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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Jack Phillips

I am happy to report that both the ALBA and AWLBA National Councils have overwhelmingly approved a merger of the two organizations into the United States Lawn Bowls Association, effective January 1, 2001. They have also approved a constitution for the new organization. Merger committees are ironing out the remaining details. A joint session of the two Councils will act on these committee recommendations and elect officers to lead the new organization. I would like to thank all of the councilors (men and women) and the members of the various committees who have worked long and hard to bring the merger effort to what appears will be a successful conclusion.

The search for new members is a never ending quest. Every club loses members each year and must continually look for new blood. There is no quick fix for the problem and no one solution, but if you are involved in membership activities you can find ideas that have worked in the Club News.

Continued improvement is essential in our sport. Our thanks to Conrad Melton of the Southwest Division for *Better Bowls*, which is an outstanding skills improvement vehicle.

I hope that many of you are planing to participate in the National Open in October. This is now a truly international event that we can all be proud of.

Good bowls to everyone. ————— ●

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ON THE COVER: The United States Singles Cup, the permanent trophy that commemorates annual winners of the U.S. Men's Singles Championship, will register its 44th champion in November, when the best Men's Singles players from ALBA's seven divisions clash at Sun City Center, Florida.

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Letters to the Editor

— U.S. TEAM SELECTION —

Jim Hempe's letter in the Spring 2000 BOWLS magazine once again raises the question of United States Championship winners and Team USA.

It has been the position of the Northwest Division that winning the U.S. Singles or Pairs Championship should automatically qualify the winners as members of the U.S. Team.

Point systems are great for rounding out the U.S. Team. But winning the U.S. Championship Division Playdowns, and then winning the U.S. Championship, itself, should automatically qualify the champions to represent ALBA in the positions they won. If they are available and wish to compete internationally, they should be allowed to do so.

This letter is to encourage ALBA members to speak or write to their Division Councilors expressing their views on this subject.

Ed Pina

Northwest Division Councilor
Des Moines, WA

— TESTING YOUR METTLE —

As in all life and most sports, one's ability to adjust to varying conditions is where the true test of your mettle is found.

In tennis, there are variants that challenge the contestants such as the weather, composition of the playing surface (grass, clay, concrete, etc.). In golf, there are also challenging variables, including weather, playing surfaces, hazards and placement of the cups.

In lawn bowling, there are no two greens or rinks that are alike—not only from club to club, but rink to rink. Fast greens or slow greens, many other factors are involved to test your mettle in this sport, such as the accuracy of the rink, smoothness and speed of the green, let alone your skill of delivery and development of the head. Your temperament and deportment are also factors that influence the pleasure and outcome of the game.

The same conditions that please or displease you are the same for your opponent. Accept the challenge to show your proficiency in a good manner of sportsmanship without whining. Be a credit to the sport and your club.

Let's be determined not to "bad-mouth" any club's greens and be grateful for camaraderie unequalled in any other sport. It is a great disservice to a club and those who work very conscientiously on the greens to have complainers berate the greens, when in essence the fault lies in the complainer's inability to make proper adjustments.

Mike Majer
Laguna Woods, CA

— THE ANSWER MAN —

The Last Shot (*Spring, 2000*) gives no reference to a point system to select National Teams. Instead this is a judgment call by (ahem) knowledgeable committee members. According to your article knowledge in what?

In Letters to the Editor, one writer seems to be under the impression such a system exists but is ignored.

In the story about U.S. Women at World Bowls it said that Scottish women were using illegal narrow bowls. What gives? We are sending compatible goodie two shoes out of position against cheating Head Bashers.

On the Women's Pages it said that the U.S. team and manager received a grant of 2,700 Sterling. I think that may be enough to turn some heads.

I would suggest a playdown to pick the teams. Eventually, I would suggest a regional round robin playdown, such as the recent Southeast Division versus Eastern Division competition. From this the winning team plus any extra talent discovered would comprise the U.S. World Team.

I think this would partially eliminate the unreasonable control by committee and put the game into the hands of the winners.

Donald L. McPeck
Mount Dora, FL

ED: The National Team Selectors Committee is, indeed, guided somewhat by a "point system" that is familiar to all competitive bowlers. "Guided somewhat" is what the argument's about. "Knowledgeable" committee members are individuals who have represented the U.S. internationally, won national championships, and/or have broad and material experience in the game. The "goodie two shoes-Head Bashers" comment is pointless. The women's international bowling federation provides assistance to competing teams to mitigate the high costs of travel. It is the hope that countries will send their best players, not individuals selected just because they can afford the trip—such as the recent SE vs ED get-together. Be reminded that the U.S. Championships program of divisional playdowns to a national title has been successfully in place more than 40 years.

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WORLD BOWLS 2000



By R. Gil Stephan Jr.,
Team Manager

And WIN they did. Proud to say Team USA qualified for World Bowls 2004 in Ayr, Scotland. Even David Rhys Jones could only find words like: "Favourites felled" and "Sports minnows took on and BEAT the Big Fish in the first round". Included in his comments were "the GREAT WIN by Ian Ho and Barry Pickup over South Africa's Gerry Baker and Shaun Addinal", eventual bronze medal winners.

The Pairs Team of Ho and Pickup (along with sub David Kempthorne) finished tied for 5th overall, and had wins over Singapore, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Israel, England, Norfolk Island and South Africa.

U.S. Triples Team of Tom Stirrat, Doug McArthur and Joel Stearn finished 15th overall. They had wins over Jersey, Norfolk Island, Singapore, Guernsey, and a one point loss to Australia.

Our Fours Team of Ho, McArthur, Jim Copeland and Stearn finished tied for 15th. They defeated the highly-touted Australian team, along with Guernsey, Singapore, Ireland and Zimbabwe.

United States Singles player Tom Stirrat finished 20th overall. His victory in the last game over Swaziland assured Team USA of qualification for 2004 World Bowls.

Team USA continues to improve and gain respect in International



Bowls. The Big 8 of the WBB is sitting up and taking notice.

GOD BLESS AMERICA, THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE!

(ED: U.S. player Barry Pickup took ill during the Pairs competition and was replaced by the World Bowls governing committee—first, with South African bowler David Kempthorne in the Pairs, then American bowler Jim Copeland in the Fours.)

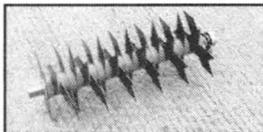
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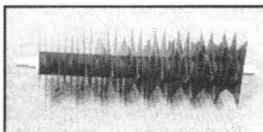


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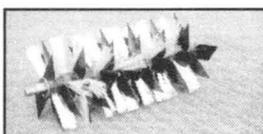
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World Bowls Board Report

By Jim Copeland

The last ordinary general meeting of the World Bowls Board took place on April 12, 2000 at the Wanderers Club in Johannesburg, SA.

The WBB is scheduled to go out of business if it becomes part of a new entity, which would combine bowls organizations.

The big item on the agenda was this unification. Past President Gerald Turner and President Norman Thompson have stressed the need for unification of the WBB, the IWBB (Women) and WIBC (indoor) in order that Bowls can present a united front to sponsors and media.

Two ballots were taken, one which affirmed a joint body with both the IWBB and WIBC and one which affirmed joining with either the IWBB and WIBC, should one or both of the other bodies approve. Both motions passed by large margins.

Rumor has it that the WIBC insists on remaining a separate body, but a recent vote of the IWBB was favorable to unification.

World Bowls

World Bowls 2004 will be held in Ayr, Scotland. A motion by Australia to include all countries (@42) in the world meet was rejected for 2004 due to logistics in Scotland. Twenty-four nations will compete at Ayr—16 seeded nations (the top 16 at Johannesburg in 2000), and eight qualifiers. The U.S. team, which finished 15th this year, is seeded for 2004.

World Bowls 2008 was awarded to Christchurch, N.Z.

Bowls Testing

The WBB has labored for many years to standardize bowls testing. But bowls manufacturers do not agree about the kind of surface the testing table should have and consequently a bowl that tests legally on one table will test as illegal on another.

In the recent Women's World meet the bowls used by the singles winner were challenged, tested, deemed to be too narrow, and the victor stripped of her crown.

Currently, the WBB proposes a testing surface as used by Thomas Taylor (Bowls) Ltd. and a chute made by Drake's Pride. Yet, Australian manufacturer Bruce Hensel complains that such a surface is unreliable due to its lack of elasticity.

Synthetic Surfaces

At this time only four artificial green surfaces have been approved by the WBB, yet other surfaces are being sold. Clubs should be knowledgeable about which artificial greens have been tested and approved.

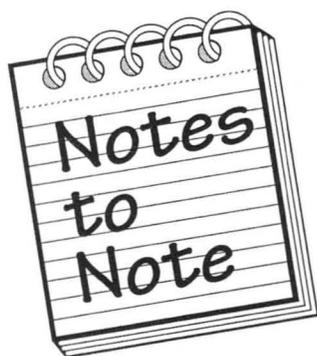
Laws of the Game

Several technical amendments are under review. National Empire and ALBA Rules

Chair John Stewart has done an excellent job in keeping ALBA rules up to date in light of international changes. Some nations, like Australia and New Zealand, have been granted variations of the rules for use in domestic play.

One idea that keeps being proposed is to eliminate dead ends by centering the out of bounds jack at the six-foot mark and continuing the end.

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BOWLS MAG GETS NEW CIRCULATION MGR.

Deanna Robbins has been named Circulation Manager of *BOWLS Magazine*. The position is responsible for supervision of the distribution of the Magazine.

Robbins, owner of Robbins Bookkeeping Plus, an accounting service in Imperial Beach, CA, is the wife of San Diego LBC bowler Jay Robbins. She will be responsible for keeping the Magazine mailing list current—which includes the source for changes of address—and being liaison to the mailing house that handles the packaging and distribution of *BOWLS*.

Robbins can be reached at: (phone) 619.423.9286, (fax) 619.429.5669, or via email: <robbins plus@home.com>

Robbins succeeds retiring Nancy Stanek, who served two years as Circulation Manager.

PBA INVITES U.S. BOWLERS

By David Rhys Jones

Most "professional" sports are hard to break into—and bowls is no exception to the rule. The big difference with bowls is that top performers can be, and often are, beaten, on the day, by ordinary club bowlers.

But, until recently, the secret of getting to the top for the aspiring lawn bowls champion lay in catching the eye of the national selectors, or in achieving something amazing in the amateur game.

The formation of the Professional Bowls Association changed all that. The PBA is open to all—men and women, old and young, fit and disabled, stars and greenhorns. It has attracted some criticism for being so generously all-embracing, because there are those who would prefer an elitist organization. But the PBA has stuck resolutely to its guns.

All you have to do to qualify for the PBA is to express your interest in becoming a professional bowler. You are not asked for your CV of achievements. No questions asked. Your commitment is good enough.

The PBA is delighted at the interest shown by bowlers "across the pond", and the USA

HUNTSMAN WORLD SENIOR GAMES

The first official lawn bowling tournament in the State of Utah will take place in St. George, Utah October 16-20, 2000, as part of the Huntsman World Senior Games. The tournament is for bowlers 50 and over.

The Huntsman World Senior Games lawn bowling competition will be a four-day event in which women and men will bowl in mix-or-match pairs and triples in either the 50-64 or 65+ age brackets. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the winners of each event in each age category.

Presently under construction are two

bowling greens at Sunbrook Communities and SunRiver, St. George, residential areas designed for seniors citizens. The facilities' greens will be ready to play on by mid-August.

Early-Bird registration fee of \$59 must be received by August 15. Regular registration of \$69 will not be accepted after September 15.

For more information, contact Huntsman World Senior Games: (435) 674-0550 or (800) 562-1268. Their website is: <www.seniorgames.net>

TOM DION APPOINTED TO NTS

Tom Dion has been appointed by ALBA President Jack Phillips to the National Team Selectors Committee to complete the term of Bill Ferrell, who recently vacated the position.

Dion is a Santa Barbara, Californian who has been a member of the United States National Team during most of the past decade,

and competed internationally for the U.S. on multiple occasions. The man he replaces, Bill Ferrell, Clearwater, FL, is similarly well-vested in National Team selection and international competition. Ferrell also served as ALBA President, Southeast Division President and as a Division Councillor.

ALBA NATIONAL TEAM APPS EXTENDED

ALBA's National Team Selectors Committee has extended the deadline for National Team 2001 applicants to December 1, 2000.

Any ALBA bowler wishing to be considered for next year's (2001) National Team

may request an application from NTS Chairman Jim Graham at: 460 Links Drive, Nipomo, CA 93444-9300, or via email: <Lawnbowl@aol.com>

Deadline Next Issue—October 1

now has enough members to run its own qualifying event. Congratulations! And welcome to the club!

It seems a long time ago that Dick Folkins was strutting his stuff in televised events in the UK, and since the likes of Bill Farrell, Bert McWilliams, Jimmy Candelet, Skippy Arculli and Robert McGaffney competed in the world indoor singles championship.

We don't know yet who will become the first USA representative to play in a major professional world-class televised event since McGaffney in 1983 - but, as they say, IT COULD BE YOU!

The USA—with 32 PBA members—will be staging two qualifying events this year: the International Open and the World Indoor Championships. The qualifier for the International Open will be held at the Palo Alto LBC September 16-17, and the qualifier for the WIC will be October 20-21, immediately following the U.S. National Open in Southern California. The venue is yet to be confirmed.

When the PBA-driven World Bowls Tour took over the running of the professional game in 1997, a young man called Les Gillett decided to join the PBA. A month later, he

swept through the PBA qualifiers in Blackpool, England, and a few weeks later went on to beat four former world champions on his way to the International Open title. For him it was a dream come true.

Les would be the first to admit that he probably would never have appeared on the portable rink if he had to wait for the approval of the national selectors. The formation of the PBA opened the door for him. The same door of opportunity is wide open for every bowls wannabe in the world.

ALBA-AWLBA bowlers interested in joining the PBA should contact: Frank Souza, U.S. PBA Representative, 4375 Corrigan Drive, Fremont, CA 94536-5908, tel: 510-792-5325, fax: 510-792-0821, e-mail: <frslb1up@pacbell.net>

David Rhys Jones won ten English and five British bowls titles, and partnered the legendary David Bryant for 26 years. He is now the BBC's principal bowls commentator, and bowls correspondent to The London Times and The Daily Telegraph newspapers. He is also the editor of the bowls web site <www.bowlsclubs.co.uk>



COACHES CORNER

By Frank Ransome
National Coaching &
Instruction Chairman

At this time of year, clubs in the northern part of the country are busy trying to find enough Skips and Seconds to accommodate all the new Novice bowlers in the daily draw. Many clubs find themselves promoting Leads and Seconds who really don't have the necessary skills to play an advanced position. It would be my suggestion that the Club Instructor hold several training classes to acquaint bowlers with the positions.

The first thing would be to examine the duties of those positions and to build the program around them. From the ALBA and Australian Syllabi it should be easy to do.

Duties of both the Second and the Skip involve leadership qualities that must be the basis for any promotion. We teach bowlers to look to their Skips for direction and we must teach Seconds to be a steadying and knowledgeable influence. The Skip must know the rules of the game and have studied the strategies available to him

under all circumstances. The Skip must be a person who can tell a bowler on the mat exactly what shot and what hand he expects will do the most for that end. He must be able to give clear and simple instructions and he must never demean or denigrate the efforts of a bowler that is really trying to do what is expected of him.

The Skip should generate enthusiasm and inspire his team to do better. He should be self-assured, confident, perceptive and be ready to assist a team member that needs help. Most of all, the Skip should be mentally tough while ensuring that the game is enjoyable for others. A good Skip must be a person who can make most of the shots needed to win an end and should personally practice those shots and tactical situations that he knows he will see over and again.

The Second should be a person that has the qualities of a Skip and the desire to be a team player. He is the man who will be counted on to make the shots that compensate for all the mistakes that have occurred up till then. He should be competent with either hand, be an excellent draw bowler and prepared to play as directed. He should analyze the head when he gets there and try to visualize the Skip's intentions. He should exhibit self-confidence, be able to handle pressure and be a morale builder. He should begin to understand the nature and the many uses for the yard-on and drive shots. He and the Skip should thoroughly understand what each expects from the other before the first bowl is rolled. The Second should be a help to the lead on his team without usurping the position of the club instructor.

Those clubs that have embraced the ALBA training syllabus know that there is more to basic training than teaching a person to roll a bowl and a jack. The Lead must set the mat where he is told to set it, roll a jack to the Skip within a yard one way or another and be able to roll a bowl with either hand. The Lead should know that his Skip would like to have one bowl close to the jack and the other two behind. The Lead should quickly determine which hand plays better and transmit that to the Second and the Skip. The Lead should know when silence is golden and what movement in the head means to the concentration of the Skip. The lead should practice bowling whenever time and space permits and seek further instruction from the club instructor when so desired. The Lead should familiarize himself with the rules.

The best advice I can give to a new lead is: "Don't listen to every piece of advice that comes your way." When you have a bowling problem seek out the club instructor or the person who taught you to bowl.

There are syllabi and videos available. \$3 and \$15. Also, the Henselite video and an introduction to Lawn Bowling at \$6 each. Send to: Frank Ransome, 1141 Singingwood Ct. #3 Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

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WOMEN'S PAGES



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is finally here and the bowling season is in full swing. We have so much to look forward to this year. The merger of our two organizations has finally been settled and I hope that everyone will give this joint endeavor their full support. It won't be easy at first but I know that some effort will make it a huge success. Although we have no major international events this year, we do have the North American Challenge in which we have ten players competing instead of five. This is a wonderful event in which more bowlers now have the opportunity to play in a very competitive tournament. I, for one, am looking forward to those few days in Seattle. I'm sure that our very competent selection committee will have a great chance to view some new talent. Soon the National Open will be here and all the great times that go along with this event. I know that the Southwest Division is working very hard to make it yet another huge success. Congratulations to all of you who have already won your playdowns and good luck to the rest of you who have yet to compete. I know the Southeast Division will make all the winners comfortable and welcome in November. At this time I want to thank all of the Council for being so prompt in answering all the questions put forth to them this year—Heather, I couldn't do this without you and most of all; Nancy, who has done this thankless job as treasurer for the past four years. My thanks to you all. Good bowling.

Rita

FROM THE EDITOR

The merger of AWLBA and ALBA is scheduled to take place in January 2001. This is a joint venture of the two organizations. Council meetings will be held jointly with the presidency alternating with a man one year and a woman the next. There will be a new name for the organization. It is assumed that this will strengthen the lawn bowling association and better promote the game of bowls.

As for the women, the AWLBA Memorial Foundation will remain separate from the ALBA Memorial Fund. The women will hold their tournaments as they do now. Under this new organization the Women's Pages will cease to exist. All news of women's activities will appear in the various division sections of the magazine. The next issue may be the last. We hope you have found these pages interesting and informative.

We trust that the merger will be a beneficial and successful move.

NEXT DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 25!

Winnie Eberle

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AWLBA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

A brochure has been prepared and is being distributed to division secretaries regarding the Memorial Foundations of both ALBA and AWLBA. We would like to make sure that you are aware that the foundations are separate. When you are making your contribution and want it to go to the women's foundation you must make it out to the AWLBA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION. The brochure also has a form for sending in your contribution.

The following is a list of contributions made since our last report.

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REVIEW & SELECTION COMMITTEE

This is a very busy year for our ladies' teams.

The Can-Am West Classic in Edmonton, Alberta will be held July 29– August 2. The team of Carrie Fossati, Patricia Gonzales, Maryna Hyland, Jean Kaye and Katy Stone will represent the Southwest Division. Good luck, ladies.

Joining manager Charlotte O'Keefe, the team of Regina Banares, Carrie Fossati, Patricia Gonzales, Maryna Hyland, Jean Kaye, Linda McDougall, Dora Stewart, Heather Stewart, Kathy Vea and Irene Webster will compete in the North American Challenge in Seattle August 11–13. The committee and I wish the team success and good bowling.

All clubs should have 2001 application forms posted for applicants and managers. Completed applications are due August 31, 2000. These applications are for members to attend the coaching clinic to upgrade their skills and/or be applying for the international team selection.

The coaching clinic will be in the South-

west Division, at the Groves Lawn Bowling Club, following the National Open. The dates are October 20–22. On the evening of October 20, there will be a lecture/orientation by Peter Fish. He will be coaching October 21–22.

All Selectors will attend the clinic to participate and observe and select the teams and managers for the Atlantic Rim Games, Asia-Pacific Championships and North American Challenge for the year 2001.

Following the Women's World Bowls held in Moama, Australia, Jean Haigler fell at the Melbourne airport and sustained a severe shoulder fracture. She is recuperating well after surgery, I am happy to report.

See you at the National Open and the Coaching Clinic.

Barbara McCowen

CENTRAL DIVISION

By Beverly Phillips

Central Division clubs are back in action and the snowbirds have returned to their nests. We are looking forward to our Division Open in Milwaukee in July, followed by the Playdowns.

By the time this is printed, the merger in the Central Division of the ALBA/AWLBA will be accomplished. Our men and women have worked closely together over the years and we feel this merger will streamline our operation.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Rebecca McArthur who recently passed away. Rebecca was a member of the Chicago LBC for many years before moving to Arizona.

EASTERN DIVISION

By Dana Lum

Our season got underway with the ever popular Buck Hill Mixed Open Pairs over the Memorial Day Weekend. The winners were:

1. Ed Reynolds/Al Brandsetter
2. Linda McDougall/Tom McLaughlin
3. Bob Urquhart/Lorraine Urquhart

Marie Manners Mixed Open Pairs will be September 23–24 at Buck Hill Lawn Bowling Club. In the past this has been a well-attended event. Hope you can make it.

We will be hosting the 2001 U.S. Championships and everything is starting to take shape—parties, barbecues, dinners etc.

If your vacation plans take you East, and you're tired of the sightseeing thing, we have greens in the beautiful New England area, New York (the city that never sleeps), the historical Williamsburg area, and quaint Pennsylvania. Our mat of welcome is always out. Just give us a call. See you on the Green.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

By Adele Patterson

Our bowling season got off to a slow start as

the Women's Fives, held in San Francisco each spring, had to be postponed due to work on the green.

The greens were ready for the Memorial Day Pairs, however. Taking the honors that day were Tomoko Lesowitz and Jessica Kinninger of Rossmoor, with Virginia Farr and Sylvi MacDonald, also of Rossmoor, in second place.

The U.S. Pairs Playdowns were held at Rossmoor on May 6-7 and 13-14. The play ended in a three-way tie, which was played off by way of a round robin on June 3 and 4. Roe Hazelwood and Shirley Cam beat Regina Banares and Felice Santos by one point on the last end to be declared winners. They will travel to Florida to compete in the U.S. Championships.

However, Reggie earned herself a trip to Florida in June by winning the U.S. Singles Playdowns, held in Rossmoor in June. Second place in the Singles ended in a three-way tie, to be played off at a later date. The three tied finishers in the Pairs Playdowns will also journey to Edmonton, Alberta, in July to play in the Can-Am West Games. Shirley Cam will be team Manager. Roe Hazelwood opted not to go.

Our division lost two very special people this spring. Gwen Houston and Orville Artist. Gwen, from Sunnyvale, was a past president of our division and headed the hospitality committee for both National Opens held in the division. She was always a dedicated volunteer and special to us all. Orville Artist, a member of the Rossmoor Club, was the husband of Erma Artist, former member of the National Review and Selection Committee. Orville was a member of the ALBA Hall of Fame and an all-around special person. The dedication of these two people was greatly appreciated by all in the division.

We have received word from St. George, UT, that they are installing two bowling greens in new retirement communities there. They have invited us to their Senior Games in October. We want to welcome them to lawn bowling, hope that they will join the national organization! We also welcome them to the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

By Peggy Salisbury

Dozens of South Central lawn bowlers, in their whites, attended the memorial service in Sun City West on June 7 for Rebecca McArthur. Rebecca died on May 31 from complications of a stroke she had suffered two years ago. Rebecca was one of the best friends lawn bowling ever had. She will be missed.

In the early 70s, she was instrumental in getting women's lawn bowling organized in the Central Division and in getting it affiliated with the AWLBA. Twenty years later she played a similar role when the South Central Division was formed. Rebecca served as president of each of the divisions.

Nationally, Rebecca served on the Council for a number of years and was president in 1974. She served as secretary in 1977 when



Rebecca McArthur

Corinna Folkins was president. She was also on the International Women's Bowls Board representing the United States, and held the job of National Historian for a number of years.

Rebecca was always active in the clubs she belonged. Several years ago, she started a tournament in this division called the Presidents Five. It has become an annual event and is familiarly known as the Rebecca McArthur Presidents Five.

She is survived by her husband, Lachlan, children Lorna and Douglas, as well as six grandchildren.

Rebecca was born in Scotland and came to this country as a young woman with her parents and siblings. In spite of her Scottish background, she was not introduced to lawn bowling until she met Lachlan, a long-time lawn bowler. She watched him on the greens in Chicago and when she tried it, she was hooked. Since then the lawn bowling community has profited by her devotion to the sport.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

By Winnie Eberle

Despite the hot summer days and not the mild pleasant ones we expect for spring, our ladies took to the greens.

Our Southwest Open Tournament was held the end of April, with the Championship Flights won by: Triples—Eva Ho, Jan Wessel and Patricia Gonzales; Pairs by Katy Stone and Anne Cherney; Singles by Heather Stewart. (Complete results appear on page 33.)

Our U.S. Championship Pairs Playdowns were at Riverside, with Anne Barber and Anne Cherney the winners. Kathy Vea and Doris Sneddon the runners-up. The Singles Playdowns will be played in July, too late for this issue.

Our members always enjoy the Ladies Days at the various clubs. It is always a challenge to try other greens than ones' home club. These past few months we were at Sun City, Santa Anita and Friendly Valley. Alice Lawrence placed her duties as director in the capable hands of Marion Compton. Alice likes to visit on these days if she is able and the ladies are very happy to see her. We are looking forward to our play days in the beach area during the really hot days of summer. Have a summer of good bowling and good friendships.

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Surprise, AZ Tom Felhaber & Gene Costa 1-27
Surprise, AZ Tom Felhaber & Ginny Kerekes 2-3
Surprise, AZ Beryl Auger & Judy Stiles 2-19
Surprise, AZ Ed Kizyma & Derek Williams 2-3
Surprise, AZ J. P. Bartley & Sandy Borzak 2-5
Surprise, AZ Marion Muller & Merlene Putnam 3-8
Sun City West, AZ Bob Copley & Jeanne Brown 3-12

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Corona Del Mar, CA Max Bartosh & Theresa Casanova 3-17

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Surprise, AZ Bill Cornick & Beryl Auger 4-6

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7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Santa Barbara, CA Dita Joseph, Wynne Tufnell, Gordon Gay 3-18

Santa Barbara, CA Don Varner, Jo Millett, Dorothy Gay 3-21

Walnut Creek, CA Bob Penman, Mary Smith, Elsie Napoli 3-21

Sun City Center, FL Joe Kramer, Mary Bailey, Mike Lieberman 3-7

Cambria, CA Bill Barrows, Joan Billingsley, Alice Bannister 4-5

Oakland, CA Ethel Cole, Wyman Chew, Glen Godfrey 4-13

Sun City, AZ Bill S., John Dodson, Nancy Nishikawa 4-9

Sun City Center, FL Phil Laxcola, Glen Baumann, Ken Wright 5-16

Los Angeles, CA Jim Hasty, Frank Grea, Mimi Horner 5-2

Sun City Center, FL James Fahnestock, John Bailiff, Helga Wright 5-

8 SHOTS TRIPLES

Walnut Creek, CA Mel Kelley, Janet Penman, Bunny Turner 4-27

Santa Rosa, CA Bill Smith, Don Appleby, Marcie Cobble 5-9

Cambria, CA Bill Duncan, Bill Courtney, Evelyn Meyers 6-2

9 SHOTS TRIPLES

Santa Barbara, CA Hank Van Wingerden, Jo Millette, Jim Wilkes 5-16

Sun City Center, FL Judy Sheel, Glenn Baumann, Ken Wright 5-17

Cambria, CA Jim Cooper, D.L. Daughhette, Luella Shell 5-31

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Laguna Beach, CA Laguna Beach Open Pairs Carrie Forsati & Donna Coleman 3-31

Sun City Center, FL S.E. Division Playdowns Muriel Rackliff & Jeanne McLaughl in 4-12

Beverly Hills, CA Walt Disney Pairs Ed Quo & Bob Nunes 5-28

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Santa Ana, CA Santa Ana Open Pairs Jerry Frank & Art Helling 4-15

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Santa Barbara, CA British Cup Daphne Balisteri & Roch Monchamp 5-29

Walnut Creek, CA U.S. Championship Playdowns Vanitta Olinger & Tanya Hills 5-20

8 SHOTS PAIRS

Santa Maria, CA Australian Pairs Tournament Bill Paulsen & Kitty Oxrider 4-27

Santa Barbara, CA British Cup Ed Weiss & Rosemary James 5-25

Santa Rosa, CA Men's Pairs Open Draw Martoin Ullman & Barry Tromans 5-26

7 SHOTS TRIPLES

Daytona Beach, FL North Central League All Stars Bill Forbes, Polly Huber, Beth Forbes 3-21

Palm Desert, CA St. Patrick's Day Tournament Lloyd Eckroth, Gwen Outen, Norm Storey 3-17

Palm Springs, CA S.T.R. Schwab Invitational Laird MacDonald, Bill Barnes, Stan Palmer 3-9

Palm Springs, CA S.T.R. Schwab Invitational Doug Newton, Bob Krause, Marion Zapfe 3-7

Oakland, CA Addleman Trophy Tournament Gilbert Pang, Ricat Ruiz, Mitch Michner 3-23

Santa Maria, CA Gold Coast League Bill Paulsen, Jerry Libsack, Kitty Oxrider 4-12

Santa Maria, CA Gold Coast League Bill Paulsen, Jerry Libsack, Kitty Oxrider 5-10

The biggest chore facing the Membership Committee is the decline of some of the older clubs. This can be attributed to the age of the bowlers, the condition of the greens and a change in the neighborhood over the years. The Membership Committee has been tackling this problem whenever it has been called to its attention, but sometimes it takes more than we can provide to haft the attrition. On the positive side, there have been more greens built this past year than at any other time in recent history.

The cost of keeping the green becomes oppressive when there aren't enough bowlers. Parks Departments cut back when they can't justify the cost because the number people being served doesn't balance. There are clubs that have abandoned their second green and at least one club that had its green turned into a parking lot by the city. Several clubs do their own maintenance and have lost many of the men that once did the work. We authored a paper that asks: "Do poor greens mean we can't interest people in bowling, or do people lose interest in bowling because of poor greens?"

At a recent meeting someone got up and asked for a volunteer to run some tournaments, and he got no response. As I looked around the room I saw several men, myself included, that had served many years in that position. My excuse was that I had too much to do with the jobs I have now, but most of the other men pleaded that they had done enough or were involved in other things and couldn't spare the time. Is the answer the end of tournaments as we know them or can we *find* someone new in time to breathe life into the situation?

The Membership Trail

By Frank Ransome
ALBA Membership Chairman

One complaint that we hear is that the neighborhood has deteriorated so badly that the older bowlers don't feel comfortable going there. The Membership Committee can't solve this prob-

lem, but we can encourage the remaining members to seek new recruits that now live in the residences around the club. One club we've been working with has turned the corner in membership because the local residents now feel welcome when they come out to bowl on the green. These are very fine people that have observed the sport, some from childhood, and always thought that they were excluded for one reason or another. There has been a drop in vandalism since the new members joined. One more benefit of this has been the adoption of a plan for the city to build another green on the other side of town.

The answer to most of the problems can be found in increased membership and the desire and the commitment of the club to do something about it.

- To attract new bowlers you must be open just about every day.
- To teach new bowlers you must have a green that permits a bowl to bias as it should and have instructors that love to teach.
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- To get community support you must serve the community that surrounds the green.
- To get help with maintenance you must demonstrate that you are worthy of helping. To have a big club you must demonstrate

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PEBBLE BEACH

(Sun City Center FL)

By Eugene Imbimbo

The Sun City Center Community Association is rebuilding our green number one and repairing the outer six-foot perimeter of green three this summer at an estimated cost of \$26,000.

Lawn bowlers are contributing funds to help the community association pay for the \$235,000 clubhouse now being planned. Thanks to Bill and Ebie Eberhardt for their generous contribution.

CLEARWATER

By May Blair

Carole Rawlings is the new president of the Clearwater LBC, serving with Joe Kastelnik as vice president, Louann Mulvaney as treasurer, and Sylvia Bock as secretary.

Ken Anderson, John Hughes and Bruce Miller were elected to be directors at the annual meeting in March.

In the Bill Kaestle Triples, our final tournament of the 1999-2000 season, Bill Graham teamed with Cecilia and Martin Noble to win first place, defeating runners-up Bill & Duncan Farrell and Eleanor Calder.

It's a good thing Rick & Marion Wall and Marge Sanphy are not superstitious, because in the Kaestle competition they scored 13 points in each of their three games, the last of which was on rink 13.

In Memoriam
W. Burkhardt
J. Conconnan
B. Haynes
A. McColl
E. Mather
D. Boyd

SE SENDING 'SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW' TO U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Gene Goodwin

Three U.S. Championship veterans, including Bill Farrell, who will be competing for the 15th time, and three novices will carry the Southeast Division banner into the 2000 U.S. Championships at Sun City Center, FL, November 5-10.

The newcomers, who emerged from playdowns held by the women at Sun City Center and by the men at WalterDel last April, are: Beth Forbes of Mount Dora, SE Women's Singles champion, and the championship SE Men's Pairs team of John Shanklin and Cliff Bailey, both representing the Pebble Beach Club.

The other SE representatives will be Women's Pairs champions Patti Grabowski, of the Suncoasters, and Jo Gilbert, Daytona Beach, who together

have competed in at least a half dozen previous U.S. Championships. Jo was on the U.S. Championship Pairs teams in 1985 and 1986.

Bill Farrell, whose home club is at Clearwater, is also a two-time U.S. champion, having won the Pairs title in 1989 and 1991 with Bert MacWilliams. Nine of Bill's 14 previous appearances in the annual U.S. Championships were consecutive.

Beth Forbes almost made it to the big one last year when she was runner-up to Barbara Roller in the SE Playdowns. Barbara, SE Women's Singles champion in 1998 and 1999, who finished second in the 1999 U.S. Championships, did not enter the SE Playdowns this year because of family matters.

Runner-up to Beth this year was Diann Thrush, Suncoasters and Mount Dora. Runner-up to Bill Farrell was Mike Maneilly, Mount Dora, who has been in the U.S. Championships twice before. The Pairs runners-up were Joe Grabowski and Bruce Petrie, Pebble Beach, and Peggy Bonhaus and Eileen Petrie, Suncoasters.

Left: Bill Farrell will be making his 15th appearance in the U.S. Championships in October as the SE Division's Men's Singles representative.

Below left: Beth Forbes won the SE Women's Singles Playdowns.

Below: SE Men's Pairs Playdowns champs John Shanklin, left, and Cliff Bailey.



SE NABS 'EAST COAST CHALLENGE'

The Eastern and Southeast Divisions of American lawn bowling have initiated the East Coast Challenge, an annual tournament that pits the fifteen best men and women bowlers from each sector against one another in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours competitions.

The first Challenge, held April 29–30 on the beautiful green at Pinehurst NC, was won by the Southeast Division, defeating their Eastern rivals 56-16 (score based on two points for each victory and one point for a tie).

The tourney format calls for each division to field three mixed teams of five players in a two-day round robin. The first, third and fifth games are Singles and Fours; the second, fourth and sixth matches are Triples and Pairs. Each division brought a 16th player as an alternate.

The colorful competition, with the Southeast teams in yellow shirts and the Eastern players in red the first day and white shirts the second, attracted many spectators, including several who had just completed their rounds of golf on the world-famous Pinehurst courses. Most of the match scores were close, including two ties.

Bill Farrell, Clearwater FL, was overall captain for the SE. The other two SE captains were Barbara Roller, Clearwater, and Mike Maneilly, Mount Dora FL. Barb and Mike are also presidents of the SE Divisions of the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association

and American Lawn Bowls Association.

Other SE participants were: Burl Roller, Russ Tees and Bert MacWilliams, all from Clearwater; Patti and Joe Grabowski, John Meksa, Cliff Bailey, Lynn Stokes and Ray Turman, all from the Suncoasters and Pebble Beach clubs; Evelyn Sartain, Mount Dora; Bruce McPeck, WalterDel; Joe Coleman, Pinehurst; and Jo Gilbert, Daytona Beach.

The Eastern teams were lead by co-captains: Jack Lucy, Slater Park; Dana Lum, New York City; Tom McLaughlin, Slater Park; Ron Buck, DuPont; Colin Smith, Essex, NJ; and Linda McDougall, Bridgeport, CT.

Other Eastern players were: Ellen McConachie and Mary Scott, Bridgeport; Bob and Lorraine Urquhart, Ken Roberta and Zenas Gardner, DuPont; Ed Reynolds and Dan Berg, Williamsburg, VA; Jim Murphy, New York City; Norm Owens, DuPont-Buck Hill Falls.

Tom Kees and Mack Penwell of the host club were applauded for their efficient direction of the initial Challenge. Tom also chaired the SE Selection Committee made-up of Edith MacWilliams, Clearwater and Gene Goodwin, Mount Dora.

The next (second) East Coast Challenge will be held next Spring at Pinehurst.



Left: Victorious Captains of the SE squads that defeated the Eastern Division in the First East Coast Challenge, from left, Bill Farrell, Barbara Roller and Mike Maneilly.

Right: Eastern Co-Captains of the three squads that lost to the SE in the First East Coast Challenge: (l-r) Ron Buck, Tom McLaughlin, Linda MacDougall, Dana Lum, Jack Lucey and Colin Smith.

MOUNT DORA

By Gene Goodwin

President Frank Anderson and Vice President Jo Joyce are leading the Mount Dora LBC as it begins its 73rd season.

Other elected officers for 2000–2001 are: Janet Swartzlander, secretary; John O'Connor, treasurer; and these five directors: Wayne M'enne, for grounds; Kit Olmstead, for games; Betty Hamilton, for house; Jean Petersen for socials, and immediate past president Lela McHenry, for long-range planning.

In one its first actions, the new Board of Directors directed the club's Long-Range Planning Board, chaired by Lela McHenry, to conduct a feasibility study of replacing

fixed concrete-based ground sheets with movable foot mats on all 14 rinks, and adding two more rinks by removing intersecting sidewalks. The study is to be completed for presentation to the annual meeting in February.

In the final club tournament of the past season in April, Brian Bloomfield, Jo Joyce and Eleanore Park won the Fox Hill Triples, the club's only night tournament. Bags of citrus fruit were awarded to the champions as well as to runners-up Ralph Knight, Mary Bloomfield and Hazel Hogan.

In Memoriam

Barbara Gregory
Margaret Yost
Edward Sackett

DELRAY BEACH

The Delray Beach LBC has issued a 2000–2001 Directory of Club Officers and Committees, with a list of the addresses and phone numbers of all 46 members.

It also contains a schedule of 2001 tournaments—five intra-club and five open—all to be played next January, February and March, and a schedule of social activities.

A very useful document for any club to have for its members.

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SOUTHEAST DIVISION

SARASOTA

By Ian MacRae

The Sarasota LBC has just launched a new website : <www.sarasotalawnbowling.com> It carries current information about our club. We welcome the opportunity to link with your club. You can send us an email via the website. Check it out!

The new club Board now in place is made up of President Ian MacRae, Vice-President Ron Buck, Secretary Sara Sullivan, Treasurer Doris O'Brien, and these directors: Jim MacDonald for greens, Doug Claxton for tournaments, and Cliff Ditchfield for hospitality and special events.

Severe drought and water restrictions made life difficult for our greenskeeper this past summer, but he somehow managed to keep the greens in good shape. A small band of stalwarts bowled on them despite temperatures in the 90s, and 100 percent humidity.

WALTERDEL

By Chuck Mather

Despite heat and humidity, our founder and greenskeeper, Del Bettridge, has been out on our greens constantly improving their quality. If you want a real treat, come visit us and play on some of the finest grass greens in North America.

The grounds are also being improved in appearance this summer. The entryway was scheduled to be repaved and both sides landscaped with beautiful trees. A third green is planned.

You can take a look at us thorough our website at: <http://www.walterdel.com/>

When the U.S. Championships take place in nearby Sun City Center November 5-9, you will be able to get daily results on our website.

BRADENTON

by John Meksa

Marjorie Boaretti is serving as president of the Bradenton LBC this season, aided by Vice President Gordon Tinman and Secretary Bill Fahler.

During the long, hot summer we bowled on Monday and Thursday mornings, but we return to daily games with the arrival of Fall. Come see us. We have bowls to rent.

In Memoriam

Harold Cox

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THISTLE

(West Hartford, CT)

By Joan Wood

Opening day was planned for May 17, but we were lucky with the weather and actually started bowling on April 26. The greens were ready and so were we. Since last season went well into January, we had only a three-month hiatus.

On May 17, we did, in fact, have an opening day Semi-Annual Meeting and picnic followed by an afternoon of bowling. Thanks to those members who helped spruce up the clubhouse prior to the meeting.

On June 3, we hosted the Third Annual Mix and Match Doubles. The weather was

superb and the turn-out of over twenty teams was excellent. The results:

1. Sam Drevitch & Jack Lucey (Milton)
2. Mary Terry & Vic Bendzinski (Thistle)
3. Greta & Maurice Lafond (Slater Park)
4. Yvonne Balthazard & George Zvanelich (Slater Park)

At this writing we are looking forward to our own tournament season. A tournament will be held the third weekend of each month, June through September. This year we are alternating Saturday and Sunday tournaments to see if one day yields a better turn-out. We also look forward to two joint tournaments with Fernleigh to be held in July and September.

Our biggest event of the summer will be hosting the Eastern Division Men's and Women's Championships August 5-10. We are planning a picnic on Monday night, August 7.

As always, we are looking for new members. So far we have two new members recruited by Joe Morin. We also have several young people who have expressed interest.

We are pleased to welcome Joyce Quinn from California, who is in the area for the season. We bowl Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at 1 p.m., so do stop by if you are in the neighborhood. For more information you can call Bill Wassell at (860) 521-2725 or Joan Wood at (860)523-7459.

ESSEX COUNTY

By George J. Schick

Work is underway by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs on a replacement green for our Club. The work has taken much longer than originally thought. We hope to begin club play around August 1, with a few tournaments hosted in September. President Colin Smith and our Building & Greens Committee are working closely with the Parks Department on this effort.

Our tournament bowlers have been active in competitions throughout our Division this season. As we go to press, the Essex Club will be competing in the Candelet Pairs and the Dakers Memorial Triples in New England.

The Club extends best wishes for a speedy recovery to Duncan Farrell. Duncan was injured in a home accident and underwent surgery on both legs. Duncan recently played a few bowls at the Dupont green. We expect to see him back on the green full time later this season.

Club members Bob and Lorraine Urquhart performed well in the Arizona Fours earlier this year, and Colin Smith finished fourth in the ED Classic Singles at Dupont in Wilmington. Colin was defeated in a close playoff by Ron Buck who was the 1999 Champion in this tournament.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

GREENWICH*By Francis Novak*

Successful campaign celebrating 60 years at Bruce Park Green. Twelve new recruits in a month are now members of the Greenwich Lawn Bowls Club.

Membership drive consisted mainly of being published in the Spring edition of Greenwich Continuing Education Bulletin. We listed six trial lesson dates, including a weekday, an evening and Saturdays. New bowlers chose two dates and received two one-hour lessons for \$10, paid to Continuing Education. Eight new bowlers who signed up came for their lessons. The Thursday evening 6 p.m. bowling time has proved the most popular.

Due to a front page colorful and well-written publicity about a Fun Day on a Saturday in the Sunday Greenwich Time, more interested people walked in. Also, daily listing in the newspaper calendar page has attracted newcomers. A phone number is listed.

We are sometimes desperate for bowls of sizes women prefer—00-0-1. Players are willing to buy second-hand bowls.

Our next Fun Days are: July 15, August 5, August 26, and concluding on October 7, when we will hold our fall annual meeting. We have written the Bridgeport Club and the Coveleigh Beach Club inviting them to make a playdate with us.

Two of our bowling couples, Connie & Kelly Keith and Muriel & Ben Lorenz have bowled competitively this spring in Delaware and Buck Hills Falls.

DUPONT

(Wilmington, DE)

By Tom Lawlor

Congratulations to Dan Berg of Williamsburg Club, winner of the Eastern Division Classic Singles. Runner-up was Jack Lucey, in a hot tournament where temperatures reached 96 degrees. A surprise visitor was Duncan Farrell, who is recovering from TWO broken achilles heels. Hope to see this champion bowler back in form soon.

Ron Buck won the DuPont Handicap Singles. Runner-up was Barry Gibson.

Our green is in great shape. Williamsburg visited us in May and DuPont squeezed out a win. Pittsburgh will visit in August. DuPont will host the Eastern Division Challenge Cup on Sept. 2-3, a big social event.

Check our website: WWW.DUPONT.COM/CLUB and click on Lawn Bowling. You may see a picture of our charming Mary Roberts—what great form.

Officers for the coming season are: Bob Lang, President (bopeg5@earthlink.net), Jack Montigney, Vice President (jwsdmontigney@dellnet.com), Ann Connolly, Secretary and Patricia Flynn, Treasurer.

We're right off I-95 in Wilmington. Please call Bob Lang at 302-7314385 or Jim Michael at 302-239-2865 and join us for a game or two.

Tom Lawlor can be reached at: <tblawlor@yahoo.com>

CUNNINGHAM

(Milton, MA)

By Sam Drevitch

We again coordinated our 2000 schedule of events with our neighbors from Rhode Island's Slater Park Club, and it is great renewing our friendly rivalries and old friendships.

Our 2000 Opening Day Scramble was a great success, with 13 members of Slater Park joining us. The winners were:

1. Yvonne Manning (C)

2. Dick Cutler (C)
3. Jack Lucey (C)
4. (tie) Red Melchin (C) and Yvonne Balthazard (SP).

In June, we were proud to again host the 2000 Alex and Dave Dakers Memorial Tournament. The top four teams were:

1. Maurice Lafond, Paul Bucklin, Al Letourneau
2. Ron Buck, Colin Smith, Tom McLaughlin
3. George Zvanelich, Ken Birch, Ed Kenney
4. George Archilles, Frank Yaffee, Sam Rich.



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SOUTHEAST DIVISION

NEW YORK

(Central Park)

By Bob Mancuso

We celebrated our Diamond Jubilee with a Pairs-to-Rinks tournament. What's that? Teams of two competed in four 10-end pairs matches. Two each of the top four teams then combine and play one rinks game as a four-some. It's a great format when you're limited to a small number of players.

Jubilee finalists were: Terry Ohl, Gene Lithgow, Charles Crawford and Evone Swann versus Joe Gioco, Bernie Kurtz, Tal Stubis and Susanna Voorhees. Ohl and mates went on to claim victory.

This was Susanna's last tournament with the club. She will be moving to Chicago with her husband, Ted. We will miss her. She was with the club for the past nine seasons.

On human-interest side, Laralu Smith and husband Joe Gioco were in Chicago this past month, and were the well-treated guests of the Chicago Lakeside Lawn Bowling Club.

We host visitors from all over the world. If you're planning a trip to New York call Joe Gioco at: (212) 594-3525.

Our annual Out-of-Towners Tournament (July 15) was commemorated as the Rees Jones Welsh Triples, in memory of our member who died recently. More on this in the next issue.

Allan Fausel, who many recognize from his television appearances as an antique appraiser on the PBS series "Road Show" has rejoined the club, along with six new members.

Condolences to member of our NYLBC Board Dong Kingman on the passing of his father, Dong Kingman, Sr., the internationally famous Chinese watercolorist.

This reporter can always be reached at: <http://www.rjmancuso7@aol.com/>

FERNLEIGH

(West Hartford, CT.)

By Ed Wood

We have been thinking of changing our name to the Canoe Club. The majority of our planned events have been rained out.

The Memorial Day Tournament winners were decided in a roll-off between Greg Petrakis & Jeannine Guerette and Frank Stolzenberg & Gordon Fowler, with the latter pair winning.

The membership drive has been slow because of the weather. With extra effort we will meet our goal.

The Monday Night Doubles is full, with a list of subs. When the Doubles are completed, we are going to run a Triples Round Robin Tournament in the afternoon.

Training sessions have been skull sessions. We hope to get trainees on the green soon.

SLATER PARK

(Pawtucket, RI)

By Ed Kenney

Our opening day was May 6. Larry Messier led a moment of silence in memory of our deceased members, most recently Bonnie Howarth.

Three games of bowling followed with these results:

1. Dave Joncas, Charlie Morgan, Pat Jones
2. Maurice Lafond, Parker Foss, Red Melchin
3. Victor Ford, Al Letourneau, Phylis Gaudreau.

4. Ken Birch, Sonne Bucklin, Jim Grant.

Mayor's Day Tournament in May—The day started off with a greeting from club president Ed Kenney, including a special welcome to Bob Forget from San Diego, CA. Then a welcome to Mayor James E. Doyle, who presented Ed with a citation in recognition of another year in lawn bowling fellowship and recreation.

In the competition that followed:

1. Bob Sayer, Bob Forget, Marion Norris
2. Maurice & Greta Lafond.
3. Larry Messier & Susan Ford.
4. Ken Birch, Ruth Pearson, Lucille Labbe.

Slater Park teams captured third and fourth places in the Hartford Pairs Tournament held in June in Hartford. Third place went to Maurice & Greta Lafond, and George Zvanelich & Yvonne Balthazard finished fourth.

June 10th Club Singles:

1. Al Letourneau, 2. Maurice Lafond, 3. Paul Bucklin, 4. Larry Messier

June 17th Club Triples.

1. Vito Bart, Jim Grant, Rosemarie Cummings. 2. Victor Ford, Susan Ford, Fred Howarth. 3. Dave Joncas, Art Newton, Ray Robitaille. 4. George Zvanelich, Ken Birch, Yvonne Balthazard.

I would like welcome to the game of lawn bowling Rosemarie Cummings and Georginna Sweeney. Also returning to the game Richard Sanphy.

WILLIAMSBURG INN

By Susan Berg

Since the green officially opened on April 1, members have been active in several club and regional tournaments.

In late April, Williamsburg hosted Frick Park to a one-day tournament, followed by a dinner at Fort Magruder. Frick won many of the afternoon games to claim victory.

Seventeen bowlers traveled to Dupont for a tournament on May 20-21. Bowlers experienced "good English weather" (a lot of rain). Everyone had a good time, and bowlers particularly enjoyed Saturday dinner at the Dupont Country Club.

Leisure World visited Williamsburg for a tournament on June 24-25. Several new members got their first taste at club tournament bowling. Their introduction was particularly pleasant as Williamsburg won the tournament.

Some members were busy on the road playing at regional tournaments. At the Buck Hill Open on Memorial Day weekend, Ed Reynolds and Al Brandstetter won the Pairs title. In June, Dan Berg had a perfect 4-0 record to win the Classic Singles at Dupont.

Earlier this spring, Ed and Kathy Reynolds and Jim McLaughlin finished second in the Sarasota Senior Games Mixed Triples, with Ed also placing third in the Men's Triples at that event.

Club membership is up with new members and veteran members who are returning after a short hiatus.

In addition to the monthly round-robins and singles ladder, Vice-president Jack Edwards ran a Spring singles league. For working bowlers Jack has instituted an evening pairs league.

The club's most recent competition was the Mixed Pairs tournament, with Dan and Susan Berg winning in a playoff against Mary and Ernest Hopke.



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WESTLAND

By Joey Dunn

We have caught up on our Spring clean-up and our green, bank, ditches, borders, etc. are all looking pretty good and weed free.

Our club bowlers are participating well and some good bowling is taking place. We have lost three bowlers and gained three, so our membership numbers are still low. But we keep plugging for more.

Two mixed triples teams are going to Windsor, Canada for a "Freedom Festival" tournament June 25. We will do our best to represent Westland, USA. We are not having our 4th of July Tournament for lack of interest. A pity.

If any bowlers are in the Michigan area, come visit. We would love to have you. Safe travel this Summer and "good bowling."

FOREST HILL

(East Cleveland)

By Tom Basler

Thanks to Bill Duncan, we were able to have our entire green reseeded this spring. It had been severely ravaged by last season's drought. Bill sponsored a Scottish Concert in April to raise the funds for this expensive project.

The Winter Bowling, chaired by Ed McTernan, was extremely successful. As a matter of fact, we had more bowlers indoors than we have at the green in the summer.

Our officers for this year are: Bob Walton, President; Alan Eisenmann, Vice President; Liz Duncan, Secretary; Bernice Bode, Treasurer; and Bob Harris, Greenskeeper.

Our season began by entertaining 39 seniors from the Cleveland Heights Senior Group with an afternoon of bowling, followed by a British High Tea prepared and served by our members. Our pavilion never looked so classy nor were our refreshments ever so fancy! It was a huge success. We hope some of our guests will come back and bowl with us.

With our new green, we are off to a good start and looking forward to some fine bowling.

Our club has been saddened by the news of the death of one of our most loyal and hard working members, Ralph Sinzinger. We will all miss him.

In Memoriam

Ralph Sinzinger

CHICAGO LAKESIDE

By Patricia Brown LeNoble

We feel that "things are moving in the right direction," but it's taking longer to get things moving! Our greens are far from perfect, but we manage to roll a few bowls and still enjoy our "tea at three". And, we are getting new members, including members of the croquet group that use our greens for morning games.

We had 14 hardy members that used our "clean-up" day to great advantage in scrubbing and polishing the clubhouse. And we used that high-gloss meeting place for our spring luncheon on May 7.

With Memorial Day coming along, Don Sneddon was in charge of a "fun day" of lawn bowling. It was a success, so he is in charge of our 4th of July games as well!

Next on our schedule was an "open house" on June 4. Among our guests was a couple that had a few lessons on the Hawaiian Islands and they were eager to continue with the game.

Our greens are heavy so the tournaments are being postponed until later in the summer. Nevertheless, Bill Nakagawa has scheduled the Pairs Tournament on July 8-9, and hopefully some of our new members will get into the game and realize that tournament playing is good for all bowlers.

President Dolly Rix has called a special meeting of the Board on July 2 and John Clark is putting together an outing for Lakeside to travel to Milwaukee for a game or two on Sunday, August 6.

FLINT

By Jeane Giesy

The opening breakfast for the Flint Club was a nice event. It was great to see everyone again.

Some members participated in the Winter Olympics which, for the first time, had indoor carpet bowling.

Plans for the season include visits to the Sarnia and Woodstock clubs, both in Canada. Then we will have return visits with them here. Several teams will be playing in the Freedom Games at Windsor, Ontario. We have two competitive leagues managed by Norm Myers and Jack McGaugh.

This year we will host the CANUSA Games. Athletes will visit from Hamilton, Ontario. There are 32 events in the games and lawn bowling is one of them. The word CANUSA means Canada and the United States. There are twenty cities that have some kind of International competition. Flint has been having these Games for forty-three years.

A cordial invitation is extended to visit Flint. Try our greens and visit our city! For further information, phone 810/233-5128.

ROCKFORD

By Ann Kelsey

Hurrah! Despite too much rain, temperamental lawn mowers and the closing of the Moose Club in Rockford, we are finally bowling again.

John Devine, Joe Zinna and Roger and Donna Binger were all able to go west this winter to bowl with Bill and Joan Cameron in Sun City, AZ. The Mathers and LaBelles spend their winters in warm climates so they can bowl all year 'round, but everyone is home now. Frank Roddy, Joe and Sam Zinna, Sal Marino, David Blake and John Devine all traveled to Milwaukee for the Blind Pairs Tournament.

We had our last Sunday of the month "Breakfast at the Green" on June 25. Roger and Donna Binger were the first chefs, so everything was delicious. We are still behind the old Moose Club building just north of Riverside on North Main Street. Visitors are always welcome! We are even on the Internet at: <GRANNIEANNIEK@aol.com> if you need directions.

CENTRAL DIVISION

MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK

By Buzz Althoen

Our Spring here in the midwest has been WET! Our greens are really GREEN! Our bowling, tho, has been fun!

Blind Pairs was postponed a week because of the wet Memorial Day weekend. We had a great following weekend with the following results:

1. Leif Andresen, with Norma Harrington and Marilyn Olson splitting
2. George Mueller and Jack Heck
3. Jim Copeland and Nancy Rosenbaum
4. Sal Marino, with Sam Zinna and Bill Harrington splitting

The Jim Butler Day had results as follows:

- Morning:* 1. Enid Morcom, Dennis Morcom and Bud Davis;
2. George Mueller, Dawn Matthews and Carl Landgren
Afternoon: 1. Cory Bolhius, Carl Landgren and George Mueller; 2. Bill Harrington and Charles Stone.

An interesting anecdote: our Jim Copeland was in attendance this Spring at the World Bowls in South Africa. A U.S. team member became ill and could not continue. A decision was made to substitute Jim Copeland who was a spectator. He did a great job and beat a lot of competition to the dismay of several international bowlers!

Pat and George Mueller are instructing five folks from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Tuesday nights. All five are having fun!

Mens Pairs and Friday Frolics are all under way and we look forward to fun bowling coming up! We also look forward to the Central Division Open to be held here in July!

PITTSBURGH FRICK PARK

By James C. Cunningham

Our greens are now beautiful and in great shape, thanks to a lot of hard work by Hank Luba, Bud Fickley, Jack Phillips, Mary LaVerne Dimmick and others. And our millennium-year season is well under way.

We opened with a visit to the Williamsburg, Virginia Club at the end of April, and again we were recipients of that wonderful Virginia hospitality. We hope to reciprocate with their visit here later this summer.

After some great warm-up games in May, which gave us much-needed practice, we began our Tuesday and Wednesday leagues after our Memorial Day Picnic. While it is hard to believe, we have now almost completed the first half of the season.

On June 10, we had a fine 4-3-2-1 Tournament won by Eileen Luba, with Jack Phillips and Hank Luba runners-up. Helen Sinai earned the "nice try" prize. On June 24, our annual Two-Bowl tournament took place, with Beverly Phillips and Rita Wood sharing top honors in the A and B divisions. Jack Phillips and Hank Luba tied for second place in the A division, and John Hartman and Helen Fickley tied for second in the B division.

Still to come, the Australian Pairs Tournament in early September.

We thank Eileen Luba for making the tournaments most enjoyable by furnishing great refreshments.

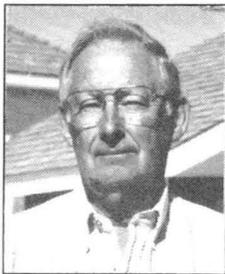
We are all saddened by the death of George Wilson, a long-time bowler and a faithful member of our club.

In Memoriam

George Wilson

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BEARS HIBERNATE IN WINTER—SNOWBIRDS in summer. And, apparently, so do some of our valley clubs. But Sun City, Sun City West and Sun City Grand are only in Summer Swoon as some bowling activity continues. With temperatures of 100+ by day and 80 degrees for our lows can you blame us for so little to report. But just keep an eye on our Fall activities!

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Rebecca McArthur

An avid bowler originally from the Central Division and then most recently from the South Central Division. She served the AWLBA as Historian, President, Secretary, IWBB Delegate, Councilor as well as many other capacities over the years. She has done much for our sport. Laughlin, her husband, and/or Douglas, her son who were and are also avid bowlers. We have lost a much loved and respected Lady.

SUN CITY

By Leon Sullivan

We entertained the English on April 11, with great success.

Dora Stewart and her committee of Helen Teichman, Judy Patrizzi, Phyllis Sullivan and Joan Cameron did an outstanding job preparing the food and drink. We didn't fare as well bowling, with the English coming out the winners. John Stewart was in charge of the make-up of

the games.

Sun City clubs have benefited from the efforts of the Boosters, with Jerry Cobb and his committees taking charge of retaining new bowlers who have taken lessons. The committees are involved in helping with instruction and running tournaments for new and experienced bowlers. Peggy Corrado has done a tremendous job of publicity, with articles

and pictures in each of the two local newspapers.

Greens maintenance is in full swing by the recreation center under the direction of Harry Berry, Bill Lingeman, Bill Cameron, Dave Close, and Bob Lane as consultant.

Snowbirds should be returning around October 1 for our Welcome Back get together on November 27.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

SUN CITY WEST

By Howard Goodnough

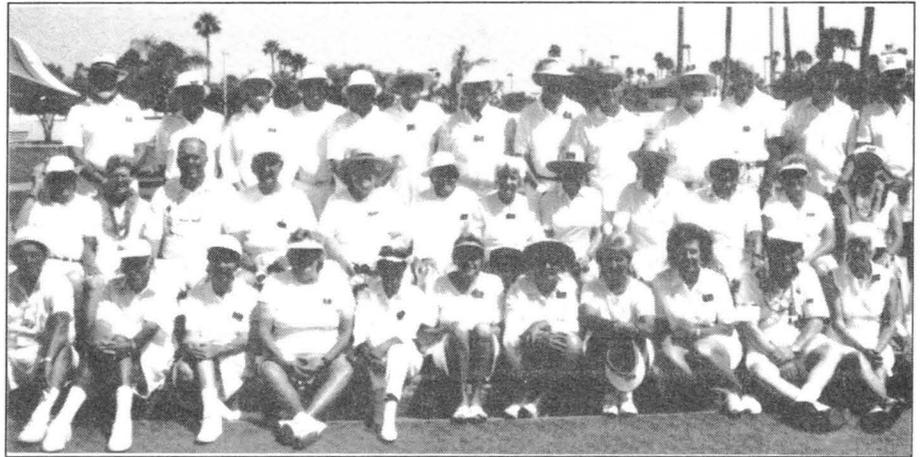
April 11 saw a big turnout (38) for our ALBA/AWLBA Summer ALOHA BOWLING/PARTY. Shirley Smulyan ran a great program, as usual, and was ably assisted by husband Bill. (I cook a mean hot dog.)

We also got everyone to sit still long enough for a "family photo".

OK so its a little "warm" now. But Fall League begins October 18, and Fall Ladder Challenge October 17. So get in touch with the clubhouse bulletin board.

DOLLAR DAY BEGINS THURSDAY, October 19! Open to all lawn bowling clubs. (Tags up by 12:30 P.M.).

Until then, "chill-out"!



Sun City West's Aloha Party gathering in April.

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THE NW DIVISION SPRING OPEN WAS HELD over Memorial Day weekend at King City this year. The weather cooperated, for the most part, and there were only a couple stoppages of play due to rain. A complete listing of results can be found in the King City report.

Our Division's Pairs Playdowns for the U.S. Championships took place June 24-27. The "two Richards", Broad and Kruger, came from the losers bracket in the double elimination format to beat Its Nishikawa and Doug Bradley. The Singles Playdowns will be held in mid-July.

Jefferson Park LBC will host our Division's Summer Open, taking place August 19-26. Pairs competition will take place on 19-20, Singles on 21-22, Triples on 23-24, Mixed Pairs the 25th, and Novices on the 26th. If you're going to be in the area around that time and would like to compete, please call NW Division Tournament Director Ron Adkins at (253)589-8622 to enter.

The inaugural Division Fall Open will take place over Labor Day weekend, September 2-4, at the Spokane club. It will be a Mixed Triples competition to allow as many as possible to participate. _____

SPOKANE

By Dave Robb

Interest in learning lawn bowling is on a roll in Spokane. Our Club has begun holding lessons for those whose names were gathered this year and last.

Social member Mary Lou Johnson has devoted many hours telephoning. Her work as our Ambassador plus that of volunteer coaching by qualified members is expected to produce an important increase in membership. Our Spokane Club needs sets of bowls for instruction and sale to new members. Please call or write.

Longtime member and Past President Jack Tam and wife Elvena were honored at a gathering in May. They were awarded lifetime social membership for their much-appreciated services.

Experience bested youth as Past President Lowell Brooks and current Secretary Olivia Kissin earned first place in our Club Mixed Pairs in June.

Four Spokane teams will once again take part in the Penticton, B.C. Invitational Mixed Triples August 2-3.

Preparations are in the works for hosting the Washington State Senior Games lawn bowling events August 10-13.

Spokane is readying for the September 2-4 NW Division Fall Open Mixed Triples. Entry blanks are available at Division Clubs.

JEFFERSON PARK

(Seattle, WA)

By Hugh Ramsay

The tournament season is upon us and a flock of snowbirds have joined us once more to exhibit skills they learned on the fast California and Arizona greens.

However, those skills needed sharpening when our club failed to retain the international trophy we play for with North Burnaby, BC every year. We were ambushed, and would gladly make a trade of the trophy with any number of Canada Geese! We can't complain, though, as the big birds honk

over our greens to land on the neighboring golf course! Poor golfers. They would make good bowlers! Credit our greenskeepers for keeping the grass so short.

Our Twilight League continues to be popular. Its creator, Dick Hammet, now deceased, would be happy to see how the tournament has grown since it began in 1983, and how his widow, Doris, is one of the leaders in the pack. One of our newest members, Rolf Luth, has been playing in this League. A new member, Keith Eng, had signed up to play but was unable to compete because of an injury. We are glad, too, that Carmen Zipp has been able to rejoin the club.

Potential members used our clubhouse for a social evening their hi-tech company puts on for its employees. The way the took to the game—and wanted more—bodes well for the sport and creates a good source for membership.

In Memoriam

Les Paul

NORTHWEST DIVISION

KING CITY

Ed Otte

Only a few hearty and dedicated bowlers ignored the wind, rain, and cold on April 28th, our Opening Day, and got in some practice on the green. However, we had a good turnout for our social hour and catered dinner in the evening.

A group of our bowlers visited Willamette View Manor in Portland on May 17th and bowled on their indoor rinks. That was our second visit there, and it is quite different from bowling on our lush grass green.

Our club hosted the Northwest Spring Open during the Memorial Day weekend and, except for a couple of passing showers, the weather was quite pleasant. The results of the tournament were as follows:

WOODLAND PARK

(Seattle, WA)

By Roy Scully

Always seeking new ways to enlarge our membership, Richard Broad, a topnotch player and a good organizer, came up with the idea of a tournament for newcomers, offering a super prize to arouse the interest of potential members.

A corporate suite, accommodating 20 fans at SAFECO Field (home of our Major League team, the Seattle Mariners), attracted a goodly number of entries. Any group interested could enter a team or teams of three players each. An entry fee was charged for each team and there was a minimum requirement of one training lesson to familiarize the contestants with the game.

Under the careful supervision of Richard and his assistants, the novices soon got the basics instilled and were able to play some good games against their peers. At the present time we have no accounting of new members gained, but we hope to see a good return for all the efforts put forth.

Our greens are in good shape for upcoming tournaments and regular day and evening play. The long summer days make for pleasant bowling on Tuesday and Friday evenings during the season. An informal barbecue adds to the fun.

Men's Pairs

1. Its Nishikawa (Seattle) and Ron Adkins (Tacoma)
2. Dave Rostad and Jimi Joe (Portland)
3. George West and Don Wood (Tacoma)

Women's Pairs

1. Nancy Nishikawa (Seattle) and Donna West (Tacoma)
2. Debbie Tupper and Pam Edwards (Portland and King City)
3. Nita Burdick (Portland) and Grace Clark (King City)

Mixed Pairs

1. Larry Edgar and Debbie Tupper (Portland and King City)
2. Ed and Georgina Allen (King City)
3. Ed Otte and Grace Clark (King City)

Upcoming events include our Ice Cream Social on July 14 and our participation in the Lions Club's annual Flea Market on July 29.

PORTLAND

By Larry Edgar

Our club's tournament season began on May 13 with a yardstick competition. When all the points had been tallied, Larry Edgar, Gene Maier and Jimi Joe had taken the first three places.

We appreciate the King City Club having taken over the complete hosting duties for the Division Spring Open. During the winter, a water line running under our green sprung a leak, making a portion of our green look like a bubbling spring. Also, at that time, our clubhouse was in disarray due to remodeling work being done as a result of finding some dry rot and carpenter ants in some of the roof beams and other wood.

The club's Self-Select Pairs tournament took place on June 10. The team of Rocky Bria and Dave Carlson took first place, with Jimi Joe and Dave Rostad coming in second.

We'll be celebrating the 4th of July by having our club's Mixed Triples tournament. The club Singles competition will take place the following Saturday. After skipping a week to allow members to take part in the Division Singles Playdowns, we resume our tournaments with the Club Select Pairs on July 29 and Cutthroat on August 8.

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SUNNYVALE

By Wes Ireland

Greens chairman Al Rizzo has the green recovering from a recent weed problem. Most of the work is now being done by Rick Rayburn of the City Parks & Recreation Dept. The City has continued to be responsive to our needs via an outstanding team that begins with Rick and progresses upward through Scott Russell, Matt Asche and, finally, Scott Morton. We certainly appreciate the attention they provide in maintaining our green and the surrounding park.

President Al Rosangana has secured our co-sponsorship status with the City. We want to thank Jim Warwood for making the required presentation to the City. He always does a commendable job.

Tournament news: Six teams bowled in

the club Men's Pairs Draw. Frank Coelho and Al Mendoza came in first, with Norm Nakano and Michael Overton second. Other teams were Stu Shoemaker and Al Camps, Larry Luiz and Joe Shepard, Pete Ringo and Seb Sacco.

A number of our members have been laid up as a result of surgery or bad falls. It's a pleasure to report that Nancy McDonough, Bernice Yorke, Mary Balsama, Tomme Shoemaker and Wes Ireland are all pretty much recovered.

Once again there is a sad event to report. Ray Phelps, a member of SVLBC since 1978, died in May. His slow shuffle, quick wit, pleasant and easy going manner will be sorely missed on the green.

As mention previously, our green is in great condition. So, come play us a visit.

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SANTA CLARA

By Ida Baker

We have been having an appreciable number of bowlers showing up on our open days. Our green is in excellent condition and is fast. The members at our last regular meeting voted approval to having a red shirt worn on Tournament play and weekends.

We got off to a great start with our first tournament in mid-February. It was our annual St. Valentine's Day Mixed Pairs, and the winners: George Callan and Rebeca Vargas. A potluck feast was held after the two matches. The red tops and white slacks looked splendid out on the green.

The next activity was our annual St. Patrick's Day tournament in March, played under a blue sky and lots of sunshine. The winners were: Stephen Cooper, George Dolfin and Rebeca Vargas. Following the latter games there was—what else—corned beef and cabbage, along with potatoes, carrots and dessert. Our new hospitality chairperson, Veronica Schroeder, cooked up a mighty tasty corned beef. Marge Bodah held that office admirably for six or seven years. Thanks Marge.

The Men's Singles was won by Pat Bayless; Women's Singles winner was Marge Bodah.

It is our pleasure to introduce you to our new members: George Callan, Stephen Cooper, Tristan Cooper and Jan Escheshall. Welcome aboard and good bowling.

PALO ALTO

By Ed Arnold

Our green has been closed since late April for a real renovation. The way it looks now, it'll probably be July before we can bowl here. A new sprinkler system is being installed, new turf is being laid right now, and the walkway around the area is going to be redone. Big improvements this time!

During the closure, we bowled our annual Friendship Games schedule "away" on all the dates with Santa Cruz, San Jose, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. The last get-together, with all the club bowlers participating, was held at Santa Clara.

Between 150-180 students from the nearby Castelleja High School spent considerable time on our green in April, learning the rudiments of our game. They came in groups of 25 or so. Head coach, John Hickson, and his many helpers were kept busy in the many teaching sessions.

Our Joel Stearn was one of the members of the USA Men's Team that bowled in the World Bowls in Johannesburg, South Africa. The team finished 15th out of a field of 24 countries.

A Palo Alto team will represent the PIMD in the U.S. Championships, in Florida this year. It'll be Frank Souza and Joel Stearn. They won the men's regional playoffs. In the Women's competition, Reggie Banares' team was runner-up.

In the San Jose Winter League, Andres Banares' team finished first, with Reggie Banares' team third and Mike Overton's fourth. Our winners in Oakland's Opening Day Games were: Bill McConachie, John Hickson, Andres Banares and Bea McConachie. Our first Intraclub

ROSSMOOR

By Frank Ransome

There isn't enough space to write about everyone that is in the tournaments. Rossmoor hosted PIMD U.S. Championships. Three Rossmoor ladies teams are in the finals that will be played later.

Club Pairs: Jeanne Lauritzen and Bette Johnson, Dan Belton and Bob Harbeson. *Mixed Pairs:* Len Gould and Jackie Purdy. Our Veteran's Novice is being played now. *Novice Singles:* Jackie Purdy and John Freestone. *Parker Robb Chevrolet sponsored Triples:* A.M.—Bob Harbeson, Jackie Purdy and Mickie Freeman; P.M.—Frank Ransome, Jeanne Lauritzen and Mabel Kwong. *Heart Association Benefit:* Ed DaSilva, Tom George and Jackie Purdy third place. *English visit:* Frank Ransome, Art & Tomoko Lesowitz and Renee Friedman won the spoons.

Rossmoor played Berkeley, San Francisco, Oakmont and Leisure Town in home and homes, with varying results. Dan Belton won the Berkeley Jamboree. There are also the

SAN JOSE

By June Pattison & Millie Forster

Congratulations to: John Luster (Singles) and Frank Souza & Joel Stearn (Pairs) who will represent the P.I.M.D. in the U.S. Championships in Florida this November.

A great time was had by all by who par-

monthly Fun Social tournaments and Friday Scrambles, plus the Memorial Day Luncheon & Tournament and the Sadie Hawkins Day Tournament, with dress-up costumes.

We have 14 new bowlers and 15 more training for certification. The greens are running 12 seconds in the morning under the direction of greenskeeper Dick Kinninger. Dallas Turner turned 90 and was honored at the March Birthday Luncheon. The hog lines have been changed to comply with the new rules. Shirley Lyon has moved to be closer to family. We will miss her.

We were all saddened by the passing of Orville Artist, named Bowler of the Decade in the 1980s and a member of the first class of honorees to the ALBA Hall of Fame. Orville and his wife Erma, also a great bowler, have a tournament played in their honor each autumn.

In Memoriam
Orville Artist

icipated in the Friendship Games. Our last matches were held in 109 degree weather. Who says bowler's aren't dedicated?

We are looking forward to the Senior Games to be held at our green on July 20. And it will be a lot of fun and good fellowship.

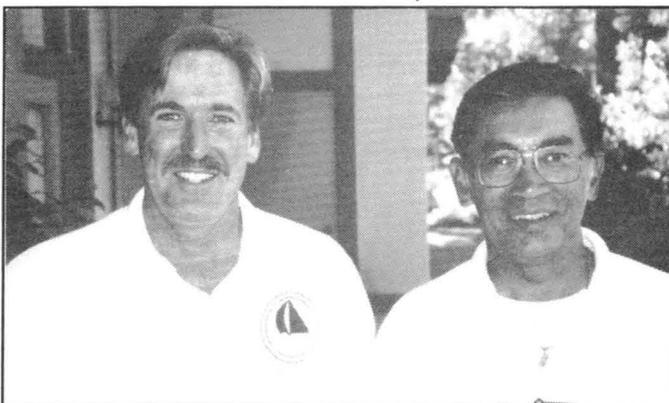
We welcome back Marian Christopher from Melbourne, Australia for her annual visit.

Draw Men's Pairs was won by John Hickson and Terry Hogan.

Andres Banares bowled with Sam Benjamin in May and took fifth place in the SWD Disney Pairs. Mike Overton teamed up with Bill McConachie and won prizes in the Memorial Day Pairs in San Francisco.

Cheers to Margo Lockhart, our only charter member, who celebrated her 96th birthday in May.

In Memoriam
Roy Jerome
Dorolou Swirsky



Joel Stearn and Frank Souza won the PIMD U.S. Pairs Playdown May 21 at Rossmoor. Photo by Harry Fracchia.

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SAN FRANCISCO

By George Scarpato

To honor her many, untiring contributions, SFLBC launched the first "Hattie Bahr Mixed Pairs Tournament" on June 8. Eighteen pairs entered the competition, with honors being taken by Rita Klingen and Lionel Guterres. Not to be denied, Hattie (an SFLBC member since 1974) and Bob Remedios followed closely in second place. Betty Blue and Jack Broadfield placed third. A special cake for the occasion, baked by member Melina Carion, was shared and enjoyed by the more than 40 in attendance.

The first leg of the June "Home & Home" mixed triple matches here versus Rossmoor LBC went to the home teams. But, more importantly, it was a wonderful opportunity to get together with our friendly rivals from across the Bay. Everyone is looking forward to the return match at Rossmoor.

The Club hosted 60 visitors (including forty bowlers) traveling on the English Bowling Association's Presidents Tour in late April. Everyone was a winner at the afternoon reception and sing-along, accompanied by Bernard Brown on the keyboard.

Former SFLBC President and Honorary Member Emerson Denton was celebrated April 18 on his 90th birthday at the Club's monthly social. Emerson (a gracious host at the gathering in his honor) and his wife, Edith, are not only long-time members of SFLBC, but known throughout the the United States for their many contributions to lawn bowling.

A well-publicized "Afternoon on the Green" in June attracted more than 30 enthusiastic prospects for free lessons. On the same day, at the Club's quarterly meeting, Anna Luk and Francis Tsai were welcomed as new members.

DON'T FORGET—SFLBC will begin celebrating its 100th anniversary year with the inaugural "Centennial Invitational Tournament" (a mixed triples competition) on Sunday, October 8, 2000 at Golden Gate Park. Check your club bulletin board or contact Al Diniz for an entry form: 415-566-8141; or via e-mail: <aadiniz@juno.com>

HONOLULU

(Ala Moana Beach Park)

By Sharon Hunt

ALOHA. It's warm summer weather here again and so many of our wonderful visitors have left. We are still looking forward to the group from Japan. Latest word is September.

Our renovated green looks great. We have shared our knowledge on what we have done and our upkeep with the Tokyo club, sending photos of the procedure from start to finish. We received a reply not only saying thank you, but telling us how much they envy our green and its condition.

We have started a very exclusive club in Honolulu for "exceptional" skips. It is, however, a club most of us hope not to be indoctrinated into. It is only open to skips who exhibit the "extraordinary" ability NOT to be able to score a single point for a minimum of eight consecutive ends. We furnish white hats with ZERO in black printed on the front and the date and number of ends without a point written underneath. To date, we have two members who have "bowled" their way into the ZERO Club: Warren Wong, who is 0-08, and Don Moseley who out-ranks Warren with a 0-10 membership.

The numbers after the 0 designate the number of ends without a point. It's a good natured way to be able to poke fun at "normally" very good bowlers. May this club have a very small membership!!!

In tournaments, the Men's champion was Don Hunt, with Tom Mullenniex runner-up. Sharon Hunt is Women's Champion, with Jane Tanida runner-up. Open doubles was won by Sharon and Don Hunt with Warren Wong and Sam Takamura runners-up. Once again the men beat the women, but only by 4 points. Next year will be ours (the Ladies). ALOHA!

OAKMONT LAWN

By Ray Watts

The Oakmont Lawn Bowls Club is alive, active and well.

Although we are some what limited in recruiting new members—they need to be residents of Oakmont—we had ten people sign up for our spring training class. Under the friendly and efficient tutelage of Dick Love, nine of them joined our club.

The club is active and well because of the strong leadership of president Walter Schilpp and the many unselfish volunteers, such as Vane and Vanita Olinger running the intra-club tournaments. Dave Cobble and his innovative special tournaments and special events. Kappy Njus running the Home and Home tournaments. These Home and Home Tournaments are an exciting part of our club. We can meet new friends who come here to bowl and than see how they live and bowl when we visit them.

In keeping with the premise to keep our club growing, Adele Patterson suggested that if any of your friends or neighbors show an interest in the game that you bring them to the green and let them roll a couple of bowls to see if they would like to play. Of course, they would have to be residents and wear flat-soled shoes. If they are interested they would need to complete the training to play.

So far, we have Charles Mesow and Blair Beaty as Men's Pairs champions; Dick Love, Stan Briggs and Bill Wagner as Men's Triples champs; Tanya Hills as Women's Singles champ; Bill Wagner Men's Singles champ; Joy Ryan and Adele Patterson Women's Pairs champion.

We are looking forward to our SKILLS DAY event. Dave Cobble and his crew set up a different bowling skill on each of the seven rinks. Each player receives points for efficiency. It is a great way to practice different shots.

We feel that we have the finest location in the universe here in the Valley of the Moon, surrounded by beautiful mountains, oak forests and acres of vineyards. We welcome all visitors. The weather is great. The green is fast. And, the wine is smooth. Come visit us.

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RICHMOND

By Frank Ransome

The green at Richmond is running close to 12 seconds thanks to the attention it gets from the Parks Department and Greenskeeper-President Howard Mackey, assisted by Frank Ransome and chief weed-puller Renee Friedman.

Instruction for new members goes on all day every Wednesday and on Sunday afternoons. We have 12 youngsters in the Wednesday class after school hours, and several elderly bowlers who come by during the morning when the Recreation Department holds classes for the Developmentally Dis-

abled. Parents who also are learning to bowl visit the afternoon classes. The Sunday classes are open to all visitors who come by to watch. Many of our old time members, some in their late 80's, are returning to bowl with us on Sundays.

The Recreation Department has requested four weeks of bowling for a youth program, while coordinator Jerry Anderson, a new member, is busy forming a summer league for his youth program. The colored bowls and applied decals have helped promote the competitions, and we have a stock of indoor 4-inch bowls for the smallest hands. Many local residents have

expressed appreciation for our efforts to make the club and membership available to them.

The club has been busy acquiring second-hand equipment. Our verticutter and Scott-Boner mower are almost antiques, as is the golf cart we use to pull the dethatcher.

LeRoy Riley, Past President and mainstay of the club, passed away suddenly on May 27th. LeRoy had kept the club alive during its darkest hours and was looking forward to enjoying himself now that his efforts were bearing fruit.

In Memoriam
LeRoy Riley

LEISURE TOWN

By Virginia East

The coaching team of Peggy and Don Johnston are working diligently with new and old members to acquaint them with a couple of changes in the Rules of Play from last year.

We picked up several new members in May and June and they have been making their presence known.

Opening Day (April 10) produced twenty-two bowlers for morning and afternoon bowling. More enthusiasm was shown in the morning, but that was before Jane Mitchell served cookies, doughnuts and ice

cream as a follow-up to lunch.

The April Home 'n Home brought six teams from Rossmoor. The game split was four to two in the morning and three each in the afternoon. In all, Leisure Town was ahead 10 points and the travel trophy was returned to us.

Club Participation Day in April brought twenty bowlers to the green. Four teams went to the Home 'n Home at Oakmont in May. Winners were split, but Oakmont triumphed with more plus points.

The Ladies' Singles tournament was postponed from May 16-17 to later in the year.

Don Johnston and Dick Ruddy were win-

ners of the *Men's Pairs*, with John Hoekman and Charlie Thorpe very close seconds. One of our teams was made up of George Kay and Ed Klein, who were challenging the leaders all of the way. These gentlemen are either at or near 90 years young, which helps prove lawn bowling enhances longevity. Memorial Day's Special Event brought out 32 bowlers, with an additional seven joining us for ice cream at noon.

Evening bowling two nights a week is drawing quite a few members. It will be continued as long as interest is shown.

The quarterly meeting was held June 13, with sparse attendance.

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SANTA BARBARA

By Dudley Miller

We are now the proud progenitor of a fantastic set of fabulous furniture for our clubhouse. This landmark blessed event is nearly

one hundred percent due to the labor of Jo Millett. Assisting the delivery were Jim Stahl, Ed Watson, Ray Togni and this reporter, directed, of course, by a deservedly pleased and very relieved Jo Millett.

Without a mad dog to be seen, fifty-three visiting Englishmen came out in the noonday sun with us in April. The 20-end game was interrupted midway with a high tea. Each rink sipped their tea at reserved tables decorated with floral centerpieces donated by Case and Connie Van Wingerden. An apres-bowling winefest topped off the afternoon's activities and offered an opportunity for President Jim Stahl to thank our guests for including us in their one-month tour.

Dorothy Thielges, Jean Hand and Anna Van Koppen were cited for their much appreciated work in serving all of the refreshments. Several other members pitched in to help make this an extremely successful day.

This year's tournament line-up continues to produce very closely contested games. The winner of the *Jack Furman Mixed Pairs Tour-*

nament, bowled in March, was decided on the final end by a fractional measurement, with Ed Weiss/Ruth McLeod topping Mary Penny/Russ Morgan.

The *Spencer Adams Triples* in April was won on the basis of gross points by Daphne Balistreri, Max Steward and Vera Holgate/Eleanor Simmons (Eleanor replaced Vera mid-way through the tourney).

Bill Barnden and Doris Sneddon won the fourth-annual *British Cup Pairs*, bowled on the Memorial Day Holiday. In a playoff game for the *Club Pairs Championship* in June, Duane Aasted and Larry MacDonald eked out a 14-13 win over Stan and Carmel Bloom.

The first games in this year's *Club Singles Championship* were bowled in mid-March, but the winner was not decided until May 7, when Kathy Veal defeated Duane Aasted in the much delayed playoff. Kathy prevailed for the second consecutive year of this competition. She first won this event in 1990.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

CAMBRIA-JOSLYN

By Ed Pierce

Club co-president Dick Cowdery ably described for the May issue of the Joslyn Recreation Center News the April 25 matches between CLBowers and a visiting English contingent:

"The highlight of the Club's spring season occurred on April 25 with the hosting of an all-star entourage of bowlers from England. Some 40 members of the English Bowling Association visited Hearst Castle and Cambria as they wound down a month-long sightseeing and bowling tour of the West Coast. The group, indeed, had an all-

star makeup as they came from 17 counties of England, and had not lost a game in their previous nine matches with the Colonists.

"The play here was true to form: a valiant effort by the locals, but six losses in six games. The event was an overall success, however, as we received excellent coverage by The Cambrian (local newspaper) and KSBY (San Luis Obispo's television outlet).

"Our club was more successful the following week, in winning two of three games during an informal visit from the Santa Barbara LBC."

A strong contingent of 22 bowlers from Santa Maria Lawn Bowls Club arrived on May 31 for matches against CLBowers. At the conclusion of the friendly competition the locals had eked out a

4-2 victory.

This completes our pending schedule of interclub tournaments until we visit Santa Maria on July 26 and Fresno's lawn bowlers arrive for matches September 16-17. The club's mixed triples tournament is currently underway, with play scheduled for completion by the end of this month.

In Memoriam

Cliff Johnson



Cambria prexy Dick Cowdery, second from right, welcomes EBA skips to his West Coast colony.

SACKS-BARBER WIN DISNEY PAIRS



A pair of home green players and former South Africans, Neville Sacks and Anne Barber, topped the field of 14 teams to capture the 31st Annual

Walt Disney Tournament. The event was held over the Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-28, at the Beverly Hills Lawn Bowling Club.

Sacks-Barber edged runners-up Malcolm & Marie Taylor, San Diego, for the 2000 title. This was the first year the Disney was played in a Pairs format. Originally, when the Beverly Hills LBC had three bowling greens, the event was a combination Masters and Open singles tournament, featuring as many as 128 entries. Last year, the Disney was

played as a triples event.

Other top finishers:

3. Ed Quo & Bob Nunes
4. Isabella Forbes & Katy Stone
5. Andres Banares & Sam Benjamin
6. Roger Denser & Mark Salmon
7. Sam DeLisle & Hugh Findlay
8. Bill Cowie & Brian Studwell

Winners received individual engraved crystal mugs as well as cash prizes, and will have their names placed on the Disney permanent trophy. All participants received a gift package provided by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Joe Siegman and Allen Grossman were event chairmen, with committee members: Howard Sanders, Leonard Zvonkin, Meredith Goodwin, Arnie Marion and Edna Samson.



Disney champions Anne Barber and Neville Sacks, left with tournament permanent trophy, and runners-up Marie and Malcolm Taylor at right. All are holding engraved crystal mugs presented to top finishing teams.

SAN DIEGO

(Balboa Park)

By Karen Anderson

Horror of horrors! It rained on Presidents' Day when we always hold our big membership drive. This made us very worried that our membership drive this year might be a total failure.

We rescheduled the drive for the following Saturday in March, which dawned cool and sunny. We were delighted when 35 prospective members arrived for the festivities. President Robin Olson did a marvelous job of introducing the game to our guests, who then got some hands-on experience. Those who came demonstrated their interest in becoming members as 24 signed up for lessons. Of these, 16 came for lessons and 12 have joined the club. Which makes a total of 19 new members this year. I guess we should pray for rain every year!

San Diego usually suffers from "Gray May" and "June Gloom". However, this year we have had an unusually mild and sunny spring. This glorious weather, along with other factors, has resulted in large numbers of bowlers on our greens.

We offer "drawn games" every afternoon at 1 p.m., except Mondays (greens manicuring day), 4:30 p.m. bowling on Monday and Wednesday, and prearranged games on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Tuesday, Friday and Sunday are the favorite days. This year we usually have had at least 30 bowlers for our afternoon games, 24 for the prearranged games, and 12 for the evening bowling.

SOUTHWEST OPEN

By Ed Quo

The annual Men's Southwest Open was held April 29 to May 4 in Riverside, CA. SW Division bowlers were joined by competitors from the South Central, Eastern and PIM Divisions, Great Britain, and numerous bowlers from various Canadian provinces.

Simon Meyerowitz, winner of the Singles event and whose teams won the Pairs and Third Flight of the Triples, was Bowler of the Tournament. Meyerowitz is a member of Laguna Beach and Newport Harbor LBCs

TRIPLES (27 entries)

Champions—Neil Furman, Mert Hill, Hugh Findlay

2. Mike Bright, X. Tejada, Russ Erickson
3. Terry Loomis, Jim Walker, Robert Harshbarger
4. Lyall Adams, Tom Burnowski, John Patrick

2nd Flight

1. Jack Behling, Bob Forget, Renie Kramer
2. Conrad Melton, Ralph Ryan, Joe Siegman (aka Harry Hechtures)

3rd Flight

1. Ken Bolton, Bob Hill, Simon Meyerowitz
2. Ivan Hyland, Michael Siddall, Stu Sistad

4th Flight

1. Tom Stirrat, Ed Quo, Bob Nunes
2. Gerhardt Vogel, Malcolm Taylor, Tom Anderson

5th Flight

1. Pat Fagan, Sam DeLisle, Dick Rivera



Above: SW Open Triples champs (l-r) Hugh Findlay, Mert Hill and Neil Furman.

Below: Pairs winners Jack Behling and Simon Meyerowitz. Meyerowitz also won Open Singles and was Player of the Tournament. Behling also was Singles runner-up.



PAIRS (29 entries)

Champions—Jack Behling, Simon Meyerowitz

2. Wayne Bowbeer, Dennis Bartelmo
3. Bill Hiscock, Mike Bright
4. Amador Martinez, Alan Goodnoff

2nd Flight

1. Ian Jones, Vince Donohoe
2. John Luster, Art Allen

3rd Flight

1. Ed Quo, Bob Nunes
2. Pat Fagan, Bill Shultz

4th Flight

1. Ivan Hyland, Stu Sistad
2. Steve Bezanson, Terry O'Neil

5th Flight

1. Bob Knoth, Jim Olson
2. Alan Power, Sam Benjamin

SINGLES (37 entries)

Champion—Simon Meyerowitz

2. Ed Quo
3. Neil Furman
4. Tom Stirrat

2nd Flight

1. Conrad Melton
2. Steve Wojcik

3rd Flight

1. Steve Jone
2. Mike Hadley

4th Flight

1. Terry O'Neil
2. Tom Anderson

5th Flight

1. Bill Hiscock
2. Bob Knoth

SOUTHWEST DIVISION



Winners of the annual Joslyn Mixed Triples, held May 20-21 at Lake Hodges, were Kottia Spangler, Eva Ho (with trophy) and Ian Ho.

Laguna Beach Mixed Triples

It was an extraordinary warm and clear day at Laguna Beach June 24 as former AWLBA and Southwest Division President Virginia Marlar hosted her annual Memorial Mixed Triples Tournament. Twenty-four entries took to the matched set of greens, with eight teams winning cash prizes.

1. I. Ho, M. Ashton-Phillips, K. Spangler
2. W. Bowbeer, T. & T. Visser
3. M. Isaacman, H. & J. Stewart
4. M. Galletta, I. Forbes, R. Kramer
5. S. & E. Sistad, C. Fossati
6. C. Conrad, B. Knoth, P. Flagg
7. P. Rotter, B. Kagan, N. Robertson
8. M. & A. Hill, S. Meyerowitz



As always, Virginia praised Laguna Beach Lawn Bowls Club for the invitation to use the green, along with compliments to Bruce and Sunny Johnson for their terrific kitchen duty, club president Reinie Kramer, the group of ladies who stayed to the end to help clean-up, and Bill Brown, Bill Harper, XTejada and Chuck Spangler, who did all the things that needed to be done around the green.

LAGUNA BEACH

By Ed Perry

The Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club hosted the Memorial Mixed Triples on June 24. Results above.

At this time, the LBLBC is holding first place in Coast League play.

We are well into our summer twilight bowling that begins a 4 p.m. Our Novice Singles Tournament began June 25.

Simon Meyerowitz was named Player of the Tournament at the Men's Southwest Division tournament in May. Simon won the Singles event, won the Pairs with partner Jack Behling, and was on the team that won the third flight of the Triples.

Our Heather Stewart won the Singles at the Women's Southwest Division Open. Also Open winners were Dottie Panacek and Jean Kaye.

Our summer bowling is great! We invite you to drop by and bowl by the sea!

ALHAMBRA

By Alice Lawrence

The British are coming....turned into the British did come!

A group of 55 visitors, with President John Austin and Tour Secretary Wayne Manley in charge of the lawn bowlers visit to Alhambra LBC on April 5th. Our Hospitality chair lady, Betty Barnett, and her helper Hilda Wallace, did not serve the expected "tea and crumpets". Instead a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres tempted the English palate.

President Duane Markus greeted our guests. Five winners of the spider received a Susan B. Anthony coin donated by Ralph Barnett. Alice Lawrence presented every bowler with a pin from the City of Alhambra. Irene Brodie and Carl Lawrence set up the teams and games.

Our March and April club tournaments were canceled and hopefully will be rescheduled at a later date.

We began bowling in the evening last month—Monday and Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. We would enjoy having YOU come and bowl with us!!

In Memoriam

Fred Robinson

NEWPORT HARBOR

By Betty Barnes

We just held our annual Visitor's Day to invite new members to join our Club. We had a total of 45 prospects in attendance—and a total of 28 signing up for lessons, plus seven joining our Club at that time! Al Davis, along with his helpers: President Theresa and husband Cas Casanova, Mary Dooley, Jan Hargraves and Don Keppler are busy teaching our new prospects and members the basics of bowling.

Only a few turnouts for our April Open Singles Tournament, but Jerry Grady came in first, followed by Terry Loomis and Eddie Bower.

Our Sunday "Bowling on the Greens" is a monthly event. The April Easter "refreshment after" gathering was hosted in grand style by Elaine and Hugh Hughes, with Elaine supplying beautiful table decorations.

The President's Cup Pairs was held in May, with Jack and Gail Sellers the winners and a tie for second by Les and Edie Schuster, Fran Miller and Louise Hengstler (split) and Jim Altobelli. Fran is our fantastic 90-year-old member who continues to show all of us up! Tournament Chairman Jim, who continues to amaze us with his energy and enthusiasm, arranged for a half-time competition with Eddie Bower, Franco Sdringola and Clare Donovan picking up the prizes.

Our Club hosted the U.S. Men's Pairs Playdowns in June. Former member Ivan Hyland and his partner came out on top. Ed Quo and Bob Nunes are active in supervising and keeping our greens in great shape.

Jerry Grady, guest Arthur Kitchener and Clare Donovan swept the competition away in our May Cut-Throat Tournament. First place winners of all official tournaments are recognized on plaques in our Clubhouse. It's always nice to see your name inscribed for years to come and to remember those who have come before.

In July we had a big 4th of July "Weird Games" Tournament and a "Hamburger Bash" on the 16th. Thursday Nite Bowling is always a popular event that started with the advent of Daylight Savings Time and will continue thru October. Our bridge group meets the first Sunday of each month.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

BEVERLY HILLS

By Harry Hechtur

The problem with the *BOWLS Magazine* editor being a member of your club is that when something needs to be snipped for want of space, the editor's club news goes first. And, so it was for the previous issue of *BOWLS*. Nevertheless, here, in part, is what ended up on the press room floor:

The Southwest Division of ALBA & AWLBA held an "On Green Clinic", featuring skills improvement instruction, at Beverly Hills on March 1st. The clinic, designed to coach a maximum one dozen interested bowlers, attracted players from nearby Santa Monica and Holmby Park clubs, as well as our own.

AWLBA's Pat Gonzales is chief architect of the monthly traveling clinics that have become unusually popular in the Southwest. At Beverly Hills, she was ably aided by Hugo Sahlein, Marion Compton, Floy Torvid and Amador Martinez.

BHLBC held its second new member Open House on Sunday, May 7. The club's first recruiter drew an unusually large number of prospects, but proved that pre-holidays November isn't exactly the premier time to hold an open house. No sooner do you invoke interest in the game of bowls, holidays and bad weather interrupt continuity and follow-up. So, we had high hopes to make some good recruiting inroads in May. Enough people showed up. And after touching, feeling and rolling there was plenty of enthusiasm. The jury is still out regarding who will stay with it.

The end of May saw us hosting the 31st Annual Walt Disney Tournament. This year it was a pairs event. (See complete results on page 26.)

CASTA DEL SOL

By Bill Olsen

The green was down for a couple of weeks because of the annual sanding. Now the green is in excellent shape, thanks a large part to the efforts of our greens manager, Warren Ziegenbein.

Our recruiting party was held May 20. Prospects were given a short lesson, followed by three bowls each for a prize. After a spider competition for the prospects, refreshments were served. Eleven people signed up for lessons.

A Memorial Day club tournament, semi-annual meeting and party were held on May 29. A number of issues were discussed, including a proposed addition to the club facility.

AWLBA SWD OPEN

The Southwest Division of the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association held its 2000 Open at Long Beach April 29 through May 5.

TRIPLES

Championship

1. Eva Ho, Jan Wessel, Patricia Gonzales
2. Regina Banares, Jean Kaye, Kathy Vea
3. Anne Barber, Heather Stewart, Maryna Hyland
4. Isabella Forbes, Mary Terrill, Eileen Love

2nd Flight

1. Cecilia Gillespie, Marion Piller, Merle Ackerman
2. Nora Winkel, Dottie Panacek, Carrie Fossati

3rd Flight

1. Kottia Spangler, Katy Stone, Anne Cherney
2. Pat Flagg, Cecile Langevin, Gloria Hendricks

4th Flight

1. Marion Compton, Irene Brodie, Marcia Masterson
2. Laura Dewald, Harriet Pituley, Loretta Richmond

PAIRS

Championship

1. Katy Stone, Anne Chemey

2. Patricia Gonzales, Betty Losch
3. Cecilia Gillespie, Merle Ackerman
4. Patricia Cronshaw, Carrie Fossat

2nd Flight

1. Anne Barber, Dottie Panacek
2. Marion Compton, Marcia Masterson

3rd Flight

1. Laura Dewald, Merle Ackerman
2. Emily Jacques, Doris Sneddon

4th Flight

1. Jean Kaye, Heather Stewart
2. Floy Torvid, Eileen Donohue

SINGLES

Championship

1. Heather Stewart
2. Patricia Gonzales
3. Cecilia Gonzales
4. Kathy Vea

2nd Flight

1. Mary Terrill
2. Dottie Panacek

3rd Flight

1. Merle Ackerman
2. Harriet Pituley

4th Flight

1. Marion Piller
2. Eileen Love

MACKENZIE PARK

(Santa Barbara, CA)

Our big news is that we are now in our new Club House. We had a big champagne party to celebrate.

Gone are the porta-potties and the temporary hut on the lanai. Ended are the board meetings under a leaky lanai roof in the pouring rain or amid loud construction noise. And restored are the parking places previously occupied by the storage container.

Instead we have a lovely building with beautiful views, a huge kitchen, a pleasant porch area, and charming landscaping. Lonnie Northey labored to repaint the flagpole, which now gleams with a brilliant gold finial; and Jane Merovick had the lovely wooden sign that she originally donated to the Club renovated. The greens have been plugged and sanded and grass is sprouting in the worn patches. Come visit us and take a look.

Meanwhile, tournaments went on. The Bloom Women's Pairs featured a final of match of two undefeated teams, Dita Joseph and Patricia Cronshaw defeated Natalie

Martinez and Doris Sneddon for top honors.

In the Al James Men's Singles, Pat Fagan edged Duane Aasted to win the tourney.

Al James, Ed Russell and Hugh Finlay were the finalists in the Unger Mixed Singles. Crafty Al finished #1, with Ed Russell runner-up.

Club members also did well in the Southwest Opens. Emily Jaquez, Doris Sneddon and Patricia Cronshaw all placed in the ladies' competition, while Sam DeLisle, Pat Fagan, Hugh Finlay and Bill Schultz all secured places in the men's. MacKenzie has a small lead in the early stages of the Gold Coast competition.

Ladies invited gentleman to play our Sadie Hawkins tournament, enlivened by "rustic" costuming on the part of some participants. Peggy Singer and Roland Bersch won the day, followed by JoAnne Wayne and Ray Stone. Patricia Cronshaw and Al James were third, and James Cronshaw and Dita Joseph finished fourth.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SW NOVICE PAIRS

Veteran Tom Young (Long Beach) and novice Art Allen (San Diego) are year 2000 winners of the Southwest Division Novice Pairs championship. Finals were held April 15-16, at MacKenzie Park LBC in Santa Barbara.

1. Tom Young/Art Allen
2. Roch Monchamp/
Arnon Blau
3. Norm Anderson/
Don Pisciotta



Right: Art Allen not only won the Novice Pairs with Tom Young, but captured the Southwest Novice Singles as well.

SANTA ANITA

By Winnie Eberle

We resumed our City of Hope Triples after a hiatus of three years and they were most successful. They were sponsored by the Together For Hope Chapter from Downey. We were able to donate \$3,800 to the hospital!

Our two greens were filled. Winners on Green #1 were: Mert Hill, Reine Kramer and Annlia Hill from Laguna Beach. On Green #4: Chuck Browning, Marion Compton and Marinko Tudor were the winners.

Our ladies held their monthly luncheon meetings with a game of bowls preceding the luncheon. They also enjoyed the Ladies Days at the various clubs, and one was held at Santa Anita this year. Our circle bowling always draws a good number of bowlers and is followed by our birthday parties, with ice cream, cake and interesting and varied entertainment.

We played in the Valley League and, at this writing, a playoff is necessary to determine the winner. We visited Pomona and Pasadena. And, members had a trip to Las Vegas to see the sights and visit their money.

We held our Guys and Dolls Tournament and had a Mulligan on Memorial Day. Winners of the Guys and Dolls were Gene Plunkett and Joan Wignall. Pat Chiechi and Jewel Seibert placed second.

Men's Singles were played in June, won by Marinko Tudor, with Bob Padget placing second.

Now we are looking forward to a relaxing and a leisurely summer after which we will again resume our regular duties.

In Memoriam
Fred Robinson

CITY OF HOPE TOURNAMENT

Many thanks to the lawn bowlers and the officers of the Southwest Division who attended the City of Hope Tournament at Santa Anita BGC in Arcadia, CA.

The Santa Anita Club members appreciate the lawn bowling community's excellent support of the tournament and the generous contributions to the City of Hope.

We are so pleased to announce that Southwest Division lawn bowlers contributed a total of \$3,800 to this worthy cause.

BOWL-IN-AT-THE-GROVES

By Fred Footfault

Shirley Martin is our new Ladies Singles champion. Shirley was the only three game winner and was hotter than the weather! Connie Frank was runner-up, with two wins and the most plus points. It was a very competitive tournament, with Glenna Weber, Nettie Robertson, Marge Mellen also winners of two matches.

Still to be played, the Novice Men's and Mixed Singles championships.

The very popular monthly fun day tournament is still drawing a full house, thanks to the efforts of so many of our club members. July was a freebie of burgers and dogs hosted by the club. Beer, wine, soft drinks comped by Jim Hempe.

Three of our homeboys, Joe Moletta, Gar Farnsworth and Jimmy the Rope Hempe really did us proud in the U.S. Singles Playdown. They all got to the semi-final rounds. Joe finished in third place. Nice bowling, fellows. At this writing we are tied for second in the Coast League.

FRIENDLY VALLEY

By Bob Innis

Now that the once-delayed Corken-Rose Tournament is history, we have been able to look forward to a full summers activity on the green.

The weather has started us off earlier than usual and evening bowling is now in full swing. We started June 1, one of the earliest evening bowling starts in recent memory.

Past President Don Willey hosted a "Cut Throat" Tournament this past month and had a good sign-up. It was fiercely contested, and the winners in "A" Flight were: 1. Joe Grippando, 2. Vi Henley. "B" Flight: 1. Ray Johnston, 2. Shirley O'Harra. Let's do it again next year, Don.

The Valley League looked good from Friendly Valley's viewpoint. With only two sessions to go we had a four point lead. However, when the dust finally settled, we ended-up in a tie with Santa Anita. So it seems that a playoff will have to be rolled.

The Evening Summer League on Sunday evenings is now forming and should be of great interest to all bowlers. Just remember that when you sign up, it is your responsibility to either be there, or have a substitute in your place.

Here's to a great summer of bowling, and lets get more people interested in our great sport.

POMONA

By Hugh Freeman

At the year's halfway mark the Citrus League is completed. Pomona's valiant warriors bowled gallantly. Of ten teams, four achieved higher scores than Pomona (two of those by only two points). Three teams had lower scores and three tied with Pomona. Middle-of-the-road, eh?

The League is continuing during the summer with a fun and games format. Bowling will be at Riverside twice each month in the evening. Sounds like good times.

Last November the Pomona Club held a new Tournament for its own members. This was a benefit for an organization called "Shoes That Fit". The money contributed was used to buy shoes and clothing for needy elementary school students. We collected over \$500. We bought shoes for 24 young people. We are ready for the next school year to begin so we can continue the program. If any club would like information on "Shoes That Fit" let us know.

Three teams participated in the recent Santa Anita City of Hope Tournament. Not much luck this time. Our Annual Mayor's Trophy was contested in April. Ed Ramirez and Carole Hilliard won the event. The Mayor of Pomona, Ed Cortez presented the trophy to the winners.

We are late getting started on our intra-club tournaments. We have only completed the Singles. Helen Hansen won in the Women's division and Hugh Freeman won the Men's Singles.

An Open House was held in May. Fifteen people showed up and others made inquiry. It was fun to help these prospects.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

LAGUNA HILLS

(Laguna Woods)

By Wallace Knutsen

In order to properly show off our newly refurbished club rooms we organized a tour—or "Open House".

Over 50 residents attended, which included over thirty who had never bowled. Suitable publicity was used and a nice warm day helped. All persons were guided to our club rooms, which are air conditioned. After registration, the guests went to the room that had our Hal Olen playing the organ. Basketball fans could check playoff scores on our new TV (with sound off)

On to the "barbie" where kosher hot dogs were served. Then to a seat in the shade to watch a demonstration of lawn bowling. The demo lasted just two ends to give the flavor of the game. Our John Habenight used the "mike" to describe what was happening on the green.

Then all spectators were invited to roll some bowls. Not surprisingly, practically all of them went to the green and aided by our instructors proceeded to roll a few. Some of them didn't want to stop. Our telephone committee will call any of the prospects who do not appear for lessons.

REDLANDS*By Peg Bennett*

Summer is here at last and that means switching to our summer schedule: name up at 8:45 a.m. and bowling at 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. If enough are interested there will be bowling on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. under the lights.

On May 3, members of the Pasadena LBC visited our greens and we all enjoyed a full day of lawn bowling and good fellowship. Tournament chairperson Zelda Bain, assisted by Pat Oesterlein, was in charge. Lunch was served under the direction of social chairperson Mary Johnson, assisted by Betty Straesser. Doris March and Louise Moffitt also helped with the set-ups and clean-up after the lunch.

Len and Sheillagh Carver have just returned from a visit to Idaho and plan to visit England later this year. Joan McCarthy has returned from a trip to Portugal and will escort a tour to Thailand later in the year. Don Starrett has to return to the hospital for further surgery. Phoebe Hill is on the sick list and is under hospice.

One of the hardest workers in the club is Betty Straesser. She is the first to volunteer her services whenever a work party is formed, helps at social gatherings, bowls a great game, and is ready to volunteer her services whenever anyone is in need—whether at the club or at the mobile home park where she lives.

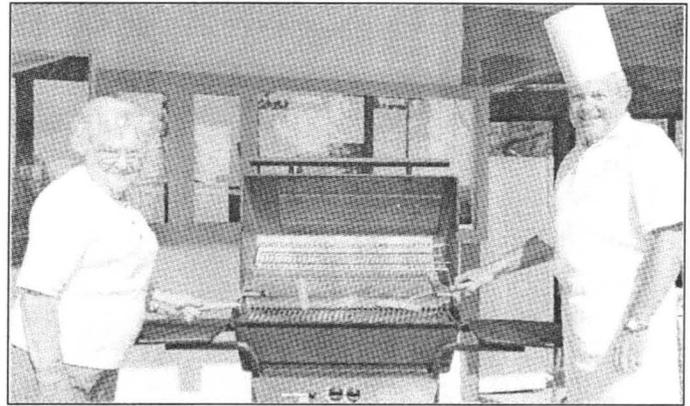
All lawn bowlers who visit in the vicinity of Redlands this summer, stop and "roll a few".

HERMOSA BEACH*By Jeanne Carr*

We hosted two interesting sessions with Junior High students, who enthusiastically tried to learn a little about our game. The second session was filmed by our local cable company and we're anxiously waiting to hear when it will be aired.

We're trying hard to increase our membership through various publicity events. Later in the summer, we will hold a city-wide Open House, offering the public lunch as well as demonstrations and fun games of bowling.

We are enjoying some very nice summer weather for bowling—there is always a nice breeze on the green. We hope that some of you inlanders will join us. We bowl at 12 noon on Tuesdays and



Laguna Hills' "barbie" doll is Betty Winzeler, left, who donated the club's new professional outdoor grill, with "chef" John Wurmlinger.

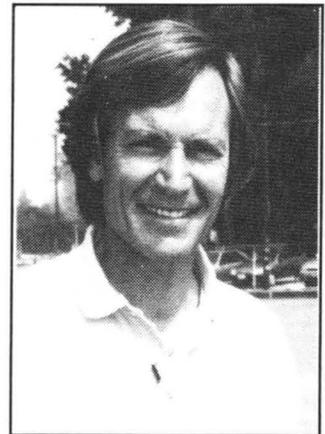
We continue to give lessons three days a week at 9 a.m., which for the past year has worked very well. Two instructors are present for each lesson. Our objective is to meet the goal of over 40 new members gained last year!

**ISAACMAN WINS SW
U.S. SINGLES PLAYDOWN**

Merton Isaacman defeated Ed Quo to win the Southwest Division's United States Men's Singles Playdown, played July 16 at the Laguna Woods greens. Twenty-nine bowlers provided the field of entries in the double elimination format played over consecutive weekends.

With Quo the only undefeated competitor in the event finale, Isaacman, out of the losers bracket, had to beat Quo twice for the SW title. Finishing third was Joe Molletta.

Together with the SW Pairs Playdowns winners, Ivan Hyland and Michael Siddall, Isaacman will represent the Division men at the U.S. Championships, November 6-10, at Pebble Beach, Sun City Center, Florida.



Mert Isaacman

Thursdays, and at 10 a.m. on Saturdays. Call Jeanne at 310-379-7863 for more information.

We suffered a great loss to our club upon the passing of Alice Ehlers, whom some of you knew well when our club was large and very active in the 60s. We gave her a special Open House last summer to honor all the work she had done to keep our club operating when the membership dropped drastically in the early 90's. We will miss her upbeat personality and support for our club even though she was confined to a wheelchair for several years.

*In Memoriam
Alice Ehlers*

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

HOLMBY PARK*By Marcella Krisel*

Our Open House on May 21 was a huge success. Twenty-four guests arrived eager to learn something about the game and, for the first time, to undergo the humbling experience of trying to get a "lop-sided" bowl to go where one wants it to go. Mark Salmon was in charge, ably assisted by our instructress, Bea Simon, and John McManus. Virginia Little and her helpers served a delicious lunch.

Sam Benjamin and Bud Wakeling defeated George Alpern and Harry Dickinson in the Doubles tournament.

The Singles tournament ended on May 30. After a slow start, Margie Nock began to gain on big Alan Goodnoff. It was an exciting game to watch and it took Alan 24 ends to prevail.



Taylor Triples finalists (see above), with the victorious threesome on the right and runners-up on left.

The Taylor Triples ended on June 10. In the finals Brian Studwell, Warren Gates and Al Silver defeated Dan Cirlin, Angela Pick and Alan Goodnoff.

On July 4, we celebrated with our annual Independence Day picnic, with competition beginning at 3 P.M., followed by a 5:15 supper.

STATE RINKS

The Southwest portion of the 2000 California State Rinks was held April 15-16 at MacKenzie Park, Santa Barbara. Jim Graham, Dick Cole, Seymour Hersh and Dave Biorn topped the field of 12 entries.

1. Jim Graham/Dick Cole/Seymour Hersh/Dave Biorn
2. Al James/Ben Bromley/Jim Stahl/Bill Schultz
3. Mert Isaacman/Ivan Hyland/Mert Hill/Hugh Finlay
4. Ed Quo/Bob Nunes/Gar Farnsworth/Jim Hempe



Southwest State Rinks Champions: (l-r) Jim Graham, Dick Cole, Seymour Hersh and Dave Biorn.

LONG BEACH*By Ann Kirchberg*

We are in the process of leveling our greens, a very time consuming job. So, we are confining our play to the south green.

Again our Saint Patrick's Day party was a great success. There were many pixilated players competing and trying their luck with the crazy rules, such as: rolling the jack left-handed, bowling left-handed, rolling the jack last, and other unconventional play. All of this nonsense made for a fun day. First place went to Ann Kirchberg and Barney Hains. Bob Ogden, Evelyn Wilson and Bill Fowler finished second.

Our yearly Carnival proved to be an even greater success this year than last. There were 96 entries, which was twenty more than last year. In addition to our club, other participants were bowlers from Pasadena, Hemet, Santa Monica and The Groves. Ann Kirchberg and Richard Blatter shared first prize money. Also in the money were John Parker, Pat Gonzales, Dick Brezna, Robbie Harshberger and Armand Baisz. We wish to thank all of our members who performed the necessary chores behind the scenes that made this event such a success.

Tom Young, with San Diego's Art Allen, won the Southwest Division's Novice Pairs. Mario Galetta was on winning side at the Oxnard Triples, with partners Pat Fagan and Anne Vilkin, both of MacKenzie Park. And, Freddie Hinson won first place in the Claire Sallenbach Tourney at Alhambra.

We are very proud of our teenage novices from Poly High. Already some have played in tournaments and show great promise. All are under the able tutelage of Pat Gonzales. On May 29, Katy Stone and Richard Blatter brought some of these teeners to our local TV Channel 3 to promote the game of Lawn Bowls. Hopefully their appearance will inspire other young people to join our youth program and get involved in this great game.

SANTA ANA*By Elaine Hughes*

Are we having fun yet? The Santa Ana Lawn Bowling Club is.

The first Saturday of each month is scheduled as a club "Fun Day". The first game commences at 10 A.M. and the second game at 1 P.M. Bowling fees are \$3 per game. Bowlers can elect to bowl one game or two. All entry fees are awarded as prize money.

Club Triples

1. Marion Horwood, Elaine Jones, Dick Wilson
2. Doug Horwood, Bill Dietrich, Connie Frank
3. Jerry Frank, Ruth Lougee, Howard Firor.

Club Pairs

1. Gary Ginther, Don Jackson.
2. John Wilbur, Walt Penner.
3. Royal Spurrier, Lu Obering

Club Singles-Ladies

1. Rose Blennov
2. Marion Horwood

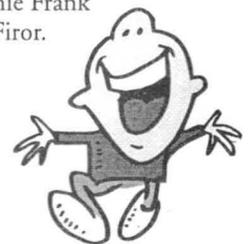
Club Singles-Men

1. Maxcy Collins (a novice bowler. There's hope for everyone.)
2. Jerry Frank
3. Reg Jones

The club's greens are in great shape and will be ready for the AWLBA Ina Jackson 5 Star Women Tournament in October.

Hugh Springer, who belonged to the club for twenty two years, passed away in March.

In Memoriam
Hugh Springer



SOUTHWEST DIVISION

U.S. Championships Pair Playdowns

The Southwest Division held its year 2000 Men's Pairs Playdown for the U.S. Championships at Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club. Twenty-four entries saw combat over the June 10-11 and 17-18 weekends, with the format: double elimination, blind draw for position on the chart and for opponents.

The ultimate winners, National Team members Ivan Hyland and Michael Siddall, were undefeated through the two weekends of play. Runners-up were Barry Pickup and Tom Dion, with Gar Farnsworth and Bob Forget finishing third.

At right: Michael Siddall and Ivan Hyland, left, edged Tom Dion and Barry Pickup to capture the SW Men's U.S. Pairs Playdown.

**SW AWLBA U.S. PLAYDOWNS**

By Isabella Forbes

Anne Barber and Anne Cherney won the Southwest Division Playdowns for the U.S. Women's Pairs. Barber/Cherney will represent the Division in November at the United States Championships.

The deciding 21-end match against Kathy Veal and Doris Sneddon took over four hours before ending in a 19-17 victory for the two Annes.

After a full round robin these two teams were tied, each with five wins and a tie, the teams went into combat again (they had

tied each other in the first game of the round robin). Battling the heat, humidity and each other, Anne and Anne were up by one point on the scorecard and down one in the head with each skip left with one bowl to play.

Veal came up short with her last bowl leaving the one shot that would have tied the game. However, Anne B's last bowl clipped Kathy's shot out of the head leaving the Anne Duo with the shot and the match.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching this game and just wish there have been more people to see it.

OAKS NORTH

(San Diego)

By Betty Balderson

On Memorial Day, we reverted to the summer schedule wherein the games begin at 9:30 A.M. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and at 12:45 Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. After a couple of weeks of warm weather, it was decided to have morning bowling all of the time.

Memorial Day was celebrated with an in-house tournament featuring two ten-end games and refreshments at intermission. The winners were: Skips: Ro Dombrow, George Wynhoff and Betty Balderson; Vice-Skips: Bob George, Wilma George and Lucille Koproske; Leads: Al Ogle, Mary Niedermeier and Ed Scheidt.

The Women's Singles Tournament took two days for playoffs. After a hard fought battle, Lorene Schoales was the winner. Marion Traynor, Vera Arbuckle and Wilma George finished in that order.

The Membership Trail

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that you are truly friendly and enjoy associating with strangers. Your club should play by the published rules and there can be no favoritism.

- To attract people of the childbearing age you should encourage their children to bowl with them.
- To find people to take over the club chores you must turn your job over to someone who really wants the experience.

In everything published by the Membership and Instruction Committee we have stated that Lawn Bowling is a young person's sport that older people can also enjoy. Our National and International contests prove this to be true and our survival depends on how quickly we can subscribe to this fact.

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Lorene seldom comes out to bowl, but when she does, she bowls up a storm.

We had a potluck dinner in June. The entree was provided, and the members brought hors-d'oeuvres, salads, vegetables and desserts. The members must have brought out their best recipes as the food was delicious. Wilma George entertained the group on the piano before dinner and Bob Burns emceed the program after dinner. He called some of the best story tellers to the microphone: Lucille Koproske, Ferd Pecora, Bob Velie, Milt Hirsch and Leah Kinast. A good time was had by all.

If you plan to visit the San Diego area, log onto the Club's website before you make the trip. Charlie Fullerton has added links showing a map to get to Oaks North, pictures of our facilities, club news, and even the history of lawn bowling and how the bowls are made. The web site is: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Trail/2958/onlbc/onlbcnews.html>

World Bowls Board Report

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Olympic Recognition

Efforts have been made to promote the game as an Olympic sport. No progress has been made since the small number of countries who play bowls (42) is less than the Olympic standard. The WBB attempted to establish a relationship with Federation International de Boules in hopes to combine various ball sports (bowls, boules, bocce, etc) and increase visibility, but little support was offered.

The WBB Executive Board will meet in January in England. ALBA Senior Delegate James Copeland was re-elected to the Executive as one of two representatives of Associate Member Nations (nations with fewer than 16,666 members).

WBB Delegate Jim Copeland can be reached at: P.O. Box 38, Ripon, WI 54971-0038; and email: <jcopel@webtv.net> ———— ●



Honor A Friend Remember A Friend



You've made such wonderful friends on the bowling green over the years. When the occasion calls for it—a birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, winning the big tournament—why not honor your friends with a donation to the ALBA or AWLBA Foundations. Or, if a time comes when a bowling mate passes on, why not remember that friend with a donation to the ALBA or AWLBA Foundations.

In either scenario, you will be honoring or remembering a lawn bowling comrade in the spirit that brought your friendship together—by supporting lawn bowling's future.

Gifts to the Foundations are tax deductible and may be made in any denomination. Donations to the Foundations will be acknowledged in *BOWLS Magazine*, similar to those listed below.

Other ways to support the future of lawn bowls include trust arrangement, will bequest, and other specially designed legal instruments. For specific details, you should consult your financial or legal advisor as well as Jack Phillips, Treasurer of the ALBA Memorial Foundation.

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THE LAST SHOT

By Joe Siegman
 Editor of BOWLS Magazine

Everyone in charge is stupid. Right? Just ask anyone who's not in charge.

Last issue's "Last Shot" was a commentary on the dilemma of our (ALBA's-AWLBA's) National Team selection process. It was intended to stimulate discussion in hopes that maybe a remedy exists somewhere to improve upon the current system of selection.

The article, indeed, stimulated much discussion. It also churned up an excuse for more than a few "people in charge are stupid" advocates. Funny how people with no responsibility have such clear solutions for the responsibilities of responsible people.

My comments about the National Team Selectors Committee wasn't about stupid people. It was about a stupid process. At least stupid, in this writer's eyes, if the goal of the NTS is to send to international events a team of players mostly likely to have success. There are few guarantees in sports. Which is why knowledgeable sportsmen attempt to limit their downside.

ALBA uses a selection program copied from the Canadian system of the early 1980s. It is broken down into two distinct categories: (a) competitive points and (b) evaluations of bowls and personal character. The competitive points take care of themselves. You win designated events, you get points. It's the evaluations that defeat the system.

Evaluations are two-step. First, Division Review Boards (one in each Division) reviews the applications of National Team candidates submitted by members of its Division and submits its written commentaries to the National Team Selectors Committee. With little exception, the Division Review Boards say only good things about its local candidates, with the consequence of the NTS generally disregarding the DRB reports.

Inasmuch as there are few surprises in American lawn bowling, virtually all of the candidate bowlers are known, at least somewhat, by their appearances in the National Open tournaments and the United States Championships. The submissions of competitive points by a candidate can include the current and previous three years—four years. So, it is unlikely that a serious bowler is unknown to the national selectors.

What the NTS cannot always button down are the character considerations of a National Team candidate. They would like to rely on the DRBs, but it is rare that one reports what is really on its mind. So, the individuals that sit on the NTS—five men—have their own character evaluation barometers. And, therein lies the problem.

Players named to the 14-man National Teams are selected primarily on the basis of achievements on the green. However, some members of this National Team are eliminated for international event consideration because of perceived and hearsay character flaws. These "flaws" are often the cornerstone of a selectors' personal evaluation.

Is that stupid? It wasn't intended to be. The team selection plan was designed to determine the best all-around players. But, the purpose has gotten away from itself. We are not sending some of our best players overseas—men OR women—because subjective character perception is more important than bowling skills. Still worse, players are seldom confronted with their negative evaluations for comment; and if they comment, are digging themselves into a deeper hole.

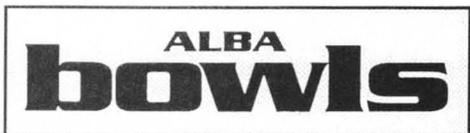
It's the process that needs to be evaluated. The knowledgeable individuals who sit on the ALBA and AWLBA selection committees should be charged with picking the best players, not picking on them.

Sports are full of jerks, real and perceived, who are outstanding players. As Charlie the Tuna once said: "They don't want tuna with good taste, they want tuna that tastes good".

Unless our best players are convicted felons or possess vile hygienic and social character, I think we should conduct ourselves in a manner consistent with other contemporary sports*. Let the best carry the hopes of the red, white and blue.

**Okay. Not the best example.* — Joe Siegman

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