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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Jack Phillips

This is the time of year when all of the "snowbirds" go north. I am now among them and am looking forward to a great summer of lawn bowls in the north. I hope that the rest of the "snowbirds" have taken their bowls north and will visit some of the clubs in the northern United States and in Canada.

We have made some progress in establishing new clubs and in starting some youth activity. We are in dire need of used bowls, particularly smaller sizes, to stock these activities. If you or your club have bowls that are now excess and you would be willing to donate them to a good cause, please contact Frank Ransome or Ed Quo. Individuals can get a tax deduction for bowls by donating them to the ALBA Memorial Foundation. Please contact me for additional details.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Michael Aston-Phillips. Michael has been the driving force behind the very successful National Opens that we have been holding in the Southwest Division, as well as ALBA Marketing and the Supershoots. The pressures of his own expanding business have forced him to give up his ALBA responsibilities. Michael, thanks for everything from both ALBA and AWLBA.

Efforts to effect a merger of ALBA and AWLBA are still going forward. The Councils of both organizations have been asked to approve the merger, a constitution and a name or the new organization by May 1, 2000. I remain optimistic that the men and the women will be able to join forces by the end of this year.

Let us all try to enjoy our great game. 

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Nancy Stanek, Circulation Manager for *BOWLS Magazine* during the past two years, is retiring from her position. The Circulation Manager maintains an up-to-date roster of who should receive *BOWLS*—noting new names, changes of address, deletions for an assortment of reasons, and receiving requests for new subscriptions. In other words, she or he keeps the mailing list current. This information is forwarded periodically to the mailing house that sends the Magazine to ALBA members and subscribers. The only funds (checks) the Circulation Manager handles are non-ALBA subscriptions that are sent to her/him.

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Letters to the Editor

PUZZLE SOLVED!

Why does that club get over a full page and four photos while our club gets 0 mention in *OUR Bowls Magazine*?

Since *Bowls* is published so infrequently, it's important for our club to be mentioned in every issue. People are deciding where to winter way in advance and we miss them if they don't know we exist. And, if we're not in the magazine, we don't exist.

Name Withheld
Florida

ED: This is a participatory publication. Clubs that submit written information and photos to BOWLS Magazine have a chance to have their information and photos printed. Clubs that don't send in information and photos don't! If things are happening at your LBC, take some pictures and let us know about it.

MAKING POINTS

I was thinking how lucky we are to have such a wonderful game to play. And that's what it is, play. We get to get-together with people from all walks of life and from all over the world. We even send people around the world to play for an represent the greatest country in the world.

Over the years, we have sent teams to the World Games and they have had mixed results. I know we have a system of picking players, which is done by a point system. Higher points means you are going to be selected to be on the U.S. team. Or does it?

We have players who earn the most points sometimes not playing on a U.S. Team. If we have a point system and that is the guide for picking players, shouldn't the top points players be on the team?

We also have United States Singles and Pairs champions. I think the last time our U.S. Singles Champion played internationally he did not compete in the Singles. Doesn't make sense. If he's the USA Singles Champion shouldn't he play the Singles?

Maybe we should look at the way we are doing our selecting. Some people say that if players were selected by the points, we might send all leads and no skips, or vice-versa. Others say that players should be picked as needed. If that's the case then we should do our selecting in a different way. Maybe if we had playdowns for team positions we could do much better than what we are doing now.

Jim Hempe
Irvine, CA

RESPONSE TO "CHOICES"

I was surprised at the "Choices" letter (Letters, Winter, 2000 issue).

The few players I know who are affected by the ALBA (citizenship) rule, I've never heard whine. I have heard discussions about winning medals.

To clarify. *Rules for International play:*

WBB: Player must be legal, permanent resident.

ALBA: Player must be citizen. (INS rules for USA citizenship: 5 years residency or 3 years after marrying U.S. citizen. Exceptions: Cuban: 1 year residence, or Act of Congress)

Every case is different. Example: Bowler with international experience (medals) sets up business and residence in USA (cannot play for old country: WBB rule non-resident). Three years later he gets Alien Registration (old green card), and his five years of residency starts (INS does not count previous three years, as it was a business/investment visa). Marries U.S. citizen, and his three years start. After residency met, it takes nearly two more years before his application to become a citizen is accepted.

In this situation, this bowler would have been in the country ten years before even being able to *apply* for team selection. By this time his international experience is old history, and our country has missed 10-12 years of legally (WBB) accessing established talent.

If ALBA ever brought their rule in line with the WBB, nothing much would change. A few bowlers would be affected. They would still have to amass points (outside of the playdowns & U.S. Championships) The selectors would still select the five man squad.

You would not see a great influx of bowlers moving to the USA. Visitors (winter or otherwise) would not be permanent residents. The ALBA rule only applies to "team selected" events (Asia-Pacific, NA Challenge & World Bowls) In other singles events, where you play to qualify directly under WBB rules, these permanent resident bowlers have played for the U.S.A.

Hope this clarifies. Change whine to win!

Peter Fish
Sun City, AZ

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U.S WOMEN AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Jean Haigler, U.S. Team Manager

The United States Team has just returned from the Women's World Bowls 2000 in Moama, Australia, where 34 countries competed in the World Lawn Bowls Championships.

The competition consisted of two sections of 17 national teams each, making it quite strenuous having to bowl 16 rounds plus a final round for overall position. The venue was one of the best that any of us have ever bowled at. All five greens were in superb condition. The clubhouse included several restaurants and a casino that was enjoyed many of the players of all competing countries.

I am pleased to report that the Pairs team of Kottia Spangler and Anne Cherney finished 5th overall, and the Fours team finished in 17th position. We were not as fortunate in the Triples and Singles events.

Overall placings: England finished first by one point over Australia, followed closely by Scotland and New Zealand. United States finished 22nd out of 34. In 1996, we placed 25th overall.

In Pairs: Kottia Spangler and Anne Cherney placed 5th, defeating New Zealand 22-12 for this position. Medalists: gold-Scotland, silver-Australia, bronze-England and Papua New Guinea.

In Triples: Dora Stewart, Katy Stone and Maryna Hyland placed 31st, defeating Thailand for that position. Medalists: gold-New Zealand, silver-England, bronze-South Africa and Australia.

In Singles: Katy Stone placed 29th, defeating Thailand for that position. Medalists: gold- Ireland, silver-Wales, bronze-Australia and Jersey.

In Fours: USA's Kottia Spangler, Dora Stewart, Anne Cherney and Maryna Hyland placed 17th, defeating Brunei for that position. Medalists: gold-New Zealand, silver-Scotland, bronze-Australia and Jersey.

Katy Stone should be recognized for her willingness to play the Singles when it became necessary to move Kottia to the skip position in the fours.

The Pairs team improved from 19th position in 1996 to 5th position in 2000. The Fours team improved from 23rd position to 17th position. Our Singles player stayed about the same as 1996, but the

Triples team slipped from 19th position to 31st.

Our team was commended because of the players compatibility with each other. That was easily recognizable by the other countries. It was a grueling experience as far as bowling was concerned, and the team enjoyed the company of each other.

There was a controversy toward the end of the tournament concerning the bowls used by the Scottish team. It was found, after a challenge by Ireland, that the bowls used by the Scots were fifteen inches inside the requirements of the Master Bowl. Therefore, the Scottish singles player was not allowed to compete for the gold medal, and withdrew from the all-over position competition. Because of a lack of uniformity in testing tables throughout the world, this challenge will probably result in a more uniform testing table being used by all manufacturers of bowls.

The team has been honored to represent their country in this once-every-four-years competition, and appreciated the eight people who accompanied the team as supporters.

MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS IN THE NEXT ISSUE



Kottia Spangler and Anne Cherney finished well in Ladies Pairs



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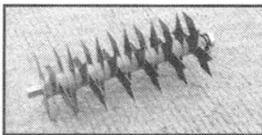


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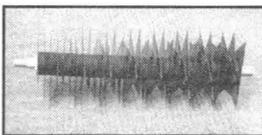
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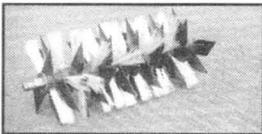
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COACHES CORNER

By Frank Ransome
National Coaching & Instruction Chairman

We won't ever run out of lawn bowling tips now. I've been given an Australian book on the subject. The first thing that caught my eye as I skimmed through it was a reference to the similarity between rolling a bowl and delivering the jack. Back when I was teaching every day I prided myself that I could roll the jack, pick up a bowl and roll it the same length. I knew that it took the same motion and arm swing to deliver both. The Australian book makes just this point. It also points out how a good lead should be able to roll the jack to the Skip's feet, center it, and then roll the first bowl so that it also stops at the same point.

The basis for all jack and/or bowl delivery is the pendulum action of the arm, with an even and continuous forward movement. There should always be an easy, relaxed rhythm in the delivery, with the palm of the hand following the bowl in a natural follow through. Eyes should be fixed on an aiming point at a convenient distance along the aiming line.

NOTE: I like to bring my hand and arm to a position that obscures my aiming point. Try it some day. Just follow through with your arm and then shut your left eye and see if the hand obscures your spot. (left-handers shut the right eye)

As the backswing commences, the bowler steps forward taking a normal walking step with the lead foot. The non-bowling hand moves toward its resting place on the thigh or knee. Having the forearm on the knee or thigh alters the squaring of the shoulders. The rear knee is tucked in behind the heel of the lead foot. Make sure that the shoulders remain square to the line of delivery.

NOTE: I would add here that the position of the foot that you put your weight on is very important. How can anyone deliver a bowl unless they have learned first to have the stationary foot pointing down the line of delivery?

In timing, the swing of the arm is in relation to the step.

NOTE: The basic lawn bowling technique of varying the step and the arm swing to vary the distance the bowl goes should be an automatic thing with every bowler. You can teach yourself to be pretty good at controlling the weight, but the basics are the easiest.

The backswing should be complete as the heel of the lead foot contacts the ground. As the foot is anchored the forward, movement of the arm has commenced. Ninety percent of the body weight must be on the lead foot before the jack or bowl is released. Delivery must be an inch or so forward and to the side of the foot along the line of delivery.

There must be a good follow-through and the bowler must stay down until the jack/bowl has traveled well along the aiming line. You should follow the bowl with your eyes until it comes to rest.

In this column I have recommended that the bowler who has a problem should stop trying to make adjustments and go back to the basics. The Australians say that a player must be able to roll a jack consistently for at least six jacks in a row. As a Skip I say that the tactics of every game depends on my lead's ability to roll the jack within a foot or so from where I'm standing.

We still have syllabi and some videos available. Send \$3 for the syllabi and \$15 for the videos, to: Frank Ransome, 1141 Singingwood Ct., #3, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

Lawn Bowling is coming back and there is cautious optimism that one day it will take over as the favorite sport for families as well as seniors. This year there will be several

new greens built in states that never had a lawn bowling club. The green in Gatlinburg, TN will be ready for guests in May. Earl and Margit Worsham have hopes that the lessons they took last December will equip them to train the many friends and neighbors that have shown an interest in the project. If enthusiasm is a key ingredient that will be a real going club by summer.

The club at Petaluma, CA has received the property to build the green from the city and a matching grant to help defray the expense. Master Lawn Bowling Green Construction will build the green, which is very close to the one he rebuilt at Oakmont just two years ago. The green in the City of Fremont, also in California, is funded and is crawling through all the city departments and red tape. We have been working with a group in Naples, Florida that has been given a beautiful park site for two bowling greens and a croquet court. They report that they are only a few dollars short of the amount needed to do the job.

The State of Idaho will have its first green at a retirement village outside of Boise. Architect Jim Brigham is doing the drawings even as we write this column. There is bowling at the Canyon Senior Center in Rapid City, South Dakota. Jon Boone reports that his club is in the market for some more bowls.

My friend Jim Newton has finally realized his dream of being able to lawn bowl in his home state of Utah. There are two greens being built in St. George just 120 mile north of Las Vegas, Nevada. Jim and the Huntsman World Senior Games will welcome you to the first tournament next year. Anyone interested in being a part of this momentous affair may get an application form from, Huntsman Senior Games, 82 West 700 South, St. George, Utah 84770-9801. Everyone got in the act with this one. Jim and your Membership Committee worked for almost two years to get the approvals.

When the rush to get started began Tony Appolo, of the

The Membership Trail

By Frank Ransome
ALBA Membership Chairman

Paradise Club (AZ), took one of the owners around. Joe Siegman supplied the Publicity Chairman with pictures and articles, and Ferrell Burton Jr. passed on all the information he had. I was over there in early March to help with things like club constitutions and by-laws, as well to pass on all the training materials I have. I understand that Master Bowling Green Construction has been engaged to build these two greens.

The Cricket Club in Devon, PA has indicated that they will begin lawn bowling this spring on their cricket green. Jack Lucey and Eastern Membership Chairman Ron Buck are on top of this one. There is talk that there will be green built in Rome GA. The owner is busy getting his applications approved and looking into the various ways to build a green.

All of this activity has made us realize that it will be a big job to get the new clubs up and running. We have made lists of the required equipment and some of the sources of supply, and it really is mind boggling how much is involved. It is one thing to have someone fix a broken rake or a score board, but it is something else to buy or build everything that it takes to get a club up and running. Along those lines, ALBA will try to locate and catalog those bowls that our clubs have in stock that might be donated or loaned to a new club. Along with bowls that are surplus, there must be thousands of bowls in private hands that the owners don't want anymore and would sell for a reasonable price. We are recommending that the new clubs do everything they can to encourage their members to buy their bowls from those firms that advertise in the Bowls Magazine. But a club with a real training program needs about 40 sets of bowls just for starters.

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CHANGING TIMES

The '60s vs the '90s

Then: Long Hair.
Now: Longing for hair.

Then: The perfect high.
Now: The perfect high yield mutual fund.

Then: Acid Rock.
Now: Acid Reflux.

Then: Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Elizabeth Taylor.
Now: Trying not to look like Marlon Brando or Elizabeth Taylor.

Then: You're growing pot.
Now: Your growing a pot.

Then: Our president's struggle with Fidel.
Now: Our president's struggle with fidelity.

Then: Hoping for a BMW.
Now: Hoping for a BM.

Then: Keg.
Now: EKG.

Then: Paar.
Now: AARP.

Then: The Grateful Dead.
Now: Dr. Kevorkian.

Then: Rolling Stones.
Now: Kidney stones.

Then: Peace sign.
Now: Mercedes logo.

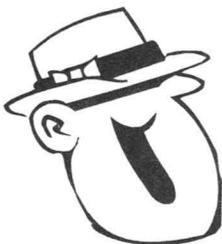
Then: Watching John Glenn's historic flight with your parents.
Now: Watching John Glenn's historic flight with your children.

Then: Getting out to a new, hip joint.
Now: Getting a new hip joint.

Then: Take acid.
Now: Take antacid.

Then: Passing the driver's test.
Now: Passing the vision test.

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Then: Killer weed.
Now: Weed killer

Then: Popping pills, smoking joints.
Now: Popping joints.

Then: Being caught with Hustler magazine.
Now: Being caught with Hustler magazine.

NEW LAWS AT LAST!

By now, all U.S. clubs should have received and distributed the new year 2000 "Laws of the Game".

One of the major changes that affects greenskeepers is that *the hog lines must be moved*. The new distance from the ditch is 82-feet and one-quarter-inch (82' 1/4"). Another way of looking at this change (if the hog lines currently conform to the old rule) is that they must be moved, in each direction, away from the center of the rink an additional six feet six and three quarters inches (6' 6 3/4") or 2 meters.

Changes that affect play:

- Each lead gets only one roll of the jack before it is placed 2 meters (6' 6 3/4") from the front ditch.
- The first mat of a game need not be measured and can be placed all the way out to the nearest hog line. However, it must be *at least* 2 meters (6' 6 3/4") from the rear ditch.
- The shortest jack will be 23 meters (75' 51/2").

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WOMEN'S PAGES



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank goodness Spring is finally upon us. Let's look forward to a great bowling season in 2000. Hopefully, you have received your new rule books and have read the changes. Along with new rules, hopefully we will have a totally new organization. The United States Bowling Association is in the works as I write and I hope all the divisions are happy with this huge change. I have a wonderful group of councilors and committee people. They work very hard for all the bowlers in the United States, so thank them once-in-a-while.

Our ladies are in Australia at this writing and I'm sure they are doing their very best representing our country with dignity, grace and good bowling.

Lawn bowls in the U.S. will hopefully grow to be a strong sport for both young and a little bit older bowlers. Of course, there is a bit of pettiness that could ruin the sport. We should be happy that there is a person and division that puts heart and soul into running a wonderful National Open instead of making it difficult. Does it really matter if the committee plans trebles or fours? The National Open has become a bowling event that our friends from all over the world look forward to, even plan their holidays around it. Let's not ruin it with pettiness. Let's face it, I doubt that a lawn bowler will make the cover of Sports Illustrated or a million dollars in winnings. So let's enjoy our terrific sport and the friendships made in this game.

At this time on behalf of my mother and family, I would like to thank all of you who made donations to the Memorial Foundation in my father's name. It is very much appreciated by all of us and my Dad would be deeply affected.

Rita

FROM THE EDITOR

There is a saying that: "to get the maximum attention, it's hard to beat a great big mistake"! That seems to be what we have done. In fact, we have to apologize for two errors in the Mother and Daughter article.

Our article stated that Linda McDougall was introduced to lawn bowling in 1997. That was a gross typographical error since she began bowling in 1978 and is the backbone of the Eastern Division.

Then we received a note from Vivian Moore Schneider informing us that our statement that Myra Wood and Grace Said did not win the U.S. Pairs Championship in 1997, but were runners-up to Vivian Schneider and Peggy Salisbury. The error was also shown in the 1999 U.S. Championships booklet. We noted that beside her picture showing the entrants from the South Central

Division, it states: "She won the 1997 Pairs Championships with Peggy Salisbury at Buck Hills, PA." We are sorry we were not aware of the discrepancy and are checking with the National Tournament Chairman to make the correction.

Watch for news of the upcoming merger. Attitudes are pro, con and ambivalent. Where do you stand? **NEXT DEADLINE JUNE 25.**

Winnie Eberle

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REVIEW & SELECTION COMMITTEE

The training camp held in Arizona on January 8-9 for the international teams was very beneficial for both the team members and managers involved. Peter Fish was in charge of the camp. He worked on the strengths and weaknesses of the teams and watched for compatibility.

The final results of the South Central Open showed that the applicants who had attended the previous camp came through with flying colors. There were winners in the Rinks, Pairs and Singles. Congratulations to those 13 girls. It shows that concentration and practice pays off.

The team of Anne Cherney, Maryna Hyland, Kottia Spangler, Dora Stewart, Katy Stone and manager, Jean Haigler, was in Moama, Australia competing in Women's World Bowls. They finished 22nd in the line-up of World Bowls.

As soon as I receive the dates for the following international tournaments, the applications for the roster will be mailed out. 2001 tournaments are: Atlantic Rim (Cape Town, South Africa), Asia-Pacific Championships (Moama, Australia), and North America Challenge, Canada.

Barbara McCowen

Chairperson

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

This will be my last report as IWBB Delegate. It has been an honor and pleasure to represent the United States as a delegate for the past six years.

At the IWBB meeting held in Moama, Australia the following action was taken:

1. World Bowls 2004 will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia if the Malaysian Sports Council gives its approval. Teams will be responsible for half of their hotel rooms.

2. World Bowls 2008 will be held in New Zealand. Teams will be responsible for half of their hotel rooms.

3. Unification was approved by a vote of 37 to 4. If WBB approves when they vote in April, transition will be affective July 1, 2001.

4. IWBB will provide 12,000 Sterling dollars to each country holding Atlantic Rim and Asia Pacific Games. Applications for the grant must be made.

5. The new president of IWBB is Mimi Frost, from Australia. Vice President is Linda Parker, from Wales. There was no nomination for second Vice President since unification will be in effect before that person could hold office.

The United States Team and Manager received a grant of 2,700 Sterling dollars from IWBB to attend World Bowls. The application for the grant

was submitted two years prior to the tournament and approved by the Board at their meeting in 1998. Future applications must be made two years prior to a World Bowls for approval at a meeting during the Commonwealth Games.

Australia hosted a wonderful tournament. We could not have asked for better accommodations, food and transportation within the area. A job well done.

Charlotte O'Keefe
Delegate

EASTERN DIVISION

By Dana Lum

Congratulations to our Linda McDougall and Jack Lucey for being selected for the North American Challenge Team. It's nice to see other divisions being represented on the National Team.

Here in the East we are finally getting to put on our "whites". We are planning another full season (our season is six months) of fun-filled events.

End of April a group of Easterners will be challenging a Southeast group at Pinehurst in a round robin event. Catch the results in the next issue of *BOWLS*.

The ever-popular Buck Hill Open will be played over the Memorial Day Weekend. This tournament is growing year after year. Our friends from Frick LBC will be joining us once again. The old-timers have informed me that at one time the Buck Hill Open was a week-long event.

Also on tap are the following tournaments:

Eastern Division Open (at Thistle LBC, Hartford, CT) Aug. 9-10; Marie Manners Open Pairs (at Buck Hill LBC) Sept. 23-24.

If you would like to join us, please contact me at 817-478-8195. Or e-mail me at: <dlum@landnseaco.com> See you on the green.

NORTHWEST DIVISION

Nancy Nishikawa

I was introduced to lawn bowling in 1982. My son, Kevin, and neighbor, Sylvia Mittendorf were also introduced to lawn bowling at the same time. My son and I joined Jefferson Park in the Fall of 1982.

I have bowled in many Northwest Opens and have won some of them. I bowled in the U.S. Championships six times (three in Pairs and three Singles). In 1996, at Santa Barbara, I was the runner-up in Singles. In 1995, I bowled in the PIMD Open; in the Forrester Mixed Rinks in 1997 and the Can/Am Western Classic in Edmonton, Alberta in 1998.

My husband and I took Jeanne McLaughlin to Victoria in 1999 to the North American Challenge, as she was one of the contestants in the Challenge. We went to support the U.S. Team play the Canadians and had a wonderful time.

I have always enjoyed playing bowls and also enjoyed all the wonderful people I have met through the years.

August 11-13, the 2000 North American Challenge will be played at Woodland Park in Seattle.

We hope you will all come and watch the U.S. play the Canadians.

PACIFIC MOUNTAIN DIVISION

By Adele Patterson

The Pacific Inter-Mountain Division has been fortunate to have many capable, dedicated women in its membership. One of the most outstanding of these women is Vanitta Olinger, of the Oakmont Club in Santa Rosa.



Vanitta spent her school years in Illinois and became a physical education teacher in a consolidated first through twelfth grade school. In 1945, after a salary disagreement, she moved to San Diego, where Vane Olinger entered the picture. They married in 1947 and eventually adopted two children. Raising a family was a full-time occupation until she went to work as a school library secretary.

She and Vane were visiting Vanitta's sister in the Santa Rosa area when they discovered Oakmont and decided they had found their retirement home. They enrolled in a lawn bowling class in April, 1980 and their lives have revolved around the game ever since.

Vanitta has served as a tournament rep or delegate from Oakmont since 1983. She was the first woman president of the Oakmont Club, has been our division president, and AWLBA president in 1991 and 1992. At that time, she and Champ Salisbury tried to get a movement started to unite AWLBA and ALBA, but the organizations were not ready for the merger. Her last official connection with AWLBA was to serve on the National Review and Selection Committee.

In addition to her leadership abilities, Vanitta is an outstanding bowler. She has attended every National Open except two since 1985, and was Bowler of the Tournament in 1990. She has also played in two U.S. Championship Pairs tournaments (placing second), and was on the USA Atlantic Rim Games Team in 1995.

At age 80, Vanitta has decided to slow down a little. But, you will still see her at most of the division tournaments. An awesome lady!

The Division opens each season with a Mixed Triples (by draw) Tournament. Teams change in the morning and afternoon. Kudos to these women, skips who led their teams to victory and a little money! Vanitta Olinger second placed, and Victoria Page was fifth on green one. Cathy Rollison placed fifth on green two. In the afternoon, Victoria's all-women team racked-up second place on green one. Reggie Banares placed third on green two. Bea McConachie was fifth, and Roe Hazelwood's all-women team placed sixth. Way to go!

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

By Peggy Salisbury

Our first meeting of the new millennium was held January 19 at Sun City Grand, AZ, at their green. It was a chilly day but we enjoyed a game of Australian Pairs and lunched in their beautiful pavilion overlooking the lake.

We have completed most of our year's tournaments and are pleased to announce the winners: Our Division open Fours was won by Dora Stewart SC (skip), Kottia Spangler-SW, Katy Stone-SW and Anne Cherney-SW. Runners-up were: Jean Kaye, Skip; Sybil Bernash, Carrie Fasetti, and Mary Federico, all SW.

Pairs were won by Marlene Cleutinx and Betty Mayne of Sun City, and runners-up were Mellie Leng and Marilyn Appollo, both of Paradise Park. The Singles winner was Evelyn Keener of Sun City, and Sybil Bernash was runner-up.

Playdown Pairs winners were Dora Stewart-Sun City and Doris Leibbrandt-Sun City West. Evelyn Keener won the Singles.

Our annual Rebecca McArthur Presidents Five was won by the team of Gladys Sales, Betty Ackerman, Joan Cameron, Betty Mayne and Ann Howland.

The AWLBA Desert Shoot Out winners in Pairs were Nancy Hull and Nancy Davidson of Sun City. The Singles winner was Ann Howland of Sun City, and the runner-up Mellie Leng.

March 28 marks the day of our Farewell Pizza Party, to say good bye to the Snowbirds who have swelled our ranks and brought keen competition to our greens during the winter.

SOUTHEAST

See *Southeast Open results in the Southeast Division, page 15.*

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

By Winnie Eberle

This past winter we have had an active schedule and will probably continue to have one this spring.

In January we had the Mumma-Todd Mixed Pairs, sponsored by Larry and Jorunn Mumma, at Riverside, in which the ladies skipped. Floy Torvid and Bob Hill were the winners, with Hazel Stevens and her partner and Terry Higgins, from Santa Anita, placing second.

K. Harland sponsored a triples tournament at Sun City. Kottia Spangler, Anne Cherney and Eva Ho were the winners. Paula Bellone, Erika Sistas and Judy Nelson placed second, and Pat Gonzales, Betty Losch and Edna Schmidt were third.

Our California Fours, a SWD tournament offshoot of the defunct California State Women's LBA, was played with Heather Stewart, Izzie Forbes, Eva Ho and Ann Lia Hill the winners.

Our Ladies Days at Pasadena, Riverside and Hemet were highlights of our months. Alice Lawrence has been our Ladies Day Director for a long time. She did such a good job that we wouldn't let her give it up. Unfortunately, Alice is not at all well right now and so had to retire. We sure do miss her. Despite all the snags and pitfalls of this chairmanship, Alice made it seem easy and kept most everyone happy. That was not an easy task. Marion Compton, one of her assistants, has taken over. We give Marion our whole-hearted support, and wish Alice the best. But it won't seem the same without Alice.

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Santa Maria, CA Bill Macdonald & Kitty Oxrider 12-3
San Jose, CA Earl Morway & Adolph Foiada 12-30
Sun City West, AZ Bob Copley & Hermien Vanderwel 1-22
Palm Desert, CA Jim Bowman-Smith & Nita Evans 1-21
Santa Barbara, CA Duane Aasted & Eileen Morton 2-9
Mesa, AZ Carl Dude & Gil Vasconez 2-18

8 SHOTS PAIRS

Suprise, AZ John Sanchez & Linda Lynn 1-18

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Hemet, CA Dave Evans, Leon Adams, Fred Bartosh 12-10
Walnut Creek, CA Bob Harbeson, Betty Misner, Elsie Napoli 12-23
Santa Barbara, CA Jo Pacelli, Peter Hand, Maggie Varner 1-6
Santa Barbara, CA Max Steward, Rock Monchamp, Douglas Tufrell 12-30
Sun City, AZ Bob Ayotte, Betty Ackerman, Merleen Hill 12-22
Cambria, CA Dick Cowdery, Bob Gardenhire, Alice Bannister 1-10
Sun City, CA Donald Fawley, Roy Smith, Bob Anderson 1-7
Mount Dora, FL Richard Myren, Freddy Zweidler, Betty Greeley 1-8
Sun City Center, FL Judy Scheel, Arla Maginnis, Vern Carlson 1-29
Hemet, CA Dick Van Zante Fred Bertsch, Jacque Adams 1-24
Hemet, CA Dick Van Zante, Mary Ann Rucinski, Clayton Ball 2-2
Walnut Creek, CA Dan Belton, Felipe Santos, Elsie Napoli 2-17
Palm Desert, CA Les Grossman, John Mullens, Eileen Shaw 2-4
Sun City Center, FL Arla Maginnis, Millie Curtis, Jill Roscoe 3-44
Mount Dora, FL Norman Owens, Grace Tombleson, Bob Maraio 2-17

7 SHOTS FOURS

Santa Barbara, CA Al James, Jim Stahl, Natalie Martinez, Thelma Duran 10-30
Santa Barbara, CA Al James, Jim Stahl, Natalie Martinez, Thelma Duran 10-31

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Sun City Center, FL Judy Scheel, Arla M, Betty Aholt 12-27
Mount Dora, FL Lois Lyndley, Russell Greenwood, Bob Kempton 1-12
Santa Barbara, CA Jo Pacelli, Dorothy Thielges, Al Steinman 1-2
Palm Desert, CA Murray Zapfe, Victor Mendoza, Nita Evans 2-2
Hemet, CA Kathy Bremer, Don Hanright, Clayton Hall 2-11
Hemet, CA Bud Day, Jessie Perry, Dick Harbison 1-25
Mount Dora, FL Betty Hamilton, Polly Huber, Rosemarie Walsh 2-18
Santa Barbara, CA Don Varner, Duane Aasted, Inge Green 3-14

9 SHOTS TRIPLES

Irvine, CA Herb Braun, Dorothy Weigel, Gordon Hast 1-2
Pasadena, CA Stu Baxter, Ron Williams, Ray Marrs 1-5
Los Angeles, CA Frank Grea, John Finger, Elliott Stone 2-1
Corona Del Mar, CA J.R. Rackliffe, Jo Feeney, Al Davis 1-26

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

Sun City, AZ Thompson - Zivec Pairs Carl Dude & Wray Rote 1-27
Sun City, AZ South Central Division Open Pairs Marty Schans & Bob Hill 2-7
Rancho Bernardo, CA Veteran-Novice Pairs Tom Anderson & Kathy Clark 2-12
Pasadena, CA Veteran-Novice Pairs Michael Ashton-Phillips & Alex Sochin 3-4
Pasadena, CA Veteran-Novice Pairs Duane Aasted & Eileen Morton 3-4

8 SHOTS PAIRS

Sun City, AZ Thompson - Zivec Pairs Marty Shans & Bob Hill 1-27
Sun City, AZ Thompson - Zivec Pairs Donald Wood & Jim Clark 1-26
Sarasota, FL Sarasota Invitational Mixed Pairs Peter Hoare & Judy Hoare 2-20

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Parish, FL Walter Del Open Triples Bruce McPeek, Daphne Shaw, Don McPee 12-99
Sun City Center, FL Wetzel Tournament Margaret Molloy, Jeanne McLaughlin, David Burberry 1-10
Palm Desert, CA Valentine's Day Tournament Tom Hodgins, Tony Outen, Anita Wood 2-14
Oakland, CA Winter League Andre Banares, Wymns Chew, Glen Godfrey 2-26
Irvine, CA Coast League Bob Nunes, Jack Verfurth, Don Keppler 3-10

7 SHOTS FOURS

Mount Dora, FL Holiday Bowl John Meksa, Bernie Weiland, Ruth A. Davis, Rebecca Meksa 12-99
Sun Cttv, AZ Arizona Rinks Tournament George Ralston, Larry Brohamer, Doris Leibbrandt, Ann Klemba 1-2

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Palm Desert, CA Open Triples Tournament Jim Bowman-Smith, Evelyn Hibberd, Bud Meathe 1-21
Lakeland, FL Competitive Grass League Eileen Malpass, Sallie Lane, Barb Debergh 1-7

TOTAL OF ENTRIES RECEIVED AS OF MARCH 25, 2000

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MICHAEL G. MANEILLY, OF MOUNT DORA, is the new president of SE-ALBA, having been elected March 6 by delegates from SE clubs meeting during the Open tournament in Sun City Center.

Cliff Bailey, of Pebble Beach-Sun City Center, and Ian MacCrae, of Sarasota, were elected first and second vice presidents, respectively. Joe Grabowski, of Pebble Beach, was reelected as secretary/treasurer and SE Councilor. Gene Goodwin, of Mount Dora, also was reelected as SE Councilor.

The newly-elected Board of Directors is made up of Lynn Stokes, Pebble Beach, National Secretary of ALBA; Bill Farrell and Russell Tees, Clearwater; Wes Hague, Lakeland, and Tom Kees, Pinehurst. Russ Tees was named SE Open Tournament Director to replace Ed Douglas, of Sarasota, who resigned.

The delegates authorized the Board to act on a proposed constitution and bylaws for a merger of SE-ALBA and SE-AWLBA, to coincide with the possible merger of the two national associations next January 1.

DELAND

By Pat McCann

Esther Sincerbox and Steve Labchuk are Club Singles champions this season. The Pairs champions are Aileen Kirkley and Sadie Labchuk for the women and Richard Humbert and Claude LeDuc for the men.

Thanks to Claude LeDuc, our club and our sport got some good publicity in the River View News and the DeLand Beacon. Surely these articles will generate interest and bring us some new members.

A wine and cheese party held in honor of the late Tom Daley was well-attended. The high-points winners of the two games played were Don Fulton and Fern Meunier.

DELRAY BEACH

By Gerry McCaul

The club welcomed 2000 with our annual Novice tournament. Eight novices in a doubles playdown saw Bill Taylor and Merrill Beveridge taking the winners' trophies, and John Salvatore and Viviana Lebel the consolation awards.

The Ladies vs Gentlemen Round Robin Tournament found the Vi Baxter-Louise McCaul team and the Dick Nelken-Stan Marks team tied at two wins each, with the men winning because of point count.

The Ladies Singles Tournament was won by Audrey McKinley, with Denise Taylor runner-up.

The Men's Singles round Robin saw Dick Nelken winning, with Bob McKinley taking second place.

Our annual Snowbirds-Floridians Contest was won by the Floridians 6 games to 2 for the second year in a row. The results were slanted because several snowbirds had to fill empty slots on the Floridian teams.

Our Annual Meeting saw new Directors, Louise McCaul, Bill Beveridge and Hank Greenberg join incumbents Bill Taylor and Rachel Hedrick. Club officers for 2000 are: Bill Taylor, President; Hank Greenberg, Vice-President; Rachel Hedrick, Secretary; and Bill Beveridge, Treasurer.



Delray Novice champs Merrill Beveridge, left, and Bill Taylor.



Delray Women's Singles Champion Audrey McKinley, right, receives her winners' trophy from tournament director Margaret Clark.

DAYTONA BEACH

By Bill Cannon

The old and the new—the veteran and the novice—won our Club Singles tournaments this season. Jo Gilbert, former U.S. champion, 259 games played in the North Central Florida League, is the women's champion. Don Pierson, who took up lawn bowling two years ago after breaking records as a lane bowler, is the men's champion in both singles and pairs and in two fun competitions.

Our other 1999-2000 club champions:

Pairs: Women's: Barbara Headley and Betty Praties. Men's: Pete Wisse and Don Pierson.

Mixed: Chris and Betty Praties.

Lil' Abner: Don Pierson, Nessie DeBattista.

Sadie Hawkins: Jo Gilbert, Don Pierson.

We're used to high winds from the Atlantic Ocean 200 yards from our club, but some winds this season did more than blow some bowls off course. About half our metal shade awnings on the west side of our ten rinks were ripped off as if by a can opener. Unbelievable!

PINEHURST

(North Carolina)

By Tom Kees

Pinehurst is busy preparing for two big events that should be concluded by the time you read this.

The first is the renewal of the "Challenge Cup" competition with the Williamsburg LBC, scheduled for April 8-9. Al Pelliccio has been given the responsibility of field captain, assisted by Joe Coleman and George Tucker.

The second is the East Coast Challenge, matching three mixed teams of five bowlers (a total of 15, plus one alternate) from each of the Eastern and the Southeast Divisions of ALBA-AWLBA. It is set to be bowled here the weekend of April 29-30. Two bowling brothers are captaining the teams from their respective divisions—Bill Farrell from the SE and Duncan Farrell from the East. We will be trying out some new scoreboards and new equipment for the first time at this anticipated event.

Nadine Epple has agreed to continue as Club Treasurer for 2000, which is good news to all members of the club.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION



ALBA President Jack Phillips, right, teamed up with the President of the Mount Dora LBC and Beverly Phillips (the Mrs.) to win the Chet Wintsch Invitational. The event was staged in March by Herb and Judy Wintsch in honor of Herbs' father, a long-time lawn bowler himself, at Essex County (NJ) and Clearwater LBCs, and current MDLBC honorary member.

WALTERDEL

(Parrish FL)

By Chuck Mather

Del Bettridge, the man who developed the greens at this new club off I-75, 15 miles south of Sun City Center, was in his work clothes sitting on a tractor when the white-costumed SE Open lawn bowlers spotted him as they gathered to hear which among them had won prizes.

The crowd broke out in spontaneous applause, waving to Del in thanks for the fine greens they had just enjoyed. The northernmost of the two squares particularly pleased this group of singles players, banished to WalterDel from the main tournament at Sun City Center because of an over enrollment. But both squares were a pleasure to play on that weekend of March 4-5.

This first exposure for most of the SE Open players won't be the last. In addition to many open tournaments held here this season and planned again for next season, SE-ALBA was scheduled to bowl its Playdowns for the 2000 U.S. Championships here in April.

If you want to hear more about us, check out our new web site at <www.walterdel.com>

HOLIDAY BOWL TO DRAW FOR ENTRIES

Because of the increasing popularity of Mount Dora's annual Holiday Bowl mixed fours tournament, organizers have decided to pick entries for the 2000 event by a blind draw. The Holiday Bowl will be held December 1-3 at Mount Dora. Mixed fours is defined as two players from each gender.

Teams that have played in previous Holiday Bowls and those on the waiting list are invited to take part in the draw. Automatic entry is offered to last year's (1999) winning team, and six slots for all-Mount Dora teams will continue. There will be entry slots for an additional 21 teams.

Entrants must be ALBA, AWLBA or WBB-affiliated. Entry fee is \$140/team (\$35/person). Contact Ed Ceiga for entry information: 1111 Lakeshore Dr., #3A, Eustis, FL 32726, or 352/483-3097. His email address: <JaynEd0804@aol.com>

CLEARWATER

By May Blair

ALBA Hall of Famer Art Hartley blew out the candles on his 100th birthday cake and then settled down to watch Lindsay and May Blair and Florence Mowatt win the Art Hartley tournament, one of several tournaments held by our club this busy 1999-2000 season.

Winners of tournaments since the last issue of *BOWLS* included:

Don Stephan and Alex Graham, *Kurt Dornau Men's Pairs*. Howard Adkins and Don Carter, *Club Men's Pairs*. Howard Adkins, Doug Shearer and Ray Marsden, *Club Men's Triples*.

Mary Cobean and Betty Kelly, *Club Women's Pairs*. Barbara Roller, Lenora Roach and Joan Lamb, *Club Women's Triples*.

Ede and Bert MacWilliams and Marge Sanphy, the *Otty Dornau Tournament* in which a woman must skip. Don Stephan, Alex Graham and Mary Holdcroft, *Charles Brock Memorial Trophy*. Burl and Barb Roller, *Bill Adamson Invitational and Valentines Day*.

Carole Rawlings and Lou Ann Mulvaney coordinated a very successful rummage sale to raise money for the 2000 U.S. Championships.

Our members were also generous in contributing a total of \$632 to support a charity chosen each year by the Mayor of Clearwater. In bowling that day, the "silver" cups were won by Jab Pierce, Kathleen Mein and Norma Nay.

Our Clearwaters did well at the SE Opens this year (*see complete results on page 15*). Our congratulations to Helen Dickson, named "Bowler of the Tournament" after having won the Singles and the Pairs. Women's Triples was won by May Blair, Carole Rawlings and Audrey Burrows. On the men's side, our Bill Farrell and Bill Stevenson took the title in Pairs.



Life is a drag happily for Clearwater greenskeeper George Scott.

BRADENTON

By John Meksa

Bradenton LBC, at 1505 Eighth Ave., Bradenton FL, is one of the most friendly clubs in the Southeastern U.S. and welcomes visiting lawn bowlers with open arms.

In our annual Valentine's day match against St. Petersburg, just across the Skyway bridge from us, we edged our friendly hosts, five wins to their four wins, with each club getting a tie. So we retain the trophy until the next match against St. Pete.

By the way, visitors interested in trying the hard surface rinks at St. Petersburg, should call Ann Gleason at 727-578-1984 for bowling times and directions. The president of the club there is Ray Ozorio.

You'll enjoy our high-speed hard surface rinks, too. We have bowls to loan. We are open twelve months a year, although the pace is slower summers. Call Ellen Hoffman at (941) 722-1331 for bowling times and directions. Come see for yourself!

SOUTHEAST OPEN

By Gene Goodwin & Gloria Mather

The 2000 Southeast Division Opens March 4-9, ALBA at Sun City Center and WalterDel, and AWLBA at Clearwater, produced these results:

WOMEN

"Bowler of the Tournament"

Helen Dickson

TRIPLES

1. Carole Rawlings, Audrey Burrows, May Blair
2. Cecelia Noble, Mary McKay, Marion Wall
3. Jo Gilbert, Evelyn Sartain, Patti Grabowski
4. Maisie Hughes, Rita Moy, Brooke Reid

1st Flight

1. Helen Dewar, Sandra, Whitelaw, Noreen Welsh
2. Helen Dickson, Gene Robertson, Eleanor Calder

2nd Flight

1. Betty Kelly, Kathleen Mein, Molly Turnbull
2. Mary Cobeau, Pauline Keenan, Marion Reid

3rd Flight

1. Donna Jackson, Dodie Hann, Peggy Bettridge
2. Margert Ross, Hilda Ferris, Bev Phillips

PAIRS

1. Helen Dickson & Ede MacWilliams

2. Elsie Tait & Molly Turnbull

3. Ellen Hoffman & Joyce Schindler

1st Flight

1. Maisie Hughes & May Blair
2. Marg Ross & Barb Roller

2nd Flight

1. Mary Roberts & Marion Wall
2. Mary McKay & Cecilia Noble

3rd Flight

1. Brooke Reid & Rita Moy
2. Marie Adams & Pauline Blastorah

SINGLES

1. Helen Dickson
2. Pauline Hill
3. Beverly Phillips

1st Flight

1. Kathleen Mein
2. Noreen Welsh

2nd Flight

1. Gail Davis
2. Barb Roller

3rd Flight

1. Gene Robertson
2. Pauline Blastorah

4th Flight

1. Helen Dewar
2. Evelyn Sartain

MEN SINGLES

Championship

1. Bob Patterson
2. Len Hollran
3. Bill Hiscock
4. Bill Broad

A Flight

1. Ralph Ross
2. Mike Maneilly

B Flight

1. Duncan Farrell
2. Jack Lucey

C Flight

1. George Whitelaw
2. Burl Roller

D Flight

1. Ray Becker
2. Wes Hague

E Flight

1. Al Pelliccio
2. Sam Drevitch

PAIRS

Championship

1. Bill Farrell & Bill Stevenson
2. Robin Goldman & Mike Maneilly
3. Jack Lucey & Ron Buck
4. Herb Wintsch & Gene Goodwin

A Flight

1. Robert & Dick Sayer
2. Jab Pierce & Douglas Shearer

B Flight

1. Bill Hiscock & Gordon Lockhart
2. John Shanklin & Cliff Bailey

C Flight

1. Sam Drevitch & Bill Broad
2. Roger Rackliff & Stretch Bilharz

D Flight

1. Len Hollran & Pat O'Donohue
2. Lynn Stokes & Ed Reynolds

E Flight

1. Jack Phillips & James Copeland
2. Charlie Roach & Ralph Ross

TRIPLES

Championship

1. John Irons, Alex Womar and Bob Bowes
2. Bill McKechine, Bill Boettger and Bill Riddock
3. Rick Wall, Martin Noble and Charlie Roach
4. Joe Dorsch, Jab Pierce and Alex Graham

A Flight

1. Bill Broad, Ken Roberts, John Meksa
2. Joe Grabowski, Russell Tees, George Petrie

B Flight

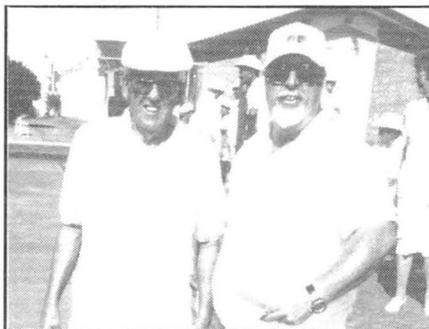
1. Ron Buck, Dick Labrie, Doug Claxton
2. Cliff Bailey, Ollie McLaughlin, John Shanklin

C Flight

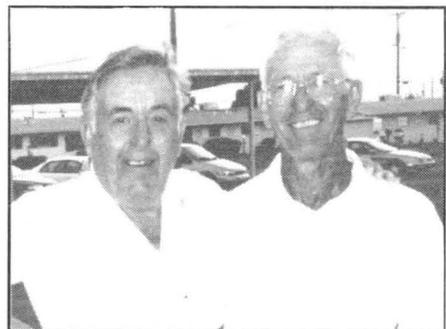
1. Don Adams, Ted Moulton, Peter Vandermale
2. Robert Vernier, Jack Main, Bob Ogilvie



AWLBA's "Bowler of the Tournament" Helen Dickson, who captured both the Women's Singles and Pairs (with Ede MacWilliams).



Southeast Open Men's Singles Champion Bob Patterson, right, with runner-up Len Hollran.



Bill Ferrell, left, and Bill Stevenson won the SE Open Men's Pairs.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA LEAGUE

By Gene Goodwin

The glory spotlight had to be focused on four different teams in the North Central Florida League this 2000 season.

First there was the overall champion, the Mount Dora team of Herb Wintsch, Bill Forbes and Beth Forbes, which finished with ten wins against two losses to gain the title for the fifth straight year.

But the champion of the All Stars tournament (for the two top teams in each squad at the end of the season) was the Daytona Beach team of Geoffrey Headley, Nessie DeBattista and Barrie Eardley, all Canadians. At mid-season, a similar competition, the Esch Trophy, was won by the Mount Dora team of Dick Myren, Harry Tombleson and Polly Huber.

The team with the second-best record in the League was another from Mount Dora, Tracy McCracken, Dick Tucker and Sally Tucker. They won 9 of their 12 games.

In the competition among the four five-team squads, the Mount Dora Bengals finished first with 79 game points (two for a win, one for a tie). Besides Herb Wintsch, the other Bengals skips (in order of finish) were: Gene Goodwin, Bill Bish, Mike Mancilly and Lois Lindley.

The Mount Dora Pirates beat out Daytona Beach for second place by only two game points. DeLand finished fourth.



Above: This year's Esch Trophy winners hail from Mount Dora: (l-r) Dick Myren, Polly Huber and Harry Tombleson.

Below: Winner of the 2000 NCFL All Stars was this all-Canadian team from Daytona Beach: (from left) Geoff Headley, Nessie DeBattista and Barrie Eardley.



MOUNT DORA

By Gene Goodwin

The Mount Dora LBC took in 35 new members during this 1999-2000 season, all graduates of two-week beginners classes taught by Bill and Bonnie Bish and a crew of instructors.

But the 35 new members did not quite make up for the 39 lost by deaths, resignations and relocations in the same period. So our total membership as this is written is 289—123 ALBA members, 130 AWLBA and 36 non-bowling associates.

Not bad for a club in a town of 9,000! Most of our members come from Mount Dora, and most of the others from the adjacent towns of Tavares and Eustis.

The opportunity to bowl at all levels is one of the appeals of the Mount Dora club. All members take part in daily pill (informal draw) bowling every morning and afternoon six days a week. Thirty bowl in the North Central Florida League, sixty in the Home League. Most members enter at least some of our 14 club tournaments. And a few Mount Dora bowlers compete in division and national tournaments.

Mount Dora Women's Triples Champions: (l-r) Sally Tucker, Jean Wootton and Beth Forbes.



MDLBC's Men's Triples winners: (l-r) Frank Anderson, Wayne Menne and Harry Tombleson.



In club tournaments since the last issue of *BOWLS*, here are the winners:

Women's Singles—Beth Forbes

Men's Singles—Herb Wintsch

Women's Triples—Beth Forbes,

Sally Tucker & Jean Wootton

Men's Triples—H. Tombleson,

W. Menne & Frank Anderson

Home League: Ralph Knight,

Adele Stiffler & Bob Malaney

Major Marsh—Ralph Knight,

Gene Goodwin & Marilyn Kurty

Bill's Game:—Fredy Zweidler

Mount Dora Invitational—Tracy

McCracken, Dick Tucker &

Sally Tucker

Mixed Pairs—Beth Forbes & Don

McPeck

Our club lost Ellie Esch in February. She had been ill for a very long time, struck down by multiple strokes. But she will be long remembered for her lawn bowling achievements (including U.S. Pairs champion in 1983) and her competitive spirit. Her second husband, Harold L. Esch, Honorary Life President of ALBA, survives. Ellie's obituary is published on our ALBA website <www.bowlsamerica.org>

In Memoriam

Ellie Esch

Charles Leach

Marilyn Niven

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

LAKELAND

By June O'Leary

With only two rain dates having to be utilized this season, Lakeland again proved to be a winter haven for bowlers from the north.

Despite good bowling conditions, however, the club membership continues to decline. Membership is now more than 95 percent snowbirds, and efforts such as publicizing our sport locally and holding an early season Open House have failed so far to attract more local members.

Our club provided the site for the lawn bowling segment of the Polk County Senior Games in February. But participation, particularly in the over 70 class, was sparse. We'll try harder next year.

Congratulations to our Shirley Hague for winning the Pairs, with Helen Dickson of Clearwater, at the SE-AWLBA Open in March. Everyone in the club basks in her glory!

NORTH CAROLINA OPEN

After being hurricaned out last year, the Pinehurst LBC is happy to be able to offer its seventh Robert H. Dedman North Carolina Open Triples Tournament. The Open takes place September 11-14.

By this time, the 32-team field should be set. But if you are interested in entering at \$90 per team, call co-managers Joe Coleman at (910) 295-7017, or Maxine Patridge at (910) 295-6689.

The tournament will consist of a preliminary Pro-Am competition Tuesday morning, September 12, followed by five 14-end games—one Tuesday afternoon and two each Wednesday and Thursday mornings-afternoons. Social events are planned for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

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MILWAUKEE WEST

By Leonard F. Shaw

The weather has been very changeable, 70s in early March and cold later. Shirley Phillips had planned a fun frolic and cook-out, but it was called off because of snow and cold. Since there was nothing to report in the last two issues, here are the results of our club events:

Ladies Pairs: 1. Marion Hies & Bonnie Braden, 2. Lorain Junchluth & Joyce Del Monte

Men's Pairs: 1. Tony Del Monte & Ben Reith, 2. Len Shaw & Clem Wisch

Mixed Pairs: 1. Clem Wisch & Marion Hies, 2. Len Shaw & Bonnie Braden

Ladies Singles: 1. Carol Erasmus, 2. Norine Morrell

Men's Singles: 1. Gary Wisch, 2. Len Shaw

In Memoriam
Carol Erasmus

CHICAGO LAKESIDE

By Patricia Brown LeNoble

We have high hopes in this new millennium bringing Lakeside out of its winter trappings into spring and the renewal of the fine art of lawn bowling under the leadership of Dolly Rix, our president.

We must have higher hopes and lots of prayers that the Chicago Park District will re-create our greens as they once were, bringing our yearnings to fruition! Bill Nakagawa has been in touch with the Park District and they plan on starting procedures within the next few weeks, while we are busy planning on getting the clubhouse ready for business on Saturday, May 6th! Who says our hopes are not high?

Our board meeting was held on the 19th of March, with Dolly doing her first stint as president very well. We ascertained that we would provide 12 Sunday afternoons as Ladder Tournament play, that we have three

umpires, and that full instruction would be provided to all newcomers venturing through our gates.

Most of our committee heads are in place, and our tournaments will be handled the same as last season, with individuals being in charge of one tournament each, lessening the work of a games chairman.

The Senior Olympics Games "lawn bowling tournament" is scheduled at our club on Friday, September 22nd, and we will get back to you with the results of that as well as our own tournaments.

Now we must get back to our website that is under the direction of Henry Reynolds. We must have had a "senior moment" when copying our site number in the last issue...apologies all around! This is *really* it: <<http://members.aol.com/LawnBowling/index.htm>>

FLINT

By Jeane Giesy

The Flint Club opened the season with a get-together breakfast. Members brought guests and, hopefully, many of them will become members. The club has great plans for the year, with tournaments, visitations and good friendly fun.

I have read many descriptions of Lawn Bowling. The following is one taken from a paper on bowling by the Chicago Lakeside Lawn Bowling Club:

"Bowling is a science, the study of a lifetime in which you may exhaust yourself but not your subject. It is a contest, a duel calling for courage and self con-

trol. It is a test of temper, a trial of honor, a revealer of character. It affords the chance to play the man and act the gentleman. It is a cure for care and an antidote for worry. It includes companionship with friends, social functions, and opportunities for courtesy, kindness and generosity to an opponent. It provides not only health but moral force."

The club enjoys visitors, so do come and visit us. The club is open May—October. For additional information, please call: (810) 233-5128.

In Memoriam
Donald Osantowski

CENTRAL DIVISION

PITTSBURGH FRICK PARK

By James C. Cunningham

At this writing (in March), some early Spring-like weather in our area has made most of us overly anxious to get started with our 2000 season. But, we will have to wait awhile because our greens suffered considerable damage last year and we are now involved in extensive repairs in order to bring them back to top condition. We hope to have everything ready to go for our Warm-Up Games starting in May, and by the time this issue of BOWLS arrives we should be well on our way to another great bowling season.

President Bud Fickley has outlined a full schedule of tournaments, leagues and social events. It all begins with a visit to the Williamsburg Club in April and concludes with our Awards Banquet in October.

Our annual Groundhog Day Dinner in February gave us an early start. On April 12th we will have our Let's-Go Dinner at which we will review everything concerning club operations for the coming year. The Committee Chairpersons are working hard to make this, the millennium year, our best ever.

WESTLAND

By Joey Dunn

Spring is just around the corner, with thoughts of putting our greens in the best condition that we can with finances and work force available to each individual club.

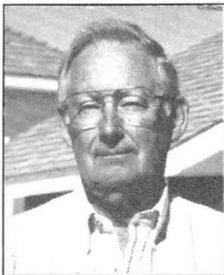
The winter months have gone by very fast, as Archie and I have been fortunate to spend them in Florida, bowling at the Sarasota Club. Some of our Westland members traveled to a few greens. M. MacKenzie bowled in Parrish, Florida (a new bowling green) in December and joined B.&N. Davidson in Sun City Arizona in February. Cathy Symington joined us here in Florida in February in time to see Archie Dunn and Paul Ward win the Men's Pairs at Sarasota. Bob Patterson won the Men's Singles in Sun City and Clearwater, Florida, the ALBA Tournament.

We wish Trevor Colby good bowling in his retirement in Sun City, AZ. For those who knew him, Sam Campagna passed away this winter in Michigan. He will be missed.

For those bowlers traveling in the Michigan area, stop in at Westland LBC. We will be happy to see you Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. Club telephone 734/722-7630.

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SUN CITY

By Leon Sullivan

Dollar Monday is still a great success. Eighty bowlers and more from all clubs throughout the division.

Just completed our White Elephant Raffle as a fund raiser, with gifts donated by Dora Stewart, Bernice Mathers, Phyllis Sullivan and Helen Teichman. Helen also donated a new coffee pot to Sun City Lawn Bowls Club.

We are planning our annual Pizza Party on March 27. Ticket sales are going great.

Sun City Lawn Bowls Club will host a tour group from England on April 11th. We expect a great time at Bell Lawn Bowls Club. There will be 29 men, 13 women, 11 non-bowlers, tour guide and bus driver on their first U.S. stop, then on to the West coast for 27 days. We are excited for this opportunity.

THE FIRST QUARTER OF EACH YEAR ALWAYS offers a full calendar of tournament lawn bowling in the South Central Division. The year 2000 was no exception.

In January, there were seven days of major tournament play: Arizona Rinks, followed immediately by the Thomson-Zivic Pairs.

February had twelve days for serious ALBA competition: SC Division Open (triples, pairs, singles), and the first Senior Open (triples and pairs).

March concluded our tournament action

with nine days: ALBA Playdowns (pairs and singles), and the Desert Shootout. In total, 28 days of tournament opportunity!

In addition to full-blown tournament play, clubs had a full agenda of "draw games", exchange visitations and ladder challenges. And though many bowlers will be packing up for their "Summer Retreat", life on the greens will continue with Summer Leagues, club draws and socials. So check your club's bulletin board to Keep On Bowling. 

SUN CITY GRAND

The Grand Lawn Bowling Club has started its second year. President Bob Nelson and Secretary Rosemary Nelson, declined to run again after a successful year in getting the club started. Bob will continue to serve on the club board in an advisory capacity.

Elections were held and the new officers are: President-Bill Denison, Vice-President-Ken Stiles, Secretary-Judy Stiles and Treasurer-Barbara Denison. President-elect Bill Denison urged members to help introduce friends and neighbors to lawn bowling. He said, "If they come to watch, they may become interested. Our emphasis is on fun and socializing as well as playing a good game."

Charter member, John Lynn, is the club's chief instructor. He is ably assisted by Richard Borczak, Glenn Hamm, Irene Horne, Bob Nelson and Armond Aubut. Nine new students, now being instructed, will soon be added to the chapter's membership of 68, and there still is a waiting list of about 30

people at this time.

John Lynn and member John Sanchez recently participated in the First ALBA Senior Open Tournament, and Irene Horne, Beryl Auger, Anna Perrino, Marlyn DesBrisay and Linda Lynn participated in the South Central Division's "Presidents Five" Tournament. Irene Horne won the Singles competition, and she is a first winner for our club. She then was invited to play in the "Women's Shoot Out" on March 18-19.

Members and guests bowl on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 1 p.m. Starting time will change to 9 a.m. on May 1 and to 7 a.m. on July 1. Newcomers are trained on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m.

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South Central Division Tournaments

THOMSON-ZIVIC PAIRS 2000

The annual Thomson Zivic Pairs was held January 25-27 in the Sun Cities, AZ.

Championship

1. Jack Behling & John Stewart
2. Keith Roney & Ivan Hyland
3. Don Mayne & John McBain
4. Tom Stirrat & Gordon Sheick

2nd Flight

1. Doug McArthur & Jim Webster

3rd Flight

1. Bill Lingeman & Jerry Cobb

4th Flight

1. Marty Schans & Bob Hill

5th Flight

1. Carl Dude & Wray Roth

ARIZONA RINKS 2000

The Annual Arizona Rinks was held January 21-24 in the Sun Cities, AZ.

Championship (s-vs-2-l)

1. Jack Behling, Bill Lingeman, Mary Terrill, Irene Webster
2. Maurice Van Walleghem, Marlene Cleutinx, Betty Douglas, Laurie Cleutinx

2nd Flight

1. Charles Mesow, Vane Olinger, Vanitta Olinger, Tanya Hills

3rd Flight

1. Graham Jarvis, Bill Weaver, Joan Cameron, Rosie Johnson

4th Flight

1. Regina Banares, Andre Banares, Helen Teichman, Judy Patrizzi

SENIOR OPEN

The First ALBA-sponsored Senior Open Tournament for male bowlers 70-and-over was held February 19-24 at Sun City Center, Arizona. Lindsay Towns was the event director.

PAIRS

Championship

1. Bob Larson & Bill Urquhart
2. Leon Sullivan & Harry Towler

2nd Flight

1. Bill Bellone & Bob Rucinski
2. Ken Truckenbord & Harry Howland

3rd Flight

1. Bill Weaver & Bill Lingeman
2. George Ralston & Bill Smulyan

4th Flight

1. Harry Berry & Chet Towle
2. Ted Berthold & Lowell Brooks

TRIPLES

Championship

1. Joe Quinn, Howard Goodnough, Grahame Ridley

2. Bob Larbon, Bill Urquhart, Walt Litwicki

2nd Flight

1. Bill Weaver, Bill Lingeman, Lindsay Towns

2. George Ralston, Champ Salisbury, Bill Smulyan

Senior Open's top Pairs teams with tournament director Lindsay Towns: (l-r) runners-up Harry Towler and Leon Sullivan, Towns, and champions Bob Labron and Bill Urquhart.



Senior Open Triples finalists, (l-r) champions Joe Quinn, Howard Goodnough, Grahame Ridley, Open Director Lindsay Towns, runners-up Walt Witwicki, Bill Urquhart and Bob Labron.



First Senior Open In Retrospect

Lindsay Towns, Senior Open Chairman

After an inaugural event, what comes next? Was it successful enough to become an annual event? This must be answered by the participants in this first Senior Open Lawn Bowling Tournament, which was an American Lawn Bowls Association sanctioned event. In my humble opinion, it was worthy to be called "The American Lawn Bowls Association National Senior Open".

The ages of the participants ranged from those who turned 70 this year to those who were in their middle 80's and beyond. Over 90% of the competing bowlers never bowled until they reached retirement age. And yet, we had lawn bowlers who have played in the U.S. Championships and were winners in the National Open.

In my thirty years of lawn bowling I never saw a more competitive event. Most games were not settled until the last end. Our bowlers were from all walks of life—from professional people, to tradesmen, to CEO's. We had thirty participates in the triples and

forty in the pairs. Our players came from the southwest, northwest, Canada and from our backyard. The team that won the Triples had a skip who was 85, a lead who was 79, and a kid who was vice skip at the age of 71.

When the merger takes place the new Council may want to include woman. Down the line we could add another tournament for seniors, "The U.S. Senior Championships". A questionnaire will be going out to our participants in this tournament and any others over 70 who are more than welcome to participate and give us comments. The retirees are our largest membership in organized bowls. They have the time to learn this great sport. The National Senior Open can do nothing but grow.

A tournament such as this would not take place without the help of people like Gil Stephan, Bob Lane and other faithfuls. (Thanks Dorothy for your help with coffee, etc.) Also thanks to our sponsors.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

PARADISE

By Tony Appollo

It has been another busy and enjoyable lawn bowling season. We have had many fun days, visitations, and our annual tournaments.

We certified 28 new bowlers this season, bringing our membership to 194 members for the year 2000. I would like to congratulate club member Bob Hill on becoming an ALBA national umpire.

CLUB TRIPLES (Jan. 19-21)

1. Marty Schans, Jean McKiernan, Shirley Wright
2. Phil Dial, Lloyd Peterson, Chuck Rote
3. Lowell Ergen, Bill Long, Norm Schultz

CLUB PAIRS (Jan. 31-Feb. 2)

1. Harold Berger, Dick Deforge
2. Elmer Howard, Rich Mills
3. Jim Schuldies, Ann Peabody

CHADWICK MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT (Feb. 21-22)

1. Edie Mathieu, Leo Mathieu
2. Jim Schuldies, Joann Tiedgen
3. Al Burdick, Nita Burdick
4. Gerry Pringle, Marilyn Appollo

COMBINED CLUB SINGLES (Feb. 28-Mar)

Men's Singles:

1. Ross Crawford
2. Don McKiernan
3. Dick Tiedgen

Women's Singles:

1. Marilyn Appollo
2. Bonnie Allen

SUN CITY WEST

By Howard Goodnough

Our thanks to R.H. Johnson Rec. Center management for permitting the use of the "greens" for the 1st Senior Open Tournament (Feb. 19-24). It has always been our contention that major bowling activities are good for our community by bringing out the curious, thusly encouraging participation and use of our excellent facilities.

An Aloha Party planed for April 11 is encouraging a big turnout, so a "meaningful" club picture can be taken.

By the time of publication our Club will have hosted three visitations with lawn bowling clubs in our vicinity. These "getting to know you" gatherings are always enjoyable and appreciated.

Congratulations to SCW bowlers Grahame Ridley, Howard Goodnough and Joe Quinn, Triples Champs of the Senior Open 2000.

AHWATUKEE

By Bob Padgett

Ahwatukee Lawn Bowling Club has completed its Winter activities. The season consisted of our regular visitation program and club Playdowns.

The visitation program is a non-competitive exchange with other clubs in the East Valley of the Greater Phoenix area. These clubs have many members who are also affiliated with ALBA & AWLBA. The five clubs in the East Valley are: Ahwatukee, Venture Out, Leisure World, Silver

Ridge, and Monte Vista. Many of the bowlers are wintering from Canada, which helps to increase our rank and file.

ALBC just completed is Club Championship Playdown the third week of March. There were three categories: Mixed Triples, Doubles and Singles. The winners:

Mixed Triples: Lucille Daumke, Ray Kubiak and Don Simmons

Mixed Doubles: Lucille Daumke and Jim Brewer

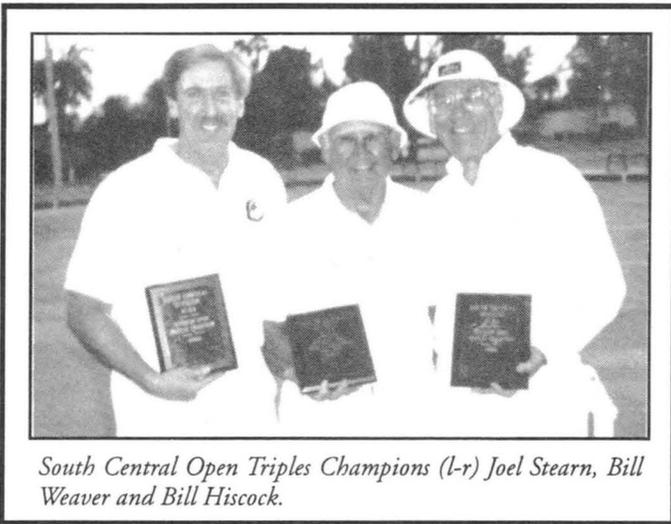
Singles: Bob Padgett.

You will note that our Ladies—though few in numbers—hold their own, with Lucille taking first place in two categories. This 80+ year old lady has been bowling for nearly 20 years.

Unfortunately, ALBC is suffering by a loss of membership, especially among the women. We are at a loss as to how to overcome this situation. As a Club in a retirement community we cannot appeal to the younger generation.

Moreover, located in a Sunbelt state, our bowling season drops dramatically at the end of April. But we keep plugging along.

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South Central Open Triples Champions (l-r) Joel Stearn, Bill Weaver and Bill Hiscock.

EL MIRAGE

By Ron Gilmour

Our Year 2000 Club season is well underway. The Club Triples tournament was Feb. 16-17. Winners were Rae Anbinder, Marilyn Woodward and Don Morris. 2. Frank Flynn, Rosie Johnson, Alice Sosnowski. 3. Yvonne Davidson, Gene Strandberg, Helen Armstrong.



El Mirage's "New Bowlers Party" drew big numbers.

Winners of the Dick Niblack Memorial, Feb. 23-24 were: Rocky Bria, Don Fossum and Audrey Fossum. Our remaining club tournaments are Novice, Doubles and Can Am, plus some visitations.

We held a new lawn bowlers party Feb. 25, with bowling followed by food and beverages. Twenty new bowlers came out and joined 44 regular club members for a game of rinks. Were hoping many of them come back and become active members.

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In Memoriam
Bonnie Howarth

ESSEX COUNTY

(Bloomfield, NJ)

By George J. Schick

Last Christmas Eve, this reporter did his best to help build our Club's membership as we entered the new millennium. My wife Marlene gave birth to twins, Matthew Paul and Merri Catherine. As this article goes to press, the four of us are doing very well.

The officers and members of our Club congratulate Skippy Arculli upon his election to the ALBA Hall of Fame. Skippy continues to be an inspiration to the Essex Club and has brought a great deal of recognition to the Club at the National and International level.

Our Executive Committee, lead by President Colin Smith, meets weekly with the Maintenance Department of the County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cul-

NEW YORK

(Central Park)

By Bobby Mancuso

New York Lawn Bowling Club' opening day will be May 6. This is the 75th year of lawn bowling in Central Park for our club. If you're in New York this summer, please feel free to stop by and join us as we celebrate our Diamond Jubilee.

Our annual Spring Fling get-together on April 15 was a smashing success again this year.

Joe Gioco will be coordinating the Long Island Senior Games on May 12, and he's sponsoring the Millennium Madness Games in Central Park. We're also looking for creative ideas to establish a new event for the Games, so if you have suggestions or just feel like chatting drop us note. One such game

tural Affairs regarding the installation of our new green. We face bad weather, poor conditions and budget limitations, but we remain hopeful that our green will be available for play later this season.

The Essex Games Committee, lead by Bob Urquhart, is putting together our 2000 season schedule. We expect to begin club play around June 1st. Local area tournaments will be scheduled for late in the season. We appreciate the on-going efforts of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

The Essex Club has been bowling in Bloomfield's Watsessing Park since 1924. We are located a few minutes from Garden State Parkway Exit 148. If you plan to visit our area this summer, please contact Bob Urquhart at 973-616-9753 or George Schick at 732-381-2027 to arrange a game.

recently submitted by one of our members is called 2000 Bowls. The game consists of mixed pairs competing in a game in which exactly 2000 bowls will be delivered! Go figure!

Congratulations to the USA Woman's Team for a fine performance in the World Bowls Championships held recently in Australia.

I want to acknowledge the passing of Rees Jones last year. We will be commemorating his contribution to the club with the naming of the Rees Jones Memorial Tournament, to be held this summer. On a personal note, Rees was my first bowling partner, when I joined the club back in 1995. I'll always remember the outstanding way he played the game. I'll miss the encouragement he gave each of us.

Those of you who want to read some of my earlier articles can find them on the web: <<http://nylbc.dairyland.com/index.html>>

FERNLEIGH

(West Hartford, CT)

By Ed Wood

President George Babic held the first meeting of our 2000 season in February, with the officers, directors and chairpersons present.

Ed Wood, Membership Chairman, reported on the membership drive for this season. A Steering Committee has met to set up the procedure to recruit new members. Club members will be contacted to get names of people to attend the two open houses for a hands on experience in lawn bowling. People who are interested will sign up for a series of four lessons, at the end of the lessons, they can apply for membership.

Games Chairwoman Karen Ellesworth is working on the schedule of events for the 2000 season. They are working on ways to get more bowlers active. All we need now is warmer weather to get our 77th season started.

THISTLE

(West Hartford, CT)

By Joan B. Wood

Winter bowling at Thistle was very successful this year. Some of our hardiest members bowled regularly until mid-January. Those bowling on the last day before the snow were Vic Bendzinski, Frank Mastranardi and Joe Morin. Another first for Thistle was an informal New Year's Day tournament with a turnout of a dozen members.

Our late season bowling had the added benefit of generating some good publicity for the club. On two different occasions local reporters happened by and were intrigued by our bowling in frigid temperatures. This

resulted in pictorial features in both papers. I received enough comments from friends and acquaintances to know this got the attention of the general public. All those afternoons bowling in sub-freezing temperatures paid off in publicity as well as being a lot of fun.

In February, we held our second annual Winter Social at a local West Hartford restaurant. This was very successful and will become an annual event.

This season Thistle is happy to be hosting a couple of ALBA events. The Third Annual New England Mix or Match Doubles Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 3. Then, August 5-10, we are especially pleased to welcome the Eastern Division Men and

Women's Championships. We are looking forward to having both our greens filled with bowlers from all over the northeast.

Our opening day for the season is scheduled for May 17. We will hold our Semi-Annual Meeting followed by a picnic lunch and an afternoon of bowling (weather permitting). Our regular bowling season will continue to be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 1 p.m. and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Club tournaments will be held on the third week-end of the month, June through September.

We hope 2000 will be a great bowling season and welcome visitors to the area to join us for an afternoon or more of bowling.

EASTERN DIVISION


EASTERN DIVISION EVENTS
JULY

8-9 Pairs Playdowns ALBA/AWLBA Buck Hill Falls, PA

AUGUST5-10 ED Open ALBA/AWLBA Thistle LBC, Hartford, CT
19-20 Single Playdowns ALBA/AWLBA Buck Hill Falls, PA**SEPTEMBER**

23-24 Marie Manners Mix-Match Open Pairs Buck Hill Falls, PA

SLATER PARK

(Pawtucket, RI)

Ed Kenney

Officers and Board members have been busy getting ready for the 2000 season. 2000 officers are: Ed Kenney, President; Yvonne Balthazard, Vice-President; Dave Joncas, Treasurer; Donna (Kenney) Stojek, Secretary.

Our Board of Directors: Vito Bart, Ken Birch, Maurice Lafond, Jen Letourneau and George Zvanelich.

Our annual winter get-together dinner was held February 19 at My Brothers Pub Restaurant in Pawtucket. Everyone seemed to have a good time and prizes were won by many. We also had a raffle for a beautiful perpetual calendar and paper towel-holder made and donated by George Zvanelich, with the assistance of Yvonne Balthazard. Winner of the calendar was Paul Motta. Yvonne Vierra won the towel-holder.

Games Committee Chairperson, Maurice Lafond, has put together our new schedule for the new season, with an opening day of May 6.

WILLIAMSBURG INN*By Susan Berg*

Even though the club green did not officially open until April 1, members were taking advantage of the fine weather to get out and play.

This year, the club already has fifty-eight members, its largest number in many years. Director of Recruiting Peter Bennett hopes to improve on that with a "3-Free Lessons" offer, which gives potential members both an introduction to the sport and also positive reinforcement to encourage them to join the club.

Several tournaments are planned for the spring. To help prepare for these events, members can now bowl anytime, not just during

hours in which the green is open to the public. In addition, Vice-President Jack Edwards is planning a Spring Singles League, beginning April 20. If the competition for last year's Singles Ladder is any indication, the Singles League will also be very popular.

Three members, Dan Berg, Robin Goldman and Ed Reynolds, participated in the Southeast Open in Florida. Robin placed second in the Pairs competition.

This year, the Williamsburg Inn green has new public hours. Since April 1, it is open from 3-6 p.m. Bowlers visiting Williamsburg are invited to play. For directions and information call 757/229-8799.

NORTHWEST DIVISION

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SPOKANE*By Dave Robb*

In February, the Spokane Club participated in the annual Sportsfest held at the Convention Center. This event features booths, demonstrations and skill contests involving indoor and outdoor sports activities.

We were offered our own booth space at no charge. The regular fee is \$550. Club volunteers manned the booth. Dan Hutchinson, Derek Ware, Charleen Beard, Jean Wren and Olivia Kissin did an outstanding job. They were able to sign up 36 for free lessons. Added to prospects carried over from last year, we have over 50 interested in learning our game.

Thanks to club founder John Marchi's help

we have established a uniform teaching method and instruction course. A group of volunteer instructors has been formed to implement this program. We hope for and anticipate a sizable increase in membership as a result.

September 2-4, Spokane is hosting a Mixed Triples event open to all ALBA and AWLBA NW Division members. This will be the first time Spokane has had an opportunity to host a division event.

Our building and grounds committee will be leveling the green and controlling its speed to provide more bias. Our Social Committee will see that out of town guests are comfortable and well fed. Y'all come see us!

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PORTLAND*By Larry Edgar*

So far this year, the rains have limited our club activities to a couple business meetings and some work on equipment. We want to be prepared for warmer, drier days and anxiously await them so we can actually get out on the green. A work party on April 22

should help get everything ready for our Opening Day on April 29.

Our tournament season begins May 13 with a Yardstick Tournament. The following week, we'll be visiting the King City Club, who will visit us on June 4, when we will be holding an Open House during Portland's Rose Festival.

As is the case with most clubs, we are hop-

ing to increase our membership this year. Our membership committee made up a list of items it thought would help attract new people. On it are items ranging from things to make the physical appearance of the club more attractive to arranging for greeters on Open House Sundays each month. Members of the club have signed up to head-up accomplishing the items on the list.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

JEFFERSON PARK

(Seattle)

By Hugh Ramsay

Now that winter is past and our snowbirds are on the way home, for us in the Northwest it is time to put together plans for building up membership and creating effective bowling skills. As we see it, the two activities interact—the better the bowler, the more enthusiastic the member.

To this end, George New has agreed to organize and head-up and train a group of qualified members to serve as coaches to work with prospective members and any player who might need help in some phase of the game. George comes well qualified to do this, as he was head coach at his club in Australia.

Although it hasn't been tournament season the past few months, we are looking forward to helping Woodland Park any way we can as they host the North American Challenge Tournament, the contest between the U.S. and Canadian National teams, in early August.

TACOMA

By Donna West

While the busy lawn bowling activities are winding down here in Sun City, the months in Tacoma and the start of the season in the Northwest Division is still a month away.

Opening day on the Tacoma green is April 15, and the first major scheduled event is the annual Daffodil Tournament on April 22. Rinks will be played on May 13, and then the Spring Open in Portland will be held May 27-29.

KING CITY

By Ed Otte

A few of our members got in some pre-season practice on the green despite the late winter-early spring wind and rain.

Our Opening Day for this year's bowling season was on April 21, with bowling sessions scheduled in the morning and afternoon and a catered dinner in the evening.

Members of the Portland Club will be bowling with us on May 20, and we have scheduled a return visit to Portland's green on June 4.

Our officers for the first year of this century are: Betty Jo Edwards, president; Rosie Stunkard, vice president; Ruth Edwards, secretary; Herb Rooper, treasurer; and Mary Baxter and Dolores Jeffcoat, members at large.

Our activity during the winter months is limited to monthly social events, and we're always glad to see the arrival of warmer and drier weather so we get out and bowl.

WOODLAND PARK

(Seattle)

By Roy Scully

After a mild winter (no snow), we are gearing up for what we hope will be a good season of bowling for our club.

Looking down the road, the big event of the year will be our hosting of the North American Challenge Tournament, to be held in August. Several meetings of the organizing committee have been held, and chairpersons for some twenty committees have been selected. Beyond that, a call for volunteers has gone out to take on such tasks as lunches, grounds beautification and more, to properly fulfill the role of hosts. We expect our greens to be in great shape for this event.

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OAKLAND

By Paul Schmidt

The PIMD's Year 2000 Opening Day was hosted by the Oakland Lawn Bowling Club on March 18. Eighty-four bowlers entered the games which, coincidentally, was the perfect number to accommodate 28 triples teams on two greens.

The format was random draw for both morning and afternoon games. Such a for-

HONOLULU

(Ala Moana Beach Park)

By Sharon Hunt

ALOHA to all lawn bowlers!

We are just finishing a very successful winter season. We had hundreds of visitors come here to bowl with and against us. Once again, David Bryant Bowls Tour was here in February. We fared much better this year, tying in team wins and loses, but losing in the overall scoring. Everyone had a great time and they will return again next year.

We have finished our mixed triples tournament with the team of Don Hunt, Sharon Hunt and Warren Wong winners,

mat provided for four sets of winning teams and runners-up (one set per green, per game).

The four winning teams were:

1. Bill McConachie (Palo Alto), Tomoko Lesowitz (Rossmoor), Jackie Purdy, (Rossmoor)
2. Andre Banares (Sunnyvale), Jeannie Lauritzen (Rossmoor), Dorie Mendoza

and Jane Tanida, Mike Minuto and Yoko Hayashi runners-up. We then had a one-day Visitors vs Locals tournament (decided by total score). The visitors beat the locals 127 to 110.

We are aerating our green now to prepare for a group from Australia in May. This is a new group and we are certain to have some very good bowlers coming here. We are continuing talks with the Tokyo club and hope to see them in 2000.

We would like to again extend a welcome to anyone planning a visit to Honolulu: Please join us in a game of bowls! Call Sharon and Don Hunt at (808) 941-2291.

ALOHA!

(Sunnyvale)

3. Dan Belton (Rossmoor), John Yen (Oakland), Iris Tromans (Oakmont)

4. Jerry Ridley (Berkeley), Bob Harbeson (Rossmoor), Gilbert Pang (Oakland)

We are looking forward to hosting several major PIMD tournaments this year and hope to see you there!.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

SAN JOSE*By June Pattison & Millie Forster*

The Winter Tournament was a big success even with the inclement weather, with nine good teams participating.

Congratulations are in order to the following teams: 1st place, Andre Banares and Jerry Knott. 2. Murray Brunt and Bob Van Wingerden. 3. Regina Banares and Jeanne Lauritzen. All the participants enjoyed bowling even if it was RAINING some of the time!

We have had a good turnout on the greens with happy comments the greens are fast!

Lawn bowling visitors that we enjoyed having: Jeff Lederer from Pittsburgh, PA, and a lady from England.

We are pleased to welcome Bill Davis (a novice), doing very well and most of all enjoying lawn bowls! Welcome to each of the following members: John Luster and Vince Domenech.

Some of our members have been traveling. But even so, almost every bowling day there were some folks on the green enjoying a good game of bowls.

Looking forward to the upcoming Friendship Games.

LEISURE TOWN*By Virginia East*

The Club is off to a great start in the new millennium. We have fifty paid members and the membership and coaching team of Peggy and Don Johnston is actively recruiting new and old residents of Leisure Town to move the active member figure upward.

The Games Committee has set up club events which include special days: Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, and the new fun Points Game in October.

We will host Rossmoor for a Home 'n Home Tournament on April 20 and Oakmont on June 29. Our first Home 'n Home with Oakland in March was a thoroughly enjoyable day, even though their teams won more games in both the morning and afternoon. Fifteen bowlers came from Oakland and a total of 21 members of our club participated.

The green was closed after the Oakland Tournament until the official opening day on April 10.

Further plans are to host an Invitational on July 22 and the Men's Novice Singles on August 19-20.

Our daily draw at 12:45 P.M. continued through April, after which we now bowl in the morning, with the draw at 8:45 A.M.

ROSSMOOR*By Frank Ransome*

Despite the rain and wind Rossmoor has already added five new members to the club. Instructors Bill MacDonald, Ed DaSilva and Jeanne Lauritzen have been working between the rain drops. Skips and seconds are being trained by Marion Klos and Jim Towar. D.D. Norris and Ian Morrison have taken over the Country Store and Tournament Chairman Bernie Pomeroy is busy planning the first tournament.

The club has been kept busy all winter with a variation of the Australian Cutthroat game. Players sign up as singles and pull a rink from the hat. When three players assemble they play "cutthroat", with one point being scored each time a player wins two ends in a row. A third end following the first two earns one more point, but those who don't double-up don't get anything. After 16 ends the two losers each donate one dollar to the winner.

The Winter League, played at Oakland, was won by Frank Ransome and Renee Friedman, bowling with Ted Crum of Berkeley. The fourth place team was also from Rossmoor. Ed DaSilva, bowling with Jackie Purdy and John Freestone, made a great come back after losing their first games. John and Jackie are new bowlers.

The club suffered a great loss this winter. Perennial nice guy and expert bowler Chet Settles passed away after a short illness. Chet was the Novice Champion in 1979 and runner-up in the Over 80 tournament in 1999. A memorial service was held in early March.

SAN FRANCISCO*By George Scarpatto*

SFLBC will begin celebrating its 100th anniversary year with the inaugural Centennial Invitational Tournament, to be held Sunday, October 8 on the three bowling greens in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

The event will be a mixed triples competition, with prizes based upon the number of entrants. A wine and cheese reception will follow. Invitations and entry forms will be mailed shortly. Although entrants are limited by the number of greens, all ALBA members are welcome to enter on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Al Diniz for an entry form at 415/566-8141, or by email at: <aadiniz@juno.com>

Future events planned for the club's centenary year will be reported in later issues of *BOWLS Magazine*.

SANTA CLARA*By Ida Baker*

In November, Phyllis Mills distributed announcements regarding a bowls demonstration for those interested in the game. As a result, on the designated day, about six people came to the green. Club members who showed up proceeded to instruct the newcomers how the game is played, how to hold the bowl, etc. The visitors were enthusiastic and did quite well in trying to get the hang of it. We encouraged those who tried to return for more instruction and participation in games.

Our Club held its annual election and the board members of 1999 accepted to serve another year. The officers are: Alden Schroeder, President; George Dolfin, Vice President; Cathy Rollison, Secretary; and Russ Biltoft, Treasurer. The membership congratulated them and extends a big thank-you for serving a second year.

The annual Christmas Party was held at the Echo Restaurant in Los Altos. There was an enthusiastic group present and the annual awards were presented to the winners of the Club tournaments. We were treated to an unusual type of entertainment. The performer had a collection of various types of hats, and as she tried them on she sang a song that went with the hat. Along with her "master of ceremonies" chatter, the clever hats and an excellent singing voice, we were well-entertained.

DEADLINE NEXT ISSUE**July 1**

Throughout the year SFLBC will be publicizing and hosting nine "Evenings on the Green" and a "Sunday Afternoon on the Green" as part of its continuing recruitment activities. These are in addition to the club's regularly scheduled weekly Wednesday noon instructions for interested members of the public. Lessons are provided by a seasoned group of bowlers, including Bill Campbell, Hugh Houston, Bill Ryan and Robb Pawlak—all tournament winners.

Recruiting efforts and an active club membership do pay off. At the club's quarterly meeting in March, six new members were admitted to SFLBC. They are: Melina Carion, Lenny Gaan, Peter Knopf, Bea and Bill McConachie, and Bernie Santos. The McConachie's and Knopf are also members of the Palo Alto Lawn Bowling Club, while Santos also is a member at Rossmoor.

SUNNYVALE*By Wes Ireland*

Bowling on the green has been limited due to inclement weather. It's good to have enough rain to fulfill our water requirements. But, it does not bode well for green maintenance and other outdoor activities. We do look forward to Opening Day!

Al Rizzo is working closely with Scott Russell (Parks & Rec.) to have the green in A-1 condition for the season. Bill Henderson continues his diligent efforts to increase our membership. Those efforts have been successful thus far and should remain so.

A City publication, "Spotlight on Volunteers", honored a number of our men for their work in and around our green. This work has been handled in the past by City staff. The men so heralded were: Al Rizzo, Roger Beale, Frank Coelho, Bob Koeberle, Al Mendoza, Norm Nakano, Seb Sacco and Joe Shepard. We're proud of these guys!

On a more subdued note we mourn the deaths of two very fine ladies, Gwen Houston and Dorolu Swirsky. Gwen was active in the club both at the local level and PIMD. She was a dependable and very dedicated worker. Her late husband Hugh, was also a long time member of our club.

Dorolu was one of the original members of this club. She was very active for many, many years. Until just a few years past she served as club historian. Dorolou leaves a rich legacy of dedication to our sport as well as a substantial monetary contribution to the City and our club.

Please know you are always welcome at Sunnyvale Lawn Bowls Club. So come and see us. Enjoy our green and our fellowship.

BERKELEY*By Howard Browne*

After serving as the BLBC reporter to ALBA for a number of years, Clarence Erickson asked for another to replace him. Howard Browne, editor of the BLBC Green Sheet, has accepted the appointment.

At the membership annual meeting on Dec. 10 (99), the slate of 1999 officers was reelected by acclamation: President Keith Brooks, Vice President Ted Crum, Secretary Lucille McGuire, Treasurer Woody Ogden. Russ Weeks and June Browne were also named to serve on the Board of Directors for two years. Larry Burnley was designated to replace John Shively on the M & E Board.

The annual B.L.B.C. Christmas party was held again at the Men's Faculty Club at the University. There were almost fifty members and friends present. President Keith Brooks, with his Santa Claus hat, was Master of Ceremonies and John Shively made the opening remarks and gave the invocation. Lucille McGuire and Chris Lehtin personally provided many nice gifts, and Poinsettias that decorated each table were donated by Larry Burnley. A delicious dinner was served by students of the University. It was nice to greet old friends that we only see occasionally, but we also missed many who could not make it this year.

At the Board of Directors Meeting on February 1, Ted Crum reported the intraclub games schedule was posted. Howard Mackey is in charge of the inter-club games. We have a home and home contest with Oakland on March 28th. Berkeley will host the Jamboree on May 21. Howard Mackey has set the Meet Axe contest for July 6 at Berkeley.

Oakland has agreed to host some events normally hosted by Berkeley because of greens maintenance problems. The prospects for converting one of BLBC's greens to artificial turf has engendered considerable discussion both at the committee level and with the membership at large.

SANTA CRUZ*By Ernie Rideout*

The Santa Cruz Bowlers are turning out in droves these days. This is due to several factors, one being our recruitment and instructional program. Lessons are scheduled every Saturday at 12:30 p.m., bringing in a crop of the most enthusiastic bowlers.

Now the weather has turned in our favor and, believe it or not, our green has never played as well as it plays today. What turned everything around? It all started when we purchased a heavy mower from the Pasatiempo Country Club and donated it to the Parks and Recreation Department. That, plus a fine, conscientious Parks greenskeeper, has made the difference. We will no longer be called the muscle bowlers of Santa Cruz. We are delighted to adjust our deliveries to this phenomenon.

Visit us, you'll love it. At present, we bowl at 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. This may change when the weather heats up.

Our President is Erica Schilling, Vice President Ralph Brailsford stays on as tournament chairman and newsletter editor. Steve Schoenfeld takes on the treasurer's job for the fourth year and will again be the spark plug at all events (all clubs need a Ralph and Steve). Dorothy Cecchini is Secretary and the three directors are Len Parry, Don Ryan and Bill Ranney.

Jim Fox is the reigning singles champion for the past two years. Ralph Brailsford has set up a series of doubles tournaments for the first Saturday of each month starting at 9:30 a.m., so if you're in town that day, it's a fun time



Renee Sayer, Santa Cruz's most dependable (and oldest) bowler is surrounded by the Bowling Beaux, (l-r) Ernie Rideout, Ralph Brailsford and Hugh Rideout.

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PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

RICHMOND*By Frank Ransome*

Richmond is struggling to rebuild the club after many long years of losing members. We have 31 bowlers signed-up this year, including five from the new club in Petaluma. Frank Ransome has been training bowlers from that club while their green is being built.

New President Howard Mackey has instituted a Sunday competition, so the green will be busy and passersby can stop in and take an introductory lesson. We had four young ones the first weekend.

The green has been well-cared for by the Parks and Recreation Department, and Recreation Supervisor Laura Riep Murdock brings her classes over on Wednesdays. We hope for a repeat of the summer classes when school is out. Laura has joined the club and has been a big help with the negotiations with the Parks Department.

Lucille Cocherell was elected vice-president and Barbara Mackey secretary at the annual meeting. Renee Friedman will take over the books from past Treasurer Harry Neuman.

The annual Spring Lunch was well-attended and a great meal was enjoyed by all. The daughter of one of the founding fathers showed up and told us that her dad would be proud of the way the club is coming back. The club is 70 years young now.

Groundskeeper LeRoy Riley has been in and out of the hospital since before Christmas. He tells us that one more operation and he'll be back as good as new. For the time being we are all chipping in to stay ahead of the maintenance and appreciate his advice on how to do it.

OAKMONT*By Ray Watts*

After a long siege of rain all the members were ready to start bowling again. We have a full schedule of tournaments. There is something for everyone.

Our president, Walter Schilpp stated the following: "Oakmont is a retirement community and the Oakmont lawn bowls club has approximately 135 members, of which about 60% bowl at least weekly. About half of the 60% bowl in our club and at the Home and Home tournaments with other clubs in the area. Many of these bowl in regional tournaments also.

"Putting these percentages into round numbers, about ten of our members are 'serious' bowlers, and another thirty are 'semi-serious' bowlers. Forty bowl for fun and exercise only, and the remaining 55 bowl occasionally, for whatever reason.

"What I am getting at is the need for the serious bowlers to realize that the bulk of the members are here socially, not seriously, and this is probably the case in most retirement communities. The daily draw games need to be friendly, competitive, but not intimidating.

PALO ALTO*By Ed Arnold*

We were happy to see that our Frank Souza was elected into the ALBA Hall of Fame. His long list of achievements is remarkable. He is very deserving of this high honor. Frank was also picked again, as was our Joel Stearn, to the USA 2000 National Team. Joel bowled on the five-man team that represented the U.S. at the World Bowls Championships in South Africa a couple of months ago.

Lots of rain in February and March has cut into our bowling time. Some of ours went down to Arizona and bowled earlier in the South Central Open and Arizona Rinks. Andre and Regina Banares and Joel Stearn were among them and they did well.

On a sad note, we recently lost two of our well-liked bowlers, Sat Souza (Frank's dad) and Starr Colby. A bench honoring Martha Press, who passed away in October, was installed at Stanford's baseball diamond by the team. She and husband Harry were avid fans and helpers there for many years. Our Board of Directors accepted a check for \$1,000 from the estate of Harvey Hall, a deceased Past President of our club.

If weather allowed, we began intracub tournaments April 11 and our Friendship Games series (with Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz) May 3. The renovation of our green, including installation of a new sprinkler system, will commence May 24. The green will be closed for about six weeks.

The English Bowling Association group visited us on April 23, with rinks games in the a.m. and p.m. along with a catered lunch for 100 and a party after the competition.

In Memoriam

Starr Colby

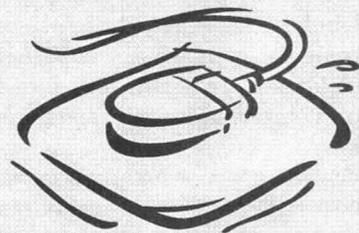
Sat Souza

"Recently, Joe Shepard, from the Santa Clara Club put on an excellent all day clinic here at Oakmont. Some forty members, including almost all of the serious and semi serious bowlers, attended it. My initial thought was that most of those who really needed to be there were no-shows. But, after some consideration, I came to the conclusion that the bulk of our members are getting exactly what they want out of lawn bowling: activity that is fun and social, without pressure to perform. We need it that way for them."

We are doing a great deal of concentrating on getting new members. Each of our present members has been asked to refer a friend to our next introduction and training class. Dick Love, training instructor, makes it easy for new members to feel relaxed in a new game and with new people.

Vane and Vanitta Olinger have set up the intra-club tournaments, Kappy Njus is taking care of our Home and Home tournaments this year, and David Cobble has taken on the special and holiday tournaments. We are looking forward to a great year.

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OAKS NORTH

By Betty Balderson

We are happy to report that our latest roster includes a number of new and relatively new names: Berle Ahrens, Sue and Larry Goldberg, Trudy Mann, Ed Scheidt, Al Ogle and Edith Wismer. Walter Roost is our Director of Recruitment, and he has done a wonderful job finding candidates and training them. We have also had a couple of experienced bowlers join our club as associate members, Andy Ingenito and Alex Duncan. Andy will be moving back to New York in May.

Our Valentine's tournament was rained out, but the weather treated us more kindly on St. Patrick's Day. The winning skips were: 1. George Wynhoff, 2. Irwin Drut, and 3. Alex Duncan. Vice skips came in: 1. Wilma and Bob George, who split the games, 2. Jo Driscoll, and 3. Vera Arbuckle. The winning leads were: 1. Sue Goldberg, 2. Ed Scheidt, 3. Hazel Burns.

Oaks North's Al Ogle and Jim Whittaker from Joslyn-Lake Hodges came in third in the Southwest Division Veteran/Novice competition at Pasadena. Actually, they tied with three other teams, but landed in third place on points.

Three couples from a suburb of Vancouver visited our club on a couple of days in March. We were surprised to learn that they did not travel together but met in this area. It was a pleasure to have them. We are always glad to have visitors.

Our green is being plugged and sanded once more. It was most successful last year. Our green has never been better. The Club's web site has an article on the process and how adopting it came about. The address is: <http://www.geocities.com/heartland/trail/2958/onlbc>

CASTA DEL SOL

By Willard D. Olsen

Spring is here and our green is mostly green again, thanks to the efforts of our Greens Manager Warren Ziegenbein and some late season rain.

Our new benches have finally been installed. The old ones, which were wooden, were subject to dry rot and required considerable maintenance. The new ones are attractive wood-effect plastic. It is estimated that they will last 100 years.

We had Fun Day on March 13, with guests from The Groves, Laguna Woods and Laguna Beach. Everyone seemed to have a good time, especially the winners.

We had to cancel our annual Valentines' Day party because of rain and our St. Patrick's Day party because of a conflict with a homeowners association affair. Instead of our usual affairs, we are planning a "GRASS" party, which stands for Grand Reopening After Spring Sanding.

In Memoriam

Herb Eastland
Holly Lee

LEISURE WORLD

(Laguna Hills)

By Wallace Knutsen

The Winter cover of *BOWLS*—"Paradise Found"—had a wonderful picture. Unfortunately, Laguna Hills received the credit when it should have been our neighbors to the south Laguna Beach. We love to visit "Paradise Found", and find it just that!

Now, to further complicate matters, we are now located in the new city of Laguna Woods. If that isn't enough, our city fathers are considering a new name to replace "Leisure World" Don't ask me why they want to change our name after almost 40 years. I can't explain it. We will keep you posted of new developments.

We started the year with over a dozen "trainees". This included a few "snowbirds".

NEWPORT HARBOR

By Gil Curry

In our Men's Singles Championship, Jerry Grady was first in skip, Cas was first in lead.

In our *President Cup Open Triples*, Eddie Bower, Joyce Novak, Cas Casanova won 1st Place. 2. Clare Donovan, Jack Verfurth, Edite Schuster; 3. Terry Loomis, Theresa Casanova, Shirley Kahan.

We opened up our special events with a champagne brunch and bowling after eating pancakes and sausage or ham and eggs. 60 people turned out, but only 42 bowled after all that food that Max Bartosh served them.

Next was Fun Day, which was won by Jim Altobelli and Louise Hengstler in our first sunny day. On St. Pat's Day we held a Men's Choice Pairs, played on a fast green. It was won by none other than Jim Altobelli's team, second place was Frank Cornell's team.

The California "4's" Women's AWLBA Tournament was much fun. The winners were: 1. Joyce Novak & Elaine Hughes, 2. Theresa Casanova & Edie Schuster.

Unfortunately, our recent rains has put a "damper" on training, and bowling as well. However, we do have one green with astra turf which, of course, dries quickly and has been a big help to us.

Vice-President Adrian Van Dee Ree continues to run the training program, assisted by a dozen bowlers who volunteer their time. Because of getting almost 50 new bowlers last year, many of them have been pressed into service as vice skips. Adrian conducted a class for twenty of these new bowlers on the fundamentals of playing vice skip.

Our clubhouse recently received a new heating and air conditioning system. Together with our new furniture it makes our clubrooms great.

In Memoriam

Mary Sneed



Laguna Hills-Laguna Woods-Leisure World's (same place) first trainee class of year 2000.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SW TOURNAMENT SCENE

By Ed Quo

Here are the results of the four events under the purview of the Southwest Division Tournament Committee which have occurred so far this year:

2000 VETERAN-NOVICE PAIRS

58 teams entered at four regional locations. Sixteen teams (four from each region) qualified for the finals at Pasadena LBC. It was gratifying to see four high school students entered, who came from the Junior Program now in place at Long Beach LBC. The winners were:

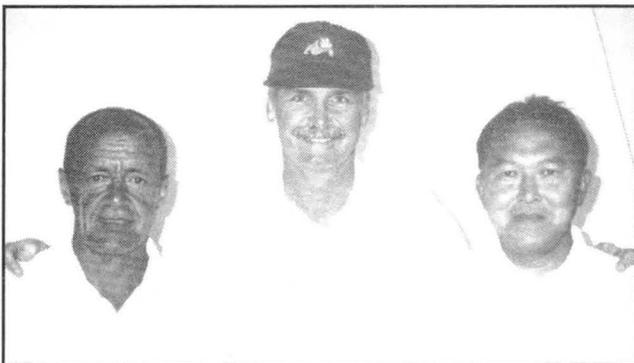
1. Michael Ashton-Phillips/Alex Sochin
2. Pat Fagan/Beverly Blau
3. Vlatko Petrovic/Len Randall
4. Jim Whittaker/Al Ogle

Other finalists were: Brian Studwell/Roger Denser, Cliff Hilliard/Steve Dowd, Mert Hill/Ann Gillespie, Simon Meyerowitz/Bruce Williams, Pat Chan/Franca Sdringola, Terry Loomis/Jim Singleton, Conrad Melton/Ronald Turner, Olga McCord/Art Allen, Tom Mitchell/Ed Malinowski, Larry MacDonald/Ray Carpenter, Bill Paulsen/Kitty Oxrider, and Duane Aasted/Eileen Morton.

STATE TRIPLES (SW Qualifier)

20 teams started in this two-day event, with eight qualifiers playing the second day in a knockout format.

1. Ian Ho, Barry Pickup, Norm Wiles
2. Vlatko Petrovic, Alan Goodnoff, Sam Benjamin
3. Ken Bolton, Rajnish Lal, Simon Meyerowitz
4. Mert Isaacman, Michael Ashton-Phillips, Mert Hill



Barry Pickup, Norm Wiles and Ian Ho will be carrying Southwest Division colors at the California State Championship Triples playoff this Fall.

2000 MURRAY-ALLISON SINGLES

Held at Riverside LBC—46 entrants in this two-day event.

MURRAY (Championship)

1. Ivan Hyland, 2. Gar Farnsworth

ALLISON

1. Joe Ruderman, 2. Ed Quo



Winners of the Murray: Champion Ivan Hyland at right, with runner-up Gar Farnsworth.



Allison's top-twosome, Joe Ruderman, right, who edged runner-up Ed Quo.

2000 NOVICE SINGLES

Held at Long Beach LBC—17 entrants, blind draw. Entries play four 15 point games, 10 point max./min. plus/minus points. This event was decided by the 2nd tie-breaker, the two top finishers having both won all 4 games and amassed 26 plus points.

1. Art Allen, *San Diego LBC*
2. Marinko Tudor, *Santa Anita*
3. Bill Brown, *The Groves*
4. Frank Gilmore, *The Groves*

LONG BEACH

By Ann Kirchberg

It's time again to look ahead with high expectations to a full year of many, varied tournaments. Hopefully, to win many, but mainly to compete and have fun in the bargain. We're ready!

Two of our bowlers were selected to be AWLBA U.S. team members. Pat Gonzales was chosen for the North American Challenge Team to be held in Washington State. Katy Stone was picked for the World Bowls Team that just competed in Melbourne, Australia.

Some exciting news! We now welcome eight new members, all students at Long Beach Poly High. They have been taking bowling instruction as part of a formal program conducted by Pat Gonzales. They have recently started bowling with us in regular games and show great promise.

Looking for ways to raise extra money? We are having fun and a great deal of success with our 50/50 draw every Sunday morning. Tickets are sold one for a dollar and three for two dollars. The lucky winner gets half the pot and the other half goes to the club treasury. Try it.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SANTA BARBARA

By Dudley Miller

The second annual New Year's Day Spaghetti party, originated last year by the ever-resourceful Dorothy Thielges, was another gem on the club's social calendar and provided an auspicious beginning to the final year of this millennium.

Forty-six bowlers, plus guests, enjoyed some fine bowling followed by a spaghetti feed that would rival that produced by the best Italian chefs. A selection of fine wines added not only to the taste treats, but also to the jovial air of this splendid spree. Such an enjoyable party would not be possible without the lovely hostesses' devotion to excellence. Dorothy Thielges and Eleanor Simmons were the prime movers behind this fabulous affair, and they had enormous help from Margaret Gibbs, Vivian Togni, and Betty Woodworth.

The club is extremely proud that our annual toy drive was another beautiful success. Connie Steketee estimates that nearly 200 cuddly little animals of diverse "species" were presented to the Santa Barbara Police Department during a 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.

The weather has not been bowler-friendly so far this year, but we have managed to complete a couple of club tournaments. Roch Monchamp won the Novice Singles event in a playoff with Sal Padilla. The team of Arnon and Beverly Blau won the Novice Doubles competition, with Roch Monchamp and Ed Guarino in second. Gordon and Dorothy Gay took third-place honors.

We were saddened by the loss of veteran bowler Shirley Weiss in February. Shirley had been an integral part of Santa Barbara lawn bowling since 1985. She was a devoted member and a charming lady. We will miss her delightful presence on our greens.

In Memoriam
Shirley Weiss

ALHAMBRA

By Alice Lawrence

A waving Union Jack, loaned by Joan Wignall from the Santa Anita club, will greet our British guests next month. Our bowlers are working hard to get the green into bowlable condition.

My lawn bowling friends—

Thank you for all of your prayers and phone calls, cards and nice words. I appreciate your kindness. I really, really miss being an old fogie dressed in whites rolling bowls on the grass! —Alice

SANTA MONICA

By Bob Nock

Vice President and Tournament Director Sam Benjamin has started the new year with a flurry of early events, the first occurring in mid-January. First was our annual Singles Championship, well-attended and won by none other than Sam, himself, with Vlatko Petrovic the runner-up.

In February, our annual Triples Tournament produced the winning team of newly elected President Alan Goodnoff, Jack Beckley and Len Randall. The runners-up team included Vlatko Petrovic, Harry Dickinson and Nancy Adelson.

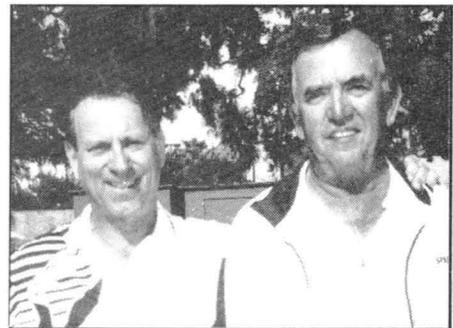
The Club's annual Pairs Tournament was held in early March, won by Sam Benjamin and Nancy Adelson. Runners-up were Scott Cormier and Bud Wakeling. With our three primary tournaments already completed less than three months into the year, Sam plans to organize visitations and hold fun tournaments throughout the remainder of the year.

Vlatko Petrovic and Len Randall finished third in the SW Division Veteran Novice Pairs Tournament earlier this year in Pasadena. Vlatko, Alan Goodnoff and Sam Benjamin were runners-up in the ALBA SW Division State Triples Tournament. Vlatko and Alan (again) with Margie Nock finished

third in the Friendly Valley Mixed Triples Tournament in late March.

Santa Monica welcomes its two newest members, Frank Grea and Bud Wakeling. Both are experienced bowlers and valuable additions to our membership. Anne Welch spent several months with us this past winter during a visit from Scotland, and Jim McGauley returned from England for a six week visit.

Last but certainly not least, our greenskeeper Bill Grant continues to do his usual superb job keeping our green true, fast and a real pleasure to bowl on. We began our summer twilight bowling program of in early April—4:30 P.M. on Thursdays.



Sam Benjamin, left, won Santa Monica's 2000 Club Singles; Vlatko Petrovic was runner-up.

HEMET

By Mary Ann Rucinski

Congratulations to novice Nancy Wiff and winter visitor Maureen Hanright. Nancy was first place winner for the afternoon in the January Ladies Day held at Pasadena, and Maureen finished second in both the morning and afternoon.

In January, another one of our successful social gatherings was held—a spaghetti dinner hosted by Tony Derrico. He was assisted by Dick VanZante, Marilyn Ball and Verna Wallace. About fifty attendees devoured every bite of Tony's homemade sauce, meatballs, pasta, salad, garlic bread and spumoni.

On January 24, our Senior Delegate (yours truly) held a brown bag briefing with information brought back from the AWLBA SW Division meeting. Attendees included Marilyn Ball, Paula Bellone, Jean Clark, Lois Harmon, Dee Kessler, Josie Loy, Jessie Perry, Dorothy Rose, Joan Rice and Margaret Waite. We plan to hold these meetings quarterly to keep our AWLBA members up-to-date with our division news.

Our club held its Vet/Novice Tournament in early January, won by veteran Dave Evans and novice Marilyn Ball. Veteran Dean Perry and novice Dorothy Rose were runners-up.

Paula Bellone (and teammates Judi Melton and Erika Sistad) finished second in the K. Harland Trips Tournament at Sun City in February.

Following are the names of our newest members: Tom Thomas, Lois V. DuBeau, Carol Robbins, and new Canadian bowlers David & Loretta Cameron, Bob & Dayle Hunt, Eva McCullum, and Peg & Harley Wilbur.

The first National Senior Men's Open was held in Sun City, AZ the week of Feb. 21 and our two Hemet bowlers, Bill Bellone and Bob Rucinski took 1st place in the Pairs 2nd flight.

Our Club Triples Tournament in March produced these winners:

1. Dee Kessler, Ian Rastall, Ida Connor
2. Dean Perry, Mary Ann Rucinski, Glad Lill
3. Wen Mowery, Lois Harmon, T. Thomason
4. Peg McCutcheon, Jessie Perry, Verna Wallace.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

HOLMBY PARK*By Marcella Krisel*

On March 11, Holmby Park played host to ten Friendly Valley bowlers. It was a beautiful sunny day and of the four competing rinks, Holmby won three of the matches. Virginia and her tireless crew of lady helpers served coffee, tea and trays of delicious cakes and cookies.

The finals of the Naylor Doubles was played on March 14. Sam Benjamin and Bud Wakeling defeated George Alpern and Harry Dickinson for the championship.

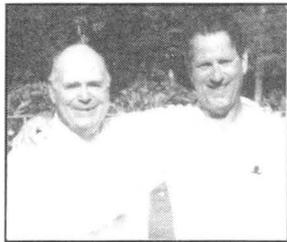
On March 18 we enjoyed a pleasant bus trip to Leisure World. Thirty-eight bowlers made the trip for a full day of bowling. Ruth Richard, President of the Leisure World club, was in charge of the visitation. In the morning Holmby Park won 7 out of 11 games. In the afternoon, members of both clubs were mixed, which gave everyone a chance to become better acquainted.

It was good to see Gaynor Bertram, who now lives at Leisure World. She filled us in on all the advantages of living in this particular retirement community. Susana Camejo also maintains a residence there even though she spends five days a week in the West Los Angeles area.

Many thanks to John McManus for making up the games. He also helped Bea Simon, Joe and Maureen Waldorf, Jim Hasty and Frank Grea serve refreshments and snacks to bowlers on the return trip to Holmby Park.

We have scheduled an Open House for 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 21.

We welcome three new members: Tish Moreno, Naomi Meadows and Bob Kinder.



Bud Wakeling, left, and Sam Benjamin won Holmby's annual Naylor Doubles.

McKENZIE PARK

The regional ALBA Veteran-Novice tournament saw Pat Fagan and Beverly Blau (from Santa Barbara LBC), Larry MacDonald and Henriette Charpentier, and Duane Aasted and Eileen Morton (SBLBC) qualifying for the finals. Pat and Beverly placed second in the Pasadena finals.

In the regional Murray-Allison Singles qualifier, Hugh Finlay qualified for the Murray and Barry Pickup for the Allison. But, on finals day at Riverside, it poured down cats and dogs. Their persistence took them as far as Glendale. Convinced no greens could withstand the downpour and not being able to get hold of the tournament chairman, they returned home. But they played in Riverside without our heroes!

Barry had his day though, on March 19, when he, Ian Ho and Norm Wiles won the State Triples at Long Beach.

At home, an innovative Australian Pairs Round Robin, masterminded by our Games Chair Robert Winters, attracted 16 bowlers, with more signing up. We also played the Davis Triples, always a fun day, marred this year by the fact that we played it for the first time without Ted Davis. We miss his ready smile and cheery hellos. The results: 1. R. Stone, D. Long, H. Feniger; 2. D. Joseph, H. Finlay, W. Crooks; 3. B. McLean, B. Davis, J. Alston; 4. D. Aasted, L. MacDonald, H. Charpentier.

The new Club House is nearing completion. Tom Long, the Building Committee Chair, estimates that we will be able to use it at the end of April—and the outhouses and temporary games hut, which has served us well, will all be part of history. Lonnie Northey and his helpers have been busy repainting the flagpole so that all will be ready for the long awaited opening. We will celebrate.

PASADENA*By Ruth G. James*

Thirty-six women from the Southwest Division were present for a day of triplets on January 19, under the guardianship of Irene Brodie and Marion Compton. Players came from Hemet, Santa Anita, Alhambra, Long Beach and Pasadena. Rita Marrs is the PLBC AWLBA coordinator for the Pasadena Club.

The Southwest regional Veteran-Novice Pairs was held on our green February 12, featuring 14 teams. We were one of four regional locations for this year's Vet-Novice. We also hosted the tournament finals on March 4, featuring sixteen teams. (*results elsewhere on these pages*) Michael Ashton-Phillips was Vet-Novice director, and Carol and Harry Kirshner took care of the kitchen.

Recognition is given to members Darrell Forgey, Ralph Kennon and George Muellerschoen for maintaining the game board, as well as to Bill Coleman for upgrading the club's sanitary maintenance.

Hugo Sahlein, Don Shrader, Dick Curtis and Arden Lichty were big winners at Smoke Tree's March 6-11 tournament, with Mac McKenty and Hal Edgar members of the third place team. Ten Pasadena members participated in Alhambra's St. Patrick's Day doings.

Memorial services for avid lawn bowler Lyle Arnold were held at the club March 22. Military taps were played and family members spoke of his love of the game. His family graciously provided lunch for the morning's bowlers.

First in the Club annual Doubles went to Hugo Sahlein and Arden Lichty. 2. Art Mastro and Bill Lieberg. 3. Sid Williams and Bill Hayden.

In Memoriam

Lyle Arnold

Frans Werts

SAN DIEGO*By Karen Anderson*

"The warm weather is only surpassed by the warm welcome that we received here at the San Diego Lawn Bowling Club." These were the words of greeting from Frederick Livermore, director of the "Year 2000 World Bowling Trip", from Wales. The members of our club were honored that these bowlers had chosen San Diego as their only United States destination on their world tour. They had visited San Diego two years ago.

Forty eight bowlers and an equal number of friends made the trip to San Diego. The next stop on their journey was New Zealand, then Australia and Singapore.

Their February 3 visit began with an exchange of official greetings, tea, and a morning game of rinks, their teams against ours.

We served a catered lunch of sandwiches, chips and cake. Lunch time gave us a great opportunity to visit and get to know our guests. After lunch, we played mixed teams of two Welsh bowlers and two San Diego bowlers.

A visitation such as this involves much planning and work. And after a lovely day with our guests, much work was left to be done. Entertaining was a lot of effort, but it was certainly worth it. Our guests complimented us on our hospitality and our members totally agreed that it had been a wonderful visitation.

All lawn bowling clubs welcome visitation days from other local clubs. But in San Diego we welcome other visitations as well. As I mentioned, the Windsor Club had previously visited us in November, 1997. Some of our other visitors have been the Somerton Bowling Group from Australia in July, 1997; Vancouver, B.C. in May, 1998; the Arena Travel Group in November, 1998; and the British American Chamber of Commerce in June, 1999.

COVE COMMUNITIES

(Palm Desert)

By Tom Hodgins

The club had a most successful season. In addition to our nine full-time residents, we were joined by over 40 short to long term (1-to-4 months) visitors to the Valley. Of course we've had a few more that have dropped in for a week or so.

We held two all-day tournaments for the third time this year, with 12 three player teams for Valentine's Day and ten teams for St. Patrick's Day. The results were as follows:

Valentine's Day—1. Tom Hodgins, Tony Outen & Anita Wood. 2. Harry Shabaga, Gerry Mullen & Allen Shapter. 3. Barry Parkes, Bill Moore & Gloria Petitto. 4. Bob Krause, Gwen Outen & Dominic Scolaro.

St. Patrick's Day—1. Lloyd Eckroth, Gwen Outen & Norm Storey. 2. Gerry Mullen, Rod MacDonald & Kathy Olsen. 3. Don Beck, Doug Newton & Bill Moore. 4. Sandie Barnes, Tony Outen & Ernie Grant.

Very shortly most of our visitors will be heading back to their respective homes in England, Scotland, Canada and the Pacific Northwest. We are finding that many friendships have developed. The stays here in the desert are being extended for the following year and other friends are being invited to join in the fun. *THANK YOU LAWN BOWLING!*

CAMBRIA-JOSLYN*By Ed Pierce*

A strong contingent of thirty CLBC lawn bowlers and "others" are set to travel to Fresno April 8-9 for the first of this year's home and home matches with Fresno Lawn Bowls Club (after the deadline for this issue of *ALBA Bowls*). The year's second match will occur when Fresno bowlers spend the weekend in Cambria on the weekend of September 16-17.

Santa Maria Lawn Bowls Club will visit us for 10 A.M. matches Wed., May 3, and we will return the visit on Wed., July 19. Conversations will also be initiated, hopefully, leading to overnight home and home matches with Oxnard-Joslyn and Santa Cruz.

A large group exceeding 50 British visitors, including approximately 40 bowlers from various parts of Britain, is touring the U.S. and parts of Canada, and will be in Cambria on April 25. A similar group was in Cambria several years ago and soundly beat CLBC bowlers. The international matches will be followed at 5 P.M. with "tea and biscuits". We are looking forward to this visit from these expert British bowlers.

SANTA ANA*By Elaine Hughes*

The following officers were installed at Santa Ana's annual meeting in November: President, Skip Schwanz; Vice President, Ernestine Ransom; Secretary, Marion Horwood; Treasurer, Dick Morgan; Board Members: Claude Peardon, Gary Ginther, Lu Obering, Merle Clever-alternate.

After the annual meeting Dick Morgan and Bill Dietrich were honored by the dedication of rinks with memorial plaques installed. Bill was so honored for his many years of supervision and maintaining of the greens.

Dick Morgan was honored for designing the many items that have made our lawn bowling more enjoyable. These include (but are not limited to) a lawn roller and metal score boards that are used each time we bowl.

Once again the club's Christmas party was a joyous time. The ladies were dressed to impress, while the men were attired in sartorial splendor. The focal point of the get-together was the awarding of bowling trophies earned throughout the year. These are over and above the prize money awarded after each tournament. Santa Ana awards all the entrance fees as prize money, which is an added incentive to compete in each tournament.

The Tommy Stirrat Tournament was held on February 26. Twelve clubs were represented with a total of 60 bowlers. The winners were:

1. Marion Compton, Russ Compton, Bob Padget.

2. Bob Forget, Marie Brown, Carrie Fossati.
3. Doug Horwood, Rose Blennov, Marion Horwood.
4. Alan Goodnoff, Mert Isaacman, Jean Kaye.
5. Ivan Hyland, Michael Siddall, Sybil Bernash.
6. Ian Ho, Kottia Spangler, Eva Ho.

It was a beautiful day and a good time was had by all—except for Jolene Beck, who slipped, fell and tore a ligament. Who said lawn bowling was for sissies?

In Memoriam

Neva Sutherland

Ray Lougie

Gilbert Beck

Barbara Nelson

Dick Morgan



#1 team in Santa Ana's annual Tommy Stirrat Tournament: (l-r) Bob Padget, Marion Compton and Bob Compton, all from Santa Anita.

SUN CITY

(California)

By Betty Munden

In February, our club visited the Riverside Club and enjoyed a fine day of fellowship, lawn bowling and their wonderful hospitality. On the first day of our Citrus League it started to rain. We bowled the morning game, and postponed the afternoon game. Two other League games were later postponed due to the weather.

Our annual Presidents Day Tournament also had to be canceled. We were concerned that AWLBA's K. Harland Tournament might suffer the same fate, but the weather held for us that day. We were hosts to 18 teams—54 Ladies who would have been very disappointed.

Ladies Day in March was hosted by the Hemet Club, and they are very gracious hosts indeed. They made all the ladies fabric corsets to wear for the occasion, plus wonder-

ful goodies served with our bag lunches.

Our first club tournament of the year was the Novice Singles, won by Bob Anderson (who has been bowling for about a year). Runner-up was Ron Foster, a bowler for less than two months! We had a good number of entries. The games were close and well-attended by spectators.

In April, we look forward to having the San Diego Club visit us, concluding the Citrus League, beginning a new training class (gotta keep growing), hosting Ladies Day, and our second Club Tournament of the year, the Men's Singles. Also looking forward to the Southwest Division Open, to begin April 29.

May and June both have their share of visitations and tournaments to look forward to. Each one of us "just knows" he or she will be a big winner in the next tournament, and if not, we will enjoy the game and congratulate the one who did win.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

FRIENDLY VALLEY

By Bob Innes

The rain has kept us off the green much of February, causing our Australian Pairs Tournament to be put off indefinitely. We did get in a Mixed Pairs Tournament (gals skip) during the month of March. "A" Flight winners were Therese Visser and George Patton. Runners-up, Thea Verkoelen and Don Willey. Winners of "B" Flight were Mary Kline and Ted Visser. Runners up, President Vi Henley and Bob Innes.

Our Tournament Chairman, Ray Johnston, is hoping to run a club tournament almost every month this year. Also, an evening "Bunco" party is planned for 1st Sunday of each month.

The Valley League started out very well for us. Now we have to try and show some

LAGUNA BEACH

By Ed Perry

The Laguna Beach L.B.C. is proud of the recognition given by the Southwest Division to four of our members of Team Southwest 2000. Those four members are Ivan Hyland, Michael Siddall, Simon Meyerowitz and Ian Ho, all of whom are also members of the U.S. National Team this year.

We are back into club bowling competition, with the Men's Singles on March 26 and Triples competition on April 2 and 9.

We have lost some very dear members from our club in Mable Wagner and Edra Richter.

We have very promising new bowlers being instructed by Jack Mauvais and Ed Hailwood. Come join us as we bowl every day by the sea.

SAN CLEMENTE

By Jean Carlson

March 30 was our annual banquet, held at the San Clemente Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse.

March 23 was San Clemente City Lawn Bowling Day, designated in 1997 by our then mayor. We celebrate at this time our Club Singles double elimination tournament, which lasts four months. We always seem to finish at the last minute. Winner was Ron Temple, who won last year also. Runner-up was Mark Hall who has been a member just over a year. Trophies were presented by our President, Evan Spealman.

Past members were invited. Former President Bob Magnuson, now of the Pomona Club, attended and was honored for winning tournaments three years in the past.

We had a sing-along with bowling verses, which Ivo Reindal wrote to tunes we knew. Really cute. A good time was had by all.

endurance instead of folding like we did last year. Time alone will tell; there are some make-up dates to be played due to February rains.

The postponed Corken-Rose Tournament was played on March 6. The good weather was worth the wait as sixteen teams settled in on our 14-second green. Our local sponsors made it possible to provide a very ample lunch and refreshments. As the sun was setting the team from Riverside (Rajanish Lal, Dan Snyder & Elaiza Zermino) captured first prize. 2nd place went to Santa Barbara, skipped by Sam DeLisle. 3. Santa Monica, Vlatko Patrovic skip. 4. Riverside, Stu Sistad skip. 5. Laguna Hills, Bo Bowbeer skip.

A sincere word of *Thanks* to Ted Visser, who has been the moving force and diligent worker on this tournament for the last three years. A hard job, well done.

SANTA ANITA

The two renovated and refurbished greens are coming along very well. From all reports we should be on them very soon. It has been a long and frustrating three years for us and we hope this is the beginning of a new era for our club.

There has been some activity at the club this winter. The SWDALBA and the SWAWLBA held their annual meetings at Santa Anita at the beginning of the year. We also had a visitation with Pomona.

Our Blue Feather was played during January and February. The winners were: Floy Torvid, Marion Compton and Shirley Brake. Runners-up: Marinko Tudor, Jim Donohue and Esther Cook.

Our Men's Pairs made Bob Hill and Gene Plunkett winners, with Chuck Browning and Bob Padget placing second. Australian Pairs was won by Bob Hill and Marinko Tudor. Chuck Browning and Pat Chiechi came in second.

A number of our members have been entering the various Saturday tournaments and have done very well. We are proud of Floy Torvid and Bob Hill, winners of the Mumma Todd Trophy at Riverside.

Our birthday parties, with circle bowling before, are the highlights of our months. High scores in circle bowling are rewarded with a \$2 bill. The Choral Bells, a group of women dressed in My Fair Lady-style garb, sang songs from that show and others of the era. David Grant, who appears on the stage and on cruise ships, entertained us with a variety of tunes.

We miss having Mildred Shaw announcing these special people, but Warren Shaw has taken over and does a very good job selecting and presenting the entertainers.

OXNARD-JOSLYN

By Ed. Otoupalik

I apologize to my club members for missing the last issue of *BOWLS Magazine*. But things just didn't work out and time slipped away before I could put anything together. Sorry about that. Which reminds me of an admonition my English professor used: "Forget anything that is said after the but."

With an abundance of rain and cold weather, we did not accomplish much in the way of tournaments. Our greens' workers, the Martinez Brothers, have done a great job getting the playing surface back to normal.

A fun tournament was played on March 3, with a delicious lunch served by Marilyn and Bill Taschek. The winners were "everybody" because of the enjoyment and food. No losers. This fun tournament was formatted so that every bowler had a chance to play every position. This certainly brings home the fact that every position is very important to a winning combination.

Since no article was submitted to the last issue of *BOWLS*, our new officers for 2000 are: President-Amador Martinez, Vice President-Marie Ecton, Secretary-Dave Jones, Treasurer-Ken Barrabee. The Directors-At-Large are: Armand Escalante, Lee Combs, Edith Dowsing, Diane Edging and George Love.

We feel very honored that our greens were chosen to hold the first "Regulated Pairs" Tournament on April 8. As you probably know, this is a handicap tournament. We certainly enter with enthusiasm and good feelings for the success of this format.

The first visitation of the year with Santa Maria was held here on April 5. It's a bit of a drive for the fine folks from Santa Maria and we tried to make it very enjoyable.

The Gold Coast competition began April 12, with Oxnard traveling to Santa Maria, followed by a trip to MacKenzie Park April 26.

POMONA

By Hugh Freeman

The Pomona Triples, held on January 29, ended with six teams winning all three games. One of the six was a Pomona team of Russ Erickson, Hugh Freeman and Cliff Hilliard. This team was 4th on the "A" green.

One of the highlights of the day occurred as a third game was winding down in the dark. A Pomona team of Paul Withan, Robert Virza and Helen Hansen ended the chance for three wins by a team led by Ian Ho. At least that is what was agreed upon—in the dark.

In other tournaments Pomona teams did well. Cliff Hilliard and novice Steve Dowd, and Norman Wiles and novice Jack Stratton

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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

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qualified for the finals of the Veteran-Novice Pairs Tournament on March 4. They did not fare as well in the finals. Wiles and Stratton could not participate due to a family complication. Ironically, the team that replaced Wiles-Stratton defeated Hilliard/Dowd in one of the games in the finals.

Pomona has one set of teams in the Citrus League. Results are a mixed bag at this time.

The Annual Casa Colina Charity Lawn Bowling Tournament was held on March 25 on the Pomona greens. For the fifth year O.H. Kruse Feed and Milling co-sponsored the event. O.H. Kruse has underwritten the luncheon served all bowlers taking part in the tournament. This year, in addition, the Kruse Co. gave a substantial check to Casa Colina. Results of this event, which is run to help many physically handicapped people, in the next issue.

REDLANDS

By Peg Bennett

Our rain was a long time in coming, but the last of December it started and it hasn't stopped yet. February was a very wet month and bowling days were few and far apart.

Our club birthday celebrations have been off schedule due to the "iffy" weather, but on March 18 they were brought up-to-date. On that day the following members had their birthdays celebrated: Peg Bennett, Len Carver, Bob Castle, Mary Castle, Ollie Clark, Vern Gaston, Mary Johnson, Irwin Margolis, Pat Oesterlein and Betty Straesser.

Birthdays to be celebrated in April are: Louise Moffitt, Naomi Ruderman, Hank Ruiter and Joan Worden. Both Hank and Joan will be 89 this year. Hank is physically unable to bowl but he attends all club functions. Joan is our energetic secretary-treasurer. She has held this position for over 20 years! She still bowls twice a week, driving over from Riverside.

Don Starrett is recovering at home from back surgery. We all wish him a speedy recovery although we understand it will be awhile before we see his smiling face at the greens.

According to our Citrus League representative, the teams from Hemet and Riverside are leading with 10 points while we have 9 points.

Florian Hart passed away recently. She was a lifetime social member. Our sympathy goes out to Paul Hart.

*In Memoriam
Florian Hart*

LAKE HODGES

By Don Docker

With our greens newly leveled, we feel we are prepared for the new season, although we in Southwest Division are fortunate in having all year bowling, almost. We are also looking forward to being able to set up an evening bowling league with people recruited from several of the local businesses and, at the same time, getting younger people interested in the game. To this end, we are in the process of updating and adding to our green lighting system. Our present membership will also benefit by being able to bowl in the cool of the evening.

Many of our events have been scheduled earlier this year, such as visitations and club tournaments. Also being held earlier is the prestigious Marcellus Joslyn Mixed Triples, which we have had the honor of hosting for the past several years. The event, unfortunately, will not be run by Bob Briegel this year. Bob passed away in late 1999 and is sorely missed by all who knew him.

*In Memoriam
Bob Briegel*

BOWLING AT THE GROVES

By Dee Shotmaker

We're rolling along at a healthy pace and, to date, have finished two of our Club championships:

Club Triples—1. Jerry Frank, Kay May, Frank Gilmore; 2. Jim Hemepe, Harold Wiburg, Tom Martin.

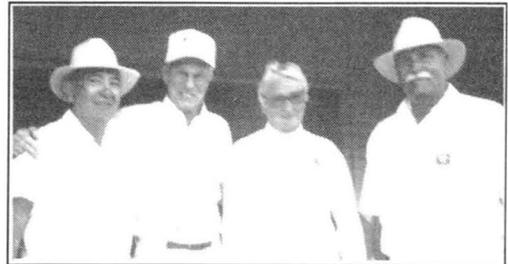
Club Pairs—1. Shirley Martin and Bill Meierstein 2. (tie) Sybil Bernash and Kay May; Bob Burroughs and Shirley Hess.

Coast League will be in full swing by the time you read this; 33 Groves bowlers have signed up and all will see action at least once.

A BIG tip of the hat to Sybil Bernash and Gar Farnsworth. Sybil came in second in the Championship Flight of the South Central Open Ladies Singles. And, Gar was runner-up in the Murray Flight of the Murray-Allison Men's Singles at Riverside.

Club President, Glenna Weber, wants to thank all the behind the scene helpers for their continued work (that keeps our club running so smoothly).

Another full house for the 2000 Groves Invitational Mixed Triples, won by Oxnard-Joslyn's: Amador Martinez, George Love & Diane Edging.



Oxnard-Joslyn captured the annual Groves invitational: (l-r) Amador Martinez, director Bill Meierstein, Diane Edging and George Love.

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THE LAST SHOT

By Joe Siegman
 Editor of BOWLS Magazine

By the time you reach this page you're probably drained from the massive, over-coverage of World Bowls in this issue. Whew! Thank goodness the Men's results weren't available. Might've o.d.'d!

Oh. You don't care. Today is Birthday Day at the club. Going to have a spider, too.

Fact is, probably 80 percent of America's lawn bowlers are more interested in their own club activities than whatever else is happening down the road. World Bowls—the world bowling championships—are nice. Pass the chocolate sauce.

Quite a few of us, however, care about how our National teams fare among other nations of the world. When you consider that more countries belong to the international lawn bowls federation (World Bowling Board) than do 50 percent of the sports federations on the Olympic Games roster, you might get the idea that the WBB represents a very large community. The U.S. is only a blip on the lawn bowling map, but we are part of something huge.

So, when the World Bowls (world championships) come around every fourth year, it's a big deal in the bowling community. It's our World Cup Soccer. It's our Olympic Games. It's our, (yawn) uh . . . we're using three bowls today.

The United States' international teams are selected by a committee known as the National Team Selectors—five knowledgeable gentlemen (AWLBA has its own NTS) who, first, select a National Team of 14 players, then name five of the fourteen to represent the U.S. Serving on the NTS is often a thankless job. It is one of those committees that everyone who is not on it thinks they're smarter than.

Generally, the 14 men who make the National roster are the most competitively successful American bowlers in recent years.

In the past decade, teams selected by the NTS to carry U.S. colors have been more conspicuous for who is NOT picked to play (from the 14) than who is. It doesn't seem to be a secret that several men named to the current Top 14 Team aren't socially acceptable to represent the U.S. off-shore. Since it can't be how well they play, their non-selection must be for personal issues. Several players currently fall into this category and all are skips. Which means several of our top skips did not play in the World Championships.

How can we not send our best players to the World Bowls? How can we expect the players sent, excellent competitors in their regular positions—most of them comfortable leads—to play out of position in the world's toughest competition? Can you imagine the NBA Championship series with point guards playing center, infielders pitching in the World Series, goalies on the wing in the Stanley Cup Final, defensive guards quarterbacking in the Super Bowl?

Everyday lawn bowling is a wonderful recreation, and has its code of play and sociability. The World Championships are elite sport with its code of play and sociability. The NTS should stop being human foible police.

As far as I know, none of the applicants for the 2000 National Team ever participated in a drive-by shooting, been a child molester, tossed a girl-friend off a balcony, or committed armed robbery. We aren't pro sports.

Alleged tart mouth, embarrassing behavior, dour personality and an occasional few too many aren't capital offenses. So, unless our applicants fit the NFL, NHL, MLB or NBA profile, our anti-social top bowlers should have a talking-to, then represent us on our international teams.

There are some who believe it is more important to have "gentlemen" and "ladies" representing our country at international competition. Let me repeat: The international competitions are sport. World Bowls is top-of-the-line sport. If our best players are gentlemen and ladies that's perfect. If the socially-challenged can be replaced with similarly talented social players, that's good, too. But, bottom-line, the United States should be sending teams overseas TO WIN.

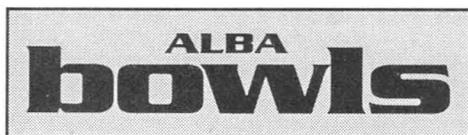
Joe Siegman

Orville Artist

At press-time, we learned of the passing of Orville Artist, a champion bowler, prominent Northern California ALBA and Division leader, and exemplary gentleman. Husband of prominent AWLBA leader Erma Artist, he was among the original honorees elected to ALBA's of Hall of Fame (in 1998).

Until illness limited his participation, Orville was active at Northern California clubs including Rossmoor (Walnut Creek), Berkeley and Leisure Town (Vacaville). A memorial celebration in his honor was led May 4 at Rossmoor.

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