shirley Kenney; 4. Sam Drevitch/Leo Mathieu/Greta Lafond.

This year, we merged with the Boston Croquet Club in the hope that some of them will become lawn bowlers. This added about ten members to the club, but, as yet, no participation in lawn bowling. We, also, tried to start a league with juniors and seniors from Milton Academy, a private school. No success as yet, but we keep trying.

CATARACT CITY

By Duncan Gillies

Our lawn bowling season is underway with the greens in fairly good condition. We are hoping that the City will do all they can to keep them that way.

We had a meeting with our Canadian friends and set up a schedule for the 1998 season. Two tournaments are scheduled this year, the Ed Ventry on July 18 and the Alec Dunlop on October 3.

At our last Board of Directors meeting, we decided to reinstate the same officers for another year. Cliff Geist remains as president, Rich Hartley as vice-president, and Joe Rogan as secretary-treasurer. Joe has done an outstanding job. Pat Rauccio will stay on as tournament secretary.

In order to try to gain new members, we have set up some nights for bowling and have invited people who would like to learn the game to attend.

EASTERN DIVISION

FERNLEIGH

(West Hartford, CT)

By Joan Wood

Fernleigh members enjoyed a pre-season luncheon at the Town and County Club in Hartford, and opened its season in early May.

Two prospective member luncheons and demonstrations were held in mid-May, followed by a series of training sessions for potential members. Rita O'Brien, Membership Chairperson, reports that we have gained seventeen new members from these activities.

Our eight-week Monday night Mixed Doubles tournament, under the leadership of Frank Stolzenberg, is very successful—with a record 32 members bowling. So glad to see all the rinks full!

June 20 was a big day for Fernleigh as it celebrated the club's 75th Anniversary. In the early 1920's, there arose a desire among some bowlers at Thistle Lawn Bowling Club to establish a privately owned and operated green. After many meetings and much hard work, the official opening was June 20, 1923 (the name was suggested by a member formerly associated with a club of that name in Hamilton, Ontario).

These early bowlers were known as "Fernleighs" and proved to be formidable

competitors, winning the Championship Bowling Cup of the United States on July 21, 1923. And, they won it ten more times through the years. Fernleigh has continued to thrive and is now one of the largest bowling clubs in the Northeast.

Thanks to Karen Kohn and her committee—Frank Stolzenberg, Madelyn, Ed Wood, and Mary and Wil Bjorkman—for planning these festivities. The clubhouse was very colorful, dressed-up with streamers, banners and balloons.

The morning opened with Senator Kevin Sullivan reading a proclamation of our 75 years, as Jean McCambridge and Bob Spafford (with a total of 60 years of bowling between them) and President, Ed Wood looked on. There followed a morning of bowling, with a picnic buffet and an anniversary cake at noon.

Winners of the day under "Stolzenberg's Special Scoring System" were:

Most Points In One End—tie between the team of Jean McCambridge, John Rowlson and Joan Wood and the team of George Pardee, Gene Knorr and Ed Churchill.

Single Game With The Most Points (excluding the above teams)—Team of Rita O'Brien, Wil Bjorkman and Ed Wood.

capture the victory over a field of several teams. Pieter & Pauline Van der Spuy and Joann Proper & Tom Miller won the A and B flights, respectively.

Recruitment efforts are beginning to pay off, and President Bill Holcombe reports five new members.

Club veterans appear to be excited about a competitive ladder that was established for the first time this year. It has encouraged people to get out and play, as well as sharpen their game. In less than a two-month period, the top position has changed hands three times.

At the Eastern Division Singles Playdowns, at Buck Hill Falls, Dan Berg won the event and will be representing the Division at the U. S. Championships in Seattle in August. Another WIBC member, Robin Goldman, finished third.

Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club members are always delighted to welcome visiting bowlers. The green is open every day from 2-6 p.m. For more information, call Dan Berg at 757-229-8799.

SLATER PARK

(Pawtucket, RI)

By Ed Kenney

After a long, wet winter, we finally had a break in the weather to work on the green. Repairs were made to the ditches and the green was top-dressed.

A new 10'x16' equipment shed was also designed and built by George Zvanelich and Al Letourneau. This shed was built with funds from donations, raffles and the sales of crafts made and donated by Jen Letourneau.

Opening day, on May 16, went well, with good weather and our good friends from Cunningham Park (Milton, MA) in attendance. Our club president, Jen Letourneau, wished everyone an enjoyable bowling season.

After three 12-end games, the first place winners were: Peter Stojek, Sonne Bucklin and Susan Ford.

The Mayor's Day Tournament was held May 30. Mayor James E. Doyle was present and commented on how pleased he was with the facility. A citation from the City was also presented by Mayor Doyle.

First-place winners of the Mayor's Day event were: Maurice Lafond, John Silva and Marion Norris.

We held a mixed-doubles tournament on June 6. The first place winners were Victor and Susan Ford.

Also, we are pleased to announce that on June 13-14, Bob Sayer (Slater Park) and brother Dick (Dupont) won the Men's Eastern Division U.S. Pairs Playdown, held in Buck Hill Falls, PA. A Ladies Pairs Playdown was also held and won by Sonne Bucklin (Slater Park) and Linda McDougall (Bridgeport).

HAMILTON

(New Jersey)

By Bob Stewart

Jim Kenney, our four-time consecutive Singles Champion, has done it again, winning the James Stewart Handicap Singles by one shot over last year's winner Jack Russell.

The Triples League for the first half is tied by HAMILTON and COSMOS—won 6, lost 1.

Looking forward to our game at DuPont L.B.C. on Aug. 1. We will be entertaining twenty lawn bowlers from England on Sept. 21. We're really excited about this visit.

Next competition is Club Pairs, Saturday, August 29. Good bowling to everyone.

In Memoriam
Ben Blair

WILLIAMSBURG INN*By Susan Berg*

With three months' activity under their belts, Williamsburg lawn bowlers are having a busy season. Tournament play, plus some new activities, have proven very popular with members. And, to top it off, the bowling green appears to be in the best playing condition it has been in years. Thanks to the Colonial Williamsburg staff who maintain it.

The first tournament of the season, played at home against the Frick Park Club of Pittsburgh in April, brought a victory that buoyed members' spirits. Following the game, everyone met for a lively party at the Kingspoint Clubhouse, overlooking College Creek. While the results of the next tournament, May 23-24 at Dupont Lawn Bowling Club in Wilmington, DE, were not as favorable to Williamsburg, everyone had a good time and enjoyed the social company.

Early summer weather with high temperatures set the stage for the club's mixed doubles tournament June 20-21. Joann Miller and Bob Hunt bowled beautifully to

EASTERN DIVISION

NEW YORK

(Central Park)

By Bob Mancuso

CENTRAL PARK—NEW YORK CITY, June 20, 1998. This is your correspondent Bob Mancuso reporting live from the NBC remote van outside Central Park. Members of the N.Y.L.B.C. took part in the City's Centennial celebration today.

One hundred years ago the City of New York consolidated the outer boroughs into what was then the second largest city in the United States, with a population of 1 million. Today, New York is the largest U.S. City, with a population of seven million. It still has the same number of lawn bowlers today as it did then.

NBC provided live coverage of the event from Central Park during the day, which ended in a simultaneous five-borough fireworks display—the first of its kind. The Gucci Brothers outdid themselves. There was no damage to the greens from the exploding arsenal of multi-colored projectiles launched that evening.

Our July 18th Out-of-Towners Tournament is rapidly gaining recognition. City officials have agreed to provide bleacher seats for the hundreds of spectators expected to stop by during the day. Commissioner Adrian Benepe's office and Parks Director Bob Lawson have acknowledged the club's request for support. More in my follow-up report in the next issue of BOWLS.

Last year's event saw competitors from as far away as Delaware and Massachusetts. At half-time, the Club planned to provide a gourmet luncheon for participants and their guests. At press-time, we're looking forward to another incredible event this summer!

Until the Fall, this is your correspondent Bob Mancuso wishing you an exciting summer.

ESSEX COUNTY

(Bloomfield, NJ)

By George J. Schick

President Colin Smith opened our season May 25 as the Essex Club gathered to participate in the Calcaterra Memorial Triples event. Our Club was unable to bowl due to a delay in completing our green's Spring maintenance program.

The opening ceremonies, however, were highlighted by the announcement that Isabel Forbes was elected an Essex Honorary Life Member. Isabel was transferred by her employer to California where she will be bowling as a member of the Southwest Division. We wish Isabel "Good Luck and Good Bowling", and wish to thank her for all the recognition she has gained for Essex throughout lawn bowling.

Essex will serve as Host Club for the Marie Manners Memorial Pairs and the ED Regional Challenge Event. The Essex green, under the direction of the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, should be in fine condition.

Our Membership Committee has been working with area civic/service organizations and local schools to increase Essex memberships. Our Sunday Afternoon "Learn to Lawn Bowl" sessions began June 7.

The Essex green is open daily from May 15 – November 1. If you will be in the NJ area, please contact: George Schick at (973) 966-3312 (days) or (732) 381-2027 (evenings), so we can arrange a match for you. We are located in Bloomfield's Watsessing Park, at the corner of Glenwood and Maolis Avenues. Our Club is off of Exit 148 of the Garden State Parkway.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS—Essex's Duncan Farrell was first in the Men's Classic Singles at Dupont.

DUPONT

(Wilmington, DE)

By Shirley Straw

This season began with some very sociable and challenging events. In early May, we hosted the Williamsburg, VA, Bowls Club. It was an all-around lovely weekend. Maybe Williamsburg wouldn't agree—the games score was Dupont 17, Williamsburg 3.

Later in May, it was our pleasure to host the ALBA Eastern Division Classic Singles Tournament and the Essex Club from Trenton, N.J.

On June 6-7, we had a first-time visit from the Frick Park Bowling Club of Pittsburgh. They were quite a challenge to us. After 3 rounds on Saturday, we began Sunday with the score 10 games to 10. But, Dupont managed to take one more game than Pittsburgh on Sunday, making the final score 13 games to 12.

We'll continue to be busy, not only with our bowling tournaments, but by helping the Dupont Country Club with sport events. When local groups hold sports events at the DPCC, lawn bowling is always an option. Many people enjoy the new experience of lawn bowling. Again, we will be working with the DPCC during their two sessions of Sports Academy for children 6 to 13. They have a lot of fun trying lawn bowling.

As the season moves along the lawn bowling clubs of Hamilton, NJ, and Leisure World, MD, will be revisiting us. Later, we will return to Leisure World, as well as Williamsburg, for tournaments.

You're always welcome at the Dupont green. Just call President Tom Lawlor at (302) 478-2276.

1998 NATIONAL OPEN

October 30–November 6

SUN CITIES, ARIZONA

Sponsored by DEL WEBB'S SUN CITY GRAND



Schedule of Events

MEN

Singles: Oct. 31–Nov. 1

Triples: Nov. 2–4

Pairs: Nov. 4–6

\$30 per event

—Entry Fee—

WOMEN

Rinks: Oct. 31–Nov. 1

Pairs: Nov. 2–4

Singles: Nov. 4–6

\$20 per event

HALLOWEEN BALL: Saturday, Oct. 31, 12.50 per person

WESTERN PARTY: Monday, Nov. 2, \$20 per person



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Sun City West, AZ 85376

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email:OKCHAR@aol.com

EASTERN DIVISION

THISTLE

(West Hartford, CT)

By Joan Wood

Thistle opened its season with a general meeting at the clubhouse, followed by a "bring your own picnic" lunch and an afternoon of bowling. Our newly renovated greens, with sprinkler system, are looking just great!

The President's Tournament, our first tournament of the year, was held on May 30. We had a good turnout and winners were:

1. Vic Bendzinski and Dorothy Starble
2. Bill Wassell and Joan Wood
3. Peter Campbell and Betty Pardee

Congratulations to the Pardees! Not only was Betty a winner here, but George

has passed his National Umpire test and is now also on the Board of Directors of the Eastern Division. Finally, George and Betty came in third in the Mixed Doubles at Buck Hill Falls, sponsored by AWLBA, on May 23-24, where George also won the spider!

On June 6, we hosted the New England Mix or Match, run by Ward Francis. We had teams competing from Central Park, Greenwich, and Cunningham, MA, among others. With a nice combination of "mixes" and "matches," the winners were:

1. Kelly and Connie Keith (Greenwich)
2. Ward and Nick Francis (Thistle)
3. Ben and Muriel Lorenz (Greenwich)
4. Sam Drevitch and George Archilles

(Cunningham)

Now to recognize some of our many hard-working members: "Thanks"—to Mike Bassford for assuming the Presidency when Nick Francis had to step down due to job pressures; to John Ferguson and Joe Morin for their valiant recruiting efforts; to Mary Terry for her single-handed work as the telephone committee; and to Bill Wassell for stepping up whenever help is needed (training, equipment, membership roster coordinator, intra-club games, etc.). Thank you one and all!

Finally, thanks to Sandy Hughes, one of our newest members, for adding us to the annual meeting agenda of the Aetna retirees group, and helping to arrange an open house to introduce them to the sport.

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**MILWAUKEE WEST***By Leonard F. Shaw*

Not much to report this quarter other than a lot of social bowlers were active due to the nice weather. The summer report will be full of Club and Milwaukee County tournament results as there are events planned every weekend.

Our Spring luncheon was held May 9 at a local restaurant and was attended by all but two members, who were slightly ill.

Dupont Club in Wilmington, Delaware. Unfortunately, we came up short in each of the tournaments. But the association with fine groups of bowlers, in each case, made up for the lack of wins. We look forward to our always enjoyable visit to the East Cleveland Club in July.

We had good representation at the Central Division Tournament in June: Lois Saladin, Jack and Beverly Phillips, Hank and Eileen Luba, Bud and Helen Fickley, Pat Goetz and Carolyn Cole made the trip. Tournament results are listed on page 19.

In Memoriam
Harry Bogacki
Stella Dunsworth
Charles Moss
Bertha Speer

MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK*By Buzz Althoen*

Milwaukee Lake Park is off to a fine start. Many bowlers started in April this year because of the good weather. Our greens are looking better than ever thanks to our greens committee co-chairmen of Ken Degenhardt and Dan Matthews.

Winners of our Memorial Day event are: *Morning*—1. Jack Molloy & George Mueller, 2. Bill Harrington & Charlie Foote

Afternoon—1. Sue Partridge & Barb Althoen, 2. Pat Mueller & Charlie Foote

Blind Pairs was held May 30-31, with folks from Milwaukee, Rockford and Chicago participating. Winners are:

1. "Bones" Kelsey & Carol Jassoy
2. Charles Stone & Mary Price
3. James Copeland & Bernie Grimm
4. Dave Blake & Betsy Casper
5. Ken Degenhardt & Marge LaBelle
6. Leif Andresen & Wanda Becker

We look forward to all the various other events coming up in June, and especially look forward to hosting the Central Division Open and Pairs Playdowns in late June.

Keep bowling! Keep smiling! Have fun and join us at one of the nicest locations for bowling in the midwest—with the nicest people!

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PITTSBURGH FRICK PARK*By James C. Cunningham*

A beautiful double rainbow greeted our members while playing a recent Wednesday evening league competition, and we trust it is a portend of a great 60th year for us.

Our greens are certainly in the best condition in recent memory. Members are having a great time competing in our leagues and tournaments, and we are all looking forward to a successful Three Rivers Triples Tournament July 25-26, in celebration of our 60th anniversary. So, perhaps the rainbow is working.

We had enjoyable visits recently to the Williamsburg, Virginia Club and to the

CENTRAL DIVISION

FLINT

By Jeane Giesy

The Flint greens are in great shape, so we were able to start out tournaments early. First was the Hamilton Tournament and the winners were: (s-vs-l) Fred Hall, Joyce Gilmour, John Canning. The second event was the Gilmour Doubles. Lucky Gilmour again won his own tournament! The winners were:

MEN—Ron Gilmour and Sam Farah

LADIES—Joyce Gilmour and Anita Flynn

The evening league play was started under the direction of Norm Myers. We had our yearly visit with friends from the Sarnia Ontario Club, featuring a brown bag lunch and lots of good desserts provided by the Flint ladies.

The club will have seven teams go to Windsor, Ontario to compete in the Canada-USA competition. This Fall, Flint will host the CANUSA (Canada vs U.S.A.) Games. Athletes come from Hamilton, Ontario to compete. There are 32 events in the Games and Lawn Bowling is one of them.

We enjoy visitors. Do come by for a visit. For further information, phone 810/233-5128.

In Memoriam
Ken Tomkinson

EAST CLEVELAND

By Jean Sinringer

Had a wonderful champagne breakfast to start off the Memorial Day Games. Played the game that was on internet called "Bonus Fours," which everyone enjoyed.

Must mention our visitor, John Hickson, from Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club, who bowled with us several times. Welcome anytime, John.

Just completed our first tournament for the year, the Bode Tournament. Bob Novak and Ina Fleming won that one. Ina is from Scotland and will be bowling with us for the summer.

In other writings we mentioned the signs that Bob Walton made to put at the entrance to the green. Our green is not visible from the street so the signs tell people we are having open bowling. We have had quite a bit of interest from this, people stopping by to see what it is all about and trying a few bowls.

Lots of things coming up: Clucas Pairs, July 4th Celebration, Garage Sale, Frick Park, Fish Fry. The green is coming back to life as we finally have had rain, and the summer looks exciting.

ROCKFORD

By Ann Kelsey

The weatherman has not exactly been our friend here in Rockford, but we are taking advantage of every chance we can for "good bowling."

Our first club breakfast was provided by Donna Binger and was excellent. We are having a breakfast and play-day on July 5. We also have several club events planned, thanks to our tournament committee, headed by Joy Ray. We are hoping to have other clubs join us and have sent information to the clubs in the Central Division. Please check your local club bulletin board.

We were well represented at the 1998 Blind Pairs Tournament at Milwaukee Lake Park. The winning team was Bones Kelsey and Carol Jassov. Second Place went to Charles Stone and Mary Preiss. Third was James Copeland and Bernie Grimm. Fourth went to Dave Blake and Betsy Casper. Kenny Degenhardt and Marge LaBelle were fifth, and Leif Andresen and Wanda Becker finished sixth. Bones, Dave,

Marge and Wanda all bowl from Rockford.

We are proud of our snowbird member, Gloria Mather, who was skip of the winning trebles team for the Central Division. In the Men's division, Frank Roddy and John Devine showed that you can winter in Rockford and still thaw out enough to be on the winning Men's Triples Team.

Good luck to all our club members who are participating in the Central Division Open and U.S. Playdowns. Look for the outcome report in the next issue.

CHICAGO LAKESIDE

By Patricia Brown LeNoble

Hip, hip hooray! We had a tremendous Clean-Up Day on May 2. And, to make things easier, the Chicago Park District had given our Clubhouse an interior paint job, with volunteers doing the rest!

John LeNoble had our 1998 Directory out in record time, with the schedule of events included. Opening day was May 17, and both our Ladder and the new Challenge games are off and running! Our Games Chairman, Bill Nakagawa, is really moving in the fast lane, keeping tabs as the bowlers go up and down on the score sheets!

Open house #1 was enjoyed on May 31, and Lorrie Michael, of our Membership

Committee, expresses a great big THANK YOU to all who participated. The 2nd Open House is scheduled for June 28, and we are looking forward to meeting and greeting all newcomers.

Excitement was high as the Mixed Triples came into being on June 6, with (s-vs-l) John LeNoble, Lou Young and Carolyn Morrison taking first place. Runners-up were: Alex McWilliams, Evelyn Clark and Joe Ambors.

A pot-luck lunch will be served on the 4th of July, followed by a bowls game! More about this in the next issue.

We now have three new members (thanks to our Publicity Committee), and we are setting our sights on more new members to join us and participate in the

summer ahead in challenges on the green.

We lay claim to the oldest Chicago Bulls fan, namely Annie Tillman, at 102 years of age! She is the mother of our president, Willye Tillman. They were the guests of the Bulls on Sunday, June 7, and Annie refers to Michael Jordon as her "very own."

In Memoriam
Sander Ostrowiak

**Tournaments and Fun Days
Are Around the Corner!**



See Calendar Page 6 or
Check Your Club Bulletin Board

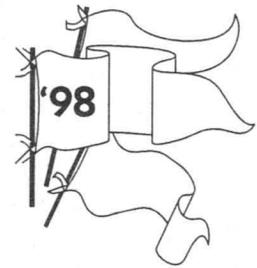
CENTRAL DIVISION

1998 CENTRAL DIVISION OPEN

By Pat Mueller and Dan Matthews

The 1998 ALBA and AWLBA Central Division Opens were held June 20-25, at the Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Club. The week featured good weather and good bowls by all.

The Milwaukee Lake Park Club hosted a buffet on June 21, and ALBA Division President Ken Degenhardt and his wife, Lois, hosted a cocktail party at their home that was enjoyed by one and all. Visitors from the South Central and Southeast Division's dominated the women's events.



- MEN**
TRIPLES
Championship Flight
1. Jack Molloy, John Devine, Frank Roddy
 2. Don McPeak, Trevor Colby, Bruce McPeak
 3. Joe Grabowski, John Stewart, Ken Degenhardt
 4. Carl Landgren, Bob Schneider, Jim Cavender

- First Flight*
1. Cal Wright, Bill Davidson, Bob Patterson
 2. Ted Palmer, Jerry Mathwig, Lief Andresen
- PAIRS*
Championship Flight
1. Jim Copeland, Charles Stone
 2. John Devine, Frank Roddy
 3. Gil Stephan, Ken Degenhardt
 4. Chuck Mather, Armond Geyer

- First Flight*
1. Bob Schneider, Jim Cavender
 2. Lief Andresen, z Dan Matthews
- SINGLES*
Championship Flight
1. Bob Patterson
 2. Charles Stone
 3. Jim Copeland
 4. Joe Grabowski
- First Flight*
1. Jack Phillips
 2. John Stewart

- WOMEN**
TRIPLES
1. Dodie Hahn, Frieda Mixon, Gloria Mather
 2. Peggy Bettridge, Cy Stephan, Patti Grabowski
 3. Evelyn Clark, Carolyn Nobbe, Nancy Davidson
- PAIRS*
1. Roberta Lane, Mary Terrill

2. Peggy Bettridge, Patti Grabowski
 3. Rita Hurley, Cathy Symington
 4. Eileen Luba, Lois Saladin
- SINGLES*
1. Patti Grabowski
 2. Mary Terrill
 3. Dora Stewart



Top row, left to right:

- Central Open Men's Singles champion Bob Patterson, left, and runner-up Charles Stone.
- Patti Grabowski, Ladies CD Open Singles champion.
- Jim Copeland, left, and Charles Stone took the Central Open Men's Pairs title.
- Roberta Lane, left, and Mary Terrill won the Women's Central Open Pairs.

Bottom row, left to right:

- Central Open Men's Triples crown went to: (l-r) Jack Molloy, John Devine and Frank Roddy.
- 1998 Central Open Women's Triples winners are: (l-r) Dodie Hahn, Frieda Mixon and Gloria Mather.

WESTLAND

By Joey Dunn

We have had a nice spring, with rain and sun, and the results fresh and green. Our members have been out bowling and, hopefully, well enough to continue for the full season. Six of our bowlers travelled to Milwaukee for the June 20 Central Division Tournament: Bill and Nancy Davidson, Trevor Colby, Cathie Symington, Rita Hurley and Bob Patterson.

We spent a pleasant afternoon bowling with Wen and Ladene

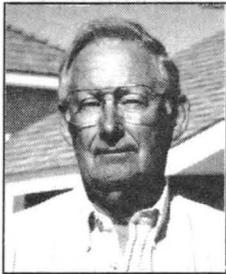
Mowery, who were visiting from California. Ladene is a new bowler. This is a sport that's nice for couples and singles. Male and female can compete on an even footing.

Westland Club is looking forward to visitors from all over for our 4th of July Tournament. Our green will be filled to capacity.

Not too much to report at this time. Our green is looking good. "Central City Park", where we are located, is looking good. So come see us at Westland, a good place to visit and to be.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

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SC AT CAN-AM CLASSIC

Led the last year's undefeated team in the Men's Pairs, the South Central Division competed in the 2nd Annual Can-Am West Classic, July 26-29, in Edmonton, Alberta.

Battling for the men, Tom Stirrat and Gordon Shieck were joined by Leon Sullivan (and new South Centralites) Jack Behling and John Stewart. SC women fielded a team of Roberta Lane, Phyllis Sullivan and Mary Terrill—from the 1997 team—plus Charlotte O'Keefe and Dora Stewart.

In the Can-Am West Classic, each of the four western Divisions of ALBA/AWLBA play each of the four western provinces of Canada in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Rinks. Medal ranking is determined by combined records of both men's and women's results. Last year the Canadians shutout the U.S. teams, winning the four top positions in the final standings. The South Central Division finished sixth overall.

1997's bright spot was the Men's Pairs team of Stirrat and Shieck, who beat each of the four Canadian teams. Stirrat also shined in the Singles, winning three of his four matches.

This tournament furnishes great competition and the fine hospitality of the Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club in Edmonton.

AHWATUKEE

By Jim Obrock

Our plan for this fall and winter is to add the Sun City West and Grand Lawn Bowling Clubs to our visitations home and away. We issue a challenge in this article to play them. Let only fear stop the games from taking place. We home and home visit with Venture Out, Silver Ridge, Leisure World, Monte Vista and Apache now, and look forward to the Sun Cities.

The sunbirds have left, including my

wife and I, but the club continues to compete daily at 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Through the summer the club has steady participation from the real Arizona people and has lots of fun. They're nice enough to welcome us back in the Fall knowing we are too weak to stay the summer.

Our Club champions for the year were:

Singles: Jim Obrock

Doubles: Art McMaster & Tony Rigoglosio

Triples: Larry Aubert, Bob Padget & Joe Lewallen

SOUTH CENTRAL PRESIDENT

From October 31 through November 6 the South Central Division will host the combined 1998 ALBA/AWLBA National Open. We welcome all members of these organizations and bowling guests from other countries who are affiliated with the WBB and IWBB.

Charlotte O'Keefe and Gil Stephan are co-chairing this event and promise good bowling conditions and perfect weather. You, the bowlers, must furnish

the competition.

Sun City Grand, the newest and "grandest" Del Webb development, is the main sponsor of the tournament. They will host a reception at which time all entrants can see the latest in top flight retirement living.

Look forward to seeing and greeting you all at this highlight of our year.

Champ Salisbury

THE BIRTH OF A LAWN BOWLING GREEN AND A LAWN BOWLING CLUB

By Lindsay Towns

As we wait for the first shovel to penetrate the soil to make a lawn bowling green at the new Sun City Grand, in Surprise, Arizona, let us reflect on the history of lawn bowling in Arizona.

At the time that Sun City, Arizona was in it's infancy, Del Webb wondered what sport could be an asset to a retirement program. Del Webb contacted the American Lawn Bowls Association and lawn bowling began in Arizona. The best known person in lawn bowling circles may have had an influence in establishing a lawn bowling green before Del Webb sold his first house.

Mickey Mouse was founded in 1928 by Walt Disney and Walt's escape from the pressures of business was lawn bowling. One of Del Webb's first ventures was a community in Southern California know as Sun City, where he built two

bowling greens. Sun City, California has been an active American Lawn Bowls Association affiliated club for over 30 years.

At one time, Sun City, Arizona had four active ALBA clubs and had the support of the Del Webb Corporation. For the new Sun City Grand to be a viable lawn bowls club it will need the help of the American Lawn Bowls Association and American Women's Lawn Bowls Association, from their respective presidents, councilors, the national membership committees, and the neighboring clubs. Let it not be our fault if it does not come to it's full potential.

Call Sun City Grand Recreation Manager Ed Harrold at 602-546-5000, and ask the question: "where can we help?"

Flash—Building of the green has started.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

SC U.S. PLAYDOWNS

By Bob Lane

The South Central Division's Men's Playdowns for the United States Championships took place April 4-11. Singles player Doug McArthur and Pairs team Tom Stirrat and Gordon Shieck, won the right to represent the Division in August at the United States Championships in Seattle. Full results:

SINGLES

1. Doug McArthur
2. Jack Behling
3. Bill Lingeman
4. John Stewart

PAIRS

1. Tom Stirrat/Gordon Shieck
2. Jack Behling/John Stewart
3. Leon Sullivan/ Bill Lingeman
4. Doug McArthur/Champ Salisbury

SUMMER LEAGUE '98

Twelve teams, representing lawn bowlers from Sun City West, Sun City, Paradise Park and El Mirage, are contending for first place...and SURVIVAL. Playing two games every Tuesday morning during the Arizona Summer is real dedication.

The Summer League format started in 1994. Under the guidance of Kermit Robinson, the League was the subject of a fine lawn bowling article written by Maggie Reed, a staff writer for *The Daily News Sun Paper*.

LEISURE WORLD

(Mesa, Arizona)

By Ruth Filbin

Our club finished a busy year with our annual "Beer Bust" Awards Dinner on April, catered by Christel's—and enjoyed by all who attended.

1998 Club Champions:

Triples—Ruth Filbin, Wray Roth, Jack Gibson.

Pairs—Bill Stabb, Dave Hardly

Singles—Norm Desautels

Most of our members have left for the Summer. But, those hearty "sunbirds" who remain have started night-time bowling under-the-stars (and lights), and will continue into October.

A "Welcome Back Dinner" is scheduled for November 12, and we are looking forward to everyone coming "HOME" to enjoy our much improved green.

See you all in the Fall

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION OPEN

By Bob Lane

The South Central Division Open Tournament was played February 7-12, in the Sun Cities of Arizona.

TRIPLES

Champion—(s-v-l) Doug McArthur,

Jack Behling, John Stewart

Runner-up—Mert Isaaman, Ivan

Hyland, Maccon Harrington

3rd Place—Graham Jarvis, Bill Hiscock,

Bill Weaver

4th Place—Dick Niblack, Ron Gilmour,

Frank Flynn

Second Flight

1. Peter Fish, Bill Lingeman, Andre

Banares

2. Ed Quo, Bob Nunes, X. Tejada

Third Flight

1. Leon Sullivan, Keith Yett, Bill

Cameron

2. Rob Goldman, Simon Meyerowitz,

Bill Williams

PAIRS

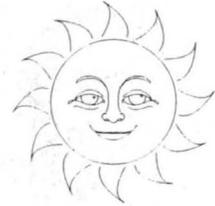
Champion—(s-l) Ed Quo/Bob Nunes

Runner-up—Peter Fish/Andre Banares

3rd Place—Gordon Shieck/Larry

Brohammer

4th Place—Tom Stirrat/Bob Ayotte



Second Flight

1. Jack Behling/John Stewart

2. Doug McArthur/Bill Lingeman

Third Flight

1. Bill Hiscock/Bill Weaver

2. Norm Desautels/George Davey

Fourth Flight

1. Ivan Hyland/Maccon Harrington

2. Dave Close/Chet Towle

SINGLES

Champion—Bill Lingeman

Runner-up—Tom Stirrat

3rd Place—Ivan Hyland

4th Place—Bob Christie

Second Flight

1. John Stewart

2. Bill Hiscock

Third Flight

1. Gordon Shieck

2. Jim Webster

SUN CITY WEST

By Howard Goodnough

Summer IS HERE, which means many lawn bowlers ARE NOT! But we still have daily open-bowling in the morning, and evening bowling under the lights. In addition, two organized programs are under way: the weekly Summer League play (outlined in the South Central Div. report), and a monthly 12-end Bowling/Social Mixer, with a heavy helping of socializing.

SURE-SHOT ACHIEVERS—In the Arizona Summer League, Milt Evert, a very new but dedicated bowler, paired with Gordon Shieck, one of our Club's most experienced tournament bowlers, and had a 7-shot end! As Milt plays more he will realize what a great end that was.

The Arizona State Open Tournament was held on our Johnson greens April 15-18. Lawn bowlers everywhere thank the Sun City West Recreation Managers and Governing Board for allowing us to res-

cue this 20-year lawn bowling tradition.

Under the direction of Jim Clark and Bob Lane, the tournament flowed smoothly. The winners: Pairs—Tom Stirrat and Gordon Shieck. Triples—Tom Stirrat, George Ralston, Gordon Shieck.



Arizona State Open Triples champs (l-r) George Ralston, Sr., Gordon Shieck and Tom Stirrat. Stirrat and Shieck also teamed to win the Arizona Pairs.

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A landmark event occurred during the ALBA Northwest Spring Open when Nancy Nishikawa was called upon to substitute in the Men's Pairs competition. The men in the Northwest Division voted some three years ago to accept women as members, thereby making women eligible to participate in the men's Northwest Division events. By the way, Nancy and Don Woods, her Skip, won the match.

On the women's side of the Northwest Division Spring Open, Nancy Nishikawa (Jefferson Park) and Susan Parker (Woodland Park) won first place. Debbie Tupper and Pam Edwards (Portland) were second; and Rosetta Johnson and Mary Scoggin (Tacoma) came in third.

The Northwest Division Playdowns have been taking place during the month of June. For the women, Nancy Nishikawa (skip) and Donna West (lead) won the Pairs, with Myra Wood and Grace Said coming in second. In Singles, Grace Said won out over fellow Tacoma member Myra Wood in a close game.

On the men's side, the Pairs team of James Patterson (skip) and Doug Bradley (lead), Jefferson Park, beat the Portland team of Larry Edgar and Jim Tupper in the finals. Richard Broad beat out his pairs partner, Richard Krueger, in the Singles Playdowns.

KING CITY

(Oregon)

By Ed Otte

Our bowling was greatly limited during April and May because of the many rainy days, but the month of June has provided us with mostly sunny days and ideal temperatures. The rains helped to get the green into almost perfect condition and we are looking forward to many great bowling days before the rains return in the Fall.

The wet weather forced cancellation of our scheduled visits to and from the Portland LBC in May, but we hope to reschedule those visits at a later date.

Upcoming social events include our annual Ice Cream Social on July 17 and Fun & Games Day on August 21, which is followed by a catered dinner in the evening. Also, our club will again participate in the King City Lions' annual Flea Market on July 25. That is our club's major fund raising event.

Many thanks to Clif Baxter and his helpers for managing to get in some bowling instruction between the rain drops, and we are pleased to welcome the following new members: Betty Jo Edwards, Ralph Horner, Barbara Greer and John Greer.

In Memoriam
Cloey Simpson

WOODLAND PARK

(Seattle)

By Roy Scully

As it has for the past several years, the club taught the basics of lawn bowling to a group of high school students from Seattle Prep (a private school). This is part of their Physical Education program. In the brief time allotted, they absorbed quite a lot and made some pretty good shots. Bowlers of the future? We hope!

A successful "Visitors Day" resulted in two new members joining our ranks. We predict they will become avid bowlers.

We are saddened to report the passing of longtime member Verona Kelley. Even

at 83 she was still a dynamo. If you needed a marker, a "floater," a scorekeeper, an instructor, or a very good player, she was there with enthusiasm and ability. Off the green, she was on the present Executive Committee and had served several other terms over the years. She helped plan parties, decorate the clubhouse, prepare food, and then stuck around to clean up afterwards.

Medic One, our local emergency response group, was a favorite cause of hers. If anyone rolled a wrong bias he or she was fined a quarter. Verona was always there with a pleasant smile and a gracious manner, but you had better pay up or else!

SPOKANE

By John M. Marchi

Despite crazy, threatening weather, Spokane members were able to get their green going in April. An active year is planned by President Lowell Brooks and the Board, and it is hoped that many new members can be obtained.

The club is hosting the regional lawn bowling tourney for seniors in this first year of the event for the Spokane area. The club joined the Park Department and other sporting groups throughout the city to make this a truly all-around athletic event for the seniors of the area.

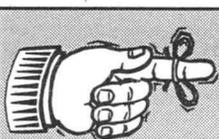
Those wishing to enter the tourney had to come down and take lessons from club members. The considerable publicity attached to the event has also brought down other guests of members, so we have had

numerous visitors to the green and a good number are indicating that they will join. The finals of the lawn bowling tourney were held June 19-20, with club members assisting.

Extensive improvement work is planned for the green this year. Brooks has been working with Ms. Chris Deviny, of the Spokane Park Foundation, to add lighting to the green for night play, and to repair the outside border area around the perimeter of the green. Bids are being sought for the lighting and the construction of the new border, and it is hoped that both items can be completed this year.

The club experienced a sad loss with the death of Dr. George M. Gau, who passed away in June. Gau was an avid golfer and loved to lawn bowl.

In Memoriam
George M. Gau



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NORTHWEST DIVISION

PORTLAND

By Larry Edgar

So far, this spring has been one of cloudy days and rainy days, with a few sunny days tossed in to give us hope.

Such was the case during the NW Division Spring Open, held at Portland over Memorial Day weekend. With one eye on the green and the other on the clouds, we had our Pairs competitions, with Nancy Nishikawa and Susan Parker winning the women's games, and "the two Richards," Broad and Krueger, winning the men's. Debbie Tupper and Jessie Goett were second for the women, while Its Nishikawa and Al Taylor took second for the men.

Our club is happy to welcome in six new members: Babe and John Dodson, Audrey and Don Fossum, and Lola and Don Keith. It was especially nice to see most of them taking part in the first club tournament we've been able to hold this year.

Our Cutthroat Tournament was held on June 27th, a bright, sunny day for a change. At the end of the contest, Jim Tupper came in first, with Larry Edgar and Jimi Joe finishing second and third, respectively.

In an effort to help increase our club membership, two events are planned for the month of July. On July 18, Mt. Hood Community College, in nearby Gresham, is hosting Portland's Highland Games. With an average attendance of around 13,000 people, about half of whom are from Scotland or the British Isles, we look forward to making this group aware that they can enjoy our sport right here in Portland.

The next day, July 19, the club will hold an open house, when we hope to encourage more of the local residents to come in and try their skill on the green.

TACOMA

By Donna West

The first major event of the year in Tacoma was the Daffodil Mixed Triples. All winners were guests from Seattle: 1st Place-Its Nishikawa, Al Taylor and Nancy Nishikawa; 2nd. Richard Broad, Marge Johnson and Richard Krueger; 3rd. Mac McDonald, Mickey Roberts and Barbara Mandich.

Dave Chapman was the winner of the Tacoma Men's Singles competition, with Bert Haws taking second, and Don Wood third. Grace Said won the Tacoma Women's Singles. Rosetta Johnson was second, and Myra Wood third.

Like so many greens across the northern tier of states, the Tacoma LBC is located in and maintained by the Metropolitan Park District. After a history of nearly sixty years, maintenance has become increasingly difficult to justify and the Tacoma LBC has been threatened with loss of their green.

It appears that a solution was found when a new group, the Commencement Bay Croquet Club, approached us to see if an agreement could be reached to share our green. After a trial of two months, we are highly encouraged.

The TLBC manages the facility and the croquet club uses the green two evenings a week and on Sunday. In no way has the green been damaged and the Park District is extremely pleased to see the increased usage of the facility. Stay tuned—we are confident the agreement will work and it may bring us additional members as well.

JEFFERSON PARK

(Seattle)

Hugh Ramsay

Sally and Richard Broad will have no trouble remembering when he played in the Pairs Playdown for the U.S. Championships. It marked the date he became a United States citizen! Appropriate celebrations were in order to recognize the new American and the fact that Richard can now officially compete to become the U.S. champion.

As of this date, the Northwest AWLBA Pairs representatives are Nancy Nishikawa and Donna West. Men's Pairs winners are James Patterson and Doug Bradley. Second place finishers in both categories are Myra Wood and Grace Said, Larry Edgar and Jim Tupper.

Grace Said won the Womens Singles, with Myra Wood coming in second. Results of the Mens Singles matches won't be determined until after this article sneaks under the editor's deadline. Whatever the results, Team Northwest will enjoy the support of the hometown crowd. Needless to say, no effort is being spared to make the U.S. Championships a memorable event for players and guests.

In Memoriam
Verona Kelley



Richard Broad and wife, Sally, celebrate Richard's new U.S. Citizenship.

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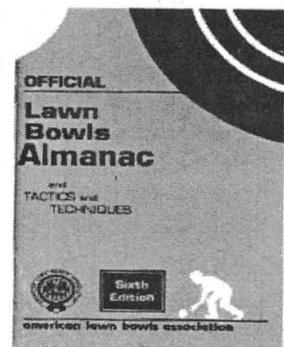
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OAKMONT

By Harry H. Hunter

Both of our holiday tournaments on St. Patrick's Day and April Fool's Day were somehow spared El Nino's wrath and completed for the enjoyment of our bowling-starved members.

In May, the Men's Draw Pairs was won by Dick Love and George Scinto. Kappy Njus won the 80-and-over Singles Tournament, in which twelve members participated, over Frank Shotts. Our Women's Championship Triples was won by Adele Patterson, Grace Vandermade, and Iris Tromans. The Mixed Pairs winners were Warren Wade and Adele Patterson.

Our Memorial Day-observed tournament, was successfully carried off with a full day of bowling uninterrupted by rain. Men's Championship Pairs was won by Charlie Mesow and Blair Beatie, with the Womens' Pairs Championship going to Dolores Michelsen and Alice Njus. At this writing, we are awaiting our Independence

SUNNYVALE

By Wes Ireland

Mother Nature has asserted herself again. As a result, our green was closed for an extended period of time in order to complete repairs and upgrade its playability.

We did manage to get the Club Mixed Pairs completed. The winners were Seb Sacco & Irene Nakano.

Our members have enjoyed some success on other greens. At the Memorial Pairs in San Francisco, Joe Shepard & Joel Stearn placed second, while Al Rizzo & Al Mendosa came in third. At the Parker Robb, Al Cancilla, Tecla Shepard & Al Mendosa placed second in their flight. Joe Shepard, M. Klos & Dorie Mendosa placed fourth.

Yep, there is still bowling going on. The John Brown Games are in progress. Later this month, our annual Friendship Trophy games with Palo Alto take place, along with a number of our club tournaments.

We are happy to welcome three new members to our club—Frank Coehlo, Joe Olafson and Joe Parks. We hope to share a long and pleasant relationship with these fine gentlemen.

Our members have been on the move—the Shepards spent three weeks in Brazil,

Day tournament, which will be followed by our Men's and Women's Championship Singles tournaments.

Adele Patterson has a committee at work on preparations for the U.S.-Canada North American Challenge tournament to be held here in September. Several of our members will be putting up some of the visiting Canadian bowlers; grandstands will be erected for spectators; and some social events are scheduled. Bagpipes and flags'll be all over the place, and the local press may also take notice. We're anticipating a pleasant visit from our northern neighbors, and will try hard to make them feel welcome.

The new green has begun its spring growth after a long bout of frosty spring mornings and record rainfall, almost daily. Warm nights and dry weather are what makes hybrid bermuda grass grow, and they're on their way here at last. See you in the Fall.

Mendosas spent a month in Spain and managed to bowl at three different clubs, Al Rosingana drove his motorhome to Las Vegas, the Nakanos had a nice trip to the great state of Washington, and the Rizzos are off to Hawaii soon.

We have been celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the month in which they occur. The celebrants furnish the "goodies" for the members present that day. It is a nice way to expand our friendship and a good reason to show up at the green.

The club provided a steak dinner for the members attending the Quarterly General Meeting.

Our good friend and long-time member, Gordon Haworth, is confined to a nursing home. His address is Magnolia Inn, 176 S. Bernardo Ave., Sunnyvale, CA. We wish him well.

We have recently recieved the news that our insurance provider has been changed. This means a premium increase more than double the previous rate. Perhaps the national organization (ALBA) could arrange a group blanket policy to cover all clubs, with each club paying its share of the cost.

Hope there's nothing but good news next time.

CLUBS AT WORK: The Palo Alto, Richmond and Oakland clubs are cooperating with their local Recreation Departments to sponsor lawn bowling as a youth summer program. The Sunnyvale Club held an open house for a mixed church group that was looking for an activity they could enjoy. The Santa Cruz Club has an active speakers program. The San Francisco Club found eighteen potential new members by advertising lawn bowling classes in the evening hours. PIMD is taking a leadership role in recruiting new members for all the clubs. A decision was made to hold training courses at a time convenient for the applicants.

PIMD president Frank Ransome is working closely with the Recreation Department of the City of Richmond and Richmond Lawn Bowling Club president LeRoy Riley in teaching some handicapped adults the principles of the game. Now it has been expanded to include young adults and their parents, as well. Frank is receiving assistance from some members of his Rossmoor Club as well as the Berkeley Club.

It is really rewarding to see the progress that is taking place on Tuesday of each week. Frank is really spending a lot of time on this, as well as other activities that he is involved in, and he could use the help of bowlers in the Bay Area. If you can spare a little of your time to help a guy who never sees the glass as being "half empty," but always "half full," give him a call at (925) 944-5649.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

SAN FRANCISCO

By Bob Howald

The rains have slaked-off enough to allow us to continue our tradition of social and tournament lawn bowling. Opening Day this year was the Saint Patrick's Day social, complete with corn beef and cabbage. As participation in these events increases the socials become more fun for all involved.

In addition to our socials we have had four club tournaments this year, with results as follows:

HANDICAP PAIRS

1. William Ryan/Frank Toccalino
2. Arnold Barros/William Campbell

HANDICAP TRIPLES

1. William Ryan/Hugh Houston/

- Rigo Roliz
2. Oscar Collaco/William Campbell/
Francis Carion

GLEN TAYLOR MIXED PAIRS

1. Betty Blue/Rigo Roliz
2. Reggie Matos/Mary Leigh

MARTIN WONG MIXED TRIPLES

1. Arnold Barros, Robb Pawlak, Myrtle Grothe
2. Ruby Cunneen, Rigo Roliz, Eleanor Voss

Our club also has added four new members: Hunter Wells, John Brever, Bill Lee, Charles Voght. Congratulations to these new members. We look forward to their participation in club events.

On May 15, Frank Ransome visited our club to conduct a seminar for all interested members. Having been fortunate enough to attend I can say the time was well invested. As is always the case, more information was passed along than could be assimilated in the brief time allowed.

In our May meeting, we were asked for preferences regarding continued operation as two clubs—men and women—or one club, combining both of our present clubs. The club voted unanimously to combine the two clubs.

We look forward to another exciting year. The next big event will be the visit of the Australian tour, scheduled for June 24.

ROSSMOOR

By Frank Ransome

Rossmoor defeated Oakland and lost to Berkeley in Home and Home Games. Oakmont will be rescheduled due to rain.

96 bowlers competed for an added purse in the annual Parker Robb Chevrolet Tournament. Bill Soares, John Hyde and M.E. Hamlen, who finished third on green #2, were the only Rossmoor team to win any money. Marie and Marion Klos were also winners as they celebrated their 50th anniversary that day. Roe and Don Hazelwood did their usual fine job conducting the event.

The Mixed Pairs intra-club went down to the last bowl in the final game. Dan Belton and Sylvi MacDonald won over Jim Towar and Mary Smith, with Virginia Farr

and Jack Walton finishing third. Dan, Sylvi and Jack, new bowlers, enjoy tournament bowling.

Jim Towar teamed up with Ed DaSilva to come in first in the "B" Flight at the Memorial Day Games in San Francisco. Instructor Bernie Pomeroy teamed with Home and Home Chairman Bob Harbeson to win the Sirs Invitational in San Francisco, and will defend their title in Oakland this Fall. Frank Ransome filled-in for an ailing Bob Harbeson in the State Triples Playdowns, with Andre Banares and Harry Oh, who finished in second place.

Nine bowlers have been certified so far this year. The Club Pairs was played in heavy rain with some very close games. The ladies used the tie-breaking formula to make

up the round robin, and the men had a three-way tie for second place. The winners were: Roe Hazelwood and Polly Obendorf, with Virginia Farr and Sylvi MacDonald taking second. Bill MacDonald and Brad Osthues won the men's tournament over Len Gould and Art Smith.

RLBC celebrated its 30th anniversary during May. Special thanks was given to the many clubs and bowlers who helped us get started.

In memoriam, Dave Negrini and George (Deke) DeKlotz. Deke was the leader of a team of 90-year olds who won a game against Oakmont just two years ago. Gardner Kirsten and Frank Daniel, his teammates, still bowl in the Super Senior program.

PALO ALTO

By Ed Arnold

Had a film crew shooting scenes for a movie on our green recently, with some of our members acting as "extras" (without pay) in a bowling mode in the background. Lots of excitement!

Seems like it's been raining forever. Summer used to come early, but this year we've had rain into June here. And it gotten in the way of lots of draw games and tourneys. We're starting to make up for it now.

Completed our home-and-home Friendship Games with Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz/Carmel/San Jose. It was fun! On one of our rain-out days, with both clubs present and the green very wet, it was decided to bowl inside on our clubhouse carpet. Somebody had some small bowls with

a bias—and away we went! Never saw so much bias!

We welcome some new members: Edna Dories, Barbara Monty, Curt Chapell and Vincente Guterres. Hope they get out on the green often. That's the kind of members we like.

Active member George Marotta arranged again, with the Palo Alto Recreation Dept., to present two series (of three sessions each) on how-to-be-a-bowler. The City did the signup and collected a fee for the "Introduction to Lawn Bowling."

In our first Intraclub tourney of 1998, Reggie Banares won over Bea McConachie in a hard fought match for the Women's Single title. Our Triples team: Reggie Banares, Bea McConachie and Lois Qualls took runners-up honors in the South Women's Triples Tournament at Santa Clara,

where the host team won.

Andre Banares, Frank Ransome and Harry Ho were runners-up in the Tom Mansfield State Triples matches. Andre and Paul Burnoski won the Memorial Day Pairs at San Francisco. Our Mixed Triples team: Esme Krobusek, Ron Deiss and Mike Overton had a very good day at Rossmoor on May 16, when they took the whole shebang—the Parker Robb tourney—and won a very big prize as a result.

Another of our Past Presidents has passed away. Harvey Hall, who ran our club in 1985. Harvey was Stanford University's Registrar from 1950 to 1972, served as ombudsperson and chair of charity appeals, and the Stanford Historical Society. He retired in 1974 and joined our club four years later. He was a hard worker!

LEISURE TOWN

By Virginia East

While our May weather did not return to what we normally consider "sunny California," our scheduled tournaments went forth on time.

May 5, Men's Singles ended with a rolloff between Paul Regoli and John Hoekman, with Paul being named Men's Club Champion for 1998.

May 12, Women's Singles saw Mary Alice Braz and Peggy Johnston in the final game, with Mary Alice becoming the Women's Club Champion for 1998.

Assistant Games Chairman Dick Solga came up with a "Jamboree Program" for Memorial Fun Day. Twenty-four bowlers turned out and were divided into 8 skips, 8 leads and 8 vices. There were three eight-end games, with each person playing on a different rink with different teammates for each game (almost all). Individuals kept their own scores and prizes were based on these scores. Marilyn Royse was first, Ed Klein and Peggy Regoli tied for second, Charlie Thorpe was third, Frank Martin fourth, and Eva Hoekman and Helen Schedig tied for fifth. This turned out to be a fun way to set up the tournament and gave each person an opportunity to play with a variety of teammates.

At the June 4 quarterly meeting, more participation in tournaments away from home was discussed. All sign-up sheets for these tournaments are in the clubhouse.

The Phil Moehr Mixed Triples Draw was held June 10, with 24 members turning out. First place went to team of Earl Souigny, Frank Martin and Charlie Thorpe. Second was Paul Regoli, Eva Hoekman and Marie Barner.

The Home 'n Home Tournament at Oakmont turned out much better for Oakmont than Leisure Town. Oakmont won eight games and tied the other two.

On June 25, Rossmoor came to Leisure Town for the Home 'n Home Tournament postponed from April 30. Of the six games in the morning and six in the afternoon, Rossmoor won 8 and Leisure Town 4. Our outstanding team consisted of Dick Ruddy, John Hoekman and Charlie Thorpe, who won both their a.m. and p.m. games by more than ten plus-points.

The June 30 Home 'n Home with Berkeley will be held in Berkeley. More about it in the next issue.

Several new people have indicated an interest in our club and we hope it will lead to their joining.

SANTA CRUZ

By Stephern G. Cooper

Well folks, we finally have quite a lot to report for a change. We just finished our Friendship Games, where LBCs play each Wednesday for six weeks at one of the following clubs: San Jose, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Palo Alto and Santa Cruz. Joining in with us is Carmel. In fact, a few weeks ago we were rained out of our morning game in Palo Alto so substituted with a few games inside, on the carpet with the 2.5" biased indoor bowls. Great fun was had by all!

In May, rather at the last minute, we threw a team together to enter the Tom Mansfield State Men's Triples Tournament, which was played over a Saturday and Sunday at San Jose. The team consisted of Tristan Cooper (at age 10, our youngest member), Stephen Schoenfeld and myself. We held no expectation of winning, but rather to experience the thrill of bowling against the best teams from the San Francisco Bay Area. In fact, we did win one of our three games. That victory happened to be over the otherwise undefeated team who will be representing the PIMD later this summer for the State Triples Championship.

On another front, I recently held an exhibition of four doubles matches on carpet inside a church, using our regular bowls. The rink was about 80 feet and gave sixteen men the opportunity to have a "hands on" experience with lawn bowling. Other exhibits slated were croquet, horse shoes and bocci ball. Lawn bowling was the hit of the evening, and, we have been invited back to do the same for the ladies, and are to arrange a couples night at our club later this summer. I hope to arrange more of these demonstrations to showcase our sport and entice new members.

We have arrangements with Capitola and Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Departments whereby they offer lawn bowling classes during the year. We have two new members this year through this.

We hope to arrange demonstrations with schools and other organizations in the future.

Some of our members have been troubled with aches and pains, and we wish best wishes to Woody and Ellie Maunder, Charles Tait, Coral Singer and Rene Sayer, who has now got a new set of 00 bowls and, at 85, is putting us all in our place.

Finally, the club has purchased three new sets of small sized bowls and has a total of 13 sets available for students/new members.

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BERKELEY

By Howard Mackey

Even with better weather the Berkeley greens are not being used as in the past. Whether the long rainy season has caused members to look for other recreational activity, the advancing age of our membership, the illness of many members, or all the above, we find less bowlers in the draw games each day.

Intra-club bowling activity is going well. We are having good interclub competition and the birthday parties are well-attended, so there are bright spots. However, the north green is not being used, even though we spend half our funds on its upkeep and the club has had several work parties in that area keeping the grounds attractive. The number of individuals willing to participate in work parties has declined, and the question arises whether we should continue to hold on to two greens when only one is needed for the present membership.

Increased membership is the answer. A combined campaign is underway among Oakland, Richmond and Berkeley lawn bowling clubs to organize and sustain a long-term membership program. More on this in future issues of *BOWLS*.

Berkeley lost to Oakland in interclub play and had to return the County Championship Trophy. However, we rallied to defeat Rossmoor and had the Allende El Cerro Trophy to bring back to Berkeley. We look forward to meeting Leisure

Town and then Palo Alto for the Meat Axe Trophy. Both games will be played in Berkeley.

Everyone is complimenting our new greenskeeper employee, Tom Burnoski, on the fine bowling they are experiencing on the Drake Green. It is fast, has a good draw and is level. It is a pleasure to hold games at our green when the play is so good.

Berkeley invited the Etiquette and Competition Committee of PIMD to conduct a course and demonstration at Berkeley. Over twenty Berkeley players attended the sessions, and the good manners and tips learned that day are still being mentioned as we play the game.

At magazine deadline, club members are looking forward to the July 4 annual watermelon and hot dog luncheon, and the Berkeley Jamboree on July 19. This invitational has bowlers playing rinks, doubles and triples with different partners and keeping individual scores. Assignments are by blind draw and the fifteen top players are awarded prizes.

1998 will be the 70th year since the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club was established and a big party is being planned to celebrate. Chairperson Clarence Erickson has announced a catered luncheon will be held in September for members and friends.

SANTA CLARA

By Ida Baker

The end of March brought the sad news. One of our members, Helmi Charles, who had just moved to Texas to be close to family, suddenly past away within a month.

Santa Clara's Women's Pairs Tournament was played March 28 and the winners were Cathy Rollison and Marguerite Miller. The highlight of our April quarterly meeting was welcoming a new member, Rebecca Santos. She is full of enthusiasm and shows signs of becoming an excellent bowler. Night bowling has commenced and we expect interested bowlers to come and play under the bright lights.

During Easter vacation, Phyllis Mills was instrumental in bringing together a group of young teenagers. After the mechanics of the games were explained and demonstrated, teams were formed and they participated in a "tournament" for three days. It took much patience and fortitude on Phyllis' part, and there were some very promising performances by the young people. Veteran bowlers gave

their help and encouragement. Now all we need is to "keep 'em coming back."

The South segment of the PIMD AWLBA N/S Triples Tournament was held at our green April 25, with bowlers from San Francisco, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and San Jose. Ann Maron ran the games and our team of Cathy Rollison, Phyllis Mills and Marguerite Miller won the tournament. The final game between the North winners and the South was played at Rossmoor and our team (South) won the competition.

Our Club Singles competition was won by Tecla Shepard. Marge Bodah has supervised the refreshments and hospitality at all our games, and there is always a delicious surprise.

We have finished our Friendship Games with Palo Alto, Santa Cruz, San Jose, Del Mesa, Carmel, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara. These games run once a week for about two months, held at each Club. There is a lot of camaraderie and good sportsmanship at these games.

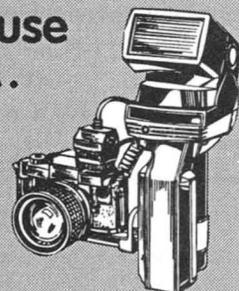
David Romasko does a grand job of running the games at our Club.

The final competition was held at Sunnyvale, with approximately 45 attending. Prizes were given at the morning and afternoon games. Games are an open draw and prizes are given for first, second, third and lowest score, so that all benefit. Members brought a favorite dish for lunch buffet and sitting down to enjoy it all was a fitting close to our fun series of Friendship Games.

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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

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RANCHO BERNARDO

By Bob Janssen

The weather has not cooperated so far this year. Just not our good old California sunshine. Our visitation with Oaks North on May 27th turned out well. The teams were pretty well matched. Rancho Bernardo was able to win five out of nine games.

On June 24th, our club hosted Hemet for another fun-filled day. More about this next time.

Our clubhouse swimming pool is being replaced with a new and larger one. All the jack hammering of the old concrete

and skip-loaders running around loading trucks makes a lot of noise. This would not be too bad except our greens are next to it.

Our hostess's for the year are. Margaret Duncan, Lela Cooper, Augie Benhner, Petty Sniffin, Helen Moreau, Ferol Rice, Pauline Hvoslef, Mary Lou Iams and Margaret Lowder. They are the ones who bring all those goodies to our events.

Rancho Bernardo's league bowlers are having their ups and downs now, but you cannot always win.



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REDLANDS

By Peg Bennett

to make this an outstanding event.

Several members are on vacations. Jean Willingham is in Great Britain, while Duncan MacLean has just returned from there. Ollie Clark has gone to spend the summer in New York and will return about October. Joan McCarthy has just returned from a trip to Russia which she enjoyed very much. Len and Sheillagh Carver have returned from a trip back East, which extended to Florida to see their granddaughter graduate. On the horizon Mary Johnson is planning a trip to Yellowstone.

On July 8th, the club honored Phoebe Hill on her 90th birthday. It was a lunch hosted by Peg Bennett and Joan Worden, assisted by Betty Straesser and Mary Johnson.

We welcome Bob Castle as a new member. He is doing very well and we are in hopes his wife will also join.

On a sad note, we lost one of our outstanding members. Ken Lowrance passed away at home. Ken was always available for any work to be done at the club and was an excellent bowler.

In Memoriam
Ken Lowrance

We usually change to morning bowling in June, but it has been so cold and cloudy that we are still bowling in the afternoons. Warmer weather is promised, so I'm sure it won't be long until we bowl at 9:15 a.m. instead of 1:15 p.m.

We are making plans to celebrate our 75th anniversary. The date will be Saturday, October 10th. We have had one meeting to plan the festivities and more meetings are scheduled as the day draws closer. The clubhouse is due for a paint job with new blinds, and the outside area and greens will be upgraded. We hope

★ ★ ★ ★ LAGUNA BEACH OPEN PAIRS ★ ★ ★ ★

The annual Laguna Beach Open Pairs, for men and women, was held June 6-7, at Laguna Beach LBC—"where you look out over the beautiful ocean while you bowl."

R. Ingram and C. Possati won the big bucks on the Ladies green, while Pat Fagan and Jerry Stewart captured the heaviest gold amongst the Men.

I would like to thank Laguna Beach President X Tejada, Bill Harper and Barry Pickup for setting up the greens, and Brendt and Ruth Rickard for taking care of the hospitality for everyone.

By Virginia Marlar

And a special thanks to Heather Stewart for preparing the wonderful bean dish and the good dessert. Heather also helped me with the charts, which I do appreciate.

There were 16 teams of men and 12 teams of women. The results:

WOMEN

1. R. Ingram/C. Possati
2. K. Stone/P. Gonzales
3. H. Stewart/K. Spangler
4. A. Barber/M. Hyland
5. N. Winkel/J. Wessel
6. P. Oesterlein/E. Robbie

MEN

1. P. Fagan/J. Stewart
2. M. Isaacman/I. Hyland
3. B. Pickup/I. Ho
4. S. Sistas/M. Sayre
5. P. Rotter/B. Forget
6. M. Siddall/M. Ashton-Phillips

Special prizes went to the teams of Dottie Panacek/Anne Cherney and Colin Marshall/Dick Talt.

I always enjoy doing the tournament at Laguna Beach LBC. The club is very supportive and always happy to see the bowlers.



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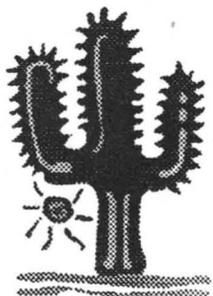
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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

BEVERLY HILLS

By Marshall Hartz

Ah. To finish a tournament! We've gotten as far as a final four in our Club Pairs, but we still haven't put a button on it. The elite group is: Michael Ashton-Phillips/Irv Chalfin, Helman Todes/Len Zvonkin, Joe Siegman/George Tobman, and Adrian Cole/Meredith Goodwin.

Who would have thunk it? Adrian Cole is moving with his Pat to permanent digs in Las Vegas, the same complex at which one-time Beverly Hills'er Al Krys and his Mrs settled. Considering that newly retired CPA Adrian has been the club's treasurer since sometime around 1980, we haven't been recruiting bowlers who can count. AC will try to develop a bowling green in Vegas. And, he's already working on it.

Anyone notice we have two club members on the Men's



It was 98 candles for our venerable Domenick Punaro, with daughter Donna measuring the portions.

National Team, and one on the Women's squad? Anne Barber continues to be one of the creme de la creme of the U.S. ladies, while Michael Ashton-Phillips and Mert Isaacman—two guys we don't see at the greens often enough—are again ranked among America's best men.

Merton and Michael were among the 28 competitors in the Walt Disney Singles Tournament—28th year of this event—on our greens over the Memorial Day weekend. Mert, who won the Disney last year and has won it three times in the '90s, finished third this year. His only loss was to the eventual winner, Moses Rahaminov, who once-upon-a-time called BHLBC his home club. Moses margin of victory over Mert was just a single point. But what chance does a simple Orange County building contractor have against Moses! Another BHLBC expatriate, Dave Hallman, finished second.

The Disney event also produced some off-green stars—namely Allen Grossman, who did a magnificent job devising and coordinating the food and beverage aspect of the tourney. Mightily assisting, most as markers as well, were: Howard Sanders, Gaby Horvath, Edna Samson, Pat Cole, Meredith Goodwin, Leonard Zvonkin and Dick Simon.

The Club welcomes new member Arnie Marion to the fold. Arnie is the step-son of the late Max Burke, a longtime member.

Our Club Singles kicked off the first weekend in August.

SAN DIEGO

(Balboa Park)

By Karen Anderson

San Diego LBC had the privilege of spending the afternoon with lawn bowlers from British Columbia on May 3. We had great fun playing a friendly game of Triples and getting to know more about bowling in British Columbia. This is the second year we have entertained this group and look forward to seeing them again next year.

We began our evening bowling on May 4. Once Daylight Savings Time begins we add Monday and Wednesday evenings to our schedule, starting at 4:30 p.m. The games are 14 ends, after which those who have no other plans choose a local restaurant and have dinner together.

We have revived a long time tradition which we call "Fun Day Games." On the first Friday of every month, we gather to play two non-traditional games for which cash prizes are awarded. On May 1, we played Yardstick. On June 5, we played Australian Doubles, with "Quinell" scoring. We really have fun doing something a little bit different on the green and eagerly look forward to the first Friday of each month.

Our Annual Memorial Day Potluck is traditionally one of the highlights of the

year, and this year we followed the tradition. We gathered for a hearty morning game on a rather chilly day. Following the game, our members once again showed off their gastronomic abilities with a wide variety of delicious dishes. With their appetites satiated, and a warming sun, our members played a leisurely afternoon game.

Dick Cole, of the Long Beach LBC, has devised a divisional championship match scheme at the club level. Our club rounded up 16 interested bowlers and held an intra-club series of matches to select a team of four, with two alternates, to represent SDLBC in the general competition. Those competing were: Skips—Loretta Geisner, Bill Hiscock, Jim Olson, Gerhardt Vogel; Floating Skips—Tom Anderson, Donna Boyle, Robin Olson, Olga McCord; Vice Skips—Jack Bruce, Maria Bruce, Lud Krodlund, Stan Wilson; Leads—Dennis Bartelmo, Erika Fromson, Howard Fromson, Gloria Krodlund.

After 24 games, the following bowlers were victorious and will represent our club in the playoffs versus other competing clubs: Jack Bruce, Dennis Bartelmo, Loretta Geisner, Jim Olson, Robin Olson and Tom Anderson.

ALHAMBRA

By Alice Lawrence

The City has allowed water and mud to roll onto a third of our artificial turf. We thank our hard working members for wielding a metal brush on the mess: Bill, Carl, George, Jack, John and Ralph.

A nice thank you to Winnie Eberle for her kind comments in the Southwest Women's Pages about our Ladies Days.

A delicious thank you to our "cake-angels": Agnes, Doreen, Hilda, Kaye, Peg and Peggy for the hospitality of Valley League and Ladies Day.

Thanks Irene and Art for the Annual Chris Brodie lunch and tournament prizes.

Thanks to the members and their family and friends that dined out to contribute to our Charity Night.

Thanks to the cookie brigade for our SECOND OPEN HOUSE.

Thanks to our members who come and enjoy a potluck dinner preceding our quarterly membership meetings.

It takes a lot of helpful folks to keep a club going!

Mark your calendar—we have reserved Sunday, March 14, 1999 for our next "big day at the races." Again, everyone is welcome to come and have a great fun day with us.

CASTA del SOL

By Rally Bates

This has been a busy spring season, with April the month for major improvements. During the month, under the leadership of Warren Ziegenbein, and with the help of a number of people, the green was aerated and sanded; all the backboards painted; and the rakes and scoreboards fixed and repainted.

New tournament scoreboards were completed and ready for tournament play that began in May. This writer made them, and Susan and Colin Marshall did the big job of stenciling 304 cards with the numbers. In spite of all this, bowling was stopped for a very short time. The condition of the green is now outstanding.

May started off with a Recruiting Party, which resulted in having a group of 19 people who showed interest in taking lessons. Some of these recruits have already "graduated" and become members, and most of the balance will be shortly. We welcome them all to Casta bowling.

Two club tournaments were held during this month. The first one was won by the team of Al Odenath, Jack Rothberg and Lou Busby. Warren Ziegenbein and Joe Roberts were second, and Jim Mooney, John Parker and Ove Akesson came in third.

The second tournament was won by Al Odenath and Tom Ward, with Tom Trainor and Bill Olsen finishing second, and Colin Marshall, Jack Rothberg, and Lou Busby third. Our annual Memorial Day Party was held with bowling, food and fun.

Our heartfelt thanks to Bev Thornton and her assistants for providing the hospitality for all three of these events. They have done a great job in keeping up with everything going on.

June brought Twilight Bowling again, starting at 5 p.m. every Thursday and ending with a pizza party on the patio. This has proven to be quite popular, especially with those who don't care for the mid-afternoon sun.

We're about at the 50/50 level in the South Coast League—neither winners or losers. We'll see what the rest of the summer has to offer.

SPECIAL PEOPLE

John Marshall

One thing about "Big John" Marshall, Pasadena LBC's president—he's solemn! His Irish eyes never smile; he never sings on the greens, even when his team is far behind; and he doesn't listen to jokes about Clinton.

Seriously, he's a delight. And, it's more than his sturdy 6'4" frame that commands attention. With his beaming and booming voice one might even guess that John is an actor. Come to think of it, he was!

The Coast Guard and World's Fair in San Francisco in 1940, the U.S. Navy, the Pasadena Playhouse, the Pasadena Police, plus the wife he adored and his four children, five grandchildren, and two great grand kids—these have been the highlights of John Marshall's life—plus our lawn bowling club, of course.

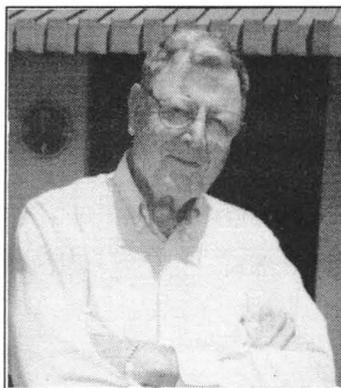
John spent the best two years of his life, he says, at the World's Fair. After starting out as a doorman at a private island club, he landed a role in "The Drunkard" on the gayway (the area surrounding the shows and exhibits). "I emceed that show when I was 19, and

got paid forty bucks a week," he says.

At the Playhouse, John did a show with Gregory Peck, and a casting director assured him he'd be the next Spencer Tracy. But the right doors just didn't open, so John took his dad's advice and joined the Pasadena Police Department. He worked up from patrolman to division captain to commander.

He says there wasn't a day he didn't like going to work in all his 30 years on the force. His most memorable were with the vice squad. At one time, John was assigned the undercover duty of investigating the vice squad, itself. "But I never had to use my gun. Never even had it out of my holster, though my life was threatened many times."

Big John came into our club in 1978. He was president in '86, and did a swell job then, too. In February, he hosted the City Parks and Recreation Commission at our clubhouse, and he says the informal talks provided a warm ambiance and promises of good things to come.



LONG BEACH

By Ann Kirchberg

The finals for the Club Triples was played on April 26. Mario Galletta, Katy Stone and Brooksie Silva battled against Ken Patterson, Sean Homan and Pat Gonzales. It was an exiting game, with Mario's team coming up the winner.

Long Beach was well represented in the AWLBA Southwest Division Open. Playing in the Triples event were: Pat Gonzales, Freddie Hinson, Betty Losch, Patsy Morgan, Edna Schmidt and Katy Stone. In the Championship Flight, the team Katy Stone was on came in second, and Patsy Morgan's team came in third. The team Pat Gonzales played on won the Fifth Flight. In the Pairs, Katy was runner-up

in the Second Flight. For the Singles, Ann Kirchberg was runner-up in the Fourth Flight. Representing our club in the Novice Singles—and doing very well—were: Pat Flagg, Ginny Gronert and Gloria Hendricks.

The Lawn Bowling Clinic for kids, held Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10, was a huge success. On Saturday, there were 14 boys and girls and on Sunday we had 16, ranging in age from 4 to 16 years. It was a beautiful sight seeing all these young people out on the green, learning and doing so well for their initiation to our wonderful game. They all really enjoyed it, and so did we. Also, ten parents took up the challenge and hopefully will become future bowlers.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

'98 SOUTHWEST OPENS

The Southwest men and women held their annual Division Open Tournaments on successive weeks in April this year at the Riverside Lawn Bowling Club greens, in Riverside, California. The Ladies competitions took place April 18-23, and the men followed April 25-30.

The Men's Open belonged to Michael Ashton-Phillips, who was named "Bowler of the Tournament." The Southwest Division Councilor and Past-President won the Singles event, finished third in the Pairs, and first in the Third Flight in the Triples. The Ladies did not designate a "Bowler of the Tournament" this year.

Visitors fared well in most of the individual events. Canadian

Laura DeWald won the Women's Singles, and Arizona's Peggy Salisbury teamed with local (Santa Barbara's) Mary DeLisle to win the Ladies Pairs. However, Southwest Division members filled the winner's circle in all four places of the Championship Flight, with Kathy Veal, Mary DeLisle and Pat Cronshaw taking the title.

In the Women's Novice, Bev Talley was the victor.

In Men's events, Arizonans Jack Behling, John Stewart and Jim Webster were the Triples gold medalist, while Doug McArthur, also from Arizona, teamed with (local) MacKenzie Park's Pat Fagan to win the Pairs.

Full results:

MEN

TRIPLES

Championship

1. Jack Behling, John Stewart, Jim Webster
2. Doug McArthur, Sam DeLisle, Pat Fagan
3. Mert Isaacman, Jim Graham, Ivan Hyland
4. Neil Furman, Michael Siddall, Frank Souza

Second Flight

1. Lionel Thom, Dick Cole, Jim Copeland
2. Neil McInnes, Hugh Finlay, Stan Bloom

Third Flight

1. Steve Wojcik, Michael Ashton-Phillips, Tom Dion
2. Lyall Adams, Vince Donohoe, Geoff Pershik

Fourth Flight

1. Bill Hiscock, Lee Bain, Gery Wagner
2. George Jordan, Dick Talt, X. Tejada

Fifth Flight

1. Arne Mortensen, Bob Paget, Russ Compton
2. Ian Ho, Barry Pickup, Norm Wile

PAIRS

Championship

1. Doug McArthur, Pat Fagan
2. Neil Furman, Michael Siddall
3. Steve Wojcik, Michael Ashton-Phillips
4. Eric Sherman, Simon Meyerowitz

Second Flight

1. Ed Quo, Bob Nunes
2. Lionel Thom, Frank Souza

Third Flight

1. Steve Bezanson, Steve Forrest
2. Torn Stirrat, Gordan Shieck

Fourth Flight

1. Lyall Adams, Rob Goldman
2. Mert Isaacman, Ivan Hyland

Fifth Flight

1. Neville Sacks, Hugh Finlay
2. Cam Smith, Vince Donohoe

Sixth Flight

1. James Cronshaw, Duane Aasted
2. Dick Cole, Jim Copeland



SINGLES

Championship

1. Michael Ashton-Phillips
2. Jack Behling
3. Geoff Pershik
4. Jim Copeland

Second Flight

1. Steve Forrest
2. Neil Furman

Third Flight

1. Tom Stirrat
2. Lyall Adams

Fourth Flight

1. Ivan Hyland
2. Ian Ho

Fifth Flight

1. Joel Stearn
2. Lionel Thom

Sixth Flight

1. John Stewart
2. Hugh Finlay

WOMEN

TRIPLES

Championship

1. Kathy Veal, Mary DeLisle, Pat Cronshaw
2. Kottia Spangler, Peg McCutcheon, Katy Stone
3. Jean Kaye, Chris Rivera, Patsy Morgan
4. Kathy Bremer, Denny Dennerlein, Jo Mumma

Second Flight

1. Anne Barber, Heather Stewart, Maryna Hyland
2. Evelyn Tiel, Betty Munden, Pam Munson

Third Flight

1. Jean Roney, Cecelia Gillespie, Merle Ackerman
2. Evelyn Keener, Margaret Belt, Charlotte O'Keefe

Fourth Flight

1. Loretta Clark, Dottie Panacek, Estelle Gamey
2. Olga Dion, Emily Jacquez, Ann Cherney

Fifth Flight

1. Jan Wessel, Naomi Ruderman, Pat Gonzales
2. Carol Smith, Doris Sneddon, Dorothy Veal



Left: Da man! Michael Ashton-Phillips was named men's "Player of the Tournament" after he captured the men's Southwest Open Singles championship.

Far left: Men's SW Open Pairs champs Doug McArthur, left, and Pat Fagan.

Left: Men's Triples victors: (l-r) Jack Behling, Jim Webster and Jack Stewart.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

PAIRS

- Championship*
- Mary DeLisle, Peggy Salisbury
 - Margaret Belt, Charlotte O'Keefe
 - Kathy Vea, Dorothy Vea
 - Kathy Bremer, Denny Dennerlein
- Second Flight*
- Laura DeWald, Harriett Pituley
 - Kottia Spangler, Katy Stone



Third Flight

- Anne Barber, Maryna Hyland
 - Jean Roney, Heather Stewart
- Fourth Flight*
- Dora Stewart, Irene Webster
 - Cecilia Gillespie, Merle Ackerman
- Fifth Flight*
- Evelyn Keener, Jean Haigler
 - Eloisa Zermeno, Jo Mumma



Left: Southwest Open Women's Singles champ, Laura DeWald, right, with Peg McCutcheon, Tournament Director.

— WOMEN —

Championship

- Laura DeWald
 - Kottia Spangler
 - Mary Terrill
 - Jean Roney
- Second Flight*
- Maryna Hyland
 - Carrie Fossati

SINGLES

- Third Flight*
- Irene Webster
 - Naomi Ruderman
- Fourth Flight*
- Kathy Vea
 - Ann Kirschberg
- Fifth Flight*
- Chris Rivera
 - Glenna Weber



Center: Peg Salisbury, left, and Mary DeLisle, right, are congratulated by tourney Director Peg McCutcheon on their SW Open Pairs title.

Above: Ladies SW Open Triples champions: (l-r) Mary DeLisle, Kathy Vea, Pat Cronshaw.

PASADENA

By Loretta Schertz Keller

In club competitions, our biggest event this quarter was the Singles Tournament. Winners were:

- | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <i>A Flight</i> | <i>B Flight</i> | <i>C Flight</i> |
| 1. Travis Lindsey | 1. Jack Edwards | 1. Stu Baxter |
| 2. Vern Leidig | 2. Hal Edgar | 2. Marcia Masterson |

Stu and Marcia deserve an especially big hand. Both are newcomers to lawn bowling.

Member turnout for the Senior Olympics was a bit disappointing this year, but a good time was had by all who took part. Alice and Carl Lawrence, of Alhambra, filled in a couple of games. The winners were: *Skips*—a gold medal went to Jack Edwards, a silver to Carl Lawrence, and Hugo Sahlein and George Fox tied for the bronze. *Leads*—John Marshall won the gold, Hal Edgar took the silver, and Arden Lichty went home with the bronze. And deserving a hand, too, is Bill Caulfield, who organized the event for our club, as well as Stu Baxter, Ruth James and Jerry Silsdorf, for entering and playing well.

In the Valley League games, we recovered enough from a poor start to come in third. Our teams were: Hugo Sahlein, Gus Rheault and Hal Edgar; Rita and Ray Marrs and Trav Lindsey; Jack Edwards, Ralph Kennon and Alma Badgwell; Bill Caulfield, McKently and me—Trav Lindsey, Don Schrader and Stu Baxter each substituting for me once. The first two teams will represent us for the Lieberg Trophy in October.

In the first game of club competition in the Central District

playoffs, Santa Anita suffered defeat, despite the pom poms in their cheering section (as described by Hugo), losing to us three games to two. Hugo says maybe we can borrow their pom poms for our next scheduled game, against Santa Maria. The members of our team are: Hugo Sahlein, Jack Edwards, John Marshall and Bill Hayden.

At the Smoke Tree Invitational in Palm Springs, our team topped off a great visit with a victory. Our winners were: Bill Carmichael, Hugo Sahlein, Dick Curtis and Don Schrader. Also representing Pasadena were Jim Anderson, Mac McKently, Bill Hayden and George Muellerschoen.

Friendly Valley players visited here and a friendly day of games it was. The following week's visitation here was with Santa Anita—also fun.

Hal Edgar earned the *South Pasadena Review's* "Senior Citizen of the Year Award," given to an over-50 resident who has served the community well. Hal taught for the South Pasadena High School Industrial Arts Department—his main work until retirement in 1979. He also taught math and business, did boys' counseling, became the District Inspector of building construction at various campuses, as well as liaison to the State architect's office. We're all proud of him, and he was seen and cheered in an open convertible in South Pasadena's July 4th Parade.

Predictably, the social scene was another singing (oops, no "w"!)—actually, howling—success at our Spring party at the Shakespeare Club.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

LAGUNA'S MEMORIAL MIXED TRIPLES

By Virginia Marlar

Thirty teams entered this year's annual Memorial Mixed Triples event, held June 27 at the scenic Laguna Beach, California greens. It was strictly a blind draw for the two greens.

Laguna LBC president, X Tejada, and Bill Harper were on hand early to set up the equipment on the greens. Brent and Ruth Rickard were in charge of hospitality and the did a great

job keeping the bowlers well supplied with food and coffee, iced tea and lemonade.

We had a great day at Laguna Beach and I would like to thank all that helped to make it so. I enjoy giving out as many prizes as possible. We all appreciate getting some rewards for our bowling.

Green #1 produced five three game winners. Ranking is the result of wins and plus-points over three 14-end matches. All listed teams won cash prizes.

Green #1

1. P. Fagan/S. DeLisle/M. DeLisle
2. I. Hyland/M. Siddall/M. Hyland
3. W. Bowbeer/D. VanRensburg/
J. Devine
4. B. Forget/T. Cooper/R. Knoth
5. M. Isaacman/A. Barber/J. Siegman
6. G. Jordan/A. Mastro/D. Panacek

Green #2

1. I. Ho/M. Ashton-Phillips/E. Ho
2. E. Quo/B. Nunes/K. Cuartos
3. J. Olsen/C. Cooper/R. Olsen
4. J. Hill/Fawley/E Tiel
5. S. Sistad/ K. Bolton/E. Sistad
6. R. Compton/M. Compton/
B. Padget

A special award went to X Tejada/N. Winkel/R. Ingram.

ED: The Memorial Mixed Triples is sponsored annually by Virginia Marlar.

Left: Sam & Mary DeLisle, from left, and Pat Fagan, right, topped the Green #1 field at the Memorial Triples, while Michael Ashton-Phillips needed only his own three names to win on Green #2! Actually, MAP teamed with Eva & Ian Ho for the victory.



NEWPORT HARBOR

By Bill Bemus

A major drive for new members on our Visitors Day, May 30, resulted in a turnout of 79 guests! Organized and directed by Membership Chairman Al Davis, and supported by many club volunteers, the guests were briefed on a history of the game, given a short demonstration of a Triples game, moderated by SW Division President Hugo Sahlein, and invited to experience a series of hands-on trial ends. An elaborate buffet lunch concluded the event. Results through June: twelve new members and more in process.

Tournaments during the quarter began with "Cut-Throat", appropriately held on

Tax Day, April 15. Highest scorers in two 14-enders were: Max Bartosh (133), Eddie Bower (124) and Joyce Novak (116). A week later, we were visited by our good neighbors from Laguna Beach LBC. As generous hosts, Newport awarded first place to Laguna's Terry Loomis, Delta Marvin and Barbara Hedges.

In May, our President's Cup Open Triples was won by Harvey Miller, John Amies and Ed Casselman. On June 3, Newport was again the good host by allowing Santa Ana LBC to demolish us. Their leading scorers were Terry Loomis, Elaine Hughes and Connie Frank. Visitation Co-Chairs, Les and Edie Schuster, receive high praise from our visitors for

great decorations, food and hospitality.

The Lord's (Blair and Fran) Mixed Pairs, on June 12, were a little mixed-up with more men than ladies, but after two draw games, Gil Curry was the top skip, while Val Seeley tied with Al Davis for top vice/lead.

For the final two weekends in June, it was our honor and pleasure to host the U.S. Men's Pairs Playdowns for the SW Division. It was a thrilling exhibition of top quality bowling, played in great weather on our ever-improving greens. The exciting conclusion was a tie-breaker won by the team of Neil McInnes (Pasadena) and Hugh Finlay (MacKenzie Park). More details elsewhere in this issue.

HEMET-JOSLYN

By Peg McCutcheon

We've had a busy few months. More of our members are entering tournaments, going to Ladies Days and Men's Rally Days. This year we even had entrants in the U.S. Playdowns—Clair Ott and Carl Henrich in the Men's Pairs, and Mary Jane Henrich in the Women's Singles.

In April, Carl & Mary Jane Henrich and Gordon Howard traveled to the Friendly Valley Tournament and placed first in the Second Flight. Also in April, Kathy Bremer skipped both a Triples team and a Pairs team to fourth place in the Championship Flight. And, we are proud of Joan Burke, who was runner-up in the Novice

Singles. At our own Hemet Rinks tournament, Paula Bellone skipped her team to a fourth place finish.

On the social side, we have enjoyed visitations from Lake Hodges and Sun City. We visited Rancho Bernardo in June. At this writing, we are looking forward to the July 3rd barbecue. Carl Henrich serves up such delicious boneless pork ribs, and the tasty beans by Kathy Bremer are luscious.

In mid-May, we welcomed a visit by Dr. Seymour Kranson from Connecticut. He is not only a former member and a past president of the club, he was the main catalyst in getting our clubhouse. Several former members also joined us. After lunch they joined in a short game of bowl-

ing, and Doc was so pleased he was able to use his bowls that he had donated to the Club when he moved.

In April, the Ladies enjoyed Pat Mayo's clinic, which was very informative. On June 23, Jim Whittaker held his clinic for 23 bowlers eager to improve. He does a terrific job—if they follow what he teaches we should see a lot of better bowlers.

Bob & Mary Ann Rucinski have returned from their trip to Scotland to visit their son and to also get in some bowling. Happy wanderers Lois Harmon and Jean Clark have just returned from their European trip. Wen & LaDene Mowery have gone North and hope to visit other clubs on their travels.

SW LADIES SET FOR U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The AWLBA Southwest Division U.S. Championships Playdowns produced some familiar faces that will represent the Southwest Division of AWLBA at August's United States Championships in Seattle.

Winners of the SW Women's Pairs Playdowns, held May 23-24 at Laguna Hills' Leisure World, were Anne Barber and Heather Stewart. Mary DeLisle and Kottia Spangler were runners-up, with Kathy Vea and Pat Cronshaw third, Dottie Panacek and Ann Cherney fourth.



SW Ladies Singles Playdowns finalists: (r-l) Champion Mary DeLisle, runner-up Kathy Vea, Katy Stone and Anne Cherney.

AWLBA's Singles Playdowns took place on June 20-22, at the Riverside LBC, featuring twelve entries competing in a two-tier round robin. Finalists were Anne Cherney (Newport Harbor), Mary DeLisle (MacKenzie Park), Katy Stone (Long Beach), and Kathy Vea (Santa Barbara). Although the battles, somehow, finished in a three-way tie, the final results put Mary DeLisle in the winners circle, with Kathy in second position, Katy third, and Anne fourth.

Tournament Director Peg McCutcheon flawlessly organized the well-run events.

FRIENDLY VALLEY

By Bob Innis

By the time this issue reaches you, Summer will be in our midst and bowling under the lights will be in full swing here at Friendly Valley. 'Tis the season that we enjoy the most, and also allows us to get more people interested in Lawn Bowling.

Friendly Valley held its first real Tournament (the Corken-Rose) and it was a success, with the green full of people in whites. Many thanks to Ted Visser for running this tournament and seeing it through to its completion.

Our President ventured up into the wilds of Idaho and unfortunately broke her ankle. These things happen when you get too far away from the nice level stretch of our green, Gussie. Mend well!

We have been having our usual visitations and have scheduled one to Santa Maria in September. This is an overnigher and really a change for us all to enjoy the hospitality of the fine folks at Santa Maria.

The club participated in the parade at Friendly Valley on the "Glorious Fourth", and was followed by our barbecue at "The Gathering Place", where a fine time was had by all.

The Valley League has wound up and we salute the winners. May they go on to greater glory this fall.

SW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Follow and support your competitive bowlers—the Division's and your club's.

From July 26 thru 29, five of our top-ranked Southwest bowlers will represent the Division in the Can-Am West Classic tournament, held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Earning this honor from their ranking on Team Southwest are: Michael Ashton-Phillips, Ivan Hyland, Bob Nunes, Ed Quo and Michael Siddall. They'll be bowling for the Southwest in Pairs, Triples, Singles and Rinks competitions—all on their own tab! Should you meet any of these team members, wish them well. Or give them a call, or drop them a line! I'm sure they'll be happy to learn that our Division members are rooting for them.

Don't forget to root for your own club's team in our division-wide club competition. Playdowns are underway, with Pasadena, Laguna Beach, Santa Maria, San Diego and Leisure World advancing in bracket at this writing. Finals will be held August 2 at Long Beach. The format of Pairs, Triples, Singles and Rinks introduces many of our club bowlers to new challenges. Competition among our clubs will also better acquaint our members with the Division's 34 clubs. Hopefully, as this annual club competition takes hold, it will become as exciting for all of us as the World Series!

Then there are the many club invitational tournaments and our division-sponsored tournaments. If you don't compete, drop by and watch the style, strategy and tactics of those who enjoy the challenges of competitive tournament bowling—particularly if they're from your club. You might be tempted to enter one of these events. If you are, give it a try. You don't have to win to have fun. I know!

Hugo Sahlein

Southwest Division President

Don't forget! Keep pressing to recruit new members...and happy bowling!

LAGUNA BEACH

By Ed Perry

As the Laguna Beach Club celebrates our 76th year, we are happy to see Summer weather finally arrive.

Early in June, we hosted the Laguna Beach Open, a Pairs tournament. Among the men, our Jerry Stewart, with Pat Fagan, took a 1st place. Our Ivan Hyland was a member of the second place team. Among the women bowlers, our Carrie Fossati and Ruby Ingram won first place honors, and our Heather Stewart, with Latie Schule, finished second.

On the 9th of June, we enjoyed a bowling (rinks) visit from some twenty Australian bowlers. We have many talented new members, including Pete Fielding, John and Ruby Ingram.

In memory of our long time member Esther Roberts, we will show you a beautiful potted Ficus tree at the club entry.

Come bowl by the sea! Welcome!

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

ORANGE COUNTY SENIOR GAMES OCT. 12

The San Clemente LBA invites all Southern California bowlers to enter the lawn bowling event in the Orange County Senior Games, being held Monday, October 12, at the San Clemente green in San Luis Rey Park.

SCLBA president Dick Higley reports: "It will be an all-day event, with catered lunch, soft drinks, and an opportunity to bowl on the club's new artificial turf green. Gold, silver and bronze medals will awarded to the winning teams, and special prizes will go to top individual players. The definition of 'senior' is men and women age 50 and over.

Triples is the scheduled event, and tournament format will depend upon the number of entries. Entry fee is \$5 per person.

Interested participants should phone Kathy Lee, at 949-498-3322.

SANTA ANITA

By Winnie Eberle

El Nino did its best to keep us off the green, but it did not dampen our spirits.

Our ladies met each month for their luncheon meeting and played a game before each meeting. Our Memorial Day Mulligan was the only fatality of the foggy dew, but the day was not a total loss. Some of our members who appeared in the misty morning stayed and played cards, while munching on various goodies. After lunch it cleared and we played a game in the afternoon.

A number of our ladies enjoyed the SWD Ladies Days at Alhambra and Pasadena. In the Division Club Competition, our team of Fred Robinson, Nancy Trask, Bob Cone and Virginia Price met at Pasadena for the area playoff. Though they played well, they lost the Rinks match. Everyone who participated in the Club Competition enjoyed the games and format, and hope it will be continued next year. We also had our popular Circle Bowling, weather permitting, before our birthday parties. Our Arts, Crafts and Hobbies event was enthusiastically reviewed.

In the Valley League, Santa Anita tied

with Albambra for first place. It was decided that there would be no playoff. So both teams will appear on the trophy.

We enjoyed visitations with Friendly Valley and Pasadena. We made our semi-annual trip to Laughlin and left our usual deposits there. We felt badly that we had to cancel our City of Hope Triples for the second time. We sincerely hope to hold them next June, and hope you will not have forgotten us by then.

We had our Guys & Dolls and Men's Singles Tournaments, with the men's first day called to a halt by the steady rain. It was resumed a week later on a beautiful sunny day.

GUYS & DOLLS

A Flight

1. Hazel Stevens & Bob Hill
2. Eileen Donohue & Bob Virza

B Flight

1. Gene Plunkett & Joan Wignall
2. Bob Padget & Ruth Cornell

MEN'S SINGLES

A Flight

1. Arnie Mortenson
2. Bill Gearhart

B Flight

1. Bob Padget
2. Bob Hill

MacKENZIE PARK

(Santa Barbara)

By Anne A. Vilkin

The Unger Singles was won by Pat Fagan, followed by runner-up Hal Wayne, Donna Long third, and Thelma Duran fourth.

Several of us went to Friendly Valley April 5th for the first Corken & Rose Memorial Tournament, and so did quite a few from other Southwest clubs. Ted Visser organized the event and a great time was had by all. This, in spite of a cloudburst about four in the afternoon. We took cover in the clubhouse where the appetizers and the spirit with which they were served made it a lot easier to play the last game.

In late April, the Santa Barbara Club came to visit. Joyce Trevillian, Events Chairperson, entertained with a superb lunch. After the games we initiated our lottery! Half the pot went to the Club, the other half to the lucky winner. This was successful and bound to become a staple.

In early May, we celebrated Herb Sorenson's 100th birthday! The party was arranged by Tom and Donna Long and it was gratifying to see that time has treated Herb kindly. We're pressing him for his secret of longevity.

The Sadie Hawkins Day Tournament was won by Emily Jacquez and Joe Quinn. Donna Christenson and Ed Russell finished second; Peggy Singer and Jerry Vorhees third; and Doris Sneddon and Art Christman fourth. The women skipped—is there a message here?

The Vige Burling Ladies Singles was played May 13-15 and won by Thelma Duran, with Carol Smith second.

The George Cormack Tournament, held May 30-31, was great fun and won by the team of Neil McInnes, Hugh Finley and Agnes McInnes. Ken Bolton, Pat Fagan and Anne Vilkin were second; Mert Isaacrnan, Sam and Mary DeLisle third; and Ian Ho, Ivan and Maryna Hyland fourth.

Pat Fagan and Jerry Stewart were #1 at the annual Laguna Beach Pairs Invitational. Pat also won (with Doug McArthur) the Southwest Open Pairs, and took second place in the SW Open Triples, with Doug and Sam DeLisle. Also placing well in the Southwest Open were: Hugh Finlay, Stanley Bloom, James Cronshaw and Duane Aasted. James and Duane also finished third in the "MacDonald" of the Cary-MacDonald Tournament.

In SW-AWLBA Open events, Mary DeLisle won the Pairs title (with Peggy Salisbury), and the Triples crown, with Kathy Via and Patricia Cronshaw.

While we have members of great achievement, we are delighted to have signed up ten new ones recently. They are: Muriel Clifford, Ruth Lewis, Barbara Newman, Kenneth Francis, Roland Bersch, Charles Schneider, Bud Viard, Bill Schultz, Louis Moscardi and Howard Groom.

Roland Bersch is a ballroom dance school owner and is teaching the rest of us to dance like professionals. Watch out Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, wherever you are!

HERMOSA BEACH

By Marian Wilson

Our members have been busy lately visiting other clubs and participating in tournaments. We sent two triples teams to the annual district tournament held at Beverly Hills. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and felt very welcome as we were very hospitably received by the other clubs. This tournament was a new experience for most of us, but we hope to make it an annual event.

We also had a wonderful day of bowling in Santa Monica. We are hoping to have a reciprocal visit with Santa Monica soon.

Fourteen of our members took part in our own Singles tournament. We have a new club champion, Nicole Kelly. We also had a lovely visit with the Redondo Beach Seniors. We enjoyed a lovely lunch as well as instruction and playing on their newly refinished shuffleboard courts.

Our singles ladder has officially started. Soon we will get the first round finished and the standings will have been won instead of the results of a draw.

Congratulations to our youngest member as she graduates from Mira Costa High School—and is the club's current champion. Way to go Nicole Kelly!

We are very sorry to report the passing of "Al" Alterton. Al was a valued club member as well as a distinguished citizen of Hermosa Beach. He is survived by his wife, Nora, and his daughter, Jane, who are both members of our club.



The photo shows the invention of Keith Marshall. It helps the stewards know the correct direction to set up the rinks. Keith is willing to make one for your club for a fee. Please call Jeanne at 310-379-7863, if you are interested.

MOSES TOPS DISNEY!

By Cleo Pattra

Behold! And Moses toiled for three days and two nights. And when he had finished, he had won himself a crown! A Disney crown! A 1998 Disney Singles crown!

Moses Rahaminov bested a field of outstanding singles players to win the 28th Annual Walt Disney Singles Tournament, May 23–25, at the host Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club. Saturday and Sunday were the event's qualifying days, with eight finalists vying on Memorial Day Monday.

David Hallman, whose only loss was the championship match, was runner-up, with Mert Isaacman (last year's winner)



Donald Duck Flight winner Neville Sacks, left, and runner-up Dave Hallman toast the Walt Disney Singles permanent trophy.

finishing third, and Bill Hiscock fourth.

Neville Sacks won the Donald Duck Flight (consolation), topping Lionel Thom for the victory. Ed Quo was third in the D.D., with Bob Indvick fourth.

All finalists won cash prizes, and top finishers took home special Disney Award mugs.

Allen Grossman did an incredible job of providing lunch and refreshments for the competitors and markers, abetted by Howard Sanders, Gaby Horvath, Edna Samson, Pat Cole, Meredith Goodwin and Leonard Zvonkin. Joe Siegman was event Director.



1998 Disney champion Moses Rahaminov, left, and runner-up Dave Hallman toast the Walt Disney Singles permanent trophy.

BAWLING AT THE GROVES

Due to an unknown reason, the first part of my article written for the previous (Spring) issue of *BOWLS Magazine* did not appear as meticulously (and brilliantly) crafted. By the grace of the magazine's computer memory (certainly not mine or the editor's), this is what was left-out:

"One of the nicest couples, Jean and Russ Marshall, have left us. And, by the time you read this, they will have relocated in South Carolina.

"I can't tell you how much two people will be missed by so many. They helped start our club and ever since have played a major part in its growth. Always top bowlers, in both club and tournament competitions, yet even more important was their sincere friendship to so many.

"There is a wicked rumor going around that they moved because Russ couldn't think of any other way to tell me he didn't want to bowl with me anymore. I will miss you both more than you know!

"In closing, every time I see a smiling

face I'll think of JEAN. And, every wrong bias will bring back memories of you, RUSS."

Now, onto more recent happenings here at The Groves. To date, we have completed three of our Club Championships:

Novice Singles

- 1. Joe Molletta
- 2. Paul Young
- 3. Innes Bishop

Club Pairs

- 1. Dick Miller & Kay May
- 2. Jim Russell & Sandy Sanford
- 3. Herb Braun & Jane Evans

Club Trips

- 1. Bill Meierstein, Faich Tatro, Eleanor Scott
- 2. Herb Braun, John Luti, Kay May
- 3. Don Lowrey, Bob Orosel, Earl McCowen

A "MAD DOG" word to the wise: "For all you bowlers who have a hard time getting to those long jacks, forget Grippo. Just rub a bit of "Viagra" on your bowls and you will "Always Be Up"!

Enough for now. *Mad Dog Meierstein*

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SUN CITY

(California)

By Kathie Atwell

Our Club has been busy hosting several intra-club tournaments. To date, we have crowned our Men's and Women's Singles and our Married Couples Champions for 1998.

Wally Cookson bested a field of 36 Singles participants, coming on to defeat Joe Rahm and win the Men's Division.

The following month, Helen Seevers took on the other half of the Rahm family and emerged victorious over Doris, in a game of inches that kept the marker measuring almost every end. Wally and Helen will bowl each other for the club championship as soon as Wally recovers from a leg injury.

The first of June saw Jean and Gene Hendershott winners of the Married Couples Tournament over runners-up Conrad and Judi Melton. Our Dog Patch Doubles Tournament will be coming up

in July.

We are also very proud of our 1998 Southwest Division Open Novice Singles Champion, Bev Talley. Bev also finds time to chair our Hospitality Committee and does an outstanding job.

In May, we welcomed four new members into our club: Jean Carino, Charlie Fox, Boyd Jordan and Barbara Ritchie.

Between the raindrops and cold wind, we have managed to host visitations by Rancho Bernardo and Lake Hodges, along with SW-AWLBA Ladies Day in April and the June Men's Rally. In July, we are looking forward to a visit from Hemet, our neighbors to the east, for our annual ice cream social.



AWLBA's SW Open Novice Singles titlest, Bev Talley. The disguise is to fend off paparazzi.

And finally, A BIG WELCOME BACK to long time bowler, Irene Mayer, who has been away because of illness. It's great to have that smiling face and that great little laugh back with us on our greens.

CAMBRIA-JOSLYN

By Ed Pierce

Beginning inter-club tournament play this spring, 26 bowlers and spouses made the two-day trek to Fresno April 25-26 for the year's first tournament. Visitors are annually at a disadvantage in this 25-year-old "home and home" series. Fresno bowls on natural grass, which is much different than Cambria's artificial turf surface, and requires (for us) considerable adjustment.

Form prevailed, local knowledge paid off, Fresno won the matches, 9-3, and the temporary right of possession of the perpetual trophy. Win, lose or draw, this event is always a fun weekend for everyone who goes and enjoys the outstanding hospitality of Fresno members. We'll try to retrieve the trophy when Fresnoans leave the expected San Joaquin Valley heat on August 15-16 to enjoy Cambria's climate and be our guests for a rematch.

The 30th Anniversary Commemoration and Open House of the Cambria Lawn Bowls Club was held on Saturday, May 16, following the morning lawn bowling matches. The Cambria Lawn Bowls Club was the first Joslyn Rec Center club organized when the Center was established in 1968. Special invitations were issued to eight CLBC charter members who are still in the Cambria area to be honored guests for the event.

The public was invited, with free lessons and lawn bowling demonstrations included in the Open House program.

Strawberry shortcake and punch were also available for everyone's enjoyment.

Every Cambria lawn bowler owes a large debt of gratitude and much appreciation to 12 CLBC members—Bill Barrows, Jack Breglio, Dick Cowdery, D.L. Daughettee, Dee DeBernardi, Bill Duncan, Bob Goethe, Bob Heald, Harry Jones, B.J. Martin, Don Myers and Jim Roberts—who, as of this writing, have already devoted MANY hours of labor on the restoration of our lawn bowling green.

Although once power-vacuumed off, mud deposited from overflowing floodwaters of two previous years had slowly, but inexorably, worked its way up through the artificial Henselite carpeting to create slick, impervious areas on the green. The "do-it-yourself" power-washing project is now well along, but has turned out to be a very slow and labor-intensive process. Still ahead is the second half of the effort, which involves spreading several tons of fresh, finely sifted beach sand and brushing, then rolling it into the green.

The inter-club tournament visit by the Santa Maria Lawn Bowls Club, originally scheduled for June 23, has of necessity (ours) been postponed and will be rescheduled, probably in the Fall.

 Support Lawn Bowling
Introduce a Friend to the Game!

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SANTA MONICA

By Bob Nock

On June 14th, the annual Presidents Cup Tournament, between the Santa Monica and Holmby Park LBCs, was held at Holmby Park. Six Triples teams were entered by each club, with each team playing two games. This year Santa Monica recovered the "Cup" by winning eleven of the twelve games.

The second and third Southwest Division club matches using Dick Cole's tournament formula were held in April on days when, miraculously, it was not raining. All who participated agreed that it was a fun program that should be repeated on an annual basis. The winners for this year were: Moses Rahaminov, Alan Goodnoff, Margie Nock and Nancy Adelson. They will represent Santa Monica in the Division playoffs scheduled to occur later this summer.

Moses Rahaminov won the annual Walt Disney Singles competition held at Beverly Hills in May. As I'm sure most of you know, Walt Disney was an avid advocate of bowling, with his home club at Beverly Hills.

Santa Monica's annual Pairs competition was held in May. The winners were Alan Power and Nancy Adelson, with runners-up Moses Rahaminov and Simon Waysman.

On Thursdays, starting in May, we began twilight bowling from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The evening bowling is being met with

ever increasing enthusiasm. Also in May, a friendly non-competitive "mixer" was held with Hermosa Beach, another club from our District. A reciprocal mixer is scheduled for September. We expect to hold these exchanges more frequently in the future.

We are delighted to welcome Len and Linda Randall to our club membership. They are very enthusiastic and show considerable promise for the future. We also welcome Max and Ann Wurwand from South Africa. They plan to spend six months each year in Santa Monica, with the remaining time at their home in Cape Town, South Africa.

In April, member Hi Berman, former Mayor of Sandton, South Africa, returned to his hometown for a short visit, during which he was honored for his efforts twenty years ago in creating the George Lea Park located there. The Park has three greens, one of which is named the "Hi Berman Green." The Park opened in April, 1978.



Santa Monica's newest members, Len and Linda Randall.

OXNARD-JOSLYN

By Fran Biddle

Our club's most recent fun event was a yardstick tournament. Every bowl that was within 36" of the jack scored. So both teams could score on every end. A yardstick, secured to the bottom of a soup can, was placed over the jack and rotated around to make scoring easy and fun. Thanks to Don Branstrom for creating this measuring device.

First place was taken by Don Branstrom, along with team members Dave Jones and Fran Biddle. Second place went to Armand Escalante, Charles Ciummo and Jane Brewster. Third place went to President Ed Otoupalik, Dan Laydon and Rita Harrison.

Anita Delfs did an out-

standing job organizing, collecting the money, distributing the prizes, and explaining how it worked since this was the first time for this event. Everyone seemed to enjoy it, and look forward to doing it again soon.



Oxnardians rally in front of their new members-installed flagpole and flag.

Our new flagpole and flag pictured was the result of much work by the members. The flagpole is lightweight metal and is collapsible. It can be removed and stored between use. This cuts down on the wear and tear. The small flag is our club flag, complete with logo.

On June 23,- Oxnard met Santa Maria at MacKenzie for the Gold Coast match. Oxnard won five and Santa Maria four. They meet again at the same location in July.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

McInnes & Finlay Top Field

SW MEN'S U.S. PAIRS PLAYDOWNS

By Ed Quo

Twenty-two Pairs teams met at Newport Harbor LBC June 20th to vie for the right to represent the Southwest Division in August at the United States Championships Finals in Seattle. The top eight teams from the first day's qualifying round, met in a double elimination format over the next two Sundays to produce a winner.

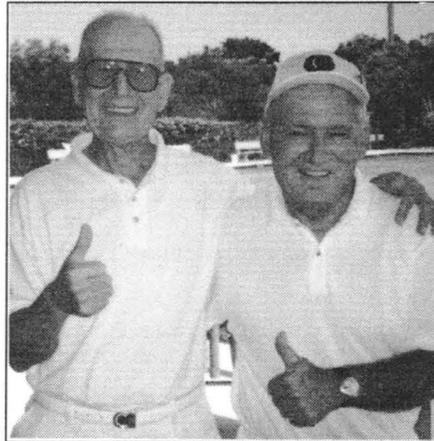
When the final end had been played, the winners were the event's only undefeated team: Neil McInnes—ALBA's current "Bowler of the Decade"—and his partner, Hugh Finlay. Finlay, a relatively new bowler from Santa Barbara's MacKenzie Park LBC, provided his team with outstanding bowls from his lead position.

The trip to the Championships will be Finlay's first. For the McInnes, who has won either the Pairs (6) or Singles (3) nine times since the early 1970s, this is appearance #20 in the stellar event. It moves the Pasadenan into a tie with Willis Tewksbury and Bert MacWilliams for most appearances (20) in the U.S. Championships Finals.

McInnes/Finlay, while playing many close games, were the only team in the double eliminations to go undefeated. Runners-up, Stu Sistas and Mert Hill, lost only to the winners (both their losses). Tied for third place were semi-final teams: Richard Simon/Joe Siegman

and Sam DeLisle/Dick Rivera.

As usual, this event saw many top bowls and tight heads playing on the re-



The veteran and the rookie—Neil McInnes, left, and partner Hugh Finlay are the Southwest's reps in the 1998 U.S. Pairs Championships.

cently redone greens at Newport. In what proved to be the last match of the tournament, Sistas and Hill were 3-up with only the last end to play. They were 2-down in the head when McInnes stepped on the mat with the last bowl of the game. The veteran drew the third shot to tie, forcing an extra end. The added frame went to McInnes and Finlay, giving Sistas/Hill their second loss.

Newport Harbor's leadership and members did a first class job in hosting this event.

JOSLYN LAKE HODGES

By Don Docker

With the tournament season upon us again, we are pleased to announce the first place success of Bob Foget in the "Allison" portion of the Southwest Division's annual (and tough) Murray-Allison Singles Tournament.

In the Southwest Vet-Novice tourney, Jim Whittaker, with his novice partner Colin Marshall, took second place in the qualifying round at Pasadena. Paul Rotter, with novice Guido Chandler, took third place at Lake Hodges.

On the AWLBA front, Jan Wessel and her team (Maryna Hyland, Heather Stewart and Anne Barber) won the S.W. Division Rinks, at Laguna Beach, after previously taking fourth place in the Ladies State Rinks.

Up to this point in the year "El Nino" has managed to wreak havoc with our visitation calendar. All of our visitations at Lake Hodges have, so far, been washed out. However, the visit by sixteen Canadians early in May turned out to be a great success. Teams were set-up by blind draw, thus intermingling both groups. There were plenty of refreshments and socializing after the competition. The refreshments were put on by Mike and Ellie Michalek.

Our greens are finally getting plugged—and hopefully leveled—and we are also replacing some of our worn-out backboards. So, we should be in good shape for the biggest day of our year, namely the Marceilus L. Joslyn Mixed Triples Tournament, which take place August 8-9.

POMONA

By Hugh Freeman

The Club's Advisory Board, led by President Orton Olmstead, has attempted a new approach to the problem of membership. Inserts about lawn bowling have been delivered to various zip codes by the local newspaper on two occasions. A number of inquiries have been received and, hopefully, some will result in new members. We have added five new members through personal contacts and have other prospects undergoing training.

The Citrus League is over. Pomona finished in the lower half of the League. We

had a real opportunity to move upward, but could not complete the move on the final day. Thanks to all of the members competing for the glory of the Club and the love of lawn bowling.

The Annual Mayor's Trophy Tournament was held in May. The Mayor of Pomona, Ed Cortez, presented the championship trophy to two teams that finished in a tie for the title. The co-winners are: (s-v-l) Cliff Hilliard, Peg Olmstead, Sue Lapp, and Loran Johnson, A.D. Coates, Pearl Dilley.

The Annual intra-club tournaments are now being contested. The Men's Singles

was won by Hugh Freeman in a long (23 ends), hard match with Wayne Putnam. The Women's event is still pending, with Helen Hanson, Pearl Dilley and Sue Lapp still in contention. The latter two are novice bowlers.

The Men's and Women's Doubles have been completed. Helen Hanson and Pearl Dilley, won in the Women's title, while Orton Olmstead and Loran Johnson captured the Men's crown. Other contests are being arranged.

Come and join us in Pomona—we are having fun.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SANTA BARBARA

By Dudley Miller

Eleven of our members, accompanied by fourteen bowlers from the other Gold Coast clubs, returned June 15 after a memorable ten-day bowling/sightseeing excursion to England. The group stayed in a charming old hotel located in downtown Worthing, on the Channel coast, and made day trips via bus to bowl at five different clubs in the area.

Worthing is the recognized "center of world bowling." The World Bowls Board is headquartered there, as is the headquarters of the English Bowling Association. Fred Inch, Deputy Secretary of the EBA, hosted the visit and was instrumental, along with our own Peter Hand, in making the entire adventure a fabulous success. Peter is now actively planning a similar excursion for next year to Edinburgh, Scotland.

Two championship tourneys and two fun events were bowled during this report period. Joe Quinn, Larry MacDonald and Louis Moscardi won the Club Triples championship in May, while Ray Togni and Russ Morgan beat Stan and Carmel Bloom in a playoff match to win the Club Pairs in late June. Bill Joseph did an excellent job as chairman of the pairs tournament in the absence of traveling Peter Hand.

The "British Cup", played using the Australian Pairs 2-4-2 format, had a full complement of 26 teams for a fun-filled one-day tournament on Memorial Day. The winners, repeating their victory of last year, were Dita Joseph and Max Steward.

There were 12 bowlers in the Super Seniors Singles Tournament (for octogenarians) on June 9. Winston Wilson took first place, while Bill Doliante and Bill Blair (MacKenzie Park) won 2nd and 3rd places. Eleanor Simmons, with her usual consummate skill, stepped in to guide this event.

We were all saddened by the shocking loss of Jean Mangini in June. She will be intensely missed by all of us.

In Memoriam
Jean Mangini

CARY-MACDONALD

By Dick Cole

El-Nino relented and beautiful weather greeted the 23 teams for the annual Cary-MacDonald Pairs Tournament, May 16-17, in Long Beach. The host Long Beach Club members kicked in with lots of good food and friendly smiles to make this Division tournament enjoyable for all.

For the uninitiated, the Cary-MacDonald is a two-in-one event. On the second day of the tournament, the top eight ranked finishers from the first day's matches compete in the Cary, while teams ranked 9-16 compete in the MacDonald.

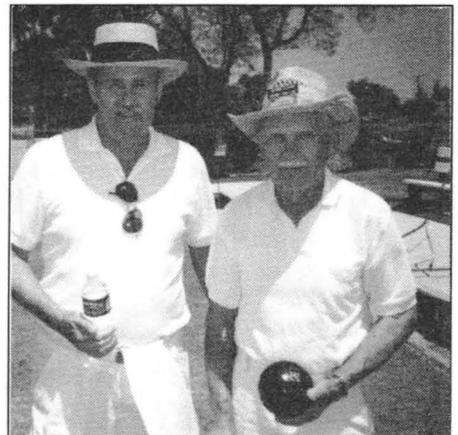
Ian Ho and Barry Pickup defeated Ed Quo and Bob Nunes to win the Cary, as Mert Isaacman and Ivan Hyland squeezed past Kenny Bolton and Stu Sistad for third place.

In the MacDonald, it was Brian Studwell and George Alpern putting Holmby Park back on the map with their victory over Tom Dion and Mert Hill. James Cronshaw and Duane Aasted took third place honors over Lionel Thom and Dick Cole.



Above: Barry Pickup, left, and Ian Ho won the Cary event.

Below: Brian Studwell, left, and George Alpern won the MacDonald.



OAKS NORTH

(San Diego)

By Cathy Fullerton

We were looking forward to our first May Day bowling event, but it was rained out. Paul Harford had made a 12-foot Maypole, using a heavy cardboard tube from a carpet store. Anne-Marie Roost decorated it with many colored ribbons and flowers. They fastened it onto a cement umbrella stand and placed it on a patio adjacent to our green.

Well, we weren't going to be daunted by bad weather. We just put the Maypole temporarily away and brought it out for our Memorial Day bowling event. So we had our May Day after all, and danced around the Maypole after lunch to the tune of "Country Gardens."

There were so many of our bowlers on vacation in June, we postponed our

potluck dinner, and had it in July. Bob George repeated last year's potluck with chicken from the local supermarket, supplemented by salads and desserts brought by our members.

Our various Pairs events of former years were combined this year into "Club Doubles." We had six rinks of bowlers, with Paul Rotter and Jerry Jaffee taking First Place. Charlie Fullerton and Fred Meyer placed Second. Sunny Forbess and Wilma George came in Third.

Summer is finally here and we bowl Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:15 a.m., through September. We keep regular afternoon hours for Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

We are sorry to report that Cy McLaughlin, long-time Oaks North bowler, has passed away.

In Memoriam
Cy McLaughlin

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

AWLBA SW Coaching Clinics

By Pat Mayo

The Southwest Division has now had three very successful coaching clinics at local clubs—Long Beach, Hemet and Sun City. All expressed great enthusiasm for the six-hour sessions, which include drills, games and discussions.

Pat Gonzales, AWLBA Chairman of Coaching for the Division, reminds that any Club wishing to arrange for a clinic should call her at 949-969-5862. Three coaches will be available and the clinics are open to both men and women. A group of 12 people is desirable.

The other major activity involves advanced clinics for competitive tournament bowlers who want to improve their skills and knowledge of the game. These clinics are held on the fourth Sunday of each month. To date, this group has been hosted by Laguna Hills LBC (Leisure World), Newport Harbor, Long Beach and Laguna Beach. For further information on these advanced clinics, call Pat Mayo at 949-951-5784.

Hugo Sahlein, Southwest Division ALBA President, has been attending some of these clinics as an observer. Virginia Marl, AWLBA National President, envisions this kind of cooperation in expanding advanced coaching in all Divisions.

The focus of all clinics is to give individual help in correcting faults, developing consistency and teamwork, drilling on special shots, discussing laws, providing samples for home practice, etc. Usually, there is a coach for every four participants.

COVE COMMUNITIES

(Palm Desert, CA)

By Tom Hodgins

All of the snowbirds finally left the first part of June, so we are down to a hearty eight players. The summer has been mild so far, so we are still bowling M-W-F. However, we have changed the time to 8 a.m.

Whether we bowl through the summer remains to be seen. The green will be closed down during October for the annual overseeding. When we reopen in November, we will go back to our normal 9 a.m. start.

LEISURE WORLD

(Laguna Hills)

By Pat Mayo

The renovation at our Clubhouse is almost complete, thanks to a bequest from Margaret Bourne. The former locker space for bowls has been converted to additional lounge space, almost doubling the size for social affairs and meetings. Larger windows and a sliding glass door to the deck add light and a way to watch bowling from inside the room. Now we are ready for new carpets, furniture and interior finishing, which is being supervised by Janet Anderson.

We are tied for first place in Coast League—a group of clubs in Orange County, plus Long Beach, which meet every two weeks. Each club sends two triples teams to the club that is hosting the event. It is a great social mixer and way to meet people from other clubs, as well as demanding competition.

Twilight bowling began in June and is attracting thirty or more people each Monday evening. Vi Smith, chairman, has added the option of ordering sandwiches and salad from a local market. Most players are taking advantage of this and are staying for supper after the games are finished.

Another club round-robin, with Chad

HOLMBY PARK

By Marcella Krisel

So far, this has been quite a year for Bob Altshuler! He won the Naylor Doubles, with Alan Goodnoff, then won the Taylor Triples in June, with stalwart teammates George Alpern and Don Hedges.

Speaking of George Alpern, he has become friends with a blue jay who enjoys plucking peanuts from George's lips. This bird watches George all day and swoops down often to remind him (not very subtly) of his presence. On the occasions when George is absent, the blue jay watches for George's car and, in frustration, makes occasional kamikaze attacks on our outdoor buffet.

After having retained the beautiful President's Cup for

Julian as chairman, is beginning in July. Entrants are randomly divided into groups of nine or ten and play each of the others in their group. New this year will be the use of handicaps to level the competition for all degrees of experience. The 15-point singles matches are arranged individually and can be played any time the greens are open.

Ree Ree Laney won first place in the Club Ladies' Singles tournament. She has been devoted to the game for several years now and by hard work and enthusiasm has earned the right to have her name on the trophy.

Our Club is fortunate to have the services of a professional sports cartoonist who is also a lawn bowler. Len Hollreiser came to Leisure World from the Friendly Valley Club, where he got interested in lawn bowling. He worked for the Chicago Tribune/New York News Syndicate for some twenty-one years. With this experience, he contributes a clever cartoon to our weekly newspaper to accompany the regular lawn bowls column. His cartoons attract a great deal of attention from readers and give excellent publicity to our club.

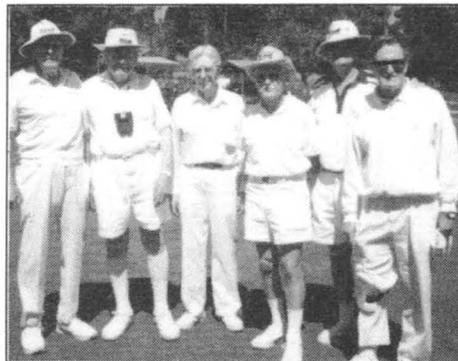
In Memoriam
Arthur Briggs
Alice Stuck
George Tichenor

two years in a row, Holmby lost all but one game to Santa Monica recently. The rout took place on our own turf, making it all the more mortifying.

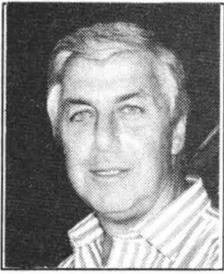
Moses Rahaminov won the Walt Disney Singles Tournament.

On June 27, we played host to 39 lawn bowlers from Santa Barbara. After a light breakfast of coffee and sweet rolls, the friendly competition began. Holmby won ten games and Santa Barbara three.

A delicious buffet luncheon was served by Virginia Little & Company. In the afternoon, all participants took part in a blind draw, so that each team was a mixture of hosts and guests.



Holmby's Taylor Triples "one-two punch": Champions: (three on right) George Alpern, Don Hedge and Bob Altshuler; and runners-up (from left) Romus Soucek, Al Silver and Warren Gates.



THE LAST SHOT

By Joe Siegman

Editor of BOWLS Magazine

There's an "Official Underground Newsletter" making its way around Southern California bowling greens. Its author, "Mr. I.M. Bowls", claims the Southwest Division's U.S. Playdowns were "rigged", pitting "A players" against "B players"—"BIG GUNS" versus "87 year old men". In the spirit of the Peter Finch character in the award-winning film "Network", the writer is: "mad as hell and he isn't going to take it anymore!"

Specifically, I.M. deplors the concept of "seeding" the field of entries in a lawn bowling event. He's angry about the practice of "A" and "B" greens, and angrier about which players/teams get assigned to which green. One gets the distinct impression that I.M. Bowler identifies with the 87 year olds, not the Big Guns.

(ED: "Seeding" refers to control over the assignment of opponents (by the tournament director), vis a vis a "blind draw", in which "the luck of the draw" determines who plays whom.)

Mr. Bowls' complaint goes back to the first argument I ever heard when I picked-up a lawn bowl 22 years ago: "Is lawn bowling a recreation or a sport?" Because, if it is a recreation, the joy of playing the game is its own reward. And, if it is a sport, the conduct of sport should be expected to prevail.

Several years ago, to encourage more involvement in Division and club invitational competitions—the SWD has at least one event nearly every week of the year—the Tournament Committee came up with the idea of "A" and "B" greens—the perceived-to-be stronger entries were assigned to one green, while the perceived-to-be less-strong entries had their own green. The idea was to encourage men and women who enjoyed participating competitively beyond their intraclub events, yet were gun-shy of being cannon fodder for the so-called heavyweights, to participate in tournaments.

The concept proved successful. Though it wasn't employed at every event, tournament directors used it when their field of entries was large and the disparity between acknowledged "better" bowlers and "less better" was obvious.

Naturally, while most event entrants are pleased with the "A" and "B" seedings, not all the perceived-to-be "less better" bowlers are sold on the practice of selective pruning. "Who says I'm a 'B' player?" "How'cum they're on the 'A' green and we're with the dregs?" "We paid the same entry fee as them and we get stuck with the riffraff?" "I beat him every time we play, and he's on the 'A' green?" "Who has the right to decide we're not as good as them?" And, as Mr. I.M. Bowls writes: "How about this for a novel idea—instead of cheating us out of our money, make all the tournaments a blind draw and let the cream rise to the top."

Mr. Bowls goes on to pose this scenario: "Well, how about this for being fair: Two 87-year old men pay their \$20 (entry fee) because they want to enter the tournament (U.S. Pairs Playdowns). They have never been to a tournament before but play 3 days of

brilliant bowls and they win every game. IF THEY WON—THEY SHOULD GO (to the finals in Seattle)!"

The scenario raises a specter that has haunted lawn bowling around the globe. Why is it the "country club" sports—tennis and golf—function and grow with their diversity of professionals, wanna-be pros, and social players, while lawn bowls can barely function or grow at all? Is anyone in the golf world surprised when they are required to compete in preliminary rounds just to qualify to play with other players—other seeded players who might have been sipping lemonade on a chaise lounge while the qualifiers were sweating out making the cut? Is there any malcontent among country club or public links golfers yelling about the pro tournament "losers" taking home consolation prizes of \$250,000 from events they, the social golfers, are not allowed to enter?

Ever see a tennis event where the pairings are a result of tossing all of the entrants' names into a hat? Tennis relies on rankings and seedings. Do social tennis players have problems with tournament seedings? #1 plays #100, and both pay the same entry fee. And, #100 nearly always loses. Is it stacked against #100? Would #100 rather play #99?

Lawn bowling is probably the oldest continuously played game in the universe, and we still don't know who we are or what we want to be. Most bowlers are content with their assortment of club activities, a core of bowlers live for the hard-nosed competitive events, and a some bowlers enjoy all the game has to offer. But our game doesn't seem to be able to rise beyond the pettiness and traumas of individuals whose vision of the future begins with the word "me."

In a serious competition, all lawn bowlers are not equal. Some are better than others. That doesn't mean that anyone can't defeat everyone. But, consistent winners earn the right to be seeded. Much of the onus of seeding would be diminished if we had a valid ranking system in the U.S., especially in each Division. But the idea of luck-of-the-draw sending "two 87 year olds" to the United States Championships, without them having earned it by facing a gauntlet of quality teams, is an insult to the sport we profess to love.

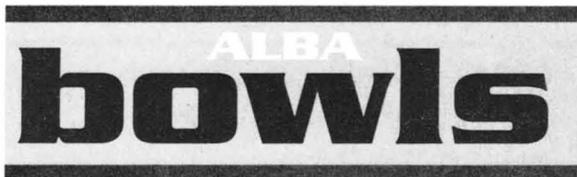
While we all enjoy lawn bowling we have, at the same time, successfully managed to keep it from gaining respect as a bonafide sport. In part, some of the credit goes to this luck-of-the-draw attitude. There certainly is a role for lady luck and pure chance in lawn bowls. But the U.S. Championships Playdowns is not the place for it.

Mr. I.M. Bowls reported that his clandestine newsletter was the first of a series of upcoming publications that would deal with such subjects as: "Tips for the 'B' player on how to beat the big guns at their own game"; "How to get rid of those 'O.C.F.s' in your club who always get rid of new bowlers"; "Teaching"; "How to get money into the game"; and more.

Why communicate the hard way, I.M.—if I may call you by your initials. While there is sizzle and spice at being underground, your message reaches only a handful of readers. Bring your anger to BOWLS Magazine. If you have something to say, let everyone hear it. We can all benefit from good ideas. And, a little provocation makes for interesting reading.

Call or write the Editor. We can talk about seeding you on an "A" or "B" page.

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