

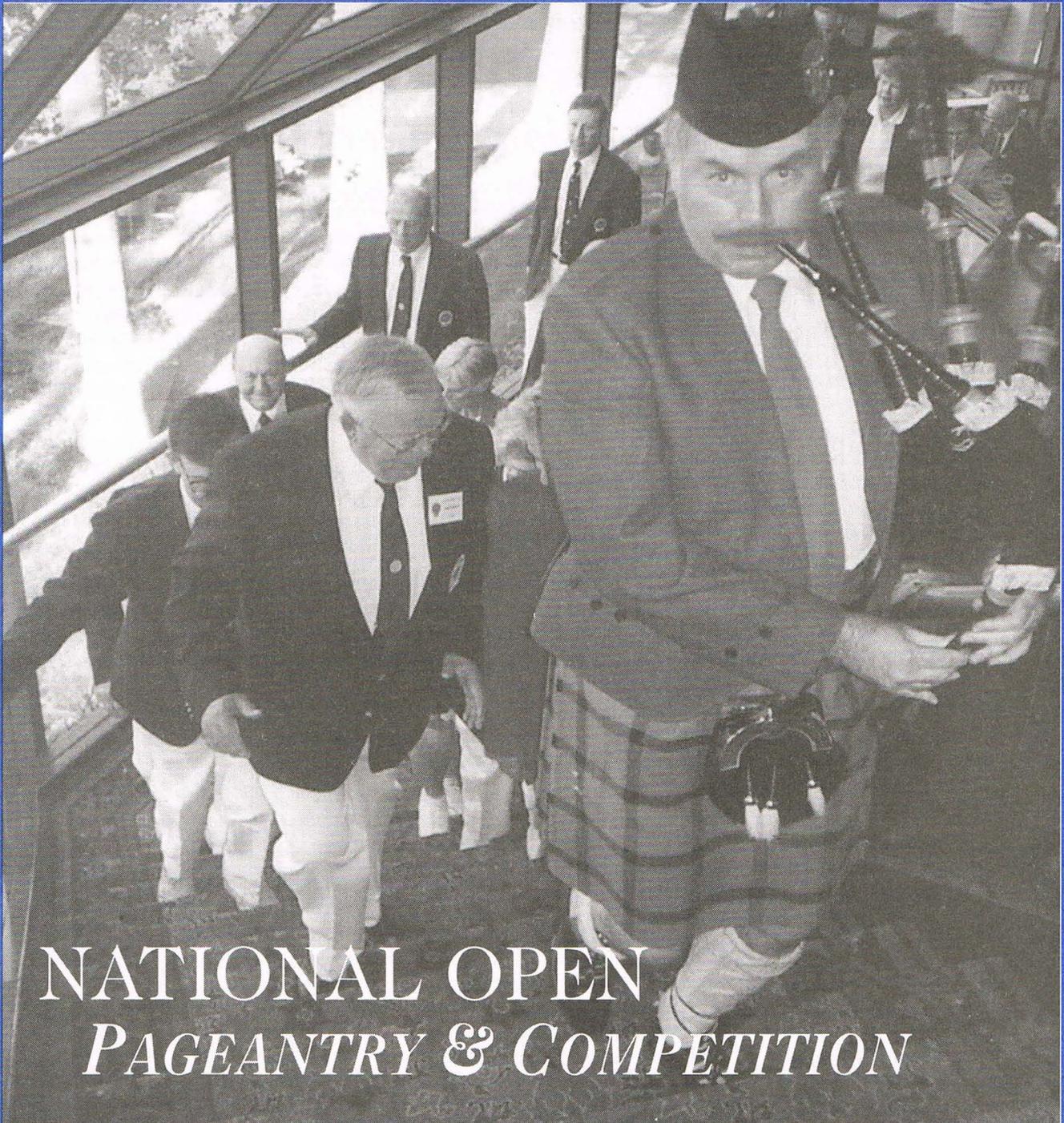


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Jack Phillips

It's hard to believe that the last two years have gone so quickly, that this is my final President's Report, and that my term as President of the American Lawn Bowls Association will come to an end on December 31, 2000.

These past two years have been dominated by the effort to merge the American Lawn Bowls Association and the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association into the United States Lawn Bowls Association. It has not been without some disagreement. But I hope that by the time you read this the Councils of the two organizations will have ratified their agreement to merge and we will become the United States Lawn Bowls Association on January 1, 2001.

We will face many challenges in 2001. Membership continues to be our number one problem. We have made some progress in developing some new clubs, but we are continuing to lose members in our existing clubs. Let's face it, we are getting older and we aren't replenishing ourselves fast enough. We all need to focus on that before it's too late.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joe Siegman and the staff of *BOWLS Magazine*, the ALBA Council, the officers of ALBA, the various committees who perform so many vital functions, the ALBA/AWLBA Merger Committee, and all of you who have worked so hard to support clubs and divisions and to make the North American Challenge, the U.S. Championships, and the National Open such a success. Without all of you we couldn't exist.

Once again, thank you. Good health and good bowls to all.

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Letters to the Editor

CHALLENGE CHALLENGED

In the Summer *BOWLS* issue, you replied to a Southeast Division letter writer: "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." Are you insinuating that the Eastern and Southeast Divisions sent only individuals who could afford the trip...to the East Coast Challenge?"

Jo Gilbert

Daytona Beach, FL

ED: The published letter upon which the editor commented was one of several criticizing established procedures and regulations having to do with the selection of the Association's National Teams, et als. The letter writer, unencumbered by facts, took established procedure to task. His solution—the national organization should select its National Teams via events like the East Coast Challenge. He never said how the ECC teams were chosen.

Inasmuch as no information was provided to BOWLS regarding the organization of the ECC, including the system/method used to select its participants, the editor made his own conclusion. If that conclusion was incorrect, you have the editor's apology.

However, inasmuch as the matter is now a subject of public discussion, the editor welcomes receipt of a statement explaining the selection process for the East Coast Challenge.

QUE PASA?

I heard that by the end of the year, ALBA will be out of business. Is that true?

Gene Tatro

Irvine, CA

ED: Yes and no. As of January 1, 2001, the American Lawn Bowls Association (ALBA) and the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association (AWLBA) will merge into the new United States Lawn Bowls Association—USLBA. The "marriage", in the works for more than a year, took place at October (2000) meetings in Orange County, CA. Effectively, little to nothing will change for club or tournament bowlers. Primary purpose of the merger is to pool America's lawn bowling resources to better manage and promote the game. Everything you'll want to know about the merger will be published in the next (Winter-2001) issue of BOWLS Magazine.

PRAISEWORTHY

One of my major concerns during my term as National President of AWLBA was to encourage a formal coaching program, such as we used to have when Ezra Wyeth established a certification program for coaches. With this in mind, I appointed Pat Mayo as National Coach in the hope we could get something going again.

Pat, in turn, appointed Pat Gonzales to develop something in the Southwest. A series of clinics was held at various locations, using ideas from Frank Ramsey, and sources in Australia, Canada, as well as others. ALBA SW Division President, Hugo Sahlein, joined the effort and enlisted the aid of other men. These clinics were received with so much enthusiasm everyone agreed to continue the program.

This letter is in praise of Pat Gonzales, who assumed full responsibility for the program. She has developed every aspect of running the clinics, outlining procedures, instructions for both coaches and students, and scheduling events. Her keen enthusiasm and organizational skills have enlarged her staff of assistants to more than twenty men and women. These trainers have helped her with the monthly clinics at various clubs in Southern California.

When a Club indicates an interest in having a clinic, Pat Gonzales puts them on the schedule and proceeds with all the clerical and other details that each clinic requires. Each lawn bowling club has given Pat and her program the highest praise and thanks. And I hope it has been established on a firm enough basis so that it will be continued in the future.

Although we tried to establish something on a national basis, only the P.I.M., under Vanitta Olinger, followed through. No other Division responded.

My sincere appreciation and gratitude to you, Pat Gonzales.

Virginia Marlar

Past President, AWLBA
Laguna Woods, CA

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CANADA vs USA



North American Challenge



By Myra M. Wood

Canada leveled the United States to capture the 2000 North American Challenge—Canada vs United States. This year's clash of border neighbors was hosted by the Woodland Park LBC, August 10-13, in Seattle, Washington.

Team Canada won the four men's and four women's events, capturing the Men's Trophy 28-20, the Women's Trophy 41-7, and the overall Team Trophy 69-27.

U.S. Men fared decisively better than America's Women's team. The Men had shinning moments in the Fours, as team A of Ed Quo, Michael Ashton-Phillips, Ivan Hyland and Bob Nunes (*skip-lead*) were undefeated in three matches; while team B—Doug McArthur, Jack Lucey, Frank Souza and Joel Stearn—won two of three games (their lone defeat a one point loss). Lucey, Ashton-Phillips and Hyland had a pair of victories and losses, each, in the Triples, while McArthur, Souza and Simon Meyerowitz managed only one win in four matches.

Quo and Nunes were successful in two of three Pairs matches, while Tom Stirrat and Stearn one won of three in their Pairs bracket. Stirrat and Meyerowitz were winless in each of their three Singles matches.

Each of the two U.S. Women's Four teams—Kathy Vea, Jean Kaye, Maryna Hyland and Irene Webster; and Dora Stewart, Linda McDougall, Heather Stewart and Carrie Fossati—had one

victory and two losses. In Triples, the teams of Vea, Hyland and Pat Gonzales, and H. Stewart, Reggie Banares and Fossati went winless. Kaye and Webster managed a tie in three Pairs matches, while D. Stewart and McDougall were winless. In Singles, Gonzales won one of three Singles games, and Banares couldn't buy a victory, losing her three matches by a total of six points.

This was truly a Northwest event with clubs in the Division supplying not only volunteers, but equipment as well. The weather co-operated and the greens were in excellent condition thanks to John McMullen, Seattle Parks Department employee working in cooperation with the Woodland Park club members.

Traditional international opening ceremonies saw both teams escorted onto the green by a piper and Girl Scout color guard. George West emceed the occasion, with welcoming addresses by ALBA and AWLBA presidents Jack Phillips and Rita Hurley. Canadian player Keith Roney and Woodland Hills member Elaine Goldengay sang the national anthems of the competing countries.

This was the inaugural year for showcasing 20 players—ten men and ten women—from each country. With George New at the helm, the Games commenced Friday (August 11) with Pairs and Triples, while Singles and Fours were played Saturday. The competitors played three matches in each event.



U.S. ladies at the NAC: Back row (l-r), Irene Webster, Pat Gonzales, Carrie Fossati, Dora Stewart, Manager Charlotte O'Keefe. Front row (l-r), Kathy Vea, Heather Stewart, Linda McDougal, Jean Kaye and Maryna Hyland (seated).

2000 NATIONAL OPEN

By Isabella Forbes & Ed Quo

The 2000 National Open Tournament was held in Orange County California, October 14-19. Men and women's competition, hosted by the Southwest Division, were held on the greens of seven Southland lawn bowls clubs: Casta del Sol, the Groves, Laguna Beach, Leisure World, Newport Harbor, Long Beach and Santa Ana. Irvine's Crowne Plaza Hotel served as National Open headquarters.

Participants included 123 women and 152 men representing the seven ALBA-AWLBA Divisions, as well as players from Canada, Hong Kong, Netherlands, South Africa, Spain and Wales.

In men's events, Canadian Chris Grahame and San Jose's Frank Souza tied for Bowler of the Tournament honors. Two women also tied for Bowler of the Tournament all-ocade—Laguna Beach's Eva Ho and Helen Culley of Canada—but the honor is not

awarded by AWLBA when there is no single winner.

The Crowne Plaza hosted a welcome cocktail mixer on Friday evening (13), following the Opening Ceremonies, held in the hotel's ballroom. Newly elected Hall of Fame honoree Ken Degenhardt rolled the ceremonial first jack, followed by the delivery of the first bowl by USLBA president-elect Donna West. Along with series of welcome speeches and raffle drawings, the opening ceremony featured the march-by and presentation of ALBA and AWLBA officers escorted by a Scottish piper.

Other social events for participants included a night of comedy entertainment, Comedy Tonight, and An Evening of Magic & Illusion. Winners of completed bowls events received their awards at these events. Brian Studwell chaired an impressive list of active volunteers who staged the annual multi-faceted National Open.

MEN'S RESULTS

SINGLES (117 entries)

Championship

1. Ron Wood (Montreal)
2. Mert Hill (Laguna Beach, CA)
3. Steve Bezanson (Halifax, NS)
4. Michel LaRue (Montreal)

2nd Flight

1. Alan Webster (Vancouver)
2. John Devonshire (Toronto)

Third Flight

1. Amador Martinez (Oxnard, CA)
2. Chris Stadnyk (Toronto)

Fourth Flight

1. Jack Behling (Sun City, AZ)
2. Neil Furman (Aspen, CO)

Fifth Flight

1. Michael Sanderson (Vancouver)
2. Ivan Hyland (Coto de Caza, CA)

Sixth Flight

1. Bob Nunes (Yorba Linda, CA)
2. Alan Rowland (Spain)

Seventh Flight

1. Ron Buck (Wilmington, DE)

PAIRS (64 entries)

Championship

1. Chris Grahame & Frank Souza
2. Maurice Lafond & Sven Berg
3. Neil Furman & Clifford Van Wyk
4. Keith Roney & Ian Jones

Second Flight

1. Lyall Adams & Wayne Wright
2. Alan Webster & Elliott Clarkson

Third Flight

1. David Anderson & John Devonshire
2. Michael Ashton-Phillips & Vince Donohoe

Fourth Flight

1. Mark Sanford & Chris Stadnyk
2. Ron Buck & Colin Smith

Fifth Flight

1. Robin Goldman & Aubrey Fein
2. Steve Jones & Tom Dion

Sixth Flight

1. Bill Hiscock & Gery Wagner

FOURS (29 entries)

Championship

1. Chris Grahame, Keith Roney, Frank Souza, Alan Webster
2. Stan Smith, Malcolm Taylor, Stu Sistas, Brian Studwell
3. Neil Furman, Clifford Van Wyk, Michael Ashton-Phillips, Michael Siddall
4. Jim Hempe, Alan Goodnoff, Joe Molletta, Sam Benjamin

Second Flight

1. David Anderson, Chris Stadnyk, John Devonshire, Mark Sanford
2. Bill Meek, Bill Lee, John Freestone, Charles Chang

Third Flight

1. Robin Goldman, Aubrey Fein, John Luster, Helman Todes
2. Steve Jones, Ian Jones, Tom Dion, Murray Brown

Fourth Flight

1. Ivan Hyland, David Ackerman, Hugh Finlay, Mert Hill/Tom Cutkomp
2. Roger Buck, Bob Patterson, Burl Roller, Terry Loomis

Fifth Flight

1. Lyall Adams, Wayne Wright, Tom Burnoski, John Patrick

WOMEN'S RESULTS

FOURS

Championship

1. K. Spangler, E. Ho, D. Panacek, K. Stone
2. I. Forbes, C. Symington, R. Hurley, A. Grahame
3. A. Barber, H. Stewart, A. Hill, A. Cherney
4. A. Wiegand, J. Roney, S. Fitzpatrick-Wong, C. Fitzpatrick

Second Flight

1. D. Nuttall, N. Shaw, J. Hagerty, P. Murch
2. N. Winkel, R. Ingram, T. Baade, C. Fossati

Third Flight

1. L. Dewald, C. Gillespie, M. Ackerman, H. Pituley
2. M. Welsh, J. Barker, M.A. Beath, W. Stevens

Fourth Flight

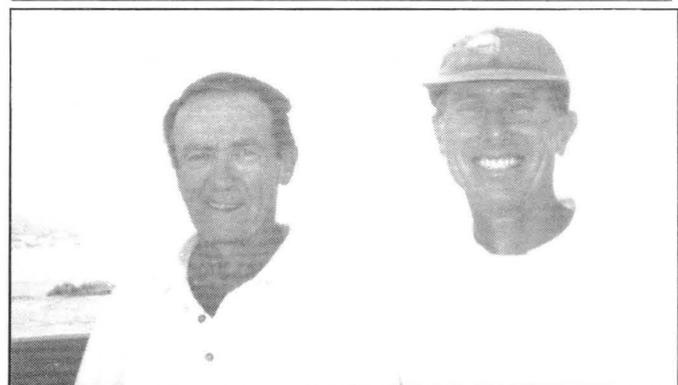
1. A. Ritchie, M. Hyland, V. Strydom, J. Wessel
2. B. Walker, B. Tyson, J. Garwood, L. McElroy

Fifth Flight

1. J. vonDonselaar, M. Vakasilimi, E. Love, M. Frederico
2. M. Compton, F. Torvid, E. Donohue, N. Trask



Above: Men's Pairs champions, Chris Grahame and Frank Souza, right and runners-up Maurice Lafond and Sven Berg.



WOMEN'S RESULTS *continued*

PAIRS

Championship

1. B. Walker, L. McElroy
2. H. Culley, P. Hill
3. S. Fitzpatrick-Wong, C. Fitzpatrick
4. I. Forbes, R. Hurley

Second Flight

1. S. Bernash, N. Robertson
2. M. Welsh, M.A. Beath

Third Flight

1. A. Ritchie, V. Strydom
2. A. Wurwand, E. Shifren

Fourth Flight

1. L. Dewald, H. Pituley
2. N. Winkel, D. Panacek

Fifth Flight

1. A. Cherney, P. Salisbury
2. E. Jacques, D. Sneddon

Sixth Flight

1. C. Gillespie, M. Ackerman
2. E. Sistad, J. Barker

SINGLES

Championship

1. H. Culley
2. E. Ho
3. H. Pituley
4. A. Ritchie

Second Flight

1. P. Gonzales
2. C. Fitzpatrick

Third Flight

1. J. Roney
2. M. Delisle

Fourth Flight

1. S. Fitzpatrick-Wong
2. K. Stone

Fifth Flight

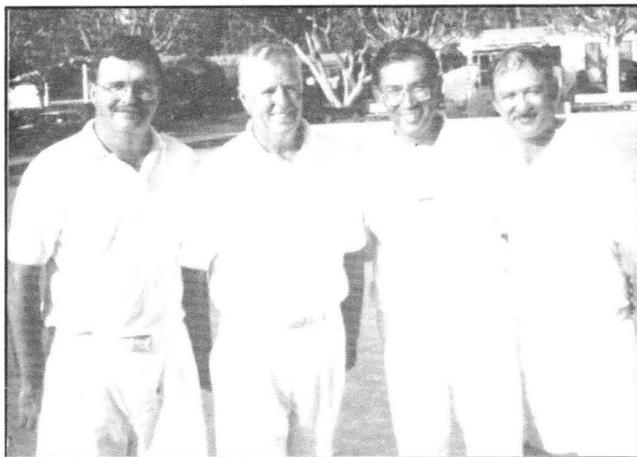
1. N. Welsh
2. J. Barker

Sixth Flight

1. D. Stewart
2. M. Piller



Above: Champions in the Women's Fours were (l-r) Eva Ho, Katy Stone, Kottia Spangler and Dottie Panacek. Ho, who was runner-up to Helen Culley in the Women's Singles, and Culley, the runner-up in the Pairs, tied as top bowlers in the Women's event.



Above: Men's Fours went to the team of (l-r) Keith Roney, Chris Grahame, Frank Souza and Alan Webster. Grahame and Souza were also co-recipients of "Bowler of the Tournament" honors.

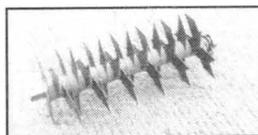
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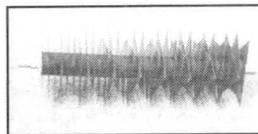
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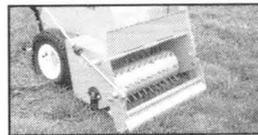
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I have just been given a collection of *BOWLS* magazines going back to 1967 and I found them both fascinating and frustrating.

As Chairman of the Coaching Committee, some great bowlers, coaches and I developed a syllabus that should be used by every club and coach in the

country. Not because it contains any novel or striking ideas, but because it follows the reasoning and teachings of a long line of great coaches. It is very humbling to be a part of that lineup. Men like Wyeth, Middleton, Thomas, Esch and Joe Shepard proceeded me as ALBA Instructor, and there was a "New Bowlers' Corner" authored by Charles Middleton. This has been replaced by the Coaches' Corner that regularly appears in *BOWLS* and those wonderful "Better Bowlers" bulletins that are authored by Conrad Melton, of the Southwest Division. These and the two books written by Herb Wintsch, of the Southeast Division, should be required reading for every bowler.

The ALBA Membership Committee was formed because clubs were having a hard time finding recruits to train. The Committee accepted the mandate to save old clubs, build new clubs and greens, and to recruit people of all ages to join us in the sport we love. Once again there doesn't seem to be anything new in either our ideas or our approach to the problem. Almost every issue of those old magazines contains some thoughts and concerns about membership.



MEMBERSHIP & INSTRUCTION

By Frank Ransome

Chairman

I can quote Candelet, Miller, Folkins, Day, Farrell, MacWilliams, Hansen, Mansfield, Cole, Dakers, Salisbury, Williams and, in my time, Grabowski, Stephens and Phillips without fear of contradiction. These past and present officers of ALBA have presided over a slowly diminishing membership that has been highlighted by any number of clubs that have gone out of business.

There are many stories in the old magazines that should make us sad today. The annual "Meat Axe Tournament" between Palo Alto and Berkeley once drew as many as 16 triples teams from each club. Yet, I bowled in one last spring when only four teams showed up. One magazine mentioned an Open House staged by a club that invited 100 guests and garnered 24 recruits that stayed with the club. Another told about a luncheon a club held to gain recruits.

The Membership Committee is proud of the fact that there have been several new greens built over these past five years and of the additional greens that are on the drawing board or waiting for financing. We have also contacted some twenty clubs that are not affiliated with ALBA and look forward

to having them join us at some point in the near future. We are not proud to read the litany of clubs that are no longer a part of the lawn bowling scene or have left us to go out on their own. There were once twelve more clubs in the NE. There was a club at Grants Pass Oregon and three more in the PIMD,

and clubs in Tennessee and North Carolina. The Central Division had five more clubs in past years and they have two that are in danger of failing at the present time. Some of this deficit has been made up by clubs that have recently joined the Division, but membership still continues to fall.

The old magazines told of classes for blind bowlers and programs for young people. The past Presidents seemed committed to bringing in younger bowlers, but weren't too successful. I quote the President of the Oakland club who wrote: "We must show that lawn bowling is a young person's sport that older people can excel at." That club still advertises free lessons on Wednesday afternoons as do so many lawn bowling clubs. My only comment is that there can't be too many young people that have time off on Wednesday afternoons.

It would be wonderful if there could be a committee of dedicated men and women who could agree to work together without previous prejudices, and to ignore some of the so-called vested interests to build lawn bowling to its rightful place as a family sport

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY	3-8	MEN WOMEN	SOUTH CENTRAL OPEN	Sun Cities, AZ
MARCH	3-9	MEN WOMEN	SOUTHEAST OPEN	Lakeland, FL Sarasota, FL
MAY	26-28	MEN WOMEN	NORTHWEST SPRING OPEN	Spokane, WA
JULY	14-19	MEN WOMEN	CENTRAL OPEN	Pittsburgh, PA
AUGUST	11-26	MEN WOMEN	NORTHWEST OPEN	Tacoma, WA & Woodland Park
	25-31 (tentative)	MEN WOMEN	PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN OPEN	San Francisco Bay
AUG./SEPT.	TBA	MEN WOMEN	NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE	Westmount LBC Montreal, Canada
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PBA'S INTERNATIONAL QUALIFIER

The Professional Bowlers Association completed its "qualifier" for the International Open at the San Jose LBC September 16-17. Sixteen of the PBA's 33 members took part in this event, including three ladies: Tanya Hills, Reggie Banares and Muriel Rackliff. Event format was best of five sets/seven shots up.

The four semi-finalists were Barry Pickup, Robin Goldman, John Luster and Frank Souza. Goldman downed Pickup and Luster defeated Souza in the semis, and Luster beat Goldman in the final match. The PIM bowler earned the right to represent the United States at the International Open (Bupa Care Homes Open 2000) at the Ponds Forge Arena in Sheffield, England, November 12-19. Luster will also be representing the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division in the U.S. Championships, November 5-9.

Qualifiers get all expenses paid plus a share of the following:

- Total prize money—£64,000 (±US\$100,000)
- First round losers—£1,000 each (±US\$1,600)
- 2nd round losers—£1,500 each (±US\$2,400)
- Quarter finals losers—£2,000 each (±US\$3,200)
- Semi-final losers—£3,000 each (±US\$4,800)
- Runner-up—£7,000 (±US\$11,200)
- Winner—£15,000 (±US\$24,000)

The next PBA qualifier, for the World Indoor Championships, will be held at the Newport Harbor LBC in Corona del Mar, California, October 20-21 (following the National Open Tournament. The winner earns a spot at Potters Leisure Resort in Norfolk, England, in January 2001.

Those interested in PBA membership or further information should contact: Frank Souza, 4375 Corrigan Drive, Fremont, CA 94536-5908, #510-792-5325, frslb1up@pacbell.net

IN MY TIME

Bill Todd, *BOWLS Magazine's* first Circulation Manager, an Honorary Life Member of ALBA and recently elected to ALBA's Hall of Fame (see next issue) wrote on his 98th birthday:

WHAT A DIFFERENCE 100 YEARS MAKES! "Since my life is 98% of this time frame, I just thought you might find this interesting":

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was forty-seven.

Only 14% of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Only 8% of U.S. homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost \$11.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S. and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The average U.S. wage was 22¢/hour. In 1918-20, working for a paving company, I got 62.5¢ hourly (\$5 a day, less \$1 for meals).

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

More the 95% of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

90% of all U.S. physicians had no college education—going directly to medical schools.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee cost 15¢ a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a

month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason, either as travelers or immigrants.

The three leading causes of death in the U.S. were 1. Pneumonia and influenza, 2. Tuberculosis, 3. Diarrhea.

The American flag had 45 stars.

Drive-by shootings, an ongoing problem in Western cities, saw teenage boys galloping down streets on horses, randomly shooting at houses, carriages, or anything else that caught their fancy.

The population of Las Vegas, NV was 30.

Plutonium, insulin, and antibiotics hadn't been discovered yet.

Scotch tape, crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Some medical authorities warned that professional seamstresses were apt to become sexually aroused by the steady rhythm, hour after hour, of the sewing machine's foot pedal.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and the bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."

JOKES & JOCKS

United States lawn bowls team candidates organizing for the 2001 World Maccabiah Games in Israel, July 12-27, presented JOKES & JOCKS, October 29, at the Skirball Cultural Center, in West Los Angeles, CA. The unique fundraiser, billed as "a funny way to support Team USA", welcomed 250 guests to an evening of comedy, sports stars and dinner.

Comedy performers included Shelley Berman, Jeff Altman, Bruce Fine, Steve Bluestein and emcee Bob Einstein (TV's Super Dave Osborne). Among attending sports stars were Olympic gold medalists Mark Spitz, Mitch Gaylord and Lenny Krayzelburg.

Olympic gold medal baseball coach Tom Lasorda—former Los Angeles Dodgers manager elected to Baseball's Hall of Fame, and current Dodgers vice-president—was presented a special award for his contribution to Jewish sports history.

According to Lasorda-lore, he and Sandy Koufax were promising hard-throwing, but wild Dodger left-handed rookie pitchers in 1955. Into the season, the team decided it could keep only one of the rookie southpaws, and everyone wondered which of them would be sent down to the minors—the

Jewish kid or the Italian. The choice was perfect, recalled Lasorda. The Jewish kid stayed and was eventually elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. The Italian kid was sent down, traded, and returned to the Dodgers to coach and manager himself into the Hall of Fame. Event chair Mert Isaacman explains: "It was a night of comedy. It all made sense!"

5,000 athletes representing 35 countries will compete in a Maccabiah program of events similar to the Olympic Games. Lawn bowls is one of several non-Olympic sports included on the Maccabiah menu, and will feature teams from Canada, South Africa, Great Britain, Australia, Israel and the United States in men and women's competitions.

U.S. team candidates are: Michael Ashton-Phillips, Anne Barber, Sam Benjamin, Stan Bloom, Aubrey Fein, Neil Furman, Robin Goldman, Alan Goodnoff, Mert Isaacman, Simon Meyerowitz, Richard Nelken, Neville Sacks, Ester Shifren, Hymie Shuster, Bea Simon, Richard Simon and Helman Todes. Joe Siegman is team manager.

Anyone wishing to be a candidate for the U.S. Maccabiah Lawn Bowls Team should contact Mert Isaacman at: mert@home.com



WOMEN'S PAGES



FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's cold and frosty here in Canada and with only the National Open left to play in October my personal bowling season is coming to an end. I know that next year will be even better than this year.

I think that this is how we have to look at the next couple of years of bowling in the U.S. Two organizations are coming to an end, but a bigger and better one will eventually take their place. Sure there are a lot of questions in everyone's mind about what is about to happen next month, but the committees have worked long and hard on this endeavor and should be given help and not hindrance in this coming together.

In the past couple of years I have both enjoyed and been terrified of being the President of AWLBA. There is always the question of not doing things the right way. Who's to say what the "right" way is? Heather has been a blessing this year and Nancy has been a blessing for the past few years. I want to thank all of the Council, both past and present, for the work they have put into our sport that has gotten us to this point so far.

I had the pleasure of being in Seattle in August for the North American Challenge and enjoyed every moment of it. "If at first you don't succeed try, try again." The Canadians are worthy opponents and our teams held their own. Good job Charlotte!

Hopefully our coming together next month will go smoothly, as it should, and nobody will try to ruin all of the work that has put into the last two years.

Thank you for letting me represent the AWLBA in the Presidential capacity for the last two years and good luck and happiness to the first President of the USLBA. Although I will be living in Canada from now on my heart and soul will always be that of an American.

Rita Hurley

FROM THE EDITOR

This will be the last appearance of the Women's Pages in *Bowls Magazine*. With the advent of the merger of ALBA and AWLBA the Women's Pages will become obsolete.

Prior to the Women's Pages, a quarterly newsletter was put out by Ann Wood. In 1991, the Council, with Vanitta Olinger as president, decided that we should have a section in *Bowls Magazine* so a wider range of women could see what was happening in the women's world of lawn bowling. We investigated and the first pages appeared in the Fall of that year. It wasn't long before all the divisions had correspondents and were represented on the Women's Pages. The success of the pages is due to the efforts of the corre-

spondents and all others who have made contributions over the years. We thank them for a job well done and it has been very pleasant working with them. We also wish to thank Joe Siegman for his patience with us.

In the future, if there is any news you wish to place in *Bowls Magazine*, please send it directly to the Editor. He (or she) will place it if they feel it is appropriate.

Thanks again to all who contributed to these pages and to all who read them and commented favorably.

Farewell and much good bowling in your futures.

Winnie Eberle
Editor

REVIEW & SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Coaching Clinic for 2000 will be held October 20, 21 and 22 at the Groves Lawn Bowling Club. We have 18 applicants for the roster and three applicants for position as manager. It is nice to report that there are three new roster applicants, two from PIMD and one from the SW.

The clinic agenda is as follows:

- Friday evening orientation at 6 p.m. by the coach, Peter Fish.
 - Saturday and Sunday start time will be 8:45 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- Information about local motels has been sent to all applicants and applying managers.

A reminder to all applicants to bring your manuals as additional information will be added. The new applicants will be given their manuals at the beginning of the clinic.

Whites are to be worn both Saturday and Sunday.

The North American Challenge ladies team returned and stated that the greens were great and the games well-attended by many supporters. Hospitality was outstanding. The teams from Canada had just completed their training camp and were in high gear. Our teams fought the good fight, but did not bring the trophy to the USA.

The Asia-Pacific Games will be held in Australia October 22 to November 4, 2001. No information has been received as yet as to the location. At this time no country has come forth and offered to host the 2001 Atlantic-Rim Games.

The North American Challenge (NAC) returns to Canada and will continue with the ten person teams as initiated this year. The venue is possibly Montreal.

Barbara McCowen
Chairperson

NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE AWLBA STARS & STRIPES TEAM

The North American Challenge was played at Woodland Park greens in Seattle, Washington. This year the team consisted of ten women, all selected by the Review and Selection Committee at Laguna Beach greens last October.

The Canadians won the event. There were many interesting close games. The United States team put forth its best efforts and gave the Canadians some good competition.

Hats off to all those from Seattle/Tacoma who made this a successful tournament. The greens, as well as the hospitality and food, were excellent. Woodland Park's greens are a perfect place for a tournament of this size. The Seattle Park Department is to be commended for hiring a person that was able to bring the greens to the condition they are now in.

Members of the team were: Irene Webster, Pat Gonzales, Carrie Fossati, Dora Stewart, Charlotte O'Keefe (manager), Kathy Veal, Heather Stewart, Linda McDougal, Jean Kay and Maryna Hyland. (see story and photo on page 5.)

Charlotte O'Keefe
Manager

CENTRAL DIVISION

By Beverly Phillips

Clubs around the Division are wrapping up their season for the year. We had a very enjoyable AWLBA/ALBA Division Open in Milwaukee in July. Entries came from as far as Arizona and Florida, as well as our Central Division clubs in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin. For the women, Lois Saladin pulled off the hat trick with first place finishes in Triples, Pairs and Singles. See complete results on page 17.

Since we already approved merging with the men, we held our first Division meeting. A new Division constitution was approved and officers elected: Judy Arawinko president, Jack McGaugh Vice President, Eileen Luba Secretary-Treasurer. Next year's CD Open will be held in Pittsburgh in mid July.

NORTHWEST DIVISION



Grace Said

On May 20, dozens of friends and lawn bowlers from the Tacoma/Seattle area gathered at the Puyallup Elks for a memorial service to honor Grace Said, who suffered a fatal heart attack one week earlier.

Grace was one of the most ardent, hard-work-

ing lawn bowlers in the Northwest Division, as well as at Monte Vista in Mesa, Arizona, where she and Bill spent their winters. In Tacoma, she served as Secretary and as Games Chairman, one of many roles she also filled at Monte Vista. At the National level she served as a Councilor.

Grace made four trips to the U.S. Championships—first in 1993 to Walnut Creek, when she was Singles representative in Sun City West, AZ and Seattle. In 1997, Grace and Myra Wood were runners-up in the Pairs competition in Buck Hill Falls.

In 1998, Grace was a member of the team that went to the Can-Am classic at Edmonton. Many will remember the story of how she hit a moose while driving her new motor home enroute to the tournament.

Grace is sorely missed in Tacoma where she was always anxious to participate in a good game of bowls. She is survived by her husband, Bill.

Donna West

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN

By Adele Patterson

The Women's Fives, always a fun day for the women in this division, was held in San Francisco in June. The sun was shining on the greens, the wind was soft and the bowling gods were happy. So were the bowlers gathered to play. Only one team won all four games—Palo Alto's Regina Banares, Bea McConachie, Pauline Liebowitz, Roberta Durham and Dorie Mendoza bowled beautifully to win first place. Two Rossmoor teams placed second and third, winning three games each. Virginia Farr, Shirley Cam, Marge Hedemark, Vera Belton and Renee Friedman took second place, while Jeanne Lauritzen, Felice Santos, Mariette Rozario, Jackie Purdy and Betty Johnson came in third. The two teams from Oakmont tied for fourth.

As we reported last month, Regina Banares will play Singles in the U.S. Championships for our division. Tanya Hills, a novice from Oakmont, won the tie-breaking playoff for second place.

The division has increased the number of mixed tournaments this year, as many of our women players don't like driving the busy freeways. Two very successful tournaments were the Mixed Rinks at Rossmoor and the McLaren Triples at San Francisco, both in August. Bob Harbeson, Jeanne Lauritzen, Rennie and Vickie Harretto took first place in the rinks, with Charles Thorpe, Sheila Stout, Marilyn Royce and Bob Vahouny placing second. In third place were Frank Ransome, Tom Burnoski, Renee Friedman and Syl MacDonald. A father and daughter, Tom and Jamie Burnoski, with skip, Gil Patcher, took the honors in the McLaren Triples. Second place honors went to Charles Mesow, Vanitta Olinger and Tanya Hills, and third place to Russell Biltoff, Phyllis Mills and David Romasko.

Congratulations to all the winners, and good bowling to all who tried and had fun doing it! Our PIMD Open scores are elsewhere in this issue. Our division will be merging as soon as we can re-write our constitution to concur with the national constitution. We look forward to being a united association.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

By Peggy Salisbury

Cooler weather is bringing the "Snow Birds" back to the Valley and our greens will soon be full again. A "Welcome Back" party is scheduled for November 13 at the Lakeview greens in Sun City. There will be a full day of bowling, with prizes, a bag lunch and an evening barbecue.

In Sun City, the year-old Lawn Bowling Boosters group has been busy promoting our sport, and quite successfully. Demonstrations last spring and frequent newspaper articles have created a lot of interest. 123 people signed up for lessons starting in November.

When the Booster group was formed, Sun City's Peggy Corrado volunteered to be publicity chairman. Through her contacts with three local papers and her persistence, there have been many articles about our tournaments, visitations and special events. It is paying off with an increased number of people showing interest in the game.

Peggy and her husband, Pete, first saw lawn bowling when they lived in Australia. Her work in emergency nursing and his at Boeing kept them too busy to take up the game. But they were aware of the huge number of people that belonged to the clubs there and the great times they had.

Once they moved to Sun City and retired, they took lessons and are enthusiastic members of the lawn bowling community and all its aspects. They even traveled north to Edmonton this summer to cheer for the South Central team at the CAN-AM West Classic. Peggy was busy with her camera and on their return to Sun City, her article about the tournament appeared in the local paper. She also works on a monthly newsletter put out by the Boosters.

Hats off to Peggy for a job well done.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

By Winnie Eberle

Our ladies had a pleasant though hot summer and held their Ladies Days in the beach area. They played at Long Beach, Laguna Beach and Laguna Hills (now Laguna Woods). Marion Compton has been a very able successor to Alice Lawrence.

Our Vet-Novice tournament and the U.S. Singles Playdowns were both played at Laguna Beach. Our thoughts and best wishes go with our Championship players as they travel across country, with the hope they return victorious.

In September, Santa Anita hosted the quarterly meeting of the Southwest Division women. Officers were elected with terms to begin January 2001: Jean MacAuley, President; Nancy Trask, Vice-President; Pat Cronshaw, Secretary; Sybil Bernash, Treasurer.

We will close out the year with the Ina Jackson 5 Star, the Eberle McCowen Mixed Pairs, a Ladies Day at Pomona, and a Vet-Novice Mixed or Match Triples.

Our Christmas Party will be held at Santa Anita and is the big social event of our year. The luncheon will be followed by a silent auction, which always brings out a good variety of items to bid on. It gets better every year.

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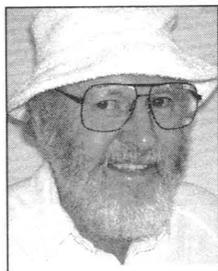
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REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS AT THE national level, the Southeast Divisions of ALBA and AWLBA are prepared to merge into a single association for all men and women lawn bowlers this November and December, effective in 2001.

A new Constitution and By-laws has been honed by Beth Forbes and Gene Goodwin of Mount Dora, incorporating ideas and suggestions from SE ALBA and AWLBA leaders and some from other divisions. It is scheduled to be discussed and voted on by the women's association in November and the men's Board of Directors in December. Male delegates tentatively approved the proposed Constitution last March and authorized their Board to take final action later in the year.

Although the merger should not affect the separate men's and women's Opens scheduled next year for March 3-9, at Sarasota for women's events and Lakeland for men's events, look in 2002 for a single SE Open incorporating men's, women's and mixed events at more than one venue. 

SE DIRECTORY OF CLUBS

SE-ALBA and AWLBA have published a directory of the 26 clubs and lawn bowling facilities in the seven southeastern states. It also contains a list of SE-ALBA and AWLBA officers and a 2000-2001 schedule of open tournaments in the division—such as the SE Opens March 3-9, men in Lakeland and women in Sarasota.

Plans are for the new directory to be re-issued annually each Fall. You may get a copy of the 2000-2001 edition by sending \$3 (\$2 for the book and \$1 postage) to Gene Goodwin at 101 N. Grandview #105, Mount Dora, FL 32757.

PINEHURST

(North Carolina)

By Tom Kees

The Special Forces parachute team added a thrilling start to the Eighth North Carolina Open in September. The team descended from the sunny skies in their variously colored chutes and landed one at a time precisely on the bowling green. It was a spectacular show!

But, so was the release of 30 homing pigeons, each carrying a number for one of the competing triples teams. And even the spider was spiced up this year. Four jacks were placed in the center of the green, so when the dust settled after 120 bowlers had given their best shot, four bottles of wine were awarded to the owners of the four bowls closest to the jacks.

Tournament play began the afternoon of September 12. Because this is a social competition with excellent bowlers, we all pledged to have fun. And we did. That evening, after the opening round, we enjoyed a fine barbecue supper, and had time to renew old acquaintances and make new friends.

After the second and third rounds of games on September 13, we enjoyed more good food and were entertained by local high school singers and musicians. Two more rounds were played on the final day of the Open, and these winners were awarded cash prizes:

1. Bill Farrell, Bill Stevenson, Cliff Bailey;
2. Tom Cawley, John Wistrand, Don Weaver;
3. Tom Kees, George Tucker, Monica Dykeman;
4. Barbara & Burl Roller, Bob Paterson (last year's winners);
5. David Gray, Chuck Townsend, Dick Grass;
6. Duncan Farrell, Dan Berg, Paul Bucklin;
7. Bruce McPeck, Carol & Jim Fahnestock;
8. Ron Buck, Tom Lawlor, Evelyn Sartain;
9. Annette & Martin Schans, John Bailiff;
10. John & Rebecca Meksa, George Sayer

The Farrell-Stevenson-Bailey team also won the Pro-Am match held Tuesday morning before the Open. The Mount Dora team of Bill and Bonnie Bish, with Gene Goodwin, took second place money.

All appreciated the work of the host club committee: Joe Coleman and Maxine Patridge, co-chairs; Al Conolly, Wes Epple and Mack Pennwell.

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WILLIAMSBURG INN

By Susan Berg

Looking over the results from recent tournaments, Williamsburg members have several reasons to be proud. At the Singles Playdowns at Buck Hill Falls, Dan Berg finished first and will represent the Eastern Division at the U.S. Championships in November. This is the third year in a row that a Williamsburg member has earned that honor. Berg won the Division in 1998 and Robin Goldman in 1999.

Joann Proper came in second at the Playdowns for the Women's Singles Championship, behind Dana Lum. It is great to see Williamsburg finishing so high.

The club hosted its first Eastern Division tournament September 16-17: the Williamsburg Open Pairs. With fourteen teams competing Tom Lawlor and Zenas Gardner, from Dupont, beat their opponents decisively to win first place. Second and third place went to Margo and Al Pelliccio, Pinehurst, and Sonne and Paul Bucklin, Pawtucket, respectively.

In August, John McDowell captured the Ray Townsend Memorial Singles Tournament, with Joann Proper coming in second. This is the second time John has won the Club Singles championship.

Congratulations also go to Jack Edwards for his appointment as a director to the Eastern Division of ALBA. The Summer Pairs Evening League proved to be popular with members. Bill Holcombe and Phil Thorpe were the winners.

Club membership continues to increase. We now have over 60 members, the largest it has ever been.

Fall weather in Williamsburg means great bowling. Come try our greens. We are open every day from 3 to 6 p.m. (2 to 5 p.m. after Daylight Savings Time ends).

PEBBLE BEACH

By Eugene Imbimbo

Green #1 at Sun City Center has been completely rebuilt. Green #3 has been repaired. New scoreboards have been installed on Greens #1 and #2, and new sidewalks and benches are in place. All this in preparation for the U.S. Championships to be held here November 5-10.

Three of the six Southeast Division competitors in this big event are from Sun City Center: Patti Grabowski, of the Suncoasters LBC, skip of the women's pairs entry; and John Shanklin and Cliff Bailey of Pebble Beach, men's SE Pairs champions.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

MOUNT DORA

By Gene Goodwin

Thanks to a new and energetic Membership Committee chair, Beth Forbes, the Mount Dora LBC recruited and trained 17 new lawn bowlers despite the heat, humidity and stormy weather of this past summer.

She did it with the help of several fellow club members by offering a flexible schedule of instruction—some group and some individual, and sometimes both.

The new members all live in Mount Dora, a city of about 9,000, except for two who reside in adjacent communities. They boost total club membership to more than 300. One of the newcomers, James E. Yatsuk, is running for Mayor to fill out the unexpired term of an incumbent who resigned.

In Memoriam
Phyllis B. Smith
Margaret L. Yost

FAREWELL TO DEL AND HIS CLUB

The August 12 death of Del Bettridge, the greenskeeper who developed the superb greens at the WalterDel LBC, also spelled death for that new two-square facility off Interstate 75 in Parrish, FL.

Del's widow, Peggy, felt unable to continue operating the greens, and sold off the equipment before returning to her native England for an extensive stay with relatives and friends there. So lawn bowling has lost not only a greenskeeping genius, it has lost one of its newest and finest facilities.

ST. PETERSBURG

By Ann Bodley

Our club seems to be out of the doldrums and flourishing again. We doubled our membership last year.

Members are bowling seven days a week, with organized games most weekday mornings. Visitors and people interested in learning our game are most welcome. Call Ann Gleason at 727-578-1984, or Ann Bodley at 727-576-3086 for more detailed information.

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CLUB NEWS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY emphasizes the need for *more members*. (Not one club is complaining about having too many members.)

Sure, that old standby, "one-on-one recruiting", could be great—if only every one of us practiced it! So when a club actually puts together an effective program—an aggressive, organized program—*one that works*—we would all do well to sit up and take notice.

I'd like to call your attention to the success of Greenwich LBC's membership drive as reported on page 17 of the Summer 2000 issue of *BOWLS*. Twelve new recruits in one month!

In this issue, Essex County LBC reports they will develop a county-wide youth lawn bowling program. A giant step in the right direction.

At Skytop LBC, they ran a clinic for employees of the Skytop Lodge who were interested in the sport.

And at Thistle LBC in Hartford, thanks

primarily to the efforts of one man, Joe Marin, a young feller in his nineties who has made it his responsibility to build membership, they have seven new members. This from a club that not too many years ago was down to two members!

SKYTOP

(Skytop, PA)

By Ken Willig

Skytop's bowling season was a great success. Miggs Ward and the writer returned to the green after their illness. The green was in excellent condition, the reasons being superior care and the newly installed underground watering system. We had no cause to complain.

Our club tournament was held the last week of July and was very competitive, with many matches not decided until the final end. Results of the tournament follows:

Ladies Singles—Mary Blose (repeat winner)

Men's Singles—Jim Sheridan

Mixed Doubles—Mary Blose & Red Brown (repeat winners)

Note: Mary and Red are from the Sun City Center Club, Florida.

The "Highlight" of the summer was our win over our neighboring club, Buck Hill. There were seven doubles matches and Skytop decisively won five of them. The win returned "The Etching" to Skytop. Following the match, Skytop Management provided a gourmet buffet with wine in sufficient quantity to reduce tears!

We wish to commend two new team members, Laura Whilhelms and Don Sach. Both just started to bowl and proved their

pro prowess by contributing to our win over Buck Hill.

We ended the season by having a clinic for many of the employees of Skytop Lodge who were interested in the sport. The team members were the instructors. The final touch was a great cocktail party hosted by Peggy and Dave Clark, for which we all thank them!

See you on the Green next summer!

GREENWICH

(Connecticut)

By Frances F. Novak

Crisp, sparkling late summer and fall days bring out nearly a full roster of bowlers, particularly on Fun Days. The winners at the August 26 day of tournaments, beginning with Martha Kreger in the spider:

1. Marion Duke and John Ryan
2. Jules Wagner and Jackie Steven
3. Mary Doran and Calvin Duke

The winning at the September 16th Fun Day began with Bert Larner, a visiting bowler from England, capturing the spider. In the yard-stick contests:

1. Daphne Thurber and Stanley Wort
2. Ben Lorenz and Jackie Steven
3. Muriel Lorenz and Calvin Duke

We have extended bowling times and now roll on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m., Thursday evenings at 6 p.m., and every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Actually, members are free to bowl anytime unless there is a croquet tournament.

The September 16 Fun Day was a memorial for Irene Ulrich, a long-time bowler and a part-time

NORTHEAST DIVISION

CUNNINGHAM

(Milton, MA)

By Sam Drevitch

So far it has been a great season for our club. The green is bowling fast. Now all we need are some more members. The Boston Croquet Club has also enjoyed the use of our green.

Many bowlers from Slater Park joined us at our annual Quincy Cup tournament. The winners of prizes were: 1. Sam Drevitch, Dave Norris and Linda Melchin; 2. George Zvanelich, Arthur Newton and Les McCabe; 3. Maurice Lafond, Leo Mathieu and Red Melchin; 4. Bob Sayer, Sonne Bucklin, Josh Sayer (Bob's young son).



Top: Sam Drevitch, Dave Norris, Linda Melchin (l-r) won the annual Quincy Cup at Cunningham Park.

At our Cunningham Cup in August, the winners were: 1. Victor Ford and Linda Melchin; 2. George Archilles, Al Letourneau and Linda Melchin; 3. Paul Bucklin and Patricia Jones; 4. Sam Drevitch, Susan Ford and Josh Sayer.

We were proud of Jack Lucey and Sam Drevitch for finishing tied for third in the award for Eastern Division "Bowler of the Year", and of Drevitch for winning "Bowler of the Tournament" at the Eastern Division Open. Teaming with Lucey, they won the Pairs and were runners-up in the Triples. Drevitch also finished second in the Singles



Winners of the Cunningham LBC's Foundation Cup are Victor Ford and Linda Melchin.

FERNLEIGH

(West Hartford, CT)

By Ed Wood

The mixed doubles tournament (July 19) was won by the team of Frank Stolzenberg and Karen Ellsworth.

At the Thistle Challenge tournament, instead of giving out prize money, the proceeds were donated to the treasury to help defray costs that might arise for the Eastern Division tournament.

The Kay Boker tournament in August required a playoff among five teams. Winners were: 1. George Babic, Flo Webers & Ed Wood; 2. Dave Bradley, Tom Dorsey & Joan Wood; 3. Bill Teasdale, Gordon Fowler & Wil Bjorkman/Anita Ellsworth. Drawing for prizes during the luncheon break was conducted by Karen Ellsworth, and every one got a prize.

Congratulations to new members, Ellen Boyne and George Plikaitis, for entering the Eastern Division tournament with Flo Webers and Bill Wassell, as respective partners, in the Pairs competition. They came close.

During a meeting with Ron Buck (future president of Eastern Division) it was suggested that consideration be given to "entry without fees" to bowlers who have never bowled in these type of tournaments. He thought this was a good idea. Let's hope this will occur and that many of you will take part in the regional tournaments.

The Wednesday Afternoon Triples Games have gotten off to a good start with 30 bowlers playing. If you are interested in being a substitute please advise Frank Stolzenberg. The members who joined this year should take advantage of being a substitute.

The first tournament with Thistle was such a great success, it was decided to have another in September. Winners were: 1. Mary Terry, Tom Dorsey; 2. Ahmihd Rafieyan, Bob O'Brien; 3. John O'Neil, Joan Wood.

Winners of the annual Fernleigh Memorial Tournament in September were: Ted Laski and Bob Lunden, and John Rowlson and Gordon Fowler. A roll-off was necessary to determine the winners. Frank Stolzenberg and Bob Burford finished third. The annual Pot Luck Supper was held after the tournament. Joan Lunden and her volunteers did an outstanding job for this affair.

In the Monday Night Doubles, John Rowlson was the winner of the skips. Gil Eddins came in 2nd. Greg Petrakis was the lead winner, Chuck Webster was 2nd.

ESSEX COUNTY*By George J. Schick*

Club president Colin Smith was named "ALBA ED Bowler of the Year" for the 2000 tournament season. Colin had a great season, placing in every major ED event. Colin is one of the hardest working members of our Division and richly deserves this honor.

Also, club member Skippy Arculli was named "ALBA ED Bowler of the Decade". Skippy won more events during the 1990's than any other ED member. A presentation was made to Skippy to recognize his performance this past season.

Our Club has joined the Watsessing Heights Civic Association that is responsible for all activities within Watsessing Park, where our green is located. With the help of the Association, we have received county funding for the following projects: a) Replacement of our playing surface, b) Restoration of our clubhouse (due to severe flood damage), c) Development of a county-wide youth lawn bowling program, d) Participation in Association events that will lead to an increase in club membership.

At our season-closing meeting, the following officers were elected for the 2001 season: President, Colin Smith; V-P, Bob Urquhart; Treasurer, Lorraine Urquhart; Secretary, George Schick. Directors: Skippy Arculli, Duncan Farrell, Joyce Fitzgerald, Debbie Smith, Nancy Stroud.

In tournaments, our club members did well: Colin Smith, fourth in the ED Classic Singles; Colin and Ron Buck, fourth in the Candelet Pairs; Colin and Ron, with Tom McLaughlin (Slater Park) were runners-up at the Dakers Triples; Smith & Buck again runners-up at the ED U.S. Playdowns; Smith & Buck won the ED Classic Pairs; and at the annual ED Open, Colin Smith won the Singles; took second with Ron Buck in the Pairs; and finished fourth in the Triples with Tom McLaughlin. George Schick, Bob Urquhart & Bud Fickley (Pittsburgh) came in fifth in the Triples.

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NORTHEAST DIVISION

SLATER PARK

(Pawtucket, RI)

By Ed Kenney

Tournament results are as follows.

Candelet Men's Pairs: 1st—Jack Lucey, teamed with Sam Drevitch of Milton, MA. 3rd—Maurice Lafond and Victor Ford.

Dakers Memorial Men's Triples: 1. Maurice Lafond, Paul Bucklin & Al Letourneau. 3. George Zvanelich, Ken Birch & Ed Kenney.

Ken MacCaskill Cup: 1. Ed Kenney, Pat Jones & Shirley Kenney.

3. Ken Birch, Vito Bart & Lucille Labbe. 4. Leo & Edie Matheau.

July 4th President/Games Committee Challenge. The games committee teams, led by Maurice Lafond, out bowled the presidents teams, led by Ed Kenney.

Bob & Dick Sayer won the Eastern Division U.S. Pairs Playdowns at Buck Hill Falls, PA. Ladies Pairs went to Linda McDougall (Bridgeport) and our Sonne Bucklin.

Rhode Island State Games: Triples—*Gold*, Maurice Lafond, Sonne Bucklin & Yvonne Baithazard. *Silver*, Paul Bucklin, Vito Bart & Greta Lafond. *Bronze*: Victor Ford, Charlie Morgan & Ray Robitaille. *Copper*: Ed Kenney, Al Letourneau & Rosemarie Cummings.

Pairs—Gold, Maurice & Greta Lafond. *Silver*, Ken Birch & Al



ED Regional Challenge 2000 combatants: front (l-r)—Yvonne Balthazard, Ed Kenney, Shirley Kenney, Greta Lafond, Jack Lucey. Back row (l-r)—George Zvanelich, Ken Birch, Sam Drevitch, Maurice Lafond, Rick Sanphy. Tom McLaughlin was snapping the photo.

Letourneau. *Bronze*, Larry Messier & Vito Bart. *Copper*, Ed Kenney & Ray Robitaille.

Eastern Division Open: Men's Triples—1. Maurice Lafond, Dave Joncas & Victor Ford. Men's Pairs—1. Jack Lucey & Sam Drevitch (Milton, MA). 4. Maurice Lafond & Victor Ford.

Ladies Triples—1. Sonne Bucklin, with (Bridgeport's) Linda McDougall & Mary Scott. Ladies Pairs—Sonne Bucklin & Linda McDougall.

Archie Stevenson Tournament: 1. Sam Drevitch & Frank Yaffee (Milton), 2. Maurice Lafond, Pat Jones & Greta Lafond. 3. Jim Grant, Art Newton & Rose Cummings. 4. Ken Birch, Al Letourneau & Carmen Chartier.

RI-MA edged the field to win the *Eastern Division Regional Challenge* at Dupont.

Slater Park's Tom McLaughlin is the new president of the Eastern Division and Ed Kenney and Jack Lucey were elected board members.

We had the pleasure of having Bill and Paula Bellone of Hemet, CA spend the afternoon bowling with us.

For the past few weeks Alan Goodnoff, from Santa Monica CA, has been in Rhode Island working on a movie. On his days off he has been bringing his blue bowls to our green for some fun games.

WILLIAMSBURG INN

By Susan Berg

Looking over the results from recent tournaments, Williamsburg members have several reasons to be proud. At the Singles Playdowns at Buck Hill Falls, Dan Berg finished first and will represent the Eastern Division at the U.S. Championships in November. This is the third year in a row that a Williamsburg member has earned that honor. Berg won the Division in 1998 and Robin Goldman in 1999.

Joann Proper came in second at the Playdowns for the Women's Singles Championship, behind Dana Lum. It is great to see Williamsburg finishing so high.

The club hosted its first Eastern Division tournament September 16-17: the Williamsburg Open Pairs. With fourteen teams competing Tom Lawlor and Zenas Gardner, from Dupont, beat their opponents decisively to win first place. Second and third place went to Margo and Al Pelliccio, Pinehurst, and Sonne and Paul Bucklin, Pawtucket, respectively.

In August, John McDowell captured the Ray Townsend Memorial Singles Tournament, with Joann Proper coming in second. This is the second time John has won the Club Singles championship.

Congratulations also go to Jack Edwards for his appointment as a director to the Eastern Division of ALBA. The Summer Pairs Evening League proved to be popular with members. Bill Holcombe and Phil Thorpe were the winners.

Club membership continues to increase. We now have over 60 members, the largest it has ever been.

Fall weather in Williamsburg means great bowling. Come try our greens. We are open every day from 3 to 6 p.m. (2 to 5 p.m. after Daylight Savings Time ends).

THISTLE

(West Hartford, CT)

By Joan Wood

The summer of 2000 was a great season for bowling at Thistle, with record numbers of bowlers turning out each week. We were also happy to welcome seven new members.

Two West Hartford clubs (Thistle and Femleigh) scheduled joint tournaments in the interest of promoting more bowling friendships. In the first, Fernleigh hosted Thistle. With good turn-outs from both clubs, three games of triples and a picnic lunch, it proved to be a great day, with much new camaraderie among the bowlers.

The second tournament was held at Thistle and again we all had a good time. The winners of this tournament are listed in Ed Wood's (no relation) Fernleigh column. It was a neat coincidence that each team of winners consisted of one Thistle and one Fernleigh member. Many thanks to Bill Wassell for organizing these events.

We hosted the Eastern Division Men's and Women's Championships in August. We were pleased to have bowlers from far away places such as Pittsburgh, South Carolina and Williamsburg.

While our August club tournament was rained out, the July tournament was fun as usual, with the winners being:

1. Bill Wassell & Bob Kimenker
2. Joe Morin & Jane Ferguson
3. John Ferguson & Bud Bruce

Finally, I want to thank Joe Morin for all the work he has put in on behalf of Thistle. He has recruited and trained most of our new members. He has also designated and organized our September tournament as the Founders' Tournament. On this occasion we will honor those bowlers from Fernleigh who revived Thistle from its low point of two members. Thank you, too, Joe, for all the wisdom you have shared with me in my role as President.

NORTHEAST DIVISION

HAMILTON

By Robert Stewart

With the green in poor condition, we managed to finish the bowling season.

At the club meeting it was decided to purchase from the ALBA the book, "Maintenance of the Lawn Bowling Green." The section on renovating a green was sent to the Director of Recreation and our new Mayor Glen Gilmore. The Mayor then showed-up when we were bowling and agreed it definitely was not up to par. He promised the renovation would be done when we finished bowling in September. We are keeping our fingers crossed.

Competitions completed were:

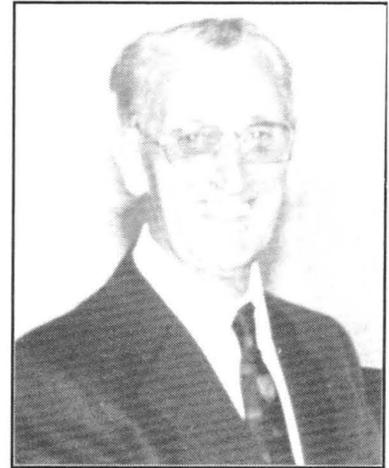
Triples League winners—Jack Russell, Mike Naples, Walt Chady and Jack Russell

The Pairs winners—James Kenney and Art Ongaro.

Single Handicap champion—Art Ongaro
Singles Open champion—Robert Stewart. Winning this trophy at age 88 years young in the year 2000 is something I will cherish for a long time to come (I hope).

Our 20th Annual Awards Luncheon will be held at "Mastoris" in Bordentown on November 13. Honored guests will be Mayor Glen Gilmore and Assistant Superintendent of Recreation, Kathi Purdy.

Ten of our bowlers visited DuPont LBC. We were greeted by Tom Lawlor and enjoyed playing on a good green
Good Bowling to all.



Hamilton's Open Singles champion Robert Stewart.

DUPONT

(Wilmington, DE)

By Tom Lawlor

Tournament results—DuPont Country Club
Women's Singles champion—Ruth Reichert
DuPont Men's Singles champion—Ron Buck
DuPont Lawn Bowling Club
Guest Singles champion—Stuart Cameron
Cutthroat Singles champion—Barry Gibson
First Annual Ed Hein Memorial Pairs

1. Jim Flynn and Ken Roberts
2. Dick Lindsey and Bernie Nicholls

We finished our season with a Triples tournament, the Delaware Senior Olympics, and

our year-end banquet and awards.

Several teams entered the Pinehurst Triples tournament (the finest event of the season). Winners were: Cliff Bailey, Bill Farrell and Bill Stevenson. Ron Buck, Tom Lawlor and Evelyn Sartain finished 4th. What a spectacle, homing pigeons released with each team's number. The first home won a prize. Then a spectacular parachute jump by the Green Berets, who landed directly in front of some 100 white-clad bowlers on the green. The meals were great and the Pinehurst people were wonderful hosts.

After Pinehurst, on to Williamsburg for their inaugural Pairs Tournament, where 14

teams competed. First place went to Tom Lawlor and Zenas Gardner. Al and Margo Pellicco were second, Paul and Sonny Bucklin third, Ron Buck and George Sayer fourth. Again, we experienced terrific hosts, with breakfast served on the green before bowling started.

We're right off I-95 in Wilmington. Please call Bob Lang at 302-741-4385 or Jim Michael 302-239-2865, and join us on our natural grass, ditchless green. We have social bowling on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in season.

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CHICAGO LAKESIDE

By Patricia Brown LeNoble

Winners of our Singles Tournament, under the direction of Cal Wright, are Don

Sneddon in first place, with Cal Wright in second. The women's game brought Evelyn Clark to the winners' circle, with Charlean Smith the runner-up.

John LeNoble renamed our Mixed Pairs Tournament the Mixed Up Pairs—and it was a great success! Under this format, team competition changed with each game. John Clark came out ahead for the skips, with Cal Wright following him. Among the leads, Charlean Smith was the clear winner, with Lorrie Michael in second place.

Our Central Division delegates, Cal and Carol Wright, attended the stated meeting on Friday evening before the division tournament. We were represented in the competition by John Clark, Bill Nakagawa, Henry Reynolds, Dan Weidner, Carolyn Nobe, Evelyn Clark and Jennifer Reynolds.

John Clark arranged for our visit to the

Milwaukee Lake Park Club in August and what a delightful day that was!

This brings us to Labor Day, with Don Sneddon and his 'rulers' being out to work on an unusual day of *brisk* weather on the lake front! We had several of our young men and women on hand and they buttoned up their jackets and really enjoyed a very different game of bowling on the green under inclement weather conditions. So, with the high winds and the rain, plus the continuous spray of lake water, they relished the challenge and enjoyed hot coffee at the end of the day.

Our website, with Henry Reynolds at the helm, brought two visitors to our club, so we feel we are 'off and running'!

The SENIOR OLYMPICS GAMES in September were chaired by Bill Nakagawa and Charlean Smith, so we will carry over these results until the next issue.

CENTRAL DIVISION 2000 OPEN

By Dan Matthews & Eileen Luba

The Central Division Open Tournament was held July 15-20, at the Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Club.

Following are the Men's results (s-v-l):

TRIPLES

Championship Flight

1. Jim Cavender, Carl Landgren, Bob Schneider
2. Ken Degenhardt, Dan Matthews, Leif Andresen
3. Charles Stone, Skip, Jerry Mathwig, Jim Copeland
4. Bob Patterson, Bill Davidson, Jack McGaugh

Second Flight

1. Joe Grabowski, Ceasar Eyssautier, Chuck Mather
2. Frank Roddy, John Devine, Ron Ware

PAIRS

1. Charles Stone, Jim Copeland
2. Jerry Mathwig, Buzz Althoen
3. Bob Patterson, Bill Davidson
4. Joe Grabowski, Ceasar Eyssautier

SINGLES

Championship Flight

1. Charles Stone
2. Jim Copeland
3. Joe Zinna
4. Sal Marino

Second Flight

1. JackPhillips
2. Bud Fickley

Following are the Women's results:

TRIPLES

1. Pat Goetz, Eileen Luba, Lois Saladin
2. Evelyn Clark, Carolyn Nobbe, Nancy Davidson
3. Dodie Hahn, Cy Stephan, Patti Grabowski

PAIRS

1. Eileen Luba & Lois Saladin
2. Beverly Phillips & Cy Stephan
3. Carolyn Nobbe & Nancy Davidson

SINGLES

1. Lois Saladin
2. Carol Holberg
3. Nancy Davidson
4. Pat Wimmer



Above: Ladies Open Triples Champions (l-r) Pat Goetz, Eileen Luba and Lois Saladin. Luba and Saladin also captured the Ladies Pairs, and Saladin completed her hat trick by winning the Singles.



Left: Charles Stone, right, and Jim Copeland were championship teammates in the Central Open Men's Pairs, then finished one-two in the Open Men's Singles.

Below left: Jim Cavender, Carl Landgren and Bob Schneider (l-r) won the Central Open Men's Triples.

Below right: Central Ladies Singles champion Lois Saladin, second from right, and finalists (l-r) Pat Wimmer, Carol Holberg and Nancy Davidson.



CENTRAL DIVISION

WESTLAND

By Joey Dunn

Sufficient rain this summer to keep Westland pretty green didn't affect our bowling.

Being a small club, we are pleased to have three new members plus three possibles. Hence, a lot more participation. The *Westland Observer* gave our club a nice write-up. Front page pictures also. So we wish to thank them again.

B. Patterson and B. & N. Davidson did well in the Central Division Tournament. M. MacKenzie and B. Patterson will be bowling in the upcoming tour in Pinehurst, NC.

N. Davidson will be participating in the U.S. Championships in Sun City, FL.

Having new bowlers is giving all of us an opportunity to brush up on our manners—placing of mats, jacks and bowls, hand signals, measurements, reading heads, sharing the set-up of rinks, putting equipment in proper places. A good lesson for all.

We have had visitors from Scotland, with favorable comments, and the company of Dale and Dolores from Sun City, FL vacationing in Michigan.

All and all a nice summer coming to a close real fast. Come visit in Westland, a good place to be!

FOREST HILL

(East Cleveland)

By Tom Bader

Rain almost spoiled our annual September Four-Three-Two-One tournament, but between raindrops we got it in. The winners were Wayne Crookshanks, Liz Duncan and Tom Basler.

Earlier in the summer, Liz Duncan won the Bode-Seeger match; Alan Eisenman and Mabel Seeger copped the Tennyson-Duncan Doubles; and Bea Tennyson and Alan Eisenman teamed to win the Clucas-Walton Doubles.

Several of our members paid an unexpected visit to the Frick Park Club in Pittsburgh this past August and they were graciously welcomed. Both the food and the bowling were good.

Our club participated in the 60th Anniversary of Forest Hill Park (formerly the Cleveland estate of John D. Rockefeller) with an open house bowling instruction session.

We are presently looking at several sites for winter indoor bowling which, in recent years, has become a real asset for us. A number of our members who can't be with us in the summer enjoy this cold weather bowling.

Next event is our annual banquet.

MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK

By Buzz Althoen

Milwaukee Lake Park had lots of fun bowling, with the following results to be published for posterity and to be noted in the annual chronicles of the great sport of lawn bowling!

The Central Division was held in Milwaukee in late July. See results in this section.

Our Otto Hess and Sydney Steller Invitational Tournaments were held over Labor Day weekend with the following results:

Otto Hess

1. Carl Landgren, Steven Nelson, Bob Schneider
2. Ken Degenhardt, Dan Matthews, Leif Andresen

Sydney Steller

1. Pat Mueller, Inga Harwick, Carol Holberg
2. Cy Stephen, Sue Partridge, Barb Althoen

Other results are as follows:

County Singles

Women—1. Ann Wysocki, 2. Norma Harrington

Men—1. Jerry Mathwig, 2. Bill Harrington

County Pairs

Men—1. Carl Landgren & Bob Schneider,
2. Marv Summers & Buzz Althoen

County Triples

Women—1. Pat Wimmer, Carol Holberg,
Inga Harwick; 2. Shirley Phillips, Norine
Morrell, Dolores Phelps

Men—1. Len Shaw, John Morrell, Clem
Wisch; 2. Carl Landgren, Bill Harrington,
Charley Foote

Stuart Pairs

1. Leif Andresen & Carl Landgren
2. Dan Matthews & Bill Harrington

St. George Singles

1. Jim Copeland, 2. Charles Stone

Women's Singles

1. Carol Holberg, 2. Pat Mueller

And so it goes. . . We look forward to fall bowling and our annual dinner meeting in early November.

ROCKFORD

By Ann Kelsey

Thanks to the generosity of the new owner of the Moose Club property, we are still going strong at the same location. He is planning to open a supper club after he finishes remodeling the building and has allowed us to continue bowling at this time. Our volunteers, especially Frank Roddy, Roger Binger and John Devine, have done a great job of maintaining the green.

We had a wonderful opportunity to get together with members of our club and their families when Donna Binger coordinated a catered banquet at our clubhouse. We had a great turnout and a wonderful time.

We can consider this bowling season a success because in our annual September contest with Milwaukee (the Butler Cup) we were victorious. We got to bring the Cup home and we don't mind polishing it at all.

On a sad note, we lost one of our long-time members, George Dobnick, this fall. George's favorite shot was the wick and no one in our club did it better.

MILWAUKEE WEST

By Leonard F. Shaw

We had a perfect summer, with temperatures in the 70's and 80's and showers when needed. All county and club events ended on Labor Day and here are the results:

Singles

Women—1. Ann Wysocki, 2. Norine Morrell

Men—1. Gary Wisch, 2. Len Shaw

Pairs

Women—1. Marion Hies, Bonnie Braden; 2.

Loraine Jungbluth, Joyce DelMonte
Men—1. Tony Del Monte, Ben Reith; 2. Len
Shaw, Clem Wisch

Triples

Women—1. Marion Hies, Ann Wysocki,
Bonnie Braden; 2. Norine Morrell, Loraine
Jungbluth, Carol Erasme

Men—Len Shaw, Ben Reith, Gil Gilmore;
2. John Morrell, Clem Wisch, Harry Hub

Milwaukee County Pairs

Women—1. Marion Hies, Norine Morrell;
2. Pat Wimmer, Nancy Rosenbaum

Men—1. Jerry Mathwig, Gary Wisch; 2. John
Morrell, Clem Wisch

Milwaukee County Triples

Women—1. Shirley Phillips, Norine
Morrell, Delores Phelps; 2. Pat Wimmer,
Carol Holberg, Inga Harwick

Men—1. Len Shaw, John Morrell, Clem
Wisch; 2. Bill Harrington, Charlie Foote,
Carl Landgren

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CENTRAL DIVISION

PITTSBURGH FRICK PARK

By James C. Cunningham

Like most other Central Division clubs, we have enjoyed a summer of fine weather, just right for lawn bowling. But it has come to a close and now we await another spring and another season of friendly competition in our great sport.

Our 4-3-2-1 Tournament in June saw Eileen Luba the winner, with Jack Phillips in second place, Hank Luba third, and Helen Sinai capturing the "Nice Try" position.

In our Two-Bowl Tournament, Beverly Phillips came in first in the A group (skips), followed by a tie for second place between Jack Phillips and Hank Luba. In the B group (leads), Rita Wood was #1, and Helen Fickley and John Hartman tied for second place.

The Australian Pairs in September saw Lois Saladin, first, Ann

Hofer second, and Bud Fickley third in the A group; and Helen Fickley first in the B group, with Rita Wood and Ruth Cunningham tied for second place.

The Mixed Pairs two-day tournament saw a tight race up to the final game, at which Beverly and Jack Phillips emerged the winners and Anke Bakker and Wil Troy finished second.

In our season-long tournaments, Anke Bakker won the Women's Singles, with Lois Saladin the runner-up. The Men's Singles was won by Jim Cunningham, with Hank Luba in second place. Helen and Bud Fickley won the Open Doubles, with Eileen Luba and Lois Saladin in second place.

Great tournaments all, and we thank everyone who helped make them successful and a lot of fun.

FLINT

By Jeane Giesy

The Flint Club had a busy season. Flint hosted the CANUSA Games and the lawn bowlers were winners in the lawn bowling event.

We exchanged visits with the Sarnia Club and the Westland Club. Westland is the only other lawn bowling club in Michigan.

We welcome two new members, Clinton Caldwell and Neville Eland. Neville is from South Africa and is visiting here for the summer.

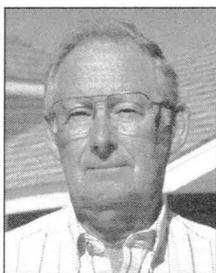
We had visitors this season, Marty and Annette Schans from Grand Rapids, MI, and Rex and Emily Bolinger from Dayton, OH.

The club was pleased to have Jack McGaugh and Ron Ware represent us at the Central Division Open in Milwaukee.

The club celebrated everyone's birthday with a cook-out. We will end this year with a banquet. Everyone gets dressed up and we hardly recognize each other. Then the stories really fly—all the great shots and all of the games that were almost won!

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STORES ARE BUSIER. PARKING LOTS ARE fuller. The temperature is under 100! *Its lawn bowling time in Arizona!*

"DOLLAR DAY OPEN BOWLING" is in progress: Mondays—Lakeview Greens, Sun City, 12:30 P.M.; Thursdays—Johnson Greens, Sun City West, 12:30 P.M. Come join the fun.

Tournaments coming:

NIELS KRAGH PAIRS

Dec. 2-3.

TEICHMAN MIXED TRIPLES

Jan. 13-14, 2001.

ARIZONA MIXED RINKS

Jan. 20-21.

THOMSON-ZIVEC OPEN PAIRS

Jan. 23-25.

Additional details? Read your *BOWLS Magazine* and your club's bulletin board.

I know your lawn bowling club has plans for a busy Fall calendar. Go down and play in the grass, er, lawn.

SUN CITY WEST

By Howard Goodnough

SWEET and SOUR!

SWEET to see bowlers return to our greens. Cooler weather (under 100) returned members to their homes and onto the greens, where a full schedule of activities are planned: Two sessions of draw bowling daily (except Sun.). Fall League Wednesday evenings. Dollar Day open bowling Thursdays at 12:30. And a full slate of social activities.

SWEET to report Mary Terrill and Roberta Lane traveled into Canada to win the Western Ontario Bowling Association (WOBA) Pairs championship. We know how well you must bowl to beat the Canadians.

SOUR to report the death of Dale Bjorklun in September. His services, held in Sun City West, was attended by a huge number of our members all in their whites. Dale, a past president of our club, was not just an excellent competitive lawn bowler but a ready volunteer who always brought a friendly, up-beat presence to the greens. A club cannot have too many "Dale Bjorkluns".

In Memoriam

Dale Bjorklun

SUN CITY GRAND

By Richard Borczak

Members make the Club!

When the Grand Lawn Bowling Club began eighteen months ago with 30 members, there were always 16 to 26 members bowling three days a week. Now, with 77 members, the club had 20 to 36 members bowling during the winter months. And even in the heat of summer, there are 15 to 26 bowlers rolling 16 ends.

Tom Felhaber handles the draw and Darrel Young ably assists. Ed Kizyma and John Manco arrive early and bring out the equipment and set up.

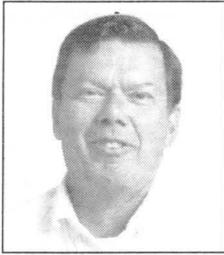
John Lynn is the Club's Chief Instructor and he has about 30 people who have signed up for training. He is ably assisted by Glenn Hamm.

These are some of the people who have made the Grand Lawn Bowling Club a success. Most bowlers participate in all areas of membership, from putting away equipment to assisting others. Friendly conversation and a lot of laughter accompanies the games. Super friendships have been established that carries over into non-bowling activities. The members make the club.

The club offers its deepest sympathy to Bob Hack on the recent loss of his wife, member Linda Hack. Sincere thanks to Bob for his generous donation of his wife's brand new 00 lawn bowls to the club.

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THE NW WAS FORTUNATE TO HAVE A LOT of good bowling take place here this year. Woodland Park hosted the North American Challenge Tournament in early August (see Roy Sculley's report from Woodland Park).

The NW Division Summer Open had a bit of bad mixed in with the good greens and bowlers. Richard Broad, while doing some of the preparations for play on the first day of the tournament, fell and broke his left leg. But, a few days later, he was visiting the greens and even getting in a little practice by sitting on a makeshift stool, in hopes that he might still be able to represent the Division in the pairs competition of the U.S. Championships.

The inaugural NW Division Fall Open was held in Spokane over Labor Day weekend. This was the first time a division-sponsored tournament was held in Spokane. After a 58-day drought-ending shower dampened the practice session on Saturday, the round robin mixed triples was held on Sunday and Monday. In the end, local knowledge may have helped as the Spokane team of Lowell Brooks, Betty Brooks and Dean Ferraby came in first over fellow club members Bob Miller, John Marchi and Marjorie Aherns.

JEFFERSON PARK

(Seattle)

By Hugh Ramsay

The Jefferson Park club is entering the world of metric measurements.

With the construction of a new green, it will meet the standards for holding international competitions. It will not happen overnight, but it has already been started as part of Seattle Parks Department's improvements. With the completion of the first green, the long-range plan is for rebuilding the second green to create a level playing ground.

An international tournament with White Rock, B.C., was played in August with 110 people present, and the handsome trophy was retained by Jefferson Park. As part of the social time, observance was made of Bill Craig's 90th birth-

day, which fell on the day after the tournament. It was an appropriate event for a lawn bowler who, over the years has had a distinguished record of local and national championships. To top it off, White Rock's Archie McNeil, Bill's kindergarten pal, was present and celebrated his 90th birthday too!

A new slate of officers, including Richard Krueger, Ed Pina, Harold Schwanke, Howard Syder, Jean Syder and Dorothy Bell, was elected to the Board at the General Membership Meeting in September. As part of the discussion at the meeting, building up membership was an important subject. We are hoping that with the new green there will be renewed interest in bowling in the surrounding community.

In Memoriam

Lloyd Anderson
Darlene Hennessey

WOODLAND PARK

(Seattle, WA)

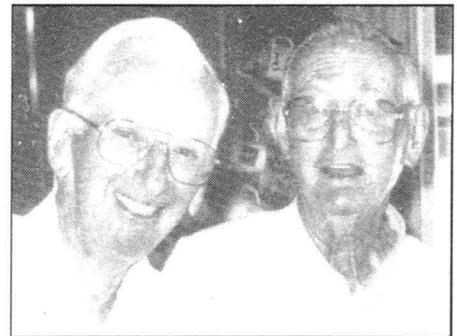
By Roy Scully

The North American Challenge Tournament, held here in August, was the highlight of the year for our club. Team Canada 2000 and Team USA, with some of the top bowlers from each country, showed us some great bowling, while demonstrating sportsmanship at its best.

With a lot of help from the Jefferson Park and Tacoma club members, we were able to produce a very successful tournament. Co-chairs Ian Fyfe and Myra Wood, along with the rest of the tournament committee, did a great job of organizing and presenting the event. Even the weather cooperated with pleasantly sunny weather and no rain!

Besides his other duties, Ian Fyfe took

it upon himself to make sure that the greens were in the best possible shape. With help from the Seattle Parks Department crew and some of our members, he achieved his goal. The greens were the smoothest and fastest they have ever been.



Woodland Park's Bill and Archie celebrated their 90th birthdays at the club.

TACOMA

By Donna West

The first event of the bowling season in Tacoma was the Daffodil Mixed Triples. Winners were George New, Its Nishikawa and Nancy Nishikawa. Richard Broad, Richard Krueger and Susan Parker came in second. Chuck Caddey, Harold Schwanke and Ruth Barrett were third.

Six teams competed in the Tacoma Rinks in May. Taking first place were Don Wood, Grace Said, Donna West and Merv Wade. This was Grace's last day on the green as she suffered a fatal heart attack the next night. As everyone knows who met Grace

on the bowling green, she was a competitor who had many trophies to her credit both here in Tacoma and at Monte Vista in the South Central Division, where Grace and Bill spent the winter months.

The team that finished second in the rinks tournament was from Seattle: Its Nishikawa, Doug Bradley, Fermin Cabrigo and Nancy Nishikawa. Third place went to George West, Rosetta Johnson, Warren Townsend and Jack Moore/Nancy Wade.

Early in the season we had the misfortune of having someone break into our small clubhouse. Though there was no serious damage, our microwave and leafblower were stolen. Special thanks go to the Honnolds

for bringing in a microwave for our use. Our American flag was also taken. We are especially grateful to Rosetta Johnson who replaced it with one that had been presented to her at the time of her husband's death.

Von Armstrong won the TLBC men's singles event. George West and Merv Wade came in first in the club men's pairs, and Myra Wood and Vi Anderson won the women's pairs.

We had a good season here in the Northwest, and most every day you could find someone on the green.

In Memoriam

Grace Said

NORTHWEST DIVISION

NORTHWEST SUMMER OPEN

The Northwest Summer Open was held August 19–25, at Seattle's Jefferson Park.

Ron Adkins (Seattle) and Larry Edgar (Portland) won the Pairs, with George New and Howard Syder finishing second.

The Singles went to Bert Haws. Bill Hill, visiting from New Zealand, came in second, and Its Nishikawa was third.

In Triples, the team of Its Nishikawa, Rand Coburn and Richard Krueger were victors, followed by Lou Storm, Martin Claspill and Fermin Cabico.



NW Summer Open Singles champion Bert Haws, right, with third place finisher Its Nishikawa.



Ron Adkins and Larry Edgar, left, battle over their Men's Pairs first place winnings, as the less jolly runners-up, Howard Snyder and George New, look on.

KING CITY

By Ed Otte

Our club enjoyed another summer of good weather, with ideal bowling conditions most of the time.

The annual outdoor Ice Cream Social was held in July, with a good turnout of members on a perfect summer evening.

Thanks to Allan Metcalf and many other club volunteers, we had another successful sale at the King City Lions Club annual flea market in July.

Our annual "Fun and Games" day was postponed from August 18th to September 7th because of rain and extensive work on the green. However, we all enjoyed evening dinners on both dates.

The club's annual banquet and business meeting was held October 13th. A list of our newly elected officers for next year will be published in the next issue of *BOWLS*.

It has been a pleasure to welcome and bowl with the following new members:

Faye Arrell, Lu Blunt, Al and Anita Burdick, Robert and Joyce Campbell, Dave Carlson, Grace Clark, Bill Moore, and Charles and Norma Spencer.

In Memoriam

George (Jeff) Jeffcoat

Paul Mays

SPOKANE

By Dave Robb

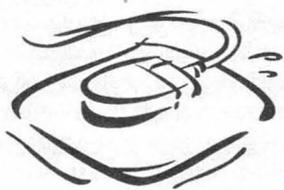
The first ALBA Open Tournament to be held in Spokane took place over Labor Day weekend. Players from Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Spokane filled out the field. Rain the day prior slowed down the green—advantage Spokane. The winning team of Lowell Brooks, Betty Brooks and Dean Ferraby carried the day for Spokane. An excellent meal was prepared by social chairperson Dorothy Nakielny and her helpers. Our club looks forward to hosting this tournament again in 2001.

Spokane entered four teams in the Penticton Lakeview LBC Invitational Tournament at their remodeled facility at Penticton, B.C. The team of Rich Gaffey, Marian Wertz and Al Stuart brought home first place honors in the B division.

Promotion of the Washington State Seniors events fell on deaf ears this year. Next year the event will be held in Seattle. This year the winners were Dave Robb and Olivia Kissin.

The club's annual Picnic at the Club, held on July 11, had a good turnout and proved to be a good time for all those attending. Special games, led by Lowell Brooks, were open to members, guests and social members.

We are growing. Of the prospects trying the game during lessons held over the summer, some are registered to join the club next spring. We are eagerly looking forward to 2001.



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PORTLAND

By Larry Edgar

Our club's tournament season is drawing to a close as the season changes to Fall. It's been a busy year once again, with good bowling and a lot of fun on the green.

In July we held our *Club Singles* tournament. For the women, Debbie Tupper came in first and Jessie Goett second. The men's tournament ended-up with a three-way tie between Jim Tupper, Al Burdick and Larry Edgar for second place. Dave Rostad finished in the top spot.

We held our *Club Select Pairs* tournament on July 29. Gene Maierand and Jim Tupper came in first, with Debbie Tupper and Larry Edgar taking second place. *The Cutthroat* competition took place on August 5. Jessie Goett was the ultimate winner and Larry Edgar finished second.

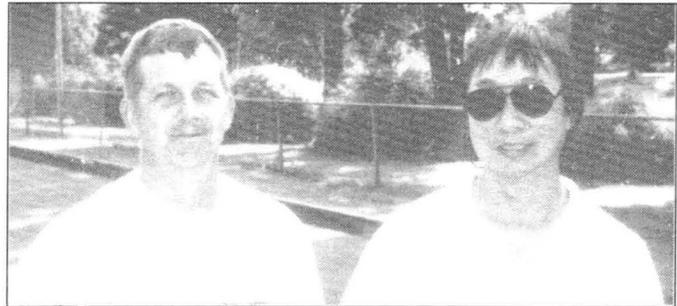
After a break of a couple weeks, during which some of our members participated in the NW Division Open, we resumed our club schedule with the *Mixed Pairs* tournament on September 9. The team of Jessie Goett and Larry Edgar took first place, while Gene Maier and Ricky Jamtgaard came in second.

The following week, Jimi Joe and Dave Rostad were the winners of the Oregon Pairs. Debbie Tupper and Pam Edwards were runners-up.

We still have the Oregon Singles tournament to play before the club goes into hibernation for the fall and winter. A work party is scheduled for October 7, and an informal golf tournament set for October 21. After that we'll just have to kick back, watch the rain, and wait for the return of Spring and a new bowling season.



Portland's Mixed Pairs winners, Larry Edgar, left, and Jessie Goett.



Dave Rostad and Jimi Joe won the Oregon Pairs.

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Diablo Room. We also had the honor of having two of our ladies, Jeanne Lauritzen and Jackie Purdy, win the Women's Pairs Championship.

Marie Klos has sent out invitations for the Orville and Erma Artist Invitational Tournament that will be held on October 28th. Last year, both Orville and Erma were in attendance. This time, with Orville's passing, we hope to have Erma come across the street and join in the good time. And a good time it will be with Marie at the helm, running the show. 

OAKMONT

By R. Watts

The Oakmont Lawn Bowls Club is feeling great. Thirty-one residents of the Active Adult Community signed up to take the instructions in September. So far eighteen have joined. Twelve of the eighteen are women. We have been concentrating on increasing our membership, especially for women. Dick Love and his instructors have done a great job.

Our tournament for those over eighty years old was a great success. Of the eight participants, seven were men and one hon-

est but brave women. No names please.

We are looking forward to the PIMD Invitational Tournament to be held on our magnificent green on Saturday, November 18. More and more of our members are participating in the PIMD tournaments.

We are concluding some eighteen intra club tournaments, to the relief of Vane and Vanitta Olinger. They spent so much time planning the tournaments and directing them that they forgot where they lived. Dave Cobble is also thankful for the conclusion of the Holiday and Special tournaments. He has done a tremendous job in providing for the fun tournaments.

Walter Schilpp, President of the club, will be ending his term. He, his officers and board of directors have done an outstanding performance in leading the club on another successful year. Can't close without a word of praise to Peter Wheeler, who also did an outstanding job in bringing our green up to the best in the division. He has lived and had recurring nightmares about the condition of the green. The green is so good that players are complaining that they don't have any excuses for not playing well. Happy holidays to the editor and to all lawn bowl clubs.

MY THANKS TO ALL OF THE PIMD CLUB correspondents who sent their articles for the Fall BOWLS directly to Joe for publication while I was away on a "trip of a lifetime" to Canada and Alaska in a motor home. The Alcan Highway might be bumpy and rough, but spectacular scenery is all around you.

The Rossmoor Club hosted the Men's Singles and the Women's Pairs on the 13th, 14th & 15th of September—and then frosted that cake with a Grand Finale party that featured cocktails, dinner and dancing in our

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

RICHMOND

By Frank Ransome

The clubhouse has been all cleaned-up and the Parks Department has aerated, sanded and reseeded the green so that it is much smoother and running plus-minus 12 seconds. They also repainted the backboards, so we have a very pleasant place to bowl.

Some of the new members have been taking advantage of the green on a daily basis, and the Wednesday and Sunday classes are ongoing.

President Howard Mackie does a superb job with the verticutter, and we now have a part-time employee so the green can be cut twice each week.

Renee Friedman cleaned up the kitchen and office so that guests can see that we enjoy our clubhouse. We look ahead to having brown bag lunches and other functions as the membership grows. Renee also arranged the artificial flowers that add class to the place.

The younger bowlers enjoy using the colored bows that we've obtained from the Taylor Bowls Company, and the excitement helps keep them interested in the sport.

Most of the problems that we had with vandalism have ceased now that the club is being used everyday and the Parks Department jumps right in to correct anything that goes wrong.

SANTA CLARA

By Ida Baker

After two months of weekly play, our Friendship Games have come to a close. Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, San Jose, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Del Mesa Clubs participated.

The final day was held June 14th at Santa Clara during a 110 degree heat wave! Mercifully, the morning and afternoon games were cut short, players drank plenty of liquids and stayed in the shade as much as possible. A tasty buffet was served afterward. The team of Al Mendoza, Ida Baker and Irene Nakano was the final winner. Night bowling at our green continues to be very popular. The times for play are Wednesday and Friday nights at 6:45 p.m.

Our club games were played-off and the winners are as follows:

Men's Pairs, won by Lou Audino and Dick Tracy. Dave Romasko and Alden Schroeder came in second.

Women's Pairs Draw, was won by Tecla Shepard and Marguerite Miller. Second were Cathy Rollison and Marge Bodah.

The Women's Pairs Team, played July 8th, was won by Tecla Shepard and Rebeca Vargas. Maritha Vakasilimi and Ann Maron came in second. Congratulations Winners!

PIMI WOMEN'S OPEN

By Adele Patterson

The results of AWLBA's Pacific Inter-Mountain Division's Women's Open, held September 9-14 are as follows:

SINGLES

Championship

1. Katy Stone
2. Laura Lewis
3. Maryna Hyland
4. Shirley Cam

Second Flight

1. Felice Santos
2. Jackie Purdy

Third Flight

1. Tanya Hills
2. Muriel Rackliff

TRIPLES

Championship

1. Virginia Farr, Sylvi MacDonald, Mary Frederico
2. Roe Hazelwood, Shirley Cam, Mary Hook
3. Bea McConachie, Dorie Mendoza, Laura Lewis
4. Felice Santos, Mariette Rozario, Jackie Purdy

Second Flight

1. Muriel Rackliff, Katy Stone, Victoria Page
2. Vanitta Olinger, Pauline Liebowitz, Tanya Hills

Third Flight

1. Betty Blue, Hattie Barht, Gertrude Wittingslow
2. Cathy Rollison, Marge Bodah, Rebecca Vargas

BOWLER OF THE TOURNAMENT—Laura Lewis



PAIRS

Championship

1. Jeane Lauritzen, Jackie Purdy
2. Maryna Hyland, Mary Frederico
3. Bea McConachie, Laura Lewis
4. Sylvi MacDonald, Jessica Kinninger

Second Flight

1. Tomoko Lesowitz, Renee Friedman
2. Vanitta Olinger, Tanya Hills

Third Flight

1. Marie Klos, Vera Belton
2. Bette Johnson, Vickie Baretto



PIMD Women's Open Pairs champs Jackie Purdy, left, and Jeane Lauritzen.

SUNNYVALE

By Jim Warwood

Many members of the Sunnyvale Lawn Bowls Club energetically attended the celebration of the Sunnyvale International Street Faire on September 23. We know the following listed individuals were there because we thoroughly enjoyed their presence at our Sunnyvale Lawn Bowls Club booth set up in the best shady spot on Olive Avenue.

Roger and Joy Beall, Mary Balsama, Janette Huntting, Al and Irene Rizzo, and Marie Sacco were there. Al Camps supplied fancy balloons, each inscribed with a large S.V.L.B.C. marking. They were hung with our "Learn to Bowl—Free Lessons" ALBA banner. Nancy McDonough talked with interested citizens. Dorie Mendoza, Irene Nakano and Betty Oka did a bang-up job distributing between 250 and 300 advertising brochures for the Sunnyvale Club. Stu Shoemaker and Jim Warwood spent most of the day talking to many International

Street Faire attendees who expressed their curiosity.

Several members of the City Staff stopped by to chat with us. Pat Vorreiter, Mayor of Sunnyvale; Valerie Armento, City Attorney; Amy Chan, Asst. City Manager; John Lawrence, Leisure Services Manager; and Robert Walker, City of Sunnyvale Director of Parks and Recreation.

Stu Shoemaker set-up the operation in the early a.m.. Our large ALBA banner was hung between two available trees that "hit" all those passing our booth right at eye-level. Good advertising!

We had more interested potential lawn bowlers at this Faire than at any of the previous operations of similar nature. It is a good feeling to know that the Sunnyvale Lawn Bowls Club is recognized as a part of the viable group of citizens known as the City of Sunnyvale. And to also know that lawn bowling is alive and well in Silicon Valley.

Al and Emma Cancilla are moving to Chico. We will miss them.

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

ROSSMOOR

(Walnut Creek)

By Frank Ransome

Virginia Farr and Jessica Kinninger won the Ladies Pairs competition. Virginia has had a great year, placing second in the Ladies Pairs with Mariette Rozario, and Jessica teamed with Tomoko Lesowitz in the Memorial Day Pairs at San Francisco. Jackie Purdy, Mariette and Felice Santos represented the PIMD at the Can-Am Games held in Edmonton. Roe Hazelwood and Shirley Cam will represent the PIMD at the U.S. Championships in November.

Rossmoor did well in the PIMD Mixed Rinks this year. Club President Bob Harbeson and his team of Jeanne Lauritzen, Rennie and Vickie Barretto won it, while the team of Frank Ransome, Renee Friedman, Sylvi MacDonald and Tom Bumowski placed third. The Friday Scrambles and Australian Cut Throat continue to attract a large group of bowlers.

HONOLULU

(Ala Moana Beach Park)

By Sharon Hunt

ALOHA! By the time this is read our visitors from the Tokyo Lawn Bowls Club in Japan will have been here to bowl, learn about our green maintenance, and have a few lessons for their novices. We have been looking forward to this experience for several months. Only three bowlers speak English, so our "Ambassador" to Japan, Sam (SUSUMU) Takamura will be our major translator. Sam has made two trips to Japan to meet with the club.

We are now also expecting a group from Kobe, Japan in November. We have about 40 "Bowlers On Tour" from across Canada scheduled for November 6-16. Our **MAHALOS** (thank yous) to our visitors of the past year.

As seen in the photo below, our ZERO Club now has three infamous members. Our Ambassador to Japan, Sam Takamura, is the newest inductee at 0-08—a zero score for 8 consecutive ends as a skip. Several of us have come perilously close to membership!

We have completed three tournaments this quarter. The Draw Pairs winners were Don Hunt and Joann Hamilton (with substitutes Yasuko Takemoto and Sam Takamura), and Sharon Hunt and Harold Hu runners-up. The Mixed Doubles winners were Warren Wong and Jane Tanida, with Sharon Hunt and Don Moseley second.

Our novices were all exceptional this year. Tadao Murakami was undefeated and Yoko Hayashi runner-up with only one loss.

Remember, if planning a winter vacation to Hawaii, stop at our club for a game of bowls. We will welcome you with **ALOHA**. Honolulu president Sharon Hunt is reachable at (808) 941-2291.



Not everyone gets into Honolulu's Zero Club, but (l-r) Warren Wong, Don Moseley and Sam Takamura are card carrying members!

Dave Johnson and Jim Williams, both recent novices, defeated Jim Kilgour and Dan Belton on an extra end for the Pairs Championship. The Ladies enjoyed the annual Salad Bowl Tournament and lunch hosted by Louise Weamer. The club initiated a Novice-Veterans Tournament this year and hosted the UMA group in a Home and Home. UMA is composed of Bay Area residents from the Far East of Portuguese decent. Many of their bowlers began their careers in Macao and Hong Kong.

This has been a very successful year for recruiting. The Rossmoor Club has more than 30 new bowlers on the green and another class coming up this Fall. Much of this is the result of the good work of Bill MacDonald and Ed DaSilva who head-up the Instruction Committee. Marion Klos and Jim Towar have prepared to teach advance classes so that we will have enough skips and seconds to participate in the draw.

SAN FRANCISCO*By George Scarpato*

San Francisco's Lawn Bowling Club had a active quarter. Eight tournaments were held, including the successful Edith Denton International which drew 30 mixed triples teams from throughout the PIMD.

The following recognizes those who led in the results of all the tournaments:

Edith Denton International: Green A-1. Charlie Thorpe, Don and Peggy Johnston; 2. John Freestone, Virginia Farr and Jackie Purdy. Green B-1. John Reyes, Hattie Bahrt and John Xavier; 2. Gil Patchett, Tom and Jamie Bumowski. Green C-Kevin McCaffrey, Reggie Mattos and De J. Doring; 2. John Luster, Charlie and Angelina Black.

Men's Triples: Kevin McCaffrey, Robb Pawlak and Aaron Rezendez; 2. A.A. dos Remedios Jr., Lionel Guterres and Bob Remedios; 3. Bill Ryan, Bill Campbell and Lenny Gaan.

Women's 4-3-2-1: 1. Sarah Howald 2. De J. Doring 3. Bea McConachie.

Men's Handicap Singles: Manny Remedios, A.A. dos Remedios, Jr., Bill Campbell.

Men's Championship Pairs: Oscar Collaco & Peter Souza, 2. A.A. dos Remedios, Jr. & Lionel Guterres, 3. Bill Ryan & Hugh Houston.

Women's Singles: 1. Betty Blue, 2. De J. Doring, 3. Laura Lewis.

Women's Novice Singles: 1. De J. Doring, 2. Melina Carion, 3. Doreen Pereira.

Men's Novice Singles: 1. Manny Remedios, 2. Peter Souza, 3. Ingmar Eriksen.

The club's publicity campaign, designed to build public awareness of the sport of lawn bowling and to attract new members, gained momentum with illustrated feature articles in the *SF Chronicle* and Independent newspapers, as well as the videotaping of a tournament for a segment of TV's National Geographic program. We continue to attract many people from the Bay Area community with our free lessons, resulting in more than a dozen new members in the last quarter.

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PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

PALO ALTO

By Ed Arnold

Our new green, despite some detours, is slowly getting into shape.

In the meantime, some of our bowlers have been busy. We held "Chicken Bowls" in July and August, with about 60 present both times. The games were at 5 p.m. and a delicious chicken dinner followed. We also had two holiday "Fun Games" on July 4th and Labor Day, with skill games and a "spider" in the morning, draw games in the afternoon. At our two annual confrontations with Berkeley and Sunnyvale, we came up short, putting them into the win-column.

Some of our gals—Reggie Banares, Bea

McConachie, Pauline Liebovitz, Dory Mendoza (Sunnyvale) and Roberta Durham—won the Women's Fives tourney at San Francisco after being victorious in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Rinks.

Gordon Lockhart won the PIMD Singles at Oakland. Gordon, Bob Sinclair, Reggie Banares, Vincente Guterres represented the PIMD in the CAN AM CLASSIC in Canada in Aug/Sept.

Andre Banares and Gordon Lockhart teamed with two Canadians and won the Alberta Open. In an intraclub tourney, John Hickson and Cliff Christensen won our Men's Team Pairs title. In Santa Barbara over Labor Day weekend, Andre and Reggie Banares, with Santa Monica's Sam

Benjamin, won the Duran Triples. And, seven of our bowlers did very well in the September PIMD Open, winning spots in various flights—Frank Souza, Bob Sinclair, Gordon Lockhart, Mike Overton, Andre Banares, Bill McConachie and Bea McConachie.

The Joel Stearn family is receiving congratulations for the recent arrival of a new baby girl, Angela. She's the new champ in the family.

We welcome new members: Al Gutierrez, Lenny Gann and Sheila Blodgett.

Three of ours, Reggie Banares, Frank Souza and Joel Stearn, will make up half the group representing the PIMD at the U.S. Championships in November.

LEISURE TOWN

By Virginia East

Our club lost Weldon Stout, one of our most enthusiastic members, late in June. He and Sheila were excellent bowlers and both were active in local and away-from-home events.

Home 'n' Home with Oakmont in June brought out four teams from Leisure Town. Winners were split, but Oakmont accumulated more game points.

Thirty-four members participated in the early July 4th picnic provided by the club. The day was started by a "spider", with coins placed at random from a jack at center green. The bowler closest to each coin got to keep it.

The Ladies' Singles Tournament, postponed in May, has not been held. Signups have been slow.

The Invitational Tournament was held in July. This is an event started in 1971. Forty-five bowlers bowled in both the AM and PM, with a lunch stop. Ed Lake took pictures. Leisure Town's Gene Mackey, Clem and Jane Casas were the only undefeated team. Clem and Jane are novice bowlers! Second place went to Oakmont, and third to Rossmoor.

Bowlers are still showing up for evening bowling including the forty-plus who arrived on July 27. Twelve ends were bowled and the group enjoyed a watermelon feed. Only one yellow jacket attended!

In the August Tournament held at Rossmoor, Charlie Thorpe, Sheila Stout, Bob Vahouny and Marilyn Royse took second place.

Sally Ruddy, Doris Campbell and Dick

Ruddy won one match at the McLaren Triples in San Francisco, then played the next day in the Edie Denton Triples, where Charlie Thorpe, Don and Peggy Johnston won first place.

We hosted the PIMD Men's Novice Singles in August. Our own Clem Casas came in third.

At the August Invitational at Oakland, Sally and Dick Ruddy each won a second place.

The Home 'n' Home with Oakmont in August saw L.T. winning 3 games—Oakmont 2 in the morning, while afternoon wins were reversed. Oakmont won the day on extra points.

Labor Day brought out 28 members with 22 bowling. Winners were paid off in the new gold dollars.

SAN JOSE

By June Pattison & Millie Forster

After a great morning of bowling, Bob Van Wingerden was "Chef Extrordinaire" for our 4th of July BBQ, which was a great success.

The Tom Mansfield and Hugh Houston Triples were held July 8-9. Joe Shepard, Tom Bumowski and Michael Overton came out the winners, with Bob Remedios, Murray Brunt and Bob Van Wingerden in second place.

The San Jose Senior Games were again held at our green. Gold medals were too numerous to mention, but Marion Christopher, our yearly visitor from Australia, came away with another gold medal for her collection. We thank Stan Neeley and Ken Gillett for their invaluable help with the Senior Games.

The Club's Men Singles was held during a hot spell in July. Bob Remedios was the victor, followed by John Luster and Pete Pattison, respectively.

We were honored to have the Professional Bowls Association U.S. Oualifier Tournament

at our green. The winner represents the U.S. in Sheffield, England. Spectators were treated to a magnificent display of bowling. The ultimate winner was John Luster from our club. Runner-up was Robin Goldman from Baltimore, Maryland. Frank Souza and Barry Pickup were also in the final four.

We welcome Olga Petova and Andrey Bashkin as the newest members of our club.

SANTA CRUZ

By Stephen Schoenfeld

Santa Cruz Lawn Bowling Club has been promoting more bowling activity by having tournaments once a month with special prizes.

On September 9 we had more than half our membership turnout for the Santa Cruz Club Doubles Dinner Draw. We had first, second and third place prizes, which were donated by three restaurants. Fresh Choice gave us two free dinners, Marie Calendars gave us four free Sunday Brunches, and Lyon's Restaurant gave us four free dinners. These prizes (with a face

value of \$105) created a lot of goodwill for the restaurants and provided added incentive to participate in the competition.

The month before our club invited two neighboring clubs (they had to travel more than 40 miles) to participate in a Bowling for Fun Tournament. To add to the \$2 entry fee, our club contributed funds from the treasury towards the prize money. This allowed us to have winners in the morning and the afternoon games.

We have wonderful surroundings to our green. If you come to visit and play with us on the weekend you can park for free in the county court house parking lot and enter the green from the back side. When you come, you can see our four (possible five, one on order not installed yet) new redwood benches on the deck surrounding the green. These benches have been donated by club members who want to make your time around our green more comfortable, so you can enjoy Bowling for Fun.

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FERRELL BURTON, JR.'S CONTRIBUTION TO lawn bowling in this country is easy to measure. For twenty years he kept all of us involved in this great game aware of who won what tournament, and what was going on in all of the individual clubs. Four times a year he accomplished the enormous task of compiling and putting into readable form everything that was happening in American lawn bowling. And he did it with style and class. I will miss his good humor and the enjoyable conversations I had with him when I served as PIMD correspondent, and later in the same capacity for the Southwest Division. It was an honor for me to know him and work with him on *Bowls Magazine*.

The next deadline for all club correspondents is **DECEMBER 24**. And please remember to submit your club news to me in either typewritten or computer print-out form. And, any photos need to have good contrast and be identified.

SANTA ANITA

By Winnie Eberle

How nice it is to play on our new greens. It was especially so during the hot summer days when we played in the mornings and again in the evenings under the lights.

Our barbecues were more popular than ever with a game of bowls following. Alhambra was with us for one of the barbecues and Pasadena came one evening for hors d'oeuvres. Our days in the park on July 4th and Labor Day were like Open Houses, with members appearing during the afternoons for cards and other board games, followed by a pot luck supper and a game of bowls.

We had a very good turnout for our Rinks tournament, with our Ice Cream Social of "make your own banana split" between the two games. Winners were: Hector Nevarez, Marinko Tudor, Sandy Kreiger and Betty Harris.

We returned to our fall and winter schedule in September, but kept our summer bowling hours until the hot weather abated. During that month the SWD AWLBA ladies held their quarterly meeting at Santa Anita.

More and more of our bowlers are venturing out to Division and Club invitational tournaments and some are quite successful. Arne Mortenson and Marinko Tudor won the Petit Pairs in Pasadena and Marinko was runner-up in the Southwest Novice Singles, losing by one point. We are very proud of these men.

Santa Anita is looking forward to some very good games on their new greens this fall and winter.

LAKE HODGES

By Don Docker

Our summer proved to be quite eventful. Several of our members have had success in various tournaments through out the Division.

On the social side, July 4th and Labor Day events went extremely well. The barbecues on both of these occasions were put on by Mike Michalek and his wife Eleanor. We feasted on ribs and bratwurst, plus several types of salads, followed by desserts. It was noted that in the game following lunch, several of the bowlers seemed unable to bend low enough to make a good delivery.

The open house and visitors day date was scheduled for Saturday, September 16. The visitors were served with a light lunch of sandwiches. All went well, but the final success in the search for new members has yet to be determined.

San Diego area league play this year was very competitive and the winner was not clear until the very last match, at which time Lake Hodges prevailed and will go on to bowl in the Waterbury Cup.

The lights on the green have finally been correctly adjusted so our members have been able to enjoy bowling in the cool of the evening. Games start at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. If you find yourself in our neck of the woods, please drop in and you will be more than welcome.

With the exception of our Club Triples, better known as the Remy Hudson Triples, our club tournaments have been completed. The Triples are slated for October 10.

SANTA BARBARA

By Dudley Miller

Seven past presidents of the club were on hand at this year's Club Presidents' Day. President Jim Stahl introduced Past-Presidents Charles Fleck, Lynn Abbott, Paul Hart, Mina Launt, Carol Smith, John O'Dea, and Eleanor Simmons. Bill Doyle sent his regrets.

Case Van Wingerden procured and served a splendid array of fine wines in addition to palate-pleasing chips and dips. Case also took our sing-along to a new level this year by arranging for live "electronically enhanced" music and new songbooks. The barbecue was catered, but Jo Millett and Dorothy Thielges cheerfully and effectively manipulated the kitchen chores.

A *Fiesta Pequena*, celebrated at the SBLBC in August, brought out some 80 members and guests for what might better be called "The Sal and Peter Show". This year's production was the brainchild of Sal Padilla and Peter Hand. A mariachi band entertained during the margarita service preceding the catered dinner that included a more than ample supply of great Spanish/Mexican goodies. Sal and Peter organized and subsidized this affair, while the ever-effervescent Abby Rogers handled the margarita mixing.

Another important object of this party was to formally celebrate and toast an earlier large financial contribution from Lynn Abbott. It was Lynn's generosity that permitted us to complete this year's renovation and redecoration of our clubhouse.

The most recent events on our tournament schedule included: the July 4th *Patrizzil/DeLisle Mixed Pairs*, won by Sam De Lisle/Mary De Lisle, with Ian Ho/Eva Ho of Laguna in second, and Art Christman/Doris Sneddon taking third. The *2000 SBLBC Triples Championship*, bowled in July, went to the team of Al James, Bill Schultz and Arnon Blau; with Bud Viard, Peter Hand and Glenn Turner (a novice bowler) finishing second, and Art Christman, Jo Pacelli and Vince Pacelli third. The *2000 SBLBC Men's Singles Championship* was won by Stan Bloom in playoff games against Larry MacDonald. Duane Aasted was third.

The *2000 SBLBC Women's Singles Championship* will be determined in a play off between Pearl Howe and Mary De Lisle.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

PASADENA

By Vernon Leidig

We had a visitation with Friendly Valley in April. Santa Anita visited us in June and we returned the favor in July. The Valley League met at Pasadena in May, with Ruth James and Loretta Keller serving as kitchen hosts.

We took our overnight trip for the year in early May, with Don Butler in charge of a dozen bowlers. We spent our first day at the Redlands Club and the second day in Sun City. Both were gracious hosts.

Pasadena held an open house for prospective new bowlers in May. The crowd was sparse, but the event was successful.

We really appreciate the work that Hal Edgar did repairing and up-grading our rakes. We are always amazed with his talents.

Pasadena held its Spring Party in mid-May, this year at the Women's City Club in Pasadena. 43 bowlers and their spouses and friends attended. Ray Marrs, Vernon and Fred Fox entertained. Twenty bowlers participated in our annual Club Singles tournament. A Flight winners: 1. Don Shrader, 2. Hugo Sahlein. Flight B: 1. Marcia Masterson, 2. Ron Williams. Flight C: 1. Fred Fox 2. Ted Tanner.

The club held a memorial service in June for Dick Curtis. Dick was a decorated World II Veteran who received the Purple Heart and Bronze Battle Star. Dick's daughters and a number of members gave tributes to Dick.

We hosted the Senior Olympics in June, with Bill Caulfield in charge. 24 participants took part in the triples event. The winners: Skips: Hugo Sahlein, Charles Cooper and Jack Edwards; Vices: George Love, Trav. Lindsey and Bob Padget; Leads: Doris Sneddon, Harry Buchanan Barrow, Gene Plunkett (tied), and Peggy Maase.

Sixty bowlers took part in our annual forth of July party (held on June 30). Jack Edward, Ralph Evans and Loretta Keller won first place honors, and Russ Compton, Marcia Masterson and Marion Axelson finished second place. Other winners were John Lewis, Marion Compton and Ron Williams. Bill Coleman was in charge of the barbecue and we enjoyed good food. After lunch we had a drawing for white elephants. We thank Marilyn Leidig, Lorreta Keller, Carol Kirshner, Marion Axelson and Marian Giesler for their help with the food and service.

Twilight Bowlers sponsored a hamburger barbecue in September and 29 people enjoyed the event.

Arne Mortenson and Marinko Tudor won the 16th Annual "Petit Pairs" tournament in September topping a field of 22 teams. Mert Hill and Patrick Chan finished second, with Amador Martinez/Armand Escalante third and Ian Ho/Bob Nunes fourth. The prizes as usual, were paid in silver bullion.

In Memoriam
Dick Curtis
Darryl Antrim

LAGUNA BEACH

By Ed Perry

The Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club is a site by the sea for great bowling. And we are using it daily!

We are proud of our members who made the Y2K Men's National Team—Ian Ho, Ivan Hyland, Simon Meyerowitz and Michael Siddall.

Our Gerry Wagner and Mert Hill took first place in the Cary-McDonald Pairs Tournament in Long Beach. And, Heather Stewart and Pat Turk finished first in the Ladies Vet-Novice Pairs tourna-

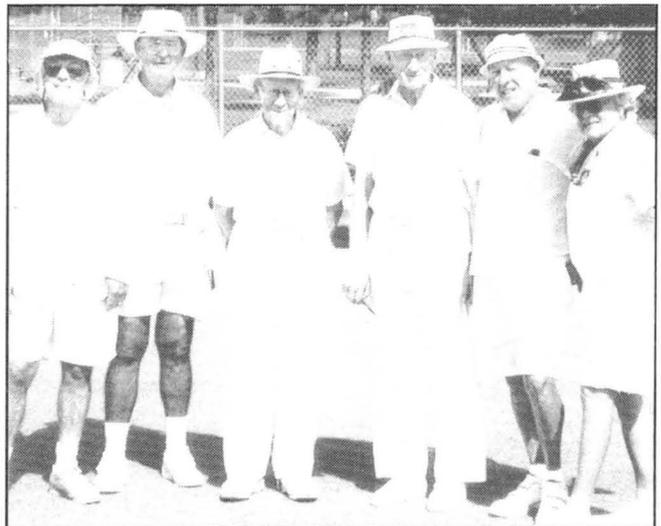
SOUTH LEAGUE
DEADLOCK BROKEN

By Bill Kagan

Joslyn-Lake Hodges LBC was victorious in a playoff involving the three participating South League clubs. Paul Rotter, South League Director, had predicted at the start of our season in February that this would be a very competitive year. However, no one expected a three-way tie at the end of the twelve days of bowling, held over a six month period. There had never been even a two-way tie in the previous 17 years of League competition.

The three clubs involved were Joslyn-Lake Hodges, Oaks North and San Diego. The level of play exhibited was a credit to our game, and many games came down to single point victories on the final end. Several matches were decided only after a tie-breaking extra end. All three clubs had been tied five times at the end of a days play during the course of the competition.

It was a very rewarding experience for all of us who had the opportunity to represent our clubs in this challenging competition. We salute the winning members from Joslyn-Lake Hodges, and all who participated in this remarkable season of South League play.



Fit-to-be-tied South League champions from Joslyn-Lake Hodges: (l-r) Bill Moss, Bob Forget, Paul Rotter, Jim Whittaker, Bill Goring and Jan Wessel.

ment in August.

Laguna Beach won the Coast League championship and will proceed to the Waterbury later in the year.

In the Men's & Ladies Pairs Tournament (club), the Lady finalists were Ruby Ingram and Ree Ree Laney. Men's finalists were Ian Ho and Norm Wiles.

Our nominating committee has been appointed to choose officers for the year 2001.

We are enjoying our twilight bowling once a month. The weather is cooler with a starting time of 4:30 p.m. **Come bowl by the sea!**

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

REDLANDS*By Peg Bennett*

It is nearing the time of the year when cooler days will be with us and we can switch our bowling to the afternoons. Members are returning from summer holidays and we can enjoy all being together and entering the many tournaments that will be played.

On a sad note, we lost our matriarch of the club. Phoebe Hill passed away at age 92 in late August after a lingering illness. Phoebe joined the Redlands Club in 1973 and was an active member. She played in all the tournaments and especially enjoyed the Ladies' Day get-togethers at the various clubs. She participated in Division and National tournaments as well as the Vancouver Island Lawn Bowls Championship held in Victoria, B.C. She and Peg Bennett were runners-up in Ladies Pairs. Phoebe will be sadly missed by the members as well as her many friends around the Southland.

In Memoriam
Phoebe A. Hill

NEWPORT HARBOR*By Betty Barnes*

At the end of July we had 12 new members sign up as a result of our annual Visitor's Day invitational in June. Most of them have become avid bowlers and participate in our daily events, and have become active members in our club. Other clubs needing new members might want to plan some of these events which, along with newspaper publicity, has continued to keep our club very active and exciting.

Tournament Chairman Jim Altobelli made the 4th of July a fun day for all members with his "Weird" games. Joyce Novak, Gail Sellers and "X" Tejada all tied for first place in the all-day event. Since some of our bowlers don't feel up to the "all-day" event, Jim even planned a half-day tournament, with Thelma Hopkins, first; Max Bartosh, second; and Gil Curry, third. Les and Edie Schuster hosted the event and provided good ol' 4th of July hot dogs.

Mert Isaacman hosted his annual "Margaret Persina Mixed Triples Tournament" in August, with close to 100 bowlers participating. The great day on the green was followed by a barbecue.

Our August "4-Man Tournament" winners are: "The Gladiators"—Eddie Bower,

OXNARD-JOSLYN*By Ed. Otoupalik*

The first "Regulated Pairs" tournament was held on our greens in April, with the following results: 1. Armand Escalante & Dick Elliot, 2. Raul Perez & Larry Flanders, 3. Vlatko Petrovic & Doris Sneddon, 4. George Love & Diane Edging.

The *Oxnard-Joslyn Open Triples* in April had a full house. Winners were: 1. Pat Fagan, Mario Galletta & Anne Vilken, 2. Stu Sistas, Erica Sistas & Hugh Finley, 3. Bo Bowbeer, Jim Stahl & Thelma Duran.

Our inter-club *Cinco de Mayo* fun tournament in May was a luck of the draw Australian Pairs format. Top finishers: 1. Jean Saxton, 2. (tie) Rosalie Hutton & Earl Kersey, 3. Jim Coakley. As usual, Marilyn & Bill Tashek did an excellent job of running the games and providing a tasty Mexican lunch with all the trimmings.

The July *Australian Pairs Fun Tournament* was a bit different. Three games with a new partner for each game. We had a three-way tie for first: Al Pollock, Armand Escalante and Raul Perez, with Charles

Clare Donovan, Joyce Swanson and Luetta Gebhart; 2. "The Dream Team"—J.R. Radcliffe, Ken Buckley, Joyce Novak and Edie Schuster; 3. "Four Play"—Jim Altobelli, Al Davis, Jan Hargraves and Rita Thompson.

Clare Donovan's spring/summer Ladder Tournament was won by Edie Schuster, with Don Keppler and Clare finishing in the other two payoff positions. A new tournament is starting now with lower positions challenging highers and playing to a 15 win game.

We're so proud of our club spirit and our greens now (Bob and Ed Quo keep them that way). Come out and visit us sometime.

OAKS NORTH*By Betty Balderson*

The summer heat led to bowling time switches from all-morning bowling to half morning-half afternoon, and back to all-morning. There were a few days when it hit 100 degrees. The Men's Singles contest was postponed because of the heat.

The Fourth of July competition consisted of two eight-end games, with refreshments at intermission. The cream puffs were a big hit and were only 50 calo-

Ciummo earning second.

Our eighth annual *Ralph Ecton Memorial Triples* tournament in July was a full house, with sixteen teams from many different clubs participating. Winners were: 1. Barry Pickup, Tom Dion and Emily Jaquez; 2. Amador Martinez, Ted Visor and Armand Escalante; 3. Malcolm Taylor, Mary Taylor and Bud Wakeling. Marie Ecton, as usual, did a superb job of organizing the tournament.

A big welcome to two new members, Frances Holt and Marge Russell.

Bill and Marilyn Tashek, our erstwhile fun tournament directors, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a great beach party, attended by approximately 140 bowlers, friends and family. As they live on the beach, it was the logical place to hold such a large party. A catered affair with much food, drink, music and dancing with a dance floor erected on the beach and a large tent for protection from the sun. An absolutely wonderful time was had by all.

ries each. But few restrained themselves to just one. The winners for the day were: Skips—George Wynhoff, Jack Bruce and Charlie Fullerton; Vice Skips—Jo Driscoll, Wilma George and Bob George; Leads—Ed Scheidt, Trudy Mann and Ray Schoales.

The *Labor Day Games* were won by: Skips—George Wynhoff, Bob Vilie and Jack Bruce; Vice Skips, Wilma George, Bill Kinast and Jo Driscoll; Leads—Martha Vilie, Ed Scheidt and Sue Goldberg.

Charlie Fullerton has written a suspense thriller about the Southwest League (Joslyn-Lake Hodges, Oaks North, and San Diego). For those who don't tune in to our web-site, here is a recap. On August 8, there was a three-way tie (the 4th of the season). On August 10, San Diego steamed ahead by three points while the other two teams remained tied. On August 18, the final scheduled day's play, it was again a three-way tie (5th time). On September 7, Joslyn-Lake Hodges won the playoff.

Charlie has compiled an album of all of the installments of our web-site. It is in our Oaks North Library. Our web address: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Trail/2958/onlbc>

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

COAST LEAGUE 2000

By Mad Dog

The Laguna Beach LBC, for the second year in a row, won the Coast League Championship. They'll next try for a repeat of the prestigious Waterbury All League title.

151 bowlers participated in the twenty-week double round robin format, which again found those Laguna Beach youngsters too hot to handle! Placing second was the Groves, followed by clubs from Newport Harbor, Long Beach, Leisure World and Casta Del Sol.

Trophies were presented at the annual "round-up". Highlight of the "round-up" is a social blind draw two-match competition for "lots of bucks" (money, that is).

Forty-eight hard-nosed bowlers weathered the heat and a great day was had by all. The co-"bowlers of the tournament" were Jean MacAuley and Ann Kirchberg (sorry fella's). Thanks to the Long Beach LBC for it's wonderful hospitality.

Hope to see you enter the Coast League Competition next year. It's open to all club members in the Orange District.



2000 Coast League champions from Laguna Beach: (l-r) Deta Marvin, Bill Harper, Annila Hill, Mert Hill (holding Waterbury Trophy), Dottie Panacek, Dr. Gery Wagner (holding Coast League trophy).

SAN DIEGO

By Karen Anderson

The most valuable member of any lawn bowling club is not the person who has won the most tournaments, nor its president, nor its treasurer, nor any board member. The most valuable member is its greenskeeper who makes it possible to bowl a great game. From participants in the Ruth Erickson Triples and the Fox Mixed Pairs we received many compliments on the condition of our green. Some even told us we have the finest green in California.

Our greenskeeper is Gerhardt Vogel, a man who understands soil and crops. He is a retired midwesterner who farmed 740 acres in Minnesota raising corn, soy and alfalfa to feed his livestock. He works on the maintenance of our green on an almost daily schedule. He verticuts each of our two greens once a week and mows them three times a week. In addition, he is responsible for maintaining all our equipment. Beyond these duties, he is continually checking for dry spots and weed infestations. He is constantly fighting the growth of algae, moss and other problems caused by too much shade and too little sun on our greens.

We have a number of very faithful members who come out on a volunteer basis to assist Gerhardt, not only with the care of the green, but also with the maintenance of his equipment. We also need to thank Balboa Park. In the spring of this year they upgraded our sprinkling system, which has greatly improved the quality of our greens. It also provides us with aeration twice a year and fertilization once a month, except in the winter. And it provides us with a shed to store our equipment: lawn mowers, verticutter, and other maintenance equipment.

LEISURE WORLD

(Laguna Woods)

By Wallace Knutsen

Leisure World Lawn Bowling Club, Laguna Woods, CA 92653. We have a supply of new pins to prove it!

Orange County sponsored its Third Annual Senior Games. 800 seniors participated in sports ranging from badminton to volleyball. This, of course, included lawn bowling. We sent five players: Wayne Bowbeer, George Jordan, Lillian Hardgrove, Terry Baade and Wallace Knutsen. George won two bronze medals. Terry won two gold medals, and Wally Knutsen won a Gold (with Lake Hodges' Bob Forget as his skip).

We now enjoy new state-of-art sun screens. It took three weeks to install them, but they are worth the wait. Next time you come to visit, you will enjoy them as we do.

Leisure World sponsored a Festival 2000 that attracted hundreds of residents. Eighty clubs and organizations had booths for a two-day showing. Our club used Astroturf with a bowl and jack to demonstrate our game to dozens of visitors. Lots of literature was handed out. Volunteers at our display included: Ruth Rickard, John Wurmlinger, Al Marklin, Jean MacAuley, Bill Behrendt and Wally Knutsen.

Our Labor Day event featured nearly 100 members who bowled in the afternoon and enjoyed a catered meal afterwards. Catering frees-up the usual volunteers who are now able to enjoy the party.

We continue to give lessons three days a week in the mornings and usually have six or more at each lesson.

Twilight bowling is featured every other Monday and has been popular with players. Many bring their favorite beverage and supper, and usually use our barbecue.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

LONG BEACH

By Ann Kirchberg

Members of the club's Hall of Fame and Old Timers took center stage at the June ice cream social held in their honor. The day kicked off with our regular bowling session, with the ice cream party following. Pat Gonzales paid tribute to those honored, introducing each one and telling stories and anecdotes connected with past years. It was very inspiring to be present among the eighty and ninety year old attendees who contributed so much time and energy to lawn bowling and the success of our club.

Poly High bowlers and their parents hosted a wonderful luncheon in June to show their appreciation for a great year of lawn bowling. Thank you Poly High bowlers and parents.

We want to welcome our new vice president, Robbie Harshbarger. He replaces Brooksie Silva who, because of her demands outside the club, won't have time for club activities. However, Brooksie will continue to bowl as time permits.

Christine Wang was the winner of the Long Beach Poly Singles Championship.

June Fun Day winners: Richard Blatter, Bo Bowbeer and Jim Walker in the morning game, and Armand Baisz, Richard Blatter and Pat Gonzales in the afternoon.

Thirty eight guests attended our June Open House. It was a very nice turn out.

Katy Stone won the the Women's Southwest U.S. Singles Playdown. She will represent the Division at the U.S. Championships in Florida.

The Coast League Round-up at Long Beach in August had 48 bowlers. From our club, Ann Kirchberg, Edna Schmidt, Ted Kahn and Liz Fowler were a.m. money winners, while Ann Kirchberg, Dick Brezna, Richard Blatter, Dick Desmond, John Parker and Betty Losch were in the money in the afternoon match. \$222 was awarded in prize money.

We wish to thank all the people that worked very hard to make the Roundup such a success. We certainly want to thank Bill "Mad Dog" Meierstein who deserves a great big plaudit chairing the Coast League.

MACKENZIE PARK

(Santa Barbara, CA)

By Patricia Cronshaw

Every day our new Club House begins to feel more like home, especially since the generosity of our club members continues. Sizable donations have been received from Stan Palmer and Reatha DeWitt, the latter to replace our decidedly ancient rink markers.

We hosted the *Cormack Triples* in July. Winning teams were skipped by I. Ho, C. Rivera, P. Fagan and J. Cronshaw. Hard on the heels of that came the Paul Meyer Tournament, lavishly funded by Paul's estate. The winning skips were: J. Whitmer, D. Long, E. Russell, S. Padillo and S. Bloom. P. Fagan and D. Aasted's teams tied for sixth place. Dorine Northey capably handled the lunch for both events and the after-bowling party for the Meyer.

The *Vilkin Pairs* and *Watson Triples* Labor Day Weekend tournaments were held at MacKenzie, and everything was perfect. Walter Crooks, our Tournament Chair, had everything working like clockwork. Joyce Trevillian worked her magic in the kitchen. James Cronshaw and his helpers—Walter Crooks and Bill Joseph—working with our greenskeeper Wade Nomura and Pat Fagan (greens roller par excellence), had the greens in first rate condition. And, the weather was beautiful.

Anne Vilkin and Pat Fagan hosted a festive dinner to the overflow crowd for the Pairs. Vilkin winners: *Adams Green*—M. Ashton-Phillips and T. Dion, 2. I. Ho and K. Spangler, 3. E. Ho and M. DeLisle. *Joslyn Green*—1. F. Dietrich and T. Duran, 2. E. Russell and B. Schultz, 3. A. Vilkin and N. Martinez. *Downtown Green*—1. M. Bright and X Tejada, 2. D. Grimmit and B. Viard, 3. M. and M. Taylor.

The *Watson Triples* was won by S. Bloom, C. Bloom and R. Perez, 2. J. Cronshaw, D. Aasted and B. Joseph, 3. J. and L. Graham with B. MacDonald, 4. A. Martinez, T. Visser and A. Escalante. Hugh Finlay and James Cronshaw represented the SW Division on the U.S Can-Am West team in Edmonton, Canada.

And, MacKenzie won the Gold Coast League.

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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SANTA ANA

By Elaine Hughes

Santa Ana had an exciting summer with many well-attended tournaments, thanks to tournament chairman Dick Wilson. Dick spends many hours on the telephone cajoling members to participate if they have not already signed up for an event. It's a thankless job, but somebody has to do it.

CLUB SINGLES

Women

1. Rose Blennov
2. Marion Horwood

Men

1. Maxcy Collins
2. Jerry Frank
3. Reg Jones

Australian Pairs

1. Leo Smith & Bill Dietrich
2. Rose Blennov & Ruth Lougee
3. Jerry Frank & Hugh Hughes

Pick or be Picked

Doug Horwood & Marion Horwood, Dale Hahlbeck & Bill Dietrich, Reg Jones & John Sanmartini

Ina Jackson Pairs

1. Doug Horwood & Elaine Jones
2. John Wilbur & Elaine Hughes

Novice Tournament

1. Maxcy Collins
2. Reg Jones

As you may have noticed, one of our frequent winners is Rose Blennov. Rose has a wonderful sense of humor and has compared some famous sayings to lawn bowling situations. For example, from Julius Caesar: "Give credit where credit is due"—your team acknowledges an opponent's assist by wicking your bowl for a point. And, Finlandia's "Be still my soul"—you're on the mat with the game tied and you hold the potential tie-breaking bowl.

Another of our clever bowlers, Jolene Beck, had a bowling party for fifteen of her family members to introduce them to the art of bowling. A great time was had by all and, hopefully, some new members will result from this innovative idea.

The next event will be the Jeannine Spurrier Tournament and a good turnout is expected. This will be in honor of a well-loved member and is sponsored by Royal Spurrier.

SANTA MONICA

By Sam Benjamin

Fall is here and we are looking forward to the grand opening of Douglas Park, which has been completely remodeled over the past year. We plan a whole weekend of demonstrations, practice and tournaments to introduce our wonderful sport to the public.

Several of our members are away, including Margie and Bob Nock, who are traveling, bowling and diving in the South Pacific and Australia; and Alan Goodnuff, our esteemed President, making a commercial in Rhode Island. Ann and Max Wurwand are back from South Africa, and Esther Shifren and Moses Rachminov are back from Israel.

We have several new members, including Neil McInnes, Mark Bush (from Northern California), and Joy and Grant Moyer, who have moved here from Vermont. We are also awaiting the return of Vlatko Petrovic from Bosnia, Jim

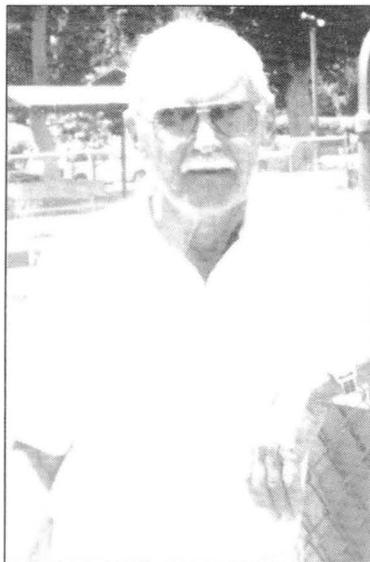
McGauley from London, and Ann Welch from Scotland.

On the tournament front, Sam Benjamin was on the winning team with Regina and Andre Banares (from the PIMD), at the Joe Duran Memorial Triples Tournament over Labor Day weekend in Santa Barbara. Our newest tournament, the Handicap Singles Tournament, was won by George Alpern, who beat Al Hamblin in a close match.

We are eagerly anticipating our annual President's Cup Tournament against Holmby Park in November, which is always fun and hotly contested.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Ferrell Burton, Jr., a member of the ALBA Hall of Fame and former Editor of *Bowls Magazine*. He was a highly respected and valuable member of Santa Monica for many years and gave so much to our club and our sport.

In Memoriam
Ferrell Burton, Jr.



George Alpern won the inaugural Santa Monica Handicap Singles Tournament.

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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

CAMBRIA-JOSLYN*By Ed Pierce*

Cambria lawn bowlers enjoy the friendship and competition that comes from participating in home and home tournaments each year with two other lawn bowls clubs.

Following the May visit from Santa Maria, during which we eked out a 4-2 victory, CLBC members returned the visit in July and came home on the short end of a 5-1 score in the six games played.

Our next interclub match was September 16-17, when we hosted lawn bowlers from Fresno in the second half of the 26th year of our friendly rivalry. Saturday afternoon's matches were with mixed teams from both clubs on the same team. Sunday morning's "official" competition involved two 10-end games on six rinks, each game pitting two different teams against each other. When the dust had cleared and the last end was measured, local knowledge prevailed and Cambria's bowlers were victorious, 10-2.

At deadline for the Autumn issue, three different intra-club competitions—Mixed Triples, and Men's and Women's Singles—are in various stages of completion. Men's Singles finalists are Jack Breglio (this year's Cutthroat Tournament champion) and Bill Duncan (last year's Men's Singles champion). Each competitor has one loss in the double-elimination tournament, so a repeat match between them is necessary to crown the winner. The Mixed Triples Tournament awaits returning vacationers in order for it to be completed, and the Women's Singles Tournament is about mid-way in its progression.

FRIENDLY VALLEY*By Bob Innes*

We are very grateful that we have lights and are able to make use of them on the *HOT, HOT* summer days that we have had this past summer.

We enjoyed a visitation to Oxnard, and showed how much we enjoyed the fine lunch they provided by eating everything in sight. We did enjoy the food and the bowling. Their green is now bowling much faster and shows the result of all the work that they have put into it.

Our big event of the summer, the Round Robin Tournament, ably directed by Ray Johnston, was won by the team of Ted Visser, Mary Kline & Dee Petrullis. Ray Johnston, M. Bennington & Estelle Gamey finished second.

This event was so popular, there is a distinct possibility of having a winter repeat, perhaps seven Sunday P.M. matches.

The Lieberg Trophy will be played for on October 2. Our congratulations to the winners, whoever they are. Actually all participants are winners just by taking part in this great old sport.

The last of our evening events, the Australian Pairs, is being run on the 19, 20 & 21. And the winning teams consist of Ted Visser & Gussie Blanc against Ned Shafer & Vi Henley. Playoff was delayed because of inclement weather.

We send our best wishes for the holidays to all our friends in the great Southwest Division.

In Memoriam
Larry Johnson

POMONA*By Hugh Freeman*

It has been a long, hot summer in the Pomona area. Consequently, activity on the greens has been at a minimum. Even the night bowling has had less attendance. Even so, many stalwarts have braved the heat and humidity to gather enough for an occasional triples, doubles, or just practice. Many club programs have been postponed or canceled. We are, with perspiration dripping, looking forward to cooler weather.

Coming months will bring make-ups for missed events plus our regular line-up of events. On October 18, the ladies of the Southwest Division will gather in Pomona for fun and games. On November 4, the Annual Pomona Invitational Pairs will be held.

On the local scene we celebrate Special Person's Day in October. At this event the club honors one person contributing the most to the Club in the year 2000.

We will continue the Club Tournaments stalled because of the heat. In November, we have a Turkey Shoot. Team winners receive turkeys as prizes. In December, our second "Shoes that Fit" Tournament will be held. This event provides shoes and clothes for needy elementary school students.

Some of our members went elsewhere this summer. Our most prolific travelers, Carole and Cliff Hilliard, were in the Northwest during part of August and looked in on the North American Challenge in Seattle. They said the greens looked in beautiful condition and appeared fast. I don't know about their ability to navigate the highways and byways but the Hilliards can always find the bowling greens.

BEVERLY HILLS*By Hy Roller*

Beverly Hills' annual elections and general meeting-luncheon take place Sunday, December 10th, at the BHLBC clubhouse. Food and discussion will give way to our once-a-year Wappenshaw competition that features prizes for every entry.

Membership, as at most clubs, continues to be our primary headache. Nonetheless, our green continues to play in excellent condition for regulars and visiting guests.

**Photo Tip!**

Always use a flash...

...Even on sunny days!

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SUN CITY

(California)

By Betty Munden

Club tournament winners for the last quarter are:

Dog Patch Doubles

1. Harry Johnson and Nona O'Neil
2. Charlie Fox and Marna Peterson

Club Doubles

1. Helen Seevers and Lorraine Roberg
2. Evelyn Tackles and Sandi Whitt

Club Triples

1. Ray Finch, Don Fawley and Suzann Foster
2. Jim Hill, Pam Munson and Ron Foster

We celebrated July 4th with a sumptuous Pot Luck Feast, hosted by Evelyn Tiel, Pam Munson and Marian Cliff. We had an excellent turnout, with eleven triples working for prize money after the dinner.

"We all need to invite new friends and neighbors to come try the sport we all enjoy so much."

Our Grounds Chairman, Ray Finch, who has already done so much work maintaining our bowling facilities, has done it again and installed an evaporative cooler in our club room. This is something we have needed for many years. Much gratitude from all of us.

We had a visit from the folks at Hemet, who brought about 30 members for an Ice Cream Social. And they returned the favor when we went there in late September.

It seems there has been a sharp decline of new members joining clubs, at least in Southern CA, and especially in our club have I noticed it. We all need to invite new friends and neighbors to come try the sport we all enjoy so much.

Our club has just concluded a training class and added seven new members to our roster, as well as a couple who are long time bowlers. Many of you know Gail and Elmer Hodgson and we are pleased they chose to move here to Sun City. Our other new members are: Keith Dinger, Al & Ellie Gingher, LuWella Larson, Vale Platukis, and Don & Mary Ann Zavitka. Welcome!

In Memoriam

Jim Mogge
Ralph Pederson
John Wukas

HEMET

By Mary Ann Rucinski

We celebrated the 4th of July with a grand Bar-B-Q by Dee Kessler and her crew. The greatest hot dogs were served with all the trimmings and it was enjoyed by all the bowlers.

47 ladies were in attendance at the Ladies Day at Hemet, and everyone raved about the special "YOYO" corsages that were presented to each bowler. Only eight of our ladies attended July Ladies Day at Long Beach, but everyone had a good time. Through the grapevine, I heard that Margaret Waite had a spitfire of a team and came home with buckets of bucks.

At the Carnival Fun Day in Long Beach, Hemet had two winners, LaDene Mowery and Jessie Perry. Stars of the Hemet Club Pairs were: 1. Wen & LaDene Mowery, 2. Kathy Bremer & Josie Loy, 3. Paula Bellone & Flo Harbison. And, the annual Hemet Rinks was won by Stu Sistad, Roz Losly, Jan Wessel and Bob Hill.

We've added more newcomers to our

club: Bernard McCabe, Nancy Badostain, John Gray, and Kenneth and Mary Lou Peterson. Previous club member Olney Stewart has returned to bowl, along with his wife Georgia as a social member.

A group of some of our Hemet, Riverside and Santa Anita bowlers took a trip to Seattle, WA, Victoria and Vancouver B.C. They bowled at the Jefferson Park Club in Seattle, Vancouver's Stanley Park green, and at the Pacific Club in downtown Victoria. Kerry Burbridge from up there worked with Wen Mowery to make all the bowling arrangements. The group also visited our winter Hemet Club members Don and Maureen Hanright in Qualicum Beach, and Lyn and Hans Duelling and Nita and Ron Jack, who also are winter visitors in Hemet.

It just goes to show you that lawn bowl club members are the most giving and most receptive people in the world. A big thanks to all of you for going the extra mile to make our traveling lawn bowlers group so comfortable.

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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

CASTA DEL SOL

By Bill Olsen

Our green has improved remarkably. After browning off in winter, it is greening nicely and the ridges left from renovating and sanding are smoothing out.

With the arrival of hot weather, bowling at cooler times of day started—10 A.M. Monday-Wednesday-Friday, and 5 P.M. Thursdays. The regular bowling time of 1 P.M. is still observed.

Our July 4th celebration brought out a nice crowd of bowlers and some great food. Ove Akesson and Susan Marshall were overall winners on the green.

A 75-and-over tournament was held in July, with Ove Akesson and George Sweet coming in first.

Labor Day bowling was won by the team of Bill Olsen, Don Lloyd and John Thornton.

Our annual Folkins Triples tournament had to be canceled this year.

HOLMBY PARK

By Marcella Krisel

On September 9, forty three Holmby Park members traveled by bus to Santa Barbara for a beautiful day of lawn bowling. In the morning, Holmby Park won on seven of the twelve rinks. In the afternoon, the two clubs participated in an open draw so that members of the teams were mixed and could get better acquainted. Santa Barbara served a really lavish luncheon.

The annual Cella 666 result was a tie, with Bob Sandell and Bud Killilea each having a total of 65 points. Coming in second place, with 64 points each, was another tie between Tom Seres and Harry Dickinson.

Our annual picnic and also our 75th Anniversary were celebrated on Sunday, September 24. A lavish afternoon repast was served by Virginia Little and company.

Recently our own George Alpern won the Santa Monica Singles Tournament, defeating Moses Rachminov.

In Memoriam

Ferrell Burton, Jr.

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Membership and Instruction—

for people of all ages. It would be ideal to divide the country into natural centers of interest, based in hub cities so that one or two people in each hub would be able to serve the best interests of the clubs in that area. I can visualize as many as 18 of these groupings around the country and I'm sure that there are lawn bowling clubs in each that would benefit from having someone to call on. We have plenty of information to pass out, but we need people who enjoying doing hands-on work.

Our Past Presidents were able to outline the problem and now it is up to us pick up the mantle and carry it forward. The ideas and the materials have been accumulating for many years, now

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we just have to dust them off and distribute them to the clubs that really need assistance.

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Ferrell Burton, Jr., Editor of *BOWLS Magazine* from 1978 to 1992, ALBA Secretary-Treasurer 1976–1982, Honorary Life Member of ALBA, and one of the original honorees elected to ALBA's Hall of Fame, passed away September 10th, at age 88.

Burton, at various times a member of the Beverly Hills, Holmby Park and Santa Monica clubs—often all three concurrently—took up the game in 1974. A social bowler who championed competitive excellence, he authored and/or published the *ALBA Almanac*, *Laws of the Game*, and *Directory of Clubs in the United States*. He also organized and published newsletters for a number of lawn bowling clubs, personal stationery for numerous bowls officials, and an assortment of bowls-related publications for ALBA, its divisions and clubs. He was Editor Emeritus of *BOWLS* until his death.

At UCLA, Burton lettered in swimming and water polo,



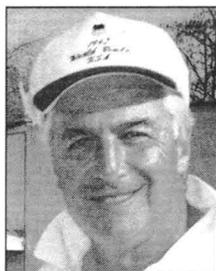
FERRELL BURTON, JR.

was president of his fraternity (Phi Kappa Sigma), and a Cadet Major of the ROTC. Following college, his start-up business, Burton's Leathercraft, was an instant success.

At the outset of World War II, Burton was made Commandant of Aviation Cadets at Castle Air Force Base. He left the service as a Lt. Colonel. After the War, Burton was president of Electronic Kits Supply, a manufacturer that provided schools with electronic teaching devices.

Burton served his home clubs in various capacities, including as President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Santa Monica LBC, and was a national Councilor representing the Southwest Division, as well as Treasurer of the ALBA Memorial Foundation.

Ferrell's wife, Dorothy, has been a bowler at both the Santa Monica and Holmby Park clubs for a number of years. He is also survived by a son and daughter. 



THE LAST SHOT

By Joe Siegman
 Editor of BOWLS Magazine

The betrothal is complete. Following a lengthy engagement, vows were spoken. The marriage is a done deal.

ALBA and AWLBA have merged into the USLBA. The men's organization—American Lawn Bowls Association, and the women's organization—American Women's Lawn Bowls Association, have tied the knot to become the United States Lawn Bowls Association.

It's kind of a May–September romance, with ALBA a senior citizen at 75 years old and AWLBA a perky 30 years young. But they have a lot in common. A lot to share. And, so they have taken the plunge. The USLBA becomes reality on January 1, 2001.

What does the union mean to everyday bowlers at everyday clubs? Essentially, nothing. When you arrive at your green on that first day of your new bowls season, whether it's January 1 or May 1, you're not likely to see anything changed, other than the masthead of *BOWLS Magazine*.

The new combined national organization will allow bowls leadership to consolidate its operational structure for the common purpose of serving America's lawn bowling community and encourage broader promotion our great sport.

The formal approval of the merger took place at the October National Open Tournament, completed just before this issue of *BOWLS* went to press. Inasmuch as *The Last Shot* is, like its name, the final words written for each issue, I managed to get this short notice into print. A complete accounting of the merger will be presented in the next (winter issue) of *BOWLS*.

Ferrell Burton, Jr. had his own twist on an old saw. He was the old soldier who died, but refused to fade away.

Although declining health caused him to retire as *BOWLS* editor five-six years ago, he was nonetheless active until the end. Ferrell was in the midst of preparing the 2000 National Open awards, letterheads for a few ALBA officers, and newsletters for several SW clubs when he was stricken. Wife Dorothy told me

his last clear words were about getting me the Super Shots page for this issue. Ferrell made-up the pages. Now you know why it's missing in this issue.

A look at his obituary should give each reader a pretty good picture of a person who worked non-stop for every level of bowls. Ferrell loved responsibility. He and his peers didn't always agree, and political correctness was not his strong suit. But he was a 'soldier' of American lawn bowls. As hard as he fought for his point of view, he never gloated at victory or rebelled in defeat. Even adversaries respected his efforts, and it was not uncommon for adversaries to develop into friends.

FBJ wasn't a proponent of the ALBA-AWLBA merger. It wasn't that he didn't think it was a good idea. Rather, he didn't think it would work. For any association to work the parties to the arrangement must be good soldiers—fight for ideas, but at the close of the day adhere to policy and procedure. He wasn't certain all the players in this new scenario would be willing to check their weapons at the door. But, he realized it was necessary to try the merger, because the status quo wasn't working.

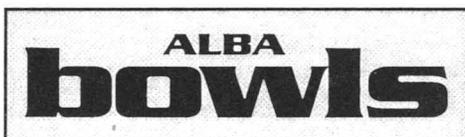
Ferrell's #1 concern was ALBA membership—specifically, the membership policies of several divisions. He could not understand how his regional bowling community, the Southwest Division, could successfully register 100 percent membership—dues paid for all male bowlers at member clubs—while other Divisions, particularly several larger than Southern California in numbers of active bowlers, paid dues for less than 50 percent of its bowlers—one less than 25 percent. It didn't make sense to Ferrell that a piddling \$10 a year (dues) would keep any bowler from supporting our great sport.

Losing friends in this lawn bowling activity of ours is seldom a news bulletin. But a few leave their mark on the individuals they touch. Ferrell Burton, Jr. was a lousy bowler, but he touched people at every level of the game. So, before his name, like so many other great leaders of American bowls, fades away, let's make an effort to heed his words regarding membership. Support the game and the guardians of the game even if you never see another bowling green other than your own; if the word "tournament" gives you an upset stomach; or you're one of those long-term seasonal guest bowlers. If anyone tells you, your \$10 bucks isn't necessary—he or she is out to lunch.

Political correctness won't help the new USLBA get the job done. Your dues might.

Joe Siegman

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