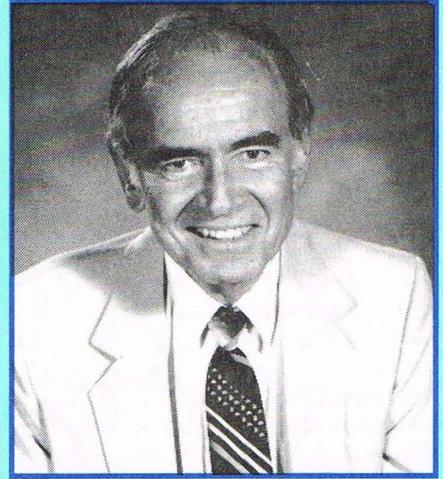
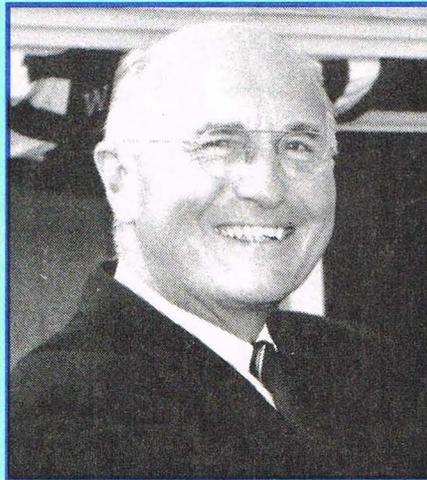


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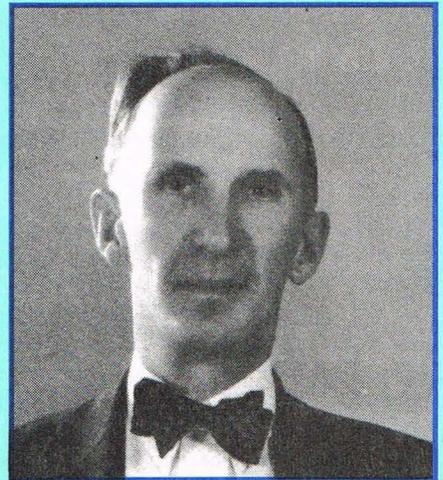
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Donna West
President, USLBA

Congratulations to Team USA! Without any doubt, the highlight of the year 2001 was the success of Team USA at the Asia-Pacific Games in Australia. The achievements of our team were far and away the best ever for the United States.

The Men's Triples team—Doug McArthur, Ivan Hyland and Richard Broad—brought home the silver medal. In Men's Pairs, Ian Ho and Mert Isaacman won a bronze, and Mert also brought home the bronze in Singles.

Not to be outdone, the Women's Pairs team—Kottia Spangler and Anne Nunes—also won a bronze medal. Never before has the United States come home with four medals from an international competition. What's more, the U.S. men finished third overall behind only New Zealand and Australia. What an unbelievable accomplishment for Team USA!

After ten years of dedication, Joe Siegman has decided to call it quits as Editor of *BOWLS Magazine*. This edition will be his last. Whether or not we have agreed with Joe at all times, we will surely miss his thought-provoking editorials. He has taken this responsibility most seriously and has always had the good of the game utmost in his thoughts. On behalf of the entire organization, we thank you, Joe.

The first year of the United States Lawn Bowls Association is rapidly coming to a close. It has been a year of trial and tribulation but, through it all, I believe we have made strides towards unity. I especially thank the officers, councilors and committee heads for their endeavors on behalf of the sport of lawn bowls and I greatly appreciate the willingness of all who agreed to serve for another year.

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Letters to the Editor

UNFOURGIVEN

My concern is the front page article (Fall-2001) on four bowling greens. This is not the only four green facility.

We have had 4 greens at "Johnson Lawn Bowls Club" in Sun City West (AZ) for some time.

How about a retraction?

Doris Leibbrandt

Councilor South Central Division

ED: In addition to this letter, the editor received phone calls from Joe Grabowski and Jack Phillips, both ALBA past presidents, calling attention to the Sun City Center LBC in Florida, which they report also has four bowling greens.

A "retraction"? How about a correction?

The Fall issue's objectionable front cover headline read: USA'S ONLY FOUR GREEN BOWLS FACILITY DEDICATED IN CALIFORNIA. Had the letters LB been inserted in USA's, it would have read:



USLBA'S ONLY FOUR GREEN BOWLS FACILITY..., which would have been absolutely correct. Because neither the Florida or Arizona four green clubs are members of the USLBA.

But, your editor wasn't that smart. So, in the interest of journalistic correctness, both the Florida and Arizona observers were asked to send a photo of their four green facility for publication in this issue. At publication time, no photo from Arizona has been received. However, below is an overview of Sun City Center's four bowling greens.

CONSIDER

Some thoughts on the U. S. Championships.

I have been fortunate to have played in the U.S. Championships five times now in the past decade and would like to suggest, as an improvement for future Championships, that the first game (or round) be played *immediately* following the opening ceremonies.

Some divisions followed this format in several of the previous Championships—'93 at Rossmoor, '96 at Santa Barbara, and '99 at Long Beach, just to name a few. It really was efficient. An extremely large crowd was present and thoroughly enjoyed the "one-two punch" of the ceremonies followed by some great bowls!

As an added bonus, if we are looking to capture some younger players who have not been exposed to the game it certainly would be advantageous to incorporate the *weekend* into the event instead of starting on a Monday.

I would recommend having the Cham-

pionships begin on Saturday. For example, the opening ceremonies could start at noon, followed by a short lunch break. Then, "let the games begin" at 2 P.M. sharp!

These ideas don't even take into account that beginning play on the same day as the opening ceremonies and starting the tournament on the weekend would certainly assist those who still have a few employment years left before they retire.

To the people who will be making these future decisions, thank you for listening.

Michael T. Siddall
Oceanside, CA

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USA SCORES AT ASIA-PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Isabella Forbes & Frank Souza

United States' men's and women's teams enjoyed a benchmark international tournament success, capturing four medals at the biennial Ninth Asia-Pacific Championships, October 22–November 1, 2001, in Moama Australia.

U.S. men medalled in three of four events, while Southern California's Anne Nunes and Kottia Spangler won a bronze medal in Women's Pairs.

Merton Isaacman (So. Cal.) won a bronze medal in the Men's Singles event, marking the first (recorded) time a United States player has medalled in international Singles competition.

The U.S. Men's Triples Team—Doug McArthur (Arizona), Richard Broad (Washington) and Ivan Hyland (So. Cal.)—were silver medal winners. And, Ian Ho (So. Cal.) and Isaacman won a bronze in Pairs.

In the Overall standings, United States finished in third position by a small margin behind New Zealand, winners of the Overall trophy, and Australia. This was the best (recorded) U.S. men's women's combined result in any international event.

U.S. players in non-medal women's events: Singles—Katy Stone, Triples—Linda McDougall, Carrie Fossati, Katy Stone. Fours—Spangler, McDougall, Fossati, Nunes. Non-medal men's event: Fours—Ho, McArthur, Broad, Hyland.

U.S. Men's Fours finished sixth. U.S. Ladies Singles ranked 6th, Triples 11th, and Fours 8th.

Women's team manager Isabella Forbes reports: "The weather in Moama was nothing to praise about. Nearly everyday we had rain and cold winds. However, our team weathered the storm and came home with four medals."

In Men's Triples, recalls manager Frank Souza: "Our team was undefeated in their section matches, losing only in the gold medal

finals to Australia. And, in Men's Pairs, Ian and Mert lost two matches by just one point."

ASIA-PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDAL WINNERS

MEN'S

SINGLES

Gold, Hong Kong

Silver, New Zealand

Bronze, USA & Australia

PAIRS

Gold, New Zealand

Silver, Samoa

Bronze, USA & Hong Kong

TRIPLES

Gold, Australia

Silver, USA

Bronze, Norfolk Island &

New Zealand

FOURS

Gold, Australia

Silver, Canada

Bronze, New Zealand & Malaysia

WOMEN'S

SINGLES

Gold, New Zealand

Silver, Norfolk Island

Bronze, Philippines & Australia

PAIRS

Gold, New Zealand

Silver, Hong Kong

Bronze, USA & Cook Island

TRIPLES

Gold, New Zealand

Silver, Australia

Bronze, Malaysia &

Hong Kong

FOURS

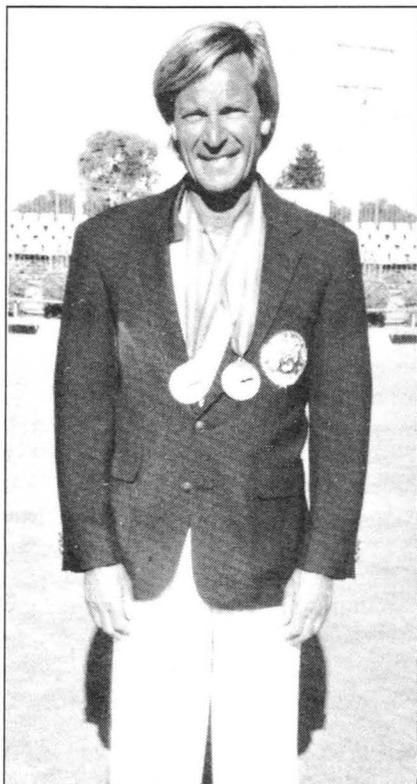
Gold, Australia

Silver, New Zealand

Bronze, Malaysia & Fiji

Bowls Australia, the Australia Women's Bowls Council and the Moama Bowls Club staged this successful event.

Team USA's participation in the Asia-Pacific Championships was aided by generous contributions from USLBA members and supporters. Team managers Forbes and Souza remind that financial support for players who represent our country helps defray a good portion of team expenses, and that continued support for USA's international teams serve to prepare our men and women to meet the challenge overseas. Donations to Team USA can be made at any time through the USLBA Foundations (see page 38.)



Above: Team USA at the Asia-Pacific Championships: (l-r) Isaacman, manager Frank Souza, manager Isabella Forbes, McDougall, Spangler, Fossati, Nunes, Ho, Stone, McArthur, coach Ed Quo, Broad.

Left: Mert Isaacman won a pair of bronze medals at the A-P Championships—one that made him the first American bowler to win a Singles medal in major international competition, and a second in the Pairs event, with Ian Ho.

BOWLS HALL OF FAME INDUCTS FIVE

Five pioneer and veteran lawn bowling personalities have been elected to the Bowls Hall of Fame. Four of the five honorees were integral figures in the development of lawn bowls in the United States, and the fifth an enduring bowls champion of the 1950s–1970s.

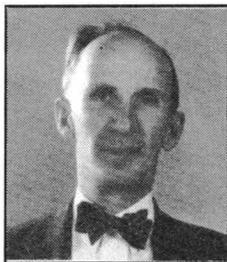
Elections were announced jointly by Hall of Fame chairman Harold Esch and USLBA president Donna West during the National Open Tournament in October 2001.

The Hall of Fame is a pre-USLBA merger entity carried-over from the American Lawn Bowls Association. ULSBA women are in development of their branch of the Bowls Hall of Fame.

Members of the Bowls Hall of Fame Class of 2002 are:

MELVIN L. HOOPER

Mel Hooper took up bowls in his hometown of Winnipeg, Canada and brought enthusiasm for the game to Redlands, CA,



where, in 1922, he (and Dr. Frank Folkins) organized one of California's earliest lawn bowling clubs. In 1924, Hooper organized the Southern California Lawn Bowling Association, was its first president, and served as the group's leader until 1927, when he was named Honorary President. During the 1920s, Hooper also had a hand in establishing various Southern California bowling greens-clubs, including LBCs in Claremont and Long Beach. In 1932, Hooper chaired the World Tournament in Los Angeles, staged concurrent with the '32 Olympic Games on the three-green bowling complex (Exposition Park LBC) adjacent to the L.A. Coliseum, site of the Olympics. The huge undertaking, putting lawn bowls in the position of an Olympic 'demonstration sport', was the first major international bowls event held in the United States. In 1939, Hooper played a key role in staging the next big U.S. International Tournament in San Francisco. After the Southwest Division was organized (1944) and became a member of ALBA, Hooper served a year as president of the SWD. An outstanding player as well as organizer, Hooper ranked as "the Southern California Dick Folkins" of his era. He was one of few Californians who traveled the U.S. and Canada to bowls events, and is the recorded skip of the 1927 and 1929 Fox Trophy champions—U.S. vs Great Britain.

HUGH FOLKINS

Triple Crown winner Hugh Folkins is the younger brother of American lawn bowls legend Dick Folkins, and son of Dr. Frank H.



Folkins, one of the organizers of the Redlands Lawn Bowling Club in 1922. Hugh was president of the Redlands club in 1942. A "Triple Crown" champion, Hugh captured the National Open Singles in 1952; paired with brother Dick to win the National Open Pairs in 1950, 1952, 1954; and teamed with his brother and various others to win the National Open Triples in '50, '54, '73. (Victories in all three National Open events are known as "the Triple Crown".) Hugh's success on the bowling green mirrored that of his brother's until he was stricken by polio in the mid-'50s, rendering both his arms useless. But courage and determination returned an inspirational Hugh Folkins to lawn bowls in the '60s. Fashioning a metal "cup" to his right shoe, Folkins developed a smooth, effortless delivery resulting in his resumption of tournament competition. Leading for skip Dick Folkins and vice Roland Rapp in the 1973 National Open Triples event, Hugh and his unique shoe delivery led the team to victory.

CLIFFORD R. GILLIAM

Clifford Gilliam, president and chairman of the board of the Buck Hill Falls Corporation, Buck Hill Falls, PA, and an elected Honorary Life Member of ALBA, was a seminal activist and supporter of top level competitive bowling in the United States. In 1958, Gilliam's Buck Hill Falls bowling greens hosted the inaugural men's U.S. Pairs Championships. The U.S. Pairs event was staged on the Buck Hill greens for its first twelve years, and the perpetual U.S. Pairs Championship Trophy is an elegant sterling silver bowl provided by Gilliam and the Buck Hill Falls Corp. From 1960–1969, Buck Hill Falls was also site of the annual U.S. Singles Championships. Gilliam introduced a pair of popular open tournaments in the 60s designed to encourage participation and competition between American and Canadian bowlers. His untimely death cancelled plans to establish a Lawn Bowls Hall of Fame at Buck Hill Falls, and marked the beginning



of movement of ALBA's showcase national tournaments to other locales from year to year.

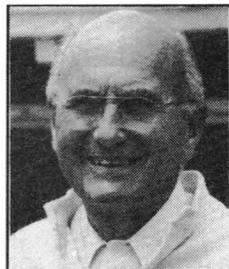
EMMET L. RICHARDSON

Milwaukee's E.L. Richardson was president of ALBA twice, 1940–42 and 1945–46. He was elected Honorary Life President in 1948. Previously, in 1939, Richardson served as ALBA Eastern Division president when the ED included most clubs east of the Mississippi River. From 1937 to 1943, E.L. was president of the Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Association, and headed the Midwest Bowls Association, forerunner to the Central Division. An attorney by trade, Richardson devoted considerable time and finance to promote bowls countrywide. He personally funded publication of ALBA yearbooks/roster listings during the period 1939–1946. He also published the booklets: "Lawn Bowls Articles—New and Old", Veenker's "Construction & Care of Lawn Bowling Greens", "Lawn Bowling" by Charles Rettie, and "Bowling on the Green—Around the World". He also conducted a national mail survey gathering history files from America's bowling clubs.



RANDALL E. SPALDING

The owner and manager of the Spalding Inn Resort and the Spalding Inn Club, in Whitefield, New Hampshire, Randall Spalding inaugurated



the U. S. Championship Singles in 1957, and donated the event's perpetual sterling silver championship cup. The U.S. Singles was again hosted on the Spalding greens in '58 and '59, and at other times since (some years both Singles and Pairs). For many years, the Spalding Inn hosted a popular annual USA vs Canada competition, as well as a yearly media-inciting visitation of Williamsburg, VA lawn bowlers playing in colonial dress. Spalding's passion for the game of bowls provided impetus for Clifford Gilliam/Buck Hill Falls elevated involvement in competitive bowling and an overall increase in respect for the game of bowls. For many years, both the Spalding Inn and Buck Hill Falls bowling locations were America's lawn bowling showplaces.

HALL OF FAME ELECTIONS

- ❖ Hall of Fame elections are annual. (*Currently, USLBA women, by choice, do not participate in the Hall of Fame. They are, however, considering initiating elections within the year 2002. See item in Notes-To-Note.*)
- ❖ Submission of a candidate(s) for consideration must be received by August 1st to be considered for the current year.
- ❖ Anyone (bowlers/non-bowlers) can submit a candidate(s), but *all submissions should include as much support information as possible.*
- ❖ Qualified candidates shall be a person no longer submitted for consideration as a member of the U.S. National Team, or retired from the National Team for a minimum of three years, or removed from National office for a minimum of five years.
- ❖ Unless re-nominated, unsuccessful candidates shall continue to appear on annual ballots for two additional years, omitted (on hold) for two years, then reinstated for the next cycle.
- ❖ All candidate submissions and support information should be sent to: Harold Esch, Bowls Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 1231, Mount Dora, FL 32757.

The Hall of Fame election committee, sanctioned by the USLBA Council, consists of the seven USLBA Division presidents (or their designate), and three at-large members. The committee convenes during the annual National Open Tournament.)

PREVIOUS BOWLS HALL OF FAME HONOREES

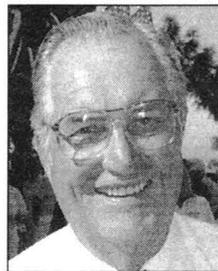
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The sport of lawn bowling is based on a cadre of bowlers trained in the various positions on a *team*. Each position has a definite set of obligatory requirements that are outlined in the *Laws of the Game*, as well as the requirements that are found in the various syllabi and training handbooks.

It is the obligation of the club instructor to assist members of the club as they progress through the stages of becoming good position players. It is not fair to ask a bowler to fill in as a Second or a Skip without offering him or her the opportunity to learn what is expected of them. The club that neglects the desire of new bowlers to advance in the sport runs a very serious risk of losing that member, usually after the second year.

Every day we bowl we are involved in some sort of a contest. In many clubs it is a friendly time, a time to be out in the sunshine with friends—but a contest none the less. That's the way it should be. That's the spirit that gave lawn bowlers a reputation for being a group of nice people.

The system we use to draw teams randomly from a bucket of rink or name tags is the very essence of good sportsmanship. Nothing could be fairer than the *draw system* until a bowler finds himself playing in an unfamiliar position without any prepara-



COACHES CORNER

By Frank Ransome
*National Coaching &
Instruction Chairman*

ration. The reverse is true when a player finds himself playing the same position over and over again because there are too many ahead of him who have already qualified to be a Second or a Skip. The club that allows this to happen is asking to lose a member.

The change from bowling in the sunshine with friends to bowling in the sunshine with people who are not necessarily friends takes place the moment the bowler signs up for the intra-club novice tournament or is asked to bowl in a home and home. In the former, he bowls against equals and is almost totally dependent on his ability to get close to the jack. In the latter, his ability to perform the tasks assigned to him may decide whether or not his club will win the day. The new bowler who understands the game, who has been given a little extra knowledge, and who appreciates what the Skip is trying to do will soon become a good bowler, and

a very good club member.

Lawn Bowling is fun. Winning at lawn bowling is even more fun. Contributing to the winning team is a fulfillment of ambitions. And, being part of the winning team is what it's all about. The beautiful thing about the sport is that you can have just as much fun doing the right things in a losing cause. If you know your job, do what is expected of you and keep a smile on your face while you encourage your teammates, then winning or losing doesn't seem to mean as much.

Much is made of the difference between the so-called *tournament bowler* and the *social bowler*, but I have never been able to accept those concepts. We are all tournament bowlers or we are not getting enough out of the sport. No one goes out on the green without some hope of having a good day. We all like to win once in awhile. But, if we don't and we've had a good day ourselves, there's always tomorrow.

The bowler who has been taught how to play his position will always be welcome on any team. He or she will look forward to signing-up as a position player no matter what the tournament is. There would never be a scarcity of teams for Open and Club tournaments if bowlers had faith in themselves and a desire to win once in awhile.

The following is a copy of a recent letter to a club president—

Dear Bill:
Most of the bowlers I've met agree that Lawn Bowling is a fascinating sport. I've read many articles about the antiquity of the sport and seen hundreds of pictures portraying ladies and gents dressed in the latest fashions bowling on the green. Our patron saint is Sir Francis Drake, who put bowling on a par with the defense of his country. The rules of the sport are based on common sense and gentlemanly conduct, and we consider ourselves as the epitome of friendliness.

Why then do we have so much trouble finding and keeping recruits to the sport?

Just for one moment why can't we stop and think about our problem. The *sport* shouldn't be blamed for the fact that fewer people enjoy it each year. Lawn bowling is just as absorbing today as it was hundreds of years ago. The same skills are required, the same tactics are involved. The only difference might be that we use composite bowls rather than 'woods'. The only conclusion I can come to is that the participants have undergone some sort of a metamorphosis. I have enclosed a handbook written by Australians that goes directly to the problem. The position they take seems to be a valid one.

For a club to prosper the members of that club must really want to grow and they must embrace the rules, the friendliness and the validity of the game as a *sport*.

You have asked me for my help and I can only send you useful information. I can't instill enthusiasm in your members. I can tell stories about a club bowling on what looked like a cow pasture and loving every moment of it. I can recount the successes we've had at St. George, Utah, where we opened a green a year ago and a third green



MEMBERSHIP & INSTRUCTION

By Frank Ransome
Chairman

is already in the planning stages. I would love to transport every one of your members to Minneapolis, where some 4,000 *young* people bowl in barefeet every summer, causing two more clubs to open to take care of the overflow. Perhaps you'd like to come to Medford, Oregon, where a 120-member club bowls on three rinks in the summer and an indoor rink in the winter.

The membership committee of USLBA has come up with some suggestions, and clubs that endorsed them have prospered. I'm sure that there were members who didn't want to change their ways. Some even resigned rather than give up their positions and what they considered to be their hard-earned rights. Despite the detractors, the clubs that persisted now have new, young, enthusiastic and very good novice bowlers.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Search for candidates who are approaching retirement age. Persons 45 to 65 are looking for something to do when they stop working. People of that age are still earning money and are familiar with what things cost today. They know the cost of belonging to a country club, to play tennis or play golf on city courts and courses, and the wait for a tee time. Your club dues should reflect the value of the green, the sport, the exercise and the congeniality of the members, not what some people think they can afford.

2. Invite and make room for the children of the above recruits. Push the thought that

lawn bowling is and should be a family oriented sport. Prevail on your own children and grandchildren to bowl with you.

3. Open your club all day. Have someone there to bowl with members that work at night or have children in school. Encourage members to be at the club

after working hours and on the weekends.

4. Give lessons at least once a week in the evening, every Saturday morning, and have open lessons for passers by on Sundays after church. Your club instructor must think and act like a professional. Have the rinks set up, have bowls of all sizes, be upbeat and have some help from club members who are also on the same wave length.

5. Schedule DRAW GAMES to suit the schedules of your members. Early morning, lunchtime for seniors, after school for youngsters, after work and evening for those who can't bowl during the day. Look for and encourage competition, form leagues between age groups, churches, businesses, etc.

6. Schedule practice times and open times for those that have friendly rivalries, but don't allow make up games during draw hours.

7. Rate your bowlers for positions based on their skills and their friendliness. Offer courses and encouragement for those who want to get the most out of the sport.

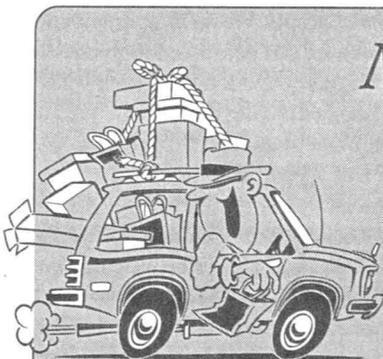
8. Discourage nasty actions and penalize those who don't conform to the highest standards of behavior and congeniality. Install a club atmosphere and bonding among club members.

9. Every bowler should be a member of and a supporter of USLBA and the Division. Stress the worldwide acceptance of the sport. Use the training syllabi, issue rulebooks and training aids, have welcome packets for new members. Get club members involved in Inter-club and Division tournaments. Don't be fussy. Forget who did what to whom. Wear whites at tournaments and on holidays. Wear smooth flat-soled shoes and play by the *RULES*.

Bill—I'm sorry that I can't offer a panacea, an instant cure for the troubles you have. I admire your dedication and your desire to be the leader your club wanted when they elected you president.

Hopefully the enclosed materials will help and you know that your Division and I will do everything we can to assist you.

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WHY DON'T THEY ENFORCE THE RULES?

By Conrad Melton

Few things rankle lawn bowlers more than when rules are broken and nothing is done about it. And most of the time, nothing *is* done about it. Some believe that rule-breaking is a problem so serious that it has become a cancer that could destroy the game. And there are some serious indications that they could be right.

Who's to blame? This problem has not yet made the agenda of the USLBA, but in the past, both national organizations (ALBA & AWLBA) looked at it and saw an equal and opposite downside to every possible action they could take. If the future produces nothing more positive than a continuation of the deteriorating past, active intervention from the National will, unfortunately, be compelled. ALBA and AWLBA were right: whatever they do at that level is not likely to be a good solution.

Umpires, both individually and collectively know that they'd drive players away by the hundreds if they even gave warnings, much less imposed penalties for every infraction they saw. So they too, stand mute, waiting for an objection to be lodged. But most lawn bowlers would rather complain in private than officially call attention to another competitor's illegal acts. It's possible that this easy out will be recognized as having serious long term consequences, and we're back again to the cancer metaphor.

The Divisions don't want to give directives that interfere with "club business" and the clubs, in their struggle to keep members happy, want the game to be fun and their events popular. So they typically "try to be nice" by turning their heads when they see rules being broken. "Being nice" in many clubs has become so common that foot faults and improper jack deliveries are *never* enforced.

And some clubs are worse than others. Some invent rules or selectively enforce only portions of rules, thinking that it's *their* club and *their* business and they can run it any way they want to! In some clubs, those who know the rules are considered trouble-makers. Are there any clubs out there who *honor* compliance with the rules? In your club is there even one person who is held in high esteem for "knowing and always following the rules?" Can you remember playing a club game and *not* witnessing some rule(s) being broken?

Even with all those problems, the truth is that the clubs are not to blame. Neither are the Divisions, nor the umpires, nor the national organization. Some years ago, the cartoon character Pogo said it best: "We have met the enemy, and they is us."

Here's a little true or false test to take, and you don't need a pencil:

1. I am meticulous to avoid foot faulting.
2. I am never in front of the mat line or less than two meters behind the jack when my bowl comes to rest.
3. When I am at the head end, I am scrupulously aware when another player takes the mat, and I remain absolutely motionless until their bowl has been delivered.

Does bowls have cancer, or what?

Just as trash along the side of a road invites other drivers to litter, every rule that is broken encourages other bowlers, especially new ones, to experiment with stretching a rule or two, here and there, for their own convenience. It doesn't take a three-digit I.Q. to realize that every violation feeds the tumor.

The solution is simple, but it is not easy. Violations are caused, and can only be prevented, by each person who plays the game. *We each* must take responsibility for learning, honoring, and following the rules.

Remission depends on us.

(Advertorial)

While this article is being written just as winter is about to commence, by the time you are reading it, you will be thinking about the start of the new lawn bowling season. Wouldn't it be wonderful if you started off the new season with a brand new set of bowls, shoes and an attractive carrying bag? Plan now to get your equipment so that you can start the new season off properly.

The declining value of the Canadian dollar makes it even easier for you to purchase equipment. For instance, a set of Drakes Pride bowls will only cost you around \$180.00 and, because of free trade from Canada, you are not required to pay any customs duty or taxes. Obviously, if you buy locally (if you can find a supplier), it is going to cost you a lot more. In our years of shipping to individuals in the United States, we have never had a complaint about an order not being received or not being properly filled. We can assure you of complete satisfaction.

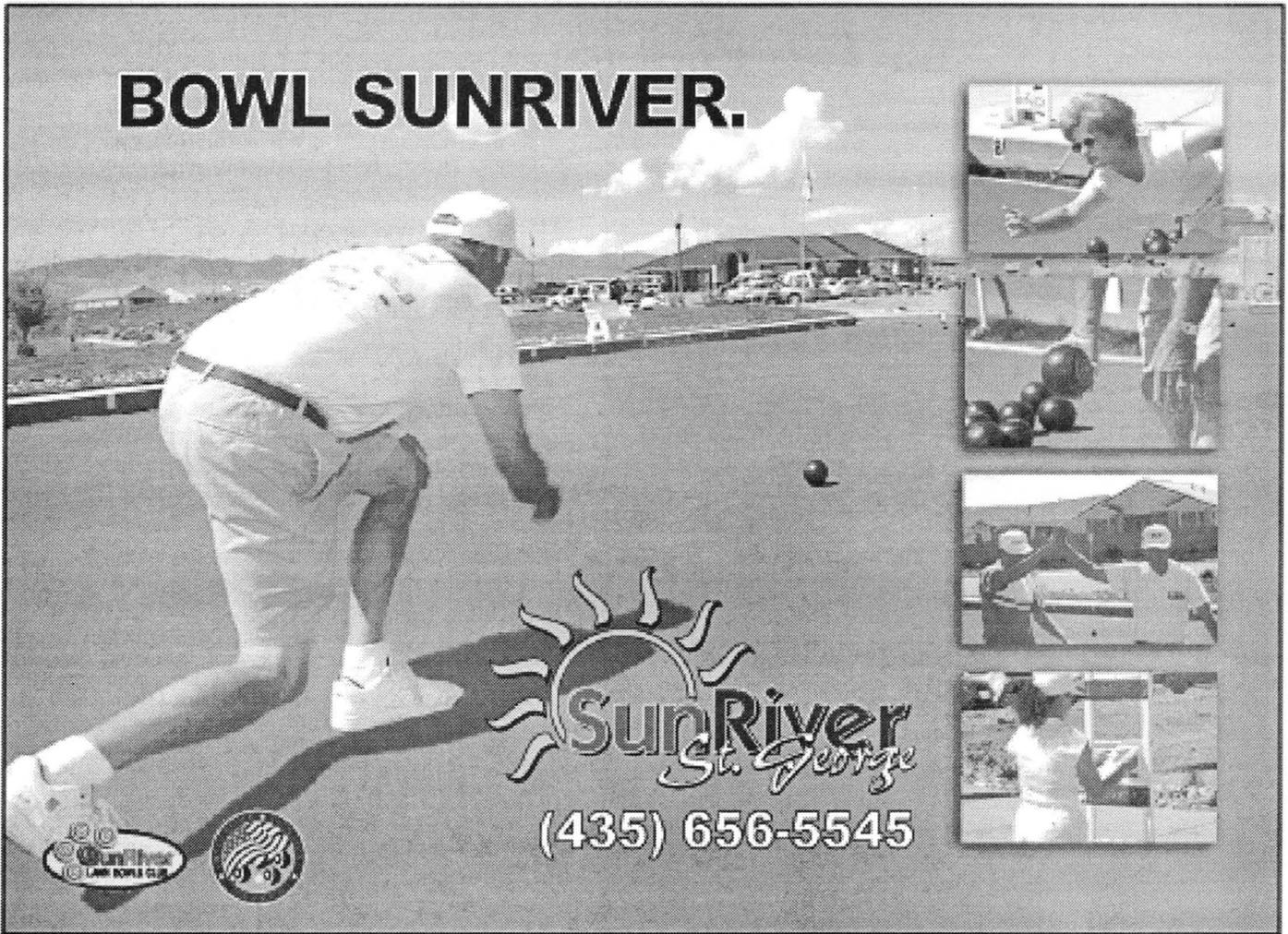
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We are anxious to serve you and look after your bowling needs. The President of Bowling Sales of Canada, Jack M. Fine, is an avid lawn bowler himself, both at the Wells Hill Bowling Club in Toronto, and the Del Ray Beach Lawn Bowling Club in Del Ray, FL. As such, he is well aware of bowler's needs and demands, and is in a good position to satisfy all North American bowlers.

Congratulations to Mert Isaacman of Irvine, CA who won a bronze medal at the Asia-Pacific meet. This is the first medal ever won by an American in Singles competition in an international event. Mert was using Drakes Pride bowls in the event.



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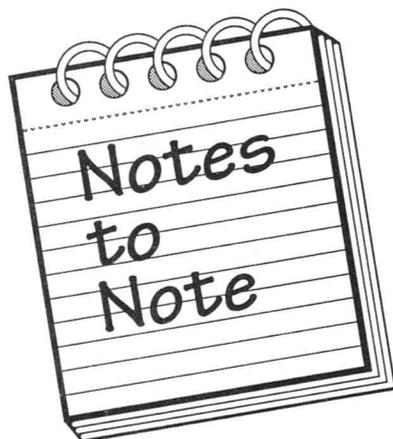


CALENDAR

Events are for both men and women except where noted.

MARCH	2-4		SENIOR OPEN	Sun City West, AZ
	2-8	Men Women	SOUTHEAST OPEN	Sun City Center, FL Sarasota, FL
APRIL	22-24		N. CAROLINA OPEN TRIPLES	Pinehurst, NC
	24-May 2		SOUTHWEST OPEN	Arcadia, CA
SEPTEMBER	5-7		NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE	Pinehurst, NC
	22-26		U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS	Walnut Creek, CA
OCTOBER	12-17		USLBA NATIONAL OPEN	Irvine, CA

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



APPY TO MANAGE

U.S. INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

USLBA members wishing to be considered for the Team Manager position for United States men's international lawn bowls teams are invited to submit letters of interest to John Stewart, Chairman of the National Team Selectors (NTS) Committee, by March 10, 2002.

It is suggested that candidates for the (men's) Team Manager position include information indicating why the applicant should be considered for the position.

Stewart can be reached at: 15609 N. 99th Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351-1207, or via email: <emohruo@aol.com>

GRABOWSKI TO CHAIR — WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

Florida's Patti Grabowski has been named chairperson of the women's Hall of Fame Committee. USLBA women plan to inaugurate their branch of what will be the USLBA Hall of Fame by the end of this year. The former ALBA organized the men's Lawn Bowls Hall of Fame several years ago.

Anyone wishing to submit a potential candidate for election to the Women's Hall of Fame should request an application from Grabowski at any one of several locations: Her email address is: <Pejay@aol.com>; regular mail: 1230 Valley Forge Blvd., Sun City Center, FL 33573; via fax at: 813/633-4306.

The chairperson reminds that no name will be considered without a completed application.

USLBA president Donna West expects that with the start up of the women's Hall of Fame, both the men's and women's entities will combine by year's end to be known as the USLBA Hall of Fame.

Requirements for submission of candidates for election to the men's branch of the Hall of Fame can be found on page 7.

GENE GOODWIN NAMED BOWLS MAGAZINE EDITOR

Gene Goodwin has been named editor of *BOWLS Magazine*.

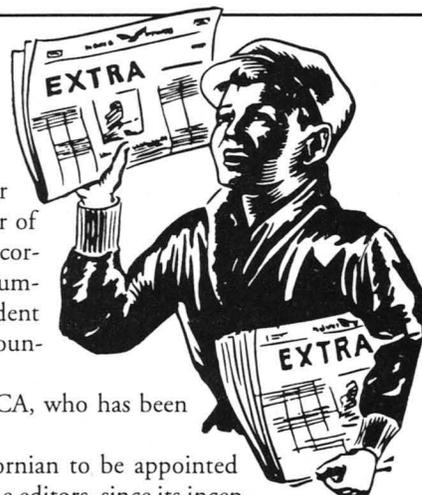
The Mount Dora, FL resident, a former newspaper journalist and university professor of journalism, has been the Southeast Division correspondent to *BOWLS Magazine* since the summer of 1989. He currently serves as vice-president of the USLBA and is one of two Southeast councilors on the national board.

He succeeds Joe Siegman, Beverly Hills, CA, who has been editor-publisher of the Magazine since 1992.

Goodwin is the first non-Southern Californian to be appointed *BOWLS* editor. Each of the previous Magazine editors, since its inception in 1962, has been a Southern California resident-bowler. Previous editors were: K.G. Landgraf (1962-65), Cresslyn Tilley (1966-78), Ferrell Burton, Jr. (1978-92), and Joe Siegman (1992-2002).

Division correspondents are advised to send all copy and photos for the next issue of *BOWLS*—deadline May 1—and readers-advertisers should direct all inquiries regarding the magazine, to: Gene Goodwin, 101 N. Grandview, #105, Mount Dora, FL 32757, or: ggoodwin@earthlink.net. Goodwin can also be reached by telephone: 325-735-2932.

Club reporters are advised to mail club reports and photos to your division correspondent so it will reach that person no later than one week before the May 1 deadline.



U.S. PRO BOWLERS EVENTS

by Ed Quo

West Coast bowlers Nick Christensen and Neil Furman qualified to represent the United States at Professional Bowls Association events in Ireland and England in 2002. Qualifying playdowns for both events were held at the Casta del Sol (CA) LBC prior to the October National Open Tournament.

Just before the New Year, Ivan Hyland, Laguna Beach, CA, selected to represent the U.S. at the November (01) BUPA Home Care Singles Tournament in Blackpool, England, was defeated in his opening match against the event's eventual winner, Ian Bond, of England. Ian Ho and Michael Ashton-Phillips took part in the Hong Kong Classic, also in early November, experiencing mixed results. Significant, however, to both the England and Hong Kong events is that U.S. representatives were invited to compete in them.

San Jose's Christensen topped a field of 15 entries at the September 30-October 1 PBA qualifier to earn a playing position in the Indoor Bowls Championship at County Antrim, North Ireland, in February. Richard Krueger, of Woodland Park, Seattle, WA, was runner-up. Merton Isaacman and Ed Quo, both from Newport Harbor, Costa Mesa, CA, tied for third place.

The PBA qualifier October 1-2 (16 entries) for the World Indoor Bowls Championships at Potters, Norfolk, England in January, saw Neil Furman, Laguna Beach CA, the winner over runner-up Ed Quo, and dual third place finishers Nick Christensen and Richard Broad, Woodland Park, Seattle, WA.

WOMEN'S REVIEW & SELECTION REPORT

We are proud of our USLBA team that competed in Moama, Australia during the Asia-Pacific championships in October. The team consisted of Carrie Fossati, Linda McDougall, Katy Stone, Kottia Spangler Anne Nunes, manager Isabella Forbes and Coach Ed Quo.

Kottia and Anne paired up to win a bronze medal. Our congratulations for a job well done.

Twenty women have applied for the 2002 roster. The only event that will be held this year is the North American Challenge (USA vs Canada) at Pinehurst, North Carolina in September. On February 11, we will choose ten women and a manager to represent the USLBA competing against Canada.

These applicants must attend a training clinic February 8-11, that will be held at Sun City West, Arizona, in the South Central Division. Peter Fish will be coaching. A \$25 camp fee was charged this year.

Annual USLBA Council Meeting Report

By Gene Goodwin

The United States Lawn Bowls Association annual meeting was held October 4–5, 2001, in Irvine, CA, concurrent with the 2001 National Open Tournament. Four of the seven USLBA regional divisions reported that they have followed the lead of the national association and merged their men's and women's organizations. Weeks following the Council meeting, a fifth division, the Northwest, announced it, too, had merged.

The merged divisions are Central, Northwest, Pacific Inter-Mountain, Southeast and South Central.

The Southwest reported that a committee is studying the merger question.

Merger at the division level was not required when the American Lawn Bowls Association (men) and the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association combined to form the USLBA, but most division officers moved toward merger at that time.

One of the functions not included in the merger was the selection of national teams. But, at the 2001 meeting, the Council authorized a study of how to consolidate the process of selecting men's and women's National Teams. Frank Souza was appointed to chair this study, with a team of two men and two women he would select. This committee is to report back to the 2002 Annual Meeting.

Long Range Planning: The Long-Range Planning Committee was charged with studying three proposals that were sent to Council after the agenda was set and distributed:

1. A proposal from Vice President Gene Goodwin to increase SW representation in the U.S. Championships and on the National Council commensurate with that division's larger USLBA membership. The proposal would provide that whenever a division achieves total USLBA membership at least twice that of the average membership in all seven divisions, that larger division is entitled to send two teams to each event in the

U.S. Championships, and have four (instead of two) representatives on the Council.

2. A proposal from Jim Graham that national dues be assessed on *clubs* rather than *individuals*.

3. A recommendation from *BOWLS Magazine* editor Joe Siegman that USLBA retain a professional national director.

Pittsburgh Shifts to NE: The Council approved a petition from the Frick Park Lawn Bowling Club, in Pittsburgh, PA, to relocate from the Central to the Northeast Division, where it used to be many years ago. Both Central and NE agreed to the shift.

Membership Totals: Treasurer Shirley Cam reported that the 4,626 USLBA members in 2001 came from the following divisions: SW–1,547; SE–948; PIM–877; SC–425; NE–299; Northwest–248; Central–244, and Honolulu–38.

No Subs in Playdowns: Council accepted Rules Chairman John Stewart's recommendation for new language to make it clear that substitutes are not permitted in division playdowns for the U.S. Championships.

No Playoffs for Second Place: Also accepted was a suggestion from SED president Mike Maneilly to eliminate playoffs for second place in the U.S. Championships. Ties for second place will be recorded as ties.

Vote not to renew WIBC membership: On the recommendation of USLBA World Bowls delegate Jim Copeland, the Council decided not to renew our membership in the World Indoor Bowls Council, citing of the absence of indoor lawn bowling facilities in the U.S.

Budget: Council adopted a \$46,000 balanced budget for 2002, including \$2,000 to start an investment fund to support Team USA. Noting that national dues have remained at \$10 per member for 30 years, President Donna West asked



Councilors to "take the pulse" in their divisions regarding a possible increase.

USLBA Website: Woody Ogden, director of the USLBA website <www.bowlsamerica.org>, said the site has been averaging 35 hits a day. He urged clubs and divisions with their own websites to list them on our national website.

Tournament dates: *U.S. Championships:* 2002–September 22–26 at Rossmoor, Walnut Creek, CA; 2003–late September or early October at Pinehurst, NC; 2004–October at Sun City, AZ. *National Open:* 2002–October 11–18 in Irvine, CA; 2003–October 10–17 in Irvine, CA. *North American Challenge:* 2002–September 5–7 at Pinehurst, NC. *Senior Open:* 2002–March 2–7, in Sun City, AZ.

Elections: USLBA officers reelected for 2002: Donna West, president; Gene Goodwin, vice president; Shirley Cam, treasurer; Tom Kees, secretary.

Elected to the men's National Team Selection Committee (NTSC) were John Stewart and Sam DeLisle.

New BOWLS Editor: USLBA President Donna West announced the appointment of Gene Goodwin to replace Joe Siegman, who has retired as editor of *BOWLS magazine*, effective February 1, 2002.

Interim Meeting: The Council agreed to hold an interim meeting March 16, 2002, in Sun City, AZ.

Hall of Fame election results and Council's adoption of an important Membership Policy are covered in separate articles in this issue.

Continued on page 37.



Bowlers! Cut & Paste into Your Copy of "Laws of the Game".

The rule changes below relating to the U.S. Championships have been approved by the USLBA.

NATIONAL & DIVISION TOURNAMENTS

MEN'S DRESS CODE

- a. White trousers or shorts (length must be in good taste) shall be worn.
- b. White or matching colored team shirts with collars are acceptable.
- c. Footwear must be per Law 3 E or LAW 16 B.

WOMEN'S DRESS CODE

- a. The dress for tournament play shall be white or cream, neat, clean and in good taste. Slacks and skirts, shorts or culottes no shorter than three inches above the knee are permitted.
- b. Matching colored team shirts are acceptable.
- c. Footwear must be per Law 3 E or LAW 16 B.

The highlighted changes on pages, 27,28,29 & 30 of the Laws of the Game were approved by USLBA councilors at the Oct AGM in Irvine, CA. Copy and clip or paste into your current Rule Book.

John Stewart

USLBA Rules Committee Chairman

UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men & Women

Rules and Regulations Playdowns & Championships

As amended to 2001

A. REQUIREMENTS for EACH ENTRY

- 1. **Lawn Bowlers** desiring to enter the United States Championships Competitions must be :
 - (a) Bona fide members of an affiliated Nat. Org. Club within the Division prior to the Playdowns and for 90 days prior to the Championships and are fully paid up in membership dues, as well as green fees, and other fees if any.
 - (b) Citizens of the United States and, if a member of more than one division, able to certify that their **Home Club** is in the division where they have entered the Playdowns.
 - (c) Willing and able to attend any U.S. Championships Playoffs in which they are entered, at the announced location and dates.
 - (d) Able to certify that they have not entered the Pairs or Singles from any other Division in the same year.
- 2. Proof that any one of the above requirements has not been fully met can be considered as due cause for disqualification at any level of play.

B. SELECTIONS and REPORTING of DIVISION ENTRIES

- 1. Each Division shall run competitive playdowns to establish the Division Singles and Pairs entries to these events, using any method of play consistent with these Rules.
- 2. Each Division shall certify their official Singles and Pairs entries to the Chairman of the U.S.Championships Committee not later than 30 days prior to the opening day of the respective U.S. Championship Playoffs for that year, which Division certification shall be conclusive and final until the commencement of such 30 - day period.

C. SUBSTITUTIONS (Division Level)

- 1. Substitution of a Singles entry or one or both members of a Pairs team shall not be permitted once play has commenced.

SUBSTITUTIONS (Championship Level)

- 2. Substitution permitted only under conditions specified in Articles C3, C4 and C5 of these Rules on the following page.

- 3. In the event that illness, death or other acceptable excuse prevents a Singles entry or either one or both members of a Pairs Team from continuing competition at **the Championship site** substitution will be permitted only as follows :
 - (a) SINGLES - The substitute shall be the next player in the order of winning in the preceding event, i.e. The runner-up or second place, third place, etc.
 - (b) PAIRS(Doubles)-The substitute shall be the next complete team (both players intact as originally entered) in the order of winning in the preceding event, i.e. The runner - up or second place, third place, etc. Since winning in Pairs events depends on team effort, the combining of players into a new team cannot be permitted, except as an emergency measure under control of the United States Championships Committee as outlined in Article C 4 of these Rules.
- 4. In order to prevent the possibility of a default by one of the Divisions at the U.S. Championships Playoffs at the Championship site, the U.S. Championships Committee shall have the authority to appoint a replacement for a missing Singles entrant or for one or both of the members of a Pairs Team.
- 5. If it appears that the above Rules on substitutions do not apply to a particular situation which arises during the Division Playdowns or at the U.S.Championship site the following action should be taken.
 - (a) **Division Playdowns level.** Immediately notify the USLBA Chairman of the Rules Committee with all the pertinent facts and that person's ruling shall be final.
 - (b) **United States Championships level.** Immediately notify the Chairperson of the U.S.Championships Committee with all the pertinent facts and that person's ruling shall be final.
- 6. The Council shall appoint a specific Councilor from the host Division to be the Tournament Director for the U.S. Championships. The Councilor appointed may delegate this authority.

A. GENERAL RULES

- 1. No member may play in both the Singles and the Pairs in the U.S. Championships.
- 2. All Bowls used in any U.S. Championships event must carry the official ALBA\WBB or National Organisation stamp, or must have a certification from an official Bowls Tester.

- 3. The dress for all U.S. Men's Championships Competition shall be white or matching colored shirts and white long trousers. A blazer of the Division color to complete the uniform is optional, but desirable.
- 4. The dress for all U.S. Women's Championships Competition shall be white attire with the exception that team colored shirts shall be acceptable.
- 5. Dress code can be waived or amended at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- 6. All matters concerning the U.S.Championships (except financial) shall be referred to the U.S.Championships Committee Chairperson rather than to the Nat. Org. secretary.
- 7. All play at the National level shall be Round Robin. For Singles play, all games shall be 21 points. For Pairs play, all games shall be 21 ends. All games must be completed. Tied games will remain as ties.
- 8. The winner of each game at the National level shall be awarded 2 Match Points. In the event of a tie game in Pairs, each team shall be awarded 1 Match Point. A loss is awarded zero points.
- 9. No more than two scheduled games will be played on any given day **at the Championship site**, unless playoffs are necessary.
- 10. **More than two games per day can be scheduled at division level**

UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Playoffs at Championship Site Men & Women

At the end of Round Robin, those, if any, tied in Match Points for first place, will playoff as required by the USLBA Championships Committee.

**SUPER SHOTS CLUB****7 SHOTS PAIRS**

- Sun City Center, FL** Armand Geyer & Jeanne McLaughlin 8-23
Hemet-Joslyn LBC, CA Ed Kearns & Glad Lill 9-3
Woodland Park LBC, WA *NW Summer Open* Nancy & Its Nishikawa 8-1
Pomona LBC, CA Bob McCullough, Steve Dowd 7-20
Williamsburg LBC, VA *Williamsburg Pairs* Jerry Egan, Joanne Miller 0-27
Pinehurst LBC, NC Shiela Cadwalder, Jim McGill 11-12
Mt. Dora LBC, FL Mr & Mrs Beth Forbes, Bill Forbes 11-12
Mt. Dora LBC, FL Mr & Mrs Beth Forbes, Bill Forbes 11-12
Mt. Dora LBC, FL Mr & Mrs Beth Forbes, Bill Forbes 11-16
Cambria LBC, CA Pauline Wood, Monte Newsom 11-3

8 SHOTS PAIRS

- Pasadena LBC, CA** Richard Ashmore, Arden Lichty 10-17
Mt. Dora LBC, FL Mr and Mrs Beth Forbes, Bill Forbes 11-12

7 SHOT TRIPLES

- Hemet-Joslyn LBC, CA** Verna Wallace, Wen Mowery, Clair Ott 8-3
Woodland Park LBC, WA, *NW Summer Open*, Bill Craig, Howard Snyder, George New 8-25
MacKenzie Park LBC, CA *George Watson Triples*, Gar Farnsworth, Bill Paulson, Bob Forget 9-3
Rossmoor LBC, CA Fawzi Rehani, Mel Kelly, Jim Towal 9-8
Rossmoor LBC, CA Marjorie Paris, Ian Morrison, Louise Lee 9-6
Oakland LBC, CA *Men's Triples*, Gilbert Pang, John Yen, Steve Ringwood 9-18
Hemet-Joslyn LBC, CA Ed Kearns, Glad Lill, Gordon Howard 9-21
Pinehurst LBC, NC Mildred McIntosh, Margo Pelliccio, Tom Cawley 10-3
Pinehurst LBC, NC *Williamsburg-Pinehurst Triples*, Jay Alphin, Margo Pelliccio, Dick Ott 10-14
Sunbrook LBC, UT *Huntsman Sr Games*, Steve Ringwood, Bill Schultz, Gaylen Nelson 10-16
Kings Point LBC, FL Arla Maginnis, Jackie Heckler, Bob Mandrala 10-22
Holmby Park LBC, CA M. Redjaian, H. Berman, M. Krisel 10-23
Rossmoor LBC, CA Elsie Napoli, Jeanne Lauritzen, Bernie Pomeroy 10-31
Kings Point West LBC, FL Audrey Scullion, Bob

Banashak, Bob Lang 11-5

- Holmby Park LBC, CA** M. Redjaian, K. Kilpo, S. Benjamin 11-1
Helmet Joslyn LBC, CA Ed Kearns, A. Hausman, D. Evans 11-19
Helmet Joslyn LBC, CA Cathy Sorenson, Carl Heinrich, Clair Ott 11-26
Hemet Joslyn LBC, CA Cathy Sorenson, Jesse Berry, Raymond Harrow 11-30
Kings Point LBC, FL Bill Russell, Mary Beach. Doris DeArment 12-14
Hemet Joslyn LBC, CA Bob Wolven, Carl Henrich, Dean Perry 12-12
San Diego LBC, CA, *Veteran Novice*, Floyd Murphy, J. Robbins, Gerhardt Vogel 11-17
Holmby Park LBC, CA Lionel Krisel, Peter Stubbings, George Tan 12-22

8 SHOT TRIPLES

- Spokane LBC, WA** Jean Wren, Lowell Brooks, Dave Robb 8-22
Spokane LBC, WA Dean Ferraby, Betty Brooks, Dave Robb 8-27
Rossmoor LBC, CA Bob Montgomery, Wilson Turner, Nancy Goelkel 9-4
Holmby Park LBC, CA E. Spira, S. Mizraki, Hy Berman 9-8
Rossmoor LBC, CA *Orville Artist Invit*, Laura Lewis, Peter Sousa, Robert Sequeira 9-29
Mt. Dora LBC, FL Nick Nichols, Jen Troesch, Dick Tucker 11-7
Pinehurst LBC, NC Linda Alphin, Jim McGill, Dick Ott 10-22
King's Point LBC, FL Arla Maginnis, Cora Hooper, George Ulics 1-28
Pasadena LBC, CA Carol Kirshner, John Lewis, Larry Flanders 12-12

9 SHOT TRIPLES

- Woodland Park LBC, WA** *NW Summer Open*, Bill Craig, Howard Snyder, George New 8-25
Milwaukee Lake Park LBC, WI Sidney Stellar, Alma Vellum, Norma Harrington, Gloria Mather 9-1
Santa Marie LBC, CA Harold York, Jeanie Ader, Bill Paulsen 11-9
Rossmoor LBC, CA *Orville Artist Inv*, Larry Murphy, Joan Seymour, Tommy Seymout 9-29
Kings Point LBC, FL Mavis Ward, Peggy Lang, Tom Roscoe 11-16
Hemet-Joslyn LBC, CA Tom Thompson, Ladeive Mowrey, Dick VanZante 12-5
Clearwater LBC, FL *Sno-ball*, Margaret Lester, Rita Moy, Ken Roberts 12-4

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CLEARWATER

By Ede MacWilliams

We opened our season with a Ladies Scramble, a tournament in which the participants bowl four short games in the same triples position. At the end of the day, prizes for the most wins and highest points went to Betty Adamson for lead, Joan Broad for vice skip, and Brooke Reed for skip.

Ron Jones repeated as winner of our 4-3-2-1 Men's Singles, while Marion Reed won both Women's Singles—the 4-3-2-1 and the regular.

The SE-USLBA Mixed Pairs tournament that requires women skips resulted in a victory for Helen Dickson and Jab Pierce, of Clearwater. Congratulations, also, to the Clearwater team of Bill Farrell and Ian and Rita Moy for winning the Gentleman's Trophy at the Mount Dora Holiday Bowl, in December. Four other Clearwater teams finished in the top ten.

In two other early club tournaments, Jack Mein and Marg Ross won the Australian Mixed Pairs, and Lindsay Blair, Jill Orchard and Betty Jarvis won the Snow Bowl Triples.

SUNCOASTERS & PEBBLE BEACH

By Jack Phillips

After enjoying a great Christmas party organized by Suncoasters social chairwoman Beverly Phillips, members of these two clubs at Sun City Center started getting ready to defend their 2001 championship of the Grass League against bowlers from Sarasota and Lakeland.

In Memoriam
Ruth Waldron

SE OPEN AND U.S. PLAYDOWNS

The SE-USLBA Open will be held March 2-9. Women's events will be at Sun City Center and Men's at Sarasota. A rain date is scheduled for March 8, and a new Mixed Triples competition is on tap for March 9, at Sun City Center.

In the first six days of the Open, both men and women will bowl two days each at Singles, Pairs and Triples, ending the afternoon of Thursday, March 7, weather permitting.

For men's events, entries at \$22 per person per event may be made by contacting Russ Tees at 2170 Americus Blvd. #32, Clearwater, FL 34623. His phone is: 813/797-5950, email <Lawntees@aol.com>

For women's events and the Mixed Triples, entries at \$22 per person per event should be made through Jo Butterfield at 4565 Runabout Way, Bradenton, FL 34203. Her phone is: 941 755-8894, email: <JEBUTT@aol.com>

The men's and women's SE Playdowns to qualify for the United States Championships are scheduled for April 4-8 (Pairs) and April 8-12 (Singles) at Sun City Center, with entry fees of \$25 per person per event. At the annual meeting of SE-

USLBA in November, delegates voted to follow the same format as that used in the U.S. Championships; namely, round robin, with two games a day of 21 points in Singles and 21 ends in Pairs.

The delegates also decided that the six SE Playdowns winners in 2000 will constitute the Selection Committee for the 10 players, besides themselves, who will represent the SE against the NE in the East Coast Challenge at Pinehurst NC, April 27-28. This year entries are open to all SE-USLBA members, including those who are citizens of Canada and other countries besides the U.S. The SE has won this inter-divisional competition both of its first two years.

Jo Butterfield of the Sarasota club, vice president of the SE-USLBA, is tournament director for the SE Division.

In other business at the SE-USLBA meeting, Joyce Schindler, of the Sarasota LBC, was elected to a two-year term on the Executive Board, and the following were reelected to two-year terms: Rebecca Meksa, Bradenton LBC, Tom Kees, Pinehurst LBC, and Russ Tees, On Top of the World LBC. 

DELAND

By Pat McCann

We are pleased with the new benches and chairs being installed at our club by the city.

In our first club tournament, Duke Caukin, Sadie Labchuk and Claude LeDuc won the Mixed Triples.

Earlier, we hosted the annual Mayme's Mixer, which attracted 48 bowlers this year

from the Mount Dora, Daytona Beach and DeLand clubs. For the first time, all three top prizes were taken by bowlers from one club: Clair Sargent (for skips), Joe Attara (vice-skips) and Isabel Wilson (leads), all of Daytona Beach.

Right: This Daytona Beach trio won the big marbles at Deland's Mayme's Mixer: (l-r) Clair Sargent, Joe Attara and Isabel Wilson. At right is Duke Caukin, Mixer manager.



SOUTHEAST DIVISION

Clearwater Tops Holiday Bowl

By Gene Goodwin

The only team to win all five of its matches, Bill Farrell, Ian and Rita Moy, of Clearwater FL, earned the Gentleman's Trophy as champions of the sixth Holiday Bowl, December 7-9, hosted by Mount Dora.

Close runners-up were Herb Wintsch, Bill Forbes and Beth Forbes of the host club, who won four games and tied one.

This year's Holiday Bowl returned to its original mixed triples format, after three years of mixed fours. The 28 team entries played two 16-end and three 12-end games, following a pre-set draw for the first four games and high-against-high in the final game.

About \$2,800 was returned to the top ten teams in cash prizes, ranging from \$480 to the Farrell trio to \$105 for the tenth-place team of Charles & Lenore Roach and Donna McFadden of Clearwater. In addition to the cash awards and individual trophies, the three winning players have their names engraved on the Gentleman's Trophy, honoring Mount Dora's best-known lawn

bowler, Harold L. Esch, honorary life president of USLBA.

Third through ninth-place finishers were:

3. Ron Jones, Russ Tees, Mary McKay—*Clearwater*
4. Lindsay and May Blair and Pat O'Donohue—*Clearwater*
5. Bud and Helen Fickley and Lois Saladin—*Pittsburgh*
6. John and Gina Shanklin and Neal Nightingale—*Pebble Beach/Suncoasters*
7. Burl and Barbara Roller—*Pinehurst NC*, and Jack Mein—*Clearwater*
8. Ron Buck, Pam Durdey and Pauline Blastorah—*Sarasota*
9. Al and Margo Pellicio and Tom Kees—*Pinehurst*.

Freshly grilled pancakes, sausages and eggs for Saturday and Sunday breakfasts were the special new addition to this year's event. They were served up by a crew of appropriately chapeaued chefs led by last year's champion skip, Bill Bish.

The backdrop for the Holiday Bowl is the festively-lighted village of Mount Dora, which takes Christmas very seriously.



Mt. Dora Holiday Bowl 2001 Champions: (l-r) Ian Moy, Rita Moy and Bill Farrell, all of Clearwater, FL.

Photos by Elmer Demman



The crew of Mount Dora lawn bowlers who handled chow duties for the 84 competitors in Holiday Bowl 2001. Head chefs Bill and Bonnie Bish are second and third from left in the first row.

LAKELAND

By Jim Steele

Lakeland club officers are meeting with city officials to advise them of our requirements for relocation to a new facility in the Lake Parker area, not too far from Tiger Town. The adjoining shuffleboard courts are also being relocated. Timing of the relocation is not known at this time.

Charles Best and Jean Bertram won the Florida Senior Games, held at our club on

December 1. Silver medals went to John and Gina Shanklin, of the Pebble Beach and Suncoasters clubs at Sun City Center, and bronze medals to Bill and Beth Forbes, of Mount Dora. SE-USLBA President Mike Maneilly coordinated the event.

The blindly drawn Men's and Women's Pairs kicked off our club tournaments for the season. President Norma Rice and Ruth Booker were ladies winners, and Charles Best and Ray Luckart took the men's title.

For your future planning, the 7th Sno-Bird Invitational, which attracts many Southeast bowlers, will be held at Hanover, Ontario, on July 19. Mo Walker, who is coordinating this popular tournament, will be sending information to clubs, but you can phone her at: 863/ 680-2980 (or 519/364-6221, after April 1). Patti and Joe Grabowski, of Sun City Center, FL, are sponsors of this event.

ST. PETERSBURG

By Ann Bodley

With seven new members, the St. Petersburg club is off and running for a new season. Work by both new and old members has improved our clubhouse. An article in the St. Petersburg Times, featuring your correspondent and her husband, Doug, has attracted new interest in our club and lawn bowling.



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SOUTHEAST DIVISION

MOUNT DORA

By Gene Goodwin

Three 2001-2002 club tournaments were completed in November and December with these results:

Mike Maneilly, Bill Sanders and Anne Marie McKean won the Mixed Triples. Bill and Beth Forbes repeated as Mr. and Mrs. champions. Evelyn Sartain topped the field in our 4321 Singles, with a record 105 points



Left: Mount Dora's Mixed Triples winners are (l-r) Bill Sanders, Anne Marie McKean and Mike Maneilly.

accumulated in three eight-end games.

We took in 47 new members in the summer and fall: 15 through evening classes in the heat of summer, 30 who came in through our two-week fall class, and two transfers.

Scores took part in our two big parties—Homecoming in November and the Christmas party, December 11.

New ceiling tiles have improved acoustics in our Daniels Clubhouse, but we still need to do more to achieve perfection. We are being advised on this matter by club member and retired architect Elmer Demman.

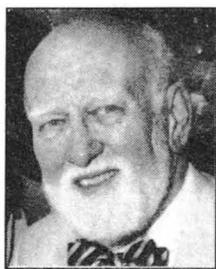
In Memoriam
Lucy Greenwood



Above: Bill and Beth Forbes won Mount Dora's Mr. and Mrs. Tournament for the third straight year.

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WITH THIS ISSUE OF BOWLS, WE ARE delighted to welcome the Pittsburgh Frick Park Lawn Bowls Club and its correspondent, Jim Cunningham, to the Northeast Division. Jim describes his club, formerly of the Central Division, as having a fine double green in a very nice section of Pittsburgh, with plenty of hotel space nearby.

The club, which celebrated its *golden anniversary* in 1988, was very much a part of the national organization in its early years, then went independent for a period of time, and subsequently rejoined ALBA

(now USLBA) in 1988. Pittsburgh Frick Park LBC has about 100 active members, ranging from 23 to 93, who look forward to greeting their fellow USLBA members in the Northeast Division

Welcome Pittsburgh Frick Park LBC—very happy to have you aboard!

ESSEX COUNTY

(Bloomfield, NJ)

By George J. Schick

Due to the renovation of our green, Essex was unable to host tournaments this season. In 2002, we expect to share our facility with a croquet club, and the County plans to install volleyball courts that should increase our membership.

Our youngest members, Matthew and Merri Schick, are almost two and playing carpet bowls at home with mom and dad.

Several members participated in the two-day 2001 NED Regional Challenge. Teams representing our Division's member clubs competed in Triples, Pairs, Rinks and Singles to earn the title of "Division's Best". Results:

1. MA and RI (captain Jack Lucey)
2. DE, NJ, PA and VA (captain Ron Buck)
3. CT (captain Ward Francis)

Thanks to Ward and his committee from

Thistle LBC (CT) for hosting the 2001 tournament. Thistle has been asked to host the 2002 event next Fall.

The following club officers have been elected for the 2002: President, Colin Smith; Vice President, Bob Urquhart; Secretary, George Schick; Treasurer, Lorraine Urquhart.

Our membership would like to thank Colin Smith for his efforts on behalf of lawn bowling at the local, division and national level. Our sport could use many others as dedicated to the game as Colin!

Tournament results for ECLBC members:

PAUL MOTTA MEMORIAL OPEN PAIRS
Second—Colin Smith and Ron Buck
DAKERS MEMORIAL OPEN TRIPLES
Third—Gene Cadore, Colin Smith,
Ron Buck

MARIE MANNERS MEMORIAL OPEN PAIRS
Third—Ron Buck and Lois Saladin
Fourth—Linda McDougall and
Colin Smith

USLBA NATIONAL OPEN RINKS
Third—Patrick Duffy, Colin Smith,
Ron Buck, Jack Lucey

USLBA NATIONAL OPEN MIXED PAIRS
Third—Eileen Luba and Colin Smith
Fourth—Dana Lum and Jack Lucey

NORTHEAST DIVISION

BUCK HILL FALLS

(Pennsylvania)

By Ron Burry

Four of our club's members—Eugene and Cora Kordowski, Jeanne McLaughlin and Ron Burry—entered the NE Division Marie Manners Memorial Mix/Match Pairs competition, the weekend following the United States Championships.

The club's final event of the year (we bowl only four months a year), the Trumpet Vine Tournament, was held on September 29th, a miserable, cold day. The mix/match pairs event included six different "non-traditional" events. For instance, bowlers had to roll their bowls onto a checkered tarp. Depending upon which square a bowl landed on, points were either added to or subtracted from the team score. Tony Burger and Jeff Freeland prevailed that day, and will have their names inscribed on "The Trophy"—a plastic watering can.

The final business meeting of the season was held on the same day as the tournament. Nina Burger was elected President, Frank Phillips vice-president, Ron Burry secretary, and Marie Fischer agreed to remain as treasurer.

We learned that Tony Burger had been elected a board member to the NE Division. Membership for the club has risen to 43 for this year.

As a fundraiser, the club is selling pen-and-ink notecards by Porter Cardwell, a local artist. Called 'Buck Hill Falls—A beautiful place,' the twelve card set sells for \$10. Please add \$2 for shipping. Requests may be addressed to: Ron Burry, Buck Hill Falls LBC, PO Box 605, Mountainhome, PA 18342.

GREENWICH

By Francis Novak

The fall season officially and abruptly ended with the annual October dinner, at which the annual meeting and elections were held.

The last FUN DAY scheduled in October was cancelled due to maintenance work on our Bruce Park green. Thereafter, only sporadic bowling took place, being very careful of our tender green. The darkness of those final fall weeks overtook the popular evening bowling.

Plans for attracting new bowlers are at the printers. This will be the third year Greenwich Lawn Bowling Club has been included in the Continuing Education bulletins published by the Greenwich Board of Education. We have scheduled six teaching dates in May. Students may enroll in any two. Lessons will be one hour each and cost the student \$10. We do not get the money. The Board of education uses it to defray their costs.

The Continuing Education bulletins are mailed to every home in Greenwich. From this wide audience we have attracted 8 to 12 students each year. The majority have enjoyed their lessons and our companionship and joined the club. We have at least four sets of nearly new bowls of the smaller sizes and several used sets of large sizes for these students to borrow.

2002 schedule for daily play will be 3:30 P.M. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 10 A.M. on Saturdays.

FUN DAYS: Saturdays at 10 A.M., May 11, June 8, July 13. Visitors welcome!

DUPONT

(Wilmington, DE)

By Tom Lawlor

A number of lawn bowls events were conducted for the Dupont Country Club Sports programs, such as corporate outings and the popular Sports Academy for children. The children voted bowls as the "cool" sport of the club.

Winners of events are as follows:

HANDICAP SINGLES

1. Ken Roberts, 2. Bob Lang, 3. Tom Lawlor

CUTTHROAT SINGLES

1. Ron Buck, 2. Barry Gibson, 3. Elise Van Zyl

HEIN MEMORIAL PAIRS

1. Elise Van Zyl, Dick Lindsey; 2. Barry Gibson, Pat Flynn; 3. Jim Michael, Dave Ryer

TRIPLES

1. J. Montigney, R. Schiefelbein, S. Montigney; 2. B. Lang, D. Ryer, O. Nicholls; 3. B. Gibson, D. Lindsey, M. Roberts

DELAWARE SENIOR OLYMPICS

Men's Singles (all age-group winners) Jim Michael, J. Montigney, D. Schiefelbein, H. Cupery. Women's Singles: S. Montigney. Pairs: J. Montigney and J. Michael

Zenas Gardner and Tom Lawlor journeyed to Williamsburg to defend their inaugural Pairs title, but succumbed to greater forces: 1. Dan Berg and Jack (red bowls) Edwards, 2. Ron Buck and Patrick Duffy, 3. Jack and Beverly Phillips. The tournament was well attended, the weather a bit chilly, but all had a great time thanks to Williamsburg's hospitality.

The Welcome sign is up at Dupont. Come see us. Call Jack Montigney (302) 478-2789, or Tom Lawlor (302) 478-2276.

SKYTOP

(Skytop, PA)

By Ken Willig

A little late with our news since I missed the deadline for the fall 2001 issue. Now for the catch-up.

Summer of 2001 was not a happy time for our bowlers. It was a period of great loss. First, former Skytop Chairman of the Board, Gardner Cunningham, passed away. Gardner was a champion non-participant lawn bowling enthusiast who was instrumental in the construction of our new green. We missed him greatly sitting on the sidelines and cheering. However, his great contributions will be long remembered.

In June, we witnessed the passing of Miggs Ward. Miggs on many occasions was the Club and Women's Champion, in addition to being our Club President.

Commemorating Miggs' contribution to the sport a New Women's Champion trophy was created and dedicated honoring her significant efforts in making Lawn Bowling a living sport at Skytop. We shall greatly miss two wonderful friends.

We did have one high point. Ed Mayotte, Skytop President and

General Manager, joined our bowling team. He demonstrated great enthusiasm and promising skills.

Our Club Tournament took place in July. Results:

Triples Winners—Laura Wilhems, Don Sack and Jim Sheridan

Men's Singles Winner—Red Brown

Women's Singles Winner—Mary Blose

Also in July, our yearly challenge with neighboring Buck Hill took place at Buck Hill. The event was dedicated to Miggs Ward. Unfortunately, our team lost 4-2 and, thereby, the trophy, a Bowling Etching, passed over to Buck Hill. We'll get it back in 2002!

The last event of the season was a "friendly" repeat match with Buck Hill at Skytop. The decision was made to hold this contest between the clubs just to have some fun. No scoring or trophy was involved.

Dr. Tom Murphy has volunteered to carry the torch that Miggs lighted several years ago. We shall carry on the tradition she set promoting Lawn Bowling to the fullest at Skytop.

In Memoriam

Gardner Cunningham

Miggs Ward

NORTHEAST DIVISION

SLATER PARK

By Ed Kenney

Last tournament results of the 2001 season are as follows:

DOUBLES (September)

1. Paul and Sonne Bucklin
2. Maurice Lafond and Rick Wolfendon
3. Larry Messier and Susan Ford
4. Al Letourneau and Pat Jones

ARCHIE STEVESON DAY (September)

1. Ken Birch and Al Letourneau
2. Maurice and Greta Lafond
3. Larry Messier and Ray Robitaille
4. Ed Kenney-Vito Bart and Pat Jones

In late September, eleven bowlers from Slater Park went to Hartford, CT to defend last year's win of the Northeast Division Regional Challenge Tournament. There were three regions participating in the two-day event: (1) World-VA, DE, PA, NJ, and NY, (2) RI-MA, (3) CT. Each region had two teams in each event, and four matches were played each day.

Following the Pairs and Triples on the first day—with Ed Kenney and Vito Bart playing Pairs, and Maurice Lafond, Rick Sanphy and Greta Lafond Triples for Slater Park—RI/MA led the pack, with World second, and CT close behind.

On the second day, Bob Urquhart of New Jersey won the Singles, and Slater Park's Ken Birch, George Zvanelich, Vito Bart and Pat Jones (Shirley Kenney subbed one game for Pat) won the Rinks.

The tournament totals showed the winners to be RI/MA, with World second and CT third. Slater Park retained the trophy.

We ended our 2001 season with the Ray Sayer Day tournament on October 6. Winners are:

1. Ken Birch, George Zvanelich and Yvonne Balthazard
2. Bob, George and Josh Sayer
3. George Plikaitis, Ellen Boyne and Joan Wood (Hartford)
4. Sam Drevitch (Milton, MA), Art Newton and Jim Grant.

Congratulations to Ray Robitaille, winner of the drawing for free membership 2002.

NEW YORK

(Central Park)

By Jean Lithgow

I recall that the temperature in New York City on December 4, 5 and 6 approached 70 degrees. Those of us suffering from acute lawn bowling withdrawal realized, ruefully, that, with the blessing of the Parks Department, we could easily have extended our season another month.

In September and October the city's mood was, of course, sad beyond sad, but also extraordinarily kind. Volunteers were turned away in droves. Those of us who thought we might have lost friends rejoiced to discover them to be alive, though traumatized. Parents hug their children fiercely these days!

Tinged though it was toward the end by unutterable grief, our season was character-

ized by lively participation at all levels, bolstered by an infusion of promising new talent. Two fledgling newcomers, Andrea Murphy (Jim's daughter) and Ken Slazyk, triumphed in their very first tournaments.

This year, creative and ever-playful Joe Gioco, tournament director and coordinator, took home more trophies than anyone else. Joe also ordered some handsome deep cobalt blue engraved dishes for all of last year's winners. His wife, that excellent bowler Laralu Smith, has the distinction of being the first woman to win a Northeast Division tournament (as a member of the all-New York team that won the Dakers Triples tournament in August).

This season's tournament results are as follows:

Memorial Day Pairs—Margie Barclay & Tal Stubis (first club win)

High-Low Pairs—Joe Gioco & Andrea Murphy (first club win)

Firecracker Pairs—Charles Crawford, Laralu Smith, Tony Reynal

Out of Towners Triples—Yoel Levkov, Colin Smith, Patrick Duffy

Shorty George Pairs—Terry Ohl (his own partner)

Women's Singles—Marion Morey

Men's Singles—Joe Gioco

Waterford Pairs—Dong Kingman, Ken Slazyk (first club win)

Masters Singles (for tournament winners)—Terry Ohl

Diehard Pairs—Joe Gioco, Laralu Smith

Do come visit us in May!

WILLIAMSBURG INN

By Susan Berg

Lovely fall weather was the backdrop for an active bowling season of pairs leagues, round robins, and club tournaments.

In September, several members traveled to the Dupont Country Club for a tournament. The Williamsburg team enjoyed warm hospitality and competitive bowling from the Dupont members, even though we did not return victorious.

In October the club hosted Pinehurst, with forty-two bowlers playing in each of five games. It was a great opportunity to have new members participate in inter-club play.

The club hosted fourteen teams at the Williamsburg Open Pairs Tournament in October, with bowlers coming as far as Pittsburgh and New York to play. Undefeated Dan Berg and Jack Edwards won the tournament, and Ron Buck and Patrick Duffy captured second place by winning a playoff against Jack and Beverly Phillips.

The Ray Townsend Memorial Tournament was held in mid-November for the Club Singles championship. Dan Berg was undefeated in four matches and won the trophy.

On November 29, the club held its annual meeting and banquet. Officers elected include: Jack Edwards, president; Bill Holcombe, vice-president; Edith Edwards, secretary; and Jo Ann Proper, treasurer. Longtime member Fran Healy was surprised to receive a humorous proclamation from the club, honoring her for her dedication to the sport.

Although the green is officially closed until the beginning of April, Jack Edwards has announced a winter social bowling program on Wednesday afternoons in January through March, weather permitting. Members gather to play if the temperature is above 50 degrees, and can meet to socialize or for dinner afterwards.

In Memoriam

Ben Lorenz



NORTHEAST DIVISION

THISTLE

(West Hartford, CT)

By Joan B. Wood

It was a great summer for Thistle. The weather was unusually cooperative and the bowlers were out in record numbers, filling at least three rinks almost every bowling day.

In August, we welcomed Fernleigh for a mixed tournament. Gordon Fowler was the lucky spider winner. Tournament winners were a nice mix of Fernleigh and Thistle members:

1. Ted Laski and Mary Bjorkman
2. Irv Danzig and Joan Wood
3. Ellen Boyne and Bob Gemski

In September, Joe Morin did a wonderful job of planning and running the Founders' Day Tournament and celebration, providing creative games and thoughtful raffle prizes. Winners:

1. George Plikaitis and John Rowson
2. Nick Francis and Peter Campbell
3. Wilson Bell and Eileen Robinson

PITTSBURGH FRICK PARK

By James C. Cunningham

Starting in 2002, the Frick Park Club will be part of the Northeast Division. Our members look forward to seeing many of you at various tournaments and events in Pittsburgh as well as at other Northeast events.

We completed a successful 2001 season with our Annual Awards Banquet, at which we elected the following officers:

President—Mary Laverne Dimmick
Vice President—Hank Luba
Secretary—Ruth Cunningham
Treasurer—Lois Saladin

Board members for 2002-2003—Pat Goetz,

Also in September, we were happy to host the Northeast Division Regional Challenge Cup. With an excellent turnout from the region, the winner (once again) was Mass/RI.

Six members traveled to Slater Park for the Ray Sayers Day Tournament. Fabulous Slater Park, hospitality. The team of George Plikaitis, Ellen Boyne and Joan Wood came in third.

In October, eight members joined Bridgeport for their Die-Hard Tournament. The snow last year made for a great story, but bowling in sunshine made for a much more enjoyable day. Here Ward Francis' team placed second and George Plikaitis' team was fourth.

The club now has six new rakes thanks to the efforts of Lou Antos and Al Sonski (construction crew), and Ted Laski and Bill Wassell (staining crew).

At the October Annual Meeting officers for 2002 were elected: President—Bill Wassell, Vice-President—Ward Francis, Secretary—Joan Wood, Treasurer—Ted Laski.

Randy Ober and Rich Bjork. Beverly Phillips, Ann Hofer and Ralph Hofer will continue on the Board for 2002.

Our Club Champion this year is Eileen Luba who won the prestigious Helen Clay Frick Trophy. The Women's Singles champion is Beverly Phillips and Bud Fickley captured the Men's Singles cup. Eileen Luba and Lois Saladin took the Open Pairs contest, and Bud and Helen Fickley won the Mixed Pairs.

We invite all Northeastern Division members to visit us in Pittsburgh when you can. You are always welcome.

FERNLEIGH

(West Hartford CT)

By Ed Wood

Another season has ended, water turned off, benches in the clubhouse, green sanded, and ready for a long winters' nap, under a cover of new fallen snow.

Our booth at the "Celebrate West Hartford" can be considered a success. We got nine new active bowlers and had a lot of interest by people who visited our booth. We had many who indicated an interested and they will be contacted again next season.

George Babic, our President, has done an excellent job of overseeing the green maintenance. He has spent many hours getting things organized. The Club really appreciates the amount of time he has given.

Tournaments:

Thistle: Ted Laski & Mary Bjorkman

Kay Boker: George Plikatas & Ed Churchill

Monday Night Triples: John McNeill, Don Woods, Greg Petrakis

Club Championships: *Doubles*—Ward Francis & Bob Genske; *Singles*—Gene Knorr; *Novice*—Bob Burford

The annual meeting was held on December 11, at which the following slate of officers was approved by the membership: President—Frank Stolzenberg, Vice President—Gordon Fowler, Second Vice President—Joan Wood, Treasurer—Gene Knorr, Assistant Treasurer—Bob Burford, Secretary—Jan Schermerhorn, Assistant Secretary—Irene Woods. Members of the Board of Directors until 2004—Ellen Boyne, Ted Laski, Don Woods.

Our theme for next year is that every member of the Club is an active member of the membership committee.

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MILWAUKEE LAKE PARK

By Buzz Althoen

Charles Stone and Jim Copeland did well for our club in the U.S. Open in Orange County, CA in October. They came in second place in the Men's Fours, third in the Pairs, and Jim finished fourth in the Singles. Impressive results in big time competition!

Because of the warm weather in October and November, a number of our bowlers were able to bowl well into fall. We had our fall meeting on December 1 and the following officers were elected for 2002:

President—Bob Schneider,
 Vice President—Norma Harrington,
 Secretary—Buzz Althoen,
 Treasurer—Bud Davis,
 Directors—(3 years) Alice Sedgwick and Jim Cavender.

We plan on holding the Central Division Open in Milwaukee in July and look forward to that. Meanwhile, we will have a mid-winter social February 1 and a Board meeting February 2, Ground Hog Day!

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CENTRAL DIVISION

CHICAGO LAKESIDE

By Patricia Brown LeNoble

Yippee! Chicago Lakeside members really got a break this fall with bowling right through the month of November—right off the sandy beaches of Lake Michigan, just across the street!

The 'sweet bells of success' rang out for our Senior Olympics in September, with several of our members as volunteers and about 40 participants. Gold winners included Bill Nakagawa and Charlean Smith. Willye Tillman was in charge of the volunteers, and the weather was excellent!

In keeping with the season and "in checking the list twice", we find a total of 16 new members in 2001. We're hoping they'll want to bowl in the upcoming 2002 Central Division events.

Our Annual Meeting took place at the clubhouse on Sunday, October 7, led by our President, Laurie Michael. Ideas were exchanged and, hopefully, our new members will feel 'more at home' with a little more help from us. Bill Nakagawa will be our liaison to

the Chicago Park District, John LeNoble put our 'directory' in print, and an 'ad' will be placed in the local paper to announce the club's return to ACTIVE DUTY in the spring!

October 27 was our Awards luncheon and 'pack up time' for winterization of the clubhouse. The event was catered ably by member Leslie Fisk, and Charlean Smith was in charge of distributing awards. The winners were: *Club Triples*—1. Evelyn Clark/Don Sneddon/Ernie Moorehead, 2. Henry Reynolds/Roby Fisk/Laurie Michael. *Women's Singles*—1. Evelyn Clark, 2. Mae Cannon. *Men's Singles*—1. Bill Nakagawa, 2. Roby Fisk. *Women's Novice*—1. Mae Cannon. *Men's Novice*—1. Ken Koenig. Cal Wright, Carol Wright and Roby Fisk were in charge of the tournaments. And, Don Sneddon did a great job for the special fun games during the Memorial Day holiday.

Our clean up and winterizing was a great time, and things will be taken out again in the spring without too much trouble! Amen! And a big thanks to all the club members and folks taking part in this worthwhile project!

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

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THE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION IS STARTING to gear up for the tournaments. Various clubs are reporting a slower return of Snowbird members, but we have had some bowling events to start up the competitive spirit.

The present slate of officers will serve a second year along with the present councilors. They are: President—Leon Sullivan, 1st Vice President—Ann Howland, Secretary/Treasurer—John Stewart/Joan Cameron, SCD Councilors—Doris Leibbrandt and Doug McArthur.

The women members of the South Central Division had a brown bag morning bowl with big prizes! Some consolation prizes were as much as a quarter. That's big money girls! Winners were: 1. Donna West, 2. Beryl Auger, 3. Doris Leibbrandt, 4. Joy Sauter, 5. Mary Terrill, 6. (a 4-way tie) Marion Mueller, Peggy Harmon, Ann Howland, Beth Hansen, 10. Shirley Toniff.

SUN CITY GRAND

By Richard Borczak

A class of eleven enthusiastic new bowlers, who were instructed by John Lynn, completed their training and are now bowling on a regular basis. Starting its third year in existence, the Club now has 98 members.

Over 70 members enjoyed a potluck at the Pavilion in mid-November.

With the return of winter residents, the season has gotten underway, with the Club successfully hosting visitations by Sun City West, Paradise RV Club and Pueblo El Mirage. December and January brought three return visitations.

President Geoff Auger and wife Beryl have introduced club competitions, and club tournaments have been arranged for early

in 2002. A "new bowlers" tournament has given new members who have bowled less than a year a taste of competition. Geoff and Beryl have arranged a number of possible visitations from bowling clubs from England in 2002.

Early November saw the start of a 'lady members bowling group', which continues on a weekly basis into 2002.

Club members have received their new shirts embroi-

dered with the club logo.

A Christmas Fun Day was held December 15 at which many members, dressed in Christmas theme costumes, alternated greens and positions on their teams every four ends. It was followed by a potluck lunch held at the newly opened Meeting Room.

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Brown Bag bests: (l-r) 1. Donna West, 2. Beryl Auger, 3. Doris Leibbrandt, 4. Joy Sauter, 5. Mary Terrill.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Special People

Ralph Spalding

In the spring of 1985, Ralph Spalding, Neils Kragh and other interested bowlers discussed organizing an American Lawn Bowls Association club in Sun City, AZ. When over 200 people indicated interest in Ralph's dream, several organizational meetings were conducted.

Hank Passoth then presented the by-laws to the Sun City Recreation Center club committee. It was approved as a club. A charter was finally granted to the Sun City Lawn Bowls Club of Arizona on December 19, 1985. The purpose of the club was to promote and enjoy the game of lawn bowls in Sun City through membership in the National Organizations of ALBA and AWLBA.

The officers for our first year, 1986, were: President—Ralph Spalding; Vice President—Bill Weaver; Secretary—Ken O'Blenes; Treasurer—Neil Bultman; Directors—Garth Cobb, Irv Duerksen and Neils Kragh.

The years '86 and '87 proved very fruitful for the game of bowls in Sun City and Sun City West, with members attending world competitions in Las Vegas, Southwest Division tournaments in Riverside, CA, PIM events in San

Francisco/Oakland, CA, and Southeast Division tournaments in Sun City Center, FL.

After proposals were accepted by the Southwest Division of ALBA and AWLBA, this division became known as the South Central Division. Many of the local bowlers were responsible for this effort.

After his year as our inaugural president, Ralph Spalding served the Club as its treasurer from 1987 to 1990. Over the years Ralph, and his wife Arlene, have taught bowls at the Sundial, Lakeview, Bell and Oakmont bowling clubs here in the Sun City area.

For the Spaldings, fun has always been a top priority in creating interest in their favorite sport of bowls. Many activities, costume parties and celebrations have been held under Ralph's guidance, contributing to years of happy bowling for many bowlers.

Ralph's contributions to our wonderful, old sport with gentle manners, kind ways, wit and years of service are remembered by many, many bowlers.

Marion Mueller

SUN CITY

The greens have never been so good. The Sun City Fun Day was a huge success at the Lakeview greens with bowling and pizza. The event drew 16 teams and 80 players.

The winners of the *Sun City Lawn Bowls Club Fives* in late November.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

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| 1. Dave Close, Leah Close,
Phyllis Sullivan, Leon
Sullivan, Bill Lingeman. | Mary Cobb, Roberta Lane |
| 2. Marty Schans, Annette
Schans, Al Burdick, Nita
Burdick, Chet Towle | 4. Jim Webster, Irene
Webster, Bill Patrizzi, Bill
Weaver, Nancy Hull |
| 3. Len Hitchcock, Lorraine
Hitchcock, Jerry Cobb, | 5. Ken Truckenbrod, Wanda
Truckenbrod, Helen
Teichman, Leo Lalemand,
Dan Pupillo |

The *Neils-Kragh Open Men's Pairs Tournament*, played on the Bell greens in December.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

- George Ralston and Larry Brohammer
- Bert Haws and Dan Pupillo
- Bill Hiscock and Bill Weaver
- Jurgen Fesser and John Devonshire

- Jack Behling and John Stewart

3RD FLIGHT

- Len Hitchcock and Bill Lingeman
- Don Mayne and John McKenzie

4TH FLIGHT

- Bob Copley and Dick Woodworth
- Marty Schans and Al Burdick

2ND FLIGHT

- Tom Stirrat and Gordon Shieck



Winners of the *Sun City Fives*: (l-r) Dave Close, Leah Close, Phyllis Sullivan, Leon Sullivan, and Bill Lingeman.



George Ralston and Larry Brohammer, left, *Neils-Kragh Open Pairs* champions, with runners-up Bert Haws and Dan Pupillo, right.

NORTHWEST DIVISION

LEISURE WORLD

By Ralph Bednarek

Verna Roth thanked all of the members for their cooperation during the past year that made 2001 an exciting and enjoyable year for her as President. Mary Jane Vasconez had her first meeting as 2002 President on Jan. 9.

The Open Doubles was held Dec. 3-8, with some rain in between. With an unusual array of entries, for the first time we had five couples out of ten teams: Verna & Wray Roth, Ruth & Dick Filbin, Jane & Doc Bednarek, Sandy & Richard Mack, and Barb Elliot & Russ Thorndyke. Wendell Runge, the tournament chairman, set-up two flights set up by blind draw, with each flight playing a round robin, followed by a playoff series between the top finishers of each flight.

Verna & Wray Roth and Bud Milbradt & Carl Dude finished 1-2 in the Red Flight, while Carol Marske & Terry Parkinson and Barb Elliot & Russ Thorndyke went 1-2 in the Blue Flight. When the playoff smoke cleared, Barb and Russ were the Open Doubles champions, Verna and Wray were runners-up, and Bud and Carl were third.

Everyone in the tourney congratulated Wendell Runge on the efficient way he handled the matches, making it a fun time for all.

A triples tournament held in November was won by the threesome of Terry Parkinson, Dave Hardy and Carl Dude, in a closely fought battle that had four teams tie for the top spot. Victory was determined by point differential.

PARADISE

By Tony Apollo

Our season is well under way with several fun days and visitations with Sun City Grand, Sun City West and Pueblo El Mirage.

We have been enjoying weekly USLBA Division Dollar Mondays at Lakeview LBC in Sun City.

We held our annual Jack and Joyce Chadwick Memorial Mixed Pairs Tournament December 10-11, followed by a wine and cheese party. Twenty teams entered and braved the second day fighting the rain, which cut the tournament short with the following results:

1. Dick and Joanne Tiedgen
2. Dorothy Berger and Bob Smith
3. Harry and Mellie Leng
4. (tie) Angela and Len Robson/Ross

Crawford and Marilyn Appollo

January and February are the peak months in this division. We enjoy great bowling and social activities with our seasonal guests from all over the U.S., Canada and England. We hold our interclub tournament singles, pairs and triples in January and February. Our club will also be welcoming and hosting several visitations of English bowlers on tour in February and March.

Come by and join us for fun in the sun.

SUN CITY WEST

By Jim Obrock

Bowls Thursday is every Thursday afternoon. We host bowlers from Sun City, Sun City Grand, Paradise, El Mirage, Monte Vista and

Ahwautukee Lawn Bowling Clubs. We have a random draw, bowl and finish with refreshments. We are trying to get Silver Ridge, Leisure World and Venture Out to attend the weekly event.

Our Ladder began January 16 and will continue through March. Players come from the clubs listed above and compete weekly with the top player, each week, matched with the bottom player. Then second best player is matched with second lowest player, etc. Individual scores are compiled over the weeks of play to determine winners. This game was originated in Cleveland, OH by John Stewart, now of Sun City, AZ. The game is fair to all and only a player who misses gets no points. Since teams are made up from available players, there are no forfeits like there can be in league play.

Our 2002 USLBA President is Doug Michling, Vice President, Lindsay Towns, and Jim Obrock is Secretary/Treasurer. Our four Directors are George Ralston, Larry Brohammer, Don Wood and Bob Copley.

The club has daily draws at 9 A.M. and 1 P.M., Monday through Friday, and at 1 P.M. on Sunday. Stop in and play if you're in the area. There are Monday, fall and winter Leagues that each run seven weeks. Club singles, pairs, triples and rinks tournaments are held in the fall and spring.

Congratulations to our own Larry Brohammer and George Ralston for winning the 2001 Neils Kragh Open Pairs Tournament.

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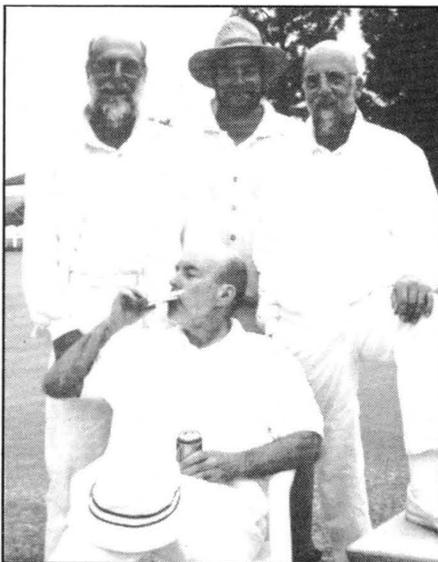
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A TIP OF THE HAT TO RICHARD BROAD, DOUG BRADLEY, RAND COBURN, and Richard Krueger for their first place finish in the fourth flight

of the Rinks competition at this year's National Open.

Richard Broad, as a member of our National Team, was on the U.S. Triples Team that won a silver medal, finishing second to the Australians at the 2001 Asia-Pacific Championships in November. Richard was vice-skip, along with teammates Ivan Hyland and Doug McArthur.

At right: The Northwest's (l-r) Richard Broad, Rand Coburn, Richard Krueger and Doug Bradley won the Fourth Flight of the Rinks event at the 2001 National Open. Broad also brought home a silver medal from the Asia-Pacific Championships in Australia.



NORTHWEST DIVISION

SPOKANE

By Dave Robb

2001 will stay with us in memory. The year just over was the 25th since our club came into being, and the 20th year of operating in our present location. We were able to match our best year of active membership. In the coming years we will do our best to continue our growth, with emphasis on introducing younger people to the game.

We were delighted and enthused to learn that our Northwest Division men and women have voted, with no dissenting votes, to merge. Officers and Division councilors will be elected at a meeting set for January 26 in Centralia. Lawn bowling is a giant step ahead of tenpin bowling in this regard.

Long time active member Gerry Honn had decided to sit out 2002 play. He is a good bowler and most enjoyable to bowl with or against. We are pleased to learn that Gerry, and wife Betty, will stay on as social members during this year. In the past, Gerry served eleven consecutive years as our club treasurer.

Most of the men and women who joined the club in the past year or two have turned out to have natural abilities that make them strong competitors for our long time members. In short, they often beat our socks off!

JEFFERSON PARK

(Seattle, WA)

By Hugh Ramsay

The tournament season is over for Jefferson Park and, based on U.S. Championship results, the club is ready for the coming year. Doing well in major competitions adds incentive for fellow members to perfect their own games. Who wouldn't be envious of the way the champions put their bowls on the jack?

Another incentive we have going for us is the new green. It is completely new from the ground up, with drainage that defies flooding on the rainiest day that Seattle can deliver.

Membership continues to be a concern.

Another incentive we have going for us is the new green...completely new from the ground up, with drainage that defies...the rainiest day Seattle can deliver.

But, with events like the Christmas party and the Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot, there was proof that there is a strong interest in the sport despite the occasional shower.

Our hardworking president, Chuck Caddey, with the help of Wally Meyers and

Ruth Barrett, are doing a good job with the younger set, who show a lot of promise. The new members are already showing

what it takes to be a winner. They are: Cathy and Bob Adkins, John Erickson, Michael Evans, Sarah Gilmour, Lucy Hart, May Hobodides, David Kietzke, Sara Krueger, Tom Lind, Karen Porter and Al Rubeck.

We are already looking forward to the New Year. Come and try our new green!

KING CITY

By Ed Otte

The return of frequent rains and cold weather ended our 2001 bowling season, but we were fortunate to have very pleasant weather during most of the year.

We were very disappointed by the cancellation of the Northwest Division Fall Open, which had been scheduled for our green over the Labor Day weekend. The cancellation was necessary due to a conflict with other tournaments in Tacoma and Seattle. However, a large number of members of the Portland club engaged in some friendly competition with us on our green September 1, and we had a very enjoyable day in ideal weather.

We were greatly shocked and deeply saddened by the sudden death of our club presi-

dent, Betty Jo Edwards, in September. Long time member Roy Perry also passed away in September after a lengthy illness.

At our annual business meeting in October, the following new officers were elected for the forthcoming season: Rosie Stunkard, president; Hugh Green, vice president; Betty Holden, secretary; Audrey Barker, treasurer; Ruth Edwards and Alan Metcalf, members-at-large.

Our last social event for 2001 was our annual "Dinner Out" at a nearby restaurant, in November.

In Memoriam

Betty Jo Edwards

Roy Perry

PORTLAND

By Larry Edgar

Our season wound down through the months of September and October.

The club Cutthroat Tournament ended up with Larry Edgar, Jim Tupper and Jessie Goett taking first, second and third places, respectively.

The team of Pam Edwards and Larry Edgar won the Oregon Pairs Tournament, with Debbie and Jim Tupper taking second place.

Our Fall work party was held October 13, after which a meeting was held to elect officers for the year 2002. Jim Tupper will again be president, Larry Edgar, vice president; Pam Edwards, secretary; and Debbie Tupper, treasurer.

We're all looking forward to the new year and a new bowling season.

TACOMA

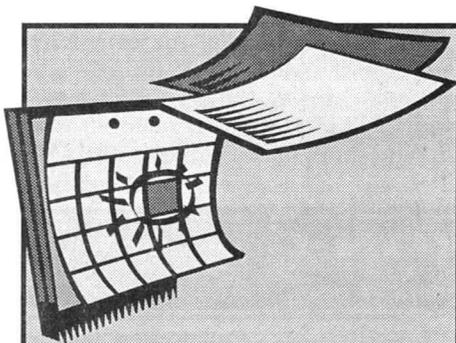
By Jack Moore

Since having a very good summer for bowling, the Fall has been too wet. We had 10 inches of rain in November and seven inches more before Christmas. There has not been much bowling weather.

Our club is working with the Northwest Division to get our women and men combined to make for a more efficient operation. It should be all taken care of by spring.

A couple of our members left us for sunny Arizona—Myra and Don Wood. They are snowbirds gone to stay.

We have lost one of our hard working members. Verne Rodoni passed away in October. We will miss him.



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WOODLAND PARK

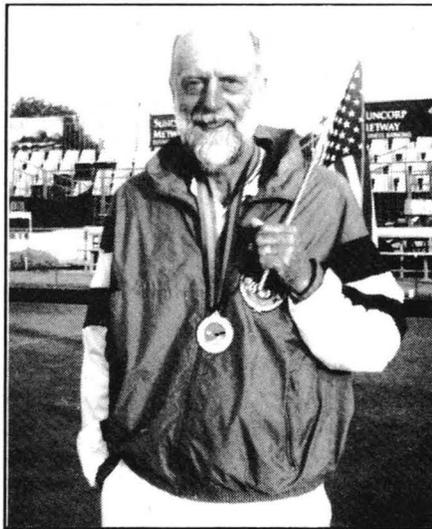
(Seattle, WA)

By Roy Scully

The winner of the First Annual (new this year) Club Championship Tournament was Richard Krueger, with veteran bowler Ferd Lockner a close second. There was a lot of interest in this innovation and play extended throughout a good part of the summer.

It has been five years since our clubhouse was severely damaged by a fire of unknown origin. It resulted in a loss of several members and considerable inconvenience. We have benefited to the extent that our new facility is better than the old clubhouse. *That's getting new quarters the hard way.*

We are very proud of our own Richard Broad. Since becoming a member of the



United States National Team, he competed in the North American Challenge in Quebec in August against Team Canada, and the 2001 Asia Pacific Bowls Championships, held in late-October in Moama, NSW, Australia. In the Men's Triples competition in Moama, Richard and his teammates won the silver medal, finishing second to the Australian National Team.

We gained a number of new members this year and, since some of them have bowled previously, they took a few prizes in our club tournaments. Welcome to the club!

Left: That's a silver medal around the neck of Woodland Park's Richard Broad. He viced the USA Triples Team that finished second in Australia at the Asia-Pacific Championships.

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RICHMOND

By Frank Ransome

Every Tuesday morning we hold a class for developmentally disabled, brought to us by the Niad Corporation as part of their exercise program. There is a dual reward for this that transcends all the effort we put in to it.

First, the happy calls of the class of ten as they walk with their leader, Siobhan Cronin, and see us standing out there with the groundsheets waiting for them. They have an enthusiasm that makes the sun shine a little brighter. Having a group on the green in the morning attracts the attention of passersby who stop and ask questions.

We...offer open lessons every Sunday. Bowlers from other clubs come by to work on their particular problems and families stop in to see what the sport is all about.

On Wednesday mornings, the Richmond Recreation Department brings another group with the same problems, and this is different. These older people are becoming pretty good bowlers and have developed a competitive edge among themselves. They choose sides and vie to see who will bowl with their leader, Sheralyn Babb, or bowl with club members, myself, Norman or Howard.

In the summer, Sheralyn brings an afternoon class of younger people. We keep two sets of 4-inch carpet bowls for the ones with small hands, and six sets of 00's and 4 sets of 0s for the others. Two leaders come with this group and it takes a lot of patience to keep order on the green.

The reward for working with the Recreation Department comes through the Parks Department that helps with the maintenance and furnishes the supplies.

We have some enthusiastic new members and offer open lessons every Sunday. Bowlers from other clubs come by to work on their particular problems and families stop in to see what the sport is all about. Norman makes an effort to be on the green anytime there isn't a class. Sometimes he's out there bowling alone until someone comes by and challenges him. It's getting harder and harder to compete with him with all his practicing.

SAN JOSE

By June Pattison & Millie Forster

We have had a very enjoyable summer at the green. Once again we hosted the Professional Bowlers Association Championship and were treated to a very exciting final. Ivan Hyland, from Laguna Beach, CA was the eventual winner, with Neil Furman, of Colorado, the runner-up.

A few of us joined members of other clubs and went to Santa Maria to try out their new artificial green. A very enjoyable (and different) day.

Our Novice Tournament had a good entry. First place went to Olga Pestova (women) and Terry Walker (men).

The Club Singles Championship was won by Ken Brady, with John Luster finishing second.

The Women's Singles competition held the following week was won by Reggie Banares. Olga Pestova was second.

The Winter League started, weather permitting, January 13. It will run approximately six weeks.

More than thirty-five people attended the wonderful 2001 Christmas party held, once again, at Ken Gillett's house, with lots of good food.

For 2002, Ken Gillett continues as president; Anthony Zambataro, vice president; Ken Brady, tournament director; Helen Brady, treasurer; Laura De Roche, secretary; and John Luster, membership/recruiting.

HUNTSMAN WORLD SENIOR GAMES

By Frank Ransome
Lawn Bowling Director

The Senior Games, at St. George, UT in early October, included lawn bowling events played on the new greens at Sun River and Sun Brook. Both of these clubs can be proud of the effort they put into getting their greens ready for what proved to be a fun adventure.

There were 18 teams of Pairs and 12 teams of Triples, composed of bowlers from all parts of the U.S. and Canada. Nearly 5,000 senior athletes competed in track and field events, plus activities like bridge, square dancing, softball, golf and aquatics over a two week period. USLBA membership was not a requirement. Huntsman was celebrating the 15th year of the Games.

The lawn bowling event consisted of a day of qualifying matches and a day of playdowns in Pairs and Triples. Awards were given to teams 'under 70' and 'over 70', with the youngest team member determining which group the team belonged. Awards were also given to the teams that placed best 'overall'.

Some of the competitors had never bowled in an organized tournament, and many were first year bowlers. This was an invaluable experience for the newer

bowlers and, in some cases, a humbling experience for some of the old timers.

Sun River's Shawn Stringham handled the tabulation of results and gave out awards at a wonderful dinner hosted by Sun Brook. USLBA President Donna West delivered a greeting to the competitors. Huntsman provided fruit, Gatorade, ice, water and buns to each venue in the morning. Sun River hosted a free lunch in their modern athletic facility and no one went hungry.

The entry fee provided a blue shirt to be worn at the final dinner, free medical examinations, a \$10 coupon from many local restaurants, and a tote bag of goodies. Free transportation was provided to all contestants from their hotel to and from the venue.

HUNTSMAN TRIPLES Under 70

1. Dennis Yack, Denise Yack, Judy Swanson (St. George)
2. Gaylen Nelson (St. George), Bill Schultz (Carpinteria, CA), Steve Ringwood (Danville, CA)
3. Judy Singleton (St. George), Adrian Cole (Las Vegas), Doug Worthing (Rockville, MD)

Over 70

1. Woody Ogden, Frank Ransome (Walnut Creek, CA) Evelyn Dunn (Springfield, MA)
2. Dave Close, Leah Close, Keith Yett (Sun City, AZ)
3. Jim Whitaker (Carlsbad, CA), Bob McGrath, Bill Linn (St. George)

Best Overall

1. Dennis Yack, Denise Yack, Judy Swanson
2. Woody Ogden, Frank Ransome, Evelyn Dunn
3. Dave Close, Leah Close, Keith Yett

HUNTSMAN PAIRS

Under 70

1. Gaylen Nelson (St. George) & Keith Yett (Sun City, AZ)
2. Wray Roth & Verna Roth (Dresden, Canada)
3. Woody Ogden (Walnut Creek, CA) & Steve Ringwood (Danville, CA)

Over 70

1. Jim Whitaker (Carlsbad, CA) & Al Ogle (San Diego, CA)
2. Stan Ross & Lil Habin (Springfield, MA)
3. Evelyn Dunn & Pauline Paquette (Springfield, MA)

Best Overall

1. Jim Whitaker & Al Ogle
2. Gaylen Nelson & Keith Yett
3. Wray Roth & Verna Roth

SANTA CRUZ

By Nancy Silsby

The lawn bowling green received plenty of moisture the last few months of 2001, but whenever the clouds cleared the members were there enjoying winter bowling. To quote Ralph Brailsford, our witty newsletter editor: "The thing to enjoy about winter bowling is one never gets overheated."

The Ray Johnson Club Singles Championship was won by Len Parry, our club president. He knocked out last year's champion, Ernie Rideout, in the first round, then ended up defeating Hugh Rideout in the finals. Prizes for the tournament were awarded at the Christmas party in December at Marie Calendars. A big crowd enjoyed champagne, a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and a banjo playing master of ceremonies. Steve Schoenfeld gave out gifts and prizes.

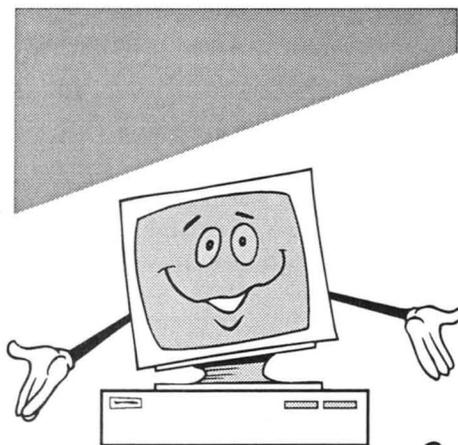
The new officers for 2002 are: Michael Raffetto, President; Hugh Rideout, Vice-President; Geri Veith, Secretary; Steve

Schoenfeld, Treasurer.

The greens were aerated in the Fall and should produce good spring bowling. Hope you'll come and join us on the green in Santa Cruz.



Above: Last year's president, Len Parry, was Santa Cruz's 2001 Singles champion.



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OAKMONT

The 2001 tournament season ended with a 'fun awards' banquet and holiday party on December 14. Tournament Chairs Adele Patterson and Warren Wade gave out 32 trophies to 23 individual winners.

Three people won three honors: Julie Zubrickas, Ray Watts and Bill Wagner, and two people won two: Melissa Bowers and John Vandermade. Nancy and Bob Clark chaired the occasion and did a great job.

Frandee Sarver and Sandy Gravitch created "bowling bears"—white teddy bears with Christmas hats and belts holding black bowling bowls, dimples and all. The bears were later used as door prizes.

The winners of the different singles, pairs and triples tournaments were called up in groups, then serenaded by the Bowlers' Trio of Dolores Michelsen, Kay McCall and Evelyn Baker. Accompanist Jud Goodrich also rewrote the words to "All of Me" (for singles winners), "Bicycle Built for Two" (pairs winners) and "My Blue Heaven," (triples winners). This club is full of talent!

New officers were elected at our December annual meeting: President, Bill Smith; Vice-President, Tanya Hills; Secretary, Jud Goodrich; Treasurer, Ed Propper. Bill's father and grandfather were both bowlers in Scotland, and he has their wooden bowls, which he used when he first began bowling. However, he changed to conventional bowls later.

Dick Love conducted classes for beginners in October and netted 16 new members for the club. He does a great job with the help of many volunteers.

Kudos, also, to Peter Wheeler, our green chairman, and his committee of Joy Ryan and Melissa Bowers. They battled algae and fungus, planted plugs, watered them, and brought our green into good playing condition. We all look forward to bowling in the New Year holiday party.



The many Oakmont Triples players who found themselves in the winner's circle during 2001, all spiffed up and with their trophies at the club's annual banquet and holiday party.

SAN FRANCISCO

By George Scarpato

Over 200 bowlers and guests from Ireland, England and throughout the West Coast, attended the Club's 100th anniversary celebration September 30 in Golden Gate Park.

Forty-two teams of mixed triples competed in the Centennial Invitational. The winning team was Joe and Tecla Shepherd of Sunnyvale, with Michael Overton of Palo Alto.

The day-long event featured Scottish dancers, a bagpiper, and VIP presentations that received both broadcast and print-media coverage in the Bay Area.

The Club's tournament activity continued into November. The Men's Championship Singles was won by Jr. Remedios, fol-

lowed by Robb Pawlak and Bill Ryan.

Felice Santos and Pat Guterres took the Women's Championship Pairs, with Sara Howald and De Doring second, and Marie Guterres and Magdalen Pereira third. In the Men's Championship Pairs, Reggie Mattos and Kevin McCaffrey were victorious; Bob Sequeira and Arnie Barros finished second; Bill McConachie and Bernie Brown third.

Winners in the Sam Ban Mixed Draw Triples were Hugh Houston, Bob Remedios and A. Skirt, followed by Jack Broadfield, John Xavier and Pat Guterres runners-up, and Reggie Mattos, Ed deAssis and Mary Poole third.

Kevin McCaffrey was first in the Men's 4.3.2.1 Singles, followed by Lionel Guterres and Bob Sequeira. The Club's "Bowler of the Year" is Bob Sequeira.

Left: SFLBC's free lessons were featured in a five-minute news segment in October on NBC's KRON-TV. Club Instructor, Bill Campbell, right, gave a lesson to reporter Maureen Kelly (back to camera), who also interviewed several SFLBC members and students.



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SUNRIVER

(Utah)

By Boyd M. Silver

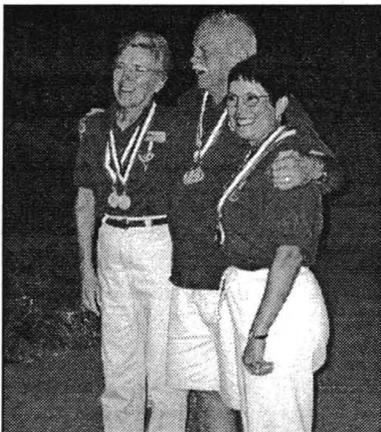
In the last few months of 2001, there was a flurry of activity at the SunRiver Lawn Bowls facility (and a flurry of snow in St. George that was unusual!).

The Huntsman World Senior Games were held in October and SunRiver was fortunate to have three double-gold medal winners. The triples team of Dennis Yack, Denise Yack, and Judy Swanson won for their age group and for the Overall championship.

SunRiver also placed bowlers in the silver and bronze medal categories. The "Over 70" crowd saw numerous gold, silver, and bronze finalists in pairs and triples.

We want to thank all of those who came to SunRiver to participate in the Games, and we

At right: Huntsman World Senior Games double gold medal winners (l-r) Judy Swanson, Dennis and Denise Yack.

**HONOLULU**

(Ala Moana Beach Park)

By Sharon Legacy

Aloha from Hawaii.

We have some exciting news here in Paradise. We have our own website and invite all of you to log on and keep up with our news. You can now reach us at: <www.honolulu.lawnbowls.20m.com>

Via our digital camera, our pictures will be current and you can see us in action with our friends from around the world.

We ended 2001 with our Club Championship open singles tournament. The runner up was Warren Wong, with yours truly, Sharon Legacy, the club champion.

We are beginning our Triples Tournament and have a record number of teams participating. Win or lose, all should have a good time.

We have been visited by the Canadian Bowlers on Tour and the Hemet, CA Lawn Bowls Club; and are eagerly awaiting David Bryant with his tour group. He is such a gentleman. It is always a pleasure to have him compete with us.

Our club has been presented a plaque from Moruya Men's Bowling Club President Wayne Sullivan. He is returning in April or May from Sydney, Australia to visit our beautiful Islands once more.

With this thought may I invite any and all of you to come and visit Hawaii and join us in a game of bowls. You may call me at (808) 941-2291.

Good Bowling and *Aloha!*

LEISURE TOWN*By Virginia East*

Paul Regoli, his son Tim, and Nick, a player from Berkeley, won the PIMD Triples event. In the Mixed Pairs at Rossmoor, Peggy Johnston and Charlie Thorpe came in second on one of the greens.

Upwards of thirty persons turned out for Fun Day on Labor Day. It was a nice day, weatherwise, and everyone enjoyed it. Each person brought his/her own lunch and dessert was served by Marilyn Royse and Mary Alice Braz.

Our Men's Choice in September was won by George Stiebler and Marilyn Royse, with Don Johnston and Anne Dickman coming in second.

The Leisure Town Invitational turnout in September was light, due partly to the fact that Rossmoor was hosting the British bowlers. We had bowlers from Oakland, Berkeley and Santa Clara. Berkeley was the winner. Our greens were in great shape.

We sent two teams to Rossmoor to fill out Berkeley's roster on September 27. Our teams won games both in the morning and afternoon pushing Berkeley to victory.

Our club was saddened by the sudden death of Ed Klein in October. He had been a stalwart of the club since he first joined. He served as President, Director and coach. He may have held other positions since he had a history of doing anything he was elected or asked to do. To say that he will be sorely missed is an understatement.

There were three Home 'n Home Tour-

hope to have even more bowlers in 2002.

SunRiver held its Fall Triples Tournament in November. The tournament was affected by an unusual cold snap during the week of play. Winners were Harley Collins, Paul Trotter and Judy Swanson. It isn't often that you see lawn bowlers in wool caps, coats, and gloves trying to make good shots.

Shawn Stringham, president of our club, visited the Oakland area to take part in the PIMD meeting in December. Shawn got a first hand look at the operations of other clubs and received many ideas. SunRiver hopes to host more tournaments while encouraging more social bowling in the next few months.

We hope you can stop in sometime and enjoy the red rock hospitality of SunRiver. SunRiver bowlers bowl Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 1 P.M. in the winter. We will also be bowling Wednesdays and Fridays at the Sunbrook green. Call (435) 656-5545, or email: <shawns@sunriver.com>

naments in October—all on our green. First, Rossmoor won 7 of ten games. Next was Berkeley, and this time we came out on top. Last was the much-badgered-about meeting with Oakmont, postponed from earlier in the year. Again, we were winners.

Two new couples, Red and Lynda McDaniel, and Verne and Lois Richards, have graced our green.

The Ladies' Choice was played in November, and Dick and Sally Ruddy won over Clem and Jean Casas.

At the Leisure Town Home Association November meeting, the bowling club requested they be allowed to accept non-residents as members, with certain restrictions. This was granted on a one-year trial period.

Officers elected for 2002 at the annual meeting in December are:

Charlie Thorpe—President;
Don Johnston—Vice-President
Linda McDaniel—Secretary
Dick Ruddy—Treasurer.

Our Annual Awards Banquet was held on December 10.

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PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

PALO ALTO

By Ed Arnold

Retired member, Harry Press, recently donated a set of old "woods" to our club. They were given to him by a friend who worked for our government in England. They'll make an interesting display in our clubhouse.

Some of our members who are signed on with the Secure Horizons medical plan recently received a copy of a bulletin that featured an excellent article touting the "benefits of lawn bowling. Sure was good advertising for our game!

Our club instructors just completed a course of instruction with many of classes in the nearby Castilleja Girls School. This was a public service for our community and, who knows, it might result in some new membership in the future.

A large crowd attended our annual general meeting and Christmas party in early December. We complimented our outgoing president, Peter Knopf, for all his hard work during the past year. Elected new officers for 2002: president, John Hickson; vice-president, Terry Hogan; secretary, Betsy Young; treasurer, Glenn Stewart; Directors, Ed DeAssis, Deb Killeen and Peter Souza.

Trophies for intracub tourney winners for 2001 went to: Terry Hogan (2), Fred Hawley, Bea McConachie, Liz Hogan, Ed

DeAssis, Roberta Durham, Joel and Jeff Stearn.

Some of ours won prizes at the San Francisco Centennial Games: 5th place—Vince Guterres/Bob Remedios/Marie Guterres; 6th place—Andre Banares/Reggie Banares/Jerry Knott (SJ).

After 19 years of writing from our Palo Alto Club, this reporter says "goodbye" to you all.

ROSSMOOR

(Walnut Creek)

By Tay Wheeler

The Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club ended a very productive year.

Many new bowlers were trained under the skillful tutelage of Bill MacDonald and his helpers. Seventeen intra-club tournaments were hosted by Bernie Pomeroy. And, two fundraiser overnight trips, headed by Elsie Napoli, will go a long way towards our hosting of the U.S. Championships here this coming September. These are just a few of the myriad of activities that are part of the everyday life in this gated retirement community.

We participated in the PIMD Open along with the San Francisco and Oakland clubs. We hosted the Mixed Pairs here, after which drinks, dinner and dancing took place in our Diablo Room.

Then, once again, our club played host

for the Closing Day Tournament for all clubs in the division, with 114 bowlers filling our three greens to capacity. We thank Bill McConachie, who did a great job as tournament director for that event, as well as the many others he has supervised over the past year.

In 2002, Bernie Pomeroy returns to run all the intra-club competition, while Jeanne Lauritzen and Mary Williams handle the home & home circuit.

The emphasis for the coming year will be the U.S. Championships and all of the responsibility and hard work that will entail. We have a lot of experience and talent onboard in the form of Shirley Cam and Frank Ransome, but it will take a great deal of effort and the cooperation of all our members to pull it off and make it an event to remember.

We look forward to 2002 with the election of two new Board members, Lois Piade and John Freestone, and Jackie Purdy's rise from vice-president last year to president this year. John Freestone is vice-president.

Deadline next issue
May 1, 2002!

SUNNYVALE

By Al Mendoza

Some of us joined a Woody Ogden (Berkeley LBC) sponsored tour to the new green

in Santa Maria last September. It was a great experience and the busload of us had a great time both bowling and on the trip.

This year, too many of our members have gone out of their way to help support our local medical institutions including: Mary Balsama, Frank Coelho, Wes Ireland, Dorie Mendoza, Peter Ringo, Al Rosingana, Jackie Rusch, Jim Warwood and Bernice Yorke. Thankfully, almost all have had a good recovery and returned to bowling. Hurry up, Jim Warwood, we miss you.

Visit us on the Sunnyvale green. Our phone numbers are: (408)730-7356 or 736-7383.

Sunnyvale's Dorie Mendoza and Laguna Beach's Maryana Hyland teamed to win the 2001 PIMD Open Ladies Pairs.

CLUB MEN'S PAIRS

1. Al Camps and Joe Shepard
2. Al Mendoza and Michael Overton

CLUB MIXED PAIRS

1. Irene Nakano and Al Rizzo
 2. Dorie Mendoza and Joe Shepard
- Michael Overton, Tecla and Joe Shepard won the Rossmoor Artist Invitational, and again the next day at the San Francisco Centennial Celebration.

Dorie Mendoza and Maryana Hyland (Laguna Beach) won the PIMD Open Ladies Pairs event at Rossmoor last August.

The annual Dinner and Installation of Officers in December was enjoyed by many. Incoming officers for 2002 are: President, Wes Ireland; Vice President, Michael Overton; Treasurer, Roger Beall; Secretary, Al Mendoza; Directors, Mary Balsama and Jane Herold.



PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

SANTA CLARA

By *Ida Baker*

When our club was started we had an annual activity referred to as a "Luau". After the games we would go over to the Park Pavilion for a great barbecue feast. This summer we put together another Luau program. All those who came were treated to some really great food. In the tournament, the winner was the team of George Callan and Marguerite Miller. The runners-up were David Romasko and Jan Eccleshall.

September 22 we celebrated the 23rd anniversary of our club,

and for that occasion we had a Pearle Patton two-bowl pairs tournament. This event is named in honor of our club founder, who is now 95 years of age.

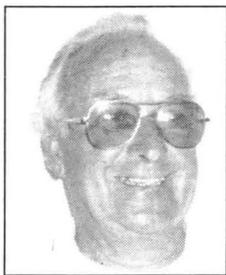
The winners of the three 12-end games were: Russell Biltoft and Rebeca Vargas. Coming in second were Marge Bodah and Pedro Altamirano. A delicious catered luncheon of meat variety dishes, fresh vegetables, potato salad, cheeses, rolls, punch and cookies was attended by a big group of happy bowlers and friends.

In Memoriam

Thomas Walsh

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LAGUNA BEACH

By *Ed Perry*

The Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club celebrated its 70th Anniversary, with seventy past and present members present for the celebration.

Our current roster at year's end was 147 members. The clubhouse has been painted, electrical and plumbing repairs accomplished, and backboards anchored. The new LBLBC website was launched.

In addition to hosting several SW Division tournaments, the National Open, Coast League, Ladies Day and Fun Days, we sponsored the Laguna Memorial Mixed Triples in July and the League Pairs in August.

Our new President is Heather Stewart, a member for many years. Heather presided at our Christmas Bowl and Brunch in December.

Carrie Fossati, Ian Ho and Ivan Hyland participated in the Asia-Pacific Championships in Australia. Ivan and teammates won a silver medal in Men's Triples, while Ian and partner, Mert Isaacman, won a bronze medal in Men's Pairs. Carrie was a member of the Women's Triples and Rinks teams.

BEVERLY HILLS

By *Angie O'Plasty*

Beverly Hills 2002 officers are identical to the previous year's leaders:

Joe Siegman—President

Allen Grossman—Vice President and Treasurer

Howard Sanders—Secretary

Tournament Chairman—Helman Todes

Directors—Anne Barber and Neville Sacks

We had much to be proud of since the last issue of *BOWLS*. Merton Isaacman and Michael Asthon-Phillips were named to the team that reped the USA at the Asia-Pacific Championships in Australia, and Mert won a pair of bronze medals, in Singles and Pairs. His Pairs victory made him the first American, ever, to win a Singles medal in an international tournament.

The death of Michael's father-in-law, former BHLBC member Al Kryz, caused him to give up his position on the U.S. Asia-Pacific team. But weeks later, he was one of two American players who competed in the Hong Kong championships.

Both Mert and MAP are members of the U.S. Men's National Team and both, along with Neville Sacks, have been named to the 2001 All-Southwest Division Team.

With Joe Siegman's retirement as *BOWLS Magazine* editor, the next issue of the magazine will be the first in more than 40 years that the editor won't be a member or former member of Beverly Hills LBC.

Al Kryz, father of Sandy Ashton-Phillips, was also a member of Holmby Park LBC prior to moving to Las Vegas several years ago.

In Memoriam

Al Kryz

NEWPORT HARBOR

By *Clare Donovan*

On the 26th of September, Newport Harbor hosted thirty-five Brits from Nailsea, North Somerset, England. We loaned them two bowlers (who were instructed to "Think England"), so that both teams had twenty-eight bowlers for seven teams of four. The 14-end morning matches resulted in a clean sweep for the Yanks, and the Brits took four, tied two and lost one in the afternoon. Only 21 points separated the two teams at the end of the day. A jolly good time was had by all.

The Club tournament results, all closely contested, were as follows:

August—1. Harriet Bemus/Ken Buckley/
Mary Dooley/Clare Donovan

September—1. Eddie Bower

October—1. Gloria Montes/Clare
Donovan

November—1. Eddie Bower/Clare
Donovan

December—1. Twinx Rogers (a visitor
from South Africa)/Clare Donovan

Congratulations to Bob Nunes for winning the U.S. Singles Championship; to Ivan Hyland (with Michael Siddall) for winning the U.S. Pairs Championship; to Mert Isaacman for winning the Bronze in Singles at the international Asia-Pacific Games Down Under, and the Bronze Pairs (with Ian Ho)—the first time ever the Yanks did that well!; to Simon Meyerowitz (with Mert Hill) for winning the National Open Pairs Championship; and, finally, to Ed Quo, Ivan Hyland, Bob Nunes, (with Mert Hill) for winning the National Open Championship Fours.

The Club received new mats and new rakes in December to wrap up major ground and equipment improvements for the year.

CAMBRIA-JOSLYN

By Ed Pierce

To readers from other clubs: at least read the next paragraph if no further.

The Cambria Lawn Bowls Club is now gathering information and seriously looking at the ramifications and expense of installing a new artificial green in the next year. We are looking for any other lawn bowls clubs (Southwest Division or elsewhere) who also might be serious about installing a new *artificial* green. If so, we would greatly appreciate any information you might share about your costs and the potential installer. By combining schedules, the installation could possibly be reduced for both clubs.

New officers elected at our December annual meeting to lead us through the upcoming palindromic* year (see below) are: Del English, repeating as president; Joan Billingsley and B.J. Martin, sharing duties as co-vice presidents; Amy Auricchio, secretary; and Charlotte Hoffman, treasurer.

One of the success stories of 2001 is the addition of 14 new members. That's one sign of a very good year, made possible by several members who volunteered to make appointments and mentor interested newcomers in the skills of lawn bowling. When you realize we're a village of just over 6,000 population, that's a nice increase.

In addition to Monday-Wednesday-Saturday 9 A.M. bowling, we added Fridays to the schedule in November. So now there's bowling four days a week. Visitors are always welcome.

Local knowledge prevailed in September when Fresno lawn bowlers completed the 27th year of home and home tournament competition between the two clubs. Match score favored Cambria, 11-1. We next meet in April on their green.

Cambrians met the same visitors fate when competing against Santa Maria on their green last summer—we came away on the short end of a 4-2 score. But we always enjoy our competitions against other clubs.

**(palindromic year: one whose numbers read the same backward and forward. 2002 is the last time this will occur until 3003—a thousand and one years. Will there still be lawn bowling then?)*

HEMET

By Mary Ann Rucinski

Congratulations to Dee Kessler and Ken Peterson for winning our Club Pairs Tournament, and Bill Goring and Pat Swank for finishing second. Clair Ott was in charge of the tournament

In September, our local newspaper, the Press Enterprise, published a terrific lawn bowling article explaining the entire game and a lot of newsworthy facts of our Club. Kathy Sorenson was lucky enough to have her picture in the article.

Results of our *Club Singles*, held in November: 1. Bill Goring, 2. Dean Perry, 3. Carl Henrich, 4. Clair Ott.

New elections of officers were completed at our annual meeting in December and the following is our new Board:

President—Gordon Howard

1st VP—Terry Sharp

2nd VP—Ida Connor

Treasurer—Mary Jane Henrich

Secretary—Joan Rice

Members-at-Large—Hortencia Gonzalez

Mary Lou Peterson—Carol Robbins

Greens/Bldg. Chairman—Bob Ragust

Tournaments/Visitations Chairman—Verna Wallace

Our Christmas Party was held on December 8. The committee did an excellent job and the party was very successful, thanks especially to Carol Robbins and Lois Dubeau for their contributions, hard work and for being such gracious hostesses.

The *Australian Pairs* in December results:

1. LaDene Mowery and Felicita Resann

2. Dean and Jessie Perry

3. Paula Bellone and Terry Sharp

Fourteen new bowlers joined our roster in 2001, with a lot of thanks due to our instructor, Paula Bellone. New members are: Jackie Depizol, Lorraine Donahue, Donna Kephart, Patricia and Daphne Overstreet (mother-daughter), Bob and Rita Ragust, Frank Rodart, Cliff and Cathy Sorenson, Terry and Janice Sharp, and Fred and Pat Swank. Also, we welcome two transfers, Bill Goring from Lake Hodges and Tom Hodgkins from Palm Desert.

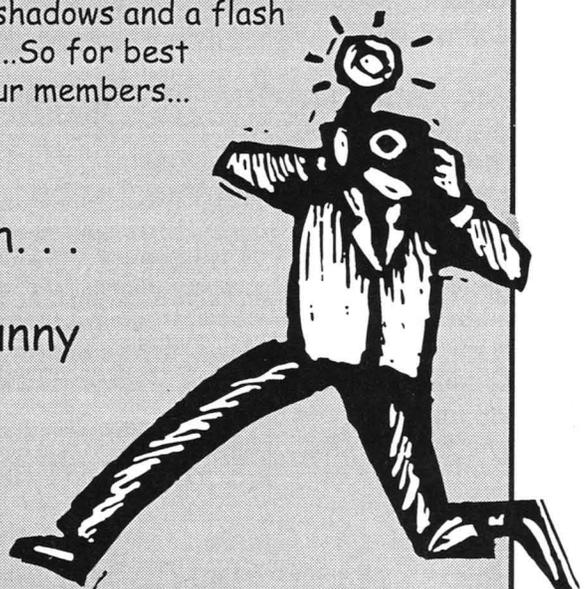
Since this is the last article for my term of writing, I'd like to say how much I've enjoyed writing about our club for *BOWLS Magazine*. See you on the greens.

Photo Tip!

Have you noticed how sometimes club photos are so dark you can't distinguish the face? Sun casts shadows and a flash helps to correct this...So for best representation of your members...

Always
use a flash...

Even on sunny
days!



SOUTHWEST DIVISION

PASADENA

By Vernon Leidig

The Second Annual "Younger Bowlers Pairs" in September drew 24 bowlers 59 and younger. Vernon Leidig coordinated the tournament. Undeclared Liam Courtney and Rajnish Lal won the 'A' Flight, followed closely by Michael Ashton-Phillips and Anne Nunes second, and Ian Ho and Kottia Spangler third. The consolation Flight B was won by Patrick Chan and Mert Hill. Marilyn Leidig and Ralph Evans were in charge of serving a delicious lunch.

Marilyn Leidig baked a cake to help us all celebrate Gus Rheault's 99th birthday in late September.

Hugo Sahlein, Gus Rheault and Harry Kirshner won our Club Triples in October. Second were: Ron Williams, Peter Van Kuran and Dick Ashmore. Harry and Dick are new bowlers.

Three teams enjoyed an overnight visitation to Joslyn-Lake Hodges and San Diego in mid-October. Vernon Leidig was chairman of the visitation.

George Muellerschoen graciously took charge of the kitchen when Alhambra's visited us to us and Larry Flanders was chairman of the event.

We had seven rinks of triples at our annual pre-Thanksgiving "Turkey Shoot". Otis Wilson, Jim Perea and Dave Salazar had the most plus points and were each rewarded with a canned ham. Second place went to Larry Ransom, Darrell Forgey and Rodger Dunstan, who received a gold dollar coins. The games

were followed by a three-jacks spider. Winners were Larry Ransom, Dick Ashmore, and Don Sharader. They, too, each earned a canned ham. Marilyn Leidig and her committee prepared a lovely lunch.

Pasadena LBC held its Annual Meeting in the morning of December 1 and Christmas Party that same evening.

A new Board of Directors was elected:

Larry Flanders, president

Marion Axelson, 1st vice president

Jim Perea, 2nd vice president

Don Shrader, secretary

Dick Clark, treasurer

Past president Jack Edwards, remains on the board.

Later that evening we had a delightful Christmas party at the Pasadena Women's City Club. Sixty Eight members and friends attended. Brandy Lovely, Esther Ramel, Gus Rheault, Dick Clark, Loretta Keller and Vernon Leidig all contributed to the Christmas season.

Our enthusiastic new members added in 2001 include: Fran Allen, Dick Ashmore, Paul Davis, Marian Houck, Marge Leighton, Michele Markota, Jim Perea, Tom Rea, Bob Ronac, David Salazar, and George Young.

In Memoriam

Jack Speer

Everett Wood

OXNARD

By Kenneth Barrabee

The year 2001 was a memorable time for the club. Our backboards were replaced with a plastic impregnated wood. This lost us a month of bowling, but it was important for this work to be done.

Amador Martinez and his son, Roy, have maintained our greens in great condition. We owe them special thanks.

In October, Dave and Lois Jones helped us run a most successful garage sale. It ended up providing a nice boost to our treasury.

On the social side, we had an outstanding Christmas lunch,, a couple of Hot Dog lunches, and six visitations with other clubs in our area. We also started a Wednesday afternoon Games Club. Bridge and, sometimes, cribbage, has proved to be most popular.

Our competitive bowlers participated and won awards in several tournaments, including two sponsored by our club. We also finished second in the Gold Coast League, with hopes that we can do even better next year, Club tournaments were held to determine our yearly champions. Winners for 2001 were:

Singles (men)—Amador Martinez

Singles (women)—Dixie Tennow

Doubles (men)—Armand Escalante and Raul Perez

Doubles (women)—Doris Sneddon and Pauline Escalante

Triples (mixed)—Edith Dowsing, Dave Jones and Don Brown

We lost one of our found members, Fran Biddle, 90 years young.

In Memoriam

Fran Biddle

LONG BEACH

By Jim Walker

Our club bowling in 2001 was very active. The annual Triples was won by JJ Hicks, Tom Young and Liz Fowler, with Bo Bowbeer, Ken P and Pat G in second place.

Ken Patterson and Lucy Miller won our December Australian Pairs Challenge. This is a monthly tournament to get relatively newer players a taste of skipping, being more competitive and learning the rules.

Shirley Price earned the club's prodigious award of "Bowler of the Year". She is one of our new skips as well as re-elected club Treasurer.

Our Long Beach club has the rare distinction of having two members as national champions. Katy Stone won the 2001 United States Singles, and Pat Gonzales and her partner won the U.S. Pairs. Pat also won the National Open Singles. And, Katy was on the U.S. Women's Team that competed in the Asia-Pacific Championships.

The club is also very pleased with the 15 new bowlers who joined us this year.

Editor Richard Blatter moved to Colorado. Our WRITE SHOT monthly publication was taken over by talented Kim Heiser, a new club member. She is doing a great job!

The new officers elected for 2002 are:

Pat Gonzales, President; Howard Doty, VP; Shirley Price, Treasurer; Freddie Hinson, Secretary.

In closing let me say that our greens people, our club leadership, and the city are working diligently to constantly improve our greens.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

MACKENZIE PARK

(Santa Barbara)

By Ray Stone

The Gold Coast League, which pits the Oxnard, Santa Barbara, MacKenzie Park and Santa Maria clubs together in a multiple round-robin tournament over five months, ended with a very narrow win for MacKenzie Park. Oxnard finished second.

A huge membership drive was initiated under the guidance of marketing director Stanley Bloom. By the end of the year, nearly 20 new members had been signed up.

New club officers elected for 2002 are: Bill Joseph, President

Charlie Schneider, Vice President
Patricia Cronshaw, Secretary
Stanley Bloom, Treasurer
Dick Singer, Trustee

Joyce Trevillian was elected club 'Angel' by the Board of Governors for her exceptional work in running the kitchen and organizing all food preparation activities for the year. She was presented with a suitably decorated apron and given her own reserved parking place, the only club member to be so honored!

The annual Bill Blair Octogenarians Tournament was won for the second straight year by Julie Unger, with Forrest Dietrich in second place, and Peggy

Singer, third. The annual Husband and Wife Pairs, sponsored by Bill and Eva Doliente, was won by Sam and Mary DeLisle, with Ray and Henriett Charpentier second, and James and Patricia Cronshaw third.

With all the new members recently added to the membership, the annual Novice Singles tournament was a spirited event. The first four, in order of finish were: Greg Archbald, Diana Wilk, Bill Hart and Myles Limburg.

In Memoriam

Bob Roman
Henry Feniger
Henri Fenech
John McIntyre

JOSLYN-LAKE HODGES

By Bill Kagan

The club concluded a successful series of visitations with a short trip to Balboa Park, sharing the greens with our friends from San Diego LBC. Fellow bowlers from Oaks North joined us on this fine day for bowling.

Our club hosted a large gathering of bowling enthusiasts as we were visited by Sun City, Hemet and Oaks North LBC's for a well received day of social interaction.

We held our final club event for the year, the Remy Hudson Triples, and fielded a group of competitive teams. The winners were Larry MacDonald, Milt Hirsch and Chet Borger.

In December, we held our annual awards banquet. This year our luncheon was at Bernardo's, a popular gourmet restaurant in Rancho Bernardo. Following a sumptuous three course meal, we presented trophies to our club tournament winners. Congratulations to all our champions, and thank you to everyone who participated. Special thanks to Bill Corbett who ran our club tournaments this year.

Milt Blacher, our senior member at 91 years young, announced his retirement from the game. He thanked everyone for their support and guidance these last few years as his eyesight has deteriorated. Most of all we will miss his presence on the

greens, his spirit and wonderful approach to the game. We hope he will visit us and share some pearls of wisdom.

At our Annual General Meeting the need for greater recruiting efforts was stressed. Such will be a priority for the incoming Board of Directors:

Bill Kagan—President
Milt Hirsch—VP
Bill Moss—Treasurer
Judy Hoffner—Secretary
At Large members—Chet Borger, Lee Sarty, Pat Scott

Visiting San Diego? Hope you'll join us on our greens adjacent to beautiful Lake Hodges.



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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

SANTA ANA

By Rose S. Blennov

Our energetic president, Doug Horwood, has embarked on a vigorous campaign to attract new members.

Last October, a group of 18 youngsters from St. John Lutheran School in Orange were given a four-day lesson on playing the game. After the sessions ended, the students were each presented with a certificate from the club. We are hopeful some of the kids will be interested in lawn bowling— if not now, maybe at a later time.

Mr. Horwood also made a display box attached to a lamppost, wherein flyers with lawn bowling information are accessible to people going in and coming out of the park. To date, three new members have been accepted into the club, thanks to Merle Clever, our membership chairman.

Gratitude to those members who donated unused bowls, with bags, to the club for prospective members. Your generosity is very much appreciate.

The terms of the current slate of officers were extended for another year, except for three newly elected Board of Directors: Leo Smith, Gary Ginter and Bill Dietrich, all of them to serve for two years.

Last November, seven enthusiastic club members of the club went to a studio in Hollywood to audition for a sports show. For a while we entertained the notion that we were going to be stars basking in the limelight. That quest for momentary fame has been quashed. To date, a phone call

has yet to be received. The experience was something to remember, but it still would be nice to get that call.

At the annual Christmas dinner party held December 6 at the Revere House, Tournament Chairman Dick Wilson presented trophies to winners of SALBC events during the year. The winners for various categories were:

Men's Singles

Dick Wilson

Women's Singles

Rose Blennov

Club Singles

Doug Horwood

Pairs

John Wilbur and Karen Hoiland

Triples

Marion Horwood, Ruth Lougee
and Rose Blennov

Cutthroat

Leo Smith and Doug Horwood (tie)

Australian Pairs

Dick Wilson and Bill Dietrich

Ina Jackson

Don Jackson and Leo Smith

CASTA DEL SOL

By Don Lloyd

We are still here in the hills of Mission Viejo. Last year was a busy one. We had two recruiting parties, a lawn bowling clinic (Pat Gonzales and Ivan Hyland were our patient instructors), and a "Seventies-Plus" tournament. This being

an adult retirement community there was no difficulty in rounding up fourteen seasoned lawn bowlers. First place winners were Al Dassoff, Lucile Flo and Jim Pritchard. *Note:* Jim Pritchard was a charter member of our club in 1978! Still rolls a s-m-o-o-t-h bowl.

In August, the Folkins Mixed Triples tournament was held. Fourteen teams entered—a nice bunch from many clubs. First place went to the team from San Diego and Sun City, Malky Taylor, Marie Taylor and Don Miller. Next year will be the twenty-second Folkins tournament. See you there, eh?

Casta Del Sol hosted the Professional Bowling Association for three days in October. An exceptional group of bowlers from Canada and the U. S. Also in October, the Southwest Division women's playdown the U. S. Championship Singles graced our green. We are fortunate, way out here in Orange County, to provide a smog-free environment and rural atmosphere for these world-class lawn bowlers.

We have a new board of directors dedicated to continued lawn bowling activities AND an increase in membership. Right now, out of about 3,100 residents in Casta Del Sol, we have 1.7 percent lawn bowlers. We compete with golf, tenpin bowling, tennis, paddle tennis, shuffleboard, bocci ball, bridge, crafts, hiking, etc. We shall continue to solicit interest in our sport and gain new players-friends.

SANTA BARBARA

By Dudley Miller

Headlining our 2001 tournament news was the crowning of our own Kathy Vea as the *United States Women's Singles Champion* at the United States Lawn Bowls Championships, held in September at Buck Hill Falls, PA.

Kathy's win did not come as any surprise to local bowlers. She has dominated Santa Barbara lawn bowling for the past ten years. Not unexpectedly, in October, she also won the *SBLBC Singles Championship*. Kathy defies the old adage that "practice makes perfect" because she is a working girl and can usually bowl with us only on Sundays.

Winners of the final tournaments on our 2001 calendar were:

Men's Singles

1. Duane Aasted, 2. Roch Monchamp, 3. Jim Wilkes

Club Singles

1. Kathy Vea, 2. Bud Viard, 3. Nancy Carlson

Club Rinks

1. Dita Joseph, Audrey Barnden, Bill Barnden, John Stack

2. Duane Aasted, Jim Stahl, Bill Schultz, Dorothy Thielges

The Rinks event ended in a tie at the end of regulation play, and the contest was still deadlocked at the end of 12-ends of a play-off game. The sudden death 13th end went down to the last bowl and Dita Joseph's team won the championship.

Our exchange of visitations with the Holmby Park, Oxnard, MacKenzie Park, and Santa Maria clubs were very successful events, thanks to the work of Visitation Chairlady Charmee Padilla. In addition, the several club parties (monthly birthday parties, barbecues, and holiday celebrations) dispersed throughout the year provided much fun and camaraderie. Thanks go to our exceptionally stupendous hostesses, Jo Millett and Dorothy Thielges, and the many other ladies who provided much needed assistance, as well as all of our generous members who donated a myriad of goodies or provided financial aid to the cause.

At the annual meeting in December, Bill Schultz was elected to guide our club as president for 2002.

In Memoriam

Henry Tameris

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

HERMOSA BEACH

By Carol Tanner

Our favorite tournament of the year was held recently. It involves the foreign born members playing against the members born in the United States. Since we are divided just about equally it is always exciting and fun.

We continue to give lessons through (Parks and Recreation) program. It is a great way of spreading the word that lawn bowling is fun!

The "foreigners" won this year. A delicious lunch, prepared by Nancy Stanek and our own master barbecue chef, Lucio Arce, capped off the day. Margaret Rodman, our tournament chairman, did a fine job in coordinating this event.

Our officers for 2002 are:

Lyle Campbell—*President*

Julian Katz—*Vice President*

Paul Kratz—*Treasurer*

Jeanne Carr/Carol Tanner—*Secretary*

Jeanne Carr has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership for all of the hours she has spent working for the betterment of the club.

Nancy Stanek and Desmond Woodhouse attended the U.S. National Open Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Irvine, which they enjoyed.

We have quite a few new and enthusiastic members. Some of them were introduced to the club through the Hermosa Beach Parks and Recreation program. We continue to give lessons through this program. It is a great way of spreading the word that lawn bowling is fun!

At right: Santa Anita Bowling Green Club won the 2001 Lieberg Trophy, emblematic of the Valley League Championship in Southern California. Topping the competition between Santa Anita and the Pasadena, Friendly Valley and Alhambra LBCs were SABGC teammates: (standing, l-r) Bob Hill, Marion Compton, Bill Lieberg (son of trophy namesake, holding trophy), Gene Plunkett and Marinko Tudor. Kneeling, left, Bob Padget and Joan Wignall, right.

SANTA MONICA

By Sam Benjamin

We wound up a very successful year with our annual gala Christmas banquet. Our "Bowler of the Year" was President Alan Goodnoff.

Vlatko Petrovic, back from Bosnia, celebrated his homecoming with the Triple Crown—winning the Club Singles, Pairs and Triples tournaments. Sharing the Triples honors were Vlatko's able partners, Bob Nock and Harry Dickinson. Homer Worf was the lead on the winning pairs team.

SAN DIEGO

By Karen Anderson

We hosted the Southwest Division's Ruth Erickson Triples, and then our own invitational tournament, the Fox Mixed Pairs in August. Also, a club tournament, the Bill Young Doubles, was won by Marie Taylor and Floyd Murphy.

September was our big winning month. It began with a social event, our Annual Labor Day Potluck and bowls. Then, to begin our winning streak, club President, Robin Olson, along with teammate, Patricia Gonzales, of Long Beach, won the U.S. Women's Pairs Championship in Buck Hill Falls, PA. Next, we won the League Waterbury Trophy of the Southern Section. Participating were Bill Hiscock, Bob Knoth, Jim Olson, Robin

Santa Monica's new officers for 2002 are as follows:

Sam Benjamin: *President*

Homer Worf: *Vice President*

Bob Morrow: *Secretary-Treasurer*

Tournament Chairmen: Bud Wakeling, Harry Dickinson

We welcome our new club members: Roland Hanselmann, Sam Keppe, Jeff Notte and Jim Scott. We are anxiously awaiting return of two of our most valued members, Bob and Margie Nock, who have been living in Queensland, Australia for the past six months.

Olson and Marie Taylor. This was followed by Bill Hiscock, Bob Knoth, Jim Olson, Malcomb Taylor and Gary Wagner winning the Southwest Division's annual All-Star Tournament.

In November, the winner of our Johnson-Fosdike Club Singles was Gerhardt Vogel. The winner of the Pat DiVincenzo Novice Singles was Floyd Murphy.

In December, we held our Annual General Meeting where following officers were elected for 2002:

President—Jay Robbins

1st Vice President—Howard Fromson

2nd Vice President—Christine Ludwig

Members at Large—Tom Anderson Ross Craven, Billi Gottlieb, Ray Starmack.



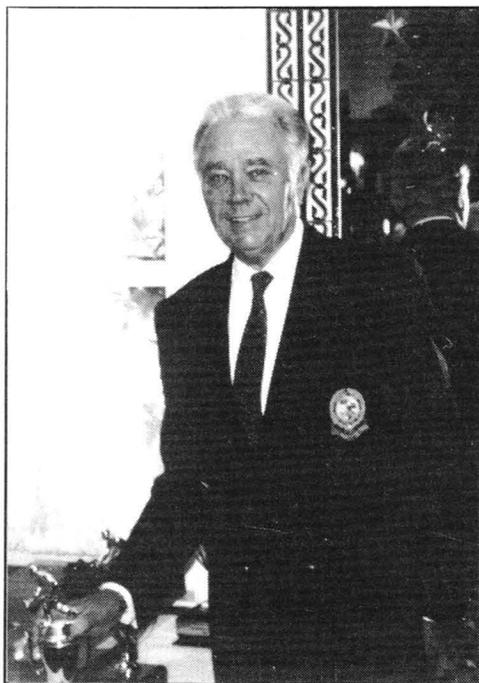
SOUTHWEST DIVISION

HOLMBY PARK

By Marcella Krisel

Our annual Christmas banquet was held this year at Holmby member Kurt Niklas' beautiful Bistro Gardens Restaurant. 110 members and guests filled the spacious Sun Room, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

With president Dave Horner presiding, the following trophies were awarded:



Above: Tom Seres will lead Holmby Park in 2002.

Taylor Triples

1. Sam Benjamin, Harry Kickinson, Sid Handler
2. Alan Goodnoff, John McManus, Bud Killilea

Allison Singles

1. Vladko Petrovic
2. Brian Studwell

Novice Singles

1. Ken Kilpo
2. Gary Waynesmith

Ladies Visitations

1. Ester Shifren
2. Slvia Mizraki

Men's Visitations

1. Tom seres
2. Jim Hasty/Steve Siracusa

Bridwell Singles

1. Moses Rahaminov
2. Jim Hasty

Cella 666

1. Frank Grea, Warren Gates, Steve Siracusa
2. Colin Whittle

Naylon Doubles

1. Vladko Petrovic and Angela Pick
2. Dave Horner and Allen Grossman

Bowler of the Year

Vladko Petrovic

Holmby's officers for 2002:

President—Tom Seres

Vice President—Colin Whittle

Treasurer—Bea Simon

REDLANDS

By Peg Bennett

With the new lawn bowling year around the corner, the Redlands Club has high hopes for increased membership and more players on the green.

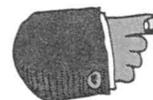
Betty Straesser was elected President for 2002, replacing Don Poe, who has been serving the club well for the past four years. Helping Betty is newcomer Dick Derby as Vice President. Dick is a "go-getter" and has assumed the task of Membership Chairman. He has started his campaign by speaking to various clubs and groups and demonstrating the game of bowls.

Surrounding this twosome are Jean Willingham, as Secretary, and Joan McCarthy, as Treasurer. Previously, the position was ably handled by Joan Worden, who handled both positions for more than 20 years. She resigned the position due to age (90+ years) and inability to drive from Riverside to Redlands for meetings.

The balance of new officers are: Don Starrett, Tournament Chairman; Bob Castle and Dick Derby, Citrus League co-chairmen; Angie Sisti, Games Chairman; Zelda Bain, Social Chairman, assisted by Mary Johnson; Building Chairman, Lee Bain, assisted by Ollie Clark; Greens Chairman, Bob Castle, assisted by Dick Derby; Senior Delegate USLBA-S.W. Division men, Don Poe, assisted by Bob Castle and Angie Sisti; Senior Delegate USLBA-S.W. Division women, Pat Oesterlein, assisted by Zelda Bain.

President Straesser appointed Peg Bennett, Publicity and Sunshine Chairman; Jean Willingham, Historian; Telephone, Don Poe, assisted by Betty Straesser; Wrong Bias, Doris March and Ollie Clark; Birthday Board, Mary Johnson; Instructors, Lee Bain, Don Poe and Pat Oesterlein.

At this writing, Pat Oesterlein is in the hospital following surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back on the greens very soon—bowling up a storm.



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ALL SOUTHWEST TEAM

The All-Southwest Team for the year 2002 was announced at the Division's Annual General Meeting January 12. Appointments to the honorary team are based upon performances in major division tournaments during the previous year.

The SW Division Review Board, chaired by Bob Hill, announced the appointments, which are listed in the order selected:

Mert Hill
Ivan Hyland
Bob Nunes
Simon Meyerowitz
Ed Quo
Michael Ashton-Phillips
Ian Ho
Malcolm Taylor
Neville Sacks
Neil Furman
Stanley Bloom
Sam DeLisle
Amador Martinez
Ross Craven

USLBA MEMBERSHIP POLICY

The National Council of the United States Lawn Bowls Association, at its 2001 Annual Meeting in Irvine CA October 4-5, approved without dissent a policy statement that interprets how the association's new Constitution defines membership and affiliation. The Council also instructed the USLBA's seven divisions to report in detail and in writing to the USLBA President before June 1, 2002, "on how well and in what ways they are complying with this Membership Policy." Here is what the Membership Policy says:

The Constitution and Bylaws adopted by the United States Lawn Bowls Association when it was formed in 2000 were based on the constitutions and bylaws of the two merging associations, the American Lawn Bowls Association and the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association. Because the drafters of the USLBA document avoided drastic changes in order to expedite its approval, the merged constitution does not plow new ground in defining such things as membership and affiliation.

The crucial language regarding membership and affiliation is found in 4.B. of the Constitution and Bylaws of USLBA:

"Each affiliated club in the 48 contiguous states of the United States shall, by reason of its membership in one of the established divisions, be a member of the Association, and each active member is required to be a member of the Association." (Association means USLBA)

The USLBA Council interprets the above to mean that affiliated clubs must require all their active club members to also be members of USLBA. Although the Divisions control "procedures and requirements" for clubs to become affiliated (6.D.1), that affiliation is primarily with USLBA

and secondarily with the Division. Furthermore, any "procedures and requirements" set by Divisions for clubs to affiliate must include the requirement that all active club members become members of USLBA.

Accordingly, the Divisions must collect USLBA dues (as well as their own division dues) from each of the active members of affiliated clubs and forward them to the USLBA (5.A.).

Clubs within clubs: In some special situations in communities that have lawn bowling facilities but also have policies against forcing residents to join national organizations, lawn bowlers in those communities have been allowed to form separate affiliated clubs in order to maintain membership in and enjoy the privileges of belonging to USLBA, creating so-called "clubs within clubs". Those separate clubs are and should be allowed to continue to be affiliated with USLBA. However, USLBA should work to recruit all active lawn bowlers in such communities and work to change policies against affiliation with USLBA.

What is a club? The Council believes that in order to be affiliated, a club must be governed by its own officers, have control of or share in the maintenance of the bowling facilities it uses, hold and manage its own tournaments, and, of course, pay division and national dues for all its active members. Affiliated clubs may be of single or mixed gender.

Active versus other categories of membership: The Council further interprets the phrase "active member" to mean club members who lawn bowl and who enjoy full voting membership in their clubs. Excluded are associate, honorary or adjunct club members who are not lawn bowlers.

BILL MEIERSTEIN

Billy Gene "Mad Dog" Meierstein, Advertising Manager of *BOWLS Magazine* and longtime member of The Groves Lawn Bowling Club, Irvine, CA, passed away in November. He was 74.

The Meierstein-authored "Bowl-In At The Groves" club reports appeared regularly on the Southwest Division pages of *BOWLS Magazine*, and reader mail indicated that his whimsy and sense of humor were immensely popular among the magazine's subscribers.

Born in North Hollywood, CA in 1927, Meierstein worked towards becoming a professional baseball player until a motorcycle accident ended that dream. He enjoyed a long and successful career as an Advertising Sales Manager and Director of Business

Management. He met his wife, Genevive, on the job. She was his boss. Genevive passed away two years ago. Meierstein leaves five

daughters a son, 21 grandchildren and 15 grandchildren.

Faced with a myriad of serious health conditions in recent years, and enduring declining mobility, Meierstein wrote a suggestion for his epitaph: "Shot Maker...NOW...Soup Maker!"

He sent the editor the photo you see here, which depicts him surrounded by many of his bowling awards. He commented that although he never made the U.S. National Team, "they did offer me the honor of representing the USA at the upcoming Mexican Singles, scheduled for Tijuana next year. I declined the offer when I was informed they shoot 'Mad Dogs' in Mexico!"

Mad Dog has left the green. — 





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

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

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

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

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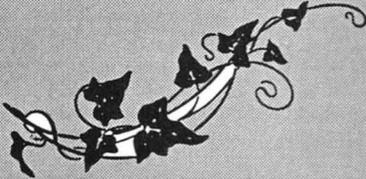
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THE LAST SHOT

By Joe Siegman

Editor of *BOWLS Magazine*

Alas! With this winter-2002 issue of *BOWLS Magazine*, I hand the editor's baton to Gene Goodwin, who will serve you as the fifth editorial chief in the nearly 50-year history of this publication. Information about the incoming editor appears on page 13.

Coincidentally, Dorothy Burton, wife of the editor I succeeded a decade ago, the late Ferrell Burton, Jr., sold her home in California's Pacific Palisades. Which meant the USLBA had to find a new location for Ferrell's complete library of back issues of *BOWLS*, dating back to the first issue published in 1962. Fending off a horde of volunteers for the acquisition assignment, I picked them up and stored them at my club. But, not before perusing some of those early issues.

Believe it or not, the major topics on the bowling greens of America 50 years ago make familiar chit chat today. The writers in *BOWLS* commiserated about membership: how to increase it; how to retain it; how to persuade non-member clubs/bowlers to join organized lawn bowls. They anguished about a balance between competitive and social bowling. And they spoke of growth and development plans.

"They" were members of the American Lawn Bowls Association—a men's only organization, founded in 1915. AWLBA, the original women's lawn bowling association, wasn't born until 1970. The old *BOWLS Magazine's* spoke of a few women's events, but the pages were devoted almost entirely to men's activities.

What struck me most about the early magazines was the *pride of organization* you read from cover to cover—in the articles and club reports, even in the ads, and there were abundant advertisements, mostly by bowls equipment distributors, airlines, resort destinations and retirement communities. This was an association going somewhere. There were prominent individuals providing energy, organizational skills and their own finances to 'spread the word'.

These were heady times for U.S. lawn bowlers. An American was elected president of the International Bowling Board. The U.S. staged several international tournaments, including the first World Tournament in 1932, conducted side by side with the Olympic Games at the Coliseum in Los Angeles. Prominent personalities like Walt Disney were devoted bowlers and lent their names to the promotion of the sport. Important home-grown recruiting and how-to literature was published and paid for by loyal enthusiasts. A pair of eastern communities, Spalding Inn and Buck Hill Falls, developed and staged the first U.S. Championships, and there were architectural plans drawn-up for a national lawn bowls headquarters.

In 1970, there were more than 6,000 members of ALBA, and the men's numbers were growing. The new women's organization was only going to make things even better.

Well, years come and go. Things change. Stuff happens. Organized lawn bowls in the U.S. is now a single, gender-blind organization. Men and women work together as one to improve the game, solve the problems of membership, and develop the future. What was once a more formal structure to the playing and management of lawn bowls, is now a more comfortable approach. As of October, 2001, the USLBA roster numbered 4,626 members.

Those charged with governing the USLBA are well aware of de-

clining membership and most of the reasons responsible for it. They are also aware of the growing number of non-association bowlers who flourish in various parts of the country, and understand the genesis of that problem. The wonders of our sport continue, but our membership declines.

But, this is not pre-1970, when lawn bowling's bigwigs took the bull by the horns and made things happen. We don't operate like that any more.

At the 2001 Council meeting, I presented an idea that could turn around lawn bowling's down tick. I suggested that our national board—the Council—hire a professional National Director to manage our future. Such a person would not replace the Council, but would advise and direct the USLBA agenda under the Council's supervision. The concept was assigned to a committee for study.

The idea is neither guaranteed nor foolproof. But, I haven't seen or heard any alternative concepts during the past 25 years.

The hiring of this National Director would come at the expense of *BOWLS Magazine*. The USLBA operates on minimal budget. Your dues provides virtually all of the association's annual income, and *BOWLS Magazine* consumes more than half of it. By putting the magazine on hiatus for two years, the money saved could be redirected to finance a capable professional. We would then have someone working *for* us; an employee who would know he or she had a future with lawn bowling only if he or she produced a future for us. If not a 24/7 employee, perhaps a 12/5 hired hand. But someone who thought about, focused on and executed positive actions for the betterment of bowls.

I may be leaving *BOWLS Magazine*, but a portion of my heart belongs to this publication. Nonetheless, some sacrifice needs to take place. And, like a man once said: "Follow the money". If the National Director enjoys any measure of success, it's a good bet the magazine could return sooner than two years. But two years is needed to give any qualified professional a workable window to market who and what we are.

Or, we can continue on the same path. Maybe good karma and/or positive thoughts will turn things around. Maybe. But, you'd be hard pressed to find any national sports association these days—and likely most local ones—attempting to fashion a future amidst the contemporary climate of alternative choices: professional sports, televised sports, local sports and recreational activities, and family obligations, without the guidance of a professional.

If you think a professional National Director (or whatever you wish to call him or her) is a viable idea, tell your local councilors. They're the only ones who can give life to ideas assigned to committees.

Thank you to the devoted cadre of individuals who have pitched in diligently to bring ALBA, AWLBA, USLBA members and international subscribers some 40 issues of this book since 1992: our page designers—Kathy Dimas, for the past six years, and Heidi Willis, her predecessor; circulation managers—Bill Todd (who'll be 1,200 months young in March), Patsy Morgan, Nancy Stanek and Deanna Robbins; advertising manager—the late Bill Meierstein; calendar editor—Shirley Cam; the magazine's lone feature columnist—Frank Ransome; current and past division correspondents, several of whom pre-date my involvement with the magazine (Bob Roberts, Shel Ripley, Jim Cunningham, incoming editor Gene Goodwin, and Larry Edgar, who came on board shortly after I did); the folks who have printed the magazine for some 20 years—San Dieguito Printers; and More Mailing, Inc.—the company that sends them to you. All of your efforts have been invaluable and deeply appreciated.

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