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President's Report Jack Lucey, President USLBA



During early December, I journeyed to Mount Dora in Florida to play in the annual Holiday Bowl, a wonderful, fun-filled, and competitive event. On my ride home, as I was thinking of the people whom I had seen during the weekend and whom I hadn't seen since the prior December at the same event, it occurred to me that perhaps the best part of this sport is the people we meet. A very large part of my social life now involves people I've met through lawn bowling.

A belated Happy New Year to one and all. Although the New Year is well underway, it's never too late for another resolution: each of us should recruit at least one new lawn bowler in 2004. Dwindling membership continues to be our biggest problem. Because of our numbers, everything that we do, including producing this magazine, translates into a substantial per-member cost. The larger the membership, the smaller our per-member cost can be for many of the things we do as an organization.

Over the next few months, as collected dues are processed by our treasurer and our national membership rosters are updated, each paid member of USLBA will receive a package including your membership card and the new edition of the rule book. John Stewart, who is the chief umpire and manager of the Laws of the Game, has been working diligently on the new rules as adopted by World Bowls. The new rules will be effective in April. Be sure to look for your copy and read them carefully as there are changes that will affect all of us.

In the last edition, I extended thanks to the officers, councilors, and committee members for their hard work over the past year. Regrettably, I failed to mention Gene Goodwin, the editor of *Bowls USA*, and his staff for their efforts. They do a remarkable job.

Finally, after more than a year of soliciting a new Director of USLBA Marketing to replace Jack Phillips, Al Pelliccio of Pinehurst in the Southeast Division has stepped forward. On behalf of the organization, thank you to Jack Phillips for his past service in that role. Al is a creative, hard working guy who will be perfectly suited for the job.

Finally, I wish you all a healthy and fun-filled lawn bowling year.

About the Cover Photo: Merton Isaacman of Irvine CA did a remarkable thing in the Asia Pacific Games in Brisbane, Australia, last December. Bowling for Team USA in Singles, Mert became what *Bowls International* called "a surprise packet" when he defeated Australia's top bowler, Steve Glasson, 21-18, in the quarter-finals. Mert went on to the finals by besting the Malaysian rep, 21-16, but lost in the finals to young Russell Meyer of New Zealand, 21-2. So Meyer got the Gold and Mert the Silver, a first for Team USA in modern times. The cover photo is from the beautiful website of the host Pine Rivers Memorial Bowls Club Ltd., which we accessed through the also beautiful USLBA website: *BowlsAmerica.org*. More photos and article on Pages 10-11.

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Ask The Umpire



Some Questions and Answers
from John Stewart,
Chief Umpire USLBA

The two questions in this issue deal with situations that are not clearly defined in the rule book and umpires must use good judgment when called to make an interpretation. Their decision must not allow any team or singles player to benefit from any infraction.

Question 1:

In a Pairs game the leads have agreed that Team A has four shots and they both move several bowls and the jack when the Skips, from the mat end, call down to them that they each have a bowl to play. This is not an uncommon situation and you are the umpire called in to make a decision. You are familiar with the rule that says the last to play has the option of declining to play that bowl, but do not know of a rule to cover this particular situation. You must make a ruling.

Question 2:

In a Singles game player A has drawn three shots to a jack just over the hog line. Player B with the last bowl of the end, decides to drive and his bowl, although delivered on the correct bias, is so wide and wild that it leaves the rink and collides with a bowl on the adjacent rink close to the boundary and level with the jack on Player B's rink. Player B knows that there is a rule which permits a bowl to be replayed if it didn't complete its course when delivered on the correct bias and tells player A that the bowl should be returned to be replayed. Player A requests that you, as the resident umpire make a ruling.

Turn to Page 14 for answers.

Two major changes in new rule book

The new USLBA "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" in effect this April has two changes:

1. The team or player winning the end will have the option of keeping the jack or having the hammer (bowling last) in the next end.
2. When the minimum distance of a rolled jack is challenged, it will be centered and aligned before measuring.

The signals for communicating the decision on #1 will be imitating rolling the jack or pounding a fist into the palm of the other hand.

The new rules book was approved by the National Council last October and is now in the process of being distributed to USLBA members. It almost literally follows the wording and substance of the new rules book of World Bowls Ltd, whose 40 member nations were consulted as the new rules were being developed.

Letters

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He likes kid pictures, too!

Congratulations on revamping the looks of our BOWLS publication - a superb improvement. My predominant observation is the pleasant use of younger faces (in the photos). I also like the more positive format and the higher quality printing and overall presentation. Fewer obituaries and hospital stay recordings.

Please pass my comments to whomever else might be responsible for such major strides.

Thanks for your time and effort.

John J. Perreault
Laguna Beach LBC California

Thanks, John, but the credit for the photos of young bowlers goes to those clubs and divisions making concerted efforts to save our sport for future generations. We are simply trying on our pages to reflect the best of American lawn bowling. As for fewer obits, all we did was ask clubs to report deaths only of bowlers well known outside their own clubs. If we have slowed the Grim Reaper, that indeed is a major accomplishment!

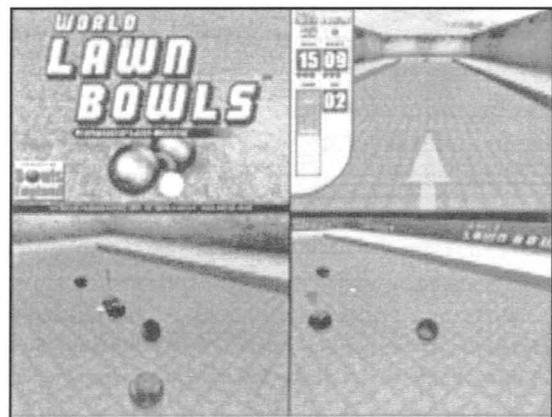
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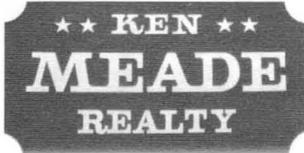
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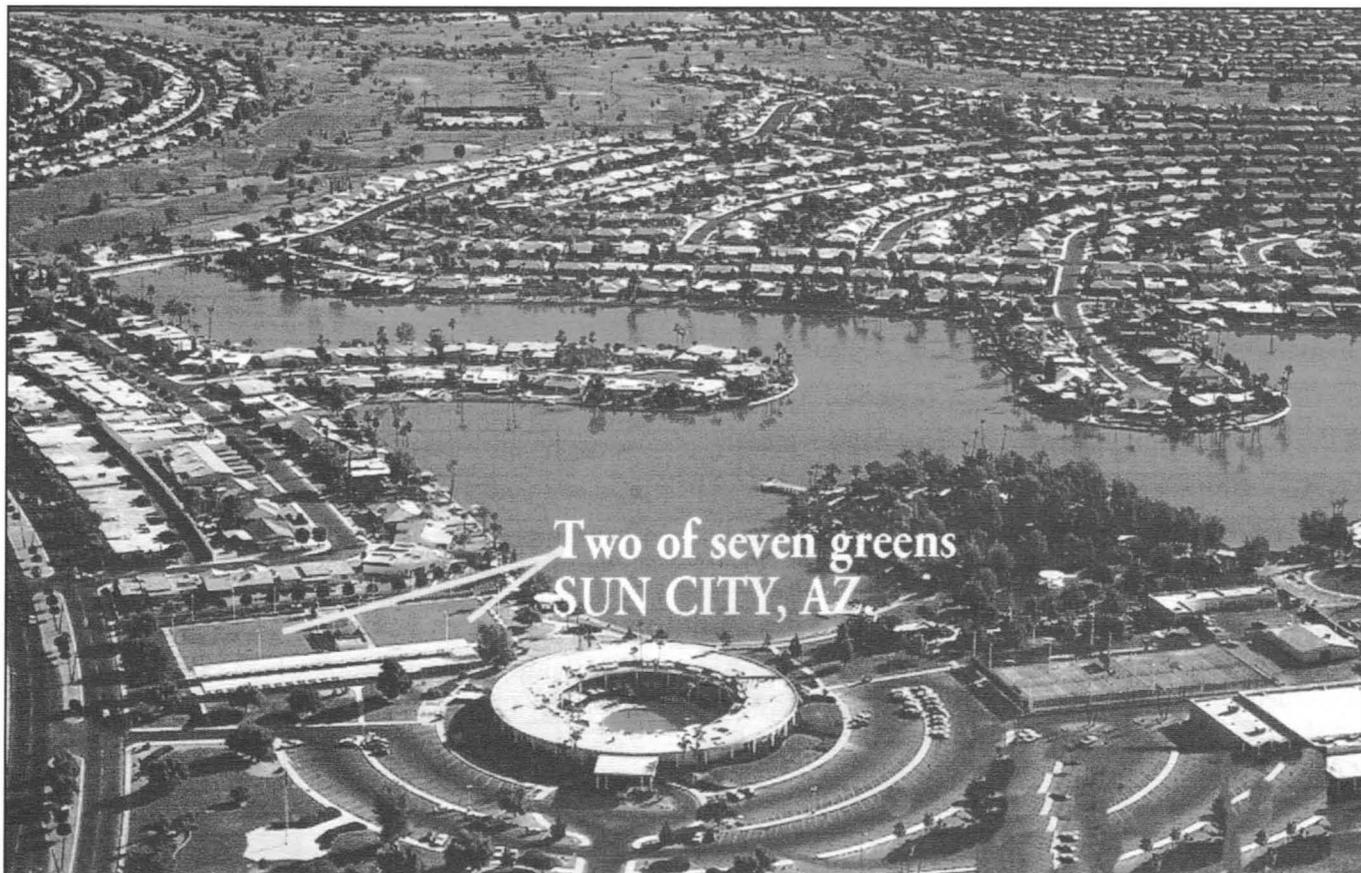
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2004 National Open moves to Sun City AZ



THIS AERIAL VIEW shows the area around the Lakeview LBC, location of two of the seven greens to be used this Fall when

the USLBA National Open will be played in the Sun City AZ area, where the greens bowl as beautifully as they look.

For the past five years, because of a contract USLBA made with the host Southwest Division to help attract sponsors, the National Open has been played in the Irvine CA area south of Los Angeles.

But this year, both the United States Championships and the National Open will be bowled in the lush oasis of the Arizona desert in Sun City, Sun City West and Surprise AZ, in the heart of the South Central Division.

The U.S. Championships are set for Oct. 23-28, and the Open from Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, with opening ceremonies at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Sun Bowl in Sun City.

South Central Division Councilors Doug McArthur and Doris Leibbrandt are chairing the U.S. Championships. Both have bowled in this event in previous years. Details of the 2004 U.S. Championships will be provided in the next Summer 2004 issue of *Bowls USA*.

National Open entrants will enjoy the shorter drives to their assigned greens this year compared to the Opens held in the SW, where the greens are fine but driving to reach most of them on crowded freeways is anything but!

As you can see from the entry form for the Open on the

preceding two pages, men will be playing Triples, Pairs and Singles, while women will play Fours (or Rinks), Pairs and Singles. This had been the format for several years before 1999 when the five-year contract with the SW kicked in and men's Triples was replaced by Fours.

The SC Committee running the 2004 Open plans two parties during the tournament: a 1950's theme "Sock Hop" 6-10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, featuring food, beer and dancing, and a Western pork and chicken BBQ 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, with beer and softer beverages.

Sponsors willing to contribute \$30 each to help finance the open will have to pay only \$10 apiece for the two parties; others will have to put up \$12.50 a ticket. A bargain no matter how you look at it!

The overall sponsor will be Ken Meade Realty, an Arizona corporation.

The USLBA National Council had hoped South Central would also host the 2005 Open, but that is not to be. So the Southeast Executive Board will decide in early March whether to invite the 2005 Open to the Sarasota area. PIM and SW divisions are also possible 2005 hosts.

Need models? Check Hall of Fame inductees

Here are the most recent inductees to the USLBA Hall of Fame, by unanimous vote of the National Council last October:

John Stewart

USLBA Umpire in Chief John Stewart also chairs the USLBA Rules Committee.

The late Bert MacWilliams often said that the best thing he did as president of the old ALBA in 1982 was to appoint John Stewart as chief umpire. Then ALBA President Champ Salisbury called on John to take over the Rules chairmanship in 1990. Donna West, the first president of USLBA after that association was formed by the merger in 2000 of ALBA and AWLBA, continued John in both positions in the merged organization.

As chief umpire, John created the system still in use for testing and approving national umpires, of which there are 135 today. Since becoming rules chairman, he has spearheaded the updating of the Laws of the Sport five times.

A native of Scotland who has never completely lost his brogue, John has also starred as a bowler: Since learning the game at the East Cleveland club in the late 1960s, he won more than 70 club events in the 24 years he was a member there, and was club bowler of the year 13 times. He also won numerous division titles competing in the Central and Northeast divisions, and since retiring to Arizona in 1997, he has won the triples twice and the pairs once in both the South Central and Southwest divisions.

He also has done well in National Opens, his biggest thrill coming in 1980 when he skipped the champion Triples team with his 13-year-old son at lead. And in the U.S. Championships, John has competed 14 times in either Pairs or Singles and won U.S. Championship Pairs in 1993 and '94.

In addition to all the above, John has contributed to our sport by serving as National Team selector and as chairman of the Men's Selection Committee. And for six years, he has been secretary-treasurer of the South Central Division and recently took on that same job for the ALBA Memorial Foundation.

Irma Artist

Very active in the governance of U.S. lawn bowling nationally and in her Pacific Inter-Mountain Division, Irma Artist took up the sport in 1972. Her late husband, Orville, was one of the first 16 inductees into the USLBA Hall of Fame.

In her division, Irma served as



secretary in 1979-80 and as assistant tournament chairwoman in 1985-87. Nationally, she was secretary of the old AWLBA in 1980-81 and 1987, PIM representative on the AWLBA National Council in 1980-82, and chief selector for our Women's National Teams from 1982 to '86.

As a bowler, Irma won Pairs in the National Opens of 1975 and '77, and was on two U.S. National Teams in the 1980's. She also won several division tournaments.

She has been a member of the Rossmoor LBC in Walnut Creek CA since 1982. That club holds an Orville & Irma Artist tournament each fall.

R. Gilbert Stephan Jr.

Gil's most visible contributions to U.S. lawn bowling in recent years have been as drawmaster at national tournaments and manager of our national teams. But he also has been a star on the green and a leader in the governance of our sport.

In Milwaukee where he learned to lawn bowl in 1970, he bowled on the winning triples team in the Otto Hess Invitational, hosted by the Milwaukee Lake Park club, six times – in 1986 and '88, and in 1991, '92, '94 and '95. He was vice president of that club in 1978-80.

He also did well in Central Division tournaments, winning in Pairs five times and in Triples six times.

After retiring to Arizona, Gil won the Arizona Singles Championship in 1990, won South Central playdowns for the U.S. Championships in Pairs in '91 and '92, and was runner-up in the U.S. Championship Pairs in 1992.

After representing the South Central Division on the old ALBA National Council from 1990 to '96. Gil assumed the ALBA presidency in 1997 and '98. During his term, he appointed the survey committee, whose study and report led to the merger of ALBA and AWLBA in 2000, the ALBA (now USLBA) internet website was established, and the Hall of Fame was founded. He served as president of the South Central Division in 1999 and 2000.

An umpire for 16 years, Gil chaired the 1993 and 1998 National Opens. He ran the draw in the National Opens of 1980 through '86 and '93 through '98. He also managed our National Men's Teams in the Asia Pacific Games of 1995, '99 and last year, for World Bowls in 2000, and for the North American Challenge in 1996.

One of the founders of the USLBA Senior Open held annually in Arizona, Gil was games chairman of that event in 2000, 2001 and 2002.



HALL OF FAME (Continued)

Edith Denton

A lawn bowler since 1969, Edith Denton of Fort Bragg CA has done it all!

She's bowled on our National Team in Australia in 1985 and New Zealand in 1988. She helped found the old American Women's Lawn Bowls Association in 1970, and served as its vice president in 1980-81, president in 1982-83, and for nine years as a National Councilor. At the San Francisco LBC, she has been Bowler of the Year seven different years.

An accredited umpire, Edith co-chaired the 1978 U.S. Women's Championships in San Francisco. In the San Francisco club, she has held numerous leadership positions and is now an honorary life member.



Charles S. Rettie

A charter member of the Thistle LBC in Hartford CT, Charles S. Rettie skipped the winning Rinks team in the 1928 ALBA National Open held on his home green. He also skipped Eastern Division championship Rinks teams in 1918, 1924, 1925, 1928 and 1935.

He served as secretary-treasurer of the American Lawn Bowls Association from 1937 to 1945, a position he held earlier in the Eastern Division.



Virginia Marlar

In her 21 years as a lawn bowler, Virginia Marlar has been a quiet but active mover and shaker. Currently she is president of her home club, Leisure World in Laguna Woods CA.

In the old AWLBA, Virginia served as president in 1997 and 1998, after serving terms as first and second vice president.

In the Southwest Division, she was president in 1990 and vice president in 1989.

She has played in or attended every National Open since 1987, serving as organizer in 1995 and '98 when her SW division was host.

In recent years she has represented first AWLBA and now USLBA to World Bowls and other international associations. She has managed women's national teams and often attends international tournaments as Team USA supporter



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U.S. men win a silver and finish 4th overall

By Shirley Cam

Manager, Women's Team USA

Merton Isaacman, 2003 U.S. Pairs Champion, earned a Silver medal as runner-up in Singles at the Asia Pacific Games in Australia last Nov. 26-Dec. 2.

Mert stunned the host country supporters when he defeated their top bowler, Steve Glasson, in the quarter-finals and Malaysia's Affendy in the semi-finals. But Mert's hot hands cooled in the finals and he bowed to New Zealand's Russell Meyer.

Mert's fine performance helped the U.S. Men's team to finish fourth overall in the field of 16 nations. U.S. Women had a tougher time of it, ending up in 11th place.

Like Mert, four of our teams - women's and men's Fours, and men's Triples and Pairs - qualified to compete in the quarter-finals. But our women were defeated by Fiji, while our men's Fours and Triples teams lost to Australia, and the U.S. men's Pairs team succumbed to Hong Kong.

Men's Team USA members were: Neil Furman of Aspen CO, Ivan Hyland of Coto de Caza CA, Merton Isaacman of Irvine CA, Robert Nunes of Yorba Linda CA, Michael Siddall of Oceanside CA, and manager R. Gil Stephan Jr., Sun City AZ.

Women's team members were: Maryna Hyland of Coto de Caza CA, Anne Nunes of Placentia CA, Kottia Spangler of Riverside CA, Kathryn Vea of Santa Barbara CA, Irene Webster of Sun City AZ, Mary DeLisle of Santa Barbara CA (alternate) and manager Shirley Cam of Oakland CA.

Held every two years, the 2003 games were hosted by the Pine Rivers Memorial Bowls Club in Pine Rivers Shire, a northern suburb of Brisbane, Australia. The games were originally scheduled for Hong Kong, but because of the SARS epidemic were first moved to Tweed Heads and then in September at virtually the last minute to Pine Rivers.

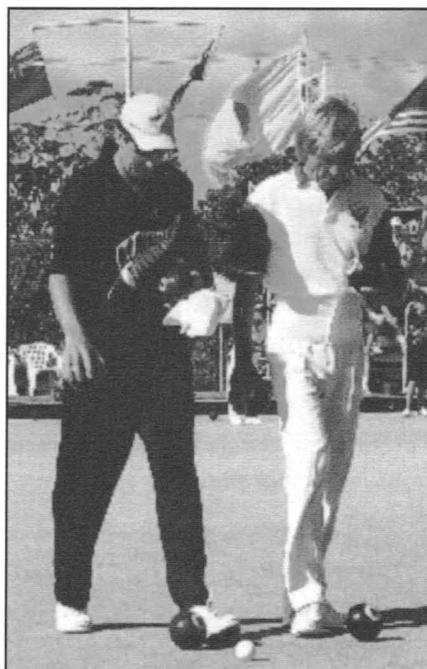
The schedule was shortened and, by operating with four sections instead of two and with three games a day rather than the usual two, the tournament was conducted in seven and a half days. In the quarter-finals the winners in each section

Team USA "tremendous ambassadors"

"Your team were tremendous ambassadors for your nation," wrote Wayne Moffatt of the host Australian club in an email to Bowls USA. "They were great fun, and very popular on and off the greens. In fact we wanted to make Uncle Sam an honorary ozzie."

played the second placers in another section to determine who would advance to the semi-finals and then the finals.

The Pine Rivers club has three beautifully maintained greens that were running from 15 to 19 seconds. There was no rain and high temperatures were in the 80s. Stiff winds on such fast greens made bowling difficult.



KICKING BOWLS in their finals match are Gold medal winner Russ Meyer of New Zealand (left) and Silver medal recipient Mert Isaacman of the USA.

Mert's Silver was the only medal (gold, silver or bronze) won by Team USA, but the men did well enough to end up fourth behind New Zealand with 64 points, Australia 60, Malaysia 57 and USA 46. Fifth through 14th placers were the men's teams from Hong Kong 46, Canada 45, Fiji 29, Norfolk Island 29, Papua New Guinea 25, Samoa 22, Philippines 21, Singapore 21, Cook Islands 20 and Japan 18. Korea and Thailand did not have full teams.

Malaysia ranked first with 66 points among women's teams, followed by New Zealand 56, Philippines 54, Australia 48, Fiji 43, Norfolk Island 39, Canada 39, Papua New Guinea 32, Hong Kong 31, Cook Islands 30, USA 26, Samoa 23, Singapore 21, Japan 14 and Korea 8. Thailand did not enter a full team.

Please help our players take on world's best!

It certainly is a great honor to be selected to bowl for our country abroad, but it's a costly honor for U.S. bowlers. Although most of the lawn bowling nations pay all or most of the costs for their players to bowl in world events, the USLBA has never been able to pick up more than small part of the tab. So when you play for Team USA you pay most of your own way!

This year our Team USA has earned the right to compete in the World Championships - men in Ayr, Scotland, in July, and women at Leamington Spa, England, in September. Please help pay their way by sending \$100 contributions to "Team USA," Shirley Cam, 100 Bay Place #1810, Oakland CA 94610.



TEAM USA IN AUSTRALIA: From left, Michael Siddall; Tony and Margaret Arnold, assigned hosts from the local club; Bob Nunes; Irene Webster; Mert Isaacman; Kottia Spangler; Men's Team Manager Gil Stephan; Patrice, 16-year-old standard bearer from local club; Kathy Vea; Maryna Hyland; Women's Team Manager Shirley Cam; Ivan Hyland; Anne Nunes; Neil Furman; Mary DeLisle.
Photo taken with permission from host club website

Bowling for USA abroad just great, if you can afford it!

By Kottia Spangler and Anne Nunes

Team USA players

First you get a letter in the mail. You've made the team once again. And you're going to Hong Kong. Then you turn on the TV and learn that SARs has become a major epidemic. Luckily, you have not bought your airline ticket yet.

Soon you hear that Australia has offered to host the games, possibly in Melbourne. Then the venue is changed to Tweed Heads, along the gold coast. Finally, rumors are put to rest and the games are going to be held at Pine Rivers Memorial Club in Brisbane, Australia, but at different dates. And because there hasn't been enough time for the club to raise funds, the teams will have to pay part of the expenses usually covered by the host country (i.e., meals and housing). Most teams are funded via their countries national organizations or government offices, but Team USA players must come up with the extra scratch on their own (with some money coming from USLBA).

For the 2003 Asia Pacific Games, we each had to come up with about \$2,200, half just for the airfare.

Finally we get to Brisbane after flying from LAX and are greeted by Tony and Margaret Arnold, members of Pine Rivers and our assigned hosts. They load our many suitcases and bags of equipment and off we go to our hotel. We stop only long enough to unpack only our bowls and we're off to the club for some practice! But first we must have our bowls checked for current stamps and bias. The bowls are taken away and we must borrow bowls with which to practice. We practice until jet-lag sets in and then we find out that Michael Siddall's bowls

failed the test. He had to buy a new set!

The two-to-a-room hotel accommodations are nice and clean, and a 15-20 minute ride to the greens in small buses driven by local club members.

Each of the three greens at the club run at a different pace and have different wind conditions. All have lights, though the lighting on the center green is the best.

Players could purchase meals at the club, one end of which held a gaming room with slots, or "pokies" as they're called there, and three computers available for players to email news home.

Opening ceremonies and the first games! Nerves are on edge. We've had only a day and a half of practice. The schedule is different this year with singles and fours playing before pairs and triples. There are to be three games each day with four hours allotted for each game. Umpires were on hand at each green and an ambulance was on stand-by. Club members who have volunteered to drive players to their hotels or down to the stores are always available and friendly. The young lady carrying the USA flag and sign is Patrice, one of the junior bowlers at Pine Rivers. At age 16, she is an avid bowler and supported Team USA all through the tournament.

The atmosphere at the Asian Pacific games is more relaxed than at a World Bowls event. The uniforms are more colorful, the men and ladies teams represent one team, and the spectators can get close and mingle with the players. In 1989 there were only 12 countries competing at this event in Suva, Fiji. This

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BETTER BOWLS

Tips and tidbits for improving and enjoying your game

By Conrad Melton

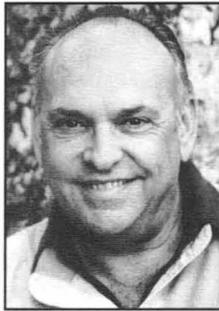
Chairman SW-USLBA Instruction Committee

Pace

When you take the mat, don't be too anxious to show your skip that you know the right direction to bowl. Leads and scorer-measurers who are overly ready to deliver their shot will often prevent a skip from fully analyzing the head. Good skips are mentally evaluating dozens of variables, in addition to the ever-changing pattern of the head. For some skips, this takes a few more seconds than it does for others.

But when many club skips see their teammate crouched on the mat and ready to deliver, there is a great reluctance to upset their partner's inertia and make them wait while s/he makes a more complete analysis.

New bowlers are particularly susceptible to having their pace disturbed, and skips know that. So most will try to avoid disrupting the anxious bowler even though they may not yet be certain of the best intention for the next shot. It's hard for newcomers to believe that so much is going on. But strategy counts, and worst case possibilities absolutely must be taken into consideration for virtually every shot. Some heads need more analysis time than others. Be patient and let your Captain do the best job s/he can.



Conrad Melton

The Electrocuted Octopus

Experienced players know the identity of almost every bowl in the head, almost all the time (unless something weighted has mixed things up). Inexperienced directors who don't realize this, sometimes get to the head and begin the dance of the electrocuted octopus. Not a pretty picture. In a game that's as mentally demanding as bowls, it's not going to help if you're insulting your partner's intelligence.

There is a very simple rule for directors about identifying whose bowls are whose in the head: Don't answer a question until it's been asked, and only answer the question that was asked.

USLBA website like a Christmas tree!

You will feel like a kid on Christmas morning the first time you visit the USLBA website:

<http://www.BowlsAmerica.org>

Your "gifts" include: National, world and division tournament results, data on all the lawn bowling clubs in the USA, who's in the Hall of Fame, where to buy lawn bowls and other equipment, links to other lawn bowls sites and much more. See for yourself!

Morale Officer

One of the responsibilities of a Captain is to promote morale among the members of his/her team. Actually, assistant morale officer is a duty of every team member, but when feel good is in the toilet, the skip is held accountable. Consistent displays of support, enthusiasm, approval and congratulations for well delivered shots pays off handsomely in the final ends of a difficult game.

Enhancing morale doesn't require being a cheerleader. There are many ways to provide compliments and kudos without disturbing adjacent rinks. A good first rule is never begin a game without knowing the names of all the other players. New club members who feel unnoticed, unknown or unwelcome won't be coming back. During changeover there is always time for some warm words and sincere smiles. Even from 90 feet away, there are many noiseless gestures to demonstrate your admiration of, and appreciation for, a good shot.

Excited exuberance is not helpful in bowls. It may feel good, short term, but overall, it's usually counterproductive to the goal of consistent excellence.

Measuring Tips

The importance of accurate measuring cannot be overemphasized. If you play the measurer's position, be sure you have the right tools: wedges, calipers, a short-to-medium tape, and a long tape. Say aloud which bowls you plan to measure so your counterpart can agree or offer another plan. Get down and get your face close to your work. Place your towel far enough away to avoid being a physical or visual obstruction. If you are physically incapable of making accurate measures, arrange with your skip for another measurer before the game begins. You can still contribute by protecting the head from disturbances and being an active and accurate witness.

Head Directors, especially if they are scorer-measurers, must constantly be re-evaluating the head and considering possible strategies so that when they're asked, they can instantly provide good advice (or some good choices) for the skip to consider. Many successful triples teams rely on the scorer-measurer to totally direct the head. That would be arranged early on. If you're directing for a skip you don't know, ask how much direction s/he would like from you.

The absolutely minimal signaling requirements are whenever there is a score change, or whenever a nest (three or more) of the opponents' bowls have formed as the result of a previous shot. Remember that agreement between the scorer-measurers must occur before signaling, wait for eye contact with your skip, and let's teach our new bowlers to use more arms and fewer fingers. Hmmm?

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Better Bowls from previous page

Things to think about

What is the most important thing I contribute to my team? Do I communicate positive and helpful messages to my partners with my body language? When conversations between the scorer-measurer and lead include second guessing or criticizing the skip, does that have a negative impact on your team's performance?

The Continuing Search for a Champion's Attitude

Become your own personal trainer. Raise yourself up to a higher level by expecting more and producing more. Improve the quality of your life in every area you can. Eat more nutritiously, exercise more often, conduct your personal and business affairs more professionally; be on time; nourish your friendships; honor your spirituality and appreciate every circumstance in life that is a blessing. Consider what is preventing you from bowling with more consistent excellence. Then make a plan for how you'll overcome those impediments.

Ripley's Believe It or Not!

SIX MEMBERS OF A LAWN BOWLING TEAM from New South Wales, Australia, BOWLED NONSTOP for 57 HOURS - THE LONGEST GAME ON RECORD!

WE CAN BELIEVE ONLY PART OF IT!
The above "claim" appeared in newspapers in January. Our queries about it to Ripley's website have so far gone unanswered. If you can shed any light on it, please let us at *Bowls USA* hear from you.

Deadline for next issue: May 15!
But division staff correspondents have earlier deadlines! Check with them.

Welcome Packets to new bowlers

By Frank Ransome,
Chair USLBA Membership & Instruction

The PIMD distributes a Welcome Packet to each new bowler when the club registers them with USLBA and the appropriate dues have been sent in. The Division Membership Chairperson keeps a quantity of the packets available for presentation to each new bowler at a formal initiation by the club. The clubs usually add a copy of their own membership list and any pertinent club rules or a calendar. We would like to get this program started in all the divisions.

The USLBA Membership and Instruction Committee is mandated to:

1. make the sport of lawn bowling available to everyone,
2. build membership in USLBA,
3. help lawn bowling clubs become full members of USLBA,
4. help clubs retain existing members, and
5. make information and aids available about building greens, care of existing greens and training members.

The key to building USLBA membership depends on our own personal commitment. Club officers and coaches, division officers and representatives and the umpires should constantly think and talk USLBA.

The welcome packet consists of a USLBA graduation certificate signed by the coach and counter-signed by the club president. This certificate confirms that the new bowler has been trained along the lines promoted by USLBA. It signifies that the trainee can bowl with the club as a lead in both triples and pairs matches. The president's letter establishes the fact that there is a much larger venue than the local club. We've included some guidance materials supplied by Henselite, guidance for new bowlers and the etiquette of bowls and marking. There is a complete set of BETTER BOWLS furnished by Conrad Melton and the Southwest Division, a pamphlet called Techniques for an Effective Delivery by Herb Wintsch of the Southeast Division and the rulebook issued by USLBA.

A properly presented welcome packet can bridge some of the misunderstanding and distrust evidenced by some present day bowlers. The membership committee believes that lawn bowling is in competition with all other sports for the spare time and finances of people of all ages. We are judged by our low cost and our professionalism so we should strive to be better than anyone else. Recruiting and training must follow a definite pattern and clubs and coaches will be judged on how well prepared they are.

The Membership Committee works with the council and the divisions to build a family oriented competition driven, socially acceptable sport. The welcome packet and the enclosed syllabi are the first steps to the every day acceptance of lawn bowling and our organization. Packets and syllabi are available at cost from the Membership Committee or your own Councilors and Division Secretary. Please help us get it established in your division.

Major Tournament Calendar 2004

March 6-11	Southeast Open, Men Sun City Center FL Women Clearwater FL	Russ Tees	727-797-5950 LAWNTEES@aol.com
March 6-11	2004 National Senior Tournament, Sun City AZ	Bob Lane	623-214- 6973
March 13	SE Invit. Mixed Fours, Clearwater FL	Russ Tees	727-797- 5950
March 20	SE Mixed Triples, Sarasota FL	Ron Buck	941-378-4596
May 1	Orville & Irma Artist Invit., Rossmoor CA	John Freestone	925 933-4633
May 1-6	SW Open, Santa Anita, Arcadia CA, Men: Women:	Bill Kagan	858 451-5628
May 21-24	North Carolina Open Triples, Pinehurst NC	Isabella Forbes	562 920-4168
June 6	Oakland Invit.	Pat Zimmerman	910-255-3798
July 8-10	North American Challenge, Milwaukee WI	Steve Ringwood	<i>sringwood@sbcglobal.net</i> RGilliejr@aol.com
July 23-Aug. 7	World Championships (men) Ayr, Scotland		sammarydel@aol.com
Aug. 7-15	NW Summer Open, Woodland Lake, Seattle	Ron Adkins	<i>ronald@nventure.com</i>
Sept. 3-17	World Championships (women) Leamington Spa, England		<i>shirleycam@sptmail.net</i>
Sept. 11-17	PIM Open, SF Bay Area	Peter Knopf	<i>petenann@sbcglobal.net</i>
Sept. 26	San Francisco Invit.	De Doring	<i>doringpr@att.net</i>
Oct. 23-28	US Championships, SC Division AZ	Doug McArthur	602-361-7866
Oct. 30-Nov. 5	USLBA National Open, SC Division AZ	Jerry Cobb	623-583-0689
Dec. 3-6	Holiday Bowl Mix. Triples, Mount Dora FL	Bill Bish	352 343-6244
Dec. 4-5	Niels Kragh Men's Pairs, Sun City AZ	Bob Lane	623 214-6973
Dec. 4-5	Cy Stephan Women's Pairs, Sun City AZ	Irene Webster	623 977-1231

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Ask The Umpire

Answers to this issue's questions

1. Law 11 (D) (1) states that "When the End is completed or deemed to be completed etc. etc." and Law 7 (G) (2) states " If the result of an End has been agreed upon or the Head has been touched in the agreed process of scoring the End, etc.etc.", so the count agreed upon by the leads must be the ruling. A ruling to call the end dead would an unfair decision for Team A holding four shots, when both teams were equally at fault.

2. Rule 7 (K) (2) (c) does allow a bowl to be replayed if it collides with any person or object, etc. But to allow Player B the opportunity to play the last bowl a second time would be a real injustice to Player A. Obtain the facts from both players before making your ruling. When both players agree (being gentlemen) that the delivered bowl entered an adjoining rink and struck a bowl in that rink but that the struck bowl was in a position of being level with the jack being played to and had no chance of changing the head, you must rule that the end is over and the head counted as the bowls lie.

Do you have questions?
Send an e-mail to Emohruo@cox.net

Canada wants us to enter its Open!

Our good neighbors to the north have issued a special invitation to U.S. lawn bowlers to enter Lawn Bowls Canada's First National Open in Toronto next Sept. 10-17.

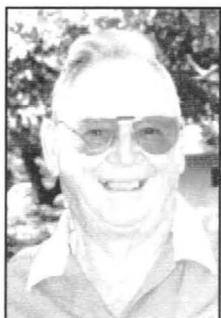
Bowling will be held at five different clubs, sufficient to accommodate 128 men and 128 women in Singles, 64 men's and 64 women's Pairs teams, and 32 Triple teams for each gender. All the venues are within a 35-minute drive from the host Radisson Hotel.

Entry fees are \$60 (CAN) per person, per event, and entrants are guaranteed at least three games in a flight system. Green speeds of 10-13 seconds are promised. Hotel rates will be \$100 (CAN) per night for rooms with two beds for up to four persons, breakfast discounts included.

For entry forms and information, contact David Hill at goldenbowls@hotmail.com or PO box 25, Eldorado, Ont., Can. K0K 1Y0. We are also invited to check this website:

<http://members.rogers.com/lawnbowls/CO/index.htm>

Many Canadian bowlers have for years competed in U.S. National Opens and often win. In our most recent open, Canadians won two of the six men's and women's events.



Pacific Inter-Mountain Division

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The Pacific Inter-Mountain Division is anxiously awaiting the arrival of a group of British lawn bowlers whose itinerary will include four locations within our division. The tour is scheduled to play in Carmel on March 27, San Francisco March 31, Oakland April 1 and Rossmoor April 3.

We are told that David Bryant, renowned lawn bowler, author, and three times World's Singles Champion, will accompany the entourage.

Our Division tournament schedule has been put together and we are pleased to announce that the PIMD Open will be played Sept. 11-16 at various Bay Area locations.

Our 2004 Officers: President Bill McConache, Vice President Sally Ruddy, Secretary Steve Ringwood and Treasurer Sandy Souza.

Berkeley

By Ray Francis

Our Club held its Christmas party at La Strada, a fun Italian restaurant in San Pablo. The week before the club elected its new officers: Myra Baylor, president; Howard Mackey, vice president; Ted Crum, treasurer, and Lucille McGuire, secretary.

Roy Coppla joined the board for a full term and Des Simpson was elected to fill out the remainder of Myra Baylor's board member term.

The club lost two members toward the end of 2003. For many years Christine Lehtin helped make the BLBC clubhouse hospitable for members and visitors alike. She played bowls, dominos, and bridge with intensity and grace. Bob O'Brien also passed away after a short illness. Bob was always a cheerful and ebullient presence in the club house and fun to meet on the green as either a team mate or opponent. While the club's members are sad to see these members go, we are happy to have had them be part of our history.

Palo Alto

By Terry Hogan

At our annual General Meeting/Holiday Party, the 100-plus attending honored outgoing President John Hickson for bringing in 50 new members during his reign. New President Terry Hogan vowed to continue the tradition of growth and good times that make PALBC a vibrant part of the Palo Alto community.

Rossmoor

By Tay Wheeler

The Rossmoor LBC kissed 2003 goodbye with a gala Holiday & Awards banquet hosted by Dave and Bette Johnson, who put on a fine dinner for 90 bowlers in a festive mood. Year-end intra-club trophies were presented. The evening finished off with a good old-fashioned "sing-along" featuring Keith Derian at the piano and lots of off-key revelers joining in. A great time was had by all. We now start 2004, safely resting in the capable hands of our new president, Sandy Souza, with Jackie Purdy backing her up as vice-president.

Our third annual Winter League started on Jan. 10. Bob Harbeson has 14 triples teams on the green hoping to cash in on one of the three lucrative prizes. In order to encourage our newer bowlers to get out and play, Bob has ruled that the lead on each of the teams must be a novice. The games will be played for six consecutive Saturdays.

Jackie Purdy, our PIMD representative, presented Erma Artist with her Hall Of Fame plaque at our December Birthday Luncheon. She follows in the footsteps of her late husband, Orville, who was one of the first inductees into the hall. Erma was also recently presented with a certificate making her an Honorary Life Member of our club.

George Parnoff, our new Home & Home competition player/coach, has drawn a line in the sand and issued a warning to the other PIMD clubs that might invade our greens this year that Rossmoor is now a force to be reckoned with and has adopted a "take no prisoners" attitude. Way to go, George!

Sunnyvale

By Al Mendoza

Greg Fyvie was the winner of our 2003 Mens Singles Tournament followed by Joe Shepard as runner-up. (Greg also won another club's Singles championship. See Santa Cruz below.)

Club members enjoyed a special Christmas Party last December. Irvin and Jan Hunting and the Hospitality folks did a superb job arranging special games and the wonderful meal. Everyone thanked outgoing officers Michael Overton, Norm Nakano, Jane Herold and Mary Balsama for jobs well done.

New officers for 2004 are President Dorie Mendoza and Vice President Bernice Yorke. Directors for 2004/2005 are Bob Koeberle and Peter Ringo; for 2004 are Larry Collaco and Jan Hunting. We welcome our newest member and talented bowler, Rajan Khaterpal.

Richmond

By Frank Ransome

The Richmond LBC has had very little activity this winter, but the two classes of developmentally disabled meet every Wednesday and the green has been kept in good shape for them. We are planning to bring in classes from the senior centers as soon as the weather breaks.

Santa Clara

By Ida Baker

The Santa Clara Lawn Bowls Club held its annual Christmas awards dinner at the Echo Restaurant in Los Altos where outgoing President David Romasko gave out awards to the winners of the intraclub tournaments. Dave also presented the following newly elected officers to the club membership:

President Marge Bodah; Vice President Charles Bailey; Secretary Glenda Bailey; Treasurer Russ Biltoff.

San Francisco

By George Scarpato

More than 70 members and guests attended SFLBC's year-end holiday luncheon. Awards were made to win, place and show members who participated in the Club's 20+ tournaments and special competitions. All last place finishers received a "prized" wooden spoon. Special recognition was given to member Leon Simpson, our club photographer, who chronicled events throughout the year. William B. Campbell, former national champion and the Club's senior instructor, was honored by members for his 40 years of active membership in SFLBC. Following the awards ceremony, our annual silent auction (featuring lawn bowls memorabilia, collectibles and handicrafts) raised nearly \$700 for greens' improvement.

San Francisco's "Lawn Bowlers of the Year," based on Club tournament placements in 2003, were De J. Doring and Oscar Collaco.

SFLBC's final tournament of 2003, the President's Mixed Draw Triples, was won by Oscar Collaco, Leon Simpson and Mary Poole.

San Jose

By Terry Hause

New officers elected at our Christmas celebration were: President Terry Hause, Vice President Gary Pelton Sr., Secretary Ann Walker and Treasurer Helen Brady. Outgoing President Ken Gillett was honored for his three years of service, during which he increased club membership by 35 percent.

We now have a web site: sjlbc.org will get you there, where you



SAN FRANCISCO'S ANNUAL Centennial Trophy tournament attracted 32 teams of mixed triples from throughout the PIMD. For the first time, SFLBC took the honors with skip Kevin McCaffrey (right), lead De Doring (center) and vice skip Robb Pawlak.

can get current information about club games, club results, local and national tournaments, and view pictures taken at our green.

Twelve teams from six Bay area clubs entered our annual Winter Tournament that started Jan. 18. We play a complete round robin over 12 weeks, two games each Sunday.

John Luster defeated Larry Collaco in a four end roll off to win the club men's Singles championship and John Ogden (son of Woody) won the club men's Novice Singles championship earlier in the year.

In the PIMD Novice events, Ann Walker was second in women's Singles, John Ogden was second in men's Singles, and Ogden and David Hughes were second in men's Pairs.

Last year was a big one nationally for San Jose bowlers. Besides having John Luster and Neil Furman represent the US in England, Frank Souza was the coach of Team USA.

Nine San Jose players ventured to LA for the USLBA National Open: Andre Banares (paired with Jerry Knott of Oakland) placed third in the Pairs Championship Flight, while Frank Souza and Neil Furman (with Ivan Hyland and Michael Siddall from the Southwest) were fourth in the Rinks Championship Flight. In addition, Ken Brady and John Ogden (along with Mark Stofer of Laguna Beach and Woody Ogden of Berkeley) finished runners-up in the Rinks Third Flight.

Santa Cruz

By Nancy Rideout

Congratulations to Greg Fyvie, winner of our club Singles Championship. Greg has also taken over as Tournament Chairman.

His inventiveness has created a system that makes it attractive to bowl often. Points are given for each time a member bowls and plus points are given for winning. High score at the end of the year will determine "Bowler of the Year."

Our 2004 officers are: Peter Young, president; Don Ryan, vice president; Geri Veith, secretary, and Steve Schoenfeld, treasurer.

Oakmont

By Vanitta Olinger

At our 2003 Membership Meeting, President Ed Proper demonstrated the new "white rods" fabricated of steel by Knobby Hudson which are placed in the concrete to steady members when they enter and exit the bowling surface.

New officers elected were President Frandee Sarver, Vice President Su Hattendorf, Treasurer Al Thomas, Secretary Jud Goodrich and for the three-year term Director, Shari Downs.

Sun River, Utah

By Karen Sarley

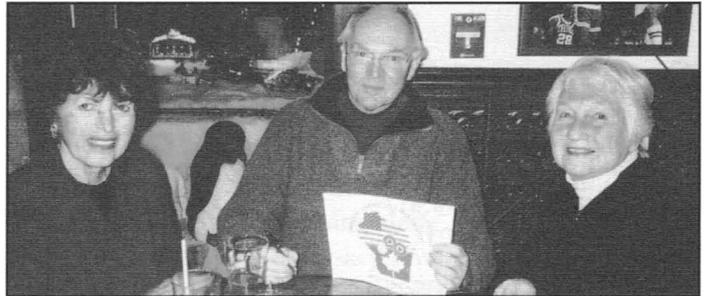
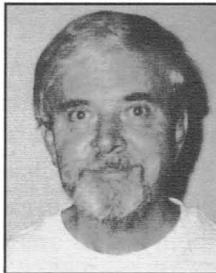
Our St. George, Utah, club continues to enjoy a large member growth as more and more people are discovering the beauty of Utah's "Dixie."

Club instructor Tim Marcovich runs monthly classes for all interested persons. Good training, energetic and friendly members, and a love of the sport stimulate our club's membership growth.

CENTRAL DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

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NAC PLANNERS: Working on plans for the 2004 North American Challenge Canada vs. USA match in Milwaukee July 7-10 are (from left) Barb Althoen, Carl Landren, and Norma Harrington.

Chicago Lakeside

By Tom Michael

Chicago Lakeside recently elected these officers for 2004: President Ken Koenig, Vice President Tom Michael, Secretary Lorrie Michael and Treasurer Don Sneddon.

After cold weather drove us off the greens we began bowling Wednesday mornings on an indoor soccer arena with a surface made of pulverized tires. We find it to be true.

Milwaukee Lake Park

By Buzz Althoen

At this writing we have a winter covering of white snow protecting our greens but we are still thinking of lawn bowling. At our November annual meeting, Milwaukee Lake Park elected the following officers for the 2004 season:

President Norma Harrington, Vice President Barb Althoen, Secretary Alice Sedgwick, Treasurer Roger Senn and Board members Dawn Matthews and Joe Zinna.

We have also received equipment from the now defunct Milwaukee West and Rockford clubs, whose members recently joined Milwaukee Lake Park. Rakes, bowls, refrigerator, tables and chairs, and TV set all come in handy for any club.

Our main emphasis now is making plans for the North American Challenge which will be held at our club July 7-10. Committees are already at work.

Flint

By Jack McGaugh

Officers elected for 2004 are: President Jerry King, Vice President Frank Flynn, Secretary Joyce Gilmour and Treasurer Ralph Woodard.

The few of us who are not snowbirds have been bowling at an indoor soccer arena this winter which has proved to be very nice.

NORTHWEST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

Northwest Division

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make up our new membership committee, seeking new ways to recruit members.

Gladys Elmquist, Deni Perry and Derek Ware won our Mixed Triples tournament Sept. 13; John Marchi, Bob Miller and Jean Wren were second.

Women's Pairs was won by Gladys Elmquist and Deni Perry.

Bob Miller, Deni Perry and Jean Wren took part in the Huntsman World Senior Games held in St. George, Utah, last October. They placed fifth in their age division in Mixed Triples. Jean also teamed up with Doug Worthey of Maryland and they placed second in their age division in Mixed Pairs.

Jefferson Park - Seattle

By Howard Syder

Under new President Chuck Caddey, we are preparing for a great season, opening with our traditional Presidents' Day cutthroat on Feb. 21.

We ended 2003 with our regular Christmas Party on Dec. 6. Several current and former members were present. The average age at one table was around 90, and they had a great time rehashing bowling history.

Portland

By Larry Edgar

With our season start set for early May, an agreement has been reached between the Portland Lawn Bowling Club and the Portland Petanque Club regarding shared facilities in Westmoreland Park and providing a common voice in representing the two clubs to the Portland Parks Bureau.

Spokane

By Virginia Danke

Our annual club Christmas dinner at Sweet Old Bob's was so popular that the same "venue" was approved for next year. Thanks to the social committee for the great decorations.

Rich Gaffey, Larry Lawlor, Bob Miller and Deni Perry



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Groves

By Roma Bunch

Our officers for 2004 are: President Shirley Martin, Vice President Bonnie Allen, Secretary Shirley Hess, Treasurer Brian Ravenscroft, Games Co-Chairs Jim Emerson and John Cutajar, and Tournament Co-Chairs Bob Burroughs and Jim Hempe.

It has been a thrill to witness the excitement and interest in our club's 8-week Australian Pairs Tournament. The tournament began on Jan. 9 and ends Feb. 27, weather permitting.

Our next Invitational Mixed Triples Tournament will be held March 27, with Jim Hempe in charge.

Long Beach

By Jim Walker

The 2003 club annual Triples challenge was won by Steve Dowd, Shirley Price and Sigi Washburn. The Singles champ is JJ Hicks (again). The Pairs are incomplete. December also saw Tom Young become our Singles monthly champ.

The SW Division has approved the all new Australian Pairs Tournament starting in March. It will be called the "Pat Gonzales" after our renowned bowler and coach. This game is a great way to introduce new players to the rules and head strategy for our future Skips.

Newly elected club officers are President Shirley Price, Vice President Howard Doty, Secretary Freddie Hinson and Treasurer Colleen Davis. They began the new year with 94 paid up members, 76 active members (including 10 new bowlers), and 18 non-bowlers.

Club committees are being formed to keep our roses looking beautiful, our vegetable gardens productive, and our fund raisers and monthly club tournaments strong.

Holmby Park

By Maureen Waldorf

The 2003 Holmby Park "Bowler of the Year" award was shared by Tom Seres and Sam Benjamin.

Brian Studwell, always cognizant of the condition of our greens, is conducting clinics to help bowlers who damage greens by "dumping their bowls." Good Luck, Brian!

We were proud to host the SW-USLBA Ladies' Day last Nov. 22. Sylvia Mizrake, Cynthia Lathrop, Shirley Price and Helen Chung finished first among the 15 attending.

Santa Barbara

By Eileen Morton

The two Santa Barbara clubs - us and Mackenzie Park - competed over a November weekend in the first annual Santa Barbara City Championships, sponsored by Morgan Stanley. Five teams from each club played five 10-end games in a round robin format over two days.

Santa Barbara won the trophy, but the cash prize for the team that won the most games went to the Mackenzie team of Sam and Mary DeLisle and Diana Wilk.

Santa Barbara also has been running a very successful novice league with 18 players signed up for an eight-week session. They play Australian Pairs, which has advanced their knowledge of the game. A \$5 entry fee provides cash prizes for the first, second and third place winners.

Newport Harbor

By Gex (Jay) Coons

Singles SILVER! Our club is proud of member Mert Isaacman, singles silver medalist at the Asian Pacific Games recently held in Brisbane, Australia. This follows his Bronze medal from two years ago. During his run to the final he beat the Aussie's #1 ranked bowler in front of a huge hometown crowd. The men's team, entirely from the Southwest Division, included Bob Nunes and Ivan Hyland, also members of our club.

In December the membership elected Jim Altobelli to be president of the Board of Directors (BOD) with Shep Sheppard as vice president. Jim has been tournament director for the club for many years. Shep has been on the BOD and is active in all club activities. Clare Donovan and Shirley Kahan vacate these positions but remain on the BOD.

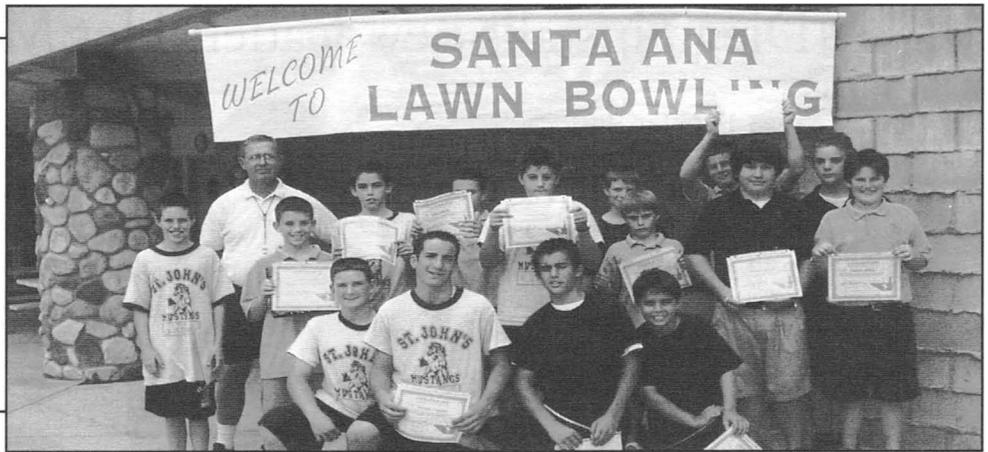
Hermosa Beach

By Detlef Herbst

We in Hermosa Beach bowl for enjoyment. To add a little spice to our regular bowling schedule last November we had what we call a "turkey-shoot." Selected winners receive gift certificates for turkeys at local markets, with enough time left to plan thanksgiving dinners at home. A good turnout, with the added lure of a BBQ-lunch, made it a fun event. Chef Lucio Arce, who bowls and prepares lunch at the same time, deserves great credit, as do the ladies for setting up the meal. Other organizers for the event were: Nancy Staneck, Carol Tanner, Ginny Evans, and tournament chairperson Tony Crutchfield. The event was a huge success.

Lyle Campbell has been elected president for 2004. Other Board members are: Vice President Julian Katz, Secretary Carol Tanner and Treasurer Paul Kratz. Some of the challenges the new board is meeting in 2004 include spending club funds to repair parts of the green and keeping all enjoying the sport and in good health and spirits.

SANTA ANA LBC
 taught lawn bowling to 18 lads
 from St. John's Lutheran School in
 nearby Orange CA.
 The 15 shown here received
 "honorary lawn bowler" certificates
 for completing the four-day course.



Santa Ana

By Bob Lindsay

Our club celebrated its 65th anniversary last October with festive food and bowling.

Jeff Sims won our club Novice Singles, and he and Don Miller, another novice, defeated many veterans to take club Pairs.

Paul Gresbrink has agreed to skip our Coast League team in 2004.

We mourn the death of Phyllis Russell, longtime member and sister of past club president Bill Dietrich.

Redlands

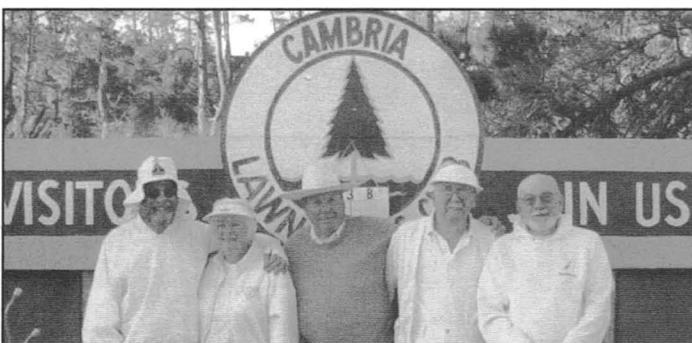
By Betty Straesser

Long time member Peg Bennett, who has been writing this column for over 20 years, put away her pen but will continue as our favorite life member.

2004 marks the 81st year of bowling in Redlands. Our new club president is Suzanne Marconet, who has lots of plans for the year including social activities to promote closer friendships within the membership.

Cambria

By Jim Loveless



Club officers for 2004 (from left) Vice President Ed Mandler, Ester Laver, President Monte Newsome, Treasurer Homer McNerney and Public Relations chair Jim Loveless. Not shown are Vice President Duncan McQueen and Secretary Charlotte Hoffman. We held an open house this past summer and had a good turnout, but gained only two members, and they have since dropped out!

MacKenzie Park - Santa Barbara

By Ray Stone

Our weekly Blaine Schnall Pony league, held each Saturday for Novices, was very popular as directed by Bill Joseph. Winners of 10-week sessions were Myles Limburg, Mike Nicasio and Earle Howey.

The Annual Forrest Dietrich Winter League, which brings in bowlers from all over the central coast area, was won this year by the team of Sam DeLisle and Hugh Finlay.

The annual Tom and Donna Long triples tournament in which teams are selected by draw was won by Julie Unger, Henriette Charpentier and Jim Rice. In the club's Women's Pairs Championship, Natalie Martinez and Anne Vilkin won in a playoff over Mary DeLisle and Diana Wilk. The playoff game ended in a tie necessitating a single-end rolloff. Natalie Martinez also won the Women's Singles Championship, held in August, with Eileen Morton placing second, and Diana Wilk third.

The club Men's Singles Championship, sponsored by Al James, was won by Steve Wayne, followed by Pat Fagan and Jim Morton. In the club's Mixed Singles championships, Mary DeLisle won over Stan Bloom, with John Holt third.

The Novice Pairs Championships was won by Earle and Susan Howey, followed by Donald Ashton and Mike Nicasio and the team of Jack Rossmann and Diana Wilk. Earle and Susan also became the club's Mixed Pairs champions. They were followed by Pat Fagan and Anne Vilkin second, and Mary DeLisle and Walter Crooks third. In the Novice Singles, Earle Howey emerged the winner over Diana Wilk 21-20 in 24 ends. Heather Cook placed third.

The club Men's Pairs was won by Pat Fagan and Forrest Dietrich. Hugh Finlay and Stan Bloom placed second.

The annual Octogenarian Singles tournament was won by Meg Rindlaub, followed by Dick Singer and Art Christman.

The annual Sadie Hawkins bash was won by Doris Sneddon and James Cronshaw. Best costume awards were won by Lois Allison and Mel Keimach.

George Watson, a club member since 1980 who served two terms as president and seven as treasurer, passed away early this year. Gus Schneider, club member since 1996 and beloved by all, died in September at the age of 95.

San Diego installs new leader: Her Majesty Margaret!

By Jay Robbins

The San Diego LBC installed a new Board of Directors during its annual awards brunch at Tom Ham's picturesque San Diego harbor side Lighthouse Restaurant Jan. 11.

The 2004 board is a mixture of the old (no pun intended) and the new. Incoming President Margaret Cooper will preside over newly elected First Vice President Tom Anderson, returning Second President Christine Ludwig, returning Secretary Billi Gottlieb, new but former Treasurer Jim Olson, and Members at Large Steve Bates, Howard Harris, Jeannette Exter and George Gottlieb.

During the award presentations, current and former U.S. Champions Jim Olson, Robin Olson, and Loretta Geisner were presented special custom trophies featuring authentic "woods" that will be displayed in



the clubhouse. 2003 U.S. Champion Singles Runner-up Steve Smith, who was not present, also received an identical trophy. Other awards given include Best Dressed (lawn bowling attire) male and female Basil Levitt and Olga McCord, and volunteers of the year Tom Anderson, Steve Bates and Floyd Murphy.

Talented club member Howard Harris displayed his considerable "magical" ability by confounding his rapt audience with several illusions and slight of hand manipulations.

In a bit of fun, Shirley Jacob and Gerri Giseburt coronated new President Margaret Cooper in an unofficial ceremony complete with crown and scepter.

Outgoing president Jay Robbins received a handsome western belt and buckle presented by Billi Gottlieb.

Oxnard-Joslyn

By Ken Barrabee

We ended 2003 with 90 members and counting. Our goal is to be well over 100 by the end of 2004.

The *Ventura Star* published a favorable article about our club, which brought us several new members. We have also started a quarterly newsletter, edited by Joseph Whittaker.

And Norm Palladino established a website that includes everything you would ever want to know about the club. Current events are posted within 24 to 48 hours, accompanied by pictures and all the latest dirt!

Our Gold Coast team, headed by Raul Perez, won the league championship and the Waterbury All League Championship that was bowled at the Sun City Lawn Bowling Club. This was a first for the Oxnard team.

Our club 2003 champions were:

Singles: Men: Charlie Ciummo. Women: Rosalie Hutton. Novice Men: Bill Livingston. Women: Paula Sharpe.

Pairs: Women's: Doris Sneddon and Pauline Escalante. Men's: Armand Escalante and George Love. Vet-Novice: Amador Martinez and Norm Palladino.

Mixed Triples: George Love, Lee Combs, Dick Doyle.

Sadly the club mourns the loss of Margie Lewis and Dick Elliot.

Harry Saperstein celebrated his 90th birthday at the clubhouse during a party given by his family. Club members were invited to join the celebration.

Pasadena

By Charlie Clark

Eight new members in the past six months. Welcome to Ann Altmark, John Huetinick, Tom Stowitts, Ted Bailey, Tiffany Jones, JM Marr, Roger Flann and Shirley Cooper.

Hugo Sahlein was elected president for 2004. Other members of the Board are: 1st Vice President Brandoch Lovely and 2nd Vice President Donald Deise. And after more years than he will admit, Richard Clark turned the club's checkbook over to Robert Ratcliffe, who will serve as Treasurer.

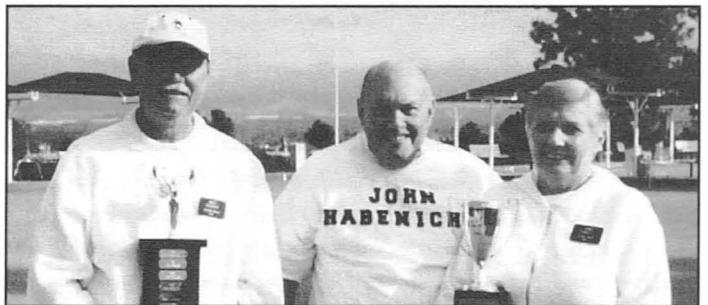
Bowler of the Year 2003 honors went to Eleanor Evans who has been bowling for two years. Don Schrader was named Skip of the Year, Marion Axelson was named Vice of the Year, and Eleanor Evans was named Lead of the Year.

Leisure World

By Eileen Donohue

Since we implemented our new instruction classes and held two Open Houses, we have gained 36 new members. They were introduced to the Club at a Novice Fun Day when they were given information about Club tournaments, Coast League, Ladies Day events, etc. Recently, we held two Tournaments to include these novices. The Novice Singles was won by Gary Fischer, and the Vet-Novice Pairs by Joan Daniels and John Habenicht.

Our annual Holiday Party was attended by over 100 people, and included a fine evening of dinner and dancing.



LEISURE WORLD NOVICE WINNERS (from left) Gary Fischer, John Habenicht and Joan Daniels.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

Southeast Division

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At the SE-USLBA Annual Meeting Nov. 12, delegates updated the rotation schedule of host clubs for future division opens and playdowns, donated \$500 for Team USA at the Asian Pacific Games, and elected for two-year terms on the Executive Board: Viola Baumann of Kings Point West, Joyce Schindler of Bradenton & Sarasota, Tom Kees of Pinehurst and Russ Tees of On-Top-of-the-World, Clearwater. Bill Farrell of Clearwater was elected to complete the unexpired term of Vice President Cliff Bailey.

ATTENTION SOUTHEAST DIVISION CLUB REPORTERS:

Your articles and photographs for the Summer issue must be in my hands no later than April 15.

Readers interested in the numerous tournaments in our division need only to access the division website at www.lawn-bowlingnews.com and click on Tournaments.

Here are the results of early season open tournaments:

FLORIDA SENIOR GAMES

Bill and Beth Forbes of Mount Dora took the Gold at the 2003 Florida Senior Games lawn bowls event held at Mount Dora Dec. 3. Ron Wilhelm (Pebble Beach) and Dodie Hann (Suncoasters) from Sun City Center took the Silver medal for the second year in a row. Bronze medals went to another Sun City Center team, Jack and Beverly Phillips.

HOLIDAY BOWL

From the time the Mount Dora Holiday Bowl started in 1995, teams from the other large Har-Tru surface club in Florida at Clearwater have made it their own.

The Clearwater winner in the first Holiday Bowl was the team of Martin and Cecilia Noble and Jack Mein. Martin has since died but his wife has continued to compete in this festive event. And this year, vice skipping for Lindsay Blair, with



2003 HOLIDAY BOWL CHAMPIONS (from left) Lindsay Blair, Cecilia Noble and May Blair with USLBA Hall of Famer Harold Esch and the trophy sponsors.

May Blair at lead, Cecilia became the first entrant to have her name engraved twice on the Harold Esch "Gentleman's Trophy" recognizing Holiday Bowl Champions.

Another Clearwater team - Bill Farrell, Eleanor Calder and Bill Stevenson - finished second. Three other teams from that club came in fourth, fifth and eighth.

KURT DORNAU MEN'S PAIRS

The Kurt Dornau Men's Pairs tournament at the Clearwater LBC in January attracted 16 teams, but all but one player were from the host club. First and second place winners in the Dornau are accorded points on Team USA applications. The two winners of three 12-end games on Saturday bowled off in a fourth 12-end game on Sunday.

Jab Pierce and Ken Roberts were the champions this year; runners-up were Lindsay Blair and Angus McRae.

LAKELAND INVITATIONAL

The Sarasota team of George and Sandra Whitelaw with Bill Anderson took this year's Lakeland Invitational tournament on Jan. 24.

The Mount Dora trio of Mike Maneilly, Bud Ricucci and Lorraine Demman came in second in the three-12-end-game competition.

SE OPENER

Lindsay and May Blair of Clearwater won the SE Mixed Pairs Opener held at their club on Nov. 30.

Clearwater

By Edith MacWilliams

Here are results of our early season club tournaments:

The annual Sno Bowl Trebles was won by Bill Stevenson, Mazie Hughes and Donna McFadden. The Australian Mixed Pairs title went to Joe Dorsch and Betty Kelly.

Winner of the Women's 4321 Singles was Eleanor Calder; Bill Farrell captured the men's title.

Mary McKay earned the regular Women's Singles for the second year in a row. Howard Adkin was the men's winner.

A retention committee has been formed under the leadership of Paul Hopkins. He and Mary McKay, Bruce Miller and Barb Roller are discussing ways to keep members and make new members feel welcome.

We mourn the death of long-time member Martin Noble, a great bowler who worked tirelessly with his surviving wife, Cecilia, on special events.

Kings Point West

By George Fenwick

At our annual membership meeting Dec. 10, followed by a buffet dinner and a Christmas carol sing-along, George Fenwick was installed as club president; Judy Scheel and Bobbi Cecil as vice presidents, Joan Franz secretary, Bob Mendrala treasurer, Darlene Gray social chair, Norm Pischner greenskeeper and Glenn Baumann as instructor/planning.

Lakeland

By Brian Rice

The official grand opening of our new Henselite carpeted green took place on Dec. 1 with Bill Tinsley, Lakeland's Parks and Recreation director, acting as master of ceremonies. Pam Paige, his assistant, was recognized for spearheading the project.

Our large 132-by-132-foot green is located in the Thomas R. Shaw Recreation Center in the Lake Parker Park complex (820 East Robson Street).

In our first club tournament of the season, Women's Singles, Sally Lane took the A Flight with club president, Laurel Martin, the runner-up. Flight B winner was Maureen Zelinsky with Henni Van den Boore in second place.

Pinehurst NC

By Tom Kees

The new year opened with the election of Jackie Tucker as president; Pat Zimmerman, vice president; Sheila Cadwalader, secretary, and Kay Goulet, treasurer

An aggressive, new member recruitment program is being developed culminating with a clinic in March.

The annual North Carolina Open is set for May 21-23.

Sarasota

By Ron Buck

As the result of our advertising program, joining the Sarasota Convention and Visitors Bureau, refurbishing and updating our website and having articles about the Sarasota LBC and Florida published in *Bowls International* (a UK magazine) and *Greens* (a Canadian magazine), we have 18 new members and more expected

EARLY SEASON Tournament winners are: Mixed Pairs - George Whitelaw/Norma Kearns. Turkey Shoot - Ken Griesbach/John Sager/Ron Robson. Harvest Bowl: George Whitelaw/Sandra Whitelaw/Annie Mayall. Mixed Club Pairs - Dick LaBrie/Jan Dyer. Mixed Club Triples - Archie Dunn/Marie Adams/Derrick Dixon.

St. Petersburg

By Ann Bodley

A small, but enthusiastic, group of members started bowling in mid-November. Our dedicated groundskeepers worked very hard to restore the greens.

The City is featuring the Mirror Lake Historical Area. A charette held in mid-January promoted the attractions of the downtown area, including the St. Petersburg Lawn Bowling Club.

Bradenton

By Marjorie Boaretti

Our officers for 2003 - 2004 are: President Donna Jackson, Vice President Lorna Astles, Secretary Rebecca Meksa, Treasurer Ellen Hoffman, and Past President Joe Quinn.

Indian River - Vero Beach/Sebastian FL

By Debbie Murphy

The Indian River County LBC has these new officers: Bob Bairstow and Ken Ball, co-presidents; Lorraine Van Name, secretary; and Claudia and Bill Stong, treasurers. The club looks forward to friendly competition with other USLBA clubs this year.

An ABC television station in Palm Beach did a segment on our club this summer which aired several times. The segment showed sports anchors Vince Kelly and Jim Abach playing a friendly game with us.

Mount Dora

All 40 of our new members have been assigned mentors as part of our new club membership retention program.

Winners of early season club tournaments were:

Sy and Angela Carkhuff, Mr. & Mrs (runners-up David and Carol Murphy).

Bill Forbes, 4321 Singles (runner-up Dick Tucker).

Belva Swartzlander and Pat Rooney, Mixed Pairs (runners-up Bill Forbes and Barbara Smith).

Harry Tombleson and Bob James, Men's Pairs (runners-up Leon Lambert and Sy Carkhuff). Evelyn Sartain and Anne Marie McKean, Women's Pairs (runners-up Myra Lambert and Sylvia Mackey).



*MIXED PAIRS
CHAMPS AT
MOUNT DORA
16-year bowler
Belva Swartzlander
at skip and novice
Pat Rooney at lead.*

Our youth program, spearheaded by Past President, Wayne Menne, is underway. The club is providing instructions and bowls for local high school students. We anticipate the city will provide liability insurance coverage. Wayne is working on details for an affordable fee structure for interested youths.

The Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club has joined the ranks of clubs with a website:

www.mountdoralawnbowlingclub.com

Ashville NC

By Nicki Benatan

Our officers are: President Jack Benatan, Vice President Jim Shearer, Secretary Jim Turpin, Treasurer Jim Shearer, Recording Secretary Bernice Green, Competition chair Bill Cooke, and Membership chair Arnold Green.

The Asheville Lawn Bowling Club is now a legal entity registered in the State of North Carolina as a non-profit organization. The club has 13 charter members and 4 regular members.

We plan a grand opening and membership drive on April 24. We will be working with the local radio, TV and newspapers to get publicity.

Sun-N-Fun - Sarasota

By Ron & June Marwood

Sixteen mixed triples teams from Maple Leaf, Sarasota, St. Petersburg and the Suncoaster and Pebble Beach clubs at Sun City Center competed in our three-12-end-game invitational in December.

Ron Buck, Alex Womar and Jan Womar of Sarasota won. The second place team from the Maple Leaf LBC were Norm Smith, Joelle Massey and Mary Smith.

Our club has joined the Grass League (Sarasota, Lakland

and Suncoasters-Pebble Beach), resulting in 20 new USLBA members for a total of 39 members. In the grass league we enter 12 teams (six women's and six men's) when we play at Sarasota and Sun City Center where they bowl on more than one square. When visiting Lakeland with one green, we send four teams each; likewise we field four teams each when hosting the league.

After our singles tournaments Jan. 19-21, we crowned Ron Marwood and Ellen Crawshaw as men's and women's champions; Neil Dunsmore and Olive Walsh were runners-up.

Delray Beach

By Rachel Hedrick

Richard (Dick) Nelken is our 2003-2004 president and would be pleased to hear from anyone that would like to come and bowl with us. He can be reached at (561) 997-0320 in Boca Raton.

Our draw games are at 8:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but our Har Tru green is available six days a week.

We share the Delray Beach Parks and Recreation Centre in Veterans' Park next to the Intracoastal Waterway. The Centre's phone number is (561) 243-7350.

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SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

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Visibility of what's happening is important to our sport. Big THANKS to Pete Corrado of Sun City, Jim Obrock of Sun City West and Jack McCaskill of Sun City Grand for developing Lawn Bowls web sites which let our community (and the larger lawn bowls community) see the schedule of activities and publicize the winners.

Sun City: go to sunaz.com then click on clubs then scroll down to and click on lawn bowls.

Sun City West: go to scwclubs.com then under "sports" click on Johnson Lawn Bowls

Sun City Grand: go to geocities.com/lawnbowls/

Bob Lane has devoted countless hours to handling our men's and mixed tournaments. In recognition of his contribution to the sport, George Ralston and Lindsay Towns initiated the first annual Bob Lane Mixed Triples tournament Nov. 15, 16. There were 26 teams. The winning team was Jack Behling, Irene & Jim Webster, all SCLBC. Second place: Reggie & Andre Banares of Palo Alto with Sam Benjamin of Santa Monica.

The Niels Kragh mens pairs tournament had 22 teams

and was won by Bill Lingeman and John Dodson of the SCLBC. Second place went to Tom Stirrat of SCLBC and Gordon Shieck of SCWLBC. Third place: Don Mayne, Heritage LBC, Kitchener & Warren Simon SCLBC. Fourth place: Bert Haws & Bill Weaver SCLBC.

Second flight: Doug McArthur & Len Hitchcock SCLBC. Third Flight: John Stewart & Leo Lalemand SCLBC. Fourth flight: Roger Binger & Bill Davidson, SCLBC.

This year saw the first **Cy Stephan Women's Pairs** tournament, designated as a major division tournament.

The winners were Arlene McGinn of White Rock LBC and Peggy Corrado of SCLBC. Second place Dora Stewart SCLBC & Pat Harrison White Rock LBC. Third place: Pat Gonzales, Long Beach & Carrie Fossatti, Laguna Beach. Fourth place: Betty Douglas, Maidenstone LBC, Kent, England, & Beryl Harrington, White Rock LBC. Second flight: Jeanne Christie & Betty Mayne, Heritage LBC. Third flight: Beryl Auger & Irene Horne, SC Grand LBC. Fourth flight: Betty Ackerman & Nancy Davidson SCLBC.



NIELS KRAGH WINNERS
Bill Lingeman (left) and John Dodson (right) get their rewards from Bob Lane (center).

**CY STEPHAN
PAIRS winners**
(from left) *Arlene
McGuinn and
Peggy Corrado*



Paradise Resort
By Marilyn Appollo

The season was well under way in October after a long, hot summer. We thank our volunteer greenskeeper Dave Smith and his helpers for keeping the green in excellent shape through the very hot summer months.

Officers elected for 2004 are Marge Woodward, president; Dick Kellogg, vice president, Shirley Toneff, secretary.

We bowled at Pueblo El Mirage Club in December and they visited us in January. Two 8-end games were bowled with a break between games for refreshments and a short social period. We are about even in wins and losses.

We held an Open House in January to encourage new membership. Participants asked questions, rolled a few bowls and enjoyed light refreshments. Several signed up for lessons.

Our Bob Hill is working on a project to enable people without capable use of their hands to try the sport of lawn bowls. The idea is to use a ramp similar to that used for bias testing with the bowler setting the direction (grass) and angle of ramp or height of bowl on ramp (weight). He would welcome input from anyone with ideas that do (or do not) work. He can be contacted by Email bmillaz@msn.com

Sun City Grand
By Richard Borczak

The Grand Lawn Bowling Club in Surprise AZ, five years old in February, has elected these officers for 2004: Ray Crabtree, president; Cynthia Lyle, vice president; Lynne Shanrock, secretary, and Chuck Schaefer, treasurer. Ray Crabtree can be reached at (623) 544-1993 or Email rcrabtree@worldnet.att.net for information and visitation. Our club continues to grow both in USLBA and overall membership.

The high points of our 2003 year were visits by 36 of our bowlers to the San Diego and Oaks Lawn bowling clubs in San Diego. The bowling was excellent as we faced some very tough competition. The Grand Lawn Bowling Club sends its heartfelt gratitude for the courtesy and friendliness shown us. We also enjoyed exchanging visitations with the El Mirage Lawn Bowling Club here in Arizona. We all agree that lawn bowlers are the nicest people anywhere.

Sun City
By Peggy Corrado

The Sun City LBC had a "Welcome Back" Fives tournament Dec. 1 with 16 teams participating. The winning team was Marty and Annette Schans, Tom Stirrat, Nita and Al Burdick. The club enjoyed the welcome back day, with a marvelous BBQ cooked by Bill and Judy Patrizzi.



WELCOME BACK FIVES champs at Sun City AZ: From left, *Marty and Annette Schans, Tom Stirrat, Nita and Al Burdick.*

To encourage more new bowlers to try tournament play, the Memorial mixed triples tournament this year decreed that the lead of each team had to be a bowler rated as a lead with less than two years experience. It was successful with 24 teams participating. Championship flight winners were Len & Lorraine Hitchcock and Irene DeBrock. Second place Kent Wells, Grant Summers and Sharon Harter. Third place Marty and Annette Schans and Bill Hardy. Fourth place Tom Stirrat, John Stewart and Connie Young.

Sad to report that since the last issue, well known members Dave Close and Art Kempe have died.



NOVICE LEAD
Irene DeBrock
(left) teamed with *Len and Lorraine Hitchcock* to win *Memorial Triples* in Arizona

Pueblo El Mirage
By Ron Gilmour

Club officers for 2004 are President Al Meyers, Vice President Gene Stranberg, Treasurer Mary Niblack and Secretary Margaret Smith.

We have had three visits so far from Paradise, Sun City Grand, and Sun City West. Our club tournaments started the end of January.

Pueblo El Mirage Lawn Bowling club has again been asked to help host the USLBA National Open tournament to be held here in the South Central Division in October 2004. We look forward to this opportunity and are already making plans. Lawn Bowling gets a lot of attention in this area during this event as hundreds of bowlers from around the world compete. This is a great chance to showcase our sport and get positive publicity.

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Cunningham Park MA

By Sam Drevitch

Our Club will once again coordinate our 2004 schedule with Pawtucket's Slater Park Club. Our friendships with their members have grown over the past many years.

Our 2004 officers: President Red Melchin, Vice President Linda Melchin and Secretary/Treasurer Sam Drevitch.

DuPont DE

By Tom Lawlor

Our Club mourns the recent passing of long-time member Jack Montigney. Jack was a former president of our Club as well as the Northeast Division. This past summer, Jack chaired the DuPont Sports Academy for several young lawn bowlers. Jack will be missed by all.

Our officers for 2004 are: President Sally Montigney, Vice President Barry Gibson, Secretary Ruth Reichert, Treasurer Dick Schiefelbein.

Essex County NJ

By George Schick

The Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs has selected a contractor and will be installing an artificial playing surface at our Watsessing Park location.

Based on the preliminary plans, we expect to bowl on our new green by late summer 2004.

Leisure World MD

By Roy S. Rosfeld

Our 2004 officers are: President Fred Olson, Vice President Jerry Schwartzman, Secretary Liz Helmick and Treasurer Laura Rosfeld.

Frick Park PA

By James C. Cunningham

In this 66th year of lawn bowling here at our Club in Pittsburgh, we look forward to hosting the 2004 Northeast Open next summer.

Our club mourns the recent passing of long-time member John Hartman.

During the 2004 season, we plan open bowling on weekends and Club league play on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Visitors should contact Hank Luba at Hjluba@comcast.net or (412) 782-0848 for more information.

**GREENWICH
INSTUCTOR**
Loring Webber
(right) guides
his wife, Claire,
and new
member Bill
Grant.



Our 2004 officers: President Hank Luba, Vice President Wick Hall, Secretary Ruth Cunningham, Treasurer Lois Saladin and Directors Rusty Hein, Eileen Luba, Beverly Phillips, Anke Bakker and Rob Roff.

Greenwich CT

By Frances Novak

Our Club officially opens May 8 with Family Fun Days planned for June 12, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 4 and, Oct. 9. Our summer will be highlighted by sunset bowling matches every other Thursday with the Coveleigh Club in Rye, NY.

New York NY

By Charles Crawford

The blizzard of Dec. 6 stopped a lot of things in the Big Apple, but we still got a quorum for our Annual Meeting at the home of club secretary Jane Jacobs. We elected Margie Barclay as our 2004 club president.

We also formed a committee to look into the possibility of installing an artificial green for our use in Central Park. We're in touch with several manufacturers – and are keeping an eye on what other clubs are doing along this line. When all the information is in, the idea will be put before the Club's membership for a vote. Of course, the final decision will be up to the Central Park Conservancy, the organization that manages the Park. Stay tuned.

Our recruiting effort was a big success last year, and we're planning to keep it going in 2004 and beyond. Also on tap for next year: (1) six coaching sessions early in the season, for new and old members; (2) a late-afternoon, mid-week league; and (3) cash incentives (reduced dues) for those who bring new members into the Club.

In 2004 we'll have the honor of hosting the popular Marie Manners tournament, a Northeast Division event, on Aug. 28-29.

One last note: several years ago, an independent journalist visited us one day with his camcorder and produced a nice video of some NYLBC players in action. Anyone with Internet access

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who'd like to check it out should go to www.sinclairrankin.com, click on "video," and scroll down to the first clip. (To view the video, you'll have to download the free QuickTime player. The link is there on the video page.)

Our welcome mat is always out for any bowlers who may be visiting New York City during our May-October season. Check our Web site www.nybowls.com for playing times and contact information.

In addition to President Margie Barclay, other new Executive Committee members are: Charles Crawford, Kay Fausel, Frank Gary, Joe Gioco, Jane Jacobs (Secretary), Alan Jordan, Bernie Kurtz (Treasurer), Andrea Murphy and Agnes and Thomas Rabolli

Slater Park RI

By Ed Kenney

This July 24 our club will host a new event, the Ed and Shirley Open Triples, in recognition of our service to the Slater Park Club. Shirley and I are deeply honored by the club's thoughtfulness.

Visitors are welcome at our Club. For more information, please contact Ed Kenney at (401) 728-0292 OR by writing me at 101 Parkview Drive, Pawtucket, RI, 02861-3910. You should also contact Ed if you wish to obtain a copy of the Club's 2004 schedule.

Because a photo of our lawn bowling club was selected

for second prize in a city amateur photography contest, we are featured in the 2004 Pawtucket city calendar.

Williamsburg Inn VA

By Susan Berg

In our Williamsburg Open Pairs tournament Oct. 25-26, Helen and Bud Fickley of Frick Park in Pittsburgh took first place with Jackie and George Tucker of Pinehurst NC finishing second.

Another highlight that month was a clinic that David Brown, member and coach of the 2003 Canadian National Lawn Bowling Team, led for club members. In November, Edith and Jack Edwards won the Alden Eaton Memorial Pairs Tournament. This was the second pairs tournament they won in 2003.

The 2004 season features a Williamsburg Invitational tournament May 1-2 and the Williamsburg Open Pairs on Oct. 9-10. Inter-club tournaments with Pinehurst and Dupont are scheduled for June and October respectively. While the green opens officially on April 1, it is possible to bowl sooner, weather permitting. Visiting bowlers should contact Jack Edwards at (757) 253-0266 or Jack.Edwards@cox.net. During the season, the greens are open seven days a week from 3 - 6 p.m.

Our 2004 officers are: President Jack Edwards, Vice President Lew Lecompte, Secretary Edith Edwards, Treasurer Carol Wynder, Membership Chair Mike Kipps and Social Chair Jerry Egan.

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Players' View of Asia Pacific Games

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year there were 15 teams in attendance. One team had to pull out, and one team had only three players.

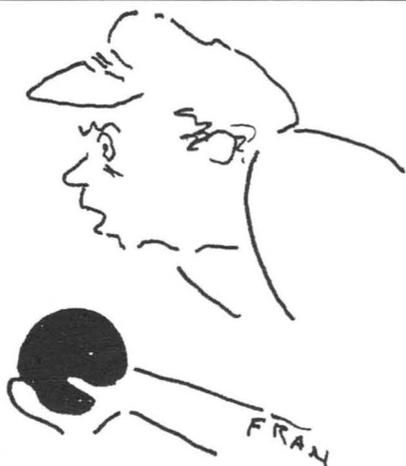
Most teams had a press person and a coach in their party. Team USA women asked Jim Webster (Irene's husband) to take on the position of coach to assist them during play. Sam DeLisle (Mary's husband) was the unofficial "press person" and photographer for the team.

Bowling was at a very high level at this event, but all teams were cordial and demonstrated good sportsmanship. Typically before a game, gifts were exchanged between the opponents. And after a game at the end of the day, many headed to the bar to share a drink with team mates and opponents.

We are all conscious of the fact that anything one member of the team does reflects on all the members. And any actions taken during the games affect all the team members whether it is an action to the women's team or the men's team. This trip the women were fortunate to have Mary DeLisle along as alternate. She stepped in and did a fine job when another member had to sit out due to an injury. Not to forget to mention the fact that any team member must be prepared to slip into any position due to injury or other team changes.

Thanksgiving Day at home, and we're over here bowling our hearts out for team and country. Our thoughtful host and hostess (the Arnolds) have prepared a special luncheon for Team USA. They had American beer, pumpkin pie, and even a football player to sit at the lunch table with us. Their thoughtfulness really made our holiday!

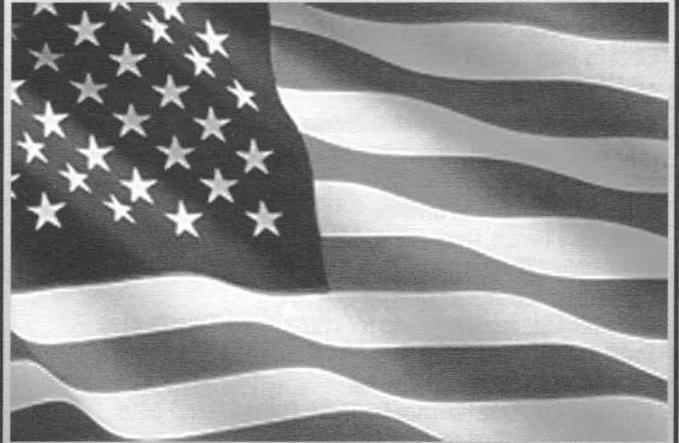
Closing ceremonies! Seeing our teammate Mert Isaacman up on the podium receiving a medal was just awesome. Mert won, but the whole team shared his success. And that's what it's all about. Being successful, having a good time, enjoying your newly made friendships, and learning how to be a better bowler, a gracious loser, and gaining a determination to come back again and **win** the GOLD!



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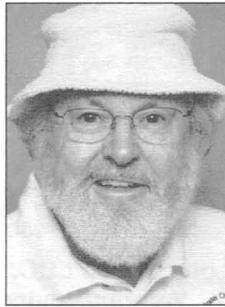
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The Last Shot

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Gene Goodwin, *Editor*



Someone out there in the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division can read my mind! If I had been asked whom I would like to see appointed as the PIM Staff Correspondent for *Bowls USA* after Tay Wheeler hung up his pencil. I would have put Woody Ogden at the top of my list.

I've known and worked with Woody for a decade, first as a Southeast Councilor when he was ALBA secretary-treasurer, then PIM Councilor and now keeper of the USLBA website: *BowlsAmerica.org*. Woody is an intelligent, computer-savvy, hard working advocate of lawn bowling and USLBA who will do a good job for this magazine and for PIMD. I couldn't be more pleased if I had chosen him myself!

Perhaps you are surprised that the editor does not pick the seven division staff correspondents. Tradition assigns that responsibility to the divisions, probably because division politicians think that gives them some control over what is published in their sections of the magazine. I have not quarreled with this tradition because so far it has produced staff correspondents like Woody.

What staff correspondents do for me and the magazine, at the very least, is to provide "local" expertise about their division. At their best, they catch errors in club news I might not know enough to catch, they eliminate repetition (e.g., combining reports from several clubs on a bowls tour that hit them all, or on youth programs at several clubs), report division news, watch for and report trends and common problems (e.g., activity at several clubs looking into carpet bowling surfaces) and edit club reports in ways that help our readers distinguish the really important news from the merely important news.

That's why I ask club reporters and, in fact, all contributors to our magazine to submit their reports through their division staff correspondents. As long as the divisions keep giving me Team USA-caliber people, this process improves *Bowls USA*.

We need larger not smaller divisions

That was the reaction some of us had to the proposal last year from our smallest USLBA division, Central, that would have forced divisions with more than 1,200 members to divide themselves into two divisions. As the USLBA Council politely rejected that idea, more than one Councilor wondered whether it might not make more sense to require that when divisions get too small they have to merge with an adjoining division.

Say, for example, we decide that divisions have to have a minimum of 250 USLBA members. Two divisions, Central with 170 and Northwest with 216 last year, would have to attach themselves to a larger neighbor. Northwest could combine with PIMD, creating a new "Northwest" stretching from just north of Santa Barbara CA to the Canadian border. Central

could expand eastward to merge with the Northeast Division, or southward to join South Central, now concentrated in Arizona where many Central bowlers go to retire. Of course, the thus expanded South Central unit might have difficulty deciding where to hold its division tournaments, but it might help to introduce our sport to places like Omaha, St. Louis and Memphis where they think we're just a fancy form of bocce.

So dream on, Central, but be careful where the imagination can take you.

Where are all our photographers?

I hereby retract anything I have said or published that has discouraged any of you from taking and sending us photos: We need more pictures! So many times as I edit copy for this magazine, I say to myself, Why didn't someone take a picture to illustrate this story so much better than words alone?

We can take old fashioned photos from processed film or computer images from the newer digital cameras. If digital, just email them to your division staff correspondent, who should then forward them by email to us (rather than sending us prints). Who knows! Your shot may end up on our cover and you'll be the talk of your town!

**Deadline for Summer issue May 15, but
division correspondents need stuff earlier!**

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