

I hope that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. It's been a busy time of year for Bowls USA. We held our Annual General Meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and I was elected Bowls USA President. I've received many congratulations and well wishes from people all over the world. Thank you for your support.

In addition, Wayne Baines (SCD) was elected our new Second Vice-President and Kelly Warren (SWD) our new Treasurer. They are both highly qualified and I know that they will serve us all well. They join our stalwarts, Veronica Sum (NED) our First Vice-President and Dee McSparran (SCD), our Secretary on the Executive Committee.

We all say a big thank you to our outgoing Treasurer, Alice Birkinshaw and President, Richard Broad. They've served us all well over the last two years and will continue to serve and help the bowls community in different ways now.

Also on our staff, we were able to introduce Adriana Sandoval (SWD) as the Bowls USA Marketing Director to the entire Bowls USA Executive Council. Adriana will also be representing Bowls USA on an international committee being started by World Bowls to improve the reach of our sport. Please join us in providing her your thoughts and support.

During the AGM, two long time contributing members of our community, Mert Isaacman (SWD) and Joe Zinna (CED), were elected to the Bowls USA Hall of Fame. A well-deserved honor for both of these gentlemen.

After the AGM, we held a very successful U.S. Open in Sun City, Arizona. Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the event such a big success. Whether you marked a game or two, brought hospitality, ran a tournament, or prepared the greens, thank you very much for your assistance. It was greatly appreciated. Another huge thank you to Ron Rollick and Heather Stewart, the co-tournament chairs for their efforts. Putting on a tournament of this size with people coming from all over the world is not easy and could have been so well done without all of you. Thank you.

Hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season. Looking forward to a great 2019!

Sincerely,

Scott Roberts

President, Bowls USA