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## President's Report

Colin Smith, President USLBA



My first few months as President have been fairly busy. I traveled to the Southeast Open in March and in April to the NAC in Sun City AZ to watch Team USA play against Canada. I am pleased to report that though they did not win the overall, they all played with heart and determination of which we can all be proud.

On the administrative side we have a few changes in our volunteers. Taking over from Al Pelliccio in Marketing is Kathy Alton. Thanks to Al for all his work and good luck to Kathy, who I'm sure will do a wonderful job.

John Stewart is also stepping down as National Umpire in Chief after 25 years. John's dedication to the sport of bowls is truly exceptional and he will not be easily replaced. John will remain available until the Council meeting in October to allow for a smooth transition. A hearty thanks, John, for your hard work and dedication.

Hopefully you will have all received the new rule book. There are many changes in the new book and your division umpires have highlighted some of the more important ones in this issue (Page 8-9). With all of the changes it is important to remember that this is a game between friends and rules should be applied with fairness and courtesy. Not as a way to needle your opponent.

Some of the changes in the book merely define certain words or phrases. Delivery for instance now defines delivering the Jack or Bowl from the hand. Those who know me personally know that this change particularly affects me as I now have to learn how to throw the Jack instead of kicking it. I have been practicing and I am getting better at it.

Membership remains our biggest challenge. At my own club, Essex County LBC in New Jersey, we are running open houses to introduce the sport to the changing nearby community. This takes hard work by willing volunteers but together, with perseverance, I am sure we can boost interest in the sport. Send me an e-mail and let me know what works best at your open houses.

Good bowling and Good health to ALL! *Colin*

**About the cover photo:** Diane Lindeborg and Tom Benstead, Minnesota snowbirds who lawn bowl winters in Sun City AZ, said their wedding vows on the green of the Bell LBC last March. Officiating was lawn bowler Ken Truckenbrod, not an umpire but an ordained "Rev." About 80 family members and friends attended the ceremony, which opened with the smiling couple marching in on a carpet of white groundsheets held down by lawn bowls. Photo by Mollie J. Hoppes of the Sun City *Daily News-Sun*.

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# Rosa Gandara to bowl for 3rd straight U.S. Championship

Playdowns in the South Central, Southeast and Southwest Divisions produced the following qualifiers for the U.S. lawn bowls championships to be held Oct. 29-Nov. 2 in Sun City Center FL:

## South Central:

Singles: Reggie Banares (women's).

Marty Schans (men's).

Pairs: Myra Wood & Lorraine Hitchcock, right, (women's).

Len Hitchcock & Rich Enockson (men's).



## Southwest Stripes:

Singles: Rosa Gandara and Mert Isaacman.

Pairs: Robin Olson & Tanya Hills.

Bill Hiscock, right, & Gary Wagner.



The other four individuals or teams qualifying in each event will be determined by playdowns later this summer in the Northeast, PIM, Northwest and Central divisions.

## Southeast:

Singles: Jackie Tucker and George Tucker.

Pairs: Monica Dykeman & Linda Alphin.

Al Peliccio, right, & Jay Alphin.



## Southwest Stars:

Singles: Katy Stone and Jim Olson.

Pairs: Eva Lee & Kim Heiser. Liam Courtney, right, & Bill Brault.



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Oct. 12-18, 2007

Orange County CA

Hosted by Southwest Division-USLBA



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- Oct. 13-14 Men's Singles. Women's Fours.
- Oct. 15-16 Men's Fours. Women's Pairs.
- Oct. 17-18 Men's Pairs. Women's Singles.
- Oct. 18 Awards Banquet (6:30 Cocktails; 7:30 dinner)

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# 2007 USLBA National Open

Oct. 12-18, 2007

Orange County CA

Hosted by Southwest Division-USLBA

*Spacious rooms with King or two Queen sized beds  
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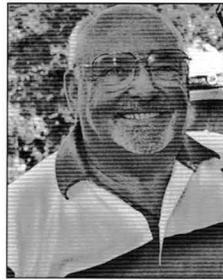
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## BETTER BOWLS

### Tips and tidbits for improving and enjoying your game

By Conrad Melton

*(Chairman of Instruction Committee and Head Umpire, men's Southwest Division-USLBA)*



Conrad Melton

#### Communication Compatibility

For some bowlers conversations are a wonderful part of the game. The more vocal interaction, the more fun they have and the better they bowl. I'm just the opposite. Words on the green are mostly distracting. This is not to say that one way is good and the other is bad. Whether it's helpful or harmful depends on the combination of you and your partners' preferences.

Many new skips tend to be overly communicative, giving more instructions and details about what they'd like a shot to do when "draw backhand" would be enough. That's understandable at the club level because some club bowlers don't understand head management and need guidance. But at higher levels of competition, the need for direction diminishes. Good leads know their job, know their bowls, and can almost always figure out a safe path without any assistance from the skip.

When I'm skipping, before the game starts I tell my front end players to "draw to the jack unless I put my foot somewhere, then draw to my foot." This single instruction covers 90 percent of the game's needed communication. With some partners, I'll signal to confirm which side I think is the "safest and most feasible" path. If that path is obvious, I try not to insult my partner's intelligence by telling him or her what s/he can easily see.

Spending a lot of time and trouble picking and communicating "a perfect strategy" matters only if the bowler is capable of making the shot. And our sport has a lot more "near misses" than perfect shots.

When I'm playing front end, lengthy, meticulous instructions from the head all seem to generate the same answer in my head: "I'm really not that good!" One of America's great skips, Kottia Spangler, draws a circle in the air with her finger pointing to the ground and says "something around here would be nice." Then she smiles. That's great communication in my book.

#### The Perfect Partner...

- Is pleasant and enjoyable company, on and off the green.
- Actively seeks consistent excellence, in all aspects of the sport.
- Knows the objectives of his or her position and achieves them most of the time.
- Chooses mostly "high percentage" shots but is willing to risk when appropriate.
- Says and does things to promote team harmony, good focus and reduced tension.

- Understands 95 percent of bad results come from bad deliveries or bad choices.
- Accepts random bad luck with a smile, and appreciates all good shots.
- Can admit to a bad shot or a bad day without rationalization or blaming.
- Gives back to the game.

#### Too Tight Too Often?

This "classic" error often happens because a bowler is anxious to see where his/her bowl is going. They cheat their eyes toward the target before their bowl is fully rolling toward their aiming point. Instructors tell our new bowlers that they've got to "trust their bowl." Perhaps there should also be the admonition: "don't let your eyes to leave the aiming line too early."

Most importantly, if your eyesight isn't meticulously scrutinizing your delivery line, you won't be able to learn whether you delivered on it, or slightly to the right or left. Without that bit of knowledge, you won't know if you need to adjust your aiming point or focus on being more accurate to get closer on your next bowl.

#### Two Tips for Leads:

1. Become a dependable jack roller. It's easy and it's critically important. Practice rolling short, medium and long jacks. Most should be able to get their skills in order in 15 or 20 minutes. Good jack rollers are held in very high esteem.
2. Never try to hit the jack. Your job is to rest close to it and make the head bigger. Once your body learns to roll the bowl on your aiming line, the game is mostly about weight. A jack hit with extra weight generally travels three times as far as the bowl that struck it. So if a jack is struck with enough force to go three yards, most bowls will only travel one yard, leaving it two yards from the jack. Bowlers who whack a jack on its side can finish as much as three yards from it. Bottom line: your "toucher" is likely to have no value for your team.

#### The 2007 LOTSOBs

The 2007 Laws of the Sport of Bowls have several changes, all designed to standardize and enhance the sport. None of them accomplish their objective if bowlers aren't willing to learn and honor them. Without standardized rules the game can and will become a mish-mash of local games, each with its own little variations. New rules can be a tonic of health and strength for the game. As bowlers learn and honor those rules, the game slowly but surely gets stronger and healthier.

Continuous disregard of the laws tells our novices: "nobody cares about the integrity of the game...do whatever you want." If you support the game, keep it healthy and strong by learning and honoring the Laws of the Sport.

# Notable changes in new lawn bowling Laws

*(This summary discusses only a small portion of the 2007 Laws of the Sport of Bowls. Many "language shortcuts" have been taken and there are scores of Laws and new additions to the Book that are not discussed here. All bowlers are sincerely encouraged to read the Laws for the actual language and the context in which each Law appears. Laws that apply Internationally are listed first and Laws that apply only in the U.S. follow. And please remember, only you can honor the Laws and preserve the integrity of the Sport.)*

Conrad Melton, Head Umpire, Men's SW Division  
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Kottia Spangler, Head Umpire, SW Women's Division

It is now legal to **chalk the centerline** of the rink from the 2-meter mark to the nearest hog line. Page 12, Law 5.13

**Trial ends** are not the start of a match. Bowls from different sets may be used during trial ends. Page 25 Law 18.1.5

If, before the jack is delivered, **the mat** is either too close to the ditch or not centered, the player to play first should position it correctly. Page 26 Law 19.1.2

An opposing team may **challenge the mat position** if the jack has been delivered but the first bowl has not been delivered. If the mat position was incorrect, the challenging team shall set the mat correctly and redeliver the jack (but shall not roll the first bowl). Page 26 Law 19.1.3

Before delivery a player should be standing on the mat with **one foot fully on the mat**. At the moment they deliver the jack or bowl, the player should have all or part of one foot on or above the mat. Page 27 Law 20

If, before each team has played a bowl, a player notices that the **wrong team** has delivered the jack, the correct team shall re-start the end. Page 28 Law 22.5

If, after each team has played a bowl, a player notices that the **wrong team** has delivered the jack, play in that end should continue in that order. Page 28 Law 22.6

When there is **displacement of a bowl** in its original course that has not disturbed the head before it is displaced: if it is displaced by an opponent, skip of the team that played the bowl must choose whether to a) have the bowl replayed; b) place the bowl where the skip believes it would have come to rest; or c) leave the bowl where it came to rest. Page 31 Law 28.1 1 [third] o

If a **displaced bowl in course** disturbs the head after it was displaced (but not before), the skip of the team that played the bowl must choose: a) replace the head and have the bowl

replayed; b) replace the head and place the bowl where the skip believes it would have come to rest; or c) declare the end dead. Page 31 Law 28.1 1 [fourth] o

**Touchers in the ditch** (Law 24 4) or a jack in the ditch (Law 29 2) should have their locations noted by an object on the bank and outlines of their positions made in the sand.

If a rolled bowl is **disturbed by a neutral party** or object (defined as an object that does not belong to any player on the rink of play, Page 9 Law 1.3 23) and that bowl had already hit something on the rink, the prior disturbance is left as it is. Page 33 Law 28.3.2 o

A **bowl moved while marking or measuring**, if moved by a player (or his equipment), should be replaced by the opposing player; if it was moved by the umpire, it should be replaced by the umpire. If a marker causes the movement, the former position should be agreed to by the opponents. If they cannot agree, the marker replaces the bowl to his opinion of its former position. Page 34 Law 28.4 1,2,3

If an **end is ruled dead**, any bowls or the jack which must move to the other end to replay the end must be "carried" to that end. This rule shall be interpreted to mean that the bowls may be either raked or carried but may not be rolled to the other end. Page 36 Law 31.3

An **unused, adjacent rink** may not be walked upon by a player in a match while the other team is delivering, or is about to deliver their bowl. Page 39 Law 36.2

**Skips may delegate** any or all their duties except scoring in pairs. Page 40 Law 37.1.8

If a **bowl is played out of turn** without touching anything on the green, the opposing skip may either leave the bowl where it came to rest and have his team bowl 2 in a row, or the skip may return the bowl so that order may be restored. Page 42 Law 47.1.2

**Restrictions about walking to the head**...Appendix A.4 Page 52.

In **singles**, a player can walk to the head only after his third and/or fourth bowls. An exception to this is when it appears the opponent may be holding game.

In **pairs**, leads can walk to the head only after s/he has bowled 3 or 4 bowls. Skips cannot go to the head until after they have rolled at least 2 bowls.

In **triples**, the leads cannot go to the head until all of their bowls have been rolled. Seconds can go to the head after they have rolled at least 2 bowls; Skips can go to the head at any time.

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## More changes in new laws

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When **measuring jack distance** to determine if it is long enough, the entire jack must be beyond the minimal required distance. Page 58 Appendix B.4.2 Chart

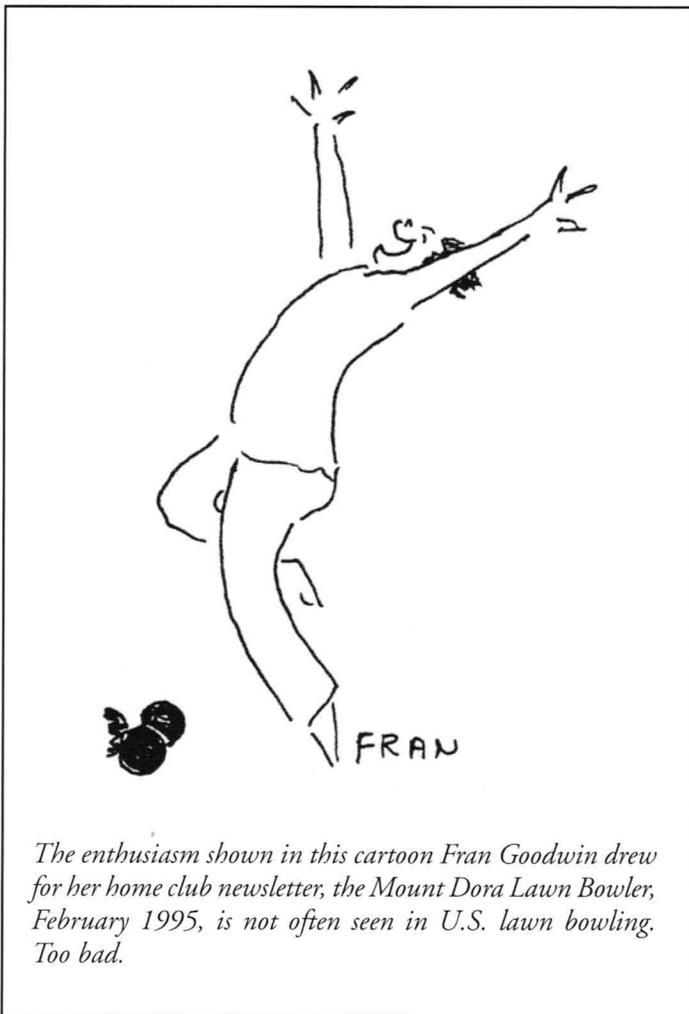
### *Laws that apply ONLY in the United States*

A player has only **one minute to deliver** his or her bowl. Page 60 Law 66.

**Who measures?** It's suggested the team conceding shot(s) measures. Page 61 Law 68.

**Who writes up the score?** The team that rakes should also mark the scoreboard. Page 61 Law 69. If the same player is responsible for both raking and marking the board, it is suggested that the raking be completed before the board is marked.

**Substitutes** in the U.S. Playdowns are not allowed. (The Playdowns are the qualifying events by which Divisions select the players who will represent that Division at the United States Championships, which in 2007 will be held in Sun City Center FL, beginning Oct. 29.) Page 64 C 1



*The enthusiasm shown in this cartoon Fran Goodwin drew for her home club newsletter, the Mount Dora Lawn Bowler, February 1995, is not often seen in U.S. lawn bowling. Too bad.*

## MEMO

**TO: All USLBA Members**

**FROM: Jack Fine, Bowling Sales of Canada**

Bowling Sales of Canada continues to be a major distributor on the American Lawn Bowling scene. We are the distributor for Drakes Pride, and we are seeing an increase in sales as bowlers become more aware of the advantages of using these bowls.

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## Frank Ransome: recruiter, teacher, councilor

By Woody Ogden

Frank Ransome has dedicated his life to the service of others. In the past 50 years he has served as a Boy Scouts of America (BSA) senior patrol leader, assistant scoutmaster, scoutmaster (in two localities), explorer scout advisor, a Boy Scout commissioner, swim coach, a Little League coach, a Little League commissioner, a Sunday school teacher, a church deacon, a YMCA director, and a condominium director.

After retiring as a heavy construction contractor, he got into lawn bowling in 1987 at Paradise RV Resort in Arizona. "My first lesson from Paul Johnson, a certified American Lawn Bowls Association (ALBA) instructor, lasted only one-half hour, but by 1989 I found myself an assistant to (and often substitute for) ALBA Certified Instructor Dave Close," Frank says. "Dave and I developed a five-day course for newcomers to the trailer park...and graduated 10 to 12 new bowlers every other week for several months."

Frank and his wife, Lois, also an avid bowler, moved to Rossmoor, Walnut Creek CA, in July 1989. The two of them immediately joined the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club, and Frank polished his coaching skills under the direction of Ed Ribiero, a coach who had moved to Rossmoor from San Francisco. It was in 1991 that he became the official instructor at the Rossmoor club, but his work was just beginning. He wanted to extend what he learned in Arizona into a publication for all bowlers and bowling coaches. After gathering information from numerous foreign and domestic sources, and incorporating the systems used in Arizona, he published the first comprehensive lawn bowling syllabus for seniors in the U.S. During this period he also wrote the lawn bowling column for the local paper and used that column to recruit new members.

Frank was twice awarded the ALBA Cup for bringing in most new bowlers in a single year. In 1995 Frank was named Chairman of the ALBA Instruction and Coaching Committee. Two years later he took on additional national responsibilities when ALBA asked him to apply his recruiting skills in a new combined post chairing the Membership and Instruction Committee. Frank holds this important office to this day, and has created syllabi and numerous other written aids for recruiters as well as instructors.

Also in 1997, Frank was elected president of the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division (PIMD) of ALBA and during those years he took on the job of Division Tournament Director. In 1998 Frank was elected to an unprecedented second term as



*FRANK RANSOME with his wife, Lois*

the PIMD's president. Also that year he became PIMD staff correspondent for BOWLS magazine.

As if that wasn't enough, Frank also helped organize the National Open Tournament held in his division that year. When he was elected to chair the PIMD Instruction and Membership Committee, Frank began a youth program for Boy Scouts at the Richmond LBC in California and spearheaded a drive to obtain "Bowls for Youth."

Ransome believes strongly that synthetic greens are the answer to the high maintenance costs of grass greens. In recent years at the national level, Frank says, "we worked to initiate no less than six new artificial greens at six separate clubs with four additional clubs awaiting financing. I consider this one of my proudest achievements."

Frank is particularly proud of helping to secure an artificial green for the Santa Cruz (CA) Lawn Bowling Club and successfully promoted a new artificial green for the city of Pleasanton CA.

In addition to his heavy responsibilities as national chair of membership and instruction, Frank, who will be 83 this year, is presently the president of the Richmond LBC and the male representative of PIMD on the USLBA National Council.

The man does not know how to slow down!

# How Pleasanton came to invest in lawn bowling

By Frank Ransome

*Chairman, USLBA Membership & Instruction Committee*

There are many reasons to invest in a lawn bowling green, but none are as compelling as the one that recently faced the Recreation and Parks Department of the city of Pleasanton CA.

That city had a new park site and a company was asking for the opportunity to construct an ice skating arena and some new housing being developed close by. The parks Board called a meeting of everyone who had a suggestion about what to put in the park and USLBA was included because the lawn bowlers had attended earlier meetings and were placed on a mailing list. This was not an accident.

The USLBA Membership Committee had written letters to several cities asking for an opportunity to present the lawn bowling story. Pleasanton had replied and I, as USLBA Membership chairman, was added to a list with advocates for baseball, football, soccer, tennis, bocce, horseshoes, inline skating, skate boarding, rugby, swimming and dog walking.

The architects had done a preliminary outline of the proposed park site and were ready to insert each sport as it was proposed. Soccer was the big thing, and then baseball asked for part time use of a field so it was laid on over the soccer as was rugby and then bathrooms and storage lockers were added as well as lights. Each of the sports had its aficionados standing by to clap and cheer the efforts of their leaders.

When lawn bowling was called and this old man using a cane to steady myself stood at the podium, there were no cheers, but there was a room full of quiet people most of whom had never seen or for that matter heard of the sport of lawn bowling. I drew them a mind-picture of a half-acre plot with lights and an artificial green that could support the activities of people of all ages and physical ability. I told them that I had just come from teaching a class of 12 to 15-year-old PAL kids and that the Richmond Recreation Department had lawn bowling as one of the activities for their developmentally disabled members. I told of the two four-week day camps that used the green one day a week every summer and the kids that came back and asked to bowl when their program was finished. I described the programs that were possible and the benefits that accrue to the Recreation and Parks Departments of the cities that take advantage of owning a green.

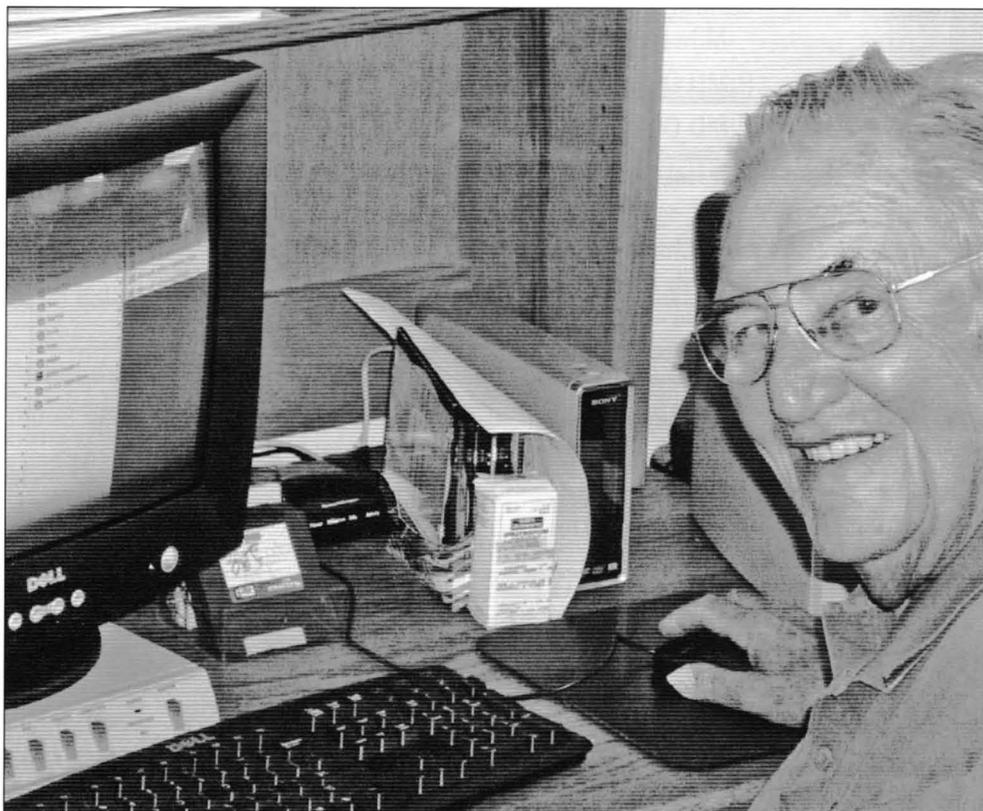
Yes, the city would own the green and maintain it. I pointed out that lawn bowlers who lived close to the site would form a nucleus of a club that would become active in the PIM Division and the USLBA. This club would welcome people that participated in the recreation programs and would build their own program and tournament schedule around the city's activities. The bowling club would appoint someone to work with the city to assure that the green was kept in first class condition.

I talked about World Bowls and the imminent national tournament that is scheduled for the San Francisco area. I conveyed the idea that a miserly little \$250,000 investment would result in thousands of happy hours for the citizens of Pleasanton.

I was exhausted when I finished, but the applause perked me right up.

After a closed session the Board asked the architect to arrange the park so that it would have an area for lawn bowling, tennis, dog walking and bocce and report back in one week. That night I prepared packets for the architects and the city engineers and express mailed them off.

The Board has since voted to accept the new plans that include a lawn bowling green. They asked me to be available to attend a city council meeting if there were any questions. So far no questions and I am still staying available.



*FRANK AND HIS FAVORITE TOY! As USLBA's top recruiter and coach, Frank Ransome depends on his computer to reach his constituency.*

## Death takes Shirley Cam

Shirley Cam, elected to the USLBA Hall of Fame just last year, lost her battle with cancer on May 21.

Although she lived in a health-care apartment community in Oakland in recent years, she was a proud resident of Rossmoor in Walnut Creek CA for most of her many years of service to lawn bowling.

She was the first treasurer of the United States Lawn Bowls Association when it was founded in 2000 by the merger of the gender-separate American Lawn Bowls Association and the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association.

Before that Shirley had been treasurer of the AWLBA. She was president of AWLBA in 1996 and served on the National Councils of both the USLBA and AWLBA, representing the Pacific Inter-Mountain (PIM) division.

On the green, she bowled in two U.S. Championships, 1999 and 2000, under the PIM flag.

## Stewart resigns as chief umpire, but will resume his column in next issue

John Stewart has resigned as Chief Umpire of USLBA. That's why you won't find his "Ask the Umpire" column in this issue of *Bowls USA*. (But note the article on the many changes in our new Laws on pp. 8-9.)

John assures us he will be back in the next issue with a similar column because he will continue to serve USLBA as Chairman of Rules. (The rules chair writes the Laws of our sport; the umpires interpret and enforce them).

John will continue doing both jobs until the USLBA Council can deal with his resignation at its annual meeting in Costa Mesa CA Oct. 11-12.

In the meantime, USLBA President Colin Smith has appointed Central division Councilor Kathy Alton to replace SE Councilor Al Pelliccio as Director of Marketing.

## Major Tournament Calendar

### 2007

|                |   |                              |                                  |
|----------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Aug. 4-5       | PIMD Championship Men's Pairs Sunnyvale LBC             | Peter Knopf 650-493-6328     | <i>petenann@sbcglobal.net</i>    |
| Aug. 4-9       | Northeast Division Open, Buck Hill Falls PA LBC         | Colin Smith 973-402-5018     | <i>Bowlessex@aol.com</i>         |
| Aug. 11-12     | PIMD Championship Men's Triples, San Jose LBC           | Peter Knopf (above)          |                                  |
| Sept. 8-9      | Northeast Miller Open, Essex NJ LBC                     | Colin Smith (above)          |                                  |
| Sept. 8-9      | Central Division Otto Hess Men's Triples, Milwaukee LBC | Pat Mueller 414-962-4330     | <i>MKEpat@aol.com</i>            |
| Sept. 20-25    | PIMD Open, Men & Women                                  | Peter Knopf (above)          |                                  |
| Sept. 26       | PIMD Open Mixed Pairs, Oakland LBC                      | Peter Knopf (above)          |                                  |
| Oct. 12-18     | U.S. National Open Men & Women, Orange Co. CA           | Heather Stewart 949-433-3929 | <i>No-Short-Bowls@cox.net</i>    |
| Oct. 29-Nov. 2 | U.S. Championships, Sun City Center FL                  | Muriel Rackliff 813-634-6897 | <i>MBRrackie@cs.com</i>          |
| Nov. 11        | SW Eberie-McCowan Mixed Pairs, Santa Anita, CA          | Isabel Forbes 562-920-4168   | <i>IDForbes1031@hotmail.com</i>  |
| Nov. 24        | Southeast Division Mixed Pairs, Clearwater FL           | Barb Roller 727-797-8142     | <i>bigwicker@earthlink.net</i>   |
| Nov. 30-Dec. 2 | SE Holiday Bowl Mixed Triples, Mount Dora FL            | Brian Smith 352-383-1360     | <i>Barbarasmith8@comcast.net</i> |
| Dec 1          | SW 5-Man Star, Laguna Woods CA LBC                      | Bill Kagan 858-451-5628      | <i>Biloka18@sbcglobal.net</i>    |
| Dec. 1         | SW Women's 5 Star, Newport Beach LBC                    | Isabel Forbes (above)        |                                  |
| Dec. 1-2       | Bill Weaver Men's Pairs, Sun City AZ                    | Len Hitchcock 623-974-3214   | <i>wrongbias@toast.net</i>       |
| Dec. 1-2       | Cy Stephan Women's Pairs, Sun City AZ                   | Nita Burdick 623-933-9153    | <i>nitaburd@aol.com</i>          |

### 2008

|            |  |                           |                        |
|------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Jan. 12-14 | Arizona Rinks 2 men & 2 women, Sun City AZ   | Len Hitchcock (above)     |                        |
| Jan. 15-16 | Salisbury Singles, Men or Women, Sun City AZ | John Stewart 623-875-1211 | <i>emohruo@cox.net</i> |
| Jan. 17-19 | Thomson-Zivec Open Pairs, Sun City West AZ   | Len Hitchcock (above)     |                        |

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### Pebble Beach (Men) & Suncoasters (Women) – Sun City Center By David Burbery

Club tournament winners:

**Pebble Beach:** - Singles: Bob Ferguson. Pairs: John Shanklin & Joe Coleman.

Bob Ferguson had four successes in singles play during this season. In addition to the Pebble Beach title he won the Sun City Center men's singles title, after which he defeated the women's champion to become the Sun City Center overall singles champion. At the Southeast Open in March (See Page 17).

**Suncoasters:** - Singles: Jeanne McLaughlin. Pairs: Christine Burbery & Eileen Love.



*Bob Ferguson*



*Jeanne McLaughlin*



*Joe Coleman and  
 John Shanklin*

*Eileen Love &  
 Christine Burbery*



All photos  
 by David Burbery



*TEACHER AND PRIZE PUPILS Bob Lang, center, with most promising novices Ed McCoy, left, & Ron Doncouse.*

### King's Point West By Bernie Dooley

Our new officers are President Bob Lang, Vice Presidents Darlene Gray and Bernie Dooley, Secretary Carol Hall and Treasurer Marion Wood.

We gained 23 new members to increase our membership to 75. Frank Crowley did a marvelous job of teaching them and they have shown tremendous enthusiasm and competitiveness. In order to be successful in our recruiting campaign, we found that it was essential to stress the Fun Factor of lawn bowling and to encourage friends to come and try the sport. Once they were trained many of them entered a novice-only tournament newly instituted by Bob Lang. This they did with roaring enthusiasm.

We had many social events which caught the attention of the novices. In addition to the tournament banquet at which beautiful digital clocks were presented, we had games and cards nights, wine tastings and pot luck dinners.

Tournament winners:

Men's Singles: 1-Richie Bozza. 2-Bob Lang.

These two take home the trophy every other year.

Women's Singles: Judy Fenwick for the eighth consecutive year.

Mixed Pairs: Marion Wood & George Fenwick.

Novices: 1-Ed McCoy. 2-Ron Doucouse.

A farewell party for the snowbirds was appreciated by all and it included delicacies prepared by the women.

*"BOWLERS OF  
 TOURNAMENT"  
 awards in 2007 SE  
 Open went to Marion  
 Wall of Clearwater  
 and George Tucker of  
 Pinehurst NC  
 (Story on Page 17).*



## Tuckers and Bud Ricucci repeat as North Carolina Open champions

By Tom Kees

George and Jackie Tucker of Pinehurst teamed with Bud Ricucci of Mount Dora won their second North Carolina Open Triples tournament in a row by winning six of seven games in the 13th annual event played Mar 29–Apr 1 at Pinehurst, NC.

Bowlers from Florida, Massachusetts, North Carolina and Canada were among those who made up the 12 teams. Competition began with two games on Friday and three games on Saturday, with everyone trying to qualify for the finals on Sunday. On Friday evening, players and guests attended a pig picking party that featured ribs and lots of fixings. Other winners were:

Championship Flight: 2- George Whitelaw, Scotland & Sarasota; Al Pelliccio, Pinehurst, & Sandra Whitelaw. 3- Marion & Rick Wall & Helen Dickson, Canada & Clearwater. 4- Jack & Kathleen Mein, Canada & Clearwater, & Pat Zimmerman, Pinehurst.



NC OPEN  
REPEAT CHAMPS,  
from left,  
Bud Ricucci,  
George & Jackie  
Tucker

A Flight: 1- Mike Maneilly, Marita Nierth & Bobbi Elwell, Mount Dora. 2- Charles & Lenore Roach & Jab Pierce, Canada & Clearwater.

B Flight: 1- Sy & Angela Carkhuff & Jean Adams, Mount Dora. 2- Tom Kees, Sue Ptaszek, Pinehurst, & Hans Momkes, Asheville, NC.

### Sarasota

By Fred Theiler

It has been a long struggle for avid and competitive bowler Ron Buck to deal with the result of an unfortunate accidental injury to his ankle which occurred on Nov 27, 2004, while moving a ladder during a DIY project. Since then he has had three operations on his ankle and it now contains a metal plate held in place by 13 screws which he says are guaranteed to set off any metal detector in the country. The ankle now is out of the plastic cast after the third operation.

After 4 1/2 months of non-weight bearing it now is in an air cast and he is walking comfortably. We wish him well during his visit to his surgeon in mid-summer and hope to see him bowling again soon.

An enthusiastic board, lots of advance publicity and personal cajoling resulted in an excellent turnout of about 75 percent of our 100 members at the annual meeting.

A lawn bowling club is all about people and we have begun a "postcards from home" program via the internet to connect those of us in Florida to those who return to Canada, the U.K., or northern cities in the U.S. The results have been gratifying. We have learned that many of our British friends are convinced that the Queen visited the United States to promote the sport of lawn bowling because that explains why she was 'wearing white at the Kentucky Derby! Most are emerging from fond memories of exciting victories and frustrating near misses on their Florida Winter Tour to leadership roles in their clubs at home. Our Canadian friends resorted to spirited games of dominoes, minor surgeries and snow shoveling while waiting for the beginning of their summer lawn bowling season.

### Asheville NC

By Nicki Benatan

The club has grown sufficiently (we now have 22 members) to allow founders Nicki and Jack Benatan to hand over the reins to new officers, although they will continue to be fully involved. New Officers: President Ty Erickson, Vice Bill Muerdter, Treasurer Uwe Soenksen, Secretary Bernice Green, and Directors Jack & Nicki Benatan.

The Mountain Sports Festival which highlights outdoor sports and competitions in the Asheville area takes place every year. Last May we demonstrated lawn bowling, handed out brochures and worked hard to let our Buncombe County residents become aware of the wonderful outdoor sport they now have in their new recreation area at Carrier Park.

Nicki Benatan, with assistance from coaches Jack Benatan and Hans Momkes, instructed a class during the spring term at the College for Seniors at the University of North Carolina Asheville. This was the fourth such class and a fifth is scheduled for the summer term.

#### SE Division Tournament Schedule 2007-2008

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Nov. 24.  | SE Mixed Pairs, Clearwater                |
| Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2   | Holiday Bowl Mixed Triples,<br>Mount Dora |
| Jan. 5.   | Kurt Dornau Mens Pairs, Clearwater        |
| Jan. 26   | MacWilliams Mixed Pairs, Clearwater       |
| March 1-7   | SE Men's Open, Clearwater                 |
| March 1 - 7   | SE Women's Open, Sarasota                 |
| March 8   | SE Mixed Fours, Sarasota                  |
| March 29-30   | North Carolina Open                       |
| April 6   | SE Mixed Pairs, Sun City Center           |
| For more information contact:   |   |
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# Clearwater groundskeeper retires, as president takes on a second term

By Trevor Colby

President Cecilia Noble agreed to serve for a second term and Betty Kelly and Barb Roller were elected to our Board of Directors. For his many years of service, particularly in running tournaments, Russ Tess has been made a Life member.

The regular daily sight during the last 12 years of George Scott traversing our greens on his tractor pulling the brush with which he kept our greens in excellent condition has not been seen since May 17. This is because he chose that date to retire from his duties as groundskeeper and we want to take this opportunity to thank George for his long and faithful service. He will still make frequent appearances at the club because he has retained the position of "House person" and we wish him many more years of happy bowling.

On a beautiful day in February, 45 Clearwater bowlers took a bus trip to Mount Dora to compete in the annual inter-club tournament. Mount Dora won 16-10, but we hope to get our revenge next year when we stage the event.

Our Otty Dornau Open this season was won by Linda McDougall & Carol Fahnstock of Suncoasters-Sun City Center, bowling with our Duncan Farrell,

But all the winners of other club tournaments were club members:

Women's Singles: Brooke Reid. Women's Triples: Barb Roller, Joyce Lannan & Joy Sinclair.

Men's Triples: Duncan Farrell, Rick Wall & Doug Shearer. Hall of Fame Open: Russ Tees, Marj Kells & Dave Murray. Valentine's Day: Rose Carter & Don Carter.

## Lakeland

By Christine Garbett

Our membership increased from 63 to 71 during the past year with 14 coming from various parts of the UK.

Sixteen teams from Clearwater, Lakeland, Mount Dora and Sarasota competed in our Mixed Triples Invitational in January. Winners were John Soo, Audrey and Ray Ney of Lakeland.

Club tournament winners:

Women's Singles: Valerie Bechard. Men's Singles: Peter Proctor.

Women's Pairs: Audrey Ney & Betty Shaheen. Men's Pairs: John Garbett & Jack Allwright. Mixed Pairs: Christine & John Garbett

Triples tournament #1: Christine Garbett, Vaughn Zelinsky & Valerie Bechard.

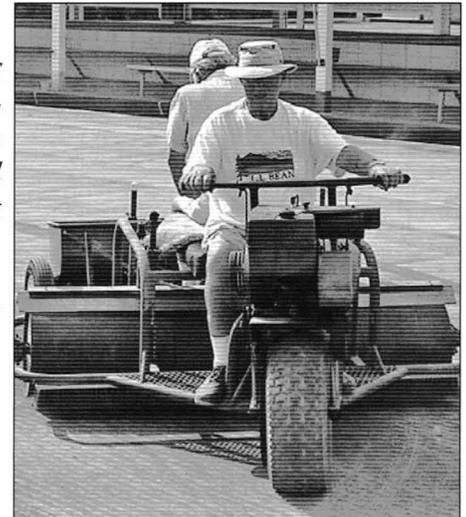
Triples Tournament #2- John Edwards, Peter Bauman & Jim Claydon.

Novice Mixed Pairs for players of three years or less experience was won by Ellis Hassinger & Sharon Smith.

In the Polk County Senior Games Mixed Pairs held at Lakeland, Gold Medals were won by Valerie & Cal Bechard and Don Woodington & Arlene Marshall in their respective age groups.

*GEORGE SCOTT resurfaces Clearwater's Hartru green with Bill Farrell controlling the spreader.*

Photo by Trevor Colby.



Mayor's Charity: Duncan Farrell, Eleanor Calder & Jack Bock. 4321 Pairs Open: Lorne Reid & Brooke Reid. St. Pat's Cookout: Marion Wall, Brian Glendinning & Tony McAndrew.

William Kaestle Open: Cliff Bailey, Joe Lannan & Eleanor Calder.

Our web site: [www.clearwaterlawnbowlingclub.com](http://www.clearwaterlawnbowlingclub.com)

## Clearwater team wins SE Mixed Fours

The SE Division Mixed Fours at the end of the 2007 SE Open was won by: Joe Dorsch, Charles Roach, Lenore Roach & Bruce Miller, Clearwater.

Our Fun Day, once again organized by Doug and Arlene Marshall, was a very successful event and the damp weather in no way diminished the participants' enjoyment.

The Grass League was popular, with both men's and women's teams playing against Sarasota, Sun City Center and Sun 'N' Fun. Many Lakeland members entered tournaments held by Clearwater, Sarasota and Sun City Center and enjoyed wonderful hospitality and friendship from these Clubs. This is inspiring other members to enter tournaments within the Club and elsewhere next season.



*John Soo, Audrey and Ray Ney of Lakeland.*

Photo by Trevor Colby

## After format change, Mount Dora beats Clearwater visitors first time since '92

By Bud Ricucci

For the first time since 1992, we won the coveted Mount Dora-Clearwater Reciprocal Visit Trophy here on Feb 20, 16 games to 10. A large turnout of 13 Triples teams from each club bodes well for the future of this event.

Going back to an earlier format, the Clearwaters chartered a bus to make the two-hour-30-minute trip, and played two games before bussing home that same evening. In recent years, players have used their own cars and stayed overnight for four games, two the afternoon of the first day and two more the next morning.

This year after the bowling, everyone retired to our beautiful clubhouse to sample more than 15 varieties of soup provided by Mount Dora members under the expert guidance of Bonnie Bish and her committee. Thanks also to Beth Forbes and Mac McKean from Mount Dora and Bill Farrell from Clearwater for working hard to make the event a success.

Club tournament winners:

Men's Singles: Bill Forbes. Women's Singles: Angela Carkhuff.

Men's Pairs: Bob Wulbrecht & Gary Smith. Women's Pairs: Evelyn Sartain & Nancy Cestare. Mixed Pairs: Sy Carkhuff & Judy Bublitz.

Men's Triples: Charlie Hunter, Colin Pope & Bob Olmstead. Women's Triples: Beth Forbes, Betty Steele & Diane Kruger. Fox Hill Mixed Triples: Bob Wulbrecht, Bob Olmstead & Rosemarie Walsh.

Home League: Bill Baird, Tracy Wulbrecht and Tom Cole. Bill's Game: Men-Sy Carkhuff 68 points. Women-Cindy Cote 57 points.

### *Too many sub-par digital photos!*

We continue to get digital photos that fail to meet our standard of a minimum resolution of 300 (see p. 12, Autumn 2006 *Bowls USA*).

Some are so far under par, we have to toss them. Many others can be used, but only if we keep them small and in black and white.

We suspect that most of our sub-par images come from digital camera users who have set their image size below 3M in order to get the maximum number of shots on each memory stick. That's called getting your money's worth! And the images you get may be just fine for your family album.

But they are not good enough for publication in *Bowls USA*!

So set your image size at 3M or higher if you are taking photos for us.



*POLICE BEAT FIREFIGHTERS in lawn bowls match put on by Mount Dora LBC.*  
Photo by Earl Shaner

Twenty triples teams competed in the third annual Lady Skip Benefit Tournament that was won by Sylvia Mackey, Leo Schumacher & Tom Cole. This event raises funds for the club and \$120 was netted to purchase cloth napkins for special social events.

Our members are becoming increasingly more competitive with 17 playing in the MacWilliams Mixed Pairs at Sun City Center and 25 in the SE Open with many of them finishing in high places (See Pages 17 & 23).

Our annual Spring Class produced 17 new members who under the guidance of Tom Heneghan have become extremely proficient.

New Board members: President Wally Green, Vice President Sue Roberts, Secretary Bob Wulbrecht, House Director Janet Vassallo and Grounds Director Mac McKean. Three new honorary members were approved: Belva Swartzlander, Helen Williamson and Ralph Knight. Our total membership is 268 and the board approved a dues increase of \$15 a year for active members and \$7.50 a year for associates.

Summer bowling start times of 9 am & 10 am have been introduced to cater to different tastes.

Rick Young became our new Chief Umpire and he is also qualified to umpire in England.

We held our first Public Defenders Tournament in March. This event was conceived by Leo Schumacher and pits the Mount Dora Police against the Fire Dept. It raised over \$700 for the Police and Fire Memorial maintenance fund. The match between the Police and Fire was held between games two and three of the members' tournament which attracted 72 bowlers. The Police and Fire triples teams were coached by Tom Heneghan and each team was skipped by the local Police and Fire Chiefs.

The Police team edged out the Firefighter team, 4-3, in a tie-breaker end. Both sides indicated they enjoyed themselves and looked forward to competing again next year.

# USLBA Pres. calls on SE and wins Triples

By Trevor Colby

USLBA President **Colin Smith** was one of the winners at this year's SE Open March 3-8 at Clearwater for the women and Sun City Center for the men.

Colin, bowling with **David Smith** (no relation) from their home club, Essex County NJ, and **Burl Roller** of Clearwater, took the title in Men's Triples. It was Colin's first participation in this particular tournament.

Two other of the six SE open events were won by English bowlers who are members of Florida clubs: **Christine Garbett** of Lakeland, and **John Irons** and **Alex Womar** of Sarasota.

Christine won women's Singles. It was her initial appearance in the SE Open, she and her husband, John, having emigrated to Lakeland from Johnstone, Scotland, just last year.

John Irons and Alex Womar, who bowl winters in Florida and return to England each summer, took men's Pairs.

Another English snowbird, **Janet Bunce** of Sun-N-Fun LBC in Sarasota, bowled lead on the championship women's Fours team, skipped by **Iris Sager** of Ontario and Sun-N-Fun, with **Shirley Vidler** and **Julia Farrell**, also from Ontario and Sun-N-Fun, filling the No. 2 and 3 slots.

Women's Pairs champions this year were **Mary Meldrum** and **Sharon Farrish** of Sarasota and Ontario.

Men's Singles was won by **Bill Hiscock** of San Diego, who has been a regular contender in the SE Open for as long as any SE regular can remember. A splendid bowler and gentleman, Bill always gets cheers from his SE hosts when he wins an Open trophy.

**Marion Wall** of Ontario and Clearwater and **George Tucker** of Pinehurst NC took home "Bowler of the Tournament" awards this year, Marion because of her A flight second place in Singles, second place in Pairs and third place in Fours; and George by virtue of his runner-up finishes in Singles and Triples and winning D flight in Pairs.



WOMEN'S PAIRS WINNERS at SE Open this year: Mary Meldrum, left, and Sharon Farrish of Sarasota and Ontario.

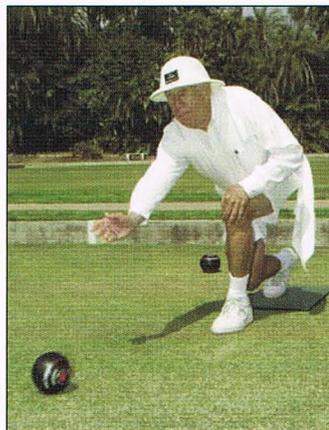
Photo by Trevor Colby

**Cathie Stephan** of Clearwater and Ontario managed women's events in this Open. **Jack Pillips** of Pebble Beach and Pittsburgh ran the men's events.

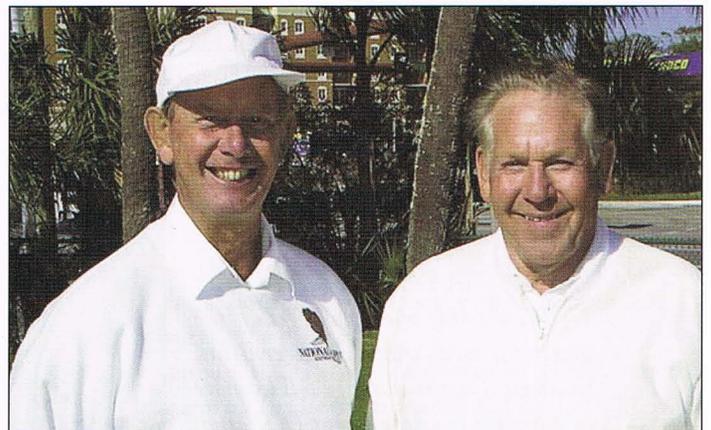
### Other cash award winners in the 2007 SE Open:

- Women's Singles (32 entries)** 2-Mary Meldrum, Ontario & Sarasota. 3-Cecilia Noble, Ontario & Clearwater. 4-Linda McDougall, Suncoasters-Sun City Center,  
 A Flight: 1-Kaye Hughes, British Columbia & Clearwater. 2-Marion Wall, Ontario & Clearwater.  
 B Flight: 1-Eileen Luba, Pittsburgh. 2- Angela Carkhuff, Mount Dora.  
 C Flight: 1-Sandra Whitelaw, Scotland & Sarasota. 2-Marita Nierth, Mount Dora.  
 D Flight: 1-Jackie Tucker, Pinehurst. 2-Lenore Roach, Ontario & Clearwater.

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SE SINGLES CHAMPS Christine Garbett of Lakeland and Bill Hiscock of San Diego won the women's and men's Singles crowns in the 2007 SE Open. Hiscock Photo by StringerPhotos.com



MEN'S PAIRS CHAMPS AT 2007 SE OPEN John Irons, left, and Alex Womar of Sarasota and England.

Photo by Trevor Colby



*AMERICAN LEGION COLOR GUARD leads the Canadian and U.S. bowlers onto the green at the Bell LBC in Sun City AZ for ceremonies opening the 12th North American Challenge. The bag piper at the head is Adam Wickland, grandson of the late Lindsay Towns, after whom the USLBA Senior Open held annually in Arizona is named.*

*2007 North American Challenge, Canada vs. U.S.*

## Same old story: Canada gets most of NAC marbles

By Marilyn Appollo and Gene Goodwin

The settings for the 2006 and 2007 North American Challenge matches between the U.S. and Canada could not have differed more, but the final results were about same.

Last year, in the flowery fall of Regina, Can., where you're apt to need a jacket even in August, the Canadian National Team whipped Team USA, 58-38.

This year, in the hot dry desert of Sun City AZ in April, the Canadians beat us, 59-37, to gain their ninth victory in 11 NACs. This year as in 2006, the only bright spot for the USA was that one of our five-member men's squads did well enough against the Canadians to claim one of the lesser trophies.

The five "bright spotters," who bowled as Jarvis team members this year, were Joe Zinna (S in Pairs and Fours) and Bob Schneider (L in Pairs, V in Fours) of Milwaukee, 2006 U.S. Pairs champions; Liam Courtney of Pasadena (S in Triples, L2 in Fours), George Tucker of Pinehurst NC (V in Triples, L1 in Fours) and Jim Copeland of Sun City AZ (Singles, L in Triples). Schneider was one of our five "bright spotters" last year.

Our Jarvis men's squad accumulated 14 game points (based on 2 points per win and one for each tie) to best their Canadian counterparts, who earned but 12.

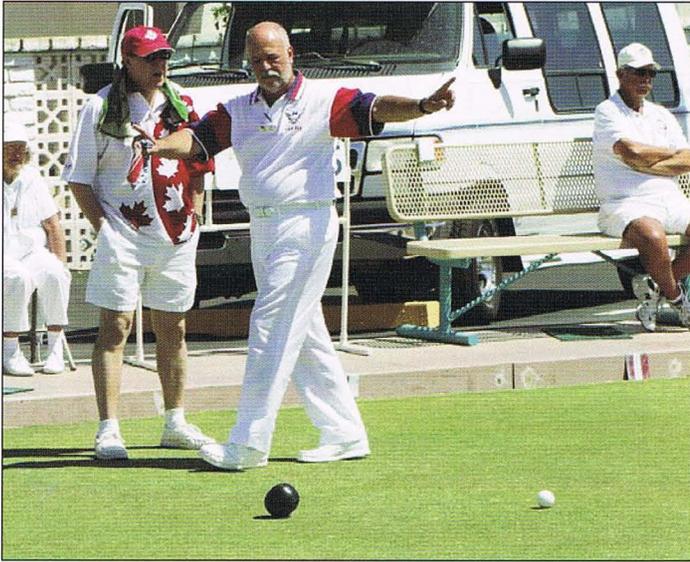
Our three other squads were outscored: 9-16 for our



**TEAM USA TAKES TEAM LEAP!**

*But the only one able to get off the ground is men's team Manager Brian Studwell. Does this image tell us more than we want to know about U.S. lawn bowling's place in world competition?*

All NAC photos by Dave Wissmuellor.



*"ABOUT A YARD SHORT," skip Joe Zinna signals to his mate on the mat. Joe, an ex-U.S. champion, turned in his usual fine performance in the 2007 NAC, skipping his Jarvis Fours team to three straight wins over Canada.*

Folkins women, 6-17 for our Jarvis women and 8-14 for our Folkins men.

In the final tally, both our two men's squads and our two women's squads failed to accumulate enough game points to prevail against the Canadians. And the overall award also went to Canada based on game and total points scored.

In the NAC, each country has 20 players, 10 men and 10 women, who are assigned by their managers to one of four five-bowler squads named after two famous lawn bowlers from each nation. So each country has a (1) Folkins men's and a (2) Folkins women's squad and a (3) Jarvis men's and a (4) Jarvis women's squad.

Each squad bowls six games over two days, half in Fours and Singles, and half in Triples and Pairs. In each round of three games, the men's and women's squads bowl two games against their male or female opponents (e.g., U.S. Folkins men vs. Canadian Folkins men in first game and Canadian Jarvis men in second.) In the third game of each round, the two "best" and "second best" men's and women's teams (in Singles through Fours) from each nation (based on wins and points in first two games) bowl against one another.

The other Team USA bowlers were;

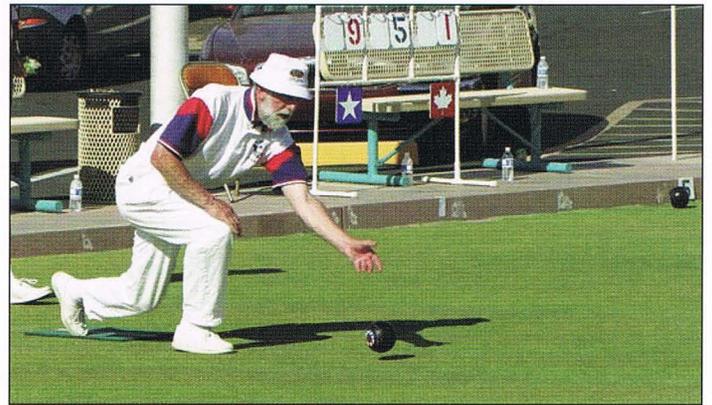
**MEN:** Folkins; Mert Isaacman of Newport Harbor CA (S Triples & Fours). Richard Broad of Seattle (Singles, V Triples). Bill Brault of San Diego (L Pairs, L2 Fours), a Team USA "freshman" who showed great potential in the 2006 National Open. Chris Booth of San Diego (S Pairs, V Fours). Leif Andresen of Milwaukee (L Pairs & Fours).

**WOMEN:** Folkins: Linda McDougall of Suncoasters-Sun City Center FL (S Pairs & Fours). Jackie Tucker of Pinehurst NC (Singles, V Pairs). Jan Hargraves of Newport Harbor CA (S Triples, V Fours). Brenda Wright of San Diego (L Pairs & Fours). Linda Blanche of Sun City CA (L Triples, L2 Fours).

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*JACKIE TUCKER of Pinehurst NC delivers another winner in her team's losing effort against Canada.*



*TWO-TIME U.S. CHAMPION Richard Broad of Seattle wins two of three in Singles in one of the bright spots for Team USA.*



*MERT ISAACMAN, one of Team USA's most respected international bowlers before back ailments dragged him down, won one out of six as a skip in the 2007 NAC.*

Jarvis: Barb Roller of Clearwater FL (S Pairs & Fours). Katy Stone of Long Beach CA (Singles, L Triples). Irene Webster of Sun City AZ (S Triples, V Fours). Linda Jahraus of Laguna Beach (L Pairs & Fours). Sandy Souza of Rossmoor CA (V Triples, L2 Fours).

R. Gil Stephan Jr., USLBA chairman of NAC, ran this year's tournament on his home turf, assisted by John Stewart, whose computer seems to understand the complex NAC scoring system.

U.S. team managers were Brian Studwell (men) and Marcia Masterson (women).

No "Ladies Tees," please, for Eileen Luba!

## A first: woman wins open-gender NE Singles

By Tee Adams and Gene Goodwin

For the first time, a woman has won one of the two national lawn bowls Singles tournaments open to both men and women!

Eileen Luba of Frick Park-Pittsburgh defeated a field of 18 (14 men and four women) in the USLBA Northeast Division's Classic Singles held May 5-6 at the DuPont LBC, Wilmington DE.

No woman has yet matched Eileen's triumph in the other major U.S. open-gender Singles, the Salisbury Singles, a South Central Division tournament.

Eileen, treasurer for the NE division and NE representative on the USLBA Council, is a 2003 U.S. Pairs champion. She is a nurse by profession.

To achieve her unprecedented victory, Eileen had to get by last year's champion, Patrick Duffy of Brooklyn NY, in a playoff set up when the two of them and Dan Berg of Williamsburg all ended up with five wins and a loss. Patrick edged out Dan in the first playoff game, but bowed to Eileen in the final.

Another playoff among the four 4-2 finishers earned fourth place money for David Smith of Essex County NJ, who defeated Bob Patterson of Brooklyn. Eliminated in the first round were Jack Edwards of Williamsburg and Lorraine Hitchcock of Sun City AZ.

Others taking part in this competitive event were:

Tee Adams (DuPont), David Ryer (Williamsburg), Jim Michaels (DuPont), Len Hitchcock (Sun City AZ), Bob Urquhart (Essex), Lois Saladin (Pittsburgh), Hank Luba (Pittsburgh), Helen Fickley (Pittsburgh), Bud Fickley (Pittsburgh), Jerry Egan (Williamsburg) and USLBA President Colin Smith (Essex).



THE FINAL PLAYOFF GAME FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP pitted Eileen Luba against Patrick Duffy, who is delivering a bowl in the image above.



EILEEN LUBA shows her beautiful style of following through after releasing her bowl, which Patrick ignores as he reaches down for his next bowl



COULD YOU HAVE PICKED THE WINNER?? Here are all the contenders in this year's NE Classic Singles. Eileen Luba, the eventual winner, is third from the left, first row, squeezed between USLBA President Colin Smith, left, and the 2006 champion of this tournament, Patrick Duffy. Note how all the other women in this photo – taken before the competition had started – hang together on the right.

All photos on this page were taken by Tee Adams



## Northeast Division

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### Northeast Division tournament results

#### Hall of Fame Triples, Central Park NY (11 entries):

The home team of Dong Kingman, Tom Rabolli and Eugene Oka beat some "big name" visitors to win this competition last June.

Second was the team of Burl ( skip ) and Barbara Roller of Clearwater FL, and Jack Lucey of Massachusetts.

Bob Patterson (skip) and Patrick Duffy, both of Brooklyn, with Steve Jacobs, finished third. In fourth place were Lois Saladin, Eileen Luba and Rusty Hein, all from Pittsburgh.

#### Pro/Am Open, Buck Hill Falls PA (14)

Patrick Duffy of Brooklyn and Jan Lucey of Massachusetts took first place in this Pairs event May 26.

Second place: Jim Murphy of Skytop and Debbie Smith of Essex NJ. Third: Andrea Murphy of New York and Keith Robson. Fourth: Bob Urquhart of Essex and Ron Burry.

#### Marie Manners Open Pairs, Williamsburg Inn (12):

Dan Berg and Ed Reynolds of the host club won all their games to claim this trophy on June 9-10. Other top finishers:

Second: Len & Lorraine Hitchcock of Sun City AZ. Third: Dave Smith of Essex NJ & Barbara Roller of Clearwater. Fourth: Burl Roller of Clearwater & Jack Lucey of Massachusetts.

### DuPont Country Club – Wilmington DE

#### By Tom Lawlor

Club officers for 2007 are President Jim Michael, VP Barry Gibson, Treasurer Tom Lawlor and Past President Sally Montigny.

### Slater Park - Pawtucket RI

#### By Ed Kenney

Officers elected for the 2007 season: President Ed Kenney, VP Yvonne Balthazard, Treasurer Dave Joncas, and Board members Sonne Bucklin, Jerry DeMello, Shirley Kenney, Maurice Lafond and Bill Martley

Games Chair Maurice Lafond. Greens Chair Pete Stojek. Social Co-Chairs Shirley and Donna Stojek.

#### Club Tournament Results

Opening Day: 1-Ken Birch and Pat Jones. 2 -Jerry DeMello and Bill Martley.

### New York

#### By Charles Crawford

Our 2007 Opening Day on May 5 was well attended, with 30 bowlers participating in social games and another 10 club members joining us for a wine and cheese party afterwards.

We are delighted to say our membership profile is strong, with a head count of 58 as of May 21. We expect a few more former members to rejoin soon and we have 10 prospective members who have taken free lessons and tell us they want to join the New York Lawn Bowling Club. We credit this success to: early-season group lessons (open to all), managed by membership chair Margie Barclay; our website, [www.nybowls.com](http://www.nybowls.com), run by webmaster Alan Winson; and publicity items placed in the New York media by Dong Kingman, Jr.

With a number of our newer members in their 20s and 30s, we're experiencing something of a youth movement. The youngest are Tom Rabolli's two daughters – Lucia, age 3, and Cellina, age 8 months – who both have full club memberships but are waiting awhile until they start bowling. This does wonders for our club's average age calculation.

Alan Winson and Ron Stubing won our first club tournament of the year, the Primavera Pairs, on May 19.

Our season ends on Oct. 8 this year, but if you plan to be in New York before then, please contact us and spend some time bowling in beautiful Central Park.

### Frick Park - Pittsburgh

#### By James C. Cunningham

The consistent efforts of Club greenskeepers Hank Luba and Greg Marsh have paid off and our two greens are in the best condition ever.

Club President Wick Hall will lead our participation in Pittsburgh's "Citywide Senior Days" this summer. During this event, lawn bowling lessons are offered to visitors. This annual event has proven to be quite popular.

Our club looks forward to hosting the Men's and Women's US Playdowns in July. We invite all NE Division members to come to Pittsburgh and have a game with us.

### *NE mourns death of Charlie Duffy*

The Northeast Division mourns the passing of former Division President Charlie Duffy, a long-time member of the Brooklyn NY Bowling Green Club and father of Team USA member Patrick Duffy.

Charlie was a strong competitor on the local and divisional levels and truly loved the game of bowls. He served on our Division's Board of Directors. In 1978, he served a tournament chairman of the National Men's Open Tournament here in the East. He was also a multiple participant in the U.S. Championships. He will be missed.



## NORTHEAST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

### Williamsburg Inn

By Susan Berg

The green formally opened on April 1 with 50 club members. This year, the Club has an ambitious goal to reach 70 members and has been publicizing tournaments through the local media and our brand new website:

[www.williamsburglawnbowling.org](http://www.williamsburglawnbowling.org)

Jack and Edith Edwards developed the site and provide updated information.

In February President Paul Howland and Lew LeCompte organized a work party to replace some of the ditch boards and to lower one end of the green so that bowls would roll into the ditch properly. Thanks to Emedio Bracalente, Edmund Botta, Jim McCaffrey, Frances Knight and Jack Edwards (and Richard Green from Colonial Williamsburg's maintenance staff).

In addition to the social bowls and Tuesday draw programs, the club has held several tournaments. On April 14, the second annual Venus-Mars tournament was held with the men winning 8-3 (the match was actually much closer than the score would suggest with two games ending in ties and several games with very close scores.). Charles Wynder won the "Let Jack Lie" Singles tournament on April 28. The object of this tournament is not to set the jack once it is delivered as long as it is in bounds and a legal length.

Our Club was unable to bowl for the Queen of England during her visit to Williamsburg on May 3 because of very tight security.

The Williamsburg Invitational was held on May 19-20. Twenty bowlers from Pennsylvania to Florida, representing three clubs, participated. The other clubs were DuPont and Pinehurst. Following the first day of play, Williamsburg and Pinehurst were in the lead. After the final set of games, Williamsburg captured first place, winning by three games.

Our Club mourns the recent passing of long time member Mary Ellen Kinney.

### Greenwich CT

By Pauline Jewett

We opened our 2007 Club season in May with 28 members on board from 2006. Our green, nestled in Greenwich's Bruce Park, receives many visitors during the summer months and we are actively recruiting them as possible new Club members. We look forward to hosting the Northeast Division's Paul Motta Memorial Open Pairs in July.

At our annual Spring meeting, the Club elected the following additional Officers for 2007: Bill Borowitz, building and greens; Pauline Jewett, publicity.

The Club thanked Frances Novak for her long-time service as Club correspondent for Bowls USA.

For more information on the Greenwich LBC, please call Rose Claus at 203/629-2911 or visit our website [www.geocities.com/GreenwichBowls](http://www.geocities.com/GreenwichBowls).

### Essex County - Bloomfield NJ

By George J. Schick

After our season opened on April 28 with the "Essex Spring Open Triples," we got down to business with our first Sunday "Learn to Lawn Bowl" session on May 20. Our 2007 goal is to **BUILD and RETAIN membership.**

The Essex green is available for daily play through November. We are located near Exit 148 of the Garden State Parkway. Contacts: Colin Smith, 43 Oneida Avenue, Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034 OR Bob & Lorraine Urquhart, 82 Townsend Road, Wanaque, NJ 07465

Winners of the opening day event were: Champs: Patrick Duffy (Brooklyn) Colin Smith, Debbie Smith. 2nd. Duncan Farrell, Skip Arculli, Mary Farrell.

### Leisure World - Silver Springs MD

By Liz Helmick

Club officers elected for 2007: Liz Helmick, President; Laura Rosfeld, VP; Lois DeSanto, Secretary, and Kevin Moran, Treasurer.

If your travel plans find you in the Washington, DC area, we extend an open invitation as our green is available for daily bowling through October. For more information, please contact Liz Helmick at 301-598-5412 or Laura Rosfeld at 301-598-2825.

### Cunningham Park - Milton MA

By Sam Drevitch

To stop losing members by attrition, we plan to hold an Open House to be advertised in local papers and promoted at River Bay Club, a Quincy senior housing complex.

Articles in our local newspaper have brought new prospects to our weekly, free instruction period. We also offer new bowlers a special reduced membership fee to encourage them to join.

### Fernleigh - West Hartford CT

By Gordon Fowler

Fernleigh officially opened its season May 28 with a traditional Memorial Day tournament.

This year we start with 52 bowling members. Although this number is well below the desired level, it represents a modest increase over last year at this time and is a welcome change from successive lower levels. The Club's 2007 schedule features a series of pairs matches on Monday and Wednesday nights during June and into July. Monday night triples will be played through August.

Evening games have become most popular, with virtually all of the bowling members participating. But we will also play our usual daytime tournaments. With regard to last year, we failed to report that Ward Francis and Greg Petrakis were the winners of the Club's pairs tournament.

# 2007 SE Open Results

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## Other cash prize winners in 2007 SE Open:

### Men's Singles (32)

- 2-George Tucker. 3-Bob Ferguson, Pebble Beach-Sun City Center. 4-John Shanklin, Pebble Beach.  
A Flight: 1-Rex Pickles, Ontario & Pebble Beach.  
2-Dave Smith, Essex NJ.  
B Flight: 1-Ron Jones, Ontario & Clearwater.  
2-Dan Berg, Williamsburg.  
C Flight: 1-Peter Bunce, England & Sarasota.  
2-Glenn Baumann, Pebble Beach.  
D Flight: 1-Joe Dorsch, Ontario & Clearwater.  
2-Charles Roach, Ontario & Clearwater.  
Consolation: 1-Bud Ricucci, Mount Dora.  
2-Phil Lascola, Pebble Beach.

### Women's Pairs (30 teams)

- 2-Marion Wall & Lenore Roach, Ontario & Clearwater.  
3-Cecilia Noble & Brooke Reid, Ontario & Clearwater.  
4-Beth Forbes & Tracy Wulbrecht, Mount Dora.  
A Flight: 1-Lois Saladin & Eileen Luba, Pittsburgh.  
2-Maureen Ferguson & Helen Dickson, Ontario & Clearwater.  
B Flight: 1-Linda McDougall, Suncoasters, & Barb Roller, Clearwater. 2-Christine Neale, England & Lakeland, & Valerie Bechard, Nova Scotia & Lakeland.  
C Flight: 1-Eleanor Calder, Ontario & Clearwater, & Heather Comba, Ontario & Maple Leaf FL. 2-Bernice Esslemont, Ontario & Clearwater, & Kaye Hughes, British Columbia & Clearwater.  
D Flight: 1-Jeanne McLaughlin, Suncoasters, & Norma Kearns, Ontario & Sarasota. 2-Eileen Love & Hilda Ferris, Suncoasters.

### Women's Fours (16)

- 2-Noreen Welsh, Ontario; Sandra Whitelaw, Scotland & Sarasota; Helen Dewar, Ontario, & Evelyn Sartain, Mount Dora. 3-Marion Wall & Lenore Roach, Ontario & Clearwater; Catherine McKinnon, Clearwater, & Helen Dickson, Ontario & Clearwater. 4- Marita Nierth, Barbara Smith, Bobbi Elwell & Angela Carkhuff, Mount Dora.  
A Flight: 1-Christine Garbett & Christine Neale, England & Lakeland; Arlene Marshall, Ontario & Lakeland, & Valerie Bechard, Nova Scotia & Lakeland. 2- Dorothy Gillis, Prince Edward Island; Dot Graham, Nova Scotia; Thelma Jacobsen, Ontario, & Margaret Hachey, New Brunswick.  
B Flight: 1-Linda McDougall, Barb Roller, Heather Comba & Eleanor Calder. 2-Cecilia Noble, May Blair, Norma Kearns, & Jeanne McLaughlin.



WOMEN'S FOURS CHAMPS, from left, Shirley Vidler, Julia Farrell, skip Iris Sager and Janet Bunce. Photo by Trevor Colby

### Men's Pairs (28)

- 2-Burl Roller, Pinehurst, & Bruce Petrie, Pebble Beach-Sun City Center. 3-George Whitelaw, Scotland & Sarasota, & Pat Byrne, England & Sarasota. 4-Peter Bunce & Don Rice, England & Sun-N-Fun.  
A Flight: 1-Mike Mancilly & Sy Carkhuff, Mount Dora.  
2-Glenn Bauman & Roger Rackliff, Pebble Beach.  
B Flight: 1-Phil Lascola & Bob Ferguson, Pebble Beach.  
2-Don Adams, Ontario & Sarasota, & John Sager, Ontario & Sun-N-Fun.  
C Flight: 1-Miles McEvoy & David Hoyland, England & Maple Leaf. 2-Bud Ricucci & Gary Williamson, Mount Dora.  
D Flight: 1-George Tucker, Pinehurst, & Jack Mein, Ontario & Clearwater. 2-Bob Wulbrecht & Leon Lambert, Mount Dora.  
Consolation: 1-Lynn Stokes, Pebble Beach, & David Burbery, England & Pebble Beach. 2-Bill Baird & Bill Bish, Mount Dora.

### Men's Triples (20)

- 2-George Tucker, Pinehurst; Cliff Bailey, Clearwater, & Jack Mein, Ontario & Clearwater. 3-Joe Dorsch, Charles Roach & Rick Wall, Ontario & Clearwater. 4-Mike Lawson, Gerry LaPorte & Miles McEvoy, Maple Leaf.  
A Flight: 1-Dick LaBrie, Sarasota, Cal Monroe & Ben Tardiff, Ontario & Sarasota. 2-Bill Hiscock & Floyd Murphy, San Diego, & Alex Struthers, England & Clearwater.  
B Flight: 1-Harlow Ferguson, Jerry MacLean & David Hoyland, England & Maple Leaf. 2-Glen Baumann, Roger Rackliff & Rick Czachor, Pebble Beach.  
C Flight: 1-Joe Tennant, Tony Farrell & Doug McCleese, Ontario & Sun-N-Fun. 2-Phil Lascola, Bob Ferguson & Ray Turman, Pebble Beach.  
D Flight: 1-Rex Pickles, Ontario & Pebble Beach; David Burbery, England & Pebble Beach, & John Shanklin, Pebble Beach. 2-Vince Macri, Ontario & Sarasota; Fred Theiler, Sarasota, & Andre Bessette, Quebec & Sarasota.

## Two “youngsters” emerge as Pairs victors

By Marilyn Appollo

In their first year of eligibility, Bill DesBrisay of Sun City Grand and Bob Christie of Sun City fought off a strong challenge from Cliff and Carole Hilliard of Irvine CA to win the 2007 Lindsay Towns National Senior Open Pairs in Sun City West AZ March 6-8.

You have to be at least 70 years old to bowl in this annual tournament sponsored by USLBA and the South Central Division.

In the National Senior Open Triples March 2-4, John Stewart, Bill Weaver and Bill Lingeman repeated as champions again this year. The runner-up team of Al Burdick, Gerry Jones and Nita Burdick defeated the champs in the qualifying round but were outbowed in the finals. Both teams are from Sun City.

In the Pairs, former National Senior Open champs Wray and Verna Roth of Sun City placed third and John Stewart and Warren Simon of Sun City placed fourth.

**Other Pairs winners** in the field of 24 teams were (bowlers are from Sun City unless identified otherwise):

Second Flight: 1—Ken Degenhardt and Betty Mayne. 2—Joe Murphy and John Burns.

Third Flight: 1-Duncan McQueen and Ed Mandler, both from California. 2-Tom Stirrat and Scott Peterson.

### Pairs, Fours “In”/doubles, rinks “Out”

We had to edit out of some club reports this issue two words we thought we had persuaded everyone in lawn bowling to stop using—“doubles” and “rinks.”

We have pretty much banned their use in *Bowls USA*, preferring that Pairs and Fours be used instead to describe two of the four basic games played in lawn bowls.

It's OK to use “doubles” if you are referring to tennis, but in our sport the game with two players per team is called “pairs.” It makes no more sense to call pairs by some other name than it does to call a duck a “chicken,” or to call a bowl a “ball.”

Our preference for “fours” over “rinks” has to do with logic and clarity. We realize that, unlike “doubles,” the word rinks is used in our rule books and is well understood by “insiders” as meaning the game of fours. But because we have to use words that are clear to readers beyond bowls insiders, we chose fours. It fits with the other game names (singles, pairs, triples, fours) as logically as 1,2,3,4. And does not have to be explained the way rinks would [when we report on a tournament like “Arizona Rinks,” we feel we need to write it “rinks (or fours)”. When you have to explain a word to that extent, common sense tells you to avoid that word as much as you can.



*SURE TAKES THE STING OUT OF TURNING 70! What does? Winning the National Sr. Open does. Ask Bill DesBrisay, left, and Bob Christie.*

Fourth Flight: 1-Andre Banares and Arlene McGinn. 2-Mary Terrill and Jerry Alton, both Sun City West.

Fifth Flight: 1-Ian Halkett and Bert Haws. 2-George Poor and Donald Wood, both Sun City West.

Sixth Flight: 1-Jay Hammer and Gordon Shieck, both Sun City West. 2-Ivan Greene and Walt Litwicki.

**Other winners in Triples** (from Sun City unless identified otherwise) were: 3rd: Bert Haws, Bill Davidson & Ian Halkett. 4th: Donald Wood, Jim Clark & George Poor, all Sun City West.

Second Flight: 1-Tom Stirrat, Warren Simon & Scott Peterson. 2-Lowell Ergen, Paradise, Gene Haugen & Gene Johnson, both Sun City West.

Third Flight: 1-Ken Truckenbrod, Glenn Mobratten & Wanda Truckenbrod. 2-Duncan McQueen, Bill Paulsen & Ed Mandler, all from Calif.

Fourth Flight: 1-John Burns, Bill Greiser & Betty Mayne, all Ontario. 2-John Hickson, Al Mendoza & Bob Hanson, all from Calif.

Fifth Flight: 1-Ken Degenhardt, Nancy Davidson & Joan Cameron. 2-Larry Hart, John Lynn & Chuck Schaefer, all Sun City Grand.



*NSO TRIPLES WINNERS: from left, Bill Weaver, skip John Stewart and Bill Lingeman*

## South Central Division

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### Sun City West By Kathleen Alton

Winners of the Mary Terrill Women's Open Pairs were Dora Stewart and Marcia Masterson, Sun City. Runners-up were Ria Wilson and Anne Van Basteleare, Sun City and Canada.

Marlene Cleutinx, Maurice Van Wallegham and Cecile Van Wallegham, Sun City and Canada, won the George Ralston Open Mixed Triples. Keith and Jean Roney, Regina, Canada, and Jim Webster placed second.

Some new open tournaments have been added this year. We welcome any and all to join us this fall for great bowling and good food at these events. The Roberta Lane Open Fours will take place Nov. 13-15 and the Bob Lane Open Mixed Triples will be Nov. 16-18. A brat welcome party will start off the tournament week of fun on Nov. 13. Between the tournaments will be a bus shopping trip to Mexico on Nov. 14 and a bus trip to the casino on Nov. 15. A pig roast farewell party will be held on Nov. 17 before the final day of the mixed triples.

Also planned this year will be Santa's Sun City West Open Fives on Dec. 7-9. Plan to wear Christmas attire and get in the holiday spirit.

For entry forms and inquiries, contact Kathleen Alton at [ichtue333@aol.com](mailto:ichtue333@aol.com).

### Sun City Grand By Larry Hart

We bowl Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. to avoid the hot valley sun during the hot summer months. Come and join us under the best lights in the valley.

### Deadline for next issue is Oct. 15, but

Since we are extending it by 15 days in order to cover the 2007 USLBA National Open Oct. 12-18, we'd really like all the other stuff in hand by the normal deadline of Oct. 1.

So if what you have planned to submit for the Autumn 2007 issue is "other stuff," please try to get it to us by Oct. 1.

*Our normal deadlines are:  
Feb. 1 for the Spring issue,  
June 1 for Summer and  
Oct. 1 for Autumn.*

### Paradise

By Marilyn Appollo

Our annual spring banquet recognized the season's tournament winners:

Men's Singles: 1-Rich Mills. 2-Chris Krogh. 3-Lyle Schultze. 4-Richard Davis. Women's Singles: 1-Shirley Toneff. 2-Marilyn Appollo. 3-Frankie Bye. 4-Jeanne White.

Men's Novice: 1-Bill Chalmers, 2-Bob Sizer. Women's Novice: 1-Ann Chalmers, 2-Phyllis Conlon.

Pairs: 1-Bernard LaValliere and Eileen Milsom. 2-Bob Milsom and Mary Gunther. 3-Hank Iverson and Lyle Schultze. 4-Bob Copas and Mike Ayling.

Triples: 1-Rich Mills, Gene Lyskawa and Stu Gillette. 2-Merleen Hill, Bob Hill and Tony Matthews. 3-Cal Calaway, Brian Sherwood and Chris Krogh. 4-Bernard LaValliere, Bob Gabrielson and Russ Heck.

Ladder: Mellie Leng, most points for skip, and Gene Lyskawa, top lead.

The last fun day of the season was concluded with a pizza party after friendly games. Many club volunteers pitched in and helped install new backboards after the regular bowling season ended. A few continued bowling through the summer in the early morning hours.

Our club mourns the passing of Harry Leng, a long-time, active member. He helped run many of our tournaments and served as board member in the past.

### Pueblo El Mirage

By Ron Gilmour

Two new officers were elected at our annual club meeting in March: President George Miller and Secretary Nancy Skalsky. Don Bishop was retained as Vice President as was Treasurer Chuck Babcock.

Our club season is mainly through the winter months and will resume in the fall. Our club is a resort with members coming from 13 states and 3 Canadian Provinces. Michigan represents the largest state with 20. There are 20 that hail from British Columbia. Our most distant members come 2700 miles from Massachusetts.

This year's tournament winners were:

Fours: John Monsanty, Ron Gilmour, Ray Heron and Bill Roberts.

Women's Singles: Carrie Klassen.

Men's Singles: Gordy MacCulloch.

Pairs: Jerry King and Margaret Smith.

Triples: Gordie MacCulloch, Lee Shaw and Jill Grant

Ladder: Joe Hudson.

Memorial Tournament: Joe Hudson, George Miller and Olive Sansom.

Novice Tournament: Marlene Hastings.

Canada-USA Games: Canada 8 1/2 and USA 7 1/2.

# Many new names among winners in SW Open this year

Many new names bowled their way into the Winners' Circle of the Southwest-USLBA Open this year:

**Mary Ann Beath** of Sun City West AZ, for example, won Women's Singles in her first ever SW Open!

And **Roger Teske** of Oaks North CA took Men's Singles and the men's "Bowler of the Tournament" award.

**David Calam** of Canada won Men's Pairs (with some help from his skip, **Richard Broad** of Seattle, a two-time U.S. champion).

In Women's Triples, **Duxie Smukler** and **Olga McCord** of San Diego teamed with three-time U.S. Champion **Anne Nunes** of Newport Harbor at vice, and won it all!

Two guys from the Oxnard CA LBC, **Amador Martinez & Armand Escalante**, took Men's Triples, with guidance from their lead, **Stanley Bloom** of McKenzie Park-Santa Barbara, who knows the way to Winners' Circles.

Winners of Women's Pairs were the well known **Robin Olson** of San Diego and **Tanya Hills** of Laguna Beach.

Both men's and women's SW Opens were bowled over six days in May at Santa Anita LBC, whose four squares of green can accommodate such a crowd of contenders.

Other 2007 Men's SW Open winners were:

**Triples** (31 Entries)

Championship flight: 2nd- Steve Smith of Pittsburgh and San Diego, Bill Brault of San Diego and Simon Meyerowitz of Laguna Beach. 3-Sam DeLisle, McKenzie Park-Santa Barbara, Raul Perez of Oxnard and James Cronshaw, McKenzie Park. 4- Ivan Hyland of Newport Harbor, Richard Broad of Seattle and Jim Olson of San Diego.

Second flight: 1- Roger Teske, Phil Salt and Bill Kagan, all of Oaks North. 2-Bob Monte of Newport Harbor, with Paul Gresbrink and Tom Glass of Santa Ana.

Third flight: 1-Ian Ho of Laguna Beach, Tony Baer of Newport Harbor and Liam Courtney of Pasadena. 2-Gary Fischer & Jim Kristianson of Laguna Woods, with Howard Harris of San Diego.

Fourth flight: 1-Jack Behling, Doug McArthur and James Copeland, all Sun City AZ. 2-Andre Banares of Sun City AZ, Moses Rachmaninov of Alhambra and Joe Molleta, Groves-Irvine.

Fifth flight: 1-Marty Schans, Don Wood & Al Burdick, all Sun City AZ.

**Pairs** (43 Entries)

Championship flight: 2-Reinie Kramer & Jerry Grady of Laguna Beach. 3-Jurgen Fessler of Canada and Malcolm Owen of Beverly Hills. 4-Bill Reidy & Sam Benjamin of Alhambra.

Second flight: 1-Houdini Ho & Marinko Tudor of Santa Anita, 2 - Marty Schans & Don Wood.

Third flight: 1-Rob Stewart & Alan Powers, Santa Monica. 2-Grant Summers of Sun City AZ & Jerry Knott of Oakland.

Fourth flight: 1-Neville Sacks & Joe Seigman of Beverly Hills.

2-Ivan Hyland, Newport Harbor, & Jim Olson, San Diego.

Fifth flight 1-Steve Smith & Bill Brault. 2-Charlie Herbert & Brian Stewart.

Sixth flight: 1-Peter Knopf & Larry Murphy, PIMD.

**Singles** (54 Entries)

Championship flight:: 2-Jack Behling. 3-Simon Meyerowitz. 4-Gary Fischer.

Second flight: 1-Ivan Hyland. 2-Sam Benjamin. Third flight: 1-Jon Burnowski, Berkeley. 2-Kay Tong, Alhambra. Fourth flight:1-Phil Dunn, Santa Monica. 2-Howard Harris, San Diego. Fifth flight:- 1-Houdini Ho. 2-Richard Broad. Sixth flight: 1-Ron Sayors, Canada.

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*MARY ANN BEATH wins Singles first time she bowls in SW Open*



*SW OPEN TRIPLES CHAMPS, from left, Anne Nunes, Duxie Smukler and Olga McCord.*



*ROGER TESKE is Singles champ and men's "Bowler of the Tournament" in SW Open.*

Photos by Gene Plunkett



*PAIRS CHAMPS of SW Open. from left, David Calam of Canada and Richard Broad of Seattle*



*STANLEY BLOOM, left, shared his tournament savvy with his mates, Amador Martinez & Armand Escalante, and they won men's Triples at SW Open*



## Southwest Division

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### The Groves

By Roma Bunch

Our oldest bowler, 90-year-old John Cutajar, won club Men's Singles this season. Glenna Weber won Women's Singles and Sybil Bernash was the "Missed" Singles winner.

Our popular Australian Pairs League went on for six weeks. Ken Weigel was the Skip winner and a new bowler, Chet Mueller, won in the Vice-Lead position.

Mixed Triples winners in March were Jim Emerson, Bonnie Allen/Kay May and Betsy Garcia.

Club officers for 2007 are President Shirley Martin, 1st Vice President Bill Fife, 2nd Vice President Royal Spurrier, Secretary Roma Bunch and Treasurer Brian Ravenscroft. Dick Mellen is games chairman and Ken Weigel and Bob Burroughs share the tournament chairmanship.

### Laguna Woods

By Eileen Donohue

We held a successful Open House and welcomed 40 guests in May. We have added eight new members so far this year, bringing our membership to 154, evenly divided between men and women.

Our tournament chairman, John Habenicht, has introduced new competitive play, which is a Spring and Fall Singles round robin with men and women in different divisions.

Our invitational 2+2 Mixed Fours tournament to be held on Aug. 25, has been renamed in memory of Virginia Marlar, past president of the Laguna Woods Club, the Southwest Division, and the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association.

In the Fourth Annual Senior Games in Laguna Woods Village, six club members won lawn bowling medals: GOLD: Jim Kristiansen and Christy Diller; SILVER: Ray Feldherr and Eileen Donohue; BRONZE: Harvey Miller and Al Koch.

*AUSTRALIAN PAIRS CHAMPS in SW division tournament at Riverside in May were Patricia Cronshaw of McKenzie Park-Santa Barbars, left, and Carrie Fossati of Laguna Beach.*



### Newport Harbor

By Theresa Casanova

Our Open House on May 12 brought hundreds of people to our greens. John Groofis chaired this successful event.

Four members of the same family have joined our club. They are Fran, Don, Brian, and Doug Stewart.

For three weekends in May, different groups rented our clubhouse, and learned from our bowlers how to play our game.

The best club party any of us could remember was the Italian Day fest put on by four Italian members: Jim Altobelli, Ted Farfaglia, Theresa Casanova and Franco Carnella. After bowling, an Italian feast was served to a club full of bowlers from Newport Harbor and neighboring clubs.

President's Day Triples in March, was won by Tibor Kozma, Ray Norris and Terry Heeley.

The entire clubhouse was cleaned and painted on "Club Pride Day" March 10. Members also painted green markers, carts, marker boards and building exteriors.

We mourn the passing of Anne Tejada, Joseph Radcliffe and Pat Altobelli.

### Santa Barbara

By Eileen Morton

Santa Barbara has a new website which, thanks to Lucille Jackson, has been up-dated with current information. Check us out at [santabarbaralbc.org](http://santabarbaralbc.org). Lucille is also our club photographer.

### Riverside/Redlands

By Don Hollingsworth

Riverside Councilman Dom Betro was made an honorary member of the Riverside LBC for a year and was presented a set of Bowls in hopes of stimulating his interest in the game. We mourn the death on April 29 of Barney Chapman.

Redlands LBC graduated 45 second and third grade Franklin School "bowlers" on May 21. Of the 45, seven were "special needs" children. In June 36 more grade school kids will complete their lessons and graduate.

### Hemet-Joslyn

By George Hayes

Winners of the Hemet-Joslyn Lawn Bowls Club annual Pairs tournament May 15 were :First-Carol Robbins & Don Gray. Second-Rob Robbins & Bud Shelley. Third-Ruth Schneider & John Thatcher. Fourth-Roland Schneider & Bill Shockley.

Nineteen Hemet-Joslyn bowlers traveled to the Sun City Club to enjoy a day of bowls with 12 from the host club, five from Riverside, and four members from the Redlands Club.

The Sun City club provided a continental breakfast, and goodies to go along with our bag lunches.



# SOUTHWEST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

## Santa Anita

By Gene Plunkett

The 31st City of Hope Triples Tournament, held on May 12th this year, attracted 24 teams and raised more than \$3,030.

The "A" green competition was won by Phil Dunn, Mar Bierman and Moses Rahaminov from the Santa Monica and Holmby Park clubs. The "B" green winners were Lucile Burkholder, Marti Worley and Sharone Green, all from the Riverside club.

We're holding our own membership wise. We lose one and gain one. We would like to gain two or three and lose none.



*WHATTA PRIZE! Former SWD president George Jordan displays the prize he got for hitting the jack from 169 feet away in the Laguna Woods club's annual "corner-to-corner" contest. The zucchini was six feet long!*

## Oxnard-Joslyn

By Pinky Palladino

Jim Morton and Bud Viard of Santa Barbara, with Bob Smith of Oxnard at vice, won our open Amador Martinez Triples Tournament in April.

Runners-up were Patricia and Jim Cronshaw of MacKenzie Park-Santa Barbara with Richard Purcell of Oxnard at lead. Other top finishers: 3rd place: Amador Martinez & Armand Escalante of Oxnard, with, Joe Rodgers of MacKenzie. 4th place: Barry Pickup, Loren Dion, Tom Dion, all from MacKenzie.

Thirty-two of our club members traveled to Holmby Park in March for our first visitation of the year. We were treated to a great lunch, but, sadly, had only two winning teams. Our second visit was in April to Santa Maria where we enjoyed the camaraderie and food, but struggled with their artificial green.

Our annual club tournaments started in March with the Novice Singles.

Richard Purcell was the men's champion and Dina Bongiovanni won in a tiebreaker over Sybil Ziv for the women.

The Vet-novice pairs was won by Doris Sneddon and Sharon Gibson.

Armand Escalante and Doug Dow took second and Ron Zenone and Jacob Ziv were third.

In the Mixed Novice Singles first place was won by Dick Gibson with three wins, followed by Tony Bongiovanni and Richard Purcell.

## Winners of the 2007 women's SW Open: Continued from Page 26

### Triples (16 Entries)

#### Championship Flight

|     |                   |                |               |
|-----|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1st | Duxie Smukler     | Anne Nunes     | Olga McCord   |
| 2nd | Myra Wood         | Annette Schans | Nita Burdick  |
| 3rd | Tanya Hills       | Linda Jahraus  | Brenda Wright |
| 4th | Cecilia Gillespie | Sylvia Muz     | Marlene King  |

#### 2nd Flight

|     |                |               |                |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1st | Reggie Banares | Eva Lee       | Kim Heiser     |
| 2nd | Jackie Tucker  | Marion Piller | Geisela Schmid |

#### 3rd Flight

|     |                   |                |               |
|-----|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1st | Jan Hargraves     | Barbara Roller | Dee McSparran |
| 2nd | Patricia Cronshaw | Rosa Gandara   | Mary Delisle  |

#### 4th Flight

|     |                 |                  |                 |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1st | Cecile Langevin | Marcia Masterson | Pat Gonzales    |
| 2nd | Sandy Souza     | Christine Ludwig | Melanie Vizenor |

### Pairs (23 Entries)

#### Championship flight:

|     |                |                |
|-----|----------------|----------------|
| 1st | Robin Olson    | Tanya Hills    |
| 2nd | Mary Ann Beath | Mary Terrill   |
| 3rd | Merle Ackerman | Brenda Wright  |
| 4th | Jan Hargraves  | Barbara Roller |

#### 2nd Flight

|     |               |             |
|-----|---------------|-------------|
| 1st | Sybil Bernash | Margi Rambo |
| 2nd | Kathy Alton   | Sandy Souza |

#### 3rd Flight

|     |                |               |
|-----|----------------|---------------|
| 1st | Eileen Morton  | Doris Sneddon |
| 2nd | Reggie Banares | Eva Lee       |

#### 4th Flight

|     |               |                    |
|-----|---------------|--------------------|
| 1st | Kim Heiser    | Dee McSparran      |
| 2nd | Maryna Hyland | I Webster/I Forbes |

#### 5th Flight

|     |              |              |
|-----|--------------|--------------|
| 1st | Rosa Gandare | Mary Delisle |
|-----|--------------|--------------|

### Singles (29 Entries)

#### Championship flight:

|     |                |
|-----|----------------|
| 1st | Mary Ann Beath |
| 2nd | Mary Terrill   |
| 3rd | Jackie Tucker  |
| 4th | Kim Heiser     |

#### 2nd Flight

|     |                   |
|-----|-------------------|
| 1st | Patricia Cronshaw |
| 2nd | Eileen Morton     |

#### 3rd Flight

|     |                 |
|-----|-----------------|
| 1st | Cecile Langevin |
| 2nd | Susan Howey     |

#### 4th Flight

|     |               |
|-----|---------------|
| 1st | Marion Piller |
| 2nd | Kathy Alton   |

#### 5th Flight

|     |                   |
|-----|-------------------|
| 1st | Cecilia Gillespie |
| 2nd | Brenda Wright     |

(Above lists of names, without home clubs, towns or countries, are all we got from the Southwest Division women's tournament officials - Gene Goodwin, ed.)



## Pacific Inter-Mountain Division

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The weather gods smiled down on the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division as it celebrated its Opening Day Tournament on March 24. The Rossmoor club's three premier greens were filled to capacity as some 120 bowlers competed for six first place cash prizes. Veteran PIMD Tournament Director Peter Knopf guided the games while Rossmoor's hospitality provider, Roe Hazelwood, and her crew masterfully presented the assembled a wide variety of goodies and refreshments.

**Women's Fives:** Forty women from throughout the division competed this Spring. Winners were: Dorie Mendoza (Sunnyvale), Laura Lewis (Oakland), Ann Walker (San Jose), Nayou Bernard (San Jose) and Sylvia MacDonald (Rossmoor)

**American Heart Association Tournament:** First place



*FOUR OF WINNING FIVES TEAM, from left, Ann Walker, Laura Lewis, Nayou Bernard and Sylvia MacDonald. Missing was thier skip, Dorie Mendoza .*

went to Ted Crum, Charlie Black and Jerry Leech who went undefeated in the tournament. Second place was won by Tom, Jonathan and Joshua Burnoski , who lost but one game.

**NorCal Men's Singles:** PIMD Champion Jon Burnoski, Berkeley, winning all six games. Second Place Larry Collaco, Sunnyvale. Third Place Pete Knopf, San Francisco. Fourth Place Pat Bayless, San Jose.

B Flight: 1-Mario Galletta, San Jose. 2-Nick Christensen, San Jose. C Flight : 1-Al Mendoza, Sunnyvale. 2-Bob Schwartz, Berkeley. (Report on PIM Pairs next page)

## Santa Cruz

By Woody Maunder

After more than three years of being a club without a green, the Santa Cruz LBC is open for business again with a beautiful new carpet green!

The Australian Balsam Pacific synthetic surface is being tested daily for its speed and draw by club members who now pay \$100 annual dues under an increase approved earlier.

In recognition of their leadership during lengthy negotiations with the city leading to the installation of our new playing surface, these officers were asked to continue their services until the next annual meeting in December: Harry Schoenfeld, president; Ken Brideau, vice president; Geri Veith, secretary; Stephan Schoenfeld, treasurer; and board members John Lyons, Bill Ranney and Pete Young.

## San Jose

By Ken Brady

Tom and Josh Burnoski won our Winter League, while John Ogden and Jonathan Burnoski took second. Larry Collaco and Sheila Stout came in third. Winners of Club Fours were John Ogden, Steve Ringwood, Mario Gorgianni and Murray Brunt. Runners up were Larry Collaco, Lou Audino, Grace Netro and Frank Gardner.

We congratulate the Santa Cruz Club on the installation of their new artificial surface green -- the first in the PIMD. Several of our members have already tested it and are full of praise.



*NEW SANTA CRUZ SYNTHETIC GREEN OPENS: After three years without a playing surface, Santa Cruz lawn bowlers enjoy their return to San Lorenzo Park.*

## San Francisco

By George Scarpato

SFLBC's first 2007 tourney was the Men's Handicap Pairs, won by Robb Pawlak and Alex Xavier. On May 15, the Club held its annual Hattie Bahrt Mixed Pairs and Bill Ryan and Judith Perkins came in first. Hattie, ever gracious, provided lunch for more than 30 bowlers and guests.

Club volunteers again hosted a lawn bowls lesson and mini-tournament for 12 teachers from the children's center at University of California's teaching hospital in San Francisco.

Sydney Whittingslow, a club member since 1974 has died. In both 1981 and 1985, Syd was a member of the winning men's triples teams in the ALBA National Opens. His wife, Gertrude, survives him.



## Murphy-Knopf, Perkins-Biukoto win PIM Pairs

Six teams of women and 18 teams of men bowled in the PIMD Memorial Day weekend Pairs tournament in cold and windy San Francisco May 26-27. Results:

Men's A Flight:

1-Larry Murphy & Peter Knopf (San Francisco). 2-Nick Christensen (San Jose) & Tim Rigoli (Richmond). 3-John Hickson & Ian Harris (Palo Alto). 4-Mano Pereira & Bill McConachie (San Francisco)

Men's B Flight: 1-Wyman Chew (Oakland) & Bob Schwartz (Berkeley). 2-Robb Pawlak (San Francisco) & Steve Ringwood (Oakland).

Winners of the women's round robin: 1-Judith Perkins & Tirisa Biukoto (San Francisco). 2-Virginia Farr & Sandy Souza (Rossmoor). 3-Marie Guterres & Lucy Guterres (San Francisco).



*Larry Murphy,  
left, &  
Peter Knopf*

## Oakmont

By Adele Patterson

The Oakmont Lawn Bowling Club has been in a state of flux for the past few months as more than half the members have voted against belonging to USLBA. There have been changes to the By-Laws, which will still require updating. However, the club survives and the activities go on. Hopefully, all will be straightened out by the end of this year.

The tournament season is off to a roaring start. Colin Pegley and Gordon Krueger won against stiff competition to take the Men's Championship Pairs. Lee Owen led her team to victory in Women's Championship Triples. The opponents scored five on the first end, then fell way behind until late in the game when they had a seven to tie the score on the last end. Lee's team triumphed for a well fought victory.

## Richmond

By Frank Ransome

The Richmond LBC is open for bowling every day except Mondays. Lessons are given on Wednesday and Saturday. Club members bowl close to the gate every day and invite everyone that stops by to come in and roll a few. We've added several new members in the classes.

## Rossmoor

By Tay Wheeler

President Ed Guterres has once more taken on the responsibility of directing the 22 tournaments scheduled for this year, having already presided over six of them without a hitch.

Ingmar and Suzie Eriksen have done a masterful job of running our very popular monthly Fun/Social events. There were five of them, to be exact, where each bowler puts in \$3 for the chance to "win big" by scoring the most plus points for that particular day.

The club was saddened by the death of Erma Artist, a member with her late husband, Orville, of the USLBA Hall of Fame. Erma had recently moved out of Rossmoor to be closer to her sons. She had always been an active participant in the Orville/Erma Artist Tournament held each year in Rossmoor, donating great prizes that consisted of three "goodie bags" (one for each green) filled with fruit, candy and \$60 in cash. There was a bag for each green that was given when any team scored four or more points in a given end. The last team left "holding the bag" walked off with the prize. Erma Artist was the epitome of what any lawn bowler should be, a great lady who was full of fun, gracious and kind. She will be forever missed but never forgotten. This year, with Erma's passing, the tournament was renamed the Orville/Erma Artist Memorial Tournament.

Results of the 2007 Orville/Erma Artist Memorial Tournament:

First Place: Larry Collaco, John Ogden & Shiela Stout of San Jose.

Second Place: Michael Overton of Palo Alto, & Al and Dorie Mendoza of Sunnyvale.

Our club's Men's and Women's Pairs competition has finally been concluded. Men's champs are Lionel Guterres and Ingmar Eriksen. Winning for the women were Jackie Purdy and Vera Belton .

## Del Mesa Carmel

By Lloyd Wells

President Allan Sindelar reports that our Del Mesa Club has 40 regular members, five associates and one honorary.

We have eight teams currently competing for the Club Pairs title, and we will play a full round robin to determine a winner. The Club Singles will be held in July with the Club Triples following in September.

Check our new website: [delmesacarmellawnbowlingclub.com](http://delmesacarmellawnbowlingclub.com)

## Support Team USA! Join Golden Bias!

The best way to support Team USA is to join the Golden Bias Club, which is dedicated to providing financial aid to the men and women bowlers who represent us in international competition. Send your \$50 check for annual dues to

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## *Palo Alto struggles to make up for loss of about 30 members each year*

By Ian Harris

The Palo Alto LBC has welcomed nine new members this year so far. We plan an "Open Day" in June featuring new signs, special events for senior groups, and articles in several Palo Alto-produced newsletters.

By the end of April we had 135 members, five less than this time last year, but more than in 2005 and 2004. We expect to lose between 25 and 35 members each year so we have a lot of work to do. As always, we try to keep our web site interesting and

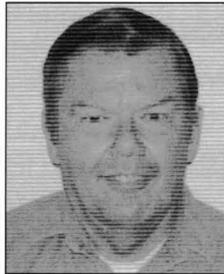
accurate, our social events lively, our draw games competitive but peaceful, and our demeanor welcoming and enthusiastic.

June will bring a host of activities for our membership, including our Opening Day Luau and the beginning of our Friday Night League. Our coach will also be teaching a City-sponsored class for prospective bowlers and our tournament schedule will start again in the latter part of the month. We look forward to a busy year.

## NORTHWEST DIVISION & CLUB NEWS

### Northwest Division

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### King City

By Larry Edgar

We've had three "special" days so far this season. A "new bowlers" day was held in April to welcome and begin instruction to nine new members. Our Opening Day on April 28 was a beautiful day, getting our season off to a very nice start. Then, on May 19, we held a visitation for the Portland club, enjoying a day that started off cool but got warmer as the day progressed.

### NW Open set for Aug. 11-19

July and August will be a busy months in our division. Division playdowns take place during the first and last weeks of July, and a mixed triples tournament will be played in King City on the 14th and 15th. The division open will take place in Seattle Aug. 11-19. "Team of 5," pairs, singles, triples, and novice competitions will be played.

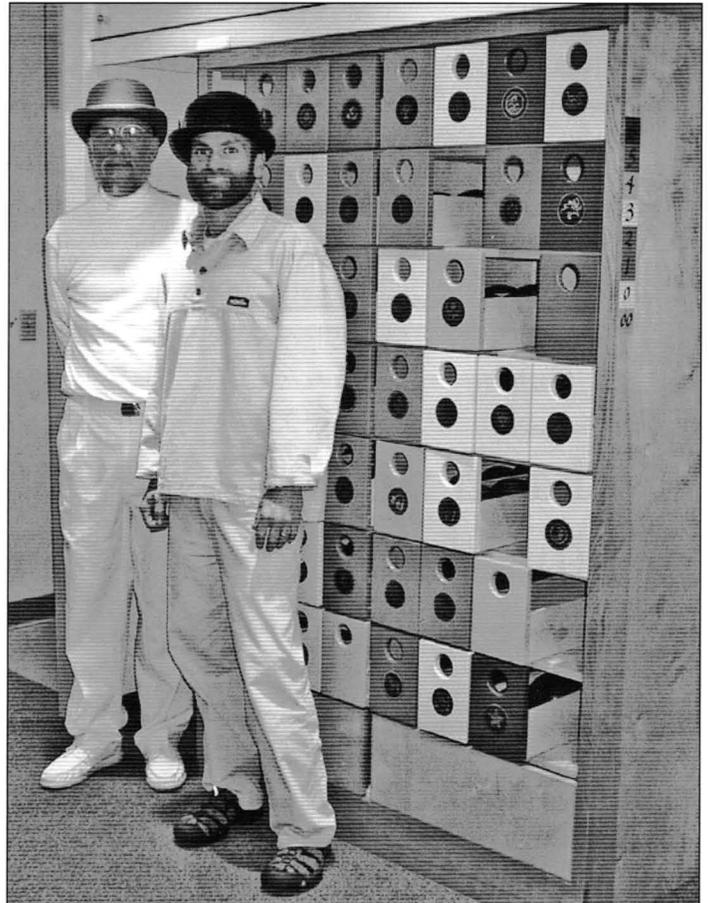
### Jefferson Park - Seattle

By Kat Marriner

The 2007 bowling season got off to an enthusiastic start with our Opening Day celebration on May 5th — Cinco de Mayo. It has been several years since JPLBC hosted a gala to kick-off the bowling season, and our social committee put on a fantastic spread for the 67 folks in attendance. In anticipation of the event, volunteers did a great deal of work in time to greet returning members.

The clubhouse interior now displays memorabilia and tournament winners, an entry garden was planted to put on a more welcoming face to the park, and a new bowls storage system was designed and crafted to hold the house bowls in style. We had a fine day for bowling, eating, socializing and celebrating our love for the game.

Jefferson Park launched a club challenge ladder for members to sign up and challenge players ranked above them. This allows for friendly competition on an individual basis, and already we've seen an increase in the number of bowlers meeting for one-on-one challenge matches.



*ARTISTIC CARPENTERS Richard Krueger, left, and Brian Nichols show off the color-coded boxes they built for their Jefferson Park club to store 56 sets of house bowls. Note their hats: we call them "derbys," but the English call them "bowlers."*



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### Milwaukee Lake Park

By Steve Nelson

Good bowling greens have long been a point of pride for the Milwaukee Lake Park club. Good greens mean lots of time spent on green maintenance, and chief groundskeeper Bob Schneider has led a dedicated crew (all club members) to make sure the greens were ready for the 2007 season.

In early spring 10 yards of sand were dragged over the two greens. Aerating and spiking keep the greens breathing well. At the Memorial weekend Blind Pairs event, the greens were timed at 12 seconds. By the time the pairs playdowns and Central Division Open roll around in July we can expect to be bowling on even faster greens.

Twenty new bowlers showed up for our annual May Open House. An encouraging sign was the youthful age of many of the newcomers. We hope to attract them to our Wednesday evening bowling or to a new league format being developed this summer. The league and promotion of group events are being test marketed to housing units and businesses within easy reach of the greens.

In mid-June a group from Milwaukee drove to Minneapolis to bowl against a squad from Brit's Bowling Club (an illustrated article about Brit's Pub will appear in the next issue). The idea was to foster a relationship with the popular pub and bowling club and to expose Brit's to the wider world of bowls in the U.S. On another note Milwaukee looks forward to a visit from bowlers of Chicago Lakeside in mid-August.

Club Tournament Results:

**Memorial Blind Pairs:** Flight A: 1-Steve Nelson & Jim Grzybowski, 2-Max Cavender & Norma Harrington, 3-Leif Andresen & Tom Vanderbilt. Flight B: 1-Glorianne Mather & Barb Althoen, 2-Bill Harrington & Alice Sedgwick.

**Potlicker Open Pairs Cup:** 1- Joe Zinna & Bob Schneider; 2- Carl Landgren & Steve Nelson; 3- Leif Andresen & John Devine.

### Chicago-Lakeside

By Tom Michaels

Our new officers are Karla Rotondo, president, and Charlean Smith, vice president. Secretary Lorrie Michael and Treasurer Don Sneddon will continue for another year.

Our president, Karla, has started training for the Triathlon here in Chicago, besides her regular Sunday morning soccer games and Sunday afternoon lawn bowling.

Our season opened May 19-20 in perfect bowling weather. Our buddies at Milwaukee Lake Park have invited us for a day of play in mid-August. That is a treat because their greens are so perfect and have quite a draw. It takes us four ends to even come close to the jack at Milwaukee. Also, we are in awe of their skills.

*Coming in next issue:*

Lawn Bowling  
(barefoot and  
with a brew!)  
at Brits Pub  
in Minneapolis



*Don't miss Steve Nelson's report on this unusual rooftop green  
in Bowls USA, Autumn 2007*

## The Last Shot

belongs to  
Gene Goodwin, *Editor*



Now it can be told! The gentleman who is being trained to take over as editor of *Bowls USA* next year is Trevor Colby of Clearwater FL, now our SE staff correspondent (see page 13).

Although he was the only one to respond to my published call last Fall (p. 33 Autumn 2006 BUSA), I was not disappointed, because Trevor was No. 1 on my list of people I planned to lean on if no one had volunteered.

Why Trevor? First, he obviously cares about the English language. Perhaps because he was born and educated in England, he knows about grammar and usage, and seems to appreciate writing that is clear, interesting and easy to read.

Second, he is an excellent photographer. Third, he has above average computer skills. And, finally, he is a nice guy, a likable fellow, with more intelligence than this job needs.

What he lacks he will learn on the job: One is a superior knowledge of how lawn bowling works in this country. The second, more difficult lack, is how an editor (or any good journalist, for that matter) looks at the world in general and at his or her special area of responsibility (e.g. lawn bowls in the U.S.)

I have assured Trevor that as long as I am able, I will help him any way he wants. You bowlers out there can help by being patient, giving him whatever information he asks of you, and by reading and appreciating this magazine he will be working his butt off to produce.

**Blunt emails:** My trouble with emails these days is in replying to them. Because keyboarding skills are one of the things I had to sacrifice to that old devil PD (Parkinson's disease), I strive not to waste words. So, where in the past I might have responded with words like:

"Dear Bewildered: It is easy to understand how you could be confused when one umpire rules that you were guilty of foot faulting because your unusual sidearm delivery sometimes pulls both your feet off to the side of the mat, while a different umpire observes you the next day and rules just the opposite. But you must understand that our umpires are human beings too, and can honestly differ in their interpretations of the laws of our sport. And isn't it possible that you may have delivered your bowls differently when the two umpires observed you? If I were you, I would work on my delivery to make certain that one foot is on or over the mat when I release my bowl. Regards, gene goodwin"

My response today: "B. umpires are gods. stay on mat. can sidearm. gg"

Some of my responses are so blunt, they probably offend. But what can I say? "Grow up! Blunt beats no response. gg" Forgive me.

**Remembering Shirley:** Here's what I thought when I learned Shirley Cam had died (p.12): "I hope God is ready because there goes one tough cookie!"

I first came to know Shirley in 1998 when she and I were officially observing the U.S. Championships at the Jefferson Park club in Seattle. I was there as the still-new chairman of the ALBA U.S. Championships committee, and I had a problem: Just before I got to Seattle I had learned that the site we were counting on for the next year, Santa Anita CA, had to cancel because their four new greens would not be ready.

I talked about my problem with all the ALBA and AWLBA officials present. All offered sympathy, a few gave me good suggestions for alternative sites, but Shirley was the only one to come up with a solution: Her club, Rossmoor at Walnut Creek CA, would do it!

She had been on the phone and had gotten authorization to offer Rossmoor to host the 1999 U.S. lawn bowls championships. I was overwhelmed, and would have gratefully accepted her offer. but I, too, had been on the phone and by then had assurances from Southwest Division officials that they would come up with another SW club to sub for Santa Anita.

Long Beach CA ended up hosting the '99 event, but Rossmoor got the first opening after that and did a great job as host in 2002. (Guess who had a major role in running that most successful championship!?). What I learned about Shirley was that if you asked her help, you had better really want it. All her gears were forward!

My next lesson came when we worked together drafting the constitution for what became the USLBA when the separate men's and women's associations merged in 2000.

Her sharp mind was focused on language assuring fairness but also allowing some differences between men and women, such as in selecting players for Team USA. Shirley wanted to protect the still-used system in which women are selected for the National Team after "trying out" at a camp to which prospects are invited. She so sold me on the camp idea that, for the life of me, I still cannot see why our men selectors don't also use it.

Shirley knew it would take more than words in a constitution to see that women bowlers get a fair shake from some males who don't realize that their attitudes and actions have been discriminatory. So in the early days of the merged organization, Shirley took it upon herself to tell them about the error of their ways. No one can know for certain whether her scolding changed any minds, but she caused more than one of her targets to be more careful because they knew she was watching.

Then there was the time I talked to her about some request I was thinking of making to the national USLBA Council, of which we both were members. "You can ask," she told me, "but you won't get it." She told me why. I never made the request. I already knew about "tough cookies."

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## 7 SHOTS PAIRS

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| <b>Alhambra LBC, CA</b><br>Houdini Ho, Tom Ly.....  | 01/31/07 |
| <b>Bell LBC, AZ</b><br><i>South Central Division Open</i><br>Jan Hargraves, Dee McSparran.....                | 02/07/07 |
| <b>Pinehurst LBC, NC</b><br>Don Hopkins, Dick Ellis.....  | 02/07/07 |
| <b>Lakeland LBC, FL</b><br><i>Men's Pairs</i><br>Don Woodington, Jim Claydon.....                             | 02/13/07 |
| <b>Newport Harbor LBC, CA</b><br><i>Valentine Tournament</i><br>Jim Altobelli, Theresa Casanova.....          | 02/14/07 |
| <b>Santa Ana LBC, CA</b><br><i>Harwood Triathlon</i><br>Joe Egerer, Bob Ralston.....                          | 02/17/07 |
| <b>Lakeland LBC, FL</b><br><i>Polk Senior Games</i><br>Donald Woodington, Arlene Marshall.....                | 03/01/07 |
| <b>Sun City Center LBC, FL</b><br><i>2007 Southeast Division Open</i><br>Don Rice, Peter Bunce.....           | 03/05/07 |
| <b>Leisure World LBC, Mesa, AZ</b><br>Carol Bantley, Don Dudgeon.....   | 03/16/07 |
| <b>The Groves LBC, CA</b><br>John Genovese, Chet Mueller.....   | 03/16/07 |
| <b>Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA</b><br>Hans Mehner, Tony Bongiovanni.....  | 04/07/07 |
| <b>Pinehurst LBC, NC</b><br><i>Southeast Division Playdowns</i><br>Bud Ricucci, Gary Williamson.....          | 04/17/07 |
| <b>Pinehurst LBC, NC</b><br><i>Southeast Division Playdowns</i><br>Marita Nierth, Bobbi Elwell.....           | 04/19/07 |
| <b>Pinehurst LBC, NC</b><br><i>Southeast Division Playdowns</i><br>Bill Bish, Bob James.....                  | 04/20/07 |
| <b>Alhambra LBC, CA</b><br>Houdini Ho, Leno Maase.....  | 05/05/07 |
| <b>Woodland Park LBC, WA</b><br><i>Northwest Short Jack Pairs</i><br>Colin Southcote-Want, JoAnn Forrest..... | 05/12/07 |

## 7 SHOTS TRIPLES

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| <b>Mount Dora LBC, FL</b><br>Evelyn Sartain, Sy Carkhuff, Angela Carkuff.....   | 01/30/07 |
| <b>R.H. Johnson LBC, AZ</b><br><i>South Central Division Open</i><br>Bernard LaValliere, Rich Mills, Chris Krogh.....           | 02/02/07 |
| <i>This Team scored two Super Shots on same day.<br/>One in Game 1 and one in Game 3.</i>                                       |          |
| <b>Sarasota LBC, FL</b><br><i>Club Event w/Maple Leaf</i><br>Al Pelliccio, Margo Pelliccio, Gerry Smith.....                    | 02/04/07 |
| <b>Leisure World LBC, Mesa, AZ</b><br><i>Triples Open</i><br>Bob Sharkey, Betty Dudgeon, Bernie Radowski.....                   | 02/06/07 |
| <b>Sarasota LBC, FL</b><br><i>Grass League Sarasota vs Suncoasters</i><br>Margo Pelliccio, Maureen O'Brien, Sharon Farrish..... | 02/07/07 |
| <b>Leisure World LBC, Mesa, AZ</b><br>Mike Sanford, Bud Milbraot, Carol Marske.....   | 02/12/07 |
| <b>Mount Dora LBC, FL</b><br>Mike Maneilly, Bobbi Elwell, Jean Adams.....   | 02/13/07 |

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| <b>Kings Point West LBC, FL</b><br>John Robek, Linda Suh, Carol Puckett.....                        | 02/20/07 |
| <b>Friendly Valley LBC, CA</b><br><i>Valley League 2007</i><br>Houdini Ho, Tom Ly, David Child..... | 03/05/07 |
| <b>Suncoasters LBC, SCC, FL</b><br>Linda McDougall, Sue Bellerose, Jo Sliwa.....                    | 03/29/07 |
| <b>Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA</b><br>Bert Kessler, Jordan Austin, Jane Brewster.....                     | 04/09/07 |
| <b>Kings Point LBC, FL</b><br>David Wood, Ron Doncouse, Pat Ross.....                               | 04/12/07 |
| <b>Alhambra LBC, CA</b><br>Houdini Ho, Kay Tonet, Gary Jones.....                                   | 04/18/07 |
| <b>Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA</b><br>Wes Johnson, Pinky Palladino, Bob Ferris.....                       | 05/06/07 |

## 7 SHOTS TRIPLES

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| <b>Holby Park LBC, CA</b><br>Cecil Bator, Dan Cirlin, Lona Edwards.....        | 05/15/07 |
| <b>Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA</b><br>Wes Johnson, Juliet Watson, Rolland Hines..... | 05/21/07 |
| <i>This team scored two (7) Super Shots in one Game.</i>                       |          |
| <b>Mount Dora LBC, FL</b><br>Sy Carkhuff, Lee Kline, Ron Swindler.....         | 05/23/07 |

## 8 SHOTS PAIRS

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| <b>Clearwater LBC, FL</b><br><i>Kurt Dorman Pairs Invitational</i><br>Bill Bish, Bonnie Bish.....   | 01/06/07 |
| <b>Johnson LBC, SCW, AZ</b><br><i>Thomson Zivec Open</i><br>Kathy Alton, Dennis Danger.....         | 01/20/07 |
| <b>San Jose LBC, CA</b><br><i>Winter Tournament</i><br>Mayou Bernard, David Salazar.....            | 02/18/07 |
| <b>San Jose LBC, CA</b><br><i>Winter League</i><br>Tom Burnoski, Joshua Burnoski.....               | 02/18/07 |
| <b>Leisure World LBC, Mesa, AZ</b><br>Sandra Mack, Carol Bantley.....                               | 02/27/07 |
| <b>Sun City Center LBC, FL</b><br><i>2007 Southeast Division Open</i><br>Bill Baird, Bill Bish..... | 03/05/07 |
| <b>Sun City Center LBC, FL</b><br><i>Mixed Pairs</i><br>Bob Ferguson, Jeanne McLaughlin.....        | 03/24/07 |
| <b>Kings Point West LBC, SCC, FL</b><br>John Roebek, Ron Doncouse.....                              | 04/17/07 |
| <b>Pinehurst LBC, NC</b><br><i>Southeast Division Playdowns</i><br>Mike Maneilly, Sy Carkhuff.....  | 04/18/07 |
| <b>Cambria LBC, CA</b><br>Joe Cooper, Bill Duncan.....  | 04/23/07 |

## 8 SHOTS TRIPLES

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| <b>Mount Dora LBC, FL</b><br>Marita Nierth, Gary Williamson, Lee Kline.....  | 01/30/07 |
| <b>Mount Dora LBC, FL</b><br>Mike Maneilly, Bobbi Elwell, Jean Adams.....  | 01/30/07 |
| <b>Kings Point West LBC, FL</b><br>Dave Moore, Sam Giliberto, Ruth Green.....                                      | 02/02/07 |
| <b>Santa Ana LBC, CA</b><br>Bob Montes, Lenore Thayer, Wayne H. Birdzell.....                                      | 02/13/07 |
| <b>Sun N Fun LBC, FL</b><br><i>Senior Games</i><br>Iris Sager (Can), Julia Farrell (Can)<br>Janet Bunce (Eng)..... | 02/19/07 |

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| <b>Mount Dora LBC, FL</b><br><i>Mount Dora/Clearwater Challenge</i><br>Angela Carkhuff, Earl Shaner, Judy Bublitz..... | 02/20/07 |
| <b>Pebble Beach LBC, FL</b><br><i>2007 Southeast Division Open</i><br>Glenn Baumann, Roger Rackliff, Rick Czachor..... | 03/07/07 |
| <b>Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA</b><br>Ron Zenone, Sharon Gibson, Jacob Ziv.....  | 03/09/07 |
| <b>Long Beach LBC, CA</b><br><i>Coast League</i><br>Tibor Kozma, Pauline Kozma, Terry Heeley.....                      | 03/16/07 |
| <b>Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA</b><br>Norm Palladino, Sandy Rankin, Emiko Jackson.....                                       | 03/19/07 |
| <b>Sarasota LBC, FL</b><br><i>President's Draw</i><br>Annie Mayall (Can), Jerry Brown, Carl Hichman.....               | 03/24/07 |
| <b>Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA</b><br>Raul A. Perez, Dina Bongiovanni, Charles Capehart.....                                 | 04/09/07 |
| <b>Oxnard-Joslyn LBC, CA</b><br>Bill Livingston, Richard Purcell, Charles Capehart.....                                | 04/23/07 |
| <b>The Groves LBC, CA</b><br>Dick Mellen, Roma Bunch, Del Summers.....   | 04/25/07 |
| <b>Rossmoor LBC, CA</b><br><i>12th Annual Honda Tournament</i><br>Don Hazelwood, Sylvi MacDonald, Rick Oliveira.....   | 05/10/07 |
| <b>San Jose LBC, CA</b><br><i>Friendship Tournament</i><br>Mayou Bernard, David Salazar, S.K. Tam.....                 | 05/14/07 |

## 8 SHOTS FOURS

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| <b>Pinehurst LBC, NC</b><br><i>S. C. Rinks</i><br>George Tucker, Jackie Tucker, Rainey Urquhart, Bob Urquhart..... | 01/13/07 |
| <b>Mount Dora LBC, FL</b><br>Beth Forbes, Tracy Wulbrecht, Jean Adams, Nancy Cestare.....                          | 02/01/07 |

## 9 SHOTS TRIPLES

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| <b>Johnson LBC, SCW, AZ</b><br><i>Visitation El Mirage vs Sun City West</i><br>Lois Hoggan (Can), Dick Slade (US), Carrie Klassen (Can)..... | 02/13/07 |
| <b>Kings Point West LBC, FL</b><br>David Wood, Arla Maginnis, Carol Puckett.....   | 03/05/07 |
| <b>San Jose LBC, CA</b><br><i>Club Draw Triples</i><br>John English, June Pattison, Dave Salazar.....  | 03/15/07 |

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