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National News



Bob Schneider and Dee McSparran did Bowls USA proud in international tournaments. They played in the World Cup Indoor Singles in March at Warilla Bowls and Rec Club in NSW, Australia. This event was played on an extremely fast indoor carpet, something we in the US do not often encounter.

Bob finished 11th out of 24, and Dee finished 16th out of 20. Some very tough competition there.

Deanna Amos (Australian Coach) served as Coach for Dee and Bob.



LawnBowls CENTRAL

Glorianne Mather, Representative

Join us for a game in any of the following states: Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Contact us at pres@lawnbowlscentral.com



Bowls Northwest

Bob Wells, Representative

Results of the Indoor Short Mat Challenge:

The first of its kind event was new in every way: playing indoor - at a Portland Parks & Recreation Community Center on a short mat - requiring extraordinary control and pacing by the bowlers with skip/lead changes every game - a format identifying the strongest of the bunch a new burnt end rule - opposing skip places the jack at their discretion on the jack line and sponsored [prize money](#) - thank you S/EA Architecture!

After four qualifying pairs games, the top four points-earners went into randomly selected pairs teams for a final game. **Chris Davis and Rikki Ricard from Jefferson Park** faced off against **Peter Mauro and novice Roscoe Pershall of Portland**. The first few ends were tight, but by end 9 the Portlanders had a commanding lead, negating a final 10th end.

Thanks to all and Congrats to Winners Peter and Roscoe.



Alex Last, Representative

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

May 18-29— Ron Buck Singles at Essex

June 8-9— Drevitch Pairs at NYLBC

June 22-24— Pairs Playdowns at Frick Park



James Corr, Representative



Genevieve Cichy

What skill does it take to represent a sport to those wondering what this game is really all about? What kind of club leadership does a person demonstrate that thoughtfully encourages and develops players? What kind of personality does it take to make people enjoy and fall in love with a sport?

Ask any of the three charter members of the new PIMD Hall of Fame. This local institution was created to recognize and honor members of the PIM division who have contributed to the fabric of our division and helped to create the foundation for successful bowlers and clubs. A committee worked to formalize the process and procedures, loosely based on the BowlsUSA Hall of Fame, and nominations were solicited from all PIMD clubs. The nominee's accomplishments must speak to her or his character and faithful service to our sport, especially at the division level. This could include serving in elected or appointed offices within the division and member clubs, growing PIMD membership and supporting bowlers with coaching, team building and novice events, and marketing lawn bowls throughout the division and the country. Nominees will have competitive bowling achievements at the club, division, and sometimes national/international level while exhibiting leadership and stellar comportment.

Genevieve "The Pink Lady" Cichy, currently a sprightly 104-year-old member of the Del Mesa Carmel club, bowled her first bowl at Rossmoor LBC in 1980 at the tender age of 68 and from that first bowl, there was no stopping her. Genevieve is a world-class bowler, having won two U. S. National Opens in pairs (1990 and 1991, when she was 79!), was runner-up in pairs twice in U. S. Championships (1990, 1991), and qualified to the Championships an additional two times (1988,1993). She has won Club titles in Singles, Ladies Pairs, Championship Pairs, and Mixed Pairs while at Rossmoor. Genevieve served her club in many leadership roles, both as a Board member, and as a role model and teacher on the green. Genevieve was a certified Umpire for the U.S. Lawn Bowling Association for 10 years. The Carmel club continues to quote her when a head is particularly loose and ragged by saying, "I've seen better heads on stale beer".



Bud Birkenseer

Rolling his first bowl in 2007, **Bud Birkenseer** won the Good Guy award for service to the Palo Alto LBC in his first year. He took over as tournament director and has held that position ever since. He is currently the TD for the PIMD as well, and is “on call” to assist with organizing or running the occasional tournament for other division clubs as needed. Bud organized and ran a 6-month division-wide singles ladder competition and skillfully tracked over 200 games. He is the BUSA Super Shot coordinator.

Bud actively participates in tournaments and friendly games in PIMD. He has traveled to and won a number of games at the US Open, the SW Open, and has been the PIMD men’s pairs representative at the National Championships.

Outside of lawn bowling, Bud’s passion is woodworking. For 10 years he made all of the coveted individual trophies for PALBC championships. He designed and built rake stands to ensure the safety of our bowlers, custom fit the club's new kitchen oven, built a rolling stand to hold the club’s 50 sets of loaner bowls, and rebuilt and installed new wooden lockers in the men’s and women’s locker rooms. He is an avid supporter of our sport.

EB Parkell is a dedicated 20-year member of the San Francisco LBC. During that time she has served the PIMD as Division Head Umpire, giving numerous one--day training seminars for clubs in the division. She has served on the PIMD board. Participating in many club and PIMD tournaments over the years, she has won or placed in a good number of them. She was named “Woman Bowler of the Year”, in 2011. EB has participated in various Senior Games, winning medals at nine of the Pasadena games, and placed 2nd in the Bay Area Senior Games held in Palo Alto in 2009. At the SFLBC she has served as VP, Head Umpire, Women’s Tournament Director, and an at-large member of the Board.



EB Parkell

When repairs and upgrades were needed in the clubhouse, EB stepped forward with a generous personal donation to cover the costs of purchase and installation of a new stove and other amenities. She has been an enthusiastic supporter of the division’s National Championships bowlers and the upcoming Championships to be held in San Francisco in September 2019. EB Parkel, a tireless ambassador for lawn bowling!



Howard Mackey

Howard Mackey (1926-2019), Berkeley Bowler and Friend

By Ray Francis

Howard Mackey—long-time BLBC member, former BLBC president, former greens-keeper, former board-member, and former Memorial & Endowment Fund Trustee—passed away on April 15, 2019. He could tell you hundreds of stories about sailing, RV living in southern California, life in the Bay Area from his childhood to the present day, and bowling. Life did not just happen to Howard – Howard went at life with a remarkable combination of enthusiasm, stoicism, and old-fashioned directness.

Bay Area lawn bowlers consider Howard a Berkeley institution, but Howard considered himself an El Cerrito product. Howard attended El Cerrito High School and returned to teach there until his retirement. The halls there have articles and photos of Howard serving his community. This writer had the pleasure of coaching former students of Howard who came through the BLBC gates years later. They would reminisce fondly about their time with him.

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Howard Mackey (1926-2019), Berkeley Bowler and Friend (Continued)

Howard would want the story of his life to include what a powerful combination he and his wife Barbara (also a bowler and a BLBC member) were. Howard and Barbara joined the BLBC in 1993, and the couple bowled competitively for many years. Howard bowled for many years as a lethal skip. In later years he preferred to bowl as an equally lethal second. Toward the end of his bowling days, he left the heavy lifting to others and shifted to bowling as lead. When he wasn't working on the green or in the clubhouse, he was practicing with 2 sets of bowls, but with neither mat nor rink markers. He would bowl to a jack that he rolled anywhere on the green. He then walked to the jack, rolled it out to another random spot on the green and so on.

When not bowling, Howard and Barbara served the club in countless ways. Barbara served as board secretary for several terms and Howard served two terms as BLBC president. Howard and Barbara enjoyed running the Berkeley Jamboree for quite a few years. They frequently were the first to come set up for events and draw games and just as frequently the last to leave when putting things away. Howard stepped up to serve as greenskeeper for several years, a thankless job that he took on with grace and equanimity. Barbara died in 2012, and that took its toll on Howard. He did not dwell upon his loss in a public way, but if he was comfortable with you, he would speak of his loneliness and how strange it felt for him to wake up without Barbara there. He also frequently spoke of the happiness and joy his family brought to him: he knew himself to be lucky and was grateful.

And that is how we at the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club feel about Howard and Barbara. They gave so much time, labor, love, and goodwill to the BLBC and its members. A grateful BLBC community shall remember them fondly for what they cheerfully provided in so many ways. We offer our condolences to the Mackey family.

Note: Howard's family has requested and the BLBC has enthusiastically agreed that a memorial service be held at the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club on **June 15, 2019**. Call the BLBC (510 841 2174) for further details.



DEADLINE to get articles to interim editor for the June magazine is June 15th. Email to k519ss@sbcglobal.net



Gary Higgins, Representative

Stan Glickman



A Supreme Court for Asheville

This article by David Langdon was written to announce upcoming classes at the UNC (University of North Carolina) Asheville College for Seniors. It appeared in OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) Weekly Newsletter. The OLLI program attracts retirees to Asheville and has been the main source for new members for the Asheville Lawn Bowling Club.

The language and images in the article appear odd at times, yet they are instructive in how a non-bowler communicates about our sport. You can't argue with results. The article is credited with increasing interest in the course in which 12 enrolled and 8 more were put on the waitlist.

If the supreme lawn bowling court in the country is now in Asheville, the "chief justice" might just be OLLI Lawn Bowling instructor Stan Glickman. This is the story of the Asheville Lawn Bowling Club, that amazing, world-class lawn bowling court and how you could take a College for Seniors class this spring at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to play on the court while Stan teaches you how to lawn bowl.

A little history first: Back in 1994, Jack and Nicki Benatan, a couple familiar with lawn bowling, were returning from South Africa to discover that Carrier Park in Asheville was being developed into a sports complex. They set about convincing city officials to build a lawn bowling court because it would satisfy the needs of the burgeoning retirement community for a low-impact, fun sport. In 1998 a 110' square court was completed.

Now fast forward to the fall of 2018 when the Asheville Lawn Bowling Club upgraded an old, small court to a state-of-the-art 120' square, artificially surfaced court through the efforts of City of Asheville Parks and Recreation department's Susan Travis and current Asheville Lawn Bowling Club president Bill Stoermer.

"How do you play the game?" you ask. Lawn bowling is played with four bowls individually or on teams of two or four players. At the risk of stealing Stan's thunder, the bowls are solid and round on one side but tapered on the opposite side. This allows them to travel in a gentle curve. The object of the game is to get a bowl (think 'ball') closest to a little white marker ball called a "jack." The rink (think 'lane') is 14' wide and 120' long. This, of course, takes a lot of finesse and is the subject of Stan Glickman's spring session College for Seniors class on lawn bowling. It really is a lot of fun and great for eye-hand coordination.

Glickman has been involved with the Asheville Lawn Bowling Club for 10 years and is a past president. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He suggests that if you can master the intricacies of the sport you might want to get competitive when the club hosts a regional tournament in early September with clubs from Williamsburg, VA, Pinehurst, NC and Pittsburgh, PA. The new world-class lawn bowling surface will make Asheville very desirable for hosting regional and even national tournaments. Imagine what you could do if you only knew how to lawn bowl through a College For Seniors class at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.



On April 4 & 5th, Rick Fitzgerald & Bob Fladung joined the Presenter/ Assessor ranks to teach Club Coaches in the Southeast Division.

They will join Jackie Tucker in covering the Florida area. They will also be doing clinics for bowlers completing the initial 4 lessons using the CBS method. We welcome both of these gentlemen whose enthusiasm and presentation skills will assist us in our Division.



To all Member Authorities

Colleagues

As previously advised, during 2018 International Indoor Bowls Council (IIBC), formerly known as World Indoor Bowls Council (WIBC), affiliated to World Bowls.

Up until 2018 World Bowls had organised its World Youth Championships and our colleagues at IIBC had organised their own World Junior Championships.

Following the Board's review of World Bowls events, which involved detailed consultation with IIBC relating to both these existing Youth/Junior events, including participation levels experienced, level of world credibility and costs, World Bowls announced that we would discontinue with our World Youth Championships. World Bowls would then be working in close collaboration with IIBC to produce a greatly enhanced World Junior Under 25 Championships event played indoors with entries being open to the Member Authorities of both IIBC & World Bowls.

I am delighted to advise you that the eagerly anticipated inaugural revised World Junior Under 25 Championships has now been arranged to be held at West Denton Indoor Bowling Club, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, England in December 2019. I attach the formal invitation with further details, together with the official entry form to be completed and returned at the earliest, but to be received by no later than 14th June 2019.

Please note that for those Member Nations of both IIBC and World Bowls in the UK, where separate indoor and outdoor national authorities still exist, only one pair of male and female competitors selected by the outdoor member national authority(s) and one pair of male and female competitors selected by the indoor member national authority(s) will be accepted. However, if either the indoor national authority(s) or the outdoor national authority(s) choose not to enter the event then they must provide the opportunity for the other national authority(s) for outdoor or indoor respectively to enter a second pair.

We trust that our Member Authorities will now fully support this revised World Junior Under 25 Championships providing a vital opportunity for the enhancement of the development of junior competitors and to increase the profile of our sport for this age group.

Gary Smith, Chief Executive



Southwest Division

Dear Lawn Bowlers,

Perhaps you have heard that **OC Parks is considering putting in a Lawn Bowling facility in the Mile Square Regional Park in Fountain Valley**. 93 acres of golf course in the middle of the park have come back into the possession of OC Parks. Although OC Parks has hired a consulting firm which has already set up a physical proposal of usage they have also been asking the public how the space should be used. When this “began” on January 16, 2019, Charlyn Moltane, SALBC, wrote several detailed letters to many people at OC Parks explaining why a facility is needed there, who can bowl, how to play the game, and what is needed. April 21 she finally got an email from OC Parks saying they are considering the idea! . . . just considering. But that is a start! Yea!

Google: Mile Square Regional Park Expansion

Send emails to: MileSquareExpansion@OCParks.com or milesquareexpansion@ocparks.com

Let’s show more interest in the possible Mile Square Lawn Bowling Club and **send in a flood of e-mails requesting it to be built**. They are targeting the people of the 5-mile radius around the park. Since you probably live farther away your email address won’t show that. So please write something as if you lived in the area. **Google: Mile Square Regional Park Expansion** Samples are below; please change the wording:

Dear Mile Square Parks Expansion Committee, or Dear OC Parks,

I have heard that you are considering having a lawn bowling facility in Mile Square Park. That would be great because . . . I live near and wish . . . My friends lawn bowl at Newport/Harbor and it would be great to have a club near me . . . I’ve heard that this sport . . . Family time together. . . I need to lose weight but jogging is boring . . . I had to stop playing tennis/golf and have heard that . . . Lawn bowling? That sounds fun. Build it and I will come. I’ve seen it at Laguna but it would be great to have a place in my town. I’ve been looking for a mild activity . . . I’m new to the city and want to make new friends . . . I need to get out of the house and . . . My . . . is driving me nuts and I need to get out of the house . .

Send this on to your bowling club members and friends. Let’s promote this. Thank you.

Charlyn Moltane , Santa Ana Lawn Bowling Club

Recent Tournament Winners:

NEWPORT CLASSIC: Howard Harris, Peter Ritchie, Christine Ludwig

KATY STONE SINGLES: Anne Nunes

AUSTRALIAN PAIRS: A-Dave Rahm and Micky Alexander; B-Alexis de la Garza and Heather Lewis

STIRRAT MIXED TRIPLES: Anne Nunes, Phil Luth, Bill Brault

AMADOR MARTINEZ TRIPLES: Kay Tong, Sean McMorris, Alan Ngo