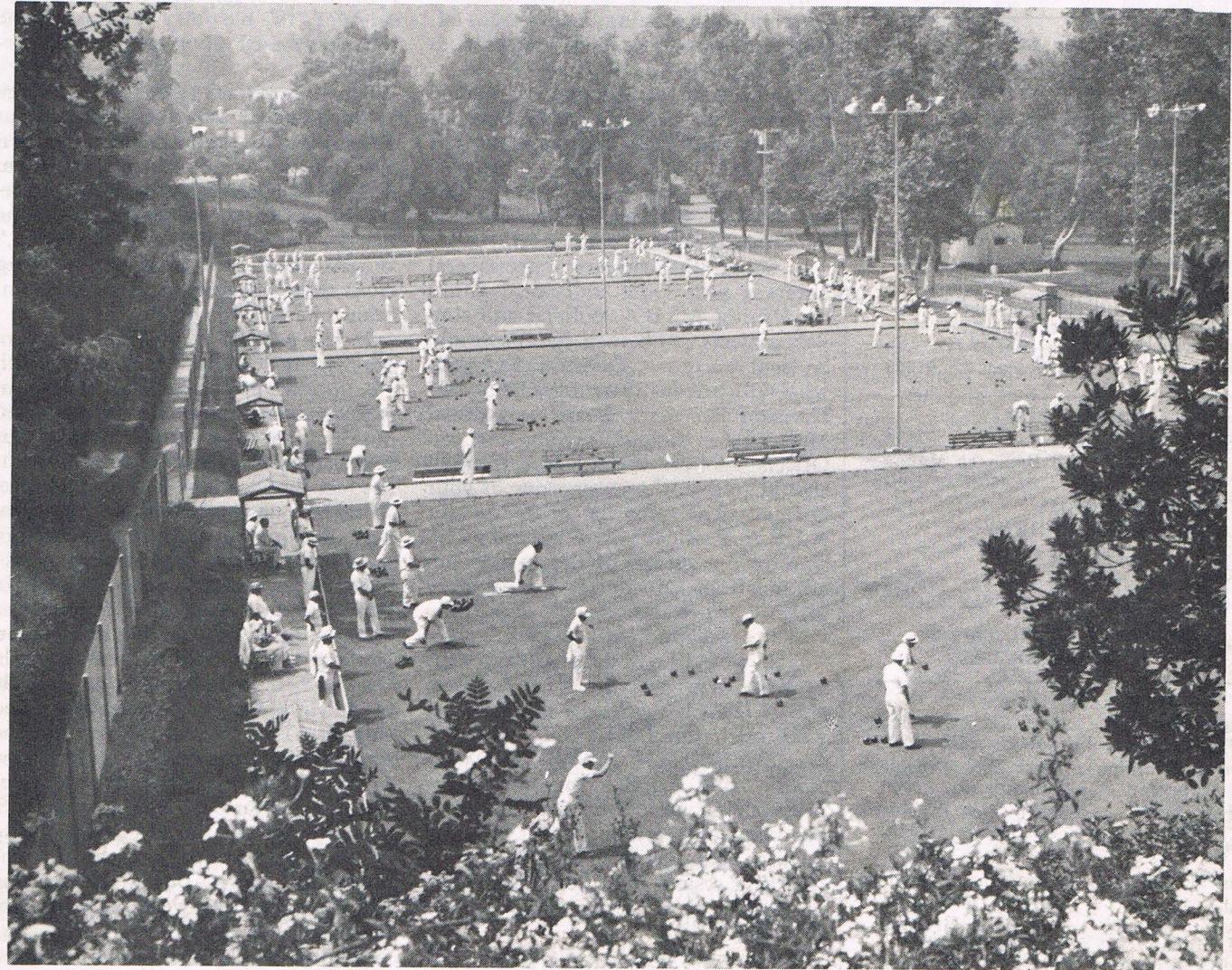




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1. Due to increases in the cost of maintaining the mailing list (I am NOT referring to Bill Todd, who works without pay, but to the Mailing House Co.), printing, packaging and mailing A.L.B.A. BOWLS magazine, the following changes in costs for insertions have been made:

a) All advertising rates have been doubled although some special rates still apply for A.L.B.A. sanctioned tournaments but based on the increased regular rates. Write Cress Tilley or Larry Hennings for copies of the rate sheets.

b) Fellow Bowler insertions have been increased to \$13.00 single issue and \$35.00 for four issues.

d) Subscriptions for women members and non-playing members of affiliated Clubs have been increased to \$2.00 per year.

2. The A.L.B.A. Council has agreed to lease two pages in each issue of A.L.B.A. BOWLS magazine to the A.W.L.B.A. for \$500.00 per year (a fraction of the real cost). The A.W.L.B.A. will supply all editorial materials for these pages.

3. On another subject, I get several letters a year from individual Clubs concerning A.L.B.A. policies and similar subjects. ALL such letters should be sent to your Division Secretary who will present the problem to your Division Executive Board or Annual Meeting for action. If your Division Officials believe the A.L.B.A. Council should rule on the matter, one of your Officials will refer the matter to our A.L.B.A. President or to me for inclusion on the agenda of the next Council Meeting. Of course, I will reply directly to questions of fact only which are kept in my records.

4. It would be of great convenience to many of us who work on A.L.B.A. affairs if ALL checks for any purpose were made out ONLY to "A.L.B.A." or "AMERICAN LAWN BOWLS ASSN." ALL A.L.B.A. monies (except Memorial Foundation) are kept in a common commercial account to avoid paying bank service charges, the accounting system used keeps each class of income in a "separate pocket" so to speak.

5. In case you haven't heard, our A.L.B.A. Promotions Manager, Howard Beckner, has a new address, 2780 Lewis Drive, La Verne, CA 91750.

6. Here I want to scold a bit. Many Clubs have a separate Secretary and Treasurer which makes no difference to me if they would only talk to each

"TO BE OR NOT TO BE"

By W. Frank Mixon Jr.
President, A.L.B.A.

It seems timely to address ourselves to a subject vital to the game of bowls in this country and to our Association. It has to do with the viewpoint of some individuals and once in a while of entire clubs as to the meaning of organization and the value of being a part of it through affiliation.

Within the past two or three years there appears to be an increasing tendency to heed the question, "What does A. L. B. A. do for me" rather than "What can I do for the pastime which means so much to me and thousands of other people." This will be an attempt to clarify both of these points. I choose to speak in the first person singular to better express some thoughts based upon personal experience.

Some years back it was my privilege to be involved in a project aimed at developing the game in the northern part of the old Southwest Division, namely Northern California. The success of the undertaking is called "The Pacific Inter-Mountain Division." Where there had been six bowling clubs there are now eighteen with another one or two in the offing.

In the process of this building program there were many meetings with city recreation people, planning commissions, city councils, adult community management, etc. Our greatest asset in these negotiations was the fact that we were talking as representatives of a nationwide organization, not just as individuals or from some club from a neighboring town.

For years we have been striving to gain greater recognition among the various sports of America and recently there are signs of a breakthrough. Outstanding will be a feature article on lawn bowls in Sports Illustrated this fall. That prestigious publication sent an entire camera and writer crew to the San Francisco Bay Area to cover last year's National Open and U. S. Championships. Their approach to make arrangements were through the American Lawn Bowls Association and their activities were geared to that body and the people of the Division. One must be organized to do business in the big time.

Another "must" is competition. There must be a champion or champions in order to rate as a sport. And this should be on the national or even worldwide scale. Our first contact with Sports Illustrated was several

SECRETARY'S COLUMN

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other before writing to me. I get several inquiries a year from such Clubs when the information requested came to me from that Club's Secretary and/or Treasurer. Please be sure the information is not available locally before writing me.

7. The government has spent a lot of our money putting out a brochure which gives considerable detail on the construction and general ground rules for every outdoor sport in the U. S. It is a rather massive publication and does not give the equivalent of our "Laws of the Game" for any of the sports. However, it is obviously an expensive brochure, beautifully put together and may be of interest to some of you. Write the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., Stock No. 088-020-00588-6, price \$2.35 per copy prepaid. I have two copies sent free to contributors to this brochure. I will loan a copy to anyone interested if they will send \$0.88 to cover Third Class postage required.

I expect to have a major announcement to make in the July issue of A.L.B.A. BOWLS magazine, so please check my column in that issue.

John Deist, Secretary

PRESIDENT A.L.B.A.

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years ago when we submitted the names of the United States and National Open champions for inclusion in their annual feature of champions in all the sports of the nation. Since then we have been trying to intrigue their interest in our game. To them lawn bowling is the competition to determine champions in tournaments sponsored by the A.L.B.A.

Now, let's look at the other side of this problem.

"But I'm not interested in making champions or competing to be one," you may hear somebody say. "My 'thing' is to enjoy playing for the exercise and the friendly social side of bowling. The A.L.B.A. Bowls magazine may be O.K. for some people but I don't read much of it. I don't need rule books and a lot of the other stuff that comes out. I have learned the rules and how to play the game right on my own green. So, what does the A.L.B.A. do for me?"

So, let's grant the A.L.B.A. does nothing for you the way you look at

it. And you have a perfect right to feel that way. But you do bowl, don't you. And you belong to a lawn bowling club and enjoy its activities or you wouldn't be there. You say you like the other people who play the game with you. Their enjoyment of the game adds to your pleasure and the whole thing results in a happy group engaged in a healthful pastime.

This should mean that you like to share your pleasure with others, not only for today but perhaps far into the future, perhaps beyond the time you no longer will be participating. So to keep a strong and effective organization to perpetuate the sport why not support an activity that will pass on to posterity something that has meant so much to you? A solid front is the obvious answer, not one that is divided within itself.

I would appreciate your reaction to my philosophy on this subject. You have my address in the Bowls magazine.

BOWLS IN ARGENTINA

The American Lawn Bowling Group, while on its way to South Africa for the World Championships, stopped off in Buenos Aires and spent two very enjoyable days with members of the Association Argentina de Bowls. They were royally entertained by their hosts who introduced them to a Wappenshaw competition before a host of spectators. Fred Bacon (PIMD) shared first place with D. Watson of the Belgrano Club. No details have come to hand about the nature of the game but Fred Bacon doubtless could be induced to give them.

The Bowls Association in Argentine was founded in 1934 with 4 clubs. In 1938 two more were added. All except one are still active. Together they enter 12 teams in inter-league competitions. In addition, they have championships events and find time for charity tournaments.

Broadly they follow the same rules as in the USA. They do have one important difference. A bowl going into the ditch, whether a counter or not, is dead. Then, too, if the jack goes into the ditch the end is dead.

The season lasts from November until May/June.

Bowls is played in probably two other South American countries. Anyone with news about them is encouraged to write.

Editor

BOWLING GLOSSARY

By Lewis L. Schellbach

Santa Barbara, Calif.

Many pastimes have their own language and unless you are able to translate the idiom into plain English you may be badly confused.

In sailing, for example, "Trim the main sheet" means one thing. In other circumstances it might have quite another meaning. Similarly, the "head" on a boat is entirely different from a "head" in bowling. Confusing the two could possibly be embarrassing.

To help in preventing misunderstanding, the following translations of bowling expressions have been prepared:

"Good green" may mean either "It's 15 feet short" or "It's almost in the ditch."

"We needed a back ball," may be translated as "Boy, control your weight."

"Nice weight," on the other hand, means, "Are we ever lucky! It stayed in our green."

"Now, please give us a back bowl," could be expressed, "How the hell can even such a splendid skip as I do my usual superlative job if you lunks put all of the bowls in front of the jack."

"Great wick" is synonymous with "Are you ever lucky!"

"Lucky wick" is when the opposition makes a well planned and perfectly executed carom.

There are alternative meanings here: "Great wick" is when it's done by the skip. "Lucky wick" is when it's by the lead.

"Its only a game," could be freely translated as "Why not buckle down, Buster, and concentrate on your delivery."

"Give us a block" suggests that the skip has no faith in his vice's control and prefers that he not mess around in the head.

It will be noted that the bowling expressions are uniformly more gentle than their alternatives. It reminds us of a friend, brought up in a more gracious era, who had been taught that "if you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything."

One afternoon the other girls were raking an absent sister over the coals. Our friend finally spoke up with, "Well, she has beautiful handwriting."

How much nicer to hear, "That may turn out to be a good spot for it," than "What a lousy shot!"

THE GAME OF BOWLS AND THE METRIC SYSTEM

By Marvin L. Johnson

The world-wide interest in lawn bowling and the historical background of the game make the signing of the Metric Act by the President of the United States on December 23, 1975 an important development for all players in America. The change to metric units may be something new to today's enthusiasts, but in its long history, bowling has carried on in the face of many changes in measurement systems. Also, before the entire world went metric, bowling distances were determined by the system of the country in which the games were played. *Using the Metric System*

The scientists who developed the metric system designed it to meet scientific needs. They made the system very exacting and complete. With the inclusion of a few units for convenience, the system today can be used by nonscientists to make everyday measurements conveniently and efficiently. The scientific nature of the metric system makes it especially suitable for modern sporting events and games where times and distances are measured with electronic precision.

The metric system is simple to use for two reasons. First, it is patterned after the decimal number system in a manner closely resembling U. S. Currency—that is, the units increase and decrease by 10's. Even the names of the tenth, hundredth, and thousandth part of the *dollar* and the *meter* relate each other.

Secondly, the metric system uses the same numeric prefixes with each of its 7 basic units. Even though the names and sizes of the metric units may seem strange and difficult at first, only 4 of the prefixes and 3 of the base units are of major concern. The task, therefore, of learning the metric system for practical purposes is much less difficult than learning to use the 20 or more common Customary units—units that have no systematic relationship with each other.

Of the remaining four units in the metric system only *temperature* and *time* are of immediate interest. The second (s) is the only official unit of time in the metric system, but it and the familiar minutes, hours, and days continue as always. The familiar Fahrenheit temperatures will become degrees Celsius (formerly Centigrade). The Celsius thermometer reads 0° at freezing and 100° at the boiling temperature of water. A comfortable

Unit	dollar	meter	(about 1.1 yards)
1 or 0.1	dime	decimeter	(about 4 inches)
10			
1 or 0.01	cent	centimeter	(about 0.4 inch)
100			
1 or 0.001	mill	millimeter	(about $\frac{1}{25}$ or 0.04 inch)
1000			25

THE METRIC SYSTEM	Length	Mass or Weight	Capacity
1000 units	<u>kilometer</u> , km	<u>kilogram</u> , kg	(kiloliter), kl
100 units	(hectometer), hm	(hectogram), hg	(hectoliter), hl
10 units	(dekameter), dam	(dekagram), dag	(dekaliter), dal
1 unit	<u>meter</u> , m	<u>gram</u> , g	liter, l
0.1 unit	(decimeter), dm	(decigram), dg	(deciliter), dl
.01 unit	<u>centimeter</u> , cm	(centigram), cg	(centiliter), cl
0.001 unit	<u>millimeter</u> , mm	<u>milligram</u> , mg	<u>milliliter</u> , ml

bowling temperature is about 25°C.

Playing the Game

Dimensions relating to the Green and the remainder of the playing area need not change because of conversion to the metric system. The special measuring devices such as the tape measure will, of course, become suitable metric tapes. Important distances relating to the play such as placement of the mat and limits on the throw of the jack can be stated in meters, centimeters, or millimeters. Some specific metric measures pertaining to the game of bowls, if kept the same as they are at present, would be as follows:

The special TAPE, not less than 23 m (marked in meters, centimeters, and millimeters).

The MAT, 61 cm x 35.6 cm and not more than 0.6 cm thick.

The JACK, diameter from 6.4 cm to 6.3 cm and from 284 g to 227 g in mass*.

The BOWLS, diameter from 13 cm to 12.1 cm and not more than 1.588 kg in mass.

Metric measures, based on established Customary measures, are almost sure to appear ugly. Measurements made during the play, however, would be fast, accurate, and easily com-

prehended. Today "Metric" means "Measure" the world around. What more could the international game of Bowls ask?

*"Mass" is preferred to "Weight" in the S. I. Metric System.

Marvin L. Johnson
Consultant, Mathematics
Long Beach Unified School District
February 27, 1976



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SOUTHWEST DIVISION

Dr. Ezra Wyeth, newly elected President of the Southwest Division of the American Lawn Bowls Association is shown making opening remarks at the "first ever, Presidents meeting of our division". The meeting was held at the Fox & Hounds Restaurant in Santa Monica on Feb. 5, 1976. Over 28 clubs were represented and all felt that it was a wonderful way to exchange ideas and unify lawn bowling in our area. After general discussion, the representatives were assigned to work in groups - three or four to each group - where they explored the areas of Publicity, working with City Hall, Recruiting and Instructional Methods. At the end of the meeting it was unanimously moved to continue this sort of get together. The date set for the next meeting is May 3rd at 10AM. The place - Arroyo Seco. Bring your own lunch plus your veep or Senior delegate. Plan to bowl in the afternoon. SEE YOU THEN! !



1st Vice-President
"Dynamic" Art Hansen
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Pictured to the right is
that extremely popular
bowler, President of San
Diego Lawn Bowls Club,
DONALD IRWIN, JR..

Donald is one of the prime
movers in promoting Lawn
Bowling in the Southwest
Division.



SEATED ABOVE WITH SOME OF OUR
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TO THE STAFF OF ALBA BOWLS.



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ARROYO SECO L.B.C.

By Art Hansen

ARROYO SECO (Ah-roy-o Say-co). Pronounce it slowly and capture the mellow warm tone of the name to the arroyo by the early Spanish settlers. No one could then dream that the arroyo would some day become the site of a city park system and the home of the Arroyo Seco Lawn Bowling Club.

Within the park complex there is the only four green lawn bowling facility in the United States. The greens were built some 40 years ago and they have served as the unofficial headquarters for lawn bowls in the Southwest for the better part of this time. Bowls has indeed been fortunate to have these greens available for the many major tournaments that are regularly played in this area.

The Arroyo Seco Club—not large in membership—has made countless contributions to the game of bowls by having members who have been willing to work and to provide leadership when called upon to serve. From time to time it might have seemed as

though the club has dominated the game in the Southwest. This probably stems from the fact that a large number of prominent tournament players are or have been members of this club. It follows that these players have won many tournament honors while playing under the Arroyo Seco banner and that the Arroyo Seco name has been a stand-out because of this singular situation. Hopefully this article will dispel any fears that it is the purpose of the club to host the major tournaments just so that it might continue to hold an enviable position in the scheme of bowls in the United States.

Arroyo Seco is synonymous with big tournaments. The Southwest Open and the National Open as well as other major events find the greens filled to capacity. Using the maximum of eight rinks to the green—it is a thrilling sight to see almost 200 bowlers competing at one time on the four greens in the big tournament play.

The Arroyo Seco greens are booked for an interesting schedule of major events this year. In 1977 the schedule includes the National Open Tournamen-



ENTRIES CLOSE

MAY 21

ment which will be played from October 1 through 8.

It now seems likely that in 1977 both the President of the American Lawn Bowls Association and the President of the Southwest Division will be men who are now members of the Arroyo Seco Club. You can be sure that this team will exert every effort to put together a program for a national tournament that will be an outstanding event in every respect.

So, the Arroyo lives. It is located in the beautiful Arroyo Seco park where there is always a welcome to all who wish to enjoy a game of bowls in a delightful setting away from the noise of the surrounding city.

"Dear," said the voice on the telephone when the young mother answered, "this is Mom. I'm calling to find out if Dad and I could leave your children with you and Dave tonight. We've been invited out for the evening."

Frustration: when you've already received 13 Christmas cards and haven't even found your address book yet.

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS - SCHEDULE

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A Problem Case

By Ezra Wyeth

Joan is a member of a local club who joined my university class in the hope that she might improve her delivery and her game. Her chief problem was inconsistency. Often she got her bowl away with a bad wobble and at times it finished half way up the green! On the few occasions when she did get the bowl away well it sailed past the jack since it had not lost its momentum by hitting the ground as she delivered it. There just seemed no way to predict where her bowl would finish and she was often very frustrated. Someone less determined would have given up.

Her problem was not helped by the activity of the self appointed coaches at her club who felt an irresistible urge to help her. They seemed intent on undoing everything I was trying to do and were taking away any hope of her ever enjoying the game. Finally I talked with two other members of the club—they had been students of mine—and begged them to gag the helpful experts. It was from one of them that I learned that Joan's trouble had been diagnosed as having the wrong grip. The experts were working on it.

Let me give you the facts. Joan is of average height and build. She walks erect. Her hips are a little wide. When she holds her arm to her side, with the palm towards the front, her lower arm and hand point well away from her body. Her hand is about 7 inches away from her leg. Her skin is very smooth and her hands are quite small.

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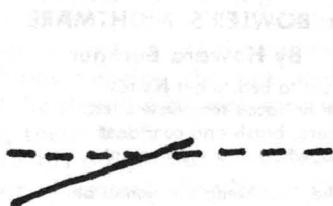
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You can well see that she has problems even holding her small bowl.

On the mat her stance was like this:



She held her bowl in front of her right leg. This with her hip width and unusually shaped arm led to a gackswing like this: (the broken line shows the ideal).



The next diagram shows first, her position at the end of her delivery and second, the path her hand followed as she delivered the bowl and followed through.



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Finally here is the bath of the bowl as she delivered it. You are looking at it from above.



Please go back to the almost semi-circular line in the diagram above. Do examine it very carefully and see how long the bowl is traveling parallel to the ground. If her bowl slips before it reaches the lowest point she has to bump it. If she holds it for a brief moment too long she has to dump it in front of her.

Let me remind you of another fact. She wobbled the bowl as she delivered it. Now you have all the evidence. What would you do to help her? Where would you start? Were the experts right?

If you would care to see my answers to my own questions turn to page --. But first, take some time and think through the problem.

The congressman's wife shook him vigorously in the middle of the night. "Wake up, Adam!" she whispered frantically, "there's a thief in the house!"

"No way," came the sleepy reply. "In the Senate, maybe. But in the House? Never."

If it's true the world's getting smaller, why do they keep raising the price of postage?

The Problem Case Is Solved

Let me recall that Joan delivered her bowl with a wobble. She often dumped or bumped it on the ground. Her hands were very smooth and she had difficulty holding her bowl. Viewed from the side her hand was seen to go through almost a semicircle as she delivered the bowl. Seen from above it moved from right to left.

Let me start with my first question to you. Where would you start?

I started with her stance. It was erect and her bowl started from well behind her body and almost 3 feet above the ground. With her smooth hands something had to be done to reduce the effect of gravity. The erect stance had to go so that the bowl would start closer to the ground and move through a flatter ellipse. But there was another reason for the crouch. The flatter ellipse reduced the chances of dumping or bumping the bowl since it traveled almost parallel to ground for a much longer distance than before.

Here is what the new stance looked like:



And here is the position after delivery, and the ellipse:



Notice how far she is leaning forward.

Next I did something about the backswing and foreswing. Remember how the bowl started from in front of her right leg and moved away from her body. Then on the foreswing it moved from right to left and her hand often finished near her left shoulder. First she had to get her right hip out of the way as far as possible. To do this she faced to the right of the direction her bowl was to travel on the green but had her left foot pointing in that direction. Next she began holding her bowl to the right and not in front of her right leg. With her hip partly out of the way and the bowl in the new position there was little reason for her to swing the bowl away from her body. The additional turning of her hips as she took her forward step helped still further and now she is able to carry her bowl

straight back and does not swing across her body as she delivers it.

That left her grip. Only the wobble remained. There was much less error in length but the bowl was not traveling as far as or drawing as much as it should. I had her go through her delivery to the point of release and stop. She put her bowl down and found it was leaning to one side and pointing off line. I shifted it to the correct position and had her pick it up.

When she examined her grip she found her thumb covered the disc. Her fingers were spread wide and her third finger rested on the rings. More about this in a moment.

She tried a few bowls and found that the wobble had virtually disappeared. She experimented a little and soon had a very smooth delivery. It looked as if she had solved her problems.

From that point her progress was marked but there were days of bitter frustration. At times the wobble came back but I found that I could predict its arrival if her thumb did not cover the disc.

The final clue came from Joan. She complained that the finger nail on her third finger was broken and catching in the rings of the bowl. She decided on her own to shift her third finger near her middle one. Not only did she solve the problem of the broken nail but she removed the remaining cause of the wobble.

Today she gets her bowl away smoothly. Rarely does her bowl finish half way up the green and when she practices her bowls tend to cluster around the jack. I just wish you could share her delight when she draws a toucher.

A BOWLER'S NIGHTMARE

By Howard Beckner

He went to bed to get his rest
Before he faced tomorrow's test.
Our hero, brash and confident
Was bowling in a tournament.

Said he, "A champ I'm gonna be
And make them all look up to me."
He dreamed one shot could win the game
So thus he hoped to spread his fame.

Bravely, he approached the mat,
Slowly gazing this way and that.
Not a word was spoken aloud.
Then a hush fell over the crowd.

Stooping in place, with mind intent,
Carefully poised on winning bent,
He rolled his shot, then in alarm
Saw it break for the adjoining farm.

But like great Casey of old
Our hero, now clammy and cold
Heard only groans; no winning shout.
With bias wrong, he too struck out.

TRY IT — YOU'LL LIKE IT

Almost every night, before going to sleep,
I go over my Blessings—no need to count sheep,
The list is so long that somehow it seems

Along toward the end I drift off into dreams.

These Blessings, these pleasures of which I'm
extolling

Include, near the top, the sport of Lawn Bowling.
A pastime indulged in by Roman and Greek,
The mighty, the lowly, the forceful, the meek.

A game that appeals to both expert and dub,
All members of one friendly sociable club
Removed from the tensions, the clamor and
strife;
A haven of calm, a good thing of life.

Its origins hazy but here is a thought:
It well may have been that some thrifty Scot
Thought up the idea to pass away time—
Where else can you have so much fun for a
dime?

Where else can you feel, when you've made a
good roll
And somebody's grandmother wicks off your
bowl

Then stops on the jack to your consternation,
Such a deep-down feeling of admiration?

Where else can you see, when you take too
much grass,
A minor miracle come to pass
As you let one go you'd like to have back
And your bowl curls sharply to reach the jack?

Where else can you hear, when you've rolled
one through
Past two tough blocks, as you rarely do,
And your bowl reclines on a scoring spot,
Your opponent remark: "What a lovely shot!"

Oh, the joy when, after a year or two
Of bowling, it gradually dawns on you
That you're improving, to some degree;
At least there are signs of consistency.

As you gain confidence the feeling grows
And reaches the point where some of it shows.
But soon you're removed from your lofty dais
On a critical shot you unload a wrong bias!

One thing you learn early without a doubt:
Do not count your chickens before they're
hatched out.
There isn't a skipper alive on two legs
Who can't make your good end look like
scrambled eggs.

Where else, when a game is over and done
And you've bowled your best but the other side
won
Does it matter less? No cause for sorrow,
There's always a chance you may win tomorrow.

Where else in Riverside could there be
A source of such general therapy?
A place to escape from our mental tussles
And gently exercise aging muscles?

So, with bodies refreshed and minds serene
From an afternoon on the bowling green,
We all shake hands ere we depart.
It's an old folks game but we're young at heart.

We cannot return to the days of our youth.
We are wrinkled and gray and long in the tooth.
We may not have succeed in reaching our goals
But we bless the day we discovered lawn bowls.

Jim Thompson
Riverside L.B.C., Calif.

IMPORTANCE

of Greens

BETTER GREENS
AERIFYING or HOLLOW-TYNE
PLUGGING
By Edgar R. Haley
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In the last two articles of this column, the vital importance of controlled irrigation was discussed. The basic role of available oxygen to the roots of the turf was emphasized.

The pure sand green, which is non-compactable, allows oxygen to reach the root zone relatively easily, but when the soil contains clay the problem is much more difficult. The presence of clay is the factor which allows for compaction. Pressure on this type of soil squeezes the soil particles together, destroying the ability of the soil to drain water, which in turn prevents oxygen infiltration. The grass smothers, and dies.

In the past, practically all bowling greens have been constructed on soil containing appreciable clay, resulting in the agony of combatting compaction.

Originally the Escondido green was built using a sandy loam, before these factors were understood. We had the usual trouble with compaction problems, with areas of spindly or dead turf at the ends, where the heavy traffic occurs. Two years ago this green was re-made with a soil 18" deep of absolutely pure sand. Since that time we have had no compaction problems, with a strong, deep rooted turf.

Unfortunately this drastic cure is impractical for most areas under existing circumstances.

In the usual case, where the soil contains appreciable clay, what can be done? There are a number of ways to attack the problem short of rebuilding the green on sand. All are only partially effective, and all should be employed.

First, and by far the most important, is the proper control of irrigation, which has been discussed in the two previous issues of BOWLS.

Second is the use of the aerifyer or hollow-tyne plugger. Never confuse this with "spiking" which results, in the end, in increased compaction. The hollow-tyne plugger removes plugs of soil for a depth of about two inches, usually. There are machines which will remove plugs for a 6" depth ("Deep-Tine" Aerator, Rand R Prod-

ucts, 3334 E. Milber St., Tucson, Arizona 85714) and should be very much more effective than the popular machine usually used on golf greens.

The plugs, $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 2" long, are removed on 2" centers. These should be removed entirely from the green and discarded. Pure sand, free from clay, medium fine (ideal size is U.S. sieve No. 50, particle size 0.15 mm. to 0.5 mm.) is spread over the surface and dragged into the holes using a chain mat. Three tons of sand is required. The chain mat is standard equipment for golf greens maintenance, is about 3 ft. x 6 ft., is pulled back and forth behind a small garden tractor. All of the sand will disappear, filling the holes.

We now have columns of pure sand $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter and extending 2" into the surface. Air now has a better chance to reach at least 2" deep toward the root zone. You have all noticed the improved turf immediately around each hole, when the aerifyer has been used, even when the adding of the sand has been omitted. These particular areas of healthy turf act as nidi for spread of a stronger turf laterally, if given half a chance through careful watering and a lessening of the foot-trampling locally.

Aerifying should be carried out at least four times a year over the entire green which contains clay in the soil. This should be done on a relatively dry soil. In addition, the first 18 ft. adjacent to the ditches should be aerified every 4 to 6 weeks if there is any question of the turf suffering from compaction. In all cases the plugs must be removed and the holes filled with sand.

It should be noted, that even with a program such as this, it will take 6 to 10 years to entirely replace the original soil with the desirable sand. And the sand will only be 2" deep. However, with controlled irrigation and the use of proper pure sand as top dressing, much improvement in the turf management can be accomplished.

In the next issue of BOWLS, I expect to discuss "Top Dressing."

Optimism: the ability to say "my car" in the face of 11 more \$100-a-month payments, a whopping mechanic's bill, and the 1976 registration fee that's due now.

THE STORY OF THE SAN DIEGO

"LAND PLANE"

By Charles Lee

Following publication of the story of Dr. Haley's "Land Plane" Bill Elsom of our Club became very interested in the potential of such a machine for our greens. He contacted Dr. Haley and visited him in Escondido for a demonstration of the machine and a discussion of the theory behind it. Following this visit he went to the Rancho Bernardo green where Dr. Haley was using the "Plane" on one of the poorer greens in Southern California.

These demonstrations proved the value of the "Plane". Bill enlisted the help of Dr. Sid Cameron, a leading horticulturist and a member of the Club. These two investigated the "Plane" further and determined that it would indeed improve the greens at San Diego. Having reached this conclusion they approached the Directors of the Club and requested that action be initiated to raise money to build a "Plane".

Since the greens at San Diego are maintained by the City Parks Department its approval had to be obtained. A demonstration by Dr. Haley and his machine was arranged to be made on the San Diego greens. Following this a meeting was held between representatives of the Club and the City. Because the "Plane" is a labor saving device the Parks Department gave the "go ahead". However, they raised the problems of storage, maintenance and equipment operation but these were subsequently resolved.

Having determined the desirability of obtaining a "Plane" and receiving the necessary approval to build it the next step was to raise the funds required. Both Bill and Sid had been busy selling the "Plane" to the members during the time negotiations with the City were taking place. After a long discussion our Executive determined that necessary funds could be raised by donations and without the need for an assessment. A letter was sent to all members requesting they participate in the project and give according to their desires. The response was heartwarming. Adequate funds were raised (in excess of \$3,000.00) and over eighty percent participation was realized.

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LAND PLANE

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A tractor was purchased from Sears and we were ready, or we thought we were ready to build our "Plane". However, our problems had just begun. First, our engineer in charge, was gone on a trip for a month. Following his return and after the frame was built both Bill and the machinist became very ill and couldn't proceed. Again, we were very lucky as one of our members who had spent a life time building prototype machines agreed to take over both functions.

Jack Seck soon found he had a "bear by the tail," and he had to start from scratch. He had the tractor and frame moved to a machine shop where he had permission to use their equipment. First, it was determined that he had to be on the payroll in order to protect the shop and himself against possible injury. Then, it being a Union shop, he found he was not permitted to do many of the things he wanted to. All in all he had a very difficult time. However, he persevered and finished the "Plane". Several significant improvements were made. These include a chain driven single shaft in lieu of the belt driven twin shafts on the original; a better system for lowering and raising the frame; better safety guards and an easier maintenance procedure.

Following a champagne launching the "Plane" was tested and found to be outstanding. One problem still remained which was quickly solved when the City Safety Engineer approved the "Plane" for operation by the City employees.

The "Plane" cost approximately \$2900. to build and we have sufficient funds for further modifications, if needed, and for a set of new blades and belts.

The Club is grateful to Dr. Haley for his idea and his assistance. However, our special thanks goes to Bill Elsom, Sid Cameron and Jack Seck. Without the knowledge, skill and willingness of all of them, especially Jack, our "Plane" would still be a dream.

Father to teen-age daughter about to leave for a New Year's Eve party: "Be home by 12:15."

Daughter: "But Daddy, I'm not a child any more!"

Father: "I know. Be home by 12:15."



THE WATERBURY TROPHY

SOUTHWEST DIVISION CARL WATERBURY ALL LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

The annual event of the Carl Waterbury Tournament which decides the champion club of the Southwest Area took place at the Arroyo Seco Greens under the direction of the Santa Monica Lawn Bowls Club, the winners of last year's tournament.

Almost all clubs in the Southwest Division participate under four leagues: Western League, Central League, Citrus League and Coastal League. At the end of a season's play, the winning club from each league represents that league in a four-way tournament. Three teams of triples from each club are entered in a round robin play.

The four league winning clubs in the 1975 tournament were as follows:

Western League — Beverly Hills LBC
Central League — Friendly Valley LBC
Citrus League — Pomona LBC
Coastal League — Hermosa Beach LBC

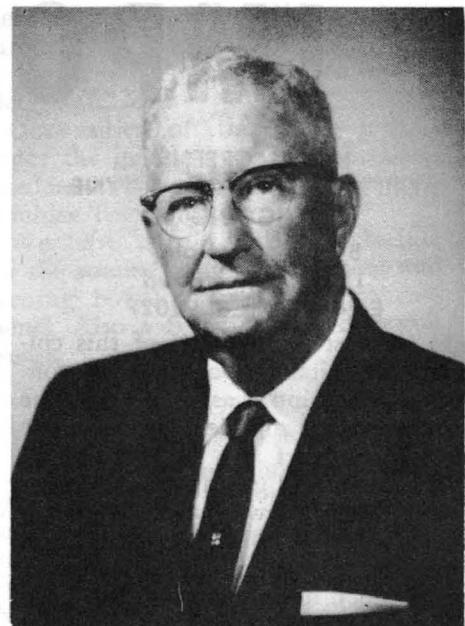
Exceptionally good bowling made for a close finish, probably the closest finish in years. Pomona proved to be the champions. This was the final outcome:

	Won	Lost	Tied	Plus/ Minus	Game Points
Pomona LBC	5	4	0	+6	5
Friendly Valley LBC	4	4	1	-2	4½
Beverly Hills LBC	4	4	1	-1	4½
Hermosa Beach LBC	4	5	0	-3	4

Submitted by Jack Shribbs

The life raft had been adrift for several days when, in desperation, one of the usually blasphemous seamen got down on his knees. "Oh, Lord," he began, "have pity on us. Just save us, and for the rest of our lives we promise . . ."

"Hold everything!" interrupted his equally impious shipmate. "Don't commit yourself! I think I just sighted land!"



A TRIBUTE TO EDWARD J. HAYDEN
PAST PRESIDENT
AMERICAN LAWN BOWLS ASSN.

By Larry Hennings

The ALBA lost one of its finest members February 15, 1976 in Durban, South Africa. Ed had been to the Sydney and Worthing World Bowls Championships, and wanted to see the 3rd World event at Johannesburg.

Ed was confined to his room with a slight upset. We had concluded he should not be exposed to a three day bus trip through Swaziland and the game reserves. The local bowlers and hotel staff were very solicitous and it was planned he would rejoin the group in Johannesburg.

When Margaret and I said our goodbyes to him he said he was feeling much better, and was going to get up and get dressed a little later. The group continued its tour.

We learned however of his passing at our next stop. Upon an assemblage of the group, we had a short, impressive memorial service. Remarks were made not only by me, but by Kurt Dornou of Clearwater Club. Ivor Bebb, a friend of many years standing, added a few remarks, and concluded with a prayer.

Ed had a very happy marriage, and true to the memory of his wife, had continued to worship her after her passing. He was a religious person, and respecting those principles, his remains were sent to Massachusetts.

Ed Hayden was a grand person. His ready smile and warm and friendly manner will be missed not only in Massachusetts and Florida, but in so many places throughout the USA.

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ON THE GREEN

By Carroll Chase

During 1975, as President of the South West Division, I visited every club in the Division from Sun City, Arizona to Cambria, California. The reception I had everywhere was most gratifying and I wish to thank very sincerely everyone who helped make the visits a success. I hope my efforts will help bring members of the Division closer together.

When I undertook the program I quickly became aware that many players wanted help in improving their game. As a result I put together a list of Do's and Dont's that I would like to share with you.

Do's

1. *Concentrate:* The only way to perfect your weight is to practice. In a game you can help yourself if you avoid distractions and concentrate on each bowl. Watch for changes in the green and concentrate on your delivery.

2. *Observe:* Watch your opponent closely; observe his likes and dislikes and take full advantage of any thing you find. Listen to what he says. Often he will let slip remarks that point to

a weakness. Stand behind him while he bowls and obersve any irregularities in the green.

3. *Learn to roll the jack:* By taking care as you deliver the jack you can learn about the pace of the green. Do not bounce it but rather deliver it as carefully as you do a bowl. You can help your team if you are able to roll the jack just where the skip wants it. He usually has a very good reason for calling for a special length of end.

4. *Help yourself:* Pick up your bowl with your left hand and then transfer it to the right. This will help prevent you from bowling a wrong bias since you automatically check the bias as you make the transfer. Then, too, it will conserve the energy in your right arm and hand by shifting part of the work to the other hand.

5. *Take care with your delivery:* Your delivery must be smooth, not jerky. Keep low and keep your head down till the bowl is well on its way. Keep your arm loose and swing from the shoulder. It should be close to your body and move like a pendulum. Watch your follow through. It should follow the line of the bowl. Your step should be a little to the right and

end with both feet in the same line. This helps get your hip out of the way and your head is over the bowl as you release it. Practice before a mirror.

6. *Set goals for yourself:* Keep trying to improve; welcome suggestions that might be helpful. Practice, practice. Visit other clubs. Enter tournaments. The better you play the more you will be in demand. Winning will add joy to your game.

7. *Give yourself every chance:* Always be up when you are down. Use your own or your opponent's bowls to get a shot. Take care when you are the shot.

Dont's

1. Don't ignore your skips' directions. He is in charge of the members of his team at all times.

2. Don't be in a hurry on the mat. Take time to study the end and the shot. But don't hold up the game. Be ready to bowl when it is your turn.

3. Don't deliver your bowl till your opponent's has come to rest.

4. Don't turn your back on your bowl till it comes to rest.

CARROLL CHASE

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5. Don't talk loudly when your opponent is on the mat. Do not interfere with him in any way. He is in possession of the mat until his bowl comes to rest. If you are directing a head wait till your team member is on the mat before signalling the position.

6. Don't move when standing at an end if a player is ready to bowl.

7. Don't foot fault. If you keep the toe of your right foot on the mat as you deliver you cannot. If for some reason you must move your right foot as you deliver you might be wise to start with it in the center of the mat or to one side so the it is on or above the mat as you release to bowl.

8. Don't give your skip instructions unless asked. However don't hesitate to call him to the head if you think it is necessary.

9. Don't stand so your shadow is on the jack.

10. Don't change from one hand to the other without good reason.

11. Don't wander into the next rink or walk along the edge of yours. Don't walk along the path the bowl must travel especially on a soft green. Walk in the center of the rink.

12. Don't move bowls until you are sure the score has been agreed upon. When deciding an end carefully place counters together, especially if you have to do any measuring.

13. Don't argue. Call an umpire, this way you will avoid unpleasantness.

To a bowler happiness is having a good game. Give yourself every chance by knowing the rules and etiquette of the game. Do read your rule book. In a game don't give your opponent any advantage by doing or saying something unnecessary.

WITH WYETH

Big Bowls Do Not Run On

I want to apologize to you if you have read my book. With the help of my colleagues at the university where I teach I spent years finding a scientific basis for bowling and in the process I debunked many legends about the game. But when I got round to writing the book I included one of the legends in it.

I had heard the legend from the very first players who had to put up with my early attempts to bowl. I recall very vividly so many of the wise

men at my first club who either in admiration or frustration told me that my big bowls would not stop.

And I have heard the legend everywhere I have played. It seems to me it is the only thing that the wise men have agreed upon about the game. I guess that in the face of such unanimity I just accepted the legend. But, really, I have no excuse. I should have questioned it as I had most everything else about the game.

I began to question it in May of last year. I had planned to use a chute to show students in my class what happened when bowls of different weights hit a bowl. The chute is 5 feet high and bowls released from a stationary position roll about 8 feet before they reach the grass.

In order to be sure what would happen to bowls as they rolled down the chute I rolled several sets of different weights and found that they all finished at almost the same distance from the end of the chute. The slight variations could be explained in terms of the roughness of the green. It was not a perfect surface.

In October I was fortunate enough to receive copies of two articles by Parker Allen. Parker is well known in the San Francisco area and his studies of the game command respect. I found that he had challenged the legend and used mathematics to show it is false. His work left no doubt that if I had remembered Newton's laws and some formulas I had learned at school I would have doubted the legend much sooner. All I had done with the chute was to demonstrate what Parker had been able to show while sitting at his desk.

Along with his own articles Parker sent another by an Englishman. He was concerned with the loss of speed of a bowl and the effect of the curve. As Parker was able to show very succinctly and clearly the Englishman was in some rough going.

Intrigued by the differences in the conclusions of the two mathematicians I handed over all the material to another colleague of mine who teaches mathematics. I told him also about my own findings. I was hoping he could throw some light on where the Englishman had gone wrong. I thought I was asking a favor. Instead I was doing him one. His eyes lit up. Then questions began to pour out. He wanted to know all about the shape of bowls; what kind of path do they cut as they roll on the green? How heavy are they? What kind of material are they made from? What kind

of surfaces do they have? What happens before and after they leave the hand?

Next came a lecture on surfaces and resistances. Then I had to demonstrate how the bowl leaves the hand and assure him that it did so without dropping off the end of my fingers. After that I was allowed to leave without the papers. As I made my way to the door I heard the wise man say to himself, "I did not know that bowls could be so interesting." And he was not thinking of playing the game.

Back to the legend. How can so many be so wrong? My best guess is that they have been taken in by an illusion. Let me try to explain.

The largest bowl has a circumference of approximately 16 inches. The smallest has one of 15 inches. In traveling a distance of 20 feet the large one will turn 15 times and the other will turn 16 times. The one is, therefore, turning slower than the other. My theory is that the observer sees the bowl that is turning slower as moving slower. He confuses speed of turning with speed of forward movement and he is very surprised that the bigger bowl seems to run on. He is taken in by an illusion.

But what is the importance of all this? It simply takes away one of the factors sometimes considered in choosing a set of bowls. Since all bowls delivered at the same speed roll the same distance, there is no advantage to be gained by selecting a large bowl on the ground of speed. It does have other advantages. It is harder to shift than a smaller one and it can shift bowls more easily than the smaller one.

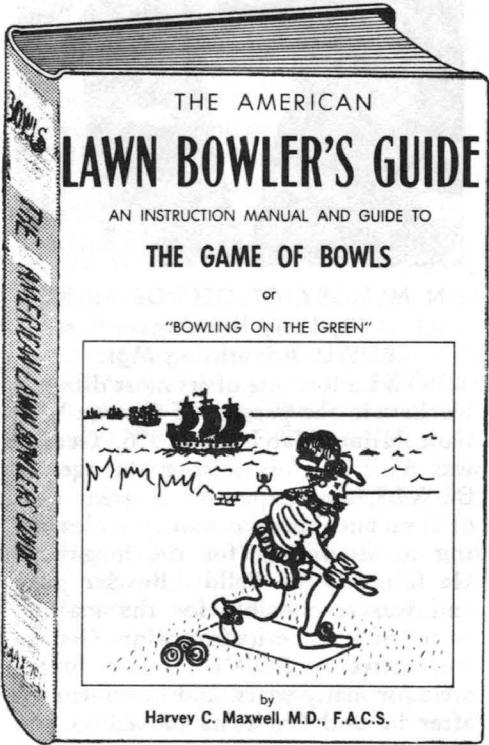
But these are not the critical factors in choosing a set of bowls. You should choose a set on the basis of comfort, control and the size and shape of your hand.

She (at a prize fight): "I guess I'll never understand why men will pay good money to watch two other men beat each other up."

He: "That's because you don't appreciate the male's compulsion to show his courage. You can't imagine how satisfying it is to yell insults at two big bruisers while they're too busy to notice."

How pleasant life would be if people who have money used it the way people who haven't say they would if they did!

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Subsequent to the meeting, held on March 5th, (see page 5), Ezra Wyeth paid his first planned group visitation to the San Diego area. Representatives from Escondido, San Diego, Mobil Park, and Oaks North met at Rancho Bernardo. First the coaches were given a chalk talk as to proper stance, balance and positioning of the body so as to deliver the bowl properly. At the same time Ferrell Burton had a meeting with the publicity people and distributed information pamphlets. After the coaches were briefed—the balance of the visiting members received the same instructions from Ezra as did the coaches. After this session, everyone went to the green where they broke up into groups of four supervised by the coaches with overall supervision and criticism with the results and the opportunity to improve their game under friendly supervision.

Other clubs will be contacted in the future so that they may have the same opportunity to participate in a similar symposium.

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HEMET-JOSLYN LAWN BOWLS CLUB HEMET, CALIFORNIA

By Raymond Kuntz — President

On January 28, 1974 this writer, via the City Manager, proposed the construction of a lawn bowling green in the city of San Jacinto, Ca. It was not acted upon. In August 1974 the Vice Mayor of Hemet, Ca. presented the subject to the City Council of the city of Hemet. On December 9, 1975 the City Council voted to construct a lawn bowling green in the city park. This after long deliberations and investigations and with very little knowledge of lawn bowling. The cost of maintenance was one big objection.

The methods employed in promotion was ALBA publications; personal contacts; news media ads; telephone; and printed notices in all major areas available. On January 19, 1976 a Club was organized. On March 3, 1976 a public meeting was held in the city hall with guest speakers. On March 10, 1976 a lawn bowling film was shown at the city library. A drive is now on to solicit prospective members

NEW BOWLER'S CORNER

By Harvey C. Maxwell, M.D.

A NEW TOURNAMENT PLAN:

One of the most rewarding experiences in the game of Bowls is the pleasure derived from participating in the many colorful and exciting tournaments constantly going on in the great wide world of bowling on the green. All bowlers, and especially the new bowler, should be encouraged to enter these events. We know that this can be the key to open the door for him to a wonderful new world of entertainment, fun and friendly rivalry in Clubs all over the globe.

Too many of our bowlers settle for less, and are apparently content to never leave home. We need to find a way to help them to break into this new world, and Carroll Chase, of the S.W. Division has worked out an excellent plan to accomplish this.

The plan calls for a series of games, set up by adjacent Clubs, specifically for new tournament bowlers, and the response has been amazing. Five Clubs signed up immediately, with the Riverside Club scheduling the first tournament. It was agreed to plan an easy day, and the decision to make this an Open Draw Tournament with three ten end games, plenty of refreshments, and suitable trophies met with universal approval.

One hundred and thirty-eight entries promptly filled the Riverside greens, with fifty more on the waiting list! Arroyo Seco stages the second event, and expects to fill every green. Newport Harbor is next, followed by Beverly Hills, then Long Beach.

Here is a promotion program that is working, and we can not recommend it too highly.

for future membership. Free lessons will be given. Bids are to be let soon for a master plan to include a baseball field; tennis court; and the bowling green.

I have found promoting a lawn bowling green requires dedication; perseverance; and personal funds.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This club is not a member of ALBA as they do not have greens at this date.

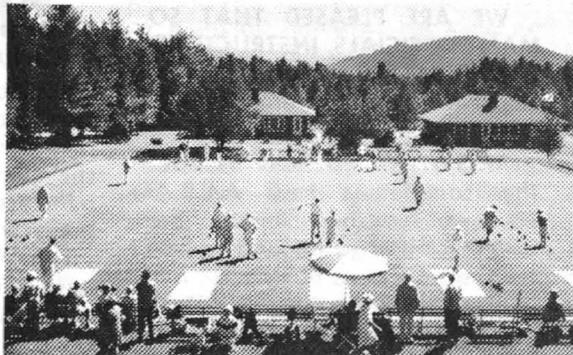
The couple shopping for a new automobile were startled by the price quoted for a compact car.

"But that's almost the cost of a big car!" they protested.

"Well," shrugged the salesman, "if you want economy, you gotta pay for it."

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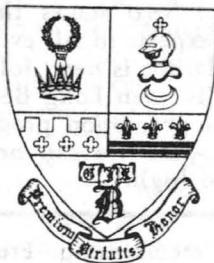
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IN MEMORY OF GEORGE MILNE

By Larry Hennings
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BOWLS lost one of its most diligent workers in the passing of George William Milne March 22, 1976. George was Assistant Advertising Manager of BOWLS, and expended a great deal of time and his own money endeavoring to secure ads for the magazine. He founded the Fellow Bowler page and was responsible for the maintenance of it since its inception. George was active in BOWLS efforts in Seattle for many years, and he continued after he and Christina moved to Sun City, Arizona several years ago.

George's friends were legion. In the many years I have been privileged to have known him, I never heard anyone speak ill of him, nor for him to speak ill of anyone else. He lived by the Golden Rule, on an elevated level. Who can do better?

BOWLS staff extends to his family its deepest sympathy. It also extends its warmest appreciation of his contribution to BOWLS and to his many contributions to the game he enjoyed.

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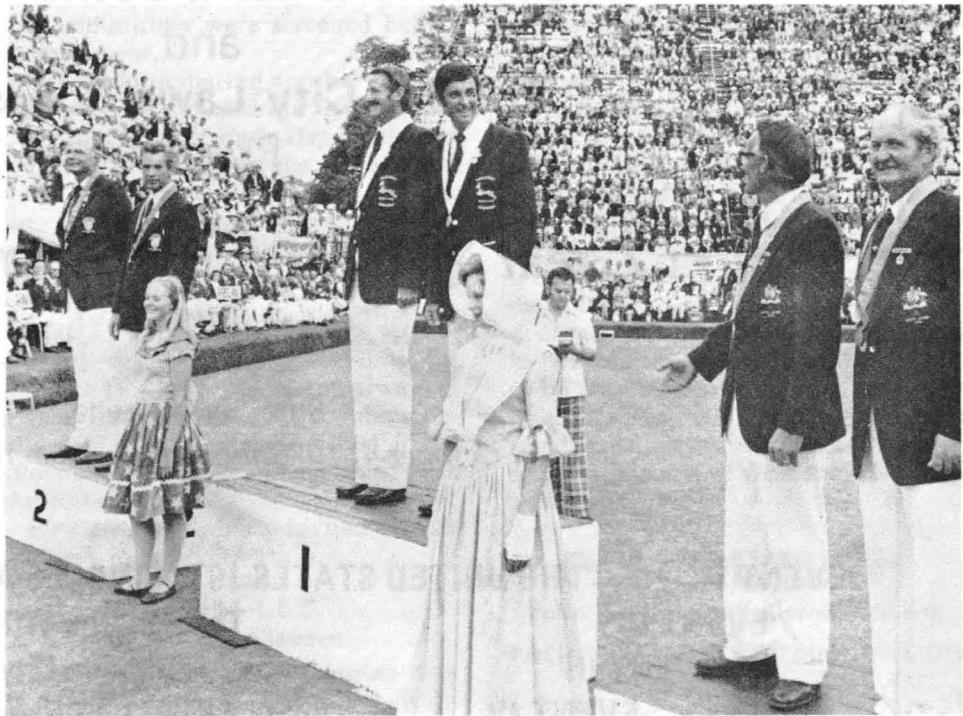


**THIRD WORLD BOWLS
CHAMPIONSHIPS
ZOO LAKE-JOHANNESBURG,
SOUTH AFRICA
FEB. 18 THRU MARCH 6, 1976**

By: Jack Holt

Come and join me in the most wonderful experience in Bowls we've ever had—a true adventure in the land of South Africa. Setting: Johannesburg—where the fame of Bowls is loved and played by multi-thousands. Where top State Government openly supports the game and where Municipal Government not only supports, but builds the greens for its municipal communities and keeps them in tiptop condition at no cost to the clubs—and where you can bowl on greens that demand the greatest skill you can command. Am I talking of a dream? No! All above is gospel truth! One thing more should be stated—each Municipal locality has two greens—a token cost renewable yearly lease, and can build their own club house of whatever size, beauty and accomodations they desire—and I saw some in Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg that would shame our most beautiful private country clubs. The above statements, to us in America, seem hard to believe—but seeing is believing and makes one hope that in America too we may experience this type of Bowls. This game, as we who play it know, requires dedication, concentration and a skill equally or above any other sport we play. It's contribution to those participating is equal to their desire to receive. As in South Africa—we in America must receive the willing help of our civic governing bodies in ever greater degree, a healthy citizenry, to which condition activity in Lawn Bowls can make a large contribution, is a good citizenry for the community!

Now to the Third World Bowls Championships. At 9:30 A.M. on Feb. 18, 1976 at Zoo Lake, Johannesburg, Africa, the curtain was rung up on the Opening Ceremonies of the Games. It was beautifully done with Scottish Bagpipers skirling their martial music — then Irish, Scottish and country dancing exhibitions — by songs and community singing covering a broad range of songs from "Sarie Marais" — "Bless 'em all" — "Pack Up Your Troubles" — "As the Bowl Goes Rolling On — (tune: John Brown's Body)" — "Wee Deoch and Doris" — "Happy Bowlers (tune: When Irish Eyes are Smiling)". Soon the Prime Minister of the Republic of South Africa—The Honourable B. J. Vorster



**U.S.A. Team
Folkins - McInnis
Silver Medal**

**South Africa
Gold Medal**

**Australia
Bronze Medal**

—Master of Ceremonies for the Day—raised the Republic's Flag, and the Team Managers and Teams were introduced to him and welcomed by him. Then addresses by the President of the South African Bowling Association, Mr. Esau Shapiro—by Mrs. T. Tom, President of the International Bowling Board and by the Honourable Prime Minister were given. The Prime Minister in his address markedly pointed out the importance of Lawn Bowling in the life of the state and community and the total support of the game by top government down thru the municipality, which is the actual basic supporter. This fact is emphasized by the number of municipal greens provided and cared for by the cities of South Africa. Around Johannesburg alone there are some 55 municipal clubs with two greens each. At this point I might add—there are 40,000 men bowlers and 26,000 women players. In conclusion to the opening ceremonies there was an over-flight of South African Jet Fighter planes — which released colored smoke streams —orange, white and blue, the South African National Colors. Then the games were declared officially opened by the Prime Minister at 12:30 P.M. and first play started at 2 P.M. in Pairs and Triples.

There is something tremendously thrilling and inspiring when you join 7000 other Bowl enthusiasts and by

enthusiasts I mean avid Lawn Bowlers —men and women—who gathered to open and then become knowledgeable spectators at the "Championships." The South African Bowling Association, the sponsoring organization, left no stone unturned to offer to the competing Bowlers from 16 nations the best in playing surfaces — accomodations and thorough, careful attention to every need. Rinks on three greens, A. B. and C were allocated daily to the various competing teams. Stands or Bleachers accomodating a total of 9500 spectators surrounded the greens and all play on each green could be seen from comfortable bucket seats. Spectators were visually informed of the progress of competition, on all three greens, by a scoreboard seven stories high and that constantly recorded the changing scores of play. Each morning and afternoon, before play, the competing team's names were posted on the scoreboard—and showing the green they were playing on—thus spectators could chose their seats to watch and root for their favorites, or teams they wanted to watch play. Adequate food and drink conveniences, plus a bank, post office, telephone center, airplane information and human need services were provided. The equivalent of \$660,000 U.S. dollars had been spent in the four years of preparation and hundreds of volunteers, men and women—time im-

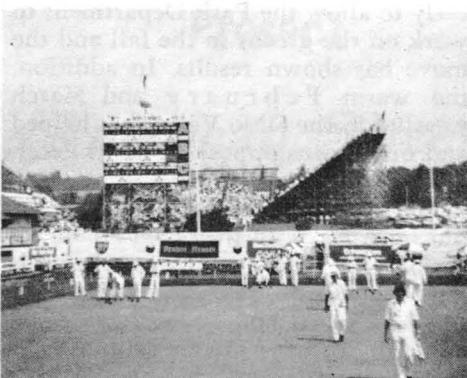
measurable in dollars—gave daily service to accomodating the needs of players and spectators. A Player's Village was provided in which each Nation's players had separate accomodations for their rest periods during the Games.

A great vote of thankful appreciation should be expressed to the South African Bowling Association for their most successful end result of years of preparation. They've set an example from Opening Ceremonies to Games completion that will be difficult to meet. So from America a very grateful—Thank You!

Now to our American Team of Bowlers and their top representation of the United States of America in the Games. They gave their all and that was the necessary contribution to achieve their splendid results. Playing at an altitude of 5800 feet—under unusual food and environment—it took all sea-level teams a bit of time to adjust. We had a few physical problems, but they were overcome and we demonstrated what ability and dedication will do in winning a Silver Medal, the second place in Pairs, against the best the Bowling World had to offer in players—only being beaten by South Africa (the Champs), Australia, Rhodesia, and England during play.—So a Big Cherrio! and thanks to Dick Folkins, American Team Captain, and to Neil McInnis, his lead in the Pairs. For his first appearance in a World Bowls Tournament Neil played like a veteran. Of course Dick, being a Veteran of previous World's Games played like the veteran and great bowler he is. Though our Triples team did not collect a medal—they kept knocking on the door—and we are proud of their endeavors. Jim Candelet, Harold Esch, and Frank Souza were in there fighting all the time and only succumbed to such worthy opponents as: Wales, Ireland, Australia, South Africa (Champs). Frank Souza's first adventure in World Bowls gave him invaluable experience and a challenge, and no one could have measured up to meeting both better than Frank did—so he deserves much praise. Of course without the old firehorses and veterans—Jim Candelet and Harold Esch we would have been in a bad way—so lets remember and acknowledge their high contribution. In the Triples we tied for 4th in games won, but fell to 5th place on accumulated points.

Now the Singles and Fours are under way and two nations are tied in the Singles with two days of full wins

each—South Africa and the U.S.A. The Singles competition has all the earmarks of a thrilling climax to the Games.



SCOREBOARD

When I said Singles might provide a thrilling climax to the Games—this was a magnificent understatement. After three days of play the U.S. and South Africa are tied in the Singles with 6 points each—meaning they have both won all their games. Today they meet each other and the stage is set for a battle Royal—two recognized top singles bowlers of the present Bowls World—Doug Watson of South Africa and Dick Folkins, U.S.A. draw and slug it out. No other game matters today—all 6500 or more pairs of eyes will be focused on this contest. Even with this great drama;—three countries, Australia, South Africa and the U.S.A., are tied in the Fours—with 12 points each—so a minor drama unfolds.

We'll pray, we'll fight for every point and hope for success. This game should have been billed as the Battle of the Giants. A young South African, Doug Watson, 31 years old and four years running Singles Master Champion of South Africa—a fluid skilled Bowler—pitted against our own Dick Folkins, a seasoned, skilled and Champion Bowler for 50 years. To set the stage properly from an unbiased standpoint let me quote from a local newspaper article: quote "The shrewd and experienced Springbok (South African) team manager said he had never before seen such a devastatingly accurate exhibition of drawing bowls as that put up by Folkins when he beat Mal Evans of Wales, present World Singles champion on March 1st" (Two days previous to this impending game). Today all went as expected in the contest—the lead changed hands several times—until in the 20th end Dick had 19 points to Watson's 18. In the next end Watson accumulated 3 points and won 21 to

19. This moved us to a possible second place in expectation. In the Watson - Folkins duel the scoring was as follows:

Watson	Folkins
4	3
5	3
5	5
7	8
7	10
7	12
7	13
10	13
10	14
13	14
15	14
15	15
15	18
18	18
18	19
21	19

After the loss to Doug Watson, we came up against three more of the top singles players from New Zealand (P. K. Clark); from Scotland (Wee Willie Wood); from England (D. J. Bryant)—and lost to all. Thus from a front running team we became a down the line team. In our losses we went down with "heads bloody," but "unbowed" and fighting all the way. It just seemed that these days were not our days. So the final result in Singles placed us 4th.

During this same period of time our Fours were experiencing losses—five games in a row against Israel, South Africa, New Zealand, Scotland and England. This plummeted our equality with South Africa and Australia to an also ran position, and though again coming back in the last four games we finally ended in place 5.

The Leonard Trophy given to the team winning the most games and on an assigned point basis per game won—went to South Africa. We placed 4th.

So after the smoke had cleared away South Africa with well balanced teams, that averaged 37 years, and a singles player who clearly demonstrated through skill and his rising to great heights in critical situations—his superiority over all—won the Singles, Doubles and Triples Championships and the Fours a clean sweep, and made a record never before accomplished in World Bowls Championship.

In 1980 the games are scheduled for Melbourne, Australia. This will be our next point of contact in World Bowls competition.

CENTRAL DIVISION

Ross Brown, Staff Correspondent

CENTRAL DIVISION NEWS

By R. Brown

There is very little in the way of news from the various clubs in the Central Division this issue. Bowls activity is usually in a dormant state during the winter months and unless there are a few meetings or changes of officers within local clubs, there is very little to report.

Some clubs do have an active winter-time activity (this may be noted in the Lakeside LBC report) but many of the bowls activity is not one of a reportable importance. (Of course, this all depends on just what the local club secretary or correspondent wishes to relay to us).

Gordon O'Hara of the Detroit East Side LBC writes to let me know that things are quite good up there, except to state that with local city financial problems, things may be slack for 1976 in Detroit. They are still giving aid to the up-coming bowls activity in the City of Flint and are planning intro-club activities with the few bowlers in Flint.

The Central Division of the A.L.B.A. will try a revised system of entry and play in the 1976 Playdown series for the U.S. Championships. All clubs within the division should now have the "temporary" rule and regulation changes for the 1976 year and should be aware of the changes contemplated. Basically, the changes involve the no-intra-club play for a representative to the division playdown, a change from double elimination to a round-robin competition and an added entry fee (which is a new approach). It is hoped that the proposed change will bring about more active competition and a bit of revenue to C.D.

Central Division bowls schedules 1976 have been arranged for the following events:

ALBA Central Division Open Tourney
July 10-15 at Milwaukee

Central Division Doubles Playdown
July 16-18 at Milwaukee

Central Division Singles Playdown
August 14-15 Lakeside (Chgo)

CINCINNATI L.B.C.

By Victor Abnee

Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club officers met recently to make plans for the 1976 season and to study possible rules changes before taking action at a second meeting in the near future. Possible candidates to chair the var-

ious committees were screened before appointment.

We are anticipating another successful season. We closed our 1975 season early to allow the Park Department to work on the greens in the fall and the move has shown results. In addition, the warm February and March weather in the Ohio Valley has helped and our greens appear to be in excellent condition.

May 15 is the tentative date set for our opening, with the Open House set for May 16. Our Open House always is a gala event, prospective members being invited and entertained in an effort to keep our membership at near the 100-mark.

Bowlers are cordially invited to visit us when in Southern Ohio.

LAKESIDE L.B.C.

By Marie S. Clausen

The Annual Awards Banquet was held in November 1975 at the Windermere Hotel in the hotel's Crystal Room. Following is a list of Club Champions for the past season: MEN'S CLUB EVENTS — Trebles: Ted Foster, John LeNoble and Bob Savage, (S), Doubles: Art McMaster and Ken Henderson (S), Rinks: John Flood, Ted Perry, Vic Jackson and Byron Shinn (S), Singles: Lachlan McArthur, "101" Singles: Bob Savage, Novice Singles: Dick Guetzlaff, Mixed Doubles: Rhoda Eicholz and John LeNoble, Marital Doubles: Rebecca McArthur and Lachlan McArthur, Mixed Trebles: Margaret Johnson, Carl Johnson and Ted Perry (S), WOMEN'S CLUB EVENTS—Trebles: Alice Schneider, Cecyl Bringaza and Marion Altendorf (S), Doubles: Lorry Blanksma and Lillian Magnuson (S), Singles: Helen Hyde, "101" Singles: Helen Hyde, Novice Singles: Elizabeth Munger.

Lakeside LBC is taking a flyer at indoor "bowls" utilizing the defunct South Shore Country Club properties now under the control and ownership of the City of Chicago. The indoor activity is being done under the magnificent chandeliered confines of the former hotel's main banquet room. Under the auspices of the Chicago Park District, the club properties are open for public use for various types of recreational activities.

Lawn bowling representatives Harold Billings and Ted Perry, along with other enthusiasts, obtained permits from the Park District to have carpet - bowling on Tuesdays and Thursdays and during the weekends in afternoon sessions.

The available banquet room is divided into four rinks of 120 ft. in length with rinks of approximately 9 ft. in width. The carpet is very much like a grass texture and has a speed of 12 seconds for bowls play. Instruction classes have been held and taught by Ken Henderson and Bob Savage, other instruction classes are held at the Museum of Science and Industry on a monthly basis. The response to the indoor activity has been well received by Lakesiders and it is quite a thrill to be playing indoors with a full view of the raging, winter-time snows and winds creating turmoil on Lake Michigan just outside of the rooms bowling activity.

P.I.M. DIVISION

John Brown, Staff Correspondent

PACIFIC INTER-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

By John Brown

Our 1976 season got off to a good start on Sunday, March 14th, with the First Annual P.I.M.D. Opening Day Event presided over by President Wm. Kirkpatrick and hosted by the Oakland Lawn Bowls Club. 1975 trophies were presented to the winners and runner ups. 64 triples teams were entered in this day's event. If this enthusiasm is any criteria, we are in for a banner year of good competitive bowling. Due to this spirit, improved condition of our greens, and good prospects for another club, many new members have been attracted to our sport.

It might be well for other clubs to look into the trial green at San Jose, maintained by the Parks and Recreation Dept., located outside the fenced area and available to anyone at any time. (coaching is available). This facility has helped the shy and curious type to see what lawn bowling is about, and the result has been a 10% increase in membership.

A large delegation of devoted bowlers from the P.I.M.D. will be on our annual trek to P.S.W.D. Tournament at Arroyo Seco in Los Angeles. Play starts on April 24th through 30th. The Waterbury Triples, Novice Doubles and State Rinks, — (North against the South) will also be played off on the above dates.

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With gasoline prices what they are today, anyone who gets less than 15 miles to the gallon should have his hood examined.

P.I.M. DIVISION

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HONOLULU L.B.C.

By Randolph Crossley

The Honolulu Lawn Bowling Association had its Annual Meeting on January 14, 1976. It was a dinner meeting with over 60 persons present, held at the beautiful Cannon Club on the slopes of Diamond Head overlooking Waikiki and the City of Honolulu.

Newt Price, the outgoing President, conducted a brief meeting of reports followed by an election of Officers and Directors for 1976.

Randolph Crossley, President & Director; Herbert Parker, 1st Vice Pres. & Director; Robert (Bert) Edger, 2nd Vice Pres. & Director; Fred C. Denison, Secretary, Treasurer & Director; Elsie (Mrs. Fleming) Yates, Director; Herbert C. Dunn, Director; A. N. (Newt) Price, Ex-Officio & Director.

Our bowling surface is in the best condition ever and must rank with the best in the U.S., thanks to Don McArthur, Herb Parker, Kay Eaton and Fleming and Elsie Yates, who aid many other volunteers in keeping our "green" in top shape.

We have had a heavy visitor load this winter so have resorted to morning, 10:30 a.m., and afternoon, 1:15 p.m., matches to accommodate everyone. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays are draw days for the afternoon matches. Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday and morning games are prearranged unless we have over 32 persons wishing to bowl in which case we resort to the draw.

During 1975 we had visits from Edgar R. Haley, M.D., expert on greens, of Escondido, California who graciously inspected our green and gave welcomed advice on its care and maintenance. Also, from Fax Bonner of Australia whose remarks were carefully noted.

PALO ALTO L.B.C.

By Bob Vanderlip

Our club officers for 1976 are Howard Greenfield, president; Bob Veale, vice president; Rita Greenfield, secretary; Thomas Turner, treasurer. New directors are Ed Ballora, Florence Mall, and Les Black.

Our greens have undergone excellent renovation. The ditches have been improved by concrete curbs and new redwood backstops. The green was resurveyed and pegs driven to guide new surfacing. The City of Palo Alto has paid for this needed work.

SAN JOSE L.B.C.

By Tom Mansfield

Here at the San Jose Lawn Bowls Club, we enjoy year round bowling on a well-kept green. Until recently, we have had only a couple of small sheds for storage of our equipment. Now we are in the process of building a small ten by twenty foot club house with additional storage space. The club has purchased the materials and the city has provided an excellent carpenter and electrician to do the building for us. Club members have donated time for painting, for making racks and notice boards. One member has made a very fine pullman sink and storage cabinet which will be a real asset to the entertainment committee. Other members are donating bridge tables and chairs while still others are donating that most useful item — cash. Our entire club thanks our past President John Lewellyn for initiating this project and above all to Charley Barret, Chairman of our Building Committee, for getting the job done.

SANTA CRUZ L.B.C.

By Sandy Davis

Santa Cruz has an attractive setting for its Lawn Bowling Green in San Lorenzo Public Park. The surroundings are landscape-gems with ivory-covered fences, ample inside benches and colorful umbrellas for warm days; and a well kept, fast bowling green by the Greenskeeper (he bowls with us on this green), Mr. Andre Badeaux from the Parks Department of this fair city on the sunside of Monterey Bay. Visitors are welcome here at the SCLBC.

Many of our potential bowlers come to us from those who watch our games; they bowl for healthful recreation, fun and sociability because our club members are friendly.

In preparation for the tournaments in the P.I.M. Division our Club will present some of our new bowlers for the first time in their lives; they have shown marked improvement in performance on the bowling green; they have some basic evidence of their knowledge of the game.

The 1976 Officers: President, Dr. Chester Laubscher, 28 Tanglewood Trail, Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060. Vice President, Mr. Carl Olson, and Secretary, Mrs. Esther (H. Ray) Johnson, 515 Oak Drive, Capitola, Ca. 95010, telephone (408) 475-8704.

SUNNYVALE L.B.C.

By Millie Manfrey

As America enters the springtime of its Bicentennial Year, our bowlers, young and old, are also launching full force into the spring season. We have had record-breaking crowds for our draw games almost every bowling day for the last two months.

A few weeks ago four recreational instructors from De Anza College visited our club and were shown the techniques of the game with the hopes that they may, at some future date, incorporate lawn bowls into their program.

Our coaching staff, headed by Joe Shepard, reports 12 to 15 people presently taking lessons. By the way, Joe was our club singles champion for 1975.

This year we are expanding our home and home matches to include Santa Cruz. Further into the season, we have dates scheduled with Palo Alto and San Jose. Many of our club members look forward to these fun games.

Under the heading of tournaments, the ladies are playing off the club singles. We have three men's and one women's teams competing in the Intercities; and our club will be represented in the three cup matches of the PIMD. In April we host the Waterbury Triples and Men's Novice Doubles.

OAKMONT L.B.C.

By George T. Rowse

April 1 is planned for our big Opening Day—all members, in whites, morning and afternoon play, bag lunch—our display for Oakmont.

April 24 will be our Invitational, with Clubs from around the Bay Area represented. This will be our third annual event and we hope as successful as the previous ones.

Cup games start in April. This year, we have entered both Taylor and Murray Cups, a further venture by our fledgling Club.

Bay Area Retirement League (BARL) games start in May and we will be calling on some of our newer members to participate, with seven rinks of mixed triples.

Our greenskeeper has pledged to get our green in top condition (with Dr. Haley's help) for the competitions and tournaments ahead in 1976. The enthusiasm and keenness of our Club's Officers and members, both men and women, should bring good results in 1976, we hope.

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SOUTHWEST DIVN.

Wayne W. Ovington,
Staff Correspondent
LAKEVIEW L.B.C.
SUN CITY, ARIZONA
By Mary O. Schwarz

The Lakeview Lawn Bowls Club is eagerly awaiting the U.S. Championships to be played on our greens beginning October 4th. Last October the greens were closed for six weeks while being overseeded. We are very fortunate to have a Greens Chairman, Jim Hale, totally dedicated to maintaining the greens in top shape. He and his able assistant Frank Smith spent untold hours checking the level of the greens and now no place is less than 1/8th inch below the mean grade. A few small areas are slightly above grade, however, continuous efforts are being made to have them even better than when the Champions played here in 1974.

Our members are now signing up for the Club Championship matches to be held during the month of May. Last year three club women—Mildred Hoopes, Amy Shukan and Mary O. Schwarz challenged the men's triples Champions and won the match. They received the name of "Unbiased Upstarts." That was the beginning of the Sun City Challenge Triples (female versus male) with Roger Cresswell trophies being awarded. The women have just received their first challenge by Frank Shamel, George Elliott and Bill Shukan. Unfortunately results will be too late for the deadline of this issue but you can be assured it will be a fun time for all.

TOWN HALL L.B.C. SUN CITY, ARIZ. By Ruth Gregg

Things are happening at the greens of Town Hall L. B. C. Tournament Chairman, Bill Gregg, initiated a mixed triples draw tournament at the beginning of the year. Interest ran high and the tournament got under way on Jan. 13th with 18 teams participating in two leagues in a round robin tournament, winners of each league to compete against each other upon completion of league play. As this goes to press, the winning team of the P.M. league consists of Edward Kiiken, Harriet Hunter and Harriet Terry.

The Post-Valentine Tournament for husbands and wives or sweethearts was held on Feb. 21 at Fairway Greens. Interest in the event ran high and the sixteen teams for the available eight rinks were signed up within a few days, each team bowled three 12 end

games; two in the morning followed by a picnic lunch at the club and a third game played in the afternoon. Three teams won all three games, so point totals decided the winners; 1st place—Angie and Ray Olsen, 2nd place—Allie and Herb Lemansky, 3rd place—Ruth and Bill Gregg. A third prize dinner check went to novice team, Libby and Hilliard Harper. On Sunday, March 14, the four Sun City Clubs are having a day of bowling and a luncheon at the Fairway facilities of Town Hall for bowlers from Leisure World at Mesa. This is a return visit in appreciation for a most enjoyable time that the Sun City bowlers had at Leisure World a few weeks ago.

SUNDIAL L.B.C. SUN CITY, ARIZONA By Theodore Koester

The big event at the Sundial Lawn Bowls Club this year has been the Bicentennial League. Fourteen teams of triples compete every Monday afternoon with each team being named after one of the original thirteen colonies plus the State of Vermont. Play began on January 19 and will continue until April 12 with each team playing every other team. The winner will be decided on the basis of a won-loss record. Competition has been both keen and enjoyable. The games chairman is Mr. Elly Vogt.

The club continues to be very active in the training of new bowlers under the direction of Francis Haines. Thus far this year 38 individuals have been given instruction all of which ensures a continuing supply of new and enthusiastic bowlers.

Last Fall two of our members won State championships. Kit Thiel won the women's singles and Jim McKinley the novice singles.

RECREATION PARK L.B.C. LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA By Wm. C. Ferguson

Our new clubhouse addition is now fully complete with new lockers furnished by the city. Our lady bowlers now have exclusive use of their section. Ben Larner and Bud Kint handled a most difficult task in the transition.

At the annual meeting of Seaside Lawn Bowls, Inc. Bud Kint was elected president and serving with him a very representative Board of Directors including Nell Parkhill, president of the Long Beach club. H. S. Mulholen will oversee the greens with a new contractor taking charge.

One of our most respected senior

members has assumed the task of games chairman, Clint Wolfard. Clint will be assisted by Ches Braly handling the intra club tournaments and also by Ken Smith serving the second year as Coast League chairman.

Our annual Valentine party was held on February 10 at the Recreation Park Community Center Club House with some 130 attending.

New members are the life blood of any organization and Otto Petri and his committee have spared no expense and effort toward this end. They deserve our most loyal support.

LONG BEACH L.B.C. By Phyllis Madden

The Long Beach Bowling Club, a mixed club, has a seemingly insurmountable problem of increasing the membership. We have a membership of sixty-one men, thirty-seven women—a total of ninety-two members. Of this membership, we have very few skips. We have quite a few vice-skips but many of these wish to play one game only. The remainder are leads, some of whom could very well be trained in any position but we have no instructor. This creates the impossible situation of not being able to recruit new members.

Fred Allen, Howard Pope and Priscilla Furjanik won the Long Beach Bowling Club Tournament on St. Patrick's Day. Second place was won by Nell Parkhill, Fay Wells and Ray Underwood.

Honorary memberships were awarded to Starr Titus and H. S. (Mull) Mulholen for their outstanding devotion to the Long Beach Bowling Club, the game of bowls and their exceptional care and concentration on the upkeep of the greens.

SAN DIEGO L.B.C. By Jo Zolla

Our new officers for 1976 are as follows: Don Irwin, president; Bill Arnold, 1st vice-president; Ed Fosdike, 2nd vice-president; retiring president Charlie Lee, treasurer; and Ruth Erickson, secretary. Three cheers for the retiring officers and committee-men for a job well done.

We held our annual "Toys for Tots" tournament December 20 and received over 100 toys and \$50 in donations. Unfortunately, "Into Each Life a Little Rain Must Fall" and the clouds opened up on us that day. All was not lost, though, as Jack Purdie led us in Christmas Carols as we waited for the police department to pick up the toys.

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January 3 we held another Jack Purdie tournament with the honors going to the team of Jim Smith, Kathy Smith and Andy Smith — a tough team to beat.

The Barrett Triples were held January 9, and the tournament was won by John Sim, George Fleming and Andy Smith.

We visited Rancho Bernardo January 14, and Sun City, California came down January 29. We had a trip to Santa Ana February 19, and Riverside March 3. Meadows paid us a visit March 17.

The Kidd Singles were held February 27-8, having been postponed from an earlier date because of rain. The winner was Jim Smith, with Bill Arnold placing second. At the same time we held a women's singles tournament, the winner being yours truly, with Ruth Smith coming in second.

MAC KENZIE PARK L.B.C. SANTA BARBARA, CA. By Gladys MacKenzie

In February the first club tournament, the Godfrey Men's Singles, was played with a full compliment of participants. Rupert Haley was winner of the first flight and Arthur Merovick took the second flight.

Favorable bowling weather during the winter season has caused the sport to be popular with our members as well as with a number of visitors from Canada.

A class for new members will be started in March with 20 people to learn of the pleasures and benefits to be derived from this activity.

SANTA ANITA B.G.C. By Mike Eberle

Santa Anita is proud to announce that the efforts of the Club spearheaded by past president Bob Weitkamp were finally rewarded on February 23 when L. A. County began grading in our Club area for a fourth green. At the same time a County press release to all Los Angeles newspapers announced the details of the project including the completion date of May 27, 1976. The green should be available early in 1977, the year the Nationals will be held in Southern California.

Acting on the recommendation of Dr. Edgar Haley, who made a recent examination of our greens, the Club

purchased a Scot-Bonner mower from Australia with funds donated by Club members. The L. A. County Parks and Recreation Department, also acting on a suggestion by Dr. Haley, awarded a contract for a new verti-cutter to be used in maintaining our greens.

The Club's most prestigious intra-club tournament (The Blue Feather) began in January with twenty teams entered. The eight teams with the most wins by June 30 will play off the finals in October 1976.

Santa Anita staged its mixed doubles in February with the following results:

A Flight—Winners: Marion Lloyd-Silvio Paladino. Runnersup: Bob Weitkamp-Ann Urick.

B Flight—Winners: Ken Hill-Mike Eberle. Runnersup: Max Sholes-Mabel Corrigan.

POMONA L.B.C.

By Roy Bowman

The Pomona Lawn Bowling Club elected the following officers for 1976; W. V. Dettweiler, Pres., Roy Bowman, Vice Pres., Lucille Root, Secy., Prosser McFarland, Treas., Lowell Decker, Tourn. Chairman, Dan Wyatt, Games Chairman.

On Jan. 30th Clyde McArdle and his team, representing the Citrus Belt League, won the So. Calif. All League Championship and the Waterbury trophy.

SANTA MONICA L.B.C.

By F. Burton, Jr.

We certainly had a wonderful 1975 under the able leadership of J. Harold McBride. There was participation in both the Central and Western Leagues. Fine turnouts for intra-club novice singles, Men's singles, women's singles, doubles, and triples. The City sponsored Festival of Arts Tournament was a huge success. The many visitations were fruitful. We ended our year with a flourish featuring the Pumpkin — Turkey and Mistletoe shoots. Our first Annual Banquet at Mark Twain's Notorious Jumping Frog Saloon was well received by all with ample cuts of prime rib and great warm chunks of friendship and fellowship. Al and Alta Swanson greatly enhanced the evening with color slides of Polynesia plus some very humorous candid movies of our own group in action. The newly elected officers for 1976 are: Ferrell Burton, Jr. Pres., Vernon Boeshaar, Vice Pres., Owen Olson, Treas., and Betty

Dore, Secy. Board members are J. Harold McBride, Pegeen Barker and Earl Allison.

We started the new year with a four way triples tournament between Hermosa Beach, Santa Monica, Holmby Park and Beverly Hills.

Mrs. Larry Vredevoe, widow of Dr. Larry Vredevoe, former Professor of Education at U.C.L.A., presented the LARRY VREDEVOE PERPETUAL TROPHY to first year winners, Jim Harvey, Jack Brockstein, and Pegeen Barker of Santa Monica.



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CLEARWATER L.B.C.

By Kurt Dornau

Just in case some of the members of the lawn bowling fraternity are only thinking of the pleasant side and benefits (if such) of being a member of the U.S.A. team for the International Tournament in Johannesburg please note that Jim Candelet has been training at our Club for this event for the past two weeks. Under the direction of Bill Miller, he pushed the broom for hours on end to help put the greens in shape for the tournaments which have been going on during his stay.

After Mr. George Hede of Lake Tarpon Home Village watched our game one afternoon he brought a group of 26 to try out their skill on our greens. While totally inexperienced, they showed great promise and want to pay us another visit which gives us hopes that some of the visitors may become members of our club.

With half the season over the standing of the West Florida League as of January 30th was as follows:

St. Petersburg Cards .600; Bradenton .560;
Clearwater Bombers .520; St. Petersburg
Mets .480; Clearwater Phillies .440; St.
Pete Women .360

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Mixed Doubles — 1st Place — Muriel Thomson-Drew Simpson 58 points; 2nd Place — Betty Smith-Glen Ekstdom 50 points
Men's Singles — 1st Place — Willis Tewksbury; 2nd Place — Joe Thomson
Married Couples — 1st Place — Dorothy and Willis Tewksbury; 2nd Place — Maizie and Jerry Quinn
Ladies Singles — 1st Place — Grace McNab; 2nd Place — Dorothy Weeks
Men's Doubles — 1st Place — Dick Lang-Hub Hyphers; 2nd Place — Bill Miller-Alex Dunn
Men's Triples — 1st Place — Bill Kaestle-Walt Goldie-Chet Wintsch

HOLLYWOOD L.B.C.

By A. Gordon Wootton

Following the installation of the 1976 Officers, an expanded program for the Club was outlined by the Executive Committee:

John Flood, our newly appointed Games Committee Chairman, extended the Special Day events and tournament schedules. All Special Day tournaments which included New Year's Day, Robert Burns Day, George Washington's Birthday have been well attended.

The Sadie Hawkins Day tournament was a fashion special for our women bowlers, as well as for a few

men who participated. The bowling was good, but the dress parade was better. There was keen competition and the participants presented some colorful outfits: Lorna White won the trophy for the most appropriately dressed "gal" of the event.

The St. Patrick's Day tournament will be held March 16 and the closing event of the season will be CANADA DAY on the 23rd. Our annual dinner and presentation of trophies for all events will take place at Williamson's Restaurant in Ft. Lauderdale on March 25th.

We have enjoyed an extremely active season. Don Drake, Games Committee member, reported that in one week during February, we had the largest number of participants bowling in the Club's history.

BRADENTON L.B.C.

By Nora Miller

As I write this, our bowling season is fast coming to a close, with only one tournament ahead of us—the De-Soto Tournament. We did however, have a good season, with several jitneys which were well attended, some club dinners and potlucks, and a "fun day" in Orlando, where our club president, Jim Clark, presented the Orlando club with a bicentennial flag. The Bradenton Invitational was held early January, and the out of town bowlers walked off with all the prizes except for the Bradenton team of Jim Clark, Janet Clark and Nora Miller. On the 18th of February, the Palmetto Federal Savings and Loan Assoc. sponsored a tournament and gave out nine lovely trophys. The three top winners were (skip) Stewart Smillie, (vice) Clark Macomber, and (lead) Bill Young.

In the St. Pete 60th Anniversary Tournament, the team of Del Smith, John Morrison and Phil Phillips won 3rd place in the Men's Trebles. In Mixed Trebles the team of Del Smith, Alta Quast and Phil Phillips was high three game winner.

In our local tournaments, the Men's Doubles tournament was won by Dave Strain and Vin Hoffman, and the Ladies Doubles tournament was won by Mildred Fibiger and Gladys McCutcheon.

At the annual meeting held on the second of March, the following officers were elected for the 1976-77 season: President, Russell Quast; Vice President John Bouic; Secretary, Alta Quast; Treasurer, Ellen Hoffman.

DELRAY BEACH L.B.C.

By Wm. H. Sturm

Lawn Bowling is proceeding as usual. The inter-club tournaments are completed. For the umpteenth time Alec Gibson has scored as singles champion. Ray Marchand and Alec Gibson won the couples. The results speak well of Alec's skill as a bowler. Grace and Ray Underhill won the mixed doubles. (Trebles won by default on account of illness. Winner unknown.)

Delray has one opportunity to bowl on grass when they exchange games with Hollywood. Then there is the usual keen rivalry with Palm Beach each year in a series of tournaments.

As a result of the recent elections, Edw. Rosenkrans is the new President.

ST. PETERSBURG L.B.C.

By N. C. Farr

The 1975-'76 season, now drawing to a close, reflects the faithful and devoted efforts of our out-going President Stan Bryan. A score of tournaments were scheduled and played as well as three charity games and the fifty West Coast League games. Inclement weather was not a serious factor this season. Very popular social activities added to make this one of our best seasons.

Bill Chapman reports seventeen new members added to Club roster. House & Grounds Committee deserve a lot of credit for a tough job well done. Many new card tables and chairs solved problems for inside games and wise supervision of rinks maintenance provided all bowlers excellent surfaces to bowl on all season. Our Club's sixtieth season's celebration gave the Games Committee a tough time in scheduling all the events to be played but they came thru in good shape. The West Coast games were satisfactorily arranged and St. Pete won with 640 pts.

The A. L. B. A. sponsored "Shop Manual" to guide operators of Bowl Testing facilities in the future was prepared by the present operator Carmon Elliott and will be available prior to April 1st. This highly technical, illustrated Manual will be invaluable to future technicians responsible for restoring worn bowls to the perfection required for tournament play.

Three charity games played: All Childrens' Hospital, \$90.00; Charlie Conacher Cancer Research Foundation, \$646.00; Red Cross, \$100.00.

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LAKELAND L.B.C.

By Ivan D. Henderson

The Lakeland Lawn Bowling Club was bulging at the seams on Saturday, March 6, 1976 as Lakeland hosted an invitational trebles tournament with competing teams from Sun City Center, Sarasota, Lake Wales, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Daytona and Orlando. One hundred fourteen bowlers competed for team prizes with spectators looking on.

Prior to the competition, Luther Schnur, President of the Central Florida Lawn Bowling League, presented the Massie-Moore trophy to the Lakeland Club president Clarence Kersten in honor of Lakeland having won it this season. In the inter-city competition Lakeland lost by two games with Sarasota winning the trophy.

In the invitational three twelve end games were played during the day-long festivities and Mary MacDonald and her faithful co-workers served a delicious box lunch to all who desired. Ken Morris, Bill Consiglio and George Huston won the three game high, closely followed by the team of Larry Chouinard, Luella Chouinard and Harry Hagerman. The team of Mel Brady, Esther Brady and Lorne Webb won the two game high followed by Lloyd Sabins, Bea and Roy Ballantyne. High one game winner was Alex Adair, George Sheppard and Eldon Fairless. And last, but not least, the No-game low was captured by the team of Earl and Helen Allison and Thelma Morgan. This constituted a clean sweep for the Lakeland bowlers winning all the top spots.

The men's singles tournament for championship of the Lakeland Club found Arthur Mills winning the title. Harry Hagerman was second and Larry Chouinard and Mel Brady split the third place spot.

BELLE MEADE L.B.C.

By Fred Russell

The most favorable February-March weather has resulted in brisk activity on the lawn bowling greens of Matt Wigginton and William Waller here. Games are engaged in on an average of three times weekly with eight to ten members involved.

The local group expects a full report on International Lawn Bowling when veteran club member Charles Cook returns from an extended assignment for the State Department in Africa.

SARASOTA L.B.C.

By Kay Prachtauser

With a membership of 92 (60 men and 32 ladies) and a host of part-time winter visitors, our greens have been pretty well filled each day in spite of having had more inclement days than usual for Florida.

Our annual banquet on January 20 was a great event with 100 plus attending.

Since last reporting and, as needs must be that these articles be written some weeks before publishing, we give you the results of tournaments played to date. The Oyer Mixed Doubles was won by Simms Dawson and Ev Hodkinson over Beach Hicks and Al Fieghen. The Gail Porter Ladies' Doubles was won by Vera Baker and Marge Kesler with runners-up being Lelah Baker and Flossie Ballantine. The Hauck Singles winner was Al Fieghen besting his most worthy opponent, Bob Letcher, the oldest member of our club, age 89!

"Fun Day" was held on February 23 and was again a delightful event. The weather reluctantly decided to cooperate and the greens were filled. Lunch was served to 75 and we were pleased to have an unusual number of visitors and spectators.

Sarasota is again in possession of the Fisher-Miller trophy of the Central Florida Grass League, Lakeland being our final worthy contender. The Massie-Moore trophy was lost to Lakeland.

The second Sarasota Open Invitational was held on March 13 and a most beautiful day it was. 16 teams were entered from Sun City, Lakeland and Sarasota. Top honors went to Frank Scott, Mary Scott and Carl Mortenson with high 3 wins. Second was won by Bob Letcher, Babe Gauvreau and Charles Gauvreau with 3 wins also. Ev Hodkinson, Gordon Jackson and Pete Maxey came through with high for 2 wins, with Cliff Schmidt, Marge Kesler and George White following. Ken Morris' team from Lakeland was in for money with high 1 game win and Ken Read's team from Sun City had high score for no wins.

DE LAND L.B.C.

By G. Bateman

We salute the winners: A. Hansen, men's singles; Cathy Peterson, our ladies' singles and Ada James and Reta Sinclair, our ladies' doubles.

J. Burton and E. Hockley, men's doubles, then Mr. and Mrs. E. Hockley, our Maggie and Jiggs champions.

We have a Guys and Dolls tournament where the ladies challenge the

men at trebles. The ladies receive a handicap of 5 points. The men won: J. James, skip; W. Fox, vice and J. McGowan, lead.

Our ladies of the S.E.W.L.B.A., under the guidance of Mrs. G. Bateman held an unique Sadie Hawkins Doubles Tournament.

We have a full bowling schedule for the summer months, morning and evening bowling games and tournaments. Also a full program of social events.

MOUNT DORA L.B.C.

By Alex Whiteside

The spirit of the club was shown by a full house at the Annual Meeting on March 1st. Each officer and committee chairman reported progress in club affairs and bright prospects for the future. The club has a present membership of 372, one more than a year ago, in spite of losing 39 members during the year. The 40 newcomers practically all came up through the organized bowling classes, and a new class just started will graduate ten more in April.

The club leaders did a bang up job during the past year and the crowd let them know it. A new President, Ed Graham and Vice President, Dick Hartman, take over April 1st. Secretary Dwight Akers and Treasurer, Don Hutson, were elected for another year. Three new directors, Jack Ricketts, Gertrude Brouwer and Lettie Birbeck, were elected, and President Frank Brown remains as a director for another year.

There is no question that part of the success of the club is due to Organized classes in lawn bowling. Instead of drudgery, learning the game is fun.

WINTER PARK L.B.C.

By Rudolph Krebs

More bowlers from Canada and northern states were with us this season than in any previous year. Most expressed their determination to return in the Fall. They had various reasons for choosing Winter Park as their winter residence.

Our rinks were in excellent playing condition this season. We enjoyed inter-city social games with neighboring Daytona, Deland, Mt. Dora and Orlando clubs.

Newly elected officers for 1976-77 are as follows: President, J. Lacy Armstrong; Vice President, Charles H. Jackson; Secretary, Mrs. Peggy Gentry; Treasurer, William B. Connor.

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LAKE WALES (FLA.) L.B.C. By William C. Babbitt

The Lake Wales L. B. C. has had another successful year. We are located in the center of the State and have a grass green. Our season runs from about November through April. Our "snow-birds" who come mostly from New England, Ontario, and New York, begin arriving by late October and most are here by New Year's.

In our two major annual 3-day trebles tournaments, winners were: Bicentennial Tournament, Carl L. Lougheed (s), Frank Yarnall, Walter Holt; Marion Perkins Tournament, William C. Babbitt (s), Walter Holt, Glen Stewart.

Lake Wales bowlers enjoyed home-and-home social games with Lakeland and Sun City, each one-day affairs.

Incoming officers installed at our Annual Dinner, March 10 are: Frank Yarnall, Chairman, Carl L. Lougheed, Vice Chairman, Edith Clarke, Treasurer, Jessie Holtslander, Secretary; Committee Chairmen, Roy Perkins, Games, Linwood Dill, Properties, William C. Babbitt, Publicity.

DAYTONA BEACH L.B.C. By Leo Lalone

Our congratulations go to Leona Aeberli and Syd Elsden, the winners of our clubs singles tournament. We wish them well in the N.C.F.L. Champion of Champion singles tournament.

Our doubles winners this Season were Evelyn Carter and Zoe Evans for the ladies and Bill Pope and Syd Elsden for the men.

At our Champion of Champion doubles tournament held Feb. 28th for the N. W. Gokey trophy, Leila Albertson, due to the sudden passing of Ray Carter, substituted for Evelyn and with Zoe Evans carried the day for the ladies by coming in first. Bill Pope and Syd Elsden won their first game in this event but lost their second game to Fuller Sherman and John Travis of Mount Dora, winners of the men's event, by one point.

The Annual Invitational Trebles Tournament is to be held here on April 3rd. and teams from all over the area have been invited and time of writing this we have 16 teams from out of town so we are sure of a lot of good bowling.

We intend to start the clinic for newcomers on April 15th.

SUN CITY CENTER L.B.C. By Sid Dargie

Our training group in the Club had 24 Men and 18 Ladies and we were able to finish the training session with 16 Men and 12 Ladies remaining active. The Men's Committee and the Ladies Committee are going to run a Novice Tournament for each group, the winner would have their name inscribed on the John Lozon Plaque. We intend to resume new sessions for any new people who express a desire to learn the game and we believe that we will have quite a few newcomers.

On Thursday, March 18th, we have 7 teams of trebles travelling to Lake Wales, these are mixed trebles and is the outcome of an agreement between the 2 clubs to have visitation with each other. Lake Wales was in Sun City Center on March 26th and after a grand days bowling the results were Lake Wales 7 and Sun City Center 7.

NORTHWEST DIVN.

Ralph W. Andrews,
Staff Correspondent

By Ralph Andrews

Our Division now owns its own copy of the Australian film, "Introduction to Bowls" and has developed a program for use. Beginning April 1, each of the six clubs will have the opportunity to use it for 3 weeks every 6 weeks, supplying its own projector and speaker to explain the film and game for promotion, training or both.

Jefferson Park's William Thies, NW, promotion chairman, suggests each club contact service community clubs, employee or any group with 25 or more attendants and present the film with a firm idea of getting people out to the greens. It would be a good plan, he says, to get the names now all persons viewing the film and follow up the showing by seeing or telephoning them later.

In his promotion activities with indoor (winter) bowling, Thies has opened up the possibilities of establishing, in connection with the Seattle Park Board, indoor, standard sized "greens" of artificial turf or other floor covering, utilizing one or more of its several storage facilities. Owing to the considerable expense involved, even with matching funds from the city, such a venture would conceivably be done on a commercial basis. Vancouver, B.C. has such indoor games which have proved successful for several years. Northern clubs in the U. S. could well investigate the possibilities

of this in their areas. It may be supposed this winter bowling could lead to participation in present outdoor club activities.

The Fellow Down the Block (it isn't you, is it?) believes that members of lawn bowling clubs "are determined to resist expansion." He may be right at that. Look around you as you play today. How many people that you see have brought new members into the club?

This is an old theme but it's a vital one. Lawn bowling has no 19th hole, no dollar-a-hole, is not pushed along by big bowling alley, or tennis racket business and so has no commercially minded mass media behind it.

Our conscientious contacts with the press and TV attract some attention but cannot offset the general appeal of the "glamor games" and they pull 95% of us into apathy with gnashing of the teeth, pounding the air and sitting on the firm conviction that we have an exclusive recreation.

The other 5% go and get new members.

JEFFERSON PARK L.B.C.

1976 promises to be a progressive year for us. Membership is increasing after more than the usual activity on the greens during the winter. Lively affairs are scheduled including our Opening Day festivities, April 24, and a special Bicentennial Tournament July 3-5. White Rock, Mann Park and North Burnaby B.C. clubs exchange visits with us.

We have had little success with our Twilight League games in late years but this year we are going to bear down hard, using this 7 p.m. bowling (with the aid of film promotion) to get new members from groups of men and women still working.

PORLAND L.B.C.

We are proud to announce that Jack Phillips has assumed the presidency of the Northwest Division. He has appointed Ron Veitch to chair the Northwest Games Committee and Bob Boehm of Tacoma and Jefferson Park has offered capable counsel and support for administration of bigger and better Division tournaments in 1976.

A Northwest event, introduced by Portland three years ago, is gaining acceptance. Competition among 5-man teams, patterned after the format used for World Championships, involves simultaneous pairs and triples in the morning followed by fours and singles in the afternoon. Perennial Washington State Champion Jefferson Park has twice defeated the best teams Oregon could muster.

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HOLY NAME L.B.C. SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

By Bill Lewis

With the 1975 Lawn Bowling Season long gone the memories linger on. Our Club President Gerald Foley is making plans for another successful season in 1976.

The New Officers for the 1976 Season are: Pres. Gerald Foley, Vice-Pres. Louis Raschi, and Sec.-Treas., Paul A. Noffke Jr.

Our Club Membership is again at full strength with several good prospects for the coming season.

The Schedule for the Tournaments in District No. 2 will be about the same as last year. The final Tournament of the Season for the Bonanza Trophy for the City of Springfield Championship between Holy Name LBC and Springfield LBC is one that is talked about all through the winter. It's a wonderful way to end the season. This is a 2 ten end game with total points to decide the winner. This will be played at the Forest Park Greens in Springfield.

NEW YORK L.B.C.

By Marion Morey

Elected officers for the 1976 Season are: Scotch Rodger, president; Charles Ryan, 1st v.p.; Sydney Shloss, 2nd v.p.; Helen Ryan, secretary; Norman Cross, treasurer (by appointment).

This year marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the New York L.B.C.! Full and varied celebrations are planned. We start with our Spring Kick-Off Saturday, March 27th, again at the Castillian; do join us. Opening Day will be Saturday, May 1st (Sunday, May 2nd, rain date). Lovely Spring weather beckons an eager start-up bowling crowd. We'll observe our Golden Anniversary with an Open Tournament, date to be announced by Dan Tomchik and Ed Roache.

As New York City is the City of Immigrants, from the early Dutch on, we're having a Bi-Centennial Ethnic Party during the July 4th 3-day weekend. We'll bowl (out-of-hat) during the day and picnic afterwards, with regional and ethnic food and potables provided by members.

ESSEX COUNTY L.B.C.

By Annabella B. Nelken

On Wednesday, December 3rd, the Essex County L.B. Club held its annual meeting and elected officers for the 1976 season. President: Bill Manners; Vice - Presidents: Jack Gilbert and Skippy Arculi; Secretary: Marie Manners; Treasurer: George Schick. In addition two new Executive Committee members were added: Isabella Forbes and Lil Simpson.

I am happy to report that plans are well under way for the 1976 Eastern Division Tournament which our club along with the Metropolitan Association are hosting this year. In addition to a fine schedule of bowling for the men, there will be a day of bowling for the ladies as well as a bus trip and the banquet of course. As the host club we are doing everything possible to have good greens since we have been working on them for over two years. So remember, save the dates, August 2nd to 6th and plan to spend your summer vacation with us. We are all looking forward to welcoming you.

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EASTERN DIVISION

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1976 EASTERN DIVISION TOURNAMENT

By Jack Gilbert

When the Eastern Division Tournament was last held in the Metropolitan area in 1973, many fine comments were received about the arrangements and the attention to detail by the Tournament Committee. The present committee, under the leadership of Bill Farrell, is determined to surpass the '73 event and most of the particulars have been finalized.

The tournament will be held Monday, August 2 through Friday, August 6. Trebles will be played on Monday and Tuesday, Doubles on Wednesday and Thursday and Singles on Friday. Transportation will be provided from the Coachman Inn, Cranford, New Jersey to the Essex County and Trenton greens. The Coachman will also be the scene of the Monday night banquet.

Betty Lyon, Chairlady of the Women's Committee reports a bus trip on Tuesday to Philadelphia followed by luncheon and a shopping tour at Cherry Hill, New Jersey. A day of bowling on Wednesday is also a part of the ladies program.

We are pleased to report that entries have been received from such far away places as Hawaii, California and Florida. Include New Jersey in your '76 vacation plans, bring the family along to visit many of the state's historical sites and enjoy good bowling and fellowship.

Additional information and entry forms can be obtained by mailing the coupon appearing in this Bowls issue.

EDISON L.B.C.

By Jack Gilbert

With the addition of a number of new members, our roster now totals 29. As a result our three rinks are filled to capacity most week-ends.

To date two trebles tournaments have been held. The winners of the first one were Clara Woolsey, Earl Valet and Steve Woolsey with second place going to Vi Hay, "Red" Dickson and Al Lyon. In the second competition, first place went to Jean Lindsay, Herb Zauderer and Bob Lindsay. In the runner-up spot were Angie Siek, Duncan Farrell and Bill Farrell. The fact that there were no repeat performers is an indication of the keen competition we all enjoy at our club.

TRENTON L.B.C.

By Al Lyon

The first meeting of the 1976 season was held March 12th, and plans for the new season were approved.

The Clubs schedule has been completed but the main item in 1976 is the Eastern Division Tournament hosted by the Metropolitan L.B. Association of which we are members and the Essex Co. L.B.C. and Trenton L.B.C. greens will be the site of the Tournament. Official opening dates for our Greens will be May 2nd, when the usual President verses Vice President game will take place.

Other highlights of the year should be our visit to Buckhill L.B.C. and our home and home series with the DuPont L.B.C. Our greens are in excellent shape due to the great job done by the Trenton Park Dept. and we are all anxiously awaiting opening day.

SUNRISE L.B.C.

By Marie Gorman

Again this year our pre-Christmas party was enjoyed by a good turnout of members. The food was excellent—Jessie Dangerfield's decorations added to the festivities and those who could, stayed after all that good eating for some carpet bowling.

Those who have not gone to warmer climes, are playing on the carpet and look forward to the weekends to some good competition.

The County has included our carpet bowling activities in their winter booklet and our plans for publicity in the Spring will be escalated. In the meantime, we can't wait for opening day.

While we hope our outdoor season will be starting in late April, our official opening date will be May 1st and for our little Bicentennial Salute our ladies will be wearing Bicentennial Caps.

QUINCY L.B.C.

By John Bissett

The members of the club are trying to wait patiently for the opening of the season on Saturday, May 1st at 1:00 p.m. We will have the usual opening exercises with the Mayor and city dignitaries represented.

There will be bowling and refreshments afterwards.

John Milne has consented to be the chairman of the greens committee and we know that he, with his committee, will do their usual good job with the green.

FERNLEIGH L.B.C.

By Richard D. Jervis

Winding up an interesting and active year under the leadership of Pres. Jim Graham the Fernleigh L.B.C. held the annual Ladies Night and Christmas Party at the Rockledge Country Club with Ed Cole as chairman and one hundred guests present. After cocktails and dinner Harry Ertel showed movies taken during the summer of Fernleigh activities—tournaments and get-togethers. Then Charles and Mrs. Rauch presented slides of their trip to the British Isle including many scenes of several lawn bowling clubs there. With the lights still out, John and Mrs. Camp showed slides taken of their trip to Australia and New Zealand with pictures and tales of the bowling clubs there.

It has been a long and cold winter here in New England and it was good news when Pres. Merritt Banks called an Executive Board meeting to plan for our Spring Meeting on April 26th. to officially start the season early in May. Jim Graham and Charlie Rauch have been busy with a lot of correspondence and research regarding "Inside Lawn Bowling." This is what we need here to keep us in shape and competitive.

CUNNINGHAM L.B.C.

By Col. H. M. Tourville

The Club held its Annual Meeting and elected officers for the next two years. President: John C. MacDonald; Vice President: George A. Archilles; Secy-Treas. Henry M. Tourville. Committee chairman will be announced prior to the Spring meeting.

The majority of the members are bowling indoors, due to the snow covered condition of the Green. Ellie and Larry MacDonnell and Antoinette and Roland Bourdo are enjoying Lawn Bowling in Florida.

During 1975 the Club was honored by a visit and participation in matches on the Green by two distinguished Lawn Bowlers—Southeast Director A L B A and U. S. A. World Team bowler Harold Esch and his wife Vivian Esch, President of the U.S. Women's Lawn Bowling Association. They were here in October during the matches with the Laguna (Calif.) Bowling Green Club.

See you all on the Green in the Spring. Visit Cunningham during the Bicentennial Year and enjoy Lawn Bowling in the Boston area.

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WELL, SHOULD YOU?

By William C. Babbitt

In the past few years we "just ordinary" bowlers have felt fortunate that BOWLS has brought us the findings of some writers who apparently have done their homework and have made available new and useful information that has disproved some widely held beliefs. I would like to join their ranks. (Welcome to the team, Bill. Editor)

Here is a widely held belief that I am about to challenge. "If you win the toss, give the jack to your opponent." Should you?

Here are the usual reasons the experts give and my comments on them.

1. "Your opponent tells you immediately the length he prefers." — You will find this out as soon as he gets the jack.

2. "Since he bowls first you can go to school on his bowls." — You have had your trial bowls and you will learn more from them than an opponent's.

3. "Your skip will have the last bowl at the end." — The debate about the value of the last bowl could be a long one. There is something final about a good last bowl, but the skip with the first bowl can use it to put his opponent into an adverse position and force him into a position of one or more down.

I do not know where the idea of giving up the jack started. I am not much interested. I am much more concerned with having evidence on which to make a decision. Let me share with you what I found.

The information I am about to share was gathered mostly during the past year from 300 social, 300 tournament and what I would call 150 special circumstance games. These were home games, social, in which the jack was placed not rolled. The data was collected mainly from 9 clubs in the Eastern and South Eastern Divisions.

The following table shows the results; it gives the type of game, where it was played and the percentages of first ends won by the teams. In each case Team A has the jack.

WINNERS OF FIRST END

Type	Place	Games	A won	B won
Social	Home	300	61%	39%
Tournmt	Home	100	58	42
Tournmt	Home	100	66	34
Tournmt	Away	50	54	46
Tournmt	Away	50	56	44
Total All Games		600	60	40

Spe. Circumstance Gms. 150 50 50

As you see there is a distinct advantage in having the jack on the first end. The chances are that the team with the jack will score 6 out of 10. This means that it will have the jack for the second end also, 6 out of 10 times.

But there is some other evidence. The study showed that the team with the jack scored an average of almost 2 shots on the first end. I will leave it to you to consider the boost to the morale of the team that has the jack for the first two ends and a score of 2 going into the second one.

There is another finding you will be interested in. The practice of 3 of the clubs in the study was to deliver the jack on the first end of an interclub game. When I asked why I was told that the visitors were on a strange green. It was only sporting to let them watch the home players bowl first so that they could learn about the green.

Then, too, there was the one about the advantage of having the last bowl. You will recall my earlier comments on these arguments. But better than my comments is some evidence I gathered. In 42 recent interclub games at the 3 clubs the home team won 28 of the first ends and the visitors only 14 — exactly one half. I would like to draw your attention to the fourth line in the table which shows that in interclub games the team that rolled the jack won 54% of the first ends. Compare that with the 33% for the visitors when the home team kept the jack on the first end.

So there is my evidence. If it is typical of all games there can be only one answer to the question, "Should I deliver the jack if I win the toss?"

GREENWICH L.B.C.

By William C. Babbitt

At GLBC—opening day, April 25. We will again participate actively in So. Conn. L. B. A. and expect to host our share of these events. Also plan to enter teams in other area events when not in conflict with SCLBA.

We plan to continue and intensify efforts to promote greater local interest and memberships in GLBC. We especially hope to benefit from our full-page sports feature in GREENWICH TIME last fall. We will have reprints of this page to further these efforts.

We plan to step up local publicity efforts—newspaper, radio and an article (proposed) in an area monthly

magazine. Again, we want to thank other clubs for ideas from their material directly or through Howard Beckner whose ideas and efforts to get us "to get a move on," if we comply, could result in 1976 being a banner year for good promotional efforts. And, is it ever needed!

CATARACT CITY L.B.C.

Niagara Falls, New York

By Alex Dunlop

We are very pleased that one of our Lawn Bowlers, Carl Russell was the recent recipient of a Plaque from the Eastern Division of the A.L.B.A. signifying his election to the Lawn Bowls Hall of Fame Club.

Correspondents are allocated less space for their report, but I'm sure I'll be forgiven if I blow half the budget to tell Carl's many friends throughout the country about his nation-wide Recognition.

Our board members have been meeting once a month during the winter and our regular Spring Meeting will be held on April 25th. It's been a long winter with lots of snow, but we'll open in May and we're raring to go.

SPALDING INN CLUB

By Randall E. Spalding

Spalding Inn Club's 50th consecutive season ended in a blaze of brilliant autumn color, with the final lawn bowling event of 1975 being the visitation by a California delegation of over thirty enthusiastic participants, most of whom were seeing New Hampshire's famous White Mountains for the first time.

With excellent cooperation from the Weatherman, sight-seeing alternated with lawn bowling, and many expressed the wish that their stay might have been measured in weeks rather than in days.

On all fronts this anniversary year topped all forty-nine previous ones in volume of patronage, sports activities, entertainment etc., and looking forward to the 1976 season another record breaker seems in prospect.

From June 5th until late October a cordial welcome awaits all readers of ALBA news, and the tournament schedule for this Bi-centennial year appears elsewhere in this issue. Visitors traveling by air will find regularly scheduled service from Logan International Airport in Boston direct to Whitefield.

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BERKELEY L.B.C.

By Virginia Herrick

Ending a woefully lengthy period of inactivity which extended from last September until after the first of the year, the Berkeley greens were re-opened in January and full play has been happily resumed. A serious fungus infection had necessitated a thorough renovating of both our greens, with a disconsolate and homeless membership gratefully accepting the proffered hospitality of other Bay area clubs while the reconditioning was in progress. 'Opening Day' on Saturday, February 28, with both greens once again in playable condition, was a jubilant occasion in every way. Greens Committee members, in constant collaboration with the City Commission, continue maintenance of the greens and are confident of steady betterment.

A number of B.L.B.C. members attended the World Lawn Bowling Tournament in South Africa in February and early March and, despite several unfortunate cases of illness in the group, reported much pleasure in having witnessed the inspirational bowling of the many teams competing.

FRESNO L.B.C.

By George W. Zwiebel

Our green is in fine condition and we have been fortunate this past year in adding a number of new players. Our club now has over 50 active members, with at least 10 more people who have expressed the desire to bowl.

The Trophy which was donated by Jack Kilner is still with us. Cambria will be in Fresno again on May 15-16 to try to take it from us.

We have been blessed with lovely sunny weather and our club has bowed every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. We will start our night bowling in April.

The annual meeting was held on Jan. 4 and the following officers were elected: President, Leon Sullivan; Vice-President, Glen V. Estes; Secretary, Catharine Gordon; Treasurer, Olive Zwiebel.

"Teresa," scolded her mother, "how many times must I tell you that new sled isn't just for you? Now you just take turns with your little brother!"

"That's what we're doing!" Teresa protested: "I take my turn going down the hill and he takes his going up."

A.L.B.A. NATIONAL PROMOTION

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We are privileged to welcome Ferrell Burton Jr. as the new Southwest Division chairman for publicity and promotion. He is already at work, and we are pleased to include him as a member of our national committee.

It looks like California can soon welcome two new clubs with their new facilities. These are Hemet and Santa Clara. Greens are under construction and clubs have just been organized. Hemet is in the Southwest Division and Santa Clara is in the Pacific Intermountain.

And the well established Santa Anita club in Arcadia, Ca. now has a fourth green under way which will give them the facilities necessary to host major events. This club is a genuine leader, especially when it comes to the recruitment, training and induction of new members: an achievement that has come about through persistantly good planning, fine publicity, and novel ideas. Their growth and progress are responsible for convincing the county Board of Supervisors to build the fourth green. They pled their cause with the appearance of a large delegation dressed in whites at the county budget hearing.

We believe that there are more bowlers and more bowling greens than many realize, for some of these are to be found in private clubs. This number seems to be increasing, and such clubs should be a good field for future expansion. Their members are sports minded people with the necessary money to develop and maintain good greens.

Randall Spalding of New Hampshire's Spalding Inn, has been serving as a consultant to some country clubs that have, or are adding bowling facilities. He has also assisted J. Seward Johnson of Johnson and Johnson in establishing a green on his multi-million dollar estate just outside Princeton. Mr. Spalding believes that bowls should be vigorously promoted through the thousands of existing country clubs in the U.S.A. In his own club, he has posted the following, "Old golfers never die, they just turn into lawn bowlers."

Perhaps we can infer that at least a few private clubs are becoming interested in bowls, for we have re-

ceived a request for materials from a nudist club in Georgia.

We have also received requests for materials from several free lance writers. This is good, for knowledge and interest are basic to any extensive expansion. With this in mind, we recently sent out to every club a copy of an excellent full page illustrated story that was run by GREENWICH TIME. It was prepared and promoted by Bill Babbitt of the Greenwich club. Our Purpose? To encourage others to do similar things. We already know of several fine "spin-offs" and we hope for many more. If each club will help keep the publicity ball rolling, we can develop the kind of background knowledge and interest we need.

Al Lyon of Trenton, N.J. has also been doing something that more should do. For some time, he has been speaking and showing a picture to service clubs, and presently is cultivating a sports producer for television.

In the last issue of BOWLS, we reported on a start for our sport in Spain. Larry Hennings has now called our attention to a beginning for bowls in Buenos Aires. Their game is a variation of ours, but they have a national association and are now seeking to import bowls of the type we use.

Here is an idea that may or may not be generally used, but is worth passing on. Ezra Wyeth, new President of the Southwest Division has instituted a series of meetings with club presidents. The first one was held February 5 with 28 in attendance. The group exchanged ideas, sought answers to problems, made plans for publicity and recruitment and the like. See details in another section of this issue!

A tired tractor salesman decided to take a chance on a night's lodging at a small ranch far out in the country rather than drive the eighty miles to the nearest town.

"Yep, I reckon we can take care of you overnight," said the rancher, "if you don't mind sleeping with a red-headed schoolteacher."

"Look here," bristled the salesman, "I'll have you understand I'm a gentleman."

"So's the schoolteacher," replied the rancher.

AWLBA NEWS

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

The St. Petersburg Women's Lawn Bowling Club is pleased to extend a warm welcome to all AWLBA members for the Sixth National Open Tournament being held at our Club from November 12 to November 20, 1976.

We hope to make your visit a most enjoyable one with good bowling and

the very best weather Florida has to offer.

There will be no bowling on Saturday, November 13th, when the AWLBA General Meeting will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at Tournament Headquarters — Hilton Inn Clearwater Beach — followed by a No-Host Cocktail Party.

Bus transportation from the Hilton Inn Clearwater Beach to and from the

St. Petersburg Club will be provided daily. Tickets may be purchased at the Hilton Inn or the Clearwater Bowling Club.

Do plan to attend and have fun in the sun. We're looking forward to seeing you, bowling with you and entertaining you!

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Friday & Sunday, Nov. 12-14	DOUBLES
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BOWLER OF THE YEAR award to be presented after tabulation of results.

**AWLBA NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 10:00 A.M.
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CENTRAL DIVISION

By Marie Clausen

The women lawn bowlers at Chicago's Lakeside Lawn Bowling Club are "ready for anything" as soon as the AWLBA Council has been able to activate plans for a women's U. S. Singles and Doubles Championships.

Lakeside women will hold a "dry run" for this event, thereby gaining experience and some know-how. Lakeside Club's Board of Directors and Men's Games Committee passed on the proposal that the event be included in the 1976 schedule.

The Club "dry run" is scheduled for July 3rd and 4th (Doubles) and July 24th and 25th (Singles). The Central Division Playdowns will run concurrent with the men's: in Milwaukee for the Doubles (August 17th and 18th); Singles, August 14th and 15th, location to be announced.

Men and women Lakesiders would like to encourage women lawn bowlers throughout the U.S. to ready their clubs for the AWLBA U. S. Championships. Be prepared in 1976 for the "real thing" in 1977!

EASTERN DIVISION

By Toni Mercer

We were honored to have had the opportunity to bid farewell to our U. S. team for the World Bowls Championships in South Africa on Friday, the 13th of February, at JFK Airport in New York. Bill Farrell, Vice President of ALBA Eastern and National Council member was on hand to wish the team well on behalf of the Eastern Division. This was to have been a picture story but unfortunately Dorothy Henry was jumped by two young men and the briefcase containing the pictures was stolen. So, we will have to settle for words . . . (We were delighted to learn that Dick Folkins and Neil McInnis won the silver medal—good going!..

Our Ladies Eastern Division Championships will be held this year on Saturday and Sunday, August 21-22; the Annual Meeting and election of officers will take place Friday evening, August 20—at the Buck Hill Inn and Golf Club. We're looking forward again to playing on the Buck Hill greens and urge all Eastern ladies to make a note of these dates and plan to attend. For further information, contact Division Secretary ANGIE SIEK, 347 West End Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10024.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We welcome Toni

Mercer as Division Correspondent and are delighted to report that, at the urging of Vivian Esch and myself, she has accepted the post of National Publicity Chairman to assist me with the National Promotion and Publicity affairs of A.W.L.B.A. Toni's tremendous job of publicizing, promoting and enlarging the New York L.B.C. over two years, more than merits her appointment to this National office. Congratulations, many thanks and good luck, Toni. (DOROTHY HENRY, DIRECTOR, PROMOTION & PUBLICITY AWLBA).

P.I.M.W. DIVISION

By Lois Rigg

As I commence writing of PIMWD publicity this year, I want to express the Division's and my appreciation for the excellent job of reporting done last year by Mildred Main.

Our Annual January Meeting was held at the Berkeley L.B.C.

Following are the officers elected for 1976:

PRESIDENT	Betty Weiss
VICE PRESIDENT	Dorothy Powers
SECRETARY	Alice Hill
TREASURER	Calista Starr

Betty Service will be Games Chairman and the new AWLBA National Council members are Judy Redo and Lois Rigg.

The popular McLaren Trophy Triples which opens our tournament season was won this year by the Leisure Town team of Ulilla Ells, Alice Hill, and Emma Yank, skip.

The City of Santa Clara will start work soon on a new green. The Central Park location for the green is now most famous for its International Swim Center, home of the World Champion Synchronized Swimmers. This green will raise the total in North Santa Clara County to four and gives a real lift to prospects for the area becoming a major bowling center in the near future.

The California State Women's Open Tournament will be held in Oakland, September 20-26, 1976. We're looking forward to a big attendance.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

By Dorothy E. Adams

1975 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

The Southern California Women's L.B.A., through growth and affiliation with the Sun City, Arizona clubs, became the Southwest Division AWLBA. The Division now consists of all Southern California clubs, from Santa Bar-

bara to San Diego, the Arizona clubs and one club in Texas.

Winners of the Lena Lemaster's Mixed Doubles (played each November) were Lucille and Victor Christensen of Santa Anita.

The Annual Christmas Meeting and luncheon were held at the Laguna Hills Club. The meeting was attended by 196 women and was presided over by Henrietta Krohn, President. Triples and rinks were played in the afternoon to accommodate the 168 bowlers participating on Laguna Hills' three greens.

The Southwest Trophy for Mixed Doubles with ladies skipping was played for early in January this year with 132 teams entered. Laguna Beach Club captured the honors. Mixed Doubles events will be held monthly at a different club's greens, winding up with the Christmas party and meeting at Seal Beach. Ina Jackson of Santa Ana is games chairman for these tournaments.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION OFFICERS FOR 1976:

PRESIDENT	Priscilla Furjanick, Long Beach
VICE PRESIDENT	Corinna Folkins, Arroyo Seco
SECRETARY	Alice Ovington, The Meadows
TREASURER	Esther Dowd, Friendly Valley

The Southwest Division's 1976 Open Tournament will be held at the Santa Anita greens in Arcadia from April 24 to April 30.

Members of the Southwest Division of AWLBA had their first meeting and a session of social bowling on Thursday, January 15, at Fairway, hosted by Town Hall L.B.C. Membership and participation continues to rise in this second year that the Sun City Clubs have become part of the Southwest Division.

A prominent socialite was examining the proofs of some photographs she'd recently had taken. "These are an outrage!" she stormed. "Now, I ask you—do these pictures really look like me?"

The photographer was momentarily flustered but quickly regained his composure. "Madam," he replied evenly, "the answer is in the negative."

Mrs. Smith, brightly: "What's your son going to be when he graduates from college?"

Mrs. Brown, wearily: "A very old man."

"Justice!" shouted the defendant, pounding the witness box. "I demand justice!"

"Silence!" ordered the judge. "Are you forgetting where you are?"

A. L. B. A. BOWLS

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THE EVOLUTION OF LAWN BOWLING

By Russell Fourman

Each country has its own phases or line of thinking as to the correct method of operating a lawn bowling club, and be fair to the beginner, medium and champion bowler.

To maintain and increase the present membership is the present issue. In America, at one time, our total membership was much greater than now. The population of America has doubled in the past 50 years, the life span of man has increased 20% thru modern medicines, therefore our bowling membership should not be less than 200,000.

Today, the retiring man at 65, is in the prime of his life and normally in good health and could have many years of bowling. You may ask, "What

is the answer?" This decline did not come on us in one day. Since all other sports have skyrocketed to the millions, we should forget the old traditional way of scoring and playing, and change to meet the challenging needs. I recall in the 20's and 30's, only 3 requests were made to become a member.

No. 1—Always dress in white on the bowling green.

No. 2—Never pay or receive any monies from anyone for bowling. Just pay your dues.

No. 3—Always be a friendly gentleman while playing.

At one time lawn bowling and polo were the only 2 sports played for honor and secondly win if you can, and we grew. Time has changed that whole picture. We are all proud of our National, Division, and Club Champions but, in many ways, we

have failed to recognize that all club members are 95% medium or beginner bowlers.

Yet, many times, we make the rules not for the pleasure of these 2 classes. As to making rules that are fair to all 3 divisions is not easy. It takes lots of experience and a man who has been with the club for many years and knows the club's wishes to make that club grow.

Would you believe it; one man took one club of 49 to 99 members and the bank balance from \$85.00 to \$1200.00 all in one year's time. Yes, it required lots of time, solicitation, many new ideas and a friendly, creative mind. Also the A.L.B.A. magazine must be a clearing house for many suggested thoughts from all bowlers, never a one man closed circuit. I know Mr. Tilley personally agrees with me and has made every effort to be fair.

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