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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Jack Phillips

As you read this we will have reached the time of year when the "snowbirds" are heading north and the northern divisions are about ready to launch a new season. Our membership committee has been encouraging everyone to take their bowls north with them and try to bowl over the summer. All of us should take this to heart and try to serve as ambassadors for ALBA and AWLBA by visiting clubs, resorts, and any other organization that has bowls to promote lawn bowls and our organizations. Personal contact is the best way to develop new clubs.

When I first got into lawn bowls it was with a non-affiliated club. It was the personal relationships that developed between Pittsburgh and Cleveland that brought Pittsburgh back into ALBA and AWLBA. Last year, my wife and I detoured through Cincinnati to visit and bowl with a non-affiliated club there. We now have two members from there and look forward to having the club affiliate.

Our membership committee is working hard, but they need all of us to help. We want to preserve the best traditions of lawn bowls. But, society has evolved and we need to look forward. There are too many of us trying to preserve some form of status quo. This may be fine in the short term. But, one day you will get to the green and find no one to bowl with and there won't be enough energy in what is left of the membership to rebuild. Another club will have gone by the wayside.

On another note, I would like to congratulate the Clearwater Lawn Bowls Club on its 75th anniversary. I recently had the opportunity to present them a plaque on behalf of ALBA and AWLBA. Clearwater can lay claim to four of our first inductees into the ALBA Hall of Fame, as well as several past presidents of ALBA. Clearwater is also the focal point of the tournament season in the Southeast and their hospitality is outstanding.

Good bowling to all.



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ON THE COVER: Newport Harbor (CA) LBC kicked off its April newsletter with member Bill Bemus' impression of "first match of spring". As sunbelt bowlers revel in memories of a warm winter past, most of the country is on Grippio alert, enjoying the first draw games of the season, while sociability and fresh-air abounds.

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Letters to the Editor

CLUB LOCATIONS

Delray Beach, Lakeland, Kings Point, etc. In the club reports, could you add the place where these clubs and others are located as you do in some instances? I wonder where many clubs listed are located, at least their geographic area.

Grace Said
Tacoma, WA

ED: Of course, all of the clubs you mentioned are in Florida. Kings Point is at Sun City Center in Central Florida. Delray Beach LBC and Lakeland LBC are located in...Delray Beach and Lakeland, FL. Delray is in South Florida, between Ft. Lauderdale and Palm Beach; and Lakeland is in Central Florida, between Orlando and Tampa. I think you'll find that most of the Florida clubs are named after the city/town in which they are located.

I suggest that you and others interested in LBC locations get a copy of the "Directory of Clubs In The United States", available from ALBA Marketing and Ferrell Burton, Jr., 445 Surfview Dr., Pacific Palisades, CA, 90272. His email address is: ferrellb@aol.com

PICKING NATIONAL TEAMS

How do the national teams get picked?

There must be a formula, some measuring stick to determine who gets selected to the national team. But, as far as I can tell, those who make it to the dance apparently need to live in either Arizona or California.

Then there's the two U.S. international teams announced in the last issue. If it wasn't for Doug McArthur, it would look like "hair-line" was a deciding factor: The mostly-bald and balding go to the Asia Pacific Games, while the better coifed travel to the North American Challenge.

I'm sure these guys must be the best. But, how do you, how do we know that?

Andrew Pladik
Mt. Vernon, NY

(ED: Two of the 14 on this year's men's team don't live in either CA or AZ) ALBA has a five-man committee of National Team Selectors (NTS). This committee has a detailed system for the annual selection of the U.S. National Team. Those named to play in international competitions are drawn from players on the National Team. Only players who submit an application are considered for the National Team. In part, competition success in designated regional and national events account for points that accrue towards National Team selection. Other intangible factors, however, are also factored into the equation by the NTS.

Jim Graham (SW) chairs the NTS Committee, which includes: Bill Farrell (SE), Champ Salisbury and John Stewart (SC), Bill Robertson (SE & SW). (AWLBA has its own committee of selectors for the Women's National Team.)

COLOR IT HERESY

(This letter was originally sent to ALBA Membership Chairman Frank Ransome, with a copy to BOWLS Magazine.)

It may sound like heresy to the traditional lawn bowls purist, but in my opinion there is much evidence that if all members of a club had a colorful club shirt to be used at tournaments, during recruiting, and other events instead of "whites", it would be a giant step in changing the public's image of lawn bowls. That could be the start of other innovations that would add more spice to the game as it did for tennis, and enhance recruiting efforts at all lawn bowls clubs.

In the Fall ('98) edition of BOWLS you wrote about "the newer clubs are dedicated to the enjoyment of the sport without some of the hang-ups, wear street clothes, and are excited about the game..." I also enjoyed "The Last Shot" story in the same issue which spoke about "progress in lawn bowls being stymied by tradition..."

As a member of the MPLBC recruiting team, it has been my experience from interviews with dozens of potential new members that, in general, the public image of bowls is a sedentary game played by the elderly in plain white clothing.

In 1998, taking a tip from tennis, our recruiting committee provided all recruitment volunteers with 'spicy orange shirts'. Wearing the shirts, we produced 39 new members! To top off the year, MacKenzie Park won the 5-Star SW Division championship wearing the orange shirts. I believe there is a message here: that color creates success!

In my view, to survive and grow we must evolve from a sport stymied by tradition to one streamlined by innovation; and from bland to stimulating.

Armie Elkin
Goleta, CA

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U.S WOMEN AT ATLANTIC RIM GAMES

Special to ALBA BOWLS from Trevor Krollner, Johannesburg, S.A.

The Atlantic Rim Games, played in the city of Tygerberg, South Africa, were a great success. The Tournament Committee along with the major sponsor, "SPAR", provided a wonderful venue for the sixteen countries attending. The Goodwood Club, with its large clubhouse and three greens, hosted the ten-day event.

The American ladies were placed into a round robin section with: Israel, South Africa, Jersey, Ireland, Zimbabwe, Wales, and Netherlands. The United States team was: Mary DeLisle, Heather Stewart, Anne Cherney, Katy Stone and Evelyn Keener. Charlotte O'Keefe served as the American manager. (ED: The team was selected by AWLBA.)

South Africa was the winner in Fours and was the Overall point winner, with Ireland winning the Triples and Singles, and Scotland winning the Pairs.

The American ladies finished 9th in Pairs, 13th in Singles and Triples, and 14th in Fours.

Overall, the competing countries ranked: 1. South Africa (45 points), 2. Scotland (42), 3. England (41), 4. Ireland (38), 5. Swaziland (29), 6. Wales (28), 7. Zimbabwe (28), 8. Jersey (26), 9. Canada (25), 10. Namibia (22), 11. Israel (21), 12. USA (16), 13. Guernsey (15), 14. Spain (12), 15. Argentina (12), 16. Netherlands (0).

The major bowling countries sent their very best to this competition, as The Atlantic Games has become the premier event—following World Bowls—in women's international competition. While the U.S. team played well, it was clear that the experience needed to win is still something to be achieved.

NATIONAL TEAM APPLICATIONS

Applications for the year 2000 Men's National Team must be submitted by September 1, 1999.

Those who applied for the 1999 team will receive the application forms automatically, but those who did not must request forms from the National Team Selection Committee.

New applicants are required to submit their playing record for the last four years. Those who have applied in the past, but who did not apply last year or for several years, must give the committee their records for the missing years (in the last four).

Careful attention should be paid to the instructions for completing the forms since improperly prepared ones will be rejected.

Requests for forms should be sent to: Jim Graham, Chairman-National Team Selection Committee, 460 Links Drive, Nipomo, CA 93444.

THE SOURCE

In BOWLS winter issue, we neglected to mention that the story: "Oldest Lawn Bowl Unearthed", that appeared on page 5, was unearthed by Ahwatukee LBC (Phoenix, AZ) reader Robert Goode Rockwell.

LIKE TO HOST NAC 2000?

NAC stands for North American Challenge—Canada versus USA. The annual event, slated to be held in the United States or Canada in alternate years, is scheduled for the U.S. in the years 2000, 2002 and 2004.

The NAC Organizing Committee is looking for a single green site to hold the event in each of the available years (different site each year). Clubs interested in learning the details of hosting the colorful three-day event should contact Ed Quo for further information and a copy of the guidelines for the host club. He may be reached at (714) 962-6820, or Email at: Edq882@aol.com

The final decision regarding host club selection will be made by the Councils of ALBA and AWLBA.

The 1999 NAC will be played at the Juan de Fuca LBC in Victoria, BC, over the Labor Day weekend (September 3-5).

The NAC is played on one green, matching the men's and women's national teams of both countries in test match competition.

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add your name to the list. You might put your club address and the name, address and phone number of the person to contact in the event that someone wants to pay you a visit. There are now 135 places to bowl in the United States and I'm sure they would all welcome visitors. My E-mail address is Frankbowl@aol.com.

I've been fascinated by the lawn bowls discussion group that emanates from Australia. We found it at lawnbowl@alchemy.ausweb.net.au. One thought that permeates most of the articles has to do with having fun, exuberance, high fives and a few loud "well-bowled's".

The big item seems to be that lawn bowls is not considered a sport in some countries. Rather, it is referred to as "old man's marbles" and "a walk in the park for old people".

Then there was the article by David Grimes that appeared in our local paper. David works for the New York Times, so you may have seen it. I quote: "I might have whizzed right past 'Older Person' status and gone directly to Gibbering Geezer or, worse yet, Lawn Bowler." David was commenting on the fact that the United Nations had declared 1999 as the "Year of the Older Person".

Too many of our clubs have succumbed to becoming "old boy" and "old girl" networks. There is a place in all our clubs for persons under 20 as well as for those over 80. It's a sad thing to contemplate, old folks begetting old folks and never making room for the many families and youngsters that would benefit from belonging to a lawn

The Membership Trail

By Frank Ransome
ALBA Membership Chairman

bowls club.

Lawn bowls is a sport, a serious sport that must be played as a sport to be fully enjoyed. Your new bowler should be given every encouragement to become a

competitive athlete. He or she deserves the opportunity to learn the nuances, the strategy and the responsibilities of playing a team position. How can we expect new bowlers of any age to enjoy the sport if they master the first training period and there are no further mountains to climb? There is so much more to lawn bowls than meets the casual eye.

You should see some of the biting comments I've received on dress codes and colored bowls. I am personally in favor of club jackets and shirts that can be worn at anytime. I'm also in favor of colored bowls that will help the average passerby identify who is doing what to whom. By the time this issue of Bowls is published I should have my set of maroon Thomas Taylor bowls, so that everyone will be able to see how poorly I'm bowling.

Lets all think up ways to liven up the sport a little. How about decals on the bowls. I'm sure ALBA Marketing has decals in all colors for sale—even some with your club name on them. What say you to bowling eight ends and then stopping for a soft drink and a couple of cookies before resuming play. The international bowlers stop for a "tea break"—a beer or two, or any refreshment—but most of our clubs don't have the ability to procure and sell alcoholic beverages. Why not show some emotion when there's a good shot? Let's build a little excitement into the game so that others will know that despite the snow on the roof there's still some fire in our hearts. ●

CALENDAR

MAY	29-31	ALBA AWLBA	NORTHWEST OPEN	Portland, OR
JULY	24-28	ALBA	CAN-AM WEST CLASSIC	Edmonton, Alberta
	31-Aug 5	ALBA AWLBA	EASTERN OPEN	Buck Hills Falls, PA
AUGUST	7-12	ALBA AWLBA	CENTRAL OPEN	Pittsburgh, PA
	14-20	ALBA AWLBA	NORTHWEST OPEN	Seattle, WA
SEPTEMBER	3-5	ALBA AWLBA	NO. AMERICAN CHALLENGE (Canada vs USA)	Victoria, B.C., Canada
	11-17	ALBA AWLBA	PACIFIC INTER-MTN OPEN	S.F. Bay Area, CA
	21-30	ALBA AWLBA	ASIA-PACIFIC GAMES	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
OCTOBER	16-21	ALBA AWLBA	U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS	Long Beach, CA
	23-28	ALBA AWLBA	NATIONAL OPEN	Orange County, CA
MARCH	8-29, 2000	AWLBA	WORLD BOWLS (ladies)	Moama, Australia
	31-April 15	ALBA	WORLD BOWLS (men)	Johannesburg, S.A.

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COACHES CORNER

By Frank Ransome
*National Coaching &
Instruction Chairman*

We've been following the syllabus for the past three issues and have now reached lesson #4—when students really start to learn about weight control. As usual, we begin each class with the rinks set-up, and the class rolls jacks back and forth across the green for ten minutes or so. The Instructor and his coaches wander around and make corrections.

If—and this takes practice and just a little intestinal fortitude—the Instructor can demonstrate that the swing it takes to roll the jack 100 feet is about the same swing it takes to roll the bowl 100 feet, your class will appreciate what comes next even more.

We must stand with our feet pointing down the line of our delivery (if possible). Hold the jack or bowl out on our fingers as far as we can (cradle grip) and raise the bowl in front of us to sight our aiming point. The height of the bowl with arm extended will, to some extent, determine the length of the pendulum swing, and that will determine the distance the bowl will travel. For novice bowlers, I also equate the arm swing to the length of the step. Long swing equals long step and so forth. This will become very important if you have students who can't reach or constantly land in the ditch.

The arm swing is very important and must be watched constantly. I recount my experience at the 1996 Paralympics with wheelchair bowlers. The wheelchairs were locked on the line of the delivery and all the bowlers really had to do was vary the length of their arm swing to reach the jack. The blind bowlers did the same thing. They set their feet on the mat, aimed at a voice in front of them and varied their arm swing to reach any length jack. Had these athletes been able to stand or to see they might not have been such good bowlers.

During lesson #4 the Instructor will begin to work with the students who need adjustment. If your green is slow there will be some that give-up because they can't reach the ditch. You may find that stances have to be varied because rolling long bowls puts a strain on ancient or injured muscles. Just remember: it's the arm swing that determines how far the bowl rolls. The student may have to be taught to roll a bowl without taking a step at all. Many of us do when tournament bowling. We take a step down the line, come to a complete stop keeping our eyes fixed on our line of delivery, then swing our arm along that line bringing the follow-through straight up in front of us. Sometimes, students that can't step and roll or get their hips out of the way can have their stance totally changed. I've seen several bowlers extend their bowling life by standing with their toes facing the side of the mat and then rolling the bowl.

I mentioned "follow-through" and its importance. The way I like to finish my delivery is with my right hand extended along the line of delivery. To check this, I close my left eye and my

right hand should completely hide the aiming point.

Now that everyone has practiced a little bit you can have a simulated draw. Coaches take their places as directors for both teams. Bowl in order (leads, seconds, skips), vary the positions, two or three ends for each. Have coaches give hand signals and teach what they mean (right or left, put it here, out of bounds, this long, this short). Now is the time to teach that NO SIGNAL CAN BE GIVEN UNLESS YOUR TEAM HAS THE MAT.

Teach the proper way to rake the bowls. Show measuring, score keeping and signaling the score. You are doing wonderfully and your class is having a good time. Build some excitement into the simulated games. Don't be afraid to do some high fives. But, at the same time begin to teach how important it is to remain still and quiet in the head. Keep a constant eye on those weaker or slower bowlers who may just quit coming if they feel that they won't ever be able to bowl. Remember that a kind word of encouragement is worth a hundred words of criticism. IF IT ISN'T FUN THEY WON'T STAY WITH IT.

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WOMEN'S PAGES



BELATED PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I am very proud to be President of AWLBA for the next two years. I will try to be as energetic a President as Virginia has been. We will continue to strive to make this organization strong and active, but most of all happy. So many wonderful things have happened this past year. We are working with the ALBA to make our Nationals a major international event to attract bowlers from all over the world. Our WBB representatives are making sure the rest of the world knows the U.S. is alive and well. I have so many ideas that I would like to see happen and I'm sure that the Councilors and the new officers—Jean Haigler and Patty Grabowski—will work well with me. Also thank you, Nancy, for staying on with me. Our merger committee has met to hash-out the details of this matter. I hope we can come to a happy outcome for all. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or complaints you may have. Also, welcome Kottia Spangler, the new Secretary. My phone number is 734-433-0672. Call anytime, but do keep in mind the time changes. My fax number is 734-433-1673.

Rita Hurley
President

A LITTLE ABOUT RITA

On July 25, 1952, Mr. & Mrs. Symington of Glasgow, Scotland, were blessed with a beautiful third child and a first daughter, whom they named Margaret. They changed that in a hurry! She and her brothers spent most of their time at the bowling green, as their father was and is an avid bowler. In Scotland, children are not always welcome at the bowling clubs, so Rita and her brother were taught to respect the game of bowls at an early age. Then the Symingtons had two more children—a boy and a girl—making our gal the middle one, but a happy one. In 1960, their dad packed them up and moved to Detroit, "where we have all been happy since", says Rita.

All five of the children live within 25 miles of one another. Rita is the only bowler among them. The others are all golfers. Rita started going to watch her parents bowl and thought it looked simple enough, but said she was wrong. She says, "I started bowling as a teenager, but took time off to marry Tom and have two great kids, Neal and Lindsay. I now have the world's most beautiful granddaughter, Baylie. Bowling is the love of my life, next to Baylie. I really look forward to being the President and I hope that I live up to the job."

FROM THE EDITOR

Now that spring is here we can all get back to our favorite sport. Here in the Southwest Division we are fortunate that we can bowl all year long and our schedules are not determined by the

weather. May this be a good season for all of you with many good games and good fun.

Our President, Rita Hurley, requests that if anyone has any suggestions or complaints which might be helpful, to contact her. Her phone and fax numbers are found at the end of her comments.

Thank you, correspondents, for your input. Again, say that anyone who has something she would like to contribute, please send it in. If we can use it, we will find the space for it.

NEXT DEADLINE—JUNE 25

Winnie Eberle

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The Foundation was recently the recipient of a large grant of securities donated by Ann Wood. The purpose of this grant was to help support the North American Challenge Tournament in the years it is held in the U.S. The Foundation thanks Ann for her generosity and her interest in supporting an event that has become an important addition to our international tournament schedule.

Thanks also to other recent contributors: Bill Todd, in memory of Doris Lewis; Dana Lum, Anne Barber and Judith Mazzadra, in memory of Ceil Brown; and Virginia Marlar, in memory of Ann Beckley and Alice Stuck.

Donations to the AWLBA Foundation should be sent to Beverly Phillips, 7434 Richland Manor Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15208. This is a great way to honor or remember your lawn howling friends.

Beverly Phillips

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We are anxiously awaiting reports of the Atlantic Rim team (as this is written), who went to Cape Town, South Africa. Joining Manager Charlotte O'Keefe are U.S.A. team members Anne Cherney, Mary DeLisle, Evelyn Keener, Heather Stewart and Katy Stone. I'm sure with all the practice and coaching they have received in the past months they will do great.

Selectors should have new application forms for roster applicants and manager applicants posted by the first part of May in each Division. The coaching clinic for applicants will be held in the Southwest Division immediately following the National Open Tournament in October 1999. Peter Fish will again help with the coaching. This coaching clinic is to pick the team and manager going to World Bowls in Noama, Australia, March 2000.

Cy Stephan

EASTERN DIVISION

By Dana Lum

Congratulations to our own Linda McDougall for being chosen for the National Team. Linda is a member of the Bridgeport Lawn Bowling Club and has been bowling over 20 years. She has been

President of both the Eastern Division and the AWLBA. She is presently a Councilor and Games Chairman for Eastern Division. Linda has done it all. The most outstanding accomplishment is her appearance in the U.S. Championships during the past years. For the past three years she, and her partner Sonne Bucklin (Slater Park), have represented the ED in Pairs.

It is nice to see the National Team being represented by members of the Eastern and Central Divisions.

If you are planning a long Memorial Day weekend in the East, please join us for the Buck Hill Open and our Eastern Division Open, which will be in early August. For more information, give me a call at 718-478-8195. See you on the green.

CENTRAL DIVISION

By Beverly Phillips

Down at the Bowling Green
All covered with snow,
I found my pairs partner
Feeling so low.
She was listless and restless
With no place to go.
All bowling was over
A long time ago.
But April showers and the sun
Will cause the grass to grow,
We soon will be back bowling
Within a week or so.
Our Open will be in August
We want you all to know,
In Pittsburgh we will gather
We hope you say: "Let's go!"

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

By Adele Patterson

This month I would like to introduce you to your two division councilors: Shirley Cam and Adele Patterson. Councilors are elected by your tournament representatives and delegates to the Division for a four year term—alternating every two years, so there is always an experienced "Senior Councilor". Shirley Cam is the Senior Councilor at this time, while Adele Patterson is the Junior Councilor. Your councilors represent you at the annual meeting held during the National Open. If the merger of ALBA and AWLBA is approved, there will be one male councilor and one female councilor from each division.

There are some similarities in your choice of Councilors. First, they are both natives of Southern California. Shirley graduated from Van Nuys High School and Adele from Santa Ana High at about the same time. Both have worked as teachers. Shirley then became a high school guidance counselor and Adele a school librarian.

Shirley Cam has lived in Rossmoor, a retirement community in Walnut Creek, CA, for over 20 years. She became interested in the game of bowls through a hiking friend. She was the first woman president of the Rossmoor Club, was

president of PIMD/AWLBA in 1995 and has been a Councilor since 1995. She has served as the AWLBA National Games Consultant since then and is on the merger committee, which helped write the new constitution for Bowls USA. An avid traveler, she has led hiking tours in England, New Zealand and Switzerland.

Adele is a member of the Oakmont Club of Santa Rosa, CA. Both her mother and father were bowlers at the Santa Ana Club. She has been Publicity Chairman for PIMD/AWLBA since 1995, was Publicity Chairman for the 1996 Open, and was Host Club Chairman for the North American Challenge, held in Oakmont in 1998. At present she is the AWLBA Chairman for the North American Challenge and has written a manual to help those clubs who wish to host it in the future.

SOUTH CENTRAL

By Peggy Salisbury

The South Central Division has been blessed with a very knowledgeable and innovative new coach. Marion Wearly has been a bowls instructor at Bell Lawn Bowls Club in Sun City, AZ, for several years. She graduated many enthusiastic new bowlers, only to have them drop out after a few games because their feelings were hurt by impatient club members.

Marion saw the need for further instruction for new bowlers and started an intermediate class. They meet, practice and listen to talks on rules, etiquette, strategy, tournament and travel opportunities, and the national and international structure of the bowls organization. This gave them experience and confidence. And it worked!

Marion was asked and agreed to be the Division Coach and conduct a seminar for instructors around the Division, to introduce her successful system and establish minimum standards for instruction and certification. Participants in the seminar would have the opportunity to share problems and concerns as well as positive ideas.

South Central Division AWLBA Open winners were:

FOURS

1. A. Barber, H. Stewart, S. Jarvis, M. Hyland
2. M. Leng, M. Hill, J. Tiedgen, M. Appollo

PAIRS

1. A. Barber/M. Hyland
2. B. Harrington/B. Douglas

SINGLES

1. S. Jarvis, 2. M. Terrill

REBECCA MCARTHUR FIVE

1. D. Morrison/L. Forrester/M. McClelland/S. Jarvis/R. Ayotte
2. J. Tiedgen, E. Mathieu/A. Wood/A. Schans/M. Hill

SOUTHEAST

By Eileen Love

The SE Division AWLBA Open was recently held at the Lakeland Lawn Bowling Club. It was a great success. We wish to thank the Lakeland Club and its members for their fine support. We also wish to thank all the ladies who helped with the coffee, tea and sweets and

lunches every day. They did a super job. All participants thoroughly enjoyed their hospitality. We also wish to thank the greenskeeper who prepared the greens each day and also moved the equipment for the games. *Thanks lakeland for a job well done!*

TRIPLES

Championship Flight

1. Noreen Welsh, Sandy Whitelaw, Helen Dewar
2. Linda McDougall, Jeanne McLaughlin, Lois Saladin
3. Iris Sager, Helen Lane, Mary Connell
4. Peggy Bettridge, Andie Van Wyke, Patsy Barrett

PAIRS

Championship Flight

1. Noreen Welsh, Sandra Whitelaw
2. Muriel Rackliff, Mandy Smith
3. Helen Cane, Margaret Connell
4. Jo Butterfield, Judy Hoare

SINGLES

Championship Flight

1. Barbara Roller
2. Mary McKay
3. Noreen Welsh
4. Evelyn Sartain

Noreen Welsh was named Bowler of the Tournament. The Bowler of the Tournament Award is sponsored by Coleman Connection Realty, Inc. of Sun City Center, Florida. This year, the recipient received a clock. Ron Jones won for the men.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

By Winnie Eberle

Members of the Southwest Division have been very active. There is some kind of tournament each Saturday—either club invitational or ALBA or AWLBA sponsored—in which they can take part.

In January, the Mumma Todd Mixed Pairs, sponsored by Larry and Jorunn Mumma, was played at Riverside. First place on Green #1 were Kottia Spangler and Simon Meyrowitz, on Green #2 Sybil Bernash and Bill Meierstein, and on Green #3 Floy Torvid and Marinko Tudor. The overall trophy went to Kottia and Simon.

In February, the K Harland Triples, sponsored by K. Harland, was played at the Sun City, CA club. First place went to Kottia Spangler, Eva Ho and Anne Cherney. Isabella Forbes, Dottie Panacek and Pat Gonzales placed second. This trophy also went to Kottia's team.

Again, Alice Lawrence did yeoman's duty on our Ladies Days at Smoke Tree, Riverside and Hemet, where we made our first ever visit and were royally treated as well.

In March, Heather Stewart, Mary DeLisle and Katy Stone, from our Division, went to Cape Town, South Africa for the Atlantic Rim Games. This gave Heather an opportunity to visit her father who lives in the area.

Coaching clinics are being conducted by Pat Gonzales and her coaching staff each month at a different club. A schedule has been posted announcing the date, time and location of each session. Any club not on the schedule may request a clinic and one will be arranged.

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1999 NATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENT



OCTOBER 23 - 29, 1999

HOST : Southwest Division

ENTRY FORM

Headquarters & Registration : Crowne Plaza, Irvine. For reservations call : (949) 863-1999

Ask for the *American Lawn Bowling Association* rate of \$79

Opening Ceremonies & Welcome Party : October 22 at Crowne Plaza, Irvine

MEN'S EVENTS

SINGLES October 23 - 24
 TRIPLES October 25 - 27
 PAIRS October 27 - 29

WOMEN'S EVENTS

RINKS October 23 - 24
 PAIRS October 25 - 27
 SINGLES October 27 - 29

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES : September 17, 1999

Entry Fee \$40 US\$ *per person/event*
 Checks payable to : ALBA National Open
 Mail entry & fee to : Bob Nunes
 4042 Alford Circle
 Yorba Linda, CA 92886
 Ph : (714) 993-0767
 E-mail : bobnunes@aol.com

Entry Fee \$ 30 US\$ *per person/event*
 Checks payable to : AWLBA National Open
 Mail entry & fee to : Heather Stewart
 3025 Golden Lantern, Ste 240
 Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
 Ph : (949) 448-3879 Fax : (949) 495-2484
 E-mail : jerheath@home.com

ENTRY FORM - MEN

NAME : _____
 ADDRESS : _____
 PHONE : _____
 DIVISION / AFFIL _____
 SINGLES : Name _____
 PAIRS : Skip _____
 Lead _____
 TRIPLES : Skip _____
 Vice _____
 Lead _____

TOTAL ENTRY FEES: \$ _____

ENTRY FORM - WOMEN

NAME : _____
 ADDRESS : _____
 PHONE : _____
 DIVISION / AFFIL _____
 SINGLES : Name _____
 PAIRS : Skip _____
 Lead _____
 RINKS : Skip _____
 Vice _____
 Scorer _____
 Lead _____

TOTAL ENTRY FEES: \$ _____

IF YOU NEED A PLAYER FOR RINKS, TRIPLES OR PAIRS, PLEASE NOTE BELOW. WE WILL EFFECT A DRAW AFTER THE ENTRY CLOSING DATE AND ADVISE YOU OF YOUR PLAYERS NAME(S). IF YOU NEED A PARTNER IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE ADVISE US IMMEDIATELY.

NEED PAIRS: ONE TRIPLES: ONE TWO RINKS: ONE TWO THREE

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1999 NATIONAL OPEN

SOCIAL SCHEDULE

Friday, October 22nd at 4:00 p.m. **OPENING CEREMONIES** followed by
WELCOME PARTY at Crowne Plaza, Irvine.

(NOTE : Crowne Plaza - formerly the Holiday Inn we've used before)
No Host Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres courtesy of our hosts, Crowne Plaza. Open to all.

Tuesday, October 26th at 7:30 p.m. **BANQUET DINNER DANCE** Crowne Plaza, Irvine.
Awards, Speeches, Prizes, Dinner & Dancing. Open to Ticketholders only.

Thursday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. **COCKTAIL PARTY** Crowne Plaza, Irvine.
No Host Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres . Awards, Speeches, Super Cash Draw & Sponsor Prize Drawing.
Open to all Competitors, Tournament Helpers & Friends.

BANQUET DINNER DANCE

Crowne Plaza Grand Ballroom, Irvine. No Host Cocktails 6:30 p.m.
Dinner & Dancing 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Tuesday October 26th.
Awards, Speeches, Prizes, Dinner & Dancing.

SUPER CASH DRAW

End the Millennium by winning **BIG PRIZES** including a Fabulous Trip for 2,
Henselite Lawn Bowls & Bags, Clothing & much more.
You don't have to be present to win; results will appear in **BOWLS** magazine.
Draw will take place during the Cocktail Party on Thursday, October 28th.

BE A SPONSOR

Sponsors will receive a Commemorative Bowls Towel, a Banquet Discount & 1 ticket in the
Sponsor Prize Drawing at the Cocktail Party on Thursday, October 28th.

SUPER CASH DRAW

Tickets \$5.00 each ~ 3 for \$10.00 ~ 8 for \$25.00

BANQUET

Tickets \$35 each. Sponsor rate \$27.50.

SPONSOR

Sponsor units \$200.

Make checks payable to ALBA National Open & send to
Bob Nunes, 4042 Alford Circle, Yorba Linda, CA 92886

	TICKET(S)	AMOUNT
DRAW	#	\$
BANQUET	#	\$
SPONSOR	#	\$
(US funds)	GRAND TOTAL	\$

Super Shots Club

7 SHOTS PAIRS

Mount Dora, FL Bill Bish & Bob Krause 1-26
Santa Cruz, CA Stephen G. Cooper & Coral Singer 2-2
Mount Dora, FL Ann Boeckh & Rosemary Welch 1-29
Sun City, AZ Betty Ackerman & Mariko McLelland 1-29
Sun City, AZ Don McKiernan & Marge Woodward 2-7
San Jose, CA Ron Deiss & John Hickson 2-14
Lakeland, FL Tim Hunt & Shirley Hague 3-5
Santa Barbara, CA Max Steward & Pearl Slauterbeck 3-6

TWO 7 SHOTS ENDS IN ONE GAME

Cambria, CA Ken Vanderlinden & Edith Parry 1-16
Palm Desert, CA Ralph Shaw, Tom Hodgins, Gwen Outen 2-11

8 SHOTS PAIRS

Long Beach, CA Bill Dutton & Gene Blair 1-99
Mesa, AZ Wray Roth & Verna Roth 11-18
Sun City, AZ 1998 National Open Tournament Herb Wintsch & Norm Welsh of Mount Dora, FL
Hemet, CA Warren Pready & Gordon Howard 1-24
Lakeland, FL Barbara Debergh & Marvin Falk 2-12
San Jose, CA Al Camps & Bob Koeberle 2-21
Mesa, AZ Wray Roth & Donald E. Dudgeom 3-2

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Santa Barbara, CA Pearl Howe, Duane Aasted, Ed Guarino 12-27
Santa Barbara, CA Duane Aasted, Dorothy Thielges, Gordon Gay 1-5
Santa Barbara, CA Duane Aasted, Natalie Martinez, Jo Millett 1-7
Cambria, CA Bill Timothy, Lorraine De Bernardi Cliff Johnson 1-13
Santa Maria, CA Ray Dunn, Bob Nelson, Ralph Ritchie 1-5
Palm Desert, CA Les Grossman, Marion Zapfe, Melody Villeneuve 1-6
Palm Desert, CA Jim Bowman Smith, Ernie Grant, Nita Evans 1-11
Palm Desert, CA Rod MacDonald, Marion Zapfe, Allen Shapter 1-16
Hemet, CA Raymond Harrow, Dick Van Zante, David Evans 12-28
Santa Barbara, CA Robert Winters, Dona Christensen, Alma Heath 1-13
Los Angeles, CA Philippa Hopkins, Rita Aldridge, Mike Redjaian 1-23
Santa Barbara, CA Stan Palmer, Ruth O'Conner, Dorine Northey 1-22
Santa Barbara, CA Duane Aasted, Roland Bersch, Bill Doliant 1-22

7 SHOTS TRIPLES (con't)

Santa Barbara, CA Ed Russell, Alma Jones, Deedy King 2-12
Sun City Center, FL Ray Turman, Henry Young, Paul Davenport 3-8
Sun City Center, FL Judy Scheel, Jack Heckle, Bill Drodge 2-8

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Hemet, CA Warren Pready, Emily Jaquez, Don Camunez 1-22
Walnut Creek, CA Ed DaSilva, Jack Walton, Elsie Napoli 1-21
Oakland, CA John Yen, Norman Lum, Gilbert Pang 1-30
Sun City Center, FL Ruth Waldron, Charles Mather, Herbert Shapiro 1-8
Palm Desert, CA Tom Hodgins, Margaret Rodman, Gwen Outen 2-5

9 SHOTS TRIPLES

Clearwater, FL Don Stephan, Bill Mowatt, Mike McPhee 2-11
Cambria, CA Peggy Pierce, Charlotte Hoffman, Ida Williams 2-15

Tournament Players Super Shots Club

7 SHOTS PAIRS

Sun City Center, FL *Pebble Beach Pairs Tournament* Chuck Matner & Bruce Petrie 2-16
Sun City, AZ *Neils Kragh Memorial Tournament* Marty Achaus & Dick Tiedgen 12-98
Sun City West, AZ *South Central Div. Open Tournament* Herb Heimer & Al Burdick 2-10
Lakeland, FL *SE Div. AWLBA Open Tournament* Jo Butterfield & Judy Hoare 3-8
Sun City, AZ *Arizona Senior Olympics Tournament* Mel Otto & Betty Ackeman 4-26

8 SHOTS PAIRS

Santa Ana, CA *S.W. Div. Inter-league Tournament* Gar Farnsworth (The Groves) Susan Marshall (Casta Del Sol) 2-24
Sarasota, FL *Mixed Pairs Invitational Tournament* Wes Hague & Shirley Hague 2-21

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Sun City Center, FL *Del Webb Invitational Tournament* Don Adams, Peter Vandermale, John Sager 1-23
Sun City Center, FL *Pebble Beach Triples Tournament* Ray Turman, Dick Kistler, Ed Behnke 1-19
Sun City, AZ *Club Invitational Triples* Phil Dial, Mel McIntyre, Lee Purnell
Lakeland, FL *Southeast Division Open Tournament* Evelyn Sartain, Lois Lindley, Beth Forbes 3-6
Lakeland, FL *Southeast Division Open Tournament* Diann Thrush, Muriel Rackliff, Mandy Smith 3-6

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The Southeast has some good news on new clubs:

The historic club at St. Petersburg has renewed its affiliation with ALBA after a four-year absence. A new club is being started at a new two-grass greens facility being developed by Del Bettridge, greenskeeper at Sun City Center, and a partner. Called "WalterDel", the new facility, located off the first exit from I-75 just south of Sun City Center, is accepting memberships at \$100 annually, which includes membership in ALBA or AWLBA.

Clubs are in the planning stage at Lake Wales and Lady Lakes in Central Florida. It's beginning to smell like "growth".

DELAND

By Pat McCann

The DeLand team of Jim Coles, Dick Humbert and Lottie Coles won the DeLand Invitational in January. Another DeLand team of Duke Caukin, Esther Sincerbox and Pat McCann won the Esch Tournament for the top three teams in each squad in the North Central Florida League.

Winners of club tournaments this season:

Women's Singles: 1. Esther Sincerbox, 2. Pat McCann

Men's Singles: 1. Duke Caukin, 2. Don Fulton

Women's Pairs: 1. Esther Sincerbox & Lottie Coles, 2. Nela Holtz & Audrey Cole

Men's Pairs: 1. Dick Humbert & Don Allan, 2. Duke Caukin & Fern Meunier

Guys and Gals: 1. Virginia Houck, Sadie Labchuk & Jeannine Meunier; 2. Esther Sincerbox, Lottie Coles & Lillian Jost

Mixed Pairs: 1. Duke Caukin & Opal Nickell, 2. Betty Esty & Dick Humbert

Mr. & Mrs.: 1. Virginia & Gene Alexander, 2. Jim & Lottie Coles

SE-ALBA ELECTS OFFICERS

Delegates to SE-ALBA, who met during the SE Open in Clearwater in March, elected the following officers:

Ron Mulvaney, Clearwater, president; Mike Mancilly, Mount Dora, first vice-president; Clif Bailey, Pebble Beach, second vice-president; Joe Grabowski, Pebble Beach, secretary-treasurer.

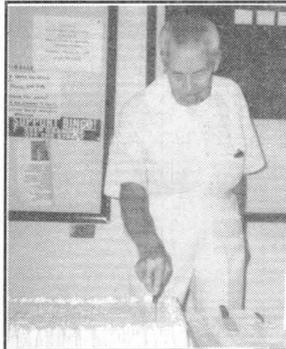
Joe Grabowski and Gene Goodwin, Mount Dora, Councilors.

To the Board of Directors: Lynn Stokes, Pebble Beach; Russ Tees, Clearwater; Burl Roller, Mount Dora; Ed Douglas, Sarasota; Tom Kees, Pinehurst NC.

CLEARWATER

By May Blair

The Clearwater LBC published a special 75th anniversary issue of the club yearbook, with profiles and photos of our outstanding members. The City presented us a plaque recognizing our 75 years.



Hall of Famer Art Hartley cuts his 99th birthday cake.

Our tournament schedule was very busy this year, including hosting of the SE-ALBA Open on March 6-12. Scores of our members served as markers, worked on the greens or in the kitchen. The homemade desserts drew high praise from the competitors

Winners of our club tournaments since the Winter issue:

Australian Pairs: 1-Mary Cobean and Stan Smith; 2-Marion Reid and Fred Wilson.

Men's Singles: 1-Ron Jones; 2-Bill Stevenson.

Women's Pairs: 1-Marge Sanphy and Kathleen Mein; 2-Eleanor Calder and Mary Roberts.

Men's Pairs: 1-Don Stephan and John Hughes; 2-Rick Wall and Ron Turnbull.

Women's Triples: Edie MacWilliams, Beryl Parsons and Mary Cobean; 2-Cecilia Noble, Lenore Roach and Olive Shearer. *Men's Triples:* 1-Joe Dorsch, Charles Roach and

DAYTONA BEACH

By Jack Gilbert

Most of our club tournaments have been completed with the following winners:

Opening Day Triples: Jean Henderson, with Jo and Jack Gilbert

Men's Pairs: Barrie Eardley and Jack Gilbert

Women's Pairs: Jean Henderson and Isabel Wilson.

Men's Singles: Geoff Headley.

Women's Singles: Jean Henderson.

Mixed Pairs: Dave and Isabel Wilson.

Sadie Hawkins Day: Barbara Headley and Barrie Eardley.

Lil Abner Day: Bruce Boadwin and Connie Addington.

Memorial Day: Pete Wisse, Barrie Eardley and Dolly Eardley.

Guy Thomas; 2-Bill Stevenson, Jim Calhoun and Bill Miller.

Kurt Dornau Men's Pairs: 1-Ron Jones and Bill Adamson; 2-Lindsay Blair and Bill Miller. *Bill Miller Open:* 1-Burl and Barbara Roller of Mount Dora, bowling with our Lindsay Blair; 2-Sam Drevitch, Lew and Joan Barker, On-Top-of-the-World, Clearwater.

Otty Dornau Triples (women must skip): 1-Gene Tennant, Walter Robertson and Wally Hetherington; 2-Don and Cathy Stephan, Howard Adkins. *Valentine Tournament:* 1-Cecilia Noble and Mick McFadden.

First Charles Brock Memorial Tournament: 1-Ron and Shirley Jones, with Sam Drevitch; 2-Howard Adkins, Jab Pierce and Helen Dickson. *Sadie Hawkins:* 1-Eleanor Calder and Alex Graham; 2-Margaret McBean and Bill Farrell. *St. Patrick's Day:* 1-Ron Jones, Tug Rawlings and Betty Wilson; 2-Mick McFadden, Carole Rawlings and John McDowall.

ALBA Hall of Famer Art Hartley cut his 99th-year-birthday cake at the annual tournament in his name that was won by Mick McFadden, with Ron and LouAnn Mulvaney. Runners-up were Jack and Kathleen Mein, with Marge Sanphy.

Our Mayor's Charity Tournament collected \$555 for donation to Mayor Rita Garvey's charity of choice. All players brought a cup of vegetables, which Estelle Tees, Edie MacWilliams and Nessie Anderson turned into a delicious soup served between games, with Mayor Garvey joining in. Winners of the tournament were Bill Graham, Betty Gibson and Bob Allison.

Please look elsewhere in this section to see how well our Clearwater bowlers did in the Southeast Opens here and at Lakeland



SOUTHEAST OPENS



By Gene Goodwin

A couple of Canadians who bowl their winters away in Clearwater FL—Noreen Welsh and Ron Jones—earned “Bowler of the Tournament” awards in the Southeast Men’s and Women’s Opens this Spring.

Noreen skipped the championship Triples and Pairs teams in the SE-AWLBA Open at Lakeland, and also placed third in Singles. At the SE-ALBA Open at Clearwater, Ron won the Singles, skipped the “D” Flight-winning Pairs team, and skipped the “A” Flight runner-up in the Triples.

MEN’S OPEN

SINGLES

Championship Flight

1-Ron Jones; 2-Mick McFadden, Clearwater; 3-George Whitelaw, Sarasota; 4-Ian Moy, Clearwater.

A Flight

1-Bill Farrell, Clearwater; 2-Howard Adkin, Clearwater.

B Flight

1-Alex Graham, Clearwater; 2-Bill Riddock, Canada.

C Flight

1-Jab Pierce, Clearwater; 2-Bill Hiscock, San Diego.

D Flight

1-Mike Maneilly, Mount Dora; 2-Dan Berg, Williamsburg.

E Flight

1-Duncan Farrell, Essex NJ.

PAIRS

Championship Flight

1-Don Stephan/Alex Graham; 2-Duncan Farrell/Dan Berg; 3-Jab Pierce/Douglas Shearer; 4-Bill Hiscock/Gordon Lockhart.

A Flight

1-Joe Dorsch/Neil Kelly; 2-Charles Roach/Mike Davis.

B Flight

1-Bill McKechnie/Bill Riddock; 2-Doug Reid/Eric Rank.

C Flight

1-Bill Forbes/Wayne Menne; 2-Bill Farrell/Bill Stevenson.

D Flight

1-Ron Jones/Mick McFadden; 2-Ron Buck/Sam Drevitch.

TRIPLES

Championship Flight

1-Lou Gilbert/Ron Turnbull/Ken Shaw; 2-Jim McDonald / Cal Munroe/Bob Malpass; 3-Jim Ellieff/Al Ferguson/George Whitelaw; 4-Duncan Farrell/Dan Berg/Stam Smith.

A Flight

1-Bill McKechnie/Bill Boettger/Bill Riddock; 2-Ron Jones/Mick McFadden/Russ Tees.

B Flight

1-Bill Hiscock/Gordon Lockhart/Doug Banford; 2-Len Hollran/Ron Robson/Pres Lavier.

C Flight

1-Don Stephan/Ian Moy/Dugal Ried; 2-Ron Buck/Sam Drevitch/ Ken Roberts.

D Flight

1-Mike Maneilly/Gene Goodwin/Dick Tucker; 2-Les Knoll/Bert Armstrong/Cliff Bailey.

WOMEN’S OPEN

TRIPLES

Championship Flight

1-Noreen Welsh/Sandra Whitelaw/Helen Dewar; 2-Linda McDougall/Jeanne McLaughlin/Lois Saladin; 3-Iris Sager/Helen Cane/ Marg Connell; 4-Peggy Bettridge/Andie Van Wyke/Patsy Barrett.

2nd Flight

1-Carol Kulis/Gloria Mather/Loretta Jones 2-Patti Grabowski/Barbara Roller/Jo Gilbert.

3rd Flight

1-June Marwood/Joy Walker/Eileen MacKenzie; 2-Laurel Martin/June O’Leary/Betty Munroe.

4th Flight

1-Diann Thrush/Muriel Rackliff/Mandy Smith 2-Pauline Blastorah/Jo Johnstone/Marie Adams.

PAIRS

Championship Flight

1-Noreen Welsh/Sandra Whitelaw; 2-Muriel Rackliff/Mandy Smith; 3-Helen Cane/Margaret Connell; 4-Jo Butterfield/Judy Hoare.

2nd Flight

1-Helen Dewar/Evelyn Sartain; 2-Beverly Phillips/Ruth Waldron.

3rd Flight

1-Jackie Nieberg/Iris Sager; 2-Helen Whalley/Eileen Malpass.

4th Flight

1-Molly Moulton/Marie Adams; 2-Marion Payne/Norma Rice.

SINGLES

Championship Flight

1-Barbara Roller, Mount Dora; 2-Mary McKay, Clearwater; 3-Noreen Welsh, Clearwater; 4-Evelyn Sartain, Mount Dora.

2nd Flight

1-Eleanor Calder, Clearwater; 2-Diann Thrush.

3rd Flight

1-Lois Saladin, Pittsburgh; 2-Laurel Martin.

4th Flight

1-Helen Dewar; 2-Carol Kulis.



Above left: SE Open Men’s “Bowler of the Tournament” Ron Jones.

Center: Barbara Roller won the SE Open Women’s Singles.

Right: Noreen Welsh was named Women’s “Bowler of the Tournament”.

Left: SE Open Men’s Pairs winners Don Stephan, left, and Alex Graham.



SOUTHEAST DIVISION

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA LEAGUE

By Gene Goodwin



After a highly competitive season, the Mount Dora Bengals squad and its top team of Herb Wintsch, Bill and Beth Forbes claimed first places. Herb's championship team lost only one of 12 games, well ahead of the two nine-game-winning second-place teams from Daytona Beach: Geoff Headley, Pete Wisse and Jo Gilbert; and Bruce Boadwin, Barrie Eardley and Nessie DeBattista. Herb helped the five-team Bengals squad win 60 percent of their games to claim first over Daytona Beach, 53.33 percent; Mount Dora Pirates, 45 percent; and DeLand, 41.67 percent. The Wintsch team also won the All Stars Tournament for the top three teams in each squad at the close of the season. A similar tournament in mid-season, sponsored by Harold and Ellie Esch, was won this year by the DeLand team of Duke Caukin, Esther Sincerbox and Pat McCann.

SARASOTA

By Paul Ward

The Sarasota LBC has held 36 tournaments so far this season, plus daily jitneys. Here are the results of the major club tournaments:
Club Pairs: 1-Bob Bowden and Eva Robson; 2-Gerry Smith and Art Smith
Club Triples: 1-Gerry Smith, Alex Drummond and Jo Butterfield; 2-Doug Claxton, Judy Hoare and Molly Percival
Women's Pairs: 1-Doreen Lewis and Gerta Glen; 2-Sandra Whitelaw and Marie Adams.
Women's Singles: 1-Sandra Whitelaw; 2-Lorna Hollran.
Men's Singles: 1-George Whitelaw; 2-Pres Lavier.
Club Championship: 1-Sandra Whitelaw; 2-George Whitelaw.

LAKELAND

By June O'Leary

In this 70th year, the Lakeland LBC is pumped up with the praise it has gotten from all over the Southeast for its excellent greens. Most of our hundreds of bowling visitors this season said our three squares bowled better than anyone could remember. Our new officers are: June O'Leary, president; Gene DeWitt, first vice-president; Ron Lebert, second vice-president; Laurel Martin, secretary; Ken Martin, treasurer.

MOUNT DORA

By Gene Goodwin

Beautiful pins designed by Barbara Roller and new member Bob Krause, a wood carver and sign artist, went to club tournament winners at the close of the 1998-99 season. The pins, to which the winners can add danglers for future club tournament victories, replace engraved trophies of various shapes and sizes awarded over the past several years. Club tournament winners since the Winter issue include:
Women's Singles: 1-Barbara Roller; 2-Beth Forbes
Men's Singles: 1-Bill Forbes; 2-Bruce McPeek
Women's Pairs: 1-Ann Boeckh & Rosemarie Walsh; 2-Barbara Roller & Carol Purvis
Men's Pairs: 1-Harold Esch & Dick Tucker; 2-Bill Forbes & Jim DeFraine
Women's Triples: 1-Ann Boeckh, Sally

Tucker & Barbara Gregory; 2-Lois Lindley, Roberta Harris & Jean Petersen
Men's Triples: 1-Dick Myren, Harry Tombleson and Don McPeek; 2-Mike Maneilly, Bill Sanders & Harry Petersen
Major Marsh: 1-Bruce McPeek, Hazel Hogan & Don McPeek; 2-Bill Sanders, Sally Tucker & Rudy Broeker
Mount Dora Invitational: 1-Bill Bish, Leon Lambert & Bonnie Bish
Bill's Game 2: 1-Janet Swartzlander; 2-Len Clarke
Home League: 1-Mac McKean, Bob Olmstead & Burl Roller
Mixed Pairs: 1-Kit Olmstead & Dick Tucker; 2-Len Clarke & Lucy Greenwood.
 Seventeen new bowlers came into the club after graduating from our Spring class, raising total membership to almost 300. Bill Bish is taking charge of instruction next season, succeeding Kit Olmstead.



Left: Mt. Dora Mixed Pairs champs, Kit Olmstead and Dick Tucker.

Right: Mount Dora's Home League champs: (l-r) Bob Olmstead, Mac McKean and Burl Roller.

Top: Harold Esch, left, won the Mt. Dora Men's Pairs, with Dick Tucker.

Bottom: Ann Boeckh, left, and Rosemarie Walsh captured the Mount Dora Women's Pairs.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

PINEHURST

(North Carolina)

By Tom Kees

A second regulation-size lawn bowls green will be built at Pinehurst after the U.S. Open Golf championships have been completed in June. We plan to put in a bid to host the U.S. Lawn Bowling Championships as soon as the second green is ready.

Our new officers are: Dayton Brown, president; Don Fifield, vice-president; Pat Cawley, secretary; and Nadine Epple, treasurer. Margo Pelliccio, director of the 1999 North Carolina Open we plan to host Sept. 14-17, reports that the field of competitors has been filled.

DELRAY BEACH

By Richard Nelken

Although four bowlers have passed away and two member's spouses died, we have added eight new bowlers to our club.

Despite some hesitancy among newer members to get into our club tournaments, we had a fairly well-attended schedule of events. Here are some winners of club tournaments for the 1998-99 season:

Women's Singles: 1. Vi Baxter, 2. Lucille Canzanelli

Men's Singles: 1. Gerry McCall, 2. John Salvatore

Mixed Triples: 1. Bill Taylor, Vi Baxter, Denise Taylor; 2. Neil & Eleanor Sloane, with George Steele.

Mixed Pairs: 1. Vi Baxter & Dan Bellomo, 2-Hank Greenberg & Lucille Canzanelli

Open Pairs: 1. Bill Taylor & Denise Taylor, 2. Bob McKlinley & Gerry McCall

Open Pairs (allowing teams of two women): 1. Gerry & Louise McCall, 2. Dick Nelken & Sharon Terdiman.

Novice (four or less years of bowling): 1. Floyd Hedrick & Ben Abramsky, 2. Bill Taylor & Merrill Beveridge.

SE MIXED TRIPLES

By Gene Goodwin

The Sarasota team of Ron Buck, Pauline Blastorah and Helen Cane won this year's SE-AWLBA Mixed Triples tournament at Lakeland, the Saturday following the Southeast Opens.

Runners-up were: Armand Geyer, Frida Mixson and Jack Phillips. Frida belongs to the Suncoasters LBC and the two men are from Pebble Beach LBC.

The third three-game winner in this high-against-high competition, managed by Patti Grabowski, was the team of Joe Dorsch, Mary Turnbull and Ron Turnbull, from Clearwater.

BRADENTON

By Joyce Schindler

Bradenton finished third among the six squads competing in the West Florida League this season. Our top-scoring team, Bud and Helen Wake, with Helen Baumbach, earned pins of achievement.

Results of club tournaments this season so far:

Home League: 1. Marjorie Boaretti, 2. Geoff Knight, 3. Kitty Cox

Women's Singles: 1. Kitty Cox, 2. Ellen Hoffman

Men's Singles: 1. Ken Griesbach, 2. Harold Cox.

Mixed Pairs: 1. Doug Bamford & Pam Knight, 2. Don Slinger & Marjorie Boaretti

Men's Pairs: 1. Les Knoll & Jim Astles, 2. Doug Bamford & Harold Cox

Women's Pairs: 1. Rita & Lorna Claxton, 2. Eleanor Stokes & Marjorie Boaretti.

We are happy to hear that our "Sister Club" at St. Petersburg will be rejoining the West Florida League. Welcome back!

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SLATER PARK

(Pawtucket, RI)

By Ed Kenney

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Maurice Lafond for acting as president in 1998, after Jen Letourneau resigned due to an illness. I am pleased to

report that Jen is doing very well.

As of January 1, I was elected president for the 1999 season. Other officers elected include: Vice-President Yvonne Balthazard, Treasurer Dave Joncas, and Secretary Donna Stojek (my daughter).

In early February, we had our annual winter get-together party at a local restaurant. We had a good turnout and door prizes were won by many. George Zvanelich constructed a beautiful perpetual calendar and donated it for a raffle. One of our newest members, Virginia Heatherton, was the lucky winner. George also made me a cribbage board shaped like an aircraft carrier to add to my large cribbage board collection.

After working on the green, we are planning a May 1 opening. I look forward to wearing whites again and bowling with friends. If anyone is traveling to the New England area this summer, we invite you to join us in a game of bowls.

GREENWICH

(Connecticut)

By Frances Novak

Members this spring season are trying out new hours for bowling. Formerly, we bowled at 1 p.m. But, due to concerns of sun damage from ultra violet rays new times are indicated. Visitors and/or on-lookers are asked to phone our Secretary, Mary Provost, at 203-869-3472, to be sure of the new starting time.

We are continuing the Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Two of our award-winning couples, while traveling, enjoyed bowling at three California clubs: Laguna Hills, San Clemente and Lake Hodges. The bowlers from Greenwich were Kelly and Connie Keith, and Ben and Muriel Lorenz.

Our greens are busy as usual this year between croquet and lawn bowling. Tournaments of both groups are scheduled on separate days.

EASTERN DIVISION

NEW YORK

(Central Park)

By Bob Mancuso

The first days of Spring are here and it's time to think about grass.

This is your correspondent Bob Mancuso and I'm telling you there's nothing like the majesty of a beautiful green to set this bowler's heart a-flutter. But that's another story.

Charles Crawford reported that this year both greens received two maintenance treatments of aeration, seeding and top dressing by a greens contractor. We had verticutting with their slicer-seeder machine and used four tons of sand. All totaled, it cost us more than five grand for the grass and it was worth every penny.

In the publicity department, Dong Kingman says that press releases were sent to 30 members of the media in 1998. In addition, more than 1,000 flyers were handed out at the fence-line during the season. Moreover, we achieved photo placement in the *Sunday New York Times* and two tantalizing articles in the *Daily News* and in *Time Out*, plus numerous Club mentions by top-rated anchors and news correspondents seen on ABC's and NBC's local TV News broadcasts—not to mention the financial generosity of Kingman's own company, Mash & McLennan Companies. Great job Dong. But what have you done for us lately?

President re-elect Tony Reynal confirmed that we now have 61 members at the NYLBC.

Finally, congratulations to the unanimous election of the following officers: Charles Crawford, 1st Vice-President; Joe Gioco, 2nd Vice-President; Bernie Kurtz, Treasurer; Jerry Hershman, Secretary; and to Directors: David Fainkich, Brian Flynn, Dong Kingman, Jean Lithgow, Evonne Swann and, yours truly, Bob Mancuso.

'Till next time, this is your correspondent Bob Mancuso wishing you the best!

BUCK HILL FALLS

(Pennsylvania)

By Ken Norris

The Buck Hill Falls Lawn Bowling schedule of events for 1999 will start May 29-30, with the Buck Hill Open Pairs Tournament.

Other club tournaments include a Mixed Pairs draw on June 19, Singles on July 17, the Buck Hill Falls-Skytop Challenge on August 8, the Betty Nelson Memorial (pairs) on Aug. 21, and the Milwater-Wilson Memorial (singles) on Sept. 11.

Also, on Aug. 28th, the club will host its annual Bowls-Golf-Tennis Triathlon.

Buck Hill will also host three eastern Division ALBA/AWLBA events: the U.S. Pairs Playdowns on July 10-11, the ED Open July 31-Aug. 5, and the Singles Playdowns August 14-15.

Social bowling is planned at Buck Hill Falls each Sunday at 2:30 p.m., and each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. Guests are welcome during the social bowling, or if other arrangements are made in advance. For more information and directions, feel free to contact me at: 610-746-9051.

CUNNINGHAM

(Milton, MA)

By Sam Drevitch

Our 1999 Opening Day Scramble will be May 8th. Everyone is welcome to bowl—JUST SHOW UP!

Our green is getting better every year. So we are looking forward to hosting the Eastern Division's Alex & Dave Dakers Triples for the first time since this prestigious tournament was created to honor these two great bowlers, who contributed so much to the bowling community.

We have again coordinated our 1999 schedule of events with our neighbors from Rhode Island's Slater Park Club and look forward to renewing our friendly rivalries and old friendships.

FERNLEIGH

(West Hartford, CT)

By Ken Richardson

Our annual, pre-season Spring luncheon was held in late April, heralding a new bowling season, which began early in May following a club clean-up day.

Our Spring pace quickened by May 11th, when a special Ladies Day event, featuring "Bring Your Own Lunch", ushered in a weekly activity—Ladies Only—every Tuesday morning for the rest of the season.

On the next weekend in May, George Babic, vice-president and membership chair, and his committee, held an Open House for prospective new members. It involved fun, food, fellowship and bowling demonstrations, as well as hands-on bowling for all.

The eleven members of the Membership Committee who orchestrated the event are: Ellen Boyne, Al Croxall, Jeannine Guerette, Leonard Kilian, Joanne Lowe, Joan and Bob Lunden, Lois Mantel, Harry Pond, Joan Sauter and Charles Webster.

Frank Stolzenberg, games chair and skips trainer, prepared an eleven game schedule—beginning on Memorial Day and ending in mid-October. Some of the events include: Mixed Doubles, a Labor Day Gala, Bowlympics, and the Fernleigh Memorial.

Also, Frank is instituting a skip training program for eight new skips: David Anderson, Robert Ashcraft, Charles Hovey, Karen Kohn, George Pardee, Dan Pettengill, John Rowson and Florence Webers.

To generate additional visibility and funds for club activities, we plan a Giant Tag Sale in our parking lot in late May. Co-chairing the event are Jane and Ron Bacon, with hands-on help from Rita (our president) and Bob O'Brien. Bowling and dollars, anyone?



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EASTERN DIVISION

ESSEX COUNTY

(Bloomfield, NJ)

By George J. Schick

At our general membership meeting, ECLBC President Colin Smith reviewed the details of a meeting with the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs staff responsible for maintaining the Essex green. Unfortunately, the Essex green must be replaced, as it did not withstand the severe fall/winter weather season.

The "good news" is our County administrators have found the funds necessary to replace the playing surface this spring. Our Building and Greens team will work with County maintenance personnel to ensure that the work is done properly and our green returns to playability at an early date. Colin will be working with our local area clubs to find some playing time for Essex members when our green is unavailable.

The Essex Executive Committee will be working this spring with civic groups to build membership links with our club. In addition, we plan to host Open House sessions during the week, with our target groups being schools. We have had some success in this past using this approach and we hope it will lead to additional youth memberships for 1999 and beyond.

Our Membership Committee will be hosting a series of "Learn to Lawn Bowl" sessions this summer to assist our new and novice bowlers in building their lawn bowling skills. Many thanks to Bob & Lorraine Urquhart and Skippy Arculli for the time spent working with our new bowlers. We also wish to thank ALBA Membership Chairman Frank Ransome for the support he's given to our club.

DUPONT

(Wilmington, DE)

By Tom Lawlor

Our ditchless green is in good shape and we have a full schedule of activities. We will visit Williamsburg, Pittsburgh and Pinehurst, as well as having some local contests with Essex and Hamilton. In addition to many days of social bowling, we will initiate "Crazy Games", Bowling Clinics, and Skills Games.

In order to increase participation, many of our home tournaments are based on a handicap system. Simply speaking, a committee of 6-7 members who are familiar with the bowling prowess of members rate the bowlers from 1 to 10, based on ability. A "10" rating would be the best bowler in the club; and, if a "10" plays a "6", then the lower handicap bowler would start an 18 point game with a plus 4. The handicap system is also used to match up bowlers in pairs or triples play.

Our club volunteers each year to help with a Sports Academy, a group of about 60 youngsters from age 6 to 12 who come out to lawn bowl. A sight to behold last year was Ed Hein (90+) teaching a six-year old how to lawn bowl. The youngsters also play golf, tennis and soccer, but commented that lawn bowling was "cool". We use smaller bowls and modify hog line distances to suit the age group. A former Sports Academy person is now the youngest member of our Club. We're always trying to encourage youthful participation.

The Senior Olympics picture shows our president, Bob Lang, with Peggy and the Roberts. They spent the winter in Florida practicing their lawn bowling skills.



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WILLIAMSBURG INN*By Susan Berg*

The past few months have not been as devoid of activity as previous years. This winter, Colonial Williamsburg allowed members to bowl, weather permitting, and several individuals took advantage of that opportunity. Now, club members are looking forward to the formal opening of the green on April 3, and to a round robin scheduled for April 11.

The executive board has appointed four directors who will run tournaments this season. They are Dan Berg, President Bill Holcombe, John McDowell, and Treasurer Tom Miller. Jack Edwards will direct all intra-club tournaments, and Bob Hunt, Bill Holcombe, Al and Joan Miller, and Charles and Pat Drubell will coordinate training and social activities.

Members Dan Berg and Ed Reynolds competed in the Southeast Open tournament in Clearwater in March. Berg finished "in the money" for all three events, placing second in the championship flight with Duncan Farrell (Essex County, NJ) in the pairs, and fourth in the same flight with Farrell and Stan Smith (Clearwater, FL) in the triples.

Over the winter the club lost two long-term members. Andy Havola was the first greenskeeper at the Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club and a lifetime honorary member. Don Parker was responsible for establishing a tradition of club tournaments between Williamsburg and neighbor clubs that continues on today. They will both be missed.

The Williamsburg Inn lawn bowling green will be open daily 2-6 p.m., beginning April 3. Visiting bowlers are always welcome.

In Memoriam

Andy Havola

Don Parker

THISTLE

(West Hartford, CT)

By Joan Wood

While a New Year's Day Tournament did not happen this year, we did have a good turnout of bowlers right up until the last week in December when the temperature was a balmy 28 degrees. Surprisingly, many days late in the season we had more bowlers than in the summer months.

In February, we had our first Winter Social at a local restaurant. This was a fun way to get together and reminisce about last season, and look ahead to the next one. About half our membership attended, while most of the other half was enjoying vacation time in the sunny South.

Opening day for the 1999 season was May 8, with our Semi-Annual Meeting, a picnic lunch and an afternoon of bowling. This year, we are expanding our tournament schedule to Thursday evenings and twice-a-month experimenting with different days and times to see when we get the best turnouts. During the season, we will also be hosting the New England Mix or Match Doubles and the Marie Manners Mix or Match Doubles. These are in addition to our regular bowling schedule of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

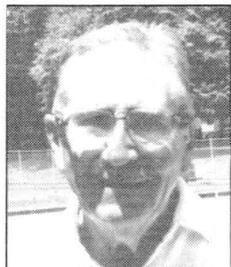
While 1999 did not see a huge rise in membership, those who joined have been an extremely enthusiastic group and are a very welcome addition to the club.

Thanks to: Peter Campbell, for his donation of an American Flag to the club; Irv Danzig, for his hard work all winter publicizing our club to many organizations, with the hope of attracting new members; and Ward Francis, for continuing his work with the Hartford Parks and Recreation Department to keep our greens in good shape.

May 1999 be the best bowling season ever!

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MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK

By Buzz Althoen

On December 3rd, we had four of our bowlers out on the greens in balmy weather. Bill and Norma Harrington, Jack Molloy and Kenny Degenhardt were out enjoying the greens. Here in the Midwest, that is most unusual!

In February, we had our first Board meeting of the year and set up our budget along with making plans for the various events coming up in 1999.

Our greens look good and we have all of the fences repaired around the greens, so we look forward to a fantastic way to say goodbye to the last year of the 20th century. Our opening luncheon and "official" opening of the greens will be Saturday, May 1st. The early birds, of course, will be out 'way ahead of that!

We were saddened by the death of a former member, John Rice, who died as a result of injuries incurred in an auto accident this past winter in Door County.

MILWAUKEE WEST

By Leonard F. Shaw

Nothing much to report for this issue. All members are looking forward to fun on the greens in 1999. We also had a snowless winter, with one snowfall in late January followed by two days of cold weather, followed by a record-breaking 68 degree F day, which melted all the snow.

We had planned on bowling March 7th, but winter, instead, finally arrived. We got five inches of that white stuff, with five inches more the next day and another five inches the day after that! It should melt rapidly, so we figure to be bowling by late March or early April. I'll have more to report in the next issue.

CHICAGO LAKESIDE

By Patricia Brown LeNoble

On a day not too far away, the Lakeside Lawn Bowling Club of Chicago will be back in action for 1999! We will be looking for new members under the direction of Dolly Rix, Lorrie Michael and Charlean Smith, while enjoying the camaraderie of our present members and looking to them for support in our various events.

Our President, Don Sneddon, presided over our Board Meeting on the 27th of March, and he has appointed chairpersons to head up the various committees that comprise our club.

Clean-up day at the clubhouse is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st, and that truly is a FUN day. It is followed by our Spring Luncheon at the newly cleaned, spic and span facility on Sunday, May 2nd. And, if the weather is nice on either of these days,

we will naturally begin our bowling season.

Having had Lawn Bowling on the agenda for the Senior Olympics for the first time last year, the participation and indoctrination of our sport was well received. We are anxious to join in these activities this year. The schedule will be coming out soon from the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Department on Aging.

On May 8th, at noon time, Cal and Carol Wright (our club umpires) will present the "Rules and Regulations" of the game, to keep all of us in touch with the little and larger rules that make 'bowling on the green' such an interesting and challenging game for all ages.

The 'web site' sounds good to us and we await further information.

In Memoriam

James M. Rarity
R. Edwin Webb

FOREST HILL

(East Cleveland)

By Jean Sinzinger

Our new officers for the 1999 season are: President, Robert Walton; Vice-President, Alan Eisenmann; Treasurer, Bernice Bode; Secretary, Jean Sinzinger.

Opening Day will be May 2, and we are planning an Open House for Memorial Day. Something new. There will be an "Introduction to Lawn Bowling" instruction class held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Bob Walton and Tom Basler will be undertaking this effort.

April 17 was Spring Clean Up Day, when everything got put into shipshape order for the season. It is a time of good fellowship and lots of people doing all sorts of jobs. Looking forward to the summer season with tournaments, fish fries, potluck dinners, visitors and good bowling.

Indoor bowling will not be over when this goes to press, so results will come later. We are having wonderful attendance. It is great that some of our members who no longer wish to bowl outdoors join us here and participate.

Welcome to new member, Helen Malecki.

ROCKFORD

By Ann Kelsey

Although some of our hardier members were still able to bowl here until the first part of December (brrrr), we are now anxiously waiting for some Spring weather so we can reopen the green.

Some of our members kept up their skills by bowling in winter tournaments in warmer areas. Sal Marino and Joe Zinna went to Arizona for the Nationals. John Devine traveled to Arizona for some winter bowling.

Joy Ray and Judy Arawinko went south instead of west and enjoyed bowling in Florida. Bill and Joan Cameron, Chuck and Gloria Mather, and Ken and Marge LaBelle combine the best of both worlds and are only in Rockford during the summer.

We have new future member of our club. Nancy (Blake) Nash made Dave Blake the proud grandfather of a beautiful baby girl.

FLINT

By Jeane Giesy

The Flint club is looking forward to a busy and exciting season. The season opened with a May breakfast to which we invited guests to introduce them to Lawn Bowling.

We are planning for visiting and hosting several Canadian Clubs. Flint is the sister city of Hamilton, Ontario. We will be visiting there for the CANUSA Games. This is an annual event, held in Flint one year and Hamilton the next. We will travel with 900 other athletes, participating in 32 events. It is great that Lawn Bowling is one of them.

In visiting clubs last year, I am pleased that much emphasis is being put on the etiquette for Lawn Bowlers. "The sport of Bowls, at all levels, is conducted in an atmosphere of fellowship and sociability, which has always been a feature of the game. It is a gentlemen's game with a noble heritage. The atmosphere is maintained by a traditional code of behavior with its roots in common courtesy."

CENTRAL DIVISION

PITTSBURGH FRICK PARK

By James C. Cunningham

When we start our 1999 season of evening bowling, our members will see a big difference in the amount of light that we have on the greens. Through the efforts of Hank Luba, we were able to have some of the light poles re-positioned and new lamps installed in all fixtures. The result is a marked difference in the greens at night compared to previous years. Now we have no more excuses for not making that good shot under the lights.

Since our club joined ALBA, many of our members have been active in promoting our sport both locally and on the national scene. We are particularly proud that Jack Phillips is now the national president. Hank Luba is a Councilor for the Central Division. And

in AWLBA, Eileen Luba is Secretary, and Beverly Phillips a Councilor. Our president, Lois Saladin, has been chosen to be on the American team for the North American Challenge games to be held in Canada this year, and at Frick Park Pittsburgh in 2000.

Frick Park is preparing for a great Central Division Tournament here August 7-12. Our greens will be in great shape by that time and we are looking forward to seeing old friends and new, and having a great time at the event. Make plans now to attend!

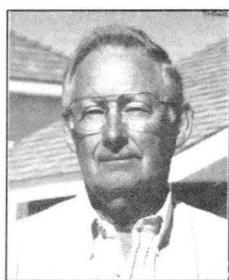
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We regret to report the death of Jack Lingafelt in February. Jack loved the game and was one of our most enthusiastic bowlers.

In Memoriam
Jack Lingafelt

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As you will see in reading the Club Reports, summer evacuation is near leaving a skeleton ("But it's dry heat") bowling crew. For those of us who remain, just huddle together for shade and KEEP ON BOWLING.

But...the first quarter of each year in "The Valley Of The Sun" was and always is a full quarter of bowling activity: Arizona Rinks, Thomson-Zivec Open Pairs, S.C. Division Open, Arizona Senior Olympics, Dollar Monday, plus a full slate of activities at the local clubs.

Local newspaper coverage—Perhaps because of the Arizona SR. Olympics, our local papers failed to respond properly to the ALBA/AWLBA bowling tournaments, for which I am sorry and disappointed. Along with results of the S.C.Div. Open, the fol-

lowing article was included.

"SPECIAL NOTEWORTHY BOWLING ACHIEVEMENT:"

"In less than four months, Sun City lawn bowler Tom Stirrat has won two major singles championships! Winning in November the 1998 U.S.National Open Singles Championship, Mr. Stirrat now claims the 1999 South Central Division Open Singles Championship as well. Tom's bowling skills were also present in both the 'Pairs' (runner-up, Championship Flight) and the 'Triples' event (winner, 2nd Flight). Mr. Stirrat's bowling accomplishments have earned him a place on the United States Men's National Team."

Congratulations Tom—Your Fellow Bowlers, S.C.Division

LEISURE WORLD

(Mesa)

By Doc Ralph Bednarek

We exchanged visitations with the Monte Vista, Venture Out, Silveridge and Ahwatukee lawn bowling clubs. We had to cancel our Leisure World Memorial Triples due to practically no response from the lawn bowling communities of our valley.

We held our Club Triples, Pairs and Singles with the following results:

In the Triples, Doc Bednarek's threesome won the championship, with Doc as skip, Wray Roth vice and Betty Dudgeon lead. Runners-up were Ruth Filbin, George Davey and Wendell Runge.

In the Pairs, using a complicated round robin formula—every

skip played every other skip with a different lead each game—Doc Bednarek prevailed as Champ of the skips, with Wray Roth the runner-up. Barb Elliot was named the Champ of the leads, Dave Hardy runner-up.

In the Singles, Ruth Filbin won all her games to become the first woman to win the Club Singles Championship since the club went to a combined competition. Wray Roth was the runner-up.

Four of our members journeyed to Sun City West to compete in the South Central Pairs. Wray Roth and Carl Dude won the Second Flight, with Doc Bednarek and Norm Desautels finishing second. Only four teams finished ahead of our entries out of a field of 24.

SUN CITY WEST

By Howard Goodnough

Mix and Match visitations have been held with neighboring lawn bowling clubs one Thursday a month. This, our "ALBA FUN DAY", keeps getting better. No prizes, just mixing and matching with our guests in lawn bowling and socializing. And, though many lawn bowlers will be leaving soon for their "other home", we promise they won't be forgotten. Those remaining will continue to have ALBA FUN DAY and will toast to their health and safe return.

Doris Leibbrandt is compiling a Cook Book for AWLBA South Central Division and needs your help. Please send your favorite

recipes to: Doris Leibbrandt, RR 3, Box 111-A, McCook, NE 69001.

The week of March 19th saw our greenskeepers vigorously reworking two of our greens. This work-in-progress is what makes us justly proud of our greens. Come and see.

WANTED: MISSING CLUB MEMBERS. We've had excellent weather, lots of tournaments, social activities and greens open every day. So what's your excuse? Come on down, we're having fun.

Welcome Nancy & Jim Obrock. Moving to Sun City West from Ahwatukee in May, Nancy and Jim will be wonderful additions to our club and community. We will be looking for you on the greens.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION TOURNAMENT RESULTS

S.C. DIVISION OPEN



Open Singles champ Tom Stirrat.



The T-Z Pairs title went to Canadians Ian Jones and Irma Bricker.

SINGLES Championship

1. Tom Stirrat
2. Bob Nunes
3. Graham Jarvis
4. Simon Meyerowitz

2nd Flight

1. Gordon Shieck
2. Bob Ayotte

3rd Flight

1. John Luster
2. Ed Quo

PAIRS

Championship

1. Ed Quo/Bob Nunes
2. Tom Stirrat/Gordon Shieck
3. Jack Behling/John Stewart
4. Bill Lingeman/Simon Meyerowitz

2nd Flight

1. Carl Dude/Wray Roth
2. Norm Desautels/Ralph Bednarek

3rd Flight

1. Doug McArthur/Jim Webster
2. Leo Lalemand/Harry Berry

4th Flight

1. Keith Yett/Jay Hammer
2. John McBain/Miles Gehm



California visitors Bob Nunes, left, and Ed Quo won the Open Pairs.

TRIPLES

Championship

1. Jack Behling/Doug McArthur/John Stewart
2. Graham Jarvis/Ivan Hyland/George Ralston
3. Ed Quo/Hank Mueller/Bob Nunes
4. Bill Hiscock/Bill Weaver/Lee Bain

2nd Flight

1. Tom Stirrat/Gordon Shieck/Larry Brohammer
2. Dick Tiedgen/Lowell Ergen/Harry Leng

3rd Flight

1. Bert Haws/Jim Webster/Bill Williams
2. M. Harrington/Norm Valek/Leon Sullivan

THOMSON-ZIVIC PAIRS

4. Doug McArthur/Champ Salisbury

2nd Flight

1. Keith Roney/Ivan Hyland

2. Bert Haws/Bill Williams

3rd Flight

1. Barry Pickup/Tom Dion
2. Graham Jarvis/Selena Jarvis

ARIZONA RINKS

Championship (s-v-2-1)

1. Keith Roney/Ivan Hyland/Jean Roney/Maryna Hyland
2. Ken Degenhardt/Joe Zinna/Cy Stephan/Joan Cameron
3. Tom Stirrat/Bob Ayotte/Jean Haigler/Roberta Ayotte
4. Norm Valek/Mel Otto/Joy Sauter/Betty Ackerman

2nd Flight

1. Ian Jones/Anita Nivala/Mark Sutyla/R. Larson
2. Dough McArthur/Bob Nunes/Carolyn Nobbe/Carol Larson

3rd Flight

1. Graham Jarvis/Regina Banares/Andre Banares/Selina Jarvis
2. Bob Labron/Pat Harrison/Bill Urquhart/Evelyn Schober

4th Flight

1. Jack Behling/Champ Salisbury/Donna Behling/Peg Salisbury
2. Jock Davidson/Yvonne Davidson/Bill Smulyan/Gerry Hermanussen

Championship

1. Ian Jones/Irma Bricker
2. Jack Behling/John Stewart
3. Mark Sutyla/Anita Nivala

PUEBLO EL MIRAGE

By Ronald Gilmour

This has been busy winter for our club, starting with helping host the Nationals through holding our club tournaments, as well as several visitations, etc.

We have completed our three main club tournaments and the champions are:

Novice Pairs—Bill Wood & Pat Canfield, 2. Rocky Bria & Clancy Hallman, 3. Al Meyers & Ken Honnold.

Club Doubles—1. Earl Surrute & Al Meyers, 2. Henry Wesley & Millie Sheen, 3. Bill Wood & Walt Rathje.

Club Triples—1. Ron Schoenherr, Margaret Smith, Al Meyers; 2. Rocky Bria, Mary Scoggin, Ralph Canfield; 3. Yvonne Davidson, Rosie Johnson, Betty Smith.

We have many Canadian members in our club and last season we started a Can Am tournament. Last year, the Canadians

won and this year's match was March 18 (after we sent in this report).

We had several club members enter the Arizona Senior Olympics this year (as usual) and gold medals were won by George Dunlop, Joy Sauter, Mary Scoggin and Henry Wesley. Yvonne Davidson, Jock Davidson and Mel Otto won bronze medals.

We held a Ladder League this year and found it a good way to get league play going without problems occurring when someone has to miss a week for whatever reasons. You almost have to have a computer for record keeping, but it is fun and challenging.

We held our first Dick Niblack Memorial Tournament and the winners were the team of Jock Davidson, Elle Strandberg and Marilyn Morris.

Most of this Club's membership heads North for the summer around this time, so no more activity will occur until next Fall. See you then.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

PARADISE PARK*By Tony Appollo*

By press time of this issue Paradise Park LBC will have concluded another busy season.

Most of our winter visitors will have headed north for the summer, remembering all the great days of lawn bowling this season.

Our club instructors, Len and Angela Robson, held four sessions of classes and certified 38 new bowlers this season.

Our rating committee had the tough job of evaluating and promoting eight Leads to Vice-Skips, and six Vice-Skips to Skips. Congratulations to all who were promoted.

Many tournaments, visitations and various types of Fun Days were also held, with the following results:

Club Triples—1. Phil Dial, Lee Purnell, Mel McIntyre; 2. John Jones, Jean McKieranran, Ann Wood; 3. Edie Mathieu, Marilyn Appollo, Carole Iverson

Club Doubles—1. Bob Hill & Al Burdick; 2. Bill Bloede & Dick Kellogg; 3. May Bochar & Ross Crawford

Jack Chadwick Memorial—1. Mellie Leng & Ross Crawford; 2. (tie) Dick Tiedgen & Myrna Bretschneider and Bill & Carol Bloede

Men's Singles—1. John Jones, 2. Marty Schans, 3. Harry Leng

Men's Novice—1. Larry Luiz, 2. Frank Luiz (brothers), 3. Bill Beutel

Women's Singles—1. Mellie Leng, 2. Frankie Bye, 3. JoAnn Tiedgen

Women's Novice—1. Marcy Ergen, 2. Mary Duncan, 3. Jan Beutel

A "Battle of the Sexes" one day Tournament was also held this season, with the men defeating the women. The trophy for this tournament will be a gold-colored dustpan hanging in our Club House.

Wishing you all a very safe and healthy summer, hoping to see each and every one of you in the fall.

PHOENIX*(Ahwatukee)**By Jim Obrock*

The season began in full swing last October with a fun day. Invitationals were held with Leisure World, Silver Ridge, Monte Vista and Venture Out through the season, both home and away. Sun City was scheduled for March, but they were unable to host us because of lack of players that day.

Our ALBA club, Phoenix LBC, has 11 male members and two female members.

The triples, doubles and singles tournaments are being held and the winners will receive their awards at the April banquet. Kurt Maier, Dave Collier and Ray Swanson are making the arrangements.

Don Simmons, Ray Kubiak and Carl Gray have remodeled our bowl's room, adding cabinets, rearranging and cleaning up. Bob Padget and Paul Benn set up our greens every day for recreational play.

My wife Nancy and I are moving to Sun City West on May 1st, where we plan to lawn bowl next season. Art McMaster will be the new reporter and president of the ALBA club. Helen McMaster is the secretary of the ALBA club. Have enjoyed playing here for Ahwatukee with great people and looking forward to SCW bowling and playing softball.

SUN CITY GRAND*(Surprise, AZ)**By Bob Nelson*

Grand Lawn Bowling Club is located near Sun City West in Arizona. We are a brand new ALBA Club, with forty members and growing.

Our new green is relatively slow since it has only been in six months. We expect it to improve by fall.

We are especially pleased with the new covered benches around the green, as shown in the photo at right. A potluck has been planned in the new Pavilion on the golf course

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1999 is well underway in the South Central Division. Officers for the year are: R. Gil Stephan Jr., President; Tony Appollo, Vice-President; Ron Gilmour, 2nd Vice-President; John M. Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer; Doug McArthur and Lindsay Towns, Councilors.

The Arizona Rinks and Thomson-Zivec Pairs were a great success again in 1999. Congratulations to all. Super Bowl Week in Arizona will again feature these two tournaments in January, 2000.

Lindsay Towns is working on a Senior Tournament also for early 2000. More will follow later.

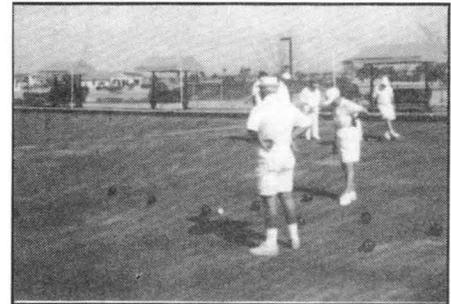
Welcome ALL of Sun City Grand to our Division. It is great to have you in all our events.

Leon Sullivan, our Membership Chairman, reports an increase in memberships as well as clubs, with a couple more being developed now.

Good health and bowling to all.

R. Gil Stephan, Jr.

President, South Central Division



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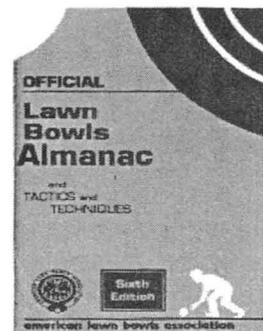
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Most of the Northwest is looking forward to putting away their water-wings and getting out on the greens after what has been the second wettest winter on record.

My thanks go to John Marchi of the Spokane club for his many years of help as their club reporter. He has certainly done a good job of keeping us informed of the happenings over on the East side.

Dan Hutchinson is taking over the position of Spokane's club reporter. Dan's father-in-law, Frank Douglas, was one of the founders of the Spokane club (I think John Marchi was also one of the founders), so Dan has a long association with the club. Welcome aboard, Dan.

Portland will be hosting our division's Spring Open over the Memorial Day weekend, while Jefferson Park and Woodland Park will be the sites of the Summer Open in mid-August. I'm sure we're all hoping the rains will have subsided by then.

Honor a Friend

Show your support by making a donation to the ALBA Foundation.

See details on page 2.



SPokane

By John Marchi (Outgoing Reporter)

Dan C. Hutchinson (Incoming Reporter)

The Spokane Lawn Bowling Club survived another winter by having excellent and informative Hot Stove sessions in the first three months of the year. We are awaiting our "snowbirds" return and some good weather, so that we can get our green and clubhouse in shape for the upcoming season, starting in mid-April.

1999 President David Robb and his board have been working hard to fill all the special committee assignments and making plans for a busy and exciting year ahead. New officers on deck this year are: Vice President, Al Stuart; Secretary, Olivia Kissin; Treasurer, Bob Williams. Members-at-large are: Derek Ware, Gerry Honn, Charleen Foster, Lowell Brooks and Marianne Speakman.

Committee chairpersons and members of groups already completed are:

Building & Grounds—Lowell Brooks-Bob Miller, Rich Gaffey, Gerry Honn

Membership—Al Stuart

ALBA Report—Dan Hutchinson
Newsletter—Al Stuart-George Heath, Bob Williams

Planning—Dave Robb-Gerry Honn

Finance—Bob Williams

Curriculum/Instruction—Al Stuart-Derek Ware, Olivia Kissin

Equipment Sales—Derek Ware

Social—Dorothy Nakielny-Mary L Johnson, Betty Honn, Jean Wren

Tournament—Olivia Kissin, Jean Wren, Charleen Beard

Historian/Archivist—Jay Speakman

Constitution/By-Laws—Lowell Brooks-David Robb, John Marchi

At the request of the director of the Washington State Senior Games, our club helped man a booth at the SPORTFEST held at the Spokane Convention Center, March 12-14. The volunteers were able to garner a handful of contacts for lawn bowling, and we hope to see them become members this summer. Members who manned the booth were Jean Wren, Charleen Beard, and David Robb.

JEFFERSON PARK

(Seattle)

By Hugh Ramsay

There's every indication that Spring has finally arrived in the Northwest. Sparked by the first tournament of the year on President's Day, a good number of white-clad members enjoyed a game of two jacks and an opportunity to explain why they weren't bowling well: "Because I haven't played since..." The layoff, however, didn't seem to effect the winners, Barbara Mandich and Fermin Cabico.

PORTLAND

By Larry Edgar

An all too recurring theme during the Spring of the last few years has been "rain". This year has certainly been no exception.

When the rain comes on the weekends, when most of our members can do work on the green, it means things get going very slowly. But part of our greens crew—Jim Tupper, Steven Price, and Dave Rostad—have already met to assess things to be done to help improve the condition of our green. A work party is scheduled the end of April to prepare for the Northwest Division Spring Open, which we will host Memorial Day weekend.

Our season begins on May Day, when we'll hold our Opening Day. After that we have a full schedule of club tournaments, which will conclude with the Oregon Pairs, tentatively scheduled to be held at the Inn at the Mountain in mid-September.

The Semi-Annual Meeting was held in early March to report activities of the new board and committees, and announce plans for the coming months. As usual, the importance of membership was stressed. To strengthen that activity a new committee, headed by Marge Caddey, has been formed. She is concentrating on youth in the various community centers and middle schools. Passage of 501 C-3 is a key to this effort. Marge approaches this activity with her usual enthusiasm and, with the help of her husband, Chuck, great results are predicted.

KING CITY

(Oregon)

By Ed Orte

We had a very wet winter in the Great Northwest. Our green has never looked greener, but I'm afraid that if we had stepped on it during the winter months we'd have sunk to our shoe tops.

While we were unable to bowl during the winter, we kept in contact with one another by holding monthly social events. Our official Opening Day for the last year of this century was on April 23, with organized bowling sessions at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and a catered dinner in the evening. Lessons for new bowlers are being held as weather permits.

Our president, Bill Barker, has planned some "home and homes" with other bowling clubs as well as other special events, so we are looking forward to another great year on the green.

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Just a few notes to add to Frank Ransome's Rossmoor LBC news clip. The five new Rossmoor members were introduced to the membership at a brown-bag lunch by our friendly sponsor, Renee Friedman.

Thanks to all the correspondents who filed their reports with me on time so I can get them to Joe (the Editor) for publication. Our next deadline is JUNE 20.

ROSSMOOR

By Frank Ransome

There are plenty of volunteers in Rossmoor to keep the Lawn Bowling Club going. Instruction Committee Chairmen, Bernie Pomeroy and Jeanne Lauritzen, and their coaches have already had a class on the green and five have graduated: George & Rita Parnoff, Stan & Kay Fuglestad, and Michelle Reifentahl.

Shirley Cam published the complete tournament schedule for 1999, and Inter-club Chairmen, Bob Harbeson and Dottie McGee, filled in the Home and Home competitions. Jayne and Martin Duffy continue as co-chairmen of the Draw Committee, assisted by Virginia Farr and daily helpers.

President Tay Wheeler and Vice-President George Matulich are new to lawn bowling, but they bring corporate experience and new ideas. Jim Towar is Treasurer again and Board Member Shirley Lyon continues as Secretary.

The club has fifty-one separate committee positions to fill and there will be some duplication. Marion and Marie Klos handle

the Country Store; Rennie and Vickie Barretto do the locker assignments; Tay Wheeler, Jessica Kinninger and Ruth Gillard take care of the publicity.

M.E. Hamlen, Mel Jacobs, Ruth Hekel and Bill MacDonald do bowler classification. They must find qualified Skips and Seconds to bowl with the new members. Harry Fracchia does our photography; Jed Crane represents us with our landlord; and Orville Artist, Art Smith and Bernie Pomeroy are PIMD Reps.

The Greens are managed by Dick Kinninger, with M.E. Hamlen; equipment by Tom Davies; and Bernie Santos is chief of operations.

All together there are 89 people involved, plus those who help out with the Draw, Coaching and Social activities. It would be difficult to find one job that is not important. It is true that many hands make light work.

In Memoriam: Deke Deklotz, David Negrini, Hal Friedman, Clara Clark, Hub Long, Frank Daniels.

SAN JOSE

By Bob Van Wingerden

We had another excellent Christmas party at the Pattison's. A good time was had by all. But alas, no pyrotechnics this year.

Our winter league has just been completed, with the team of Ron Deiss and John Hickson, from the Palo Alto Club taking the honors. Next up on the schedule is a one day tournament against the UMA's (United Macaoan's of America?). This one should prove to be a blast. The gamesmanship has already started with many barbs being traded before the bowling even begins.

With the arrival of reliable weather this year, the club is planning a massive membership drive. We plan to canvas the surrounding neighborhood of our park with pamphlets and an invitation to enjoy a leisurely day on the green. Many of our members have recently completed Frank Ransome's famous coaching class, so we should have plenty of people on hand to take good care of the folks that show up. We are eagerly awaiting some new blood.

First new member of '99 is Adolph Foidada—not your usual lawn bowling rookie. Adolph is a native of Switzerland and begins his career on the green at the age of 91!

It is with great sadness that I must report the loss of a very key club member. Ted Forester was a very pivotal member of our club. "Tedward" was the kind of guy who always showed up early to help out in any way. He good-naturedly assumed many of the responsibilities that keep a small club going. He and his lovely wife, Millie, have contributed countless hours helping with the setup of the green and the catering of our club events. At Ted's memorial service, many of us were surprised to hear of his many other extraordinary talents, of which we weren't aware. It highlighted the importance of the social aspects of the game, and how much we miss if we don't get to know who our fellow bowlers are beyond the green.

PALO ALTO

By Ed Arnold

Spring has sprung. The grass is riz. I wonder where the bowlers iz! With the rains on and off and the closure of our green for several weeks in April and May, there hasn't been too much bowling going on. But things will change.

President Bill McConachie has appointed the following committee heads to help him in the operation of our club this year (most are repeats from 1998). Games (Interclub) Peter Knopf; Games (Intraclub) Bill Collins; Games (Draw) John Hickson; House & Grounds Bill Wolfenbarger and Cliff Christensen; Hospitality Dorothy Beckett and Jeanne Littleboy; Membership Roberta Durham; Supplies Mary Cable, Bill Collins, Frank Winnburg; Publications (Wicks and Bowls) Ed Arnold; Telephone Lois Qualls; Sunshine Bea McConachie; Lockers, Keys & Bowling Supplies Les and Louise Briggs; PIMD Representatives Bill McConachie and Peter Knopf; PIMWD Representatives Bea McConachie, Louise Briggs, Lora Hawley, Esme Krobusek. And, these are the fellows who run the rollers over our green every bowling day (except Sunday): Fred Hawley, Cliff Christensen, Bill Wolfenbarger and Terry Hogan. They insure a better bowling surface for our games.

We're already booked for a special day in April, 2000. The English Bowling Commission is coming over for some bowling with us then. We celebrated our club's 66th birthday on March 27. We got organized way hack in 1933.

Steve Nagy, the City groundskeeper of our green for many years, has retired. We're sorry to see him go. His tender, loving care of our green for so long is greatly appreciated by all.

Regina and Andre Banares teamed up with Canadian friends in January to win first in the Third Flight of the Arizona Rinks tourney.

Lost two of ours in January: Al Hill, our 15th President and an active bowler in the '70s and '80s, and Ed Meese, more recent to our club's roster.

SANTA CLARA*By Ida Baker*

Our Club's 20th Anniversary, held Sept. 19, 1998, turned out to be a very festive occasion. Teams participated in the Pearle Patton 2-Bowl Tournament. Pat Bayless and Marge Bodah were first place winners. Russ Biltoft and Leona Snyder placed second. The 33 members who attended were pleased and delighted with the innovative box lunches. Ida Baker, President, conducted a short dedication of the new plaque on our flagpole in memory of Alvin and Helmi Charles. Cathy Rollison was in charge of the arrangements and decorations.

The late-October invitational brought out 24 bowlers from Carmel, Sunnyvale, Oakland and Santa Clara. The winners were Sunnyvale members, Al Mendoza, Dori Mendoza and Ida Baker (substitute). Runners-up were Russ Biltoft, Marge Bodah and Dave Romasko, of Santa Clara. The visiting teams were quite pleased with the condition of our Green, thanks to greenskeeper Joe Shepard.

This month was also our annual "Wiener Roast". Winners of the Mixed Draw were: George Beggs, Marge Bodah and George Dolfin. Second were Phyllis Mills, Pat Bayless and Harvey McFalls. After the games everyone enjoyed the hot dogs and good food brought by the members.

Another annual event was our Luau in November, but it unfortunately started to rain and that canceled the games. However, since members brought the food, we had the lunch. The make-up game was played later in the month and the winners were Tecla Shepard and Phyllis Mills.

Our final activity of the year was our Christmas and Awards party in December. Phyllis Mills and Geri Beggs arranged a lovely happy holiday party. Thirty-four members attended. There was lively music and, after dinner, Christmas carols were sung. David Romasko presented award plaques to the winners of the Club games.

The new Board of Officers was sworn in by out-going President Ida Baker: President, Alden Schroeder; George Dolfin, Vice President; Cathy Rollison, Secretary; Russ Biltoft, Treasurer; Phyllis Mills and Ann Maron, Delegates.

The 1999 season opened with our annual Valentine's Day Pairs Tournament. The competition was won by Tecla Shepard and Harvey McFalls. George Beggs and Ida Baker grabbed second spot. Following the games, thirty-two members partook of a variety of unusual favorite dishes.

BERKELEY*By Clarence Erickson*

What with the wet and cold so far this year, not much has happened on our green to this date. Schedules have been set and committees named for various purposes. Posters announcing coming events have been displayed and names of contestants have begun to appear. Of course, by the time that this article is in print, the lawn bowling season will be in full swing.

We celebrated the 100th birthday of Harry Wellman, who would have been 100 years old on March 4th, had he survived. The event was sponsored by his daughter, who treated us to a sumptuous luncheon. Loren Furtado and Ted Johnston recalled some of Harry's early life and his illustrious career at the University of California.

We did manage to squeeze in a home-and-home contest with the bowlers from Rossmoor when the weather forecaster's predicted rain did not happen. But it did happen that we won.

President Keith Brooks has issued a challenge to all our members to bring relatives, friends or anyone they can inveigle to come to our club to experience lawn bowling. As with many other clubs, more new members is our top priority.

ED: Clarence captures the Editor's Dictionary Award for introducing him to the word "inveigle".

SUNNYVALE*By Wes Ireland*

We have been enjoying our green as often as possible when the winter weather permitted. The surface of said green continues to remain in reasonably good condition, thanks to the efforts exhibited by the City and our own dedicated volunteers.

Social bowlers have been challenging our seasoned and more experienced colleagues. It has been great fun.

All of our committee chairs have been filled by enthusiastic and conscientious members, committed to keeping our club moving in a positive direction. We are looking forward to a full schedule of events in the up coming season.

We welcome Joel Stearn, P.I.M.D. President, to our club. He made the decision recently to re-join us. We are happy to have him on board and hope to see him on our green frequently in the coming months.

Our co-sponsorship meeting with Sunnyvale Parks & Recreation Planning Commission went well. We anticipate a continuing close relationship with the City and those employees who work with us.

You are always welcome to join us "on the green" at SVLBC.

RICHMOND*By Bob Scott*

The club held its annual meeting January 14. Out-going president Le Roy Riley and crew provided us with a good spaghetti lunch, complete with French bread, wine, salad, and desert. Steve Wyrick furnished us with great spaghetti sauce. Good job Steve, Le Roy and Alice Baxter, who was in charge of decorations and desert. There were 25 members present for lunch.

The election of officers was held and the newly elected are: Charlie Black, President; Lucile Cocherell, First Vice-President; Emeric Baxter, Second Vice-President; and Harry Neumann Secretary-Treasurer. Congratulations to all.

Roy Coppla was still hobbling around in a cast after breaking his leg. Hurry and make a speedy recovery Roy.

OAKMONT*By Harry H. Hunter*

This Spring, weather-wise, has been more merciful than last years El Nino disaster. Our Greens Committee has decided to close the green to bowling this Spring until the one-year old hybrid Bermuda can get a good start. Last year's growth was considerably stunted by the weather, so it was thought best to give it a better beginning in 1999. Redwood Landscaping and Warren Wade's Committee are working on it every day.

We DID manage to get in a President's Day Tournament before we closed the green. It was the first Opening Day in three years that wasn't rained out, and Dave Cobble and his Holiday Tournament Committee were thrilled at being able to get it in. Gordon Krueger, Vanitta Olinger and Bob Clark won the high-net in the morning. Bill Wagner's team of Suzanne Hajek and John Low were first in the afternoon crowd. Thirty teams of mixed triples in the AM and 36 in the afternoon enjoyed bowling in the first and, as it turned out, last tournament of the Spring season here.

John Vandermade did a fine job of renovating our lockers this winter, and has some plans for finishing off the "office" with cork board and some storage. It's a fortunate thing to have a professional painter and handyman as a club member. The price is definitely right!

Iris Troman reported, as the membership chairman, that this year's members stand at 85 men, 55 women, five associate, and two Honorary members—after all the dues were collected and the names forwarded to PIMD, ALBA and AWLBA.

Our Spring instructional classes will be delayed or put-off until the Fall classes this year, so these numbers aren't likely to change until then.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

HONOLULU

(Ala Moana Beach Park)

By Sharon Hunt

Aloha once again! What a busy winter we have had.

Three time World Champion David Bryant and 31 bowlers from the United Kingdom were here to challenge our club in February. They were en route to Fiji and New Zealand for more bowling and have now decided to make Honolulu an annual part of their winter bowls tour.

Since rejoining ALBA/AWLBA we have been blessed with hundreds of visitors.

Somehow we've managed to sandwich in a few tournaments. The Triples winners were: Loretta Diamond, Mike Minuto and Jim

Diamond, with Don Hunt, Sharon Hunt and Bill Lee runners up. We then played the visitors in a one day affair, with the locals winning by 133 to 95. The Club Singles men's division looks like Jim Diamond as winner, and runner-up still undecided. In the women's division, Sharon Hunt was undefeated and Jane Tanida the runner-up.

We are aerating and plugging our green with #50 sieve sand for the second time in less than a year. We have just had a new synthetic plinth installed around the perimeter. With our tropical climate treated wood didn't hold up well. Since we expect visitors from Australia and New Zealand this summer we plan to try to keep a first class green year 'round.

If in Honolulu, call Sharon or Don Hunt at (808) 941-2291, and join us in a game of bowls.



That's David Bryant at the far left with his UK travelers and some Honolulu LBC hosts.

LEISURE TOWN*By Virginia East*

After an extensive closure, our greens are up and running. The "regrassing" and "defungusing" have produced a neat play area, and all we need to complete the picture is Mr. Sun.

The Sweetheart Breakfast in February and March's Corned Beef Dinner were well-attended. We are planning an April get-together, where each member brings in a prospective new member (or two). We will hold a short instruction period, treat them to a lunch and adjourn to the green for at least an hour of "hands on" bowling. We hope this one-on-one approach will attract some new members. We do not have the membership base as some of the other clubs because our facilities are Association-owned and locally accessible only to Association members and their guests.

Our quarterly meeting was held in March and a vote of those attending indicated John and Eva Hoekman, PIMD representatives, should support the ALBA-AWLBA merger at the PIMD meeting. John and Eva presented a President's pin to the club, which will be passed to succeeding presidents.

We bowled with Oakmont Club members who came to Vacaville on March 25 when their green was closed. Our bowling season officially opens on April 1. By next issue date there should be lots of results to report—all wins, we hope!

Our supply of club bowls was enhanced by Kay Shoedinger's donation of hers and Jack's bowls and jack to the club. Both Shoedingers were very active in the early years of our club and bowled in local and national tournaments for many years. Kay, who is presently an Honorary Member, still plans to participate in lesser-energy-requiring club functions.

The Home 'n Home with Berkeley, planned for March 25 was canceled. We are scheduled to go there on May 11. Other May events include: Men's and Women's Pairs on May 4, Men's Choice May 13, Doug Coyle State Rinks May 22-23, and Ladies' Choice May 27.

Frank Ransome and Renee Freeman, from Rossmoor, visited our club on March 22. Frank brought some pamphlets for new bowlers.

SANTA CRUZ*By Stephen G. Cooper*

In spite of the throes of heavy rains we have had some marvelous bowling days so far this year, on a green that everyone agrees is in the best condition ever—thanks to a great city greenskeeper named Raphael.

At our quarterly meeting in January, we voted to change the number of ends played each draw from 18 to 16, to help out our aging members. We also discussed the tapes we obtained from ALBA for teaching our students.

March 20th, Bill Kather ran (for the second year in a row) a singles tournament in which the jack was "wild". This meant that once it was thrown it was played where it was delivered, as long as it was not too short, long, or out of bounds. Ralph Brailsford took first overall, with Steve Schoenfeld second. First place in the morning went to Gus Wells, Bill Kather finishing second. First in the afternoon went to Stephen Cooper, with Ernie Rideout second.

At our club's March board of director's meeting, John Machado was unanimously elected Honorary Life Member of the Club. John, who is 97, became a member of our club in 1979, and joins three ladies who also enjoy this honor: Esther Johnson, Erica Schilling, and Mildred Walker, who became members in the years 1969, '87, and '66, respectively.

ALBA Membership Chairman Frank Ransome sent several new members a handy folder of instructional material. But a problem has arisen. These folders have been confiscated by some of our veteran members who have also found them informative, containing guidelines and strategies that either they never knew or have long forgotten. Our president suggested that we should get copies for everyone in the club, if only to safeguard the property of our new members.

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SAN FRANCISCO

By Bob Howald

The New Year began with the club's first quarterly meeting of 1999. During the meeting, we welcomed two new members; Doreen Pereira and Peter Souza, who now join the sixteen new members added to our club in 1998. We continue to believe that new membership is a key to the ongoing success of the oldest Lawn Bowling Club in this country.

As SFLBC'S centennial year approaches, we have begun preparations for the event by forming a steering committee chaired by Robb Pawlak, and includes Cathy Remedios and Millie Brown. The celebration will take place in the fall of 2001. Please mark your calendars and we will keep you informed.

In addition, immediate Past President Arnald Barros nominated Jim Smutz for Honorary Membership. Jim joins Emerson Denton as SFLBC Honorary Members.

Traditionally, St. Patrick's Day opens our social bowling season. This year we had more than 60 members and guests attend. The event was a spectacular success and recognition of some of the members who worked so hard and well must be noted. Special thanks to: Lucy and Marie Guterres, Millie Brown, Rita and Bob Klinging, Pat Guterres, Doreen Pereria and Mel Carion.

Special Bulletin from the desert: Bill Ryan teamed with Carol Smith, Ruth McLeod and Wilma Ryan to win the STR/SCHWAB Tournament in March at Smoke Tree Ranch.

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COVE COMMUNITIES

(Palm Desert)

By Tom Hodgins



The snowbirds came back to the desert in numbers again. In addition, we had a number of groups from the British Isles. Hence, it's been a great season. But, our visitors are heading home and most will be gone by the end of March.

The Joslyn Senior Center, where we are located, has informed us they will not be able to support our maintenance costs in the future. So, we may be without a home unless the cities that support the Center decide to support us. Any thoughts anyone has will be appreciated. One of our problems is that we only have about eight full-time members, with the rest being visitors that come in from

one to four months.

We had two successful tournaments again this year, at Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day. The team of Ralph Kitchel, Marion Kapfe and Jim Smith (Scotland) won the Valentine's Day event. Kathy Olsen, Sandy Barnes and Barry Parkes were second.

On St. Patrick's Day, Melody Villeneuve, Art Evans and Don Beck won the event, while Rod McDonald, Evie Hibbert and Ralph Shaw were runners-up. We also had several teams in the Smoke Tree Ranch/Schwab Tournament in early March, but none of them were in the money.

It's been a great season for us with a growing group of visitors, and we hope to have many more.

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GLENDALE

By Dan Cirlin

After finishing our past league season a distant fifth, we can only look forward to an improvement in our efforts.

With active participation of less than ten bowlers, we cannot survive. Please help our cause with involvement in our efforts to sustain a viable lawn bowling presence here in this lovely community. A recent bond issue was passed by voters, and if we expect an upgrade in our facilities it would surely help if we had increased participation. We start bowling every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1 p.m. The Senior Center, on Colorado just east of Brand, is the place to get acquainted.

Looking forward to the 1999 season, last Monday we won four league games at Alhambra, including a close match with the home club. As of this writing Glendale is in sole possession of first place. The first such phenomenon in many a year. Thanks Otis, George(s), Bill, Steve, Ed, Dan(s), and the ever-popular Vern.

SANTA MARIA

By Martin Seifert

At our last monthly club meeting we inducted eight new members (six were present) in a formal ceremony. The presentation included new member packets containing ALBA/AWLBA membership cards, name badges, club medallions, and important information about etiquette, responsibilities of a lead, terminology, history of the club, etc. Considering attrition—we just lost five old time members (mostly for physical problems)—we seem to be gaining on it.

Evaluating our Open House in the Fall of '98: we had twenty-two prospects sign up for a lawn bowling lesson. Two thirds dropped-off, so we can attribute seven new members to the Open House. Even though an open house (at least the way we do it) is a lot of effort, we think it's worth it.

In the Southwest Region Veteran/Novice Tournament our team won—Jim Graham and Ralph Richie went to Pasadena for the playoff and came home victorious. Most people in the SW know Jim, who learned to lawn bowl as a lad in Scotland under his

father's stern eye. Ralph Richie is a robust, relatively young man, who has just moved back stateside after over twenty years in Hawaii.

We are doing a theater party at the local civic repertory theater. We buy out the house (100 tickets) for \$300 and sell the tickets at \$8 per, netting a profit of \$5 per ticket. The scalping money goes into our treasury. It helps that a well-liked member is in the cast and we could get to throw tomatoes at him on stage.

Our Board is currently dealing with a serious problem which we are sure has surfaced some time or other at other clubs. It's skips acting like despots, with severe damage to the fragile egos of new and near-new bowlers. Anyone with a Solomon-like solution, please call.

Frank Holmes, an enormously talented man who has built or planned and supervised many of the improvements and additions to our clubhouse and green area, has done it again. When the need was cited for a Trophy Case for the clubhouse, Frank built it and hung it.

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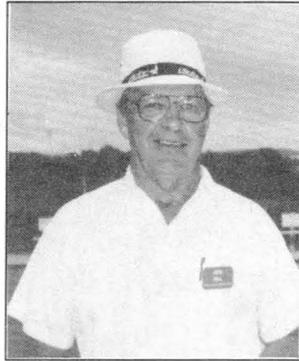
MURRAY-ALLISON

Thirty four entries set the field for the Southwest Division's first major seasonal event, the Murray-Allison Singles, February 20-21, at Riverside LBC.

Format calls for winners of the first match to continue in the Murray bracket, while losers of the first match move into the Allison bracket.

Riverside's undefeated Bob Hill topped the Murray group, with San Diego's Bill Hiscock in second place and Mert Isaacman, Beverly Hills/Newport Harbor, finishing third.

Laguna Beach's Simon Meyerowitz won the Allison, topping runner-up Bob Forget, Lake Hodges, and Redland's Lee Bain, who took third place.



Undefeated Bob Hill was #1 in the annual Murray-Allison Singles.

HERMOSA BEACH

By Lyle Campbell

At our December Annual General Meeting, the following officers were reelected: President—Lyle Campbell, Vice-President—Julian Katz, Treasurer—Paul Kratz, and Secretary—Jeanne Carr. The officers also confirmed the appointment of the following to the Executive Committee: Tournament Chairperson—Tony Crutchfield, Greens Advisory Chairperson—Keith Marshall, Building Maintenance Chairperson—Carol Tanner, Public Relations—Ginny Evans, and Member at Large—Kirk Shephard.

In February, I went to Hermosa Valley School and gave three 7th Grade classes a lecture on the history and background of lawn bowling, as part of their studies of ancient games in medieval times. The classes came to the bowling club in three batches of about 28 students each, with their teacher Miss Kathy Sipple, to gain first-hand knowledge of the game. Each session lasted half an hour, during which they were given a rudimentary lesson and then allowed to play a shortened pairs game. With the help of members Jeanne Carr, Marian Wilson, Keith Marshall and Nancy Stanek, we were able to keep them from doing any damage to the green. In fact, quite a few showed a natural aptitude for the game. From their letters of thanks, all indicated eagerness to come and play again. The Executive Committee is considering setting aside Saturday afternoons to allow the students to come and play under club supervision, thereby fostering the spirit of the game among the younger set. Maybe their parents might become interested.

Hermosa Beach congratulates our Vice President, Julian Katz on his re-election as alternate delegate of the SW district, and member Nancy Stanek on her appointment as the Circulation Manager for BOWLS Magazine.

Our membership remains fairly constant, but like other clubs we would certainly like to build it up to a more substantial level. If you are visiting the South Bay area, we at Hermosa Beach would love to have you join us on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Phone 310-370-3896 for information.

POMONA

By Hugh Freeman

Pomona is increasing in membership. We added eight new members in 1998. Thus far in 1999, we have added four members, though two of the four are returnees from two years of absence.

Lots of lawn bowling going on. We have had two enjoyable trips to nearby clubs, Riverside and Santa Anita. We are eagerly awaiting visits to our club by members of those two clubs.

The Annual Pomona Triples was held in late January. The day was a challenge for 28 teams. Six prizes were presented for each flight. In "A" Flight, the team of Ivan Hyland, Michael Siddall and Maryna Hyland was first. Ian Ho, Myrna and Jo Devine were second. In "B" Flight, Ken McAuley, Jean McAuley and Ann Windham finished first. The Pomona team of Gil Priori, Loren Johnson and Helen Hansen was second. Another Pomona team of Hugh Freeman, Russ Erickson and Charlene Erickson was sixth in "A" Flight.

Hugh Freeman won the Men's Club Singles competition in a 23-end battle with Ed Ramirez, 23-21. The Women's final will bring together Rose Blenov versus Vera Hammond.

Citrus League play is underway, with two teams from Pomona participating. The Annual Casa Colina Hospital Benefit Tournament took place on March 27. Results next issue. More lawn bowling events are planned for next month Don't we have fun?

LEISURE WORLD

(Laguna Hills)

By Pat Mayo

Visitors to the National Open in October will find some excellent greens at the Leisure World Club in Laguna Hills. A well-coordinated team from both the maintenance officials and members of our Greens Committee are devoting much attention to the greens.

In addition, the clubhouse has been completely redone, thanks to the bequest of Margaret Bourne. The social room is almost doubled in size, with sliding glass doors at the north end. Other interior improvements are attractive new furniture and complete decorating, with many cheerful surprises. Janet Anderson was in charge of the clubhouse.

Mike Majer had a leading role in planning the new design for storage of bowls. The equipment area has been expanded to include new space for the locker shelves as well as a convenient area for bowls used in instructions. The volunteers who do so much work for the club have assembled a well-equipped shop and work space.

Many other volunteers, too numerous to name, have taken part in these projects. All this in anticipation of the big opening ceremony of the National Open Tournament, which will once again be held here at the Leisure World Club. We and six other Orange County lawn bowling clubs will be welcoming bowlers from all over the United States and several foreign countries.

The family of Alice Stuck has donated money for purchase of an electronic organ for the clubhouse. Several talented musicians are filling the air with the sound of music; in particular, Anne Windham, who is spending many hours at the keyboard.

We look forward to greeting you at the 1999 ALBA and AWLBA National Open.

In Memoriam

Anna Espenschade

Ben Koff

John Monfettee

White Sutton

Rene Van Nieulande

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

OXNARD-JOSLYN

By Ed Oroupalik

A hearty welcome aboard to our newest members, Ann & Sal Mollo, who recently moved here (to Harbor Island) from Malibu. Also, a new transfer member, Dick Elliot, from the Santa Anita club. Dick was also an instructor at that club and his experience will be put to good use. We certainly welcome back Alex Mackie, an accomplished bowler of experience and perfection.

The challenge by our out-going president to "recruit, recruit & recruit" has really stimulated our head recruiter, Dave Jones. He has been hard at work with lots of publicity—both pictures and articles—in the local papers, and it is paying off. We have several new students being trained and they look very promising. He has many other ideas and publications in the works, and we are all working hard for him with help in training, distribution of pamphlets, public appearances and many planned open houses.

Bill Taschek's first fun tournament of the new year in early March was a smashing success. It consisted of three games of triples with luck of the draw, with leads bowling the last bowl on each end. The idea was to show the leads how important they are to the game and to their skip. The winners were: 1. Rosalie Hutton, Bill Taschek, Margie Lewis; 2. George Love, Jim McVey, Fran Biddle; 3. Raul Perez, Dick Coleman, Janet Wittschen.

We have completed our club playdown to determine who will represent Oxnard in the SWD interclub games. The winners are: Charles Ciummo, Rob Hutton, Armand Escalante and Jane Brewster. A tough schedule follows.

Our Gold Coast schedule is complete and teams firmed up. It all started April 1st.

We are deeply indebted to Tom Dion, from the MacKenzie Park Club, for the many hours he spent with our hard working crew of groundskeepers recently demonstrating the proper use of our new equipment, especially our new groomer. They removed about seven large barrels of thatch. Our greens are now in great shape for the coming season, running about 13 seconds. Thank you Tom and, also, our own Raul Perez, Armando Escalante and Amador Martinez. We owe you all a big thank you and a cold one.

Special People—Bill Joseph

Ask anyone who knows him to describe Bill Joseph and they'll probably answer: "He's a really nice guy." And, if they are a member of the Santa Barbara L.B.C., they'll be likely to add: "He's the guy who's always doing things for the club."

Bill has served as Vice-President for two years, on the Board of Directors since 1998, a member and Chairman of the Greens Committee, in charge of rinks and rotation, Gold Coast Chairman and player, ALBA representative since 1995, Dick Cole Tournament Chairman for the club, on the budget committee since 1996, gets out of bed early and drives down to the green to make sure the green is playable after a storm, tends the greens on the gardener's days off, and greets and welcomes visitors. Personally, I haven't seen him doing windows yet, but he was seen the other day headed for the men's room with a plunger in his hand.

Bill is married to a lovely lady named Dita, who was born and grew up in the same section of Brooklyn as he did.



Bill and Dita Joseph

However, they didn't meet until both were in college. During a hitch in the U.S. Army, Bill and Dita married at Fort Dix in 1953, bought a house in nearby Denville, N.J., and settled down to raise their family for the next 31 years. In the early 80s, as visitors to California, the Josephs fell in love with the Golden State, eventually deciding that the Santa Barbara area was their "perfect spot".

Settling into their new home in Goleta (next door to Santa Barbara), Bill and Dita began looking for an activity and saw an offer by the local LBC for free bowling lessons. And so, as they say, the rest is history. The club gained a new hard-working member in Bill, and a top-level bowler in Dita.

If you are ever in the Santa Barbara area stop by the green for a game. When a friendly guy greets you, ask him to show you the big, beautiful mural of Sir Francis Drake that Dita painted on one of the outside walls a few years ago.

Bob Roberts

CASTA del SOL

By Rally Bates

Another successful winter season has come and gone, and everyone is looking forward to warmer weather, a greener green (although it's been in excellent condition), twilight bowling, South Coast League, and all the other amenities that summer brings—as well as regular daily bowling.

We have had three special activity days during the winter season. On February 14, we had our annual Valentine's Day party—bowling first, followed by a great pot luck dinner.

In early March, we hosted a Fun Day. About forty people participated from a half dozen other clubs plus the Casta members. Teams were set up by random draw, with a number of Casta people being on the winning teams.

To cap off the season, we had another annual event, the St. Patrick's Day party on March 17—bowling first, a potluck

dinner, and a great deal of Irish enthusiasm, as shown by the green and white clothes that everybody wore. Again, our sincere appreciation goes to Bev Thornton and Lucile Flo for being outstanding hostesses at all those affairs.

South Coast League has started. We hosted the league games on March 19, and a great time was had by all. Although it's still much too early to predict anything, we're looking forward to a good season.

Through the efforts of John Parker, we have replaced all of the bench covers with corrugated plastic sheet, repaired and repainted the frames, and put them back into A-1 condition. The next part of our maintenance program is to sand the green and repair and paint all the backboards. This should put the green in excellent shape for great bowling during the balance of the year.

In Memoriam
Jim Mooney

MACKENZIE PARK

(Santa Barbara)

By Anne A. Vilkin

We started the Southwest Division competition in January and finished it in March. The top four players to represent our club are: Stan Bloom, Roland Birsch, JoAnn Wayne and Carmel Bloom. Alternates are Norm Andersen, Karl Pichulik, and alternate's alternate Ray Charpentier.

We played the Pacific North League, sponsored by Sam and Mary DeLisle. It was won by Pat Fagan and his team: Dita Joseph, Anne Vilkin and Dick Rivera.

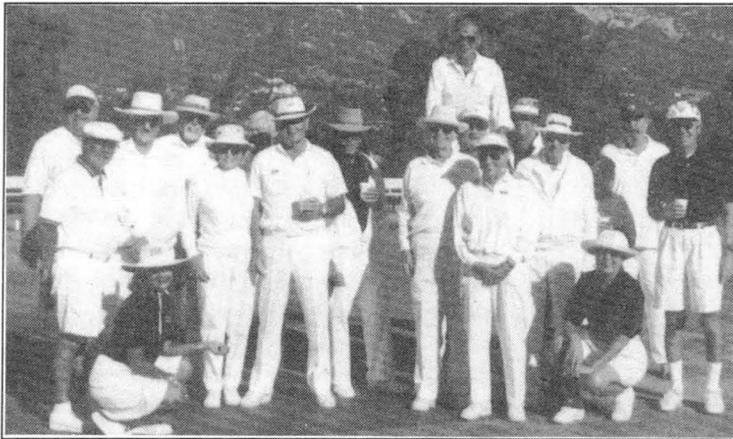
In January, Walter Crooks, past president of the San Jose LBC, currently

a member here, initiated what we hope will be an annual standard: the MacKenzie Club Pairs Winter League. Ten teams competed over several weeks, playing two 14-end games each time. The League Champions were Pat Fagan and Anne Vilkin. This was followed by the Top Four Playoffs, whose winners were: 1. Duane Aasted and Larry MacDonald, 2. Forrest Dietrich and Thelma Duran. In February, the Novice Singles was won by Ed Russell. Ray Charpentier finished second, and Roland Birsch third.

All of us saw Mary DeLisle off to South Africa to compete in the AWLBA Atlan-

tic Rim Games. She was accompanied by her husband Sam. That usually means we'll have lots of pictures of the event. See results elsewhere in this issue.

We are proud to welcome two new members, Elizabeth Balcom and Henry Feniger.



MacKenzie competitors in the Club's Pairs Winter League. The winners, Anne Vilkin and Pat Fagan, are sixth and seventh (sort of) from the left.

On the sad side, we regret having to report the deaths of Ruth Clinard (wife of Marshall Clinard), Evangeline Hunt, (wife of Bob Hunt), and Carmen Dennis (wife of Archie Dennis). Carmen was a terrific hostess. We also lost philanthropist Paul Meyer, a generous supporter of our club, Bo Wright (husband of Ellie Wright), and Reggie Petersen, Games Chair for many years.

We are still fighting the City Fathers for the building of our clubhouse. It's too soon to predict when we can actually break ground.

HOLMBY PARK

(West Los Angeles)

By Marcella Krisel

Roger Denser won our yearly Novice Singles Tournament, defeating Beate Stubbings. Peter Stubbings and Bob Tegnazian were runners-up.

The Naylor Doubles ended on March 18th with a bit of an upset. The finalists, Brian Studwell and Tom Seres, played Sam Benjamin and Bob Tegnazian. On the 16th end, they were tied 15-15. In the very exciting final two ends, Benjamin and Tegnazian were able to pick up six shots, winning 21-15.

In the news: A photo of Dan Cirlin modeling a newly designed UCLA basketball shirt appeared in the April edition of the UCLA Alumni News publication.

Stanley Chase's artist wife, Dorothy Rice, had a well-attended reception and book signing recently at the Crustacean Restaurant, in Beverly Hills. Her book, "To Beverly Hills, With Love", is in color, and every page shows a delightful reproduction of her paintings of various points of interest in that world-renowned city.

The following Holmby Park bowlers participated in the Southwest All-Club Competition: George Alpern, Dan Cirlin, Harry Dickenson, Don Hedge, Brian Studwell, Bud Wakeling, Frank Grea, Len Foreman, Dave Horner, Phillis Hopkins, Margaret Moffat, Peter Stubbings, Jim Hasty, Mark Salmon, Bob Altschuler, Rick Livermore, Tom Seres and Joe Waldorf

SAN DIEGO

By Karen Anderson

San Diego LBC places a high priority on the recruitment of new members. Two methods of recruitment have proven to be very successful. The first is to approach all those who stop to watch our games. Anyone who lingers for more than a minute is approached by one of our members who briefly describes the game. If they display some interest, we give them a brochure with information about the game and telephone numbers they can call to set up lessons. In the first two months of this year we have been able to recruit five passerbys, who are currently taking lessons.

The second method is the personal recruitment of friends of our members. Presidents' Day, in February of each year, is the culmination of our annual membership drive. About two months earlier, we ask our members to invite their friends to become lawn bowlers and they're given a form to fill out for each prospective member. Our membership chairperson then sends a letter to each prospective member inviting him or her to our Presidents' Day event. The members follow-up with a personal phone call to each prospect they have invited.

Presidents' Day begins with an introduction to the game of bowls followed by a hands-on opportunity for the prospects to try the game. This is followed by one of our fabulous potluck lunches. During lunch members invite the prospects to sign up for lessons. In the afternoon, while the members play their usual game, the guests are invited to watch or receive some informal instruction.

This year, our members recruited 90 prospects. Of those recruited, 42 attended our Presidents' Day Membership Drive and 39 signed up for lessons. Two weeks later, 17 had already received instruction. We have twelve experienced members who are giving their time to serve as instructors.

Last year, 34 prospects attended Presidents' Day and thirty signed up for lessons. Unfortunately, El Nino played havoc with the scheduling of lessons and very few actually joined the club. Fortunately, some of those same people came back this year to try again. When we called the prospects to set up the actual time for lessons, the comments most often heard were about how friendly everyone is at San Diego Lawn Bowling Club.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

Special People—Christina Irvine

Scottish lawn bowlers are everywhere and forever. And Christina Irvine is no exception.

Some twenty years ago, Tina, along with Kay Pollock, Eleanor Smith and Ethel Kays started a separate lawn bowling group for women of the Club. In order to understand the importance of the deed you need to know that twenty years ago men would not play on the same green with a woman. And, many of the men were very rude, expecting women to fix the food and play on the end rinks, if any. All that has changed now, but the women continue to have a strong organization with regular monthly meetings and a morning of bowling competition.



For many years Tina has been AWLBA's National and Southwest Division Historian, maintaining records for all who follow. In 1977, she won the National Triples with Mary Sneed and Nan Pollock. Her good friend Mary has been her regular partner ever since.

Though born in Scotland, Tina didn't start bowling until she came to the United States at age 42. Her sister and husband, Helen and Alex Marshall, were already into lawn bowls and had no trouble encouraging Tina to get into the sport. In 1967, when the Marshalls came west to Leisure World, Laguna Hills, Tina also came.

Tina Irvine has continued a lively interest in everything concerning lawn bowls, and we are all indebted to her for her long and enthusiastic support of the game.

Pat Mayo

RIVERSIDE

By Barney Chapman

Our annual Christmas party/business meeting was held at Chan's Restaurant in December. Election of officers was held by the membership with the following results.

President and Chairman, Ken Bolton Vice-President, Bob Hill, Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Lippman

At the Board meeting in January, the following members were appointed to the positions indicated: Delegate SW ALBA, Larry Mumma; Delegate SW AWLBA, Denny Dennerlein; Games/Tournament/Citrus, Stu Sistas; Entertainment/Hospitality, Erika Sistas; Visitations, Holly Hollingsworth; Nominations, Mike Bright; Building/Grounds, Neil Snyder; Greens Maintenance, Ken Bolton.

In January, we held our annual "All Events Day", planned and conducted by Larry Mumma. Jo Mumma won first place overall (no evidence of collusion between the Mumma family has been proven!). Other members won the "Spider", "Plinth" and "Dog House" events. Awesome prizes were awarded winners of each event.

The Mumma-Todd Mixed Pairs Tournament was held in mid-January. Forty-six pairs teams, with lady skips, utilized all three greens. The competition was played under the direction of Peg

SUN CITY

(California)

By Betty Munden

The year has gotten off to a good start with our first training class (that began in January) resulting in 15 graduates. We actively recruit all year and it really pays off for us. Our next class will be in June.

Our Novice Singles Tournament was held in February, with Don Handy taking first place and Ron Turner second. The President's Day Tournament, also in February, was a great success. We played two games, and everyone brought a brown bag lunch. The club furnished veggies, chips, drinks and dessert. We used Quinell scoring and had nine happy winners at the end of the day.

Also in February, Sun City hosted the K. Harland Women's Triples Tournament. The weather was perfect, 60 women entered, and our Hospitality Committee, chaired by Mary Ann Viseur, did an outstanding job.

This year we are participating in the Southwest Division Club Competition. We had 16 participants and have determined our four member team and two substitutes. The next step is to play against another local club.

It took us nearly two weeks to complete our Men's Singles Tournament in March due to rain, threats of rain, conflicts in schedule, and the large number of entries. The Tournament was won by our perennial winner, Tom Mitchell, besting Ray Finch.

Congratulations to all our tournament players. Whether you win or not, it's great to see so many of you on the greens!

A number of our members have been busy building cupboards, cabinets, shelves, etc., to alleviate some of the crowded conditions in our club room. And, we have also repainted our walls and will install new flooring to give our space an exciting new fresh look. We thank all those who have given so much of their time and effort—because they enjoy the game of Bowls!

In Memoriam

Nancy Behrens

Tex Campbell

Staci Phillips

McCutcheon. Overall winner was the team of Kottia Spangler and Simon Meyerowitz.

AWLBA's Ladies Day was held at the RLBC in February. Sixty-two bowlers enjoyed the beautiful day, great greens, and newly decorated clubhouse. (Ken Bolton and crew have been busy!)

The Citrus League began in February, extending thru mid-April on consecutive Thursdays at Riverside LBC. Ten teams participating are from Hemet, Pomona, Redlands, Riverside and Sun City.

The annual Murray-Allison Singles Tournament was played on our greens February 20-21, and the Murray half was won by our own Bob Hill.

Speaking for our entire membership, I extend our hearty appreciation and thanks for a job well done on the renovation of the clubhouse by our esteemed president, Ken Bolton. With a bit of help from various members, he has not only greatly beautified the clubhouse interior, but has groomed our three greens to near perfection.

In Memoriam

Barbara Jones Whitney

Al Kreinberg

John Neblett

BEVERLY HILLS*By Hy Kohlestrl*

Helman Todes was #1 in our annual Club Australian Singles tournament, with Meredith Goodwin finishing a close second. We are amidst the Club Doubles event as this issue goes to press.

Competing for the first time in the Southwest Division Club Championships—that event still without a real name—we teamed with neighbor Santa Monica LBC in the opening round, played over three Sunday dates in March. BHLBC participants were: Don Arden, Meredith Goodwin, Allen Grossman, Neville Sacks, Edna Samson, Howard Sanders, Joe Siegman, Richard Simon and Helman Todes. Particularly pleasing was the appearance of normally non-tournament bowlers competing alongside hard-nosed weekend warriors—with no disadvantage and lots of enjoyment.

BHLBC is gearing up for the giant Memorial Day weekend Walt Disney Triples Tournament, whose \$10,000 jackpot will be the largest prize pool in the history of American lawn bowling. There's lots to do to make certain all entrants receive VIP treatment on and off the green.

Coincidentally, this year marks the 70th anniversary of the opening of Roxbury Memorial Park, site of our bowling greens. The City of Beverly Hills will mark the date with a re-dedication of the park on Sunday, May 30th, the second qualifying day of our Disney event. So, there promises to be lots of goings on in the park that day, with bands, media and loads of VIPs entertaining and milling about. If you're not planning to enter the Disney, you might want to visit the green that Sunday afternoon to participate or just peruse the goings on.

The grand old bowler of Beverly Hills, Domenick Punaro, passed away in February, a month before his 99th birthday. Domenick was one of those unique individuals of whom it could be said represented all that is right with lawn bowling.

In Memoriam

Domenick Punaro

HEMET-JOSLYN*By Peg McCutcheon*

It's that time of year again when we have to say goodbye to our good friends and seasonal members, wish them well, and look forward to their return next fall.

Our green is in great shape thanks to the hard work of Carl Henrich, assisted by Gordon Howard and Dean Perry. We are proud of our new padded cement backboards. They are a great addition to the green and also will alleviate some of the required maintenance.

We are all set for our annual Rinks Tournament on April 10-11. Results in the next issue.

Club tournaments:

Novice Singles—1. Jessica Perry, 2. Hortencia Gonzalez, 3. Dave Evans

Vet-Novice—1. Dee Kessler/Glad Lill, 2. Beth Bierce/Joan Burke, 3. Clayton Ball/Greg Lill

Mixed Triples—1. Paula Bellone/Jean

Clark/Clayton Ball, 2. Wen Mowery/Josie Loy/Joan Rice, 3. Beth Bierce/Mary Ann Rucinski/Jack Rice, 4. Dee Kessler/Dick VanZante/Ed Kearns

Coming up next will be the Club Rally and the Open Pairs.

March Ladies Day was celebrated at Hemet as a St. Patricks Day party. Shamrocks were made and presented to each of the 43 ladies in attendance. The Hospitality Crew, headed by Dee Kessler, really did a great job with the delicious food they prepared.

Congratulations to Don Camunez, who won 1st place in the ALBA Novice Singles event in Long Beach on March 20. Don has also placed in several tournaments recently— 5th (with Emily Jaquez) in the Vet-Novice at Lake Hodges, and 5th (with Clair Ott and Emily Jaquez) at the Pomona Triples.

SW NOVICE SINGLES

Eighteen men entered the 1999 Southwest Novice Singles, played March 20th at Long Beach LBC. Six players won all three of their matches, which meant shot margin determined the top finishers:

1. Don Camunez, Hemet
2. Richard Blatter, Long Beach
3. Jerry Della Valle, Long Beach

LAKE HODGES*By Don Docker*

With new President Jim Whittaker duly installed along with his new management board, we have settled down to another year of bowling.

Our first visitation of the year was with Oaks North L.B.C. at their fine facility, and what a beautiful spring-like day for March 4.

The new management board has taken some innovative steps to attempt to solve the ever present problem of recruitment. One of these is to purchase portable lights to augment the permanent ones installed last summer which, although quite effective, do tend to cast some shadows. This is to attract people who are at work during the day to bowl evenings.

March 17, St. Paddy's Day, found us once again engaged in fun games, interrupted by Past President Mike Michalek's famous Irish (Polish) lunch of corned beef, cabbage, soda bread, etc.

Thanks, Mike!

CORRECTION

The Lake Hodges club report appearing in the winter issue of BOWLS included an incorrect reference to the late John Wessel. The correct name should have been Jan Wessel. We appologize for the error.

RANCHO BERNARDO*By Robert V. Janssen*

We welcome AL OGLE as a new member of the Rancho Bernardo Lawn Bowling Club. Looks like a good player.

Our first-of-the-month breakfast is still going strong headed by Lela Cooper.

This winter, so far, has been good for the sport. But we are still short on the rain gage. It's hard to beat our good old San Diego weather.

Officers for this year are: John Hoaglin president, Bob Janssen vice president, Ferol Rice treasurer, Mat Stevensen secretary. Board members are Magaret Duncan and Bob Rice.

Our greens are now under repair and it will probably be two or three weeks before we will be able to play on it. Neighbor Oaks North LBC has generously allowed us to use theirs while ours are under repair. Thanks Oaks North!

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

LONG BEACH

By Ann Kirchberg

We have had a great year of lawn bowling here at Long Beach—the best weather and best greens ever.

Terry Loomis, Pat Gonzales and Katy Stone placed first in the "B" flight of the Natsen Mixed Triples at Newport Beach. Long Beach placed third this year in Coast League. We have our eye on first place next year.

In the women's Ina Jackson 5-Star Tournament, Long Beach entered two teams. The team of Edna Schmidt, Pat Gonzales, Liz Fowler Ginny Granert and Rosemarie Da Roza won all four of its games but placed second to a team with more plus points. The team of Betty Losch, Ann Kirchberg, Freddie Hinson, Margaret Rodman and Gloria Hendricks split its wins and losses.

The Persina Mixed Triples at Newport was a great tournament. The director, Mert Isaacman, hosted an authentic East Indian dinner. Our bowlers did very well, with the team of Bob Ogden, Ann Kirchberg and John Parker taking second place. In third place were Terry Loomis, Edie Schuster and Jim Altobelli.

ALHAMBRA

By Alice Lawrence

LADIES DAY in Oxnard has a schedule conflict, so we are being welcomed at Friendly Valley on Wednesday, June 16. Come bowl with us. We have a great time!

Dick Cole authorized a joint venture with Alhambra and Pasadena to participate in the '99 Club Fun League. We all enjoyed great bowling, with Hugo's help and his helper Irene.

We have received a request to welcome fifty British lawn bowlers on April 5, 2000. Can anyone please lend us a Union Jack for the occasion?

Visitations have been arranged by Carl Lawrence with Pasadena/Glendale and Friendly Valley, and a dinner date with Santa Anita. These folks are always an evening of fun and games.

We have arranged a monthly Club Tournament, several Share-A-Snack times, Potlucks and membership meeting for everyone's enjoyment.

Sadly, we report the passing of charter member Louise Munsey. Have fun on the green.

In Memoriam
Louise Munsey

SANTA ANA

By Elaine Hughes

1998 came to a glorious end with a Christmas party at a favorite local restaurant. Many members tripped the light fantastic to a great little three-piece combo known as "The Anomalies". Music from the "Fifties" wafted through the air as our new club president, Skip Schwanz, was seen kicking up his heels with many of the delighted ladies.

The past year's winners of the various club tournaments were honored with trophies and applause:

Club Triples—Leo Smith/Elaine Hughes/Claude Peardon

Club Pairs—(A Flt) Hugh Hughes/Joline Beck; (B Flt) Dale Hahlbeck/Claude Peardon

Men's Singles—Dale Hahlbeck

Ladies Singles—Marion Horwood

Australian Pairs—Dale Hahlbeck/Merle Clever

Ina Jackson Pairs—Dale Hahlbeck/Bill Dietrich

Club Singles—(A Flt) Leo Smith; (B Flt) Elaine Hughes

Jeanine Spurrier Memorial—Leo Smith/Claude Peardon

December also saw Santa Ana play host to over 90 AWLBA bowlers who braved the frigid winds before heading to the Groves Clubhouse for a scrumptious Christmas buffet.

In January, newly elected club officers assumed their duties: President, Skip Schwanz; Vice-President, Ernestine Ransom; Secretary, Marion Horwood; Treasurer, Dick Morgan; Board Members: Claude Peardon, Don Jackson, Gary Ginther, Lu Oberling and alternate Merle Cleaver.

Bill Dietrich was honored as "Man of the Year" for the many volunteer hours he has spent renovating and maintaining the greens, resulting in their present superb condition.

Santa Ana is looking forward to an eventful Spring and Summer. Here's hoping to see you on our greens this year.



Southern California cold winds didn't chill out Joyce Novak, left, and Elaine Hughes, or the other 88 ladies enjoying SWD AWLBA's December get-together at Santa Ana.



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CAMBRIA-JOSLYN*By Ed Pierce*

President Bill Barrows has named Bob Burns in charge of intra and interclub tournaments. Bob previously served as Tournament Chair for several years.

The year's first interclub tournament will occur at the always hospitable Fresno Lawn Bowling Club on the weekend of April 17-18. We expect to have 18 or more bowlers making the trek in April for the two days of lawn bowling, plus an evening of dining and card playing.

Next on the yearly schedule is a visit from a (customarily) large group of Santa Maria Lawn Bowls Club members on May 6. We return their visit on June 22.

More than the usual number of CLBC members have been showing up on "Sick Call" recently. These include Tom Ashlock, Bill Barrow, Mona Davies, Harry Jones, Vi and Ken Vander Linden. At least this is the list that will publicly acknowledge and admit to ailments beyond the to-be-expected aches and pains.

CLBC is mourning the loss of four longtime members and good friends within two weeks in February: Art Wilson, Hess Berryman, Tet Tetlus and Jake Jacobsen. All were loyal and committed lawn bowlers. Art for several years ably served as the club's Publicity Chair and ALBA correspondent, and Hess and Tet were among those who arrived at the Joslyn Center early each lawn bowling morning for many years to aid in setting up the rinks and making everything ready for play when other bowlers arrived. How ironic that these two true gentlemen (whether you spell it as one word or two) who were such longtime close friends should pass within three days of each other. We shall put a special commemorative plaque on Locker 17.

SANTA ANITA*By Winnie Eberle*

Santa Anita has been quite active the beginning of the year. Our monthly Ladies meetings, where the ladies play a game of bowls and then have lunch, have been well-attended. Also, our Circle Bowling is anticipated each month by the entire membership. We are well-entertained at our birthday parties as well as well fed.

We hosted the SWD ALBA and AWLBA meetings in January. Also, the Valley League and enjoyed a pleasant visitation from Pomona. Our ladies had pleasant days at Riverside and Hemet.

A few of our members are entering the various Saturday club invitational and Division tournaments, with more or less success. They enjoy the competition. Floy Torvid and Marinko Tudor entered the Mumma Todd Mixed Pairs at Riverside and won first place on their green.

Men's Pairs, Blue Feather, our Round Robin tournament, and the Club Competition were played. Men's Pairs was won by Doug Ferris and Robert Virza. Jim Whiteley and Bill MacFarland were second, with Hector Nevarez/Herman Cook and Chuck Browning/Marinko Tudor tying for third place.

Winners of the Blue Feather were Bill Gearhart, Ernie Bentz and Stan Vogt, with Jim Donohue, Gene Plunkett and Charlotte Ernest runners-up.

In the Club Competition Bill MacFarland, Don King, Marinko Tudor and Phil Nuzzo go on to the next round at Pasadena. They overcame John Ernest, Dick Wellman, Terry Higgins and Gene Plunkett.

As for our greens, the mills of the gods grind very, very slowly. But, we do see a ray of hope in the not too distant future.

SAN CLEMENTE*By Jean Carlson*

The past three months, we ran our annual Singles Tournament. Ron Temple was winner and Jean Carlson took second place.

President Evan Spealman presided at our annual banquet held at the San Clemente Golf Club, where trophies were presented. We had a delicious dinner of mostly prime rib and baked chicken. The Committee furnishes hors d'oeuvres.

An accordionist entertained with all the oldie songs, with the group singing along. A good time was had by all.

The past couple of months, we've had visitors from New York, Sun City and Lake Hodges (Oceanside). Do come and join us on our great synthetic turf.

SANTA BARBARA*By Dudley Miller*

A rather impromptu party celebrating the arrival of 1999 will most certainly become known as the First-annual New Year's Day Spaghetti Party. Conceived and nurtured by Dorothy Thielges, a spaghetti feast following the holiday-bowling game at noon on January 1, was a resounding success. All of the 54 attending members contributed the goodies that were then prepared and presented by Dorothy and her lovely and gracious assistants: Eleanor Simmons, Margaret Gibbs, Maxine Johnson and Doris Sneddon. Once again, Santa Barbara set the universal standard of weather excellence: beautiful blue skies and a temperature of 72 degrees on January 1!

As one of our veteran bowlers, Connie Steketee, points out, lawn bowling is much more than playing the game. Three years ago, Connie provided the energy needed to initiate a program through which club members donate stuffed toys to the Santa Barbara Police Department. These cuddly toys are carried in police cars and offer much needed comfort to young children involved in unpleasant events requiring police intervention. This year's effort was another resounding success, and a total of about 1000 toys have been donated through this fine club program.

Sixty-six red-and-white-clad members turned out for afternoon of bowling on Valentine's Day. Connie Steketee conducted the requisite "spider"—won by Pearl Howe—while "Romeos" Chuck Graffy, Bill Joseph, Gino Mangini and Ray Togni served the between-games ice cream and cake. The kitchen duties were beautifully handled with the effective touch of Margery Cronshaw. President Eleanor Simmons provided her usual fine leadership of the entire production.

After several rain delays and some extremely close scoring matches, Bill Schultz won the Club Novice Singles competition, with Ed Guarino second and John Hutchings third. Mother Nature was more cooperative for the Novice Doubles, which was won in a playoff game by Dorothy Thielges and Abby Rogers. Second place went to Gordon and Dorothy Gay, with Arnon and Beverly Blau third. This fine group of novice bowlers bodes well for the future of the Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club.

We are saddened by the loss of another veteran bowler, Bob Chalupa, a member of our club for twelve years.

In Memoriam
Bob Chalupa

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SANTA MONICA

By Bob Nock

1999 represents the 50th anniversary of the founding of our club in May, 1949. To celebrate our golden year we are planning an appropriately festive anniversary tournament, to be held later in the year.

Meanwhile, on the final day of February, the club held the first two rounds of its Annual Triples Championship competition, yielding semi-finalists: Alan Power, Maggie Moffat and Scott Cormier on one team, and David Hallman, Lucy Brewer and Al Hamblin on the other. The playoff for this competition will be held in late April.

Also in March, our club combined with Beverly Hills to complete the three SW Division Club Competition matches required to form a team to compete with other clubs in the Division Championship Cup games. Last year Santa Monica was runner up to San Diego in the finals. Once again, Alan Power organized these games.

Our three newest members are Scott Cormier, Dave Lambert and Hal Posner. Scott (also now our youngest member at 28) rarely misses a bowling day or oppor-

tunity (only when it conflicts with his school studies). All three participated in our Monday afternoon clinics prior to joining the club roster. These Monday clinics seem to be a significant help for increasing club membership, as well as providing an additional day for regular bowling.

Starting mid-April, when daylight saving time goes into effect, we plan to resume evening bowling on Mondays and Thursdays, 5 to 7:30 p.m. The evenings are usually quite pleasant in Santa Monica and we had a good turnout last year. Thanks to greenkeeper Bill Grant, our green continues to be in good shape, running fast and true.

We will miss Jim McGauley and Anne Welch when they return to their homes in Scotland for the summer, but look forward to their return later in the year. Meanwhile, we are expecting to see Max and Ann Wurwand, arriving from England in April for an extended stay in Santa Monica.

In Memoriam

Charolette Broeshaar

Domingo Fuertes

REDLANDS

By Peg Bennett

Our most recent lawn bowling member, Bob Castle, teamed with Lee Bain in a Veteran-Novice tournament played at Lake Hodges, and won the event!

At a recent Ladies' Day played in Riverside, our entries were Zelda Bain, Pat Oesterlein and Sheillagh Carver. Zelda won both her matches, while Pat was one and one.

In late February, the Redlands club played host to six visiting lawn bowlers from Canada who are staying in Palm Springs until the middle of March. They were Sandi and Bill Barnes (Vernon, B.C.), Murray & Marion Zaphe and Kathleen Olson (Alberta), and Arnie Grant from Palm Desert. It was a wonderful afternoon of bowling and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

From the grapevine, we hear that Vern Gaston is slowly recovering from his recent illness, and Nedra Conley is walking with a special shoe on her broken foot. We hope they will both be back on the greens soon.

In Memoriam

Duncan MacLean

NEWPORT HARBOR

By Gil Curry

There was a big turnout for our January President Cup Open Triples. At the end of two games—14 ends each, blind draw—we had:

1. Ken Buckley, Bill Bemus, Betty Berish
2. Harvey Miller, Jo Devine, Mary Amies
3. Eddie Bower, Gail Sellers, Helen Black

Thanks to Jim Altobelli for running the tournament.

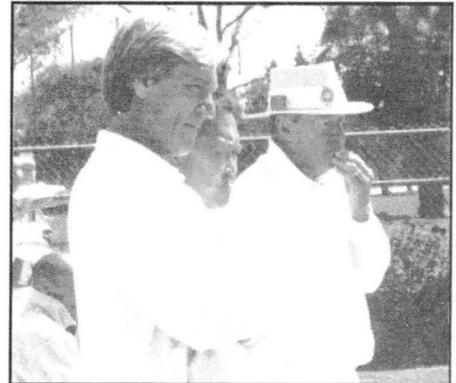
For our Valentine's Day Tournament, top finishers among the fourteen sets of pairs bowling:

1. Terry Loomis/Jo Devine
2. Chuck & Luetta Gebhart
3. Ray Bazyouros/Fran Miller

Our St. Patrick's Day Pairs was a "men's choice" event, and there were four six-end games, offering lots of variety. In the winners' circle:

1. Jerry Grady/Jo Devine
2. J.R. Rackliffe/Joan Klein
3. Al Davis/Harriet Bemus

Again, we thank Jim Altobelli for running a very interesting tournament, with lots of surprises and lots of "green"!



GRIM NOW, GRIN LATER. Mert Isaacman, Ian Ho and Ivan Hyland (l-r) were down three shots before scoring four on the final end to capture the Southwest half of the California State Triples Tournament, held March 20-21, at Long Beach LBC. Neil Furman, Michael Ashton-Phillips and Michael Siddall were runners-up; the team of Lionel Thom, Tom Dion and Hugh Findlay finished third. SW winners will meet PIM winners for the California title in October.

LAGUNA BEACH

By Ed Perry

The Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club participated in the 1999 Southwest Division Club Championship Competition sending eight teams to the first round games in February. There will further play in March at Newport Harbor LBC. We will be represented by Ivan Hyland, John Ingram, Patty Cutkomp and Ev Glaser.

On March 17th, we had our monthly Birthday Bowl, featuring St. Patrick's Day. Later in the month we enjoyed a Bowling Seminar by our Jerry Stewart.

All is well in Laguna Beach. Please come by and join us Bowling By the Sea!

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Walnut Creek, CA Inter Club Bowling Tournament

Frank Rozario, Prudence Glover, Elsie Napoli 12-15

Sun City Center, FL Grass League Eileen Love, Dodie

Hann, Andie Van Wyck 1-16

Deland, FL DeLand Invitational Tournament Beth

Forbes, Leon Lambert. Ross Farnham 1-26

Pomona, CA Pomona Invitational Triples Tournament

Raul Perez, Doris Sneddon, Armand Escalante 1-30

Sun City Center, FL Mixed Triples Invitational Ruth

Shewell, Norma Rice, Brian Rice 1-23

Clearwater, FL Clearwater-Mount Dora Champion-

ships Bill Bish, Lorraine Demman, Bonnie Bish 2-24

Mount Dora, FL Mount Dora Open Championships

George Bartlett, Marilyn Kurty, Norman Owens 2-

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Lakeland, FL 1999 Southeast Open Championships

Laurel Martin, June O'Leary, Betty Munroe 3-6

These are the last entries received in time for inclusion in the Spring 1999 Edition of BOWLS Magazine

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Nancy Nishikawa	3	20
Clair Ott	3	20
Mary Jane Henrich	3	20

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THE LAST SHOT

By Joe Siegman
 Editor of BOWLS Magazine

Do you take this woman...? Do you take this man...? Some of you know, most of you don't, that there is serious consideration towards merging the American Lawn Bowls Association (ALBA) and the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association (AWLBA) into a single entity. Study groups for both the men's and women's organizations are independently discussing the pros and cons of such a marriage.

Should the wedding take place, the net effect on daily lawn bowling will be nil. Ladies won't take over greens maintenance and men won't demand kitchen duties—unless, of course, they already do those things. The merger is contemplated for the purposes of better promotion of the sport, while streamlining national administration.

The easy questions regarding the merger have been asked over the past year. Now is the time for the hard questions. Now is the time to check out how other similar type sports have resolved (or not) the gender situation. What are the success stories? What are the failures? Managing a national association now and in the new millennium is and will continue to be a business. The old bachelor—ALBA was founded in 1915—and the young maiden—AWLBA was founded in 1970—might make a beautiful couple. But can they live together? How often have we heard: "He/she lived alone for so long, they're too set in their ways."

Actually, we already live together. The administrations of many (if not most) U.S. bowling clubs are gender friendly at all levels. Mixed bowling events abound. This magazine is published by ALBA, but if you check the bylines of the individual club reports herein, you'll find that at least a third of the reporters are

women. Most AWLBA members subscribe to *BOWLS Magazine*. And the togetherness list goes on.

Leaders of both associations might have to check their chauvinism at the door if they are to become lifetime partners. Falling in love with the idea of merger is a great start, but it will require the wedding party to learn to respect their prospective partners to achieve a long lasting relationship.

If you are pro or con the merger, now is the time to speak to your national officers and Division's Councilors (national representatives). Let them know how you feel about the merger proposal.

And, to those who don't give a hoot one way or the other, I remind you to be certain to keep the small circle on the inside when delivering your bowl.

The only curling I've ever seen has been on TV. But, I'm a great admirer of the sport. Actually, I'm jealous of the international success of the sport, and wowed by its creative administrators.

Curling is an Olympic sport. Certainly you know how popular and wide-spread curling is in the United States. Surpassed only by field hockey and beach volleyball. Yet, curling is an Olympic sport (as are field hockey and beach volleyball).

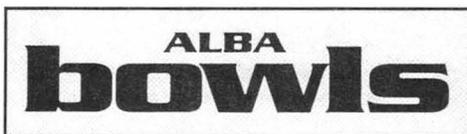
Brazil recently became the 34th country to join the World Curling Federation. The International Olympic Committee is said to require a sport federation to have 70 member countries to qualify for Olympic inclusion. The World Bowling Board, lawn bowls' international federation, long ago surpassed 34 member nations. But, curling is an Olympic sport.

As I understand it, besides an aggressive approach to promotion, curling's ace Olympic card is being a winter arena sport, fitting in nicely into the Winter Games. But, isn't bowls a winter arena sport—indoor bowls—in most parts of the world (not here in the U.S. yet)? We're not an Olympic sport.

Hats off to the curlers. Perhaps our merger committee should inquire how these professionals who appear to know what they're doing handle their gender situation.

Joe Siegman

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