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LET'S GET OFF DEAD CENTER

By Frank Mixon
President of A.L.B.A.

Those who may be only slightly familiar with my image in lawn bowls circles might expect me to give major attention to promotion and development of membership as president of ALBA. And they would be right.

For far too many years membership numbers for the nation have hovered around the six thousand mark, sometimes slightly over and again a bit below. We are on dead center. We must get off if we ever expect to fulfill an obligation we have to extend the pleasures of our pastime to the people who deserve it.

It will take work, organization and a determination to succeed if we are to make progress. These are the things, therefore that I am asking every affiliated club to undertake, not necessarily sometime in 1975 but at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. Put the subject on the agenda, discuss it and plan an organized effort.

The Association is fortunate in having a national chairman of promotion who is enthusiastic and very capable. You know by now that he is Howard B. Beckner, 1473 Mural Drive, Claremont, California 91711. He has ambitious ideas that he wants to share with you in how to organize and function in a continuing member building project. Call upon him for cooperation and sometime in the near future we may find ourselves attaining a goal Howard suggests: "Get twice as many new members each year as we lose by attrition."

You may expect to hear more from me on this subject with each subsequent issue of A.L.B.A. Bowls.



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SECRETARY'S CORNER

The 1976 World Bowls Championships will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa from February 18 through March 6, 1976. Our United States Team to this world event has been selected as follows (listed alphabetically): James Candelet, Harold Esch, Richard Folkins, Neil McInnis and Frank Souza. Team Manager will be Dan Mahan. Due to lack of one mail ballot, I can not name the Captain or positions on the various Teams. I waited longer than I should have before writing this hoping to be able to make a complete report. More complete information next issue.

On another subject, 180 members did not receive their October (this) issue for INEXCUSABLE REASONS, 140 because they did not send in a change of address to our Circulation Dept. and 40 because the Post Office reported "no such address" or "unknown at address shown." THIS TIME ONLY, where the Post Office showed the new address and it was in the SAME CITY, I corrected the January mailing list. If the move was to another City, NO MATTER HOW CLOSE, I "KILLED" the old listing ONLY. So, if you have moved to a different City, you must notify our Circulation Dept. of BOTH your OLD and NEW addresses with ZIP CODES if you wish your name reinstated on the mailing list. In the future, ALL undeliverable magazines returned to us for ANY REASON will be removed from the mailing list. Therefore, ALL MOVES must be reported to the Circulation Dept. the same as for any other magazine. LISTING ON THE CLUB ROSTER WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED since combing through all these rosters every issue involves literally thousands of operations for which we have neither the time or manpower. Your Club Secretary receives a special report form be-

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With Wyeth

THE EXPERTS CONTINUE TO DISAGREE

If by this time you are beginning to question what the experts advise, you might do yourself a favor by asking any one of them who offers you his unsolicited advice what his evidence is.

Giving reasons will almost certainly be a new experience for him and you may be able to silence him for a while.

Last year, while at Sun City, I had the opportunity to look at an extensive collection of books on bowling. A library there has made a determined effort to get copies of every available book on the subject. After reading as many as I could, I had to add two strong impressions to those I offered in July, last. First, the experts agree on very little. Second, their common theme is, "this is what I do so copy me."

Here are more examples of disagreements.

This comes from IN THE GROOVE, pages 7 and 8:

"BACKSWING

Now we are ready for the down or backswing; 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, of course taking into account the pace of the green.

NOW THE DOWNSWING

If possible, allow the bowl to drop under its own weight . . . don't drag the bowl back."

And further on:

"take a natural walking pace."

What follows comes from the New Zealand GUIDE FOR COACHES, pages 21 and 22.

"WEIGHT CONTROL

For a short end there should be a short step and a short backswing after taking up a stance with the bowl held at about the level of the knee.

For a three quarter end, the step should be slightly longer with a correspondingly longer backswing. In this case the bowl should be held nearer waist height when taking up stance.

For a long end, raise the bowl a foot higher when taking stance, take a still longer step, and allow a correspondingly longer backswing.

On a very fast green, it is common for the bowl to be placed almost on the finger tips and employ a minimal backswing."

There is nothing in Dr. Maxwell's book about where to start the backswing though two illustrations show bowlers starting with the bowl held above the waist. Nor does he say anything about the length of the backswing or the length of the step. Unlike the other two sources he advocates taking the step as you take the fore-swing.

To see for yourself what happens with the various starting positions, you might like to try them for yourself. You might also heed the advice from the Victorians and try letting your hand drop with the bowl in it to see where it finishes. Then you may want also to try altering the length of the pace you take and find out for yourself what happens to your timing.

Finally, you may care to accept Dr. Maxwell's advice and step forward as you swing the bowl forward.

If you have done all of the foregoing you have a mass of evidence to use in resolving the differences among the experts. You have illustrated the truth of a principle that I have mentioned before and an inference from it. The fewer moving parts there are in a machine, the fewer sources of error there are and the fewer changes that have to be made to alter the speed of a machine, the fewer errors there will be .

If in your delivery you change the starting point, the length of the step, the length of the backswing, the way you hold the bowl, you are making four changes and add greatly to the chances of error. I have said nothing about the major changes that have to

be made in your body movements as you make all of these other changes.

Let me remind you of some other facts that you have read before. The higher you hold your bowl the greater the strain on your arm and wrist. You add greatly to the amount of work you do in a day if you start with your bowl held high than if you hold it lower.

Then the speed at which the bowl leaves your hand is determined by what happens after it reaches the end of your backswing. Everything that happens before is merely preparation for the delivery. It is like stretching a spring. But be careful with this analogy. You could infer that the best idea is to take the arm back for different distances for ends of different lengths. The truth is that whether the end is long or short; whether the green be fast or slow; whether the shot is a draw or a drive; you do everything the same up to the end of your backswing. From that point you move your arm and body at the required speed to play the shot you must. You start from a stationary position and accelerate the pace of the bowl so that it reaches the desired speed just before you release it.

What this means is that both the groups of experts are completely wrong in the advice they give. Even the bit about taking a walking pace is to be discarded since it ignores that fact of individual differences among bowlers and omits to state why it is preferable to any other length of step.

At another time I would like to examine two pieces of advice from the New Zealanders. Time for you to do some homework. They advise using the finger grip for fast greens. If you use the finger grip and the palm grip and deliver two bowls with your arm moving at the same speed, which bowl will leave your hand the faster?

If you alter the length of the pace you take, what else do you alter?

SECRETARY'S CORNER

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PROMOTIONS

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Our Idea Forum

As there are so many good ideas that should be shared, we declared last April that a major purpose of this column would be the creation of an "idea forum". So for those of you who like Mrs. Chipman of Santa Rosa, have wished for this, we are attempting to "encapsulate" and report some of these worthy ideas. If you are pleased, credit Cress Tilley with an assist.

Since your own club may well be doing things as good or even better than any of these, please keep us informed. Some of the "capsules" that follow were actually gleaned from individual club reports. But did they escape your attention? If you wish more detailed information about any of them directly from the clubs, remember that there is a directory in the last April issue of "Bowls".

One idea that has come to us from several sources is the suggestion that copies of this magazine be sent to park and recreation departments, to sports writers and broadcasters, to retirement communities, and be placed in professional offices. It is our understanding that something of the sort has been tried without noticeable success. But perhaps the following procedure might make the idea more productive and worth the time and expense.

Would you help us build a select

list of those to whom it might well be sent. This, neither Cress nor I alone can do. If a club or its promotion chairman knows of someone or some agency to whom it might profitably go, we would like to have the name and address. OK?

A club that is hard to beat when it comes to membership promotion is the Santa Anita club in Arcadia, California. Last September, they had a booth in a community Harvest Fair which not only won a second place award, but also resulted in 24 new prospective bowlers signing up for instruction. Another event worthy of mention was their annual Halloween party for retarded children. They entertained 250 children and the 100 adults who accompanied them. How do they do it? Ask Joe Zook.

Toni Mercer of the New York club says, "Success is spelled P U B L I C I T Y". They have exceeded their goal of a hundred new members. They have gotten to the NEW YORK TIMES, and have made the CBS-TV evening news. And I like this: Toni also says, "Let's encourage the youngsters—they are the future of the game".

Have you noticed the Oakland reports of matches between service club members? Or about their 12th Annual Sportswriters and Sportscasters Match? Does this give you an idea?

More capsules to come. Here is another: Greenwich L.B.C. reports that by making one person directly responsible, they have been getting excellent publicity, and in two months have had seven articles printed with over 60 column inches. And they have noticed a pronounced increase in the number of spectators stopping by.

And from Trenton comes this, "At the end of 1973 it looked grim indeed, with a loss of 25 per cent of our membership, but it only took the members a few months of selling the game until we surpassed last year's membership".

Milwaukee suggests focusing on a special effort. They invite guests to a special luncheon in May. Members bring invited guests who are well fed,

entertained, and informed about the game. This is followed by a chance to try. Previously reported was a similar program carried on by the Cunningham club.

"At least local readers of the Santa Cruz Sentinel know that bowls are played there", says Sandy Davis. Last fall they had extraordinary publicity including eight pictures and three page-length columns. A general suggestion: Notify news agencies of events before they happen; they like that.

Bill Cunliffe of Claremont, a former athlete of considerable renown, is working on getting colleges in the Pomona Valley to include lawn bowls in their physical education programs. He now has Pomona College offering a course in the sport for credit, and hopes to get the area colleges to build up intercollegiate matches.

Those Little Folders and Strips
Judging by "early returns", our little folders and bumper strips are having a very enthusiastic reception. Reorders are coming in. For example, the Fresno club of only 19 (male) members has ordered 1,000 folders and 50 bumper strips. Will anyone bet that they don't have more than 19 members a year from now? And can you top this? A dedicated individual has ordered 250 folders and 50 strips.

It already seems obvious that we can achieve a really startling increase in membership with "Every Bowler an Active Promoter". Thank you for helping. Keep biased right.

A CORRECTION

This is to correct a misstatement in Oct. 15, 1974 ALBA Bowls, page 16, middle of page, paragraph 3. The beautiful "splashed" pure copper trophies with wooden bases presented to winners at "The Sun City Open Tournaments" in September 1974 were not donated, they were purchased.

Slow Waiter: "This coffee is imported from Brazil."

Tired Customer: "Well, whadda'ya know? It's still warm."

EASTERN DIVISION

John F. Gilbert, Staff Correspondent



JOHN F. GILBERT
EASTERN DIVISION

By Jack Gilbert

Howard Beckner, our National Promotion Chairman, is working hard to revitalize lawn bowling in our country, but he needs the support of all clubs and their members. One of the best ways for our sport to survive is to introduce it to young people. We need the enthusiasm and energy of youth to carry on the great tradition of many individuals who have devoted themselves to the betterment of lawn bowling. The connotation that lawn bowling is a game for senior citizens has served as a deterrent to the involvement of the younger element. Although there is no doubt about the therapeutic and health values of our sport for older people, it can be an interesting and intriguing game for persons of all ages.

In the Eastern Division, we are fortunate in having a number of young people in our clubs. For instance, Essex County has five members under 25, George Shick, John Corby, David Lindsay, Bruce Lindsay and Howard Stevenson. George is now on that club's executive board and could very well be the youngest person in the country to hold such a position. At the Trenton Club, a grandson of Al Lyons played in the U.S. Challenge Cup against Essex County. At the Fulton Park Club, David Bell has competed in a number of open tournaments. David Baxter of Bridgeport and Bernie Sokolowski's son at Greenwich are also active bowlers. The two Sayer brothers of the Smithfield Avenue Club are following in the footsteps of their grandfather and father. There

may be others, but those mentioned are the one with whom I am familiar. Even so, these young men represent a very small percentage of our division's total membership. We can do better.

There are several ways that we can increase participation by young people: consider one year's free membership; when they join, treat them as equals; encourage them to become involved in your club's activities and to play in open tournaments; when publicity shots are taken at your green, do so when younger members are present and, whenever stories are sent to newspapers, emphasize that lawn bowling is a game which can be played by all ages.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT L.B.A.

By: Robert Baxter

The final half dozen tournaments of the 1974 season, two of which had been rescheduled from early season rain-outs, were completed in wonderful weather and with good attendances. The latter is a welcome change from the recent past season when participation fell off toward the end of the season, but is as it should be since late September and October are surely the best bowling periods of the year here in the Northeast when the weather is perfect and the greens are running better than at any other time.

Following are the results of the tournaments played since the last report:

Aitchenson Trebles at Greenwich

- 1st—Bridgeport L.B.C.—B. Weaver, J. Morrison, D. Brown (Skip)
2nd—Greenwich L.B.C.—M. Wallace, J. Wallace, P. Gentle (Skip)

Meikle Trebles at Bridgeport

- 1st—Fulton Park L.B.C.—A. Bell, D. Bell, W. Aitchenson (Skip)
2nd—Bridgeport L.B.C.—M. Lodge, E. Miller, J. Fleming, Sr. (Skip)
3rd—Bridgeport L.B.C.—T. McIntosh, A. Jelenik, J. Morrison (Skip)

Bisset Trebles at Waterbury

- 1st—Bridgeport L.B.C.—S. Morrison, H. Bartholomew, D. Brown (Skip)
2nd—Bridgeport L.B.C.—R. Baxter, M. Lodge, J. Donnachie (Skip)

Mitchel Trebles at Bridgeport

- 1st—Bridgeport L.B.C.—T. McIntosh, E. Miller, J. Fleming, Sr. (Skip)
2nd—Bridgeport L.B.C.—S. Morrison, J. Fleming, Jr., D. Brown (Skip)

Crowe Trebles at Bridgeport

- 1st—Bridgeport L.B.C.—G. Fleming, A. Jelenik, J. Morrison (Skip)
2nd (tie)—Bridgeport L.B.C.—T. Barber, E. Miller, R. Smith (Skip)
2nd (tie)—Bridgeport L.B.C.—V. Baxter, S. Morrison, J. Donnachie (Skip)

Diehards Trebles at Bridgeport

- 1st—Irrington L.B.C.—J. Muir, J. Breslin, A. Kerr (Skip)
2nd—Greenwich L.B.C.—M. Collins, D. Sokolowski, B. Sokolowski (Skip)

These close out the Association's schedule of tournaments for the 1974 season which can be considered a successful one. However, there have been two events that sound a rather ominous note for the district. The first is that the Stamford Club is no longer a member of A.L.B.A. or of the Association and so has not competed at all in the district tournaments as a club. The second is that the New Haven club did not participate in district tournament play after mid-July and appears to be having trouble drumming up interest. It certainly saddens this writer as it must many others to see these once powerful clubs in this condition. Let's hope it is only temporary and that they will be back stronger than ever.

THE NEW YORK L.B.C.

By Dorothy Henry

While Toni Mercer is away for the Holidays, she asked me to fill in for this, her last article; a task which pleases me greatly.

First, of course, best wishes to all our friends across the country for a happy and prosperous New Year.

On October 5th, New York's last Open Tournament was held. Twenty-six triples teams, representing Trenton and Bloomfield (N.J.); Irvington, Sunrise and Brooklyn, (N.Y.); Bridgeport and Greenwich (Conn.), competed for the Lennox Cup. This was by far the largest tournament on the New York greens in many years. Spud Gil skipped his Greenwich team to a win with Art Kerr and his team from Irvington runners-up.

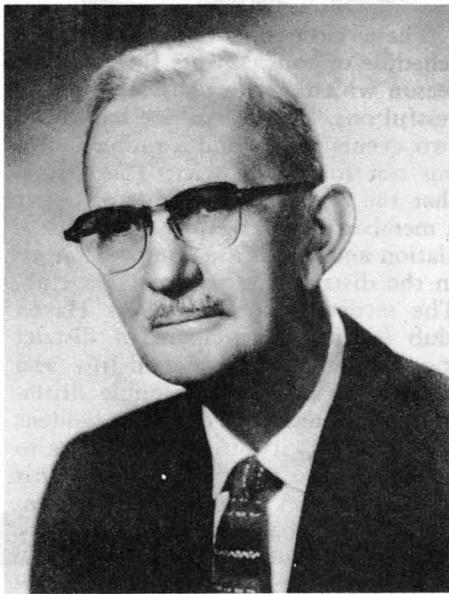
Our New Member Novice Singles were played on October 19th in bitterly cold weather. The competition was enjoyed by all the stalwarts who showed up and Angie Siek emerged triumphant.

The Club's Annual Party was held at Tom Tolan's in New York City on Sunday, November 10th. Seventy-three members and friends attended with bowlers from as far away as Cherry Hill, Pa. (Trenton Club members) and Bridgeport, Conn. It was a tremendous success in every way and everyone had a marvelous time. "The greatest party the Club has ever had", said Tom Bowe. Toni with her usual efficient enthusiasm once again deserves the Club's thanks—as she

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NORTHWEST DIVISION

Ralph W. Andrews Staff Correspondent



RALPH W. ANDREWS

WELCOME RALPH ANDREWS TO "BOWLS" AS THE NEW STAFF CORRESPONDENT FOR THE NORTHWEST DIVISION. ALSO MANY THANKS TO CHARLES P. MIDDLETON FOR HIS FINE REPORTING AND CO-OPERATION IN MANY WAYS.

CRESSLYN L. TILLEY, EDITOR

PORTLAND L.B.C.

By John L. Phillips

We celebrated the 39th anniversary the PLBC at our Annual Dinner, which was held at the Monte Carlo Restaurant October 16th.

The 74 bowlers and guests who enjoyed the dinner were entertained by both serious and foolish presentations. Group singing of paraphrased versions of well known songs ("There are bowls that make us happy, there are bowls that make us blue," etc.) Corny, but fun! John Jolly, a doughy little Scotchman, a member since 1936, past president 1941-42, now 93 and spry as a weasel, reciting "The Closing O' the Green" ("Farewell, farewell, thou Bowling Bowls, it makes my heart so sore to take you home—I wonder if ther're bowls in Heaven; I hope it may be so—and we'll play the game with Golden Bowls for ever, ever mair") all in a lovely Scotch brogue, followed by "Smiles", which had everyone smiling.

Si Berry passed out trophies to winners of our ten club events. The tro-

phies were different and very nice, a change from the ordinary, thanks to Si. The president expressed appreciation for the splendid help given him during his two years in office and condemning those who had failed to show due deference by snapping to attention whenever he appeared, and retiring from the presidency handed the gavel to his successor, Ron Veitch.

Ron's talk was a real inspiration. He has studied our situation and developed good plans which, with the cooperation of the many willing workers in the club, can make 1975 a banner year.

"So, farewell, farewell, till summer comes again, my Bonnie Bonnie Bowls."

JEFFERSON PARK L.B.C.

By Ralph Andrews

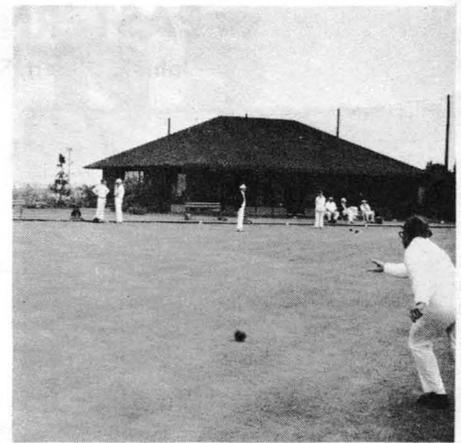
The rain (which Easterners think sheds its beneficence only on Seattle) has been busy greening things up but without question 1974 gave us the longest lawn bowling summer on record. We made the most of it and even now we get a lot of days when playing is good if a bit dampish and cool.

Our Thanksgiving party was bright and shiny with May Moir the head blessing counter who "ran the show" with helpers aplenty, the ingenuity of Ruth Campbell once again shown in the mini-turkeys, maple and oak leaf clusters and place mats. And a dozen or more nameless servers did considerably more than just stand and wait.

We have new officers and additional board members—Loren Ralph, president; Fred Burr, v-p; Priscilla Hudson, sec.; Bob Thompson again treas.

The Christmas Party is shaping up for Dec. 14 as another to be remembered. After that comes the New Year with serious bowlers trying to correct their mistakes and not so serious bowlers trying to correct mistakes they think even less serious bowlers are making. And what does it all end up in? Fun. And games.

New members welcomed into the club in recent months are: Kelly Hammett, Vido Valala, Harry Thiedeman, Jerri Lombard, Roland Prentiss, Max Christianson. The club extends its best wishes to them and hopes to make their membership enjoyable.



JEFFERSON PARK CLUBHOUSE showing portion of Seattle's business district in distance at left. Equipment house is at right out of photo. Standing in front center is Harvey Richardson (Queen City) facing May Moir. Seated at far right is Frank Webb. Bowling is Bob Boehm.

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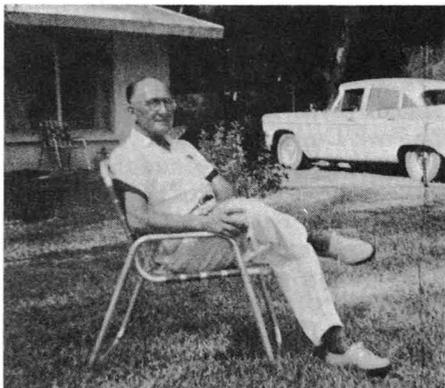
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SOUTHEAST DIVISION

Russell Fourman, Staff Correspondent



RUSSELL L. FOURMAN

SOUTHEAST DIVISION NEWS

By Russell Fourman

All the clubs are prepared with dressed-up playing greens and club-houses, ready to welcome the players from everywhere and the home players.

Tournaments are underway, and the exchange of inter-league plays will begin first week in Jan. for a 10-week period. Our most Northern club in Nashville, Tenn., has a few snowflakes to contend with, while our most Southern club in Hollywood, is basking in the sunshine.

The big event of the season will be held in St. Petersburg, the S. E. Div. annual event, March 15th thru 20th followed by 2 days of mixed triples. The host club is expecting many entries. Would be nice to have entries from other divisions. Canada is always well represented.

Howard Wilson, a congenial guy, is Tournament Chairman, and he extends a cordial invitation to all bowlers. Ladies be sure to come also.

The ladies S. E. W. Lawn Bowling Association will be hosted by the Clearwater Club (20 miles from St. Petersburg) Mon., March 17th thru 20th. March 21 and 22nd, the ladies will join the S.E. men players in Mixed Triples at St. Petersburg. The S.E. Div.—a L.B.A. singles Sat. 15th-16. Entry fee \$5.00. Triples, Mon. 17th-18. \$15 per team. Doubles Wed. 19th-20. \$10.00 per team. Mixed Triples 21-22. Entry fee \$9.00 per team. Mail all entries, with fees to cover, to Walter Parker, 536 Fourth Ave North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701. This writer expresses his best wishes to the two host cities, St. Petersburg and Clearwater.

CLEARWATER L.B.C.

By Kurt Dornau

Our rinks are in perfect shape for the winter season. Alex Dunn, our greenskeeper, has recovered from his operation and is again taking care of them 100 per cent, ably assisted by his wife Joyce.

The exploits of our traveling bowlers during the summer are very pleasing. George Douglas skipped the winning Doubles team in the Manitoba L.B. Association Tournament. Ralph Bransby was skip for the winning Trebles Team in Bayview, Michigan where they competed for the newly donated Rollin Bush Trophy, the latter being our oldest living past president. Don Crawley and Bob Taylor were the winning Clearwater entries in the Buck Hill Falls Annual Open Men's Doubles.

Russell Leinbach, in his own quiet way, has made a good start as games chairman. All tournaments have been posted on the board including visits by other clubs. High on the agenda is the visit of the Welsh Bowlers during the week of January 20th. Due to threatening clouds and penetrating cold the first two tournaments, The Men's 4-3-2-1 and The Men's Singles had to be postponed for several days so that at press time no reports are available.

Our ladies bowling contingent had a group of the "Top of the World" bowlers on our greens on November 27th for some friendly games. After a pleasant lunch the two clubs intermixed as there were more clearwater players on hand than visitors. The jitney under the capable direction of Kaye Minions and Dorothy Weeks produced the following results: 1st place, skip Mae Goldie; 2nd, J. Taylor and M. Baker (tied). 2nd place, skip V. Edson; 2nd., Pearl Nash and M. Quinn (Tied); Lead, T. Dick and J. Schmidt (Tied); Lead, 1st place, M. Hobden.

Social notes during the summer include the 50th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Bill Jahsman and the Bill Thornleys and Marion and Dave Mylrea celebrated theirs on December 6th. Two more members joined the 90 and over club, John Smtih and Jim McGregor, which now has six members. Birthday parties were held for both with a cake and punch while

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PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Clifford C. Rea, Staff Correspondent



CLIFFORD C. REA

On the PROMOTION and PUBLI-CITY I can report that the San Francisco Headquarters of the promoters of the trip of the GOLDEN HINDELL keep me advised of the progress of the ship. It passed through the Panama Canal the first week in December. It is on schedule. They have also furnished me the names and brief biography of the 16 crew members.

All but two are British plus one Canadian and one American. The American is the cook and was born in Oakland, Calif. To date I have been unable to get in touch with his parents who have moved in order to get more information. The promoters have been sending regular releases to the news papers in Calif. about the trip and progress. However, the Oakland Tribune is the only one who has made much use of it. They have had 5 or six items, one a full page spread. I am going to work now on the Promoters office in all future releases to mention that the crew will play a bowling match with Bay Area Bowlers even though none have had any experience.

The article that I had in MODERN MATURITY magazine over a year ago brought in three inquiries from San Mateo County. They were interested and arranged for me to show movies of the game at a meeting of members of LITTLE HOUSE, which

is a large group of retirees of 50 years and over. The movies were shown on Dec. 12 and 45 or 50 showed up and all quite attentive with many questions. Their club house is located in Menlo Park City Park and two members from the Park Department attended. Some of the eager ones got the Park Dept. to prepare a short lane and have been trying out their hand at the game. Two sets of BOWLS were given by the Palo Alto Club and two members bought Bowls. It seems possible that in a few months the Park Dept. will cooperate in putting down a one Rink green. We shall see. In any case Palo Alto has acquired several new members from this effort. The last inquiry came a few days ago from Denver and was referred to the Bowling Club Secretary there.

An article that I submitted to HARVEST YEARS, another retirement magazine will be published soon. I sent the article in March of 1973 and just got paid for it. The first return in cash from my promotion efforts.

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LEISURE TOWN L.B.C.

By George Crane

Well, were at the end of another successful year. Our membership is holding and we have several good prospects for next season. Also, our green is again getting in good shape.

Remember, all bowlers are welcome. Green open every day save Friday.

ROSSMOOR L.B.C. WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.

By Maggie Goff

1974 was a mixed year for the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club. The greens, under Fred Pflugfelder's watchful eye, were in top condition in the spring, the basic condition for good bowling practice. That they were so used was evidenced by Rossmoor's performance in area competition.

During the summer's high temperatures the sprinkling system went berserk and this, accompanied by a waning gardening contract and continued maximum use of the greens, had the expected effect. Consequently Rossmoor's lawn bowling will be limited to 1 green and curtailed to 3 afternoons per week (Tues., Thurs., and Sat.) until the turf has recovered. Efforts to obtain a third green have not met with success, but the Club continues to press for this as well as improved continuity in attention to the greens.

Thirty new members have been certified by the coaching committee, and the outgoing President, Joe Van Dreser, and his capable Board of Directors has given the members an excellent year.

PALO ALTO L.B.C.

By Claus F. Peterson

We have had two successful years under the administration of President Paul Houseman, his fellow officers, Horace Kay, Max Bloomfield, the City of Palo Alto and the Lucie Stern Foundation jointly they made it possible to modernize and increase the size and refurbish the Clubhouse. Improvements will continue in 1975 which will make PALBC an outstanding meeting place for our members and visiting bowling friends.

Our 17 new members have developed fast under the direction of our coaching staff and we are now developing plans to obtain members in the 25 to 45 age group.

This age group may become interested if we start now anticipating evening play for spring, summer and fall seasons.

SANTA CRUZ L.B.C.

By Sandy Davis

Our bowling green is the most delightful, smooth in perception and agreeable to the senses — the tender grass surface is a delight in this area of San Lorenzo Park. The City groundskeeper is doing a great job, and you know well "how sweet it is to roll the bowl on an even surface"; however, a little more roll work would put the green in first class condition. Thanks to the Parks Department and Mr. Andre in charge of our bowling green.

Doc Dustin, chief of our lawn bowling coaches, is a very conscientious man of bowls; he guides the beginners in learning the techniques and fundamentals of lawn bowling; he starts the neophytes in this art with the proper attitude in conduct on the green; the one step pendulum swing, with the right direction in which the bowl will roll towards the target area. These are the beginnings of the making of a good bowler.

New bowlers following the natural rhythmic delivery of the bowl—the easy way—make very good bowlers during their first year; they learn, and are satisfied with their progress in "play at bowls"; they love the game, and it is this love of bowls that keeps them coming back to the bowling green. They make friends, too.

Good coaches make or break the beginners on the green.

Visitors are welcome. We bowl Wed., Thurs., Sat. and Sun. at 1 p.m. and on Holidays. Come to Santa Cruz for a good game of bowls.

DEL MESA CARMEL L.B.C.

By Norman Angell

Due to some careful seeding and some fortunate draws, our Club Singles Tournament produced some very close matches, from which Ray Noland emerged as our new champion and Max Jayne as the winner of the Consolation Cup.

We have some new bowlers in our group who are not only showing a keen interest in the game, but have developed into first class players, and demonstrated it in our recent tournaments.

HONOLULU L.B.C.

By Ray Johnson

Following a poll of the members, the Board voted to require the members to wear proper "whites" during matches and other official affairs as designated by the Board. At all other times the members may wear any form of dress which they, individually, consider to be appropriate and in good taste, and in keeping with the casual, informal atmosphere of Hawaii. A rash of bare torsos (male) had broken out on the Green, causing quite a bit of lively discussion, so the Board decided the issue as stated. Also following a poll of the members, the Board moved the starting time from 1 PM to 12:30 p.m. so that those who wished to do so could bowl later in the afternoon and still get home for dinner (and to avoid the tropical sun during the summer). Allowing two schedules for bowling during the same afternoon also will allow us to accommodate twice as many members and visitors.

The Board accepted a report concerning the installation of electric lights for possible night bowling.

Annual H L B C dues were raised from \$24 to \$36, beginning with 1975. SUN CITY TOURNEY

President Tom Rowlands, Director Flemming Yates, Secretary Fred Denison, John Beukema, Don McArthur, Jane Tanida and their spouses attended and participated in the annual tournament. They came home with empty hands but reported that they were cordially received and had a wonderful time.

THE GREEN

Don McArthur and helping members have put the Green in excellent condition. You have not really lived until you have looked across the closely cropped green lawn to the cobalt blue Pacific with its white surf rolling in to the coral beach and, on the other side, the mountains framed against an equally blue sky with fleecy clouds moving before the soft Trade Winds, and with temperatures around 70 to 80 degrees most of the time.

A group of 15 friendly and skilled male and female bowlers visited us from the Laguna Beach Bowls Club and challenged us to a 3-day tourney in triples play. At the end of 3 days, we were tied so we played off the tie on Sunday. We were fortunate to squeeze out the victory by one match.

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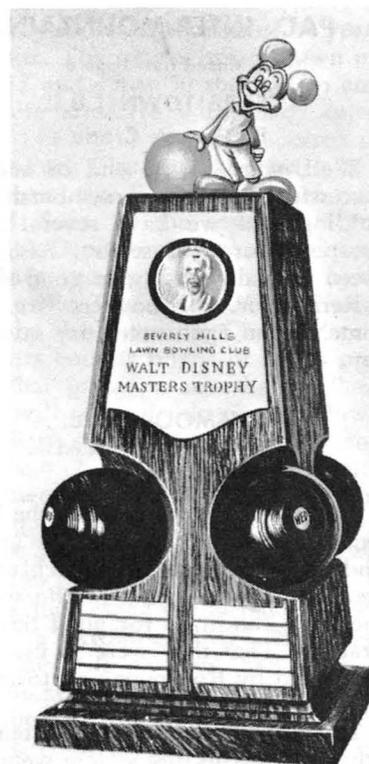
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CENTRAL DIVISION

Ross Brown, Staff Correspondent

CENTRAL DIVISION NEWS

By R. Brown



ROSS BROWN

The 1974 season on the Midwest area saw a good year for lawn bowls in many ways and not too good in others. The happy side of the year was the successful National Open held in Chicago and to which many thanks go to the able management of the tourney by Lachlan McArthur of the Lakeside L.B.C. (Chicago). In a word of praise by this writer, may I say that Lachlan has done a very tremendous job for lawn bowling in the Central Division in many ways. A more dedicated and outstanding sportsman in the game of lawn bowls anywhere is very hard to find, and mere words don't really give the appreciation of Lachlan's efforts. I personally have never played against a more outstanding sportsman in both his skill and his attitude towards the

game—lawn bowling should be proud that men of his ilk are associated with the sport.

A few great events other than the National Open presented themselves in the Central Division; the Play-downs for the U.S. Championships were ably won by young Doug McArthur in the Singles Event and the team of John Stewart and Bert MacWilliams in the Doubles competition. These were three very good men to show the representation of Central Division in the U.S. Championships in Sun City. Other events to carry on the competitive spirit in the Central Division area were the Chicago Lawn Bowls Association events in the Singles, Doubles, Trebles and Rinks events; the Milwaukee Invitational Trebles held over the Labor Day weekend and the finishing up of the year with the Gary Invitational Trebles event. All-in-all, lawn bowls did have a fairly good year in the Midwest.

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CENTRAL DIVISION

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The sad part of Central Division lawn bowls is the lack of a more interest in events of the division by many of the clubs who are a part of the division. There may be reasons, in one manner or other, that has caused this lack of interest, but it has to change for things to get better in the Central Division lawn bowls fraternity. It would be quite enlightening to know the reason why some of the clubs and members have fallen by the wayside in the Division competitive events, but such reasoning will have to be put forth by those clubs. Most of us in the Midwest are separated by some distance and therefore cannot have a jelling of unity in too many competitive events sponsored by either the Division or clubs, but there should be at least one or two yearly events that could bring all of the clubs together in a good competitive and friendship gathering. Perhaps the new Division Officials can bring about a better coordination among those clubs belonging to the Central Division of the A.L.B.A. and get things back on the right road again. I am sure that Bert MacWilliams, new president of the Division, and his brother officers would be glad to receive any and all of your ideas to bring about a better cooperative nature to lawn bowls in the Midwest and good competition between all of the clubs associated with lawn bowls in the Central Division. Let's all make an attempt at putting a "spark" back in the game in the Midwest; what's your idea for adding more life to the game in the Central Division?

In finishing this Staff Correspondent's portion of the Central Division-A.L.B.A. news, I wish to state that your division correspondent, Ross Brown, has officially resigned both positions of being the BOWLS divisional correspondent and also the division Promotions Chairman. My resignation of both of these positions in the Central Division were presented to the Board of Directors at the Division meeting held in Chicago, October 30, 1974. The Board of Directors, at that time, accepted the resignations, but tabled action regarding same. The status of this is now my being in both positions on a "temporary basis" (my choice and wording) until there is a successor appointed by the Board of Directors or there is a voluntary approach by others in the Division to take over

either one or the other of the two jobs. Until that time, I will still function as the BOWLS correspondent and Central Division promotions chairman. If there be anyone desirous of accepting either job, please contact Bert MacWilliams, President, A.L.B.A.-Central Division, Bldg. H, Apt. 608, 1491 East 191st St., Euclid, Ohio 44117.

GARY L.B.C.
By R. Brown

The Gary L.B.C. closed out this past 1974 bowls season with the annual Bill Fisher Memorial Invitational Trebles Event held in September. The event was won by the Gary team of Bob McGaffney (skip), Dan McKay and Tom McGaffney. The event is usually a 16 team invitational event, but through one reason or another, there were only 13 teams participating in the 1974 event. Can it be that lawn bowls is gradually on the down-trend in the Midwest? Or is it one of many other reasons for a slow-down in competitive events? 1975 should prove an answer as to how the game goes. In some areas it will probably have a very successful trend, in others it may be just the reverse with a further down-trend.

The Gary L.B.C. is looking forward to the 1975 season with a hesitant approach; hanging over our head is that ever-present threat of the City officials utilizing the green as a right-of-way for their new north-south arterial route in the downtown area as an added access to U.S. Steel's plant just north of the green. As in the past, we'll just have to play it by ear and wait and see what transpires.

Members of the Gary L.B.C. extend good wishes and a successful 1975 season to all of their bowling friends in the Midwest and the rest of the U.S. of A. and hope that the coming year becomes one of good bowling and many renewed friendships.

MILWAUKEE (Lake Park) L.B.A.
By Alvin W. Wolfe

During 1974 the Milwaukee L.B.A. got some unexpected, but appreciated help in renewing and maintaining its hardware, such as bowls rakes (pushers) and equipment carts. Through the good offices of director Kenneth Pollock, some men who are his neighbors in Friendship Village, a retirement community just northwest of Milwaukee, used their ingenuity and their community workshop to the benefit of our club. We also have the

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understanding that their are prospects of building a club and bowling green at the Friendship Village facility. We hope that their venture takes shape and becomes a reality.

The Milwaukee L.B.A.'s Womens Association had a busy and successful season. The Club Triples was won by Carol Devlin, Barbara Prendergast and Mary Nohl (skip) when they defeated the team of Dee Antinucci, Sara Harrison and Gladys Bertrand. Esther Wagstaff and Eva Weiss won the Club Doubles. Jo Landgren beat Gladys Bertrand for the title in the Club Singles.

The women of the Lake Park Club (Milw. L.B.A.) did well in the County Events in 1974; Sara Harrison, Sydnet Steindel and Leonie Thornburg won first place in the County Triples; with Helen Elliot, Mar Nohl and Nancy Shepard coming in second. In the County Doubles event, Corrine Bolhuis and Gladys Bertrand were the victorious pair.

MILWAUKEE WEST L.B.C.
Neil Bultman

Our summer club events were very successful with great weather throuout.

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Despite the extreme heat at the Nationals in Chicago, two of our club members won a trophy in Mens Doubles, congratulations to Don and Carl Prachthausner. This was my first national and I enjoyed the competition and hospitality of the host clubs.

Winners of our club events are:

MEN'S SINGLES—Neil D. Bultman winning over John Wolf.

MEN'S DOUBLES—Neil D. Bultman and Herb Ferber (skip) defeating the team of Geo. Sell and Joe Janisch (skip)

MIXED DOUBLES—Peg and Paul Hansen taking the trophy from Vi Liefer and Carl Prachthausner (skip)

MIXED TRIPLES—Florence Schiller, Neil D. Bultman and Carl Prachthausner (skip) winning over Leonie Thornburg, Art Schmidt and Herb Ferber (skip).

LADIES DOUBLES—Mildred Kahablea and Vi Liefer (skip) besting Florence Schiller and Peg Hansen (skip).

LADIES SINGLES—Saw Vi Liefer narrowly beating Leonie Thornburg.

Hopefully my wife and I will enjoy a Arizona vacation this winter and hope to be able to meet some of the lawn bowlers in the Phoenix-Sun City area and enjoy lawn bowls on their greens.

Our fall dinner party saw the following new officers chosen for the 1975 season.

President, John Wolf; Vice President, Paul Hansen; Directors, Herb Ferber and Carl Prachthausner; Remaining Ex Officio, Neil D. Bultman; Secy.-Treas., will still be our capable Virginia Wolf.

I would like to comment on the article in the last ALBA by Cliff Rea where he states thawt his PIMD club members only read the articles regarding their division. I read all the division articles and in so doing I feel I have become to know the members names of clubs throughout the country. I feel that what other clubs and dvisions are doing is interesting, their competitive events, their attempts to attract new members and all their club house activities. I sincerely hope that he is partially incorrect in his beliefs and that our division members who read their club articles will take the time to read about ALL clubs in ALL divisions.

LAKESIDE L.B.C.

By: Ken Henderson

The 1974 Season at Lakeside Chicago closed with the Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 2nd which was held at the University of Chicago

Education Centre. It was a most enjoyable evening for all who attended. The entertainment for the evening, arranged by Pat LeNoble and Margaret MacDonald, was one of the "home brew" type. The artists were: Harold Billings (piano), Andy Clausen (a fine singer), Margaret MacDonald (displayed her talent in Hawaiian dancing), and as a follow up and contrast to her talent, three "beauties" of the Club, Art McMaster, Ted Perry and Ken Henderson brought the house down with their display of the Hula-hula, grass skirts, wigs, unmentionables and all.

President Lachlan McArthur presented the 1974 Season Awards which went to:

Singles Champion—Robert Savage

Playdown Singles—Douglas McArthur

Club Doubles—L. McArthur and Carl Johnson

Novice Singles—H. Harlan

Club Trebles—B. Shinn, Vic Jackson and Les Swartz

Club Rinks—R. Savage, Ken Henderson, M. Jones, J. Rarity

101 Pts. Singles—Ken Henderson

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY EVENTS

Club Singles—Margaret MacDonald

Novice Singles—A. Schneider

101 Pts. Singles—Margaret MacDonald

Doubles—Mable Jackson and Marie Clauson

Trebles—Rebecca McArthur, L. Blanksma, Margaret MacDonald

CLUB AUXILIARY EVENTS

Marital Doubles—Ken Henderson, May Henderson

Mixed Doubles—Russell Kutz, May Wepsiec

Mixed Trebles—R. Savage, Art McMaster, Lillian Magnusson

Carl Johnson presented out-going President Lachlan McArthur with a plaque from the Club in appreciation of his efficient handling of the Club, the National Open Event and all the hard work that it took to make the 1974 Season most successful.

The new office bearers for the 1975 Season are:

President, Vic Jackson; Vice President, Ted Perry; Secy.-Treasurer, Russell Kutz.

President Vic Jackson in his inaugural speech made reference to learning a new accent to help him through his year, namely, Scots. To improve the understanding and playing this "Grand Old Game" he has asked Club Members to participate in instruction classes to be held monthly during the "off season" in the Museum of Science & Industry. So bowlers in the Central Division and in San Francisco beware of Lakeside Members in 1975 as we are planning a most successful season.

Eldon Stevenson was awarded Honorary Membership for his years of service and devotion to Lakeside and the Game of Bowls.

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ROCKFORD L.B.C.

By Lindsay Towns

Our lawn bowling season for 1974 is now long gone, but the memories linger on. Through the efforts of the local Park District, dedicated members and our lawn roller our green was like a billiard table. This past year we won all our games on our home green, (perseverance on green care pays off) and only lost one game away from home.

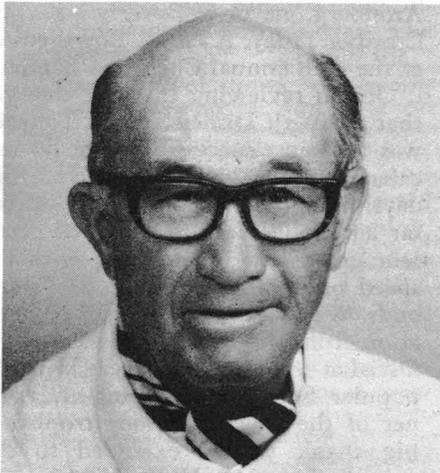
We were saddened by the passing of two old-time club members, Louis Scott and Harry Munhenke. At our annual lawn bowls banquet in November, Gwen Blake was installed as our first lady president. This might be the first world-wide lady president of a lawn bowlers club usually dominated and controlled by the male sex. We are looking forward to the 1975 season under the capable leadership of Gwen and her enthusiastic efforts in the game of lawn bowls in the Midwest. And to commemorate this "historical" event is our hope to have a mixed trebles invitational tournament.

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Around three o'clock in the morning, a restless youngster asked his mother to tell him a story "Hush dear" said his mother, "Your father will be in soon and tell us both one.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

Wayne W. Ovington, Staff Correspondent



WAYNE W. OVINGTON

SOUTHWEST DIVISION NEWS

By Wayne W. Ovington

Pub. Ch. and Staff Corres. S.W.D.

At a recent meeting of the S.W. Div. Council tentative plans were adopted for the forthcoming visit to the United States of the Welsh lawn bowlers. This will be an A.L.B.A. and I.B.B. authorized and sponsored visitation.

The tentative schedule for the Welsh bowlers visit to the U.S. —Jan./Feb., 1975 follows: Arr. Miami, Florida, Jan. 28-Feb. 2; arr. Sun City, Arizona, Feb. 2-5; Arr. Grand Canyon, Feb. 5-7; Arr. San Francisco Bay Area, Feb. 7-13; Arr. Los Angeles, Feb. 13-27; Lv. L. A. Feb. 27.

The tentative plan as formulated by the S.W.D. Council will call for at least 8 days of play at the various clubs in the division (excluding Sun City, Ariz. and Santa Barbara). These matches presumably will be fours (rinks), with five Welsh teams competing against five of our teams at each site of play. On one day (to be selected) a "Test Match" will be played with the five Welsh teams viewing with five of our teams (the best players from the S.W.D. will play. After this match our players plan to entertain the visitors at dinner. Long Beach Recreation will probably host the "Test Match."

The following motions were made during the Council meeting: (1.) At least eight days of play at various clubs in the division, with a "Test Match" on one of those days. (2.) Authorizing Richard Folkins as chairman to select a small committee to

work with him. (3.) The Representatives from each area in the division to act as liaison between the committee and the clubs in their respective areas. (4.) Play to be set up in groups so that clubs outside the Los Angeles area would be given a chance to entertain the visitors.

Ed Harris, secretary S.W.D. was authorized to send a letter to Trevor Toms, Glamorganshire, Wales, said letter to seek clarification of the following points:

(1.) Advisability of the Welsh Bowlers stopping off at Santa Barbara on the way to L. A. after leaving S.F.

(2.) Could the visitors play on Feb. 3-4 at Sun City, Ariz?

(3.) Would Long Beach Recreation as the site of the "Test Match" be satisfactory?

(4.) Would the visitors be able to play 8 or more days at S.W.D. clubs?

(5.) Would the visiting bowlers be able to play on Sunday.

(6.) Exactly how many men will be in the party, how many additional spectators, how many women? If women are to accompany the men, will they also wish to bowl with our women?

7.) Would it be possible for the Welsh bowlers to bring three bowls, so as to compete in our favorite game of triples?

THE MEADOWS-IRVINE L.B.C.

By Wayne Ovington

The annual meeting of our club was held on November 19.

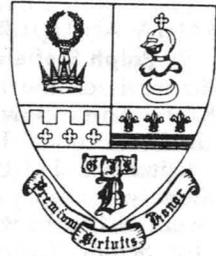
During the past two years the destiny of the Meadows-Irvine Club has been in the hands of President Frank Webster. Frank brought the club along in wonderful shape; starting with less than twenty members the membership at the present time is over seventy. President Webster proved to be a tireless worker for the club and the membership gave him a standing ovation as he retired from office.

The newly elected officers are: President, Austin Johnson; Vice President, Robert Bartholomew; Secretary, Nora Dillon; Treasurer, Don Wilson; Tournament and games chairman, Bob Russell and Senior Delegate, Wayne Ovington.

The Meadows-Irvine team of bowlers won first place in the Coast League Tournament play. This was the club's

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On Tuesday evening, November 25, Clair and Rene Hanson hosted a delightful party for the membership, to honor the outgoing and new incoming officers.

Bud Baedeker, (thoroughbred handicapper) acted as M. C. and led the group in an exhilarating song fest. Bud introduced all the outgoing and incoming officers and greens keeper Don Buckley.

He presented gifts from the club to Ex-president Frank Webster and Don Buckley. Frank, Don and Tournament chairman Bob "Pop" Russell were given enthusiastic standing ovations by all the club members.

Later in the evening Rene and Clair Hanson provided catered refreshments which were immensely enjoyed by all.

To club promotion and publicity chairmen please note: Wayne Ovington (S.W.D. Staff Correspondent) has a new address. Please send all club publicity articles to me at "The Meadows," 14851 Jeffrey Rd., Space No. 31, Irvine, California 92705. (714) 551-6490.

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SANTA ANITA L.B.C.

By Ralph Scofield

The picture is of the booth entry of the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club in the First Annual Harvest Fair held on September 11, 1974, at the Arcadia County Park.

There were 41 booths with exhibits entered by Senior Citizens groups from the San Gabriel Valley area. Our Bowling Booth was awarded second place in the competition for appearance and the information provided.

During the day of the Fair, members of the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club explained the game of Bowls to those who stopped by our booth and as a result, 24 prospective bowlers signed up to attend the October 7th opening session for new bowlers at our Club greens.

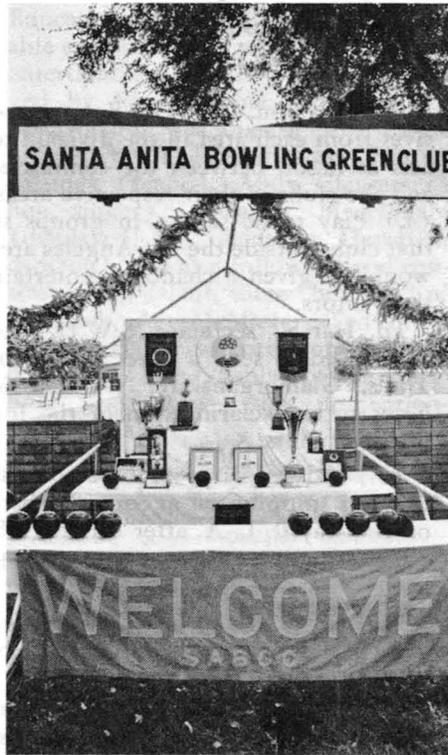
Santa Anita Club tied for second place in the Western League competition. In addition, on September 10th, the teams representing Santa Anita won the Harvey Leiberg Trophy. Members of our two teams were Cliff Lauster, Harry Koening and Ed Burns; George Sneed, Bill Gorman and John Corrigan.

Our monthly Birthday Parties, which are held on the last Saturday of the month, honoring those whose birthday falls in that particular month, have been well attended with an average of 70 members.

One of the popular events of the season was our Potluck held on August 10th. Over 100 members enjoyed the delicious food and also the sociability created at this party.

On October 24, 1974 retarded children from the San Gabriel Valley were treated to a "Great Pumpkin" Hallowe'en Party. This annual event is sponsored by the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club. More than 250 children, accompanied by 100 teachers and volunteers were entertained with songs, puppet shows and clowns. Club members contributed to buy plastic Jack-O-Lanterns containing apples, candy, popcorn and other goodies for each child. Refreshments were also served.

This annual event was organized in 1965 by Joe Zook, who was then President of our Bowling Club, and since that time has chaired the committee planning the event. His committee this year consisted of Co-chairman Aline Sholes, assisted by Paul Sadler, Bea Giovinazzo, Alice Ring and Margaret Schenstrom.



LAKEVIEW L.B.C. SUN CITY, ARIZONA

By Duncan Malloch

"A successful and most happy 1974 was had by the Lakeview Club under the direction of Ben Nye, club president. Being host to the Tournament of U. S. Champions was of course the highlight for us during the year. We witnessed lawn bowling at its very best.

Our club membership is again at full strength, and growing, as our usual pleasant Fall and Winter weather brings back long gone vacationers and newcomers to our town. A noticeable feature is the greater lawn bowling skills on the part of our members—thanks to the visits of Ezra Wyeth and followed by our local instructors.

After a six-week shutdown, getting prepared for seasonal grass, our greens reopened early November — and they are in splendid shape, thanks to our own Jim Hale. We all are acquainted with Jim's superb knowledge of greens conditioning; a lesser brought out fact is his fine lawn bowling skill — one of Lakeview's best.

Our tournaments, including all Sun City lawn bowling clubs, are now underway (in December) to decide Arizona championships in several categories. Enthusiasm for lawn bowling is very high here, and 1975 has all the earmarks of another most enjoyable lawn bowling year."

BEVERLY HILLS L.B.C.

By Sam Jones

Otis Healy, our prexy, welcomed 95 bowlers and special guests Dr. Charles Aronberg, mayor of Beverly Hills and Cresslyn Tilley, A.L.B.A. Bowls editor at the 48th annual Christmas banquet.

Otis in reviewing the year thought that the Walt Disney Singles Tourney was the most successful event on our calendar with 24 rinks full for four days. Our greens keepers Pete Alcantar and John Herrera prepared excellent greens for the tourney with the speed or pace running 12 to 14 seconds. We received wonderful co-operation from the Pacific-Inter-Mountain Division who sent 13 players, with the popular Frank Souza being the winner of the coveted Disney trophy. A big thank you is extended to our neighboring club, Holmby Park, who furnished many markers for the tourney as well as a number of participants besides hosting the events for the ladies. The 1975 Disney Singles Tourney will be held May 23 to 26th inclusive at Roxbury Park.

The new officers for 1975 are: President, Percival Hart; Vice Pres., Ken Lambert; Asst. Sec-Treas., George Chelw; Past President, Otis Healy and Board members Harry Dougher and Tom Lawlor. The Secretary is Dr. Charles Daily.

HOLMBY PARK L.B.C.

By C. West

How do you put a quart into a pint bottle—or accommodate five or six dozen bowlers on eight rinks?

The second problem was faced at Holmby Park when one of the club's two greens unexpectedly was closed for renovation last Autumn, just when perfect weather brought out consistently large numbers of bowlers. The solution was to limit games to Rinks, each team with four players using only two bowls. Fortunately, the green was again in use after several crowded weeks, and play in the annual Australian Singles and Lillian Taylor Triples tournaments was completed.

Kay Hine struck a blow for Women's Lib by besting three male chauvinists in the singles finals, while Skip Tom Conaty, with Duncan Howie and Chuck West, outlasted the competition in the Triples.

To add to Holmby Park's Fall problems, vandals broke into the club rooms and made off with considerable property, including the Bull Horn. This was promptly replaced through

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the generosity of Lois Smith. Our (fortunately) never-used oxygen resuscitator was also pilfered, and replaced by Joan and Ernie Koyen. The pay telephone and "Wrong Bias" kitty, both full of dimes, are among other missing items.

Following a successful year under the administration of President John Dennant, the membership re-elected him for 1975 at the annual meeting, along with Treasurer Tom Conaty and Secretary Dorothy Cella. Duncan Howie, tournament chairman in 1974, was unanimously elected as Vice President, after Ernie Koyen declined to run for re-election for personal reasons.

RECREATION PARK L.B.C.

Long Beach, Ca.

By Wm. C. Ferguson

Our annual meeting was held on Tuesday, December 3rd at the Elks Club. Meeting was well attended and included city officials, Carroll Chase and Ed Harris of the A.L.B.A. S.W. Division. President Leslie Nason reported on extensive activities of the year and trophies were awarded for the numerous intra club events. Bill Ferguson, president of Seaside Lawn Bowls, Inc. the entity holding a lease with the city of Long Beach reported on progress in the necessary building completed during the year. A surprise announcement was also made that a gift of \$10,000 from the Lorraine Miller Collins-Earl Burns Miller Trust will insure an addition to our present clubhouse. Earl Miller, deceased in 1969, was a former member. Larry Collins was given a rising ovation for his efforts in this most worthy contribution.

Election of officers for the ensuing year was held and the 1974 officers were reelected for 1975. This included Leslie Nason, president; Sherry Moore, vice president; Marty Katte, treasurer and Clayton Campbell, secretary.

President Nason stated a very active program for the new year will be set in motion. Particular emphasis will be made on new memberships to insure ample funds for expanding programs of exciting activities.

Long Beach has much to offer visitors and our group is always delighted when we have an opportunity to welcome others.

SAN DIEGO L.B.C.

By Ted Ruenitz

Our First Annual Novice Singles Tournament, held on Sept. 30 resulted in sixteen new bowlers participating in their first singles event. After two days of bowling Ole and Nancy Hammerness were the two finalists. Ole came up with a stiff neck and a case of cold feet, so the finals have been postponed until later in the year. A good match between this husband and wife pair is anticipated.

Division Day, in support of the Southwest Division, was held on Oct. 16. Jack Malone, Jo Zolla and Bill Elias were the winners.

Charles Lee and Jack Purdie visited Pomona and returned with the Verne Potter doubles trophy.

Visitations to Riverside and The Meadows resulted in excellent games and very enjoyable social events on November 7. Bowlers are cordial and friendly people.

On November 14, Bob Craig and Ruth Erickson won the Meade Barrie doubles event.

Early in October the Club had another successful picnic with over 70 members taking part. A regular Tournament was held in addition to the daily draw game. On Tuesday mornings during November and December our members compete in "make-up" games. On Wednesday mornings training classes for both new and older bowlers are conducted by our more skilled bowlers.

On Nov. 30 Ezra Wyeth conducted a bowling clinic for our members. Some 45 members benefitted from his demonstration and lecture. Individual criticism followed, with diagnosis for improvement. Our Thanks to Ezra!

Our First Annual Toys for Tots Tournament was held Dec. 14. All proceeds were given to the San Diego Police Dept. for distribution to the youngsters.

Our Annual Meeting and picnic were held on December seventh with a large number of bowlers enjoying the food, fellowship, election of officers and bowling under sunny warm skies. A unanimous ballot was cast for the following officers: President, Charles Lee; First Vice President, Ed Fosdike; Second Vice President, Sidney Cameron; Secretary, Ruth Erickson; Treasurer, Lillian Carey; Executive Committee member, Carl Ellinger, Don Irwin, Jr., and Mortimer Schochet. We look forward to a successful 1975 under the direction of this fine group of officers.

SUN CITY, CALIF. L.B.C.

By Harold M. Mannheimer

One of the most important items we have received and put into use is the Scott-Bonnar-Queen gasoline driven mower, resulting in a great improvement in our greens. A new beginners class was started in October, the class is in charge of John Simon, assisted by Bill Baurle and Frank Pease.

Our club participated in the various Invitational events sponsored by the S. W. Div. and the S. W. Womens Div. Our teams did very well, particularly when one considers the high calibre of competition in these games.

On December 2nd we elected our new officers for the coming year, they are: President, Edgar Shoemaker; Vice President, Mern Bahnson; Secretary, Bill LaFountain; Treasurer, Walter Fitze; Assistant Treas. and Assistant Sec'y, Clara Adams.

On that evening we were entertained by member Ray Menzel, who rendered popular favorites, all played from memory on the piano. Following dinner, reports were rendered by retiring Officers and Committee chairmen. A Handel Choir from the local United Methodist Church gave a fine program of appropriate hymns and songs. This was followed by some amazing feats of magic performed by Otis Cooper.

President elect Carroll Chase of the Southwest Division A.L.B.A. was introduced and gave a very interesting talk on his adventures abroad. Carroll remarked about the fine hospitality encountered in far flung places and assured us the same treatment should we take similar trips. He then presented certificates to the winners of the division day tournament, these included: Skips - "Van" Kirhoff, first; Frank Pease, second; Vices - Mike Juric, first; Maria Bahrs, second; Leads-Al Simpson, first; Connie Sheehan, second.

CLAREMONT L.B.C.

By Kathryn Wagner

An old legend says "Good Things Comes in Threes"; for the C.L.B.C. the best of these three was when Pomona College decided to offer Lawn Bowling to its young men and women for college physical education credit. This program has proved so successful that other nearby colleges have been invited by the C.L.B.C. to do the same. In fact, a letter was sent to six college coaches in the month of November encouraging them to send young people

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IMPORTANCE *of Greens*



EDGAR R. HALEY

THE ESCONDIDO GREENS PLANE By Edgar R. Haley

For some months now the Escondido Club has been using a new machine on its green, the effects of which appear quite remarkable.

This machine, a combination of the land plane and the verticutter, is designed especially for the levelling and smoothing of bowling greens. It is the grandson of the scarifier introduced by Harry Soderstrom, who works indefatigably for the betterment of bowling greens.

In addition to the primary use of levelling and smoothing, it is also a superior verticutter in that it levels as it verticuts. This levelling action is not found in the commercial verticutter which is designed for use on golf greens, in which the levelling factor is most undesirable.

The theory of the greens plane follows that of the land plane, a machine used in farming to accurately smooth and level acreage miles in extent. This land depends upon furrow irrigation which requires extremely accurate levelling of many hundreds of acres. The land plane is a long machine, with the front wheels widely separated from the back wheels and a blade suspended half way between. As the machine is drawn forward it straddles the hills and vales and the blade tends to cut off the hills and fill the vales.

In the case of the greens plane a shaft (actually two shafts) of rapidly whirling verticutter blades is suspended midway between relatively widely

spaced front and rear skids. The blades can be regulated accurately as to depth of cut, and in all cases, whether the cut be shallow or deep, it is always made as a level cut. That is, the crests of the rises or ridges are cut deeper while the valleys or swales are cut shallower or not at all.

The two basic uses of the plane is to smooth or "plane" the green surface when the cut is adjusted for 1/8"; and to verticut thatch of any depth, on a level plane, by deepening the cut to 1/2" or 3/4" or more, as needed.

When the bowling is slow and sluggish, and the thatch is thick, the greens plane will verticut and remove the thick overgrowth, and on a level plane.

Once the thatch has been removed, the greens plane really comes into its own, for which it was conceived. With a shallow cut of 1/8" and used regularly, once a week, just before a mowing, the surface becomes smooth and level to an astonishing degree.

The cutting action of the whirling blades gives this machine a considerable advantage over the scarifier, with a cutting of the turf rather than a tearing action. As the hurt to the turf is minimal, the greens plane can be used frequently, set for a relatively shallow cut. The time involved, with the use of the plane, is about 25% for that needed in the use of either the scarifier or commercial verticutter. The greens plane should be considerably more acceptable to the tender green and apprehensive greenskeeper.

The greens plane, as we have built it, is basically a frame 4' wide and 6' from front to rear. It slides on front and rear skids, with vertical cutters suspended across the middle, half way from front to rear. There are 49 cutters, spaced 3/4" apart, mounted on two axles, which cut a swath of 36". The frame can be accurately raised or lowered on the skids, which, of course, determines the depth of cut.

The plane is pushed by a small 10 horsepower riding tractor which fits within the frame and is attached to it by two lengths of heavy channel iron. These irons extend from the front axles to the leading edges of the frame, have double hinge joints which allow the frame to rise and fall over the

contours of the surface of the green completely independent from the tractor.

The two sets of blades are propelled by chain drives from a jack shaft which is powered by belt from the power take-off of the tractor.

Because it cuts an accurate swath of 36" a whole green can be planed in about 45 minutes, with a 50% overlap of each cut and a complete cutting in two directions. This gives four actual cuts, which are always made at 45° to the ditches.

The Escondido greens plane, as made by us, costs about \$450.00 for material, plus the small tractor. The majority of greens have available a small riding type 10 horsepower tractor. The machine needs to be designed carefully around the various tolerances of the tractor, such as the height of the chassis from the ground, the spacing of the wheels, the design of the front axle. Suffice it to say that the Escondido greens plane was conceived, designed and built by men who have never done any work along this line previously. It did require learning to weld, to carry it out. The point being, obviously, that any club can do it if the spirit is willing.

The greens plane displaces both the verticutter and the harrow. As with all greens machines which in any way involve the actual soil, no matter how lightly, the ground surface must be really dry.

Because of the ease of use, the accuracy of the result and complete control of thatch, this machine is probably more valuable even than the large Australian mower. Certainly these two machines, used regularly and forthrightly, will result in the best possible bowling surface.

We use the plane regularly at the shallow cut. The thatch remains completely controlled, the turf seems happier as the tendency toward matting is nullified, and the surface has reached a smoothness that is really unbelievable. All hills and swales, all ridges, irregularities and bumps are gradually and completely eliminated. The speed of the average green should increase by at least 2 seconds or more, and the reliable, wide, even draw is simply a delight.

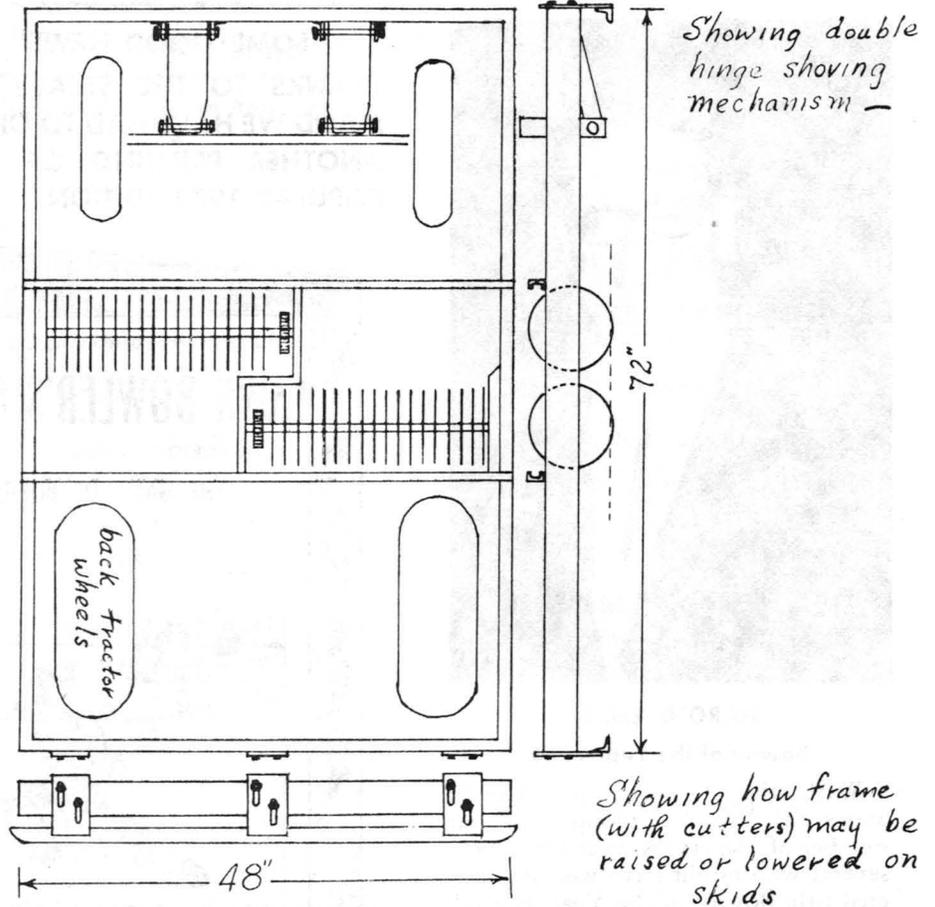
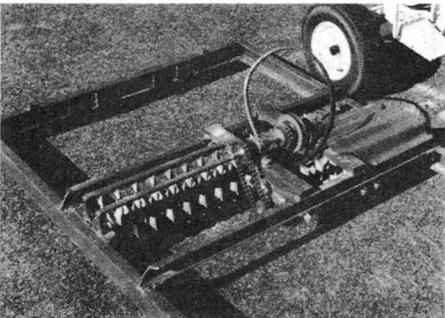
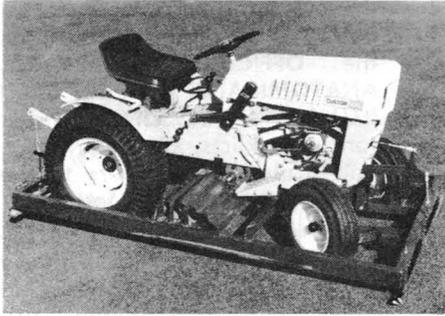
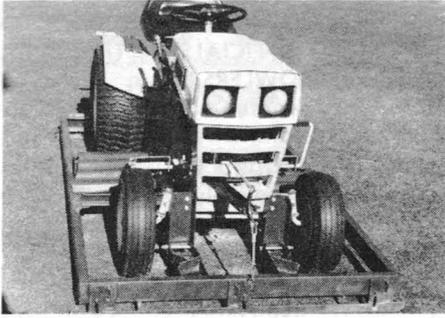
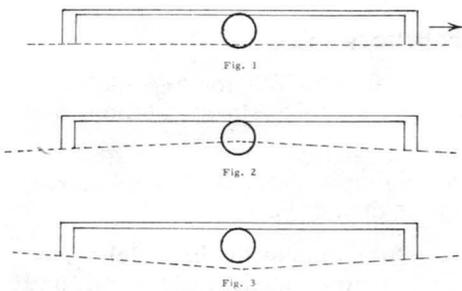


Fig 1.

Jack shaft not shown, in which power, from power take-off (tractor motor) transferred to cutters via chain drives.

Showing the action of the cutting blades, suspended between skids 6 ft. apart, in gradually levelling the surface.



- Fig. 1. The plane, sliding over a level surface and set for a very shallow cut, elevates the packed grass and thatch from the turf.
- Fig. 2. The plane, sliding over a slight hill or ridge, cuts relatively deeply through the brow of the hill, as the skids straddle.
- Fig. 3. The swale is not disturbed by the blades as the skids straddle it. Sand, both from top dressing and that cut from the adjacent hill top is dragged into the depression, filling it.

Showing the action of the cutting blades, suspended between skids 6 ft. apart, in gradually levelling the surface.

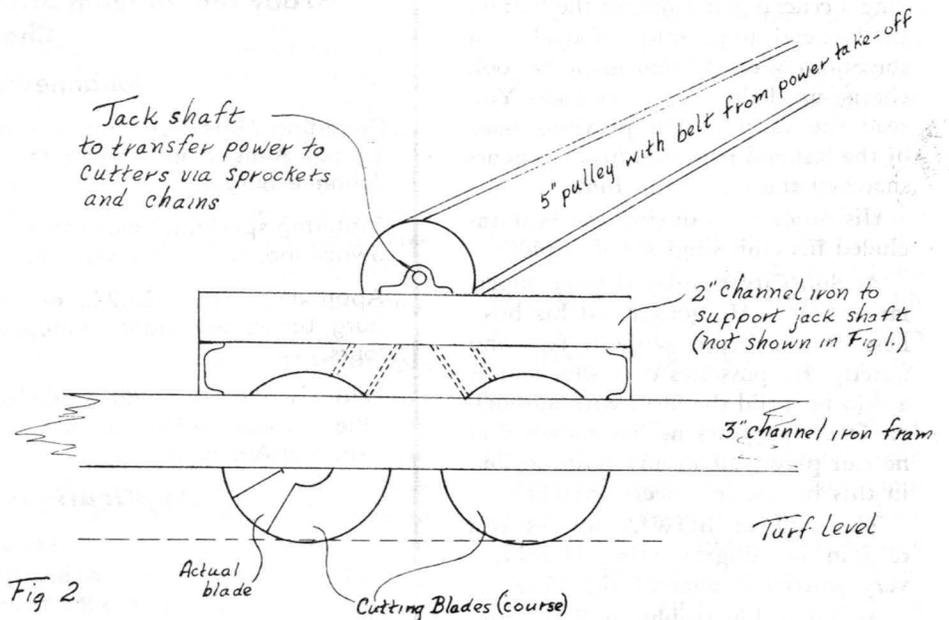


Fig 2



HAROLD ESCH

Bowler of the Year 1974

With the National and United States titles spread among a greater number of players last year there were several who might have won the coveted title Bowler of the Year. Harold, from the South East was the only bowler to score successes both at Chicago and Sun City. At Chicago he played vice-skip for the winning triples team and went on to Sun City where he showed his versatility by skipping the pairs team for his division. There he lived dangerously winning a crucial game against the East on the last end, to go into a playoff with the South West. In that game he took charge until the final three ends. You read the story in the previous issue of the last end in which his opponents snatched the title from him.

His other wins during the year included his club singles and triples.

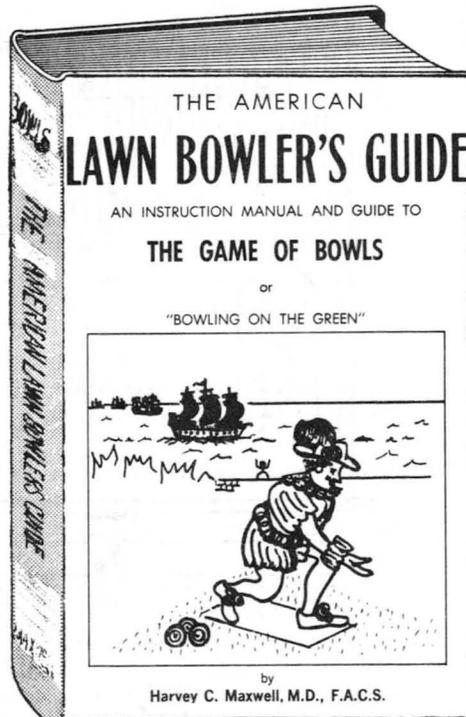
At Sun City he played some superlative bowls. He goes about his business on the green without fuss and quietly. He possesses every shot and as a skip he build the head with authority. Over the years he has shown that he can play well in any position and in this he has few peers anywhere.

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readily judge the correct line without some better guides. In the later editions of his book he states: "—so I switched to bank objects as a guide, with startling results—also improved my own game! Take your line through the 'shoulder' to the bank, it may be the next rink number, or some distant object."

THE BRITISH CHAMPIONS also agree with us. David Bryant, acclaimed in 1974 "World Bowls" as the "greatest bowler of all time in the world" as he won the World Championship for the fourth time, in his latest book, "Bryant—on Bowls" uses the RINK MARKERS as guides for his "line of aim."

I mention only these two out of the great number, including our own National Champions, who are "spot bowlers", simply to reassure those who might be confused. I believe that an atmosphere where we "emphasize the positive", the points on which we all agree, and "minimize the negative", is best conducive to harmony for all in this game we love.

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OBSERVATIONS ON THE GREEN

By Carroll F. Chase

Do most of our members realize the full importance of throwing the jack? First, it should be thrown as close as possible to where your skip wants it. He usually has a good reason in asking for a certain length. Second, get as much benefit from it as possible yourself. Throwing the jack should be helpful in getting your weight for your first bowl. It's an advantage your opponent doesn't have so make the most of it. Have a bowl in your other hand when you throw the jack so your concentration isn't broken while you go hunting for your bowl. Jack and



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bowl are delivered with approximately the same effort. I have seen many games lost because of a jack that was carelessly thrown. To prove the point the following was taken from the April 1974 issue of N.S.W. Bowls magazine. "Remember Pa Humble down 30 to nil in the final of the Perth Championships. His opponent, winning on long ends, overthrew jack in the ditch. Humble threw an ultra short end. It was challenged and measured BEFORE it was moved and found to be legal length. Humble won each succeeding end continuing with short jacks and won the match 31-30."

The article is entitled: So You Know How To Place The Jack and reads as follows:

SO YOU KNOW HOW TO PLACE THE JACK?

Of course you know how to place

the jack—everyone does—or do they?

Well it is my observation that a great many players—including many No. 1 captains—either do not know or don't care.

The jack is rolled up perhaps wide of the centre line—it is kicked in neatly at right angles to this line and Law 7H9 and often Law 7H3c are contravened and these laws have teeth.

Now Law H3 says the jack has been improperly rolled if it be less than 20m (66 ft.) from the mat line.

Anyhow 7H9 states the jack shall be placed on the centre line as near as practicable to the distance rolled.

Now watch the lead throw the jack clumsily and it goes to the edge of the rink. Suppose it was just 20 m (66 feet) from the centre of the mat line and a maximum 3.25 m (10 ft. 5 inches) wide of the centre.

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has through most of the year in so many areas of the Club's activities. Bravo . . . and again, Bravo . . . Toni, for a truly splendid performance.

New York looks forward to an even bigger and better year in 1975. We have a lot of records to beat.

The Annual Meeting was held on November 16th. New officers for 1975 are: Scotch Rodger, President; Charles Ryan, Vice President; Dorothy Henry, Second Vice President; Helen Ryan, Secretary; Charles Bittner, Treasurer.

And now, since New York will have a new correspondent next year, I'll say adieu to Toni . . . "The moving finger writes, and having wrote, write on . . .".

FERNLEIGH L.B.C.

By: William K. Panzenhagen

The last issue of BOWLS carried Phil Bauer's report up to and including the Annual Kay Boker Tournament. Since that event, the following tournaments were completed: Mixed Doubles, Ann and Ed Ryan; Men's Doubles, Dick Modig and Merritt Banks, skip; DeRidder Cup, Harold Sullivan and Ed Ryan, skip; Novice Trophy involving new members joining us during the 1974 season was won by Ed Cole. The season concluded with a sixteen and California style Turkey Shoot. Robert Rowland won an 18 lb. turkey, Jeff Hammel, a 10 lb. cabon, Harold Sullivan, a 5 lb. Long Island duck and Larry Larrabee, the booby prize, 1 lb. of chopped meat. Prizes consisting of Revere Bowls were presented to the club champions and other winners at the Annual Meeting in October.

The following Officers were elected at the Annual Meeting: Jim Graham, President; Merritt Banks, First Vice President; Roland Taylor, Second Vice President; Charles Slight, Treasurer; Tom Dodd, Assistant Treasurer and Les Gravlin, Secretary.

Our ladies auxiliary finished an active season with their championships. Ann Ryan won the singles while the team of Helen Saunders and Evelyn Waring, skip, were the winners of the doubles competition. The following are the new officers of the Ladies Auxiliary; Isabel Anderson, President; Ruth Bauer, Vice President; Norma Gruninger, Treasurer and Genevieve Clay, Secretary.

The Club's Annual Christmas Party took place on December 6. Bill Pan-

zenhagen played a Hammond Organ for a sing-along of carols and other songs, Charlie Rauch's magic lantern concluded a delectable dinner and enjoyable evening.

It was a great year for our club.

BOSTON B.G.C.

By: Alex Dakers

The Annual Banquet was held in the Lantana, Randolph, in a joint promotion with our bowling friends from Quincy and Milton and a most enjoyable time was had by all present.

The Secretary of the Boston Bowling Green Club, Al Cline, won the Eastern Division section of the American Singles Championship and represented the Division at Sun City, Arizona. Although not successful in bringing back the Winners Trophy, Al was most enthusiastic about the wonderful hospitality and treatment he and Mrs. Cline received during their stay.

Boston, Quincy and Milton lawn bowlers are already involved in arrangements for the Eastern Division Tournament which will be held at Quincy and Milton in August 1975. We can assure our bowling associates throughout the country and in Canada that all our efforts are focused on ensuring that all who come to this Annual Tournament will have an excellent time.

To all our friends we extend best wishes for a Happy Prosperous New Year.

SMITHFIELD AVENUE L.B.C.

By: Joseph McKechnie

As it is said, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." So, after a year with our share of ups and downs, our members are already looking forward to another and better season in 1975. In 1974, our dedicated group of bowlers were busy and the playing surface looks promising for another year of keen competition. We are keeping our fingers crossed hoping that old man winter will not visit us with that grass killing ice.

Our very active retired members group closed another successful season with the customary banquet with 24 in attendance. James McGlashan was elected president for 1975 and the winners of the season's points competition were announced: first, Arthur Scott; second, George McLaren and third, James Doctor who is 88 years young and wishes to be remembered to his bowling friends he made while

spending a number of happy winters in St. Petersburg. The evening concluded with a showing of beautiful shots from James Mathieson's collection.

We have to report that experience and skill were the key words when Jim Candelet won the 1974 Club Singles title. His buddy, Bob Smart, had to be content as runner-up after a fine match.

Our 1975 officers are: President, George Sayer; Vice President, Robert Brandon; Secretary, James Candelet; Treasurer, Howard Bacon; Financial Secretary, David Adam.

WARNING TO THE ESSEX COUNTY CLUB—Some of our members have their eyes on you, more later, we hope.

We would like to conclude this with a New Year's wish to all brother bowlers and their families.

SKYTOP L.B.C.

By: Mrs. Tom Sawyer

The loss of Dr. Ivy cast a shadow over the sunny bowling green this summer. He had undoubtedly done more to promote the game of bowls at Skytop than anyone. Because of his love for the game and his determination to encourage players, we tried more than ever to have a successful summer season and we succeeded. The scheduled tournaments ran as planned with players arriving promptly. We again suffered defeat with Buck Hill, but with only a ONE point loss which was better than usual. Both Junior and Senior "Jitneys" were popular due to the exchange of partners in a "Jitney." Prizes were won by players from the age of eight to eighty. The so-called "clinics" were a new addition and proved worthwhile.

The bowling dates for 1975 are planned for:

June 14-16—Bowlers' Week-end.

August 9—Buck Hill vs. Skytop at Buck Hill.

August 11—Championship tournaments for Skytop.

The winner of the Men's Singles was Mr. Peter Ivy. Mrs. Gordon Dean for the second time won the Ladies' Singles. The Doubles were won by Mr. Peter Ivy and Dr. Ethan Trexler.

The excellent condition of the bowling green was appreciated by those to whom it was familiar. It was admired and enjoyed by championship players and new bowlers from various parts of the United States, some of whom were not used to bowling on such a fine green.

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HOLY NAME L.B.C.

By Paul A. Noffke, Jr.

We just completed one of the most enjoyable bowling season ever. We increased our membership, ran a Wednesday night league, held a club picnic and had a Christmas party attended by 24 members and their wives.

Ben Novak won the Wednesday night league with 30 points followed by Bill Lewis with 28 points and President, Gerald Foley with 27 points. Charles Knightly is our Singles champion while the club Doubles was won by Reno Briencesco and Bill Lewis. In the Singleton Dube Memorial, 12 teams were entered and was won by the Thistle team of James Campbell, skip, W. Maxwell and A. McLean.

Our 1975 officers are: Gerald Foley, President; Don Raschi, Vice President and Paul A. Noffke, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer. Elected to the Executive Board were Joseph Loizzo, Joseph Burns and Joseph Pio.

Bill Lewis is making every effort to get much needed publicity in the local papers. The bumper stickers from the A.L.B.A. were well received and should bring results. Its a step in the right direction.

SPRINGFIELD L.B.C.

By Bill Keay

Heavy rains in September combined with unusual cold weather in October played havoc with the week-end tournaments in our District No. 2 schedule. As a result, most of the tournaments were cancelled. However, the Lax Leiberman Tournament was played on Labor Day and a team from our club, Roy Fenton, Bill MacLeod and Howard Merchants, Sr. (skip) placed second in a five team play-off.

Some excellent bowling was witnessed in the final of the club singles and, after a hard fought 21 point game, Ernie Nicoll emerged as club champion and Harry Milroy as runner-up. The club doubles was not completed this year.

To summarize, the bowling season of 1974 our club did very well in winning a good percentage of the tournaments we played in. I think it is well worthy of mention that our club placed an average of 6 teams in out of town tournaments and 10 teams in home tournaments, a very good showing.

Howard Beckner, A.L.B.A. National Promotion Chairman, wrote an article on Page 23 of the October issue of BOWLS. I strongly recommend you read this article because I think this is a challenge to the members of every club in the U.S.A. to increase membership. The material Howard mentions is excellent and just what we need to make this promotional effort successful.

BRIDGEPORT L.B.C.

By: Robert Baxter

The club's 1974 season came to an official end with the Annual Dinner and prize-giving which was held on Saturday, November 23 and attended by about 50 members and friends. Winners in the club events who were honored were:

Singles—Champion J. Smith, Runner-up D. Baxter.

Doubles—Champion A. Jelenik, R. Baxter (Skip); Runner-up H. Bartholomew, J. Fleming, Sr. (Skip)

League Winner J. Morrison, D. Bundock, R. Smith (Skip)

U.S. Doubles winners at both club and district (No. 1) level, D. Brown, W. Miller (Skip)

Also presented to the club was the Campbell Blaney Memorial Singles Shield in memory of the late Campbell Blaney. The shield was presented by Matt MacFarlane representing Mrs. Blaney who was unable to be present and is a handsome shield with plates for the names of 40 singles champions. The first name on the shield for 1974 is Jim Smith as noted above.

Because of the numbers involved, it was decided to dispense with the usual dance feature of this affair. Instead, after the dinner and ceremonies were over, the company enjoyed an evening of carpet bowls, the equipment for which, two carpets and eight sets of four bowls, was graciously provided by the local Campbell Chapter of the Order of Scottish Clans, with which group the bowling club has many common members. Clan members also tended bar for the evening to allow all the bowlers to fully participate in the festivities. Our thanks go to John Donnachie, the club's entertainment chairman, and his helpers for making this a most enjoyable evening.

Things will be quiet in bowling circles here in the Northeast for the next few months, a time when we lawn bowlers seem to just hang in limbo waiting for Spring to roll around. Let's not despair—it won't be too long.

ESSEX COUNTY L.B.C.

By: Annabella B. Nelken

On Saturday, November 2, our club celebrated its 50th Anniversary at our Annual Dinner Dance with 116 in attendance. It was a huge success thanks to the well planned efforts of our entertainment committee, our entertainers, our members who attended and all the many friends from the New York, Brooklyn and Trenton clubs who came to help us celebrate.

Awards were presented to all our club champions and the following is a list of all the winners:

MEN

Shots—Singles First—Bobby Lindsay; Second Pete Wisse.

Points—Singles First—Skippy Arculli; Second, Bobby Lindsay.

Doubles First—George Schick, Duncan Farrell (Skip), Second—Carl Breitkruetz, Bobby Lindsay (Skip)

LADIES

Shots—Singles First—Lil Simpson, Second Florence Peill.

Points—Singles First—Bertha Adams, Second Annabella Nelken.

Doubles First—Honore Reilly, Bertha Adams (Skip); Second Lil Simpson, Vi Hay (Skip).

Our Annual Meeting had 42 members present and the following officers were elected for 1975: Bill Manners, President; Andy Gray, First Vice President; Jack Gilbert, Second Vice President; Marie Manners, Secretary and Jack Gilbert, Treasurer. New Executive Board members are Annabella Nelken, Bill Farrell and George Schick.

Unfortunately, our season has now come to an end and, as always, we are looking forward to the Spring. In the meantime, happy bowling to all you lucky people in the "Warm Weather" Divisions and to the members of the Edison Indoor L.B.C.

EDISON INDOOR CLUB

By: Jack Gilbert

The 1975 officers are: President, Bob Lindsay; Vice President, Vi Hay; Secretary-Treasurer, Al Lyons.

Plans are underway to celebrate the Fifth Anniversary of the only sanctioned indoor lawn bowling club in the United States. We also anticipate a number of tournaments to help stimulate interest which waned last year because of the energy crisis.

We have room on our membership roster and we invite any lawn bowler to come as our guest to test their bowling skills at our club. More information can be obtained by contacting the writer at (201) 273-2231.

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CATARACT CITY L.B.C.

By: Alex Dunlop

At our Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected for the 1975 season:

President, Jim Willis; First Vice President, Paul Bane; Second Vice President, Dick White; Secretary, John Wilson; Treasurer, Stanley Smeich.

Alex Dunlop was elected to the Board of Directors.

Club champions were Ernie Fisher in Singles and Shorty Kanous and Stanley Smeich in Doubles. Consolation Singles was won by Tom Smith, while the Consolation Doubles winners were Carl Russell and Ernie Fisher.

Congratulations to our Andy Logan and his Doubles partner, Alan Walker from Chicago for winning the first flight in Doubles at the National Tournament in Chicago. Also to Jerry O'Leary and Ed Ventry for their fourth place finish in the Championship Flight of the Eastern Division at Hartford.

A tremendous rebuilding program in downtown Niagara Falls spearheaded by our new convention center has brought nationwide acclaim and we urge all lawn bowlers to come and see all the changes made and, of course, to enjoy our beautiful Hyde Park greens. We have three greens operated by the city's Parks Department. With the completion of our new clubhouse in early Spring, our officers are making plans for a great new season.

We of the Cataract City L.B.C. hope that all our lawn bowling friends enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year Holiday Season and we wish one and all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

BUCK HILLS FALLS L.B.C.

By: Charles Riedel

While bowling continued spasmodically through November, we are looking forward to our next season which starts May 17.

We will entertain Trenton on July 12, Essex County on July 26 and Skytop on August 9. The Ladies Eastern Division Tournament will be held here on August 23 and 24 and the Buck Hill Open Invitational Tournament will be held on August 31 to September 6 for Ladies, Mens and Mixed Doubles.

GREENWICH L.B.C.

By William C. Babbitt

When it gets so cold 1) that our bowls begin to feel like chunks of ice even though they've been kept warm indoors overnight and, 2) that our breath makes such a cloud you can hardly see who's talking, even our die-hards are forced to admit that bowling at GLBC is over for the season. But that doesn't mean that we can't start looking forward to and especially PLANNING NOW for next year and our customary late April resumption of play.

For one thing, we want more members (SO, What ELSE IS NEW?) and believe that some of the groundwork laid this year such as for the first time, excellent publicity throughout the season in GREENWICH TIME, will all pay off in increased local interest and participation.

We have high hopes that "the well-illustrated feature story" planned for next Spring, suggested by Time about the game, our club, interclub and national aspects, will prove to be a major assist.

To all those active in publicity and membership promotion at other clubs, remember our request to please send us copies of items of this sort your club has benefitted from, including suggestions and do's and don'ts on membership promotion and related matters. We want to make the most of this opportunity and your helpful suggestions will be most appreciated. In return, if of interest, we'll send you a copy of what we may develop.

Since we are already at work on these projects, please send to the writer (now through March) at 450 East Ridge Manor Drive, Lake Wales, Florida 33853.

In 1975, GLBC plans to continue active participation in the Southern Connecticut L.B.A. (see summary of its 1974 activities, herein) and in holding playdowns for Eastern Division and ALBA events.

From all of us at GLBC to all who may read this: Every good wish for a happy, healthy—with the help of lawn bowling—and Prosperous New Year.

CUNNINGHAM B.G.C.

By H. M. Tourville

The Cunningham B.G.C. 1974 season is over for the year. Snow and ice has covered the green and it will not be in use until the opening in 1975.

Missionary work with material supplied by the National A.L.B.A. promotional team is being distributed

by each Cunningham member in an all out effort to attract new members for 1975. The car stickers have been embossed through the courtesy of a friend of a member with the Cunningham Club name so everyone will know who and where to contact about lawn bowling.

The club's Thursday Nite League closed out the season with the following winners: R. Bourdon, most points in a season, followed by L. Rugo, H. Tourville, J. Ziniti, M. Tourville, W. Burke, P. Motta, H. Wood, S. Dre-vitch and R. Murphy.

Closing day was a brilliant day for lawn bowling. A full green was enjoyed by the Tri Club members. Winners included: Boston A. Cline, N. Blair; Cunningham Club, S. Ritchie, P. Motta, J. Ziniti; Quincy, R. Harrison, Sam Oldershaw, M. Milne, H. Martin, J. Milne, C. Reeves, J. Durant, M. Walker.

The Club Singles Champion for 1974 was Jack MacDonald, runner-up Dave Dakers.

The Cunningham Club participated in the Annual Tri Club banquet which was the most successful in many years. The club members did very well in the season's prize distribution.

It has been heard around the club that a number of members are planning to sojourn to Florida this winter and participate in lawn bowling in the Sunshine State. Good luck and may they all have many happy lawn bowling games, while the rest of us shiver, shovel snow and try to beat the energy crisis. See you all in 1975!

TRENTON L.B.C.

By Al Lyon

The 1974 season proved one of the most successful in the last decade for our club. We secured quite a few new members in the younger age brackets and they all proved enthusiastic over the game. The highlight of the closing of the season was of course the Annual Dinner and Awards Night which was held in the Olde Yorke Inn. A capacity attendance which included some of our friends from the Essex L.B.C. enjoyed an excellent dinner and watched some of our clubs aspiring thespians perform. Featuring Paul Donaldson, Phil Johnson, Our Vice President, Irv Taggart and our biggest, President Bill Doan.

During the awarding of trophies to winning players, Trenton's youngest A.L.B.A. member, Russ Lyon, age 12

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MAJOR TOURNAMENTS - SCHEDULE

1975 A.L.B.A. U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

No date set
No Division or Club set
See April issue for details

P.I.M. DIVISION

1975 A.L.B.A. NATIONAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

Oakland, Calif.
Sept. 17th thru 20th

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

1975 ANNUAL OPEN DIVISION TOURNAMENT

St. Petersburg, Fla.
March 15 thru 22nd
For information contact Howard Wilson
536 4th Ave. No. St. Petersburg 33704
Phone (813) 822-3098

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

1975 WOMEN'S DIVISION ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Clearwater, Fla.
March 17th thru 19th
Send applications to
Florence Young
Clearwater L.B.C.
1040 Calumet
Clearwater, Fla. 33515
Entries Close March 10th

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

ANNUAL 1975 DIVISION OPEN TOURNAMENT

Los Angeles, Ca.
Arroyo Seco Greens
Triples April 26-27
Singles April 28-29
Doubles April 30-May 1

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

1975 WALT DISNEY MASTERS

Beverly Hills L.B.C.
Beverly Hills, Ca. 90212
May 23rd thru 26th
Entries Close May 9th
Entry Fee Per Player \$6.00
Club Secretaries have details

NORTHWEST DIVISION

1975 ROSE FESTIVAL OPEN SINGLES

Portland L.B.C.
Westmoreland Park
Portland, Oregon
Men's Singles June 14-16
Entries close May 26
Entry Fee \$5.00
Ron Veitch
2137 S.E. 143rd Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97233
Phone (503) 761-3494

SOUTHWEST DIVISION SENIOR OLYMPICS 1975

June 19-21
TTriples, Doubles, Singles
Los Angeles Area
Location to be announced later

CENTRAL DIVISION

ANNUAL OPEN 1975 DIVISION TOURNAMENT

Chicago, Ill.
Lakeside L.B.C.
July 12-17th

NORTHWEST DIVISION

ANNUAL OPEN 1975 DIVISION TOURNAMENT

Seattle, Wash.
Queen City L.B.C.
July 28th thru Aug. 2nd

EASTERN DIVISION

1975 ANNUAL OPEN DIVISION TOURNAMENT

Week of August 4th thru 8th
At Quincy and Milton Clubs' Greens in
Merrymount and Cunningham Parks
respectively

EASTERN DIVISION

WOMEN'S ANNUAL 1975 DIVISION TOURNAMENT

Ladies A.W.L.B.A.
Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
Aug. 23-24
Angie Siek, Secy.
347 West End Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10024

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Let's draw it, exaggerating the width of the rink for clarity.

Bringing the jack into C (the right angled kick method) leaves the jack illegal .26 m (10 inches) short. Obviously the jack must be brought in on the arc of the circle of centre. A and radius AB. That is along BD not along BC.

AD being also a radius must be the same length as AB. The same type of jack placement is necessary at all lengths except at full length.

Sorry to be difficult, but laws are laws and bowls is a game of little bits.

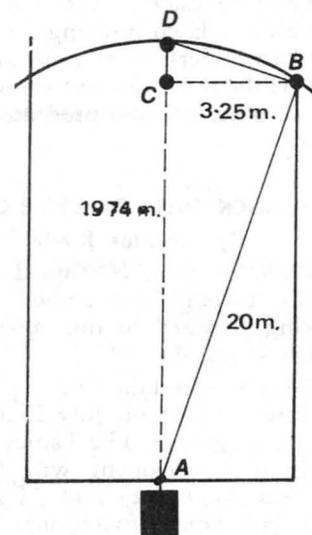
Remember Pa Humble down 30 to nil in the final of the Perth Championships. His opponent, winning on long ends, overthrew Kitty by a fraction and just lost it in the ditch.

Humble grabbed it and threw an ultra short end. Measured, necessarily, before it was moved it was found correct. Humble, an elderly schoolteacher, won that end, and the next and the next, running out winner at 31-30.

Little bits can matter.

DC equals 26 m or 10 inches

In the U.S.A. our Law 6 on this matter seems to be contradictory: Law 6 (H) (C) the jack shall be delivered not less than 75 feet from the mat line before or after being aligned. Law 6 (H) (5) the jack shall be placed on the center line of the rink and as nearly as practicable equal with the distance it was delivered. Therefore I would conclude that should one challenge the length of a jack it should be measured BEFORE it is centered. VERY INTERESTING.



DC = .26 m or 10 inches

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to the C.L.B.C. greens. One of the Pomona men students has already joined the C.L.B.C. because he likes the game so much and plans to play it with his father at home in San Francisco.

The other two good things which happened to the C.L.B.C. recently was the activation of two new trophies donated by Bill Cunliffe, a past Vice President.

The largest trophy was a large silver cup formerly used by Mussolini's mistress, Senorita Patatei, to encourage Italian wheat farmers, but it will be used here to encourage our bowlers to play Fours or Rinks. This game is very popular everywhere else in the world except the U.S.A. It also encourages people of limited endurance to compete, because it only requires a player to roll two bowls per end. The Team which won the first trophy was comprised of Bill Cunliffe, Margaret Tyler, Fred Juergens and Howard Menzner. Their names have been engraved upon the cup.

The third "goody" is also a trophy, The Bond Award. It is given in honor of one of C.L.B.C.'s oldest and most inspirational player Warwick Bond. The winner of this award tries to bowl five shots forehand and five shots backhand to the Jack (or small billiard ball). Each shot is measured and the average of the 10 shots is his score. This year the award, a 40 mm shell casing mounted on a wooden base and capped with a "Jacj," was won by Scott Rugh with a score of 78 MM. Yes, this is an ancient game, but we think Metric and many of our members are under thirty.

CLAREMONT L.B.C.

By Franklin Scott

The tournament season having been completed, we find that Claremont bowlers won some and lost a few, as is generally the case.

In November in our first game with Riverside we won 5 games to four, but lost to them in the afternoon match. For the total day's play Riverside came out on top 10 games to 8, however in the spring game, held on our greens, we defeated them 11½ games to 10½. The visitation to Pasadena on October 30 resulted in a 10-4 win for Claremont, in the spring event our teams defeated Pasadena 18 games to 1. On September 4, Laguna Beach hosted our club and trounced us 14 games to 8.

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Against Santa Anita in April, the Claremont club won 10 games to 6 on our greens, but lost to their teams in June 8 games to 9 at Santa Anita. In our match with Redlands, on their greens, we lost 11 games to 9 and tied with them 9 to 9 at Claremont in June. With the Pomona Club we did not fare so well, losing to them 10 games to 8 in February and 10 to 4 in June.

In the long established Grinnell Invitational, held each year in Claremont, with picked teams from 8 regional clubs competing, our team of Grinnell, Boman and Dettweiler carried off the first place honors.

TOWN HALL L.B.C.

By: John McClelland

The Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers for 1975, was held on December 3rd. Prior to the dinner the members followed the advice of Timothy (1 Timothy, 5-23) and found it to be good.

The following Officers were installed:

President, John Hall; Vice-President, William Best; Secretary, Nickolas Schreiber; Treasurer, Marvel-Dare Nutting.

A happy interlude of group singing was led by Nettie McKenzie, and a square dance set of our own Club members provided delightful entertainment. Lou Rapp arranged the program.

During the past three months Bill Hadden and Bill Hunter were kept busy teaching some 22 neophytes in the art and science of lawn bowling. Our Club grows apace.

SPENCER ADAMS CLUB SANTA BARBARA

By Anita Imlay

We think we have a first at Santa Barbara Club. Under the able instruction of Glen Boyles and the watchful eye of Ezra Wyeth, we have a class of 16 bowlers from Santa Barbara City College, plus our regular class. Some fine bowlers are in the making.

Mackenzie Park is enjoying the use of our 12 to 14 second greens while their greens are being renovated by the park department.

Our mixed doubles tournament was held on November 9 and 10th. We are happy to have so many husband and wife combinations. Of the 18 entries 10 are married couples.

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NILES L.B.C.

By Ken Martin

The election of officers for 1974 resulted in the following: Alden Bierman, President; Clyde Thorpe, Vice President; Kenneth Martin, Secy-Treas., and Fred B. Kompass, Director.

Our small club had a dandy bowls season in 1974 and entered a Trebles and Singles in the 1974 Open (Staff Note: Ken Martin being modest did not mention that he took Second Place honors in the Singles Event in the National Open Tournament). Niles also had an entry in the U.S. Doubles Playdowns as well as the Gary Invitational Trebles. We have prospects of two new men to participate in the Niles lawn bowling and hope that 1975 comes with another enjoyable season for Niles and its association with other clubs in the Midwest and its lawn bowling activities.

DETROIT EAST SIDE L.B.C.

By Gordon O'Hara

At our annual business meeting the following officers were elected for our 1975 season: President, Gordon O'Hara; Vice President, P. Dexter; Secretary, Tom Diick, Asst. Secretary, R. Mulhinch.

On November 20th, 1974, the late John Colin Sneddon of the Detroit East Side L.B.C. was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame as an outstanding lawn bowler. Probably the first for lawn bowling in a state athletic Hall of Fame which usually concerns other well-known athletic and sports events (Staff Note).

We at Detroit East Side have been giving an assist to the Parks Department in Flint, Michigan in their attempts at incorporating lawn bowls into the recreational activities. We hope that their efforts bear success.

EAST CLEVELAND L.B.C.

By: Marie Curtis

The New 1975 Officers for the East Cleveland Bowls Club is as follows:

President: Clayton Carlisle—1875 Nela Ave., East Cleveland, Ohio 44112. Tel. 451-5894

Vice-President: John Stewart—27721 Tungston Rd., Euclid, Ohio, 44132. Tel. 732-8458.

Secretary: Marie Curtis—6186 Norman Lane, Mayfield, Ohio, 44143. Tel. 442-2931.

Treasurer: Douglas Morman—3779 Princeton Blvd., South Euclid, Ohio, 44121. Tel. 381-1442

CINCINNATI L.B.C.

By Victor Abnee

Our 1974 season was shortened by two weeks in order that the Park Department could make much-needed improvements on the green. Despite the short season and usual wet weather we had a most enjoyable and successful season. Our Open House day resulted in 13 members affiliating, several of whom showed exceptional skill.

The annual meeting of the club was held on November 7 at the Cincinnati Club, with 70 members and guests in attendance. After a delicious dinner the routine business was conducted and officers elected. They were: President, Robert Manke; 1st vice president, Robert Siegfried; 2nd vice president, C. E. Lloyd; secretary, Frances Brown; treasurer, James Mancuso; assistant treasurer, Thomas Herman. All elected were incumbents with the exception of Messrs. Lloyd and Herman. Tod Eilers, named to investigate the possibilities of indoor bowls in this locality, reported that prospects were not bright but that several ideas would be studied. Entertainment was slides and commentary of an East African safari by John Davenport, a member of our club.

The first meeting of officers was held in November, with another scheduled for February. President Manke inaugurated the two meetings a year, giving officers a chance to study rules changes more thoroughly before taking action.

Two tournaments were held since the last issue of Bowls and winners were: Women's singles, Martha Ong; Harkrader Contest, James Mancuso; Avery Day, Enos Porter, Leo Langen and C. C. Thompson. Dorothy Perin was awarded the Lucien Strauss Good Sportsmanship Cup.

We curtailed our 1974 season so the Park Department employees could get an early start working and they have promised the greens would be in excellent condition next spring. We are looking forward to a great season in 1975.

Woman Client: "I want a divorce."

Lawyer: "On what grounds?"

Woman Client: "I don't think my husband is faithful."

Lawyers "And what makes you think that?"

Woman Client: "Well, I don't think he's the father of my child."

S.W. DIV. AMERICAN WOMENS L.B.A.

By Alice Ovington

On October 30 Ina Jackson of the Santa Ana L.B.C. hosted a tournament for Orange County women bowlers at the Santa Ana greens. This tournament is comparable to the Swanberger Tournament held each year for male bowlers from Orange County. The women's team from Laguna Hills carried off first place honors and the trophy donated by Ina Jackson. This is also to be a yearly event.

On November 20, one womens team from each club, met a team from each of the four clubs comprised solely of men. In this tournament the competition was keen and the play was exceedingly spirited, with the men winning after hard and close matches.

The heading at the top of this article signifies the recent change in name from the Southern California Womens L.B.A.

MORE ON JOHANNESBURG CHAMPIONSHIPS 1976

By Larry R. Hennings,
ALBA Travel Director

Great interest is being shown for the Spectators Tour to the 3rd World Bowls Championships in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1976. Over 40 people (from all ALBA Divisions) have already expressed an interest in the tour and responses and inquiries are coming in continuously. It looks like a great event.

Other countries, such as Australia, New Zealand and the British Isles are sending spectators by the hundreds. The South African bowlers are really extending themselves to make all spectators welcome.

Our own ALBA tour, as shown in the ad appearing elsewhere in BOWLS, has been planned to include the major cities of South Africa, as well as the game reserves, for which the country is famous. It will be a comfortable trip.

Departure from Miami is now scheduled for Sunday, February 8, 1976. This date will be hopefully coordinated with the termination of the 1967 U.S. National Open in Florida. Present scheduling will allow 19 days after the Championships for individuals to plan their own return to the USA. The Hennings plan to visit Athens for a few days, as well as Madrid. Tour members and players are welcome to join forces.

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some of our photographers took pictures to commemorate the occasion. Our entertainment program is in full swing under chairman Craig Shepherd. The Egypt Shriners Charters from Tampa, brought to us through the efforts of Andy Humphries, gave us a delightful evening on November 22nd when the largest crowd ever attended this event.

We are indeed very fortunate that through the efforts of Russell Fourman Radio Station W.T.A.N. Channel 1340 will again broadcast daily bowling news, six days each week until April. Tune in at 7:30 a.m. and listen to Russell's interesting news at 7:38 a.m.

The West Florida League of which the Phillies and the Bombers of Clearwater have been an integral part ever since its inception will start their season on January 3rd. Other clubs participating are Bradenton and St. Petersburg, the latter again fielding a ladies contingent.

WINTER PARK L.B.C.

By Rudolph Krebs

Reciprocal inter-city social games are scheduled through the winter season with the Deland, Daytona, Mt. Dora and Orlando clubs. We hosted the Deland Club on November 20. Our return engagement to Deland was postponed to a later date than December 4, because of "unusual" cold weather. Thanks to the fine cooperation of Mr. Harry Brown, recently appointed head of the city's Park and Recreation Commission, our rinks are in fine condition. At a recent meeting of the Kiwanis Club, Leroy Reed, of our publicity committee, presented an interesting film of lawn bowling. The same film will be shown to other civic clubs later this year. This is one of the efforts employed in stimulating interest in lawn bowling, in the hope of enrolling new members. Person-to-person solicitation is still the most effective method.

HOLLYWOOD L.B.C.

By William Kerr

The annual General Meeting was held November 18, 1974, and the following officers were elected: Ronald Coulthard, president; David Ure, first vice president; James Bulloch, second vice president; William Kerr, secretary; Mildred Cordes, treasurer; James

Allan, John McMahon, committee members at large.

It was pointed out the club was going through a process of adjustment which it has not known since its inauguration in 1958. As was reported previously the City of Hollywood is charging a fee of \$8 for local residents and \$13 for non-residents which has been a deterrent to part-time members to renew their membership. However, the club has put on a membership drive which is proving successful. November 8th we sponsored the showing of a movie entitled "The Edinburgh Military Tattoo" when nearly 300 people attended, there was a table display of lawn bowling equipment and Ronald Coulthard spoke on the fundamentals of lawn bowling, its pleasures and benefits. This effort brought interest to some people and have become beginners in the instruction class. Also the president showed slides and spoke before the Hollywood Homeowners' Assoc. on lawn bowling. This, too, brought many inquiries. Our regular club dues is \$7 per year and the City maintains our greens.

Also it was decided at the meeting for the club to open Sunday afternoons. Since the green has been opened it has always been closed on Sunday. It was said people working during weekdays only Saturday and Sunday were available to them and the Sunday opening is part of our membership drive. The pamphlets and bumper stickers we received from Mr. Howard B. Beckner, membership drive chairman for the A.L.B.A. are helpful in our drive.

A Christmas Luncheon will be held Monday, December 16, at which time the newly elected officers will be installed by the Hon. David R. Keating, Mayor of Hollywood.

ST. PETERSBURG L.B.C.

By N. C. Farr

At this reporting our Club is about to start our season's activities beginning December 2 and ending March 24, 1975. We are hosts to the Southeastern Division March 15-22 when tournaments are scheduled for the entire week. We will also entertain briefly a bowling group from Wales who plan to visit many Florida Clubs while in Florida.

We have reason to be proud of the untiring efforts of Carmon Elliott serving this season as our President, who with vigorous and invaluable assistance of Peter Larsen of seeing

to it that all buildings were renewed and made attractive and the 17 mens' rinks resurfaced restoring them to good condition. Members who were present during all or some of the summer months gave generously of their time and efforts to make our Club attractive and serviceable again both inside and out.

Serving this season are the following officers. President, Carmon Elliott; Vice President, Stan Bryan; Secretary, Jack Kirby; Treasurer, Harry Hills.

Greenskeeping and janitorial service has now been placed on a contract basis thus reducing accounting problems and costs. Returns to the Club quarterly from the Bowl Testing Facility, the only one of its kind in the United States, also add to the Club's treasury and benefiting other clubs as well.

As in former seasons teams have been chosen from the Ladies Club and from the Mens' Club to play in the West Coast League games this season beginning in early January.

With Club membership up from last season at this time we look forward to a lively and highly entertaining schedule planned for us this season.

DELRAY BEACH L.B.C.

By W. H. Sturm

We are in the early days of our Winter Season. If the large turnout of bowlers is any indication of later attendance, looks as if we will be bursting at the seams for space. This increasing popularity of the game will necessitate splitting of Club members into a.m. and afternoon groups.

We are fortunate in that we are engaged in an inexpensive sport, thereby making us more or less immune to the faltering economic conditions prevailing. We are also fortunate that we have selected a pasttime which can be followed all of our days. Lawn bowling does not require brute strength. Its pursuit requires more or less of delicate effort.

The city of Delray Beach has equipped our rinks with new score boards. This is evidence that the Club stands in well with our city fathers.

West Palm was the victor in our first contest of the season. We hope to do better in the next challenge game. Whatever the outcome, there is always the handshake and a smile at the termination.

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DAYTONA BEACH L.B.C.

By Leo Lalone

Once again our members are arriving from the cold North for the Winter Season and we have a full schedule lined up, of club tournaments, social games and special days, for them.

At the last N.C.F.L. meeting it was suggested that we try to expand our Champion of Champion tournament to include doubles and trebles winners starting this year. Due to the generosity of one of our members, Capt. N. W. Gokey by donating a plaque, the Daytona Beach club will be hosting the men and women doubles winners starting this Season.

The other members Art and Herb Stainton, who are 90 and 94 years young, are donating a plaque to the club and our members will be bowling on "Stainton Day" for the honor of having their names put on same. This will be a yearly event.

Hope all our Southern bowlers have a good Season with good health, weather and bowling.

LAKELAND L.B.C.

By Ivan D. Henderson

October 18, 1974 marked the end of a busy and fruitful summer bowling season. Except on the few occasions we were rained out we enjoyed under the lights the bowling from 20 to 30 "addicts". Many of our regulars that are usually conspicuous by their attendance were away at intervals during the summer on vacation. October 18 we had our final banquet attended by 82 and catered by the ladies of the club topped off by the final night game of the season. Some of our Canadian members were present to enjoy this. The following Fun Day held on Nov. 13 had 124 bowlers and several tables of bridge.

On October 21, 1974 we began what we anticipate will be a very busy season by bowling daily from 1:30 until approximately 3:30 p.m. Two of our greens were unused during the entire summer and had been carefully tended by the ground crew and now will see plenty of action during the daytime Monday through Saturday schedule. The lighted green used during the summer evenings has now been overhauled for its winter use.

Our next Fun Day is scheduled for the afternoon of December 19, 1974 and enthusiasm is mounting steadily

among our nearly 330 members. Our President Clarence Kersten has been in the thick of all activities and has skillfully headed the club in every phase. Old friends are greeting each other as our northern members continue to arrive in steadily increasing numbers. We have been fortunate in gaining plenty of publicity through the kindness of one of the radio stations and look forward to seeing many new converts to our game.

For the benefit of the non-bowling members weekly series of bridge games are held every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Ladies' bowling day is every Tuesday with coffee from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. hosted by Mrs. Clarence Kersten.

To help celebrate our 52nd year the various tournaments starting with Men's Doubles run from December 9 to March 28, 1975 with the Inviational Tournament concluding all matches on March 28, 1975.

ORLANDO L.B.C.

By Harold L. Esch

The Orlando Club celebrated its 52nd "Birthday" on Dec. 11th with 96 bowlers on the rinks. Participating clubs included Daytona Beach, De Land, Mount Dora, Winter Park. No two players from the same club appeared on the same triples team. Prizes were awarded to all two game winners in addition to some blind draw awards.

An ambitious slate of league social and club tournament contests are on tap for the 1975 season. Expansion of the North Central Florida League to two separate squads from each club will increase the number of games plus nearly twenty "social" game engagements will keep the club members busy through April.

A full bus load of 49 members plus a few members driving their own cars invaded Clearwater on December 16th for the annual "fun" day between these two clubs.

St. Petersburg will pay a similar visit, also by bus, to Orlando on January 18th. This particular exchange has been on the schedule without interruption since 1947. In February Orlando will trek to Bradenton in a similar exchange visit.

We have long been a strong believer in inter-city exchange visits to promote friendships between clubs and individuals. The informality of the games, while still competitive, add much to the bowling pleasure all around.

SARASOTA L.B.C.

By Kay Prachthausser

Opening day on October 7 brought 46 bowlers and a number of spectators out on a beautiful day. A spider started the afternoon with tea and a snack between games.

The early cold weather in the north brought many back earlier than usual and our numbers have increased rapidly. We who stayed on home ground during the summer had good daily bowling in spite of the heat and as our season began we had added five new members. By the time you read this our membership will be about 100.

Sarasota will again have teams participating in the Central Florida Grass League and we anticipate retaining the traveling trophy we now hold. Our first tournament of the season (Shelley Mixed Trebles) with 15 teams entered is under way as of this reporting. Results in the next issue. Six more club tournaments are scheduled.

Again we extend an invitation to all bowler to visit us and have a game. The welcome mat is always out.

WEST PALM BEACH L.B.C.

By Claude Gray

We are having nice weather now, a little cool but we bowl everyday. Our bowlers go to Delray soon for a match, morning and afternoon games.

Our tournaments will soon be underway and there is always strong competition. Last Year Rupert Lee won the singles, Maurice Crouzat and Olaf Wester the doubles, Jack Jurecky, Charles Allen and myself won the triples. They say it hardly ever repeats. I wonder. We shall soon see. We look forward to a great winter.

LAKE WALES L.B.C.

By Mrs. L. R. Dill

Officers For 1975

Chairman James Craigen
Vice Chairman and Representative
to Tourist Club Frank Yarnall
Secretary Jessie Ogden
Treasurer Edith Clarke
Games Chairman Ada Kerr

The bowling season for Lake Wales Lawn Bowling Division of the Tourist Club is just starting. We do anticipate a good season as our members return.

Improvements have been made on our building. The Parks Department have worked diligently endeavoring to make our green better.

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BRADENTON L.B.C.

Dr. Fuller Sherman

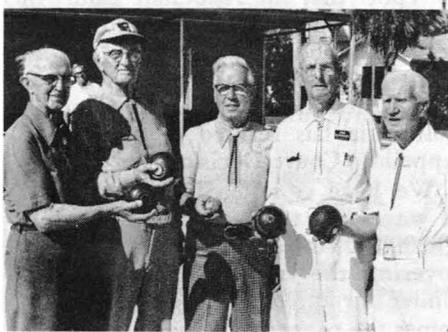
The Bradenton Lawn Bowling Club has opened the season with most of the members having returned.

The last tournament of the past season was the All Star Tournament held at the Mt. Dora Club. The Bradenton team of Dr. F. G. Sherman, Alta Quast, and Del Smith won all games played and finished in second place. First place was taken by a Clearwater team skippered by Ivan Patchell. Third place went to a Clearwater team skippered by Willis Tewksbury.

Thanksgiving day was celebrated at the club house by a turkey dinner served by the women members.

Vincent Hoffman has been assigned as grounds keeper for the coming season.

John Bright and John Klingstedt, our over 90 years of age members, have challenged any pair in their age bracket in any of the other clubs. Fred Burrell and Perry Schaffner of the St. Petersburg Club will play them a match of morning and afternoon games at the local rinks Friday, Dec. 6th.



Accepting a challenge from Bradenton lawn bowlers, St. Petersburg bowlers pictured from left: Perry Schaffner, 92 and Fred Burrell, 91, nipped John Klingstedt, 91, and John Bright, 91, Friday in "Geritol Bowl" competition. Jim Clark, center, president of the bowlers association, viewed action which saw the St. Pete players take the Jack on its last roll to win the challenge match at Bradenton's lawn bowling rinks.

DELAND L.B.C.

By G. R. Bateman

The Directors of the Club have worked hard to make his summer's program the success it was. They did show the membership that bowling was an all year around sport in Florida and not just in the winter months when the snow birds are around.

This program generated so much enthusiasm that many new members joined during this period.

The Deland Club will be entering eight teams in the S. E. Division of the North Central Florida League. This again speaks well for the game. The enthusiasm shown by our members who want to improve their game and know that one of the best ways to do it, by keen competition. We may not set the League on fire but we are certainly going to give it a good try. Our winter season is in full swing. We had a most successful Thanksgiving week of bowling climaxed by a Thanksgiving week of bowling climaxed by a Thanksgiving dinner on that day. Our congenial secretary turned 'Chef-par excellence', cooked the turkey. This was hilde in our club club house which was filled to capacity. At this time of writing we are looking forward to our Christmas party on December 18th which will be held at the University Inn. We bowl six days each week, A.M. and P.M.

The new Ladies Champion is Ella Churma. A. Hansen holds Men's title.

The club received a nice Christmas present. A glass case with 54 club pins, representing 6 countries. We are hoping to get a pin from all clubs. You are always welcome to bo our guest and have a game of bowls.

MOUNT DORA L.B.C.

By Alex Whiteside

When I joined the Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club in 1956 the only way a newcomer with no bowling experience could get started was to have a friend show him a few holds and then stand by until he got started. It was a rather gruesome experience to roll and roll alone with someone who might or might not be too skillful himself. While everyone was friendly end encouraging they all seemed to have different ways of coaching stance, step, swing and delivery.

The club leaders also noticed a falling off in membership. There were not enough newcomers to replace those who were leaving. It was that year our organized bowling classes were started, and continue until now. This November 16 new members bowled together three times per week for four weeks and then joined the rgulars. Ln January a new class will be formed.

The slogan is "have fun while learning." Any of our A.L.B.A. clubs

which may have declining interest could very well pep it up by offering organized instruction classes.

SUN CITY CENTER L.B.C.

By Sid Dargie

Things are beginning to hum around here. We have Mon. and Tues. league play. Open bowling every morning. Womens league every Tues. afternoon and Womens Open Bowling every Friday afternoon. Our mixed league on Wed. afternoon.

We tried something new recently, a "Sadie Hawkins Day" in which the ladies had to ask a gentleman, not her husband and supply a lunch for her pardner. One morning game 14 ends and afternoon 12 ends. We had 16 teams entered of Doubles. At the end of the day we had 4 teams to turn in 2 wins. H. Fermer and A. Turner — F. Van Patton and M. MacLeod — F. Osborne and E. Bogan — A. MacLeod and A. Johnson. We will try it again. I am sure we will have a larger party.

Hope some bowlers who happen to be in the area, will stop by and say hello. We will make you most welcome and have a game of bowls with us.

THE WELSH ARE COMING!

Plans are being made throughout 3 ALBA Divisions to entertain members of the Welsh Bowling Association in February 1975. There will be some 26 members in the group, and will fly from London directly to Miami.

They will be entertained at various venues in Florida and will fly to California, where they will be hosted by both the Southwest Division and the Pacific Intermountain Division. The Welsh Society of Sn Francisco will have an opportunity to converse with some home country people.

Leading the group will be Trevor Toms, of Swansea, Wales. He is currently President of the International Bowling Board. In the group also will be several past presidents of the Welsh Bowling Association. They love to bowl and sing, and it will be a pleasure to entertain them. The season precludes visiting other Divisions for bowling.

For information as to exact dates, the Secretaries of three Divisions will be in possession of all information viz Harold Esch, SE Division, Harry Hoopes, PIM Division, and Ed Harris, SW Division.

Submitted by Larry R. Hennings.

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TACOMA L.B.C.

By Arnold MacKeen

Our members and new officers are anticipating a busy and pleasant year. Weather permitting we will bowl the year around and will participate also in other get-togethers.

At our annual meeting last October new officers elected were: Charles ("Chuck") Hendry, President; Vincent Le Veille, Vice-President; Jacob ("Mac") Malkewick, Secretary-Treasurer. "Mac" has held this office for several years.

President Hendry is anxious to increase our membership, especially with younger members and has been working diligently on this.

A Christmas party was held and enjoyed by most of our membership.

GRANTS PASS L.B.C.

By Cassie Higginbotham

We have had a very successful summer. 12 new players joined us and the weather remained dry, fine for bowling until the last week in October. But now we're closed, giving way to rain and wet greens.

We had a good response to our inquiry for bowls and were able to purchase enough so that everyone joining could buy them.

We wish to express here our appreciation to our retiring president, Bart Brooks. Everyone who knows Bart realizes how hard he has worked to keep this organization going. With the exception of one year he has been president since we started in 1966. Bart was seriously injured in a car accident this summer and while he is making an excellent recovery, we felt it only fair to have someone else assume the responsibility of the club. Many thanks again, Bart, for your willing and active leadership.

We closed the year with a no-host dinner at a local restaurant and at the business meeting Charles (Chuck) Turner was elected president, Ernest Higginbotham vice-president with Cassie Higginbotham retained as secretary-treasurer. To cap the evening we honored Chuck and Evelyn Turner with a 38th wedding anniversary cake which was enjoyed by all.

We have plans to improve our green in 1975 and all are hoping for a warm dry spring. In 1974 we could not start bowling until early June.

QUEEN CITY L.B.C.

By Walt Adams

Officers elected for 1975 were: President, James H. Lobdell; Vice-President, Harold M. Day; Secretary-Treasurer, Walter B. Adams, and elected Board Members, William Mattocks, Frances Herb, Mabel Lobdell, and Kenneth M. Zentner. Board members appointed by the President were, Jack H. Davis and Fred T. Cousins. James H. Lobdell, and Walter B. Adams were named delegates to the Northwest Division of A.L.B.A. Harold Day will continue as NWLBA representative to the ALBA.

Games Chairman Fred Cousins is already expediting our 1975 tournament and visitation schedules. Harold Day is busy setting up a "Ladder Board" for morning challenge matches.

The invigorating winter season soon reveals who the "hardy ones" are, and includes one woman, Frances Herb, House Chairman and former Devnerite! The hot coffee tastes much better following this!

In 1974 we enjoyed guests from New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, Canada, and many States. We hope 1975 will entice many more to visit our Evergreen State!

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SAN JOSE L.B.C.

By Hamil O. Wagnon

Now about what Drex uses on the green ? ? ? Drex is a city employee and he does not like questions about his work. 4-5 yrs. when our SF member (I think it was Soderstrom) wanted all green keepers to use a harrow. He said the guy has rocks in his head. We built a harrow to his specs but Drex never used it and about a yr. later it woundup at the City Baseball Park. Anyway most of the time keeps the green in good shape. Sometimes he allows the grass to get too long but never too bad. The service costs us nothing so we keep our mouth shut. With the tight squeeze at present—Be glad you get what you get.

We look forward this late Spring and Summer to a situation that one green will not fill the bill.—Remember a poem the 2-3 grade teacher taught you — "And what will poor robin do then"? We'll be in the situation of Poor Robin. But we'll cross those bridges when we come to them.

BERKELEY L.B.C.

By Fred Griffith

It's good news from Berkeley this time!

In the January 15, 1972 issue of A.L.B.A. Bowls it was reported that the Berkeley Club was threatened by an Ad Hoc Neighborhood Committee for a Public Park, which presented a petition to the City Council to turn over all the property, including the clubhouse, for use as a children's park. The next issue of Bowls informed you that following the City Council's Resolution to permit bowling on the South Green for a one year trial period and to furnish free equipment and instruction, and to renegotiate the clubhouse to make it available to other groups on a permit basis as a recreational facility, an action was filed by the Berkeley Club to prevent the City from destroying the North Green etc. A Temporary Restraining Order was obtained preventing such destruction or interference with either green pending the outcome of the suit. In July of that year, we reported to you that as a result of the suit a Permanent Injunction was made directing the City not to convert all or any part of the greens into a mini-park as to do so would violate the Club's contract with the City which runs to 1984. This decision was appealed. We are happy to report that the Appellate Court of California in October handed down a decision upholding the Club on all points and as we go to press we have just learned that the Supreme Court of California has refused to review the Appellate Court Decision.

We have completed our ten years of payments totalling approximately \$30,000.00 to the City of Berkeley covering the cost of the Clubhouse. Under our agreement the building becomes the property of the City but the Club, upon payment of a yearly rental, will have the use of this facility as a lawn bowling clubhouse, will represent the City in lawn bowling activities and will promote lawn bowling.

Our green have just undergone their annual manure treatment and are in fine condition.

SUNNY GLEN L.B.C.

By Mrs. C. A. Becraft (Bert)

Another year of successful lawn bowling will be closing with the termination of the year 1974. Lawn bowling is a favorite pastime for many residents of the Sunny Glen Adult Community in San Ramon. One can play bowls almost any day of the year.

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presented an award to Thomas Currie for 40 years of continuous membership in our club.

A group from Trenton attended the Essex L.B.C. banquet and enjoyed meeting our buddies from Essex off the green. At our Annual Meeting and election of officers, the following officers were re-elected: William Doan, President; Irv Taggart, Vice President and Al Lyon, Secretary-Treasurer. Our industrious Games Chairman of 1974 declined the office for 1975 and his services will be sorely missed. So, before our Spring meeting, a member will have to be secured to fill this important position. The Officers and Executive Board will meet in January to begin planning the 1975 season. A group of our members travel each week-end to the Edison Indoor L.B.C. and some bang up playing is on display every week.

To all our clubs in the Division, Trenton sends best wishes for the 1975 season and hope for every success for the tournaments at Boston.

QUINCY B.G.C.

By: John Bissett

The Quincy Club ended their year at a joint banquet with the Cunningham and Boston clubs at the Lantana Restaurant. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to the winners of the following tournaments:

MITCHELL CUP SINGLES

First—Al Cline, Second Alex Dakers.

ROBERT COULL TROPHY (Handicap Singles)

First—Henry Johnson, Second Sam Drevitch.

ELLIS CUP (DOUBLES)

First—John Milne and Maurice Forbes, Second Stan Haigh and Tom Hickey.

WALTER G. MORRISON TROPHY

Anne Reeves, Isa McArthur and Henry Mulholland.

GEORGE COWIE TROPHY

Henry Johnson, Anne Bissett and Ralph Hubbard.

The New England Rinks Championship held on July 6 was won by Jim Hay, Charles Reeves, Harold Sprague and Myles Walker, Skip.

The playing season ended with a morning and afternoon tournament on October 14 with 48 players participating in the morning and 56 in the afternoon. In the morning, awards were made to John Durant, Skip, Charles Reeves, Elizabeth Dacey and Norma Wakeling; Al Cline, Skip, Tom Hickey, Ruth Durant and Avis Sprague; Sam Oldershaw, Skip, Larry Mac Donnell, Joe Fisher and Doug

Cunningham; David Dakers, Skip; Alex Russell, William McDonald and Margaret Milne.

Afternoon awards were made to Ralph Hubbard, Skip; Henry Johnson, W. McDonald and J. McDonald; Al Cline, Skip; Helen Martin, Phyllis Wakeling and Margaret Milne; Stan Haigh, Skip; Jim Hay, John Norris and Bobby Rice.

In the Thursday night Tournament awards were made to J. Milne, P. Wakeling, J. Hay, V. Artis, D. Dunn, W. McKay, P. McKay, M. Milne, M. Stevens, M. Walker, Sally Oldershaw, N. Wakeling, H. Martin, H. Mulholland, J. Morrison, J. Martin, A. Bissett, F. Mulholland, A. Reader, J. Norris and D. Dakers.

During the off season, the members will be bowling candlepins three times a week.

BROOKLYN B.G.C.

By: Noel Hemming

A quite successful 1974 season is now drawing to a close and soon the BBGC scenic area — surrounded by large trees, some of which were standing 100 years before our club was organized in 1903, will be covered by a mantle of snow.

The greens have been restored to their previous high standard thanks to a handful of dedicated members who rectified the damage inflicted by a disinterested and bureaucratic park department.

For the first time in three years, we held our Brooklyn Day Open Tournament and next year we plan three invitational tourneys. At the annual meeting on November 2, the following officers were elected: President, Earl Valet; First Vice President, Arthur Major; Second Vice President, Stephen Woolsey Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer, Noel Hemming.

One club tournament, the Patterson Singles, was won by Charles Duffy; the other tournaments have not as yet been completed.

THE DUPONT COUNTRY CLUB

By: W. F. Spengeman

The DuPont Country Club Singles Championship was won again by Bill Montgomery making it the fifth consecutive year in which he has held the title. Rice Yahner was the runner-up. The Doubles Championship was won by William H. VanDerhoef and Willard F. Spengeman.

The officers of the Lawn Bowls Division are now John C. Goynes, President and Willard F. Spengeman, Secretary.

SUNRISE L.B.C.

By Marie Gorman

The last tournament of our outdoor season was the Doxey Rinks won by E. Howell, Marie Gorman, Betty and Fred Cools and Al Hillemeir.

Our Annual meeting and dinner was a most enjoyable event with a fine turnout, excellent food and good music.

The officers for 1975 are: John Wahlers, president, Fred Cools vice president; Bill Adams, treasurer; Dan Gorman, secretary.

Following the dinner, meeting and giving out trophies, the film entitled "An Introduction to Bowls" was shown and received with great interest by our new bowlers and served as a refresher course for the rest of us.

On November 16, our indoor carpet bowling season began at the Nassau Beach facility. It has been well attended and we look forward to these indoor week-ends.

In regard to Publicity, we are contacting the colleges on Long Island to try to get them interested in starting a lawn bowling program. As there are so many colleges in the Long Island area, it would be a major step in promoting bowls if we can get them interested. That is our goal.

On the happy side, congratulations to Bill and Pauline Adams who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 27. (They must have been babes in arms on their happy day.) Though they only joined the Sunrise family in the middle of the 1973 season, they have already become an important part of the Sunrise Club and we wish them many more happy years.



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