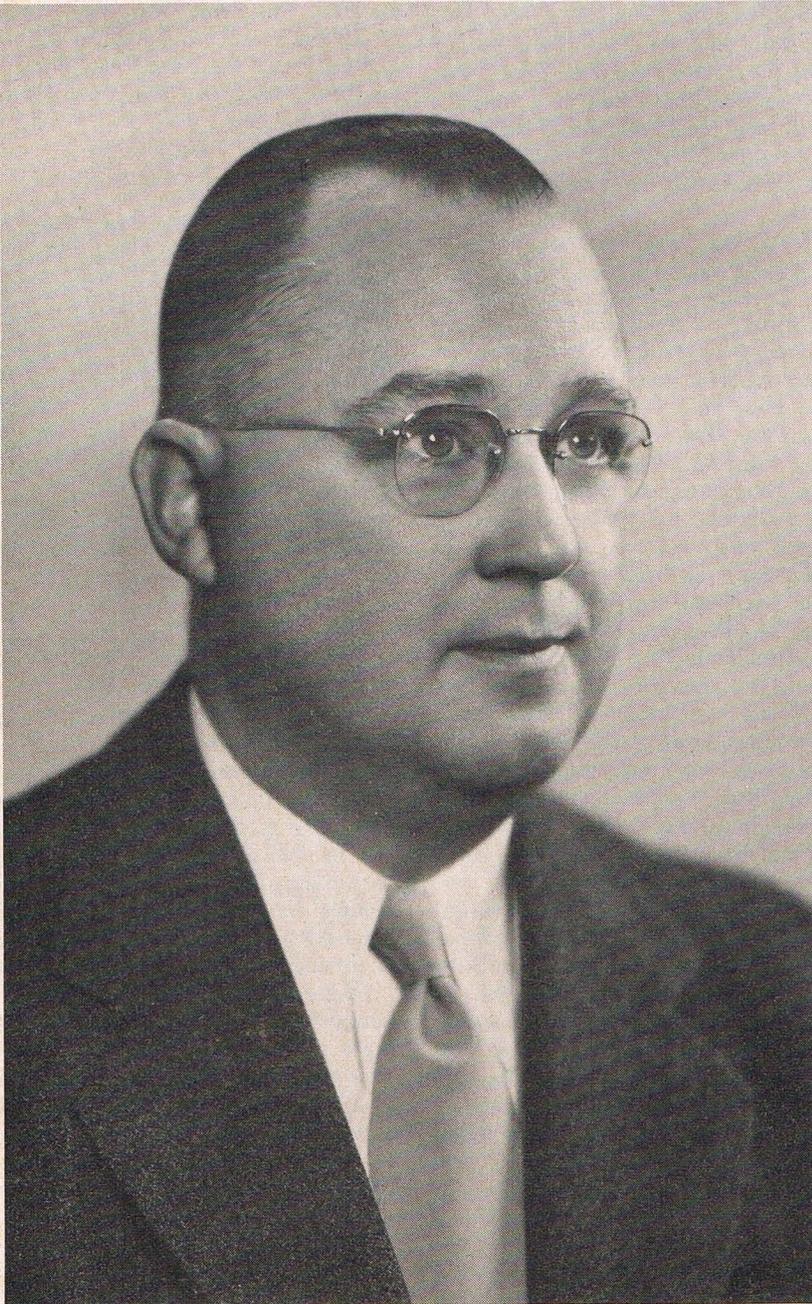




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JOHN W. DEIST

As most of you have heard by now, I was stricken with a rather unusual leakage of blood into the spine which came on suddenly in Suva, Fiji, and ended up putting me into a wheelchair, probably from now on. The above is a snapshot taken at the Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Center in Phoenix where I am trying to learn to live as normally as possible.

How Zelma survived those hours while getting me to Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu (some 1400 miles on two airlines, on a stretcher, plus three ambulance rides) for the emergency operation, I will never know. Whenever I came to there she was, either looking after me, or making whatever arrangements needed to be made. To her, I can only continue to repeat my undying love, and good luck in having her as a partner for these past 47 years. We have been most fortunate in so many ways that this trouble only seems to point up our many blessing in the past. To the doctors, airline workers who put in many overtime hours, to the nursing staff at the hospitals, I am most grateful. I am, again, a fervent supporter of the Western Airlines, especially, for the smooth transfer from Honolulu to Phoenix.

Since our return to Phoenix, George Milne, and Ruth Low (a long time bowler and good fiend from Milwaukee) have been working like beavers helping Zelma get our bowls business back to normal. Zelma handles all the correspondence, George the big job of getting out the Handbooks and "In The Groove booklet" to the Secretaries, and Ruth putting together the April, 1974 galleys under difficulties since our REPORT FORM for the April issue did not get mailed out in March as usual. Another big job was dumped in the lap of Cress Tilley that of putting together the Directory Supplement. A big THANK YOU to these good friends.

Each Club Secretary and all officials should have their shipment of Handbooks and In The Groove booklet by the

time this issue is out, or soon after. IF ANYONE HAS BEEN MISSED IN THE MAD RUSH, or a shipment has been lost, please excuse all of us, and let us know at the Secretary's address. Also, when writing about any shipment not received, PLEASE BE SURE to enclose a complete FULL ADDRESS, INCLUDING APARTMENT NUMBER AND ZIP CODE. Please, also check with your former Secretary to be sure he or she does not have the shipment from an old listing.

THE REPORT FORM for the July issue will be mailed earlier than usual to enable you to provide us with correct corrections to your list of persons to receive the magazine.

Things ought to be back to normal soon, but in the meantime please keep us informed of any mistakes which may have occurred.

John Deist
Secretary-Treasurer



GEORGE W. MILNE

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January 3, 1974

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Best wishes for your continued health for the coming year.

Sincerely,
Dr. Leonard Milton
President

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS - SCHEDULE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

1974 "WALT" DISNEY MASTER SINGLES

Beverly Hills L.B.C.
Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212
May 24 thru 27
Entries Close May 10
Entry Fee Per Player \$5.00
Club Secretaries have details

NORTHWEST DIVISION

1974 ROSE FESTIVAL OPEN SINGLES

Portland L.B.C.
Westmoreland Park
Portland, Ore.
Men's Singles June 11-14
Entries Close May 27
Entry Fee \$4.00
Mixed Pairs June 13-14
Entries Close June 12
\$2.50 Per Player
Ron Veitch
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Portland, Ore. 97233

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

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June 19-20
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Beverly Hills L.B.C.
June 26-27
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CENTRAL DIVISION

1974 A.L.B.A. NATIONAL OPEN

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Chicago, Ill.
July 13 thru 18th
Lachlan McArthur Gen'l Chairman
R.R. 2 Mokena, Ill. 60448

NORTHWEST DIVISION

1974 Division Tournament

Seattle, Wash.
Triples July 29-30
Singles July 31-Aug. 1
Pairs Aug. 2-3

EASTERN DIVISION

1974 ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by Five Clubs of
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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

1974 A.L.B.A. U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sun City, Arizona
Singles and Doubles
Sept. 22nd thru 26th
Four Sun City Clubs

CENTRAL DIVISION

1974 AMERICAN WOMENS LAWN BOWLS ASSN.

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Columbus Park B.G.
Chicago, Ill.
July 14 thru July 20
Closing Date June 29
Mrs. R. McArthur
11213 W. 193rd St.
Mokena, Ill. 60448

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The ALBA Council has accepted an invitation to participate in the 3rd World Bowls Championships. 5 representative players will be chosen to carry the U.S.A. colors to this outstanding event. 14 countries will participate.

PLACE: JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

TIME: FEBRUARY 15 TO MARCH 6, 1976

The Council has also authorized a Spectators Tour for ALBA members and their immediate families on a first come basis.

When: Commencing shortly before Championships.

Duration: 31 to 45 days.

Cost: Dependent on duration and excursion fare.

Departure: From Miami about February 1, 1976.

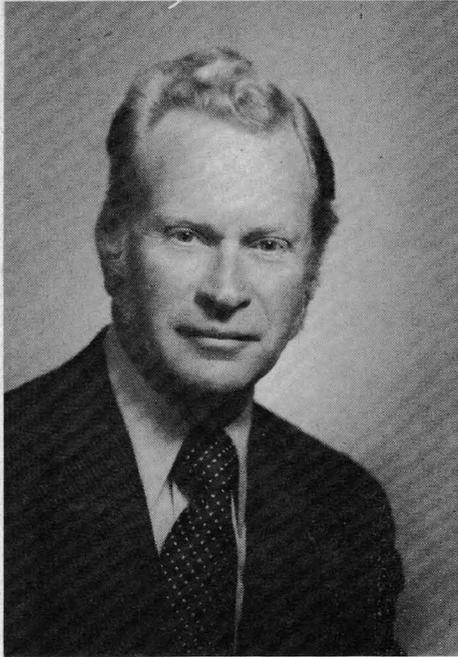
Return: Individual basis, even round the world.

Sightseeing: Major points of interest, including Rio and/or Buenos Aires, crossing South Atlantic, Capetown, Victoria Falls, Kruger Park, Johannesburg, and elsewhere as desired.

Application and requests for further information (but no deposits), to be sent to ALBA Travel Director Larry R. Hennings, 414 Central Building, Seattle Wash. 98104. He will coordinate the trip through appropriate airlines and travel agencies. Please indicate present intentions as to return routing preference.

EASTERN DIVISION

John F. Gilbert, Staff Correspondent



JOHN F. GILBERT

PROGRESS REPORT 1974 EASTERN DIVISION TOURNAMENT AUGUST 5-9

By Bill Keay

The Committees for the 1974 Eastern Division Tournament are now real busy finalizing plans for the tournament to be held August 5 through August 9 at the Hartford and Springfield Bowling Greens.

In this report, we are not exactly in a position to present all of the details and the program for the tournament as there is much to be done before the starting date of August 5 and because this report must be mailed in time to be printed in the April issue of BOWLS.

The following is a summary on the progress the several committees have accomplished as of this date. This information, we believe, will be of interest to the people who plan to attend and participate in the tournament.

The tournament headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn in Hartford, Connecticut. This hotel is brand new and it is located within a city block from the intersections of Interstate Highway 1-84 and 1-91 on which most of you will travel to arrive in Hartford. When you arrive at the hotel and drive into the parking facilities, you must take a parking ticket at the gate. This parking ticket will be validated at the hotel registration desk, just tell the clerk at the desk you are lawn bowlers. This free

parking will be in order during your length of stay at the Holiday Inn.

The closing date for the trebles and doubles is Saturday, July 20, however, entries for the doubles will be accepted after your arrival and during the playing of the trebles competition. In this issue of BOWLS, you will find a half page ad with further details about the tournament. If any bowler is interested in obtaining additional information about the tournament, just complete the coupon in the ad and mail it to Charles Knightly, Secretary, 89 Bloomfield Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01108.

A notice to be posted on the bulletin board in your clubhouse, together with entry forms and hotel reservations cards has been mailed to the secretary of each of the bowling clubs in the Eastern Division. Other clubs in the United States and Canada, as always, are more than welcome to enter this open tournament.

Registration for the tournament will take place in the lobby of the Holiday Inn on Sunday. For late arrivals, registration will continue Monday morning at the bowling greens. When you register, you will receive a kit which will include complete details and information concerning the week-long activities.

The opening ceremonies are scheduled for Monday morning, August 5 at 10:00 a.m. and the first game of the trebles competition will start immediately following the ceremonies. The banquet will be held Monday night at the Holiday Inn.

With regard to the participation of the ladies in the tournament, a committee of women has been formed. This committee of Maria Wolf and Jean McCambridge, members of Fernleigh L.B.C., West Hartford, Connecticut; Hazel Raymond and Frika Dobek, members of Tam-O-Shanter L.B.C., New Britain, Connecticut and Mamie Maxwell and Phyllis Peck, members of Thistle L.B.C. Hartford, Conn. have had the experience with events such as this, consequently this group of women will be of great help to the overall success of the tournament. The committee is now busy making plans for the ladies' tournament and other activities related to the bowlers' wives and families. You may be sure this committee will have everything in order for the opening of the tournament, August 5.

We look forward to a large entry of teams for this event and would like to receive your entries soon. If you do not have a team for the trebles or a partner

for the doubles, mail your entry as we plan to have a pool for bowlers to make up additional teams for the tournament. For those bowlers who may arrive in Hartford via airline or interstate bus line, the committee will arrange to provide transportation to the greens from tournament headquarters and return for all visiting bowlers and their families.

The above is a brief report as of this date on what has been done by the general committee and, although much has to be done before the opening day of the tournament, you may be assured that the people serving on the several committees will do everything necessary to make your participation in this the 29th Annual Eastern Division Open Tournament a most enjoyable one.

TRENTON L.B.C.

By Al Lyon

The Trenton L.B.C. held its Spring Meeting to plan for the 1974 Season. President W. Doan at this time made his appointments to the various committees known and, with Bill at the helm and his choice of aides, Trenton L.B.C. should have a tremendous season. We have lost a few members owing to death and moving to other climes, but we are already making up the loss with two new members signed up and many expressing interest in our game. The dates for our open tournaments have been set as follows:

N.J. Open Doubles, June 23

Perc Caris Trebles, Sept. 21

Harry Hart Memorial Trebles, Oct. 5

Our club calendar and Interclub schedules have almost been completed, first club event Sunday, June 9, when we entertain Fairmount L.B.C. Visitations to Buckhill Falls L.B.C. to Essex L.B.C. for our challenge matches are tentative. Many of our members are planning ahead for the trip to Hartford, Connecticut for the Eastern Division Singles and also visits to various clubs nearby for their open events.

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"Okay, now give me the medical terminology so I can tell my wife."

The Spotlight.

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AUGUST 5 thru AUGUST 9

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QUINCY L.G.C.

By John Bissett

The directors have been making plans for the season and opening day, Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m. and we are expecting a good season. The lights for evening bowling have been installed. We expect the lighting will be adequate and it should improve our nighttime bowling.

We are indebted to Bill McKay for a donation of additional furnishings for our clubhouse.

During the season, a goodly number of the retired men have been alley bowling on Monday and Thursday afternoons and on Saturday evenings. The men and women enjoy the comradeship and competition on the lanes. This form of bowling keeps the club together during the off season.

We were saddened by the sudden passing of John Body, a loyal member who was a big help to the green committee by keeping the lawn mowers and other equipment in working order. Our sincere sympathy goes to his wife and family.

SPRINGFIELD L.B.C.

By Bill Keay

At the annual spring meeting of our club, the following slate of officers was elected for two years: President, Bruce Clark; Vice President, Bill Keay; Secretary, Ernest Nicoll; Treasurer, Roy Fenton. We have to agree that, with this fine staff of officers, our club is well organized for the coming season and ready to go under the leadership of President Bruce Clark.

The annual meeting of the tournament schedule committee for the Greater Hartford and Western Massachusetts District #2 Eastern Division was held just recently. The schedule for the tournaments in District #2 will be about the same as that of last year. There will be 20 week-end tournaments and, in addition, there will be the New England Rink Tournament, New England Triples and the New England Doubles and Singles, also the U.S. Doubles and Singles Playdowns in District #2. Of course, the big tournament will be the 1974 Annual 29th Eastern Division Tournament scheduled to be held on August 5 through August 9 at the Hartford-Springfield greens. In this issue of BOWLS you will find an ad with further

details about this event.

I understand our bowling greens will be officially opened on Saturday, May 10 and I am sure the members of our club are looking forward to a wonderful and successful season to enjoy their favorite sport, lawn bowling.

SKYTOP L.B.C.

By Robert H. Ivy, M.D.

The official opening will take place with the Lawn Bowlers' Week-End, Friday to Sunday, June 14-16 with a one-day Tournament on Saturday, June 15. There will be a one-day "jitney" tournament on alternate Saturdays throughout the season, morning or afternoon as weather dictates. Teenagers and younger players' competitions will also be held from time to time. The annual match with Buck Hill Falls will be played at Skytop on Saturday morning, August 10, with rain date Sunday morning, August 11. The Annual Skytop Lawn Bowling Championships — Doubles (partners drawn by lot), Ladies and Men's Singles will start on Monday, August 12 at 10 a.m., beginning with the Doubles and should be completed in not more than two weeks.

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SPALDING INN L.B.C.

By Randall E. Spalding

In our annual Christmas letter which which went to all the nine thousand members of Spalding Inn Club, it was noted that all previous occupancy records were broken during the season of 1973, and it is also true that lawn bowling here likewise enjoyed its most successful year since the game was first inaugurated in 1952. Beginning with the 20th playing of the annual July Open Singles, and ending with the interclub trebles in mid-September, our National Championship Green was the scene of continuous spirited tournament play interspersed with the popular daily social games. A brief run down of the tournament results discloses that Bill Henry of Montreal's Westmount Club nosed out Herb Fisher of the home Club to become the 20th July Singles Champion in a very closely contested elimination series marked by many upsets. The third week of July found Francis Caswell of Boston, Mass., teamed with Florence Graham of Schenectady, N.Y., winning the Porter Memorial annual Mixed Doubles.

The August Singles was high-lighted by the most successful finish in the 21 year history of this annual tournament. In the final match former two time winner and defending champion Dave Reid of Medford, N.J., was opposed by Henry Fenner of Sun City, Florida. Five times during the progress of the deciding game the cumulative point score was tied, and on the 21st end, careful measurement determined that Mr. Fenner had won by one-eighth of an inch.

The skirl of bagpipes from the Royal Canadian Black Watch Regiment marked the start of the fourth annual invitational Canadian American tournament on September 5th, and when the final score was tallied, four days later, the home teams had won, 17 games to 15. This contest is a trebles round robin in which four teams of Ladies and four Gentlemen's teams from across the border, engage four Ladies' Teams and their Gentlemen counterparts from the U.S.A. This well earned victory reversed two successive years of defeat for the Americans and evened the series at two wins and two losses for each side.

The bright hues of autumn for which the White Mountains are world famous set the scene for the final event of the tournament season in mid-September. This was a re-newal of the inter-club matches between the "Beachcombers" from the Gulf and Bay Club of Sarasota,

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Open Mixed Doubles	July 23rd through 27th
August Open Singles	August 13th through 17th
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Florida, and Spalding Inn Club's own "Mountaineers." Similar to the international games with the Canadians, this too is a round robin trebles, with the one exception that both ladies and gentlemen play on the various teams. This tournament was inaugurated in 1963 and with two lapses has been played every year since. The "Mountaineers" have a slight margin in the series which they widened this year by a sixteen to nine win in the twenty-five game event.

And now looking forward to the 1974 season advance reservations indicate another record breaker.

For the second consecutive year, Mrs. Spalding and the writer took leave of our snow covered hills to vacation on Florida's sunny West Coast, visiting several of the area's busy lawn bowling clubs. Following a stopover en route with Vivian and Harold Esch in Orlando, we made our headquarters in Sarasota where Prexy Tom Vorbach of the Sarasota L.B.C., and Manager Ed St. Phillip of the Gulf and Bay Club made us welcome.

Spalding Inn Lawn Bowling Club's 1974 tournament schedule appears elsewhere in this issue of A.L.B.A. Bowls.

NEW YORK L.B.C.

By Toni Mercer

Through the winter months our members have been recruiting new bowlers. We now have a list of sixty-five for the '74 season which are keeping busy-beaver club secretary, Helen Ryan, working feverishly on follow-up.

President Anton Diebold has been busy with the Parks Department to improve the greens and have a new "Ed Roach" Patio installed in front of our clubhouse.

For the promotion-minded: The club has placed an ad (to run in three issues—March/April/May) in the personals columns of Image Magazine (New York's Public Television Channel monthly program guide) under the heading "Leisure Activities." The March issue is just out at this writing and our response is very good. An inexpensive recruitment idea for other clubs in cities with public TV stations.

Counting more than 5 million men and women members throughout the world, lawn bowling now qualifies for Olympic competition status since Japan and Israel have joined the ranks of bowl-

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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

Wayne W. Ovington, Staff Correspondent



SUN DIAL BOWLS CLUB

Sun City, Arizona

By Cecil Purcell

The Carnival of Clubs, an annual event in Sun City that features a presentation of all activities, presented lawn bowling on the Sun Dial rinks. Sun Dial is unique in that it is the only club in Sun City with artificial grass. Bowlers rolling on artificial grass after becoming proficient on natural grass find it a bit of a challenge. The basic techniques of good lawn bowling are identical regardless of the rink surface but the speed on the artificial grass is surprising and requires a light touch and a high degree of concentration.

Sun Dial club has an organized series of tournaments arranged for its members during the spring months. Members are also participating in the tournaments involving other clubs.

OAKMONT L.B.C.

Sun City, Arizona

By Dorothy A. Bartley

On February 4th an evening of games (not bowling) was enjoyed by our members. Prizes were given for high scores, nearly one hundred members participated.

The club's first Sadie Hawkins tournament was held on February 22nd. We had a full green of 16 entries.

Our President David Anderson, who is also tournament chairman, is busy organizing our Spring tournament which will consist of Men's and Women's singles and mixed triples.

TOWN HALL L.B.C.

By John McClelland

In the Arizona State Lawn Bowls Championships held in January four games were won by the Town Hall Club. The games were: Novice won by Isabelle Brink; Men's Singles, won by William Hadden; Ladies' Doubles won by Bernice Hadden and Angie Olsen; and Men's Triples won by George Milne, Charles Madden, and Elbert Bushnell. The Mixed Doubles was won by John and Kay Sharer of the Sun Dial Club, and the Men's Doubles, by Matt Hantover and Ralph Whitby of the Lakeview Club. Spectators witnessed some very superior bowling by both the winners and the losers.

Ezra Wyeth made a return visit to instruct another group of players in the proper technique of bowling, and to check the permanency of his teaching to the previous groups. A very few had backslid but then, the church has the same problem.



LAKEVIEW L.B.C.

Sun City, Arizona

By Carlton Lind

Approximately 250 lawn bowlers from all four Sun City Clubs participated in the second Ezra Wyeth Lawn Bowls Teaching Clinic held on the Lakeview L.B.C. greens Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 18, 19 and 20. The two visits by Ezra Wyeth have resulted in a noticeable improvement in the quality of bowling by the participants. Then, too, the participants are passing on their newfound knowledge to others in the bowling clubs. In addition to improving bowling knowledge and techniques, Wyeth's visits have developed more enthusiasm for bowling "by the book" with due regard for courtesy and team spirit among bowlers.

We are presently nearing the end of our first experiment in League Bowling. Two 12-team men's leagues and one 12-team women's league were formed. Individuals signed up for the position they wanted to play (skip, vice-skip or lead) but the teams were established by draw. Each team plays every other team in its league once with a win counting one point and tie one-half point. Trophies will be awarded the winning team in each league.

POMONA L.B.C.

By Wayne W. Ovington

This picture shows the 1973 Southwest Division President Verne Potter (left) receiving the Past Presidents plaque from incoming President George Reynolds. Potter is a member of the Pomona club.

Our club has initiated a vigorous program for the instruction of new bowlers. Club President Manuel Robinson appointed an instruction committee for this purpose. The committee made a very careful study of the books by Ezra Wyeth and Dr. Harvey C. Maxwell, and then met for discussion and evaluation. Using both sources, the group drew up a series of 12 lessons that stressed the basic fundamentals of the art of bowling. It was agreed that all instructors would teach the same procedure.

Classes are conducted for a period of 1 1/2 hours on Monday and Friday mornings. New bowlers are required to spend at least two months on the lesson instruction. At the end of this period those players who qualify are admitted to an advanced class that lasts four weeks. In this class they are taught some of the more subtle aspects of the game. While the new bowlers are receiving instruction they play only among themselves with an instructor in attendance, and after completing the advanced course they join the regular bowlers. The progress of the 16 bowlers in these classes has been amazing.



VERNE POTTER - GEORGE REYNOLDS

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SCORE IN '74

AT

SUN CITY, ARIZONA

The Western Welcome Mat will be out for A.L.B.A. Divisional Champions and Spectators alike for the U.S. Singles and Doubles Championships September 23-27, 1974, on the Sun City Lawn Bowls greens in nationally famous Sun City, Arizona.

Champions will be housed at Del Webb's King's Inn, 107th and Grand Avenues, Sun City, Arizona, 85351.

Others wishing to stay at the King's Inn should make their own reservations. Those 50 and older may take advantage of a Vacation Special Package (Two fabulous weeks for \$99). Other Special Summer rates are also available. Please make your reservations early with King's Inn—direct.

ALL MAY SCORE IN '74 AT SUN CITY

Following the Championships Competition, an Open Men's Doubles Tournament will be held September 28th and 29th. An Open Mixed Doubles Tournament is scheduled September 30th-October 1st—Everyone is Welcome.

An entry fee of \$12 per team is required for each event.

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Please do come and enjoy Sun City's Hospitality.

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RIVERSIDE L.B.C.

By C. Houston Smith

There is an old adage to the effect that no man ever got anywhere by blowing his own horn, except a trombone player. Despite the truth of this old saying it has never discouraged the practice, for you to hear people blowing their own horn every day, sometimes at great length. I am no exception. And after reading the article by Ezra Wyeth in the January issue of A.L.B.A. Bowls regarding a lawn bowls course to be offered at Cal. State University, I'd like our brass section to give a toot for Riverside Lawn Bowling Club. Such a course at the University of California at Riverside has been in the talking and planning stage for over a year. It finally got off the ground this past winter after our President, Earl Getchell, our Vice President, Kermit MacKinga, who is also chairman of our coaching staff, and Don Edwards, chairman of the P. E. Dept. at UCR, got the details worked out and approved by our Executive Committee and by the UCR committees and officials concerned.

Briefly the program initially provides for a ten week course for eight students starting in April at a cost of \$5.00 per student. Each student to provide his own personal equipment and the University to underwrite the cost of eight sets of used bowls, not to exceed \$200.00. This amount has been allocated by UCR.

Our club has undertaken to scrounge eight sets of good used bowls for student use which we will sell to the University. The course will involve lectures at UCR and actual instruction, practice and competitive bowling on our greens. It has been published in the 1974 Spring Schedule & Directory, for UCR. Both University and Club officials are enthusiastic about this undertaking and have high hopes that it will be helpful to the school and to our club and redound to the benefit of our ancient and beloved game.

Annual Installation Dinner—Riverside L.B.C. December 11, 1973.

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SANTA ANITA L.B.C.

By Ralph Scofield

One of the several competitive home games played by Club members has been "Blue Feather", which was started here 3 or 4 years ago. With the increase in Club membership (140 this year) has created a greater interest in the "Blue Feather". Last year the "rules" called for

a trio of members to win 3 games in succession. At the close of last year, it appeared that 3 games was easier than anticipated, since six teams had won the 3 games. This year the "rules" called for a trio to play other challenging trios and win up to 5 games. If they lose a game they drop back to start again from the bottom of the list of trios. However, they keep the game points won, and may reach 5 games at a later date. Because of the number of teams (10) waiting to get in the play, it has been suggested that two games can be played on the same day from different groups, and that the total numbers be limited to fourteen trios in all. Early in February the first team out won 5 games in a row. The winners were: Cliff Oram, Dick Ridley and Vito Geoviazzo.

At the present time we have a class of ten (senior citizens) taking instructions on lawn bowling. One was heard to say "It ain't easy Ma!" But its fun!

HOLMBY PARK L.B.C.

By C. West

If winter comes, let us be thankful that it also goes.

Bowling at Holmby Park, as elsewhere, suffered the usual interruptions of the season, yet storms and wet greens failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the club faithful. With admirable disdain for the weatherman's dire predictions, Duncan Howie, our Scottish tournament chairman arranged two invitational events, both of which fortunately came between deluges. We entertained Laguna Hills and Arroyo Seco, large contingents from each club.

The optimistic Duncan, apparently convinced that the gasoline crunch is no greater threat than the winter weather he successfully challenged, has invited Laguna Beach, Beverly Hills, Santa Barbara and Santa Monica to participate in fun and games at Holmby Park during the Spring months.

RECREATION PARK L.B.C.

By Wm. C. Ferguson

Our club continues to grow and 1974 will witness a most ambitious schedule despite a possible energy shortage.

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SAN DIEGO L.B.C.

By Ted Ruenitz

The visitations made to date by the San Diego L.B.C. include one on Dec. 22, 1973 as 45 members bussed to Recreation Park, where the L.B. club treated our members royally; the Christmas decorations in the clubhouse added a festive spirit to the occasion. Next the Sun City (Calif.) bowlers arrived by bus on Jan. 17 for their annual visit and in spite of heavy rains elsewhere our greens were dry and fast. Then on Feb. 13 after a hazardous trip, including two traffic tickets and a stalled bus, 42 members of the Long Beach club finally arrived at our greens to begin play. On Jan. 24 the Rancho Bernardo bowlers visited us for triples and 81 bowlers (all mixed by draw) made up the 27 teams.

Local tournaments included the Ladder Tournament with Chris Gilbrandsen finishing first, Jack Seck runner-up, Don McGonigal and Mitchell Gray 3rd and 4th respectively. The Mytton-Uppdegraff Triples was won by Ed Fosdike (skip), Vince Leveille and Raney Babiniau.

Other news of interest: Beautiful weather greeted our Canadian visitors from the cold north. Last year the S.D. club donated \$300.00 (matched by the city) for permanent benches. The Jan. 10 T.V. news broadcast, channels 4 and 10, showed some of our bowlers demonstrating their skill.

At the annual meeting of members, held Sat., Dec. 15, 1973 the following officers were elected. Pres. Charles R. Lee, first vice-president Carl Ellinger, second vice-pres. Edmund Fosdike, secy. Ruth M. Erickson, treas. John H. Seck.

MacKENZIE PARK L.B.C.

SANTA BARBARA

By Rupert Haley

Things are moving at MacKenzie Park! The Annual Banquet on February 19 was again a huge success and another year of excellent bowling is underway. A new class for beginner bowlers with 28 enrolled is off to a flying start.

Santa Barbara City College plans to conduct classes in lawn bowling next fall for those students majoring in physical education. This is a long step forward toward more involvement in the game by the young.

SUN CITY (CALIF.) L.B.C.

By Harold M. Mannheimer

This year to date has been an exciting one for Sun City bowlers. Our new Tournament Chairman Ross Bahrs arranged a "mixer-U-pper" with the San Diego club, wherein players from both teams were selected from a mixed draw. One match was held on the San Diego greens with a return match on ours. The play provided two days of enjoyable sport.

Our Intra-Club Tournaments began on Jan. 22 with Mern Bahnson winning the men's singles. Kathy Smith won the women's singles, and the club doubles were won by George Zaninovich and Amos Greenammyer. In the "ladies choice" doubles Clara Adams and Amos Greenammyer were the winners. The most exciting match came in the club triples with Sam Bracco, Kathy Smith and Martha McKeig edging Walter Kukla, Bill Madden and Roy Menzel in a very close match.

Five of our teams participated in the Mixed Doubles (ladies skip) at Santa Anita and Arroyo Greens on Jan. 19 and four teams played in the Valentine Doubles at Arroyo Seco in February.

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CENTRAL DIVISION

Ross Brown, Staff Correspondent



ROSS BROWN

GARY L.B.C.
By R. Brown

The Gary L.B.C. has spent a dormant winter season and are in patient hibernation awaiting the return of the sun and and warmer weather. We did have a few

eager souls who attempted bowls at an area indoor tennis court—can you imagine the fine play involved on a surface that has a pace of 28 seconds on a distance of 60 feet! Skill is the key word here and a lack of muscle helps a hell of a lot too. At least it was an enjoyable venture with bowling friends and a chance to get a few kinks limbered out.

Gary LBC has shown a gradual decline in membership, but the climate is quite different than most in the area and with proposed plans and possible decisions of the city fathers, things have a gloomy look. We are still hoping that the new roadway takes a different curvature and bypasses the green site. Prospects of a green location look fair but only time will tell—so we will play it all by ear and let the future show us what transpires.

Meanwhile, we are looking forward to the 1974 Nationals in Chicago and hope to compete with the best. We hope to renew acquaintances from all of our past bowls ventures in the Midwest and throughout the U.S.

MILWAUKEE L.B.C.

By Alvin Wolfe

In previous issue of BOWLS we made an error in reporting the results of the Central Division Tournament in Milwaukee. In the doubles event first place in the 2nd flight was won by the team of Ted Jackson and John Thompson. As we make this correction, we must, unfortunately also report that Ted Jackson passed away in January at the age of 72. Ted was a bowler at Lake Park for many years and always a tough one in competition.

H. H. Roberts was reelected President of the Milwaukee L.B.A., Harold Mather, Vice President and Ralph Welton continues on as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Milwaukee LBA, at its annual meeting, heard 1973 President Mildred Eyman report that the auxiliary membership had increased 150%, with the addition of 23 members. The meeting took necessary action to insure that all would be enrolled as members of the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association and the Women's Central Division organization.

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The Milwaukee LBA is looking forward to the reopening of its greens at Lake Park around May 1st, with Promotions Day for new members on May 18. Milwaukee will visit with Columbus Park, June 16; Lakeside at Milwaukee June 30—and Rockford at Milwaukee on July 21.

DETROIT EAST SIDE L.B.C.

By Gordon O'Hara

Our club will have three major problems for the 1974 season: (1) Membership, (2) Vandalism, and (3) the gas-line shortage. In membership, we plan to invite prospects to our greens using the Fernleigh method adapted to our club needs; the Fernleigh club of the Eastern Division gladly sent us the details. We hope that every active member will send names to the membership committee which will arrange for all necessary equipment, instructors and a two-day clinic in the month of May. At the clinic, the prospective member will receive a guest-card that will entitle him to one week's free bowling on our greens.

In vandalism, our greens being in a public park seem to be very receptive to

occasional acts of destruction, it is hoped that both the Detroit Parks and Recreation Department and the police will curtail some of these acts. In the gas crunch, we are aided in the fact that we are on a local bus line which may assist us when things get tight.

Correction: Our entry to Michigan's Hall of Sports Fame should have read James Weir instead of James Muir.

Detroit plans the 1974 Official Opening Day at their greens for Decoration Day. We hope to have a good time and if any bowlers are in the area, drop by and enjoy a game at bowls.

MILWAUKEE WEST L.B.C.

By Neil D. Bultman

Old man winter is slowly departing and we look eagerly to an early spring and a new season's start on the green. Our club will have its Spring Dinner-Business meeting on April 27th to get the 1974 bowls season off to a good start.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of three of our club members: Cora Atkinson, Howard Peters, and George Illgen. Our deepest sympathies to their families and to say that they will be sadly missed by the club and their many friends for their past generous and competitive spirit on the bowling green.

LAKESIDE L.B.C.

By Ken Henderson

There is an air of excitement surrounding Lakeside LBC, even though we are still in the winter season here in Chicago. The membership is busy in preparation for the coming 1974 National Open A.L.B.A. Lawn Bowls Tournament. Being the host club, our activities are in a two-fold purpose, the National Tourney and the regular yearly club activity, both very well controlled by our president Lachlan McArthur, who incidentally is the major-domo of the National event. We believe we have the best "skip" and team we can muster for this important annual event and who are putting out their best energy efforts to make this tournament one of the most successful and enjoyable for all of those who participate.

We were given an insight at Seattle last year into the work that is involved in organizing and running such an event. We hope we do as well, and will try to better the success of the 1973 event. We, at Lakeside, look forward to renewing friendships made in Seattle and hope to see many of you in Chicago in '74.

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NORTHWEST DIVISION

Chas. P. Middleton, Staff Correspondent



PORTLAND L.B.C.

By John L. Phillips

Since the spring of 1973 the PLBC suffered the loss of three good members by death.

In the spring Charles Brewster was killed in an automobile accident and his wife died shortly after from injuries. Charlie was an exceptional bowler, being almost blind. It was amazing to all who watched how accurate he could be. All he needed was a partner who would hold a white towel by the jack, and someone to tell him the results of his efforts.

In October Andrew Chrystall died quite suddenly. Andy, 84 years of age, bowled almost daily, in fact, he bowled day before he died. He was well liked for his sociability, his keen Scottish wit, and his good sportsmanship. He was PLBC president in 1965.

In January, 1974 Paige Newton died after many months of illness. Paige was a respected leader, in business as well as in bowling. He took personal interest in beginning bowlers, encouraging them to try for the best. His place in the bowling world is reported in an article found elsewhere in this issue.

Paige was PBLIC president in 1962, ALBA councilor 1967-1968-1969-1970-1971, and Vice President 1972-1973. He resigned the post in July, 1973. An ex-

cellent bowler, he teamed with Si Berry in 1966 and with Asel Taber in 1967 National Championships.

Now, without these three, our club will continue along the lines set for them by these fine men. No gripes, no destructive criticisms, no jealousies or envies; only good sportsmanship, intelligent leadership, and sociability.

JEFFERSON PARK L.B.C.

By Ralph Andrews

With all the plans and activities scheduled for 1974 there'd better not be anybody in JPLBC feeling an energy shortage coming on!

Last year ended in a colorful splash with our annual Christmas Party. No games were scheduled on the greens but about 70 members participated in a program that included a Christmas human interest film, carol singing, report by Pat Boehm of the "down under" lawn bowling tour to New Zealand which she and other Jefferson Park members took.

The new year began with several good bowling days and the Washington's Birthday event with morning and afternoon games. Our greens withstood the mild winter very well and the Spring weather has allowed games on about half the days.

And new members for our club? We have several including Stewart Short, Robert Dybas, Mark and Gladys Malory, and Harry Schuck.

TACOMA L.B.C.

By Caroline Hendry

The Tacoma L.B.C. will start its Spring Season April 20, and our greens keeper Hal Hamilton and his crew from the Tacoma Parks Department are very busy putting the greens in shape for the opening and members are eager to play again.

A committee meeting was recently held at the home of our President, Dr. John Shepard. The coming year's activities were discussed, and visitations to other clubs and various competitive events were planned.

We are looking forward to a good year of bowling here in the Northwest and extend an invitation to all bowlers traveling to Washington this year, to bowl with us on our fine greens.

QUEEN CITY L.B.C.

By J. H. Lobdell

Our Club has weathered through the winter in good shape. While there has been some rain it has been possible to get

in some bowling every month. The greens have held up well, and with a little more work should provide good bowling this summer. Official opening day will be May 4th.

Harold Day and Bill Brask have done an excellent job of remodeling our kitchen. With new cabinets, a new floor and new equipment, the ladies now have much better facilities for serving lunches.

One sad note was the death of M. M. (Pete) Morrison. Pete was a very active and popular member of our club and a past president.

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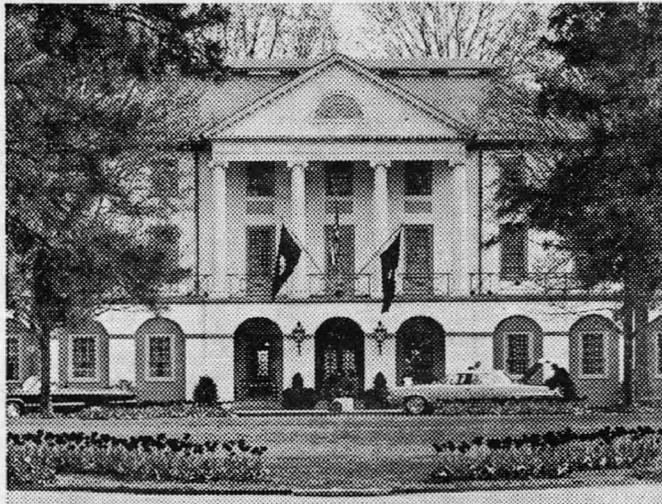
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WHO IS EZRA WYETH?

Ezra Wyeth has the unique distinction of being selected to represent two different countries in two different sports. In 1932 he was chosen to play cricket for Australia and in 1966 was captain on the U.S. team in the first World Bowls Championships. In addition to playing, he has 40 years of coaching experience in two sports but, until last year, none of it in bowls. He refused to join the vast number of experts who had nothing better than opinions to offer about the game and he did not want to add to the confusion caused by their inability to agree on anything.

A research professor at California State University, Northridge, he set himself the goal of putting bowls on a plane with games like golf and tennis which do possess a solid body of evidence about techniques. With the help of specialists from his University—men accustomed to analysing skills and with access to vast stores of knowledge about other sports—he conducted a seven year study of bowls. Readers of *BOWLS* were the first to know the findings of the study which have since been published in a book. In recent months all overseas bowls magazines have carried some of the findings also and Ezra has increasing requests for contributions from them.

In June, last year, he began, for the first time, to teach the game and, so far, over a thousand bowlers have attended his clinics. This and previous issues of *BOWLS* tell the story of clubs' and players' reactions to his work and the evidence of better bowling that they offer attests to its value. They answer very clearly the important question, "Do his methods work?"

It is against this background that he examines the opinions of one of the most prestigious groups of experts in the field of bowls. By the Editor of Bowls

In The Groove

About ten years ago a group of expert bowlers and coaches were commissioned by the Royal Victorian Bowling Association to make a study of bowling techniques. After long and intensive deliberations they began publishing their findings in the association's journal and later these were combined into a booklet under the title *In The Groove*.

In 1971, virtually the same group of experts published three further articles in the RVBA journal under the title "Advanced Bowling and Tactics."

The two sets of articles were combined into the booklet that you now have. As you read it you will find an important difference between the two parts. In the second the experts make it clear that they could not be as definite and precise as they had been in the first section and at times minority views are offered.

At the time *In The Groove* was published it represented probably the best available source of information about techniques. Previously South Africa had done much the same thing but had come up with very different conclusions. In passing, it should be noted that this year New Zealand has repeated the process and its *Guide For Coaches* resembles *In The Groove* both in format and findings though there are important differences of opinion between the two groups of experts. Both are quite well written and are illustrated with clear diagrams.

None of the groups seems to have had access to the knowledge of some experts in specialized fields, such as muscular control and physiology. Primarily because of this, some of their conclusions are inaccurate or only partly true. Then, too, the intensive study of the game conducted in the U.S.A. over the past seven years has revealed other information that was not available to the groups of experts. This study has had the benefit of experts' knowledge—not simply opinions—from many sports and its primarily the result of the application of very rigid scientific methods to discovering answers to basic questions about the game. In short, the vast resources of this country have been applied to the game of bowls just as they have to other sports such as tennis and golf. Today, for the first time, there is a solid base for teaching the game. Some of the parts that appear in the booklet *In The Groove* can no longer be accepted and the purpose of this article is to draw attention to them and to offer evidence that is now available for making corrections. It must be emphasized that much of the booklet is very sound and this is the reason that

the decision was made to make it available to you.

For purposes of convenience this article will deal with 18 issues in the order they appear in the booklet.

1. *In The Groove* advises that when you are deciding what green to take you should "take a point on the bank and face this point. Then bring the eyes back along the line to a point where the jack is in vision, say, half-way to the ditch." This advice runs counter to the evidence from other sports—evidence based on research, not opinion. The golfer, before he putts, carefully studies the green, the wind, the slope of the green and any other relevant factors. When he is ready to putt he looks only at the ball. So does the tennis player when he is making a shot. The basketball player looks at the net while he is making a shot. Finally, the pitcher, about to pick off a runner on second base, looks at the plate. He then whirls and throws the ball. He has begun his movements long before he sees second base. The common factor with all four is that they all have a picture of the shot; they see it in the mind's eye and they know the moment the ball is on its way whether it is accurate or not.

For the lawn bowler the inference is clear. He must, as he stands on the mat, get (in his mind) a picture of the shot he is to play. He must see every inch of it and it must be the picture of a successful shot. From that point he may look at anything provided, in so doing, he does not interfere with the picture. He may look at the ball, the jack, a spot on the green. He may decide to look at nothing at all. In fact he can play the shot with his eyes closed. Blind people have known this for years.

2. When you are about to commence the backswing hold the bowl out in front of you and to the side.

The issue in question is holding bowl out in front. Nothing that happens to the bowl before it begins its forward movement is going to affect its speed or direction. The starting point for the backswing is determined by other factors. The most important one is the strain on the arm and wrist and the effect of this over a prolonged period. Holding the bowl out in front involves lifting perhaps three and a half pounds a height of two or even three feet. If this is done 150 times it means

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that a bowler has lifted, perhaps, twice or three times his own weight a height of two feet. In the interest of conserving energy it is wise to let the arm hang down from the shoulder while preparing to deliver the bowl.

3. "Transfer the bowl from the left to the right hand, taking care to have a line passing through the running center of the bowl in line with the forearm and pointing to the right shoulder . . ."

The purpose behind this is to ensure that the bowl leaves the hand on a vertical plane and without wobbling. Unfortunately there may be little relation between the position of the bowl in the two places—the starting one and that at the point of delivery. The advice given fails to take into account the anatomy of the arm. If you will stand in front of a mirror and first hold your arm with your elbow bent and with your forearm out in front, you may see that the center of your hand and your elbow are in the same vertical plane with the point of your shoulder. Now assume the position of release for the bowl. It is virtually certain that only your shoulder and your elbow are in the same vertical plane. Your lower arm and wrist point away from your body and you may be very surprised at what your fingers do. You may be further surprised if you compare your two hands and specifically the middle finger of each hand. There can be considerable variations among bowlers in the directions in which the fingers point. As I said earlier the theory behind the advice given is that the starting position that is recommended guarantees that the bowl will leave the hand on a vertical plane. It may do so but the chances are that it will not.

The issue can be resolved easily if you assume the position that you should be in at the point immediately before release of the bowl. If the bowl is on a vertical plane all is probably well; if it is not, then you should set the bowl down in a vertical position, making sure that it is facing the right direction. Then pick it up again. You now have your own grip. It may be unlike that of anyone else but that does not matter. It is adapted to your physique and those facts about your arm, wrist, hand and fingers that make them uniquely yours.

An implication in the advice offered by the experts is that the middle finger is the key one. There is no evidence to support this. Studies of deliveries show that the thumb leaves the surface of the bowl first; the fingers, then, leave the bowl together. The next point about cocking the wrist will add further information about this.

4. "Do not allow the wrist to bend or cock."

There is no dispute with the first suggestion. The second is another matter. Hold your arm at your side and then bend your hand back. Note the effect on your arm. It becomes a single unit and as you swing your arm it acts like a pendulum. The advantage of this is that you take into account a very basic principle. In any machine the fewer the moving parts the fewer possible sources of error. You have a very amazing machine to use and by reducing the arm, wrist and hand to a single unit you reduce possible sources of error in your delivery. This principle has been known and applied successfully in other sports for a long time.

One important effect of cocking the wrist is that at the point of delivery the fingers are behind the bowl and, as stated above, they leave the bowl together.

5. ". . . the first and little fingers . . . should not be covering the large rings . . ."

This prescription and others like it ignore the wide range of individual differences among bowlers. It needs to be emphasized that each must find his own grip. The determining factors are comfort, a feeling of control of the bowl and the fact that it leaves the hand on a vertical plane and without wobbling.

6. ". . . the bowl (should) be held . . . on a line just outside the right hip to allow a clean swing down outside the right leg."

If you will recall what you saw in your mirror earlier you will question this statement. Unless something else is done the lower arm and hand will be away from the right leg. Do go back to your mirror and take a careful look at your backswing and then the foreswing. Notice what happens as you take your forward step. Your shoulder and body both turn. Your arm moves partly across your body, not to the side of it; your elbow passes close to your hip. Notice that your shoulder, elbow and hand are

not in a straight line. Your shoulder and hand may be.

One other thing you will notice is that your shoulders do face the way the bowl has to travel just as you deliver it—not before.

It could be that your physique is not like the average. Let me refer to one difference—wider hips than usual. To simulate the problem encountered by some one with wider hips than usual wrap a towel around your hips and see what happens to your fore-swing. The bowl has to be delivered well away from your leg unless you wish to adopt a round house delivery and run the risk of serious error in the green you take. This issue will be referred to again later. (See No. 9).

7. ". . . step on the mat and place the right foot about 6 inches from the front edge of the mat and about 3 inches from the right hand side . . ." This is true for some shots. The good player varies his position on the mat for a number of reasons. For example he may wish to play inside a bowl or to avoid a fault in the green. He may stand on one side or the other; he may stand at the front or the back, depending on what shot he has to play.

8. "Now we are ready for the down or back swing; the pace of this is regulated by the position in which the bowl is held. i.e. low for a short end, just below hip-high for a medium end and hip-high for a long end." Your attention is drawn to an earlier statement I made that there is no relationship between the speed of the bowl on the backswing and that on the foreswing. The pace the bowl leaves the hand is determined by the speed of the hand immediately before the bowl leaves it.

If there is an implication in the quotation that the height the bowl reaches on the backswing matches that of the starting point the advice is still not justified. The experts say nothing about the length of the pace or about changing its speed. Altering the initial position involves coordinating the back and foreswing with the same length of pace. This could mean that the hand has to move two feet further with a long end than with a short one. The matter is further complicated by the fact that the body must also alter its speed. I should draw your attention to another important fact. Stand with your bowl held with your arm at

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your side. Now take the forward step and feel what happens to your arm. Without doing anything other than take a step your bowl remains at your hip and part of your backswing is completed.

There is one thing you should find out for yourself. Try varying the position of your hand as the booklet suggests. Let your arm drop as it advises and see where it finishes. You will probably find little relation between the height of starting the bowl and where it finishes on the backswing if any.

Evidence from other sports makes it clear that everything should be done exactly the same up to the end of the backswing. At that point the bowler pauses momentarily. He then moves his arm and his body down and forward to achieve the desired speed of delivery. Implied in this is an extension of an earlier principle. By reducing changes to a minimum there are fewer chances of error. In the method just suggested only two changes take place.

9. "... see that the right hip is slightly behind the left. This clears the right hip out of the way and allows for a clean swing down past the right leg." For many bowlers this is unnecessary. As I pointed out above the desired result of getting the right hip out of the way follows from taking the forward step. The longer the step the further the hips are turned.

As pointed out above, also, there are those with wider hips. They have to do more than take the forward step. Of all bowlers they are probably the only ones who should not face the direction in which the bowl will travel. They must stand with the left foot pointing in the direction the bowl has to go. The right foot and the body both face to the right of this line. The angle will be determined by the width of the hips. The wider the hips the greater the angle.

The bowler then steps in the direction the left foot is pointing, and the bowl passes close to the right hip and across the front of the body. It may help you imagine this better if you picture the bowler moving through a narrow opening and delivering the bowl as he does so.

For a forehand shot it is easy to see that he turns his body to the right

and faces outside the direction the bowl will go. On the backhand he does exactly the same. The result is that he faces towards the jack rather than in the direction the bowl will go.

10. "... take a natural walking pace, no longer."

There are two established principles that help determine the ideal length of the step.

- a. the longer an object moves in the hand before delivery, the better chance it has of leaving the hand at the right speed.
- b. The longer it travels, while in the hand, in the direction it will travel when it leaves the hand, the better chance that it will travel in the desired direction. This is true of both vertical and horizontal movement.

It follows from these statements that it is important for the bowler to get the bowl down quickly from the top of the backswing so that it travels as far as possible close to the ground. There are two ways to do this. The bowler bends his back knee until the lower part of the leg is parallel to the ground. The other way is to take a long step.

It also follows that the backswing should be as long as possible, within limits imposed by comfort and balance.

If these two conclusions are combined then it follows that the bowler should take as long a step as possible, again within limits imposed by the need for balance and comfort.

11. "The bowl is delivered or grassed about 9 inches ahead of the left foot ..."

This is very difficult to do with the short step. It is easier with the long step. Extensive studies of films of expert bowlers reveal that there are great variations in the point of delivery. Most deliver close to the toes to the left foot. Nevertheless, it is not possible to set one standard for all players.

12. "... the fingers should almost touch the grass at the point of delivery."

If the wrist is cocked as indicated earlier this is not true.

As was pointed out the fingers are behind the bowl, not underneath it.

13. "Don't lift the head until the bowl has travelled some 6 feet along the green."

This should read "do not lift any part of your body." Two things can and do occur, if the bowler allows his body and

shoulders to lift up. His hand turns towards his body and the bowl may fall off the end of his fingers. By concentrating on staying down with his body he avoids the errors that must follow if he raises up too soon.

ADVANCE BOWLING AND TECHNIQUES

It would be very difficult to use research techniques to test most of the conclusions offered in this section. There are one or two that are contrary to what is now known as the result of the U.S.A. study; a few deal with matters about which experts do disagree but most of the section will meet with wide acceptance and approval. Again you will be taken through questions as they arise in the text. Most of what follows will be additional material to help you decide whether the booklet is right or whether there are alternatives to what it offers.

1. "His (the captain's) decision should never be questioned by other members of the team."

This runs counter to what is known about successful leadership and team work. No one will question the position that the ultimate responsibility for deciding what shot should be played rests with the captain or skip. Many will question the wisdom of his acting as an autocrat. His team members are not just shot makers. It makes good sense to involve them in decisions, especially where there is doubt in his or their minds. Then, too, he should draw upon their abilities. For example, if a player is unable to see the shot his skip asks for he must say so and the skip can call him to the head and help him see it. At that point he may listen to alternatives but it is his business as a leader to help his player see and accept the required shot. There are times, too, when he should change his mind and allow the player to play some other shot.

When the skip is playing his shots he does not forfeit any of his responsibilities but, if the head has been materially changed, it becomes the business of the vice-skip to call for a shot. If the skip does not see it or feels that another is required then he should discuss it with his vice-skip. Again, however, whatever shot he plays, he assumes full responsibility for it and the consequences. To do otherwise, or to ignore his vice-skip can only have bad effects on his team.

2. In drawing to a bowl off the center line "some adjustment of your grass line is necessary ..."

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As pointed out in an earlier section it is important to get a picture in the mind of the successful shot. When drawing to a bowl off center or to a jack that has been moved there is more to it than just changing the grass line as suggested. The desired shot calls for different weight and a different finishing point. If, too, the bowl has to travel over a part of the green that has grass that has not been rolled or walked over the shot could call for a narrower green than one to the jack. It also would call for greater initial speed of the bowl. Many things must be taken into account by the player as he tries to see the shot in his mind.

It is good that the experts recognize this in another statement about wrestling or moving a bowl. They say, "proficiency depends upon the ability of the individual to plot the imaginary course, and take the correct grass to pass through the object bowl."

You would probably want them to add the words "and speed" after the word "grass", though a change of speed is implied elsewhere.

3. The experts draw attention to the limitations of the block shot. They could have been more emphatic about them by stating strongly that playing a block requires pin point accuracy. The margin of error is very slight; indeed playing a block is as hard as drawing a toucher.

4. Control of length.

The experts wisely state that the only way to achieve this is intensive practice; "the best method is to take out four bowls and four jacks; place the four jacks in four positions, drawing with one bowl to each jack in turn." There can be little objection to this as one method. You should note that the method provides for no correction of a wrong shot. Apparently this must wait till the next end. You may want to consider the advice of Professor Paul Thomas, who has contributed often to our journal, that it is important to provide conditions in which game situations are simulated. He suggests that you take two sets of bowls and play yourself singles. Not only do you practice shots but you find yourself every end in a situation where you must play under stress. It is one thing to draw to an open jack; it is another thing to play that shot when you are three or four down.

5. Should you find yourself dropping short it is advisable to stand slightly more erect so the backswing will be a little longer."

This recalls and may contradict earlier suggestions about starting the bowl at varying positions with ends of different lengths. These suggestions were examined and the point made that there is no relationship between the backswing and what happens after the bowl begins to move forward and downward. An implication from the quotation is that because the bowl reaches a higher point on the backswing it will leave the hand at a greater speed. This may be true. You will recall that the critical factor to be considered is the pace that the bowl leaves the hand and there is no reason why the bowl should reach that speed until immediately before it leaves the hand. Then, too, there is the possibility of increasing mistakes by making changes that may not be necessary. It would seem simpler, if a bowler is constantly short, for him to speed up his forward arm movement and make the necessary changes in the accompanying body movement.

In an earlier section the experts advised that the backswing be kept to a minimum. The advice here contradicts that statement also. Let me recall one of the conclusions reached in dealing with item 10. Within the limits imposed by comfort and balance the backswing should be as long as possible. You can understand the basis for this conclusion if you will try some deliveries. First take a very short backswing and see how you have to hurry your delivery. Now as long a backswing as you possibly can. See what it does to your balance, but notice also that you do not have to hurry your delivery. Somewhere in between the two extremes lies your ideal backswing. Only you can find it by trying various lengths. No one can prescribe it for you. Like your grip, it has to be your own and it may be like no one else's.

THE INTERNATIONAL BOWLING BOARD

By Larry R. Hennings

The ALBA is one of twenty-one lawn bowling associations which comprise the International Bowling Board. It is the governing body of our sport, and meets formally every two years. Recently, it held a formal meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand. Bill Hay and Larry Hennings represent the USA to the IBB.

Probably the item of most interest to

ALBA members is the adoption of a metric AND number system for the marking of bowls. Bowls will be gauged by the metric system, eliminating the inches presently used. The bowls will also be serially numbered, commencing with number 1, and extending to number 7.

The Third World Bowls Championship will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa in February-March 1976, and the Fourth World Bowls Championship will be held in Melbourne, Australia in 1980.

Associations affiliated to the IBB and their numerical strength in clubs and individual members are as follows:

FULL MEMBERS		
Australia	2,023	249,982
England	2,634	126,000
New Zealand	625	45,605
Scotland	776	61,327
U.S.A.	116	6,455
Canada	246	6,405
Ireland	112	6,000
Rhodesia	96	3,233
South Africa	817	39,863
Wales	248	6,550
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (Fewer than 25 Clubs)		
Fiji	10	369
Hongkong	16	500
Japan	10	300
Kenya	8	183
Papua NG	13	838
Zambia	14	3,800
Guernsey	6	202
Israel	6	110
Jersey	4	200
Malawi	4	55
West Samoa	6	280

The following officers on a rotation system, were elected to serve for two years: Trevor Toms, Wales, President; John Henderson, Canada, Senior VP; N. E. Summersgill, Junior VP; J. F. Elms, England, Sec. Treas.

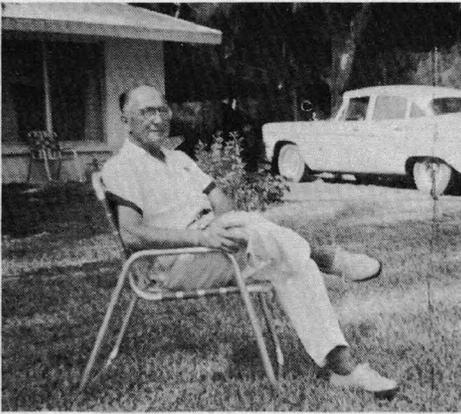
Comprehensive Rules were adopted for the running of the World Championships. Minor changes in the Laws of the Game were also adopted, which will be published in due course. (The passing of Dick Williams, of Canada, was properly recognized. Dick served as Secretary-Treasurer of the IBB for a number of years, and in recognition of those services was made an Honorary Life Member of the IBB.) In recognition of the services rendered the IBB by outgoing President, S. C. Hart, of South Africa, he was named an Honorary Life Member of the IBB.

Due to increased expenditures, inflation and devaluation, the annual subscription was increased to £75 for Full Members and £40 for Associate Members.

The next formal meeting of the IBB will be at the time of the 3d World Championships at Johannesburg in 1976. Business between meetings is handled by mail by an Executive Committee which is composed of one member from each of the ten full member associations.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

Russell Fourman, Staff Correspondent



SOUTHEAST DIVISION NEWS

By Russ Fourman

The most pleasant and well managed event of the S.E. event, under the leadership of our Chairman William Smith, came to a close March 21st. We had many entries from Canada and other clubs. The ladies served luncheon each day for the players.

Singles was played. Kenneth McIntyre, London, Ont., captured first place. Art Hartley, Clearwater, runner up.

The were 2-4 game winners.

- 1st place by points—Purden, MacEachrin, Adams—St. Petersburg
- 2nd place by points—Tewksbury, Weeks, Hunter—Clearwater

3 GAME WINNERS

- 1st—Ferguson, Larsen, Voight—St. Petersburg
- 2nd—Goldie, Taylor, Crawley—Clearwater
- 3rd—Mylrea, Thompson, Dornau—Clearwater

3-4 GAME WINNERS

- 1st place by points—Ken McIntyre, Jack Hickman—London, Ont.
- 2nd place by points—Don Gibson, Dave Muirhead—Toronto, Can.
- 3rd place by points—Norm Smith, Don Willbank—Toronto, Can.

This year in our opening ceremonies we had a new innovation. The Mayors, City Managers and Park Supt. of our 3 neighbor cities, Miss Clearwater were our guests and our own City Mayor and officials and Chamber of Commerce officials were present.

In our Annual Meeting, Ted Foley, of Mt. Dora was elected President and Harold Esch re-elected Secy-Treasurer. Haydon and Esch re-elected as Councilors to A.L.B.A. National Meeting.

TOP OF THE WORLD L.B.C.

By Howard Ringholm

We at the (T.O.W.) have lots of fun and our membership is growing rapidly and well over 100 players all living here at this greatest home development in Florida.

Every day there are a great number of local residents stopping by the greens and watching the game with great interest. Our talented Instructor Otto Traenple is doing an excellent job and new members improve rapidly. In our third year of our affiliation, we have arranged a tournament with our members, which is known as the Challenge Contest open to all players, both men and women. It is a picked triples event. Winners of first contest:

Henry Carter, Jim Jackson, Larry Seen—1st Place.

Fred Lyon, Jiggs Wheeler, Howard Ringholm—2nd Place.

Ev Sutton, Howard Walsh, Clarence Ebling—Third Place.

Sunday, March 10th we hosted 5 teams of Triples from our neighbor club, Clearwater. It was a nice social game, and made a pleasant day of good fellowship. Orange juice served.

SARASOTA L.B.C.

By Kay Prachthauer

Club membership has reached 102 and our season has been a particularly active one. Car pools have overcome the gas shortage and the weatherman has been especially cooperative.

Four men's and 2 ladies' teams have participated in the Central Florida Grass League and with one match yet to be played Sarasota's chance of coming out on top are very bright.

Since last reporting we have had three tournaments. The Oyer-Payne mixed doubles winners were Gertrude Schach and Al Fieghen. An all couples contest was planned but to increase the number of entries pairs were drawn from the other members desiring play. The results were Mary and Al Fieghen over Stan and Ev Hodkinson. The Club Singles was especially interesting and the ladies gave the men a real run for their money throughout. The winner was Al Fieghen over Grace Smith in a sudden death finish.

The Grass League teams were challenged by non-league teams on a free Saturday. The challengers were overpowered with the league teams winning 8 out of 12 games.

A "fun day" is planned for later this month. We'll see how our skips perform as leads and visa versa. A prize for a wrong bias? Perhaps.

BRADENTON L.B.C.

By Fuller Sherman

The Bradenton Lawn Bowling Club held its annual meeting and election of officers for the coming year at the Conquestadore Room of the Cabana in Bradenton Tuesday.

The new officers elected were:

- James ClarkPresident
- Curly MyersVice-President
- Alta QuastSecretary
- Ida GallingerTreasurer

Russell Quast was retired as president. After extensive travel Russell moved to Bradenton in the 60's. He has for years been active in the Masonic Order Garden Club, and Planetarium. He was also an active member of the Bradenton Lawn Bowling Club and participated in the sport until a couple of years ago. For a number of years he has been president of the club and has served as a representative to the American Lawn Bowls Association in the South East Division in Florida.

President James Clark presented Russell with a plaque with the following introduction—Ladies and Gentlemen, it is a pleasure and privilege to honor Russell Quast, our retiring President. He has long worked for the benefit of the club, and has had the facility of being able to get along with all kinds of people and to aid in any difficulties that have at times arisen.

Delmar Smith was presented with an engraved silver dish by President James Clark with the following remarks:

Del Smith has been a member of the Bradenton Lawn Bowling Club for about 16 years, and a Governor for about 6 years. The members feel honored to have Del as a friend and as an outstanding Lawn Bowler. Del is an Ombudsman for the Club and is always helpful in smoothing away difficulties as they arise.

BELLE MEADE L.B.C.

By William Waller

A rainy season stopped our bowling from late November until the first of March. Since then, our rinks have been busy. The four old timers, Wigginton, Reed, Cook and Waller, have been bowling frequently and have had close contests.

Our rinks are sodded with a fine strain of Bermuda grass which became brown after the first heavy frost in the fall and will not become green again until late April. They are, however, overseeded with creeping fescue which keeps them green until the Bermuda comes out.

Members of the A.L.B.A. will be welcome on our rinks when they visit Nashville on business or as tourists.

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ST. PETERSBURG L.B.C.

By N. C. Farr

Considering the fact that many old members did not return this season the recruiting of 16 new members reflects the charm and persistence of affable Membership Chairman Goldie Wheeler bringing club membership back to nearly that of the previous season.

The City of St. Petersburg provides a great many fine programs which compete with our scheduled events on the rinks. This coupled with the gas shortage has restricted to some degree participation in these events. In spite of being hospitalized briefly, able and energetic Stan Bryan with usual and able assistants Pete Purden and Pete Larson have brought off all events for the season successfully.

Our annual Open Lawn Bowling Championship matches were severely restricted when the gas shortage crunch was at it's worst. However, the Charlie Conacher Cancer Research Fund event filled every rink with proceeds totalling \$792.00. Stan has scheduled a new event for Friday, March 15th, when the oldsters, The Men vs. The Boys, take on the youngsters. I'm betting on the octogenarians! The West Coast League—Clearwater, Bradenton and St. Pete completed its series of games Friday the 8th., St. Pete winning by a very narrow margin. These games are very hotly contested and reward all, reviving the friendly feeling between Clubs participating.

As population density moves westward and northward from downtown St. Pete where our Club is located on Mirror Lake with the innumerable high rises, condominiums, mobile home parks, and attendant malls, plazas and shopping centers and with the greatly increased fine attractions provided northern visitors such as Bayfront Center programs, Senior Citizen Club, boating, yachting, golf, tennis and major league baseball it is amazing that lawn bowling has retained its popularity.

Being concerned with the appearance of our buildings when we are in '74-75 host to the South East Division, Carmon Elliott recruited a number of volunteers to scrape and paint the frame buildings with Art Jennings, Stan Bryan, Pete Larson, Norm Smith and others responding. The City is expected to help by painting the outside of our Clubhouse.

At our annual meeting newly elected officers were installed: Pres. Carmon Elliott, V. Pres. Stan Bryan. Rising costs of

maintenance has necessitated the raising of dues, remuneration from the Ladies Club, restriction of play to seven months and putting the offices of Secretary and Treasurer on volunteer basis.

DELRAY BEACH L.B.C.

By Wm. H. Sturm

Delray Beach has just had its annual election for the ensuing year. The new officers are as follows: President Charles Martin, Vice President Alex Gibson, Secretary Betty Turbin, Treasurer Leon Travis. Our membership is at a new high. We have a total of one hundred and eleven members.

We have had our annual 'GO' with West Palm Beach for the Plaque. After five years of contesting West Palm finally emerged as victors. They won six out of the nine games. These games are bitterly fought over each and every year. West Palm Beach are our most worthy opponents.

Out interclub tournaments have been completed. Thanks to the superior conduct of the games by Rea Hall and his able assistant Merve Watts, and the cooperation of the weather man, the events went off without a hitch. There were no postponements on account of inclement weather or on account of illness of any participants. Once again Alex Gibson showed his metal by winning the singles and skipping the trebles to victory. In addition he was skipper for the doubles and mixed doubles as runner up.

We note that Joe Costamagna, of Laguna Beach Club, Calif., set something of a record by winning the singles, skipping both doubles and trebles to the winning side. He accomplished this feat in two years, 1969 and 1973. It would be interesting to witness a match between Alex Gibson and Joe Costamagna. Such a match would draw a great number of spectators.

SUN CITY CENTER L.B.C.

By Sid Gargie

At time of writing, the first rounds of the Ladies League and the two Men's Leagues have been completed and the second rounds have been started. Our Central Florida Grass League with the four clubs who have grass greens has had some trouble meeting the schedules this year due to the gas shortage, however hope to finish soon.

We have an invitational trebles tournament scheduled here in Sun City Center on Saturday, April 6th. When we are hosts to teams from all over Central and West Florida—we hope the gas situation will be better by then.

Our membership keeps climbing due to new families moving in to Sun City Center and some becoming interested in lawn bowling and we have clinics to teach the newcomers.

Our annual banquet will be held at Bahia Beach Restaurant on April 25th.

Our regular bowling season ends in mid April and some of our group will be heading north again for the summer. However, we have bowling every day during the summer and hope to have singles, doubles, and trebles tournaments and keep everyone busy.

The Mixed League is more than half way through with 20 teams competing and it looks like a close race with 2 teams with 11 wins and three teams with 10 wins.

DAYTONA BEACH L.B.C.

By Leo J. Lalone

Due to almost perfect weather, we were able to run all our club tournaments and various special days on schedule this Season.

A great deal of interest has been shown in our inter-club tournament, which we held every Thursday and although President's Day was rained out in the afternoon, we were able to complete the tournament the next day. In the lucky draw we held after, the top prize of a set of bowls was won by Mr. Ward E. Mayor.

At our annual meeting on March 4th, the following were elected for the 1974-75 Season: Leo J. Lalone, President; Jack J. Bryson, Vice President; Walter R. Royle, Treasurer.

WEST PALM BEACH L.B.C.

By Claude Gray

We're having a wonderful season of bowling. And best of all we finally won the plaque from Delray after five years. Our annual meeting and lunch by Mario just over. Our officers:

PresidentJohn M. Carlin
Vice-PresidentC. M. Redding
SecretaryClaude Gray

Best wishes to all our bowling friends.

ORLANDO L.B.C.

William G. Cummins was elected President at the club's Annual Meeting held on March 14th. Clarence First and Dave Grant were named vice-presidents. Miriam Cummins assumed the position of Treasurer.

Orlando bowlers captured the "Major Marsh Day" event at Mount Dora on March 6 for the third consecutive year. This "fun day" where the rules state the

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jack is played wherever it comes to rest and no dead ends (jack is always placed three inches inside the line) was established by the late Major Charles L. Marsh over twenty years ago. Winners receive their names engraved on the Hatfield Trophy. Top individual team honors went to Frank Cornelius, skip, with Ross and Eve Yeo of the Orlando "Panthers."

Orlando finished one-two at the Daytona Beach Invitational. Harold Esch, skip, Irene Hughes and Vivian Esch took first with Donovan Merner, skip, Grace Deas and Dorothy Merner runners-up in the event played January 23.

Orlando took second and third at the Orlando Invitational February 6th. Esch-Hughes-Esch trio taking second with Bill Kaestle, skip, Ted Ball and Sarah Meserve in third spot. The event was won by the Daytona Beach trio of Hal Randall, Grace Carson and Ward Mayor. Both Randall and Mayor are former Orlando members now playing out of Daytona LBC.

Several local club tournaments are down to the finals, events having been delayed due to conflicting inter-city play or illness. In North Central Florida League competition (won in 1973 by the Orlando "Twins") the 1974 standings show the "Panther" and "Twins" just two games apart.

DeLAND L.B.C.

By Gordon Bateman

Our season now concluding has been interesting. Many new bowlers plus us oldtimers have combined for some excellent games.

This year we had a tournament for new bowlers, of one year or less. They made many errors but are now better prepared for future tournaments.

Summer and heat are nearer and we change to morning and night bowling. We bowl all summer in good weather. Do come and join us.

Whatever happened to the wrong bias penalty? Remember we collected a dime for each wrong bias. We also rang a loud bell, remember the kidding? We purchased some extras with the money. Who collects today?

Our Club here in Deland is now booming. Morning and evening bowling.

Exchanging Badges is always popular. We could exchange badges with any interested club. Better still come visit delightful Deland.

You will learn to love the hard Rubico surface, as we do.

LAKELAND L.B.C.

By M. A. Robinson

The Lakeland Club held its annual meeting and elected new executives for 1974-75.

Clarence KerstenPresident
M. A. (Mac) Robinson....Vice-President
Sandy MacDonaldSecretary
Fletcher JacksonTreasurer

The retiring President—Mel Brady was given a vote of thanks for the outstanding job he has done for the Club this season. Mr. Brady announced that the Club membership has exceeded the 300 mark.

With the Grass League scheduled just about over the Sarasota team appears to be the League winners—Lakeland bowlers have the lead in the Massie-Moore competition.

William Goulds rink won the Men's Trebles Cup. He, along with Harold Harper and Eldon Fairles, defeated Earl Allison (skip), Lorne Webb and Sig Ingmundson in the finals.

Mrs. Helen Allison skipped her team to the Championship in the Ladies Trebles, other members of the rink were Eleanore Sovereign and Dora Manketelow. They defeated Esther Brady (skip), Win Lloyd and Reta Werner.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Mather and Sig. Ingmundson won top honors in the mixed Trebles.

The Men's Doubles Tournament was won this year by Jim McElroy and Gerry Grossman. They toppled Lloyd Sabin and Harold Coulter in the finals.

The Lakeland Club bowlers walked off with the lion's share of the loot in the Club's annual Invitation Tournament held here. A team composed of Alex Adair, Lloyd Sabin and Ben Bryant won top honors; second—Fred Taylor, Met Metcalfe and Ken Morris; third place was won by a team from Sun City skipped by K. Smock; fourth—Charles Webb, Lake Wales. Sixth—Bill Holland, of Orlando. Fifth—Doug Mather, Mac Robinson and Angus Jackson of Lakeland. Seventh place went to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coulter and Ken West also of Lakeland. There were 96 bowlers taking part in the day long tournament.

CLEARWATER L.B.C.

By Kurt Dornau

After two cold, rainy weeks in early December, superb weather has favored our bowling activities.

RESULTS OF TOURNAMENTS

Men's 4-3-2-1 Singles, 54 entries, the winner was Jim Hunter, runner-up Don Crawley.

Men's Club Singles, 32 entries, winner Arthur Hartley, runner-up Bill Tewksbury.

Mixed Doubles, 28 entries, winners Bun Minions, Dorothy Tewksbury (skip), runners-up Jean White, Peter Milroy (skip).

Club Triples, 10 entries, winners Dorothy Tewksbury, Dick Lang, Bill Tewksbury, runners-up Mabel Milroy, ePter Milroy, Arthur Hartley.

Men's Club Doubles, 21 entries, winners Jim Hunter, Bill Tewksbury, runners-up Clovis Lutz, Bob Livingstone. Consolation, winners Harry Williams, George Douglas, runners-up Carlos Powelson, Ted Doyle.

Ladies 4-3-2-1 Singles, 29 entries, winner Dorothy Tewksbury, runner-up Ruth McAuley. Consolation, Lydia Beach, runner-up Edna Cleveland.

Ladies Club Singles, 18 entries, winner Grace McNab, runner-up Florence Young. Consolation, Dora Lang, runner-up Agnes Miller.

Ladies Club Singles, 14 entries, winner Lydia Beach, Marion Blue, Janet McGeachie. Runners-up Madeline Hobden, Phyllis Parkman, Joyce Dunn. Consolation, Dorothy Weeks, Dora Lang, Mildren Eckstrom. runners-up Dorothy Tewksbury, Hazel McIntosh, Jean McCubbin.

In the Married Couples Tournament with 32 entries. The playoff was between the Smiths and the McPolands was won by the McPolands. May and Fred Richardson won the Consolation play off.

In the Bradenton Invitational: Dorothy Tewksbury, Jim Hunter and Willis Tewksbury placed 1st, and Mabel and Peter Milroy, Arthur Hartley took third place.

In the St. Petersburg Open Mary Triples three of four participating teams took prizes: Jack Taylor, Peter Milroy and Art Hartley defeated Don Crawley, Jim Hunter and Willis Tewksbury for 1st place. Ivan Patchell, Ray Grove and Chet Wintsch were the high one-game winners.

All our social evenings, arranged by Chairman Arthur Hayes, have been enjoyed by our membership. Following the "Gay Nineties Night" December 14th, Perc Powell took us on an African Safari on January 11th. The "piece de resistance" was Kaye Minions' outstanding M.C.'ing at our 50th Anniversary Party on February 6th at the clubhouse, when Dee and Bob Livingstone were crowned Queen and King. On the preceding night our Anniversary Dinner was held at the Fort Harrison Hotel, where a proclamation by Mayor Everett Hougen was presented to us, declaring February 6th Lawn Bowling Day in Clearwater. Badges were given to all ex-presidents by President Bob Livingstone, who called on Rollin Bush, the oldest active living ex-president, to give a resume of the Club's affairs and growth since its inception. Simultaneously with this celebration, a Gala Bowling Tournament was held in which pre-constituted lady teams vied against drawn men's teams.

HOLLYWOOD L.B.C.

By William Kerr

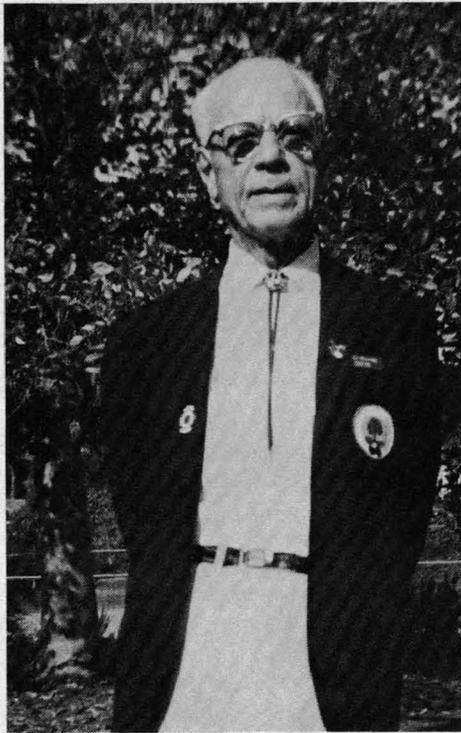
The gasoline shortage has not been a deterrent to our membership as at one time we thought it would. Some of our Canadian members and others from the North were unable to join us this Winter due to sickness, etc., but recently we have a few local residents who have become interested in Lawn Bowling, join the Club, John Robertson and Tom Walker are tutoring them and we appreciate their work.

Carl Cross, our current Vice President and past President, has been confined to the hospital on two occasions and is now home recuperating, we wish him well.

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PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Clifford C. Rea, Staff Correspondent



DIVISION NEWS

By Cliff Rea

GOLDEN HINDE II VISIT TO THE BAY AREA

Last October Rudi E. Tolnay, a new member of the Escondido, Calif. Club in So. Calif. suggested the great publicity possibilities of arranging a Lawn Bowls match between the crew of the Golden Hinde II and local Bay Area bowlers. The suggestion reached your correspondent through a round about route.

Since the suggestion came from a good source, as Mr. Tolnay understands publicity as former Director of RCA in Australia and it's possibilities appealed to me I went to work on it.

It took some research to locate the travel agency who was handling the trip arrangements at this end. Fortunately the Secretary at this agency answered the phone was from England and familiar with Lawn Bowling. She and her "bosses" were quite favorable to the idea. In December they advised me that there were 13 members in the crew composed of 10 British, 3 Canadians and 2 Americans. That the ship was then expected in the Bay Area in Oct. or Nov. of 1974.

I then asked if any members of the crew were Lawn Bowlers or even if not if they would accept a challenge to a game with local bowlers. Herewith is

copy of the letter Miss Janis Nash received from Captain Adrian Small.

"Spaniards"
22 Ranscombe Close
Brixham, Devon
10th February, 1974

Dear Janis,

Thank you for the copies of your correspondence with Mr. Cliff Rea.

None of the crew has ever played bowls, and the nearest I have got to it is to admire the cups won by my Grandfather in the 20's.

No doubt we will be able to raise a scratch team but I would not fancy our chances in a match. We have a set of "woods" on board, given to the the ship in Appledore and we will practice on the gun deck coming over.

By the way, if we get away from England in Sept. it will be Spring 1975 before we get to San Francisco.

I hope you are getting better weather than we are, the rain has caused a lot of flooding in Devon.

Yours Sincerely,
(Signed) Adrian Small

When I told Bob Hulen, Public Relations man for San Francisco's Recreation and Park Dept. what I was going to try to do he was ecstatic. He told me that if I could arrange this match he had the connections to get the match publicized on every TV and radio station in the country. We shall see. Here's hoping that the Golden Hinde II, replica of Sir Francis Drake's ship makes it to San Francisco.

SAN JOSE L.B.C.

By Hamil Wagnon

The Recreation Dept. of the City of San Jose has provided our Club with a new practice green. This green will allow our coach, Paul Dickey to train the beginners on a real green before they advance to the regular green and take part in our draw games.

This new green is 18 ft. width and official length. Sod squares were set in and then rolled to a perfect surface. This practice green is just outside the fence and close enough so the beginners will feel they are part of the family being so close by.

We are grateful to the Recreation Dept. for this added facility. Now the next addition is a second green. New members are enrolled at the rate of three or four a month and now as we head into Summer we'll have more bowlers than one green can accommodate.

OAKLAND L.B.C.

By Cliff Rea

ENTHUSIASTIC PROMOTER OF LAWN BOWLS DIES

Oakland and Northern California mourns the passing of Errol D. Cropsey on Jan. 9, 1974. He will be missed by many old times throughout the country. He will be because he was of the ALBA in 1954-55, President of the No. Calif. Lawn Bowling Ass'n. in 1955 and President of the Oakland Club in 1947-48.

Oakland accepted 8 new members in 1973 and has a start with several new ones now taking coaching to qualify for membership. If every member would take an interest in talking to interested spectators and pass out our promotion pamphlet that is (or should be) kept in the Jack box we could tripe or quadruple our 1973 results. And in talking to interested spectators do not ignore the young ones. Most of the Champion bowlers started as kids or as teenagers. Paul Regoli started at 14 years and his sons Joe and Tim started even younger and can now in their teens give top bowlers a good battle.

SUNNYVALE L.B.C.

By Pearle Patton

On December 16, 1973 the Sunnyvale Lawn Bowls Club held its Annual Membership Meeting, election of 1974 officers, Christmas party, and presentation of trophies won in 1973.

Officers for the coming year are: Robert Bristow, President; Hubert Buchanan, Vice President; Hugh Houston, Secretary; Fred Lazzeroni, Treasurer; to serve for two years.

The club took an active part in the many tournaments and invitationals held during the year at our neighbor clubs: Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Cruz, Oakland, San Francisco, Berkeley and others. We have enjoyed many visitors, including A.L.B.A. President Bill Miller who has been visiting his brother Tom, one of our members. Our green, maintained with "loving" care by the Sunnyvale Parks & Recreation Department, is in excellent condition.

January 27th, Sunday, was a "red letter" day for us when we were fortunate in having Ezra Wyeth with us for one of his now-famous clinics. Sixty-two bowlers were present and benefited from his talk and personal attention on the green. Members of the Santa Cruz and San Jose clubs were our guests. Thank you, Ezra!

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SANTA CRUZ L.B.C.

By Sandy Davis

An introduction to Bowls of the 1974 officers that will guide the destinies of S.C.L.B. Club are: Ray Johnson, President; Stan. Davis, Vice President; Esther Johnson, Secretary; Frances Webb, Treasurer. The winter rains are about over and it is time for bowling on the green again; Bert Horne, our ex-champion of champions for three successive years, now announces that we have entered the scheduled tournaments in the Pacific Inter-Mountain Division of the A.L.B.A. for this coming year.

Our intra-club tournaments are underway (weather permitting); and, there is a good response to these games, as the sign-ups indicate. This type of gameplay is a tune-up for the more serious competitions in inter-clubs of the P.I.-M.D. When our members all come out to bowl on a given day, the greens can only accommodate 56 players, so you can see our membership problem—a new bowling green in San Lorenzo Park is a distinct long shot in our plans.

When you come to Santa Cruz remember the place and bowling dates: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays—and holidays—play at 1:00 P.M. WELCOME!

SAN FRANCISCO L.B.C.

By Doug Coyle

"Volunteer for Nothing" that was the advice I received on joining the armed forces as a young man. On my discharge a number of years later, I encountered the same people doing the same job and giving the same advice.

Can you imagine what would happen in Countries, Businesses, Organizations, etc., if all of us took this advice to heart. Volunteers are people who donate their time, energy and sometime their money to make their chosen club or organization a success.

I have played in many clubs throughout the world and found that where members were willing to give as much as possible of themselves, then those are the clubs that prospers. In all organizations there are people who are unwilling to take on a position of any importance and criticize those who do, then again, we have others who volunteer consistently and these are the members who get more enjoyment out of life and have a happier disposition, for they have accomplished something. Even if you are a new member then get involved and you will enjoy your game of bowls more and have a better chance to get acquainted.

DEL MESA CARMEL L.B.C.

The Past year has been a good one for the members of the Del Mesa Carmel Lawn Bowling Club. Although we are a very small group, our representatives have given a good account of themselves in the few competitive events in which they have participated. Then there is the present condition of our bowling green. It is now in excellent shape, following a rehabilitation program started about a year ago and under the patient care of our groundskeepers it promises to hold its fine bowling surface.

We are starting this year with 29 members and have two or three others who will join us later. While the membership may seem small, it actually represents a sizeable percentage of the men living here.

The ladies have their own group, an informal arrangement with no set program or dues.

Last December our then President, Manley Hood, arranged to hold our Annual Meeting at a special luncheon, after which we adjourned to the bowling green. This proved to be such a popular arrangement that Paul Olson our new President has established a luncheon-bowling session on a regularly scheduled monthly basis.

OAKMONT L.B.C.

SANTA ROSA, CALIF.

By George T. Rowse

At our Annual Meeting of Jan. 10, the following Officers were elected for 1974: President, Jack Gill; Vice-Pres., Ed Crawford; Sec.-Treas., Walter Martin; Asst. Sec.-Treas., Marie Murphy.

In 1974 Oakmont LBC is expanding its activities. In addition to its own Club Tournaments (Singles, Pairs and Triples), we will participate in the Sill Cup Doubles, Champion of Champion Singles, the Murray Cup (PIMD) and the Bay Area Retirement League schedule, also PIMD Invitationals. We are even planning to have our own Invitational—a big first for us—in October.

We also expect to have some special Beginners Classes, with our Coaches, to bring out new lawn bowlers in this growing adult community. Incidentally, we would like to get a supply of the best, small booklet, for new bowlers. Any offers?

Our green is in good shape, but a little slow right now. We trust that harrowing and a veri-cutting will trim down the surface grass to a speedier level.

ROSSMOOR L.B.C.

Walnut Creek, Calif.

By Maggie Goff

The Rossmoor greens are in fine shape. Members are using them almost to capacity every day of good weather. The opening of a new season is always anticipated with pleasure, and this year's expanded program for women bowlers, with the substitution of the Pacific Inter-Mountain Women's Division for the N.C.W.L.B.A., has given the Division's women members new incentive to sharpen lawn bowls skills.

Rossmoor participation in the 1974 Season's outside competitive events is being master-minded by Walt Larson. Five triple teams of men will defend RLBC in the Inter-Cities, the Cup, and the Plaque Games. Each of the five teams is scheduled for three games, with one team booked for four games.

Fred and Dorothy Bacon are back at the home base after interesting travels in the South Pacific—the main attraction being the Commonwealth Games held in Christchurch, N.Z. Club members are always grateful for a rainy luncheon day, affording the opportunity for a replay of the trip while Fred's impressions are still fresh. His insight into the patiently learned skills, the disciplined effort required of the world's top players certainly makes the average lawn bowler audience appreciate even more the "other" dimension to the game of lawn bowls—other dimensions that provide satisfaction and enjoyment in every encounter, from the "daily draw" to the ready fellowship of other lawn bowlers all over the world. Fred had a perfect example of this in recalling their visit to Invercargill, where a ride on the city bus took them past a local bowling green. When he expressed interest in the green, the bus driver pulled the bus off the road and invited Fred to come on in and bowl. Bowl they did—four ends—leaving Dorothy to make amends as best she could with the bus line passengers!

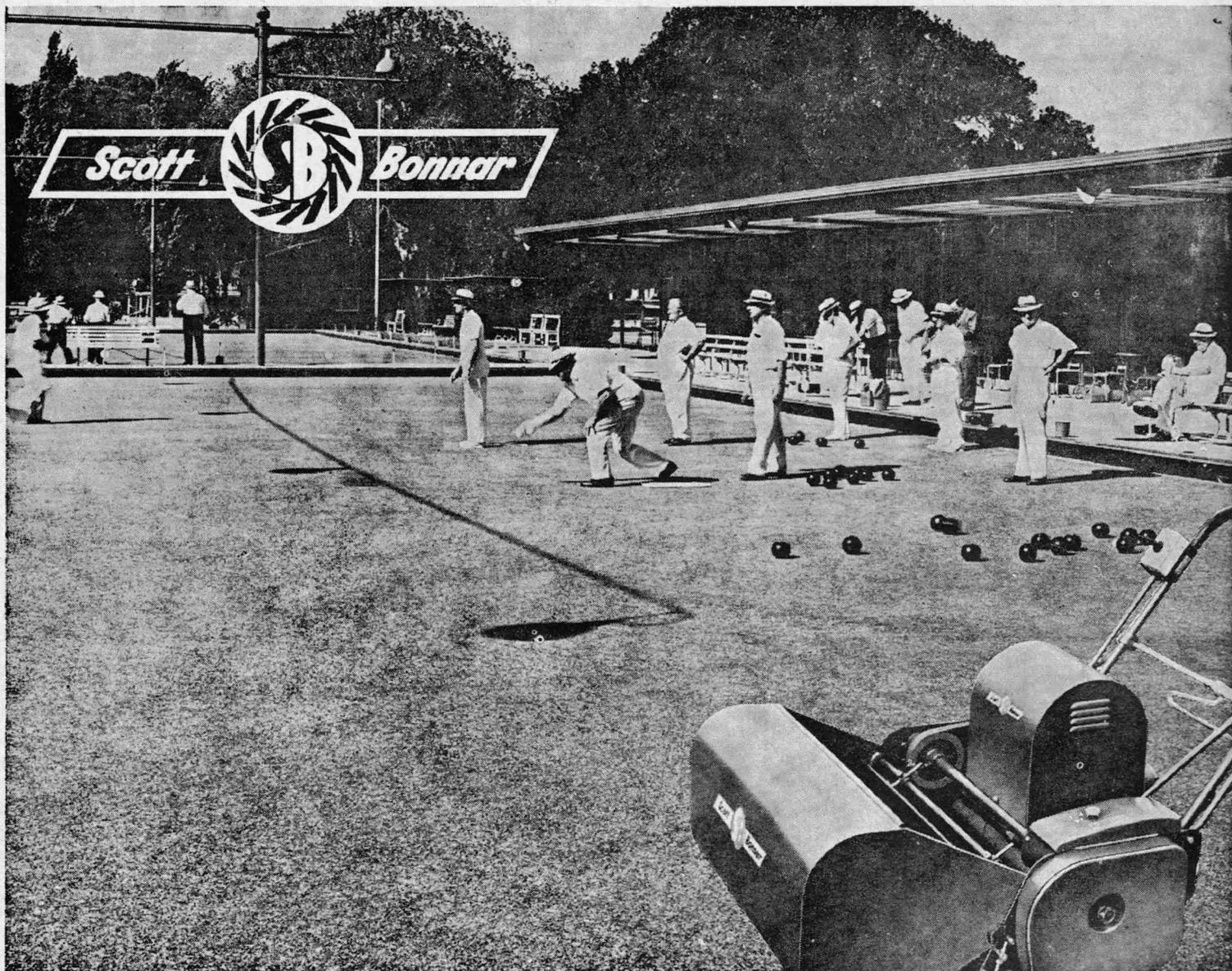
FRESNO L.B.C.

By Charles E. Franklin

The weather has been phenomenal this past winter. We have been bowling nearly every day. We have had so many new members, plus the fact many of our members have retired, that the daily turnouts have been quite heartwarming. There is more enthusiasm and harmony than ever before.

We bowl 2-2½ hours in the afternoon and midway we stop for coffee break. We instituted this pleasant affair late

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EDGAR R. HALEY

A WORD ABOUT EDGAR HALEY

By The Editor

Dr. Edgar R. Haley, born in New Brunswick, Canada, came to Santa Monica at age 15. Introduced to bowling by his father in 1934. Bowled at Beverly Hills and at Brentwood Park. Charter member of Santa Monica Club. Moved to Escondido and joined San Diego L.B.C. 1950. Built green at Escondido 1965, at which time introduced into the problems and difficulties involved in trying to produce the best possible bowling surface.

At present, engaged in full time surgical practice.

Avocation is maintenance of Escondido green and the promotion of better greens in the belief that this is the key to greater enthusiasm and enjoyment of lawn bowling.

Edgar has agreed to write a series of articles on "Greens" for "Bowls" magazine. This one is the first. Be sure to look for future articles! Dr. Haley's address is 1209 Destree Road, Escondido, Calif. 92027.

BETTER GREENS

Lets start with the accepted fact that we all want the best possible greens for our bowling. Certainly the quality of the green influences the enthusiasm. With better greens and increased enthusiasm, a larger stronger club evolves and, with this, the sport inevitably grows.

With this in mind, the Editor of BOWLS has suggested the writing of a series of articles on the major difficulties encountered and the treatments necessary to really improve the bowling greens of America.

At present, the plan is to take up one

problem at a time, based upon the quite continuous stream of letters received from over the country asking for advice. It is expected to discuss such problems as thatch control, both drastic and as a continuing effort, proper irrigation, compaction, weed control, levelling of the green and plinth, proper drainage, and many other aspects necessary toward the best possible bowling surface.

It should be stated that the majority of the background for these articles comes from research at the University of California; also from Burnley College, Australia; Southern California Turfgrass Council; textbooks from the Environmental Horticultural Department, University of California at Davis; the care of the Escondido green for nine years; and as a lawn bowler for over 40 years.

In our efforts to spread factual knowledge for the betterment of bowling greens, over the past few years, probably the greatest problem has been that of prejudice. Please try to read these articles with an open receptive mind. Disagree, by all means, but please write to me and give me a chance to further explain.

The care of the bowling green is a most exacting job and must be carried out following the scientific principles which are well understood and accepted in the university horticultural departments but not at all understood by the average landscape architect, let alone the usual good professional gardener.

Let me emphasize that the proper development and care of a good bowling surface is not based upon good common gardening sense. By no means.

It is not mysterious and it is not difficult.

However, for the good successful gardener, one who grows beautiful roses, or a gorgeous healthy lawn, it is sometimes difficult to accept other principles necessary toward developing the best surface for lawn bowling.

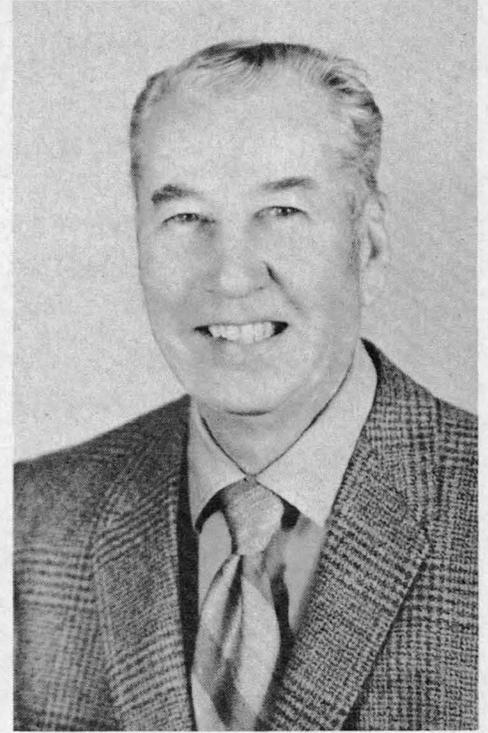
The ultimate goal is to obtain a level, smooth, hard, dry surface with a very short uniform turf, upon which the bowl gently rolls and rolls and rolls, smoothly and true, with never a quaver.

So, if you will try to bear with us as to the reasons behind our proposals and yet be quick to question, we can hope to go far.

In the next issue of BOWLS we will take up the commonest problem of all, the slow sluggish green.

A farmer vows he increased egg production by putting this sign in the henhouse: "An egg a day keeps Colonel Sanders away."

The Lion.



HOWARD BECKNER

WE'RE BIASED

By Howard Beckner

Through the courtesy and approval of Cresslyn Tilley, the excellent editor of this magazine, we are initiating a new column which we hope will find a regular niche in each issue. And biased it shall be! Biased in favor of bowling and its promotion. Remember that pro means for, and motion spells action.

We plan to report developments, news of new clubs, and stimulating ideas that come from all divisions. If your good news is not reported it may be because of lack of space, but more probably it will be because you failed to let us know about it. Copy down my address and save it. Let me hear from you.

Howard Beckner, 1473 Mural Dr., Claremont, California 91711

Hopefully, this column may become a sort of "idea forum" in which you may have a part and be a part of the action. When we recently accepted with irresolute reluctance, the responsibility for national promotion we were well aware that any expectancy of success would have to be predicated on the active support and able work of many. We know that strong promotion calls for professional service, and we hope for that, but as for now it is up to you and me.

Our bias is right, when we commend good people like Cliff Rea, Ross Brown, Joe Bell, Bill Thies, E. W. Van Aman and others who have already helped us with excellent suggestions. We anticipate implementing as many of these as we can.

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Some are "short term" and others must be considered "long term". So far, our only disappointment is our failure to hear from the Eastern and Southeastern Divisions, a "wrong bias" that may well be corrected by the time you read this.

In the January issue, we wrote about a possible "youth movement". Now in southern California alone, we know of three universities (there could be others) that are offering instruction in lawn bowling to college students. They are California State at Northridge, University of California at Riverside, and Claremont Colleges. This is presently a small start, but is the sort of thing that can open up a whole new area for promotion.

On the other hand, we are continuing to expand into retirement communities. For example, another club has been developed in Sun City, Arizona, and yet another in Mesa, Arizona. Cliff Rea tells me that between senior citizen groups and Park departments there are good possibilities at Redding and at Vallejo, California.

For the first time, the lone star state of Texas is now represented in our A.L.B.A. family. The Harlingen, Texas club has

now been accepted. It is a small club, but it is a start and it may not be long until there is yet another.

Have you found that the high initial cost of establishing a green scares your prospects away? I have had several reports of starts being made with small greens, perhaps wide enough for only one or two rinks, and of some in back yards of less than standard length. After a group of bowlers have been "hooked" on the game, it will be easier to spur them on to promote a fine standard green. Of course we may be biased, but let's get them started!

Each division should make use of those most expert in building and caring for a green. Such men can give excellent advice suited to given conditions. We hope each division chairman for promotion will have contacted and have on call experts who are willing to help—like Dr. Edgar Haley of the Southwest Division, and Harry Soderstrom of the Pacific-Intermountain Division.

By the time a man finds out that his father was usually right, he has a son old enough to disagree with him.

—Denver Post.

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A.L.B.A. SOUTH PACIFIC TOUR

By Frank P. Walker
Sun City, Arizona

New Zealand lawn bowlers favor a 20 second green, (our first few bowls always went into the gutter); at three o'clock they always break for tea; and are the friendliest people on earth. They are tough competitors, who will fight you for every point, but are always fun to bowl, and will drown you with hospitality at the bar when the game is finished. Then they will insist upon driving you to your hotel so that you do not have to wait for a taxi.

These are some of the impressions received by the group of A.L.B.A. bowlers who recently toured New Zealand. The primary purpose of the tour was to watch the championship bowling at the Tenth British Commonwealth Games, which were held in Christchurch, N.Z. January 25 to February 1. The Games themselves were well worth the trip, as, with a few exceptions, all of the world championship bowlers were competing. Bowling was held at the Woolston Working Mens

Club, a club complex unique to New Zealand and Australia. The club has four championship quality greens, all of which were in use during the tournament. Spectators were graciously given the use of the club facilities, along with the officials and competitors.

While in Christchurch we stayed in private homes, which provided an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with local people. Our hosts went out of their way to be helpful, picking us up at the airport, taking us downtown when we left, and generally doing everything in their power to make our stay pleasant.

The most enjoyable aspect of the tour, however, was the bowling. At each city where we stayed long enough, games were arranged. These included Latoka, Fiji, Auckland, Christchurch, Rotorua, and Queenstown, N.Z. as well as Sydney, Australia. The clubs in Australia and New Zealand are far more elaborate than most of those in the U.S. Most have clubhouses with a bar, and in New South Wales slot machines, as well as facilities for providing afternoon tea.

During the tour of New Zealand we covered both the North and South Islands, visiting all of the well known tourist areas. New Zealand is endowed with great natural beauty. In the North Island the seacoast is uniformly beautiful, with many bays and inlets. There is also the thermal area, comparing with Yellowstone Park and Iceland. The highest mountains are in the South Island, including several active volcanos, one of which put on a good show for us. The final stage of our tour was a visit to Milford Sound. Milford Sound is a ten mile fjord, with cliffs rising out of the sea sheer for several thousand feet. Unfortunately, it rained all of the time that we were there, not unusual however, as the area averages over 300 inches of rain a year. Our tour concluded with two days in Sydney, Australia, where, again, we were guests at several bowling clubs.

The tour was under the general direction of Larry R. Hennings, who is also the U. S. member of the International Bowling Board, and who attended several meetings of the IBB in Christchurch.

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last Fall when the weather turned nippy.

At our annual dinner January 6th the members elected Burt Graham, president; Jack Kilner, vice president; Sarah Blahut, secretary, Olive Zwiebel.

We are looking forward to our rivalry with Richmond. This year being our turn to host them on May 24th-25th. For those dedicated bowlers who are passing through our fair city, in spite of the energy crisis, we extend a cordial welcome. Our bowling time is 1 p.m. Tuesday thru Sunday. Later when the weather heats up we start at 9:00 a.m. When it really gets hot we go to night bowling, May 4th.

HONOLULU L.B.C.

By Ray W. Johnson

Tom Rowlands was reelected president of the Honolulu Club at the annual meeting held on January 17, 1974. Others elected were Randy Crossley, 1st VP; Newt Price, 2nd VP; Fred Denison, Secretary-Treasurer.

Tom Rowland, handily won the Singles Tourney and, finishing after him in order, were Alex Corpacius, Kay Eaton, and Don MacArthur. The Draw Doubles, which are now being played, will be followed by the Open Doubles Tournament.

Among the many visiting bowlers were Art Hansen, Arroyo Seco Club, President; Larry Hennings of Seattle, Harry Soderstrom, famed greens-keeper of San Francisco's Lawn Bowls Club; and Seattle's Bob Boehm, 1973 winner of the U.S. Men's Singles. Although using borrowed bowls on a strange green, Bob easily demonstrated the skill with which he won the championship, and congratulated our Club on the quality of the greens.

SUNNY GLEN L.B.C.

By Fred R. Leport

The start of the Inter-Cities Schedule found Sunny Glen entertaining two teams from Leisure Town at Vacaville on Saturday, March 9, 1974. Glad the winter season is past and we can get down to the business of inter-club competition. Unfortunately the start of P.I.M.D. competition at Oakland was rained out on Saturday the 2nd of March. We had ten sign-ups from Sunny Glen and all were disappointed at the rain-out.

Sunny Glen held its trophy dinner on Saturday night, February 23rd. Honored guests were Doug Coyle and Betty Coyle of Oakland and Dave and Judy Redo of Concord. Doug is Chairman of the P.I.M.D. Tournament Committee and

Dave is 1st Vice President of P.I.M.D.

Following the dinner, the festivities were commenced by an opening address by Jim Petersen, President of our Club, who then introduced Herb Charnetski who acted as Master of Ceremonies, who then introduced the Honored Guests, following which Phil Flores, immediate past President, presented 1973 trophies.

BERKELEY L.B.C.

By Fred Griffith, Jr.

Berkeley has entered 1974 with the election of new officers, renovation of its greens, a power mower on order and a continuation of vandalism. Read On!

Ellis Groff is now President, Winfield Sisson, Vice-President, Fred Herbert, Secretary, and Jim Smith, Treasurer. Our long time and highly respected Treasurer, Ward Madeira, passed away suddenly early this year.

Our two greens have been revitalized which will insure better bowling this year. Low spots have been filled in and levelled, new boards around the ditches have been installed where necessary and verticutting and fertilizing have been completed. When the new power mower arrives from Australia this will be a welcome addition to our equipment.

Last fall barbed wire strands on top of the fence around the clubhouse were cut and our metal club name sign on the clubhouse was stolen, the rope and fittings on one flagpole taken, the motor on the roller dismantled, club papers strewn around the premises and the TV set was found on the sidewalk in an unusable condition. The new year has started with a continuation of harassment—twice the flagpole rope and fittings have been cut and taken and a rock was thrown through one of our plate-glass windows.

LEISURE TOWN L.B.C.

Vacaville, Calif.

Officers elected for 1974 are: Sam Timbrell, President; Fred Pring, Vice-President; G. D. Crane, Secretary; Chris Giese, Treasurer.

Spring is finally springing and action on the green is increasing day by day. The teams for our first inter-club games have been chosen and we are looking forward to the soon to be played BARL series. Our club and equipment buildings are now equipped with lights and convenience outlets.

As should now be known, we bowl every day—weather permitting, and any bona fide lawn bowler is welcome on our greens. Bowling during summer normally starts at 1:00 p.m.

PALO ALTO L.B.C.

By Paul Houseman

A general face lifting is in progress enclosing part of club house porch will provide additional space inside. This area is to be called The Lucy Stern Lounge in appreciation of the generous donations she made toward our club house 20 years ago, and again for the more recent construction work by extending the porch and building lockers in front of our original temporary locker rooms.

The city of Palo Alto has been most cooperative in planning and assisting with the project, which has taken about a year to get under way.

Our thanks to Ezra Wyeth for instructing our members in the finer arts of the game and appreciate the wisdom and research contained in his new book.

As a small club we are indebted to the larger clubs that sponsor the P.I.M.D. tournaments. San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley have provided the greens and equally important the knowhow and manpower to conduct a successful and enjoyable tournament for our division. Many thanks for promoting a grand sport.

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CENTRAL DIVISION

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A bit of belated club news—Lakeside LBC, headed by 1973 President Carl Johnson, had a most successful year, culminated by the annual club awards banquet at the South Shore Country Club. Everyone agreed that Carl was one of the most popular presidents Lakeside has had and that we had a top end-of-year banquet to top it all off—many thanks to Carl and to Margaret McDonald for a grand evening.

Our 1974 guiding lights will be: Lachlan McArthur, President; Vic Jackson, Vice-President and Russell Kutz, Secretary-Treasurer. We wish them well in this eventful year in Lakeside history.

Lakeside LBC mourns the passing of Bill Brown, a popular member who had that unique quality enjoyed by all, a quiet man with an impish sense of humor. Our sympathy's are extended to Tom Rogers, whose wife Nessie passed away a few short months ago. Nessie, although not a bowler herself, always added a delightful touch in her good enjoyment of the game as a spectator and as a grand person to know. We remind the Lakeside LBC family to attend and enjoy the Spring Banquet to be held May 5th. Let's start 1974 off to a great year in lawn bowls.

CINCINNATI L.B.C.

By Victor Abnee

The annual meeting of officers of the Cincinnati LBC was held on December 11, 1973 at the home of President Manke. Despite the energy crisis, plans were made for the same schedule of lawn bowls activities as in previous years. Dates were set for all tournaments and the committee chairman and vice-chairman were named for all club events. The planned schedules and dates are tentative and will all be presented to the City Park Board for approval, without this approval, our three night-time bowling days could be affected or curtailed.

Our schedule calls for the opening of the green on May 18th, with the Annual Open House Party set for May 20th. This affair is always a big event with prospective members being invited. President Manke has appointed Tod Eilers to chair a committee to research the possible, practical and probable cost of instituting indoor bowling facilities in the Cincinnati area. Many of the local lawn bowlers would enjoy the chance to bowl all year round and probably gain the advantages of those who can journey to warmer

climes to enjoy the sport during the winter months.

Due to an error in article line-up in the January issue of BOWLS, some Cincinnati news appeared under another heading. In order to correct and enlighten the BOWLS readers, our 1974 club officers are: Robert Manke, President; C. E. Lloyd, 1st V-President; Robert Siegried, 2d V-President; Frances Brown, Secretary and James Mancuso, Treasurer.

COLUMBUS PARK L.B.C.

By John Herberts

Our pre-season business meeting will concern itself with some new items on the agenda. We will be making plans for the 1974 ALBA National Open Tournament in which part of the event will be set for the greens at Columbus Park. Our Dave Campbell and Hugh Crerar are committee members who will assist in the games scheduled at the C.P.L.B.C. In the annual bowls event, the Women's L.B.A. will also have their event scheduled for the Columbus Park site.

Our Norm Taylor, designer, fabricator, and expert in lawn bowl pushers will have an ample assortment of said pushers of the new plastic type in readiness for the coming 1974 National Tournament with hopes of full success and acceptance of the new design.

ROCKFORD PARK L.B.C.

By David Blake

Just a short informative note from the Rockford L.B.C.—we will be celebrating our 60 years of lawn bowls in 1974. Guiding the club in this 60th year will be: John Devine, President; Mrs. John (Gwen) Blake, Vice-President; David Blake, Secretary; Thomas (Lefty) Stenerson, Treasurer.

We are now in preparations for the 1974 National Open to be held in Chicago and setting plans for our inter-club schedules with clubs in Milwaukee, Chicago, Gary and Moline (Ill.). We are looking forward for a grand time in 1974 with good lawn bowling in the coming months with many of our old friends.

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The Club has conferred an Honorary Life Membership to Percy Southern from St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, in recognition for past services. Visitation of clubs from Miami, Boca Raton and Palm Beach have been postponed due to gas shortage.

Bud Wise, Games Committee chairman, has completed a successful series of tournaments and the following are winners: Early-Bird League—Carl Cross, Lloyd Dundas, Margaret Campbell. Men's

Singles—Arthur Holter; 2nd, Norman Yeoman. Women's Singles—Ina Yeoman; 2nd, Margaret Campbell. Men's Doubles—William Patrick, Ernest Howell; 2nd, Norman Yeoman, James Bulloch. Women's Doubles—Enid Adams, Isabelle Anning; 2nd, Ann Nihill, Mildred Cordes. League Trebles—William Patrick, Ernest Howell, Tom Walker; 2nd Ina Yoeman, John Smith, Carlo Ugo-lino.

MOUNT DORA L.B.C.

By Alex Whiteside

It may be interesting to other clubs to hear about what we call our Saturday pill tournament.

Every Saturday morning and afternoon our "pill" or draw bowlers are automatically entered in this tournament. At the end of the games the skips enter the scores of each member of his team on a score sheet posted on the bulletin board. Players must bowl at least seven games during a period of ten weeks either morning or afternoon but not both.

At the end of the ten week period the eight bowlers with the highest averages play off for the championship in singles matches. The winner receives a trophy on trophy day when all the various champions, singles, doubles, men's and women's triples are honored.

This tournament was introduced to Mount Dora by Francis Smith and Earl Fertig, members of the Cincinnati club, where it is played in the summer. Harold Cook, our daily games chairman and his committee took hold and made it a huge success.

Saturdays have always been slow days on our rinks. With the pill tournament going there are more than twice the number of Saturday bowlers.

It is not finished at this writing but going strong and eight of over a hundred Saturday bowlers will play it off about April Fool's day. We will be glad to hear from any clubs which are interested in more details.

LAKE WALES L.B.C.

By Marther Dill

We happily report having 64 paid-up members for the 1973-74 season.

We concentrated on stimulating interest within our own Club. We had one "fun game tournament" consisting of two games with a refreshment break between. Two Club tournaments, one with one A.M. game, lunch at the Club House and the second game at the usual 2 o'clock game time.

Jitney games every Monday proved to be stimulating fun.

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ing countries. We would like to see it included in the '76 Games in Montreal (where sufficient greens exist for world competition). This would be a tremendous boost for bowls.

P.S. Did anyone know you can bowl in Washington Park, Denver, Colorado? You can!

In February we were saddened by the loss of Frank Weiner—a long-time member and friend to us all. Our sympathies to Irene, his wife.

BUCK HILL FALLS L.B.C.

By Charles Riedel

Our bowling green will open on Saturday, May 18 and we will meet the Essex County, Trenton and Skytop Clubs during the season. The ladies' and men's singles championships will be held during August 12-16, open to all cottage and in guests.

The 17th Buck Hill Open Championships will be held September 8 to September 14 with the ladies' and men's doubles taking place from the 8th to the 11th followed by mixed doubles from the 11th to the 14th.

The same officers and committees of last year will continue to function this year.

CUNNINGHAM B.G.C.

By H. M. Tourville

The winter season has passed and the Cunningham Green begins to beckon its lawn bowlers. Opening day has been set for Sunday, May 5 with Horace Wood conducting the opening ceremonies. On Sunday, May 12 there will be an "open house" for newcomers with an introduction on the background and history of lawn bowls followed by an explanation and demonstration of the art of laying them down smoothly. Promotion chairman for this event is Jask MacDonald and it is hoped this effort will bring forth new members.

Our 1974 officers are: Joseph Ziniti, President; Frank J. Turnbull, Vice President; H. M. Tourville, Secretary-Treasurer. Publicity will again be handled by the Secretary. Delegates are: Eastern Division A.L.B.A., Jack MacDonald; New England L.B.A., David Dakers.

Here's hoping to see many members of the New England A.L.B.A. clubs at the Eastern Division Tournament, August 5 in the Hartford-Springfield area. May you all have few poor days on the green in 1974 and enjoy each and every game you participate in during the season.

EDISON INDOOR CLUB

By Jack Gilbert

The shortage of gasoline in the New Jersey area played havoc with the well laid plans of our club. Since many members have considerable distances to travel, all of the scheduled tournaments with the exception of two were cancelled, but those members able to find gas have been faithful in their participation in our week end games.

Although all of our members are looking forward to resuming the outdoor games at their respective clubs, we will miss the fellowship and rivalry that was a large part of our indoor season. We are all sure the skills learned and sharpened during the winter will be a big asset to us when we meet our fellow lawn bowlers in competition this coming season.

ESSEX COUNTY L.B.C.

By Annabella Nelken

We will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary this year and plans are now underway to properly note this milestone in our club's history.

From all indications, many of our members will be attending the National Tournament in July and the Eastern Division Tournament in August in addition to participating in local inter-club competitions. This may take some long range planning due to the gasoline shortage, but we are sure the lawn bowlers will cope, ingenious people that they are.

Our Greens Committee Chairman, Brownie Mitchell, reports the greens are shaping up very nicely and he predicts excellent bowling conditions for the coming season.

CATARACT CITY L.B.C.

By Alex Dunlop

President Ed Ventry has been conducting monthly meetings during the winter forming committees so that we can get off to a flying start when the greens open in May. Jim Willis, our effervescent first vice president, has been in contact with several of the Niagara Frontier clubs and hopes to form a league which will run on Wednesdays throughout the summer. We feel we should be able to continue our regular Saturday district tournaments without any undue trouble since most of them are played in Ontario and gasoline supplies in Canada seem normal.

The Niagara Frontier District lost a real fine gentleman and very efficient secretary-treasurer due to the death of Les Stirrett of the Lancaster L.B.C. of St. Catherine's Ontario.

HOLY NAME L.B.C.

By Paul Noffke, Jr.

Thomas A. Quinn died December 9, 1973, a charter member he contributed unselfishly of his time and energy as an officer, a Springfield Park Commissioner and an avid bowler. Tom is missed by us all.

Charles Knightly, Charles Lynes and John McCaughy are busy on the Eastern Division Tournament Committee. Charles Knightly is Secretary-Treasurer.

The energy crisis is the matter facing all of us and will have to be faced up to in planning tournaments. It is still too early to let it bother us. Maybe in summertime, there will be plenty of gas. We hope so.

SUNRISE L.B.C.

By Marie Gorman

Our pre-Christmas party on December 15 was the merriest ever. Beside Carpet Bowling for two hours, we had a "happy hour" followed by a delicious buffet supper and grab bag.

Despite the gas shortages, our carpet bowling week-ends have been well attended.

We are planning an extensive publicity program to reach more people who are unaware of the joys of lawn bowling and we have several new members already lined up.

As soon as we get outdoors and the weather allows, we will be resuming our picnic suppers on Wednesday evenings which allows us an evening session of bowling. Visitors will be happily welcomed as we have an ideally situated area for this kind of get-togetherness.

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SANTA BARBARA L.B.C.

By Anita Imlay

Santa Barbara's Spencer Adams Club is rolling along at full speed with a membership of 174 bowlers.

The spring class under the leadership of Glenn Boyles and Art Jordon, assisted by other club members as instructors, has 26 new members (divided between the two Santa Barbara clubs) ready for bowling instruction. The training period at Santa Barbara is of three months duration.

Our fine greens and weather have attracted our usual number of Canadian friends and due to the large number of other visitors our greens have been open seven days a week for the past two months.

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SANTA MONICA L.B.C. CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

By Lawrence E. Vredevoe

The Santa Monica L.B.C., Santa Monica, California, celebrates its twenty fifth year of bowling this year. Although the club was organized November 1948, the greens and club house were dedicated and bowling did not begin until April 30, 1949. Special events will be held in recognition of the occasion and the club is eager to contact all former members. The SMLBC has emphasized good fellowship and all member participation during the years. Last year SMLBC was awarded the trophy by the Western League for the greatest number of participants in the tournaments. In addition the club won the Western League trophy and was a runner-up in the Central League.

Bowling takes place every day except Monday and Tuesday and the first Friday of each month is open house. Visitors in the vicinity of Santa Monica are invited to join in the celebration of the silver anniversary during 1974.

ARROYO SECO L.B.C.

By Art Hansen

"TOURNAMENT ONE 1974." With nothing on the Southwest Division invitational schedule for February 1974 the Arroyo Seco club put on a special "Valentine Doubles" on February 16. Entries exceeded accommodations. We had to turn back countless entries because, even with four greens, we can handle only sixty-four doubles teams for a one day event.

What a day! Typical beautiful Mid-February Southern California weather. The blossom trees on the hills just above the greens had not yet come into bloom, but otherwise the Arroyo was at its best. The cool A.M. was good for arrival coffee.

The fine condition of the greens presented a dandy challenge to all bowlers, for those who were new to tournament play as well as for the well seasoned tournament players. It was interesting to note that in the top ceded flight there were no three game winners. A well known bowler, a non-entry in the event, clocked the top as well as the bottom greens at 15 seconds.

The Arroyo Seco club members enjoyed having 64 doubles teams as their guests for the Valentine Doubles games. There were first, second and third prizes on each of the four greens. The Club hopes that this "Valentine Doubles" will become an annual invitational event.

A Tribute to Paige Newton by

Larry R. Hennings,
Hon. Life Pres. ALBA

In the passing of Paige Newton, of Portland, Oregon, our sport has lost one of its most ardent advocates. Over the years, Paige and his wife Kathleen, has given of themselves to the extent that is rarely equaled.

His service on the ALBA Council was marked by a contribution of selflessness which will long be felt in our organization. To have served with him on our Council for so many years, and to have been so closely associated, is an experience I will long cherish and remember.

For a detailed summary of his many activities, I would respectfully refer ALBA members and friends to an article appearing in this issue of BOWLS by the President of the Portland Lawn Bowling Club.

TRIBUTE TO DICK WILLIAMS

By John Henderson

Early this year the lives of many people in Canada, the United States and in several other parts of the world were saddened when the news came that Richard Lloyd Williams had died suddenly at Vancouver on January 12, 1974.

Known to his legion of friends as Dickie or Dick this genial Welshman had the happy faculty of making and keeping friends wherever he went. Lawn bowlers throughout the world will especially miss him but their lives were enriched in knowing him. Charles Middleton, an Honorary Life President of the American Lawn Bowls Association, wrote to say that Dick was a tower of strength in Canadian-U.S.A. lawn bowls matters and his loss will be most keenly felt in our two countries and around the world, due to his long and active participation in world bowls matters in the International Bowling Board.

What can you say about a man who always showed that friends are easy to make, how to be a good loser as well as a good winner, was never too busy to write and congratulate or extend sympathy to someone and enjoyed everything he did, work or play.

Dick we miss you but so glad we had the opportunity to know you.

Husband: "I miss the old cuspidor now that it's gone."

Wife: "You missed it before. That's why it's gone."

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Two men's teams participated in an open tournament at Lakeland March 9. One team won all the games.

There were the two customary club trebles trophy tournament. The Fred Stephenson Memorial and the J. H. Evans tournaments with good participation in both.

This year we had a "Social Chairman" and committee of non-bowling wives. They were responsible for the luncheons and refreshments and were most helpful in making this an enjoyable season.

The annual banquet was held March 14 at Ridge Manor Lodge and the following slate of officers for 1974-75:

President James Craigen
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WINTER PARK L.B.C.

By Rudolph Krebs

Recently elected officers for the 1974-75 season are: Mr. C. C. Norton, President; Mr. Lacy Armstrong, Vice President; Mrs. Ruth Whitcomb, Secretary; and Mr. William Connor, Treasurer.

Our Club is doing nicely and have our fair share of visitors. The "summer" winter has given us many nice days to bowl.

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