

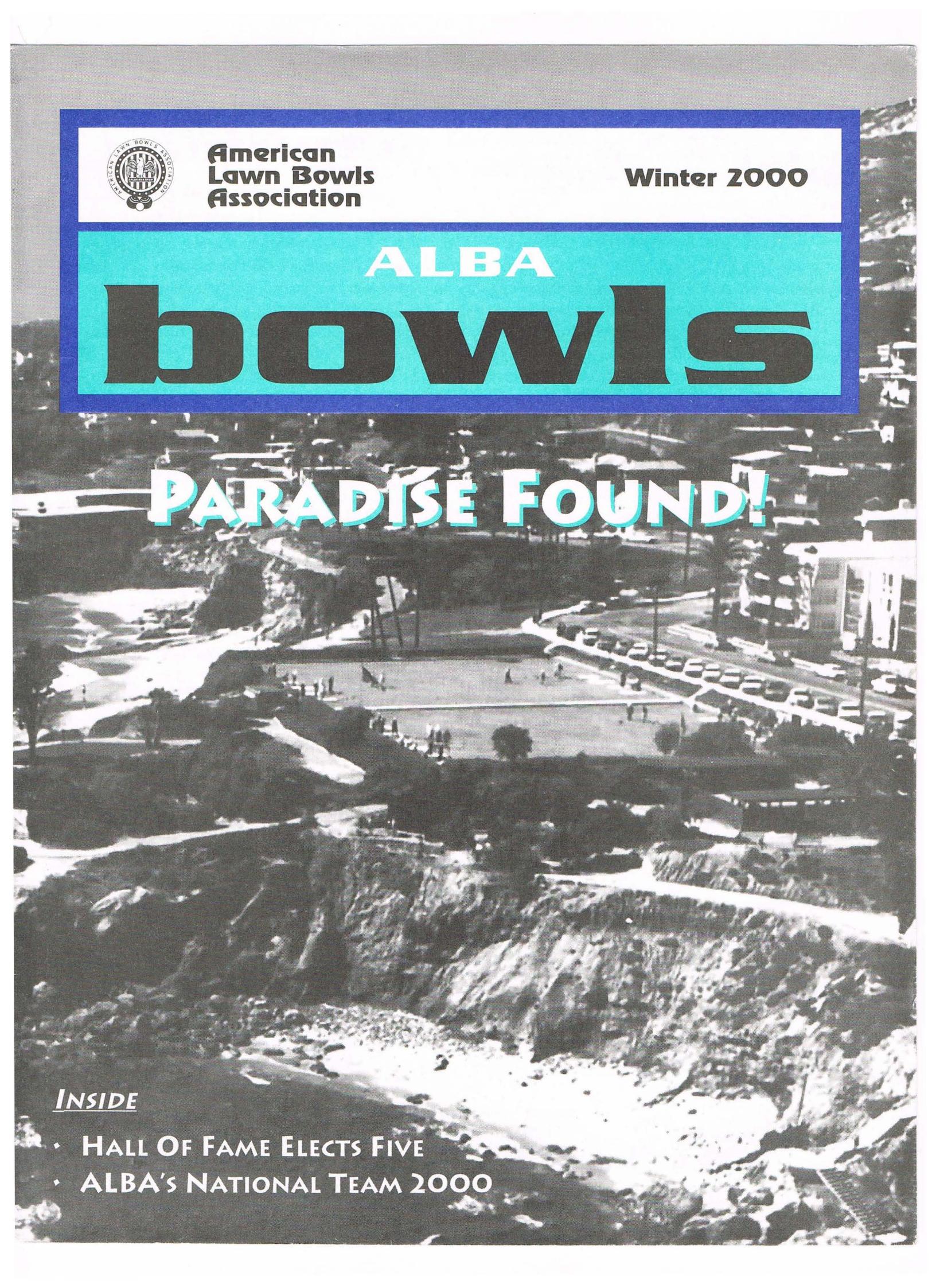


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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Jack Phillips

Welcome to the new millennium. We face some exciting challenges, but I see some encouraging signs that lawn bowls will grow and prosper.

We wring our hands over the demise of some of our long established clubs. At the same time there have been clubs established in places like Florida, Tennessee, Minnesota, California and Arizona. We need to work at keeping our established clubs viable, but at the same time we need to recognize that change is inevitable and that we must move forward and work hard at encouraging the formation of new clubs.

I was impressed with the success the Long Beach club has had in developing a youth program. We need more such programs throughout the country. ALBA and AWLBA are jointly establishing a Youth Advisory Group to help facilitate the development of youth programs.

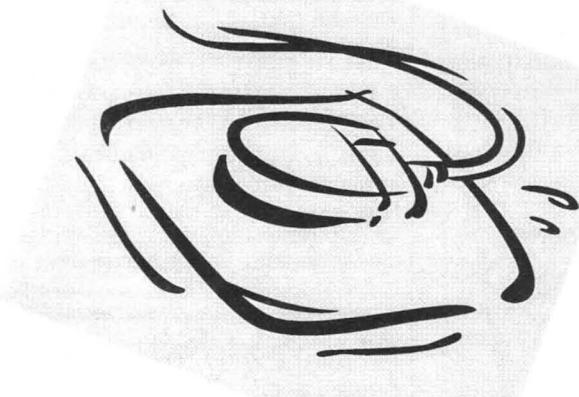
As you read this our teams are preparing to compete in the 2000 World Bowls (women in Moama, Australia and men in Johannesburg, South Africa). We are optimistic that both the men and women can build upon their success in last year's Asia-Pacific Championships and do us proud. Later this year we will be hosting Canada in Seattle, Washington for the North American Challenge.

You can help support our teams by making a *tax deductible contribution* earmarked for one of these events to the ALBA or AWLBA Memorial Foundation.

Let us all make a resolution to promote lawn bowls and good sportsmanship in this new year.

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## Letters to the Editor

### SOUR TASTES

Last summer Laralu Smith and her partner Jean Lithgow climbed a high peak in their bowling careers. They won the Eastern Division Pairs Playdowns. How exciting! They were going to the U.S. Championships in Long Beach, CA. They were ecstatic as was the entire NY Lawn Bowling Club. After all, that is the tournament we all crave to play in. The truth is most of us never even come close. It's a big deal, no matter how you look at it.

The day finally came, they were off and running, and then before they knew it, it was over, hands shook hands, and they and others retreated back to their own clubs where they were greeted with the most heartwarming applause, and fantastic rounds of hip, hip, hoorays!

Unfortunately for them, their first U.S. Championship had a dark side. On the second day of competition, their first game ran a little long, and consequently problems arose with the lunches. The next day the teams were told by the tournament director that a time limit would be set on the morn-

ing games. Oddly enough, the AWLBA rules for the U.S. Championships (rule B-2) states: "Pairs shall be 21 ends", and (rule B-6) states "All games must be completed". Both these rules were broken by the tournament officials in order to accommodate the food committee.

Needless to say this whole thing put quite a damper on their trip to the championships. And to make matters worse, their names were omitted in the article about the tournament in the last issue of Bowls.

We are so concerned as of late with declining membership, bad mouthing non-attendees of fund-raisers, or those who complain about greens conditions, we seem to be losing sight of the fact that maybe, just maybe those who are complaining have a good reason, and perhaps we should lend an ear.

**Joe Gioco**

National Umpire, New York City  
*ED: We regret the inadvertent omission of Laralu Smith's and Jean Lithgow's names in the story about the 1999 U.S. Championships.*

### CHOICES

Seems like the entire 18 years that I have been bowling the non-residents residing here in the "good ole USA" have been unhappy about not being able to represent this country in overseas events. It's time for them to: (a) get citizenship, (b) try to play for the country authorizing their passport, or (c) stop moaning and take appropriate steps to change the rules.

Those of us who are citizens are tired of the whining of everyone who wants to come to the USA and edge citizens out of the opportunity to play overseas. Poor sports would say they only want to play for the USA because perhaps they're not good enough to play for the country to which they currently belong. I'm hoping this isn't the case, and I wish the non-residents success in whatever choice they make since, after all, it all boils down to choices: Choice 1: Which country shall I choose to be a citizen of; Choice 2: What sport do I wish to take part in; Choice 3: Am I happy?

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**Next Deadline**  
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### THANKS

Thanks for the timely and well written editorial (previous issue). It's a sad day when players in the National Open Tournament don't know the rules and some leave the green, for whatever reason, after a dispute.

**Richard Blatter**  
 Long Beach, CA

### PET PEEVE

In case you decide to do a column on lawn bowling "pet peeves", you can start with bowlers who don't help out a lead when he or she rakes in bowls, even their own teammates. The other bowlers are expected to kick bowls into or in front of the rake, as common etiquette would dictate.

One of our old-timers solved the failure-to-kick-in-bowls problem by raking in what bowls were in front of his rake—and leaving the others where they lie.

**Fran Goodwin**  
 Mount Dora, FL

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## Y2K MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

The United States has selected its (year) 2000 National Team, reports Jim Graham, Chairman of the National Team Selectors Committee.

Two new faces appear on the Y2K team, Ivan Hyland and Simon Meyerowitz, both players former South Africans now residing in the Southern California.

Returning National roster members (from the 1999 team) are: Michael Ashton-Phillips (SW), Jack Behling (SC), Ian Ho (SW), Merton Isaacman (SW), Doug McArthur (SC), Bob Nunes (SW), Barry Pickup (SW), Ed Quo (SW), Siddall (SW), Frank Souza (PIM), Joel Stearn (PIM), Tom Stirrat (SC).

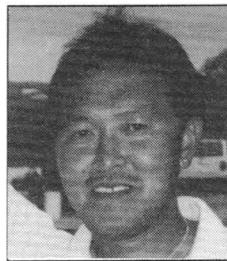
Selected to represent the United States at the World Bowls Championships, March 31-April 15, in Johannesburg, South Africa: Ashton-Phillips, Ho, Pickup, Stearn and Stirrat. Gil Stephan (SC) will be team manager.



M. Ashton-Phillips



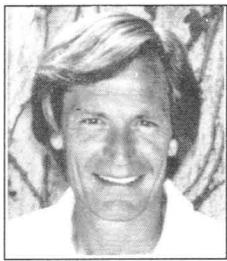
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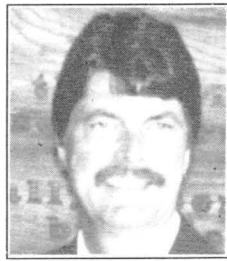
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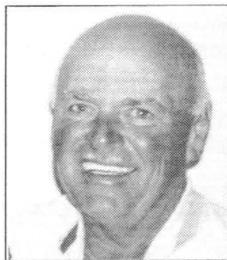
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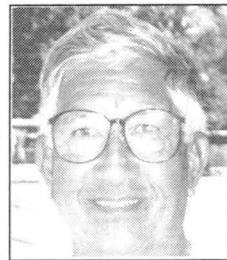
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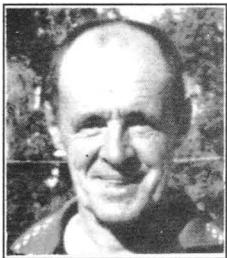
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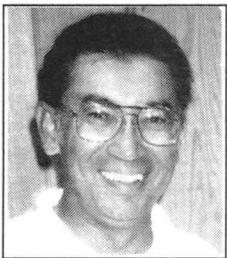
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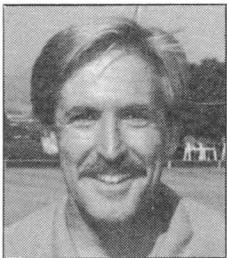
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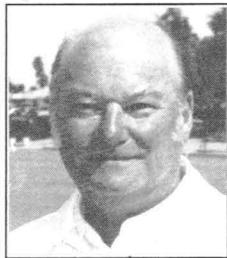
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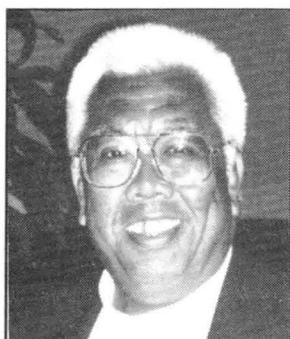
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## FIVE ELECTED TO ALBA HALL OF FAME

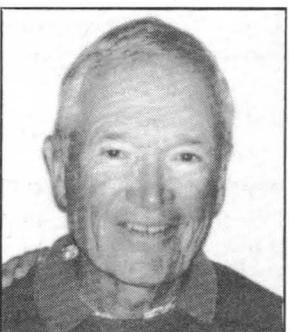
**F**ive past and present members of the American Lawn Bowls Association have been elected to the ALBA Hall of Fame for the year 2000. Announcements of the elections were made jointly by ALBA President Jack Phillips and ALBA Hall of Fame chairman Harold Esch during the National Open Tournament in October '99.

Members of the Class of 2000 are:

**SKIP ARCULLI.** The last American gold medalist at World Bowls, he won the World Pairs Championship at Aberdeen, Scotland in 1984. Also played on the United States' World Bowls Teams in 1988 (New Zealand) and 1996 (Australia). Appeared in the U.S. Championships nine times and holds four titles: Singles in 1978, 1981 and 1995; and Pairs in 1983. Also represented the Eastern Division at Championships in 1979, 1983 and 1990. National Open "Triple Crown" champion, winning the Open Singles in 1981, the Pairs in 1978 and 1983, and the Triples in 1983 and 1985. National Open "Bowler of the Tournament" three times: in 1978 (tie), in 1981, and in 1983. Represented the U.S. in various international competitions, including the Asia-Pacific Championships in 1993 (Victoria, BC). Born in Hong Kong and a U.S. citizen in 1973, he served on the ALBA National Council 1984-1988, during which time he also managed the ALBA Memorial Foundation portfolio. Resides in Nutley, N.J., and a member of the Essex County Lawn Bowling Club.



**GEORGE "CHAMP" SALISBURY.** President of ALBA for two years (1992-1993) he was also National Open Pairs champion in 1990 and 1991, and 1998 Triples champion. In 1995, he and partner Jack Behling won the U.S. Championship Pairs. A pivotal leader in the Central Division of ALBA, Salisbury is a past-president of the Division, and served as one of the Division's National Councilors from 1983 until elected ALBA president in 1992. Prior to that, he was president of the Lake Park Club in Milwaukee, and was instrumental in bringing the National Open Tournament to the Milwaukee area in 1986. In 1987, Champ spearheaded a country-wide drive to raise nearly \$25,000 via the ALBA Foundation to assist United States teams competing internationally. In 1988, he was appointed to the National Team Selectors Committee, where he has served almost continuously into the year 2000. He served as the USA's senior delegate to the IBB (now World Bowling Board) for four years during the 1990s. ALBA's ex-officio "ambassador" during the '90s, Champ has been a presence at virtually every international competition during the past decade in support of American teams. Champ was a member of both Milwaukee LBCs, West and Lake Park, and since the mid-1990s, has been a member of the Sun City West LBC.

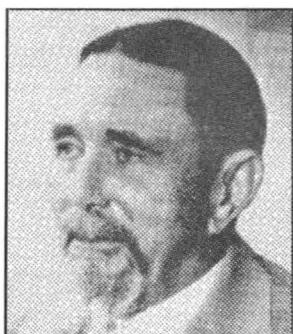


**FRANCISCO "FRANK" SOUZA.** A member of the United States National Team 1976 through 2000. Played on U.S. World Bowls teams in 1976 (So. Africa), 1980 (Australia), 1988 (New Zealand) and 1992 (England). A National Open "Triple Crown" champion-winning the Singles in 1979 and 1988; the Pairs in 1975, 1979 and 1983; and Triples in 1975, 1985, 1995, 1996. National Open "Player of the Tournament"—1975 (tie), 1978 (tie) and 1979. Appeared in U.S. Championships 14 times, winning the Singles in 1994, and Pairs in 1978 and 1992.



Played in numerous international events representing the USA, including Asia-Pacific Championships teams in 1991, 1993, 1995. Recipient of ALBA's "Bill Hay Player of the Year Award" in 1975 and 1978. Born in Hong Kong, a U.S. citizen since his Army discharge, he has held numerous administrative positions within the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division of ALBA, including President in 1996. Frank's original LBC was San Francisco, then Sunnyvale, and is currently active at San Jose and Palo Alto.

**MARCELLUS L. JOSLYN.\*** In 1960, Joslyn, a member of the Santa Monica LBC, founded the Marcellus L. Joslyn Foundation, with major emphasis on Southern California senior citizen facilities, particularly lawn bowling clubs. Under the Foundation's Board of Trustees Chairman, Remy Hudson, more than six million dollars was distributed by the Joslyn Foundation, a substantial amount of it to construct, remodel or purchase bowling greens, clubhouses, and maintenance equipment. Some of the Southwest Division beneficiaries were bowling clubs at: Cambria, Casta del Sol, Cove Communities (Palm Desert), Hemet, Holmby Park (Los Angeles), Laguna Beach, MacKenzie Park (Santa Barbara), Newport Harbor, Oxnard, Pasadena, Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Santa Monica. Many of the bowling clubs carry the Joslyn name. For a time,



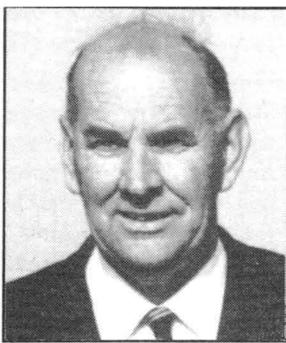
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Hall of Fame elections are annual.

- Submissions of candidates must be received no later than August 1 to receive consideration for current year.
- Anyone can submit a candidate(s), but *all submissions should include as much support information as possible.* Candidate submissions should be sent to: Harold Esch, ALBA Hall of Fame, P. O. Box 1231, Mount Dora, FL 32757.
- The Hall of Fame electoral committee, established by the ALBA Council, consists of the seven Division Presidents (or their designate) and three at-large members.
- The Committee convenes during the National Open Tournament.

Remy Hudson, himself, was President of the Holmby Park LBC. A successful Chicago businessman (electrical supplies), Joslyn retired in the Santa Monica area, where he became an enthusiastic lawn bowler, bowling originally at the pioneer Brentwood Park green, forerunner to the Santa Monica Club.

**EZRA WYETH.\*** Ezra Wyeth captured the U.S. Championships Singles title in 1965, and the Pairs crown in 1972 and 1974. He won National Open Singles championships in 1964 and 1971, and was named "Bowler of the Year" in 1971. In 1966, Wyeth captained the U.S. Team that competed at the first World Bowls Championships (Australia). Born in Toowang, Australia, he was an international cricket star before taking up bowls in 1941. A member of several clubs, he repre-



sented Queensland and Victoria in interstate competitions. Ezra became a U.S. citizen in 1961, and as a professor in the California State College system, joined the Beverly Hills LBC. Almost from its inception, Wyeth was a staff member of *BOWLS Magazine* and wrote a regular column on bowling technique. He also authored several books on lawn bowls. After being appointed ALBA's National Coach, he built a rink at his home to further test and develop both practical and scientific approaches to the various aspects of bowls. Usually at his own expense, he traveled America organizing "Wyeth Fundamentals" teaching clinics, and certifying national umpire candidates. For quite a few years, he held bowls clinics for the handicapped (mostly recovering stroke victims), and conducted classes for Beverly Hills High School students. Ezra was principally responsible for instituting the original Walt Disney Masters Tournament in 1970 and acquiring for it an International Bowling Board sanction—the only U.S. invitational tournament accorded that sanction.

\* Deceased

I bowled on a Rubico surface down in Florida last November and it was an eye-opener. For years I've had reservations about that surface, but now I can see why the Florida bowlers do so well in the national competitions. The greens I bowled on were level and quite fast. The draw was the same on both hands and the rinks were 16-feet wide to accommodate the bias. At one club, my friend Herb Wintsch was getting the greens (blacks) ready for a tournament with a giant squeegee, and at another the greenskeeper ran a mechanical broom over the surface just before we arrived to bowl.

I only mention this because it points up the different problems we have as we go from Division to Division.

The membership of your club is our biggest concern. I heard one club president proclaim that *everyone* was on the membership committee and that he was going to be the committee chairman. It would be great if all the club officers accepted the membership challenge and stayed with it. There are a few general suggestions that fit every case and we can look at those.

The incentive and encouragement to bring in new members must come from the club officers who accept the personal challenge to bring in one or two recruits. Nothing succeeds like success and nothing gets things going better than a good example.

The atmosphere and friendliness of the club could be the biggest aid in recruiting. Does the casual visitor sense that you are all having a great time? Do smiling faces and cheerful camaraderie invite a stranger

## The Membership Trail

By Frank Ransome  
ALBA Membership Chairman

to stay a while? Are there "rules of conduct" published for everyone to see and are they observed by the members? Does your club have a training program, bowls of all sizes to lend the recruits, and a professional attitude about lessons? Most of all, do your members feel like they are in a club or are they just there to kill a few hours having fun?

That's the challenge your National Membership Committee faces every day. Are we members of a great club or are we lawn bowlers for a few hours a day? If we're just having a personal good time then there's little incentive to build a club or improve our own skills. If we really enjoy lawn bowling and would like to see the sport become more universally accepted then it makes sense to pitch in and help. I have a problem relating to the casual bowler who comes to the green with only a desire to take a few hours of enjoyment without giving anything back. He could just as easily go to an exercise club, take a long walk, or go to a movie. Somewhere along the line that person missed something in his training program. Lawn Bowling is an amateur sport played all around the world, governed by a World Organization whose directives come to us through our country associations (ALBA/AWLBA), our Divisions and, lastly, our clubs. We are part of all that because we play on approved greens with approved bowls by approved rules.

How can this help us with our recruiting? Would a stranger be enthused about an opportunity to join a worldwide fraternity more

than he or she would be enthused about rolling a few bowls on a Saturday afternoon? Does it make sense to talk and think big when describing our sport? Can we sell the idea that our club is in training to bowl in National and International Tournaments? Do your club members know about the U.S. Playdowns that lead to the U.S. Championships that are played in a different part of the country each year? Doesn't it make sense to sell the big picture to young people who can look ahead to winning one of these tournaments? What incentive is there for a 24-year old to bowl against a bunch of retirees who bowl three days a week and usually get in about 14 ends? That doesn't sound happy to me even as I write it.

What can we do to change all this? It would probably be good to start with an assessment of your own club. After that you might start making the changes that could bring you into par with clubs the world over. Look for the happy faces and build on those. Accept the standards that have been set up for us by the National Organization and our Divisions and build on those. Most of all, stop tinkering with a sport that has its roots in antiquity and build on the good things that have been handed down over centuries of satisfaction.

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I had an e-mail the other day <Frankbowl@aol.com> from <jknight@pe.net> that gave me an idea for this column. While the entire matter of behavior on the green should be looked at, how to respond to suggestions and the duties of each team member must be looked at first.

Lawn Bowling is a TEAM SPORT. It is not a collection of lawn bowlers each trying to get as close to the jack as they can. The essence of lawn bowling is tactics and the ability of the team members to follow instructions. No matter what the Lead or the Second think about the shot they would *like* to make, they should cheerfully try to do what the Skip asks them to do.

Most lawn bowling books call the Skip a "Director", so we should look at the responsibilities of the Skip very carefully. (You will find them in the syllabi.) The overriding responsibility is to be a leader, a person who encourages his teammates, someone who sets an example for the others and, lastly, a good bowler who is able to utilize the head to his team's advantage. Too many good bowlers are instantly transformed into Skips because there's no one else to bowl in that position on a given day. Too many bowlers aspire to becoming a Second or a Skip without ever having studied and practiced or even read about the skills required to play that position.

Basically, the Lead must be able to roll a jack to a spot no more than two feet from where the Skip is standing, and then deliver the first bowl a few feet past the jack. After that he can go for the jack all he wants to, and more power to him.

The second person to bowl must be a spot bowler. He should be able to roll a bowl so that it stops very close to where the Skip has asked for it to stop. The Second is the bowler who sets up the head,



## COACHES CORNER

By Frank Ransome

National Coaching &  
Instruction Chairman

puts a bowl in with the competitors', covers the jack or rolls a block. Once in a while the Second must be prepared to blow the head wide open. This means a fast hard one that will open things up so that the Skip can do his/her thing.

The Skip should be in the game from the coin toss until the last person has been thanked for bowling well. He's the one who encourages the team, pep's up

the poorer bowlers, gives a high five when the bowler does well. The Skip must tell the person on the mat which hand to use and sometimes how much grass to take. There is no excuse for verbal admonishments or shouted commands, but there is every reason to guide and help poorer bowlers become good team members. I agree with those who say that some Skips should relax a little. Every bowler knows when his bowl is narrow or too heavy without being reminded from the head.

It is the Skip's job to encourage his teammates. The Skip should also be able to coach a little when the situation requires it. He might offer suggestions that will help his teammates, as long as he does it in a positive way. As they change ends he could remind a bowler that to take more grass means tuning the body a little more on the mat. And he certainly should be upbeat at all times.

We know that unfriendly Skips cost us membership. We also know that bowlers who constantly try to improve our game by offering suggestions about our delivery are a nuisance. Perhaps it would help if we all remembered that Lawn Bowling is a TEAM SPORT and we are all part of the team.

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## CALENDAR

FEBRUARY	19-24	ALBA AWLBA	SENIOR OPEN	Arizona
MARCH	4-10	ALBA AWLBA	SOUTHEAST OPEN	Sun City Center, FL Clearwater, FL
	8-29 31-April 15	AWLBA ALBA	WORLD BOWLS (ladies) WORLD BOWLS (men)	Moama, Australia Johannesburg, South Africa
APRIL	29-May 5	ALBA AWLBA	SOUTHWEST OPEN	Riverside, CA Long Beach, CA
MAY	27-29	ALBA AWLBA	NORTHWEST SPRING OPEN	Portland, OR Portland LBC
JULY	29-Aug 2	ALBA AWLBA	CAN AM WEST	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
AUGUST	11-13	ALBA AWLBA	NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE	Seattle, WA Woodland Park LBC
	19-25	ALBA AWLBA	NORTHWEST SUMMER OPEN	Seattle, WA Jefferson Park LBC
SEPTEMBER	9-15	ALBA AWLBA	PIMD OPEN	S.F. Bay Area, CA
OCTOBER	10-14	ALBA AWLBA	NATIONAL OPEN	Orange County, CA
NOVEMBER	5-9	ALBA AWLBA	U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS	Sun City Center, FL

To list your tournament contact Shirley Cam, 1625 Skycrest Dr. #25, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. E-mail: shircam@silcon.com



### THE DREADED "B" WORD

How often have you heard new bowlers (and some not so new) say: "I can't bowl backhand?"

I think it's the *word* that scares them. The dictionary defines backhand as: "The hand turned backward in making a stroke, as in tennis." Does this describe the "backhand" delivery in lawn bowling? I think not.

Whom can we blame for this inappropriate term?

Words have implications. In this case, misleading. A subtle wave by your skip toward either side of the head, and you'll roll to the right or the left. Forget about names and hands. It's about your feet, and a small spot on the bowl.

How about those "spots" (circles) on your bowls. Other than helping to identify your bowls, the larger emblem is not part of the learning process. But the *small one* pops-up in lessons which include not only the "B" and "F" words—backhand and forehand—but the nasty little phrase, "wrong bias".

Confusion and concern could be avoided by a prominent small spot, maybe day-glo pink, and boldly inscribed: "Show me the Jack!" If the feet are point correctly left or right and the pink spot (circle) can "see" the jack, all will be well.

## 2000 NATIONAL OPEN

Entry forms for the

### 2000 NATIONAL OPEN OCTOBER 10-14

will appear in the next issue  
of *BOWLS Magazine*

For information and  
advance entry forms,  
phone The ALBA Line:  
323/876-7563.

## NEW RULES

There are some significant new rules changes that will officially become effective when members receive their new "LAWS OF THE GAME" booklets on/about mid-February. Among the new rules:

**Jack Length**—Minimum 23m from the mat line (up from 21m), which means *hog lines must be adjusted* to the 25m (from ditch) length.

**Mat**—On the first end, the mat must be a minimum of two meters (6'6") from the ditch, but can be placed at any legal length. *The mat no longer has to be the mandatory two meters from the ditch on the first end.*

**Delivered Jacks**—Should the first lead roll an illegal jack, the second lead shall roll the jack. Should both deliver one illegal jack, the *jack shall be placed* two meters from the forward ditch. The mat may then be placed at any legal length by the first lead.

**Shoes**—Shoes shall be heel-less, flat-soled, of *any color*.

**Objects**—Any object used to direct a player (hat, towel, etc.) is not allowed to touch the jack, a bowl, or the green. It must be removed *before* the bowl is delivered. The director's foot can be used to mark a position on the green *until* the bowl is delivered.

These are only some of the new changes. All changes of rules will be found in the new "Laws of the Game" books scheduled to be in distribution during the month of February, 2000. The new rules do not go into effect until Divisions and Clubs receive the new books.

ALBA Chief Umpire and Rules Committee Chairman John Stewart explains that the new rules (Laws) have been put in place to bring U.S. "Laws" in concert with the World Bowling Board's international "Laws".

## PROFESSIONAL BOWLS

### KICKS OFF IN U.S.

The Professional Bowls Association, with Frank Souza its United States representative, has taken roots here. Immediately following the National Open finals in November, the PBA held its first "qualifier" for the North American entry in the World Indoors Championships. The qualifier was held at the Casta del Sol green in Mission Viejo, California, with twenty-two of the 31 male and female U.S. PBA members taking part.

In the qualifier finals, Southern California bowler Neil Furman won the U.S. position defeating Arizona's Peter Fish. Competitors played best of five (7 shots) sets. Furman then lost to Canada's qualifier, Nick Watkins, for the right to represent North America in the World Indoors.

Souza reports that in the year 2000: "Our qualifier will not have to play against Canada. We will have a representative to WBT events—the International Open and The World Indoor Championships, with the possibility of two other events. I would like to have one of our members in the Bryant's Cup, which is like the Ryder Cup in golf—the rest of the world against UK."

PBA membership is open to U.S. residents, male or female. Among the U.S. PBA members to date, five are women. Anyone interested is welcome to join. Entry fee is (US) \$170 for new members, and annual dues are \$80.

Anyone interested can contact Frank Souza for an application form and information about the PBA. He can be reached at: 4375 Corrigan Drive, Fremont, CA 94536; phone: 510/792-5325; fax: 510/792-0821; e-mail: frslb1up@pacbell.net

## 1999 ALBA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

*Reports from Standing Committees*

### NATIONAL UMPIRES REPORT

John Stewart discussed the numerous rule changes made recently in the "Laws of the Game", published by the WBB. One of particular interest is the rule that allows the mat to be placed anywhere from the mat line to the "hog" line at the beginning of the first end. John read the rule changes he proposes in order for us to keep in line with the international LAWS OF THE GAME. Further rules changes were proposed by the Council. Moved/seconded/resolved that the rule changes proposed by John Stewart as amended by the Council be adopted. *The rule changes can be found on the ALBA web site.*

### NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Gene Goodwin referenced his written report previously given to the Council. Gene indicated his pleasure about being able to assign sites so far into the future. Moved/seconded/resolved that the siting of the 2003 United States Championships be awarded to Pinehurst, North Carolina. The lineup for sites is as follows: 2000 in Sun City Center, FL (Pebble Beach and Suncoasters clubs); 2001 in Buck Hill Falls, PA; 2002 in Walnut Creek, CA (Rossmoor club); 2003 in Pinehurst, NC. Santa Anita, CA will be considered as a possible site for 2004, or as the site for some other major ALBA tournament. Joe Grabowski announced that the 2000 United States Championships tournament will start on November 6, 2000, with practice on the 4th and 5th, at Sun City Center, Florida. Opening ceremonies will be Sunday afternoon (11/5).

### BOWLS MAGAZINE EDITOR'S REPORT

Editor Joseph Siegman submitted a written report. Joe further expanded on the costs of producing BOWLS Magazine and the need for more advertising.

### 1999 U. S. CHAMPIONSHIPS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1999 U.S. Championships Director Dick Cole was not present and had not submitted a written report. A financial report of the tournament is forthcoming.

### 1998 NATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

Tournament Chairman Gil Stephan, Jr., although not present, had previously submitted the financial report of the 1998 National Open Tournament.

### 1999 NATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

Tournament Director Michael Ashton-Phillips announced that the 2000 National Open Tournament will be held October 14-20, 2000, in Southern California. Michael stated that entered in this year's tournament (1999) were: 128 Singles, 64 pairs teams, and 64 triples teams.

### MARKETING AND PROMOTION REPORT

Michael Ashton-Phillips offered a brief verbal report on the activities of Marketing and Promotion for the past year. Michael asked that the "ALBA Shop" appear on the ALBA web pages and Woody Ogden assured him that it would.

### HALL OF FAME NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman Harold Esch was not present at the meeting but submitted a written report. Joe Siegman reported that Harold felt that up to seven candidates could be inducted annually into the ALBA Hall of Fame. Moved/seconded/resolved that no more than five nominees be inducted annually. M/S/R that election be by no less than 70% positive vote for a candidate. M/S/R that Hall of Fame pins be available only to Hall of Famers.

The Hall of Fame Nominating Committee selected for 1999 election: Skippy Arculli, Marcellus Joslyn, Champ Salisbury, Ezra Wyeth and Francisco Souza. M/S/R that all nominees be confirmed.

### INSTRUCTION & COACHING COMMITTEE-MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman Frank Ransome combined his two committee reports and had distributed an extensive written report earlier to the Council and Officers. Frank spoke of numerous new clubs that are forming and soon to "come on line."

### NATIONAL TEAM SELECTORS

Chairman Jim Graham submitted a written report and discussed it.

### NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE

Coordinator Ed Quo told us that Canada requested that the NAC event continue to be an annual affair and that the teams be expanded to ten members each (men and women) instead of the usual five. Host billeting of team members would be discontinued. Moved/seconded/resolved that the North America Challenge team be ten members and one Manager, and that the selection of the venue and the date be left to the discretion of Ed Quo. *Unfinished Business*

### MERGER STUDY COMMISSION

Gene Goodwin referenced his written report, which was distributed by the Secretary earlier in the year. Moved and seconded that ALBA and AWLBA merge into a single association. After considerable discussion it appeared that Council members had differing opinions as to whether or not the Council could approve the actual merger at this time. The motion and second were subsequently withdrawn. Moved/seconded/resolved that this Council endorse the concept and study of ALBA and AWLBA merging into a single association of men and women lawn bowlers in the United States, and that ALBA President Jack Phillips be instructed and authorized to work with the President of AWLBA to establish the necessary committees to prepare a new constitution, and work out the necessary details to effect a merger by January 1, 2001.

### HALL OF FAME LOCATION

Jack Lucey recounted his continuing discussions with the Buck Hill Falls people regarding a permanent location for Hall of Fame memorabilia and our historical trophies and awards.

### SPECIAL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

This new Committee replaced the Fund Raising and Corporate Sponsorship Committee which was dissolved last year. Chairman Joe Siegman passed out his written report and stated that this committee did nothing. He felt his fellow members did not respond adequately to the task at hand and he did not choose should "go it alone". President Phillips dismissed the committee.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The Special Committee To Establish Guidelines For Awarding Honorary Life Memberships offered no report, although it will continue its efforts. *New Business*

### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

President Phillips explained that Secretary Woody Ogden has elected not to continue in the capacity of ALBA Secretary but had agreed to continue as Treasurer. Allowing this requires an amendment to our Constitution. Chairman Gene Goodwin, of the Constitution Committee, submitted the necessary proposed amendment to the Councilors more than 60 days before the

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**Super Shots Club****7 SHOTS PAIRS**

Mesa, AZ Wray Roth & Mary Jane Vasconer 11-7  
Santa Maria, CA Bill Macdonald & Ray Dunn 9-24

Spokane, WA Rich Gaffey & Jim Thomassen 11  
West Los Angeles, CA Harry Dickerson & Mimi Horner 10-19

West Los Angeles David Horner & Stella Moore 11-19

Spokane, WA Olivia Kissin & Dave Robb 10-18  
Santa Barbara, CA Shirley Hutching & Jo Millett 12-9

Mesa, AZ Jane Bednarek & Doc. R. Bednrek 11-24  
**8 SHOTS PAIRS**

Sun City, CA Pam Munson & Bob Pickering 10-1  
Mt. Dora, FL Carolyn Olmstead & Dick Tucker 4-4

Santa Maria, CA Bill Macdonald & Bill Paulsen 10-5

Santa Barbara, CA Max Steward & Jo Millett 11-20

**7 SHOTS TRIPLES**

Santa Barbara, CA Ray Togni, Audrey Barnden, Ken Gould 9-30

Santa Maria, CA Ray Dunn, Herb Wilson, Jim Oxrider 10-05

Sun City Center, FL Ray Turman, Mike Prach, A.J. Bendersky 9-30

Mt. Dora, FL Jean Petersen, Bob James, John O'Connor 11-3

Santa Maria, CA Bill Macdonald, Fran Valinoti, Bobbie Gorzman 9-10

Oxnard, CA Amador Martinez, Bill Taschek, Doris Sneddon 11-3

Sun City, CA Helen Seavers, Ron Turner, Patirico Smith 10-7

Walnut Creek, CA Bill Lee, Bernie Santos, Elsie Napoli 10-14

Mount Dora, FL Bill Forbes & Beth Forbes 11-10

Mount Dora, FL Bill Forbes & Beth Forbes 11-8

Santa Barbara, CA Ed Watson, Vivian Togni, Agatha Vanwingerden 11-13

Oxnard, CA Larry Redman, Doris Sneddon, Diane Edging 11-12

Santa Barbara, CA Anna van Koppen, Roch Monchamp, Roberta Hoyle 11-18

Hemet, CA Clair Ott, Glad Lill, Tony Derrico 11-17

Walnut Creek, CA Bernie Santos, Felice Santos, Elsie Napoli 11-27

Santa Barbara, CA Duane Aasted, Helen Layland, Eileen Morton 11-30

Palm Desert, CA Doug Newton, Norm Storey, Allen Shapter 12-13

**8 SHOTS TRIPLES**

Santa Barbara, CA Dom Balistreri, Audrey Barnden, Maxine Johnson 9-28

Oxnard, CA Ed Otoupauk, Harry Saperstein, Ray Russell 9-29

Santa Barbara, CA Hank Van Wingerden, Stan Bloom, Jim Stahl 8-21

Sun City, CA MaryAnn Viseur, Edna Foshay, Jean Meshwert 10-6

Santa Barbara, CA Bill Barnden, Dom Balistreri, Pat Edick 10-28

Sun City Center, FL Al Snider, Dick Passanesi, Paul Camilio 12-3

Santa Barbara, CA Leo Howe, Vince Pacelli, Inge Green 12-4

**9 SHOTS TRIPLES**

Alhambra, CA Dale Pierce, Houdini Ho, Harry Barlow 10-5

Sun City, CA Ed Bragman, Gwynn Rice, Boyd Jordan 12-3

**Tournament Players  
Super Shots Club****7 SHOTS PAIRS**

Walnut Creek, CA PIMD Open Tournament Virginia Farr & Mary Frederico 9-18

Corona Del Mar, CA Gals 4's Turney Theresa Casanova & Rita Thompson 10-9

Riverside, CA Australian Pairs Tournament Bill Bellone & Paula Bellone 9-26

Long Beach, CA AWLBA National Open Pairs Tournament Patricia Cronshaw & Doris Sneddon 10-25

Long Beach, CA AWLBA National Open Pairs Tournament Ruby Ingram & Carrie Fossati 10-25

Laguna Beach, CA 1999 National Open Tournament James Cronshaw & Duane Aasted 10-9

**7 SHOTS FOURS**

Laguna Hills, CA AWLBA National Open Rinks Tournament Marlene Wainstein, Shirley Cam, Maritha Vakasilimi, Judy Patrizzi 10-24

Laguna Hills, CA AWLBA National Open Rinks Tournament Sybil Bernash, Ruby Ingram, Carrie Fossati, Detta Marvin 10-23

**7 SHOTS IN TWO DIFFERENT ENDS  
IN THE SAME PAIRS GAME**

Walnut Creek, CA Women's Championship Pairs Shirley Lyon & Mary Frederico 8-3

**8 SHOTS PAIRS**

Surprise, AZ Grand Open Tournament Bob Nelson & John Lynn 10-6

Sun City, AZ Sun City Open Pairs Frank Beamonte & Nancy Hull 10-26

**7 SHOTS TRIPLES**

Santa Barbara, CA Santa Barbara Invitational Al James, Jim Stahl, Bill Schultz 9-4

Walnut Creek, CA PIMD Open Tournament Erika Sistad, Maryna Hyland, Carrie Fossati 9-12

Long Beach, CA AWLBA National Open Tournament Sheila Lumley & Margie Sanphy 10-26

Palm Springs, CA Smoke Tree Ranch Invitational Michael Lamberton, Rod MacDonald, Allen Shapter, Norma Lamberton 11-18

Laguna Beach, CA 1999 National Open Tournament Ed Quo, Bob Nunes, Devan Wilkie 10-25

**8 SHOTS TRIPLES**

Palo Alto, CA Houseman Invitational Tournament Tom Burnoski, Mary Frederico, Jamie Burnoski 7-31

Pawtucket, RI Closing Day Tournament Ed Kenney, Les McCabe, Phyllis Gandrean 10-11

Sun City, CA S.C. Open Mixed Triples Joe Wilding, Dick Gray, Ron Turner 10-13

Long Beach, CA Veteran-Novice Tournament Bill Meierstein, Sybil Bernash, Bill Brown. 12-11

This list includes all entries received by Jan. 1, 2000



# WOMEN'S PAGES



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's not easy to think of bowling when you're looking out the window at snow covered trees and grass. I was thinking back to the Nationals in October and remembering all the comments that you overhear about the greens being "too slow" or "runny" or "I have an hour's drive to get to the green". Well, for all of you who are bowling year 'round, the rest of us really don't care to hear about it! I drive one way to Toronto every other weekend to bowl three twelve-end games and I look forward to it. Consider yourself lucky to be able to participate in our great sport whenever you can.

I want to wish our team who will be participating at World Bowls all the best, and I know that you will come back with many happy memories. Good luck Dora Stewart, Kottia Spangler, Anne Cherney, Katie Stone, Maryna Hyland and your manager, Jean Haigler. Have a wonderful time.

We are working on some great things for our sport in 2000, including the coming together of ALBA and AWLBA. There's the 2000 Nationals, a millennium U.S. Championships, and the North American Challenge, which is now giving more of our bowlers a chance to be part of our National team.

Heather and I are available at any time for any new ideas that you might have to make this organization bigger and better.

Good bowling in 2000, and here's to a happy, healthy new year.

Rita

## FROM THE EDITOR

A new year, a new millennium. What will they bring?

We look forward with much anticipation to the spread of a greater knowledge and appreciation of our sport. We hope for an influx of new members. We wonder when we will be made aware of the workings of the new merger—its goals and the part our women will play in it. Only time will tell if it is a success or failure.

We look forward to a rise in the number of entries in our tournaments. We hope for more consideration and the practice of more lawn Bowls etiquette on the greens, both at tournaments big and small and at our home games. But most of all, we look forward to a year of good bowling with good friends.

## NEXT DEADLINE MARCH 27

Winnie Eberle

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## AWLBA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Beverly Phillips, Treasurer of the AWLBA Memorial Fund, has been working with Jack Phillips, Treasurer of ALBA's Memorial Foundation, on a brochure for soliciting funds for our respective Foundations. I will follow-up in the next issue with the progress on the brochure.

We have received the following donations: Edie and Bert MacWilliams in honor of Dora Stewart, Virginia Marlar in memory of Jim Symington and Bob Briegel, Gil and Cy Stephan in memory of Jim Symington and Selma Jarvis, Bill Todd in memory of Bob Briegel.

Linda McDougall

President

## REVIEW & SELECTION COMMITTEE

We had a wonderful coaching clinic at the Laguna Beach lawn bowling greens following the October-November National Open Tournament. We had 24 roster applicants and three manager applicants. Hospitality was super and made it very easy to have the clinic. We used the clubhouse whenever needed to have meetings for the selectors and wonderful lunches were served. Thank you Laguna Beach.

Peter Fish started our clinic by giving a lecture on the first evening. He also did some coaching during the clinic. The applicants were all assigned to a red or blue team. They cheered each other on during the coaching.

The selectors and I are proud to announce our U.S.A. World Bowls team at Noama, Australia in March 2000 is: Anne Cherney, Maryna Hyland, Kottia Spangler, Dora Stewart and Katie Stone, with Jean Haigler manager.

AWLBA Council voted and approved to send ten women and a manager to the North American Challenge. Charlotte O'Keefe will manage the team of Regina Banares, Carrie Fossati, Pat Gonzales, Maryna Hyland, Jean Kaye, Linda McDougall, Dora Stewart, Heather Stewart, Kathy Vea and Irene Webster. We know the women will do a super job bowling.

Having a coaching clinic for World Bowls and North American Challenge teams January 8-9 in Sun City, AZ. Peter Fish will be coaching them. We wish them all success.

Cy Stephan

Chairman

## MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS

Spread among our divisions is a unique group of ladies comprising mother and daughter bowlers. From the Northwest, Myra Wood and her mother Violet Anderson. From the Southwest, Kathy Vea and her mother Dorothy Vea. From Central, Rita Hurley and her mother Kathy Symington. And from the East and Southeast, Linda McDougall and her mother Vi Baxter.

Three of the daughters have served as President of AWLBA—Linda, Myra and, currently, Rita. All in the group share a record of impressive wins in both division and national tournaments.

It must be assumed that the mothers' enthusiasm prompted their off-spring to stunning achievements on the bowling green, as all the daughters have participated in U.S. Championships. Myra Wood has been there on six occasions, winning in Pairs with Grace Said in 1997. Linda McDougall has represented her division

in Singles and Pairs, making her first appearance with her mother in 1997. More recently Kathy Vea, with Kottia Spangler, won the 1999 U.S. Pairs Championship.

Despite these successes the daughters remain challenged. Violet Anderson, with Myra, was part of a rinks flight winning team in the 1999 National Open. Violet and Myra are 2nd and 3rd generation bowlers. Violet's mother started the bowl rolling in Scotland somewhat prior to yesterday.

If you have played with any of this group or know them, you are in lofty company. They are a special breed enriching a special sport.

K. Harland

## CENTRAL DIVISION

*By Beverly Phillips*

The Central Division greens have been closed for the winter, but our clubs are busily planning activities for next summer. AWLBA's Central Division Open will be held in Milwaukee July 15-20, followed by the Playdowns. For further information and entry forms contact our Division Secretary, Eileen Luba, at 427 Dorseyville Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15215; tel 412/782-9848.

And a "well done" to Eileen and her partner, Lois Saladin, both from the Frick Park Club. After placing third in the U.S. Championships, they teamed up with Patti Grabowski and Jessie Saunders to claim "first" in the Rinks at the National Open.

## NORTHWEST DIVISION

*Zola Cole*

Zola Cole is a well known bowler from the Northwest Division. She and her husband discovered lawn bowling in 1971 and joined the Portland Club in 1972.

Besides playing bowls, Zola has served in many capacities beginning with the completion of the unexpired term as director for a deceased member. She has been President of AWLBA and also her own club. She was her Division Secretary and Club Secretary, as well as secretary of the fund raising committee to build the clubhouse enlargement. Also AWLBA Counselor for ten years and junior representative to the IWBB, as well as Division delegate. Zola moved to Williamsburg, VA. recently and has joined the bowling club there.

She comments on lawn bowling as follows: "Lawn bowling has been a very positive enrichment in my life. I treasure the many friendships and acquaintances made possible to me through the years of traveling to bowl in all of the United States Divisions and some countries outside the United States.

"I am very aware and grateful for the legacy given to us by the host of dedicated bowlers who blazed the trail for us. Hopefully, this will be passed on to future generations."

## PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN

*By Adele Patterson*

Our annual meeting was held on December 4 at the Oakmont LBC clubhouse and brought some

changes for next year. Marie Klos will continue as president and Ann Maron will stay as 1st vice-president. But Dorie Mendoza, of Sunnyvale, will come in as 2nd vice-president. Shirley Lyon will continue as secretary and Polly Obendorf will be our treasurer again in 2000. Ann Maron will replace Shirley Cam as head of the Review and Selection Committee.

Vanitta Olinger has been on this committee for several years and spent many hours with the candidates, as well as organizing a Skills Camp in November for 30 women. Joe Shepard, of Sunnyvale, was the instructor and did a great job. So many men asked about the camp that the committee decided to invite men next year. Thank you Joe and Vanitta. And loud kudos to Vanitta for her service on the Review and Selection Committee. She will continue to serve as Tournament Representative from Oakmont LBC.

The Novice Singles and Betty Service Singles were held simultaneously at San Francisco on October 2. Two women from Rossmoor took first and second: Felice Santos and Mariette Rozario, while Tanya Hills of Oakmont placed third. In the Betty Service Singles, Bea McConachie, Palo Alto, took the honors, with Mary Poole, San Francisco, Marge Bodah, Santa Clara, and Roe Hazelwood, Rossmoor, finishing in that order. Congratulations to you all. Many congratulations also to Marisa Vacasilimi, from San Jose, who won the National Open Women's Singles, and all those from our Division who placed in the competition. We were proud to see our Division so well represented.

Our final gathering of the year is always Closing Day, held at Rossmoor this year on November 6. The play is mixed triples by draw so that we can meet new people as well as enjoy the bowling. There were 90 entries this year with rink prizes given as well as enjoyed. In the morning, the team of Bill Soares, Vane Olinger and David Romasko took first place, with Helen Brady, Russ Weeks and Wilson Turner in second. In the afternoon, Dick Ruddy, John Spiers and Shiela Stout took the honors, with Ted Crum, Jayne Duffy and Pete Patison in second. We all are looking forward to Opening Day in 2000, hosted by the men, when we repeat the procedure. We are looking forward to a great season and hope that you are too!

#### SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

*By Peggy Salisbury*

The original officers were honored at our 10th anniversary party on November 30 at Oakmont Lawn Bowls Club in Sun City. The day started with 14 teams playing Australian Pairs. After a brown bag lunch, an especially decorated anniversary cake was served and the charter members recognized.

Marion Mueller, division historian, read a special tribute to Rebecca McArthur. Rebecca was the first president of the South Central Division. She had also served as president of AWLBA in 1974 and president of Central Division when she lived in the Chicago area. Marion pointed out Rebecca's many other accomplishments and contributions to lawn bowling. Though she suffered a stroke eighteen months ago, Rebecca was able to be present and accept accolades, and a special bouquet given to her in appreciation.

The Division's 2000 schedule has been arranged and we will have our Pairs Playdowns February 19-22, and Singles Playdowns February 24-26.

The "Presidents Five" tournament will be March 11th and the Women's Shoot Out on March 18-19. Anyone interested is welcome.

#### SOUTHEAST DIVISION

*By Gloria Mather*

Delegates to SE-AWLBA met in November and elected the following officers: President-Barbara Roller, Clearwater/Pinehurst; 1st Vice President-Lela McHenry, Mt. Dora; 2nd VP and Secretary pro tem-Beth Forbes, Mt. Dora; Treasurer-Carolyn Cole, Suncoasters SCC; Councilors: Patti Grabowski, Suncoasters SCC/WalterDel, Evelyn Sartain, Mt. Dora.

Our SE AWLBA Division Open Tournament will be held in Clearwater starting March 4th. WalterDel, a new club, joined our ranks in January, making SE AWLBA 15 clubs strong. We've heard tell of another new club being formed in Vero Beach and, hopefully, they too will be joining SE Division in the near future.

Division news update: All clubs had a very successful year, with Lakeland club reporting last season concluded with their Mixed Fours Tournament winners: Eileen Malpass, Sallie Lane, Ted Gauley, Doris Morris.

All clubs in the division are busily working together to host the 2000 U.S. Championships Tournament, which will be held in Sun City Center, Florida.

#### SOUTHWEST DIVISION

*By Winnie Eberle*

The Southwest Division had quite a workout this Fall. We hosted the U.S. Championships and the National Open. Both were most successful. The luncheons served by the ladies of the various clubs were well received and we thank all the ladies for their efforts.

At our last meeting the officers for 2000 were announced: Heather Stewart as President, Paula Bellone vice president, Patsy Coates Secretary, and Jean MacAuley Treasurer.

The Ina Jackson 5 Star was played at Santa Ana, the Eberle-McCowen Mixed Pairs at Pasadena and Long Beach, and the Vet/Novice Triples at Long Beach. Winners of the Eberle-McCowen Pairs were Eva and Ian Ho at Long Beach. The winners of the other tournaments were unavailable at this time.

Ladies Days are always enjoyed due to the capable direction of Alice Lawrence. This quarter the games were held at Newport Harbor and Pomona.

A larger challenge to Alice, assisted by Marion Compton, was the game before the Christmas Party. Of the 152 women who attended the party, 128 signed up to bowl. The game was Fours (Rinks) and a number of the women had never played this format before. Alice and Marion smoothed the way and everyone had a good time. The luncheon was enjoyed by all and was followed by a silent auction. There were many very nice items available, and a lot of the ladies went home happy with their purchases. The party was held at the Laguna Hills Club.

Now we are looking forward to a new year of good bowling and good fellowship.

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Two representatives from the SE ALBA and AWLBA organizations are working on preliminary steps and proposed bylaws for a merged SE association of men and women lawn bowlers. I'm representing the men's group and my friend and Mount Dora colleague, Beth Forbes, represents the women. I know we can come up with a plan for a merged divisional association that will govern and improve lawn bowling in our eight states of the Union.

Early response to the plea for SE clubs to help finance and put on the 2000 U.S. Championships in Sun City Center, Nov. 5-10, has been encouraging. However, at this writing we have not heard from all SE clubs. Can we assume that the best are saving themselves for last?

### WALTERDEL

(Palmetto, FL)

*By Chuck Mather*

A new lawn bowls club has been formed in Central Florida about 35 miles south of Tampa. It's called the WalterDel Lawn Bowling Club and it's located at 6750 Moccasin Wallow Road, in Parrish, Palmetto. There are 40 charter members and enough interest to expect that many more again in the near future.

The greens were developed by Del Bettridge, formerly greenskeeper at Sun City Center, FL. He and Peggy, his wife, are very popular and many people were waiting for the club to be formed so they could be a part of it. There are two greens, with a third underway, and they are absolutely beautiful.

A formation meeting was held recently and the following persons elected to office: President, Dodie Hann; Vice-President, Donna Jackson; Secretary, Jo Butterfield; Treasurer, Peggy Bettridge; Tournament Director, Joe Grabowski; Social Director, Judy Hoare; Greens Director, Del Bettridge; Publicity Chairman, Chuck Mather.

Del Bettridge was elected to the honorary post of "Life President".

There has already been an invitational tournament with a \$4,000 purse donated by one of the members. Other tournaments are in the formative stage and Joe Grabowski promises an active and interesting season.

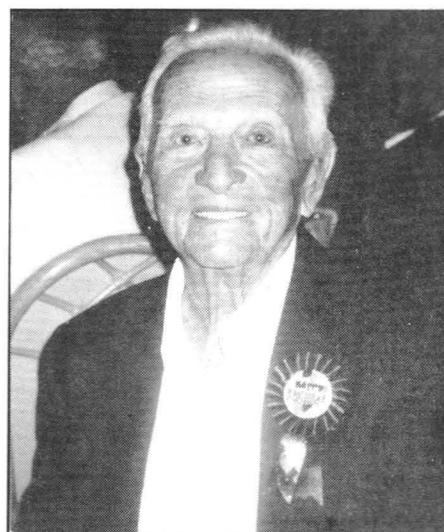
Anyone wishing to contact the club may do so by email at: [dodie@icubed.net](mailto:dodie@icubed.net)

### DELRAY BEACH

*By Elmer Gildersleeve*

Our club chose December 8th for its Christmas dinner this season so we could join our oldest member and perhaps the oldest still active lawn bowler in the world, Paul Lavitt, celebrate his 101st birthday.

Paul, who has been lawn bowling since 1955 and still bowls six mornings a week, rarely leaves a bowl more than a yard from the jack. He has been a Delray Beach Club member for ten years. Paul credits lawn bowling for his good health and longevity.



101-year-old lawn bowler Paul Lavitt celebrated his birthday with members of Delray Beach at the club's Christmas party Dec. 8.

### CLEARWATER

*By May Blair*

The feedback from club members about bowling on surfaces without concrete pads at each end has been very positive.

The concrete pads, which supported ground sheets and foot mats, were removed by the city this past summer, at the club's request. After the surfaces were leveled with Har-Tru, thanks to George Scott, Jim Calhoun and others, we are now bowling with movable mats on all our 22 rinks.

Our Clearwater bowlers have distinguished themselves in various out-of-town tournaments this past Fall. In the U.S. Championships in October, Barbara Roller, who moved from Mount Dora to Clearwater, came in second in the Women's Singles. Our Bill Farrell and Russ Tees were there representing the Southeast in Men's Pairs.

In the ALBA-AWLBA National Open held after the U.S. Championships, Marion

Wall finished fourth in Women's Singles, and bowled on the Fours team that came in third.

At the new WalterDel Club in November, two Clearwater teams took top honors in a triples. The champions were: Jab Pierce, Ralph Ross and Helen Dickson, just ahead of runners-up Lindsay Blair and Burl & Barb Roller.

Three Clearwater Fours teams finished in the money at Mount Dora's Holiday Bowl in December (see separate article).

In late 1999 club tournaments: Barbara Roller took the 4321 Singles for women, while Ron Jones was the men's champion. Ron repeated as victor in the Men's Singles, with Elsie Tait winning Women's Singles. Burl Roller and LouAnn Mulvaney captured Australian Pairs, and John Cochrane, John Orr and Charlie Roach won our annual Snowbowl tournament.

Bill Farrell and Eleanor Calder won the SE-AWLBA Mixed Pairs competition held

here, with two other Clearwater teams, Bill Broad and June Clouart, and Alex Graham and Margaret McBean coming in second and third. Helen and Bud Wake, of Bradenton, finished fourth.

Ede MacWilliams was supposed to be in the Mixed Pairs with husband Bert, but as co-drawmaster, she pulled out her team to keep the draw even. Then an entered team withdrew, which put Ede and Bert back in the contest. But not for long, because May Blair fell and broke her wrist and had to pull out, and that left the field uneven again. Ede and co-drawmaster Mary Cobean handled everything well and the Mixed Pairs went on without further mishap.

Clearwater has decided to hold a number of raffles to help finance the 2000 U.S. Championships, Nov. 5-10.

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## SOUTHEAST DIVISION

**MT. DORA'S HOLIDAY BOWL**

By Gene Goodwin

Two couples from Sun City Center, FL—John and Gina Shanklin, and Cliff and Liz Bailey—finished first in Mount Dora's fourth annual Holiday Bowl in December. They won all five of their 18-end Fours matches, including the final one against the runner-up team from Mount Dora: Mike Maneilly, Gene Goodwin, Rosemarie Walsh and Hazel Hogan.

The winning team took home \$520. They will also have their names engraved on the Gentleman's Trophy, honoring Mount Dora's best-known lawn bowler, Harold L. Esch, Honorary Life President

of ALBA and charter member of ALBA's Hall of Fame.

Cash prizes went to the top ten teams in this two-and-a-half-day day Rinks tournament, held amidst Mount Dora's festive Christmas celebration. Third through tenth-place finishers were:

3. Norm Owens, Jim DeFraine, Marita Nierth and Trudie DeFraine, *Mount Dora*.

4. Sam Drevitch, Bill and Joan Broad, and June Clouart, *Clearwater*.

5. Dick Myren, Harry and Grace Tombleson, and Polly Huber, *Mount Dora*.

6. Bill Farrell, Bill Stevenson, Eleanor

Calder and Mary McKay, *Clearwater*.

7. Burl and Barbara Roller, Lindsay and Mae Blair, *Clearwater*.

8. George Sayer, Ron Wilhelm, Peggy Bettridge and Dodie Hann, *Sun City Center*.

9. Mac and Anne Marie McKean, Diann Thrush and Don McPeek, *Mount Dora*.

10. Bert and Edith MacWilliams, and Ron and Lou Ann Mulvaney, *Clearwater*.

Frank Anderson, Mount Dora club vice president, managed the 1999 Holiday Bowl.



1999 Holiday Bowl Champions are (l-r) Cliff & Liz Bailey and Gina & John Shanklin.



This second-place team in the '99 Holiday Bowl finished higher than any Mount Dora team has achieved in the four Holiday Bowls hosted by the club. Left, Hazel Hogan and Mike Maneilly, right, Rosemarie Walsh and Gene Goodwin. Photos by Don McPeek.

**SED AND ED SLATE CHALLENGE MATCH**

By Tom Kees

The ALBA and AWLBA organizations in the Southeast and the Eastern Divisions have agreed to a "challenge match", to be held at the Pinehurst NC Club April 29-30.

The format, as approved by both Divisions, will be a round-robin of singles, pairs, triples and fours played over two days. Each division will field three mixed teams of five players each, and one substitute for each team.

The Southeast teams will be made-up by a selection committee headed by Tom Kees of Pinehurst, with Ede MacWilliams, Clearwater, and Gene Goodwin, Mount Dora, as members.

Application information was scheduled to be sent out to all SE clubs about the first of the year.

**PINEHURST**

(North Carolina)

By Tom Kees

George Tucker is the new president of the Pinehurst LBC. Other new elected officers are: Joe Coleman, vice-president; Monica Cole, treasurer; and Pat Cawley, secretary. We thank past president Dayton Brown for his fine year of service.

One of the big items on the club agenda this year is the North Carolina Open, which got blown out after one day by Hurricane Floyd last September. Now that we've done that we don't have to do it again. So, we will resume hosting this popular triples tournament on dates yet to be set—except we know they will be in late September. We hope to have our new second green with ditches ready for this event. Watch for our ad in a future issue of this magazine.

Pinehurst enjoyed a successful trip to Williamsburg, where we reclaimed the Challenge Cup by scoring nine victories against only three defeats. Regardless of the final score, this ongoing competition is always delightful for its hospitality and its renewal of old friendships.

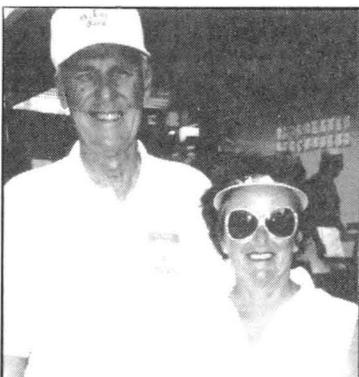
**SOUTHEAST DIVISION****MOUNT DORA***By Gene Goodwin*

Conducted for the first time under a modified round robin format, the Mixed Triples tournament at Mount Dora this season was won by Dick Myren, Leon Lambert and Marilyn Kurty.

The 12 teams in the competition were assigned by skips' draw to one of three groups of four teams. For three days, each team played the three other teams in that group. The three group winners and a wild card team (the highest second-place team) advanced to a final round-robin of three games played in two days.

The wild-card team of Dick Tucker, Lorraine Demman and Dr. Basil Hall came in second. An informal survey showed that most of the participants liked the round-robin format because it allowed them to bowl more games and not get knocked out of the tournament by a single loss.

In other club tournaments, Bill and Beth Forbes won the season-



*Left: Mr. and Mrs. Champs at Mount Dora this year are Bill and Beth Forbes.*

*Right: Dick Myren, left, skipped the winning team in Mixed Triples. Center is lead Marilyn Kurty and vice-skip Leon Lambert at right.*

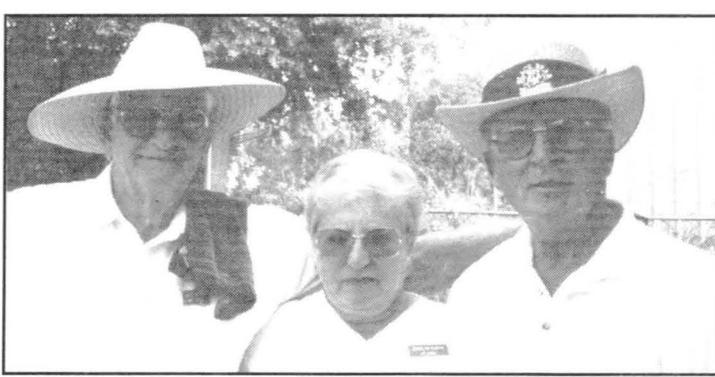
opening Mr. and Mrs. Doubles. Harry Tombleson was high scorer in the 4321 Singles.

We were honored to have two of our bowlers in the U.S. Championship Singles at Long Beach, CA in October. Barbara Roller, who moved to Clearwater right after the U.S. Championships, finished second in Women's Singles, and our Michael Maneilly came in fourth in Men's Singles.

In the National Open, also in California in October, Mount Dora's Evelyn Sartain bowled on the Rinks team that finished third in the Championship Flight in the women's event.

Evelyn also earned distinction off the rinks in winning election to the AWLBA National Council from the SE. Two other Mount Dora women—Lela McHenry and Beth Forbes—were elected to be first and second vice president, respectively, of SE-AWLBA.

The club took in 18 new members as a result of our Fall class for beginners run by Bill and Bonnie Bish.

**DELAND***By Pat McCann*

Dick Tucker and Carole Fife, of Mount Dora, took top prizes for skip and lead, and Betty Esty, DeLand, was the highest scoring vice-skip in this year's Mayme's Mixer—named after long-time DeLand games director Mayme Bateman.

Forty-eight bowlers from DeLand, Mount Dora and Daytona Beach participated in this crazy tournament. Entrants enter as lead, vice or skip, and then bowl with three different randomly selected teams in three 10-end games, earning whatever points their teams accumulate for each game. Lots of fun. But we miss Mayme, whose health prevented her from coming down from her Canadian home this season.

In club tournaments, Jim and Lottie Coles won our Mr. and Mrs.; Aileen Kirkley and Alex Smythe the Mixed Pairs; and Peg Grant, Sadie Labchuk and Jim Coles the Mixed Triples.

Forty members and guests enjoyed our catered Christmas Party.



*Winners of Mayme's Mixer in DeLand are, from left, Dick Tucker (Mount Dora), Betty Esty (DeLand) and Carole Fife (Mount Dora).*

**PEBBLE BEACH**

(Sun City Center, FL)

*By Eugene Imbimbo*

Pebble Beach is making plans for a new clubhouse to be built in 2001. It will be located just a few feet north of our present clubhouse, but will have a large porch and kitchen and twice as much space.

We are also busy getting ready to join the SE Division and our sister club, the Suncoasters, in hosting the 2000 U.S. Championships in November.

John & Gina Shanklin and Cliff & Liz Bailey won Mount Dora's fourth annual Holiday Bowl (see separate article elsewhere in this section).

**SARASOTA***By Paul Ward*

Sights of relief can be heard throughout our club because, after years of unsuccessful improvement projects, two of our three greens are bowling well again and the third is scheduled to be back in service in January.

In the first two club tournaments of the 99-00 season, Sandra Whitelaw and Don Adams captured the Pairs, with Liz Colbert and Rap Rapcznski coming in second. Lorna Hollran, Bob Bowes and Eva Hill won the Triples over runners-up Ian MacRae, Helen Cane and Carl Mortenson.

Our afternoon jitneys are well-attended and our Friday President's Draw, introduced last year, continues to be popular. So is our monthly Saturday Special, a fun day with a spider and prizes.

**LAKELAND***By June O'Leary*

A November Open House brought the Lakeland Club six new members, including a couple from South Africa who winter in Florida, and a wife who joined to keep her husband company on the greens.

The club has donated \$300 to help finance the 2000 U.S. Championships, to be held in Sun City Center November 5-10. We have also offered volunteers to help with the event itself, if needed.

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**THISTLE**

(West Hartford, CT)

*By Joan Wood*

After a long, hot summer, Connecticut weather turned picture perfect and we enjoyed a wonderfully crisp and sunny fall. We had many afternoons of bowlers coming out in record numbers. As of this writing in mid-December, we are still going strong and wondering if we can out-do our record of December 28 as the last day of bowling.

On the weekend of September 18-19, Thistle hosted the Marie Manners Mix and Match Doubles. We were pleased to welcome bowlers from all over New England and as far away as Pittsburgh. Winners of this event were:

1. Jack Lucey & Dana Lum
2. Gene Cadore and Tony Reynal
3. Wilson Bell and Irv Danzig

At Thistle's Annual Meeting and Picnic on October 13th, officers and directors for 2000 were announced: *President*, Joan Wood; *Vice-President*, Bud Bruce; *Secretary*, Flo Webers; *Treasurer*, Jack Miller; *Asst. Secy/Treas*, Joan Wood; *Directors* (to 00) Irv Danzig & Parsons Swain, (to 01) Bernie Hughes & John Rowson, (to 02) Lou Antos & Bill Wassell.

In November, five hardy members of Thistle journeyed to the Bridgeport Die Hard Tournament, and Wilson Bell and Ward Francis won as skips.

Finally, hats off to Annetta Willey. Recently, she injured her wrist (non-bowling) in a fall on the green. We taped it up and she bowled another ten ends helping her team to a win. It was only then that she sought medical attention and discovered it was broken and required surgery. That is a bowler!

Looking forward to a spectacular 2000 season.

**BRIDGEPORT**

(Connecticut)

*By Linda B. McDougall*

As reported in the last issue, they are continuing to work on our green and it is slowly showing improvement.

We held our DieHards Day Tournament on November 7th and everyone had a great time. It was definitely November weather and the hand warmers came out. Our club put out its usual wonderful lunch—from soup to nuts.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our tournament this year, especially the Slater Park Lawn Bowls Club for the wonderful turnout that we receive yearly from them. The winners were: Mary Scott, Bridgeport; Ken Birch, Slater Park; Wilson Bell, Thistle.

We are hoping that next year we will be able to start having a regularly scheduled tournament during the summer bowling season, and if they continue working on our green the way they are it should happen.

**DUPONT**

(Wilmington, DE)

*By Tom Lawlor*

Highlights for 1999 included:

Improved green condition and maintenance. We hope to make the green faster in the coming year.

New bowling mats, electricity in the clubhouse, and new perimeter chains.

Introduced new tournaments such as Cut-throat, Triples and Crazy Bowls.

Won all six interclub tournaments, and the Eastern Division Challenge Cup.

Hosted two sessions for about fifty youths (Sports Academy) and several sessions for adult groups to promote Lawn Bowling.

Welcomed five new members.

New officers for the coming year are: Bob Lang, President (302-731-4385); Jack Montigney, Vice-President (302-478-2789); Patricia Flynn, Treasurer (302-654-9897); Ann Connolly, Secretary (302-798-2217).

Senior Olympics participation increased 46% and all age groups had a good time.

We say goodbye to lawn bowl retirees Shirley and Harry Straw, who served the club faithfully as past presidents and participants in all club aspects. We will miss them and wish them well.

Please visit us and enjoy our beautiful green. We're a few miles off I-95 and welcome all guests. Plenty of loaner bowls are on hand.

**GREENWICH**

(Connecticut)

*By Frances Novak*

ANNIVERSARY—60th—2000!

The Greenwich Lawn Bowls Club comes into its 60th year with exciting plans for growth and a new slate of officers elected at the annual October dinner meeting:

*President*, Frances Novak*Vice-Presidents*, Daphne Thurber and Jules Wagner*Secretary*, Mary Provost*Treasurer*, Mary Doran*Activities*, John Schinto*Greens & Club House*, Jules Wagner

Setting our sights wide, we are actively seeking new members by challenges to country clubs, social clubs, physical ed. teachers, recreation departments, sports editors, announcers, etc. Teaching time and practice dates will have to be arranged. We'll need some evenings scheduled for employed aspiring bowlers. By the next issue of *BOWLS* we will be ready to meet any and all challengers.



*Senior Olympics Singles winner (age 70-75) Tom Lawlor, center, is flanked by Mary Roberts and Jack Montigney, who coordinated the Senior Olympics lawn bowling.*

**HAMILTON**

(Hamilton, NJ)

*By Bob Stewart*

As was reported in the last issue of Bowls, our green is in bad shape. Now that winter is here nothing can be done until spring. We can only hope it will be playable for our opening date, the first Wednesday in May.

To complicate matters, we now have a newly elected Mayor and he is in the process of selecting his officers. One is the Director of Health and Recreation. We hope he favors the upkeep of the green when he makes up his budget. We are holding off selecting our club officers until April to see what the outcome will be.

Good Bowling to all.

**EASTERN DIVISION****SLATER PARK**

(Pawtucket, RI)

*By Ed Kenney*

Our green has been top dressed, reseeded and put to rest for the winter. Before we closed we finished off the season with a couple of tournaments.

RAY SAYER DAY (October 2)

1. Jack Lucey, Tom McLaughlin & Linda Melchin. 2. Ward Francis, Nick Francis & Pete Campbell. 3. Paul Bucklin, Art Newton & Sonne Bucklin. 4. Fred Howarth, Al Letourneau & Pat Jones.

EASTERN DIVISION CHALLENGE  
(October 9-10)

The group of bowlers from NY-NJ-DEL beat the bowlers from RI-MA by one point to take the trophy home. Next year we will travel to their area and try to win it back.

CLOSING DAY (October 11)

1. Charlie Morgan
2. Vito Bart
3. Victor Ford

Winner of the "Win your year 2000 dues raffle" was Carmen Chartier.

On October 16 we went to Cunningham Park in Milton MA. to help them close their 1999 season and wish all our friends a happy and healthy winter season.

Anyone coming to southern New England area give us a call: Ed & Shirley Kenney 401/728-0292.

**FERNLEIGH**

(West Hartford, CT)

*By Ed Wood*

The last tournament of the 1999 season was held on October 16. The winners were: Dennis Fuller and Ed Wood.

The annual meeting was held at The Town and County Club. The following slate of officers was presented and approved:

- President, George Babic  
Vice-President, Dan Pettengill  
2nd Vice-President, Ellen Boyne  
Treasurer, Gene Knorr  
Asst Treasurer, Al Croxwall  
Secretary, Jan Schermerhorn  
Asst Secretary, Irene Woods*

Elected to the Board of Directors to serve until 2003: Karen Ellsworth, Henry Elliott, Mollie Dunnbier.

The Annual Christmas Party was held at the Wampanog Country Club.

Work has been completed on the green to be ready for the 2000 season.

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**ESSEX COUNTY**

(Bloomfield, NJ)

*By George J. Schick*

Due to the water restrictions imposed on Essex County, the Parks Department was unable to complete the replacement of our green's sprinkler system. Work resumed in the fall with a scheduled completion date of November 15. We remain on schedule for a new playing surface for our 2000 tournament schedule.

The Club's Colin Smith, with partner Ron Buck (Dupont LBC), finished second in the 1999 U.S. Pairs Championships. They actually completed the regular schedule of competition tied for first place with the Central's Degenhardt & Andresen. A special playoff was required to determine the champion.

At our Club's closing day meeting, our 2000 Officers and Directors were elected: President- Colin Smith, Vice-President-Bob Urquhart, Secretary-George Schick, Treasurer-Lorraine Urquhart, Directors-Skippy Arculli, Duncan Farrell, Joyce Fitzgerald, Debbie Smith and Nancy Stroud.

Club members in tournaments:

*ED Classic Pairs*-Fifth place, George Schick and Bob Urquhart

*ED Regional Challenge*-The NYJNJ/Del team, captained by Ron Buck, won the event by one point over a team representing the Mass/RI region. We expect to play the year 2000 event at the Thistle LBC. Congratulations to Ron and the members of our region's 1999 team. Essex Club members Duncan Farrell, Colin Smith and Bob & Lorraine Urquhart were members of the 1999 team.

**WILLIAMSBURG INN***By Susan Berg*

The Williamsburg Club hosted Pinehurst in October. While there was beautiful weather for bowling on the first day and a lovely dinner that night at the Fort Magruder Inn, rain and the threat of a hurricane forced the teams to cancel the final day's play. Pinehurst was in the lead and retained the tournament cup.

In November, Pauline Van der Spuy defeated a large field to win the Club Singles Championship. Pauline is the first woman champion since the competition began six years ago. She and her husband Pieter emigrated here from South Africa. Earlier this summer, the Club celebrated with them when they received their U.S. citizenship.

Several club members competed in the U.S. National Open Tournament in Irvine, California in October. Robin Goldman, distinguished himself, first by placing third in

**SKYTOP**

(Skytop, PA)

*By Ken Willig*

In the Poconos this time of year we direct our attention to winter sports, beauty of the snow-covered mountains and unchallenged cordiality of Skytop Lodge and Inn. Then too, we are all wrapped up in the new millennium anticipating what changes if any will occur in the future.

We do have a few expected responses to the question. Initially, we are hoping and praying for a return to good health to our dear friend and teammate Miggs Ward. I had the pleasure of seeing her in mid-November. Additionally, we are looking forward to a great season of bowling. Fortunately, several new bowlers joined our group this past summer and we shall continue to solicit new members.

The sprinkler system within our green has done wonders to the quality, and we see further improvement in the future. Finally, we are intent to recapture the prized "etching" lost to Buck Hill last summer. Hopefully, we will have our full team ready for this event.

As a reminder to our team:

July 17-22—Practice week, 10 a.m. daily.

July 24-29—Tournament week, 10 a.m. daily.

July 29—Sawyer Memorial, 2 p.m.

July 30—Skytop vs Buck Hill, 2 p.m.

Thanks to Doug Neal for doing a superb job reporting while this reporter recovered from surgery. See you all on the green in spring.

the Men's Singles at the U.S. Championships in Long Beach, and then by finishing in the money in the Men's Singles at the National Open.

On December 16, the club held its annual meeting and banquet. New officers were elected: President, Bob Hunt; Vice-President Jack Edwards; Secretary, Edith Edwards; and Treasurer, Tom Miller. Club members expressed their gratitude to Edith and Tom for agreeing to serve another term. Highlight of the evening was a draw for an original oil painting of lawn bowlers by Edith Edwards. Susan Berg was the lucky winner.

Bob Hunt announced some possible changes next year, including evening and morning leagues. The popular single and double ladders will continue. This year's singles ladder was dominated by Joann Proper, who regularly beat off the competition and held first place at the end of the season.

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### FLINT

By Jeane Giesen

The Flint Club will start the new year with a new roster of officers: President, Bob Verner; Vice President, Ron Ware; Treasurer, Ralph Woodard; Secretary Joan Milledge.

Every year we try something different to get new members. Maybe this year we will sing our cheer song as baseball fans do—same tune, different words:

Take me out to the lawn bowling green,  
Take me out to the crowd.  
Buy me some crackers and caviar.  
I want to go no matter how far.  
We will root, root, root, for the club teams,  
They're the best we've ever seen.  
For it's draw, drive and wick now and then,  
On the lawn bowling green.

We enjoy visitors. So come bowl with us. Bowling Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 9:30 a.m. For more information phone: 810/233-5128.

### MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK

By Buzz Althoen

Milwaukee rounded off its 1999 season in good fashion with nice fall weather.

Ken Degenhardt and Leif Andresen won the National Pairs in October, beating out all of the other divisions in California.

Officers for the new millennium were elected in early December. They are: President-Pat Mueller; Vice President-Bill Harrington; Secretary-Buzz Althoen; Treasurer-Bud Davis; Board members: Carol Holberg and Jerry Mathwig.

We look forward to a nice get-together in early February. Next summer we will sponsor the Central Division tournaments here in Milwaukee in mid-July. Must be because we have such great greens and nice folks!

### CHICAGO LAKESIDE

By Patricia Brown LeNoble

Our final tournament of the season was held on September 19th, with Dolly Rix being our Games chairperson for this event. There were six contestants for the Novice Singles, and Chris Kean took the lead position, with Robert Reveley in the second place spot.

This year's Senior Olympics on October 1st brought 55 participants into our area. Several of our members were on hand to help the Seniors with the fundamentals of the game and, by all indications, the day was a success.

Our Annual Meeting was held on October 3rd, and the officers elected are: Dolly Rix-President, Bill Nakagawa-Vice President, Cal Wright-Secretary, and Don Sneddon-Treasurer. Our thanks to Olive Young for her work as Treasurer for the past several years. Plans are in the making for an outstanding year of bowls in 2000.

### PITTSBURGH FRICK PARK

By James C. Cunningham

When you receive this issue of BOWLS, we will have had our annual Groundhog Day Dinner with a chance to chat with lawn bowling friends whom we had not seen since our banquet in October. Also, we note that despite the Y2K fuss the days are again growing longer, and it won't be long before we are preparing our greens for another great season of lawn bowling.

At our Annual Meeting in October, we elected the following officers and directors to guide us in the year 2000: President-George (Bud) Fickley; Vice President-Mary LaVerne Dimmock; Secretary-Ruth Cunningham. Directors for a two year term: Helen Fickley, Greg McCormick and Barry

November 6th brought us to the Awards Luncheon. After the medals were awarded and the accolades accepted, we went right to work on the winterizing of the clubhouse. Everything was either covered, removed, taken down or locked up, and in the spring we will reverse the process.

The Chicago Park District had our club on their agenda for a meeting on December 13, so Bill Nakagawa and Dolly Rix were there on our behalf. Bill was able to tell them what our needs are, and the Board showed some interest. It is now back to letter writing to several new people on the Chicago Park Advisory Board. We will follow this up at our next writing.

We now have a web-site, with Henry Reynolds as our webmaster. Find us at: <http://members.aol.com/LawnBowlingIndex.htm> (no period).

*In Memoriam*  
Ruth Castile

Lembersky. Patricia Goetz will continue as Treasurer and Eileen Luba, Jack Phillips and Jim Cunningham will continue as Directors for another year.

Winners of our 1999 club tournaments were: *Frick Club Open*—Bud Fickley; *Women's Singles*—Lois Saladin; *Men's Singles*—Jim Cunningham; *Open Doubles*—Hank Luba and Jack Phillips; *Mixed Doubles*—Anke Bakker and Randy Ober; *Two Bowl*—Bud Fickley; *4-3-2-1*—Jim Cunningham.

We were pleased to see in the December 28th issue of the New York Times a recognition of Lawn Bowling in their 1999 Championships listing, including our own Eileen Luba and Lois Saladin who, along with Patty Grabowski and Jesse Saunders, won the U.S. National Ladies Rinks Championship.

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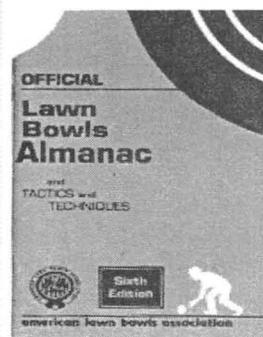
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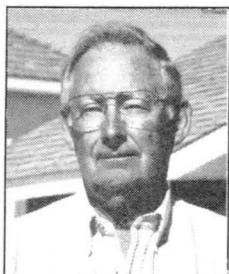
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The South Central Division finished 1999 with a strong bowling venue and is running full speed into "Millennium Madness". Just look at our BULLETIN BOARD OF EVENTS and reserve your calendar time.

Dollar-Monday at Lakeview continues to overflow. And Welcome Back parties held at all the local Clubs have set the tone for the holidays and the new century of great times bowling.

Our local newspapers have featured articles on Tom Stirrat, international competition, bowling instructions, and Sun City's introduction of an "executive bowling program" promoting the opportunity of shorter, less demanding games.

**CONGRATULATIONS CHAMP SALISBURY!** A Certificate of Congratulations was present to Champ Salisbury in recognition of Champ's introduction into the ALBA Hall Of Fame. South Central Division President Gil Stephan Jr. made the presentation at the November 16th Welcome Back Party held at the Lakeview Greens, Sun City.

SC Officers for 2000: President, R. Gil Stephan, Jr.; 1st VP, Jim Obrock; 2nd VP and Secretary-Treasurer, John Stewart.

### NEILS KRAGH PAIRS

#### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1. Doug McArthur & Buster Hollands
  2. Jack Behling & John Stewart
  3. Tom Stirrat & Gordon Shieck
  4. George Ralston & Bill Smulyan
- 2nd Flight*
1. Bill Hiscock & Bill Weaver
  2. Andre Banares & Norm Dickson
- 3rd Flight*
1. Peter Fish & Simon Meyerowitz
  2. chet Towle & Dave Close
- 4th Flight*
1. Bob Ayotte & Bob Christie
  2. Norman Valek & Jerry Cobb

### SUN CITY WEST

*By Howard Goodnough*

Fun DAY Bowling, Welcome Back Party, Holiday Party and "Whites Under-The-Lights" league bowling have taken us into a new century of "Bowling On The Green in Sun City West".

The "Whites Under-The-Lights" Fall League concluded mid-December. Aided by greatly improved lighting and mostly tolerable temperatures, the bowlers in both the Sweetheart Division and Red Division (not sweethearts) looked forward to their weekly night of bowling and social. Our Club has received a new 25 minute lawn bowling video tape courtesy of ALBA South Central Division. This tape should prove beneficial to new and experienced bowlers. Members are encouraged to view this tape which may

be checked out through the Club Secretary.

Though membership 2000 is still in progress, I am pleased to report seven new ALBA and three AWLBA members thus far.

Sun City West will be hosting the first ALBA Senior Open Tournament, Feb. 19-24. The format designed for ALBA Bowlers 70 years of age and over will feature two 16-end games daily (one AM, one PM), pairs and triples. Lindsay Towns, SCWLBC, chairs this event. Entry information appeared in the FALL '99 Bowls Magazine.

Newly elected Club Officers for year 2000 are: President-Gordon Shieck, Vice-President-Shirley Smulyan, Secretary-Treasurer-Howard Goodnough, Directors-Larry Brohammer, Jeanne Brown, Mary Willemstein and Bill Smulyan.



SCW's "Whites Under-The-Lights" patrons.

### AHWATUKEE

*By Bob Padgett*

Our Fall activities were launched in November with a "Visitation Bowl", hosted by the Leisure World Lawn Bowls Club in East Mesa, AZ. It was triples play. Our host's green was in beautiful shape and, of course, the Arizona weather cooperated with full sun to make for a lovely, warm (high-80s) bowling afternoon.

Our second event of the Fall/Winter season was "Fun Day" at our club. We had 25 participants. The morning consisted of Pairs play, with new draws after each four ends.

### PUEBLO EL MIRAGE

(Arizona)

*By Ron Gilmour*

Our 1999/2000 season is just getting underway. Many of our regular members from the north country have not yet arrived.

Our officers this year are President-Ron Schoenherr, Vice president-Earl Surrite, Secretary- Joy Sauter, and Treasurer-Mary Niblack.

First and second prizes were awarded to the two highest scores. A break for lunch and the club members enjoyed a "six foot long" sub sandwich with drinks.

The afternoon was spent in "funny games" such as "Jack-Last", bowling to red, white & blue jacks for high score, and other games that kept everybody laughing, cheering and in genuinely good spirits.

We resumed our "Visitation Bowls" program after the beginning of year 2000 with other clubs from East Mesa, including Venture Out, Monte Vista, and Silveridge.

We have started fun days every Thursday and club members volunteer to take a fun day and try to come up with something a little different. So far very good.

We had our first visitation with Paradise Club December 12. Many of us attend the Monday ALBA Dollar days at Lakeview Lawn Bowling Club and always enjoy them. A good way to keep in touch with other ALBA members in the area.

## SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

**SUN CITY GRAND**

By Richard Borzak

The first year passed by very quickly! The Grand Lawn Bowling Club, in Surprise, AZ., came into being in February, 1999, when 30 aspiring bowlers, guided by a few veterans, received a charter from Del Webb Corporation to become the *Grand Lawn Bowling Club*. As the New millennium begins, 62 members celebrate the Club's First Anniversary in February, 2000.

When veteran lawn bowlers Bob and Rosemary Nelson moved into Sun City Grand in February, 1997, they met often with Del Webb Management to ask about having a lawn bowling club as part of the facilities. With the help of ALBA South Central Division leader Gil Stephan, Bob persuaded the Webb Corporation to sponsor the 1998 National Open Tournament that was held in the Sun Cities in 1998. This resulted in having a brand new green constructed in time to hold the opening ceremonies for the event.

The Tournament brought many visitors as well as residents to see



*Sun City Grand Secretary Rosemary Nelson and President Bob Nelson.*

the game of lawn bowling. The Nelsons recruited 30 Sun City Grand residents to sign up to learn the game. Newcomers Barbara and Bill Denison, who lawn bowled in California, assisted.

There was a flurry of activity during December through February to train the new bowlers. Experienced lawn bowlers like resident, John Sanchez, the Nelsons, ALBA officers Doug McArthur and Lindsay Towns, and scores of Sun City and Sun City West bowlers, began training the enthusiastic Sun City Grand residents to be ready to bowl when the new Club received its charter in February, 1999. Officers were elected, and a Constitution and By-Laws, written by Rosemary, were approved. A formal training program was set up with Vice-President, Bill Denison as chief instructor. Since then, 32 newcomers have been trained. It is anticipated that the club will reach its goal of 100 members by its Second Anniversary.

Members and guests bowl on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 9 a.m. Newcomers are trained on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

**LEISURE WORLD**

By Doc Ralph Bednarek

Some dates that passed while the magazine was in preparation: January 11—General Meeting; January 13—visitation (here) with Silveridge; January 21-22, 24 club triples, with a potluck on last day.

Our ladder matches (these are challenge games with the winner leaping past their opponent on the ladder posted in the club house) have been ongoing: Betty D. defeated Don D, Wendell R. d. Joe K., Verna R. d. Norm D., Wray R. d. Verna R., Carl D. d. Wray R. Carl Dude is the current top rung holder.

We had a strong contingent of bowlers go to Monte Vista for their "Sims Doubles". Verna and Wray Roth finished third in the championship flight. Ruth and Dick Filbin finished second in the third flight. Joe Kelly and Betty Dudgeon qualified for the fourth flight with George Davey and his partner, but they both lost their first games to be eliminated.

Doc Bednarek and Norm Desautels journeyed to Sun City for the Neils Kragh Pairs and qualified for the fourth flight. They won their first game, but lost on the final end in their next game to be eliminated.

A visitation was held with Monte Vista on December 2nd and everyone had a great time. We journeyed to Ahwatukee for a visitation on their green and some exciting matches were enjoyed by all.

If you have any questions about any of the above call our President Joe Kelly at 807-3284. Our instructor, Norm Desautels, can be reached at 981-9417.

**PARADISE**

By Tony Appollo

I would like to welcome back all of our winter visitors. Our lawn bowls season is already in full swing.

At our November Annual meeting the following new officers were elected:

Dick Roth—President

James Thaden—Vice President

Nita Burdick—Secretary

Rene Bochard—Treasurer  
Tony Appollo—Board Member  
Marge Woodward—Board Member  
Marty Schans—Board Member

We have had many new people sign up for lessons, and many more waiting for a later date.

We have had two Fun Day yardstick competitions. Our Visitation Committee has

been busy setting up visitations with other clubs. Our Club tournaments started in January.

As the new South Central Division head umpire, I'm happy to announce the addition of Jim Thaden as our new ALBA umpire for the SCD. He will be a welcome addition to the SCD Umpires Club, and also Paradise LBC.

**SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION****SUN CITY***By Keith Yett*

On November 16th, the Sun City Club and the South Central Division hosted a Welcome Back Celebration at the weekly Dollar Monday Tournament, held at the Lakeview greens. It gave the year-round residents an opportunity to welcome all returning snowbird bowlers and friends to a day of enjoyable tournament bowling, concluding with a very convivial social gathering.

There were 126 competitors and cash prizes were awarded to several winning teams by random draw. Even one team of "losers" won a cash award. Lawn bowlers from seven different clubs located in the Phoenix "Valley of the Sun" area were among the competitors.

Winning team captains:

**MORNING***East Green*

1. George West
2. Nancy Davidson
3. Harry Towler
4. John Stewart

*West Green*

1. Nancy Hull

**AFTERNOON***East Green*

1. Mary Terrill
2. Bill Davidson

*West Green*

3. Leo Lalehand
4. George Hallas

*West Green*

1. Bob Labron
2. Dora Stewart
3. Bob Ayotte
4. Harry Towler

*Below: Some of the 126 bowlers who participated in the Sun City LBC/South Central Division hosted "Welcome Back Celebration" at the weekly Dollar Monday Tournament at the Lakeview greens.*

**MONTE VISTA**

(Mesa, AZ.)

*By Grace H. Said*

The Sims, Monte Vista Open was played November 27-28. There were three 12-end games on Saturday and two 16-end games on Sunday.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT**

1. Don & Betty Mayne
  2. Lindsay & Margaret Miller
  3. Wray & Velma Roth
  4. Alex & Gillian Marshall
- Second Flight*
1. Ed Atkinson & Grace Said

2. Ted & Mickey Barker

*Third Flight*

1. Bert & Marci Haws

*Fourth Flight*

1. Pat Harrison & Malcolm McDonald

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**TACOMA***By Jack Moore*

We welcome Jim Sayers as a new member of our club.

The inaugural Senior Games were played in the Greater Tacoma area August 26-28 (99). The opening ceremony was held at the Senior Community Center in Fife, WA. All

competitors and officials marched behind the banner of their sport. A program was held to introduce all dignitaries. Vi Anderson (Tacoma Club) was introduced as the woman's ambassador of the Senior Games. She also competed in lawn bowling.

Lawn bowling had 17 seniors registered, nine of whom had never rolled a bowl before. With the help of Mario Pereira and Grace Said of the Tacoma Club, we had an hour-long morning instruction class for the newcomers before play began. With these players, we held yardstick competitions. Every player received a medal because of the varied age groups.

Our seasoned lawn bowlers played Singles in their own age brackets. The competitors were: Vi Anderson, Von Armstrong, George Clark, Ken Honnold, Rosetta Johnson, Grace Said, Jim Sayers and Merv Wade. It is anticipated that we will have more entries next summer. Myra Wood, of the Tacoma Club, was Lawn Bowls Commissioner.

**WOODLAND PARK**

(Seattle)

*By Roy Scully*

The annual Christmas Party was the final event of the year. Caroling, socializing, exchanging gifts and, of course, a delicious potluck dinner, made for an enjoyable day for all. Chairwoman June Seeley did a great job of coordinating a fine party.

The big event of the new year for our club will be hosting the North American Challenge Tournament, the contest between the U.S. and Canadian national teams. Although it is many months away, preliminary planning is progressing well under the direction of Ian Fyfe, who has taken on the job of organizing the whole thing. With the help of the Jefferson Park and Tacoma clubs, he is confident that we will be able to present a first class tournament.

A call has been issued for volunteers to handle all the many details that need to be covered, and we are looking forward to a great show in the new millennium.

## NORTHWEST DIVISION

**SPOKANE***By Dan Hutchinson/Al Stuart*

Last year, Rich Gaffey stepped up and did an outstanding job of maintaining the green. He diplomatically worked hand-in-hand with the Spokane Parks Department and it was always a pleasure to bowl on the well-maintained surface. A few of the hardier veterans were seen braving some "less than balmy" days into mid-December and defying the elements. Gaffey cooperated by keeping a short nap on the green so it played true. In stretching the limit to the limit, the "keen kids" set a record by bowling in ten of 1999's twelve months.

A modest membership increase was in part due to the exceptional media coverage that prevailed last season. One TV station televised a segment of a match where their sportscaster went one on one with one of our bowlers. Four different segments aired locally, while the Spokesman Review newspaper did a wonderful article on the club and some of its members.

This year's Christmas Social was hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Tam and was held at Cascade Park. As usual, Dorothy Nakielny and Mary Lou Johnson, of the Social Committee, put forth a wonderful spread and entertainment package.

Lowell Brooks headed up the arrangements for Spokane's part of the Washington

State Senior Games. The veterans played on the first day, while the following evening saw the novices in action. Following the novice group finale, the presentation of medals, picture taking, snacks and joking took place well past sunset. This year's Games featured "Try-Its". Try-Its were a week in which interested prospects could come to the green, get free instruction, and even have a little tournament. Lowell turned the Sr. Games into a winner despite tough odds.

The winners in the Novice Division were: 1. Linda Tucker, 2. Kathleen Smith, 3. Willa Tucker (hey folks, this novice is 82 years young). In the Veterans Division, Bob Williams took 1st Place, Rich Gaffey was 2nd, and Al Stuart 3rd (yes, those are the same "choir boys" who won last year's novice division).

**JEFFERSON PARK**

(Seattle, WA)

*By Hugh Ramsay*

The local weather person says: "O.K. bowlers. Time to put away the mats, rakes and other bowling equipment." And that includes warnings to local snowbirds of impending winter days. However, we did have a break in the clouds to play our annual Turkey Shoot game in celebration of Thanksgiving.

New Board members elected last month were: Jean Lance, Frank Forrest and Greg Timlin. Chuck Cadney was elected to serve as President, and Greg Timlin as Vice-President.

In many clubhouses there is the problem of how to give proper recognition to winners of annual tournaments. Richard Broad has solved this with a handsome "wall board" he designed and built to display nameplates of the winners. (If you want to know who Richard Broad is, his picture appears in Bowls magazine four times in the results of the last August's Northwest Open.)

For many years our lower green has been one to avoid because its poor drainage makes for slow bowling. That is about to change when, with the Parks Dept.'s blessing, the green will be rebuilt to proper bowls specifications.

The final social event of the year was our annual Christmas luncheon, after which we were entertained—by Lois Timlin and Bill Craig playing their violins, followed by traditional carols, with Frank Forrest accompanying on his chord organ.

*In Memoriam*  
Tom Sisson

**NORTHWEST DIVISION****Major Tournament Schedule***By Wally Meyers**Northwest Division Secretary*

The schedule of NW Division ALBA and AWLBA tournaments events for the year 2000 are as follows:

**NW DIVISION SPRING OPEN***At Portland Lawn Bowling Club, OR*

May 27-29

**NW DIVISION PLAYDOWNS***At Woodland Park Lawn Bowling Club, Seattle, WA*

Men's Pairs, June 24-25, July 15

Men's Singles, June 25-26, July 15

Women's Pairs, June 24-25

Women's Singles, July 15-17

**NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE***At Woodland Park Lawn Bowling Club, Seattle, WA*

August 10, practice

August 11-13

**NW DIVISION SUMMER OPEN***At Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club, Seattle, WA*

Men's &amp; Women's Pairs, August 19-20

Men's &amp; Women's Singles, August 21-22

Men's &amp; Women's Triples, August 23-24

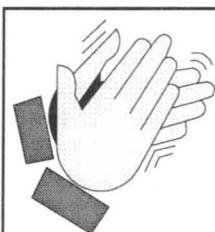
Mixed Pairs, August 25

**NW OPEN, NOVICE GAMES***At Tacoma, WA*

August 26

**PORTLAND***By Larry Edgar*

Things have been pretty quiet around the Portland clubhouse since we held our season-end work party in early October. At that time we did our fall housecleaning and some landscape maintenance along with some work on the green, preparing it for the winter. We think that we've performed all the necessary jobs to make the green Y2K compliant. So now we'll be waiting for the start of the new season in 2000.

**Honor a Friend**

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**TO ALL PIMD CLUB CORRESPONDENTS**—As we begin a new year of writing for BOWLS, let me quote a portion of a letter that was written to me by Editor Joe Siegman in February of '98, when I took over this job from Clarence Erickson. It should help with the timely submission of articles from each club:

"The deadlines for copy and photos *reaching me* is the first of each quarter: January 1, April 1, July 1 & October 1. On or about is okay."

I need to receive your articles by the 20th of the month before each due date to give me time to get them all together and send them on to Joe. As of January 4th, I have only gotten half of all the PIMD articles and I must send them in today. I know that each club wants to publicize their activities, but we need them in a timely fashion. It would aid me if I could get each of your phone numbers and or e-mail addresses. I can be reached at 925/932-5413, or at [TaySr@aol.com](mailto:TaySr@aol.com)

Our Rossmoor club ended 1999 suffering the loss of Chet Settles, who passed away on December 29. Chet was a valuable member of the RLBC and respected by us all.

Happy New Year to all of you, and continued bowling success for the next thousand years.

## SAN JOSE

*By June Pattison & Millie Forster*

The San Jose Lawn Bowls Club is alive and well. We had a great year!

Club visitors this past year: were (Marian) from Australia and (Hugo) from S. Africa.

Our Congratulations to Maritha Vakasilimi on winning the 1999 National Open Singles in Southern California! And our congratulations to Steve Jones—first, in

## LEISURE TOWN

*By Virginia Eas*

Leisure Town sent three teams—Sheila & Weldon Stout and Charlie Thorpe; Sally & Dick Ruddy and Doris Solga; and Paul, Peggy and Tim Regoli—to the Erma and Orville Artist Triples Tournament in August. Our Regoli Family team were winners and our Stout-Thorpe team won third on #2 Green. Our Ruddy-Solga team "almost" won all three.

At the September meeting, President Eva Hoekman presented Peggy and Don Johnston with a plaque and club pins for their outstanding work in recruiting and training new members. She thanked Anne Dickman for her weed pulling and John Hoekman for repairing the benches.

About forty members and spouses attended the October 28 cocktail party. After a short Happy Hour, we enjoyed a potluck dinner. Only a few costumes appeared—not enough to support a competition—but they did liven up the place.

Ten of our members went to Rossmoor in November for PIMD's Closing Day. This was a mixed triples draw, with Secure Horizons providing the lunch. Winners in our group were Sally Ruddy, who played lead on a team that placed third; Richard Ruddy, whose team tied for fifth in the morning and who skipped the team that came in first in the afternoon; Sheila Stout was lead and John Spiers, from the San Francisco Club, was vice on the team that placed first. Peggy Regoli was part of a team placing third, and Paul Regoli on a team placing second.

Our annual meeting was held December 1 and Charles Thorpe is our Year 2000 President. Sheila Stout is our new Vice-President. Treasurer Dick Ruddy and Secretary Virginia East remain from last year. Directors are: John Hoekman, Eva Hoekman, Frank Martin, Anne Dickman and George Kay.

Forty-one persons attended the Christmas Luncheon at Vaca Joe's on December 7 and enjoyed the camaraderie of the season.

Organized events on the green were resumed with the New Year.

the U.S. Pairs Playdowns, second, in the State Triples!

There were many tournament winners in the last issue of this magazine. To mention a few: Regina Banares, Joel Stearn and Frank Souza. We applaud all the winners! New member Ken Gillett played in the Novice Singles and made a good showing. We look for him to be in the win-

## PALO ALTO

*By Ed Arnold*

Our Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party took place on December 11. Had a good turnout of about 55 at our clubhouse affair. After all the reports and business were attended to, we enjoyed a "Happy Hour", followed by a turkey buffet with all the trimmings. It was super delicious! Our Hospitality Committee, headed by Dorothy Beckett and Jeanne Littleboy, did a great job.

Trophies for the winners of the intraclub tournaments during 1999 were awarded to: Bea McConachie (2), Joel Stearn, Esme Krobusek, Bill McConachie, Gordon Lockhart, Roberta Durham, Lois Qualls, Cliff Christensen, Velma Bartlett, Terry Hogan, Mary Cable, John Hickson (2), Regina Banares and Andre Banares.

These Officers and Board members for the year 2000 were elected: President-Peter Knopf, Vice President John Hickson, Treasurer-Glenn Stewart, Secretary-Betsy Young, Board-Bill Collins, Terry Hogan, Cliff Christensen, Louise Briggs, Roberta Durham, and Bill Wolfinbarger. Bill McConachie served well as President for the past two years.

Our green had its regular Fall renovation by the City workers and now looks great. The new sprinkler system that was to have been installed was delayed and will be done in the Spring. It is planned to have each sprinkler head operate separately off of a computer, which will make for more sensible watering.

We said "goodbye" to Martha Press, a very well-liked member of our club, at a memorial service held at Stanford's baseball field, the Sunken Diamond, in November. She worked for many years as a member of the staff of our monthly newsletter, WICKS.

The membership at the December meeting participated in a moment of silence in memory of our 1999 deceased members: Al Hill, Ed Meese, Scotty Elson, Ruth Peterson, Ken Wilson and Martha Press.

ning line-up soon.

Our club Christmas Party was held December 4th in the home of Ken Gillett, and a great time had by all.

On a sad note: Our beloved Mabel Bartholomew passed away in December, at the age of 86. Mabel was a great lady and brought a lot of joy to the club with her wonderful attitude.

**ROSSMOOR***By Frank Ransome*

Rossmoor lady bowlers did well in the PIMD Open. Roe Hazelwood, Felice Santos and Tomoko Lesowitz all finished at the top of their flights. Shirley Cam, Roe, Jeanne Lauritzen, Tomoko and Renee Friedman led in the Pairs.

The last event, Mixed Pairs, with dinner and dancing, was sponsored by Secure Horizon. Thirty teams participated using all three greens, with prizes on each green. Rossmoor winners were: Dan Belton/Sylvia MacDonald, Frank Ransome/Renee Friedman, Len Gould/Jeanne Lauritzen, Ed Ribeiro/Jackie Purdy, Jim Kilgour/Felice Santos, Jim and Julie Towar, Roe Hazelwood/Bob Harbeson, and Virginia Farr.

Jack Walton is the 80-plus champion, with Chet Settles in the runner-up spot. This three-day event is spaced out to make it easier for the contestants. Berkeley and Rossmoor celebrated thirty years of home and home competition with Berkeley winning the 60th meeting on points.

The final day of PIMD Tournament play was held at Rossmoor, with a soup and sandwich lunch between games. Once again, Secure Horizons came to our rescue. A crew of ladies set up for lunch under the direction of Roe Hazelwood. Renee, with help, did the decorations. Virginia Sternberg, Jean Gaba, Cathy Kelly, Ruth Hekel, Charlotte Weber and Jessica Kinninger did all the rest.

Our final event was the Awards Dinner. More than 120 members ate, drank and were entertained by fine music. Mickie Freeman was chairperson of this event, Maria Feeney kept track of the tickets, and we all had a great time. Tay Wheeler said goodbye as President and Bob Harbeson came on as our leader for the year 2000.

Winter play this year will feature fun/social games and the newly instituted Friday Singles Scramble. This latter event is a form of Australian Cutthroat by open draw, with each of the losers contributing one dollar to the winner of their group. Some Rossmoor bowlers will compete in winter leagues at Oakland and San Jose.

**OAKMONT***By Ray Watts*

Our officers for 2000: President-Walt Schilpp, Vice President-Jay Dement, Secretary-Jud Goodrich, Treasurer-Ed Propper. Board of Directors: Dave Cobble, Bev Cranston, Bjorn Karlsen.

Walt Schilpp, the new president, is 6'3", weighs 270 pounds and still swills beer and eats red meat. He has ordered that everyone will have FUN bowling, or else! He may even have to employ a team of "Grouch Busters".

We think this is the best way to meet Frank Ransome's plea to recruit and keep new members. The more serious bowlers will always be able to find their own level of tournaments. We have posted Joe Siegman's great article on the back page of the Fall Magazine on our bulletin board. We think it is a subtle hint to those who want to play their own game and forget the real purpose of the sport.

Last year we played over eighty days of various tournaments on our green. There was something for everyone. In addition many of our players participated in tournaments away from home.

We are a little concerned about the continuing of our fun Home and Home Tournaments. We have seen some cancellations and some with too few teams participating. Maybe it's the traveling or safety of commuting. Maybe a switch to Saturday might be the answer.

We are looking forward to a competitive, but fun and interesting year.

**OAKLAND***By Paul Schmidt*

The Oakland Lawn Bowling Club will be starting the new millennium by hosting its fifth annual Winter League Tournament. It commenced January 15 and continues for six Saturdays. Twelve P.I.M.D. triples teams (mixed or matched) will bowl two games each Saturday in a Round robin competition for trophies and cash prizes.

We wish to acknowledge two special Oakland competitors. In 1999, skip Norm Lum and lead Jerry Knott won the P.I.M.D. Novice Pairs Tournament, scoring two Super Shots in the two-day competition. Also, Jerry Knott won the Novice Singles Tournament and,



Norm Lum

Jerry Knott

in the process, made a clean sweep. That is, he won every match. Not only did this Dynamic Duo excel at the novice level, they honored their Club by winning the Sill's Pairs Tournament. Theirs is the first novice team to ever accomplish this feat.

We would like to invite all of our friends to visit our new website at [www.homestead.com/oaklandbowls](http://www.homestead.com/oaklandbowls). If any of you have a website, we would be happy to share mutual links with you. You will find our e-mail link in our website.

**SANTA CLARA***By Ida Baker*

Our 21st anniversary was celebrated September 5th with our Annual Pearle Patton 2-ball tournament. Two games were played and the winners were George Dolfin and Rebeca Vargas. Coming in second were Tecla Shepard and Norm Cote'. Congratulations teams.

Afterwards, there awaited a big treat for all those who came. There was delicious ice cream on which each member could decorate with chopped nuts, chocolate syrup, strawberry sauce, peach sauce, nonpareils, whipped cream and more. Also, a big anniversary cake added to the occasion. Dave Romasko conducted the games and Cathy Rollison put together the decorations and the refreshments. All the participants were very appreciative of their efforts. One of the persons responsible for the founding of our club was present at these festivities. Pearle Patton attended, even though she had just recently undergone eye surgery a few days before. Pearle is an energetic 92.

Our own Dave Romasko and Harvey McFalls came in first in the Pairs in the State Sirs Tournament. Well done, Lads. All the Division games have come and gone. Our participating bowlers put out their best, but winning games eluded them. We look forward to better results next year.

Jonathan Low and Kevin Ward signed up as new members this year. All the members welcome to our Club Jonathan and Kevin.

After a long illness, one of our beloved members, Hal Bitner, passed away.

*In Memoriam*  
Harold (Hal) Bitner

**SAN FRANCISCO***By Bob Howald*

The last annual meeting of this millennium was held December 5. Approximately seventy members and guests attended the meeting and awards luncheon. Everyone had a wonderful time thanks to Bill and Wilma Ryan arranging the lunch and facilitating the set-up; Rita Klingen, who did a spectacular job with flower arrangements and table centerpieces; and, all the members who participated in the set-up and clean-up. This is the glue that has held our club together over the past 98 years and makes these events fun.

Congratulations to David and P.J. Jamison, our newest members. They bring our current membership to 135, and puts the 150 member goal well within reach.

In the year 2000, we will have some changes in the Board of Directors as well as our officers. Thanks to Bill Campbell for this years of service as Club Secretary. Bill will be succeeded by Millie Brown, who will be assisted by D.J. Doring. New members of the Board are: Lionel Guterres, Erwin Senk and Frank Toccalino. Robb Pawlak will be assisted on the Publicity Committee by George Scarpato.

The most fun, at least for me, is the awards part of the lunch. I got to distribute them. The 1999 "Bowler of the Year" is Ed Guterres. Ed accumulated more points this year than any other bowler in memory.

*At right: San Franciso "Bowler of the Year," Ed Guterres.*

**HONOLULU**

(Ala Moana Beach Park)

*By Sharon Hunt*

ALOHA! We hope everyone across the country is enjoying lawn bowling in some warm climate this winter. If not, come join us in sunny, warm Honolulu!

We have been very blessed with visitors this past year. Most recently, in November, we had the Annual Canadians vs Hawaii Tournament. It was a great success with many nice people here for 12 days. The first of February we will have the David Bryant Bowling Tour here for a rinks tournament. Most of us find rinks the most difficult to play—two bowls doesn't seem like enough!

**SUNNYVALE***By Wes Ireland*

It has been a busy and eventful year for SVLBC. Past President Wes Ireland wishes to thank the officers and members for their support throughout the season and beyond. May the newly elected President, Al Rosangana, enjoy the same measure of dedication and loyalty. Other officers for 2000 are: Al Camps, Vice-President; Roger Beale, Treasurer; Al Mendoza, Secretary (President's right hand man). Directors are: Al Rizzo, Bernice Yorke, Nancy McDonough and Jim Warwood.

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members to our club. So, we do welcome Vince Domenech, Jr., Janette Hunting, Larry Luiz, Adam & Jason Papier, Sydell Picone, Pete Ringo, Jack McCaskill (from Palo Alto), and Bob Remedios (from San Francisco). We are indeed happy to have all these nice people as members and hope to see them on the green often.

SVLBC tournament results: Men's Pairs Draw was won by Joe Shepard and Mas Oka. Al Mendoza and Jim Warwood were second.

Ladies Pairs Draw was won by Bernice Yorke and Nancy McDonough, with Dorie Mendoza and Betty Oka finishing second.

Our annual Holiday Dinner & Installation rounded out the year. Thanks to Mary Balsama, who with cook Al Cancilla, a set-up gang of Norm & Irene Nakano, Mas & Betty Oka, Al & Dorie Mendoza, Roger Beale and Bernice Yorke did a great job—not to mention the ladies who completed the menu with their delicious potluck contributions.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Irene Rizzo, recovering from major surgery, and Al Cancilla. We look forward to having them back on the green with us soon.

We had front page newspaper coverage this past week of a team of international proportions: Penny Darrow from Oregon, Jane Martin from Australia, Loren McMillan from Toronto, and Sam Takamura from Japan. We are also expecting visitors from the Tokyo Lawn Bowls Club in 2000.

We have completed two more tournaments: the Draw Mixed Doubles, won by Don Hunt and Hazel Redlack; and the Club Championship, won by Jim Diamond. Don Hunt runner-up.

Once again may I extend a warm welcome to any and all of you to come visit us. We have truly enjoyed all of you this past year that have joined us in a game of bowls. When in PARADISE call Sharon and Don Hunt at: 808/941-2291. ALOHA!

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So, here we are, still up and functioning and barely missing a beat after the calendar roll-over from 1999 to 2000, despite the gloomy and Armageddon-type predictions by the frenzied doomsayers. Could be a lot of garage sales featuring bottled water, gas-powered generators, guns and ammo and what have you.

Anyway, it looks like we'll be able to continue the enjoyment of our great game without any noticeable problems. The tournaments will go off as scheduled and we'll all be better off healthwise by our active participation. Except now whenever we roll a bad bowl, we can try to explain it with something like: "I don't think that bowl is Y2K compliant!" Works for me. Better than some of the other excuses we hear.

Now, the usual reminder to all of the fine club correspondents of our division. Please make sure all of your club submissions are either typewritten or computer print-out, and any photos are of good contrast and the people in them are identified. The next deadline to have your news to me is March 25.

### LEISURE WORLD

(Laguna Hills)

By Wallace Knutsen

The year 1999 broke a string of losses in membership dating back to 1993. We added 43 new bowlers to our club! The best part is that most of them are playing in daily games and in tournaments.

Our Novice Singles tournament brought out the largest number of players in recent years. We are now gearing up for another year of active recruiting and training. We plan three days for training each week at 9 A.M. This enables instructors to play in the 10 A.M. games, and even some of the trainees when they are ready for games.

### POMONA

*By Hugh Freeman*

The end of a year. The end of a decade. The end of a millennium. Great opportunities await. The Pomona Club is using the chance to enlarge its membership. It has been helpful to have a nucleus of members at a nearby retirement community. This group invites each new resident to try this fascinating sport. We added four new members in the past few months. May it continue.

We ended the year with a new tournament. This was a charitable event for an organization entitled: "Shoes That Fit". It collects money to buy shoes and clothes for needy elementary school students. We are paired with Lincoln Elementary School in Pomona. The Club collected nearly \$600 to use for this project. The first winners were: C. Hilliard, R. Virza, and S. Sanford.

The officers for the Club in this new year are: Pres. Dick Weigle, V.P. Hugh Freeman, Sec'y. Sandy Sanford, Treas. Bob McCullouch, Tourn. Chair. Robbie Robinson, Games Chairman Ed Ramirez, Women's Rep. Lucille Pupo, and Member-at-Large Bob Magnusen. Our President is serving his second term. He has shown great energy and responsibility the past year.

The Executive Board is solving the watering problem that has handicapped us, and attempting to arrange for new backboards.

We are looking forward to the new year with great anticipation.

*In Memoriam*

Ralph Dahlquist  
Fritz Washburn

### REDLANDS

*By Peg Bennett*

The 77th annual meeting was held November 20th at the clubhouse, with President Don Poe presiding.

Robert Carson, a new member, was introduced to the membership.

Committee reports were given, highlighted by the announcement that the Redlands Club finished second in the Citrus League. The new schedule for the Citrus League starts February 15.

In the election that followed, Don Poe was re-elected President. Other officers for 2000 are: Len Carver, past-president; Joan Worden, Secretary-Treasurer; Jean Willingham, vice-president.

Elected chairpersons are: Zelda Bain, tournament, assisted by Pat Oesterlein; Joe Ruderman, Citrus League, assisted by Bob Castle; Angie Sisti, games; Mary Johnson, social, assisted by Betty Straesser; Bob Castle, greens, assisted by Bill Whitmer; Lee Bain, buildings, assisted by Ollie Clark; Don Poe, Angie Sisti, Len Carver delegates to ALBA; Sheillagh Carver and Naomi Ruderman, delegates to AWLBA.

President Poe appointed the following: Peg Bennett, publicity and sunshine; Jean Willingham, historian; Irwin Margolis, nominating committee chairman, assisted by Cindy Gordon and Joan McCarthy; Betty Straesser, telephone, assisted by Jean Willingham; and Len Carver, newsletter.

We are saddened by the unexpected death of Nedra Conley, sister of Pat Oesterlein. Nedra was club president for three years and was recipient of a lifetime membership. She was always upbeat, joking, and the first person to volunteer for any task.

*In Memoriam*

Nedra Conley

New officers elected for year 2000 are Ruth Rickard, President and Adrian Van Dee Ree, Vice President.

On December 5 we welcomed 155 lady bowlers from the SW Division. They came for bowling, lunch and to attend a silent auction. Hundreds of items were donated and sold.

Alice Lawrence, from the Alhambra Club, was tournament director, with our Terry Baade in charge of the luncheon.

We had an entry to the Tournament Players Super Shots Club. Registering 8 shots in the President's Cup Triples were: David Warstadt, Wallace Knutsen and Ron Ankron.

## SOUTHWEST DIVISION

**SANTA MONICA***By Bob Nock*

On December 4, Santa Monica held its annual Christmas Party. Awards were presented for bowling achievements during the year and to those individuals deserving of special recognition for outstanding service to the Club. The luncheon was held at the Furama Hotel. Wine flowed freely and a good time was had by all.

The event was enhanced by the presence of a number of former "regular bowlers" whom we have not seen for awhile. Ted Steinfeldt drove from Laguna Hills with his companion, Ingaborg, to be with us. Gertrude Barlow, who has been a member of SMLBC for more than 20 years was there, as was Josie Ziegler and Earl McLargin, along with his wife, Faye.

In addition to the annual Singles, Pairs and Triple Tournaments, trophies were awarded to the winners of our 4-4-4 tournament held in October. Max Wurwand took the prize for winning Skip, Scott Cormier for Vice, and Nancy Adelson for Lead. Bowler of the Year Award for 1999 went to Scott Cormier, who only missed one Sunday of regular bowling during the year. Runner-up for Bowler of the Year went to Alan Goodnoff. Alan was the winner in 1998.

Two special recognition plaques were awarded, one to Bill Grant for his continuing dedicated attention to the maintenance and care of our green, and the second to Bob Morrow, who has

been our treasurer for the past five years. Bob is the unsung hero who looks after our Club's finances and receives very little attention or credit for his efforts.

At the end of the luncheon the Club Gavel was given to Alan Goodnoff to mark the beginning of his term as President of SMLBC. Sam Benjamin will be the new Vice President and Tournament Director.



*4-4-4 Champions (l-r) Max Wurwand, Nancy Adelson and Scott Cormier.*

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

WELCOME to the return of our seasonal members and to our dozen new members.

The Club has been quite active the past three months—starting with the "OLDLYMPICS" in early October. Most of the medals were won by Sun City bowlers this year. However, we did have a few winners: *Men's Singles*—Silver to Clair Ott; *Women's Singles*—Kathy Bremer took the Bronze, and Mary Ann Rucinski finished fourth; *Mixed Pairs*—Bronze to Kathy Bremer and Bob Hill (R). The Mixed Triples was canceled after one game because of excessive heat. Kathy Bremer also won a special medal for Overall.

Club Tournaments results:

*Open Singles*—Greg Lil and Fred Bertsch (a novice) won all three of their games, but Greg prevailed by one plus-point to win. Kathy Bremer finished in third place.

*Turkey Shoot*—1. Kathy Bremer, Greg Lil, Carl Henrich; 2. Wen Mowery, Dee Kessler, Marilyn Ball.

*Australian Pairs*—1. Tricia Evans & Glad Lil; 2. Paula Bellone & Josie Loy; 3. Jean Clark & Lois Harmon.

Our annual meeting, with election of officers, was held on December 3. Elected were: President-Jean Clark; 1st VP-Greg Lil; 2nd VP-Leon Adams; Sec-Treas-Mary Jane Henrich; Bldg./Greens Chair-Clayton Ball; Tournament Chair-Dee Kessler; Members-at-Large: Fred Bertsch, Wen Mowery and Dorothy Rose.

The annual Christmas Dinner was held at the Anchor Restaurant. The food was very good and the entertainment was excellent. It was provided by one of our newest members, Tony Derrico, at the piano.

At the California 4's in Newport, Paula Bellone was on the team that took 4th place. At the Nationals, Mary Jane Henrich was on the team that finished 2nd in the Championship flight of the Fours. Then she teamed up with Sun City's Evelyn Tiel to capture first place in the 2nd flight of the Pairs. At the Sun City Triples, Bill & Paula Bellone, with Paul Rotter, placed 2nd on the A Green. On the B Green, Mary Jane Henrich, Wen & Ladene Mowery tied for fourth place. Australian Pairs at Riverside, Bill and Paula Bellone were first in the 3rd flight.

Since this is my last article, I want to wish you all GOOD BOWLING in the coming year.

**COVE COMMUNITIES**

(Palm Desert, CA)

*By Tom Hodgins*

Bowling began again the first week in November at the Joslyn Senior Center in Palm Desert. We are back to our regular winter hour of 9 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

This summer we sent posters and letters to all of the lawn bowling clubs in Western Canada inviting them to visit the desert this winter and bowl with us. We had quite a few responses and have had a few new bowlers to the area join us already. We also had a new couple from England with us for November.

Our green is in the best shape it has been in for quite sometime, thanks to time being put in by the members and the cooperation of the Center and the parks and recreation department.

We entered three teams in Smoke Tree's November tournament and our number one team almost came away with the championship, losing by only a point. Another team placed fourth.

## SOUTHWEST DIVISION

**PASADENA**

By Ruth C. James

Pasadena won the Lieberg Annual Tournament at Friendly Valley LBC. Our teams were: Jack Edwards, Hugo Sahlein, Marcia Masterson and Ray Marrs, Stu Baxter, Rita Marrs. This tournament is named for Harvey Lieberg, president of the Pasadena LBC in 1963.

The Club Triples, held in October with Vernon Leidig in charge, was won by Don Shrader, Gus Rheault and Loretta Keller. Runners-up were Jim Splitt, Marcia Masterson and Ralph Evans.

Dick Lockridge, one of our most industrious lawn bowlers and twice president of our club passed away in October. His energy, enthusiasm and dedication to our sport was reflected in his ability to recruit many new members to the club. The Lockridge Family has established a memorial for the Pasadena Club. Anyone wishing to contribute to Dick's memorial please send gifts to: Dick Clark, 13000 Inverness Drive, Pasadena, CA 91103.

Don Shrader and Arden Lichy introduced members of the Pasadena Presbyterian Church to lawn bowls, complete with a video, demonstrations and a turn at rolling a few. Six recruits were encouraged.

Twenty teams participate in the Petit Pairs in October. Silver bullion awards went to the top finishers: 1. David Hallman/Joe Grabowski, 2. Alan Goodnoff/Lee Randall, 3. Eric Sherman/Simon Meyerowitz, 4. Ken Bolton/Bill Meierstein.

The Alhambra and Glendale Clubs visited Pasadena in November.

We are indebted to Hal Edgar who has refurbished chairs and table in the clubhouse, while maintaining our archives as historian and producing beautiful pictorial albums.

In September, we had a birthday party for our two senior members, Everett Wood (95) and Gus Rheault (97). Merilyn Leidig bake the birthday cakes.

At our annual December meeting, Vernon Leidig was elected president, Mac MacKently first vice-president, Loretta Keller second vice-president, Don Shrader secretary and Dick Clark treasurer. Immediate past-president is Ray Marrs.

**TEAM SOUTHWEST 2000**

By Hugo Sahlein

*President, Southwest Division*

Each year the Southwest Division recognizes fourteen of its top bowlers as "Team Southwest" for that year. Being a member of Team Southwest is an honorary position that carries the respect of the Division for having successfully placed in key competitive events. Qualification for consideration is entry in the designated events. The team members have no scheduled commitment to represent the Division in any special event, but may be called upon should the occasion arise—such as the annual Can-Am West Classic.

Southwest bowlers who earned their place on Team Southwest 2000 are, in rank order by points:

1.Mert Isaacman	76	8. Conrad Melton	18
2.M. Ashton-Phillips	53	9. Tom Dion	18
3.Ivan Hyland	47	10. Simon Meyerowitz	18
4.Michael Siddall	44	11. Hugh Findlay	17
5.Neil Furman	42	12. Ken Bolton	16
6.Bob Nunes	23	13. Ed Quo	13
7.Ian Ho	19	14. James Cronshaw	13

The Division Review Board—Bob Hill (Chair), Jim Hempe and Ray Santini—selected Team Southwest 2000 on the basis of their earned points performance in seven major 1999 tournaments: U.S. National Open (4 flights, all events); Southwest Open (4 flights, all events); U.S. Playdowns (both events, 1st & 2nd); State Triples (1st & 2nd); State Rinks (1st & 2nd); Murray-Allison Singles (1st & 2nd); Cary-MacDonald Doubles (1st & 2nd). Place position points were awarded as follows:

1st Place, Champ Flt	10	2nd Place,	3	
2nd Place	"	9	1st Place, Third Flt	6
3rd Place,	"	8	2nd Place,	2
4th Place,	"	4	1st Place, Fourth Flt	5
1st Place, Second Flt	7	2nd Place,	1	

Hearty congratulations are in order from all in the Southwest Division to this Team Southwest 2000!

**CASTA DEL SOL**

(Mission Viejo, CA)

By Bill Olsen

Our annual meeting was held October 11. Rally Bates was re-elected to serve as president for the coming year.

Our club hosted the AWLBA Singles Tournament October 27. We were also privileged to host the first U.S. Professional Bowls Association qualifying event October 30-31. Later, we received a nice letter from Frank Souza thanking and complimenting us on the condition of our green.

We gathered Saturday, December 11 for our annual holiday party. What with a tasty catered dinner, live music and fine fellowship, a good time was had by all.

**ALHAMBRA**

By Alice Lawrence

No progress on our grass green. President Markus continues to do battle with the City on our behalf.

150 happy gals came from all over the Southland for bowling, lunch and a silent auction at our annual Ladies Day Event.

We are planning our fifth "Day at the Races" on Sunday, March 19. Bill Reidy will again produce for us lists of *winners!*

We are expecting 50 visiting bowlers from England on April 5th.

Nancy Trask will try again to lead Alhambra to victory in the Valley League of 2000.

**SOUTHWEST DIVISION****Mabel**

Mabel Wagner, a Southern California lawn bowling fixture for nearly three decades, and honored some years past as lawn bowling's "#1 Spectator", passed away in October at the age of 90.

True to the recognition accorded her, Mabel attended every bowling competition in which her husband, Ervin "Bub" Wagner, and her son, Dr. Gery Wagner, participated—a period of more than 25 years.

**SANTA ANITA**

*By Winnie Eberle*

1999 closed with a gala Christmas Party at the Sunset Room of the Santa Anita Golf Course. We were entertained by a vivacious Lisa Grey, and our officers for 2000 were installed by George McClellan: Bob Hill, President; Gene Plunkett, 1st Vice President; Marinko Tudor, 2nd Vice President; Joan Wignall, Recording Secretary; Marion Compton, Membership Secretary; and Eleanor Martin, Treasurer.

In October, four of our ladies—Floy Torvid, Marion Compton, Terry Higgins, Virginia Price—along with John Spalenka, served lunch to the bowlers

**SUN CITY**

(California)

*By Betty Munden*

The fall months of October, November and December were busy ones for our Club, with many of us participating in the Oldlympics held in Hemet, CA. Many of our members earned Gold, Silver or Bronze medals in Lawn Bowling and other various events.

Our Club Mixed Triples was won by Bev Talley, Charlie Fox and Betty Mitchell, with the team of Don Miller, Don Fawley and Lillian Hallgren placing second. We have a Fun Day each year near Halloween that we call our "Fall Festival". It was hosted this year by Bev Talley, who served "Ghoulash" with all the trim-

**PHOTO TIP!**

Always use a flash...  
Even on sunny days!

**LAGUNA BEACH**

*By Ed Perry*

The Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club will finish its 68th year soon, and it has been a most enjoyable year. We have many new, enthusiastic bowlers and, with the help of a new mower and new plunger, the greens are in great condition.

A new Board has been elected for the year 2000, led by Reine Kramer. Other new Board members are Terry Baade, Ivan Hyland and Jack Mauvais.

We have been notified that we can ex-

one day at the U.S. Championships at Long Beach.

The ladies luncheon meetings were held as well as our monthly birthday parties. Circle Bowling preceding our parties remains our most popular event. Friendly Valley visited us just before Thanksgiving. The Southwest Division women also held their quarterly meeting at Santa Anita. Our ladies also enjoyed the SWD Christmas Party at Laguna Hills. And, we can't forget our semi-annual trip to Laughlin where we made our contribution to the coffers of that city.

We are very proud of our publicist, Gene Plunkett. He has forwarded news of all our events and the exploits of some of

pect visiting bowlers from England in late April. Our excellent greenskeeper, Ernesto Renteria, has been designated as an Honorary Member and his name added to the roster.

Four women members of Laguna Beach LBC have been selected to play in World Bowls in Australia in March: Jean Kaye, Carrie Fossati, Maryna Hyland and Heather Stewart. We will probably be sending men bowlers also to the North American Challenge event.

Come join us and bowl by the Sea!

our members to the newspapers. They do appear in some papers, and we are always happy to note them in the Arcadia Weekly, where they appear about every two weeks.

*Oscar Sandberg Triples*—1. Floy Torvid, Chuck Browning, Herman Cook; 2. Bill MacFarland, Terry Higgins, Bill Gearhart; 3. Bob Padget, John Spalenka, Sandy Krieger; 4. Doug Ferris, Ruth Comell, Marlene Padget.

*75 and Over*—1. Chuck Browning, 2. Dick Ferris, 3. Don King, 4. Bill MacFarland.

We are looking forward to new greens, increased membership and many more activities in the new year 2000 with great anticipation.

mings after an afternoon of bowling. We also had a fine time with our San Diego bowling friends when they came up to visit us.

In early November, we had the ALBA-AWLBA clinic here for twelve of our members who had a desire to learn and improve their skills. It was a fun and very informative day led by Pat Gonzales of Long Beach.

Our Over 80 Singles Tournament was won this year by Betty Zakrezewski, better known simply as "Betty Zee", only the second woman to win this tournament since it began seven or eight years ago by Chip Bristol. The runner-up was Oscar Christopherson, an over-90 year old!

Our Sun City Mixed Triples Invitational is the last event on the Southwest Division calendar for the year, and we had a very good turnout. The team of Ian Ho, Kottia Spangler and Eva Ho took first on the "A" Green, and the Sun City Team of Joe Rahm, Doris Rahm and Evelyn Tiel placed first on the "B" Green. Our hospitality ladies and gentlemen out-did themselves all day long. We especially wish to thank Clair Ott, of Hemet, for helping set up this tournament.

New officers and board of directors were installed at our yearly Christmas Dinner in early December. Our new President is Ed Malinowski, Vice President-Bob Anderson, Secretary-Betty Jo Adney, Treasurer-Charlie Fox.

## SOUTHWEST DIVISION

**THE GROVES**

*By Big, Bad & Balding Bill*

Kiss 1999 goodbye! 'Twas a great year of bowling here at the Groves, topped off by a super evening of food, awards and entertainment thanks to Grace Shrigley and her working crew.

As promised, here are our Club "99" results:

*Triples*—1. Gar Frarnsworth, Joe Molletta, Sandy Sanford;  
2. Dick Miller, Gene Tattro, Marge Mellen.

*Pairs*—1. Sybil Bernash/Joe Molletta; 2. Jim Hempe/Innes Bishop.

*Bridesmaids Singles*—1. Jerry Frank, 2. Jim Emerson, 3. John Luti.

*Novice Singles*—1. Bill Brown, 2. Gordon Hast, 3. Maxey Collins.

*Ladies' Singles*—1. Glenna Weber, 2. Sybil Bernash, 3. (tie)  
M. Mellen/F. Tattro.

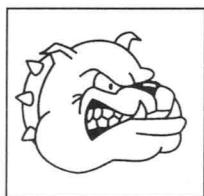
*Men's Singles*—1. Joe Molleatta, 2. Bad Dog Meierstein,  
3. Ken Weigel.

*Mixed Singles*—1. Ken Weigel, 2. Sad Dog Meierstein,  
3. Glenna Weber.

Our newly elected Y2K Board consists of: Glenna Weber, President; Jim Emerson, Vice-President; Frank Gilmore, Games Chairman; and Glad Dog Meierstein, Tournament Chairman.

In gratitude for the great job our last year's Board did they were rewarded with...Nothing. Zippo. Zilch. As usual!

In closing, remember to speak kindly of your partners, or you soon will have none!  
C.U. on the green.

**SANTA BARBARA**

*By Dudley Miller*

At the annual meeting in December, Jim Stahl was elected to guide our club as president through 2000. Velma Dorsey was voted a *Life Member* in recognition of her 25 years of service to our club and to the division.

Our annual toy drive was another beautiful success. Connie Steketee estimates that nearly 200 cuddly little animals were presented to the Santa Barbara Police Department during a very brief ceremony at our annual meeting. These toys are carried in police cars and given to young children traumatized by unpleasant events requiring police intervention. This reflects the essence of the Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club at its very best.

The 1999 SBLBC Women's Singles Championship, sponsored by Velma Dorsey, required a playoff between Dita Joseph and Kathy Vea. In extremely close games, Kathy took the championship for the fifth time in eight years.

The Seventh Annual Lynn Abbott Triples in October, our "battle of the sexes", proved to be a real "battle." After sixteen matches, the men and women had each won eight games. The tie left everyone happy. This was the first time in the seven-year history of this event that "Tie" was inscribed on the trophy.

The November SBLBC Rinks Championship is always our final tournament of the year. The winner was the team of

**EBERLE-MCCOWEN PAIRS**

*By Isabel Forbes*

The AWLBA-sponsored Eberle-McCowan Mixed Pairs (men skip) was played Saturday, November 13, with entries split between the Pasadena and Long Beach greens.

Results:

LONG BEACH

*Green A*

1. Ian & Eva Ho
2. Bob Forget & Jan Wessel
3. Simon Meyerowitz & Kottia Spangler

*Green B*

1. Joe Rahm & Evelyn Tiel
2. Bob Ogden & Ann Kirchberg
3. Richard Blatter & Freddie Hinson

PASADENA

1. Amador Martinez & Doris Sneddon
2. Steve Dowd & Lucille Pupo
3. Bill McDonald & Nancy Trask

The Overall winner of the trophy with the highest plus was Ian and Eva Ho.



Eberle-McCowan "overall" winners  
Ian and Eva Ho

Ray Togni, Ruth McLeod, Russ Morgan and Jo Pacelli. Finishing second was the team of Al James, Natalie Martinez, Jim Stahl and Thelma Duran.

The final event on our 1999 social calendar was a great Christmas party on December 14. About seventy green, red, and white-clad bowlers attended. Santa's helpers served up a vast array of tasty entrees, salads and desserts donated by our generous members—plus ham supplied by the ever-generous Flower Fund. Once again, the success of our richly enjoyed parties is undeniably due to the fantastic devotion of the wonderful ladies who volunteer to perform the kitchen miracles. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Eleanor Simmons and Santa's other helpers: Jean Hand, Dorothy Thielges and Betty Woodworth.

Mrs. Santa Claus (Connie Steketee) hosted the always-popular "Spiders"—one for the ladies and another for the gentlemen. The winners, Carol Smith and John Percy, each received a bottle of vintage Martinelli Apple Cider.

We are saddened to announce the untimely death of Grace Price. Grace had not been a member of our club for very long, but her lovely presence will be missed.

*In Memoriam*  
Grace Price

**Look for World Bowls results in the next issue!**

**SOUTHWEST DIVISION****CAMBRIA-JOSLYN***By Ed Pierce*

An excellent turnout of 40 CLBC members, spouses and friends were in the Joslyn Adult Recreation Center on December 11 to enjoy a bountiful and delicious assortment of potluck dishes for the luncheon prior to the club's annual meeting.

Principle order of business was the election of officers for the coming year. Nominated and approved by acclamation were: B.J. Martin and Dick Cowdery, co-presidents; Don Swezey, vice president; Peg Pierce, secretary; and Charlotte Hoffman, treasurer. Swezey will also serve as interclub tournament chair and Bob Burns as intraclub tournament chair. Other appointments and assignments will be announced by the co-presidents in coming weeks.

A special award was given to Bob Gardenhire, who since joining the club in July has personally brought five new members into CLBC. He was appropriately named "Recruiter of the Year" for 1999, and his name will be the first



*Cambria 2000 officers: (l-r) Dick Cowdery, Don Swezey, Peg Pierce and Charlotte Hoffman. AWOL from the photo is B.J. Martin.*

to be placed on a plaque being established to recognize this important activity.

The usual holiday schedules, commitments and out-of-town travels have affected the total number of lawn bowlers in recent weeks, but after New Year's we'll be back in force.

**BEVERLY HILLS***By Hy Pertenshen*

We held our first open house since Herbert Hoover was President in early November, and the turnout surprised even the most optimistic members. Called for 1-3 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon, the turnout of prospects was non-stop.

While some members invited friends to the Free Lessons afternoon, most prospects responded to two small-ish ads in the Beverly Hills neighborhood newspaper. The ads instructed interested parties to phone and "register for free lessons". While many recruits followed the plan, quite a few others simply showed up at the green during the prescribed time.

While it is fascinating witnessing who responds to the words "open house" and, especially, "free", we were encouraged by the enthusiasm of the on-going crowd, and the request by a half-dozen attendees for membership applications. Kudos to the members who put in a lot of energy—a team effort—to make the afternoon a success: Helman Todes, Neville Sacks, Joe Siegman, Meredith Goodwin, Edna Samson, Howard Sanders, Allen Grossman, Anne Barber, Arnie Marion and Len Zvonkin.

As a bonus, the local newspaper ran a photo and lauditory caption the following week that led to additional prospects showing-up for lessons. Ask us next summer "how well" we did.

At our season-ending (it really never stops) annual luncheon meeting and "Wappenshaw", all 1999 officers were reelected for the year 2000. Food supply was again well-delivered by Allen Grossman and presented by June Zvonkin, Meredith Goodwin and helpers. In the Wappenshaw, top guns, in order of finish: Allen Grossman, Arnie Marion, Joe Siegman, Helman Todes, Edna Samson, Neville Sacks, Anne Barber and Howard Sanders.

**LONG BEACH***By Ann Kirchberg*

The 1999 U.S. Championships were hosted by our own Long Beach Club. The championships got to a rolling start after a jarring 7.0 earthquake hit just a few hours earlier. Players were sounding like Elvis singing, "I'm All Shook Up". But actually, everything went smoothly as the event progressed. It was acknowledged by many that we offered the best bowling greens in recent memory. Sharing the chairmanships were Dick Cole and Pat Gonzales, with a tremendous outpouring of help and support from our members and area clubs.

Our Club Singles champ is Jim Walker, with Ken Patterson runner-up. Taking fourth place in the Ina Jackson 5 Star, at Santa Ana, was the team of: Pat Gongalen, Edna Schmidt, Ann Kirchberg, Eileen Yates and Cecile Langevin.

Competing at the PIM Division Open in September past was our Katy Stone. She won the Singles event, and her team won the Triples and placed third in the Pairs.

At the Veteran-Novice Tourney, Izzy Forbes, with Heather and David Stewart, won first place. Jim Walker, Liz Fowler and Tom Skelly came in second, and Bob Ogden, Ann Kirchberg and Dick Brezna took 3rd.

At Long Beach December 13 in the Eberle-McGowan Mixed Pairs, the team of Bob Ogden and Ann Kirchberg finished second, and Richard Blatter and Freddie Henson were third.

Our annual Christmas Party held at El Torito was a great success. Gayle Kahn was our wonderful hostess and did a marvelous job, as always.

Our elected officers for the new year are: President-Bob Ogden, Vice President-Brooksie Silva, Secretary-Edna Schmidt, Treasurer-Earl Harriman.

*In Memoriam*  
Lucia Moore

## SOUTHWEST DIVISION

**SAN DIEGO***By Karen Anderson*

San Diego's 2000 Officers and Committee chairs:

*President*—Robin Olson

*First Vice-President*—Bob Knoth

*Second Vice-President*—Ross Craven

*Secretary*—Mary Jane Pye

*Treasurer*—Reg Pye

*Members-At-Large*—Margaret Cooper, Billi Gottlieb, Mel O'Rourke

Committee chairs: ALBA Representative, Bob Knoth; ALBA Tournaments, Bill Hiscock; AWLBA Representative, Robin Olson; Greenskeeper, Gerhardt Vogel; House Manager/Building Renovation, Robert Marsh; League Games, Olga McCord.

Kitchen Coordinators, Kat Hildahi and Doreen Milner; Membership, Bob Knoth; SDLBC and ALBA Newsletters, Karen Anderson; Special Events, Ross Craven; Telephone Tree, Grace Boardman; Publicity, Robert Marsh; Tournaments, Charlie Scales; Visitations, Kathy Clark.

**LAKE HODGES**

(San Diego)

*By Don Docker*

Since the last issue members of our club have had a busy time, readying our West Green, then sanding and leveling. Pretty warm work I can assure you.

The annual awards luncheon was held on December 7th at the San Marcos Country Club. President Jim Whittaker presented awards to the winners of the various Club events. The awards consisted of small but rather handsome clocks, a pleasant change from the old dust collectors. Each lady present received a poinsettia plant.

The club annual general meeting took place on December 13th, which didn't prove to be unlucky, as a lot of business was resolved. Bill Moss was voted in as President, with the Jim Whittaker taking the VP spot, and Bill Goring elected Treasurer. All three are English born. There must be a message here somewhere.

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**HOLMBY PARK***By Marcella Krisel*

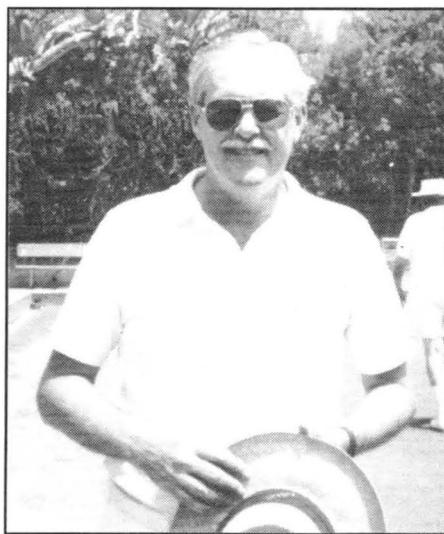
Just before Christmas, we scheduled a number of spiders to determine who would win 18 beautiful poinsettia plants. The winners were: Joe Waldorf, Bob Altshuler, Colin Whittle, Romus Soucek, John McManus, Warren Gates, Mike Redjaian, Brian Studwell, Sam Benjamin, Mimi Horner, Margaret Moffat, Virginia Little, Bea Simon, Betty Fraker, Angela Pick, Pat Goodwin, Edna Stone and Marcella Krisel.

Retiring President, Lionel Krisel presided at our annual Christmas Party/Awards Banquet at the Olympic Collection in West Los Angeles. A turkey dinner was served to 93 bowlers and their spouses. Awards were distributed to nineteen winners, who each received either a shirt, trophy, cap or visor. Tournament Chairman John McManus announced the awards to: Roger Denser, *Novice Singles*, with Bea Stubbings coming in second; Sam Benjamin and Al Alcouloumre, *Naylor Doubles*; Brian Studwell, Edna Stone and Mike Redjaian, *Taylor Triples*, with John McManus, Dan Cirlin and Bud Wakeling second; Helman Todes, *Allison Singles*, with Jim Hasty second; Lucy Brewer, *Cella*

666, with Joe Waldorf second; Brian Studwell, *Bridwell Australian Singles*, with Lucy Brewer coming in second. Bowler of the year was Brian Studwell

Lionel Krisel turned the gavel over to incoming President Dave Horner, who gave a very interesting and thought provoking talk.

Santa Claus (Dan Cirlin) distributed gifts, which were audio tapes on the sport of lawn bowling.



*Holmy Park's Bowler of the Year, Brian Studwell.*

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## ALBA ANNUAL MINUTES

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Annual General Meeting. M/S/R, ALBA's Constitution will now allow for the Secretary and Treasurer to be two separate offices.

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

The Council decided that it *would not* put in a bid to the World Bowls Board to stage the 2008 World Championships in this country.

### SENIOR OPEN TOURNAMENT

Lindsay Towns spoke of an inaugural Senior National Open Tournament to be held in the South-Central Division in February, 2000. He sought ALBA sanction and a free ad in *BOWLS*. Some Council members objected to the use of the word "National" in that it could cause confusion between a Senior National Open Tournament and the National Open Tournament. M/S/R that ALBA sanction the "Senior Open Tournament" for the year 2000 and provide a free ad in *BOWLS*.

### NATIONAL OPEN ENTRY FEE

Michael Ashton-Phillips explained his hypothesis that giving 25% of entry fees to the National Open Tournament to the ALBA Memorial Foundation discouraged some bowlers from entering, thereby reducing the prize fund. At present \$10 of each entry goes to the Foundation and \$30 goes to the prize fund and expenses. M/S/R: the current \$10 levied for the ALBA Memorial Foundation be removed forthwith.

### ASIA-PACIFIC MEETING

Jim Graham read a report submitted by Delegate Gil Stephan on the Asia-Pacific Championships meeting that was held in September of this year in Malaysia. The A-P Games will be played in Australia in 2001 and in Hong Kong in 2003.

### EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Unanimously resolved that expense reimbursements to the National Secretary, *BOWLS Magazine* Editor and Circulation Manager be made on the same basis as 1999.

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### PRO FORMA BUDGET

Secretary-Treasurer Woody Ogden presented a proposed 2000 Pro Forma Budget. Unanimously resolved that the Pro Forma Badge be accepted as amended to include a \$330 assessment for Asia-Pacific Games administration, and \$350 for pins for National Team members.

### Elections

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee: Hank Luba (Chair), Jim Graham and Woody Ogden, placed in nomination for: President—John Phillips, First Vice-President—John Lucey, Second Vice-President—Eugene Goodwin, Treasurer—Woodruff Ogden, Team Selector—William Farrell, World Bowls Board—Delegate James Copeland, Alternate Delegate—Douglas McArthur. To fill the vacancy of National Secretary, Lynn Stokes was nominated from the floor for that position.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All offices/positions were unopposed and automatically elected, except Team Selector. Tom Dion was nominated as Team Selector from the floor. By written ballot, Bill Farrell was elected to a three-year term.

### MEMORIAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

The Council unanimously elected Trustees to the ALBA Memorial Foundation: Douglas McArthur (3 years), George West (3 years) and Woodruff Ogden (1 year).

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m., Friday, October 22nd.

Respectfully submitted,  
Woodruff Ogden,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### FOUNDATION MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

The 1999 Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the ALBA Memorial Foundation held October 22, 1999, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Irvine, California, was called to order at 8 a.m. by President and Treasurer Jack Phillips.

### ROLL CALL

Present were: Kenneth Degenhardt, Central Division; Colin Smith, Eastern Division; George West, Northwest Division; Woodruff Ogden (appointed by the President), Pacific Inter-Mountain Division; Lindsay Towns (by Proxy for Douglas McArthur), South-Central Division; Ramon Turman, Southeast Division; Michael Ashton-Phillips, Southwest Division; Foundation President and Treasurer John Phillips; and Woodruff Ogden, Secretary. A quorum was declared present.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary had nothing to report.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Foundation Treasurer Jack Phillips announced that he had converted the financial records from a fiscal year to a calendar year basis. His written report was filed. Jack reported that the Foundation spent \$7,969 for transportation and housing allowance for this year's U.S. Championships participants. \$6,000 was given to support the National Team going to Malaysia this year.

### FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

Doug McArthur was not available to render a report.

### Old Business

None.

### New Business

### FOUNDATION DISBURSEMENTS

Moved/seconded/resolved that any disbursal of money from the Foundation exceeding \$500 must be approved by a majority of Trustees, with the exception funds collected for a designated purpose, which can flow through.

### YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

Jack Phillips introduced a concept of developing a group to help promote youth activities as they relate to lawn bowling. A maiden effort exists in Long Beach, California. Unanimously resolved that the Foundation commit \$500 to support a youth advisory group.

### MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

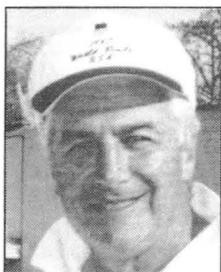
Unanimously resolved that the ALBA Memorial Foundation make available \$500 to the Membership Committee to further its activities.

### TREASURER

Jack Phillips was nominated for reelection as Treasurer. There being no other nominees, Jack Phillips was automatically elected.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Trustees the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.



## THE LAST SHOT

By Joe Siegman  
*Editor of BOWLS Magazine*

**C**all Me "Joseph, the Dreamer".

Until the last ALBA Council meeting in October, I was chairman of a "Corporate Sponsorship Committee"—a high-powered group of ALBA leadership charged with the task of getting some of sports' big spenders attached to our game.

But, the committee didn't make it into Y2K. If you read the minutes on page 10 (third column), "Special Fund Raising Committee", you'll see that the Chairman reported his committee "did nothing", and that the President dismissed the committee.

Tsk, tsk. Poo, poo. And all that.

Among life's realities is the fact that most lawn bowlers couldn't care less about corporate sponsorship. They don't care about committees. They don't care about national teams. They don't care who represents what. They just want to play the game, at the scheduled time, in their correct position. "Don't complicate my day telling me the whys and what-fors of ALBA and AWLBA."

Fair enough. But, beyond the multitudes is a core of individuals who want more out of the game. And, not just tournament players. Just look at the men we've elected to the ALBA Hall of Fame. Marcellus Joslyn loved lawn bowls so much he made millions of dollars available to build and improve bowling facilities. Champ Salisbury devoted considerable time towards improving the character and pliability of our sport. Ezra Wyeth was an international champion, but spent years teaching bowls and coaching bowlers around the country.

We have had talented, knowledgeable and generous people playing bowls in the past, and I've seen nothing to convince me that these same types aren't still involved. Many of them come to lawn bowls straight off the rosters of Corporate America. Some have been prominent educators, small business owners, doctors, science and legal professionals, successful salesmen, stock market and real estate moguls, and officers in the military. Are we not tapping the right people for our officers and committees or have these once important contributors to society retired in soul as well as body?

To illustrate—Several years ago I was asked to help a club president acquire a "color guard" for an event being staged at his venue. On the phone, I asked if he knew anyone at his local fire or police department, his local National Guard or school ROTC. Tradition-

ally, I explained, they are the best sources for color guards. "I'm retired," answered the President. I asked if that meant "yes" or "no". "Well," he replied, "it means I'm retired."

Hmmm. I asked if perhaps any of his club members might be familiar with one of the sources I had mentioned. "They're retired, too," he answered. "All of our members are retired."

"Yes sir," I said. "Most lawn bowlers are retired. But, I've met some of your members. They struck me as people who were likely to still have a memory, personal acquaintances, and a phone book."

"Well," said the President, "I'll give it a try." He did and got himself a color guard.

Some years ago, as manager of the U.S. team slated to compete in Hong Kong, I had this dreamy idea that our players should look and feel spiffy. Coming from a promotional background, I wrote and phoned a short-list of contacts, known and unknown, to see if I could drum up a spiffy package for our team—some free stuff, in return for promotional association with our international team. Most of the solicitees turned me down—some cold, some warm. Most, but not all. And, a spiffy package we had. A year later, managing a U.S. team to another event, I was able to acquire an even spiffier package.

This dreamer's concept was to get the corporate giants involved with our low-profile sport in what amounted to a "petty cash" transaction; (2) let them get to know us; (3) help them recognize how the smallish, mostly 50+ lawn bowls marketplace was good for their products and services; (4) get them involved with us seriously.

The team manager's position is not a permanent occupation. Others would follow me on the job, but no one picked up on the corporate-involvement concept. In the years that followed, ALBA had a few other ideas for financial infusion. Committees went through motions and each of them passed quietly, without notice.

I can't explain what infused me with optimism at the 1998 ALBA Council meeting to volunteer to jump start past daydreams. The Council thought I was whistling in the wind. The music I heard was "Ode To Joy"! I wrote a three-page proposal sharing my ideas with my fellow committeemen.

End of story. It didn't take long to deduce I was headed for a solo flight. Members of my committee thought I was either delusional, speaking in tongues, or were unimpressed. A few wished me luck. Never heard from most of the others. And I wasn't about to play singles.

There is a level lawn bowling may never reach. But, it could be more than most people perceive. In the very complicated world of contemporary sports, growth is only attainable through vision and involvement. I know there are people in American lawn bowling with vision. I speak with them all the time. Involvement seems to be another story.

Like the man in the story above, are they all retired? Or, are there still a few dreamers out there?

*Joe Siegman*

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